

PANAMA

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):	Northern South America		

A. REFUGEES, ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND OTHERS OF CONCERN TO UNHCR

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Refugees	867	622	1,188	1,321	1,313	1,470	1,573	1,445	1,608	1,730
Asylum-seekers	-	23	30	57	95	63	88	103	271	433
Returned refugees*	-	-	-	-	257	-	-	120	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Others of concern	..	-	-	-	-	-	93	301	-	10,265
Total	..	645	1,218	1,378	1,665	1,533	1,754	1,969	1,879	12,434

* Based on country of asylum and origin reports.

2. Refugees--displacement and durable solutions during the year

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	23	25	410	124	61	59	-	48	124
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	-	-	-	40	257	68	3	90	50	2
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Naturalization	-	-	-	11	-	14	12	-	7	-

* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. ** Based on country of asylum and origin reports.

3. Asylum and refugee status determination during the year (incl. appeal/review)

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
New applications	-	45	65	489	204	81	126	19	354	435
1951 Convention status	-	11	25	4	2	61	59	-	48	54
Allowed/humanitarian	-	12	-	406	122	-	-	-	-	70

Responsibility (2005): Government

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
Per 1,000 km ²	11.5	8.3	15.8	17.5	17.4	19.5	20.9	19.2	21.3	23.0
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	2.9
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	3.8
Per 1,000 km ²	..	8.6	16.2	18.3	22.1	20.3	23.3	26.1	24.9	165.0

* Refugees and Total population of concern to UNHCR: annual estimates (Table A.1). Figures for GDP (Current) per capita, national population and land area are the most recent available estimates.

B. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS, LOCATION, LEGAL BASIS AND RECOGNITION, END OF 2005

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	95	205	517	81	5,117	6,015	11%	23%	58%	9%	48%
Male	109	198	837	121	5,148	6,413	9%	16%	66%	10%	52%
Total	204	403	1,354	202	10,265	12,428	9%	19%	63%	9%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	11,527
Dispersed/various	901
Total	12,428
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	93%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	829
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	901
Total	1,730
1951 Convention	48%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	901
Individually recognized	829
Other/unknown	-
Total	1,730
Prima facie (group)	52%
Individually recognized	48%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN PANAMA -- MAIN ORIGIN

1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2005)

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Colombia	7	10	564	733	711	881	989	860	1,022	1,137
El Salvador	247	240	241	242	283	277	271	271	269	269
Nicaragua	230	222	218	210	180	174	170	170	170	170
Cuba	74	76	76	66	68	70	72	72	77	83

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2005)

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Colombia	-	29	36	423	196	74	118	18	328	427

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

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2005)

Asylum country*	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Other										
Total	149	122	85	72	67	37	44	30	40	42

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2005)

Asylum country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Other										
Total	44	23	21	15		36	52	36	26	21

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN PANAMA -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2005

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Various	URB	11,530
Darien Centro	RUR	390
Jaque	RUR	320
Puerto Obaldia	RUR	120
Embera	RUR	70

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR PANAMA

