

SYRIAN ARAB REP.

1951 Convention:	Not State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	Not State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Western Asia
United Nations:	Asia		
Bureau (UNHCR):	Central Asia, South West Asia, North Africa and the Middle East	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Region (UNHCR):	The Middle East		

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*	38,715	40,290	36,222	27,759	22,704	20,974	6,474	3,463	3,351	2,918
Asylum-seekers**	-	-	-	22	592	6,442	5,008	2,643	605	503
Returned refugees***	-	9	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	1
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various/others	..	..	..	..	-	-	2,121	-	-	-
Total	..	..	..	..	23,296	27,416	13,603	6,110	3,956	3,422

* 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	-	2,093	1,440	918	1,847	-	173	47	12	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	-	228	438	377	1,582	1,058	267	177
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Durable solutions</i>										
Voluntary repatriation**	-	56	23	39	-	53	-	11	223	488
Resettlement	-	270	507	409	501	972	1,154	1,734	717	597
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)

Responsibility (2002): UNHCR

Category	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
New applications	-	-	-	645	923	7,374	4,523	4,344	1,774	1,782
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	228	438	377	1,409	972	267	177
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	173	86	-	-

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	30.8	32.0	28.8	22.1	18.0	16.7	5.1	2.8	2.7	2.3
Per 1,000 inhabitants	2.2	2.3	2.1	1.6	1.3	1.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Per 1,000 km ²	207.7	216.2	194.3	148.9	121.8	112.5	34.7	18.6	18.0	15.7
<i>Total population of concern to UNHCR</i>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	..	..	18.5	21.8	10.8	4.9	3.1	2.7
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	..	..	1.3	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	..	..	125.0	147.1	73.0	32.8	21.2	18.4

* 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	133	469	716	39	584	1,941	10%	35%	53%	3%	45%
Male	127	573	812	49	804	2,365	8%	37%	52%	3%	55%
Total	260	1,042	1,528	88	1,388	4,306	9%	36%	52%	3%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	102
Urban	4,204
Dispersed/various	-
Total	4,306
Camps/centers	2%
Urban	98%

* 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	2,918
Other/unknown*	-
Total	2,918
1951 Convention	0%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	102
Individually recognized	2,816
Other/unknown	-
Total	2,918
Prima facie (group)	3%
Individually recognized	97%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN SYRIAN ARAB REP. -- 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
Iraq	35,453	36,332	33,912	26,817	21,143	19,360	3,387	1,829	1,677	1,716
Afghanistan	-	-	-	-	6	6	127	172	407	428
Somalia	2,293	2,850	1,199	614	707	558	1,693	443	397	402
Yemen	-	-	15	250	622	695	728	748	662	143
Sudan	200	300	5	19	52	92	99	91	108	133

* 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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D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM SYRIAN ARAB REP. -- 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
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,398
Netherlands	1,040	1,134	1,274	1,502	1,636	1,711	1,654	1,618	1,518	1,454
Sweden	3,216	3,384	3,364	3,240	3,165	3,014	2,419	2,028	1,268	970
Canada	-	415	365	340	324	333	364	390	427	432
United States	757	1,760	2,394	2,703	2,737	2,165	1,178	560	297	291
Other	391	394	597	824	791	903	1,080	1,275	1,359	1,371
Total	5,404	7,087	7,994	8,609	8,653	8,126	6,695	5,871	4,869	18,916

* 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
Germany	983	933	1,551	2,196	2,025	1,753	2,156	2,641	2,232	1,829
Sweden	134	72	134	102	131	226	307	335	441	541
Netherlands	266	388	257	306	458	828	850	1,077	522	325
Switzerland	77	44	-	83	76	88	167	156	148	221
Belgium	71	48	48	82	85	72	114	292	230	199
Other	1,028	621	462	483	384	450	825	699	788	673
Total	2,559	2,106	2,452	3,252	3,159	3,417	4,419	5,200	4,361	3,788

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN SYRIAN ARAB REP. -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2002

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Damascus	URB	4,200
El-Hol	CAM	100

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

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR SYRIAN ARAB REP.

