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**First asylum applications in the Netherlands**

Source: INDiGO

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

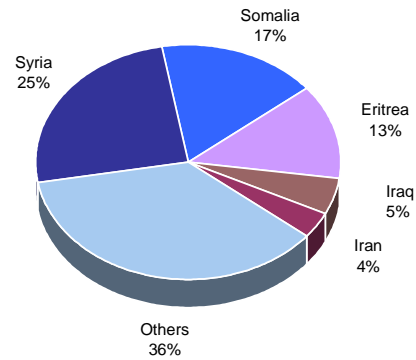
Total 2013	Nationality	2013										2014				Total 2014	Last 12 months
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr			
2.673	Syria	127	126	165	197	212	322	373	413	397	525	393	469	698	2.085	4.290	
3.078	Somalia	252	190	308	289	220	353	255	329	288	153	283	139	112	687	2.919	
978	Eritrea	31	26	27	76	124	120	165	133	101	175	80	96	1.078	1.429	2.201	
1.094	Iraq	85	73	63	103	78	65	102	61	63	75	64	50	61	250	858	
728	Iran	82	51	51	58	53	65	57	56	37	61	66	42	51	220	648	
673	Afghanistan	65	56	36	82	39	49	72	34	32	60	52	21	46	179	579	
216	Stateless	11	*	*	9	16	18	62	61	22	63	47	94	113	317	510	
488	Unknown	40	37	42	31	35	40	45	40	36	50	25	28	42	145	451	
209	Georgia	15	14	16	16	12	28	16	28	24	37	16	29	39	121	275	
269	Serbia	40	35	40	22	19	22	32	8	16	12	16	21	7	56	250	
3.993	Others	294	294	287	304	273	416	378	337	339	468	355	360	357	1.540	4.168	
14.399	Total	1.042	903	1.039	1.187	1.081	1.498	1.557	1.500	1.355	1.679	1.397	1.349	2.604	7.029	17.149	

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**Top 5 Nationalities first applications last twelve months**

Period: May 2013 - April 2014

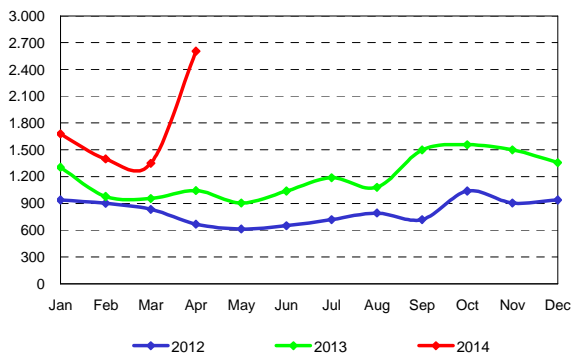
Number of first asylum applications: 17.149



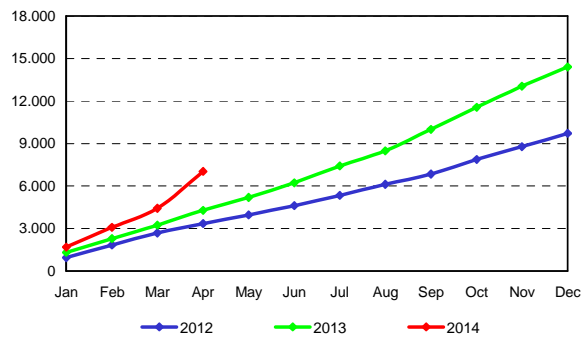
**Top-10 first asylum applications in the Netherlands April 2014**

Nationality	%
1 Eritrea	41%
2 Syria	27%
3 Stateless	4%
4 Somalia	4%
5 Iraq	2%
6 Iran	2%
7 Afghanistan	2%
8 Mongolia	2%
9 Unknown	2%
10 Georgia	1%
Others	12%
Total April 2014	100%
Percentage top 10	88%

**First asylum applications in the Netherlands**



**Cumulative development of first asylum applications in the Netherlands**



**Total asylum applications in the Netherlands**

Source: INDiGO

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

Total 2013	Nationality	2013										2014				Total 2014	Last 12 months
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr			
2.706	Syria	128	128	166	197	215	324	382	415	402	526	398	471	709	2.104	4.333	
3.270	Somalia	267	205	334	307	233	365	267	336	298	159	291	151	127	728	3.073	
1.039	Eritrea	37	28	31	86	132	124	169	140	103	179	85	105	1.080	1.449	2.262	
1.418	Iraq	103	96	84	131	106	79	152	89	93	88	106	65	91	350	1.180	
1.382	Afghanistan	128	139	96	150	88	103	142	89	61	73	89	54	73	289	1.157	
1.119	Iran	116	84	86	90	87	94	76	83	54	66	78	54	63	261	915	
626	Unknown	50	44	53	46	46	52	62	49	45	50	33	34	48	165	562	
238	Stateless	11	5	6	10	17	18	63	61	22	64	47	95	113	319	521	
238	Georgia	16	17	17	18	17	31	17	29	24	37	16	30	39	122	292	
330	Russia	19	9	20	23	18	35	44	30	21	21	25	14	23	83	283	
4.823	Others	390	384	377	388	347	440	458	369	397	489	392	425	427	1.733	4.893	
17.189	total	1.265	1.139	1.270	1.446	1.306	1.665	1.832	1.690	1.520	1.752	1.560	1.498	2.793	7.603	19.471	

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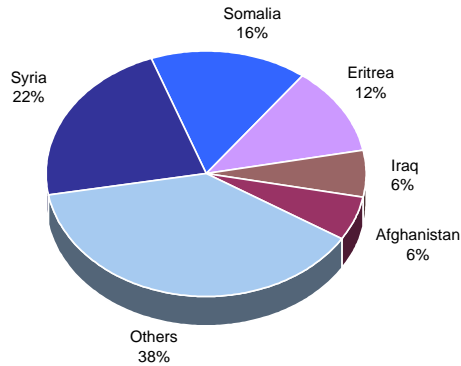
**Top-10 total asylum applications in the Netherlands April 2014**

Nationality		%
1 Eritrea	1.080	39%
2 Syria	709	25%
3 Somalia	127	5%
4 Stateless	113	4%
5 Iraq	91	3%
6 Afghanistan	73	3%
7 Iran	63	2%
8 Unknown	48	2%
9 Mongolia	46	2%
10 Georgia	39	1%
Others	404	14%
Total April 2014	2.793	100%
Percentage top 10		86%

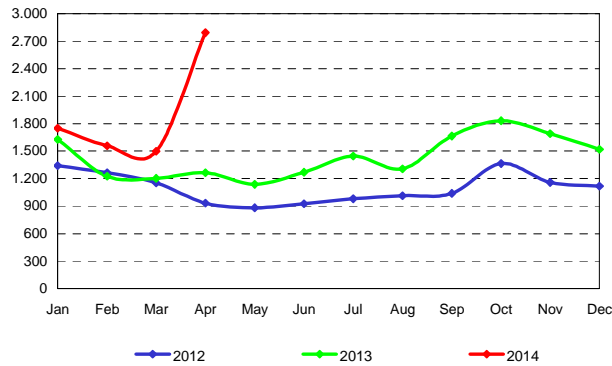
**Top 5 Nationalities total applications last twelve months**

Period: May 2013 - April 2014

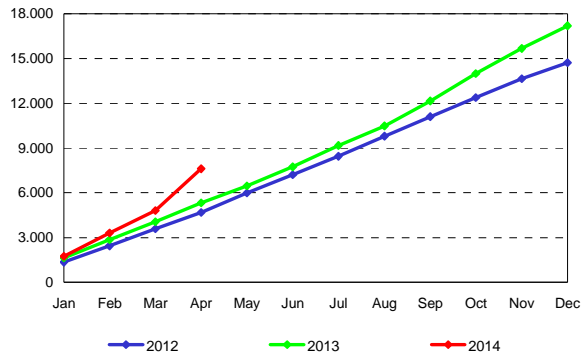
Number of total asylum applications: 19.471



**Total asylum applications in the Netherlands**



**Cumulative development of total asylum applications in the Netherlands**



Monthly First Asylum Applications in the Netherlands in 2014

Source: INDI GO

2013	Nationality	2014 Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
673	Afghanistan	60	52	21	46									179
42	Albania	5	11	9	*									26
29	Algeria	*	*	*	*									5
22	Angola	*	*	*	*									7
*	Antigua and Barbuda	*	*	*	*									*
185	Armenia	25	12	8	10									55
*	Australia	*	*	*	*									*
71	Azerbaijan	6	*	*	*									10
29	Bangladesh	*	*	*	*									*
66	Belarus	8	6	*	*									19
*	Belgium	*	*	*	*									*
*	Benin	*	*	*	*									*
91	Bosnia and Herzegovina	11	14	17	13									55
*	Brazil	*	*	*	*									*
*	Bulgaria	*	*	*	*									*
13	Burkina Faso	*	*	*	*									5
15	Burundi	*	*	*	*									7
18	Cameroon	*	*	*	*									13
*	Canada	*	*	*	*									*
*	Central African Republic	*	*	*	*									*
*	Chad	*	*	*	*									*
147	China (including Hong Kong)	18	19	8	7									52
12	Colombia	*	*	6	*									6
38	Congo, the Democratic Republic of the	*	*	*	*									5
143	Congo, the Republic of the	21	6	9	9									45
76	Cote d'Ivoire	12	5	*	*									22
8	Cuba	*	*	*	*									*
*	Djibouti	*	*	*	*									*
177	Egypt	17	16	14	12									59
978	Eritrea	175	80	96	1,078									1,429
*	Estonia	*	*	*	*									*
90	Ethiopia	9	8	10	21									48
*	France	*	*	*	*									*
*	Gabon	*	*	*	*									*
27	Gambia	*	*	*	*									*
209	Georgia	37	16	29	39									121
34	Ghana	*	*	*	*									9
158	Guinea	18	10	7	7									42
8	Guinea-Bissau	*	*	*	*									*
*	Hungary	*	*	*	*									*
16	India	*	*	*	*									9
728	Iran	61	66	42	51									220
1,094	Iraq	75	64	50	61									250
5	Israel	*	*	*	*									*
*	Italy	*	*	*	*									*
29	Jamaica	*	5	*	*									12
*	Japan	*	*	*	*									*
*	Jordan	*	*	*	5									6
22	Kazakhstan	*	*	*	*									6
7	Kenya	*	*	*	10									13
140	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	*	*	*	*									6
*	Korea, Republic of	*	*	*	*									*
47	Kosovo	8	5	6	*									20
*	Kyrgyzstan	*	*	*	*									*
18	Lebanon	*	*	*	*									7
7	Liberia	*	*	*	*									*
147	Libya	15	12	9	6									42
125	Macedonia	21	*	16	17									56
*	Malaysia	*	*	*	*									*
58	Mali	*	*	*	*									12
*	Mauritania	*	*	*	*									*
*	Moldova, Republic of	*	*	*	*									*
99	Mongolia	32	27	48	46									153
10	Montenegro	*	*	*	*									*
69	Morocco	*	*	7	7									19
69	Myanmar	*	*	*	*									*
65	Nepal	10	15	*	8									36
8	Niger	5	*	*	*									5
136	Nigeria	18	11	13	19									61
150	Pakistan	24	14	*	15									57
105	Palestinian Territory, Occupied	16	8	9	17									50
263	Russian Federation	16	21	14	18									69
18	Rwanda	*	*	*	*									11
*	Saudi Arabia	*	*	*	*									*
34	Senegal	*	*	*	*									6
269	Serbia	12	16	21	7									56
97	Sierra Leone	18	13	12	8									51
3,078	Somalia	153	283	139	112									687
*	South Africa	*	*	*	*									*
*	Spain	*	*	*	*									*
142	Sri Lanka	9	13	9	*									34
216	Stateless	63	47	94	113									317
139	Sudan	19	18	5	7									49
5	Suriname	*	*	*	*									*
*	Sweden	*	*	*	*									*
2,673	Syria	525	393	469	698									2,085
6	Tajikistan	*	*	*	*									*
11	Tanzania, United Republic of	*	*	*	*									*
5	Trinidad and Tobago	*	*	*	*									*
20	Tunisia	*	*	*	*									8
59	Turkey	10	5	19	9									43
164	Uganda	22	19	16	9									66
36	Ukraine	5	*	24	11									44
*	United States of America	*	*	*	*									*
488	Unknown	50	25	28	42									145
*	Uzbekistan	*	*	*	*									*
*	Venezuela	*	*	*	*									*
*	Viet Nam	*	*	*	*									10
39	Yemen	7	*	*	*									12
*	Zambia	*	*	*	*									*
12	Zimbabwe	*	*	*	*									*

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

	2013	feb-13	mrt-13	apr-13	mei-13	jun-13	jul-13	aug-13	sep-13	okt-13	nov-13	dec-13	jan-14	feb-14	2014
Germany	109.580	5.995	5.790	7.710	7.685	8.600	9.805	9.830	11.730	13.285	12.400	9.220	12.555	9.830	22.385
France	60.475	5.100	5.370	5.400	4.655	5.095	5.635	4.535	4.510	5.840	4.810	4.890	4.455	4.725	9.180
Sweden	54.365	2.970	2.970	3.060	3.085	2.980	4.130	4.805	7.770	7.915	5.545	5.330	3.955	3.670	7.625
Italy	26.920	1.240	1.920	1.830	1.770	2.210	2.475	2.550	2.485	3.310	3.135	2.305	3.375	3.175	6.550
United Kingdom	29.185	2.265	2.305	2.450	2.365	2.375	2.690	2.325	2.545	2.770	2.505	2.185	2.385	2.370	4.755
Netherlands	14.370	975	955	1.040	900	1.035	1.185	1.075	1.495	1.555	1.500	1.350	1.675	1.395	3.070
Hungary	18.565	660	1.320	1.945	3.320	4.075	2.170	1.100	1.035	740	905	1.010	1.240	640	1.880
Bulgaria	6.980	215	410	250	275	410	435	695	940	1.230	1.245	630	810	770	1.580
Greece	7.865	705	610	745	595	530	760	575	630	750	670	540	655	760	1.415
Belgium	12.085	1.025	955	905	900	865	1.095	985	1.240	1.090	970	865	995	^	995
Denmark	7.230	560	575	545	480	505	610	680	650	720	635	520	560	430	990
Spain	4.295	425	415	385	430	435	410	290	345	335	300	255	280	330	610
Finland	2.995	200	225	225	210	215	255	320	330	265	260	240	250	215	465
Romania	1.410	85	115	125	130	100	170	95	170	125	100	75	110	130	240
Ireland	910	80	65	90	80	70	70	65	80	80	80	70	100	85	185
Malta	2.205	20	60	160	130	55	435	740	290	115	125	50	75	40	115
Luxembourg	990	70	70	90	65	85	95	75	110	120	85	50	90	^	90
Cyprus	1.140	130	75	70	75	65	70	95	105	130	130	100	85	^	85
Croatia	1.040	145	165	100	90	30	40	45	80	95	55	30	50	25	75
Slovenia	245	15	30	20	30	20	15	15	15	20	5	10	15	30	45
Czech Republic	490	30	50	35	40	35	40	65	30	45	35	40	40	^	40
Latvia	185	5	15	15	10	10	35	30	25	15	10	10	10	20	30
Lithuania	250	25	15	15	10	25	0	45	10	30	25	30	20	^	20
Portugal	510	25	25	70	25	35	40	30	55	45	30	105	20	^	20
Slovakia	285	15	15	25	35	35	20	35	5	30	30	25	10	5	15
Estonia	90	10	5	10	15	0	10	0	5	5	15	5	10	^	10
Austria*	17.520	1.190	1.195	1.405	1.445	1.805	1.805	1.355	1.345	1.695	1.550	1.520	^	^	^
Poland	13.960	700	1.280	1.915	2.855	2.295	1.485	880	710	535	375	315	^	^	^
<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>396.140</b>	<b>24.880</b>	<b>27.000</b>	<b>30.635</b>	<b>31.705</b>	<b>33.995</b>	<b>35.985</b>	<b>33.335</b>	<b>38.740</b>	<b>42.890</b>	<b>37.530</b>	<b>31.775</b>	<b>33.825</b>	<b>28.645</b>	<b>62.470</b>
Norway	11.475	650	810	765	735	885	1.225	1.565	1.330	1.040	815	715	705	550	1.255
Switzerland	19.445	1.630	1.660	1.880	1.515	1.415	1.670	1.420	1.310	1.625	1.755	1.610	1.695	1.365	3.060
<b>Total</b>	<b>427.060</b>	<b>27.160</b>	<b>29.470</b>	<b>33.280</b>	<b>33.955</b>	<b>36.295</b>	<b>38.880</b>	<b>36.320</b>	<b>41.380</b>	<b>45.555</b>	<b>40.100</b>	<b>34.100</b>	<b>36.225</b>	<b>30.560</b>	<b>66.785</b>

Situation by May 13, 2014. Data sorted by total in 2014. Data are rounded to closest 0 or 5. Source: Eurostat

Data excludes applications from EU citizens.

Data concerns 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 March 2013 - February 2014

	mrt-13	apr-13	mei-13	jun-13	jul-13	aug-13	sep-13	okt-13	nov-13	dec-13	jan-14	feb-14	Total
Syria	2.650	2.685	2.720	2.990	3.620	4.055	6.520	7.355	6.680	5.265	5.780	5.390	55.710
Russia	3.215	4.930	6.405	5.590	4.310	3.260	2.755	2.225	1.840	1.660	1.420	1.070	38.680
Afghanistan	1.935	1.965	2.140	2.115	2.265	1.910	2.125	2.425	2.555	2.750	3.140	2.585	27.910
Serbia	1.005	1.155	990	1.240	1.965	2.255	2.755	2.885	2.955	2.790	2.745	1.565	24.305
Pakistan	1.515	2.000	1.900	2.105	2.245	1.840	1.700	1.740	1.595	1.415	1.685	1.560	21.300
Kosovo	1.165	1.845	2.720	3.615	2.260	1.365	1.440	1.295	1.185	1.160	1.085	955	20.090
Somalia	1.205	1.450	1.280	1.675	1.890	1.795	1.955	1.820	1.825	1.415	1.400	1.295	19.005
Eritrea	635	500	510	540	1.390	1.860	1.950	2.180	2.185	1.685	1.330	720	15.485
Albania	835	905	905	765	920	710	965	1.280	1.170	1.190	1.135	1.625	12.405
Nigeria	890	870	800	890	1.000	1.075	1.170	1.550	1.025	930	1.090	890	12.180
Others	14.625	15.290	14.175	15.555	17.680	16.685	19.550	22.470	18.085	14.910	17.295	15.395	201.715
<b>Total</b>	<b>29.675</b>	<b>33.595</b>	<b>34.545</b>	<b>37.080</b>	<b>39.545</b>	<b>36.810</b>	<b>42.885</b>	<b>47.225</b>	<b>41.100</b>	<b>35.170</b>	<b>38.105</b>	<b>33.050</b>	<b>448.785</b>

Situation by May 13, 2014. Data sorted by total from March 2013 to February 2014. Data are rounded to closest 0 or 5. Source: Eurostat

Data excludes applications from EU citizens.

Data concerns total applications.



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

### Introduction

In this section the influx of asylum seekers in Europe will be compared by taking into account the massive differences in size between the European states. The asylum pressure in the European states will be related to three indicators of country size: area, population and GDP. In this way we can better compare the asylum influx between small, medium-sized 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%
	<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>396.155</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.489.597</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>505,4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>12.967</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>Norway</b>	<b>11.475</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>323.779</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>2%</b>
	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>19.440</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>41.285</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>8,0</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>2%</b>

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.

\* This concerns 2012 data. Purchasing Power Standard (PPS) is a mathematical currency used to compare GDP sizes of different countries by eliminating the different price levels

\*\* Austria only provides the total amount of asylum applications (first and repeated)

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.

**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
	<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>396.155</b>	<b>4.486.041</b>
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
	<b>Norway</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>11.475</b>	<b>323.779</b>
	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>19.440</b>	<b>41.285</b>

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.

**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
	<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>396.155</b>	<b>505,4</b>
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
	<b>Norway</b>	<b>1.740</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>8.145</b>	<b>4,7</b>
	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>1.105</b>	<b>4,3</b>	<b>8.390</b>	<b>7,6</b>

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.

**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
	<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>396.155</b>	<b>12.967</b>
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
	<b>Norway</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>11.475</b>	<b>249</b>
	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>19.440</b>	<b>319</b>

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****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
	<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>
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
	<b>Norway</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>1,5</b>
	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>3,1</b>	<b>2,0</b>

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.