

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	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Refugees*	5,643	314	577	557	465	474	471	332	325	325
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	11	21	16
Returned refugees***	372	66	15	1,012	41	155	61	25	9	4
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	..	..	506	629	545	368	355	345

* 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	-	-	7	1	8	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	-	1	6	5	-	2	3	8
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	215	130	25	16	12	-	-	25	-	-
Resettlement	2	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naturalization	..	..	..	5	-	-	-	-	-	8

* 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	-	-	-	1	9	12	22	22	13	22
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	1	6	5	-	2	3	8
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Per 1,000 inhabitants	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 km ²	43.6	2.4	4.5	4.3	3.6	3.7	3.6	2.6	2.5	2.5
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	..	3.9	4.9	4.2	2.8	2.7	2.7

* 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	-	-	150	-	-	150	0%	0%	100%	0%	44%
Male	-	-	162	29	-	191	0%	0%	85%	15%	56%
Total	-	-	312	29	-	341	0%	0%	91%	9%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	341
Dispersed/various	4
Total	345
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	99%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	11
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	314
Other/unknown*	-
Total	325
1951 Convention	3%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	325
Other/unknown	-
Total	325
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 2002)

Origin*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
El Salvador	5,399	286	524	517	434	434	434	330	322	314

* 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 NICARAGUA -- 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
Costa Rica	19,964	19,504	18,984	17,990	17,842	17,732	17,532	2,715	2,636	2,635
Guatemala	2,194	2,175	1,040	1,067	1,032	594	533	512	503	501
United States	9,648	4,754	2,577	2,364	2,332	2,207	1,734	1,125	582	290
Panama	331	310	-	230	222	218	210	180	174	170
Canada	-	967	541	361	311	295	236	192	210	160
Other	915	881	796	808	755	343	328	347	294	294
Total	33,052	28,591	23,938	22,820	22,494	21,389	20,573	5,071	4,399	4,050

* 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
Canada	141	202	259	184	142	62	49	33	46	74
United States	3,038	4,445	1,712	1,444	658	327	92	55	42	52
Other	25	8	7	6	6	54	5	11	3	14
Total	3,204	4,655	1,978	1,634	806	443	146	99	91	140

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Managua	URB	340

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

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR NICARAGUA

