

SIERRA LEONE

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Sub-Saharan Africa
United Nations:	Africa	Other UN country groupings:	
Bureau (UNHCR):	West Africa	Least Developed Country	
Region (UNHCR):	West Africa		

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

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Refugees*	16,279	15,874	4,675	13,532	13,011	9,866	6,570	6,546	10,501	63,494
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	-	8	-	3	26	459	274	277
Returned refugees***	2,889	113	-	504	1,800	194,639	3,502	40,900	92,330	75,978
Internally displaced	532,000	782,000	654,600	654,600	670,000	670,000	500,000	300,000	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	200,000	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	..	..	..	..	684,811	874,508	510,098	547,905	103,105	139,749

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries. **Pending applications. 1993-1995: data available for industrialized countries only. ***Also based on country of asylum reports.

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

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Arrivals</i>										
Prima facie/group basis	-	3	1,247	1,016	-	-	22	-	3,935	52,961
Individually recognized*	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	722	7
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Durable solutions</i>										
Voluntary repatriation**	1	300	2,564	-	500	643	1,129	-	-	-
Resettlement	197	36	4	5	-	-	-	3	7	7
Naturalization	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Includes Convention status and allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons, first instance and appeal. 1993-1995: industrialized countries only. ** Also based on country of return reports.

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

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
New applications	-	-	-	3	-	27	22	436	1	13
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	722	7
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Responsibility (2002): UNHCR

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Refugees</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	98.3	95.9	28.2	81.7	78.6	59.6	39.7	39.5	63.4	383.4
Per 1,000 inhabitants	3.4	3.3	1.0	2.8	2.7	2.1	1.4	1.4	2.2	13.3
Per 1,000 km ²	224.1	218.6	64.4	186.3	179.1	135.8	90.5	90.1	144.6	874.2
<i>Total population of concern to UNHCR</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	..	4,135.3	5,280.8	3,080.3	3,308.6	622.6	843.9
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	..	143.7	183.5	107.1	115.0	21.6	29.3
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	..	9,428.9	12,040.8	7,023.3	7,543.9	1,419.6	1,924.1

* Refugees and 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 2002

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	3,844	7,964	11,838	2,490	-	26,136	15%	30%	45%	10%	51%
Male	3,740	7,342	11,298	2,912	-	25,292	15%	29%	45%	12%	49%
Total	7,584	15,306	23,136	5,402	-	51,428	15%	30%	45%	11%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	43,158
Urban	8,270
Dispersed/various	88,321
Total	139,749
Camps/centers	31%
Urban	6%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	3,098
1969 OAU Convention	60,396
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	63,494
1951 Convention	5%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	60,396
Individually recognized	3,098
Other/unknown	-
Total	63,494
Prima facie (group)	95%
Individually recognized	5%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN SIERRA LEONE -- MAIN ORIGIN

1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2002)

Origin*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Liberia	16,264	15,861	4,667	13,521	13,000	9,862	6,566	6,543	10,498	63,491

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2002 -- data available for industrialized asylum countries only)

Origin	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
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Data not available

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM SIERRA LEONE -- MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2002)

Asylum country*	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Guinea	161,092	154,922	254,070	248,827	192,235	297,231	370,631	310,024	95,527	60,553
Liberia	150,000	120,000	120,002	120,001	126,846	96,273	96,273	69,266	54,717	45,735
Gambia	2	-	4,050	4,263	5,427	5,419	12,044	7,631	7,101	7,734
United States	24	72	218	310	406	738	1,612	2,949	5,330	5,664
Ghana	-	-	-	5	586	758	1,694	2,103	1,998	4,316
Other	65	308	1,155	1,698	3,827	5,658	7,807	10,834	14,440	17,360
Total	311,183	275,302	379,495	375,104	329,327	406,077	490,061	402,807	179,113	141,362

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2002 -- data available for industrialized asylum countries only)

Asylum country	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Netherlands	102	83	391	249	390	482	1,280	2,023	2,405	1,615
United Kingdom	835	1,810	855	335	815	565	1,125	1,330	1,930	1,155
United States	534	255	72	-	122	275	336	499	876	683
France	22	31	21	12	58	117	276	512	823	545
Germany	1,234	487	879	517	1,162	1,224	1,427	1,000	1,120	397
Other	297	316	456	204	876	1,638	2,953	3,085	3,266	1,458
Total	3,024	2,982	2,674	1,317	3,423	4,301	7,397	8,449	10,420	5,853

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN SIERRA LEONE -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2002

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Kailahun	RUR	11,750
Taiiama	CAM	7,440
Jembe	CAM	6,670
Gerrihun	CAM	6,640
Jimmi Bagbo	CAM	6,450

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

Location name	Type*	Total
Gondama	CAM	6,350
Bandajuma	CAM	5,820
Freetown	URB	4,360
Largo	CAM	3,730
Kenema	URB	2,280

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

F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR SIERRA LEONE

