

BENIN

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Sub-Saharan Africa
United Nations:	Africa		
Bureau (UNHCR):	West Africa	Other UN country groupings:	Least Developed Country
Region (UNHCR):	West Africa		

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

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Refugees	5,960	2,918	2,903	3,657	4,296	4,799	5,021	5,034	4,802	30,294
Asylum-seekers	77	593	1,226	1,624	66	226	314	814	1,053	1,695
Returned refugees*	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Others of concern	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	3,511	4,129	5,281	4,370	5,025	5,335	5,848	5,855	31,989

* Based on country of asylum and origin reports.

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

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	860	542	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,506
Individually recognized*	844	537	284	697	1,885	628	257	197	93	85
Resettlement	-	-	-	29	82	62	7	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	15,779	3,539	21	14	29	28	29	226	276	77
Resettlement	95	64	314	695	1,321	168	34	33	54	26
Naturalization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. ** Based on country of asylum and origin reports.

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

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
New applications	948	829	1,164	1,832	2,621	1,051	719	1,140	663	775
1951 Convention status	844	537	284	670	1,885	628	257	197	93	85
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-

Responsibility (2005): Government

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	12.3	6.0	6.0	7.6	8.9	9.9	10.4	10.4	9.9	62.7
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	3.6
Per 1,000 km ²	51.4	25.2	25.0	31.5	37.0	41.4	43.3	43.4	41.4	261.1
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	7.3	8.6	10.9	9.0	10.4	11.0	12.1	12.1	66.2
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	3.8
Per 1,000 km ²	..	30.3	35.6	45.5	37.7	43.3	46.0	50.4	50.5	275.7

* Refugees and Total population of concern to UNHCR: annual estimates (Table A.1). Figures for GDP (Current) per capita, national population and land area are the most recent available estimates.

B. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS, LOCATION, LEGAL BASIS AND RECOGNITION, END OF 2005

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	1,885	3,828	8,078	442	-	14,233	13%	27%	57%	3%	44%
Male	1,917	3,989	11,656	194	-	17,756	11%	22%	66%	1%	56%
Total	3,802	7,817	19,734	636	-	31,989	12%	24%	62%	2%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	11,393
Urban	20,596
Dispersed/various	-
Total	31,989
Camps/centers	36%
Urban	64%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	-
1969 OAU Convention	30,294
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	30,294
1951 Convention	0%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	25,506
Individually recognized	4,788
Other/unknown	-
Total	30,294
Prima facie (group)	84%
Individually recognized	16%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN BENIN -- MAIN ORIGIN

1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2005)

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Togo	4,690	1,300	1,311	1,305	1,029	1,182	1,205	1,221	1,100	26,632
Congo	-	18	103	383	1,238	1,241	1,243	1,179	1,140	1,126
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	27	69	143	896	674	811	872	852	842	856
Rwanda	166	302	297	457	513	576	593	604	601	599
Chad	336	189	203	239	369	427	455	466	409	370

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2005)

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	13	135	59	111	628	219	188	194	162	335
Côte d'Ivoire	-	-	1	-	4	2	37	237	66	97
Nigeria	773	186	115	707	303	237	79	45	163	95
Congo	-	253	227	679	440	77	58	44	51	84
Togo	6	4	596	132	861	207	116	362	93	67

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM BENIN -- MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2005)

Asylum country*	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	175	215	228	298
Other	46	46	56	52	54	55	57	67	81	113
Total	46	46	56	52	54	55	232	282	309	411

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2005)

Asylum country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Germany	19	28	43	26	51	121	123	40	51	29
Switzerland	-	-	4	2	-	29	88	59	24	25
Belgium	3	7	7	8	13	17	27	13	14	20
Other	20	18	30	53	76	169	242	149	125	115
Total	42	53	84	89	140	336	480	261	214	189

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN BENIN -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2005

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Various	URB	10,770
Cotonou	URB	9,830
Agame	CAM	9,250
Come	CAM	1,140
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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR BENIN

