

## WEST AFRICA

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	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Refugees*	1,524,363	1,465,559	1,431,493	1,020,167	972,261	971,126	844,817	570,099	619,806	736,336
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	4,311	8,818	15,055	11,226	13,925	21,571	31,486	28,335
Returned refugees***	132,340	138,029	91,809	66,851	468,555	120,663	86,888	101,092	98,067	76,339
Internally displaced	1,179,359	974,600	974,600	836,000	993,842	590,584	410,686	196,116	404,115	569,655
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	-	-	262,361	213,361	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000
<b>Total</b>	..	..	..	1,931,836	2,449,713	1,955,960	1,569,677	888,878	1,153,474	1,425,665

\* 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
<b>Arrivals</b>										
Prima facie/group basis	199,192	46,824	31,351	89,322	317,515	86,145	29,403	13,851	165,261	220,019
Individually recognized*	-	-	10,088	9,223	3,291	4,580	14,877	19,225	4,434	19,949
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	17	51	98	48	7	24
<b>Durable solutions</b>										
Voluntary repatriation**	132,449	106,004	74,578	65,480	450,200	122,091	86,927	106,433	99,670	72,892
Resettlement	454	121	171	936	1,591	3,688	3,252	2,073	649	2,618
Naturalization	..	..	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	-

\* 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	-	-	7,890	12,107	13,321	13,370	21,610	27,351	19,201	23,699
1951 Convention status	-	-	4,948	6,061	3,099	4,543	5,598	11,681	3,401	17,892
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	5,140	3,162	192	37	9,279	7,544	1,033	2,057

## 4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Refugees</b>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	3,875.6	3,726.1	3,639.5	2,593.7	2,471.9	2,469.0	2,147.9	1,449.4	1,575.8	1,872.1
Per 1,000 inhabitants	5.8	5.5	5.4	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.2	2.2	2.3	2.8
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	199.0	191.3	186.8	133.2	126.9	126.8	110.3	74.4	80.9	96.1
<b>Total population of concern to UNHCR</b>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	4,911.5	6,228.2	4,972.9	3,990.8	2,259.9	2,932.6	3,624.6
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	7.3	9.3	7.4	5.9	3.4	4.4	5.4
Per 1,000 km <sup>2</sup>	..	..	..	252.2	319.8	255.3	204.9	116.0	150.6	186.1

\* 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 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	42,093	88,180	112,766	13,249	85,067	341,355	16%	34%	44%	5%	52%
Male	45,551	90,653	105,497	8,290	71,104	321,095	18%	36%	42%	3%	48%
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,644</b>	<b>178,833</b>	<b>218,263</b>	<b>21,539</b>	<b>156,171</b>	<b>662,450</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>43%</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	739,848
Urban	128,050
Dispersed/various	563,996
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,431,894</b>
Camps/centers	52%
Urban	9%

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

## 3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	11,859
1969 OAU Convention	421,394
UNHCR Mandate	180,859
Other/unknown*	122,224
<b>Total</b>	<b>736,336</b>
1951 UN Convention	2%

\* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

## 4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	626,186
Individually recognized	103,554
Other/unknown	6,596
<b>Total</b>	<b>736,336</b>
Prima facie (group)	85%
Individually recognized	14%