

THAILAND

1951 Convention:	Not State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	Not State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	South-eastern Asia
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*	100,817	106,565	107,962	169,154	138,332	100,133	104,965	110,711	112,614	119,053
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	198	681	828	582	361	343	1,050	2,657
Returned refugees***	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Various/others	..	..	..	200	1,200	38	7	5	5	5
Total	..	..	..	170,035	140,360	100,753	105,336	111,059	113,669	121,715

* 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	980	21,424	9,399	104,602	23,017	-	-	-	-	37
Individually recognized*	-	-	234	609	934	1,223	704	650	558	756
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	7,545	7,707	4,714	3,548	7,151	37,349	18	-	-	-
Resettlement	7,959	3,318	3,194	941	245	514	1,248	974	307	452
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	-	-	466	2,133	2,443	1,900	1,081	1,453	3,034	4,025
1951 Convention status	-	-	234	609	934	1,223	594	650	558	756
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	110	-	-	-

Responsibility (2003): UNHCR

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	49.4	52.2	52.9	82.9	67.8	49.1	51.4	54.3	55.2	58.3
Per 1,000 inhabitants	1.6	1.7	1.7	2.7	2.2	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9
Per 1,000 km ²	195.0	206.2	208.9	327.2	267.6	193.7	203.1	214.2	217.9	230.3
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	83.3	68.8	49.4	51.6	54.4	55.7	59.6
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	2.7	2.3	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.0
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	329.0	271.5	194.9	203.8	214.9	219.9	235.5

* 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	7,177	19,883	28,476	2,078	-	57,614	12%	35%	49%	4%	48%
Male	7,498	21,071	30,699	2,171	-	61,439	12%	34%	50%	4%	52%
Total	14,675	40,954	59,175	4,249	-	119,053	12%	34%	50%	4%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	116,746
Urban	2,307
Dispersed/various	2,662
Total	121,715
Camps/centers	96%
Urban	2%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	-
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	2,342
Other/unknown*	116,711
Total	119,053
1951 Convention	0%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	2,307
Other/unknown	116,746
Total	119,053
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	2%

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C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN THAILAND -- 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
Myanmar	82,422	94,910	104,033	105,216	101,686	99,716	104,569	110,313	112,238	118,762
Cambodia	15	3	-	62,235	36,075	109	117	92	82	55
China	57	61	57	59	61	34	46	66	80	52

* 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
Myanmar	305	1,035	1,467	1,516	479	848	1,659	2,930
Liberia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	136
DPR of Korea	-	-	-	21	24	76	169	126
Iraq	-	-	58	128	116	116	134	103
Sri Lanka	18	23	29	7	38	28	83	96

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM THAILAND -- 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
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	242	220
Other	137	211	284	272	295	318	217	94	102	76
Total	137	211	284	272	295	318	217	94	344	296

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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
Australia	-	-	253	262	247	146	169	186	303	181
New Zealand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	576	236	120
France	2	-	-	-	1	1	5	20	39	43
Other		22	18	17	48	36	24	36	30	44
Total		22	271	279	296	183	198	818	608	388

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total	Location name	Type*	Total
Mae La (Thasongyang)	CAM	32,920	Tham Hin	CAM	8,910
Mae Kong Kha (Mae Sariang)	CAM	17,420	Nu Po (Umphang)	CAM	8,600
Pangkwa	CAM	17,260	Don Yang	CAM	3,630
Um Pium (Pob Phra)	CAM	15,510	Mae Surin	CAM	3,010
Mae Ra Ma Luang (Sob Moei)	CAM	9,470	Bangkok	URB	2,310

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR THAILAND

