



## **Asylum Trends**

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**First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2018 and 2019**

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by January 2nd 2020

		2018					2019										Total 2018
		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total	
EU	Germany	12.435	14.245	13.150	8.900	<b>48.730</b>	15.500	13.205	11.880	11.685	12.195	9.325	13.345	12.195	11.735	<b>111.065</b>	161.930
	France	8.485	11.380	9.810	10.775	<b>40.450</b>	8.650	9.625	9.785	10.260	9.285	9.030	11.080	9.785	9.595	<b>87.095</b>	111.415
	Spain	4.530	5.505	5.415	4.210	<b>19.660</b>	6.480	8.950	10.335	8.990	10.430	8.745	9.780	7.810	8.225	<b>79.745</b>	52.745
	Greece	5.830	7.065	6.900	5.065	<b>24.860</b>	5.335	5.300	5.305	4.455	4.720	4.160	5.560	5.345	6.740	<b>46.920</b>	64.985
	United Kingdom	3.310	3.385	3.890	3.690	<b>14.275</b>	3.730	3.320	4.095	3.425	3.170	2.875	3.775	3.680	4.130	<b>32.200</b>	38.485
	Italy	3.240	3.595	3.535	2.430	<b>12.800</b>	3.140	2.650	2.600	2.545	3.105	2.825	3.060	2.260	2.995	<b>25.180</b>	53.440
	Sweden	1.595	1.790	1.510	1.490	<b>6.385</b>	1.595	1.415	1.510	1.460	1.515	1.720	2.390	2.665	2.815	<b>17.085</b>	18.110
	Belgium	1.990	2.205	1.670	1.080	<b>6.945</b>	2.270	1.665	1.755	1.785	1.500	1.630	1.935	1.945	2.235	<b>16.720</b>	18.160
	Netherlands	2.240	2.220	1.840	1.770	<b>8.070</b>	1.855	1.660	1.875	1.870	1.620	1.695	1.965	1.890	2.035	<b>16.465</b>	20.465
	Cyprus	890	1.045	980	680	<b>3.595</b>	1.085	805	1.070	1.220	1.170	1.185	1.125	760	1.010	<b>9.430</b>	7.610
	Austria	915	955	885	770	<b>3.525</b>	855	745	855	800	865	830	995	980	975	<b>7.900</b>	11.610
	Ireland	360	375	305	345	<b>1.385</b>	400	340	360	340	385	385	445	415	665	<b>3.735</b>	3.655
	Slovenia	250	190	160	140	<b>740</b>	185	200	340	320	385	265	370	375	345	<b>2.785</b>	2.800
	Malta	225	260	250	160	<b>895</b>	240	120	230	180	315	245	520	280	530	<b>2.660</b>	2.035
	Poland	220	250	200	160	<b>830</b>	305	135	240	200	195	205	210	230	260	<b>1.980</b>	2.405
	Finland	280	255	200	245	<b>980</b>	205	170	190	155	205	200	265	210	240	<b>1.840</b>	2.955
	Denmark	365	345	300	185	<b>1.195</b>	230	180	175	150	165	185	185	215	205	<b>1.690</b>	3.495
	Bulgaria	305	485	340	280	<b>1.410</b>	135	75	75	105	265	195	245	310	280	<b>1.685</b>	2.465
	Luxembourg	205	180	245	275	<b>905</b>	240	200	225	185	135	135	150	205	165	<b>1.640</b>	2.225
	Romania	250	205	195	175	<b>825</b>	105	100	100	130	180	100	185	225	155	<b>1.280</b>	1.945
Czech Republic	115	115	150	140	<b>520</b>	170	200	165	125	135	100	135	130	100	<b>1.260</b>	1.360	
Portugal	130	150	135	120	<b>535</b>	115	130	115	130	145	100	140	150	150	<b>1.175</b>	1.240	
Croatia	45	85	25	30	<b>185</b>	30	20	30	35	65	60	120	180	215	<b>755</b>	675	
Lithuania	45	40	45	30	<b>160</b>	50	25	40	35	40	45	45	75	75	<b>430</b>	385	
Hungary	30	40	30	25	<b>125</b>	45	35	40	35	40	35	50	35	60	<b>375</b>	635	
Slovak Republic	15	10	15	10	<b>50</b>	25	15	20	10	20	10	30	20	15	<b>165</b>	155	
Latvia	10	20	10	10	<b>50</b>	5	5	10	10	5	25	25	20	15	<b>120</b>	175	
Estonia	10	10	5	5	<b>30</b>	5	5	5	5	10	15	10	15	10	<b>80</b>	90	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>48.320</b>	<b>56.405</b>	<b>52.195</b>	<b>43.195</b>	<b>200.115</b>	<b>52.985</b>	<b>51.295</b>	<b>53.425</b>	<b>50.645</b>	<b>52.265</b>	<b>46.325</b>	<b>58.140</b>	<b>52.405</b>	<b>55.975</b>	<b>473.460</b>	<b>587.650</b>
Not EU	Switzerland	970	1.295	1.140	895	<b>4.300</b>	1.050	1.100	1.100	995	1.085	880	1.160	1.030	1.075	<b>9.475</b>	13.535
	Norway	255	230	160	165	<b>810</b>	180	155	150	155	125	175	180	235	235	<b>1.590</b>	2.550
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.225</b>	<b>1.525</b>	<b>1.300</b>	<b>1.060</b>	<b>5.110</b>	<b>1.230</b>	<b>1.255</b>	<b>1.250</b>	<b>1.150</b>	<b>1.210</b>	<b>1.055</b>	<b>1.340</b>	<b>1.265</b>	<b>1.310</b>	<b>11.065</b>	<b>16.085</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>49.545</b>	<b>57.930</b>	<b>53.495</b>	<b>44.255</b>	<b>205.225</b>	<b>54.215</b>	<b>52.550</b>	<b>54.675</b>	<b>51.795</b>	<b>53.475</b>	<b>47.380</b>	<b>59.480</b>	<b>53.670</b>	<b>57.285</b>	<b>484.525</b>	<b>603.735</b>	

**First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from October 2018 - September 2019**

	2018			2019									Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Syrian Arab Republic	7.220	6.110	4.575	6.470	5.560	5.525	5.620	5.640	5.375	7.085	7.100	7.190	<b>73.470</b>
Afghanistan	4.625	4.505	3.425	3.795	3.255	3.925	3.305	3.725	3.485	4.730	4.685	5.450	<b>48.910</b>
Venezuela	1.985	2.165	1.755	2.635	3.950	4.235	3.570	3.960	3.185	3.785	2.955	2.975	<b>37.155</b>
Iraq	3.625	3.495	2.780	3.175	2.840	2.660	2.760	2.775	2.115	2.810	2.565	2.265	<b>33.865</b>
Turkey	2.800	2.220	1.660	1.975	1.990	1.630	2.065	1.975	1.695	2.645	2.675	2.550	<b>25.880</b>
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	3.095	2.975	1.980	2.175	1.780	1.865	1.880	2.025	1.550	2.040	2.075	2.110	<b>25.550</b>
Pakistan	2.590	2.565	2.030	2.315	1.815	1.740	1.830	2.040	1.730	2.440	1.975	2.395	<b>25.465</b>
Colombia	1.105	1.015	925	1.315	1.910	2.525	2.405	2.810	2.245	2.615	2.225	2.385	<b>23.480</b>
Albania	2.340	1.995	1.995	1.835	1.795	1.980	1.675	1.790	1.600	1.805	1.545	1.770	<b>22.125</b>
Georgia	1.740	1.910	2.050	2.310	1.985	2.015	2.030	1.880	1.570	1.795	1.465	1.315	<b>22.065</b>
Others	26.890	24.810	21.160	26.370	25.915	26.835	24.965	25.030	22.955	27.880	24.555	27.035	<b>304.400</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>58.015</b>	<b>53.765</b>	<b>44.335</b>	<b>54.370</b>	<b>52.795</b>	<b>54.935</b>	<b>52.105</b>	<b>53.650</b>	<b>47.505</b>	<b>59.630</b>	<b>53.820</b>	<b>57.440</b>	<b>642.365</b>

Figures are sorted by total in 2019. Figures are rounded to the nearest multiple of 5. Figures include applications from EU citizens. "0" means data not yet available. The last column in the uppermost table is based on yearly data from Eurostat. Because of the aforementioned rounding to multiples of 5 there are small differences with the monthly data.

In 2019 Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by France and Spain. Figures for October, November and December 2019 are not yet available for all EU countries. Syrian Arab Republic, Afghanistan and Venezuela are the most important countries of origin in the influx of first asylum applications in the EU.

## Special Theme: First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2019) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by January 2nd 2020

### Introduction

Biannually the influx of asylum seekers in Europe is related to three indicators of country size: Area, Population and GDP. This way, it's easier to compare the asylum influx between small, medium, and large countries.

**Table 1: Number of first asylum applications compared to country area, population and GDP in the 1st half of 2019**

	Rank	Country of asylum	Number of Applications	% share in EU	Country area (sq km)	% share in EU	Inhabitants (million)	% share in EU	GDP	% share in EU
EU	1	Germany	73.790	24%	358.327	8%	82,8	16%	2.624	20%
	2	France	56.635	18%	549.060	13%	66,9	13%	1.830	14%
	3	Spain	53.930	18%	498.504	11%	46,7	9%	1.125	9%
	4	Greece	29.275	10%	131.912	3%	10,7	2%	213	2%
	5	United Kingdom	20.615	7%	247.763	6%	66,3	13%	1.742	13%
	6	Italy	16.865	5%	301.291	7%	60,5	12%	1.541	12%
	7	Belgium	10.605	3%	30.668	1%	11,4	2%	339	3%
	8	Netherlands	10.575	3%	37.824	1%	17,2	3%	548	4%
	9	Sweden	9.215	3%	449.896	10%	10,1	2%	314	2%
	10	Cyprus	6.535	2%	9.249	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	11	Austria	4.950	2%	83.944	2%	8,8	2%	281	2%
	12	Ireland	2.210	1%	70.601	2%	4,8	1%	149	1%
	13	Slovenia	1.695	1%	20.277	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	14	Malta	1.330	0%	315	0%	0,5	0%	10	0%
	15	Poland	1.280	0%	313.851	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	16	Finland	1.125	0%	337.547	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	17	Luxembourg	1.120	0%	2.595	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	18	Denmark	1.085	0%	43.162	1%	5,8	1%	180	1%
	19	Czech Republic	895	0%	78.874	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	20	Bulgaria	850	0%	110.995	3%	7,1	1%	87	1%
	21	Portugal	735	0%	88.847	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	22	Romania	715	0%	239.068	5%	19,5	4%	278	2%
	23	Croatia	240	0%	56.539	1%	4,1	1%	66	1%
	24	Lithuania	235	0%	65.412	1%	2,8	1%	56	0%
	25	Hungary	230	0%	93.013	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	26	Slovak Republic	100	0%	49.026	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
	27	Latvia	60	0%	65.519	1%	1,9	0%	35	0%
	28	Estonia	45	0%	45.347	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
<b>EU - Total</b>			<b>306.940</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.379.426</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>512,4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,069</b>	<b>100%</b>
Not EU		Switzerland	6.210	2%	41.285	1%	8,5	2%	326	2%
		Norway	940	0%	323.787	7%	5,3	1%	250	2%
<b>Not EU - Total</b>			<b>7.150</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>365.072</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>13,8</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>4%</b>

Table 1 shows the number of first asylum applications, country area size, inhabitants and GDP per country. The table is arranged by the number of asylum applications in decreasing order. In the first six months of 2019 Germany received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by France and Spain. The Netherlands ranked 8th within the EU.

It is clear from table 1 that there are substantial differences in ranking when one takes into account the respective country area, inhabitants and GDP of the European countries. In the next subsection, these differences will be related to the number of asylum applications in more detail.



## First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2019) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by January 2nd 2020

**Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2019 related to country area size**

Rank	Country of asylum	Application per 1000 sq km	In relation to Total EU 28 = 1	Number of Applications	Country area (sq km)
1	Malta	4.222	61,4	1.330	315
2	Cyprus	707	10,3	6.535	9.249
3	Luxembourg	432	6,3	1.120	2.595
4	Belgium	346	5,0	10.605	30.668
5	Netherlands	280	4,1	10.575	37.824
6	Greece	222	3,2	29.275	131.912
7	Germany	206	3,0	73.790	358.327
8	Spain	108	1,6	53.930	498.504
9	France	103	1,5	56.635	549.060
10	Slovenia	84	1,2	1.695	20.277
11	United Kingdom	83	1,2	20.615	247.763
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>307.295</b>	<b>4.467.087</b>
12	Austria	59	0,9	4.950	83.944
13	Italy	56	0,8	16.865	301.291
14	Ireland	31	0,5	2.210	70.601
15	Denmark	25	0,4	1.085	43.162
16	Sweden	20	0,3	9.215	449.896
17	Czech Republic	11	0,2	895	78.874
18	Portugal	8	0,1	735	88.847
19	Bulgaria	8	0,1	850	110.995
20	Croatia	4	0,1	240	56.539
21	Poland	4	0,1	1.280	313.851
22	Lithuania	4	0,1	235	65.412
23	Finland	3	0,0	1.125	337.547
24	Romania	3	0,0	715	239.068
25	Hungary	2	0,0	230	93.013
26	Slovak Republic	2	0,0	100	49.026
27	Estonia	1	0,0	45	45.347
28	Latvia	1	0,0	60	65.519
	Norway	3	0,0	940	323.787
	Switzerland	150	2,2	6.210	41.285

Table 2 relates the number of first asylum applications to the area size of the European countries and is arranged in decreasing order. By indexing the Total EU-28 figure as 1, it shows how many times more or less applications a country received relative to the EU average.

The largest number of asylum applications in Europe in relation to its area size is Malta (4.222 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 61,4 times more applicants than the EU average (70 per 1.000 sq km). Cyprus and Luxembourg ranked second and third at some distance with 10,3 and 6,3 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 5th in the EU with 4,1 times the EU average.



## First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2019) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by January 2nd 2020

**Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2019 related to population size**

Rank	Country of asylum	Application per million inhabitants	In relation to Total EU 28 = 1	Number of Applications	Inhabitants (million)
1	Cyprus	7.562	12,6	6.535	0,9
2	Malta	2.796	4,7	1.330	0,5
3	Greece	2.725	4,5	29.275	10,7
4	Luxembourg	1.860	3,1	1.120	0,6
5	Spain	1.156	1,9	53.930	46,7
6	Belgium	930	1,6	10.605	11,4
7	Sweden	911	1,5	9.215	10,1
8	Germany	891	1,5	73.790	82,8
9	France	846	1,4	56.635	66,9
10	Slovenia	820	1,4	1.695	2,1
11	Netherlands	616	1,0	10.575	17,2
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>307.295</b>	<b>512,8</b>
12	Austria	561	0,9	4.950	8,8
13	Ireland	458	0,8	2.210	4,8
14	United Kingdom	311	0,5	20.615	66,3
15	Italy	279	0,5	16.865	60,5
16	Finland	204	0,3	1.125	5,5
17	Denmark	188	0,3	1.085	5,8
18	Bulgaria	121	0,2	850	7,1
19	Czech Republic	84	0,1	895	10,6
20	Lithuania	84	0,1	235	2,8
21	Portugal	71	0,1	735	10,3
22	Croatia	58	0,1	240	4,1
23	Romania	37	0,1	715	19,5
24	Estonia	34	0,1	45	1,3
25	Poland	34	0,1	1.280	38,0
26	Latvia	31	0,1	60	1,9
27	Hungary	24	0,0	230	9,8
28	Slovak Republic	18	0,0	100	5,4
	Norway	178	0,3	940	5,3
	Switzerland	732	1,2	6.210	8,5

Table 3 provides an overview of the number of first asylum applications in relation to population size.

Cyprus received the most applications in the EU in relation to its population size: 7.562 applications per million inhabitants, 12,6 times the EU average (599 applications per million inhabitants). Malta and Greece ranked second and third (4,7 and 4,5 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 11th in the EU with 616 applications per million inhabitants.



## First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2019) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by January 2nd 2020

**Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2019 related to GDP size**

Rank	Country of asylum	Application per billion PPS	In relation to Total EU 28 = 1	Number of Applications	GDP
1	Cyprus	340,5	14,5	6.535	19
2	Malta	138,5	5,9	1.330	10
3	Greece	137,8	5,9	29.275	213
4	Spain	48,0	2,0	53.930	1.125
5	Slovenia	38,7	1,6	1.695	44
6	Belgium	31,3	1,3	10.605	339
7	France	30,9	1,3	56.635	1.830
8	Luxembourg	30,2	1,3	1.120	37
9	Sweden	29,4	1,3	9.215	314
10	Germany	28,1	1,2	73.790	2.624
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>23,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>307.295</b>	<b>13.078</b>
11	Netherlands	19,3	0,8	10.575	548
12	Austria	17,6	0,7	4.950	281
13	Ireland	14,8	0,6	2.210	149
14	United Kingdom	11,8	0,5	20.615	1.742
15	Italy	10,9	0,5	16.865	1.541
16	Bulgaria	9,8	0,4	850	87
17	Finland	7,2	0,3	1.125	156
18	Denmark	6,0	0,3	1.085	180
19	Lithuania	4,2	0,2	235	56
20	Czech Republic	4,1	0,2	895	216
21	Portugal	3,6	0,2	735	203
22	Croatia	3,6	0,2	240	66
23	Romania	2,6	0,1	715	278
24	Poland	1,9	0,1	1.280	673
25	Estonia	1,8	0,1	45	25
26	Latvia	1,7	0,1	60	35
27	Hungary	1,4	0,1	230	170
28	Slovak Republic	0,9	0,0	100	106
	Norway	3,8	0,2	940	250
	Switzerland	19,1	0,8	6.210	326

Table 4 shows the number of first asylum applications related to GDP size in PPS arranged in decreasing order. PPS stands for Purchasing Power Standard, this is a mathematical method used to compare GDP sizes of different countries by eliminating the different price levels. Due to rounding in the calculation of the results for "TOTAL EU-28" the value can diverge somewhat from the expected (non-rounded) result.

Cyprus, Malta and Greece were the number one, two and three with respectively 14,5, 5,9 and 5,9 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 11th with 0,8 times the EU average.



## Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by January 2nd 2020

**Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2019**

Rank	Country of asylum	Average	Index figure area In relation to Total EU 28 = 1	Index figure population In relation to Total EU 28 = 1	Index figure GDP In relation to Total EU 28 = 1
1	Malta	24,0	61,4	4,7	5,9
2	Cyprus	12,5	10,3	12,6	14,5
3	Greece	4,5	3,2	4,5	5,9
4	Luxembourg	3,6	6,3	3,1	1,3
5	Belgium	2,6	5,0	1,6	1,3
6	Netherlands	2,0	4,1	1,0	0,8
7	Germany	1,9	3,0	1,5	1,2
8	Spain	1,8	1,6	1,9	2,0
9	Slovenia	1,4	1,2	1,4	1,6
10	France	1,4	1,5	1,4	1,3
11	Sweden	1,0	0,3	1,5	1,3
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>
12	Austria	0,8	0,9	0,9	0,7
13	United Kingdom	0,7	1,2	0,5	0,5
14	Ireland	0,6	0,5	0,8	0,6
15	Italy	0,6	0,8	0,5	0,5
16	Denmark	0,3	0,4	0,3	0,3
17	Bulgaria	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,4
18	Finland	0,2	0,0	0,3	0,3
19	Czech Republic	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,2
20	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
21	Lithuania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
22	Croatia	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
23	Romania	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
24	Poland	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
25	Estonia	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,1
26	Latvia	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,1
27	Hungary	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1
28	Slovak Republic	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Norway	0,2	0,0	0,3	0,2
	Switzerland	1,4	2,2	1,2	0,8

Table 5 shows an overview of asylum influx by averaging (equally weighted) the three indexes from tables 2-4.

Malta received 24,0 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Cyprus followed with 12,5 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 6th, receiving 2,0 times as many applications than the EU average.