

UNITED STATES

1951 Convention: Not State party
 1967 Protocol: State party
 United Nations: North America
 Bureau (UNHCR): The Americas

Region (MDGs): Developed regions
 Sub-region (MDGs): Developed countries

Other UN country groupings:
 Not applicable

Region (UNHCR): North America and the Caribbean

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*	631,051	623,294	607,024	563,837	533,969	521,143	508,222	515,853	485,171	452,548
Asylum-seekers**	424,458	464,121	497,660	460,622	426,797	400,996	386,035	395,864	395,183	350,884
Returned refugees***	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Various/others	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	1,024,459	960,766	922,139	894,258	911,717	880,354	803,432

* 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
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	8,131	12,454	13,532	15,484	15,969	19,830	24,000	28,304	27,665	22,566
Resettlement	112,981	99,974	74,791	69,276	76,181	85,076	72,143	68,925	26,317	28,422
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	1	-	100	5	1	2,905	929	76	695	389
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naturalization	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

* 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	144,577	149,065	107,130	52,200	35,903	32,711	40,867	59,432	58,439	43,338
1951 Convention status	8,131	12,454	13,532	15,484	15,969	19,830	24,000	28,304	27,665	22,566
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Responsibility (2003): Government

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	17.7	17.5	17.0	15.8	15.0	14.6	14.2	14.5	13.6	12.7
Per 1,000 inhabitants	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6
Per 1,000 km ²	67.8	67.0	65.2	60.6	57.4	56.0	54.6	55.4	52.1	48.6
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	28.7	26.9	25.8	25.1	25.6	24.7	22.5
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.8
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	110.1	103.2	99.1	96.1	98.0	94.6	86.3

* 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	-
Dispersed/various	803,432
Total	803,432
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	0%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	452,548
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	452,548
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	452,548
Other/unknown	-
Total	452,548
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

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C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN UNITED STATES -- 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
Bosnia and Herzegovina	9,248	19,413	31,656	53,082	82,137	97,504	106,410	108,803	92,293	61,834
Ukraine	252	520	835	1,183	1,441	10,086	17,231	24,097	28,967	33,724
Somalia	8,784	11,414	18,201	22,613	24,419	27,874	34,005	33,750	28,693	25,421
China	2,111	2,120	2,477	3,509	5,418	7,499	11,148	17,105	23,696	21,300
Viet Nam	211,376	201,816	174,633	137,787	105,692	78,355	49,008	35,110	30,501	21,250

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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
China	10,839	4,822	1,976	2,377	3,074	4,210	5,541	8,008	10,237	4,906
Colombia	1,336	740	250	251	200	334	2,631	7,144	7,950	4,661
Mexico	9,266	9,148	7,820	13,663	4,460	2,251	3,669	8,747	8,775	3,955
Haiti	9,403	2,396	3,792	4,310	2,676	2,492	4,257	4,938	3,643	3,316
Indonesia	-	-	-	-	154	2,330	867	1,671	1,577	2,833

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM UNITED STATES -- 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
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	182	204
Canada	354	233	130	57	30	19	148	191	176	167
Other	12	12	13	18	21	22	28	28	25	24
Total	366	245	143	75	51	41	176	219	383	395

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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
Canada	41	34	37	72	51	45	98	92	213	317
Other	14	7	9	41	11	22	39	37	40	66
Total	55	41	46	113	62	67	137	129	253	383

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN UNITED STATES -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2003

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total	Location name	Type*	Total
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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR UNITED STATES

