

THE MIDDLE EAST

Regional classification: UNHCR (Global Report)

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

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Refugees*	265,056	265,705	231,251	217,726	188,127	207,384	218,133	215,133	463,388	555,624
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	-	4,663	7,066	16,965	18,705	30,980	29,264	20,417
Returned refugees***	13	3,681	18,074	81,686	10,438	12,064	20,734	5,340	2,200	1,926
Internally displaced	-	-	-	32,000	35,055	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	..	198,000	167,818	149,268	138,000	138,000	138,000
Total	..	..	..	..	438,686	404,231	406,840	389,453	632,852	715,967

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries. ** Pending applications. 1993-1995: data available for industrialized countries only. *** Also based on country of asylum reports.

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

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	-	15,324	13,254	12,798	9,388	17,109	9,590	14,317	11,378	13,374
Individually recognized*	-	-	-	2,989	8,291	4,438	5,443	14,116	7,973	6,692
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	-	1,392	4,189	5,003	1,776	2,570	2,336	2,533	1,089	2,070
Resettlement	5,039	5,818	6,376	5,757	7,859	5,164	5,584	9,172	6,534	3,569
Naturalization	..	..	..	28	20	-	-	-	-	64

* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. 1993-1995: industrialized countries only. ** Also based on country of return reports.

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

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
New applications	-	-	-	13,622	17,101	26,419	26,072	41,369	25,985	18,782
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	2,989	8,172	4,438	4,872	7,961	7,829	6,666
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	119	-	571	6,155	144	26

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	153.0	140.9	141.9	135.8	220.7	249.6
Per 1,000 inhabitants	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.1	3.5	3.9
Per 1,000 km ²	97.0	89.4	90.0	86.1	139.9	158.3

* 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 2002

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	8,234	42,034	79,255	4,833	30,684	165,040	6%	31%	59%	4%	46%
Male	8,992	43,953	94,153	4,398	40,704	192,200	6%	29%	62%	3%	54%
Total	17,226	85,987	173,408	9,231	71,388	357,240	6%	30%	61%	3%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	36,954
Urban	338,938
Dispersed/various	340,959
Total	716,851
Camps/centers	5%
Urban	47%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	81,610
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	272,363
Other/unknown*	201,651
Total	555,624
1951 Convention	15%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	87,525
Individually recognized	26,987
Other/unknown	441,112
Total	555,624
Prima facie (group)	16%
Individually recognized	5%