

JAPAN

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Developed regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Developed countries
United Nations:	Asia	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Bureau (UNHCR):	Asia and Pacific		
Region (UNHCR):	East Asia and the Pacific		

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*	5,942	5,435	5,278	4,851	4,492	4,235	3,752	3,200	2,657	2,266
Asylum-seekers**	106	101	199	332	268	297	311	328	316	428
Returned refugees***	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Various/others	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	5,183	4,760	4,532	4,063	3,528	2,973	2,694

* 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
<u>Arrivals</u>										
Prima facie/group basis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	1	1	1	1	16	36	61	93	54	26
Resettlement	456	231	151	157	132	158	135	40	-	-
<u>Durable solutions</u>										
Voluntary repatriation**	547	359	16	7	2	2	5	1	-	3
Resettlement	4	102	4	6	2	10	5	-	-	-
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	73	52	147	242	133	223	216	353	250	336
1951 Convention status	1	1	1	1	16	16	22	26	14	10
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	20	39	67	40	16

Responsibility (2003): Government

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<u>Refugees</u>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Per 1,000 km ²	15.9	14.6	14.1	13.0	12.0	11.3	10.0	8.6	7.1	6.1
<u>Total population of concern to UNHCR</u>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	13.9	12.7	12.1	10.9	9.4	8.0	7.2

* 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	-	-	-	-	965	965	-	-	-	-	36%
Male	-	-	-	-	1,729	1,729	-	-	-	-	64%
Total	-	-	-	-	2,694	2,694	-	-	-	-	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	2,694
Dispersed/various	-
Total	2,694
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	100%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	111
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	23
Other/unknown*	2,132
Total	2,266
1951 Convention	5%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	425
Other/unknown	1,841
Total	2,266
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	19%

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

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

<i>Origin*</i>	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Viet Nam	5,942	5,432	5,268	4,846	3,368	3,135	2,759	2,284	1,906	1,691
Myanmar	-	-	-	-	7	16	72	117	128	136
Cambodia	-	-	-	-	532	496	376	310	179	85
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	-	-	-	-	553	515	390	300	160	65
Afghanistan	-	-	-	1	2	11	41	58	62	61

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

<i>Origin</i>	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Myanmar	-	-	7	49	11	37	23	23	38	111
Turkey	-	-	46	94	8	-	40	123	52	77
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	-	19	15	7	22	17	20	19	25
China	-	-	6	33	8	10	3	10	22	22

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

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

<i>Asylum country*</i>	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Other										
Total									19	19

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

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

<i>Asylum country</i>	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Other										
Total	14			21	17	49		13	18	15

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

<i>Location name</i>	<i>Type*</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Location name</i>	<i>Type*</i>	<i>Total</i>

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR JAPAN

