

## THE CENTRAL AMERICA ROUTE

The Central America Route is characterized by people moving from the Northern Triangle of Central America to Mexico and to the United States, as well as from Nicaragua to Costa Rica.

Several interconnected economic and social root causes, as well as humanitarian crises, including the lack of opportunities, insecurity caused by gangs and organized crime, the damaging effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the impact of climate change, have forced nearly a million people from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras to flee their homes.

Increasingly, migrants and asylum seekers from further south and the Caribbean also transit through Central America. This year, more than 100,000 men, women and children have crossed from Colombia to Panama.

By 30 June 2021, refugees and asylum-seekers in the region numbered 296,491, and Mexico received the third-highest number of asylum applications in the world for that year during the first six months of 2021.

## **For further information:**

### *Institutional Websites and NGOs*

IOM, Tendencias Migratorias en Centroamérica, Norteamérica Y El Caribe

[https://rosanjose.iom.int/site/sites/default/files/Reportes/sitrep-12\\_de\\_oct\\_2021.pdf](https://rosanjose.iom.int/site/sites/default/files/Reportes/sitrep-12_de_oct_2021.pdf)

UNHCR, Operational Data Portal

<https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/cam>

UNHCR, Central America Refugee Crisis

<https://www.unrefugees.org/emergencies/central-america/>

CRS, The Central America Migration Crisis

<https://www.crs.org/media-center/current-issues/central-america-migration-crisis-facts-and-how-help>

DTM, México-Línea base para el monitoreo de flujos migratorios en el Estado de Oaxaca

<https://migration.iom.int/reports/m%C3%A9xico-línea-base-para-el-monitoreo-de-flujos-migratorios-en-el-estado-de-oaxaca?close=true>

### *Online Newspapers and Periodicals:*

UNHCR, UN High Commissioner for Refugees calls for a regional mechanism to deal with unprecedented displacement in Mexico and Central America

<https://www.unhcr.org/news/press/2021/12/61a8a6de4/un-high-commissioner-refugees-calls-regional-mechanism-deal-unprecedented.html>

UN NEWS, UNHCR warns of unprecedented displacement in Central America and Mexico

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/09/1099052>