

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	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Refugees*	82,229	34,394	15,880	7,511	26	223	350	365	405	475
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	5	27	-	34	44	26	12	55
Returned refugees***	-	858	1,457	10,692	6,950	1	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Various/others	..	..	..	..	3,500	29,916	29,500	29,500	29,500	29,500
Total	..	..	..	18,230	10,476	30,174	29,894	29,891	29,917	30,030

* 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	30,455	-	1	9	160	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	1	9	185	124	135	15	59	87
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	-	4,600	18,515	13,845	840	-	-	-	4	8
Resettlement	-	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	62	69	223	164	137	46	56	133
1951 Convention status	-	-	1	9	185	124	135	15	59	87
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	238.3	99.7	46.0	21.8	0.1	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.4
Per 1,000 inhabitants	29.3	12.3	5.7	2.7	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Per 1,000 km ²	78.8	33.0	15.2	7.2	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	52.8	30.4	87.4	86.6	86.6	86.7	87.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	6.5	3.7	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.7
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	17.5	10.0	28.9	28.6	28.6	28.7	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 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	21	32	140	9	15,635	15,837	10%	16%	69%	4%	53%
Male	14	31	218	10	13,865	14,138	5%	11%	80%	4%	47%
Total	35	63	358	19	29,500	29,975	7%	13%	75%	4%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	475
Dispersed/various	29,555
Total	30,030
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	2%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	-
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	475
Other/unknown*	-
Total	475
1951 Convention	0%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	475
Other/unknown	-
Total	475
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

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C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN MAURITANIA -- 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
Sierra Leone	-	-	-	7	17	221	310	316	344	341
Liberia	-	-	-	-	9	-	20	22	34	99

* 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
Liberia	30	2	30	-	20	10	11	82
Sierra Leone	7	34	170	142	80	16	33	23
Côte d'Ivoire	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	22

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM MAURITANIA -- 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
Senegal	67,844	65,485	64,030	56,229	55,133	19,999	19,803	19,783	19,777	19,777
Mali	-	16,997	16,764	11,103	11,627	6,110	6,115	6,117	6,121	6,148
France	-	1,328	1,380	1,434	1,470	1,513	1,555	1,801	2,143	2,763
United States	-	296	815	1,206	1,587	1,930	1,900	1,833	1,687	1,415
Netherlands	23	41	76	119	132	150	172	186	193	201
Other	176	165	169	203	275	246	207	142	216	221
Total	68,043	84,312	83,234	70,294	70,224	29,948	29,752	29,862	30,137	30,525

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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
France	613	410	321	422	542	786	1,385	2,332	2,998	2,380
United States	-	-	1,203	1,355	765	765	834	1,096	1,091	745
Belgium	88	121	118	79	147	123	188	52	222	255
Senegal	..	..	1	-	-	64	69	180	-	104
Canada	5	12	4	9	2	11	33	43	63	48
Other	258	207	271	292	300	372	295	270	277	205
Total	964	750	1,918	2,157	1,756	2,121	2,804	3,973	4,651	3,737

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN MAURITANIA -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2003

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Various	RUR	29,500
Nouakchott	URB	480

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

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR MAURITANIA

