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KEY FIGURES ON INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPS) IN SITES

63,555 Displaced households

224,050 Displaced individuals

54% (Females)

33% (Children)

222 Total number of identified active sites

- **100** Sites in MAPAP* (in the capital)
- **122** in provinces

→ **207** Sites already existing as of July 2026

15 Newly created sites after the July 2026 update

29 Sites closed after the July 2026 update

+ 2% (+ 3,820 IDPs) - Increase in the number of IDP in sites, compared to the last update in July 2026

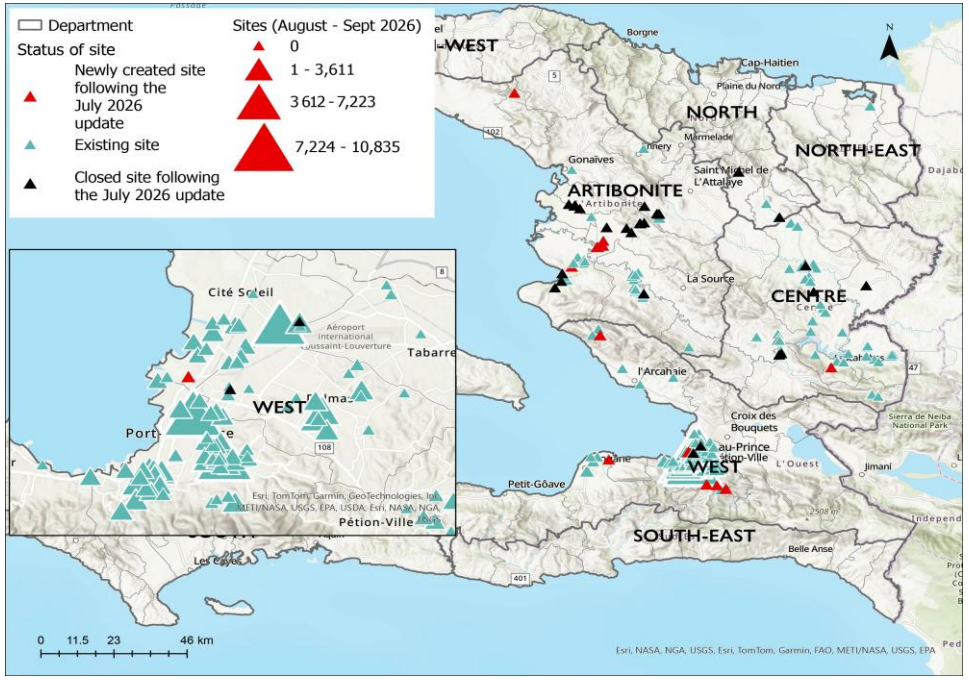
-6% (-8 sites) - Decrease in the number of sites compared to the last update in July 2026

Between July and September 2026, the number of spontaneous sites decreased from 236 to 222, while the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) living in these sites increased by 2 per cent, from 220,248 to 224,050 people. Of these, 54 per cent are women and 33 per cent are children, two particularly vulnerable groups facing multiple health and protection risks, including gender-based violence (GBV). Since July 2026, 29 sites have closed (including 19 in the Artibonite department), while 15 new sites have been established (6 in the West department, 6 in the Artibonite department and 3 in the Centre department). In the MAPAP (Metropolitan Area of Port-au-Prince), 3 sites have closed as part of a government-led initiative to shut down several displacement sites in the capital, while one new site was established. These changes are taking place amid highly volatile displacement patterns, driven by persistent insecurity and population movements, particularly in the Artibonite and West departments. The MAPAP remains the main area hosting IDPs living in sites, accounting for 93 per cent of all IDPs living in sites, or 209,385 individuals across 100 sites (an average of 2,094 IDPs per site, compared with an average of 120 IDPs in sites located in the provinces).

** MAPAP : Metropolitan Area of Port-au-Prince, the country's capital*

Methodology: Site assessments are conducted through direct observations and group interviews with key informants, primarily composed of committees of displaced persons. Data collection teams, notably including brigadiers (field officers) from the General Directorate of Civil Protection (DGPC), carry out interviews with key informants in all identified sites (with an average of 3 key informants per site). It should be noted that this report does not constitute a comprehensive update of the displacement situation in Haiti. The majority of IDPs in Haiti are accommodated outside of sites (in rental housing or with host families). These monthly updates aim to more regularly inform ongoing humanitarian interventions in sites. The comprehensive update of the displacement situation is accessible on this link.

DISPLACEMENT SITUATION IN SITES



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Table 1. Number of IDPs in sites and number of active sites, by department

Department	MAPAP or provinces	# of IDPs in sites July 2026	# of IDPs in sites September 2026	% change	# of sites July 2026	# of sites September 2026	# of change
West	MAPAP	204,750	209,385	+2%	102	100	-2 sites
	Provinces	2,833	3,568	+26%	11	16	+5 sites
Artibonite	Provinces	5,634	3,888	-31%	61	48	-13 sites
Centre	Provinces	6,500	6,838	+5%	57	55	-2 sites
North	Provinces	356	206	-42%	4	2	-2 sites
North-East	Provinces	175	165	-6%	1	1	0
Total		220,248	224,050	+2%	236	222	-14 sites

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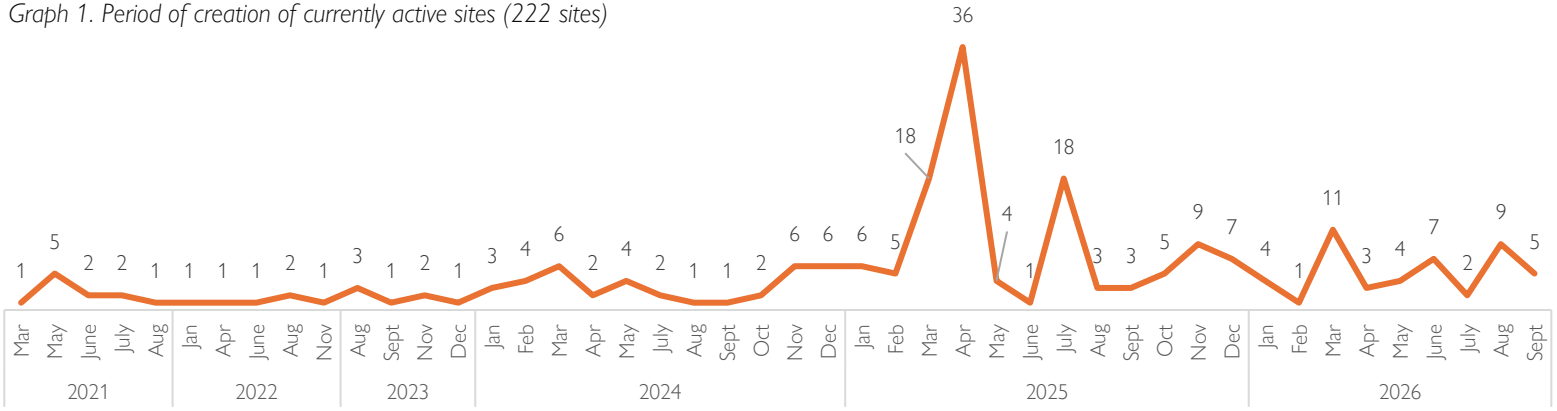
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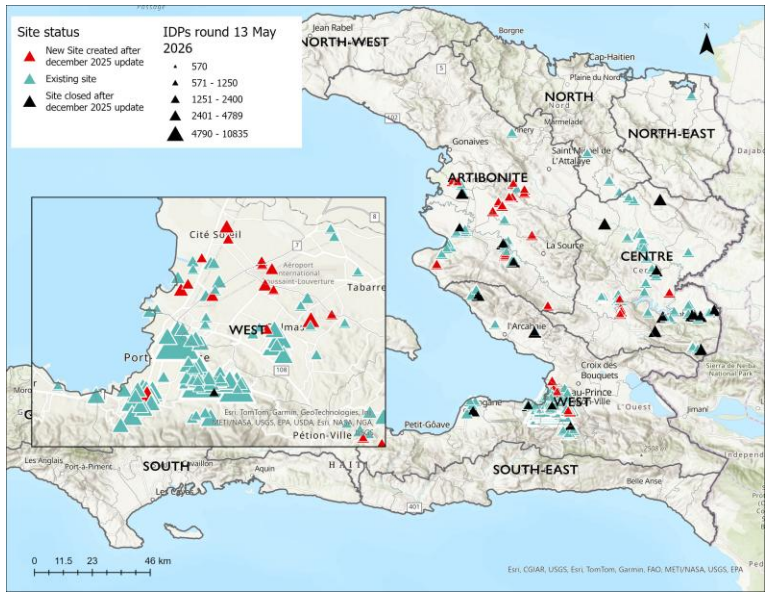
PERIOD OF CREATION OF CURRENTLY ACTIVE SITES (222 SITES)

Graph 1. Period of creation of currently active sites (222 sites)

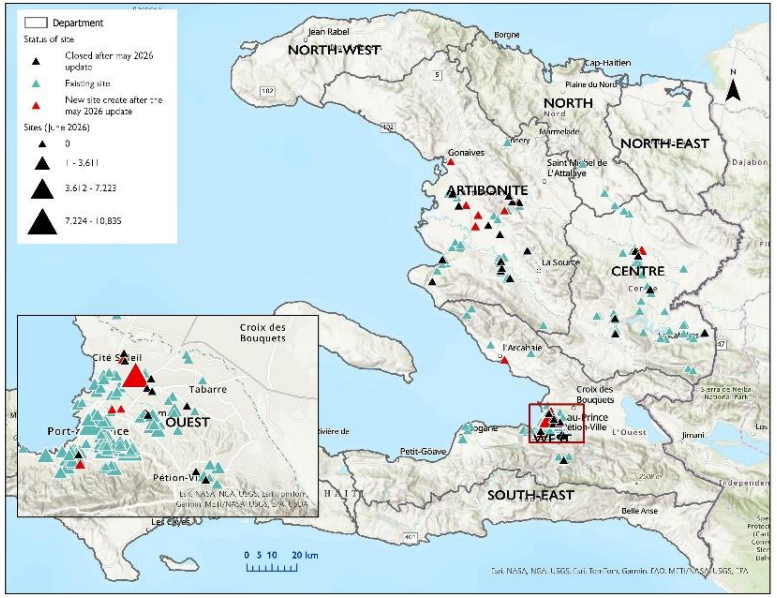


Of the 222 currently active sites, 115 (52%) were established in 2025, with a particular concentration in March (18), April (36) and July (18), following armed violence in the Centre department. In 2026, 46 currently active sites (21%) were established, mainly in March (11), June (7) and August (9).

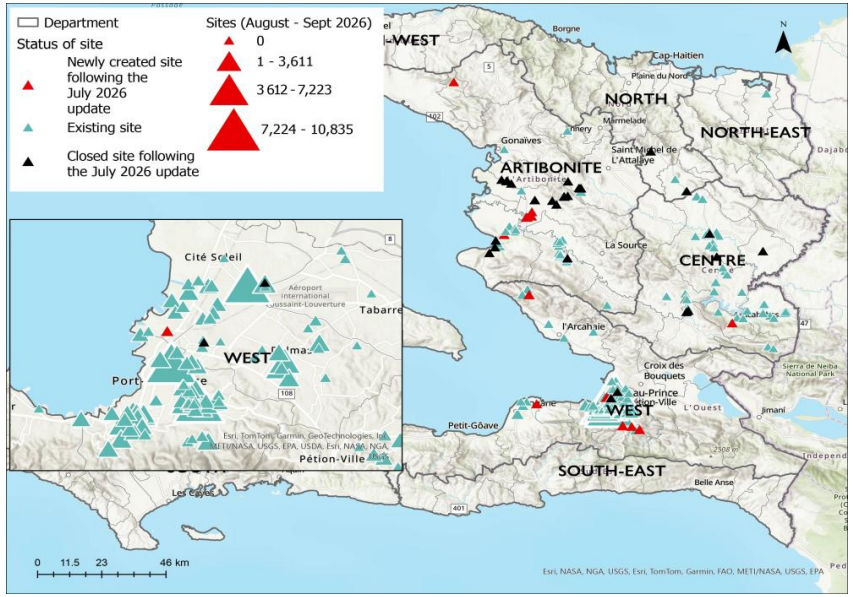
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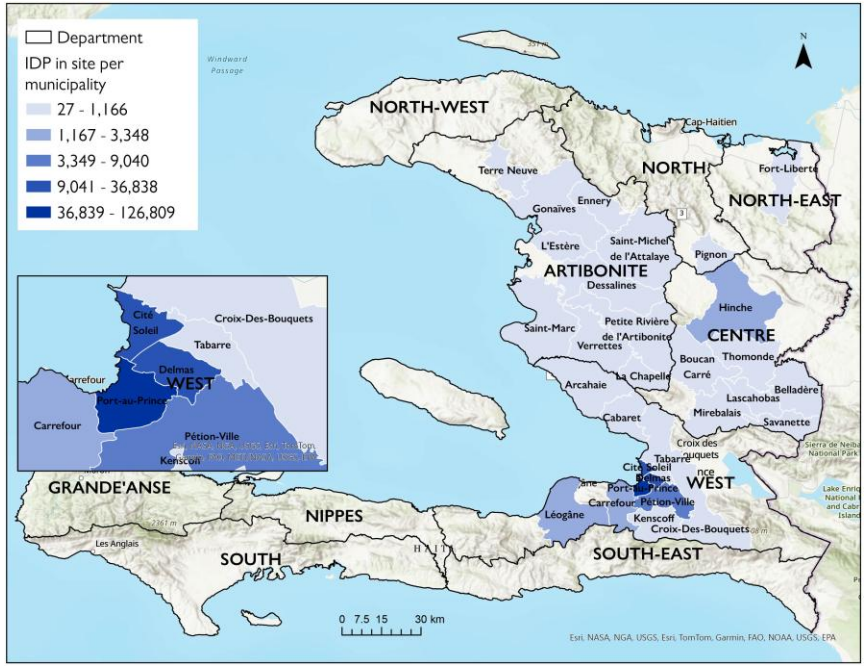
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HOST MUNICIPALITIES OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN SITES



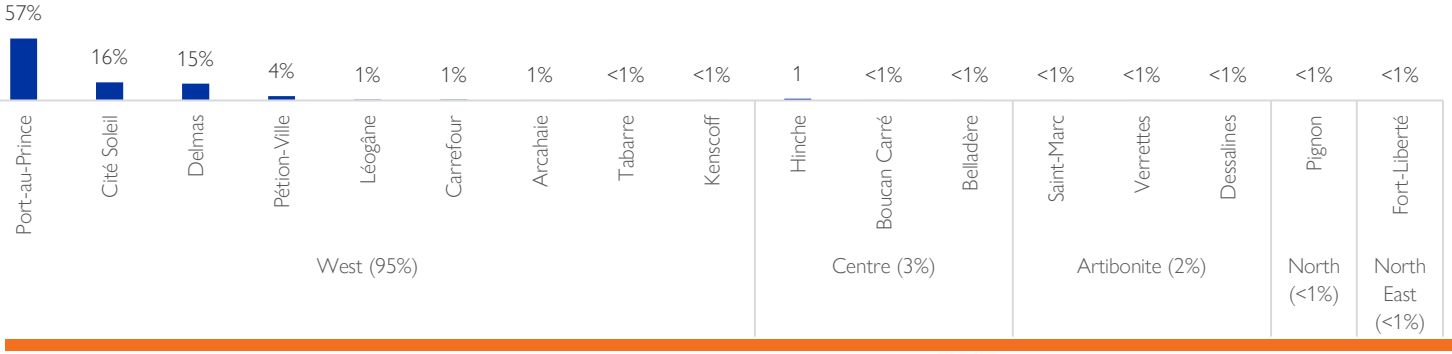
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The West department, where the capital is located, accounts for 95 per cent of IDPs living in sites, representing 212,953 displaced persons. Compared with the July 2026 update, this proportion has increased by 3 per cent, West is followed by the Centre (3%) and Artibonite (2%) departments.

Within the West department, the municipality of Port-au-Prince remains the main displacement hotspot, hosting 57 per cent of all IDPs living in sites nationwide, or 126,809 people. The municipalities of Cité Soleil and Delmas follow, hosting 16 per cent and 15 per cent of IDPs living in sites, respectively.

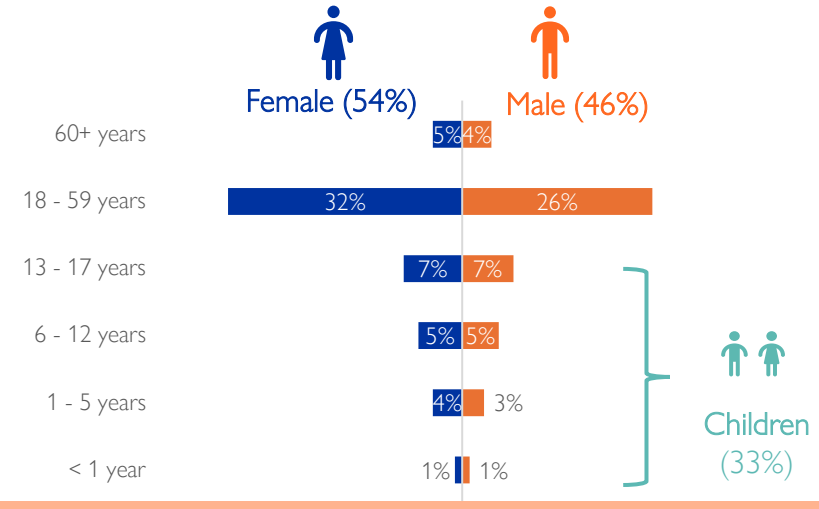
Among the municipalities that have recorded the largest changes since the July 2026 update, Cité Soleil and Pétion-Ville, both located in the Ouest department, stand out for their increases in the number of IDPs. In Cité Soleil, the number of IDPs rose from 34,156 to 36,838, an increase of 2,682 IDPs (8%). In Pétion-Ville, the number of IDPs increased from 7,764 to 9,040, a rise of 1,276 IDPs (16%).

Graph 2. Host municipalities of IDPs in sites (% of IDPs)



DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN BY SEX AND AGE GROUP

Graph 3. demographic breakdown by sex and age group



PEOPLE IN VULNERABLE SITUATIONS PRESENT AT THE SITES*

1,097 pregnant women

20,446 older persons (+60)

2,107 breastfeeding women

3,175 babies (<1 year old)

305 injured persons

507 presumed unaccompanied children

**It should be noted that persons with disabilities are not mentioned here. Indeed, the key informant methodology used for these site assessments does not allow for their enumeration in compliance with international standards. Household surveys have been conducted in other studies specifically dedicated to this purpose, and their results will be published separately.*

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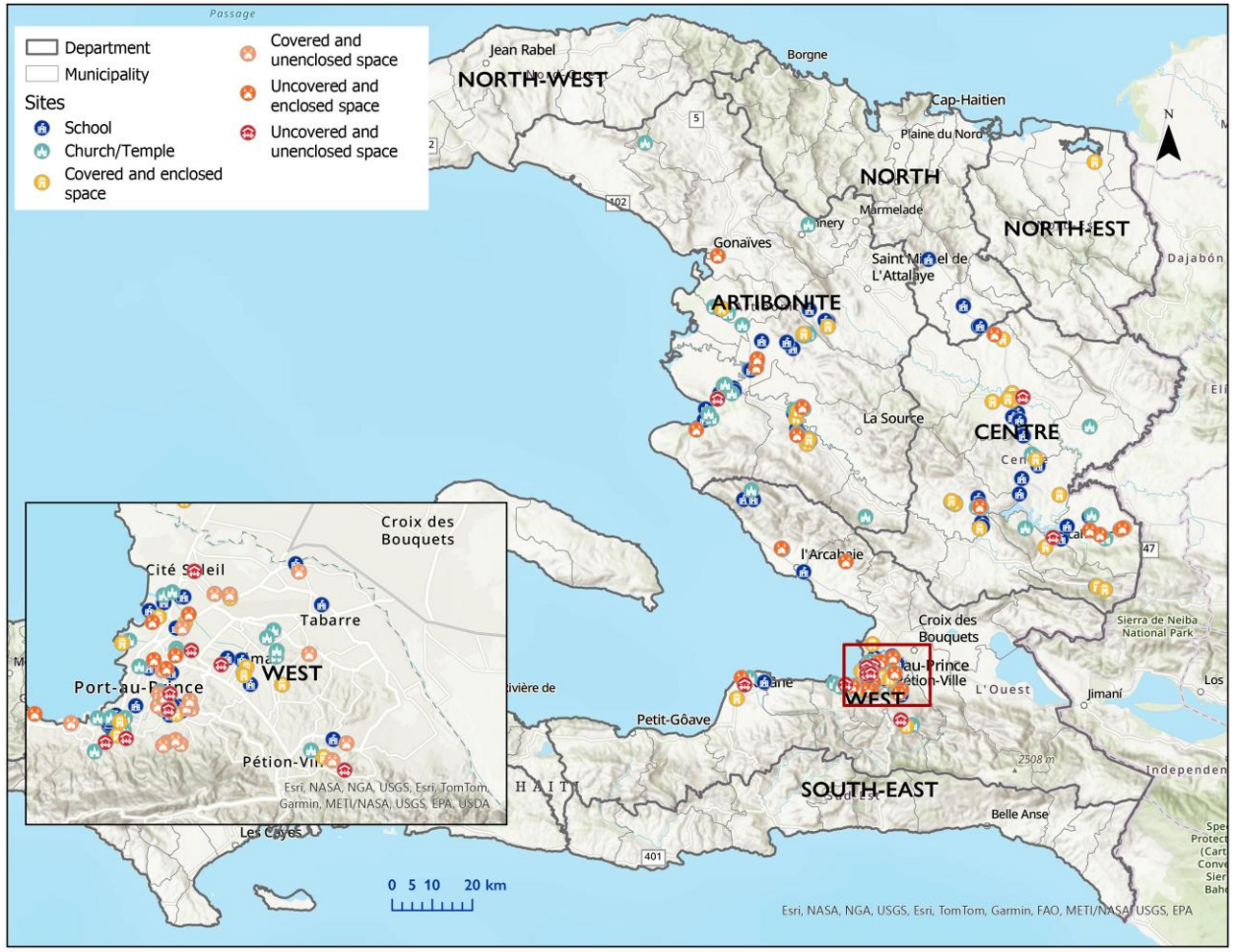
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TYPES OF SPONTANEOUS SITES



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Graph 4. Types of spontaneous sites (number of active sites)

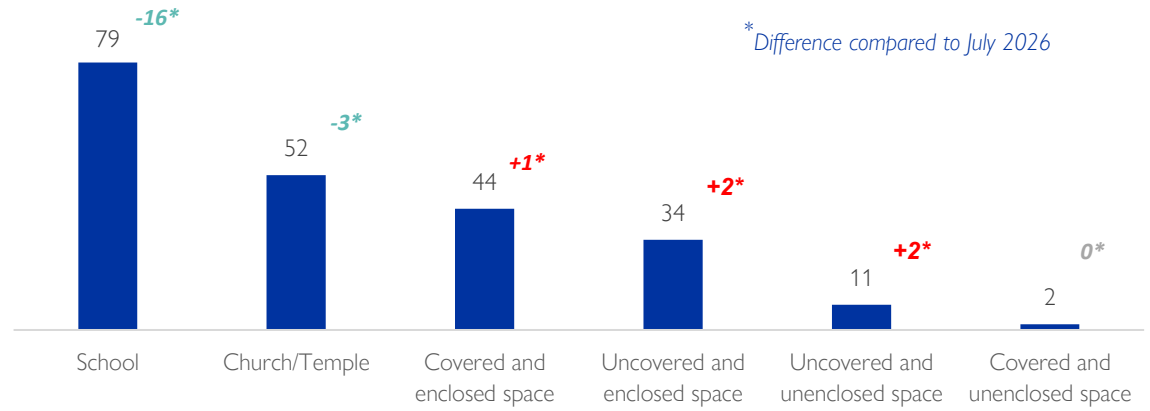


Table 2. Comparison of IDP populations and site numbers by site type (July vs September 2026)

Types of spontaneous sites	# of sites	# of IDPs in sites as of June 2026	# of IDPs in sites as of July 2026	Variation in IDPs number (%)
School	79	87,696	86,435	- 1%
Church/Temple	52	38,458	40,891	+ 6%
Uncovered and enclosed space	34	40,464	42,540	+ 5%
Covered and enclosed space	44	41,380	41,344	- <1%
Uncovered and unenclosed space	11	10,348	10,936	+ 6%
Covered and unenclosed space	2	1,902	1,904	+ <1%

Compared with July 2026, the number of sites established in schools decreased by 16, from 95 to 79, while the number of IDPs hosted in these sites decreased by 1,261 people (1%), from 87,696 to 86,435. **Of the 86,435 IDPs hosted in schools, 95 per cent, or 82,407 persons, are located in the capital.**

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TOP 20 SITES HOSTING THE LARGEST NUMBERS OF IDPS

While 222 sites are currently active, nearly half (44%) of the IDPs living in sites are concentrated in just 20 of them, highlighting high population density and the particularly overcrowded living condition. All 20 sites hosting the largest numbers of IDPs are located in the West department. The largest are Institut Monfort (10,835 IDPs) and Nouveau Local du Lycée Marie-Jeanne (10,213 IDPs), both located in the municipality of Port-au-Prince, and Teren Atletik 2 (9,804 IDPs), located in the municipality of Cité Soleil.

Table 3. Top 20 sites hosting the largest numbers of IDPs

#	Site name	Department	Municipality	Communal section	Neighbourhood	Number of IDPs	Number of IDP households	Date of establishment	Site type
1	Institut Monfort	Ouest	Port-au-Prince	1re Section Turgeau	Delmas 2 - Saint-Martin - Tokyo	10,835	2,167	August 2022	School
2	Nouveau Local Lycée Marie Jeanne	Ouest	Port-au-Prince	1re Section Turgeau	Bois Verna	10,213	2,918	March 2024	School
3	Teren atletik 2	Ouest	Cité Soleil	1re Section des Varreux	Sarthe	9,804	2,100	May 2026	Uncovered and enclosed space
4	Église de Jésus-Christ des Saints des Derniers Jours / Mormon	Ouest	Port-au-Prince	1re Section Turgeau	Bois Verna	6,775	1,747	March 2025	Church/Temple
5	Centre Formation Ecole Fondamantale CFEF	Ouest	Port-au-Prince	3e Section Martissant	Martissant - Breard - Sainte-Bernadette	5,982	1,950	April 2025	School
6	Travaux public (MTPTC)	Ouest	Delmas	1re Section St Martin	Kernizan - Defilee - Charlemagne Peralte	5,773	2,103	February 2025	Covered and enclosed space
7	Centre Obstétrique/ MSF	Ouest	Delmas	1re Section St Martin	Kernizan	5,727	1,973	March 2025	Covered and enclosed space
8	Église source de la grâce	Ouest	Port-au-Prince	1re Section Turgeau	Cite Louverture	4,296	1,425	January 2025	Church/Temple
9	Teren atletik 1	Ouest	Cité Soleil	1re Section des Varreux	Sarthe	3,576	972	April 2026	Uncovered and enclosed space
10	Père Joseph Classens	Ouest	Port-au-Prince	3e Section Martissant	Cite Louverture	3,542	1,322	January 2025	Church/Temple
11	Ancien Direction Generale PNH	Ouest	Port-au-Prince	1re Section Turgeau	Pacot	3,327	901	March 2025	Uncovered and enclosed space
12	Local du ministère de la communication	Ouest	Port-au-Prince	1re Section Turgeau	Bois Verna	3,323	919	March 2024	Covered and enclosed space
13	École mixte st luc de grand ravine	Ouest	Port-au-Prince	3e Section Martissant	Ti Bois	3,285	730	March 2025	School
14	Église de Shalom	Ouest	Delmas	1re Section St Martin	Terrain Acra 2	3,200	1,050	January 2026	Church/Temple
15	École mixte Fondamentale CECODE	Ouest	Port-au-Prince	3e Section Martissant	Cite Plus	3,151	1,157	April 2024	School
16	Ecole communautaire Cité de l'Eternel	Ouest	Port-au-Prince	3e Section Martissant	Cite de l'Eternel	3,073	993	June 2021	School
17	École Nationale république de l'équateur	Ouest	Delmas	1re Section St Martin	Delmas 65	3,061	886	November 2024	School
18	École fraternelles	Ouest	Port-au-Prince	3e Section Martissant	Cite Plus	3,056	800	January 2025	School
19	École Nationale Argentine Bellegarde	Ouest	Port-au-Prince	1re Section Turgeau	Revine Pintade	3,041	759	January 2024	School
20	Pompier Do Église la Prophétie	Ouest	Port-au-Prince	3e Section Martissant	Cite Louverture	3,041	984	February 2026	Covered and enclosed space

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