

**BENIN**

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|------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1951 Convention: | State party | Region (MDGs):              | Developing regions      |
| 1967 Protocol:   | State party | Sub-region (MDGs):          | Sub-Saharan Africa      |
| United Nations:  | Africa      |                             |                         |
| Bureau (UNHCR):  | West Africa | Other UN country groupings: | Least Developed Country |
| Region (UNHCR):  | West Africa |                             |                         |

**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*            | 70,406    | 23,843    | 5,960     | 2,918        | 2,903        | 3,657        | 4,296        | 4,799        | 5,021        | 5,034        |
| Asylum-seekers**     | -         | -         | 77        | 593          | 1,226        | 1,624        | 66           | 226          | 314          | 814          |
| Returned refugees*** | 1         | -         | -         | -            | -            | -            | 8            | -            | -            | -            |
| Internally displaced | -         | -         | -         | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            | -            |
| Returned IDPs        | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| Various/others       | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           | ..           |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>..</b> | <b>..</b> | <b>..</b> | <b>3,511</b> | <b>4,129</b> | <b>5,281</b> | <b>4,370</b> | <b>5,025</b> | <b>5,335</b> | <b>5,848</b> |

\* 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 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Arrivals</b>          |        |        |        |       |      |      |       |      |      |      |
| Prima facie/group basis  | 6,956  | 52     | 860    | 542   | -    | -    | -     | -    | -    | -    |
| Individually recognized* | -      | -      | 844    | 537   | 284  | 697  | 1,885 | 628  | 257  | 197  |
| Resettlement             | -      | -      | -      | -     | -    | 29   | 82    | 48   | 7    | -    |
| <b>Durable solutions</b> |        |        |        |       |      |      |       |      |      |      |
| Voluntary repatriation** | 92,727 | 46,676 | 15,779 | 3,539 | 21   | 14   | 29    | 28   | 29   | 226  |
| Resettlement             | 26     | 25     | 95     | 64    | 314  | 695  | 1,321 | 168  | 34   | 33   |
| 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       | -    | -    | 948  | 829  | 1,164 | 1,832 | 2,621 | 1,051 | 719  | 1,140 |
| 1951 Convention status | -    | -    | 844  | 537  | 284   | 670   | 1,885 | 628   | 257  | 197   |
| Allowed/humanitarian   | -    | -    | -    | -    | -     | 27    | -     | -     | -    | -     |

Responsibility (2003): Government

**4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions**

| Indicator*                                  | 1994  | 1995  | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
|---|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Refugees</b>                             |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Per 1 USD GDP/capita                        | 171.3 | 58.0  | 14.5 | 7.1  | 7.1  | 8.9  | 10.5 | 11.7 | 12.2 | 12.2 |
| Per 1,000 inhabitants                       | 10.7  | 3.6   | 0.9  | 0.4  | 0.4  | 0.6  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.8  | 0.8  |
| Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>                   | 606.9 | 205.5 | 51.4 | 25.2 | 25.0 | 31.5 | 37.0 | 41.4 | 43.3 | 43.4 |
| <b>Total population of concern to UNHCR</b> |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Per 1 USD GDP/capita                        | ..    | ..    | ..   | 8.5  | 10.0 | 12.9 | 10.6 | 12.2 | 13.0 | 14.2 |
| Per 1,000 inhabitants                       | ..    | ..    | ..   | 0.5  | 0.6  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.9  |
| Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>                   | ..    | ..    | ..   | 30.3 | 35.6 | 45.5 | 37.7 | 43.3 | 46.0 | 50.4 |

\* 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       | 266        | 572          | 1,412        | 13        | -        | 2,263        | 12%       | 25%        | 62%        | 1%        | 40%         |
| Male         | 266        | 609          | 2,527        | 5         | -        | 3,407        | 8%        | 18%        | 74%        | 0%        | 60%         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>532</b> | <b>1,181</b> | <b>3,939</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>5,670</b> | <b>9%</b> | <b>21%</b> | <b>69%</b> | <b>0%</b> | <b>100%</b> |

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

**2. Population of concern--location\***

| Type              | Total        |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Camps/centers     | 1,135        |
| Urban             | 4,535        |
| Dispersed/various | 178          |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>5,848</b> |
| Camps/centers     | 19%          |
| Urban             | 78%          |

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

**3. Refugee population--legal basis**

| Type                | Total        |
|---------------------|--------------|
| 1951 UN Convention  | -            |
| 1969 OAU Convention | 5,033        |
| UNHCR Mandate       | 1            |
| Other/unknown*      | -            |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>5,034</b> |
| 1951 Convention     | 0%           |

\* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

**4. Refugee population--recognition**

| Type                    | Total        |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Prima facie (group)     | -            |
| Individually recognized | 5,034        |
| Other/unknown           | -            |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>5,034</b> |
| Prima facie (group)     | 0%           |
| Individually recognized | 100%         |

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## C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN BENIN -- 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  |
|------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Togo                   | 70,000 | 23,370 | 4,690 | 1,300 | 1,311 | 1,305 | 1,029 | 1,182 | 1,205 | 1,221 |
| Congo                  | -      | -      | -     | 18    | 103   | 383   | 1,238 | 1,241 | 1,243 | 1,179 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 16     | 20     | 27    | 69    | 143   | 896   | 674   | 811   | 872   | 852   |
| Rwanda                 | 44     | 72     | 166   | 302   | 297   | 457   | 513   | 576   | 593   | 604   |
| Chad                   | 297    | 329    | 336   | 189   | 203   | 239   | 369   | 427   | 455   | 466   |

\* 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 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Togo                   | ..   | ..   | 6    | 4    | 596  | 132  | 861  | 207  | 116  | 362  |
| Côte d'Ivoire          | ..   | ..   | -    | -    | 1    | -    | 4    | 2    | 37   | 237  |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | ..   | ..   | 13   | 135  | 59   | 111  | 628  | 219  | 188  | 194  |
| Liberia                | ..   | ..   | -    | -    | -    | -    | 3    | 6    | 14   | 71   |
| Chad                   | ..   | ..   | 44   | 37   | 74   | 111  | 193  | 80   | 68   | 55   |

## D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM BENIN -- 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         | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 175  | 215  |
| Other           | 77   | 54   | 46   | 46   | 56   | 52   | 54   | 55   | 57   | 67   |
| Total           | 77   | 54   | 46   | 46   | 56   | 52   | 54   | 55   | 232  | 282  |

\* 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)

| Asylum country | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Switzerland    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 4    | 2    | -    | 29   | 88   | 59   |
| Germany        | 54   | 40   | 19   | 28   | 43   | 26   | 51   | 121  | 123  | 40   |
| South Africa   | ..   | ..   | -    | -    | -    | -    | 3    | 1    | 41   | 25   |
| France         | 2    | 6    | 5    | 3    | 5    | 8    | 18   | 22   | 37   | 25   |
| Other          | 37   | 25   | 18   | 22   | 32   | 53   | 68   | 163  | 191  | 112  |
| Total          | 93   | 71   | 42   | 53   | 84   | 89   | 140  | 336  | 480  | 261  |

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

| Location name | Type* | Total |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| Various       | URB   | 3,900 |
| Kpomasse      | CAM   | 1,140 |
| Cotonou       | URB   | 640   |

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|---------------|-------|-------|
| Various       | URB   | 3,900 |
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## F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR BENIN

