

# Climate Refugees

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**BEFORE YOU READ:** What is the difference between immigrant and refugee? Discuss.

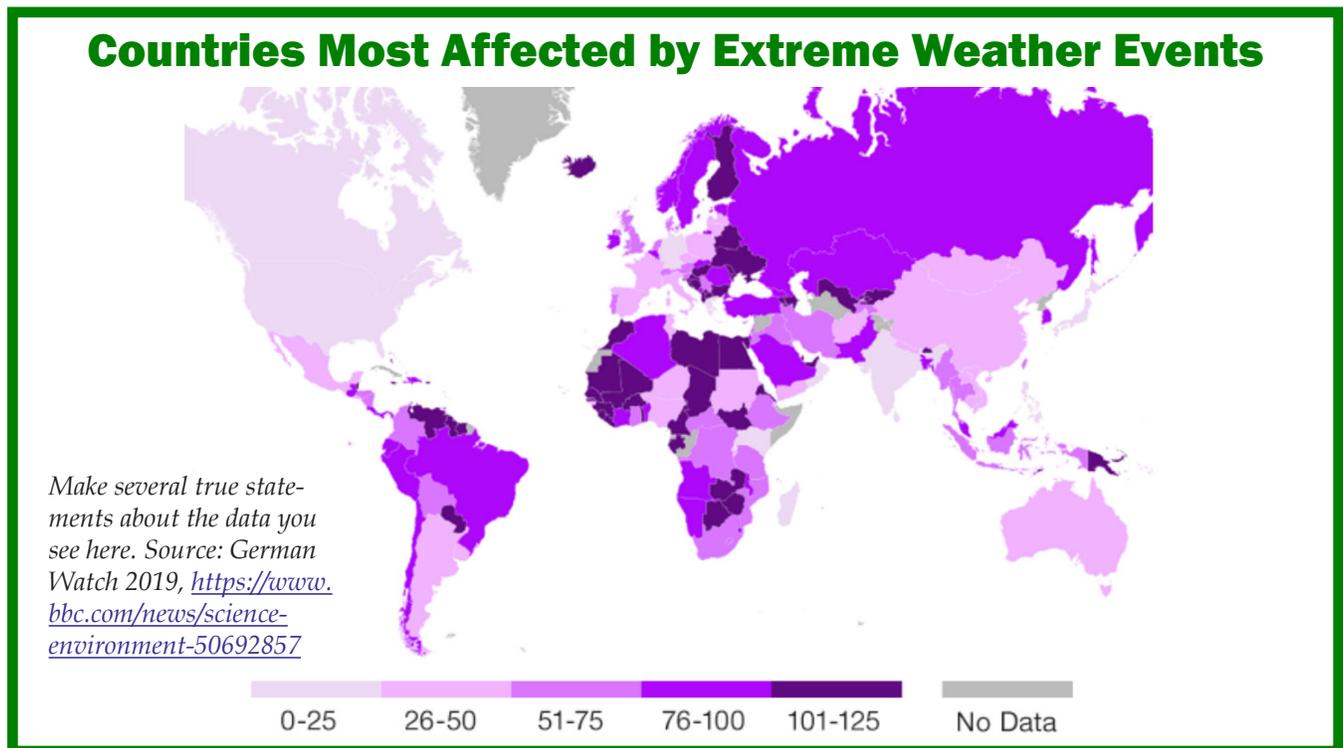
The climate is changing all around the world. In some countries, it is too hot or too dry. In some countries, there is flooding. The sea level is rising. People who live near the coast are losing their homes. They have to move. Many immigrants, like me, move to a new country for better economic opportunities. Now, immigrants are also moving to find a better climate.

Why is the climate changing? Because we burn fossil fuels, and that is bad for the environment.

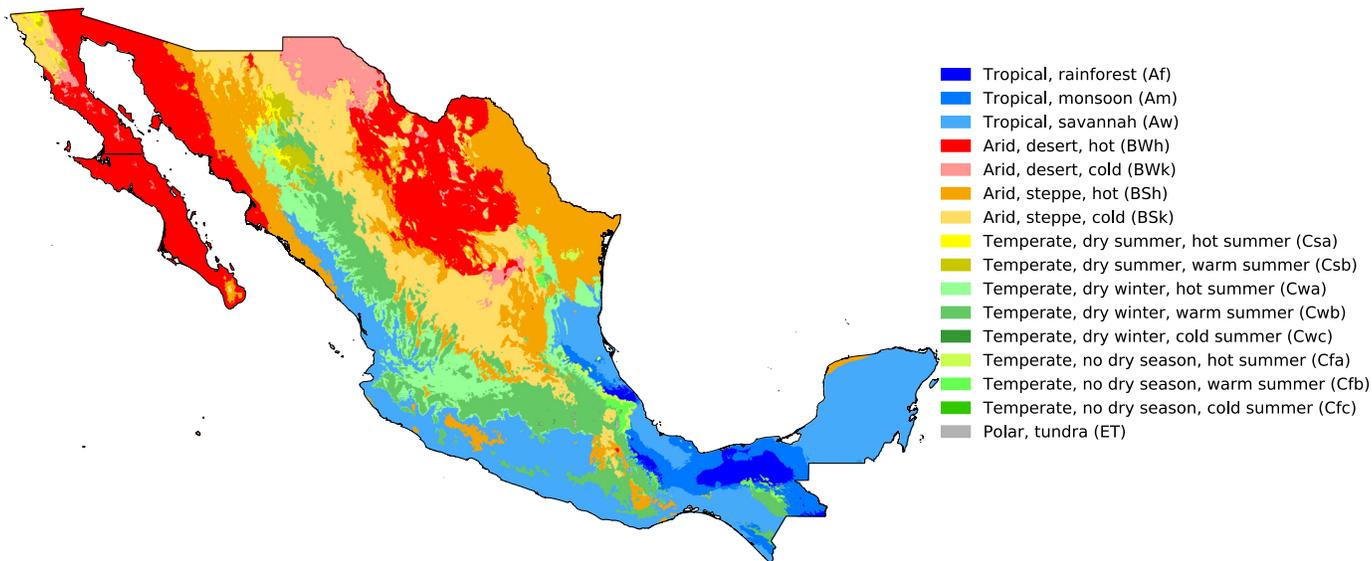
We need to be more careful about how we use energy. We need to care for the water and the environment. We need to protect the planet because if we do not do this, some countries could disappear. Some countries will be impossible to live in. Many people will be refugees looking for a new home. They will be climate refugees.

**AFTER YOU READ:** According to the author, how is climate change creating refugees?

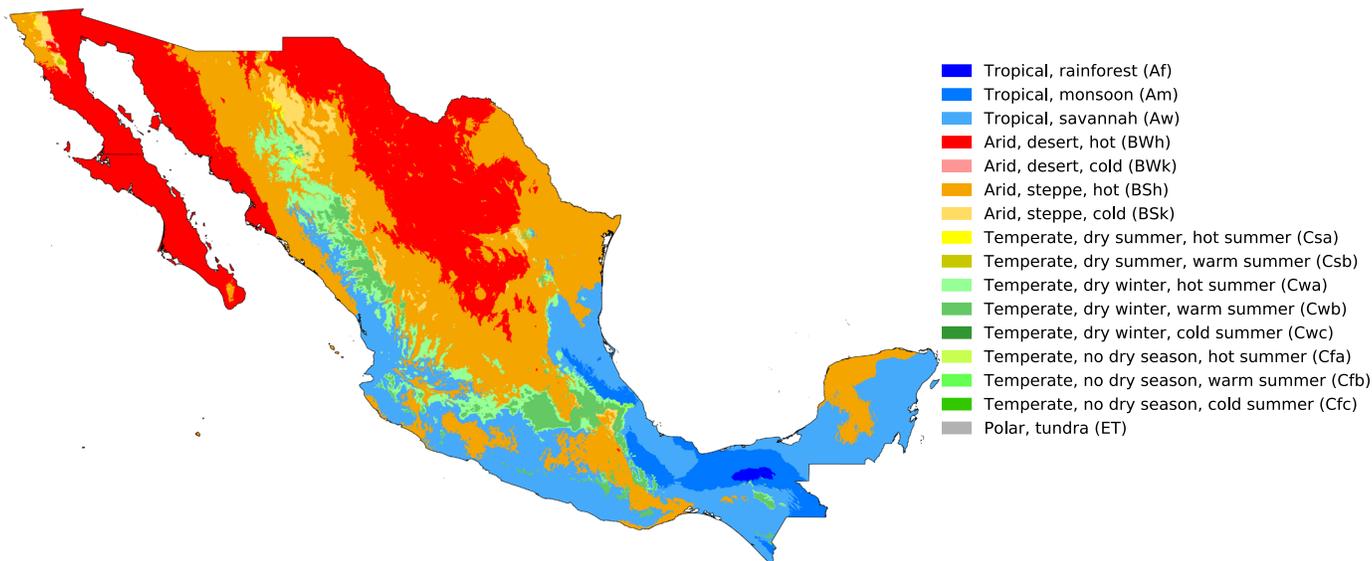
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## Koppen-Geiger Climate Map for Mexico (1980-2016)



## Koppen-Geiger Climate Map for Mexico (2071-2100)



Study the two maps of Mexico. What do you notice? Write several true statements about the information in these maps.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate\\_change\\_in\\_Mexico](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate_change_in_Mexico)

### Explore Further

Study the article and maps on pp. 20-21. • Read the article on pp. 18-19; follow the links to additional resources. • Check out Issue #27 of *The Change Agent* to learn more about climate change. • Research about climate refugees online. • Present what you learn in a slideshow, essay, or oral presentation.