

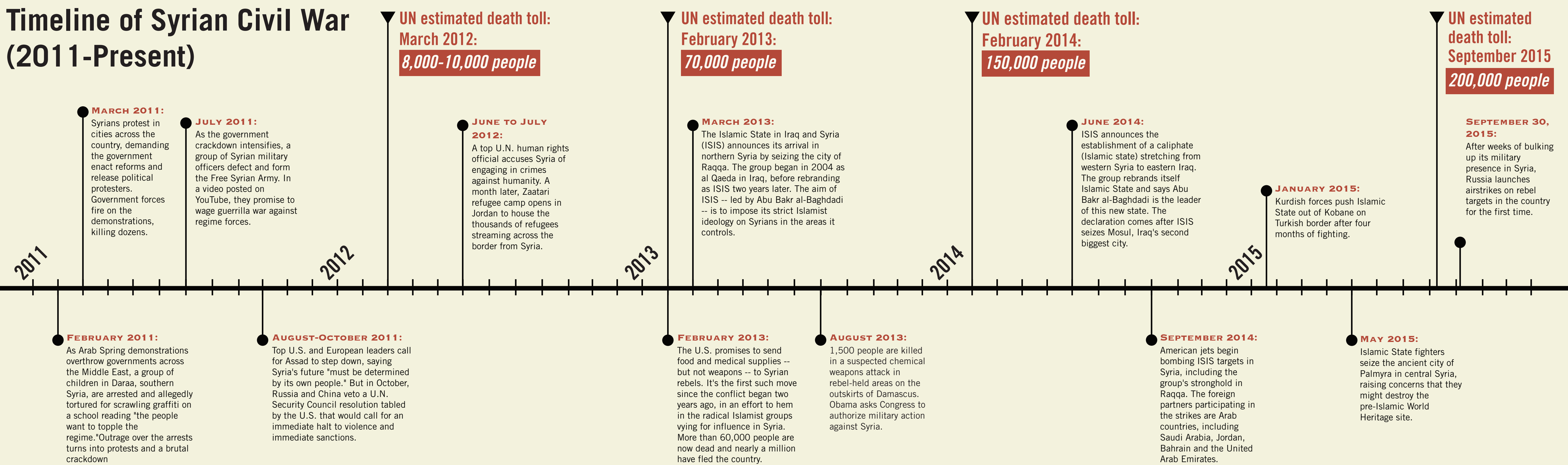
The Scale of the Syrian Migrant Crisis

With at least 7.6 million Syrians estimated to be displaced within their country at year end, global forced displacement levels were heavily impacted by this one country. Globally, one in every five displaced persons worldwide was Syrian. The country also became the world's largest source country of refugees during 2014, overtaking Afghanistan, which had held this position for more than 30 years. The escalating crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic resulted in Turkey becoming the world's largest refugee hosting country, a ranking that had been occupied by Pakistan for more than a decade. In addition, Syrians lodged some 175,000 individual asylum applications worldwide during the year, most of them in Europe.

(UNHCR)

Picture Source: Al Jazeera

Timeline of Syrian Civil War (2011-Present)

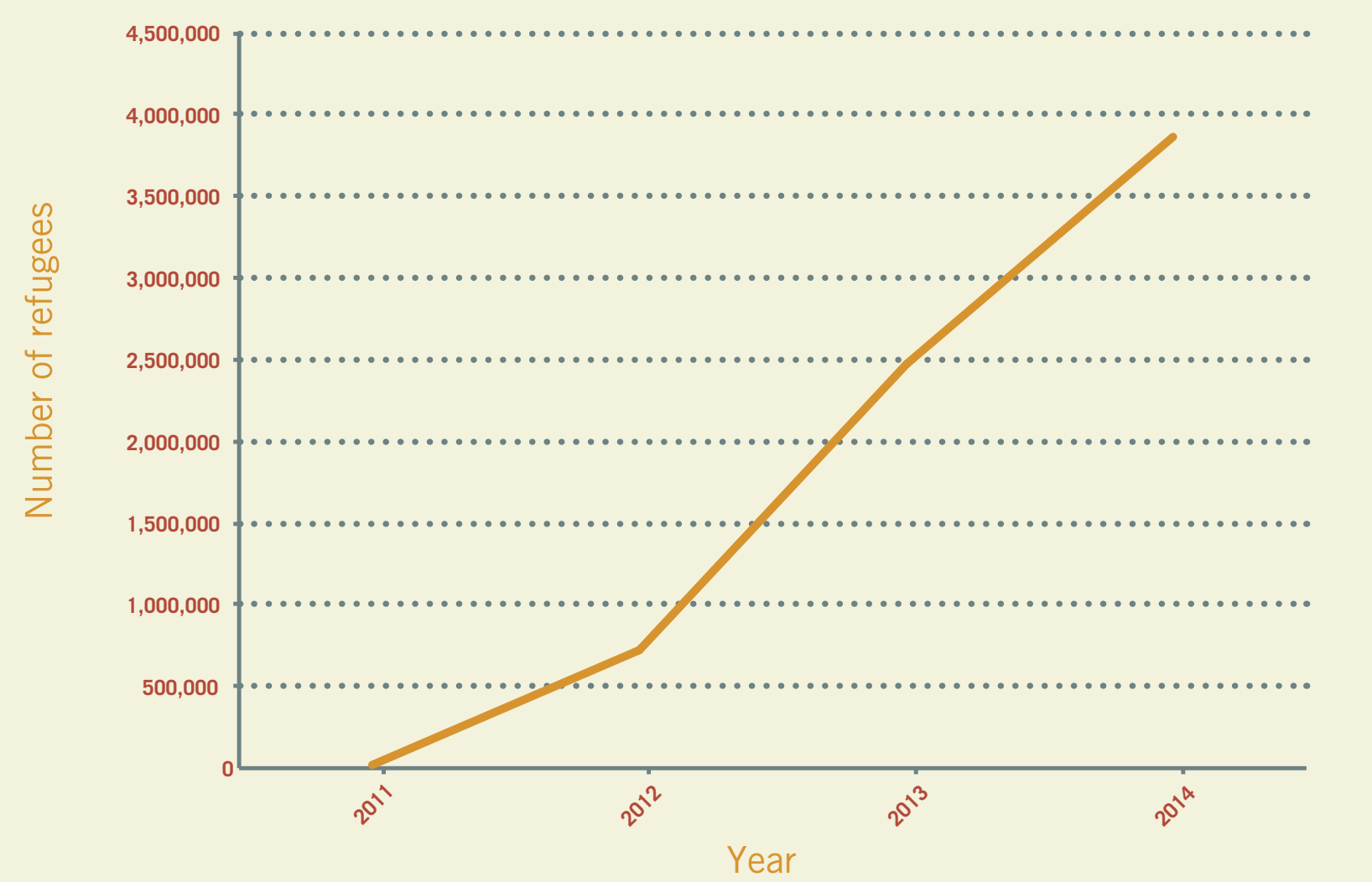


A Disappearing Population

Since the start of the Syrian Civil war in 2011, more than 4 million Syrians have fled their home country in seek of a safer environment. Furthermore, at least an additional 7.6 million people are displaced inside Syria - many of them in difficult circumstances and in locations that are difficult to reach.

"This is the biggest refugee population from a single conflict in a generation. It is a population that needs the support of the world but is instead living in dire conditions and sinking deeper into poverty," said UN High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres.

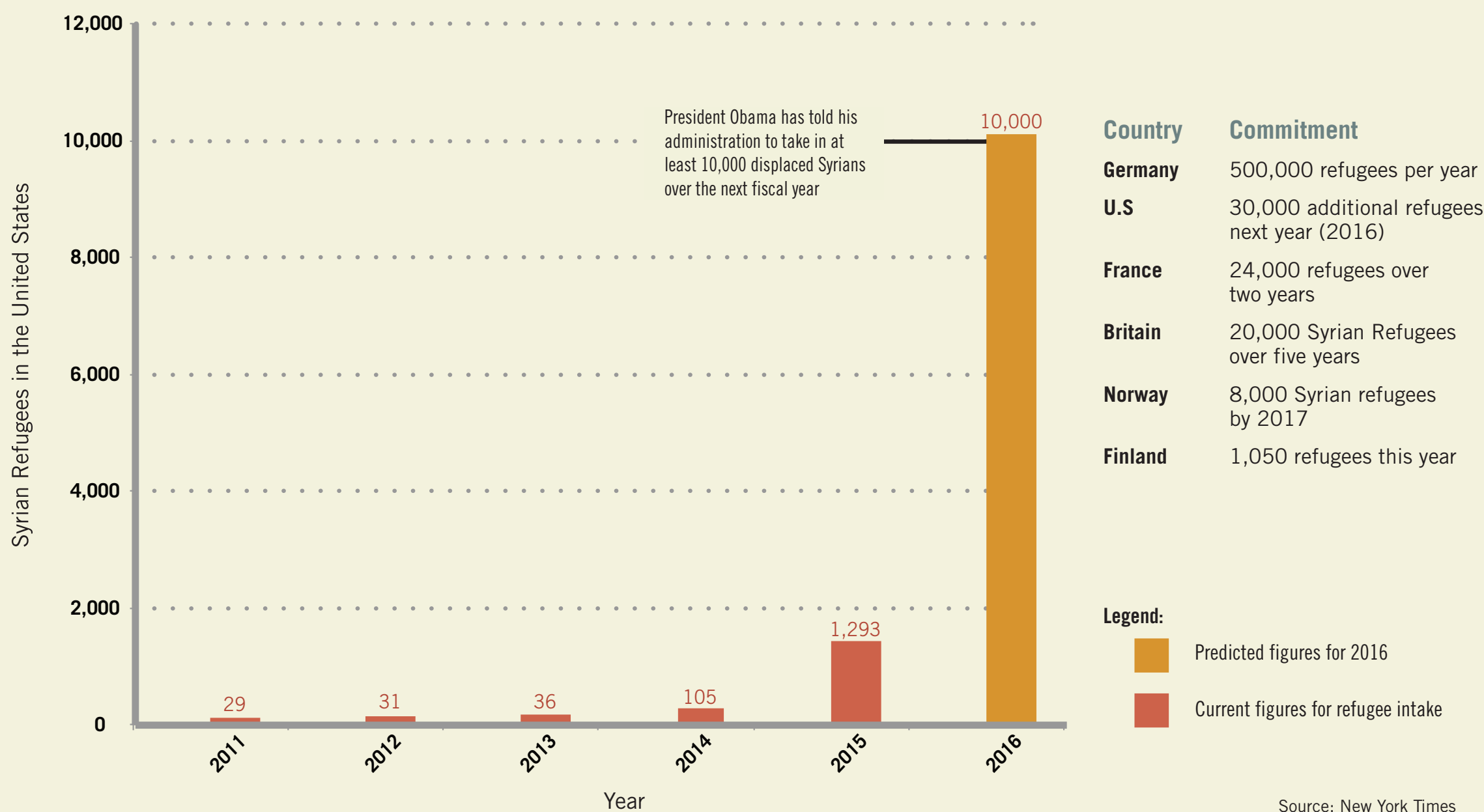
Syrian Refugee Population 2011-2014
(Data measured by the million)



How does the U.S compare with the rest of the world?

Since the beginning of the conflict in Syria in 2011, the U.S has taken in less than 1,500 Syrian refugees, the vast majority this year. Officials have said that the U.S may accept an additional 30,000 refugees from across the world next year, from the current figure of 70,000.

U.S Intake of Syrian Refugees 2011-2015



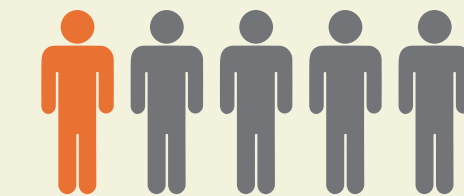
Where are they going?

Syria's Neighboring countries shoulder the majority:

As of November 20, 2015 there are a total of **4,290,161** people displaced from their home country of Syria as a result of the Syrian Arab Republic conflict. (UNHCR)

Turkey is host to 2.1 million Syrian refugee, the largest single concentration. In other words, Turkey has taken in far more refugees in the past few years than all of Europe combined. Iraq hosts close to 250,000 Syrian refugees, and Egypt has almost 129,000 Syrian refugees.

Lebanon now has 1.15 million, which means that 1 in 5 people in Lebanon is a Syrian refugee.



Jordan is home to 633, 100 Syrian refugees, which means that 1 in 11 people is a Syrian Refugee



European Countries with the most asylum applications:

The reason so many migrants are getting stuck in Greece, Hungary, and Italy centers around the EU's 1990 Dublin Rules, which mandate that migrants register for asylum in the first European Union country they reach but offer little guidance about who should qualify for asylum and refugee status in the EU generally.



How far is the journey?

From Istanbul, Turkey to Munich, Germany through the most commonly used route, it is roughly 1,800 miles (2,833 km)

- Map shows the main travel routes for Syrian Refugees
- Countries that are colored show the number of first time asylum applicants for 2015 from Syrians

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