

BELGIUM

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

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*	19,497	31,691	36,060	36,060	15,509	16,760	18,832	12,265	12,578	12,595
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	-	9,584	-	39,114	45,000	18,431	20,033	22,604
Returned refugees***	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	..	45,644	15,509	55,874	63,832	30,696	32,611	35,199

* 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
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	1,588	1,407	1,677	1,868	1,699	1,480	2,131	1,157	1,331	1,384
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	12	13	80	-	98	1,104	2,930	350	477	245
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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)

Category	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
New applications	14,353	11,420	12,433	11,788	21,965	35,780	42,691	24,549	18,805	16,940
1951 Convention status	1,588	1,407	1,677	1,868	1,699	1,480	1,381	1,157	1,331	1,384
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	750	-	-	-

Responsibility (2003): Government

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5
Per 1,000 inhabitants	1.9	3.1	3.5	3.5	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.2
Per 1,000 km ²	638.0	1,037.0	1,180.0	1,180.0	507.5	548.4	616.3	401.4	411.6	412.2
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	1.9	0.7	2.3	2.7	1.3	1.4	1.5
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	4.4	1.5	5.4	6.2	3.0	3.2	3.4
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	1,493.6	507.5	1,828.4	2,088.8	1,004.5	1,067.1	1,151.8

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

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	-
Dispersed/various	35,199
Total	35,199
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	0%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	12,595
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	12,595
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	12,595
Other/unknown	-
Total	12,595
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

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

1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2003)

Origin*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Serbia and Montenegro	-	-	1,815	1,815	811	849	891	977	1,293	1,750
Rwanda	-	-	1,041	1,041	1,603	2,108	2,544	2,094	1,661	1,591
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	2,236	2,236	1,757	1,932	2,058	1,432	1,105	1,000
Poland	-	-	4,466	4,466	21	15	6	751	669	595
Turkey	-	-	4,907	4,907	1,744	1,758	1,732	1,177	739	580

* 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
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,963	972	860	1,230	1,714	1,402	1,421	1,371	1,789	1,778
Russian Federation	215	243	274	213	277	1,376	3,604	2,424	1,156	1,680
Serbia and Montenegro	1,240	1,455	1,822	1,290	6,057	13,067	4,921	1,932	1,523	1,280
Islamic Rep. of Iran	111	103	118	97	101	165	3,183	1,164	743	1,153
Cameroon	97	94	60	99	166	267	417	324	435	625

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM BELGIUM -- 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
Other										
Total				10	14	16	19	13	27	40

* 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
Other										
Total				3	11	16	21			13

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

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 BELGIUM

