

COSTA RICA

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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Refugees	23,176	23,114	22,986	22,903	5,519	8,104	12,433	13,508	10,413	11,253
Asylum-seekers	-	-	-	33	1,089	2,587	86	77	223	223
Returned refugees*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Others of concern	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	23,114	22,986	22,936	6,608	10,691	12,519	13,585	10,636	11,476

* 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	115	181	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	115	-	101	177	532	2,226	4,592	1,838	838	-
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	1,131	-	56	25	8	8	3	-	-	-
Resettlement	-	4	-	-	-	-	5	162	228	280
Naturalization	39	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* 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	115	-	147	270	1,686	5,214	3,785	1,745	1,443	-
1951 Convention status	115	-	101	177	532	2,226	2,355	863	838	-
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,237	975	-	-

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	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	1.3	1.9	2.9	3.2	2.4	2.6
Per 1,000 inhabitants	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	1.3	1.9	2.9	3.1	2.4	2.6
Per 1,000 km ²	450.6	449.4	446.9	445.3	107.3	157.6	241.7	262.6	202.5	218.8
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	5.4	5.4	5.4	1.5	2.5	2.9	3.2	2.5	2.7
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	5.3	5.3	5.3	1.5	2.5	2.9	3.1	2.5	2.7
Per 1,000 km ²	..	449.4	446.9	445.9	128.5	207.9	243.4	264.1	206.8	223.1

* 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	11,253
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	11,253
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	11,253
Other/unknown	-
Total	11,253
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN COSTA RICA -- 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
Colombia	52	-	-	64	515	3,085	7,326	8,266	8,750	9,470
Nicaragua	17,990	17,842	17,732	17,532	2,715	2,636	2,635	2,632	619	619
Cuba	656	723	754	854	971	1,040	1,107	1,164	497	557
Peru	-	-	-	5	223	233	236	230	230	230
El Salvador	3,998	3,968	3,911	3,861	793	793	790	788	69	69

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

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
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D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM COSTA RICA -- 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
Canada	131	81	45	68	50	81	90	86	120	149
Other	8	9	9	8	7	5	8	6	18	29
Total	139	90	54	76	57	86	98	92	138	178

* 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
Canada	95	80	187	434	278	602	1,652	1,833	705	106
Other	5	1	7	2	2	6	5	11	10	10
Total	100	81	194	436	280	608	1,657	1,844	715	116

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total	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 COSTA RICA

