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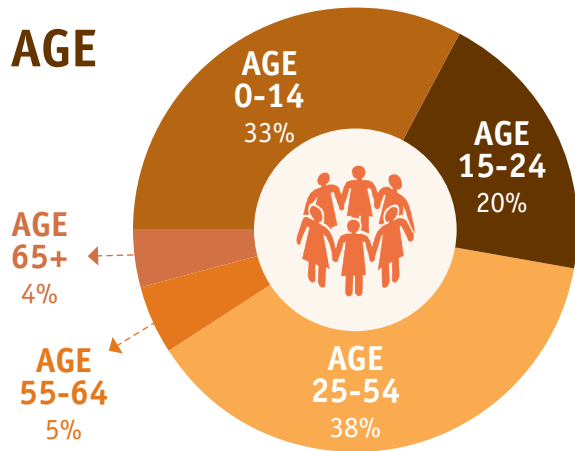
Syria in conflict: a population under siege



POPULATION

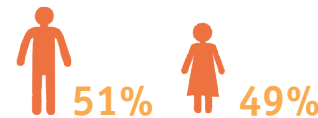


AGE



GENDER

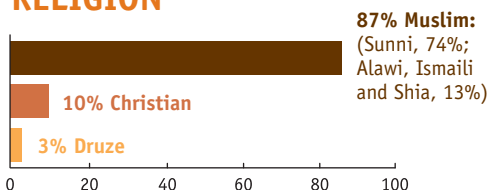
Children and young people (age up to 24)



Older people (age 55+)



RELIGION



ETHNICITY



RISKS FACED BY WOMEN AND MEN, BOYS AND GIRLS AFTER FOUR YEARS OF WAR

Early marriage*

- increase in child marriage
- increase in polygamy
- increase in short-term contract marriages

Disability*

- increase in number of boys and girls with permanent disabilities caused by explosive remnants of war

Child soldiers*

- increase in recruitment of children (particularly boys aged 12-18) into armed forces and armed groups

Education*

20% of Syria's schools have closed since conflict began

2 million children have dropped out of school since conflict began

40% of children no longer attend school

Child labour*

In Aleppo, 50% OF BOYS AND GIRLS are working up to 12 HOURS a day



Sexual violence



- use of sexual violence against women and girls during home raids and residential sweeps[^]
- use of sexual violence against men and boys in detention as an instrument of torture[^]
- rape and sexual violence cited as the primary form of violence faced by women and girls*

Sources:

Population, age, gender, religion, ethnicity: UNHCR, World Bank, CIA World Fact Book

Risks:

* Global Child Protection Working Group/HelpAge International, Mapping of vulnerabilities report, March 2014

[^] Human Rights Watch, Syria: Sexual Assault in Detention, website report, June 2012