

UNITED STATES

1951 Convention:	Not State party	Region (MDGs):	Developed regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Developed countries
United Nations:	North America	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Bureau (UNHCR):	The Americas		
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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Refugees*	623,294	607,024	563,837	533,969	521,143	508,222	515,853	485,171	452,548	420,854
Asylum-seekers**	464,121	497,660	460,622	426,797	400,996	386,035	395,864	395,183	351,876	263,710
Returned refugees***	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stateless/Others	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	1,024,459	960,766	922,139	894,258	911,717	880,354	804,424	684,564

* 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
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	12,454	13,532	15,484	15,969	19,830	24,000	28,304	27,665	22,566	21,148
Resettlement	99,974	74,791	69,276	76,181	85,076	72,143	68,925	26,839	28,422	52,868
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	-	100	5	1	2,905	929	76	695	389	65
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naturalization	..	145,160	76,709	74,251	128,660	114,878	86,842	80,526	47,718	69,661

* 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	149,065	107,130	52,200	35,903	32,711	40,867	59,432	58,439	43,338	27,907
1951 Convention status	12,454	13,532	15,484	15,969	19,830	24,000	28,304	27,665	22,566	21,148
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	17.0	16.5	15.4	14.5	14.2	13.8	14.1	13.2	12.3	11.5
Per 1,000 inhabitants	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4
Per 1,000 km ²	67.0	65.2	60.6	57.4	56.0	54.6	55.4	52.1	48.6	45.2
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	27.9	26.2	25.1	24.4	24.8	24.0	21.9	18.6
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.3
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	110.1	103.2	99.1	96.1	98.0	94.6	86.4	73.6

* 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	-

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	420,854
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	420,854
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	420,854
Other/unknown	-
Total	420,854
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 2004)

Origin*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Bosnia and Herzegovina	19,413	31,656	53,082	82,137	97,504	106,410	108,803	92,293	61,834	39,393
Somalia	11,414	18,201	22,613	24,419	27,874	34,005	33,750	28,693	25,421	31,110
Ukraine	520	835	1,183	1,441	10,086	17,231	24,097	28,967	33,724	28,484
Islamic Rep. of Iran	9,936	8,988	8,701	9,814	11,134	15,472	21,268	21,766	21,185	20,541
Liberia	3,768	4,609	4,717	5,627	8,004	10,822	14,430	14,868	15,484	19,555

* 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
Haiti	2,396	3,792	4,310	2,676	2,492	4,257	4,938	3,643	3,316	3,543
China	4,822	1,976	2,377	3,074	4,210	5,541	8,008	10,237	4,906	2,860
Colombia	740	250	251	200	334	2,631	7,144	7,950	4,661	2,452
Mexico	9,148	7,820	13,663	4,460	2,251	3,669	8,747	8,775	3,955	1,454
Venezuela	-	-	-	33	18	-	96	259	899	1,408

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 2004)

Asylum country*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Canada	233	130	57	30	19	148	191	176	167	232
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	182	204	192
Other	12	13	18	21	22	28	28	25	24	27
Total	245	143	75	51	41	176	219	383	395	451

* 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	34	37	72	51	45	98	92	213	317	240
Other	7	9	41	11	22	39	37	40	66	46
Total	41	46	113	62	67	137	129	253	383	286

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR UNITED STATES

