



## **Asylum Trends**

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**First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2018 and 2019**  
Source: EUROSTAT, situation by May 3rd 2019

		2018												2019		Total 2018	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan		Total
EU	Germany	16.970	14.090	13.870	12.975	12.250	13.470	14.985	14.595	12.435	14.245	13.150	8.900	161.935	15.595	15.595	161.930
	France	8.470	8.570	8.820	8.875	8.760	8.660	9.395	9.420	8.485	11.380	9.810	10.775	111.420	8.650	8.650	111.415
	Spain	3.080	2.835	2.845	4.720	6.515	4.945	4.340	3.800	4.530	5.505	5.415	4.210	52.740	6.480	6.480	52.745
	Greece	4.630	3.945	4.375	5.095	5.650	5.590	5.900	4.940	5.830	7.065	6.900	5.065	64.985	5.335	5.335	64.985
	United Kingdom	2.935	2.695	2.970	2.580	2.850	2.930	3.335	3.045	3.225	3.320	3.845	3.635	37.365	3.730	3.730	37.365
	Belgium	1.460	1.205	1.345	1.125	1.320	1.175	1.810	1.770	1.990	2.205	1.670	1.080	18.155	2.270	2.270	18.160
	Netherlands	1.560	1.200	1.385	1.445	1.570	1.290	1.930	2.020	2.240	2.220	1.840	1.770	20.470	1.855	1.855	20.465
	Sweden	1.795	1.360	1.295	1.280	1.365	1.355	1.580	1.695	1.595	1.790	1.510	1.490	18.110	1.595	1.595	18.110
	Austria	1.300	1.015	1.120	875	965	810	985	905	885	935	870	755	11.420	855	855	11.415
	Ireland	310	285	375	220	220	235	300	325	360	375	305	345	3.655	400	400	3.655
	Poland	225	185	175	220	205	200	190	175	220	250	200	160	2.405	305	305	2.405
	Malta	145	125	125	120	140	160	150	170	225	260	250	160	2.030	240	240	2.035
	Luxembourg	185	125	130	135	150	140	235	215	205	180	245	275	2.220	240	240	2.225
	Denmark	275	265	260	245	275	250	350	385	365	345	300	185	3.500	230	230	3.495
	Finland	300	225	245	235	240	235	225	270	280	255	200	245	2.955	205	205	2.955
	Slovenia	165	220	125	275	360	260	280	370	250	190	160	140	2.795	185	185	2.800
	Czech Republic	110	95	95	95	110	95	125	120	115	115	150	140	1.365	170	170	1.360
	Bulgaria	150	60	85	90	80	95	145	350	305	485	340	280	2.465	135	135	2.465
	Portugal	80	80	85	65	85	60	135	110	130	150	135	120	1.235	115	115	1.240
	Hungary	180	55	50	40	60	45	55	25	30	40	30	25	635	45	45	635
	Croatia	50	60	110	25	55	65	45	95	45	85	25	30	690	30	30	675
	Slovak Republic	25	10	10	10	30	5	10	5	15	10	15	10	155	25	25	155
	Latvia	15	20	15	10	10	10	30	15	10	20	10	10	175	5	5	175
Estonia	5	0	5	5	5	0	30	10	10	10	5	5	90	5	5	90	
Romania	200	95	60	175	115	160	140	180	250	205	195	175	1.950	0	0	1.945	
Lithuania	15	15	5	30	35	30	50	50	45	40	45	30	390	0	0	385	
Italy	6.600	5.575	5.520	4.155	4.685	4.800	4.075	2.115	2.885	3.245	3.235	2.270	49.160	0	0	49.165	
Cyprus	415	380	530	395	500	535	545	710	890	1.045	980	680	7.605	0	0	7.610	
<b>Total</b>	<b>51.650</b>	<b>44.790</b>	<b>46.030</b>	<b>45.515</b>	<b>48.605</b>	<b>47.605</b>	<b>51.375</b>	<b>47.885</b>	<b>47.850</b>	<b>55.970</b>	<b>51.835</b>	<b>42.965</b>	<b>582.075</b>	<b>48.700</b>	<b>48.700</b>	<b>582.060</b>	
Not EU	Switzerland	1.270	1.210	1.150	1.125	1.125	1.080	1.235	1.030	970	1.295	1.140	895	13.525	1.050	1.050	13.535
	Norway	150	140	145	170	175	295	385	285	255	230	160	165	2.555	180	180	2.550
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.420</b>	<b>1.350</b>	<b>1.295</b>	<b>1.295</b>	<b>1.300</b>	<b>1.375</b>	<b>1.620</b>	<b>1.315</b>	<b>1.225</b>	<b>1.525</b>	<b>1.300</b>	<b>1.060</b>	<b>16.080</b>	<b>1.230</b>	<b>1.230</b>	<b>16.085</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>53.070</b>	<b>46.140</b>	<b>47.325</b>	<b>46.810</b>	<b>49.905</b>	<b>48.980</b>	<b>52.995</b>	<b>49.200</b>	<b>49.075</b>	<b>57.495</b>	<b>53.135</b>	<b>44.025</b>	<b>598.155</b>	<b>49.930</b>	<b>49.930</b>	<b>598.145</b>	

**First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from February 2018 - January 2019**

	2018												2019	Total
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan		
Syrian Arab Republic	6.895	6.880	7.035	7.325	7.460	8.040	7.005	6.795	7.210	6.135	4.615	6.135	81.530	
Afghanistan	2.695	2.720	2.795	3.480	3.505	4.140	3.655	3.770	4.610	4.495	3.420	3.770	43.055	
Iraq	3.405	3.510	3.130	2.950	3.155	3.365	3.730	3.175	3.625	3.485	2.775	3.020	39.325	
Pakistan	1.840	1.980	1.730	2.020	2.130	2.140	1.840	2.385	2.585	2.555	2.020	1.375	24.600	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1.310	1.365	1.760	1.390	1.490	1.930	2.315	2.630	3.085	2.970	1.970	2.130	24.345	
Turkey	1.305	1.235	1.275	1.555	2.095	2.825	2.725	2.580	2.790	2.215	1.660	1.920	24.180	
Venezuela	1.370	1.450	2.340	3.085	2.145	1.570	1.380	1.505	1.965	2.140	1.740	2.510	23.200	
Nigeria	2.045	2.280	2.010	2.050	2.160	1.940	1.565	1.425	1.735	1.520	1.280	1.905	21.915	
Albania	1.330	1.475	1.360	1.360	1.295	1.490	1.630	1.720	2.300	1.945	1.970	1.710	19.585	
Georgia	1.740	1.700	1.465	1.305	1.260	1.325	1.300	1.235	1.735	1.900	2.050	2.090	19.105	
Others	22.270	23.110	22.380	23.975	22.790	24.285	22.065	22.130	25.930	24.030	20.595	23.465	277.025	
<b>Total</b>	<b>46.205</b>	<b>47.705</b>	<b>47.280</b>	<b>50.495</b>	<b>49.485</b>	<b>53.050</b>	<b>49.210</b>	<b>49.350</b>	<b>57.570</b>	<b>53.390</b>	<b>44.095</b>	<b>50.030</b>	<b>597.865</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 February, March and April 2019 are not yet available for all EU countries. Syrian Arab Republic, Afghanistan and Iraq 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 May 3rd 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	26%	358.327	8%	82,8	16%	2.624	20%
	2	France	59.265	20%	549.060	13%	66,9	13%	1.830	14%
	3	Greece	35.700	12%	131.912	3%	10,7	2%	213	2%
	4	Spain	27.800	9%	498.504	11%	46,7	9%	1.125	9%
	5	United Kingdom	20.405	7%	247.763	6%	66,3	13%	1.742	13%
	6	Italy	17.825	6%	301.291	7%	60,5	12%	1.541	12%
	7	Netherlands	12.020	4%	37.824	1%	17,2	3%	548	4%
	8	Belgium	10.525	4%	30.668	1%	11,4	2%	339	3%
	9	Sweden	9.660	3%	449.896	10%	10,1	2%	314	2%
	10	Austria	5.335	2%	83.944	2%	8,8	2%	281	2%
	11	Cyprus	4.850	2%	9.249	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	12	Ireland	2.010	1%	70.601	2%	4,8	1%	149	1%
	13	Denmark	1.930	1%	43.162	1%	5,8	1%	180	1%
	14	Bulgaria	1.905	1%	110.995	3%	7,1	1%	87	1%
	15	Finland	1.475	0%	337.547	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	16	Slovenia	1.390	0%	20.277	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	17	Luxembourg	1.355	0%	2.595	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	18	Malta	1.215	0%	315	0%	0,5	0%	10	0%
	19	Poland	1.195	0%	313.851	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	20	Romania	1.145	0%	239.068	5%	19,5	4%	278	2%
	21	Portugal	780	0%	88.847	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	22	Czech Republic	765	0%	78.874	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	23	Croatia	325	0%	56.539	1%	4,1	1%	66	1%
	24	Lithuania	260	0%	65.412	1%	2,8	1%	56	0%
	25	Hungary	205	0%	93.013	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	26	Latvia	95	0%	65.519	1%	1,9	0%	35	0%
	27	Estonia	70	0%	45.347	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
	28	Slovak Republic	65	0%	49.026	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
<b>EU - Total</b>			<b>297.880</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	6.565	2%	41.285	1%	8,5	2%	326	2%
		Norway	1.480	0%	323.787	7%	5,3	1%	250	2%
<b>Not EU - Total</b>			<b>8.045</b>	<b>3%</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 last six months of 2018 Germany received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by France and Greece. 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 May 3rd 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	3.857	57,7	1.215	315
2	Cyprus	524	7,9	4.850	9.249
3	Luxembourg	522	7,8	1.355	2.595
4	Belgium	343	5,1	10.525	30.668
5	Netherlands	318	4,8	12.020	37.824
6	Greece	271	4,1	35.700	131.912
7	Germany	219	3,3	78.310	358.327
8	France	108	1,6	59.265	549.060
9	United Kingdom	82	1,2	20.405	247.763
10	Slovenia	69	1,0	1.390	20.277
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>298.365</b>	<b>4.467.087</b>
11	Austria	64	1,0	5.335	83.944
12	Italy	59	0,9	17.825	301.291
13	Spain	56	0,8	27.800	498.504
14	Denmark	45	0,7	1.930	43.162
15	Ireland	28	0,4	2.010	70.601
16	Sweden	21	0,3	9.660	449.896
17	Bulgaria	17	0,3	1.905	110.995
18	Czech Republic	10	0,1	765	78.874
19	Portugal	9	0,1	780	88.847
20	Croatia	6	0,1	325	56.539
21	Romania	5	0,1	1.145	239.068
22	Finland	4	0,1	1.475	337.547
23	Lithuania	4	0,1	260	65.412
24	Poland	4	0,1	1.195	313.851
25	Hungary	2	0,0	205	93.013
26	Estonia	2	0,0	70	45.347
27	Latvia	1	0,0	95	65.519
28	Slovak Republic	1	0,0	65	49.026
	Norway	5	0,1	1.480	323.787
	Switzerland	159	2,4	6.565	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 (3.857 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 57,7 times more applicants than the EU average (68 per 1.000 sq km). Cyprus and Luxembourg ranked second and third at some distance with 7,9 and 7,8 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 5th in the EU with 4,8 times the EU average.



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

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by May 3rd 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	5.612	9,6	4.850	0,9
2	Greece	3.324	5,7	35.700	10,7
3	Malta	2.554	4,4	1.215	0,5
4	Luxembourg	2.251	3,9	1.355	0,6
5	Sweden	955	1,6	9.660	10,1
6	Germany	946	1,6	78.310	82,8
7	Belgium	923	1,6	10.525	11,4
8	France	886	1,5	59.265	66,9
9	Netherlands	700	1,2	12.020	17,2
10	Slovenia	673	1,2	1.390	2,1
11	Austria	605	1,0	5.335	8,8
12	Spain	596	1,0	27.800	46,7
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>298.365</b>	<b>512,8</b>
13	Ireland	416	0,7	2.010	4,8
14	Denmark	334	0,6	1.930	5,8
15	United Kingdom	308	0,5	20.405	66,3
16	Italy	295	0,5	17.825	60,5
17	Bulgaria	270	0,5	1.905	7,1
18	Finland	268	0,5	1.475	5,5
19	Lithuania	93	0,2	260	2,8
20	Croatia	79	0,1	325	4,1
21	Portugal	76	0,1	780	10,3
22	Czech Republic	72	0,1	765	10,6
23	Romania	59	0,1	1.145	19,5
24	Estonia	53	0,1	70	1,3
25	Latvia	49	0,1	95	1,9
26	Poland	31	0,1	1.195	38,0
27	Hungary	21	0,0	205	9,8
28	Slovak Republic	12	0,0	65	5,4
	Norway	279	0,5	1.480	5,3
	Switzerland	774	1,3	6.565	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: 5.612 applications per million inhabitants, 9,6 times the EU average (582 applications per million inhabitants). Greece and Malta ranked second and third (5,7 and 4,4 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 9th in the EU with 673 applications per million inhabitants.



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

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by May 3rd 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	252,7	11,1	4.850	19
2	Greece	168,0	7,4	35.700	213
3	Malta	126,5	5,5	1.215	10
4	Luxembourg	36,6	1,6	1.355	37
5	France	32,4	1,4	59.265	1.830
6	Slovenia	31,7	1,4	1.390	44
7	Belgium	31,0	1,4	10.525	339
8	Sweden	30,8	1,4	9.660	314
9	Germany	29,8	1,3	78.310	2.624
10	Spain	24,7	1,1	27.800	1.125
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>23,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>298.365</b>	<b>13.078</b>
11	Netherlands	21,9	1,0	12.020	548
12	Bulgaria	21,9	1,0	1.905	87
13	Austria	19,0	0,8	5.335	281
14	Ireland	13,5	0,6	2.010	149
15	United Kingdom	11,7	0,5	20.405	1.742
16	Italy	11,6	0,5	17.825	1.541
17	Denmark	10,7	0,5	1.930	180
18	Finland	9,4	0,4	1.475	156
19	Croatia	4,9	0,2	325	66
20	Lithuania	4,6	0,2	260	56
21	Romania	4,1	0,2	1.145	278
22	Portugal	3,8	0,2	780	203
23	Czech Republic	3,5	0,2	765	216
24	Estonia	2,8	0,1	70	25
25	Latvia	2,7	0,1	95	35
26	Poland	1,8	0,1	1.195	673
27	Hungary	1,2	0,1	205	170
28	Slovak Republic	0,6	0,0	65	106
	Norway	5,9	0,3	1.480	250
	Switzerland	20,2	0,9	6.565	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 11,1, 7,4 and 5,5 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 11th with 1,0 times the EU average.



## Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by May 3rd 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	22,6	57,7	4,4	5,5
2	Cyprus	9,5	7,9	9,6	11,1
3	Greece	5,7	4,1	5,7	7,4
4	Luxembourg	4,4	7,8	3,9	1,6
5	Belgium	2,7	5,1	1,6	1,4
6	Netherlands	2,3	4,8	1,2	1,0
7	Germany	2,1	3,3	1,6	1,3
8	France	1,5	1,6	1,5	1,4
9	Slovenia	1,2	1,0	1,2	1,4
10	Sweden	1,1	0,3	1,6	1,4
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>
11	Spain	1,0	0,8	1,0	1,1
12	Austria	0,9	1,0	1,0	0,8
13	United Kingdom	0,8	1,2	0,5	0,5
14	Italy	0,6	0,9	0,5	0,5
15	Ireland	0,6	0,4	0,7	0,6
16	Denmark	0,6	0,7	0,6	0,5
17	Bulgaria	0,6	0,3	0,5	1,0
18	Finland	0,3	0,1	0,5	0,4
19	Croatia	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
20	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
21	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
22	Lithuania	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,2
23	Romania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
24	Estonia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
25	Latvia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
26	Poland	0,1	0,1	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	0,5	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 22,6 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Cyprus followed with 9,5 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 6th, receiving 2,3 times as many applications than the EU average.