

## Table 11 Ratio of Refugees to Host Country Population in Selected Countries

Listed by Host Country, as of December 31, 2002

## Table 12 People in Refugee-Like Situations

Listed by Host Country, as of December 31, 2002

Host Country	Ratio of Refugee Population to Total Population	Number of Refugees	Host Country	Population	Number of Refugee-Like People
Gaza Strip	1:2	879,000	Russian Federation	Former Soviets	492,000
West Bank	1:3	627,000	Tanzania	Burundians	300,00-470,000*
Lebanon	1:11	409,000	Jordan	Iraqis	300,000*
Djibouti	1:27	23,000	Bangladesh	Biharis	240,000-300,000
Congo-Brazzaville	1:29	118,000	Armenia	Armenians (Azerbaijan)	256,000
Iran	1:30	2,209,000	Thailand	Burmese	250,000*
Yugoslavia	1:30	353,000	Azerbaijan	Azeris (Armenia)	220,000
Zambia	1:40	247,000	Syria	Stateless Kurds	200,000
Guinea	1:46	182,000	Russian Federation	Afghans	150,000*
Liberia	1:51	65,000	United States	Colombians	150,000*
Tanzania	1:72	516,000	Kuwait	<i>Bidoon</i>	120,000
Pakistan	1:95	1,518,000	Ecuador	Colombians	75,000
Saudi Arabia	1:98	245,000	Venezuela	Colombians	50,000-75,000*
Uganda	1:112	221,000	Azerbaijan	Meskhetian Turks	50,000*
Sudan	1:114	287,000	Costa Rica	Colombians	20,000-50,000
Switzerland	1:165	44,200	Syria	Iraqis	45,000
Nepal	1:181	132,000	India	Afghans	40,000
Congo-Kinshasa	1:201	274,000	Cameroon	Chadians	30,000
Thailand	1:228	336,000	Congo-Kinshasa	Rwandans	25,000*
Canada	1:399	78,400	Belarus	Former Soviets	16,900
Malaysia	1:414	59,000	Russian Federation	Meskhetian Turks	13,000
United States	1:450	638,000	Thailand	Laotians (mostly Hmong)	13,000
United Kingdom	1:760	79,200	Sudan	Ethiopians	10,000
Germany	1:788	104,000	Ukraine	Tatars, Georgians, and others	7,000
Indonesia	1:7,482	28,700	Malaysia	Burmese (Rohingya)	5,000
Russian Federation	1:8,275	17,400	Mali	Mauritanians	5,000
Japan	1:19,538	6,500	Mauritania	Malians	4,000
Mexico	1:25,500	4,000	Malaysia	Acehnese from Indonesia	3,000

Although developed countries contribute most of the funding for programs that assist refugees, the least developed countries host the overwhelming majority of the world's refugees. Asylum countries in the developing world often experience severe challenges because of their willingness to provide asylum to large numbers of refugees. One indicator of such challenges is the ratio of the number of refugees a country hosts to that country's total population. This list does not rank all countries, only selected countries. \*Territory, not sovereign state.

Many persons live in situations similar to those of refugees, but do not meet the narrow refugee definition. Some are regarded by host governments simply as illegal aliens; others are tolerated or ignored. In many such cases, and often in the absence of credible refugee determination procedures, it is difficult to determine who among them might be refugees. Some refugee-like people are stateless, denied the protection afforded by citizenship. Estimates of refugee-like populations vary significantly, especially those marked with an asterisk (\*).