

## KUWAIT

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	3,831	3,787	4,182	4,334	2,776	1,255	1,521	1,518	1,519	1,523
Asylum-seekers	215	19	156	55	56	80	185	189	157	203
Returned refugees*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80,000	80,000
Others of concern	..	138,000	138,000	138,147	138,000	138,000	138,000	101,000	21,000	21,000
Total	..	141,806	142,338	142,536	140,832	139,335	139,706	102,707	102,676	102,726

\* 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
<b>Arrivals</b>										
Prima facie/group basis	1,180	1,088	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	263	691	450	162	370	108	11	-	-	6
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Durable solutions</b>										
Voluntary repatriation**	313	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Resettlement	46	42	51	10	108	117	16	2	-	2
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	1,180	1,149	651	220	699	281	122	14	15	54
1951 Convention status	263	572	450	162	370	108	11	-	-	-
Allowed/humanitarian	-	119	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6

Responsibility (2005): UNHCR

## 4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Refugees</b>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 inhabitants	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	221.4	218.8	241.6	250.4	160.4	72.5	87.9	87.7	87.8	88.0
<b>Total population of concern to UNHCR</b>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.7	5.0	5.0	5.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	52.8	53.0	53.0	52.4	51.9	52.0	38.2	38.2	38.2
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	..	8,193.6	8,224.3	8,235.7	8,137.3	8,050.8	8,072.2	5,934.4	5,932.6	5,935.5

\* 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	2,900	19,220	26,863	1,796	-	50,779	6%	38%	53%	4%	49%
Male	3,351	19,913	27,144	1,536	-	51,944	6%	38%	52%	3%	51%
Total	6,251	39,133	54,007	3,332	-	102,723	6%	38%	53%	3%	100%

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

## 2. Population of concern--location\*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	1,726
Dispersed/various	101,000
Total	102,726
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	2%

\* 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	1,523
Other/unknown*	-
Total	1,523
1951 Convention	0%

\* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

## 4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	1,523
Other/unknown	-
Total	1,523
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

## C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN KUWAIT -- MAIN ORIGIN

**1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin** (main nationalities in 2005)

<i>Origin</i>	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Occupied Palest. Territ.	1,710	1,979	2,133	2,197	1,261	831	911	910	910	910
Iraq	1,988	1,601	1,743	1,816	1,200	304	419	417	418	422
Somalia	65	90	152	162	145	69	107	107	107	107
Afghanistan	23	21	52	52	92	45	78	78	78	78

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

<i>Origin</i>	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
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## D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM KUWAIT -- MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

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

<i>Asylum country*</i>	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Australia	41	77	197	408	432	430	410	328	112	113
United States	103	90	107	120	88	66	74	55	68	67
New Zealand	11	11	11	11	-	25	47	48	58	59
Canada	631	570	437	363	125	126	105	92	82	50
Other	68	77	78	90	47	54	73	93	78	92
Total	854	825	830	992	692	701	709	616	398	381

\* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

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

<i>Asylum country</i>	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
United Kingdom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	50	55
Ireland	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	14	24
Other	111	152	147	151	150	111	66	54	57	55
Total	111	152	148	152	151	112	66	125	121	134

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

<i>Location name</i>	<i>Type*</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Location name</i>	<i>Type*</i>	<i>Total</i>
Kuwait City	RUR	101,000			
Kuwait City	URB	1,730			

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

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## F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR KUWAIT

