

BULGARIA

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

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

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Refugees*	450	1,060	1,320	1,430	390	240	547	1,474	3,004	3,658
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	1,302	1,303	1,357	1,718	1,542	1,316	1,540	1,140
Returned refugees***	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	..	..	1,747	1,958	2,089	2,792	4,544	4,798

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries. **Pending applications. 1993-1995: data available for industrialized countries only. ***Also based on country of asylum reports.

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

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Arrivals</i>										
Prima facie/group basis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	68	159	129	95	560	688	1,570	720
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Durable solutions</i>										
Voluntary repatriation**	-	3	3	132	8	-	21	3	4	5
Resettlement	-	-	-	10	-	1	-	-	-	-
Naturalization	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. 1993-1995: industrialized countries only. ** Also based on country of return reports.

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

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
New applications	-	-	517	302	429	833	1,331	1,755	2,428	2,888
1951 Convention status	-	-	50	145	127	87	180	267	385	75
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	18	14	2	8	380	421	1,185	645

Responsibility (2002): Government

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Refugees</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.8	1.5	1.9
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5
Per 1,000 km ²	4.1	9.6	11.9	12.9	3.5	2.2	4.9	13.3	27.1	33.0
<i>Total population of concern to UNHCR</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	..	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.4	2.3	2.4
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	..	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.6
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	..	15.8	17.7	18.8	25.2	41.0	43.3

* 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 2002

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	-	134	323	-	-	457	0%	29%	71%	0%	16%
Male	-	155	2,276	-	-	2,431	0%	6%	94%	0%	84%
Total	-	289	2,599	-	-	2,888	0%	10%	90%	0%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	2,888
Dispersed/various	1,910
Total	4,798
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	60%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	3,658
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	3,658
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	3,658
Other/unknown	-
Total	3,658
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

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

1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2002)

Origin*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Afghanistan	208	382	475	542	205	94	222	786	1,565	1,733
Iraq	19	56	71	100	17	18	29	102	508	837
Stateless	-	-	75	105	48	-	-	141	183	184
Islamic Rep. of Iran	8	30	42	54	4	3	18	61	148	170
Sudan	1	3	9	20	11	10	14	20	66	158

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2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2002 -- data available for industrialized asylum countries only)

Origin	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Iraq	-	-	-	31	93	229	197	300	720	946
Afghanistan	-	-	-	67	62	261	277	675	1,081	864
Armenia	-	-	-	-	-	19	142	418	160	364
Nigeria	-	-	-	2	1	10	25	4	22	169
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	-	-	15	33	75	63	47	139	142

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

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2002)

Asylum country*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	998
Canada	-	1,645	1,053	499	420	455	491	588	708	742
United States	1,372	1,289	1,011	501	449	503	586	649	705	703
France	-	-	436	412	419	326	208	129	105	88
Other	1,783	1,755	1,656	1,834	1,760	1,838	1,368	1,038	603	310
Total	3,155	4,689	4,156	3,246	3,048	3,122	2,653	2,404	2,121	2,841

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2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2002 -- data available for industrialized asylum countries only)

Asylum country	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Germany	22,547	3,367	2,172	1,682	1,244	172	90	72	66	814
Switzerland	25	-	-	25	118	155	66	58	229	785
Sweden	153	24	14	15	31	17	11	18	461	767
Norway	8	2	6	5	9	13	6	12	950	359
Belgium	1,390	607	370	605	243	471	887	1,693	508	347
Other	2,773	2,346	1,571	1,728	2,732	1,170	1,142	1,198	1,105	1,056
Total	26,896	6,346	4,133	4,060	4,377	1,998	2,202	3,051	3,319	4,128

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN BULGARIA -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2002

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR BULGARIA

