

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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Refugees*	68,613	65,500	56,051	51,541	26,343	25,831	27,605	21,728	16,694	15,795
Asylum-seekers	13	12	7	54	1,162	2,660	162	189	442	453
Returned refugees**	6,730	3,744	4,146	2,128	124	10	6	58	10	44
Internally displaced	11,200	1,650	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stateless persons	-	-
Others of concern***	..	-	20,000	20,000	8,526	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	70,906	80,204	73,723	36,155	28,501	27,773	21,975	17,146	16,292

* 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	331	272	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	253	84	171	285	640	2,411	4,690	1,888	929	152
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	13	29
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	6,835	3,741	4,087	2,145	131	22	7	69	14	44
Resettlement	-	9	11	2	6	18	19	165	228	283
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. ** 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	916	355	426	574	2,122	5,802	4,209	2,135	2,011	835
1951 Convention status	253	73	171	285	635	2,411	2,453	913	924	152
Allowed/humanitarian	-	11	-	-	5	-	2,237	975	5	-

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	13.1	12.5	10.7	9.9	5.0	4.9	5.3	4.2	3.2	3.0
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 km ²	28.5	27.2	23.3	21.4	10.9	10.7	11.5	9.0	6.9	6.6
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	13.6	15.4	14.1	6.9	5.5	5.3	4.2	3.3	3.1
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 km ²	..	29.4	33.3	30.6	15.0	11.8	11.5	9.1	7.1	6.8

* 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	-	306	1,504	183	-	1,993	0%	15%	75%	9%	42%
Male	1	343	1,753	682	-	2,779	0%	12%	63%	25%	58%
Total	1	649	3,257	865	-	4,772	0%	14%	68%	18%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	354
Urban	4,368
Dispersed/various	50
Total	4,772
Camps/centers	7%
Urban	92%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	12,308
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	3,133
Other/unknown*	354
Total	15,795
1951 UN Convention	78%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	400
Individually recognized	15,384
Other/unknown	11
Total	15,795
Prima facie (group)	3%
Individually recognized	97%