

UNITED STATES

1951 Convention:	Not State party	Region (MDGs):	Developed regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Developed countries
United Nations:	North America		
Bureau (UNHCR):	The Americas	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Region (UNHCR):	North America and the Caribbean		

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*	607,024	563,837	533,969	521,143	508,222	515,853	485,171	452,548	420,854	379,340
Asylum-seekers	497,660	460,622	426,797	400,996	386,035	395,864	395,183	351,876	260,973	169,743
Returned refugees**	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Others of concern	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1,024,459	960,766	922,139	894,258	911,717	880,354	804,424	681,827	549,083	

* UNHCR estimate. ** 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	18,678	15,484	15,969	19,830	24,000	28,304	27,665	22,566	21,148	19,766
Resettlement	74,791	69,276	76,181	85,076	72,143	68,925	26,839	28,422	52,868	53,813
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	100	5	1	2,905	929	76	695	389	65	76
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naturalization	145,160	76,709	74,251	128,660	114,878	86,842	80,526	47,718	69,661	58,861

* 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	107,130	52,200	35,903	32,711	40,867	59,432	58,439	43,338	27,907	24,247
1951 Convention status	18,678	15,484	15,969	19,830	24,000	28,304	27,665	22,566	21,148	19,766
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	15.5	14.4	13.6	13.3	12.9	13.1	12.4	11.5	10.7	9.7
Per 1,000 inhabitants	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3
Per 1,000 km ²	65.2	60.6	57.4	56.0	54.6	55.4	52.1	48.6	45.2	40.8
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	26.1	24.5	23.5	22.8	23.2	22.4	20.5	17.4	14.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.3	1.8
Per 1,000 km ²	..	110.1	103.2	99.1	96.1	98.0	94.6	86.4	73.3	59.0

* 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	379,340
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	379,340
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	379,340
Other/unknown	-
Total	379,340
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN UNITED STATES -- 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
Somalia	18,201	22,613	24,419	27,874	34,005	33,750	28,693	25,421	31,110	34,207
China	2,477	3,509	5,418	7,499	11,148	17,105	23,696	21,300	18,957	26,131
Ukraine	835	1,183	1,441	10,086	17,231	24,097	28,967	33,724	28,484	24,256
Liberia	4,609	4,717	5,627	8,004	10,822	14,430	14,868	15,484	19,555	21,466
Bosnia and Herzegovina	31,656	53,082	82,137	97,504	106,410	108,803	92,293	61,834	39,393	20,446

* UNHCR estimates

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

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Haiti	3,792	4,310	2,676	2,492	4,257	4,938	3,643	3,316	3,543	4,121
China	1,976	2,377	3,074	4,210	5,541	8,008	10,237	4,906	2,860	3,684
Colombia	250	251	200	334	2,631	7,144	7,950	4,661	2,452	1,570
Mexico	7,820	13,663	4,460	2,251	3,669	8,747	8,775	3,955	1,454	1,247
Venezuela	-	-	33	18	-	96	259	899	1,408	1,146

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM UNITED STATES -- 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
Canada	130	57	30	19	148	191	176	167	232	567
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	182	204	192	87
Other	13	18	21	22	28	28	25	24	27	29
Total	143	75	51	41	176	219	383	395	451	683

* 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
Canada	37	72	51	45	98	92	213	317	240	228
Other	9	41	11	22	39	37	40	66	53	47
Total	46	113	62	67	137	129	253	383	293	275

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total	Location name	Type*	Total
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*CAM = Camps/centers; URB = Urban; RUR = Rural/dispersed/various.

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR UNITED STATES

