

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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Refugees	30,525	50	75	260	458	584	618	638	725	725
Asylum-seekers	-	4	520	541	411	354	340	327	68	56
Returned refugees*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,465	9,983
Others of concern	..	160,000	175,908	160,000	160,000	34,567	19,511	16,372	2,458	2,414
Total	..	160,054	176,503	160,801	160,869	35,505	20,469	17,337	13,716	13,178

* 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	1,537	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	-	50	45	190	200	129	57	63	81	41
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	1	-	8	-	-	-	5	6	21	24
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	7	-	12
Naturalization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

* 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	-	56	902	773	471	215	164	138	168	212
1951 Convention status	-	-	45	190	-	129	57	63	23	34
Allowed/humanitarian	-	50	-	-	200	-	-	-	58	7

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	13.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Per 1,000 inhabitants	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Per 1,000 km ²	147.8	0.2	0.4	1.3	2.2	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.5	3.5
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	68.2	75.2	68.5	68.6	15.1	8.7	7.4	5.8	5.6
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	16.4	18.1	16.5	16.5	3.6	2.1	1.8	1.4	1.4
Per 1,000 km ²	..	775.2	854.8	778.8	779.1	172.0	99.1	84.0	66.4	63.8

* 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	19	124	223	21	-	387	5%	32%	58%	5%	39%
Male	14	128	440	12	-	594	2%	22%	74%	2%	61%
Total	33	252	663	33	-	981	3%	26%	68%	3%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	13,378
Dispersed/various	-
Total	13,378
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	100%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	693
1969 OAU Convention	-
UNHCR Mandate	17
Other/unknown*	15
Total	725
1951 Convention	96%

* 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 2005)

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Afghanistan	-	38	59	199	368	454	478	459	534	517
Georgia	-	-	-	31	35	60	69	98	107	125

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

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Afghanistan	-	42	375	413	229	139	73	48	73	92
Georgia	-	-	98	41	33	15	22	48	34	56

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM BELARUS -- 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	49	83	127	1,161	2,245	3,239	3,294	3,965	3,818	4,240
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,449	2,973	3,281	3,218
France	10	-	27	38	54	66	85	152	226	304
Canada	39	39	36	34	36	70	90	127	158	199
Czech Rep.	-	-	-	-	44	65	91	109	147	171
Other	403	181	100	274	140	252	355	489	614	725
Total	501	303	290	1,507	2,519	3,692	6,364	7,815	8,244	8,857

* 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
Sweden	24	33	35	84	231	327	722	901	519	372
United States	-	-	-	66	127	127	163	263	413	319
Austria	-	14	1	45	34	50	123	127	213	297
Czech Rep.	6	18	20	44	193	438	312	281	226	244
France	9	56	41	71	99	185	284	289	228	172
Other	448	705	582	1,172	2,005	1,860	2,002	1,804	1,084	907
Total	487	826	679	1,482	2,689	2,987	3,606	3,665	2,683	2,311

E. POPULATION OF CONCERN IN BELARUS -- MAIN LOCATIONS, END OF 2005

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total
Various	URB	12,400
Minsk	URB	560
Minsk Region	URB	160
Gomel Region	URB	100
Vitebsk Region	URB	60

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR BELARUS

