

PANAMA

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):	South America		

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*	964	972	867	867	622	1,188	1,321	1,313	1,474	1,573
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	-	-	23	30	57	95	63	88
Returned refugees***	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	257	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	93
Total	..	..	..	..	645	1,218	1,378	1,665	1,537	1,754

* 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
<i>Arrivals</i>										
Prima facie/group basis	-	61	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	-	-	23	25	410	124	61	59
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Durable solutions</i>										
Voluntary repatriation**	26	30	25	-	-	-	40	257	68	3
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naturalization	..	..	..	-	-	-	11	-	14	12

* 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	Responsibility (2002): Government			
							1999	2000	2001	2002
New applications	-	-	-	-	45	65	489	204	81	126
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	-	11	25	4	2	61	59
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	12	-	406	122	-	-

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Refugees</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
Per 1,000 km ²	12.8	12.9	11.5	11.5	8.3	15.8	17.5	17.4	19.6	20.9
<i>Total population of concern to UNHCR</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	..	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	..	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	..	8.6	16.2	18.3	22.1	20.4	23.3

* 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	49	242	407	31	-	729	7%	33%	56%	4%	46%
Male	53	268	491	32	-	844	6%	32%	58%	4%	54%
Total	102	510	898	63	-	1,573	6%	32%	57%	4%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	701
Dispersed/various	1,053
Total	1,754
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	40%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	1,573
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	1,573
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	1,573
Other/unknown	-
Total	1,573
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN PANAMA -- 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
Colombia	-	-	-	7	10	564	733	711	881	989
El Salvador	391	328	-	247	240	241	242	283	277	271
Nicaragua	331	310	-	230	222	218	210	180	174	170
Cuba	-	96	-	74	76	76	66	68	70	72

* 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 PANAMA -- 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
Other										
Total	677	486	160	149	122	85	72	67		

* 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
Other										
Total	79	82	58							51

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Panama City	URB	700
Darien Centro	RUR	460
Jaque	RUR	280
Puerto Obaldia	RUR	110

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

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

