

MEXICO

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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Refugees	38,717	34,569	31,908	28,251	24,511	18,451	15,455	12,962	6,075	4,343
Asylum-seekers*	-	-	7	3	1	11	12	23	82	161
Returned refugees**	-	1	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stateless/Others	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	31,915	28,254	24,512	18,468	15,467	12,985	6,157	4,504

* Pending applications. 1995: data available for industrialized countries only. ** Also based on country of asylum reports.

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

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	972	125	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	60	69	60	104	79	142	69	40	72
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	11
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	9,598	5,492	3,546	3,899	1,999	57	1	2	65	13
Resettlement	12	-	5	8	-	2	18	14	-	-
Naturalization	..	-	142	643	2,661	8,434	3,133	1,598	1,122	1,432

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

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

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
New applications	-	158	145	125	252	277	415	257	275	404
1951 Convention status	-	60	58	60	104	78	142	69	40	67
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	11	-	-	1	-	-	-	5

Responsibility (2004): Government

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	6.6	5.9	5.5	4.8	4.2	3.2	2.6	2.2	1.0	0.7
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Per 1,000 km ²	19.7	17.6	16.3	14.4	12.5	9.4	7.9	6.6	3.1	2.2
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	5.5	4.8	4.2	3.2	2.6	2.2	1.1	0.8
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	16.3	14.4	12.5	9.4	7.9	6.6	3.1	2.3

* 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 2004

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	6	166	1,617	166	-	1,955	0%	8%	83%	8%	41%
Male	4	228	2,404	157	-	2,793	0%	8%	86%	6%	59%
Total	10	394	4,021	323	-	4,748	0%	8%	85%	7%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	1,494
Urban	3,010
Dispersed/various	244
Total	4,748
Camps/centers	31%
Urban	63%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	142
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	2,707
Other/unknown*	1,494
Total	4,343
1951 Convention	3%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	1,494
Individually recognized	2,849
Other/unknown	-
Total	4,343
Prima facie (group)	34%
Individually recognized	66%

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

1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2004)

Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Guatemala	35,583	32,593	30,061	26,646	22,116	16,031	12,953	10,594	4,116	2,374
El Salvador	2,432	1,354	1,332	1,324	1,995	1,960	1,937	1,913	1,687	1,681
Colombia	88	95	82	50	53	61	94	114	48	55

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2004 -- 1995 data only incl. industrialized asylum countries)

Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Honduras	-	-	4	2	3	-	4	7	37	67
El Salvador	-	31	12	12	7	1	4	3	5	46
Eritrea	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	41
Colombia	-	9	10	5	6	20	58	65	38	40
Ethiopia	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	4	18	33

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

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2004)

Asylum country*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Canada	250	312	391	657	903	811	1,108	1,162	1,195	1,307
United States	105	203	272	347	449	470	477	488	439	425
Other	6	5	2	12	7	10	9	20	18	12
Total	361	520	665	1,016	1,359	1,291	1,594	1,670	1,652	1,744

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2004 -- 1995 data only incl. industrialized asylum countries)

Asylum country	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Canada	548	951	926	1,158	1,172	1,310	1,669	2,397	2,560	2,918
United States	9,148	7,820	13,663	4,460	2,251	3,669	8,747	8,775	3,955	1,454
Other	3	2	9	12	7	10	3	8	4	14
Total	9,699	8,773	14,598	5,630	3,430	4,989	10,419	11,180	6,519	4,386

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN MEXICO -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2004

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Mexico City	U	3,010
Various	C	1,490
Various	R	240

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

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR MEXICO

