

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	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Refugees*	24,834	24,630	24,226	23,176	23,114	22,986	22,903	5,519	8,104	12,433
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	1,089	2,587	86
Returned refugees***	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	..	..	23,114	22,986	22,936	6,608	10,691	12,519

* 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	-	418	-	115	181	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	-	115	-	101	177	532	2,226	4,592
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Durable solutions</i>										
Voluntary repatriation**	355	19	4	1,131	-	56	25	8	8	3
Resettlement	51	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	5
Naturalization	..	..	..	39	48	-	-	-	-	-

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

Responsibility (2002): Government

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	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	1.3	2.0	3.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	1.3	2.0	3.0
Per 1,000 km ²	482.9	478.9	471.0	450.6	449.4	446.9	445.3	107.3	157.6	241.7
<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
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	..	5.6	5.6	5.6	1.6	2.6	3.1
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	..	449.4	446.9	445.9	128.5	207.9	243.4

* 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	85	484	2,127	59	2,902	5,657	3%	18%	77%	2%	45%
Male	82	514	2,651	69	3,546	6,862	2%	16%	80%	2%	55%
Total	167	998	4,778	128	6,448	12,519	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	6,071
Dispersed/various	6,448
Total	12,519
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	48%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	12,433
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	12,433
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	12,433
Other/unknown	-
Total	12,433
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 2002)

Origin*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Colombia	-	-	34	52	-	-	64	515	3,085	7,326
Nicaragua	19,964	19,504	18,984	17,990	17,842	17,732	17,532	2,715	2,636	2,635
Cuba	44	418	584	656	723	754	854	971	1,040	1,107
El Salvador	4,306	4,207	4,154	3,998	3,968	3,911	3,861	793	793	790
Peru	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	223	233	236

* 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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Data not available

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 2002)

Asylum country*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Canada	-	217	204	131	81	45	68	50	81	90
Other		6	7	8	9	9	8	7	5	8
Total		223	211	139	90	54	76	57	86	98

* 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
Canada	77	88	75	95	80	187	434	278	602	1,652
Other	1	1	-	5	1	7	2	2	6	5
Total	78	89	75	100	81	194	436	280	608	1,657

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Various	RUR	6,450
San Jose	URB	3,430
Various	URB	1,050
Heredia	URB	810
Alajuela	URB	420

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

Location name	Type*	Total
Cartago	URB	130
Puntarenas	URB	110
Guanacaste	URB	70
Limon	URB	60

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

F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR COSTA RICA

