



Asylum Trends

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First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2017 and 2018

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by February 4th 2019

		2017				2018											Total 2017
		Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total	
EU	Germany	15.920	17.530	12.485	45.935	16.970	14.090	13.870	12.975	12.250	13.470	14.985	14.595	12.435	14.245	139.885	198.310
	France	8.185	8.630	8.935	25.750	8.225	8.355	8.670	8.770	8.695	8.620	9.360	9.390	8.460	11.365	89.910	91.965
	Greece	6.200	5.220	3.860	15.280	4.635	3.945	4.385	5.105	5.655	5.590	5.900	4.940	5.830	7.065	53.050	56.950
	Italy	9.625	8.325	5.040	22.990	6.610	5.605	5.605	4.145	4.715	4.810	3.995	2.095	2.880	3.215	43.675	126.560
	Spain	2.830	2.965	2.205	8.000	3.080	2.835	2.845	4.720	6.515	4.945	4.340	3.800	4.530	5.505	43.115	33.040
	United Kingdom	3.070	3.125	2.775	8.970	2.935	2.695	2.970	2.580	2.850	2.930	3.335	3.045	3.225	3.320	29.885	34.435
	Netherlands	1.310	1.295	1.340	3.945	1.560	1.200	1.385	1.445	1.570	1.290	1.930	2.020	2.240	2.220	16.860	16.090
	Belgium	1.345	1.235	1.085	3.665	1.460	1.205	1.345	1.125	1.320	1.175	1.810	1.770	1.990	2.205	15.405	14.055
	Sweden	2.225	1.930	1.670	5.825	1.785	1.355	1.290	1.285	1.365	1.355	1.575	1.690	1.585	1.790	15.075	22.225
	Austria	1.940	1.475	1.450	4.865	1.300	1.015	1.120	875	965	810	985	905	885	935	9.795	22.470
	Cyprus	375	550	360	1.285	415	380	530	395	500	535	545	710	890	0	4.900	4.475
	Denmark	275	260	210	745	250	230	265	225	235	235	305	325	330	305	2.705	3.140
	Ireland	315	290	305	910	310	290	375	220	215	235	300	325	365	0	2.635	2.910
	Finland	315	310	300	925	300	225	245	235	240	235	225	270	280	255	2.510	4.350
	Slovenia	160	125	150	435	165	220	125	275	360	260	280	370	250	190	2.495	1.440
	Poland	160	165	160	485	225	185	175	220	205	355	365	175	220	250	2.375	3.005
	Bulgaria	315	180	170	665	150	60	85	90	80	95	145	350	305	485	1.845	3.470
	Luxembourg	185	155	250	590	185	125	130	135	150	140	235	215	205	180	1.700	2.325
	Malta	175	130	95	400	145	125	125	120	140	160	150	170	225	260	1.620	1.610
	Romania	465	290	145	900	200	95	60	175	115	160	140	180	250	205	1.580	4.700
Czech Republic	110	90	80	280	110	95	95	95	110	95	125	120	115	115	1.075	1.140	
Portugal	90	105	75	270	80	80	85	65	85	60	135	110	130	150	980	1.015	
Croatia	95	120	40	255	50	60	110	25	55	65	45	95	45	85	635	885	
Hungary	230	225	210	665	180	55	50	40	60	45	55	25	30	40	580	3.120	
Lithuania	40	35	35	110	15	15	5	30	35	30	50	50	45	0	275	520	
Latvia	15	15	5	35	15	20	15	10	10	10	30	15	10	20	155	355	
Slovak Republic	20	10	15	45	25	10	10	10	30	5	10	5	15	10	130	155	
Estonia	15	5	5	25	5	0	5	5	5	0	30	10	10	10	80	180	
	Total	56.005	54.790	43.455	154.250	51.385	44.570	45.975	45.395	48.530	47.715	51.385	47.770	47.780	54.425	484.930	654.895
Not EU	Switzerland	1.390	1.305	1.075	3.770	1.270	1.210	1.150	1.125	1.125	1.080	1.235	1.030	970	1.295	11.490	16.670
	Norway	170	130	150	450	150	140	145	170	175	295	390	285	255	230	2.235	3.385
	Total	1.560	1.435	1.225	4.220	1.420	1.350	1.295	1.295	1.300	1.375	1.625	1.315	1.225	1.525	13.725	20.055
Total	57.565	56.225	44.680	158.470	52.805	45.920	47.270	46.690	49.830	49.090	53.010	49.085	49.005	55.950	498.655	674.950	

First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from November 2017 - October 2018

	2017		2018										Total
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Syrian Arab Republic	8.695	6.440	7.870	6.870	6.785	7.000	7.020	7.280	8.000	6.990	6.730	6.920	86.600
Iraq	4.505	3.475	4.135	3.390	3.505	3.125	2.890	3.120	3.365	3.720	3.165	3.585	41.980
Afghanistan	3.720	2.920	3.040	2.680	2.695	2.775	3.470	3.495	4.135	3.645	3.770	4.605	40.950
Pakistan	2.370	1.910	2.125	1.845	1.920	1.715	1.930	1.975	2.145	1.840	2.300	2.490	24.565
Nigeria	2.780	1.875	2.645	2.020	2.275	2.000	2.055	2.155	1.945	1.565	1.425	1.700	24.440
Turkey	1.910	1.060	1.410	1.300	1.235	1.280	1.550	2.095	2.825	2.720	2.580	2.785	22.750
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1.505	1.225	1.650	1.310	1.370	1.705	1.380	1.490	1.925	2.315	2.625	3.035	21.535
Venezuela	1.375	930	1.310	1.370	1.455	2.340	3.090	2.145	1.570	1.375	1.505	1.955	20.420
Eritrea	1.560	1.590	1.755	1.400	1.895	1.715	1.540	1.510	1.615	1.355	1.185	1.380	18.500
Albania	1.650	1.445	1.405	1.330	1.475	1.355	1.360	1.295	1.485	1.635	1.720	2.245	18.400
Others	26.215	21.850	25.505	22.440	22.705	21.710	23.595	22.590	24.055	21.940	22.080	25.365	280.050
Total	56.285	44.720	52.850	45.955	47.315	46.720	49.880	49.150	53.065	49.100	49.085	56.065	600.190

Figures are sorted by total in 2018. 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 2018 Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by France and Greece. Figures for November and December 2018 and January 2019 are not yet available for all EU countries. Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq and Afghanistan are the most important countries of origin in the influx of first asylum applications in the EU.



Special Theme: First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2018) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by February 4th 2019

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 2nd half of 2018

	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	78.310	30%	358.327	8%	82,5	16%	2.624	20%
	2	France	48.375	19%	549.060	13%	67,0	13%	1.830	14%
	3	Spain	27.800	11%	498.504	11%	46,5	9%	1.125	9%
	4	Greece	23.735	9%	131.912	3%	10,8	2%	213	2%
	5	United Kingdom	16.770	7%	247.763	6%	65,8	13%	1.742	13%
	6	Italy	12.185	5%	301.291	7%	60,6	12%	1.541	12%
	7	Netherlands	12.020	5%	37.824	1%	17,1	3%	548	4%
	8	Belgium	10.525	4%	30.668	1%	11,4	2%	339	3%
	9	Sweden	8.150	3%	449.896	10%	10,0	2%	314	2%
	10	Austria	4.580	2%	83.944	2%	8,8	2%	281	2%
	11	Cyprus	2.145	1%	9.249	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	12	Bulgaria	1.905	1%	110.995	3%	7,1	1%	87	1%
	13	Denmark	1.530	1%	43.162	1%	5,7	1%	180	1%
	14	Slovenia	1.390	1%	20.277	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	15	Poland	1.370	1%	313.851	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	16	Ireland	1.295	1%	70.601	2%	4,8	1%	149	1%
	17	Finland	1.030	0%	337.547	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	18	Luxembourg	835	0%	2.595	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	19	Malta	805	0%	315	0%	0,5	0%	10	0%
	20	Romania	775	0%	239.068	5%	19,6	4%	278	2%
	21	Portugal	660	0%	88.847	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	22	Czech Republic	475	0%	78.874	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	23	Croatia	270	0%	56.539	1%	4,2	1%	66	1%
	24	Lithuania	190	0%	65.412	1%	2,8	1%	56	0%
	25	Hungary	180	0%	93.013	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	26	Latvia	85	0%	65.519	1%	2,0	0%	35	0%
	27	Estonia	70	0%	45.347	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
	28	Slovak Republic	55	0%	49.026	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
EU - Total			257.515	100%	4.379.426	100%	511,5	100%	13,069	100%
Not EU		Switzerland	5.670	2%	41.285	1%	8,4	2%	326	2%
		Norway	1.485	1%	323.787	7%	5,3	1%	250	2%
Not EU - Total			7.155	3%	365.072	8%	13,7	3%	576	4%

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 last six months of 2018 Germany received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by France and Spain. The Netherlands ranked 7th 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 (2nd half of 2018) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by February 4th 2019

Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2018 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	2.556	44,3	805	315
2	Belgium	343	5,9	10.525	30.668
3	Luxembourg	322	5,6	835	2.595
4	Netherlands	318	5,5	12.020	37.824
5	Cyprus	232	4,0	2.145	9.249
6	Germany	219	3,8	78.310	358.327
7	Greece	180	3,1	23.735	131.912
8	France	88	1,5	48.375	549.060
9	Slovenia	69	1,2	1.390	20.277
10	United Kingdom	68	1,2	16.770	247.763
	TOTAL EU-28	59	1,0	257.915	4.467.087
11	Spain	56	1,0	27.800	498.504
12	Austria	55	0,9	4.580	83.944
13	Italy	40	0,7	12.185	301.291
14	Denmark	35	0,6	1.530	43.162
15	Ireland	18	0,3	1.295	70.601
16	Sweden	18	0,3	8.150	449.896
17	Bulgaria	17	0,3	1.905	110.995
18	Portugal	7	0,1	660	88.847
19	Czech Republic	6	0,1	475	78.874
20	Croatia	5	0,1	270	56.539
21	Poland	4	0,1	1.370	313.851
22	Romania	3	0,1	775	239.068
23	Finland	3	0,1	1.030	337.547
24	Lithuania	3	0,1	190	65.412
25	Hungary	2	0,0	180	93.013
26	Estonia	2	0,0	70	45.347
27	Latvia	1	0,0	85	65.519
28	Slovak Republic	1	0,0	55	49.026
	Norway	5	0,1	1.485	323.787
	Switzerland	137	2,4	5.670	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 (2.556 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 44,3 times more applicants than the EU average (59 per 1.000 sq km). Belgium and Luxembourg ranked second and third at some distance with 5,9 and 5,6 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 4th in the EU with 5,5 times the EU average.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2018) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by February 4th 2019

Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2018 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	2.509	5,0	2.145	0,9
2	Greece	2.204	4,4	23.735	10,8
3	Malta	1.749	3,5	805	0,5
4	Luxembourg	1.414	2,8	835	0,6
5	Germany	949	1,9	78.310	82,5
6	Belgium	927	1,8	10.525	11,4
7	Sweden	815	1,6	8.150	10,0
8	France	722	1,4	48.375	67,0
9	Netherlands	704	1,4	12.020	17,1
10	Slovenia	673	1,3	1.390	2,1
11	Spain	597	1,2	27.800	46,5
12	Austria	522	1,0	4.580	8,8
	TOTAL EU-28	504	1,0	257.915	511,9
13	Ireland	271	0,5	1.295	4,8
14	Bulgaria	268	0,5	1.905	7,1
15	Denmark	266	0,5	1.530	5,7
16	United Kingdom	255	0,5	16.770	65,8
17	Italy	201	0,4	12.185	60,6
18	Finland	187	0,4	1.030	5,5
19	Lithuania	67	0,1	190	2,8
20	Croatia	65	0,1	270	4,2
21	Portugal	64	0,1	660	10,3
22	Estonia	53	0,1	70	1,3
23	Czech Republic	45	0,1	475	10,6
24	Latvia	44	0,1	85	2,0
25	Romania	39	0,1	775	19,6
26	Poland	36	0,1	1.370	38,0
27	Hungary	18	0,0	180	9,8
28	Slovak Republic	10	0,0	55	5,4
	Norway	282	0,6	1.485	5,3
	Switzerland	673	1,3	5.670	8,4

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: 2.509 applications per million inhabitants, 5,0 times the EU average (504 applications per million inhabitants). Greece and Malta ranked second and third (4,4 and 3,5 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 9th in the EU with 704 applications per million inhabitants.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2018) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by February 4th 2019

Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2018 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	111,8	5,7	2.145	19
2	Greece	111,7	5,7	23.735	213
3	Malta	83,8	4,3	805	10
4	Slovenia	31,7	1,6	1.390	44
5	Belgium	31,0	1,6	10.525	339
6	Germany	29,8	1,5	78.310	2.624
7	France	26,4	1,3	48.375	1.830
8	Sweden	26,0	1,3	8.150	314
9	Spain	24,7	1,3	27.800	1.125
10	Luxembourg	22,5	1,1	835	37
11	Netherlands	21,9	1,1	12.020	548
12	Bulgaria	21,9	1,1	1.905	87
	TOTAL EU-28	20,0	1,0	257.915	13.078
13	Austria	16,3	0,8	4.580	281
14	United Kingdom	9,6	0,5	16.770	1.742
15	Ireland	8,7	0,4	1.295	149
16	Denmark	8,5	0,4	1.530	180
17	Italy	7,9	0,4	12.185	1.541
18	Finland	6,6	0,3	1.030	156
19	Croatia	4,1	0,2	270	66
20	Lithuania	3,4	0,2	190	56
21	Portugal	3,2	0,2	660	203
22	Romania	2,8	0,1	775	278
23	Estonia	2,8	0,1	70	25
24	Latvia	2,4	0,1	85	35
25	Czech Republic	2,2	0,1	475	216
26	Poland	2,0	0,1	1.370	673
27	Hungary	1,1	0,1	180	170
28	Slovak Republic	0,5	0,0	55	106
	Norway	5,9	0,3	1.485	250
	Switzerland	17,4	0,9	5.670	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, Greece and Malta were the number one, two and three with respectively 5,7, 5,7 and 4,3 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 11th with 1,1 times the EU average.



Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by February 4th 2019

Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2018

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	17,3	44,3	3,5	4,3
2	Cyprus	4,9	4,0	5,0	5,7
3	Greece	4,4	3,1	4,4	5,7
4	Luxembourg	3,2	5,6	2,8	1,1
5	Belgium	3,1	5,9	1,8	1,6
6	Netherlands	2,7	5,5	1,4	1,1
7	Germany	2,4	3,8	1,9	1,5
8	France	1,4	1,5	1,4	1,3
9	Slovenia	1,4	1,2	1,3	1,6
10	Spain	1,1	1,0	1,2	1,3
11	Sweden	1,1	0,3	1,6	1,3
	TOTAL EU-28	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
12	Austria	0,9	0,9	1,0	0,8
13	United Kingdom	0,7	1,2	0,5	0,5
14	Bulgaria	0,6	0,3	0,5	1,1
15	Denmark	0,5	0,6	0,5	0,4
16	Italy	0,5	0,7	0,4	0,4
17	Ireland	0,4	0,3	0,5	0,4
18	Finland	0,3	0,1	0,4	0,3
19	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
20	Croatia	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
21	Lithuania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
22	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
23	Romania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
24	Estonia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
25	Poland	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
26	Latvia	0,1	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	0,3	0,1	0,6	0,3
	Switzerland	1,5	2,4	1,3	0,9

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

Malta received 17,3 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Cyprus followed with 4,9 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 6th, receiving 2,7 times as many applications than the EU average.