

WESTERN ASIA

Classification: Regions--Millennium Development Indicators

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

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Refugees*	219,906	184,123	203,720	214,512	211,472	459,713	478,603	365,578	377,261	406,336
Asylum-seekers	6,466	9,222	18,467	19,425	25,509	19,645	12,958	18,899	30,932	42,083
Returned refugees**	81,810	11,609	12,690	21,232	5,604	2,239	1,930	55,580	194,242	56,204
Internally displaced	297,000	300,055	265,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200,000
Returned IDPs	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	196,000
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	386,000	580,010
Others of concern***	..	198,000	167,818	149,286	138,007	138,000	138,000	106,340	21,000	22,419
Total	..	703,009	667,695	404,455	380,592	619,597	631,491	546,397	1,009,435	2,503,052

* Includes UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries. ** Based on country of asylum and origin reports. *** Includes stateless persons up to 2003.

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

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	11,800	10,468	17,109	18,984	14,317	11,378	13,374	12,295	28,632	24,171
Individually recognized*	3,617	9,381	5,320	6,221	13,445	6,678	4,673	3,418	2,495	3,212
Resettlement	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	9	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	6,247	2,549	3,947	21,534	2,768	1,107	2,101	12,718	3,291	1,023
Resettlement	7,035	9,233	5,438	4,951	8,520	7,347	4,777	3,863	3,282	3,336
Naturalization	..	28	20	-	-	-	-	64	-	7

* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. ** Based on country of asylum and origin reports.

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

Category	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
New applications	14,866	20,066	27,610	26,980	32,529	19,616	14,526	15,752	29,062	23,277
1951 Convention status	3,617	9,242	5,320	5,728	7,336	6,597	4,647	3,212	2,310	2,102
Allowed/humanitarian	-	139	-	493	6,109	81	26	206	185	1,110

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	44.2	37.0	40.9	43.1	42.5	92.4	96.2	73.5	75.8	81.6
Per 1,000 inhabitants	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.9	2.0
Per 1,000 km ²	50.8	42.5	47.1	49.6	48.9	106.2	110.6	84.5	87.2	93.9
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	141.3	134.2	81.3	76.5	124.5	126.9	109.8	202.8	503.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	3.5	3.4	2.0	1.9	3.1	3.2	2.8	5.1	12.6
Per 1,000 km ²	..	162.4	154.3	93.5	87.9	143.2	145.9	126.2	233.2	578.4

* Total population of concern to UNHCR: annual estimates (Table A.1). Figures for GDP (Current) per capita, national population and land area are the most recent available estimates.

B. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS, LOCATION, LEGAL BASIS AND RECOGNITION, END OF 2005

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	8,065	42,669	70,291	5,438	334	126,797	6%	34%	56%	4%	44%
Male	8,725	45,349	99,303	5,073	416	158,866	6%	29%	63%	3%	56%
Total	16,790	88,018	169,594	10,511	750	285,663	6%	31%	60%	4%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	32,338
Urban	383,624
Dispersed/various	261,463
Total	677,425
Camps/centers	5%
Urban	57%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	79,194
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	325,591
Other/unknown*	1,551
Total	406,336
1951 UN Convention	19%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	153,416
Individually recognized	12,096
Other/unknown	240,824
Total	406,336
Prima facie (group)	38%
Individually recognized	3%