

Principal Sources of Refugees

(as of December 31, 2002)

Refugees

This table shows the countries that have produced the greatest numbers of refugees and asylum seekers. This table is derived from Table 4 and from additional data on individuals granted asylum during the year and pending asylum claims at year's end. Generally, this table does not include persons granted permanent status (or who, in USCR's view, are well on their way to receiving such a status) in another country. The figures in this list are rounded, and often understate the total number of refugees and asylum seekers from a given country.

Afghanistan	3,500,000 *	Burundi	400,000	Yugoslavia	74,000 *
Former Palestine	3,000,000 *	Vietnam	302,000	Colombia	59,000
Burma	510,000 *	Somalia	300,000	Philippines	59,000
Sudan	475,000	Iraq	294,000 *	Russian Federation	59,000
Angola	410,000	Eritrea	290,000 *	Tajikistan	53,000 *
Congo-Kinshasa	410,000	Liberia	280,000 *	Rwanda	50,000 *
		Croatia	251,000 *	Mauritania	45,000 *
		El Salvador	203,000 **	Turkey	44,000
		China	178,000	India	39,000
		Bosnia and Herzegovina	160,000	Iran	38,000
		Sri Lanka	155,000	Cuba	34,000
		Sierra Leone	130,000	Haiti	33,000
		Guatemala	129,000 **	Nigeria	30,000 *
		Bhutan	127,000	East Timor	29,000
		Western Sahara	110,000 *	Georgia	26,000
		North Korea	100,000 *	Congo-Brazzaville	25,000
				Côte d'Ivoire	25,000
				Uganda	25,000
				Ethiopia	20,000
				Cambodia	17,000
				Central African Republic	15,000
				Nicaragua	13,000
				Ukraine	13,000
				Armenia	12,000
				Indonesia	12,000
				Albania	10,000
				Algeria	10,000
				Ghana	10,000
				Pakistan	10,000

* Sources vary significantly.

** Includes asylum seekers with long pending cases in the United States.

Photo: Burundian refugees in Kanembwa camp, Tanzania, collect water. Credit: USCR/J. Frushone