

## **MALAYSIA**

1951 Convention:	Not State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	Not State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	South-eastern Asia
United Nations:	Asia		
Bureau (UNHCR):	Asia and Pacific	Other UN country groupings:	
Region (UNHCR):	East Asia and the Pacific	Not applicable	

### **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*	5,308	5,278	5,309	5,285	50,614	50,517	50,487	50,466	50,612	7,424
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	8	8	570	30	25	252	1,571	9,205
Returned refugees***	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,053
Total	..	..	..	5,293	51,184	50,547	50,512	50,718	52,183	78,682

\* 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	75	233	178	71	114	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	49	64	161	82	132	120	267	7,525
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Durable solutions</i>										
Voluntary repatriation**	1,267	1,436	222	7	18	4	75	6	6	5
Resettlement	14	11	14	-	-	95	31	78	102	496
Naturalization	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\* 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)**

Responsibility (2003): UNHCR

Category	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
New applications	-	-	208	231	1,207	1,853	453	964	2,131	18,626
1951 Convention status	-	-	49	64	161	82	111	105	246	434
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	15	21	7,091

#### **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	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.8	1.9
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.3
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	16.0	15.9	16.0	16.0	152.8	152.5	152.4	152.4	152.8	22.4
<i>Total population of concern to UNHCR</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	1.3	12.9	12.8	12.8	12.8	13.2	19.9
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	0.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	3.3
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	..	..	..	16.0	154.6	152.6	152.5	153.1	157.6	237.6

\* 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 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	215	374	1,024	26	-	1,639	13%	23%	62%	2%	22%
Male	256	461	5,046	22	-	5,785	4%	8%	87%	0%	78%
Total	471	835	6,070	48	-	7,424	6%	11%	82%	1%	100%

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

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

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	21,485
Dispersed/various	57,197
Total	78,682
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	27%

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

#### **3. Refugee population--legal basis**

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	-
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	442
Other/unknown*	6,982
Total	7,424
1951 Convention	0%

\* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

#### **4. Refugee population--recognition**

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	442
Other/unknown	6,982
Total	7,424
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	6%

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Origin*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Myanmar	5,113	5,117	5,114	5,104	5,113	5,136	5,134	5,151	5,247	4,152
Indonesia	61	9	9	20	264	181	149	83	144	3,198

\* 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
Myanmar	..	..	7	2	149	1,608	79	478	487	12,382
Indonesia	..	..	8	11	879	61	87	259	1,448	5,659
Sri Lanka	..	..	5	7	4	4	21	9	8	173
Bangladesh	..	..	-	1	1	-	1	-	71	159
Liberia	..	..	-	-	1	-	5	-	2	89

**D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM MALAYSIA -- 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	78	72	77	68	60	46	35	61	75	100
United States	-	-	1	1	6	25	29	-	-	79
Other	4	7	25	18	24	15	18	18	44	60
Total	82	79	103	87	90	86	82	79	119	239

\* 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
Australia	-	-	-	31	-	370	264	261	232	184
Canada	14	19	17	18	34	67	128	194	322	110
New Zealand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	20	41
United States	-	-	-	-	23	25	-	32	35	32
United Kingdom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Other	4	12	8	7	15	7	6	9	15	17
Total	18	31	25	56	72	469	398	525	624	405

**E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN MALAYSIA -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2003**

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Sabah	RUR	57,200
Kuala Lumpur	URB	21,490

Location name	Type*	Total

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

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**F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR MALAYSIA**