

SRI LANKA

1951 Convention: Not State party
 1967 Protocol: Not State party
 United Nations: Asia
 Bureau (UNHCR): Asia and Pacific

Region (MDGs): Developing regions
 Sub-region (MDGs): Southern Asia

Other UN country groupings:
 Not applicable

Region (UNHCR): South Asia

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	14	26	29	21	16	17	28	30	63	106
Asylum-seekers	14	49	16	2	23	30	13	6	48	121
Returned refugees*	47	1	116	96	16	14	1,439	5,023	10,040	2,700
Internally displaced	200,000	200,000	603,025	612,518	706,514	731,838	462,826	386,104	351,884	324,699
Returned IDPs	..	-	30,490	-	-	-	269,012	76,722	34,220	27,185
Stateless persons	-	-
Others of concern	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	200,076	633,676	612,637	706,569	731,899	733,318	467,885	396,255	354,811

* 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	7	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	22	33	29	3	4	8	12	17	44	65
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	1	-
Resettlement	6	14	26	12	9	7	1	15	8	32
Naturalization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* 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	23	48	50	16	37	29	16	14	134	152
1951 Convention status	22	33	29	3	4	8	12	17	44	65
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Responsibility (2005): UNHCR

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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Per 1,000 km ²	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.9	1.6
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	206.9	655.4	633.7	730.8	757.0	758.5	483.9	409.8	367.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	9.6	30.5	29.5	34.1	35.3	35.4	22.6	19.1	17.1
Per 1,000 km ²	..	2,994.3	9,483.6	9,168.7	10,574.5	10,953.6	10,974.9	7,002.4	5,930.4	5,310.1

* 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	11,023	43,723	98,102	11,351	-	164,199	7%	27%	60%	7%	51%
Male	11,399	45,649	91,938	11,741	-	160,727	7%	28%	57%	7%	49%
Total	22,422	89,372	190,040	23,092	-	324,926	7%	28%	58%	7%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	67,949
Urban	256,977
Dispersed/various	2,700
Total	327,626
Camps/centers	21%
Urban	78%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	-
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	106
Other/unknown*	-
Total	106
1951 Convention	0%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	106
Other/unknown	-
Total	106
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN SRI LANKA -- 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
Pakistan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	33	85

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

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Pakistan	1	-	14	3	6	3	2	5	124	144

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM SRI LANKA -- 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
India	62,226	66,498	70,337	66,431	64,743	64,061	63,767	60,922	57,274	50,730
France	15,793	16,023	15,900	15,606	15,183	15,774	15,938	15,062	15,304	15,602
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,403	15,121	12,850	15,304
Canada	14,868	11,793	10,218	9,717	10,591	13,161	12,873	12,563	12,062	11,076
United Kingdom	10,036	9,367	9,195	8,375	10,605	11,760	9,545	7,993	8,064	8,098
Other	6,655	18,606	9,326	16,580	23,038	17,664	13,713	10,349	8,496	7,329
Total	109,578	122,287	114,976	116,709	124,160	122,420	133,239	122,010	114,050	108,139

* 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
France	1,169	1,831	1,832	2,001	2,117	2,000	1,992	2,129	2,246	2,071
Canada	2,946	2,665	2,634	2,915	2,822	3,001	1,801	1,270	1,141	934
Cyprus	-	-	1	4	16	22	5	5	497	806
United Kingdom	1,260	1,830	3,505	5,130	6,395	5,510	3,130	810	400	480
Australia	1,096	1,193	464	424	451	397	219	166	125	317
Other	10,717	10,715	7,269	5,711	5,252	4,260	3,770	1,781	1,620	1,690
Total	17,188	18,234	15,705	16,185	17,053	15,190	10,917	6,161	6,029	6,298

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Mullaitivu	URB	54,040
Jaffna	URB	53,390
Puttalam	CAM	32,500
Vavuniya	URB	30,380
Puttalam	URB	27,670

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

Location name	Type*	Total
Mannar	URB	23,100
Batticaloa	URB	20,340
Trincomalee	URB	16,700
Jaffna	CAM	8,240
Kilinochchi	URB	7,800

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

F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR SRI LANKA

