

VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC 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	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Refugees	1,613	1,596	301	158	188	132	59	58	58	244
Asylum-seekers*	-	-	1	-	1	75	311	1,019	2,291	3,904
Returned refugees**	-	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stateless/Others	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	26,192	26,350
Total	..	..	302	158	189	211	370	51,077	28,541	30,498

* 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
Arrivals										
Prima facie/group basis	14	17	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	17	21	3	39	18	-	-	-	217
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	40	34	-	14	6	4	-	-	-	9
Resettlement	-	-	-	4	-	7	-	-	-	1
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	-	34	27	20	64	102	212	708	1,356	2,264
1951 Convention status	-	17	21	3	39	18	-	-	-	217
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Responsibility (2004): Government

4. Indicators of host country capacity and contributions

Indicator*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Refugees										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Per 1,000 km ²	1.8	1.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	..	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	16.0	8.9	9.6
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	..	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.1	1.1
Per 1,000 km ²	..	..	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	55.8	31.2	33.3

* 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	312	741	1,023	68	-	2,144	15%	35%	48%	3%	46%
Male	366	755	1,243	105	-	2,469	15%	31%	50%	4%	54%
Total	678	1,496	2,266	173	-	4,613	15%	32%	49%	4%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	587
Dispersed/various	4,026
Total	4,613
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	13%

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

3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	192
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	52
Total	244
1951 Convention	79%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	244
Other/unknown	-
Total	244
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 2004)

Origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Colombia	14	18	17	20	50	34	21	21	21	199

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
Colombia	-	4	8	4	38	95	205	705	1,345	2,242

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 2004)

Asylum country*	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
United States	-	3	11	30	51	54	-	189	318	984
Canada	466	546	588	531	496	407	457	307	235	219
Other	10	8	9	9	9	10	9	30	45	53
Total	476	557	608	570	556	471	466	526	598	1,256

* 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
United States	-	-	-	33	18	-	96	259	899	1,408
Canada	1,071	379	115	99	97	98	165	330	619	274
Costa Rica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Spain	8	2	2	4	3	4	-	3	35	30
Other	6	6	11	13	12	31	8	26	65	66
Total	1,085	387	128	149	130	133	269	618	1,618	1,817

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN VENEZUELA (BOLIV. REP. OF) -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2004

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Caracas	U	590
Apure	R	1,800
Tachira	R	1,580
Zulia	R	650

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)

