

BELARUS

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Commonwealth of Independent States (Europe)
United Nations:	Europe	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Bureau (UNHCR):	Europe		
Region (UNHCR):	Eastern Europe		

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

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Refugees*	1,822	28,988	30,525	50	75	260	458	584	618	638
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	-	4	520	541	411	354	340	327
Returned refugees***	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	160,000	175,908	160,000	160,000	34,567	19,511	16,372
Total	..	..	..	160,054	176,503	160,801	160,869	35,505	20,469	17,337

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries. ** Pending applications. 1994-1995: data available for industrialized countries only. *** Also based on country of asylum reports.

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

Category	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	-	-	1,537	50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	-	50	45	190	200	129	57	63
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	-	-	1	-	8	-	-	-	5	6
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	7
Naturalization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. 1994-1995: industrialized countries only. ** Also based on country of return reports.

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

Category	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
New applications	-	-	-	56	902	773	471	215	164	138
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	-	45	190	-	129	57	63
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	50	-	-	200	-	-	-

Responsibility (2003): Government

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	1.3	20.1	21.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.2	2.9	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 km ²	8.8	140.4	147.8	0.2	0.4	1.3	2.2	2.8	3.0	3.1
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	111.2	122.7	111.7	111.8	24.7	14.2	12.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	16.1	17.8	16.2	16.2	3.6	2.1	1.7
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	775.2	854.8	778.8	779.1	172.0	99.1	84.0

* 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 2003

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	20	128	196	21	-	365	5%	35%	54%	6%	39%
Male	19	127	404	13	-	563	3%	23%	72%	2%	61%
Total	39	255	600	34	-	928	4%	27%	65%	4%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	928
Dispersed/various	16,409
Total	17,337
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	5%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	638
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	638
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	638
Other/unknown	-
Total	638
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

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

1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2003)

Origin*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Afghanistan	1,607	-	-	38	59	199	368	454	478	459
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	31	35	60	69	98

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2003 -- 1994-95 data only incl. industrialized asylum countries)

Origin	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Georgia	-	-	98	41	33	15	22	48
Afghanistan	-	42	375	413	229	139	73	48

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

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2003)

Asylum country*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
United States	-	19	49	83	127	1,161	2,245	3,239	3,294	3,965
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,449	2,973
France	-	9	10	-	27	38	54	66	85	152
Canada	30	36	39	39	36	34	36	70	90	127
Czech Rep.	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	65	91	109
Other	7	20	403	181	100	274	140	256	355	489
Total	37	84	501	303	290	1,507	2,519	3,696	6,364	7,815

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2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2003 -- 1994-95 data only incl. industrialized asylum countries)

Asylum country	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Sweden	-	10	24	33	35	84	231	327	722	901
Germany	236	236	303	413	226	361	484	595	671	439
Switzerland	-	-	11	26	70	96	82	134	276	333
France	6	2	9	56	41	71	99	185	284	289
Czech Rep.	1	-	6	18	20	44	193	438	312	281
Other	62	57	134	277	286	825	1,595	1,306	1,339	1,422
Total	305	305	487	823	678	1,481	2,684	2,985	3,604	3,665

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN BELARUS -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2003

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Minsk	URB	580
Minsk Region	URB	150
Gomel Region	URB	100
Vitebsk Region	URB	60

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

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR BELARUS

