

## MEXICO

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Latin America and the Caribbean
United Nations:	Latin America and the Caribbean	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Bureau (UNHCR):	The Americas		
Region (UNHCR):	Central America and Mexico		

## A. REFUGEES, ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND OTHERS OF CONCERN TO UNHCR

## 1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Refugees*	47,363	38,717	34,569	31,908	28,251	24,511	18,451	15,455	12,962	6,075
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	-	7	3	1	11	12	23	82
Returned refugees***	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	..	31,915	28,254	24,512	18,468	15,467	12,985	6,157

\* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries. \*\* Pending applications. 1994-1995: data available for industrialized countries only. \*\*\* Also based on country of asylum reports.

## 2. Refugees--displacement and durable solutions during the year

Category	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Arrivals</b>										
Prima facie/group basis	247	972	125	74	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	60	69	60	104	79	142	69	40
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
<b>Durable solutions</b>										
Voluntary repatriation**	6,409	9,598	5,492	3,546	3,899	1,999	57	1	2	65
Resettlement	76	12	-	5	8	-	2	18	14	-
Naturalization	..	..	-	142	643	2,661	8,434	3,133	1,598	1,122

\* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. 1994-1995: industrialized countries only. \*\* Also based on country of return reports.

## 3. Asylum and refugee status determination during the year (incl. appeal/review)

Category	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
New applications	-	-	158	145	125	252	277	415	257	275
1951 Convention status	-	-	60	58	60	104	78	142	69	40
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	11	-	-	1	-	-	-

Responsibility (2003): Government

## 4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Refugees</b>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	7.6	6.2	5.5	5.1	4.5	3.9	3.0	2.5	2.1	1.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	24.1	19.7	17.6	16.3	14.4	12.5	9.4	7.9	6.6	3.1
<b>Total population of concern to UNHCR</b>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	5.1	4.5	3.9	3.0	2.5	2.1	1.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	..	..	..	16.3	14.4	12.5	9.4	7.9	6.6	3.1

\* Refugees and Total population of concern to UNHCR: annual estimates (Table A.1). Figures for GDP per capita, national population and land area are the most recent available estimates.

## B. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS, LOCATION, LEGAL BASIS AND RECOGNITION, END OF 2003

## 1. Population of concern to UNHCR--demographic characteristics\*

Sex	<5	5-17	18-59	60+>	Various	Total	<5 (%)	5-17 (%)	18-59 (%)	60+> (%)	F/M (%)
Female	3	238	1,886	385	-	2,512	0%	9%	75%	15%	43%
Male	7	245	2,753	323	-	3,328	0%	7%	83%	10%	57%
Total	10	483	4,639	708	-	5,840	0%	8%	79%	12%	100%

\* May not reflect the total population of concern to UNHCR.

## 2. Population of concern--location\*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	2,905
Urban	2,935
Dispersed/various	317
Total	6,157
Camps/centers	47%
Urban	48%

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## 3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	72
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	2,780
Other/unknown*	3,223
Total	6,075
1951 Convention	1%

\* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

## 4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	2,905
Individually recognized	2,853
Other/unknown	317
Total	6,075
Prima facie (group)	48%
Individually recognized	47%

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## C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN MEXICO -- MAIN ORIGIN

## 1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2003)

Origin*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Guatemala	42,903	35,583	32,593	30,061	26,646	22,116	16,031	12,953	10,594	4,116
El Salvador	3,324	2,432	1,354	1,332	1,324	1,995	1,960	1,937	1,913	1,687

\* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

## 2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2003 -- 1994-95 data only incl. industrialized asylum countries)

Origin	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Guatemala	..	..	28	29	3	15	22	35	10	62
Colombia	..	..	9	10	5	6	20	58	65	38
Honduras	..	..	-	4	2	3	-	4	7	37

## D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM MEXICO -- MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

## 1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2003)

Asylum country*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Canada	239	250	312	391	657	903	811	1,108	1,162	1,195
United States	9	105	203	272	347	449	470	477	488	439
Other	-	6	5	2	12	7	10	9	20	18
Total	248	361	520	665	1,016	1,359	1,291	1,594	1,670	1,652

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## 2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2003 -- 1994-95 data only incl. industrialized asylum countries)

Asylum country	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
United States	9,266	9,148	7,820	13,663	4,460	2,251	3,669	8,747	8,775	3,955
Canada	247	548	951	926	1,158	1,172	1,310	1,669	2,397	2,560
Other	7	3	2	9	12	7	10	3	8	6
Total	9,520	9,699	8,773	14,598	5,630	3,430	4,989	10,419	11,180	6,521

## E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN MEXICO -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2003

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Mexico City	URB	2,940
Chiapas	CAM	2,450
Campeche	CAM	420
Various	RUR	320

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## F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR MEXICO

