

BENIN

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Sub-Saharan Africa
United Nations:	Africa	Other UN country groupings:	
Bureau (UNHCR):	West Africa	Least Developed Country	
Region (UNHCR):	West Africa		

A. REFUGEES, ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND OTHERS OF CONCERN TO UNHCR

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Refugees*	156,241	70,406	23,843	5,960	2,918	2,903	3,657	4,296	4,799	5,021
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	-	77	593	1,226	1,624	66	226	314
Returned refugees***	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	..	..	3,511	4,129	5,281	4,370	5,025	5,335

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries. **Pending applications. 1993-1995: data available for industrialized countries only. ***Also based on country of asylum reports.

2. Refugees--displacement and durable solutions during the year

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	156,337	6,956	52	860	542	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	-	844	537	284	697	1,885	628	257
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	82	48	7
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	413	92,727	46,676	15,779	3,539	21	14	29	28	29
Resettlement	-	26	25	95	64	314	695	1,321	168	34
Naturalization	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. 1993-1995: industrialized countries only. ** Also based on country of return reports.

3. Asylum and refugee status determination during the year (incl. appeal/review)

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
New applications	-	-	-	948	829	1,164	1,832	2,621	1,051	719
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	844	537	284	670	1,885	628	257
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	-

Responsibility (2002): Government

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	380.9	171.7	58.1	14.5	7.1	7.1	8.9	10.5	11.7	12.2
Per 1,000 inhabitants	23.8	10.7	3.6	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8
Per 1,000 km ²	1,346.7	606.9	205.5	51.4	25.2	25.0	31.5	37.0	41.4	43.3
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	..	8.6	10.1	12.9	10.7	12.3	13.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	..	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	..	30.3	35.6	45.5	37.7	43.3	46.0

* 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 2002

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	259	588	1,343	12	-	2,202	12%	27%	61%	1%	41%
Male	247	610	2,272	4	-	3,133	8%	19%	73%	0%	59%
Total	506	1,198	3,615	16	-	5,335	9%	22%	68%	0%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	1,159
Urban	4,176
Dispersed/various	-
Total	5,335
Camps/centers	22%
Urban	78%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	5,020
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	1
Other/unknown*	-
Total	5,021
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	5,021
Other/unknown	-
Total	5,021
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

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

1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2002)

Origin*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Congo	-	-	-	-	18	103	383	1,238	1,241	1,243
Togo	155,908	70,000	23,370	4,690	1,300	1,311	1,305	1,029	1,182	1,205
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	12	16	20	27	69	143	896	674	811	872
Rwanda	4	44	72	166	302	297	457	513	576	593
Chad	263	297	329	336	189	203	239	369	427	455

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2002 -- data available for industrialized asylum countries only)

Origin	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
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Data not available

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM BENIN -- MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2002)

Asylum country*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175
Other	68	77	54			56	52	54	55	57
Total	68	77	54			56	52	54	55	232

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2002 -- data available for industrialized asylum countries only)

Asylum country	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Germany	181	54	40	19	28	43	26	51	121	123
Netherlands	9	12	5	4	5	6	12	29	102	103
Switzerland	1	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	29	88
Other	70	27	26		19	31	40	56	78	126
Total	261	93	71		52	84	80	136	330	440

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN BENIN -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2002

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Various	URB	3,860
Kpomasse	CAM	1,160
Cotonou	URB	310

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

Location name	Type*	Total
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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR BENIN

