

## SRI LANKA

1951 Convention: Not State party  
 1967 Protocol: Not State party  
 United Nations: Asia  
 Bureau (UNHCR): Asia and Pacific  
 Region (UNHCR): South Asia

Region (MDGs): Developing regions  
 Sub-region (MDGs): South Asia  
 Other UN country groupings:  
 Not applicable

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

## 1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Refugees*	13	16	14	26	29	21	16	17	28	30
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	14	49	16	2	23	30	13	6
Returned refugees***	8,176	10,216	47	1	116	96	16	14	1,439	5,023
Internally displaced	9,089	200,000	200,000	200,000	603,025	612,518	706,514	731,838	462,826	386,104
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	-	30,490	-	-	-	269,012	76,722
Various/others	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	..	200,076	633,676	612,637	706,569	731,899	733,318	467,885

\* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries. \*\* Pending applications. 1994-1995: data available for industrialized countries only. \*\*\* Also based on country of asylum reports.

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

Category	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Arrivals</b>										
Prima facie/group basis	8	11	7	43	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	22	33	29	3	4	8	12	17
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Durable solutions</b>										
Voluntary repatriation**	1	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
Resettlement	8	4	6	14	26	12	9	7	1	15
Naturalization	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. 1994-1995: industrialized countries only. \*\* Also based on country of return reports.

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

Category	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
New applications	-	-	23	48	50	16	37	29	16	14
1951 Convention status	-	-	22	33	29	3	4	8	12	17
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Responsibility (2003): UNHCR

## 4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Refugees</b>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4
<b>Total population of concern to UNHCR</b>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	228.4	723.3	699.3	806.5	835.4	837.0	534.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	10.6	33.5	32.4	37.4	38.7	38.8	24.7
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	..	..	..	2,994.3	9,483.6	9,168.7	10,574.5	10,953.6	10,974.9	7,002.4

\* 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 2003

## 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	13,219	52,220	116,370	13,346	-	195,155	7%	27%	60%	7%	51%
Male	13,653	54,470	109,054	13,808	-	190,985	7%	29%	57%	7%	49%
Total	26,872	106,690	225,424	27,154	-	386,140	7%	28%	58%	7%	100%

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

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

Type	Total
Camps/centers	92,062
Urban	294,078
Dispersed/various	81,745
Total	467,885
Camps/centers	20%
Urban	63%

\* 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	30
Other/unknown*	-
Total	30
1951 Convention	0%

\* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

## 4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	30
Other/unknown	-
Total	30
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

## C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN SRI LANKA -- MAIN ORIGIN

## 1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2003)

Origin*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
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\* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

## 2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2003 -- 1994-95 data only incl. industrialized asylum countries)

Origin	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
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## D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM SRI LANKA -- MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

## 1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2003)

Asylum country*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
India	73,463	55,062	62,226	66,498	70,337	66,431	64,743	64,061	63,767	60,922
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,403	15,121
France	-	15,531	15,793	16,023	15,900	15,606	15,183	15,774	15,938	15,062
Canada	21,501	17,975	14,868	11,793	10,218	9,717	10,591	13,161	12,873	12,563
United Kingdom	12,063	11,499	10,036	9,367	9,195	8,375	10,605	11,760	9,545	7,993
Other	7,429	7,522	6,655	18,606	9,326	16,580	23,038	17,664	13,713	10,349
Total	114,456	107,589	109,578	122,287	114,976	116,709	124,160	122,420	133,239	122,010

\* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

## 2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2003 -- 1994-95 data only incl. industrialized asylum countries)

Asylum country	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
France	1,725	1,095	1,169	1,831	1,832	2,001	2,117	2,000	1,992	2,129
Canada	2,658	2,392	2,946	2,665	2,634	2,915	2,822	3,001	1,801	1,270
United Kingdom	2,350	2,070	1,260	1,830	3,505	5,130	6,395	5,510	3,130	705
Switzerland	1,487	1,024	1,965	2,137	1,901	1,487	898	684	459	340
Germany	4,813	6,687	5,640	5,125	1,982	1,254	1,170	622	434	278
Other	2,746	1,995	4,208	4,646	3,851	3,398	3,651	3,373	3,100	1,334
Total	15,779	15,263	17,188	18,234	15,705	16,185	17,053	15,190	10,916	6,056

## E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN SRI LANKA -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2003

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Mullaitivu	URB	52,060
Jaffna	URB	51,720
Puttalam	CAM	34,880
Vavuniya	URB	34,150
Kilinochchi	URB	33,060

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

Location name	Type*	Total
Mannar	URB	27,780
Batticaloa	URB	27,580
Trincomalee	URB	16,850
Anuradhapura	URB	13,590
Puttalam	URB	12,170

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

## F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR SRI LANKA

