

VENEZUELA (BOLIV. REP. OF)

1951 Convention:	Not State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Latin America and the Caribbean
United Nations:	Latin America and the Caribbean	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Bureau (UNHCR):	The Americas		
Region (UNHCR):	Northern South America		

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	1,596	301	158	188	132	59	58	58	244	408
Asylum-seekers	-	1	-	1	75	311	1,019	2,291	3,904	5,912
Returned refugees*	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Others of concern	..	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	26,192	26,350	200,000
Total	..	302	158	189	211	370	51,077	28,541	30,498	206,320

* 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	17	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	17	21	3	39	18	-	-	-	217	202
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	34	-	14	6	4	-	-	-	9	1
Resettlement	-	-	4	-	7	-	-	-	1	37
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	34	27	20	64	102	212	708	1,356	2,264	1,658
1951 Convention status	17	21	3	39	18	-	-	-	217	202
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Responsibility (2005): Government

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	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Per 1,000 km ²	1.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	12.4	6.9	7.4	50.1
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.1	1.1	7.7
Per 1,000 km ²	..	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	55.8	31.2	33.3	225.5

* 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	429	1,002	1,440	89	-	2,960	14%	34%	49%	3%	46%
Male	488	1,034	1,759	154	-	3,435	14%	30%	51%	4%	54%
Total	917	2,036	3,199	243	-	6,395	14%	32%	50%	4%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	6,753
Dispersed/various	-
Total	6,753
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	100%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	408
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	408
1951 Convention	100%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	408
Other/unknown	-
Total	408
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

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C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN VENEZUELA (BOLIV. REP. OF) -- 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
Colombia	18	17	20	50	34	21	21	21	199	358

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

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Colombia	4	8	4	38	95	205	705	1,345	2,242	1,632

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM VENEZUELA (BOLIV. REP. OF) -- 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
United States	3	11	30	51	54	-	189	318	984	2,201
Canada	546	588	531	496	407	457	307	235	219	346
Other	8	9	9	9	10	9	30	45	53	43
Total	557	608	570	556	471	466	526	598	1,256	2,590

* 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 States	-	-	33	18	-	96	259	899	1,408	1,146
Canada	379	115	99	97	98	165	330	619	274	105
Spain	2	2	4	3	4	-	3	35	30	22
Other	6	11	13	12	31	8	26	69	106	69
Total	387	128	149	130	133	269	618	1,622	1,818	1,342

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN VENEZUELA (BOLIV. REP. OF) -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2005

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Tachira	URB	2,200
Apure	URB	2,060
Zulia	URB	1,190
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Various	URB	410

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR VENEZUELA (BOLIV. REP. OF)

