

BENIN

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Sub-Saharan Africa
United Nations:	Africa	Other UN country groupings:	
Bureau (UNHCR):	West Africa		Least Developed Country
Region (UNHCR):	West Africa		

A. REFUGEES, ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND OTHERS OF CONCERN TO UNHCR

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Refugees	23,843	5,960	2,918	2,903	3,657	4,296	4,799	5,021	5,034	4,802
Asylum-seekers*	-	77	593	1,226	1,624	66	226	314	814	1,053
Returned refugees**	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stateless/Others	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	3,511	4,129	5,281	4,370	5,025	5,335	5,848	5,855

* Pending applications. 1995: data available for industrialized countries only. ** Also based on country of asylum reports.

2. Refugees--displacement and durable solutions during the year

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	52	860	542	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	844	537	284	697	1,885	628	257	197	93
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	29	82	62	7	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	46,676	15,779	3,539	21	14	29	28	29	226	276
Resettlement	25	95	64	314	695	1,321	168	34	33	54
Naturalization	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. 1995: industrialized countries only. ** Also based on country of return reports.

3. Asylum and refugee status determination during the year (incl. appeal/review)

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
New applications	-	948	829	1,164	1,832	2,621	1,051	719	1,140	663
1951 Convention status	-	844	537	284	670	1,885	628	257	197	93
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-

Responsibility (2004): Government

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	57.9	14.5	7.1	7.0	8.9	10.4	11.7	12.2	12.2	11.7
Per 1,000 inhabitants	2.8	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Per 1,000 km ²	205.5	51.4	25.2	25.0	31.5	37.0	41.4	43.3	43.4	41.4
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	8.5	10.0	12.8	10.6	12.2	13.0	14.2	14.2
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	30.3	35.6	45.5	37.7	43.3	46.0	50.4	50.5

* Refugees and Total population of concern to UNHCR: annual estimates (Table A.1). Figures for GDP per capita, national population and land area are the most recent available estimates.

B. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS, LOCATION, LEGAL BASIS AND RECOGNITION, END OF 2004

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	288	581	1,488	9	-	2,366	12%	25%	63%	0%	40%
Male	288	596	2,600	5	-	3,489	8%	17%	75%	0%	60%
Total	576	1,177	4,088	14	-	5,855	10%	20%	70%	0%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	995
Urban	4,860
Dispersed/various	-
Total	5,855
Camps/centers	17%
Urban	83%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	-
1969 OAU Convention	4,796
UNHCR Mandate	6
Other/unknown*	-
Total	4,802
1951 Convention	0%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	4,802
Other/unknown	-
Total	4,802
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN BENIN -- MAIN ORIGIN

1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2004)

Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Congo	-	-	18	103	383	1,238	1,241	1,243	1,179	1,140
Togo	23,370	4,690	1,300	1,311	1,305	1,029	1,182	1,205	1,221	1,100
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	20	27	69	143	896	674	811	872	852	842
Rwanda	72	166	302	297	457	513	576	593	604	601
Chad	329	336	189	203	239	369	427	455	466	409

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2004 -- 1995 data only incl. industrialized asylum countries)

Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Nigeria	-	773	186	115	707	303	237	79	45	163
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	13	135	59	111	628	219	188	194	162
Togo	-	6	4	596	132	861	207	116	362	93
Côte d'Ivoire	-	-	-	1	-	4	2	37	237	66
Congo	-	-	253	227	679	440	77	58	44	51

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM BENIN -- MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2004)

Asylum country*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175	215	228
Other	54	46	46	56	52	54	55	57	67	81
Total	54	46	46	56	52	54	55	232	282	309

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

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Asylum country	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Germany	40	19	28	43	26	51	121	123	40	51
Spain	-	-	1	-	-	1	4	6	4	32
Switzerland	-	-	-	4	2	-	29	88	59	24
Other	31	23	24	37	61	88	182	263	158	106
Total	71	42	53	84	89	140	336	480	261	213

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN BENIN -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2004

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Various	U	3,810
Cotonou	U	1,050
Kpomasse	C	1,000

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR BENIN

