

## COSTA RICA

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Latin America and the Caribbean
United Nations:	Latin America and the Caribbean	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Bureau (UNHCR):	The Americas		
Region (UNHCR):	Central America and Mexico		

## 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*	24,630	24,226	23,176	23,114	22,986	22,903	5,519	8,104	12,433	13,508
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	-	-	-	33	1,089	2,587	86	77
Returned refugees***	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Various/others	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	23,114	22,986	22,936	6,608	10,691	12,519	13,585

\* 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
<i>Arrivals</i>										
Prima facie/group basis	418	-	115	181	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	115	-	101	177	532	2,226	4,592	1,838
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Durable solutions</i>										
Voluntary repatriation**	19	4	1,131	-	56	25	8	8	3	-
Resettlement	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	5	162
Naturalization	..	..	39	48	-	-	-	-	-	-

\* 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	-	-	115	-	147	270	1,686	5,214	3,785	1,745
1951 Convention status	-	-	115	-	101	177	532	2,226	2,355	863
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,237	975

Responsibility (2003): Government

## 4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<i>Refugees</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	1.3	2.0	3.0	3.3
Per 1,000 inhabitants	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	1.3	2.0	3.0	3.3
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	478.9	471.0	450.6	449.4	446.9	445.3	107.3	157.6	241.7	262.6
<i>Total population of concern to UNHCR</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	5.6	5.6	5.6	1.6	2.6	3.0	3.3
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	5.6	5.6	5.6	1.6	2.6	3.1	3.3
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	..	..	..	449.4	446.9	445.9	128.5	207.9	243.4	264.1

\* 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	186	1,077	4,724	132	-	6,119	3%	18%	77%	2%	45%
Male	172	1,131	5,941	145	-	7,389	2%	15%	80%	2%	55%
Total	358	2,208	10,665	277	-	13,508	3%	16%	79%	2%	100%

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

## 2. Population of concern--location\*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	13,585
Dispersed/various	-
Total	13,585
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	100%

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

## 3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	13,508
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	13,508
1951 Convention	100%

\* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

## 4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	13,508
Other/unknown	-
Total	13,508
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

## C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN COSTA RICA -- 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
Colombia	-	34	52	-	-	64	515	3,085	7,326	8,266
Nicaragua	19,504	18,984	17,990	17,842	17,732	17,532	2,715	2,636	2,635	2,632
Cuba	418	584	656	723	754	854	971	1,040	1,107	1,164
El Salvador	4,207	4,154	3,998	3,968	3,911	3,861	793	793	790	788
Peru	-	-	-	-	-	5	223	233	236	230

\* 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
Colombia	..	..	19	-	17	88	1,456	5,018	3,613	1,545
Cuba	..	..	74	-	86	135	122	121	71	82

## D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM COSTA RICA -- 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
Canada	217	204	131	81	45	68	50	81	90	86
Other	6	7	8	9	9	8	7	5	8	6
Total	223	211	139	90	54	76	57	86	98	92

\* 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
Canada	88	75	95	80	187	434	278	602	1,652	1,833
Other	1	-	5	1	7	2	2	6	5	11
Total	89	75	100	81	194	436	280	608	1,657	1,844

## E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN COSTA RICA -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2003

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Costa Rica	URB	13,590

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

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## F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR COSTA RICA

