In December 2021, the humanitarian community recorded some 14,200 spontaneous IDP return movements across Syria, which was 4 per cent more than the return movements that were tracked in November. Over 4,800 of these movements (33 per cent) occurred within Rural Damascus governorate.

At the sub-district level, the Muhasan sub-district in Deir-ez-Zor governorate received the highest number of spontaneous return movements in December, with around 1,400 returns, while Markaz Darayya sub-district in Rural Damascus and Damascus sub-district had received some 1,200 spontaneous IDP return movements for each. Over the same period, Ehsem sub-district in Idlib governorate received more than 1,100 spontaneous return movements. The Atareb sub-district in Aleppo governorate received more than 900 spontaneous return movements.

At the community level, the Darayya in Rural Damascus governorate received around 1,200 returns, the highest number of spontaneous return movements in December, while Maaret Atarib in Aleppo governorate received around 900 return movements. Qetet Elbuleil in Deir-ez-Zor, also Yarmuk and Hajar Aswad in Rural Damascus received around 800 return movements in December for each.

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### IDP spontaneous returns map

(K: thousand)

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. Arrows on the map do not depict actual IDP movement paths. Source: Information as reported by ECCM, HNAP and OCHA Syria for Dec 2021.

**Governorate summary**

- **Rural Damascus**: 4,800
- **Idlib**: 2,100
- **Deir-ez-Zor**: 2,100
- **Hama**: 1,200
- **Aleppo**: 1,200
- **Damascus**: 1,100
- **Homs**: 1,000
- **Ar-Raqqa**: 900
- **Al-Hassakeh**: 800
- **Lattakia**: 600
- **Dar’a**: 400
- **Tartous**: 300
- **Quneitra**: 150
- **As-Sweida**: 100

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