

BELARUS

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Commonwealth of Independent States (Europe)
United Nations:	Europe	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Bureau (UNHCR):	Europe		
Region (UNHCR):	Eastern Europe		

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

1. Population of concern to UNHCR, end of year

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Refugees	28,988	30,525	50	75	260	458	584	618	638	725
Asylum-seekers*	-	-	4	520	541	411	354	340	327	68
Returned refugees**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stateless/Others	..	..	160,000	175,908	160,000	160,000	34,567	19,511	16,372	12,923
Total	..	..	160,054	176,503	160,801	160,869	35,505	20,469	17,337	13,716

* Pending applications. 1995: data available for industrialized countries only. ** Also based on country of asylum reports.

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

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<u>Arrivals</u>										
Prima facie/group basis	-	1,537	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	-	50	45	190	200	129	57	63	81
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Durable solutions</u>										
Voluntary repatriation**	-	1	-	8	-	-	-	5	6	21
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	7	-
Naturalization	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

Category	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
New applications	-	-	56	902	773	471	215	164	138	168
1951 Convention status	-	-	-	45	190	-	129	57	63	23
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	50	-	-	200	-	-	-	58

Responsibility (2004): Government

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<u>Refugees</u>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	16.2	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Per 1,000 inhabitants	3.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 km ²	140.4	147.8	0.2	0.4	1.3	2.2	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.5
<u>Total population of concern to UNHCR</u>										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	89.3	98.4	89.7	89.7	19.8	11.4	9.7	7.6
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	16.4	18.1	16.5	16.5	3.6	2.1	1.8	1.4
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	775.2	854.8	778.8	779.1	172.0	99.1	84.0	66.4

* 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 2004

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	17	128	230	24	-	399	4%	32%	58%	6%	40%
Male	11	135	438	14	-	598	2%	23%	73%	2%	60%
Total	28	263	668	38	-	997	3%	26%	67%	4%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	13,920
Dispersed/various	-
Total	13,920
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	100%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	663
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	24
Other/unknown*	38
Total	725
1951 Convention	91%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	725
Other/unknown	-
Total	725
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN BELARUS -- MAIN ORIGIN

1. Refugee population, end of year--main origin (main nationalities in 2004)

Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Afghanistan	-	-	38	59	199	368	454	478	459	534
Georgia	-	-	-	-	31	35	60	69	98	107

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main origin (main nationalities during 2004 -- 1995 data only incl. industrialized asylum countries)

Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Afghanistan	-	-	42	375	413	229	139	73	48	73
Georgia	-	-	-	98	41	33	15	22	48	34

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM BELARUS -- MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

1. Refugee population, end of year--main countries of asylum (main countries in 2004)

Asylum country*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
United States	19	49	83	127	1,161	2,245	3,239	3,294	3,965	3,818
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,449	2,973	3,281
France	9	10	-	27	38	54	66	85	152	226
Canada	36	39	39	36	34	36	70	90	127	158
Czech Rep.	-	-	-	-	-	44	65	91	109	147
Other	20	403	181	100	274	140	256	355	489	614
Total	84	501	303	290	1,507	2,519	3,696	6,364	7,815	8,244

* UNHCR estimates for most industrialized countries.

2. Asylum applicants during the year--main asylum countries (main countries in 2004 -- 1995 data only incl. industrialized asylum countries)

Asylum country	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Sweden	10	24	33	35	84	231	327	722	901	519
United States	-	-	-	-	66	127	127	163	263	413
Germany	236	303	413	226	361	484	595	671	439	297
France	2	9	56	41	71	99	185	284	289	228
Czech Rep.	-	6	18	20	44	193	438	312	281	226
Other	57	145	306	357	856	1,555	1,315	1,454	555	992
Total	305	487	826	679	1,482	2,689	2,987	3,606	2,728	2,675

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN BELARUS -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2004

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Various	U	12,920
Minsk	U	600
Minsk Region	U	160
Gomel Region	U	100
Vitebsk Region	U	60

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

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR BELARUS

