

NICARAGUA

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

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	557	465	474	471	332	325	325	300	292	227
Asylum-seekers	-	-	-	13	11	21	16	17	1	1
Returned refugees*	1,012	41	155	61	25	9	4	5	2	44
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Others of concern	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	506	629	545	368	355	345	322	295	272

* 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	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	1	6	5	-	2	3	8	-	17	8
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	16	12	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Naturalization	5	-	-	-	-	-	8	24	19	73

* 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	Responsibility (2005): Government
New applications	1	9	12	22	22	13	22	11	18	11	
1951 Convention status	1	6	5	-	2	3	8	-	17	8	
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Per 1,000 km ²	4.3	3.6	3.7	3.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.3	1.8
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Per 1,000 km ²	..	3.9	4.9	4.2	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.1

* 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	-	1	131	4	-	136	0%	1%	96%	3%	60%
Male	-	1	61	30	-	92	0%	1%	66%	33%	40%
Total	-	2	192	34	-	228	0%	1%	84%	15%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	228
Dispersed/various	-
Total	228
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	227
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	227
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	227
Other/unknown	-
Total	227
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN NICARAGUA -- 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
El Salvador	517	434	434	434	330	322	314	290	265	192

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

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
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D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM NICARAGUA -- 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
Costa Rica	17,990	17,842	17,732	17,532	2,715	2,636	2,635	2,632	619	619
Guatemala	1,067	1,032	594	533	512	503	501	481	468	303
Panama	230	222	218	210	180	174	170	170	170	170
United States	2,364	2,332	2,207	1,734	1,125	582	290	120	82	116
Canada	361	311	295	236	192	210	160	145	107	75
Other	808	755	343	328	347	294	294	435	376	180
Total	22,820	22,494	21,389	20,573	5,071	4,399	4,050	3,983	1,822	1,463

* 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	184	142	62	49	33	46	74	41	23	26
United States	1,444	658	327	92	55	42	52	30	27	25
Other	131	90	75	30	32	10	20	20	82	18
Total	1,759	890	464	171	120	98	146	91	132	69

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Managua	URB	230

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR NICARAGUA

