

MALAYSIA

1951 Convention:	Not State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	Not State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	South-eastern Asia
United Nations:	Asia	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Bureau (UNHCR):	Asia and Pacific		
Region (UNHCR):	East Asia and the Pacific		

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	5,309	5,285	50,614	50,517	50,487	50,466	50,612	7,424	24,905	33,693
Asylum-seekers	8	8	570	30	25	252	1,571	9,205	10,322	10,838
Returned refugees*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Others of concern	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,053	62,311	61,552
Total	..	5,293	51,184	50,547	50,512	50,718	52,183	78,682	97,538	106,083

* 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	178	71	114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	49	64	161	82	132	120	267	7,525	18,039	10,935
Resettlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	222	7	18	4	75	6	6	5	-	3
Resettlement	14	-	-	95	31	78	102	496	553	672
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	208	231	1,207	1,853	453	964	2,131	18,626	20,663	15,165
1951 Convention status	49	64	161	82	111	105	246	434	1,502	10,935
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	21	15	21	7,091	16,537	-

Responsibility (2005): UNHCR

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	1.1	1.1	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8	1.6	5.3	7.2
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.2	0.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.3	1.0	1.3
Per 1,000 km ²	16.0	16.0	152.8	152.5	152.4	152.4	152.8	22.4	75.2	101.7
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	1.1	11.0	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.2	16.9	20.9	22.7
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	0.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	3.1	3.8	4.2
Per 1,000 km ²	..	16.0	154.6	152.6	152.5	153.1	157.6	237.6	294.5	320.3

* 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	1,468	1,805	7,371	107	-	10,751	14%	17%	69%	1%	24%
Male	1,557	2,316	29,925	217	-	34,015	5%	7%	88%	1%	76%
Total	3,025	4,121	37,296	324	-	44,766	7%	9%	83%	1%	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	44,531
Dispersed/various	61,549
Total	106,080
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	42%

* 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	3,867
Other/unknown*	29,826
Total	33,693
1951 Convention	0%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	33,693
Other/unknown	-
Total	33,693
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN MALAYSIA -- 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
Indonesia	9	20	264	181	149	83	144	3,198	15,181	19,153
Myanmar	5,114	5,104	5,113	5,136	5,134	5,151	5,247	4,152	9,601	14,208
Thailand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87
Afghanistan	36	55	66	53	55	77	36	18	26	51

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

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Myanmar	7	2	149	1,608	79	478	487	12,382	8,933	7,736
Indonesia	8	11	879	61	87	259	1,448	5,659	10,936	5,752
Cambodia	-	36	-	4	-	-	-	2	100	308
Nepal	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	9	18	303
Thailand	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	7	206

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM MALAYSIA -- 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
Canada	77	68	60	46	35	61	75	100	139	201
United States	1	1	6	25	29	-	-	79	93	130
Other	25	18	24	15	18	18	44	60	60	63
Total	103	87	90	86	82	79	119	239	292	394

* 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
Australia	-	31	-	370	264	261	232	184	210	170
Canada	17	18	34	67	128	194	322	110	54	74
United Kingdom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	15	25
Other	8	7	38	32	6	70	70	88	54	28
Total	25	56	72	469	398	525	624	412	333	297

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total	Location name	Type*	Total
Sabah	RUR	61,310			
Kuala Lumpur	URB	44,530			
Kuala Lumpur	RUR	240			

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR MALAYSIA

