

ISLAMIC REP. OF IRAN

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	South 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):	South-West Asia		

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*	2,236,350	2,071,988	2,030,359	1,982,553	1,931,332	1,835,688	1,868,000	1,868,000	1,306,599	984,896
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,228	-	4	1
Returned refugees***	65	30	3,498	-	3	9	60	11	1,195	3,850
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	..	1,982,553	1,931,335	1,835,697	1,880,288	1,868,011	1,307,798	988,747

* UNHCR estimate, to be reviewed in 2004. ** 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
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	3,900	-	65,000	-	-	-	262,075	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	-	-	-	-	86,563	-	20	-
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	191	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	228,959	211,753	106,700	12,438	29,602	181,687	219,206	19,727	377,389	319,915
Resettlement	51	55	88	43	48	293	1,162	1,038	910	910
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	Responsibility (2003): UNHCR			
							2000	2001	2002	2003
New applications	-	-	-	-	-	-	245,854	-	38	38
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	-	-	-	82,638	-	20	-
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,925	-	-	-

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	1,406.4	1,303.0	1,276.8	1,246.8	1,214.6	1,154.4	1,174.7	1,174.7	821.7	619.4
Per 1,000 inhabitants	32.9	30.4	29.8	29.1	28.4	27.0	27.4	27.4	19.2	14.5
Per 1,000 km ²	1,377.9	1,276.6	1,250.9	1,221.5	1,189.9	1,131.0	1,150.9	1,150.9	805.0	606.8
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	1,246.8	1,214.6	1,154.4	1,182.5	1,174.7	822.4	621.8
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	29.1	28.4	27.0	27.6	27.4	19.2	14.5
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	1,221.5	1,189.9	1,131.0	1,158.5	1,150.9	805.8	609.2

* 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	33,407	134,101	142,630	8,451	-	318,588	10%	42%	45%	3%	38%
Male	41,700	150,764	309,348	16,742	-	518,555	8%	29%	60%	3%	62%
Total	75,107	284,865	451,978	25,193	-	837,143	9%	34%	54%	3%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	50,523
Urban	3,800
Dispersed/various	934,424
Total	988,747
Camps/centers	5%
Urban	0%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	984,896
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	984,896
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	984,895
Individually recognized	1
Other/unknown	-
Total	984,896
Prima facie (group)	100%
Individually recognized	0%

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C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN ISLAMIC REP. OF IRAN -- 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
Afghanistan	1,623,331	1,429,038	1,414,659	1,411,759	1,400,722	1,325,724	1,482,000	1,482,000	1,104,909	834,699
Iraq	613,000	595,500	579,200	570,794	530,610	509,964	386,000	386,000	201,671	150,196

* UNHCR estimate, to be reviewed in 2004.

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 ISLAMIC REP. OF IRAN -- 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
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,538	47,131
United States	11,686	9,936	8,988	8,701	9,814	11,134	15,472	21,268	21,766	21,185
Iraq	44,260	38,128	34,194	29,424	28,979	26,515	23,893	23,680	20,251	20,251
Netherlands	6,917	8,131	9,423	10,186	10,412	10,057	9,909	9,761	8,606	7,944
United Kingdom	4,031	3,397	3,196	3,016	2,935	2,430	3,390	4,115	5,375	6,892
Other	54,393	52,772	48,328	42,666	37,839	36,719	35,614	33,667	30,828	29,140
Total	121,287	112,364	104,129	93,993	89,979	86,855	88,278	92,491	138,364	132,543

* 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
Turkey	1,801	936	1,454	1,654	1,979	3,843	3,860	3,385	2,505	3,092
United Kingdom	520	615	585	585	745	1,320	5,610	3,415	2,630	2,874
Germany	3,445	4,314	5,264	4,490	2,955	3,407	4,878	3,455	2,642	2,049
Belgium	111	103	118	97	101	165	3,183	1,164	743	1,153
Austria	425	485	656	502	950	3,343	2,559	734	760	979
Other	9,476	6,968	6,287	6,801	6,693	6,962	16,646	9,346	6,416	5,988
Total	15,778	13,421	14,364	14,129	13,423	19,040	36,736	21,499	15,696	16,135

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN ISLAMIC REP. OF IRAN -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2003

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Various	RUR	934,370
Kerman	CAM	12,730
Fars	CAM	5,800
Khorasan	CAM	5,440
Sistan-Baluchistan	CAM	5,300

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

Location name	Type*	Total
Markazi	CAM	4,700
Various	URB	3,800
Khuzestan	CAM	3,450
West-Azerbaijan	CAM	3,340
Semnan	CAM	2,900

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

F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR ISLAMIC REP. OF IRAN

