

SAUDI ARABIA

1951 Convention:	Not State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	Not State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Western Asia
United Nations:	Asia		
Bureau (UNHCR):	Central Asia, South West Asia, North Africa and the Middle East	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Region (UNHCR):	The Middle East		

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

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Refugees	9,852	5,833	5,531	5,562	5,309	245,268	245,290	240,835	240,552	240,701
Asylum-seekers	-	1	31	138	171	234	124	93	170	212
Returned refugees*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70,000
Others of concern	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	5,834	5,562	5,700	5,480	245,502	245,414	240,928	240,722	310,913

* Based on country of asylum and origin reports.

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

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	20	4	26	41	48	67	20	92	194
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	40	-	94	102	68	240	108	4,527	493	84
Resettlement	3,593	4,285	471	57	347	8	45	31	2	1
Naturalization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. ** Based on country of asylum and origin reports.

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

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
New applications	-	-	29	268	292	305	205	128	233	337
1951 Convention status	-	20	4	26	31	8	67	20	57	185
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	10	40	-	-	35	9

Responsibility (2005): UNHCR

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	24.1	24.1	23.6	23.6	23.6
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	9.8
Per 1,000 km ²	5.1	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.7	125.8	125.8	123.6	123.4	123.5
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	24.1	24.1	23.6	23.6	30.5
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	12.7
Per 1,000 km ²	..	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.8	125.9	125.9	123.6	123.5	159.5

* Refugees and Total population of concern to UNHCR: annual estimates (Table A.1). Figures for GDP (Current) per capita, national population and land area are the most recent available estimates.

B. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS, LOCATION, LEGAL BASIS AND RECOGNITION, END OF 2005

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	33	113	102	5	-	253	13%	45%	40%	2%	28%
Male	26	111	499	9	-	645	4%	17%	77%	1%	72%
Total	59	224	601	14	-	898	7%	25%	67%	2%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	363
Urban	240,550
Dispersed/various	70,000
Total	310,913
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	77%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	-
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	240,690
Other/unknown*	11
Total	240,701
1951 Convention	0%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	397
Individually recognized	245
Other/unknown	240,059
Total	240,701
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	0%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN SAUDI ARABIA -- MAIN ORIGIN

1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2005)

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Occupied Palest. Territ.	-	-	-	-	-	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,007	240,015
Iraq	9,701	5,682	5,374	5,399	5,177	5,091	5,109	706	440	363
Eritrea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	58	253

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2005)

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Eritrea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	60	164
Sudan	-	-	7	40	48	24	25	18	58	85
Ethiopia	-	-	3	21	25	3	8	-	5	36

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM SAUDI ARABIA -- MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2005)

Asylum country*	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Canada	229	218	210	180	26	15	22	25	39	64
Other	13	140	152	53	51	20	87	211	175	87
Total	242	358	362	233	77	35	109	236	214	151

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2005)

Asylum country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	24	18	53	38	46	151	73	73	117	50

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN SAUDI ARABIA -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2005

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Various	URB	240,020
Various	RUR	70,000
Rafha	CAM	360
Gizan	URB	210
Riyadh	URB	170

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

Location name	Type*	Total
Jeddah	URB	140

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

F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR SAUDI ARABIA

