

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Classification: United Nations

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*	93,858	88,421	83,220	65,566	61,527	37,851	37,135	40,878	38,299	36,190
Asylum-seekers**	-	285	374	368	1,507	3,438	7,908	6,215	7,189	8,109
Returned refugees***	11,071	7,258	3,744	4,180	2,216	719	194	44	293	89
Internally displaced	13,700	11,200	1,650	-	-	525,000	720,000	950,000	1,244,072	2,000,000
Returned IDPs	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stateless/Others	..	..	-	20,002	21,201	8,526	-	50,093	26,493	26,350
Total	..	..	88,988	90,116	86,451	575,534	765,237	1,047,230	1,316,346	2,070,738

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries. ** 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	1,704	1,251	921	-	-	738	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	641	508	412	1,204	2,612	3,224	6,674	5,471	4,248
Resettlement	-	-	-	5	27	16	-	-	6	39
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	10,968	7,519	3,745	4,133	2,250	718	201	70	308	94
Resettlement	17	14	166	95	34	44	46	40	341	706
Naturalization	..	115	239	1,134	3,319	10,057	3,259	1,683	1,349	1,611

* 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	-	1,913	1,534	1,803	3,089	6,194	10,850	13,317	15,949	13,627
1951 Convention status	-	583	477	400	793	1,784	3,129	4,436	4,496	4,235
Allowed/humanitarian	-	58	31	12	411	828	95	2,238	975	13

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	30.3	28.6	26.9	21.2	19.9	12.2	12.0	13.2	12.4	11.7
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 km ²	4.7	4.4	4.1	3.3	3.0	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.8
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	28.8	29.1	27.9	186.0	247.2	338.4	425.3	669.1
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0	1.4	1.9	2.4	3.7
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	4.4	4.5	4.3	28.5	37.9	51.9	65.2	102.6

* 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	1,124	3,771	11,298	673	798,540	815,406	7%	22%	67%	4%	51%
Male	1,170	4,084	18,321	957	767,226	791,758	5%	17%	75%	4%	49%
Total	2,294	7,855	29,619	1,630	1,565,766	1,607,164	6%	19%	72%	4%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	2,555
Urban	34,450
Dispersed/various	1,574,954
Total	1,611,959
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	2%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	29,175
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	4,494
Other/unknown*	2,520
Total	36,189
1951 UN Convention	81%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	3,499
Individually recognized	32,534
Other/unknown	156
Total	36,189
Prima facie (group)	10%
Individually recognized	90%