

NORTH AMERICA

Classification: United Nations

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*	745,459	689,021	653,340	644,459	635,213	645,077	615,121	585,642	562,252	526,511
Asylum-seekers	519,463	489,159	450,090	425,722	416,211	441,668	447,944	393,451	287,951	190,295
Returned refugees**	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stateless persons	-	-
Others of concern***	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	1,178,180	1,103,430	1,070,181	1,051,425	1,086,745	1,063,065	979,093	850,203	716,806

* Includes UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries. ** Based on country of asylum and origin reports. *** Includes stateless persons up to 2003.

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*	28,219	25,515	28,853	32,784	37,989	41,640	42,826	40,248	37,153	31,827
Resettlement	85,728	79,645	85,826	94,855	85,661	81,170	37,228	39,183	63,389	64,213
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	100	5	4	4,692	1,366	272	1,190	511	94	88
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naturalization	..	145,160	76,709	74,251	128,660	114,878	86,842	80,526	47,718	69,661

* 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	133,250	74,784	59,741	62,104	75,119	103,470	97,937	75,275	53,657	45,033
1951 Convention status	28,219	25,515	28,853	32,784	37,989	41,640	42,826	40,248	37,153	31,827
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	19.4	17.9	17.0	16.8	16.5	16.8	16.0	15.3	14.6	13.7
Per 1,000 inhabitants	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6
Per 1,000 km ²	39.0	36.0	34.1	33.7	33.2	33.7	32.2	30.6	29.4	27.5
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	30.7	28.7	27.9	27.4	28.3	27.7	25.5	22.1	18.7
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.6	2.2
Per 1,000 km ²	..	61.6	57.7	55.9	55.0	56.8	55.6	51.2	44.4	37.5

* 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	627	1,513	6,385	371	-	8,896	7%	17%	72%	4%	43%
Male	695	1,647	9,072	242	-	11,656	6%	14%	78%	2%	57%
Total	1,322	3,160	15,457	613	-	20,552	6%	15%	75%	3%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	20,552
Dispersed/various	-
Total	20,552
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	526,511
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	526,511
1951 UN Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	526,511
Other/unknown	-
Total	526,511
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%