

SOUTH ASIA

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*	390,891	373,859	333,923	330,202	321,821	322,684	323,344	308,246	308,127	286,923
Asylum-seekers	38	99	95	51	95	270	547	784	1,026	1,754
Returned refugees**	23,149	26,610	13,642	1,224	1,362	297	2,199	8,254	10,250	2,792
Internally displaced	200,000	200,000	603,025	612,518	706,514	731,838	462,826	386,104	351,884	324,699
Returned IDPs	..	-	30,490	-	-	-	269,012	76,722	34,220	27,185
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	250,000	886,495
Others of concern***	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,704	10,737	10,928
Total	..	600,568	981,175	943,995	1,029,792	1,055,089	1,057,928	790,814	966,244	1,540,776

* 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	10,117	5,061	3,109	4,977	1,620	453	75	-	-	1,506
Individually recognized*	844	784	499	440	450	573	629	290	604	1,002
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	24,983	26,612	13,700	1,296	1,379	329	2,318	7,964	10,239	2,887
Resettlement	334	562	830	864	1,306	1,555	837	764	437	192
Naturalization	..	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

* 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	1,336	1,296	865	905	957	1,021	1,425	740	1,082	1,968
1951 Convention status	844	782	499	407	414	564	629	266	502	862
Allowed/humanitarian	-	2	-	33	36	9	-	24	102	140

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	678.6	649.0	579.7	573.2	558.7	560.2	561.3	535.1	534.9	498.1
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Per 1,000 km ²	93.5	89.4	79.9	79.0	77.0	77.2	77.3	73.7	73.7	68.6
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	1,042.6	1,703.4	1,638.8	1,787.8	1,831.7	1,836.6	1,372.9	1,677.4	2,674.9
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.1
Per 1,000 km ²	..	143.6	234.7	225.8	246.3	252.4	253.0	189.2	231.1	368.5

* 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	18,080	65,446	135,161	14,623	127,857	361,167	8%	28%	58%	6%	50%
Male	18,908	67,930	129,394	15,648	128,791	360,671	8%	29%	56%	7%	50%
Total	36,988	133,376	264,555	30,271	256,648	721,838	8%	29%	57%	7%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	196,064
Urban	269,126
Dispersed/various	270,382
Total	735,572
Camps/centers	27%
Urban	37%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	-
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	32,595
Other/unknown*	254,328
Total	286,923
1951 UN Convention	0%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	272,691
Individually recognized	14,232
Other/unknown	-
Total	286,923
Prima facie (group)	95%
Individually recognized	5%