

SYRIAN ARAB REP.

1951 Convention:	Not State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	Not State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Western 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):	The Middle East		

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*	40,290	36,222	27,759	22,704	20,974	6,474	3,463	3,351	2,918	3,681
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	22	592	6,442	5,008	2,643	605	503	943
Returned refugees***	9	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	1	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Various/others	..	..	..	..	..	2,121	-	-	-	5,340
Total	..	..	..	23,296	27,416	13,603	6,110	3,956	3,422	9,964

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries. ** 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	2,093	1,440	918	1,847	-	173	47	12	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	228	438	377	1,582	1,058	267	177	133
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	56	23	39	-	53	-	11	223	488	63
Resettlement	270	507	409	501	972	1,154	1,734	717	597	-
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	2000	2001	2002	2003
New applications	-	-	645	923	7,374	4,523	4,344	1,774	1,782	1,660
1951 Convention status	-	-	228	438	377	1,409	972	267	177	133
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	173	86	-	-	-

Responsibility (2003): UNHCR

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	33.7	30.3	23.2	19.0	17.5	5.4	2.9	2.8	2.4	3.1
Per 1,000 inhabitants	2.3	2.1	1.6	1.3	1.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Per 1,000 km ²	216.2	194.3	148.9	121.8	112.5	34.7	18.6	18.0	15.7	19.7
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	19.5	22.9	11.4	5.1	3.3	2.9	8.3
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	1.3	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.6
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	125.0	147.1	73.0	32.8	21.2	18.4	53.5

* 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	161	598	943	39	-	1,741	9%	34%	54%	2%	47%
Male	155	706	1,022	57	-	1,940	8%	36%	53%	3%	53%
Total	316	1,304	1,965	96	-	3,681	9%	35%	53%	3%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	3,681
Dispersed/various	6,284
Total	9,965
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	37%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	-
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	3,681
Other/unknown*	-
Total	3,681
1951 Convention	0%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	3,681
Other/unknown	-
Total	3,681
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

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C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN SYRIAN ARAB REP. -- 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
Iraq	36,332	33,912	26,817	21,143	19,360	3,387	1,829	1,677	1,716	2,435
Somalia	2,850	1,199	614	707	558	1,693	443	397	402	453
Afghanistan	-	-	-	6	6	127	172	407	428	425
Sudan	300	5	19	52	92	99	91	108	133	191
Yemen	-	15	250	622	695	728	748	662	143	93

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

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
Iraq	355	625	3,567	3,369	3,324	1,156	1,490	976
Stateless	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	259
Somalia	89	59	832	250	259	132	68	175
Sudan	63	-	1,215	504	287	208	110	164
Islamic Rep. of Iran	24	-	128	134	192	68	59	44

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM SYRIAN ARAB REP. -- 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,398	15,745
Netherlands	1,134	1,274	1,502	1,636	1,711	1,654	1,618	1,518	1,454	1,479
Sweden	3,384	3,364	3,240	3,165	3,014	2,419	2,028	1,268	970	1,048
Canada	415	365	340	324	333	364	390	427	432	424
France	-	213	192	196	192	174	148	192	207	191
Other	2,154	2,778	3,335	3,332	2,876	2,084	1,687	1,464	1,452	1,389
Total	7,087	7,994	8,609	8,653	8,126	6,695	5,871	4,869	18,913	20,276

* 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
Germany	933	1,551	2,196	2,025	1,753	2,156	2,641	2,232	1,829	1,192
Sweden	72	134	102	131	226	307	335	441	541	666
Netherlands	388	257	306	458	828	850	1,077	522	325	234
Belgium	48	48	82	85	72	114	292	230	199	210
Switzerland	44	-	83	76	88	167	156	148	221	175
Other	621	462	538	535	539	1,068	1,090	1,029	782	1,182
Total	2,106	2,452	3,307	3,310	3,506	4,662	5,591	4,602	3,897	3,659

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN SYRIAN ARAB REP. -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2003

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Various	RUR	6,280
Damaskus	URB	3,680

Location name	Type*	Total

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

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR SYRIAN ARAB REP.

