

# LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Regional classification: Millennium Development Goals (sub-region)

## 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*	125,294	109,057	93,858	88,421	83,220	65,566	61,527	37,851	37,135	40,878
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	-	285	374	368	1,507	3,438	7,908	6,215
Returned refugees***	9,899	10,084	11,071	7,258	3,744	4,180	2,216	719	194	44
Internally displaced	-	8,000	13,700	11,200	1,650	-	-	525,000	720,000	950,000
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	..	-	20,002	21,201	8,526	-	50,093
<b>Total</b>	..	..	..	..	88,988	90,116	86,451	575,534	765,237	1,047,230

\* 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
<b>Arrivals</b>										
Prima facie/group basis	-	4,927	1,704	1,251	921	-	-	738	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	-	641	508	412	1,204	2,612	3,224	6,674
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	5	27	16	-	-
<b>Durable solutions</b>										
Voluntary repatriation**	9,366	9,811	10,968	7,519	3,745	4,133	2,250	718	201	70
Resettlement	301	97	17	14	166	95	34	44	46	40
Naturalization	..	..	..	115	239	1,134	3,319	10,057	3,259	1,683

\* 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	-	-	-	1,913	1,534	1,803	3,089	6,194	10,850	13,317
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	583	477	400	793	1,784	3,129	4,436
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	58	31	12	411	828	95	2,238

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

Indicator*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>Total population of concern to UNHCR</b>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	..	28.4	28.8	27.6	183.7	244.3	334.3
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	..	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.1	1.5	2.0
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	..	..	..	..	4.4	4.5	4.3	28.5	37.9	51.9

\* 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	971	3,516	9,055	620	2,962	17,124	7%	25%	64%	4%	43%
Male	1,050	3,997	13,783	721	3,612	23,163	5%	20%	70%	4%	57%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,021</b>	<b>7,513</b>	<b>22,838</b>	<b>1,341</b>	<b>6,574</b>	<b>40,287</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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

Type	Total
Camps/centers	9,265
Urban	32,925
Dispersed/various	1,008,912
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,051,102</b>
Camps/centers	1%
Urban	3%

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

### 3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	25,537
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	5,626
Other/unknown*	9,715
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,878</b>
1951 Convention	62%

\* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

### 4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	10,625
Individually recognized	30,102
Other/unknown	151
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,878</b>
Prima facie (group)	26%
Individually recognized	74%