

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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Refugees	36,060	36,060	15,509	16,760	18,832	12,265	12,578	12,595	13,529	15,282
Asylum-seekers	-	9,584	-	39,114	46,240	18,431	20,033	22,604	22,863	18,913
Returned refugees*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	93	237
Others of concern	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	45,644	15,509	55,874	65,072	30,696	32,611	35,199	36,485	34,432

* Based on country of asylum and origin reports.

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

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	1,677	1,868	1,699	1,480	2,131	1,157	1,331	1,384	2,374	3,730
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	80	-	98	1,104	2,930	350	477	245	213	161
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naturalization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,204

* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. ** Based on country of asylum and origin reports.

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

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
New applications	12,433	11,788	21,965	35,780	42,691	24,549	18,805	16,940	15,357	15,957
1951 Convention status	1,677	1,868	1,699	1,480	1,381	1,157	1,331	1,384	2,374	3,730
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	750	-	-	-	-	-

Responsibility (2005): Government

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Per 1,000 inhabitants	3.5	3.5	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.5
Per 1,000 km ²	1,180.0	1,180.0	507.5	548.4	616.3	401.4	411.6	412.2	442.7	500.1
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	1.3	0.5	1.7	1.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	4.4	1.5	5.4	6.2	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.3
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	1,126.7

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

B. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS, LOCATION, LEGAL BASIS AND RECOGNITION, END OF 2005

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	-	-	-	-	6,814	6,814	-	-	-	-	45%
Male	-	-	-	-	8,468	8,468	-	-	-	-	55%
Total	-	-	-	-	15,282	15,282	-	-	-	-	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	-
Dispersed/various	15,282
Total	15,282
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	0%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	15,282
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	15,282
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	15,282
Other/unknown	-
Total	15,282
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 2005)

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Russian Federation	1,013	1,013	41	39	35	107	112	168	1,081	3,899
Rwanda	1,041	1,041	1,603	2,108	2,544	2,094	1,661	1,591	1,795	1,929
Serbia and Montenegro	1,815	1,815	811	849	891	977	1,293	1,750	1,872	1,889
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,236	2,236	1,757	1,932	2,058	1,432	1,105	1,000	878	866
Poland	4,466	4,466	21	15	6	751	669	595	525	484

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2005)

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Russian Federation	274	213	277	1,376	3,604	2,424	1,156	1,680	1,361	1,438
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	860	1,230	1,714	1,402	1,421	1,371	1,789	1,778	1,471	1,272
Serbia and Montenegro	1,822	1,290	6,057	13,067	4,921	1,932	1,523	1,280	1,294	1,203
Iraq	223	243	231	293	569	368	461	282	388	903
Slovakia	233	284	985	1,175	1,392	898	635	390	730	773

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

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2005)

Asylum country*	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	16	20	54
Other		10	14	16	19	13	11	24	25	41
Total		10	14	16	19	13	27	40	45	95

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2005)

Asylum country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Other										
Total				11	16	21		13	11	

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN BELGIUM -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2005

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total	Location name	Type*	Total

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

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR BELGIUM

