

COSTA RICA

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| 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 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Refugees | 24,226 | 23,176 | 23,114 | 22,986 | 22,903 | 5,519 | 8,104 | 12,433 | 13,508 | 10,413 |
| Asylum-seekers* | - | - | - | - | 33 | 1,089 | 2,587 | 86 | 77 | 223 |
| Returned refugees** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Internally displaced | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Returned IDPs | .. | .. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stateless/Others | .. | .. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | .. | .. | 23,114 | 22,986 | 22,936 | 6,608 | 10,691 | 12,519 | 13,585 | 10,636 |

* 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 | - | 115 | 181 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Individually recognized* | - | 115 | - | 101 | 177 | 532 | 2,226 | 4,592 | 1,838 | 838 |
| Resettlement | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Durable solutions | | | | | | | | | | |
| Voluntary repatriation** | 4 | 1,131 | - | 56 | 25 | 8 | 8 | 3 | - | - |
| Resettlement | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 162 | 228 |
| Naturalization | .. | 39 | 48 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

* 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 | - | 115 | - | 147 | 270 | 1,686 | 5,214 | 3,785 | 1,745 | 1,443 |
| 1951 Convention status | - | 115 | - | 101 | 177 | 532 | 2,226 | 2,355 | 863 | 838 |
| Allowed/humanitarian | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,237 | 975 | - |

Responsibility (2004): Government

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 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 2.6 |
| Per 1,000 inhabitants | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.4 |
| Per 1,000 km ² | 471.0 | 450.6 | 449.4 | 446.9 | 445.3 | 107.3 | 157.6 | 241.7 | 262.6 | 202.5 |
| Total population of concern to UNHCR | | | | | | | | | | |
| Per 1 USD GDP/capita | .. | .. | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 2.6 |
| Per 1,000 inhabitants | .. | .. | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.5 |
| Per 1,000 km ² | .. | .. | 449.4 | 446.9 | 445.9 | 128.5 | 207.9 | 243.4 | 264.1 | 206.8 |

* 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 | 133 | 1,292 | 3,104 | 145 | - | 4,674 | 3% | 28% | 66% | 3% | 45% |
| Male | 110 | 1,014 | 4,431 | 184 | - | 5,739 | 2% | 18% | 77% | 3% | 55% |
| Total | 243 | 2,306 | 7,535 | 329 | - | 10,413 | 2% | 22% | 72% | 3% | 100% |

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

2. Population of concern--location*

| Type | Total |
|-------------------|--------|
| Camps/centers | - |
| Urban | 10,413 |
| Dispersed/various | - |
| Total | 10,413 |
| 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 | 10,413 |
| 1969 OAU Convention | - |
| UNHCR Mandate | - |
| Other/unknown* | - |
| Total | 10,413 |
| 1951 Convention | 100% |

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

| Type | Total |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Prima facie (group) | - |
| Individually recognized | 10,413 |
| Other/unknown | - |
| Total | 10,413 |
| 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 2004)

| Origin | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Colombia | 34 | 52 | - | - | 64 | 515 | 3,085 | 7,326 | 8,266 | 8,750 |
| Nicaragua | 18,984 | 17,990 | 17,842 | 17,732 | 17,532 | 2,715 | 2,636 | 2,635 | 2,632 | 619 |
| Cuba | 584 | 656 | 723 | 754 | 854 | 971 | 1,040 | 1,107 | 1,164 | 497 |
| Peru | - | - | - | - | 5 | 223 | 233 | 236 | 230 | 230 |
| El Salvador | 4,154 | 3,998 | 3,968 | 3,911 | 3,861 | 793 | 793 | 790 | 788 | 69 |

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 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Colombia | - | 19 | - | 17 | 88 | 1,456 | 5,018 | 3,613 | 1,545 | 1,171 |
| Cuba | - | 74 | - | 86 | 135 | 122 | 121 | 71 | 82 | 80 |
| Nicaragua | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 63 |
| Venezuela | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 39 |

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 2004)

| Asylum country* | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Canada | 204 | 131 | 81 | 45 | 68 | 50 | 81 | 90 | 86 | 120 |
| Other | 7 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 18 |
| Total | 211 | 139 | 90 | 54 | 76 | 57 | 86 | 98 | 92 | 138 |

* 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 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| Canada | 75 | 95 | 80 | 187 | 434 | 278 | 602 | 1,652 | 1,833 | 705 |
| Other | - | 5 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 9 |
| Total | 75 | 100 | 81 | 194 | 436 | 280 | 608 | 1,657 | 1,844 | 714 |

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

| Location name | Type* | Total |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| Gam | U | 9,850 |
| Puntar | U | 260 |
| Limon | U | 160 |
| Guanac | U | 150 |

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

| Location name | Type* | Total |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| Gam | U | 9,850 |
| Puntar | U | 260 |
| Limon | U | 160 |
| Guanac | U | 150 |

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

F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR COSTA RICA

