

ISLAMIC REP. OF IRAN

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Southern Asia
United Nations:	Asia		
Bureau (UNHCR):	Central Asia, South West Asia, North Africa and the Middle East	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Region (UNHCR):	South-West Asia		

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	2,030,359	1,982,553	1,931,332	1,835,688	1,868,000	1,868,000	1,306,599	984,896	1,045,976	974,302
Asylum-seekers	-	-	-	-	12,228	-	4	1	48	140
Returned refugees*	3,498	-	3	9	60	11	1,195	3,850	698	68
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Others of concern	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	1,982,553	1,931,335	1,835,697	1,880,288	1,868,011	1,307,798	988,747	1,046,722	974,510

* Based on country of asylum and origin reports.

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	65,000	-	-	-	262,075	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	-	-	86,563	-	20	-	2	54
Resettlement	-	-	191	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	106,700	12,438	29,602	181,687	219,206	19,727	377,389	319,915	646,195	344,908
Resettlement	88	43	48	293	1,162	1,038	910	910	831	820
Naturalization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* 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	-	-	-	-	245,854	-	38	38	64	251
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	-	82,638	-	20	-	2	54
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	3,925	-	-	-	-	-

Responsibility (2005): UNHCR

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	863.5	843.2	821.4	780.7	794.5	794.5	555.7	418.9	444.9	414.4
Per 1,000 inhabitants	29.2	28.5	27.8	26.4	26.9	26.9	18.8	14.2	15.0	14.0
Per 1,000 km ²	1,250.9	1,221.5	1,189.9	1,131.0	1,150.9	1,150.9	805.0	606.8	644.4	600.3
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	843.2	821.4	780.7	799.7	794.5	556.2	420.5	445.2	414.5
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	28.5	27.8	26.4	27.0	26.9	18.8	14.2	15.1	14.0
Per 1,000 km ²	..	1,221.5	1,189.9	1,131.0	1,158.5	1,150.9	805.8	609.2	644.9	600.4

* Refugees and 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	20,615	192,654	203,374	10,234	-	426,877	5%	45%	48%	2%	44%
Male	20,934	211,626	295,512	19,486	-	547,559	4%	39%	54%	4%	56%
Total	41,549	404,280	498,886	29,720	-	974,436	4%	41%	51%	3%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	31,447
Urban	140
Dispersed/various	942,849
Total	974,436
Camps/centers	3%
Urban	0%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	974,248
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	48
Other/unknown*	-
Total	974,296
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	974,248
Individually recognized	48
Other/unknown	-
Total	974,296
Prima facie (group)	100%
Individually recognized	0%

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C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN ISLAMIC REP. OF IRAN -- MAIN ORIGIN

1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2005)

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Afghanistan	1,414,659	1,411,759	1,400,722	1,325,724	1,482,000	1,482,000	1,104,909	834,699	952,802	920,248
Iraq	579,200	570,794	530,610	509,964	386,000	386,000	201,671	150,196	93,173	54,000

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2005)

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Uzbekistan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	113
Afghanistan	-	-	-	-	245,854	-	-	-	29	62
Pakistan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	20

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM ISLAMIC REP. OF IRAN -- MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2005)

Asylum country*	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,538	47,131	39,904	24,016
United States	8,988	8,701	9,814	11,134	15,472	21,268	21,766	21,185	20,541	17,429
Iraq	34,194	29,424	28,979	26,515	23,893	23,680	20,251	10,237	9,500	13,382
United Kingdom	3,196	3,016	2,935	2,430	3,390	4,115	5,375	6,892	8,044	9,039
Canada	6,677	6,461	6,467	6,361	6,319	7,502	7,228	6,794	6,508	5,695
Other	51,074	46,391	41,784	40,415	39,204	35,926	32,206	30,291	30,665	29,867
Total	104,129	93,993	89,979	86,855	88,278	92,491	138,364	122,530	115,162	99,428

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2005)

Asylum country	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
United Kingdom	585	585	745	1,320	5,610	3,415	2,630	3,495	3,990	3,505
Turkey	1,454	1,654	1,979	3,843	3,860	3,385	2,505	3,092	2,029	1,716
Germany	5,264	4,490	2,955	3,407	4,878	3,455	2,642	2,049	1,369	929
Sweden	401	356	613	854	739	780	762	787	660	582
Cyprus	29	29	36	92	214	687	388	465	661	565
Other	6,631	7,015	7,095	9,524	21,435	9,777	6,769	6,871	4,577	4,524
Total	14,364	14,129	13,423	19,040	36,736	21,499	15,696	16,759	13,286	11,821

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN ISLAMIC REP. OF IRAN -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2005

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Various	RUR	942,850
Kerman	CAM	12,760
Khorasan	CAM	4,890
Markazi	CAM	3,890
Semnan	CAM	2,760

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

Location name	Type*	Total
Bushehr	CAM	2,080
West-Azerbaijan	CAM	1,780
Fars	CAM	1,750
Lorestan	CAM	940
Khuzestan	CAM	260

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR ISLAMIC REP. OF IRAN

