



Asylum Trends

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

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by September 2nd 2019

		2018									2019						Total 2018
		May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total	
EU	Germany	12.250	13.470	14.985	14.595	12.435	14.245	13.150	8.900	104.030	15.625	13.275	11.980	11.715	12.170	64.765	161.930
	France	8.760	8.660	9.395	9.420	8.485	11.380	9.810	10.775	76.685	8.650	9.625	9.785	10.260	9.285	47.605	111.415
	Spain	6.515	4.945	4.340	3.800	4.530	5.505	5.415	4.210	39.260	6.480	8.950	10.335	8.990	10.430	45.185	52.745
	Greece	5.650	5.590	5.900	4.940	5.830	7.065	6.900	5.065	46.940	5.335	5.300	5.305	4.455	4.720	25.115	64.985
	United Kingdom	2.850	2.930	3.335	3.045	3.225	3.320	3.845	3.635	26.185	3.730	3.320	4.095	3.425	3.170	17.740	37.365
	Italy	5.135	5.155	4.420	2.400	3.240	3.595	3.535	2.430	29.910	3.140	2.650	2.600	2.545	3.105	14.040	53.440
	Belgium	1.320	1.175	1.810	1.770	1.990	2.205	1.670	1.080	13.020	2.270	1.665	1.755	1.785	1.500	8.975	18.160
	Netherlands	1.570	1.290	1.930	2.020	2.240	2.220	1.840	1.770	14.880	1.855	1.660	1.875	1.870	1.620	8.880	20.465
	Sweden	1.365	1.355	1.580	1.695	1.595	1.790	1.510	1.490	12.380	1.595	1.415	1.510	1.460	1.515	7.495	18.110
	Cyprus	500	535	545	710	890	1.045	980	680	5.885	1.085	805	1.070	1.220	1.170	5.350	7.610
	Austria	970	830	1.005	920	915	955	885	770	7.250	855	745	855	800	865	4.120	11.610
	Ireland	220	235	300	325	360	375	305	345	2.465	400	340	360	340	385	1.825	3.655
	Slovenia	360	260	280	370	250	190	160	140	2.010	185	200	340	320	385	1.430	2.800
	Malta	140	160	150	170	225	260	250	160	1.515	240	120	230	180	315	1.085	2.035
	Poland	205	200	190	175	220	250	200	160	1.600	305	135	240	200	195	1.075	2.405
	Luxembourg	150	140	235	215	205	180	245	275	1.645	240	200	225	185	135	985	2.225
	Finland	240	235	225	270	280	255	200	245	1.950	205	170	190	155	205	925	2.955
	Denmark	275	250	350	385	365	345	300	185	2.455	230	180	175	150	165	900	3.495
	Czech Republic	110	95	125	120	115	115	150	140	970	170	200	165	125	135	795	1.360
	Bulgaria	80	95	145	350	305	485	340	280	2.080	135	75	75	105	265	655	2.465
Portugal	85	60	135	110	130	150	135	120	925	115	130	115	130	145	635	1.240	
Romania	115	160	140	180	250	205	195	175	1.420	105	100	100	130	180	615	1.945	
Hungary	60	45	55	25	30	40	30	25	310	45	35	40	35	40	195	635	
Lithuania	35	30	50	50	45	40	45	30	325	50	25	40	35	40	190	385	
Croatia	55	65	45	95	45	85	25	30	445	30	20	30	35	65	180	675	
Slovak Republic	30	5	10	5	15	10	15	10	100	25	15	20	10	20	90	155	
Latvia	10	10	30	15	10	20	10	10	115	5	5	10	10	5	35	175	
Estonia	5	0	30	10	10	10	5	5	75	5	5	5	5	10	30	90	
	Total	49.060	47.980	51.740	48.185	48.235	56.340	52.150	43.140	396.830	53.110	51.365	53.525	50.675	52.240	260.915	586.530
Not EU	Switzerland	1.125	1.080	1.235	1.030	970	1.295	1.140	895	8.770	1.050	1.100	1.100	995	1.085	5.330	13.535
	Norway	175	295	385	285	255	230	160	165	1.950	180	155	150	155	125	765	2.550
	Total	1.300	1.375	1.620	1.315	1.225	1.525	1.300	1.060	10.720	1.230	1.255	1.250	1.150	1.210	6.095	16.085
Total		50.360	49.355	53.360	49.500	49.460	57.865	53.450	44.200	407.550	54.340	52.620	54.775	51.825	53.450	267.010	602.615

First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from June 2018 - May 2019

	2018								2019					Total
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May		
Syrian Arab Republic	7.440	8.035	7.005	6.800	7.220	6.110	4.575	6.480	5.565	5.525	5.615	5.615	75.985	
Afghanistan	3.510	4.145	3.655	3.775	4.620	4.505	3.425	3.815	3.270	3.970	3.305	3.740	45.735	
Iraq	3.200	3.390	3.745	3.195	3.630	3.495	2.780	3.185	2.845	2.665	2.775	2.760	37.665	
Venezuela	2.165	1.580	1.400	1.540	1.985	2.165	1.755	2.635	3.950	4.235	3.570	3.960	30.940	
Turkey	2.110	2.830	2.725	2.590	2.800	2.220	1.660	1.975	1.985	1.635	2.070	1.975	26.575	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1.495	1.930	2.315	2.635	3.090	2.970	1.975	2.185	1.775	1.865	1.880	2.025	26.140	
Pakistan	2.145	2.150	1.835	2.390	2.590	2.565	2.025	2.325	1.815	1.735	1.830	2.040	25.445	
Nigeria	2.185	1.965	1.575	1.450	1.750	1.530	1.295	2.055	2.125	2.280	1.965	2.110	22.285	
Albania	1.315	1.520	1.675	1.740	2.325	1.980	1.985	1.835	1.795	1.980	1.675	1.790	21.615	
Georgia	1.260	1.330	1.310	1.245	1.740	1.910	2.050	2.315	1.985	2.015	2.030	1.875	21.065	
Others	23.050	24.540	22.265	22.370	26.185	24.270	20.735	25.690	25.760	27.135	25.410	25.750	293.160	
Total	49.875	53.415	49.505	49.730	57.935	53.720	44.260	54.495	52.870	55.040	52.125	53.640	626.610	

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 June, July and August 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 September 2nd 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	19.620	7%	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	5.450	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%
EU - Total			299.790	100%	4.379.426	100%	512,4	100%	13,069	100%
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%
Not EU - Total			8.045	3%	365.072	8%	13,8	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 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 September 2nd 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	57,4	1.215	315
2	Cyprus	524	7,8	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	4,7	12.020	37.824
6	Greece	271	4,0	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
	TOTAL EU-28	69	1,0	300.275	4.467.087
10	Slovenia	69	1,0	1.390	20.277
11	Italy	65	1,0	19.620	301.291
12	Austria	65	1,0	5.450	83.944
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 57,4 times more applicants than the EU average (69 per 1.000 sq km). Cyprus and Luxembourg ranked second and third at some distance with 7,8 and 7,8 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 5th in the EU with 4,7 times the EU average.



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

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by September 2nd 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	3,8	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	1,1	1.390	2,1
11	Austria	618	1,1	5.450	8,8
12	Spain	596	1,0	27.800	46,7
	TOTAL EU-28	586	1,0	300.275	512,8
13	Ireland	416	0,7	2.010	4,8
14	Denmark	334	0,6	1.930	5,8
15	Italy	324	0,6	19.620	60,5
16	United Kingdom	308	0,5	20.405	66,3
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 (586 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 700 applications per million inhabitants.



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

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by September 2nd 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	11,0	4.850	19
2	Greece	168,0	7,3	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	1,3	9.660	314
9	Germany	29,8	1,3	78.310	2.624
10	Spain	24,7	1,1	27.800	1.125
	TOTAL EU-28	23,0	1,0	300.275	13.078
11	Netherlands	21,9	1,0	12.020	548
12	Bulgaria	21,9	1,0	1.905	87
13	Austria	19,4	0,8	5.450	281
14	Ireland	13,5	0,6	2.010	149
15	Italy	12,7	0,6	19.620	1.541
16	United Kingdom	11,7	0,5	20.405	1.742
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 11,0, 7,3 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 September 2nd 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	22,4	57,4	4,4	5,5
2	Cyprus	9,5	7,8	9,6	11,0
3	Greece	5,7	4,0	5,7	7,3
4	Luxembourg	4,4	7,8	3,8	1,6
5	Belgium	2,7	5,1	1,6	1,4
6	Netherlands	2,3	4,7	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	1,1	1,4
10	Sweden	1,1	0,3	1,6	1,3
	TOTAL EU-28	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
11	Spain	1,0	0,8	1,0	1,1
12	Austria	1,0	1,0	1,1	0,8
13	United Kingdom	0,8	1,2	0,5	0,5
14	Italy	0,7	1,0	0,6	0,6
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 22,4 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.