

SIERRA LEONE

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*	15,874	4,675	13,532	13,011	9,866	6,570	6,546	10,501	63,494	61,194
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	8	-	3	26	459	274	277	141
Returned refugees***	113	-	504	1,800	194,639	3,502	40,900	92,330	75,978	33,255
Internally displaced	782,000	654,600	654,600	670,000	670,000	500,000	300,000	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	-	-	-	200,000	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	..	684,811	874,508	510,098	547,905	103,105	139,749	94,590

* 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
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	3	1,247	1,016	-	-	22	-	3,935	52,961	10,816
Individually recognized*	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	722	7	-
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	300	2,564	-	500	643	1,129	-	-	-	-
Resettlement	36	4	5	-	-	-	3	7	7	17
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	-	-	3	-	27	22	436	1	13	6
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	722	7	-
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Responsibility (2003): UNHCR

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	96.6	28.5	82.4	79.2	60.0	40.0	39.8	63.9	386.4	372.4
Per 1,000 inhabitants	3.3	1.0	2.8	2.7	2.1	1.4	1.4	2.2	13.3	12.8
Per 1,000 km ²	218.6	64.4	186.3	179.1	135.8	90.5	90.1	144.6	874.2	842.6
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	4,167.6	5,322.1	3,104.4	3,334.4	627.5	850.5	575.7
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	143.7	183.5	107.1	115.0	21.6	29.3	19.9
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	9,428.9	12,040.8	7,023.3	7,543.9	1,419.6	1,924.1	1,302.4

* 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	4,813	7,838	12,543	3,185	-	28,379	17%	28%	44%	11%	51%
Male	4,759	6,923	12,129	-	3,452	27,263	20%	29%	51%	0%	49%
Total	9,572	14,761	24,672	3,185	3,452	55,642	18%	28%	47%	6%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	55,640
Urban	8,497
Dispersed/various	35,959
Total	100,096
Camps/centers	56%
Urban	8%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	3,080
1969 OAU Convention	58,114
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	61,194
1951 Convention	5%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	58,114
Individually recognized	3,080
Other/unknown	-
Total	61,194
Prima facie (group)	95%
Individually recognized	5%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN SIERRA LEONE -- 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
Liberia	15,861	4,667	13,521	13,000	9,862	6,566	6,543	10,498	63,491	61,192

* 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
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D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM SIERRA LEONE -- 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
Guinea	154,922	254,070	248,827	192,235	297,231	370,631	310,024	95,527	60,553	25,000
Liberia	120,000	120,002	120,001	126,846	96,273	96,273	69,266	54,717	45,735	13,941
United States	72	218	310	406	738	1,612	2,949	5,330	5,664	6,570
Gambia	-	4,050	4,263	5,427	5,419	12,044	7,631	7,101	7,734	6,127
United Kingdom	20	40	60	75	120	405	1,840	3,390	3,760	4,014
Other	288	1,115	1,643	4,338	6,296	9,096	11,097	13,048	18,029	14,929
Total	275,302	379,495	375,104	329,327	406,077	490,061	402,807	179,113	141,475	70,581

* 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
Guinea	..	..	-	-	-	432	953	523	1,285	2,894
France	31	21	12	58	117	276	512	823	545	386
United Kingdom	1,810	855	335	815	565	1,125	1,330	1,930	1,155	380
United States	255	72	-	122	275	336	499	876	683	365
Italy	2	7	-	14	134	22	165	117	310	340
Other	884	1,719	1,069	5,496	4,324	8,030	8,513	8,748	4,070	2,082
Total	2,982	2,674	1,416	6,505	5,415	10,221	11,972	13,017	8,048	6,447

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN SIERRA LEONE -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2003

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Kailahun	RUR	21,250
Gondama	CAM	8,660
Tobanda	CAM	7,650
Kono	RUR	7,540
Jembe	CAM	7,360

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

Location name	Type*	Total
Largo	CAM	6,980
Taiama	CAM	6,900
Gerrahun	CAM	6,850
Jimmi Bagbo	CAM	6,040
Freetown	URB	5,420

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

F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR SIERRA LEONE

