

BELGIUM

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Developed regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Developed countries
United Nations:	Europe	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Bureau (UNHCR):	Europe		
Region (UNHCR):	Western Europe		

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

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Refugees	31,691	36,060	36,060	15,509	16,760	18,832	12,265	12,578	12,595	13,529
Asylum-seekers*	-	-	9,584	-	39,114	46,240	18,431	20,033	22,604	22,863
Returned refugees**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stateless/Others	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93
Total	..	..	45,644	15,509	55,874	65,072	30,696	32,611	35,199	36,485

* Pending applications. 1995: data available for industrialized countries only. ** Also based on country of asylum reports.

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

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	1,407	1,677	1,868	1,699	1,480	2,131	1,157	1,331	1,384	2,374
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	13	80	-	98	1,104	2,930	350	477	245	213
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naturalization	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
New applications	11,420	12,433	11,788	21,965	35,780	42,691	24,549	18,805	16,940	15,357
1951 Convention status	1,407	1,677	1,868	1,699	1,480	1,381	1,157	1,331	1,384	2,374
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	750	-	-	-	-

Responsibility (2004): Government

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Per 1,000 inhabitants	3.0	3.5	3.5	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3
Per 1,000 km ²	1,037.0	1,180.0	1,180.0	507.5	548.4	616.3	401.4	411.6	412.2	442.7
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	1.6	0.5	1.9	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	4.4	1.5	5.4	6.2	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.5
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	1,493.6	507.5	1,828.4	2,129.4	1,004.5	1,067.1	1,151.8	1,193.9

* 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 2004

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	-
Total	-
Camps/centers	-
Urban	-

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	13,529
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	13,529
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	13,529
Other/unknown	-
Total	13,529
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN BELGIUM -- MAIN ORIGIN

1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2004)

Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Serbia and Montenegro	-	1,815	1,815	811	849	891	977	1,293	1,750	1,872
Rwanda	-	1,041	1,041	1,603	2,108	2,544	2,094	1,661	1,591	1,795
Russian Federation	-	1,013	1,013	41	39	35	107	112	168	1,081
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	2,236	2,236	1,757	1,932	2,058	1,432	1,105	1,000	878
Afghanistan	-	224	224	182	232	275	357	248	541	536

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2004 -- 1995 data only incl. industrialized asylum countries)

Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	972	860	1,230	1,714	1,402	1,421	1,371	1,789	1,778	1,471
Russian Federation	243	274	213	277	1,376	3,604	2,424	1,156	1,680	1,361
Serbia and Montenegro	1,455	1,822	1,290	6,057	13,067	4,921	1,932	1,523	1,280	1,294
Slovakia	29	233	284	985	1,175	1,392	898	635	390	730
Guinea	150	250	165	336	342	488	494	515	354	565

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM BELGIUM -- MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2004)

Asylum country*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Other										
Total			10	14	16	19	13	27	40	45

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2004 -- 1995 data only incl. industrialized asylum countries)

Asylum country	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Other										
Total					11	16	21		13	11

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN BELGIUM -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2004

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total

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*CAM = Camps/centers; URB = Urban; RUR = Rural/dispersed/various.

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR BELGIUM

