

BULGARIA

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Developed regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Developed countries
United Nations:	Europe	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Bureau (UNHCR):	Europe		
Region (UNHCR):	Central Europe and the Baltic States		

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*	1,430	390	240	547	1,474	3,004	3,658	4,068	4,684	4,413
Asylum-seekers	1,303	1,357	1,718	1,542	1,316	1,540	1,140	756	920	805
Returned refugees**	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Others of concern	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	1,747	1,958	2,089	2,792	4,544	4,798	4,824	5,604	5,218

* UNHCR estimate. ** 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	158	129	94	560	688	1,570	721	430	274	86
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	132	8	-	21	3	4	5	10	1	-
Resettlement	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naturalization	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* 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	302	429	833	1,331	1,755	2,428	2,888	1,549	1,127	822
1951 Convention status	145	127	87	180	267	385	75	19	17	8
Allowed/humanitarian	13	2	7	380	421	1,185	646	411	257	78

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	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.4
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
Per 1,000 km ²	12.9	3.5	2.2	4.9	13.3	27.1	33.0	36.7	42.3	39.8
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.7
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Per 1,000 km ²	..	15.8	17.7	18.8	25.2	41.0	43.3	43.5	50.6	47.1

* 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	3	8	49	3	-	63	5%	13%	78%	5%	8%
Male	3	188	565	3	-	759	0%	25%	74%	0%	92%
Total	6	196	614	6	-	822	1%	24%	75%	1%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	822
Dispersed/various	-
Total	822
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	100%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	-
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	4,413
Total	4,413
1951 Convention	0%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	4,413
Other/unknown	-
Total	4,413
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN BULGARIA -- 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
Afghanistan	542	205	94	222	786	1,565	1,733	1,829	1,908	1,930
Iraq	100	17	18	29	102	508	837	1,066	1,152	1,171
Islamic Rep. of Iran	54	4	3	18	61	148	170	192	208	205
Stateless	105	48	-	-	141	183	184	189	185	200
Sudan	20	11	10	14	20	66	158	168	163	171

* UNHCR estimates

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

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Afghanistan	67	62	261	277	675	1,081	864	525	426	385
Armenia	-	-	19	142	418	160	364	196	86	60
India	-	2	-	7	2	1	1	17	69	54
Iraq	31	93	229	197	300	720	946	211	47	50
Pakistan	2	8	16	25	36	1	13	17	16	45

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM BULGARIA -- 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	998	993	792	2,651
Canada	499	420	455	491	588	708	742	711	693	794
United States	501	449	503	586	649	705	703	507	440	510
France	412	419	326	208	129	105	88	80	73	70
Other	1,834	1,760	1,838	1,368	1,038	603	310	276	217	229
Total	3,246	3,048	3,122	2,653	2,404	2,121	2,841	2,567	2,215	4,254

* 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
Sweden	15	31	17	11	18	461	767	688	567	751
Finland	3	3	3	3	13	-	287	287	238	570
Switzerland	25	118	155	66	58	229	785	281	624	461
Belgium	605	243	471	887	1,693	508	347	168	259	434
Germany	1,682	1,244	172	90	72	66	814	502	480	278
Other	1,735	2,751	1,612	1,125	1,226	2,087	1,143	687	690	733
Total	4,065	4,390	2,430	2,182	3,080	3,351	4,143	2,613	2,858	3,227

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR BULGARIA

