No new official numbers reported by the Government of Turkey since November 21, 2012. However, according to the information from the local authorities with the recent new arrivals of 2,115 Syrians in the last 48 hrs of November 21-23, 2012 the total number of Syrians registered and accommodated in the camps increased to 125,277 persons. Reportedly, during the same 48 hrs 435 Syrians returned to Syria voluntarily.

The current number of Syrians is over 125,000 accommodated in 14 camps in seven provinces. This is an increase of 15% since the end of October 2012. Additional to those in the camps, there are reportedly up to 70,000 Syrians residing in urban areas as well as with their relatives in the villages of Akçakale and Ceylanpinar.

According to the Regional Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kilis, the number of Syrians across the borders are still estimated to be around 25,000 based on the number of food packages delivered at zero point of the border by Turkish authorities. During meetings with the interlocutors, UNHCR was informed that not all of the persons on the Syrian side wanted to cross to Turkey.

UNHCR Field Teams continued to be present in the camps, observed the voluntary repatriation interviews of those returning to Syria, met with the counterparts and provided technical advice to camp officials in the field. It was reported by the local authorities in Hatay that the WFP/Turkish Red Crescent Society Food card distribution was completed during the week. Therefore, Syrian Refugees in Hatay camps started to buy their food from the contracted shops/supermarkets and cook in their tents on their own.