

BULGARIA

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Developed regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Developed countries
United Nations:	Europe		
Bureau (UNHCR):	Europe	Other UN country groupings:	
Region (UNHCR):	Central Europe and the Baltic States	Not applicable	

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*	1,320	1,430	390	240	547	1,474	3,004	3,658	4,068	4,684
Asylum-seekers**	1,302	1,303	1,357	1,718	1,542	1,316	1,540	1,140	695	920
Returned refugees***	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stateless/Others	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	1,747	1,958	2,089	2,792	4,544	4,798	4,763	5,604

* UNHCR estimate. ** 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
<i>Arrivals</i>										
Prima facie/group basis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	64	158	129	94	560	688	1,570	721	430	274
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Durable solutions</i>										
Voluntary repatriation**	3	132	8	-	21	3	4	5	10	1
Resettlement	-	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naturalization	..	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* 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)

Responsibility (2004): Government

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
New applications	517	302	429	833	1,331	1,755	2,428	2,888	1,549	1,127
1951 Convention status	50	145	127	87	180	267	385	75	19	17
Allowed/humanitarian	14	13	2	7	380	421	1,185	646	411	257

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<i>Refugees</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.6	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6
Per 1,000 km ²	11.9	12.9	3.5	2.2	4.9	13.3	27.1	33.0	36.7	42.3
<i>Total population of concern to UNHCR</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.2
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	15.8	17.7	18.8	25.2	41.0	43.3	43.0	50.6

* 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	-
Dispersed/various	-
Total	-
Camps/centers	-
Urban	-

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	1,352
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/Unknown*	3,332
Total	4,684
1951 Convention	29%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	4,684
Other/Unknown	-
Total	4,684
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN BULGARIA -- 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
Afghanistan	475	542	205	94	222	786	1,565	1,733	1,829	1,908
Iraq	71	100	17	18	29	102	508	837	1,066	1,152
Serbia and Montenegro	259	81	12	15	189	110	119	118	118	389
Islamic Rep. of Iran	42	54	4	3	18	61	148	170	192	208
Stateless	75	105	48	-	-	141	183	184	189	185

* UNHCR estimates

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
Afghanistan	-	67	62	261	277	675	1,081	864	525	426
Armenia	-	-	-	19	142	418	160	364	196	86
Stateless	-	-	39	28	12	44	34	23	55	85
Nigeria	-	2	1	10	25	4	22	169	94	82
India	-	-	2	-	7	2	1	1	17	69

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM BULGARIA -- 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
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	998	993	792
Canada	1,053	499	420	455	491	588	708	742	711	693
United States	1,011	501	449	503	586	649	705	703	507	440
France	436	412	419	326	208	129	105	88	80	73
Other	1,656	1,834	1,760	1,838	1,368	1,038	603	310	276	217
Total	4,156	3,246	3,048	3,122	2,653	2,404	2,121	2,841	2,567	2,215

* 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
Switzerland	-	25	118	155	66	58	229	785	281	624
Sweden	14	15	31	17	11	18	461	767	688	567
Germany	2,172	1,682	1,244	172	90	72	66	814	502	480
Belgium	370	605	243	471	887	1,693	508	347	168	259
Finland	19	3	3	3	3	13	-	287	287	238
Other	1,558	1,735	2,751	1,612	1,125	1,226	2,087	1,143	679	660
Total	4,133	4,065	4,390	2,430	2,182	3,080	3,351	4,143	2,605	2,828

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR BULGARIA

