

**BULGARIA**

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):	Central Europe and the Baltic States		

**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*	1,060	1,320	1,430	390	240	547	1,474	3,004	3,658	4,068
Asylum-seekers**	-	1,302	1,303	1,357	1,718	1,542	1,316	1,540	1,140	756
Returned refugees***	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Various/others	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total</b>	..	..	..	1,747	1,958	2,089	2,792	4,544	4,798	4,824

\* 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
<b>Arrivals</b>										
Prima facie/group basis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	68	159	129	95	560	688	1,570	721	430
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Durable solutions</b>										
Voluntary repatriation**	3	3	132	8	-	21	3	4	5	10
Resettlement	-	-	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Naturalization	..	..	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

\* 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	561	517	302	429	833	1,331	1,755	2,428	2,888	1,549
1951 Convention status	-	50	145	127	87	180	267	385	75	19
Allowed/humanitarian	-	14	13	2	7	380	421	1,185	646	411

Responsibility (2003): Government

**4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions**

Indicator*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Refugees</b>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.8	1.5	1.9	2.1
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	9.6	11.9	12.9	3.5	2.2	4.9	13.3	27.1	33.0	36.7
<b>Total population of concern to UNHCR</b>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.4	2.3	2.5	2.5
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	..	..	..	15.8	17.7	18.8	25.2	41.0	43.3	43.5

\* 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	3	12	143	-	895	1,053	2%	8%	91%	0%	19%
Male	6	172	1,212	1	3,173	4,564	0%	12%	87%	0%	81%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4,068</b>	<b>5,617</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	5,617
Dispersed/various	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,617</b>
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	100%

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

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

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	4,068
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,068</b>
1951 Convention	100%

\* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

**4. Refugee population--recognition**

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	4,068
Other/unknown	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,068</b>
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 2003)

Origin*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Afghanistan	382	475	542	205	94	222	786	1,565	1,733	1,829
Iraq	56	71	100	17	18	29	102	508	837	1,066
Islamic Rep. of Iran	30	42	54	4	3	18	61	148	170	192
Stateless	-	75	105	48	-	-	141	183	184	189
Sudan	3	9	20	11	10	14	20	66	158	168

\* 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
Afghanistan	-	-	67	62	261	277	675	1,081	864	525
Iraq	-	-	31	93	229	197	300	720	946	211
Armenia	-	-	-	-	19	142	418	160	364	196
Algeria	-	-	7	8	21	23	13	11	8	155
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	-	15	33	75	63	47	139	142	97

## D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM BULGARIA -- 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
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	998	993
Canada	1,645	1,053	499	420	455	491	588	708	742	711
United States	1,289	1,011	501	449	503	586	649	705	703	507
France	-	436	412	419	326	208	129	105	88	80
Other	1,755	1,656	1,834	1,760	1,838	1,368	1,038	603	310	276
Total	4,689	4,156	3,246	3,048	3,122	2,653	2,404	2,121	2,841	2,567

\* 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
Sweden	24	14	15	31	17	11	18	461	767	688
Germany	3,367	2,172	1,682	1,244	172	90	72	66	814	502
Finland	4	19	3	3	3	3	13	-	287	287
Switzerland	-	-	25	118	155	66	58	229	785	281
Belgium	607	370	605	243	471	887	1,693	508	347	168
Other	2,344	1,558	1,735	2,751	1,612	1,125	1,226	2,087	1,143	681
Total	6,346	4,133	4,065	4,390	2,430	2,182	3,080	3,351	4,143	2,607

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

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 BULGARIA

