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First asylum applications in the Netherlands

Source: INDiGO

Top-10 last twelve months **first** asylum applications in the Netherlands

Total 2013	Nationality	2013					2014								Total 2014	Last 12 months
		Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	**Mar	Apr	May	Jun	***Jul	Aug		
2.673	Syria	212	322	373	413	397	525	393	465	719	685	895	1.102	1.105	5.889	7.394
978	Eritrea	124	120	165	133	101	175	80	94	1.083	1.861	203	105	76	3.677	4.196
3.078	Somalia	220	353	255	329	288	153	283	139	117	56	29	15	17	809	2.034
216	Stateless	16	18	62	61	22	63	47	94	119	270	191	312	409	1.505	1.668
1.094	Iraq	78	65	102	61	63	73	64	51	70	41	50	51	62	462	753
728	Iran	53	65	57	56	37	61	66	42	51	45	33	41	45	384	599
673	Afghanistan	39	49	72	34	32	60	51	21	57	44	40	26	53	352	539
488	Unknown	35	40	45	40	36	50	26	29	41	53	25	27	42	293	454
209	Georgia	12	28	16	28	24	37	16	29	40	43	15	33	33	246	342
99	Mongolia	*	9	14	10	8	32	27	48	46	42	26	14	39	274	315
4.163	Others	290	429	396	335	347	450	345	333	326	302	255	329	287	2.627	4.134
14.399	Total	1.081	1.498	1.557	1.500	1.355	1.679	1.398	1.345	2.669	3.442	1.762	2.055	2.168	16.518	22.428

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*** July 2014 represents the first dataset of first applications containing no family reunification.

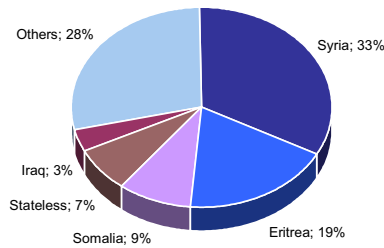
Top-10 first asylum applications in the Netherlands August 2014

Nationality		%	
1	Syria	1.105	51%
2	Stateless	409	19%
3	Eritrea	76	4%
4	Iraq	62	3%
5	Afghanistan	53	2%
6	Iran	45	2%
7	Unknown	42	2%
8	Mongolia	39	2%
9	Sudan	35	2%
10	Georgia	33	2%
	Others	269	12%
Total August 2014		2.168	100%
Percentage top 10			88%

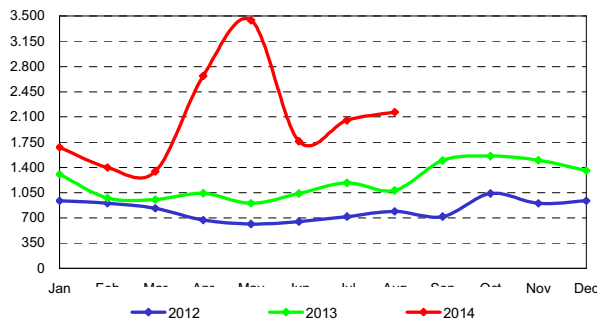
Top 5 Nationalities first applications last twelve months

Period: Sep 2013 - Aug 2014

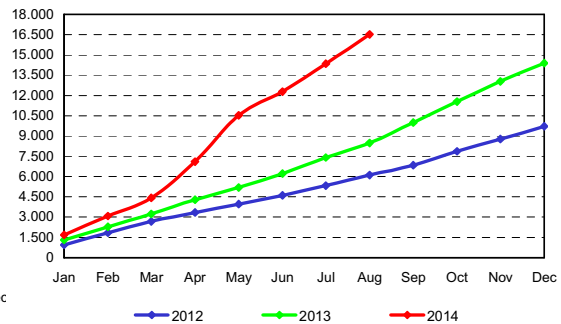
Number of first asylum applications: 22.428



First asylum applications in the Netherlands



Cumulative development of first asylum applications in the Netherlands



Repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands

Source: INDiGO

Top-10 last twelve months **repeated** asylum applications in the Netherlands

Total 2013	Nationality	2013					2014								Total 2014	Last 12 months
		Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug		
324	Iraq	28	14	50	28	30	13	42	15	23	19	42	80	109	343	465
709	Afghanistan	49	54	70	55	29	13	41	33	26	23	36	23	21	216	424
391	Iran	34	29	19	27	17	5	13	13	10	17	16	20	12	106	198
192	Somalia	13	12	12	7	10	6	8	12	12	8	13	24	27	110	151
138	Unknown	11	12	17	9	9	*	8	6	6	6	13	8	*	51	98
61	Eritrea	8	*	*	7	*	*	5	9	*	11	*	*	*	41	58
65	Armenia	*	*	7	*	7	*	5	*	13	5	*	9	*	38	56
55	Guinea	*	*	8	*	*	5	5	*	6	*	8	*	5	36	50
33	Syria	*	*	9	*	5	*	5	*	11	*	5	*	*	32	50
37	Libya	*	*	7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	17	31	46
785	Others	74	37	72	46	50	23	34	54	56	47	53	60	70	397	602
2.790	Total	225	167	275	190	165	73	168	150	168	142	195	234	271	1.401	2.198

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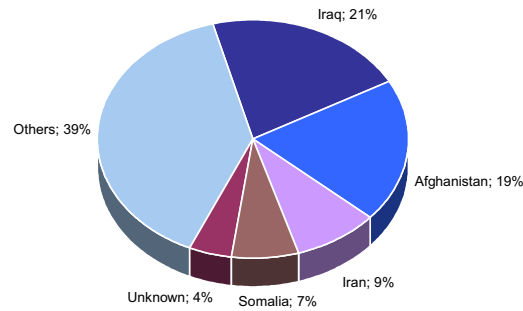
Top-10 repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands August 2014

Nationality		%
1 Iraq	109	40%
2 Somalia	27	10%
3 Afghanistan	21	8%
4 Libya	17	6%
5 Pakistan	14	5%
6 Iran	12	4%
7 Egypt	6	2%
8 Ethiopia	6	2%
9 Guinea	5	2%
10 Sierra Leone	5	2%
Others	49	18%
Total August 2014	271	100%
Percentage top 10		82%

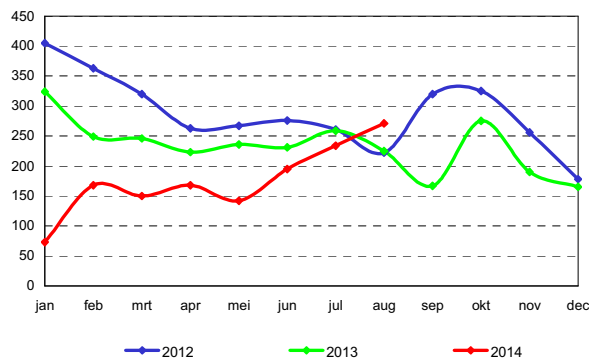
Top 5 Nationalities repeated applications last twelve months

Period: Sep 2013 - Aug 2014

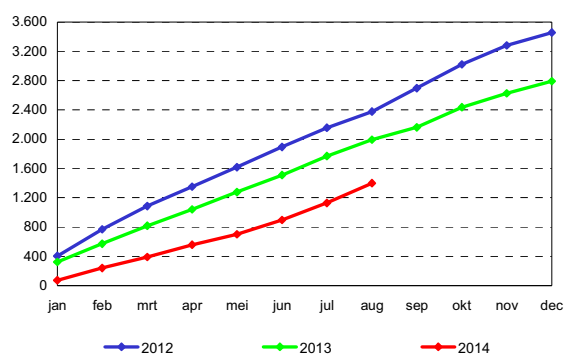
Number of repeated asylum applications: 2.198



Repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands



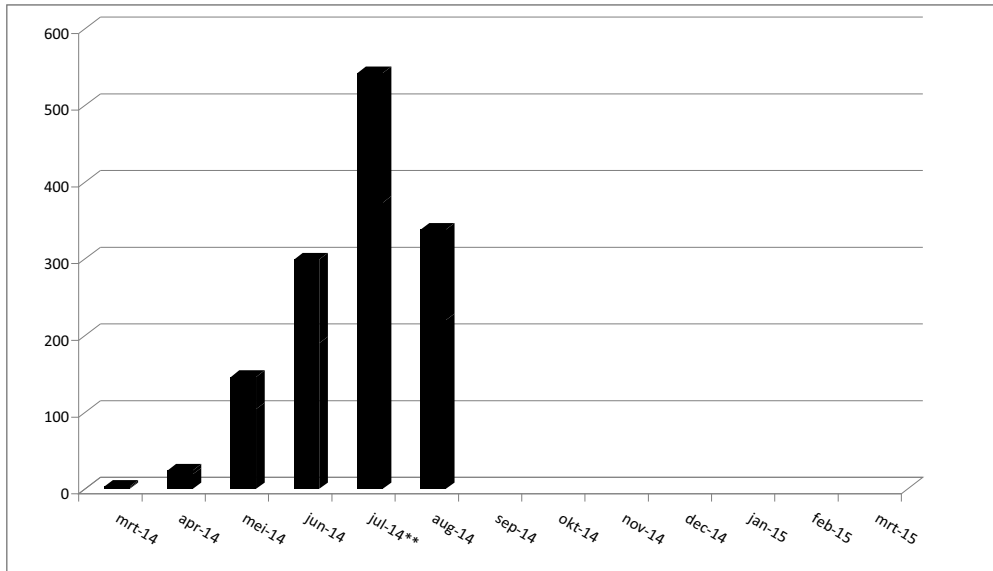
Cumulative development of repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands



Influx of family reunification in the Netherlands (Council Directive 2003/86/EC Chapter V)

Source: INDiGO

Influx of family reunification* in the Netherlands (Council Directive 2003/86/EC Chapter V)



* Separate registration of family reunification started on 2014/03/28. Family members who received an entry visa before this date are reported under first asylum applications.

** July 2014 represents the first complete family reunification dataset. From March to June 2014 family members are also reported under first asylum applications if they received an entry visa before 2014/03/28.

Top-10 Family reunification influx** from the 28th of March - August 2014 in the Netherlands

Nationality	2014										2015			Total 2014	Perc
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	*Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
Syria	*	15	57	138	301	161								675	50%
Somalia	*	6	34	61	80	85								266	20%
Iraq	*	*	14	24	41	31								111	8%
Stateless	*	*	10	15	44	9								78	6%
Eritrea	*	*	*	10	16	15								46	3%
Afghanistan	*	*	5	6	9	*								24	2%
Iran	*	*	*	11	*	8								24	2%
China (incl. Hong Kong)	*	*	*	*	*	6								11	1%
Sri Lanka	*	*	*	*	*	6								11	1%
Uganda	*	*	*	*	*	8								11	1%
Others	*	*	20	26	33	16								95	7%
Total	*	24	146	299	542	338								1352	100%

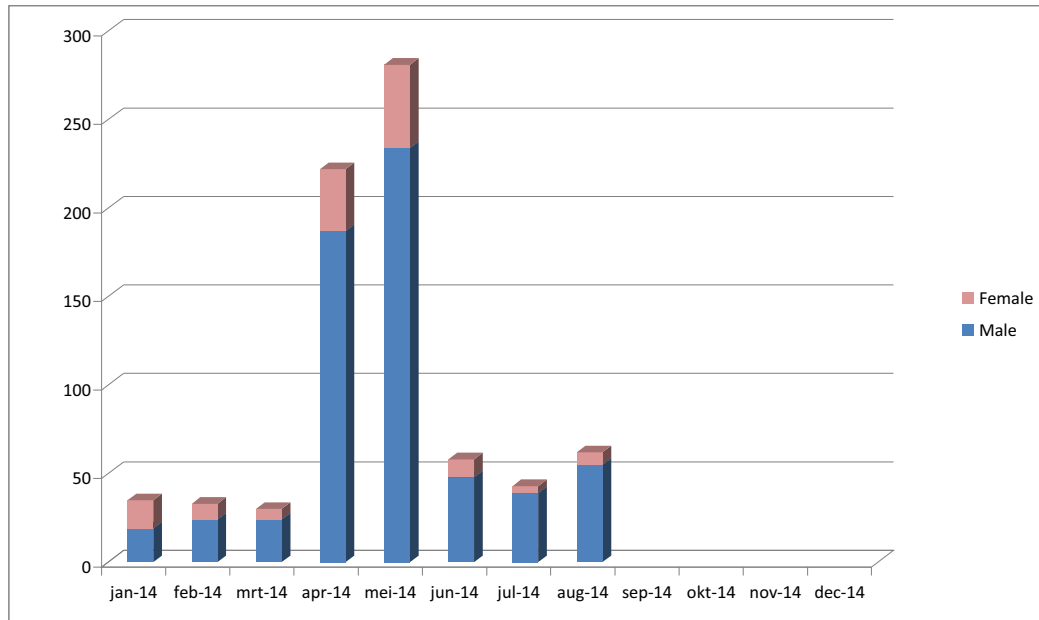
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Influx of indicated unaccompanied minor asylum seekers in the Netherlands

Source: INDiGO



Top-10 unaccompanied minor asylum applications in the Netherlands in 2014

Nationality	Jan	Feb	Mrt	Apr	Mei	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dec	Total
Eritrea	7	7	11	195	248	20	13	9					510
Syria	5	*	*	*	11	22	12	21					78
Afghanistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7					20
Somalia	*	7	*	*	*	*	*	*					21
Stateless	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8					17
Iraq	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					13
Guinea	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					10
Mali	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					8
Sierra Leone	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					8
Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					8
Others	11	9	6	7	11	9	8	10					71
Total UMA	35	33	30	222	281	58	43	62					764

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Monthly First Asylum Applications in the Netherlands in 2014

Source: INDiGO

2013	Nationality	2014 Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2.673	Syria	525	393	465	719	685	895	1.102	1.105					5.889
978	Eritrea	175	80	94	1.083	1.861	203	105	76					3.677
216	Stateless	63	47	94	119	270	191	312	409					1.505
3.078	Somalia	153	283	139	117	56	29	15	17					809
1.094	Iraq	73	64	51	70	41	50	51	62					462
728	Iran	61	66	42	51	45	33	41	45					384
673	Afghanistan	60	51	21	57	44	40	26	53					352
488	Unknown	50	26	29	41	53	25	27	42					293
99	Mongolia	32	27	48	46	42	26	14	39					274
209	Georgia	37	16	29	40	43	15	33	33					246
136	Nigeria	18	11	13	19	17	27	23	17					145
139	Sudan	19	18	5	7	16	23	21	35					144
36	Ukraine	5	*	24	11	17	13	43	20					137
263	Russia	16	21	14	17	17	11	10	13					119
150	Pakistan	24	14	*	15	7	7	19	19					109
90	Ethiopia	9	8	11	22	25	13	9	10					107
185	Armenia	27	12	8	10	10	9	18	6					100
164	Uganda	22	19	16	9	13	7	11	*					99
147	China (including Hong Kong)	18	19	8	9	10	7	14	10					95
91	Bosnia and Herzegovina	11	14	17	13	6	8	10	12					91
177	Egypt	17	16	14	13	12	5	*	5					85
147	Libyaa	15	13	9	6	6	11	8	16					84
125	Macedonia	21	*	16	17	10	10	*	7					83
105	Palestinian Territory, Occupied	16	7	9	17	8	*	8	11					79
269	Serbia	12	16	21	8	5	6	6	*					78
97	Sierra Leone	18	13	12	8	10	5	5	*					75
143	Congo, the Republic of the	21	6	9	9	*	14	*	*					67
158	Guinea	18	10	7	7	9	5	5	5					66
59	Turkey	10	5	19	9	*	*	9	*					55
65	Nepal	10	15	*	9	5	*	5	*					54
142	Sri Lanka	9	13	9	*	7	*	*	6					52
42	Albania	5	11	9	*	6	*	10	6					50
69	Morocco	*	*	7	7	7	*	7	*					40
47	Kosovo	8	5	6	*	*	*	9	6					39
66	Belarus	8	6	*	*	5	5	5	*					37
76	Cote d'Ivoire	12	5	*	*	*	5	*	*					33
18	Cameroon	*	*	*	*	7	*	*	*					29
71	Azerbaijan	6	*	*	*	*	*	7	5					27
58	Mali	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	*					25
29	Jamaica	*	5	*	*	*	*	*	*					22
39	Yemen	7	*	*	6	*	*	*	*					22
34	Ghana	*	*	*	*	5	*	*	*					20
18	Lebanon	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					18
7	Kenya	*	*	*	10	*	*	*	*					16
16	India	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					14
18	Rwanda	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					14
*	Viet Nam	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					13
29	Algeria	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					12
*	Jordan	*	*	*	5	*	*	*	*					12
13	Burkina Faso	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					11
15	Burundi	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					11
27	Gambia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					11
20	Tunisia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					11
8	Niger	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					10
22	Angola	*	5	*	*	*	*	*	*					9
29	Bangladesh	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					9
7	Liberia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					9
69	Myanmar	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					9
34	Senegal	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					9
12	Colombia	*	*	6	*	*	*	*	*					8
8	Cuba	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					7
38	Congo, the Democratic Republic of the	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					6
22	Kazakhstan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					6
140	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					6
10	Montenegro	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					6
*	United States of America	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					6
*	Uzbekistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					6
12	Zimbabwe	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					5
*	Brazil	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					5
145	Others	10	13	12	17	15	12	8	13					100
14.399	Total	1.679	1.398	1.345	2.669	3.442	1.762	2.055	2.168					16.518

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First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2013 and 2014

	2013	jun-13	jul-13	aug-13	sep-13	okt-13	nov-13	dec-13	jan-14	feb-14	mrt-14	apr-14	mei-14	jun-14	2014
Germany	109.380	8.590	9.790	9.815	11.720	13.265	12.385	9.210	12.540	9.815	9.835	10.190	11.155	12.045	65.580
Sweden	54.260	2.975	4.120	4.800	7.770	7.910	5.530	5.325	3.945	3.660	3.905	4.375	5.560	7.505	28.950
France	60.475	5.095	5.635	4.535	4.510	5.840	4.810	4.890	4.455	4.725	5.360	5.210	4.190	4.515	28.455
Italy	25.725	1.930	2.360	2.475	2.400	3.215	3.015	2.165	3.375	3.175	3.795	4.215	5.370	4.555	24.485
Netherlands	14.370	1.035	1.185	1.075	1.495	1.555	1.500	1.350	1.675	1.395	1.365	2.600	3.435	1.755	12.225
United Kingdom	28.950	2.355	2.665	2.310	2.540	2.760	2.470	2.165	2.370	2.335	2.655	2.205	2.145	^	11.710
Belgium	11.965	860	1.080	975	1.225	1.080	955	855	990	785	850	900	845	1.090	5.460
Hungary	18.560	4.075	2.170	1.100	1.035	740	900	1.010	1.240	640	575	635	705	1.105	4.900
Denmark	7.165	500	610	670	645	710	635	520	555	425	500	590	710	1.000	3.780
Bulgaria	6.980	410	435	695	940	1.230	1.245	630	810	770	395	295	515	610	3.395
Greece	7.865	530	760	575	630	750	670	540	650	760	630	655	635	^	3.330
Poland	13.960	2.295	1.485	880	710	535	375	315	260	220	355	375	445	505	2.160
Spain	4.290	435	410	290	345	335	295	255	280	330	400	345	^	405	1.760
Finland	2.980	215	250	315	325	265	260	240	250	215	220	240	215	250	1.390
Malta	2.205	55	435	740	290	115	125	50	75	40	65	130	60	195	565
Romania	1.410	100	170	95	170	125	100	75	110	130	100	75	115	^	530
Cyprus	1.140	65	70	95	105	130	130	100	85	110	120	90	100	^	505
Ireland	910	70	70	65	80	80	80	70	100	85	110	95	105	^	495
Luxembourg	990	85	95	75	110	120	85	50	90	70	70	45	80	65	420
Czech Republic	485	35	40	65	30	40	35	40	40	35	70	65	80	^	290
Croatia	1.040	30	40	45	80	95	55	30	50	25	35	25	30	30	195
Slovenia	245	20	15	15	15	20	5	10	15	30	25	40	35	25	170
Portugal	510	35	40	30	55	45	30	105	20	15	30	30	35	35	165
Latvia	185	10	35	30	25	15	10	10	10	20	40	15	20	45	150
Lithuania	250	25	0	45	10	30	25	30	20	25	30	10	20	^	105
Slovakia	285	35	20	35	5	30	30	25	10	5	40	15	10	20	100
Estonia	90	0	10	0	5	5	15	5	10	5	5	10	10	15	55
Austria*	17.505	1.800	1.800	1.355	1.345	1.695	1.550	1.520	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Total EU-28	394.175	33.665	35.795	33.200	38.615	42.735	37.320	31.590	34.030	29.845	31.580	33.475	36.625	35.770	201.325
Norway	11.435	885	1.225	1.560	1.330	1.035	805	715	700	540	640	775	1.225	1.155	5.035
Switzerland	19.320	1.410	1.660	1.400	1.295	1.615	1.745	1.605	1.695	1.345	1.410	1.365	1.560	2.090	9.465
Total	424.930	35.960	38.680	36.160	41.240	45.385	39.870	33.910	36.425	31.730	33.630	35.615	39.410	39.015	215.825

Situation by 2014/09/12. Data sorted by total in 2014. Data are rounded to closest 0 or 5. Source: Eurostat

Data exclude applications from EU citizens.

Data concern first applications, except for countries with an *. These countries have not provided first applications for every month in the data set.

^ Data not yet available

Total asylum applications in the EU from July 2013 - June 2014

	jul-13	aug-13	sep-13	okt-13	nov-13	dec-13	jan-14	feb-14	mrt-14	apr-14	mei-14	jun-14	Total
Syria	3.605	4.055	6.510	7.355	6.680	5.260	5.795	5.470	5.510	5.610	6.870	8.320	71.040
Afghanistan	2.260	1.890	2.115	2.420	2.550	2.745	3.145	2.590	2.160	1.995	1.950	2.065	27.885
Serbia	1.965	2.240	2.755	2.885	2.940	2.790	2.745	1.570	1.645	1.440	1.400	1.785	26.160
Russia	4.310	3.260	2.755	2.225	1.840	1.660	1.885	1.370	1.445	1.655	1.300	1.350	25.055
Eritrea	1.370	1.860	1.940	2.170	2.180	1.670	1.330	720	915	2.490	4.580	3.715	24.940
Pakistan	2.240	1.825	1.690	1.730	1.590	1.410	1.695	1.585	1.780	1.555	1.545	1.135	19.780
Somalia	1.880	1.790	1.950	1.810	1.820	1.390	1.400	1.295	1.210	1.370	1.175	1.205	18.295
Albania	915	710	960	1.280	1.170	1.190	1.135	1.645	1.555	1.470	1.240	1.085	14.355
Nigeria	995	1.075	1.170	1.545	1.015	925	1.095	900	1.200	1.335	1.600	1.425	14.280
Kosovo	2.260	1.360	1.440	1.295	1.185	1.160	1.085	960	945	820	795	835	14.140
Others	17.625	16.655	19.505	22.415	18.005	14.825	17.420	15.715	17.385	17.925	18.120	17.270	212.865
Total	39.425	36.720	42.790	47.130	40.975	35.025	38.730	33.820	35.750	37.665	40.575	40.190	468.795

Situation by 2014/09/12. Data sorted by total from July 2013 to June 2014. Data are rounded to closest 0 or 5. Source: Eurostat

Data exclude applications from EU citizens.

Data concern total applications.

Special Theme: First Asylum Applications in Europe in 2013 related to country area, population and GDP size

Introduction

Biannually¹ the influx of asylum seekers in Europe is related to three indicators of country size: area, population and GDP. In this way we can better compare the asylum influx between small, medium, and large states.

Table 1: Number of first asylum applications compared to country area, population and GDP in 2013

Rank	Country of asylum	Number of Applications	% share in EU	Country area (sq km)	% share in EU	Inhabitants (million)	% share in EU	GDP (billion PPS*)	% share in EU
1	Germany	109.580	28%	357.168	8%	82,0	16%	2.579	20%
2	France	60.475	15%	632.834	14%	63,7	13%	1.815	14%
3	Sweden	54.350	14%	438.576	10%	9,6	2%	306	2%
4	United Kingdom	29.185	7%	243.610	5%	63,9	13%	1.706	13%
5	Italy	26.920	7%	302.073	7%	59,7	12%	1.561	12%
6	Hungary	18.570	5%	93.024	2%	9,9	2%	169	1%
7	Austria**	17.520	4%	83.879	2%	8,5	2%	279	2%
8	Netherlands	14.375	4%	41.540	1%	16,8	3%	545	4%
9	Poland	13.975	4%	312.679	7%	38,5	8%	660	5%
10	Belgium	12.080	3%	30.528	1%	11,2	2%	339	3%
11	Greece	7.860	2%	131.957	3%	11,1	2%	216	2%
12	Denmark	7.230	2%	42.916	1%	5,6	1%	180	1%
13	Bulgaria	6.980	2%	110.900	2%	7,3	1%	89	1%
14	Spain	4.290	1%	505.991	11%	46,7	9%	1.125	9%
15	Finland	2.995	1%	338.435	8%	5,4	1%	159	1%
16	Malta	2.205	1%	316	0%	0,4	0%	9	0%
17	Romania	1.405	0%	238.391	5%	20,0	4%	272	2%
18	Cyprus	1.150	0%	9.251	0%	0,9	0%	20	0%
19	Croatia	1.045	0%	87.661	2%	4,3	1%	67	1%
20	Luxembourg	990	0%	2.586	0%	0,5	0%	36	0%
21	Ireland	910	0%	69.797	2%	4,6	1%	151	1%
22	Portugal	505	0%	92.212	2%	10,5	2%	205	2%
23	Czech Republic	500	0%	78.866	2%	10,5	2%	217	2%
24	Slovakia	290	0%	49.036	1%	5,4	1%	105	1%
25	Lithuania	250	0%	65.300	1%	3,0	1%	55	0%
26	Slovenia	240	0%	20.273	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
27	Latvia	185	0%	64.573	1%	2,0	0%	33	0%
28	Estonia	95	0%	45.227	1%	1,3	0%	24	0%
Total EU-28		396.155	100%	4.489.597	100%	505,4	100%	12.967	100%
Norway		11.475	3%	323.779	7%	5,1	1%	249	2%
Switzerland		19.440	5%	41.285	1%	8,0	2%	319	2%

Source: Eurostat extracted on 02/05/2014 (applications), 06/05/2014 (area), 12/05/2014 (population) and 13/05/2014 (GDP). Country area, inhabitants and GDP data are the most up to date available data on Eurostat's website.

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Table 1 depicts the number of first asylum applications, country area size, number of inhabitants and GDP in 2013 in Europe, arranged by the number of asylum applications in decreasing order. Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by France and Sweden. The Netherlands ranked eighth within the EU. It is quite clear from table 1 that the order of states when comparing the three indicators of country size is not the same as the order in relation to the number of asylum applications. There are substantial differences for most European states between their share in the EU-28 concerning asylum applications, country area, inhabitants and GDP. In the next subsections the different indicators of country size will be related to the number of asylum applications in more detail.

¹ The next update will appear as soon as the data regarding the first 6 months of 2014 of all the EU+ states will be available in the Eurostat database.

First Asylum Applications in Europe in 2013 related to Area size**Table 2: Number of first asylum applications in 2013 related to country area size**

Rank	Country of asylum	Applications per 1.000 sq km	In relation to Total EU-28 = 1	Number of applications	Country area (sq km)
1	Malta	6.978	79,0	2.205	316
2	Belgium	396	4,5	12.080	30.528
3	Luxembourg	383	4,3	990	2.586
4	Netherlands	346	3,9	14.375	41.540
5	Germany	307	3,5	109.580	357.168
6	Austria*	209	2,4	17.520	83.879
7	Cyprus	202	2,3	1.150	5.695
8	Hungary	200	2,3	18.570	93.024
9	Denmark	168	1,9	7.230	42.916
10	Sweden	124	1,4	54.350	438.576
11	United Kingdom	120	1,4	29.185	243.610
12	France	96	1,1	60.475	632.834
13	Italy	89	1,0	26.920	302.073
	Total EU-28	88	1,0	396.155	4.486.041
14	Bulgaria	63	0,7	6.980	110.900
15	Greece	60	0,7	7.860	131.957
16	Poland	45	0,5	13.975	312.679
18	Ireland	13	0,1	910	69.797
17	Croatia	12	0,1	1.045	87.661
19	Slovenia	12	0,1	240	20.273
20	Finland	9	0,1	2.995	338.435
21	Spain	8	0,1	4.290	505.991
22	Czech Republic	6	0,1	500	78.866
23	Slovakia	6	0,1	290	49.036
24	Romania	6	0,1	1.405	238.391
25	Portugal	5	0,1	505	92.212
26	Lithuania	4	0,0	250	65.300
27	Latvia	3	0,0	185	64.573
28	Estonia	2	0,0	95	45.227
	Norway	35	0,4	11.475	323.779
	Switzerland	471	5,3	19.440	41.285

Source: Eurostat extracted on 02/05/2014 (applications) and 06/05/2014 (area).

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Table 2 relates the number of first asylum applications in 2013 to the area size of the European countries, arranged in decreasing order. By taking the Total EU-28 figure = 1, it shows how many times more or less applications a country received in relation to its area size compared to the EU-28 average. It shows that Malta received the largest number of asylum applications in Europe in relation to its area size: 6.978 per 1.000 sq km, 79 times more than the EU average (88 per 1.000 sq km). Belgium and Luxembourg ranked second and third at some distance with 4,5 and 4,3 times more applications than the EU average. The three countries that received most applications in 2013 in absolute terms (Germany, France and Sweden), also received more applications compared to their country size than the EU average.

First Asylum Applications in Europe in 2013 related to Population size**Table 3: Number of first asylum applications in 2013 related to population size**

Rank	Country of asylum	Applications per million inhabitants	In relation to Total EU-28 = 1	Number of applications	Inhabitants (millions)
1	Sweden	5.661	7,2	54.350	9,6
2	Malta	5.513	7,0	2.205	0,4
3	Austria*	2.061	2,6	17.520	8,5
4	Luxembourg	1.980	2,5	990	0,5
5	Hungary	1.876	2,4	18.570	9,9
6	Germany	1.336	1,7	109.580	82,0
7	Denmark	1.291	1,6	7.230	5,6
8	Cyprus	1.278	1,6	1.150	0,9
9	Belgium	1.079	1,4	12.080	11,2
10	Bulgaria	956	1,2	6.980	7,3
11	France	949	1,2	60.475	63,7
12	Netherlands	856	1,1	14.375	16,8
	Total EU-28	784	1,0	396.155	505,4
13	Greece	708	0,9	7.860	11,1
14	Finland	555	0,7	2.995	5,4
15	United Kingdom	457	0,6	29.185	63,9
16	Italy	451	0,6	26.920	59,7
17	Poland	363	0,5	13.975	38,5
18	Croatia	243	0,3	1.045	4,3
19	Ireland	198	0,3	910	4,6
20	Slovenia	114	0,1	240	2,1
21	Latvia	93	0,1	185	2,0
22	Spain	92	0,1	4.290	46,7
23	Lithuania	83	0,1	250	3,0
24	Estonia	73	0,1	95	1,3
25	Romania	70	0,1	1.405	20,0
26	Slovakia	54	0,1	290	5,4
27	Portugal	48	0,1	505	10,5
28	Czech Republic	48	0,1	500	10,5
	Norway	1.740	6,8	8.145	4,7
	Switzerland	1.105	4,3	8.390	7,6

Source: Eurostat extracted on 02/05/2014 (applications) and 12/05/2014 (population).

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Table 3 provides an overview of the number of first asylum applications in 2013 in relation to population size, arranged in decreasing order. Sweden and Malta received most applications in relation to their population size: 5.661 and 5.513 applications per million inhabitants, 7,2 and 7,0 times more than the EU average (784 applications per million inhabitants). Austria ranked third (2,6 times more). The Netherlands ranked twelfth in the EU with 856 applications per million inhabitants (1,1 times more than average). Germany and France, the number one and two in absolute number of applications, received more applications per million inhabitants than the EU average as well.

First Asylum Applications in Europe in 2013 related to GDP size**Table 4: Number of first asylum applications in 2013 related to GDP size**

Rank	Country of asylum	Applications per billion PPS*	In relation to Total EU-28 = 1	Number of Applications	GDP (billion PPS*)
1	Malta	239	7,8	2.205	9
2	Sweden	177	5,8	54.350	306
3	Hungary	110	3,6	18.570	169
4	Bulgaria	79	2,6	6.980	89
5	Austria**	63	2,1	17.520	279
6	Cyprus	57	1,9	1.150	20
7	Germany	42	1,4	109.580	2.579
8	Denmark	40	1,3	7.230	180
9	Greece	36	1,2	7.860	216
10	Belgium	36	1,2	12.080	339
11	France	33	1,1	60.475	1.815
	Total EU-28	31	1,0	396.155	12.967
12	Luxembourg	28	0,9	990	36
13	Netherlands	26	0,9	14.375	545
14	Poland	21	0,7	13.975	660
15	Finland	19	0,6	2.995	159
16	Italy	17	0,6	26.920	1.561
17	United Kingdom	17	0,6	29.185	1.706
18	Croatia	16	0,5	1.045	67
19	Ireland	6	0,2	910	151
20	Latvia	6	0,2	185	33
21	Slovenia	5	0,2	240	44
22	Romania	5	0,2	1.405	272
23	Lithuania	5	0,1	250	55
24	Estonia	4	0,1	95	24
25	Spain	4	0,1	4.290	1.125
26	Slovakia	3	0,1	290	105
27	Portugal	2	0,1	505	205
28	Czech Republic	2	0,1	500	217
	Norway	46	1,5	11.475	249
	Switzerland	61	2,0	19.440	319

Source: Eurostat extracted on 02/05/2014 (applications) and 13/05/2014 (GDP).

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Table 4 shows the number of first asylum applications in 2013 related to GDP size (in PPS) arranged in decreasing order. Malta, Sweden and Hungary were the numbers one, two and three with respectively 7,8, 5,8 and 3,6 times more applications in relation to GDP size than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked thirteenth with 0,9 times less applications in relation to GDP size than the EU average. Germany and France the numbers one and two in absolute numbers of applications received more than the EU average in relation to GDP size.

Overview of the indicators: area, population and GDP

Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications in 2013

Rank	Country of asylum	Average	Index figure area	Index figure population	Index figure GDP
1	Malta	31,3	79,0	7,0	7,8
2	Sweden	4,8	1,4	7,2	5,8
3	Hungary	2,8	2,3	2,4	3,6
4	Luxembourg	2,6	4,3	2,5	0,9
5	Austria*	2,3	2,4	2,6	2,1
6	Belgium	2,3	4,5	1,4	1,2
7	Germany	2,2	3,5	1,7	1,4
8	Netherlands	2,0	3,9	1,1	0,9
9	Cyprus	1,9	2,3	1,6	1,9
10	Denmark	1,6	1,9	1,6	1,3
11	Bulgaria	1,5	0,7	1,2	2,6
12	France	1,1	1,1	1,2	1,1
	Total EU-28	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
13	Greece	0,9	0,7	0,9	1,2
14	United Kingdom	0,8	1,4	0,6	0,6
15	Italy	0,7	1,0	0,6	0,6
16	Poland	0,6	0,5	0,5	0,7
17	Finland	0,5	0,1	0,7	0,6
18	Croatia	0,3	0,1	0,3	0,5
19	Ireland	0,2	0,1	0,3	0,2
20	Slovenia	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,2
21	Spain	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
22	Latvia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,2
23	Romania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
24	Lithuania	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
25	Estonia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
26	Slovakia	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
27	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
28	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
	Norway	1,6	0,4	2,9	1,5
	Switzerland	3,5	5,3	3,1	2,0

Source: Eurostat extracted on 02/05/2014 (applications), 06/05/2014 (area), 12/05/2014 (population) and 13/05/2014 (GDP). Country area, inhabitants and GDP data are the most up to date available data on Eurostat's website.

Table 5 provides an overview of the asylum influx in relation to the three indicators of country size by taking the Total EU-28 figure = 1. These three different index figures were separately put into the tables 2-4. In addition to this overview, the average index figure is mentioned in table 5 (all three index figures are equally weighted). It shows that in 2013 Malta received the largest number of asylum applications in relation to the three indicators of country size - area, population and GDP - taken together (31,3 times more than average in the EU). Sweden followed with 4,8 times more than average. Hungary ranked third receiving an average of 2,8 times more applications in relation to the EU average in relation to the three indicators - area, population and GDP - taken together. The Netherlands ranked eighth with 2,0 times more applications in relation to the EU average.

Germany and France the numbers one and two in absolute numbers of applications received 2,2 and 1,1 times more applications than average in relation to their country size (area, population and GDP). It is quite clear that the ranking in absolute numbers of applications differs from the ranking when differences in country sizes (area, population and GDP) are taken into account. Nonetheless, six countries listed in the top 10 of absolute numbers of first asylum applications are also listed in the top 10 of applications in relation to country size: Belgium, Sweden, the Netherlands, Austria, Hungary and Germany.



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