

SYRIAN ARAB REP.

1951 Convention:	Not State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	Not State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Western Asia
United Nations:	Asia		
Bureau (UNHCR):	Central Asia, South West Asia, North Africa and the Middle East	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Region (UNHCR):	The Middle East		

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	27,759	22,704	20,974	6,474	3,463	3,351	2,918	3,681	15,604	26,089
Asylum-seekers	22	592	6,442	5,008	2,643	605	503	943	785	1,898
Returned refugees*	1	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	158	19
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	300,000	300,000
Others of concern	..	-	-	2,121	-	-	-	5,340	-	-
Total	..	23,296	27,416	13,603	6,110	3,956	3,422	9,964	316,547	328,006

* 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	918	1,847	-	173	47	12	-	-	12,023	10,511
Individually recognized*	228	438	377	1,582	1,058	267	177	133	122	150
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	39	-	53	-	11	223	488	63	40	1
Resettlement	409	501	972	1,154	1,734	717	597	-	-	540
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	645	923	7,374	4,523	4,344	1,774	1,782	1,660	5,283	931
1951 Convention status	228	438	377	1,409	972	267	177	133	122	150
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	173	86	-	-	-	-	-

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	22.0	18.0	16.6	5.1	2.7	2.7	2.3	2.9	12.4	20.7
Per 1,000 inhabitants	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.8	1.4
Per 1,000 km ²	148.9	121.8	112.5	34.7	18.6	18.0	15.7	19.7	83.7	140.0
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	18.5	21.7	10.8	4.8	3.1	2.7	7.9	250.9	260.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	1.2	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	16.6	17.2
Per 1,000 km ²	..	125.0	147.1	73.0	32.8	21.2	18.4	53.5	1,698.4	1,759.9

* 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	1,181	4,037	7,902	554	-	13,674	9%	30%	58%	4%	46%
Male	1,213	4,414	10,142	581	-	16,350	7%	27%	62%	4%	54%
Total	2,394	8,451	18,044	1,135	-	30,024	8%	28%	60%	4%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	30,024
Dispersed/various	-
Total	30,024
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	100%

* 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	26,089
Other/unknown*	-
Total	26,089
1951 Convention	0%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	23,541
Individually recognized	2,548
Other/unknown	-
Total	26,089
Prima facie (group)	90%
Individually recognized	10%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN SYRIAN ARAB REP. -- 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
Iraq	26,817	21,143	19,360	3,387	1,829	1,677	1,716	2,435	14,391	24,874
Somalia	614	707	558	1,693	443	397	402	453	467	593
Afghanistan	-	6	6	127	172	407	428	425	360	229
Sudan	19	52	92	99	91	108	133	191	166	177
Yemen	250	622	695	728	748	662	143	93	85	85

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

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Somalia	89	59	832	250	259	132	68	175	330	626
Sudan	63	-	1,215	504	287	208	110	164	190	119
Islamic Rep. of Iran	24	-	128	134	192	68	59	44	65	56
Afghanistan	-	-	811	53	94	136	3	5	46	36

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM SYRIAN ARAB REP. -- 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,398	15,745	16,184	10,469
Netherlands	1,502	1,636	1,711	1,654	1,618	1,518	1,454	1,479	1,588	1,674
Sweden	3,240	3,165	3,014	2,419	2,028	1,268	970	1,048	940	1,032
Iraq	-	-	-	-	49	101	100	643	489	627
Canada	340	324	333	364	390	427	432	424	459	397
Other	3,527	3,528	3,068	2,258	1,786	1,555	1,559	1,480	1,779	2,202
Total	8,609	8,653	8,126	6,695	5,871	4,869	18,913	20,819	21,439	16,401

* 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
Cyprus	1	3	11	22	30	47	10	37	547	1,188
Germany	2,196	2,025	1,753	2,156	2,641	2,232	1,829	1,192	768	933
Sweden	102	131	226	307	335	441	541	666	411	392
United Kingdom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	155	410	390
Netherlands	306	458	828	850	1,077	522	325	234	180	278
Other	702	693	688	1,327	1,506	1,360	1,192	1,419	1,207	1,282
Total	3,307	3,310	3,506	4,662	5,589	4,602	3,897	3,703	3,523	4,463

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN SYRIAN ARAB REP. -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2005

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Damascus	URB	30,020

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR SYRIAN ARAB REP.

