

CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO

Classification: UNHCR regions (Global Report)

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

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Refugees*	73,983	68,613	65,500	56,051	51,541	26,343	25,831	27,605	21,728	16,694
Asylum-seekers**	-	13	12	7	54	1,162	2,660	162	189	442
Returned refugees***	9,744	6,730	3,744	4,146	2,128	124	10	6	58	10
Internally displaced	13,700	11,200	1,650	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stateless/Others	..	..	-	20,000	20,000	8,526	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	70,906	80,204	73,723	36,155	28,501	27,773	21,975	17,146

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

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

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	1,002	331	272	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	253	84	171	285	640	2,411	4,690	1,888	929
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	13
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	9,790	6,835	3,741	4,087	2,145	131	22	7	69	14
Resettlement	16	-	9	11	2	6	18	19	165	228
Naturalization	..	113	235	1,123	3,308	10,023	3,242	1,669	1,349	1,604

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

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

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
New applications	-	916	355	426	574	2,122	5,802	4,209	2,135	2,011
1951 Convention status	-	253	73	171	285	635	2,411	2,453	913	924
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	11	-	-	5	-	2,237	975	5

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	15.3	14.2	13.5	11.6	10.7	5.4	5.3	5.7	4.5	3.5
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Per 1,000 km ²	30.7	28.5	27.2	23.3	21.4	10.9	10.7	11.5	9.0	6.9
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	14.7	16.6	15.2	7.5	5.9	5.7	4.5	3.5
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	29.4	33.3	30.6	15.0	11.8	11.5	9.1	7.1

* 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 2004

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	202	1,642	5,394	364	-	7,602	3%	22%	71%	5%	44%
Male	178	1,455	7,495	425	-	9,553	2%	15%	78%	4%	56%
Total	380	3,097	12,889	789	-	17,155	2%	18%	75%	5%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	2,009
Urban	14,902
Dispersed/various	244
Total	17,155
Camps/centers	12%
Urban	87%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	11,597
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	3,597
Other/unknown*	1,500
Total	16,694
1951 UN Convention	69%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	1,723
Individually recognized	14,954
Other/unknown	17
Total	16,694
Prima facie (group)	10%
Individually recognized	90%