

## Refugee Ratios

According to the [World Refugee Survey](#) there were 11,498,100 refugees worldwide at the end of 2004. The table shows the ratios between refugee populations and the host populations in 25 countries. It also shows where these host countries stand in the UN's Human Development Index.

Host country	2005 UN Human Development Index rank (out of 177)	Ratio of refugee population to total population
Lebanon	81	1:18
Syria	106	1:26
Chad	173	1:37
Thailand	73	1:38
Tanzania	164	1:60
Guinea	156	1:63
Iran	99	1:64
Sierra Leone	176	1:79
Kenya	154	1:120
Venezuela	75	1:145
Pakistan	135	1:164
Sudan	141	1:173
Nepal	136	1:189
Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	163	1:228
South Africa	120	1:328
Canada	5	1:582
Bangladesh	139	1:942
Germany	20	1:992
USA	10	1:1,261
Australia	3	1:1,377
France	16	1:2,620
India	127	1:2,763
China	85	1:3,257
Japan	11	1:20,918
Mexico	53	1:23,600

Sources:

[UN Human Development Report 2005](#)  
[World Refugee Survey 2005](#)

1. According to the World Refugee Survey 2005, 22,200 refugees were living in the UK at the end of 2004, and the total population was 59,800,000. Can you calculate the refugee ratio in the UK at this time?
2. Do the countries with the higher and lower ratios have anything in common?
3. Do any of the ratios surprise you? If so, why?
4. What challenges or opportunities might a high ratio present to:
  - a) Richer countries
  - b) Poorer countries?