

SOUTH AFRICA

1951 Convention:	State party	Region (MDGs):	Developing regions
1967 Protocol:	State party	Sub-region (MDGs):	Sub-Saharan Africa
United Nations:	Africa		
Bureau (UNHCR):	Southern Africa	Other UN country groupings:	Not applicable
Region (UNHCR):	Southern Africa		

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	22,645	6,819	8,388	14,538	15,063	18,605	23,344	26,558	27,683	29,714
Asylum-seekers	14,390	21,791	20,207	17,325	15,138	11,417	52,451	84,085	115,224	140,095
Returned refugees*	132	22	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internally displaced	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned IDPs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stateless persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Others of concern	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	28,632	28,642	31,863	30,201	30,022	75,795	110,643	142,907	169,809

* 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	11,539	1,094	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Individually recognized*	3,300	3,483	1,664	6,199	552	3,597	4,786	3,280	1,255	2,186
Resettlement	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durable solutions										
Voluntary repatriation**	997	2	47	45	20	11	44	61	77	100
Resettlement	-	-	4	12	14	47	15	17	56	107
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	Responsibility (2005): Government			
							2002	2003	2004	2005
New applications	15,986	15,638	15,035	13,160	3,132	4,294	55,426	35,920	32,565	28,522
1951 Convention status	3,300	3,483	1,664	6,199	-	3,597	4,786	3,280	1,255	2,186
Allowed/humanitarian	-	-	-	-	552	-	-	-	-	-

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	5.0	1.5	1.9	3.2	3.4	4.1	5.2	5.9	6.2	6.6
Per 1,000 inhabitants	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
Per 1,000 km ²	18.5	5.6	6.9	11.9	12.3	15.2	19.1	21.7	22.7	24.3
Total population of concern to UNHCR										
Per 1 USD GDP/capita	..	6.4	6.4	7.1	6.7	6.7	16.9	24.7	31.9	37.9
Per 1,000 inhabitants	..	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.6	2.3	3.0	3.6
Per 1,000 km ²	..	23.4	23.4	26.1	24.7	24.6	62.0	90.5	116.9	138.9

* 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	-	-	-	-	19,613	19,613	-	-	-	-	14%
Male	-	-	-	-	103,614	120,482	-	-	-	-	86%
Total	-	-	-	-	123,228	140,095	-	-	-	-	100%

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

2. Population of concern--location*

Type	Total
Camps/centers	-
Urban	169,809
Dispersed/various	-
Total	169,809
Camps/centers	0%
Urban	100%

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3. Refugee population--legal basis

Type	Total
1951 UN Convention	2,109
1969 OAU Convention	27,605
UNHCR Mandate	-
Other/unknown*	-
Total	29,714
1951 Convention	7%

* Including allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons.

4. Refugee population--recognition

Type	Total
Prima facie (group)	-
Individually recognized	29,714
Other/unknown	-
Total	29,714
Prima facie (group)	0%
Individually recognized	100%

C. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN SOUTH AFRICA -- 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
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,505	100	95	4,097	4,454	4,993	7,243	8,890	9,516	10,609
Somalia	2,371	3,595	3,910	4,704	4,810	5,336	6,515	6,890	7,118	7,548
Angola	3,876	2,304	2,502	3,816	3,897	4,752	5,291	5,773	5,774	5,764
Burundi	-	389	601	604	632	1,439	1,715	1,986	2,075	2,183
Rwanda	492	356	455	446	402	820	982	1,193	1,266	1,276

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

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	-	4	115	2,588	5,789	7,783
Somalia	1,857	2,513	1,027	179	158	359	3,984	2,121	3,893	3,774
Ethiopia	663	449	872	810	306	278	1,277	1,544	2,795	2,899
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	835	2,613	1,987	483	241	758	11,598	6,182	4,622	2,585
Bangladesh	352	-	190	320	44	18	1,328	1,839	1,421	1,612

D. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM SOUTH AFRICA -- 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	35	30	29	38	48	-	62	53	59	73
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	91	97	71	64
Other	255	214	159	155	120	123	122	138	142	131
Total	290	244	188	193	168	123	275	288	272	268

* 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
United Kingdom	40	50	65	90	-	-	-	325	240	160
Ireland	-	2	10	44	143	203	183	114	45	33
Other	53	82	54	143	91	142	143	109	100	62
Total	93	134	129	277	234	345	326	548	385	255

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

Data generally not available for industrialized countries

Location name	Type*	Total	Location name	Type*	Total
Various	URB	169,810			

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

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F. HOST COUNTRY INDICATORS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

