



## **Asylum Trends**

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**First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2017 and 2018**  
Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 3rd

		2017									2018						Total 2017
		May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total	
EU	Germany	16.180	14.965	16.110	18.280	16.175	15.920	17.530	12.485	<b>127.645</b>	12.905	10.760	10.710	11.385	10.850	<b>56.610</b>	198.310
	France	7.285	6.875	7.735	7.585	6.985	8.185	8.630	8.935	<b>62.215</b>	8.225	8.355	8.670	8.770	8.695	<b>42.715</b>	91.965
	Italy	11.940	12.815	12.050	10.070	10.390	9.625	8.325	5.040	<b>80.255</b>	6.610	5.605	5.605	4.145	4.715	<b>26.680</b>	126.560
	Greece	3.900	4.035	3.970	4.890	5.740	6.200	5.220	3.860	<b>37.815</b>	4.635	3.945	4.385	5.105	5.655	<b>23.725</b>	56.950
	Spain	2.725	2.350	2.695	3.190	2.830	2.830	2.965	2.205	<b>21.790</b>	3.080	2.835	2.845	4.720	6.515	<b>19.995</b>	33.040
	United Kingdom	2.815	2.715	2.685	2.705	2.835	3.070	3.125	2.775	<b>22.725</b>	2.935	2.695	2.970	2.580	2.850	<b>14.030</b>	34.435
	Netherlands	1.280	1.335	1.530	1.430	1.390	1.310	1.295	1.340	<b>10.910</b>	1.585	1.220	1.400	1.460	1.595	<b>7.260</b>	16.090
	Sweden	1.425	2.060	2.095	2.670	2.495	2.225	1.930	1.670	<b>16.570</b>	1.785	1.355	1.290	1.285	1.365	<b>7.080</b>	22.225
	Belgium	1.080	1.050	1.170	1.245	1.315	1.345	1.235	1.085	<b>9.525</b>	1.460	1.205	1.345	1.125	1.320	<b>6.455</b>	14.055
	Austria	1.920	1.840	2.030	2.335	1.855	1.940	1.475	1.450	<b>14.845</b>	1.300	1.015	1.120	875	965	<b>5.275</b>	22.470
	Cyprus	250	265	440	275	635	375	550	360	<b>3.150</b>	415	380	530	395	500	<b>2.220</b>	4.475
	Ireland	295	210	175	215	335	315	290	305	<b>2.140</b>	310	290	375	220	215	<b>1.410</b>	2.910
	Finland	430	420	440	435	270	315	310	300	<b>2.920</b>	300	225	245	235	240	<b>1.245</b>	4.350
	Denmark	285	290	300	300	310	275	260	210	<b>2.230</b>	250	230	265	225	235	<b>1.205</b>	3.140
	Slovenia	190	150	120	145	150	160	125	150	<b>1.190</b>	165	220	125	275	360	<b>1.145</b>	1.440
	Poland	210	255	395	225	195	160	165	160	<b>1.765</b>	225	185	175	220	205	<b>1.010</b>	3.005
	Luxembourg	195	145	160	180	195	185	155	250	<b>1.465</b>	185	125	130	135	150	<b>725</b>	2.325
	Malta	170	140	175	120	125	175	130	95	<b>1.130</b>	145	125	125	120	140	<b>655</b>	1.610
	Romania	405	280	410	750	685	465	290	145	<b>3.430</b>	200	95	60	175	115	<b>645</b>	4.700
	Czech Republic	110	95	105	85	95	110	90	80	<b>770</b>	110	95	95	95	110	<b>505</b>	1.140
Bulgaria	255	230	215	305	365	315	180	170	<b>2.035</b>	150	60	85	90	80	<b>465</b>	3.470	
Portugal	80	105	70	60	100	90	105	75	<b>685</b>	80	80	85	65	85	<b>395</b>	1.015	
Hungary	235	225	225	265	225	230	225	210	<b>1.840</b>	180	55	50	40	60	<b>385</b>	3.120	
Croatia	70	65	110	110	60	95	120	40	<b>670</b>	50	60	110	25	55	<b>300</b>	885	
Lithuania	40	60	85	35	20	40	35	35	<b>350</b>	15	15	5	30	35	<b>100</b>	520	
Slovak Republic	10	15	5	10	10	20	10	15	<b>95</b>	25	10	10	10	30	<b>85</b>	155	
Latvia	20	35	15	20	20	15	15	5	<b>145</b>	15	20	15	10	10	<b>70</b>	355	
Estonia	20	20	10	15	10	15	5	5	<b>100</b>	5	0	5	5	5	<b>20</b>	180	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>53.820</b>	<b>53.045</b>	<b>55.525</b>	<b>57.950</b>	<b>55.815</b>	<b>56.005</b>	<b>54.790</b>	<b>43.455</b>	<b>430.405</b>	<b>47.345</b>	<b>41.260</b>	<b>42.830</b>	<b>43.820</b>	<b>47.155</b>	<b>222.410</b>	<b>654.895</b>
Not EU	Switzerland	1.350	1.535	1.560	1.545	1.310	1.390	1.305	1.075	<b>11.070</b>	1.270	1.210	1.150	1.125	1.125	<b>5.880</b>	16.670
	Norway	405	360	255	235	165	170	130	150	<b>1.870</b>	150	140	150	180	180	<b>800</b>	3.385
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.755</b>	<b>1.895</b>	<b>1.815</b>	<b>1.780</b>	<b>1.475</b>	<b>1.560</b>	<b>1.435</b>	<b>1.225</b>	<b>12.940</b>	<b>1.420</b>	<b>1.350</b>	<b>1.300</b>	<b>1.305</b>	<b>1.305</b>	<b>6.680</b>	<b>20.055</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>55.575</b>	<b>54.940</b>	<b>57.340</b>	<b>59.730</b>	<b>57.290</b>	<b>57.565</b>	<b>56.225</b>	<b>44.680</b>	<b>443.345</b>	<b>48.765</b>	<b>42.610</b>	<b>44.130</b>	<b>45.125</b>	<b>48.460</b>	<b>229.090</b>	<b>674.950</b>

**First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from June 2017 - May 2018**

	2017								2018					Total
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May		
Syrian Arab Republic	8.175	9.770	10.850	9.180	8.900	8.695	6.440	5.815	5.225	5.120	6.175	6.265	<b>90.610</b>	
Iraq	3.415	3.620	4.735	5.055	5.095	4.505	3.475	3.440	2.930	3.010	2.945	2.730	<b>44.955</b>	
Afghanistan	3.530	3.350	3.895	3.360	3.415	3.720	2.920	2.835	2.530	2.555	2.690	3.395	<b>38.195</b>	
Nigeria	3.830	3.845	3.305	3.050	2.980	2.780	1.875	2.520	1.905	2.170	1.920	2.005	<b>32.185</b>	
Pakistan	2.495	2.415	2.515	2.515	2.685	2.370	1.910	2.115	1.830	1.905	1.705	1.925	<b>26.385</b>	
Eritrea	2.785	2.650	2.630	3.075	1.950	1.560	1.590	1.650	1.260	1.765	1.650	1.470	<b>24.035</b>	
Albania	2.010	2.110	2.215	1.735	1.575	1.650	1.445	1.390	1.310	1.455	1.345	1.350	<b>19.590</b>	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1.325	1.335	1.380	1.575	1.590	1.505	1.225	1.610	1.275	1.340	1.685	1.375	<b>17.220</b>	
Turkey	985	1.195	1.630	1.730	1.925	1.910	1.060	1.380	1.270	1.210	1.270	1.535	<b>17.100</b>	
Bangladesh	1.965	1.650	1.630	1.565	1.630	1.390	1.155	1.305	1.250	1.185	950	1.235	<b>16.910</b>	
Others	24.550	25.535	25.100	24.525	25.875	26.200	21.625	24.760	21.910	22.455	22.840	25.195	<b>290.570</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>55.065</b>	<b>57.475</b>	<b>59.885</b>	<b>57.365</b>	<b>57.620</b>	<b>56.285</b>	<b>44.720</b>	<b>48.820</b>	<b>42.695</b>	<b>44.170</b>	<b>45.175</b>	<b>48.480</b>	<b>617.755</b>	

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 Italy. Figures for June, July and August 2018 are not yet available for all EU countries. Syria, 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 (1st half of 2018) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 3rd

### 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 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	68.120	27%	358.327	8%	82,5	16%	2.624	20%
	2	France	42.715	17%	549.060	13%	67,0	13%	1.830	14%
	3	Italy	31.490	12%	301.291	7%	60,6	12%	1.541	12%
	4	Spain	24.940	10%	498.504	11%	46,5	9%	1.125	9%
	5	Greece	23.725	9%	131.912	3%	10,8	2%	213	2%
	6	United Kingdom	16.960	7%	247.763	6%	65,8	13%	1.742	13%
	7	Netherlands	8.560	3%	37.824	1%	17,1	3%	548	4%
	8	Sweden	8.435	3%	449.896	10%	10,0	2%	314	2%
	9	Belgium	7.630	3%	30.668	1%	11,4	2%	339	3%
	10	Austria	6.085	2%	83.944	2%	8,8	2%	281	2%
	11	Cyprus	2.220	1%	9.249	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	12	Finland	1.480	1%	337.547	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	13	Ireland	1.410	1%	70.601	2%	4,8	1%	149	1%
	14	Slovenia	1.405	1%	20.277	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	15	Poland	1.365	1%	313.851	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	16	Denmark	1.205	0%	43.162	1%	5,7	1%	180	1%
	17	Luxembourg	725	0%	2.595	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	18	Malta	655	0%	315	0%	0,5	0%	10	0%
	19	Romania	645	0%	239.068	5%	19,6	4%	278	2%
	20	Bulgaria	560	0%	110.995	3%	7,1	1%	87	1%
	21	Czech Republic	505	0%	78.874	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	22	Hungary	430	0%	93.013	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	23	Portugal	395	0%	88.847	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	24	Croatia	300	0%	56.539	1%	4,2	1%	66	1%
	25	Lithuania	100	0%	65.412	1%	2,8	1%	56	0%
	26	Slovak Republic	90	0%	49.026	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
	27	Latvia	80	0%	65.519	1%	2,0	0%	35	0%
	28	Estonia	20	0%	45.347	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
<b>EU - Total</b>			<b>252.250</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.379.426</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>511,5</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,069</b>	<b>100%</b>
Not EU		Switzerland	6.960	3%	41.285	1%	8,4	2%	326	2%
		Norway	1.095	0%	323.787	7%	5,3	1%	250	2%
<b>Not EU - Total</b>			<b>8.055</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>365.072</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>13,7</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 2018 Germany received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by France and Italy. 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 (1st half of 2018) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 3rd

**Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 1st 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	2.079	36,8	655	315
2	Luxembourg	279	4,9	725	2.595
3	Belgium	249	4,4	7.630	30.668
4	Cyprus	240	4,2	2.220	9.249
5	Netherlands	226	4,0	8.560	37.824
6	Germany	190	3,4	68.120	358.327
7	Greece	180	3,2	23.725	131.912
8	Italy	105	1,8	31.490	301.291
9	France	78	1,4	42.715	549.060
10	Austria	72	1,3	6.085	83.944
11	Slovenia	69	1,2	1.405	20.277
12	United Kingdom	68	1,2	16.960	247.763
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>252.650</b>	<b>4.467.087</b>
13	Spain	50	0,9	24.940	498.504
14	Denmark	28	0,5	1.205	43.162
15	Ireland	20	0,4	1.410	70.601
16	Sweden	19	0,3	8.435	449.896
17	Czech Republic	6	0,1	505	78.874
18	Croatia	5	0,1	300	56.539
19	Bulgaria	5	0,1	560	110.995
20	Hungary	5	0,1	430	93.013
21	Portugal	4	0,1	395	88.847
22	Finland	4	0,1	1.480	337.547
23	Poland	4	0,1	1.365	313.851
24	Romania	3	0,0	645	239.068
25	Slovak Republic	2	0,0	90	49.026
26	Lithuania	2	0,0	100	65.412
27	Latvia	1	0,0	80	65.519
28	Estonia	0	0,0	20	45.347
	Norway	3	0,1	1.095	323.787
	Switzerland	169	3,0	6.960	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 (2.079 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 36,8 times more applicants than the EU average (58 per 1.000 sq km). Luxembourg and Belgium ranked second and third at some distance with 4,9 and 4,4 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 5th in the EU with 4,0 times the EU average.



## First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2018) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 3rd

**Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 1st 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	2.597	5,3	2.220	0,9
2	Greece	2.203	4,5	23.725	10,8
3	Malta	1.423	2,9	655	0,5
4	Luxembourg	1.227	2,5	725	0,6
5	Sweden	844	1,7	8.435	10,0
6	Germany	825	1,7	68.120	82,5
7	Austria	694	1,4	6.085	8,8
8	Slovenia	680	1,4	1.405	2,1
9	Belgium	672	1,4	7.630	11,4
10	France	638	1,3	42.715	67,0
11	Spain	536	1,1	24.940	46,5
12	Italy	520	1,1	31.490	60,6
13	Netherlands	501	1,0	8.560	17,1
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>252.650</b>	<b>511,9</b>
14	Ireland	295	0,6	1.410	4,8
15	Finland	269	0,5	1.480	5,5
16	United Kingdom	258	0,5	16.960	65,8
17	Denmark	210	0,4	1.205	5,7
18	Bulgaria	79	0,2	560	7,1
19	Croatia	72	0,1	300	4,2
20	Czech Republic	48	0,1	505	10,6
21	Hungary	44	0,1	430	9,8
22	Latvia	41	0,1	80	2,0
23	Portugal	38	0,1	395	10,3
24	Poland	36	0,1	1.365	38,0
25	Lithuania	35	0,1	100	2,8
26	Romania	33	0,1	645	19,6
27	Slovak Republic	17	0,0	90	5,4
28	Estonia	15	0,0	20	1,3
	Norway	208	0,4	1.095	5,3
	Switzerland	827	1,7	6.960	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: 2.597 applications per million inhabitants, 5,3 times the EU average (494 applications per million inhabitants). Greece and Malta ranked second and third (4,5 and 2,9 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 13th in the EU with 501 applications per million inhabitants.



## First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2018) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 3rd

**Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 1st 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	115,7	6,0	2.220	19
2	Greece	111,6	5,8	23.725	213
3	Malta	68,2	3,5	655	10
4	Slovenia	32,1	1,7	1.405	44
5	Sweden	26,9	1,4	8.435	314
6	Germany	26,0	1,3	68.120	2.624
7	France	23,3	1,2	42.715	1.830
8	Belgium	22,5	1,2	7.630	339
9	Spain	22,2	1,1	24.940	1.125
10	Austria	21,7	1,1	6.085	281
11	Italy	20,4	1,1	31.490	1.541
12	Luxembourg	19,6	1,0	725	37
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>19,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>252.650</b>	<b>13.078</b>
13	Netherlands	15,6	0,8	8.560	548
14	United Kingdom	9,7	0,5	16.960	1.742
15	Finland	9,5	0,5	1.480	156
16	Ireland	9,4	0,5	1.410	149
17	Denmark	6,7	0,3	1.205	180
18	Bulgaria	6,4	0,3	560	87
19	Croatia	4,5	0,2	300	66
20	Hungary	2,5	0,1	430	170
21	Czech Republic	2,3	0,1	505	216
22	Romania	2,3	0,1	645	278
23	Latvia	2,3	0,1	80	35
24	Poland	2,0	0,1	1.365	673
25	Portugal	1,9	0,1	395	203
26	Lithuania	1,8	0,1	100	56
27	Slovak Republic	0,8	0,0	90	106
28	Estonia	0,8	0,0	20	25
	Norway	4,4	0,2	1.095	250
	Switzerland	21,4	1,1	6.960	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 6,0, 5,8 and 3,5 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 13th with 0,8 times the EU average.



## Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 3rd

**Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 1st 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	14,4	36,8	2,9	3,5
2	Cyprus	5,2	4,2	5,3	6,0
3	Greece	4,5	3,2	4,5	5,8
4	Luxembourg	2,8	4,9	2,5	1,0
5	Belgium	2,3	4,4	1,4	1,2
6	Germany	2,1	3,4	1,7	1,3
7	Netherlands	1,9	4,0	1,0	0,8
8	Slovenia	1,4	1,2	1,4	1,7
9	Italy	1,3	1,8	1,1	1,1
10	France	1,3	1,4	1,3	1,2
11	Austria	1,3	1,3	1,4	1,1
12	Sweden	1,1	0,3	1,7	1,4
13	Spain	1,0	0,9	1,1	1,1
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>
14	United Kingdom	0,7	1,2	0,5	0,5
15	Ireland	0,5	0,4	0,6	0,5
16	Denmark	0,4	0,5	0,4	0,3
17	Finland	0,4	0,1	0,5	0,5
18	Bulgaria	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,3
19	Croatia	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,2
20	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
21	Hungary	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
22	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
23	Poland	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
24	Romania	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
25	Latvia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
26	Lithuania	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
27	Slovak Republic	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
28	Estonia	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Norway	0,2	0,1	0,4	0,2
	Switzerland	1,9	3,0	1,7	1,1

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

Malta received 14,4 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Cyprus followed with 5,2 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 7th, receiving 1,9 times as many applications than the EU average.