

## SIERRA LEONE

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Sub-Saharan Africa
United Nations:	Africa		
Bureau (UNHCR):	West Africa	Other UN country groupings:	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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Refugees	13,532	13,011	9,866	6,570	6,546	10,501	63,494	61,194	65,437	59,965
Asylum-seekers	8	-	3	26	459	274	277	141	138	177
Returned refugees*	504	1,800	194,639	3,502	40,900	92,330	75,978	33,255	26,271	210
Internally displaced	654,600	670,000	670,000	500,000	300,000	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	200,000	-	-	-	-	-
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Others of concern	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>684,811</b>	<b>874,508</b>	<b>510,098</b>	<b>547,905</b>	<b>103,105</b>	<b>139,749</b>	<b>94,590</b>	<b>91,846</b>	<b>60,352</b>

\* 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
<b>Arrivals</b>										
Prima facie/group basis	1,016	-	-	22	-	3,935	52,961	10,816	2,407	56
Individually recognized*	-	-	3	-	3	722	7	-	-	3
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Durable solutions</b>										
Voluntary repatriation**	-	500	643	1,129	-	-	-	-	14,775	6,202
Resettlement	5	-	-	-	3	7	7	17	542	1,082
Naturalization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\* 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
New applications	3	-	27	22	436	1	13	6	4	44
1951 Convention status	-	-	3	-	3	722	7	-	-	3
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Responsibility (2005): UNHCR

## 4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Refugees</b>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	69.5	66.8	50.7	33.8	33.6	54.0	326.2	314.4	336.2	308.1
Per 1,000 inhabitants	2.4	2.4	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.9	11.5	11.1	11.8	10.9
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	186.3	179.1	135.8	90.5	90.1	144.6	874.2	842.6	901.0	825.6
<b>Total population of concern to UNHCR</b>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	3,518.4	4,493.1	2,620.8	2,815.0	529.7	718.0	486.0	471.9	310.1
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	123.9	158.3	92.3	99.2	18.7	25.3	17.1	16.6	10.9
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	..	9,428.9	12,040.8	7,023.3	7,543.9	1,419.6	1,924.1	1,302.4	1,264.6	831.0

\* 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	3,912	11,388	14,134	1,215	-	30,649	13%	37%	46%	4%	51%
Male	4,072	11,429	13,158	1,024	-	29,683	14%	39%	44%	3%	49%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,984</b>	<b>22,817</b>	<b>27,292</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,332</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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

Type	Total
Camps/centers	47,412
Urban	12,730
Dispersed/various	198
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,340</b>
Camps/centers	79%
Urban	21%

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

## 3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	7,808
1969 OAU Convention	52,146
UNHCR Mandate	9
Other/unknown*	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,965</b>
1951 Convention	13%

\* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

## 4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	52,146
Individually recognized	7,817
Other/unknown	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,965</b>
Prima facie (group)	87%
Individually recognized	13%

## C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN SIERRA LEONE -- 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
Liberia	13,521	13,000	9,862	6,566	6,543	10,498	63,491	61,192	65,433	59,952

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

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Côte d'Ivoire	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	33

## D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM SIERRA LEONE -- 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
United States	310	406	738	1,612	2,949	5,330	5,664	6,570	6,885	6,745
Gambia	4,263	5,427	5,419	12,044	7,631	7,101	7,734	6,127	5,955	5,955
Guinea	248,827	192,235	297,231	370,631	310,024	95,527	60,553	25,000	7,165	5,423
United Kingdom	60	75	120	405	1,840	3,390	3,760	4,014	4,118	4,161
Netherlands	221	275	405	570	851	2,262	3,466	3,663	3,737	3,839
Other	121,423	130,909	102,164	104,799	79,512	65,503	60,298	25,206	13,942	14,354
Total	375,104	329,327	406,077	490,061	402,807	179,113	141,475	70,580	41,802	40,477

\* 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
Guinea	-	-	-	432	953	523	1,285	2,894	1,870	1,039
Nigeria	21	760	-	-	312	128	82	27	-	257
Netherlands	249	390	482	1,280	2,023	2,405	1,615	314	138	189
United Kingdom	335	815	565	1,125	1,330	1,930	1,155	410	255	165
France	12	58	117	276	512	823	545	386	198	160
Other	799	4,482	4,251	7,108	6,842	7,208	3,366	2,444	2,263	1,130
Total	1,416	6,505	5,415	10,221	11,972	13,017	8,048	6,475	4,724	2,940

## E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN SIERRA LEONE -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2005

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Freetown	URB	8,050
Gondama	CAM	7,210
Tobanda	CAM	7,000
Largo	CAM	6,710
Jembe	CAM	6,150

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

Location name	Type*	Total
Taiama	CAM	5,620
Gerihun	CAM	5,370
Jimmi Bagbo	CAM	4,990
Bandajuma	CAM	4,370
Kenema	URB	3,710

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## F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR SIERRA LEONE

