

Annexes

Technical notes on statistical information

Most countries have adopted the refugee definition contained in the 1951 UN Refugee Convention, but there are important national differences in refugee registration and determination. In the industrialized countries, where UNHCR usually relies on data provided by the authorities, information on the determination of individual asylum requests is the main source of statistical information. In much of the developing world, however, refugees are often accepted on a group basis. In such cases, rather than individual screening, maintaining a credible refugee registration for the provision of material assistance becomes a priority. These registers, often maintained by UNHCR at the request of the host government, are an important source of refugee data in developing countries. While subject to double registration, refugee registers are often verified and supplemented with information from health records and surveys.

In recent years, UNHCR's involvement with persons who have not crossed an international border, such as internally displaced persons, those threatened with displacement as a result of armed conflict and refugees who have returned home ("returnees") has increased. In view of this, and taking into consideration the complexity and variation in legal distinctions made by industrialized states between the various statuses granted to refugees ("refugee status", "humanitarian status", "temporary protection", "provisional admission", etc.), the term "refugees and others of concern to UNHCR" has been adopted to reflect the various categories of persons with whom UNHCR is concerned. Palestinian refugees who come under the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) are, however, not included in the statistics.

While efforts have been made to make the statistics as comprehensive as possible, some populations and movements may remain unrecorded, because UNHCR is not directly involved, because records are lacking, etc. In particular, precise figures on refugee returns and on those who are internally displaced are difficult to obtain due to unregistered movements and lack of access to those people. The return data presented in Annexes 1 and 9 mostly reflect arrivals rather than departures.

For industrialized countries which do not keep track of recognized refugees, UNHCR has adopted a simple method to estimate the refugee population, based on recent arrivals of refugees and/or recognition of refugees, including those allowed to remain on humanitarian grounds. For Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States, recent refugee population estimates are based on the number of resettled refugees and recognized refugees over a five-year period. For Austria, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom, a 10-year period has been applied, taking into account the longer period it takes to naturalize refugees in these countries. The method of estimation for some of the earlier data could not be established (see Annexes 3, 4 and 5). In Annex 6, the origin of refugees in these countries is estimated using data of recently recognized refugees.

The regional classification adopted in the annexes is that of the Population Division of the United Nations Secretariat. Asia includes much of the "Middle East" (though not North Africa), as well as Turkey. Annex 1 shows the precise classification of countries by region. In the tables, figures below 1,000 are rounded to the nearest 10, whereas figures of 1,000 and above are rounded to the nearest 100. A dash (-) indicates that the value is zero, rounded to zero or not applicable. Two dots (..) indicate that the value is not available.

Much of the historical data presented here is based on archival material and has not been published before. More recent data is available in UNHCR's Statistical Overview, published annually since 1994 (see: <http://www.unhcr.ch/statist/main.htm>).

States party to the 1951 UN Refugee Convention, the 1967 Protocol, the 1969 OAU Refugee Convention and members of UNHCR's Executive Committee (EXCOM), as on 31 December 1999

United Nations member states	1951 UN Refugee Convention ^a	1967 Protocol ^b	1969 OAU Refugee Convention ^c	UNHCR's EXCOM members ^d
Afghanistan				
Albania	1992	1992		
Algeria	1963	1967	1974	1963
Andorra				
Angola	1981	1981	1981	
Antigua and Barbuda	1995	1995		
Argentina	1961	1967		1979
Armenia	1993	1993		
Australia	1973	1973		1951
Austria	1954	1973		1951
Azerbaijan	1993	1993		
Bahamas	1993	1993		
Bahrain				
Bangladesh				1995
Barbados				
Belarus				
Belgium	1953	1969		1951
Belize	1990	1990		
Benin	1962	1970	1973	
Bhutan				
Bolivia	1982	1982		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1993	1993		
Botswana	1969	1969	1995	
Brazil	1960	1972		1951
Brunei Darussalam				
Bulgaria	1993	1993		
Burkina Faso	1980	1980	1974	
Burundi	1963	1971	1975	
Cambodia	1992	1992		
Cameroon	1961	1967	1985	
Canada	1969	1969		1957
Cape Verde		1987	1989	
Central African Republic	1962	1967	1970	
Chad	1981	1981	1981	
Chile ^e	1972	1972		
China	1982	1982		1958
Colombia	1961	1980		1955
Comoros				
Congo	1962	1970	1971	
Costa Rica	1978	1978		
Côte d'Ivoire ^e	1961	1970	1998	
Croatia	1992	1992		
Cuba				
Cyprus	1963	1968		
Czech Republic	1993	1993		

United Nations member states	1951 UN Refugee Convention ^a	1967 Protocol ^b	1969 OAU Refugee Convention ^c	UNHCR's EXCOM members ^d
Democratic People's Rep. of Korea				
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1965	1975	1973	1979
Denmark	1952	1968		1951
Djibouti	1977	1977		
Dominica	1994	1994		
Dominican Republic	1978	1978		
Ecuador	1955	1969		
Egypt	1981	1981	1980	
El Salvador	1983	1983		
Equatorial Guinea	1986	1986	1980	
Eritrea				
Estonia	1997	1997		
Ethiopia	1969	1969	1973	1993
Fiji	1972	1972		
Finland	1968	1968		1979
France	1954	1971		1951
FYR of Macedonia	1994	1994		
Gabon	1964	1973	1986	
Gambia	1966	1967	1980	
Georgia	1999	1999		
Germany, FR	1969	1969		1951
Ghana	1963	1968	1975	
Greece	1960	1968		1955
Grenada				
Guatemala	1983	1983		
Guinea	1965	1968	1972	
Guinea-Bissau	1976	1976	1989	
Guyana				
Haiti	1984	1984		
Holy See ^f	1956	1967		1951
Honduras	1992	1992		
Hungary	1989	1989		1993
Iceland	1955	1968		
India				1995
Indonesia				
Iran, Islamic Republic of	1976	1976		1955
Iraq				
Ireland	1956	1968		1996
Israel	1954	1968		1951
Italy	1954	1972		1951
Jamaica	1964	1980		
Japan	1981	1982		1979
Jordan				
Kazakhstan	1999	1999		
Kenya	1966	1981	1992	
Kiribati				
Kuwait				
Kyrgyzstan	1996	1996		
Lao People's Democratic Republic				
Latvia	1997	1997		
Lebanon				1963
Lesotho	1981	1981	1988	1979

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United Nations member states	1951 UN Refugee Convention ^a	1967 Protocol ^b	1969 OAU Refugee Convention ^c	UNHCR's EXCOM members ^d
Liberia	1964	1980	1971	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya			1981	
Liechtenstein	1957	1968		
Lithuania	1997	1997		
Luxembourg	1953	1971		
Madagascar	1967			1963
Malawi	1987	1987	1987	
Malaysia				
Maldives				
Mali	1973	1973	1981	
Malta	1971	1971		
Marshall Islands				
Mauritania	1987	1987	1972	
Mauritius				
Mexico ^g				
Micronesia (Federated States of)				
Monaco	1954			
Mongolia				
Morocco	1956	1971	1974 ^h	1979
Mozambique	1983	1989	1989	1999
Myanmar				
Namibia	1995			1982
Nauru				
Nepal				
Netherlands	1968	1968		1955
New Zealand	1960	1973		
Nicaragua	1980	1980		1979
Niger	1961	1970	1971	
Nigeria	1967	1968	1986	1963
Norway	1953	1967		1955
Oman				
Pakistan				1988
Palau				
Panama	1978	1978		
Papua New Guinea	1986	1986		
Paraguay	1970	1970		
Peru	1964	1983		
Philippines	1981	1981		1991
Poland	1991	1991		1997
Portugal	1976	1976		
Qatar				
Republic of Korea ^a	1992	1992		
Republic of Moldova				
Romania	1991	1991		
Russian Federation	1993	1993		1995
Rwanda	1980	1980	1979	
Saint Kitts and Nevis				
Saint Lucia				
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1993			
Samoa	1988	1994		
San Marino				
São Tomé and Príncipe	1978	1978		

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Saudi Arabia				
Senegal	1963	1967	1971	
Seychelles	1980	1980	1980	
Sierra Leone	1981	1981	1987	
Singapore				
Slovakia	1993	1993		
Slovenia	1992	1992		
Solomon Islands	1995	1995		
Somalia	1978	1978		1988
South Africa	1996	1996	1995	1997
Spain	1978	1978		1994
Sri Lanka				
Sudan	1974	1974	1972	1979
Suriname	1978	1978		
Swaziland		1969	1989	
Sweden	1954	1967		1958
Switzerland ^f	1955	1968		1951
Syrian Arab Republic				
Tajikistan	1993	1993		
Thailand				1979
Togo	1962	1969	1970	
Tonga				
Trinidad and Tobago				
Tunisia	1957	1968	1989	1958
Turkey	1962	1968		1951
Turkmenistan	1998	1998		
Tuvalu ^f	1986	1986		
Uganda	1976	1976	1987	1967
Ukraine				
United Arab Emirates				
United Kingdom	1968	1968		1951
United Republic of Tanzania	1964	1968	1975	1963
United States of America		1968		1951
Uruguay	1970	1970		
Uzbekistan				
Vanuatu				
Venezuela		1986		1951
Viet Nam				
Yemen	1980	1980		
Yugoslavia, Federal Republic of	1959	1968		1958
Zambia	1969	1969	1973	
Zimbabwe	1981	1981	1985	
Total	134	134	45	54

^a Year of ratification, accession and/or succession to the 1951 UN Refugee Convention.

^b Year of accession and/or succession to the 1967 Protocol.

^c Year of ratification of the 1969 Refugee Convention of the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

^d Refers to Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme.

^e On 17 Dec. 1999 the UN General Assembly passed Resolution 54/143 allowing for Chile, Côte d'Ivoire and Republic of Korea to become members of UNHCR's Executive Committee.

^f Not member states of the United Nations.

^g On 31 Dec. 1999 Mexico was not party to the 1951 UN Refugee Convention or its 1967 Protocol. In June 2000, however, it acceded to both instruments.

^h Morocco withdrew from the OAU and its obligations in 1984.

Situation as on 31 Dec. 1999.

Number of refugees and others of concern to UNHCR, 31 December 1999

Annex 2

Region and country/ territory of asylum/residence	Refugees ^a	Asylum seekers ^b	Returned refugees ^c	Others of concern ^d			Total population of concern
				Internally displaced	Returned IDPs	Various	
Burundi	22,100	510	36,000	50,000	50,000	10,600	169,210
Comores	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
Djibouti	23,300	410	-	-	-	-	23,710
Eritrea	3,000	-	7,800	-	-	-	10,800
Ethiopia	257,700	2,000	14,700	-	-	-	274,400
Kenya	223,700	5,800	-	-	-	-	229,500
Madagascar	30	-	-	-	-	-	30
Malawi	1,700	1,300	-	-	-	-	3,000
Mauritius	40	-	-	-	-	-	40
Mozambique	220	1,200	-	-	-	-	1,420
Rwanda	34,400	1,800	49,100	-	626,100	-	711,400
Somalia	130	-	77,400	-	-	-	77,530
Uganda	218,200	180	1,200	-	-	-	219,580
United Rep. of Tanzania	622,200	12,300	-	-	-	-	634,500
Zambia	206,400	180	-	-	-	-	206,580
Zimbabwe	2,000	40	-	-	-	-	2,040
Eastern Africa sub-total	1,615,130	25,720	186,200	50,000	676,100	10,600	2,563,750
Angola	13,100	930	41,100	-	-	-	55,130
Cameroon	49,200	740	-	-	-	-	49,940
Central African Rep.	49,300	1,300	-	-	-	-	50,600
Chad	23,500	570	2,300	-	-	-	26,370
Congo	39,900	220	77,200	-	-	-	117,320
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	285,200	170	79,800	-	-	-	365,170
Gabon	15,100	2,100	-	-	-	-	17,200
Middle Africa sub-total	475,300	6,030	200,400	-	-	-	681,730
Algeria	165,200	-	-	-	-	-	165,200
Egypt	6,600	4,600	-	-	-	-	11,200
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	10,500	220	-	-	-	-	10,720
Morocco	900	-	-	-	-	-	900
Sudan	391,000	-	250	-	-	-	391,250
Tunisia	450	20	-	-	-	-	470
Northern Africa sub-total	574,650	4,840	250	-	-	-	579,740
Botswana	1,300	180	-	-	-	-	1,480
Namibia	7,400	340	1,400	-	-	-	9,140
South Africa	14,500	17,300	-	-	-	-	31,800
Swaziland	620	50	-	-	-	-	670
Southern Africa sub-total	23,820	17,870	1,400	-	-	-	43,090
Benin	3,700	1,600	-	-	-	-	5,300
Burkina Faso	680	280	-	-	-	-	960
Côte d'Ivoire	138,400	660	-	-	-	-	139,060
Gambia	17,200	-	-	-	-	-	17,200
Ghana	13,300	480	1,100	-	-	-	14,880
Guinea	501,500	430	-	-	-	-	501,930
Guinea-Bissau	7,100	-	5,300	-	265,000	-	277,400
Liberia	96,300	30	296,900	212,900	-	-	606,130
Mali	8,300	610	31,900	-	-	-	40,810
Mauritania	220	30	7,000	-	-	26,400	33,650
Niger	350	-	3,800	-	-	-	4,150
Nigeria	6,900	-	-	-	-	-	6,900
Senegal	21,500	2,100	430	-	-	-	24,030

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Sierra Leone	6,600	30	198,100	500,000	-	-	704,730
Togo	12,100	280	-	-	-	-	12,380
Western Africa sub-total	834,150	6,530	544,530	712,900	265,000	26,400	2,389,510
Africa total	3,523,050	60,990	932,780	762,900	941,100	37,000	6,257,820
China	293,300	10	-	-	-	-	293,310
Hong Kong, China	970	-	-	-	-	-	970
Japan ^e	4,200	300	-	-	-	-	4,500
Rep. of Korea	10	10	-	-	-	-	20
Eastern Asia sub-total	298,480	320	-	-	-	-	298,800
Afghanistan	-	10	359,800	258,600	10,000	-	628,410
Bangladesh	22,200	10	13,400	-	-	-	35,610
India	180,000	20	-	-	-	-	180,020
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,835,700	-	-	-	-	-	1,835,700
Kazakhstan	14,800	-	25,200	-	-	-	40,000
Kyrgyzstan	10,800	180	1,200	5,600	-	-	17,780
Nepal	127,900	20	-	-	-	-	127,920
Pakistan	1,202,000	460	-	-	-	-	1,202,460
Sri Lanka	20	-	160	612,500	-	-	612,680
Tajikistan	4,500	2,200	8,400	-	-	-	15,100
Turkmenistan	18,500	820	-	-	-	-	19,320
Uzbekistan	1,000	260	-	-	-	-	1,260
South-central Asia sub-total	3,417,420	3,980	408,160	876,700	10,000	-	4,716,260
Cambodia	20	50	53,700	-	-	-	53,770
East Timor	-	-	127,500	-	-	-	127,500
Indonesia	162,500	20	-	-	-	-	162,520
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	-	-	1,400	-	-	-	1,400
Malaysia	50,500	30	-	-	-	-	50,530
Myanmar	-	-	1,200	-	-	-	1,200
Philippines	170	-	-	-	-	-	170
Singapore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thailand	100,100	580	-	-	-	40	100,720
Viet Nam ^f	15,000	-	160	-	-	-	15,160
South-eastern Asia sub-total	328,290	680	183,960	-	-	40	512,970
Armenia	296,200	10	-	-	-	-	296,210
Azerbaijan	221,600	350	-	569,600	-	-	791,550
Cyprus	120	210	390	-	-	-	720
Georgia	5,200	-	1,800	278,500	600	110	286,210
Iraq	128,900	280	32,700	-	-	-	161,880
Israel	130	240	-	-	-	-	370
Jordan	1,000	4,300	-	-	-	-	5,300
Kuwait	4,300	60	-	-	-	138,100	142,460
Lebanon	4,200	3,300	-	-	-	-	7,500
Qatar	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
Saudi Arabia	5,600	140	-	-	-	-	5,740
Syrian Arab Rep.	6,500	5,000	-	-	-	2,100	13,600
Turkey	2,800	5,100	730	-	-	-	8,630
United Arab Emirates	500	340	-	-	-	-	840
Yemen	60,500	340	-	-	-	9,000	69,840
Western Asia sub-total	737,560	19,670	35,620	848,100	600	149,310	1,790,860
Asia total	4,781,750	24,650	627,740	1,724,800	10,600	149,350	7,318,890
Belarus	260	16,400	-	-	-	160,000	176,660
Bulgaria	540	1,600	-	-	-	-	2,140
Czech Rep.	1,200	1,400	-	-	-	2,300	4,900

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				Internally displaced	Returned IDPs	Various	
Hungary	5,000	2,600	-	-	-	-	7,600
Poland	950	-	-	-	-	-	950
Rep. of Moldova	10	220	-	-	-	-	230
Romania	1,200	50	-	-	-	-	1,250
Russian Federation	80,100	16,000	-	498,400	64,500	845,300	1,504,300
Slovakia	440	330	-	-	-	-	770
Ukraine	2,700	300	-	-	-	260,000	263,000
Eastern Europe sub-total	92,400	38,900	-	498,400	64,500	1,267,600	1,961,800
Denmark ^e	69,000	-	-	-	-	-	69,000
Estonia	-	30	-	-	-	-	30
Finland ^e	12,800	-	-	-	-	-	12,800
Iceland	350	10	-	-	-	-	360
Ireland ^e	1,100	9,800	-	-	-	-	10,900
Latvia	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
Lithuania	40	50	-	-	-	-	90
Norway ^e	47,900	-	-	-	-	-	47,900
Sweden ^e	159,500	7,900	-	-	-	-	167,400
United Kingdom ^{e,g}	132,700	129,000	-	-	-	-	261,700
Northern Europe sub-total	423,400	146,790	-	-	-	-	570,190
Albania	3,900	20	-	-	-	-	3,920
Bosnia and Herzegovina	65,600	20	161,100	809,500	73,000	-	1,109,220
Croatia	28,400	30	33,600	50,300	70,300	-	182,630
FYR Macedonia	21,200	-	-	-	-	-	21,200
Greece	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	3,500
Italy	22,900	5,000	-	-	-	-	27,900
Malta	270	-	-	-	-	-	270
Portugal ^e	380	-	-	-	-	-	380
Slovenia	4,400	610	-	-	-	11,300	16,310
Spain ^e	6,400	3,300	-	-	-	-	9,700
Yugoslavia, Federal Rep. of	500,700	30	755,500	234,900	168,900	-	1,660,030
Southern Europe sub-total	657,650	9,010	950,200	1,094,700	312,200	11,300	3,035,060
Austria	80,300	5,500	-	-	-	-	85,800
Belgium	36,100	23,100	-	-	-	-	59,200
France	140,200	-	-	-	-	-	140,200
Germany ^h	975,500	264,000	-	-	-	-	1,239,500
Liechtenstein	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luxembourg	700	-	-	-	-	-	700
Netherlands ^e	129,100	-	-	-	-	-	129,100
Switzerland	82,300	45,400	-	-	-	-	127,700
Western Europe sub-total	1,444,200	338,000	-	-	-	-	1,782,200
Europe total	2,617,650	532,700	950,200	1,593,100	376,700	1,278,900	7,349,250
Bahamas	100	-	-	-	-	-	100
Cuba	970	10	-	-	-	-	980
Dominican Rep.	630	10	-	-	-	-	640
Jamaica	40	-	-	-	-	-	40
Caribbean sub-total	1,740	20	-	-	-	-	1,760
Belize	2,900	-	-	-	-	20,000	22,900
Costa Rica	22,900	30	-	-	-	-	22,930
El Salvador	20	-	-	-	-	-	20
Guatemala	730	10	5,900	-	-	-	6,640
Honduras	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
Mexico	24,000	-	-	-	-	-	24,000
Nicaragua	470	10	70	-	-	-	550
Panama	1,300	60	-	-	-	-	1,360

Region and country/ territory of asylum/residence	Refugees ^a	Asylum seekers ^b	Returned refugees ^c	Others of concern ^d			Total population of concern
				Internally displaced	Returned IDPs	Various	
Central America sub-total	52,330	110	5,970	–	–	20,000	78,410
Argentina	2,300	960	–	–	–	–	3,260
Bolivia	350	10	–	–	–	–	360
Brazil	2,500	370	–	–	–	–	2,870
Chile	320	50	–	–	–	–	370
Colombia	230	10	–	–	–	–	240
Ecuador	310	–	–	–	–	1,200	1,510
Paraguay	20	–	–	–	–	–	20
Peru	700	–	–	–	–	–	700
Uruguay	90	–	–	–	–	–	90
Venezuela	190	–	–	–	–	–	190
South America sub-total	7,010	1,400	–	–	–	1,200	9,610
Latin America and Caribbean total	61,080	1,530	5,970	–	–	21,200	89,780
Canada ⁱ	136,600	24,700	–	–	–	–	161,300
United States ^{ij}	513,000	580,900	–	–	–	–	1,093,900
North America total	649,600	605,600	–	–	–	–	1,255,200
Australia ⁱ	59,700	–	–	–	–	–	59,700
New Zealand ⁱ	4,800	–	–	–	–	–	4,800
Australia–New Zealand sub-total	64,500	–	–	–	–	–	64,500
Papua New Guinea	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Solomon Islands	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Melanesia sub-total	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Oceania total	64,500	–	–	–	–	–	64,500
Grand total	11,697,630	1,225,470	2,516,690	4,080,800	1,328,400	1,486,450	22,335,440

Notes:

^a Refugees: persons recognized as refugees under the 1951 UN Refugee Convention, the 1969 OAU Refugee Convention, in accordance with the UNHCR Statute, persons granted a humanitarian status and those granted temporary protection.

^b Asylum seekers: persons whose application for refugee status is pending in the asylum procedure or who are otherwise registered as asylum seekers.

^c Returned refugees: refugees who have returned to their place of origin and who remain of concern to UNHCR for a maximum period of two years.

^d Others of concern: certain specific group of persons not coming within the ordinary mandate of UNHCR.

– Internally displaced persons (IDPs): persons who are displaced within their country and to whom UNHCR extends protection and/or assistance in pursuance to a special request by a competent organ of the United Nations.

– Returned IDPs: IDPs of concern to UNHCR who have returned to their place of origin and who remain of concern to UNHCR for a maximum period of two years.

^e Number of refugees estimated by UNHCR, based on the arrival of refugees and/or recognition of asylum seekers as refugees over the past 10 years.

^f In this case, the returned refugees also include returned rejected asylum seekers.

^g Asylum seekers: number of pending applications in first instance (102,900) multiplied by the average number of persons per case (1.25).

^h Asylum seekers: cases pending in all instances (Source: Central Aliens Register).

ⁱ Number of refugees estimated by UNHCR, based on the arrival of refugees and/or recognition of asylum seekers as refugees over the past 5 years.

^j Asylum seekers: number of pending cases in first instance (342,000) and in review (59,000) multiplied by the average number of persons per case (1.45).

Refugee population figures for Austria, France, Luxembourg, Portugal and Romania refer to 1998, those for Belgium refer to 1995.

See technical notes for further explanations and data limitations.

Source: Governments, UNHCR

Estimated number of refugees by region, 1950–99

Annex 3

Region	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Africa	..	5,000	2,900	2,800	5,400	–	–	–	3,700	3,700
Asia	..	41,500	16,000	18,000	40,500	20,100	18,200	14,900	12,200	10,000
Europe	..	1,221,200	1,128,200	1,067,500	975,800	917,900	991,000	904,800	871,400	839,200
Latin America/Caribbean	..	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
North America	..	518,500	654,800	607,000	575,800	552,600	517,500	546,300	546,900	547,900
Oceania	..	180,000	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Various/unknown	..	30,000	31,000	32,000	32,000	33,000	31,000	27,000	23,000	26,200
Total	..	2,116,200	1,952,900	1,847,300	1,749,500	1,643,600	1,677,700	1,613,000	1,577,200	1,547,000
Region	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Africa	9,000	6,500	7,100	6,000	1,269,600	1,407,800	1,408,100	164,000	174,000	167,900
Asia	9,000	6,500	7,100	6,000	1,267,300	1,407,800	1,408,100	164,000	173,300	167,300
Europe	804,200	775,800	753,100	710,600	706,500	738,400	684,900	641,500	633,500	639,500
Latin America/Caribbean	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	125,000	125,100	115,000	110,000	106,000
North America	548,600	544,500	512,300	510,900	510,200	520,000	510,200	490,000	516,000	519,300
Oceania	–	–	–	–	–	40,000	40,000	47,000	45,000	44,000
Various/unknown	25,200	23,000	19,500	3,600	–	130,000	6,000	54,000	12,000	79,000
Total	1,516,000	1,476,300	1,419,100	1,357,100	3,873,600	4,368,900	4,182,500	1,675,500	2,461,100	2,461,100
Region	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Africa	998,100	991,900	1,088,300	1,012,200	1,108,600	1,616,700	1,716,100	2,105,000	2,416,400	3,062,100
Asia	158,900	203,400	208,700	102,000	75,300	90,600	802,200	991,500	723,300	1,451,500
Europe	645,700	617,500	592,200	567,900	553,500	546,700	550,000	550,600	516,000	558,500
Latin America/Caribbean	110,000	209,900	103,800	108,000	119,700	148,000	112,000	110,600	324,400	117,000
North America	518,500	547,200	550,900	543,400	541,400	546,300	527,400	714,200	765,300	791,900
Oceania	44,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	50,000	50,000	315,000	315,000
Various/unknown	5,000	143,000	151,000	–	24,100	5,000	–	8,900	9,300	2,100
Total	2,480,200	2,750,900	2,732,900	2,371,500	2,460,600	2,991,400	3,757,700	4,530,800	5,069,700	6,298,100
Region	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Africa	4,153,600	3,026,000	2,951,900	2,907,000	3,408,100	3,713,500	3,469,100	3,981,000	4,590,900	4,811,600
Asia	2,728,100	4,677,900	5,298,000	5,525,200	5,320,200	5,986,700	6,769,200	6,784,300	6,771,300	6,819,100
Europe	574,300	587,900	569,900	621,300	676,200	1,032,100	1,119,200	1,173,100	1,203,100	1,213,300
Latin America/Caribbean	178,700	405,800	345,400	353,800	369,900	334,300	339,000	338,600	1,198,200	1,203,900
North America	941,700	1,099,400	1,107,600	1,120,900	736,500	579,700	491,100	463,200	486,900	543,200
Oceania	315,000	327,800	329,800	328,800	104,500	105,400	101,600	101,400	104,400	110,300
Various/unknown	2,600	70,100	70,000	70,000	70,000	65,500	300,000	227,000	200	200
Total	8,894,000	10,194,900	10,672,600	10,927,200	10,685,400	11,817,200	12,589,200	13,068,700	14,355,000	14,701,600
Region	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Africa	5,891,400	5,277,700	5,384,700	6,444,000	6,752,200	5,692,100	4,341,500	3,481,400	3,270,900	3,523,100
Asia	7,943,800	8,518,700	7,736,700	5,818,600	5,015,200	4,819,900	4,813,900	4,733,000	4,747,300	4,781,800
Europe	1,468,400	1,564,400	3,446,200	3,061,600	2,555,300	3,095,000	3,173,100	2,945,900	2,667,700	2,617,700
Latin America/Caribbean	1,197,400	899,400	885,800	125,000	109,000	127,700	87,600	83,200	74,200	61,100
North America	617,600	683,700	763,800	806,500	795,500	771,300	737,500	687,500	659,700	649,600
Oceania	109,700	76,000	73,800	62,300	64,200	67,600	75,000	72,900	74,300	64,500
Various/unknown	200	2,000	15,500	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	17,228,500	17,022,000	18,306,400	16,317,900	15,291,400	14,573,600	13,228,500	12,003,900	11,494,200	11,697,800

Notes:

As on 31 December of each given year.

Due to the general lack of comparable data on refugee populations in Europe, North America and Oceania, most figures for these regions have been estimated by UNHCR based on the arrival of refugees and/or recognition of asylum seekers as refugees. Consequently, regional totals for some years may differ from estimates provided by UNHCR earlier.

See technical notes for further explanations and data limitations.

Refugee populations by main country of asylum, 1980–99 (in thousands)

Annex 4

Country of asylum	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Algeria	52.0	167.0	167.0	167.0	167.0	174.2	167.2	167.0	170.0	169.1
Angola	75.0	91.7	96.3	96.3	92.3	91.5	92.3	91.2	90.4	12.9
Armenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Australia ^a	304.0	317.0	317.0	317.0	89.0	89.0	85.9	87.6	91.0	97.9
Austria ^b	15.5	17.9	35.0	37.3	39.1	40.5	41.2	41.2	39.8	39.4
Azerbaijan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benin	-	-	-	0.1	0.8	3.7	3.7	3.1	1.2	0.9
Burundi	234.6	234.6	253.2	253.8	273.8	267.4	267.5	267.5	267.5	267.5
Cameroon	128.0	172.7	36.8	4.2	13.7	35.2	53.6	59.2	51.2	48.6
Canada ^c	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
China	263.0	265.0	272.1	276.6	279.8	279.7	285.8	280.6	284.3	284.3
Costa Rica	10.1	15.0	16.4	16.9	16.9	24.0	31.2	31.6	278.8	278.8
Côte d'Ivoire	-	-	-	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.5
Croatia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Djibouti	45.3	31.8	34.2	29.2	16.8	17.3	16.7	13.1	1.3	31.4
DR Congo (ex-Zaire)	611.1	576.7	497.6	303.5	337.3	283.0	301.2	320.0	340.7	340.7
Ethiopia	10.9	5.5	5.6	31.4	180.5	180.4	132.4	310.5	679.5	710.2
France	150.0	150.0	150.0	161.2	167.3	174.2	180.3	179.3	184.4	188.3
Germany, FR ^d	94.0	100.0	100.0	115.0	126.6	475.0	547.9	596.2	610.2	628.5
Ghana	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Guatemala	4.1	100.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	223.1	223.1
Guinea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honduras	25.0	28.0	32.2	39.7	49.2	60.0	68.0	63.0	237.1	237.2
India	-	3.5	5.0	6.9	7.2	6.7	6.4	6.7	6.6	9.5
Indonesia	8.5	14.9	13.2	10.1	9.5	8.2	4.0	2.5	2.4	1.0
Iran, Islamic Rep.	300.0	1,565.0	1,700.1	1,900.1	2,000.0	2,300.0	2,590.0	2,760.0	2,850.0	2,850.0
Iraq	0.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	83.2	111.0	1.0	-	-
Italy	14.0	13.5	13.6	14.2	15.1	15.2	15.5	10.6	11.0	11.4
Kenya	3.5	3.4	4.8	6.8	8.1	8.8	8.0	10.2	12.8	12.7
Kuwait	5.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.8	2.3	-	-	-	0.2
Liberia	-	-	-	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3
Malawi	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	401.6	628.1	822.5
Malaysia	104.0	103.3	99.2	110.7	109.1	105.3	99.0	99.4	104.6	110.5
Mauritania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	-	15.0
Mexico	44.0	150.0	167.8	170.0	175.0	175.0	175.1	177.1	356.4	356.5
Nepal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.1
Netherlands ^e	12.0	13.0	14.0	14.5	15.0	15.5	16.0	24.0	26.0	27.2
Nigeria	100.0	89.6	5.2	4.6	4.6	5.9	4.8	5.1	5.2	3.8
Pakistan	1,428.2	2,375.3	2,877.5	2,901.4	2,500.0	2,732.4	2,882.1	3,159.0	3,257.6	3,275.7
Russian Federation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rwanda	10.5	18.2	62.0	49.5	48.9	20.1	19.4	19.5	22.2	23.3
Saudi Arabia	100.0	65.0	59.0	59.0	105.5	130.0	202.1	-	-	-
Sierra Leone	-	-	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	-
Somalia	2,000.0	700.0	700.0	700.0	701.3	812.0	700.0	840.1	834.0	769.6
Sudan	493.0	553.0	637.0	690.0	971.0	1,164.0	974.2	807.1	745.0	767.7
Sweden ^f	20.0	20.0	20.0	43.0	90.6	90.6	120.0	130.0	139.8	139.8
Switzerland ^g	32.0	40.0	33.4	32.3	31.2	30.7	31.3	31.7	31.9	36.8
Tanzania, United Rep.	159.6	164.2	160.0	180.1	179.9	214.5	223.5	266.2	265.2	265.1
Thailand	261.4	193.0	169.0	144.3	128.5	130.4	119.9	112.7	107.8	99.9
Uganda	113.0	113.0	113.0	133.0	151.0	151.0	144.1	87.7	103.1	130.0
United Kingdom ^h	148.0	146.0	143.0	140.0	135.0	135.0	100.0	100.0	101.3	39.2
USA ^a	849.0	1,003.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	623.5	487.5	392.3	358.4	370.4	407.5
Yemen ⁱ	15.6	1.0	1.4	3.7	4.3	5.0	105.0	73.0	78.2	80.1
Yugoslavia, Fed. Rep.	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	3.2	3.5	2.2	1.4	0.9	1.0
Zambia	36.4	40.6	89.1	103.0	96.5	103.8	138.3	144.1	143.6	137.2
Zimbabwe	0.1	5.1	20.2	50.4	50.5	62.8	65.2	123.6	174.5	175.4

Annex 4

Country of asylum	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Algeria	169.1	169.1	219.3	219.1	219.1	206.8	190.3	170.7	165.2	165.2
Angola	11.6	11.0	11.0	10.9	10.7	10.9	9.4	9.4	10.6	13.1
Armenia	–	–	300.0	340.7	304.0	218.0	219.0	219.0	310.0	296.2
Australia ^a	97.9	53.1	49.8	50.6	52.1	54.3	59.0	60.2	61.8	59.7
Austria ^b	34.9	34.5	62.4	57.7	40.7	34.4	89.1	84.4	79.9	80.3
Azerbaijan	–	–	246.0	230.0	231.6	233.7	233.0	233.7	221.6	221.6
Bangladesh	–	40.3	245.0	199.0	116.2	51.1	30.7	21.6	22.3	22.2
Benin	0.5	0.5	0.3	156.2	70.4	23.5	6.0	2.9	2.9	3.7
Burundi	268.4	270.1	271.7	271.9	300.3	173.0	20.7	22.0	25.1	22.1
Cameroon	49.9	45.2	42.2	44.0	44.0	45.9	46.4	47.1	47.7	49.2
Canada ^c	154.8	170.9	183.7	183.2	164.3	151.0	138.7	133.6	135.7	136.6
China	287.2	288.9	288.1	288.2	287.1	288.3	290.1	291.5	292.3	293.3
Costa Rica	276.2	117.5	114.4	24.8	24.6	24.2	23.2	23.1	23.0	22.9
Côte d'Ivoire	272.3	230.3	174.1	251.7	360.1	297.9	327.7	208.5	119.9	138.4
Croatia	–	–	648.0	280.0	183.6	188.6	165.4	68.9	29.0	28.4
Djibouti	70.2	96.1	28.0	34.1	33.4	25.7	25.1	23.6	23.6	23.3
DR Congo (ex-Zaire)	416.4	483.0	391.1	572.1	1,724.4	1,433.8	676.0	297.5	240.3	285.2
Ethiopia	772.8	527.0	431.8	247.6	348.1	393.5	390.5	323.1	262.0	257.7
France	193.2	170.0	182.6	183.0	152.3	170.2	151.3	147.3	140.2	140.2
Germany, FR ^d	816.0	821.5	1,236.0	1,418.0	1,354.6	1,267.9	1,266.0	1,049.0	949.2	975.5
Ghana	8.1	8.1	12.1	150.1	113.7	89.2	35.6	22.9	14.6	13.3
Guatemala	223.4	223.2	222.9	4.7	4.7	1.5	1.6	1.5	0.8	0.7
Guinea	325.0	548.0	478.5	577.2	553.2	633.0	663.9	435.3	413.7	501.5
Honduras	237.1	102.0	100.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	–	–	–
India	12.7	210.6	258.4	260.3	258.3	274.1	233.4	223.1	185.5	180.0
Indonesia	20.6	18.7	15.6	2.4	0.1	–	0.1	–	0.1	162.5
Iran, Islamic Rep.	4,174.4	4,405.0	4,150.7	2,495.0	2,236.4	2,024.5	2,030.4	1,982.6	1,931.3	1,835.7
Iraq	0.9	88.0	95.0	108.1	119.6	123.3	113.0	104.0	104.1	128.9
Italy	11.7	12.2	12.4	12.4	12.5	80.0	71.6	73.4	68.3	22.9
Kenya	14.4	120.2	401.9	301.6	252.4	239.5	223.6	232.1	238.2	223.7
Kuwait	–	125.0	124.9	24.0	30.0	30.0	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.3
Liberia	–	–	100.0	150.2	120.2	120.0	120.1	126.9	103.1	96.3
Malawi	926.7	981.8	1,058.5	713.6	90.2	1.0	1.3	0.3	0.4	1.7
Malaysia	14.9	13.9	10.3	0.9	5.3	0.2	0.2	5.3	50.6	50.5
Mauritania	20.4	35.2	37.5	46.7	82.2	40.4	15.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mexico	356.4	360.2	361.0	52.0	47.4	39.6	34.6	31.9	28.3	24.5
Nepal	0.1	9.6	75.5	85.3	103.3	124.8	126.8	129.2	126.1	127.9
Netherlands ^e	15.1	18.3	29.8	44.2	62.8	80.8	103.5	119.0	131.8	129.1
Nigeria	3.6	3.6	4.8	4.8	6.0	8.1	8.5	9.0	7.9	6.9
Pakistan	3,185.3	3,099.9	1,629.2	1,479.5	1,055.4	1,202.7	1,202.7	1,202.7	1,202.5	1,202.0
Russian Federation	–	–	17.1	44.7	50.2	42.3	205.5	237.7	128.6	80.1
Rwanda	23.6	34.0	25.2	277.0	6.0	7.8	25.3	34.2	33.4	34.4
Saudi Arabia	–	33.1	28.7	24.0	18.0	13.3	9.9	5.8	5.5	5.6
Sierra Leone	125.8	28.0	5.9	15.8	15.9	4.7	13.5	13.0	9.9	6.6
Somalia	460.0	–	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.1
Sudan	780.0	729.2	725.6	745.2	727.2	558.2	393.9	374.4	391.5	391.0
Sweden ^f	183.4	238.4	324.5	257.0	186.1	189.9	191.2	186.7	178.8	159.5
Switzerland ^g	40.9	45.6	51.9	56.6	75.3	82.9	84.4	83.2	81.9	111.6
Tanzania, United Rep.	265.2	288.1	292.1	564.5	883.3	829.7	498.7	570.4	543.9	622.2
Thailand	99.8	88.2	63.6	104.4	100.8	101.4	108.0	169.2	138.3	100.1
Uganda	142.4	162.5	196.3	286.5	286.5	229.4	264.3	188.5	204.5	218.2
United Kingdom ^h	43.7	43.4	64.8	80.3	85.1	90.5	97.5	105.3	116.1	132.7
USA ^a	462.9	512.8	580.1	623.2	631.3	620.3	598.8	553.9	524.1	513.0

Country of asylum	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Yemen ¹	3.0	30.0	59.7	53.8	13.6	40.3	53.5	38.5	61.4	60.5
Yugoslavia, Fed. Rep.	0.9	0.5	516.5	479.1	195.5	650.0	563.2	550.1	502.0	500.7
Zambia	138.0	140.7	142.1	141.1	141.1	130.6	131.1	165.1	168.6	206.4
Zimbabwe	182.7	197.6	237.7	100.5	2.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.8	2.0

Notes:

This table includes countries with 75,000 or more refugees in at least one year during 1980–99. As on 31 December of each given year.

¹The 1984–99 figures have been estimated by UNHCR, based on the arrival of refugees and/or recognition of asylum seekers as refugees over a 5 year period. The method of estimation prior to 1984 is unknown.

²Number of refugees estimated by UNHCR, based on the arrival of refugees and/or recognition of asylum seekers as refugees over a 10 year period, refugees benefiting from the Temporary Protection Scheme and refugees provided with a regular aliens residence permit.

³Number of refugees estimated by UNHCR, based on the arrival of refugees and/or recognition of asylum seekers as refugees over a 5 year period.

⁴The 1980–84 figures include “persons granted asylum and refugees recognized abroad”, “quota refugees” and “homeless foreigners” while the 1985–99 figures include the additional categories “family members of persons granted asylum”, “civil war refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina” and “de facto refugees” (Source: Central Aliens Register).

⁵The 1990–99 figures have been estimated by UNHCR, based on the arrival of refugees and/or recognition of asylum seekers as refugees over a 10 year period. The method of estimation prior to 1990 is unknown.

⁶The 1994–99 figures have been estimated by UNHCR, based on the arrival of refugees and/or recognition of asylum seekers as refugees over a 10 year period. The method of estimation prior to 1994 is unknown.

⁷The 1980–84 figures include “recognized refugees” only, while the 1985–99 figures include the additional categories “temporary admission” granted during, after or without procedure and humanitarian and other comparable regulations.

⁸The 1989–99 figures have been estimated by UNHCR, based on the arrival of refugees and/or recognition of asylum seekers as refugees over a 10 year period. The method of estimation prior to 1989 is unknown.

⁹The 1980–89 figures are for the Yemen Arab Republic and People's Democratic Republic of Yemen combined. Those from 1990 onwards are for the united Republic of Yemen.

See technical notes for further explanations and data limitations.

Largest refugee populations by origin, 1980–99 (in thousands)

Annex 5

Origin	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Afghanistan	1,734.7	3,879.5	4,487.7	4,712.2	4,417.1	4,652.6	5,093.7	5,511.2	5,609.3	5,630.8
Angola	449.0	457.1	465.9	298.1	357.8	317.4	355.4	391.7	407.3	408.4
Armenia	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	–
Azerbaijan	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bhutan	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bosnia and Herzegovina	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Burundi	169.8	183.0	176.3	176.6	182.9	199.8	210.6	186.9	190.2	191.4
Cambodia	192.7	134.9	123.2	90.9	72.3	67.3	54.7	48.4	44.5	40.4
Chad	221.0	234.3	17.0	16.7	181.3	212.2	170.1	146.9	130.8	125.9
China	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Croatia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
DR Congo (ex-Zaire)	116.8	119.0	92.5	101.6	94.5	86.4	96.6	69.4	103.4	100.5
East Timor	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
El Salvador	91.6	304.8	242.4	244.6	243.0	180.6	171.8	167.6	165.3	38.6
Eritrea	0.4	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	–	–	–	–
Ethiopia	2,567.4	1,362.3	1,333.9	1,350.7	1,545.4	1,748.5	1,533.7	1,486.7	1,501.0	1,462.4
Iran, Islamic Rep.	–	0.7	2.3	5.0	3.9	86.6	85.8	8.5	9.5	5.4
Iraq	31.0	66.4	103.6	103.5	101.4	401.2	400.4	410.4	505.9	504.1
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	105.2	89.9	80.5	84.9	86.6	99.2	91.1	78.8	80.0	72.5
Liberia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mali	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mauritania	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	48.2
Mozambique	0.1	5.2	20.2	50.2	51.2	72.3	193.6	635.0	921.2	1,120.7
Myanmar	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Namibia	55.6	74.5	75.2	75.1	77.6	76.9	77.0	75.7	76.5	3.7
Nicaragua	1.0	2.5	19.0	23.5	35.0	52.7	67.6	68.5	77.4	84.3
Palestinians	–	–	9.8	9.1	–	31.6	52.7	2.0	5.0	4.1
Philippines	90.0	90.0	90.0	100.0	100.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0
Rwanda	286.7	277.0	328.0	321.8	357.1	376.5	371.9	353.4	327.5	319.5
Sierra Leone	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Somalia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	60.0	350.7	325.6
Sri Lanka	–	–	–	–	–	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Sudan	10.9	5.4	5.4	31.0	180.1	180.9	132.8	253.2	347.2	438.7
Togo	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Turkey	–	–	0.3	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.1	–	1.5
Uganda	224.3	176.7	271.3	315.3	294.0	306.0	238.6	111.0	21.0	19.7
Viet Nam	344.5	310.1	322.8	325.6	321.3	318.2	318.0	316.5	317.4	326.2
Western Sahara	50.0	165.0	165.0	165.0	165.0	165.0	165.0	165.0	165.0	167.2
Yemen	15.0	–	–	–	–	–	100.0	70.0	77.0	77.0
Yugoslavia, FR	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Origin	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Afghanistan	6,326.4	6,294.8	4,550.6	3,388.2	2,745.2	2,681.7	2,673.2	2,650.4	2,633.9	2,562.0
Angola	407.5	381.3	300.1	325.6	283.9	246.2	248.9	265.7	315.9	350.7
Armenia	–	–	195.0	195.1	201.5	198.6	198.7	201.2	190.2	190.3
Azerbaijan	–	–	300.0	328.0	299.0	200.3	210.9	234.2	328.5	13.2
Bhutan	–	9.5	75.4	85.3	103.3	104.7	106.8	108.7	105.7	107.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	–	–	436.9	579.3	321.2	468.2	893.6	706.5	471.6	382.9
Burundi	191.6	223.9	184.1	871.3	389.2	349.8	427.5	517.6	500.0	524.4
Cambodia	38.1	36.8	24.0	7.7	6.9	60.1	59.7	100.7	73.1	38.6
Chad	184.8	72.3	66.4	212.9	211.9	59.7	58.4	54.9	59.3	58.2
China	–	–	80.0	109.1	109.2	118.0	118.0	118.5	118.5	120.1
Croatia	–	–	168.6	151.2	78.3	242.9	305.6	342.1	334.6	340.3
DR Congo (ex-Zaire)	67.0	65.3	80.4	74.7	71.6	86.2	154.3	168.7	152.4	249.3
East Timor	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	162.5
El Salvador	27.1	29.6	27.2	22.6	16.7	13.5	13.9	13.5	9.6	9.6
Eritrea	–	500.6	503.2	427.2	422.4	285.7	330.9	318.2	345.4	345.6
Ethiopia	1,324.8	225.9	282.1	219.8	188.1	66.0	73.0	64.1	53.2	53.7
Iran, Islamic Rep.	2.9	56.8	56.2	49.6	50.0	46.4	70.1	59.0	52.2	54.2
Iraq	1,116.9	1,305.2	1,322.7	740.0	702.1	628.0	654.5	631.6	590.8	572.1
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	71.3	61.4	43.4	29.3	14.1	23.1	19.6	16.4	13.5	15.5
Liberia	735.6	673.3	519.8	701.8	794.2	740.0	778.1	487.0	258.7	285.0
Mali	–	14.7	71.2	98.6	172.7	77.1	55.1	10.4	3.6	0.3
Mauritania	66.0	79.9	79.6	67.9	68.0	83.9	82.3	68.9	67.8	27.7
Mozambique	1,248.0	1,316.6	1,344.9	1,309.2	234.5	125.5	34.6	33.6	–	–
Myanmar	–	40.0	245.0	281.3	203.9	146.3	135.1	132.3	129.6	127.8
Namibia	0.5	0.2	–	0.1	0.1	–	–	–	1.9	0.7
Nicaragua	36.9	31.6	31.0	23.4	22.9	20.8	20.1	19.8	18.9	18.6
Palestinians ^a	4.0	59.6	89.0	74.7	75.3	65.1	74.0	71.1	72.8	100.5
Philippines	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	45.1	45.1
Rwanda	361.3	431.2	434.7	450.4	2,257.0	1,818.4	467.7	66.0	73.4	84.3
Sierra Leone	–	142.6	253.6	311.1	275.1	379.1	374.4	328.4	411.0	487.2
Somalia	455.2	720.8	788.2	516.6	535.9	579.3	573.0	525.4	480.8	451.5
Sri Lanka	–	200.0	113.4	76.8	77.3	71.4	79.5	93.7	87.3	93.4
Sudan	523.8	195.9	266.9	391.4	398.6	436.5	464.0	351.7	374.2	467.7
Togo	–	–	0.1	291.0	167.7	92.9	25.2	6.6	2.7	2.7
Turkey	–	–	–	5.5	16.9	32.9	41.6	38.3	32.7	36.9
Uganda	56.4	36.8	28.5	28.4	26.0	18.8	23.8	50.9	9.0	10.3
Viet Nam	343.6	325.5	322.0	307.6	300.4	342.5	329.2	320.2	315.7	326.3
Western Sahara	165.0	165.0	165.0	165.0	166.5	165.0	166.3	166.1	166.0	165.9
Yemen	–	–	–	–	–	0.2	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.5
Yugoslavia, FR	–	43.0	418.6	48.8	38.5	46.9	76.8	79.9	100.2	112.6

Notes:

The table shows the origin for refugee populations of 75,000 or more in at least one year during 1980–99.

As on 31 December of each given year.

The origin of refugees is not available for a number of, mostly industrialized, states.

^a Does not include Palestinian refugees assisted by the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

See technical notes for further explanations and data limitations.

Refugee populations by origin and country/ territory of asylum, 31 December 1999

Annex 6

Origin	Country/territory of asylum	Number	Origin	Country/territory of asylum	Number
Afghanistan		2,601,400	Cambodia		38,600
	Iran	1,325,700		France*	21,400
	Pakistan	1,200,000		Viet Nam	15,000
	Netherlands*	20,300		Other	2,200
	Germany*	16,600			
	India	14,500	Chad		57,900
	Tajikistan	4,500		Cameroon	44,600
	United Kingdom*	3,500		Sudan	4,400
	Denmark*	2,300		Central African Rep.	3,500
	Kazakhstan	2,300		Nigeria	3,200
	Other	11,700		Other	2,200
Angola		349,600	China		107,600
	Zambia	163,100		India	98,000
	Dem. Rep. of Congo	150,000		USA**	3,800
	Congo	20,600		Netherlands*	2,100
	Namibia	7,000		Other	3,700
	South Africa	3,800	Congo		26,200
	Other	5,100		Gabon	12,200
Armenia		189,700		Dem. Rep. of Congo	11,800
	Azerbaijan	188,400		Other	2,200
	Other	1,300	Croatia		343,400
Azerbaijan		310,700		Yugoslavia, Fed. Rep.	298,000
	Armenia	296,200		Bosnia and H.	39,600
	Russian Federation	12,900		Croatia	2,800
	Other	1,600		Other	3,000
Bhutan		107,600	Democratic Rep. of Congo		252,400
	Nepal	107,600		Tanzania, United Rep.	98,500
Bosnia and Herzegovina		472,700		Zambia	36,400
	Yugoslavia, Fed. Rep.	198,200		Rwanda	33,000
	Austria	66,700		Burundi	20,800
	Germany*	50,000		Angola	12,800
	Sweden*	52,800		Congo	12,400
	Denmark*	27,300		Central African Rep.	9,500
	Croatia	25,000		Uganda	8,000
	Netherlands*	23,900		France*	5,200
	Norway*	14,300		South Africa	4,100
	Switzerland	7,300		Canada**	2,300
	Slovenia	3,100	East Timor		162,500
	Other	4,100		Indonesia	162,500
Burundi		524,700	Eritrea		345,500
	Tanzania, United Rep.	499,000		Sudan	342,100
	Dem. Rep. of Congo	19,200		Yemen	2,500
	Other	6,500		Other	900

Origin	Country/territory of asylum	Number	Origin	Country/territory of asylum	Number
Ethiopia		59,500	Myanmar		127,800
	Sudan	35,400		Thailand	99,700
	Kenya	4,800		Bangladesh	22,100
	United Kingdom*	4,300		Malaysia	5,100
	Sweden*	3,300		Other	900
	Yemen	2,400			
	Netherlands*	2,000	Palestinians		104,300
	USA**	2,000		Iraq	90,000
	Other	5,300		Libyan Arab Jamah.	7,600
				Denmark*	3,900
Georgia		28,400		Kuwait	2,200
	Russian Federation	28,000		Other	600
	Other	400			
			Philippines		45,100
Guatemala		23,100		Malaysia	45,100
	Mexico	22,300			
	Other	800	Russian Federation	22,400	
				Kazakhstan	7,000
Iran, Islamic Republic of		90,900		Georgia	5,200
	Iraq	26,500		USA**	2,700
	Germany*	19,100		Other	7,500
	Sweden*	11,000			
	Netherlands*	9,700	Rwanda		84,800
	Canada**	4,700		Dem. Rep. of Congo	33,000
	Norway*	3,800		Tanzania, United Rep.	20,100
	Denmark*	2,800		Uganda	8,000
	France*	2,800		Congo	6,500
	United Kingdom *	2,400		Zambia	4,200
	Other	8,100		Kenya	2,900
				Belgium*	2,100
Iraq		639,300		Other	8,000
	Iran, Islamic Rep.	510,000			
	Germany*	34,500	Sierra Leone		487,200
	Sweden*	24,000		Guinea	370,600
	Netherlands*	22,900		Liberia	96,300
	Denmark*	10,500		Gambia	12,000
	United Kingdom*	5,700		Other	8,300
	Saudi Arabia	5,400			
	Norway*	4,800	Somalia		496,200
	Syrian Arab Rep.	3,400		Ethiopia	180,900
	USA**	2,600		Kenya	141,100
	Lebanon	2,500		Yemen	55,200
	Other	13,000		Djibouti	21,600
				Netherlands*	18,500
Liberia		288,400		United Kingdom*	18,100
	Côte d'Ivoire	135,600		Denmark*	9,600
	Guinea	129,100		Sweden*	7,700
	Ghana	10,400		USA**	5,200
	Sierra Leone	6,600		South Africa	4,700
	USA**	2,500		Canada**	4,000
	Other	4,200		Norway*	3,600
				Tanzania, United Rep.	3,300
Mauritania		29,200		Libyan Arab Jamah.	2,900
	Senegal	20,000		Egypt	2,600
	Mali	6,100		Finland*	2,400
	Other	3,100		Switzerland	2,400

Annex 6

Origin	Country/territory of asylum	Number	Origin	Country/territory of asylum	Number
Somalia continued			Turkey continued		
	Eritrea	2,300	Sweden*		2,400
	Other	10,100	Other		400
Sri Lanka			Uzbekistan		
	India	66,400	Azerbaijan		33,200
	France*	15,900	Russian Federation		11,000
	Canada**	9,700	Other		100
	Germany*	9,200			
	United Kingdom*	8,300	Viet Nam		
	Switzerland	4,300	China		293,200
	Norway*	2,300	France*		15,700
	Netherlands*	2,100	Belgium*		3,100
	Other	2,500	Japan		3,100
			Switzerland		3,100
			Sweden*		2,400
Sudan			Other		5,700
	Uganda	200,600			
	Ethiopia	70,300	Western Sahara		
	Dem. Rep. of Congo	68,000			165,900
	Kenya	64,300	Algeria		165,000
	Central African Rep.	35,500	Other		900
	Chad	23,300			
	Egypt	2,600	Yugoslavia, Fed. Rep.		
	Netherlands*	2,300	Sweden*		29,200
	United Kingdom *	2,000	Bosnia and H.		26,100
	Other	5,800	FYR Macedonia		21,000
			Germany*		21,000
			Norway*		10,400
Tajikistan			Netherlands*		7,000
	Turkmenistan	17,000	France*		5,600
	Russian Federation	12,300	United Kingdom*		4,400
	Kyrgyzstan	10,100	Italy		4,100
	Kazakhstan	5,400	USA**		4,100
	Other	100	Albania		3,900
			Croatia		3,400
Turkey			Switzerland		4,500
	Germany*	40,800	Denmark*		3,100
	France*	11,900	Finland*		2,200
	Iraq	11,200	Other		3,400
	Switzerland	5,000			

Notes:

The table shows the origin for refugee populations of 20,000 and more only. Countries of asylum are listed if they host 2,000 refugees or more from that country/territory of origin.

*Number of refugees estimated by UNHCR, based on the arrival of refugees and/or recognition of asylum seekers as refugees over the past 10 years. These estimates exclude resettled refugees.

**Number of refugees estimated by UNHCR, based on the arrival of refugees and/or recognition of asylum seekers as refugees over the past 5 years. These estimates exclude resettled refugees.

This table includes estimates on recognized asylum seekers as refugees in industrialized states. As a result, the totals by origin differ from those provided in Annex 5 as well as from estimates in other UNHCR documents.

See technical notes for further explanations and data limitations.

Source: Governments, UNHCR

Refugees per 1,000 inhabitants: top 40 countries as on 31 December 1999

Annex 7

Country of asylum/residence	Refugees per 1,000 inhabitants	Country of asylum/residence	Refugees per 1,000 inhabitants
Armenia	84.2	FYR Macedonia	10.5
Guinea	67.5	Norway	10.3
Yugoslavia, Federal Republic of	47.1	Uganda	10.0
Djibouti	36.5	Austria	9.8
Liberia	32.7	Côte d'Ivoire	9.4
Azerbaijan	28.7	Netherlands	8.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	27.1	Pakistan	7.7
Zambia	22.5	Kenya	7.4
Tanzania, United Republic of	18.6	Croatia	6.3
Sweden	17.5	Guinea-Bissau	5.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	16.5	Costa Rica	5.7
Central African Republic	13.6	Iraq	5.6
Congo	13.6	Democratic Republic of the Congo	5.5
Sudan	13.3	Nepal	5.3
Gambia	13.2	Algeria	5.2
Denmark	13.0	Rwanda	4.4
Gabon	12.3	Canada	4.4
Belize	12.0	Namibia	4.3
Germany	11.9	Turkmenistan	4.1
Switzerland	11.1	Ethiopia	4.1

Note: See technical notes for explanations and data limitations.

Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *World Population Prospects: The 1998 Revision*, New York, 1999; UNHCR

Number of refugees in the Great Lakes region of Africa, 1960–99

Annex 8

Country	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Burundi	..	30,000	30,000	34,000	78,000	65,000	79,000	79,000	72,000	46,200
DR Congo (ex-Zaire)	..	203,000	223,000	237,000	236,000	265,000	357,100	434,100	475,400	496,300
Rwanda	..	–	–	–	–	3,000	300	–	–	–
Uganda	..	52,000	52,000	59,000	113,000	137,400	156,000	162,800	175,700	177,300
United Rep. of Tanzania	..	12,000	12,000	12,000	25,000	29,000	34,000	39,800	46,000	54,600
Total	..	297,000	317,000	342,000	452,000	499,400	626,400	715,700	769,100	774,400

Country	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Burundi	38,800	33,000	43,400	49,000	48,500	49,500	49,500	50,000	50,300	50,500
DR Congo (ex-Zaire)	489,000	474,300	495,300	460,100	503,300	510,000	515,000	530,300	653,000	710,500
Rwanda	–	–	4,000	6,500	6,000	7,400	7,500	7,500	7,600	7,900
Uganda	179,800	180,900	166,600	113,900	118,500	112,600	112,900	113,600	113,700	112,700
United Rep. of Tanzania	71,500	71,200	165,000	180,900	193,200	171,200	154,000	164,600	161,000	160,800
Total	779,100	759,400	874,300	810,400	869,500	850,700	838,900	866,000	985,600	1,042,400

Country	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Burundi	234,600	234,600	253,200	253,800	273,800	267,400	267,500	267,500	267,500	267,500
DR Congo (ex-Zaire)	611,100	576,700	497,600	303,500	337,300	283,000	301,200	320,000	340,700	340,700
Rwanda	10,500	18,200	62,000	49,500	48,900	20,100	19,400	19,500	22,200	23,300
Uganda	113,000	113,000	113,000	133,000	151,000	151,000	144,100	87,700	103,100	130,000
United Rep. of Tanzania	159,600	164,200	160,000	180,100	179,900	214,500	223,500	266,200	265,200	265,100
Total	1,128,800	1,106,700	1,085,800	919,900	990,900	936,000	955,700	960,900	998,700	1,026,600

Country	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Burundi	268,400	270,100	271,700	271,900	300,300	173,000	20,700	22,000	25,100	22,100
DR Congo (ex-Zaire)	416,400	483,000	391,100	572,100	1,724,400	1,433,800	676,000	297,500	240,300	285,200
Rwanda	23,600	34,000	25,200	277,000	6,000	7,800	25,300	34,200	33,400	34,400
Uganda	145,700	162,500	196,300	286,500	286,500	229,400	264,300	188,500	204,500	218,200
United Rep. of Tanzania	265,200	288,100	292,100	564,500	883,300	829,700	498,700	570,400	543,900	622,200
Total	1,119,300	1,237,700	1,176,400	1,972,000	3,200,500	2,673,700	1,485,000	1,112,600	1,047,200	1,182,100

Note: As on 31 December of each given year.

See technical notes for explanations and data limitations.

Asylum applications and refugee admissions to industrialized states, 1990–99

Annex 9

Country	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Total
Australia^a											
Asylum applications	12,100	16,700	6,100	7,200	6,300	7,600	9,800	9,300	8,200	9,500	92,800
1951 Conventions status	90	190	610	990	1,000	680	1,400	1,000	2,500	1,900	10,400
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total recognition rate	31.8	11.4	5.8	9.9	13.3	9.1	18.1	6.6	23.8	26.4	14.6
Resettlement arrivals	12,000	7,800	7,200	10,900	11,400	13,600	11,300	8,000	11,100	8,300	101,600
Austria											
Asylum applications	22,800	27,300	16,200	4,700	5,100	5,900	7,000	6,700	13,800	20,100	129,600
1951 Convention status	860	2,500	2,300	1,200	680	990	720	640	500	..	10,400
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total recognition rate	6.8	12.5	9.8	7.8	7.5	13.0	8.2	8.1	5.3	..	9.1
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belgium											
Asylum applications	13,000	15,200	17,600	26,900	14,400	11,400	12,400	11,800	22,000	35,800	180,500
1951 Convention status	530	620	900	1,100	1,600	1,400	1,700	1,900	1,700	1,500	13,000
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total recognition rate	30.3	22.1	19.4	21.8	24.0	24.6	22.5	19.7	24.6	31.2	24.8
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bulgaria											
Asylum applications	-	-	-	-	-	520	300	430	830	1,300	3,400
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	-	-	50	150	130	90	180	600
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	20	10	*	10	380	420
Total recognition rate	-	-	-	-	-	70.8	49.8	47.6	22.0	37.8	39.3
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada											
Asylum applications	36,700	32,300	37,700	20,300	22,000	26,100	26,100	22,600	23,800	30,100	277,700
1951 Convention status	10,700	19,400	17,400	14,100	15,200	9,600	9,500	10,000	12,900	13,000	131,800
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total recognition rate	70.5	64.6	57.0	46.2	60.7	55.9	43.8	40.2	43.8	46.4	52.1
Resettlement arrivals	35,200	27,300	15,700	15,500	12,400	12,700	12,200	21,700	20,500	9,800	183,000
Czech Republic											
Asylum applications	1,800	2,000	820	2,200	1,200	1,400	2,200	2,100	4,100	8,500	26,300
1951 Convention status	30	780	250	240	120	60	160	100	80	80	1,900
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total recognition rate	100.0	99.9	96.6	95.7	40.5	74.7	87.1	3.9	2.8	0.9	11.1
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Denmark											
Asylum applications	5,300	4,600	13,900	14,300	6,700	5,100	5,900	5,100	5,700	6,500	73,100
1951 Convention status	700	990	760	650	680	5,000	1,400	980	1,100	1,100	13,400
Humanitarian status	1,600	2,200	2,500	2,300	1,700	14,900	6,800	4,500	3,200	2,600	42,300
Total recognition rate	-	-	-	-	-	86.7	81.7	58.3	54.5	51.8	72.4
Resettlement arrivals	750	860	550	3,200	3,800	2,000	600	500	450	520	13,300
Finland											
Asylum applications	2,700	2,100	3,600	2,000	840	850	710	970	1,300	3,100	18,200
1951 Convention status	20	20	30	20	30	10	10	10	10	30	190
Humanitarian status	140	1,700	700	2,100	390	230	340	290	380	470	6,700
Total recognition rate	32.1	73.3	35.1	59.6	45.6	46.8	58.6	52.1	44.1	18.2	47.3
Resettlement arrivals	640	460	670	590	650	640	840	630	300	540	6,000

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Country	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Total
France											
Asylum applications	54,800	47,400	28,900	27,600	26,000	20,200	17,400	21,400	22,400	30,800	296,900
1951 Convention status	13,500	15,500	10,300	9,900	7,000	4,500	4,300	4,100	4,000	-	73,100
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total recognition rate	15.4	19.7	28.0	27.9	23.7	15.6	19.6	17.0	17.5	-	20.0
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany											
Asylum applications	193,100	256,100	438,200	322,600	127,200	127,900	116,400	104,400	98,600	95,100	1,879,600
1951 Convention status ^b	6,500	11,600	9,200	16,400	25,600	23,500	24,100	18,200	11,300	10,300	156,700
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	3,600	2,100	2,800	2,500	2,100	13,100
Total recognition rate ^c	4.4	6.9	4.2	3.2	7.5	13.5	13.5	12.3	9.4	9.1	7.6
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greece											
Asylum applications	6,200	2,700	1,900	810	1,300	1,300	1,600	4,400	3,000	1,500	24,700
1951 Convention status ^d	1,100	330	200	40	90	200	230	220	440	150	3,000
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	90	290	420	870
Total recognition rate	19.4	4.5	5.7	5.3	11.9	16.1	15.7	12.9	17.4	26.5	12.9
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hungary^d											
Asylum applications	4,000	1,300	860	730	440	590	670	1,100	7,400	11,500	28,600
1951 Convention status	2,600	450	490	400	250	180	170	160	440	310	5,500
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	230	1,800	2,000
Total recognition rate	89.0	45.4	46.8	46.1	27.4	31.9	23.3	11.7	14.0	18.3	29.2
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ireland											
Asylum applications	-	30	40	90	360	420	1,200	3,900	4,600	7,700	18,300
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	-	-	20	40	210	170	510	950
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	10	10	10	120	30	40	220
Total recognition rate	-	-	-	-	25.0	34.8	56.8	52.3	12.0	9.2	13.9
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy											
Asylum applications	4,800	26,500	6,000	1,600	1,800	1,700	680	1,900	7,100	33,400	85,500
1951 Convention status ^d	820	800	340	130	300	290	170	350	1,000	810	5,000
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	860	860
Total recognition rate	59.5	4.9	4.8	8.8	17.7	16.6	24.8	21.0	29.6	20.0	13.4
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Japan											
Asylum applications	30	40	70	50	70	50	150	240	130	220	1,100
1951 Convention status	*	*	*	10	*	*	*	*	20	30	60
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	30
Total recognition rate	5.4	5.3	6.5	10.9	2.0	1.8	2.0	0.9	4.3	26.8	10.4
Resettlement arrivals	320	370	410	300	170	90	*	*	10	*	1,700
Netherlands											
Asylum applications	21,200	21,600	20,300	35,400	52,600	29,300	22,200	34,400	45,200	39,300	321,500
1951 Convention status	690	780	4,900	10,300	6,700	8,000	8,800	6,600	2,400	1,500	50,700
Humanitarian status	860	1,900	6,900	4,700	12,700	10,500	14,800	10,400	12,700	8,000	83,500
Total recognition rate	10.9	10.7	23.0	35.2	33.2	32.2	28.1	34.6	31.6	15.6	27.3
Resettlement arrivals	700	590	640	660	550	610	620	190	540	20	5,100
New Zealand^d											
Asylum applications	-	1,200	320	380	450	710	1,300	1,600	2,900	2,100	11,000
1951 Convention status	-	160	150	50	50	80	90	100	240	360	1,300
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total recognition rate	-	49.1	15.1	4.6	15.0	25.9	13.3	16.9	12.9	16.2	15.4
Resettlement arrivals	810	680	620	410	740	820	780	530	680	1,100	7,200

Country	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Total
Norway											
Asylum applications	4,000	4,600	5,200	12,900	3,400	1,500	1,800	2,300	8,400	10,200	54,300
1951 Convention status	130	120	140	50	20	30	10	90	110	180	880
Humanitarian status	1,500	1,900	2,000	8,000	6,300	2,600	1,500	1,100	2,100	3,000	30,000
Total recognition rate	28.3	34.4	29.9	53.7	48.7	52.3	38.6	29.7	39.9	33.3	41.4
Resettlement arrivals	970	1,100	2,000	1,500	690	1,600	790	1,300	1,100	1,500	12,600
Poland											
Asylum applications	-	-	-	820	600	840	3,200	3,500	3,400	3,000	15,400
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	60	400	110	130	150	60	50	960
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total recognition rate	-	-	-	14.1	41.7	14.4	6.3	3.8	1.9	1.4	6.7
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portugal											
Asylum applications	80	260	690	2,100	770	450	270	250	340	270	5,500
1951 Convention status	10	30	20	80	30	50	10	*	*	20	250
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	50
Total recognition rate	18.0	12.2	3.7	11.7	6.8	8.7	22.8	7.2	12.5	14.8	8.4
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Romania											
Asylum applications	-	-	-	-	-	-	590	1,400	1,200	1,700	4,900
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	80	180	250	600
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	370	470
Total recognition rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.3	21.6	10.5	26.4	17.6
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovak Republic											
Asylum applications	-	-	90	100	140	360	420	650	510	1,300	3,600
1951 Convention status	-	-	60	40	50	70	130	70	50	30	500
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total recognition rate	-	-	100.0	45.8	35.8	21.1	33.4	9.4	15.9	2.2	15.5
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia											
Asylum applications	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	70	500	870	1,500
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	*
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	10	40
Total recognition rate	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	-	-	15.0	1.3	4.1
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa											
Asylum applications	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,000	15,600	15,000	13,200	59,800
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,300	3,500	1,700	6,200	14,700
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total recognition rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	35.7	52.3	10.2	38.5	30.5
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spain											
Asylum applications	8,600	8,100	11,700	12,600	12,000	5,700	4,700	5,000	6,700	8,400	83,500
1951 Convention status	490	560	260	1,300	630	460	240	160	240	290	4,600
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	230	190	200	730	470	1,800
Total recognition rate	14.1	9.2	2.4	7.3	4.9	10.3	9.1	7.2	15.8	11.0	8.0
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweden											
Asylum applications	29,400	27,400	84,000	37,600	18,600	9,000	5,800	9,700	12,800	11,200	245,500
1951 Convention status	2,200	1,400	620	1,000	790	150	130	1,300	1,100	330	9,000
Humanitarian status	9,200	15,500	8,800	34,500	36,700	3,500	3,100	7,100	6,000	2,600	127,000
Total recognition rate	41.7	45.4	28.3	41.5	69.0	37.6	43.1	58.2	49.8	31.6	46.4
Resettlement arrivals	1,500	1,700	3,400	940	7,400	2,000	1,600	1,200	1,100	550	21,400

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Country	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Total
Switzerland											
Asylum applications	35,800	41,600	18,000	24,700	16,100	17,000	18,000	24,000	41,300	46,100	282,600
1951 Convention status	880	1,200	1,400	3,800	2,900	2,700	2,300	2,600	2,000	2,100	21,900
Humanitarian status	130	940	6,700	12,200	13,800	11,900	8,200	6,000	7,000	22,800	89,700
Total recognition rate	6.1	5.6	21.9	54.2	66.7	75.8	50.4	36.5	36.8	52.7	39.7
Resettlement arrivals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom^a											
Asylum applications	26,200	44,800	24,600	22,400	32,800	44,000	29,600	32,500	46,000	71,100	374,000
1951 Convention status	920	510	1,100	1,600	830	1,300	2,200	4,000	5,300	7,100	24,900
Humanitarian status	2,400	2,200	15,300	11,100	3,700	4,400	5,100	3,100	3,900	13,300	64,500
Total recognition rate	82.5	44.4	47.1	54.3	21.4	21.1	18.7	19.7	29.3	61.7	34.9
Resettlement arrivals	650	490	620	510	260	70	20	-	*	-	2,600
United States^{a,f}											
Asylum applications	73,600	56,300	104,000	143,100	144,600	149,100	107,100	52,200	35,900	31,700	897,600
1951 Convention status	4,200	2,100	3,900	5,000	8,100	12,500	13,500	9,900	9,900	13,200	82,300
Humanitarian status	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total recognition rate ^c	8.6	12.7	17.8	14.6	15.2	19.6	20.3	13.2	20.8	40.3	17.9
Resettlement arrivals ^g	122,300	112,800	132,200	119,500	112,700	99,500	75,700	70,100	76,600	85,000	1,006,400

Notes:

Asylum applications: generally excludes 're-opened' applications. Figures generally reflect the number of persons who applied for asylum.

1951 Convention status: Where the asylum procedure includes an administrative review or appeal process, a positive outcome of such decisions is generally included.

Figures generally exclude resettled refugees.

Humanitarian status: includes all non-Convention statuses granted (i.e. 'temporary admission status', 'provisional residence permit', 'exceptional leave to remain', etc.), but excludes persons whose deportation has been temporarily suspended.

Total recognition rate: number of refugees granted 1951 Convention and/or humanitarian status divided by the total number of decisions taken.

Resettlement arrivals: Figures may include persons who do not meet the international refugee definition and generally exclude family reunification.

* Value is below 5.

^a Data refers to fiscal year.

^b Including 're-opened' applications.

^c Excluding decisions in administrative review.

^d Includes applications/refugee determination under the UNHCR Mandate.

^e Number of cases.

^f Data provided by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

^g Including family reunification.

See technical notes for further explanations and data limitations.

Source: Governments

Main country/territory of origin of asylum seekers in Western Europe, 1990–99^a

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Origin	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Total
Former Yugoslavia	33,200	115,500	235,300	177,900	81,000	71,200	47,200	59,500	104,600	118,400	1,043,800
Romania	62,100	61,700	116,000	86,100	21,100	13,600	8,600	9,500	7,500	6,000	392,200
Turkey	48,800	45,500	37,100	25,500	26,100	41,400	38,300	32,900	20,900	19,400	335,900
Former USSR	4,800	10,300	16,400	28,300	16,300	18,100	20,800	23,100	21,400	37,100	196,600
Iraq	7,400	9,000	10,700	9,800	10,000	15,100	22,600	35,800	33,300	31,100	184,800
Sri Lanka	19,300	23,700	16,800	12,600	12,900	12,700	12,400	13,000	11,100	11,400	145,900
Somalia	12,200	11,100	14,600	13,300	12,400	11,800	7,500	8,500	11,900	14,000	117,300
Afghanistan	8,900	8,500	7,500	7,800	9,200	11,300	11,500	14,700	15,400	18,500	113,300
Iran, Islamic Rep.	18,300	15,300	7,800	7,100	12,000	10,000	10,000	8,300	8,100	11,900	108,800
Bulgaria	13,000	16,900	33,800	25,100	5,200	3,500	2,900	3,200	1,400	1,300	106,300
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	11,800	17,600	17,800	11,700	8,800	7,700	7,700	7,700	6,600	6,800	104,200
Pakistan	10,400	13,700	9,600	6,600	6,000	9,800	7,600	7,800	6,000	7,100	84,600
India	11,900	11,700	9,600	9,300	6,000	9,000	7,100	5,600	4,100	5,200	79,500
Viet Nam	13,400	11,600	13,700	12,400	4,100	3,700	2,800	3,500	3,500	2,900	71,600
Nigeria	8,100	12,400	12,700	4,300	6,300	8,900	6,300	4,500	3,600	2,500	69,600
Algeria	1,600	2,000	9,000	13,900	7,600	8,500	5,100	6,300	7,500	7,400	68,900
Albania	4,400	26,300	7,300	6,500	1,900	1,300	1,500	7,700	6,500	3,400	66,800
Lebanon	29,700	8,200	7,400	3,900	2,600	2,700	2,400	2,200	1,400	1,500	62,000
China	2,600	5,300	5,400	7,600	4,500	3,900	4,300	6,900	6,000	10,700	57,200
Ghana	9,400	11,100	10,500	5,500	3,100	3,200	1,600	1,400	800	800	47,400
Angola	9,700	11,200	2,200	4,000	4,900	3,100	2,500	1,900	2,000	4,100	45,600
Poland	16,600	7,500	6,400	3,300	1,400	1,700	1,500	1,100	1,700	2,300	43,500
Ethiopia	8,900	7,600	3,400	2,400	2,800	2,500	2,200	2,000	1,500	1,700	35,000
Syrian Arab Republic	6,700	2,900	2,200	1,700	1,600	2,100	3,100	3,000	3,200	4,100	30,600
Bangladesh	2,900	4,300	4,200	2,500	2,400	2,800	2,800	3,500	2,200	2,700	30,300
Liberia	1,400	4,500	6,900	4,700	2,000	2,200	3,000	1,800	700	500	27,700
Togo	500	3,200	4,700	4,300	5,000	1,800	1,700	2,500	1,100	1,300	26,100
Palestinians	7,300	2,800	3,800	2,600	1,800	500	600	400	100	300	20,200
Other/unknown	39,100	44,900	52,000	45,000	39,500	35,800	30,600	34,600	40,200	78,300	440,000
Total	424,400	526,300	684,800	545,700	318,500	319,900	276,200	312,900	334,300	412,700	4,155,700

Note:

^aCountries included are Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom (number of cases).

See technical notes for explanations and data limitations.

Source: Governments

UN High Commissioners for Refugees, 1951–2000

Annex 11



Gerrit Jan van Heuven Goedhart (Netherlands) 1951–56

Before his appointment as the first United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Gerrit van Heuven Goedhart was a lawyer and journalist. During the Second World War, he was active in the Dutch resistance and its government-in-exile in London. As High Commissioner, van Heuven Goedhart put much of his energy into securing funds for the estimated 2.2 million refugees still displaced after the Second World War. By the time of his sudden death in 1956, he had put UNHCR on a much sounder financial footing than five years earlier. He shifted the focus of the organization's work from resettlement abroad to local integration within Europe, and his achievements on behalf of refugees were acknowledged in 1954, when UNHCR was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.



Auguste R. Lindt (Switzerland) 1956–60

Auguste Lindt worked as a foreign correspondent for various European newspapers in the 1930s and served in the neutral Swiss army during the Second World War. Moving into the diplomatic field, he chaired the UNICEF Executive Committee, and from 1953 he served as Switzerland's observer to the United Nations. Almost immediately after his appointment as High Commissioner, he mobilized support for some 200,000 Hungarians who fled to Austria and Yugoslavia as a result of the Soviet suppression of the 1956 Hungarian uprising. Soon after this, he initiated an assistance programme for some 260,000 Algerians who had fled to Tunisia and Morocco during the Algerian war of independence. Lindt's diplomatic handling of these sensitive situations did much to ensure states' acceptance of UNHCR as an organization with worldwide responsibilities.



Félix Schnyder (Switzerland) 1960–65

Like his predecessor, Félix Schnyder was a Swiss diplomat who chaired the UNICEF Executive Board and served as Switzerland's observer to the United Nations before he was appointed High Commissioner. Schnyder oversaw the repatriation of Algerian refugees from Tunisia and Morocco, an operation which marked the first of UNHCR's many involvements in large repatriation and reintegration operations. He also secured General Assembly support for UNHCR's increased use of its 'good offices' role to mediate between governments in refugee crises globally, in particular in assisting Rwandan refugees in the Great Lakes region. In expanding UNHCR's activities in Africa, he helped to ensure further international recognition of the global character of the refugee problem. He played an important role in initiating the process which led to the adoption of the 1967 Protocol.

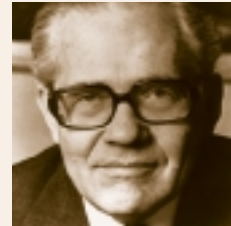


Sadruddin Aga Khan (Iran) 1965–77

Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan worked for UNHCR before becoming High Commissioner. He led missions to the Middle East and Asia and served as Deputy High Commissioner from 1962 to 1966. By the time he was appointed High Commissioner, UNHCR's expenditure in Africa and Asia exceeded that in Europe, marking a definitive shift from Europe to the developing world. He strengthened the organization's relations with African governments and helped to improve inter-agency cooperation within the United Nations to address problems of mass displacement in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. He played a key role during the Bangladesh refugee crisis in 1971 and in assisting Asians expelled from Uganda in 1972.

Poul Hartling (Denmark) 1978–85

Poul Hartling served first as foreign minister and then as prime minister of Denmark before becoming High Commissioner in 1978. During his eight years in office, refugee problems became highly politicized with an intensification of the Cold War. The sustained mass exodus in Indochina and the large-scale international response thrust the organization into a lead role in a complex, highly politicized and large-scale humanitarian operation. During his time as High Commissioner, the organization set up other large-scale emergency relief operations in the Horn of Africa and Central America, and for Afghan refugees in Asia. UNHCR was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for a second time in 1981, largely because of its key role in helping to manage the Vietnamese refugee crisis.



Jean-Pierre Hocké (Switzerland) 1986–89

Jean-Pierre Hocké served as Director of Operations for the International Committee of the Red Cross before his appointment as High Commissioner. During his term in office, the Indochinese refugee crisis continued. The Comprehensive Plan of Action, launched during his time as High Commissioner, instituted regional refugee status determination procedures and provided for the voluntary return of Vietnamese refugees. Hocké also played a key role in launching the 'CIREFCA process' in Central America, to consolidate peace in the region by extending assistance not only to returnees but also more broadly to war-affected populations. During his period in office, UNHCR played an important role in establishing and managing large camps for Ethiopian refugees in Sudan and for Somali refugees in Ethiopia.



Thorvald Stoltenberg (Norway) Jan. 1990–Nov. 1990

Thorvald Stoltenberg was Norwegian foreign minister before his appointment as High Commissioner. His short term of office marked the beginning of UNHCR's increased involvement in large-scale United Nations peacebuilding operations. While High Commissioner, he oversaw several ongoing repatriation operations, particularly in Central America. He resigned in November 1990 to return to his previous position as Norwegian foreign minister. In May 1993, at the height of the Bosnian war, he returned to the United Nations as the Secretary-General's Special Representative to the Former Yugoslavia.



Sadako Ogata (Japan) 1990–2000

Before her appointment as High Commissioner, Sadako Ogata was Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Studies at Sophia University, Tokyo. While in academia, she also held positions in the United Nations, chairing the UNICEF Executive Board in 1978–79, and serving on the UN Commission on Human Rights and as the Commission's independent expert on the human rights situation in Burma (now Myanmar). As High Commissioner she oversaw large-scale emergency operations in northern Iraq, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, and the Great Lakes region of Africa. UNHCR's budget and staff more than doubled during her time in office, and the organization became increasingly involved in assisting internally displaced people and other vulnerable civilians in conflict situations. Emphasizing the link between refugees and international security, she strengthened UNHCR's relations with the UN Security Council.

