

MAURITANIA

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Sub-Saharan Africa
United Nations:	Africa		
Bureau (UNHCR):	Central Asia, South West Asia, North Africa and the Middle East	Other UN country groupings:	Least Developed Country
Region (UNHCR):	North Africa		

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

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Refugees*	51,548	82,229	34,394	15,880	11	26	223	350	365	405
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	-	5	27	-	34	44	26	12
Returned refugees***	998	-	858	1,457	10,692	6,950	1	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	..	-	-	26,416	29,500	29,500	29,500
Total	..	..	..	..	10,730	6,976	26,674	29,894	29,891	29,917

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries. **Pending applications. 1993-1995: data available for industrialized countries only. ***Also based on country of asylum reports.

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

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Arrivals</i>										
Prima facie/group basis	-	30,455	-	1	9	160	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	-	1	9	185	124	135	15	59
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Durable solutions</i>										
Voluntary repatriation**	-	-	4,600	18,515	13,845	840	-	-	-	4
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	-
Naturalization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. 1993-1995: industrialized countries only. ** Also based on country of return reports.

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

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
New applications	-	-	-	62	69	223	164	137	46	56
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	1	9	185	124	135	15	59
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Responsibility (2002): UNHCR

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Refugees</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	147.2	234.8	98.2	45.3	0.0	0.1	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.2
Per 1,000 inhabitants	18.4	29.3	12.3	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 km ²	49.4	78.8	33.0	15.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
<i>Total population of concern to UNHCR</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	..	30.6	19.9	76.2	85.4	85.4	85.4
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	..	3.8	2.5	9.5	10.6	10.6	10.7
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	..	10.3	6.7	25.6	28.6	28.6	28.7

* 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 2002

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	16	27	115	9	-	167	10%	16%	69%	5%	41%
Male	10	23	195	10	-	238	4%	10%	82%	4%	59%
Total	26	50	310	19	-	405	6%	12%	77%	5%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	405
Dispersed/various	29,512
Total	29,917
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	1%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	-
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	405
Other/unknown*	-
Total	405
1951 Convention	0%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	405
Other/unknown	-
Total	405
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

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

1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2002)

Origin*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Sierra Leone	-	-	-	-	7	17	221	310	316	344

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2002 -- data available for industrialized asylum countries only)

Origin	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
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D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM MAURITANIA -- MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2002)

Asylum country*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Senegal	67,844	67,844	65,485	64,030	56,229	55,133	19,999	19,803	19,783	19,777
Mali	-	-	16,997	16,764	11,103	11,627	6,110	6,115	6,117	6,121
France	-	-	1,328	1,380	1,434	1,470	1,513	1,555	1,801	2,143
United States	-	-	296	815	1,206	1,587	1,930	1,900	1,833	1,687
Netherlands	10	23	41	76	119	132	150	172	186	193
Other	40	176	165	169	203	275	246	207	142	218
Total	67,894	68,043	84,312	83,234	70,294	70,224	29,948	29,752	29,862	30,139

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2002 -- data available for industrialized asylum countries only)

Asylum country	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
France	656	613	410	321	422	542	786	1,385	2,332	2,998
United States	-	-	-	1,203	1,355	765	765	834	1,096	1,091
Belgium	80	88	121	118	79	147	123	188	52	222
Switzerland	2	-	-	107	69	70	97	71	93	101
Canada	5	5	12	4	9	2	11	33	43	63
Other	270	258	207	162	167	224	154	142	128	131
Total	1,013	964	750	1,915	2,101	1,750	1,936	2,653	3,744	4,606

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN MAURITANIA -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2002

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Nouakchott	URB	410

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

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR MAURITANIA

