

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Refugees	34,394	15,880	7,511	26	223	350	365	405	475	473
Asylum-seekers*	-	5	27	-	34	44	26	12	55	117
Returned refugees**	858	1,457	10,692	6,950	1	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stateless/Others	..	..	-	3,500	29,916	29,500	29,500	29,500	29,500	29,500
Total	..	..	18,230	10,476	30,174	29,894	29,891	29,917	30,030	30,090

* 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	9	160	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	1	9	185	124	135	15	59	87	54
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	4,600	18,515	13,845	840	-	-	-	4	8	56
Resettlement	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naturalization	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* 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	-	62	69	223	164	137	46	56	133	129
1951 Convention status	-	1	9	185	124	135	15	59	87	54
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Responsibility (2004): UNHCR

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	96.5	44.6	21.1	0.1	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.3
Per 1,000 inhabitants	11.2	5.2	2.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Per 1,000 km ²	33.0	15.2	7.2	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	51.2	29.4	84.7	83.9	83.9	84.0	84.3	84.4
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	5.9	3.4	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	17.5	10.0	28.9	28.6	28.6	28.7	28.8	28.8

* 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 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	14	29	141	9	15,635	15,828	7%	15%	73%	5%	53%
Male	16	32	224	8	13,865	14,145	6%	11%	80%	3%	47%
Total	30	61	365	17	29,500	29,973	6%	13%	77%	4%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	473
Dispersed/various	29,500
Total	29,973
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	2%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	-
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	473
Other/unknown*	-
Total	473
1951 Convention	0%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	473
Other/unknown	-
Total	473
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 2004)

Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Sierra Leone	-	-	7	17	221	310	316	344	341	287
Liberia	-	-	-	9	-	20	22	34	99	136

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2004 -- 1995 data only incl. industrialized asylum countries)

Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Côte d'Ivoire	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	22	57
Liberia	-	30	2	30	-	20	10	11	82	41

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

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2004)

Asylum country*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Senegal	65,485	64,030	56,229	55,133	19,999	19,803	19,783	19,777	19,777	19,778
Mali	16,997	16,764	11,103	11,627	6,110	6,115	6,117	6,121	6,148	6,185
France	1,328	1,380	1,434	1,470	1,513	1,555	1,801	2,143	2,763	3,391
United States	296	815	1,206	1,587	1,930	1,900	1,833	1,687	1,415	1,300
Netherlands	41	76	119	132	150	172	186	193	201	189
Other	165	169	203	275	246	207	142	216	221	288
Total	84,312	83,234	70,294	70,224	29,948	29,752	29,862	30,137	30,525	31,131

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2004 -- 1995 data only incl. industrialized asylum countries)

Asylum country	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
France	410	321	422	542	786	1,385	2,332	2,998	2,380	1,540
United States	-	1,203	1,355	765	765	834	1,096	1,091	745	449
Belgium	121	118	79	147	123	188	52	222	255	186
Canada	12	4	9	2	11	33	43	63	48	108
Switzerland	-	107	69	70	97	71	93	101	38	44
Other	207	165	223	230	339	293	357	176	272	205
Total	750	1,918	2,157	1,756	2,121	2,804	3,973	4,651	3,738	2,532

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN MAURITANIA -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2004

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Various	R	29,500
Nouakchott	U	470

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR MAURITANIA

