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Total asylum applications in The Netherlands (first applications, repeated applications, family reunification)
Source: METIS

Top 10 Last twelve months **total** asylum applications in the Netherlands

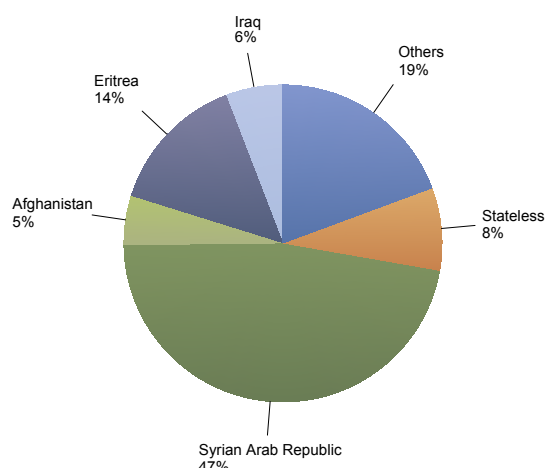
Total 2013	Total 2014	Country of citizenship	2014		2015												Last 12 months	Perc	
			Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec			Total
2,621	11,595	Syrian Arab Republic	1,064	1,064	725	515	555	647	1,161	1,680	2,271	3,837	5,259	6,439	3,076	1,545	27,710	27,710	47%
1,054	4,100	Eritrea	76	76	88	47	112	405	1,115	1,289	1,056	1,397	922	1,210	417	376	8,434	8,434	14%
310	3,045	Stateless	238	238	134	119	111	119	269	303	452	615	855	1,019	587	359	4,942	4,942	8%
1,410	1,570	Iraq	136	136	107	89	64	58	48	78	108	199	431	1,092	720	456	3,450	3,450	6%
1,520	977	Afghanistan	92	92	92	79	70	81	83	74	97	159	184	473	910	643	2,945	2,945	5%
1,080	746	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	71	71	52	62	37	36	42	45	58	81	113	425	735	388	2,074	2,074	4%
37	89	Albania	15	15	8	17	10	13	26	40	71	79	173	285	145	149	1,016	1,016	2%
3,184	1,527	Somalia	111	111	97	103	72	54	51	54	71	65	74	75	82	68	866	866	1%
37	271	Ukraine	34	34	25	41	42	49	52	77	50	64	42	108	107	107	764	764	1%
330	753	Unknown	55	55	43	32	48	44	49	42	54	47	53	108	87	38	645	645	1%
5,141	5,218	Others	413	413	392	433	426	386	472	620	501	537	488	641	574	564	6,034	6,034	10%
16,724	29,891	Total	2,305	2,305	1,763	1,537	1,547	1,892	3,368	4,302	4,789	7,080	8,594	11,875	7,440	4,693	58,880	58,880	100%

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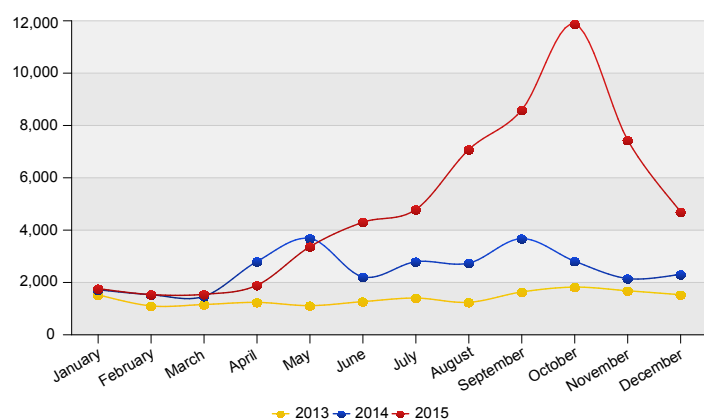
Top Total asylum applications in The Netherlands
December 2015

	Country of citizenship		%
1	Syrian Arab Republic	1,545	33%
2	Afghanistan	643	14%
3	Iraq	456	10%
4	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	388	8%
5	Eritrea	376	8%
6	Stateless	359	8%
7	Albania	149	3%
8	Ukraine	107	2%
9	Somalia	68	1%
10	Serbia	59	1%
	Others	543	12%
Total December 2015		4,693	100%
Percentage			88%

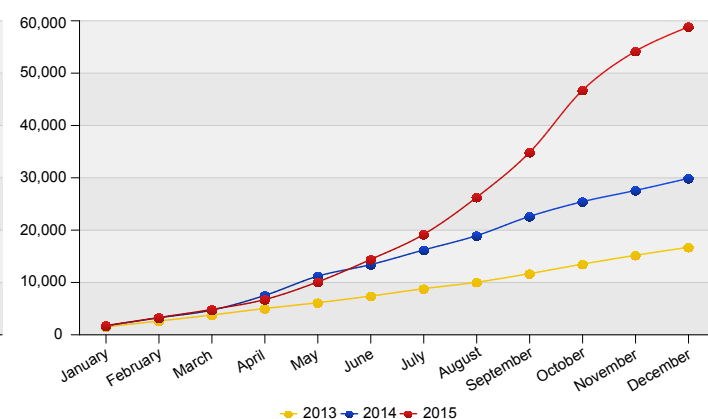
Top Nationalities total applications last twelve months
Period: Jan 2015 - Dec 2015
Number of total asylum applications: 58,880



Total asylum applications in The Netherlands



Cumulative development of total asylum applications in The Netherlands





First asylum applications in the Netherlands
Source: METIS

Top 10 Last twelve months **first** asylum applications in the Netherlands

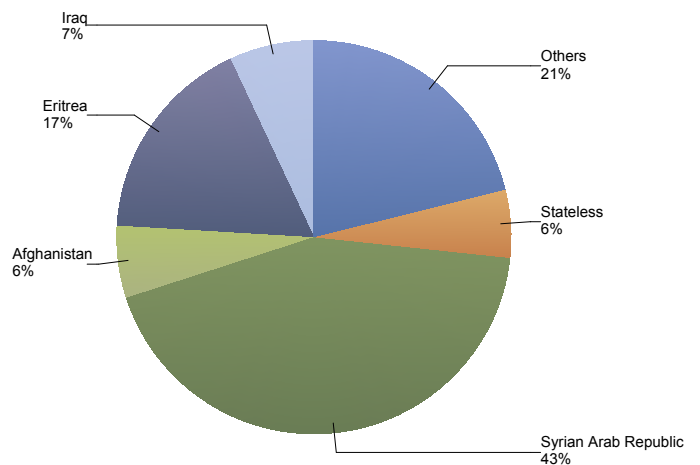
Total 2013	Total 2014	Country of citizenship	2014		2015												Last 12 months	Perc
			Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
2,232	8,748	Syrian Arab Republic	509	509	316	191	195	256	445	732	1,122	2,825	4,061	5,249	2,402	883	18,677	43%
851	3,833	Eritrea	32	32	28	17	85	367	1,074	1,251	990	1,272	764	1,099	277	135	7,359	17%
534	616	Iraq	59	59	47	32	32	36	39	53	79	135	390	1,046	693	427	3,009	7%
453	452	Afghanistan	33	33	34	34	29	44	42	51	67	140	158	443	883	625	2,550	6%
273	2,704	Stateless	161	161	62	20	18	38	103	125	128	292	372	668	404	169	2,399	6%
596	505	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	52	52	36	38	24	23	30	32	47	61	85	413	720	375	1,884	4%
32	86	Albania	15	15	8	17	10	13	25	40	71	76	172	285	140	148	1,005	2%
33	249	Ukraine	30	30	24	33	40	47	51	72	45	63	33	100	104	104	716	2%
50	58	Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	6	6	7	21	5	20	64	162	112	107	50	58	28	51	685	2%
247	189	Serbia	25	25	25	19	27	16	35	24	26	14	28	82	81	59	436	1%
4,537	4,371	Others	307	307	306	315	340	278	344	382	295	344	320	537	508	404	4,373	10%
9,838	21,811	Total	1,229	1,229	893	737	805	1,138	2,252	2,924	2,982	5,329	6,433	9,980	6,240	3,380	43,093	100%

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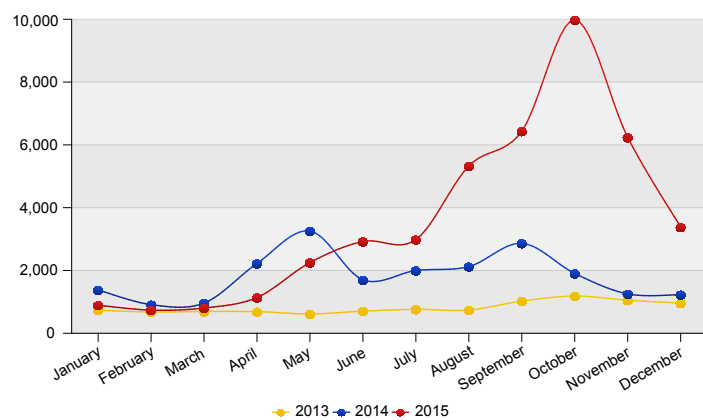
Top First asylum applications in The Netherlands
December 2015

	Country of citizenship		%
1	Syrian Arab Republic	883	26%
2	Afghanistan	625	18%
3	Iraq	427	13%
4	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	375	11%
5	Stateless	169	5%
6	Albania	148	4%
7	Eritrea	135	4%
8	Ukraine	104	3%
9	Serbia	59	2%
10	Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	51	2%
	Others	404	12%
Total December 2015		3,380	100%
Percentage			88%

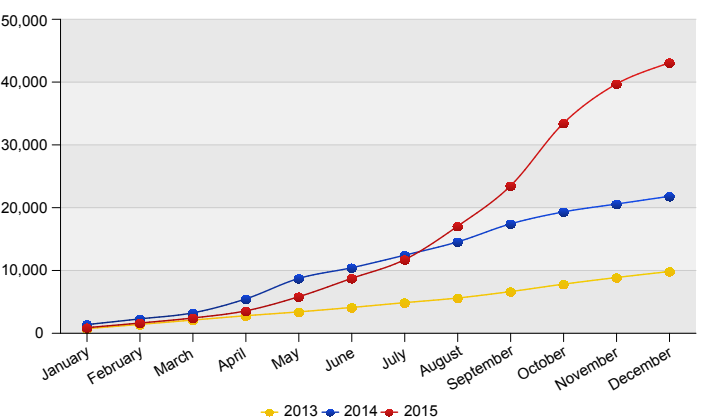
Top Nationalities first applications last twelve months
Period: Jan 2015 - Dec 2015
Number of first asylum applications: 43,093



First asylum applications in The Netherlands



Cumulative development of first asylum applications in The Netherlands





Repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands
Source: METIS

Top 10 Last twelve months repeated asylum applications in The Netherlands

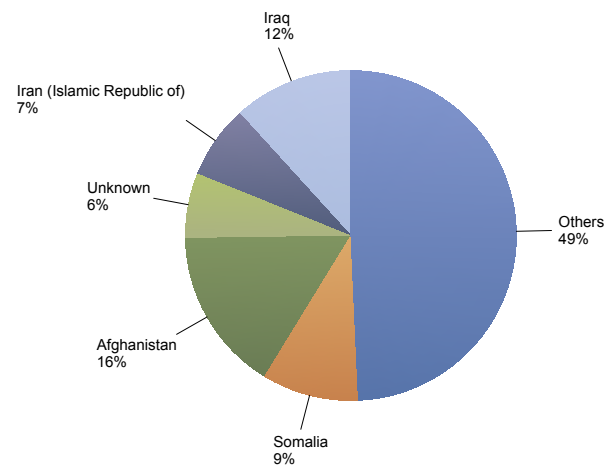
Total 2013	Total 2014	Country of citizenship	2014		2015												Last 12 months	Perc
			Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
912	427	Afghanistan	32	32	36	37	37	32	33	19	28	11	21	25	16	16	311	16%
420	706	Iraq	59	59	35	42	23	14	6	15	14	22	14	16	13	14	228	12%
248	247	Somalia	19	19	16	20	15	18	13	14	14	6	25	16	13	14	184	9%
422	162	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10	10	10	19	10	9	7	12	9	10	21	9	13	10	139	7%
91	202	Unknown	25	25	11	13	12	17	6	6	18	11	11	*	8	6	123	6%
41	43	Nigeria	*	*	5	*	*	5	*	*	5	7	15	5	*	9	65	3%
69	75	Eritrea	7	7	*	*	*	7	*	*	*	9	5	6	12	*	62	3%
28	46	Pakistan	7	7	9	10	5	6	*	*	*	8	11	*	*	*	57	3%
33	41	Syrian Arab Republic	*	*	*	6	7	5	*	*	*	*	8	*	*	6	52	3%
23	46	Sierra Leone	5	5	*	6	7	*	5	*	5	*	7	*	5	*	50	3%
970	728	Others	61	61	40	62	61	67	44	58	59	51	55	64	52	58	671	35%
3,257	2,723	Total	229	229	168	221	185	184	122	135	162	142	193	154	136	140	1,942	100%

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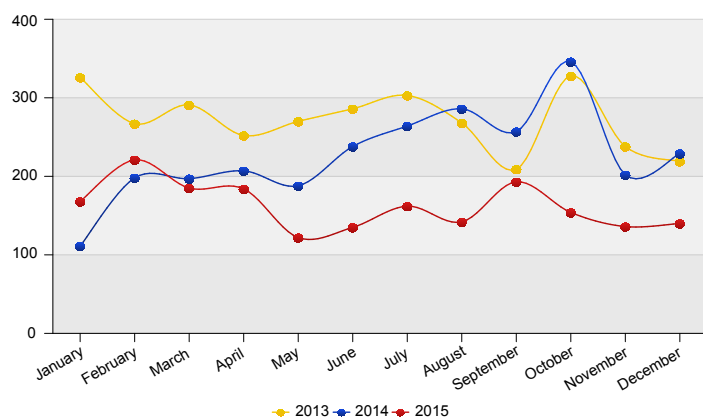
Top Repeated asylum applications in The Netherlands
December 2015

	Country of citizenship		%
1	Afghanistan	16	11%
2	Iraq	14	10%
3	Somalia	14	10%
4	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10	7%
5	Nigeria	9	6%
6	Sudan	8	6%
7	Guinea	6	4%
8	Unknown	6	4%
9	Ethiopia	6	4%
10	Syrian Arab Republic	6	4%
11	Sri Lanka	6	4%
	Others	39	28%
Total December 2015 Percentage		140	100% 72%

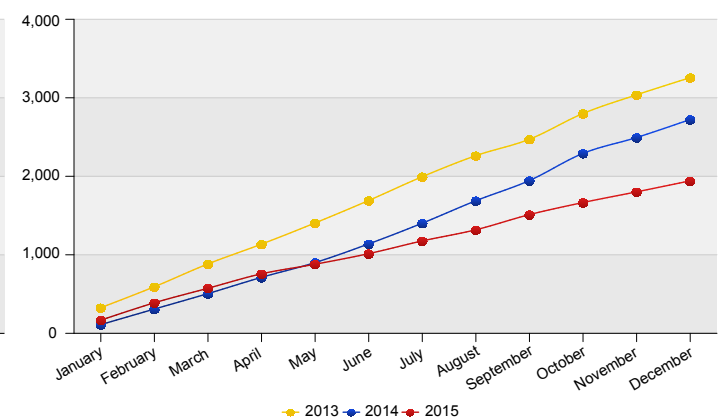
Top Nationalities repeated asylum applications last twelve months
Period: Jan 2015 - Dec 2015
Number of repeated asylum applications: 1,942



Repeated asylum applications in The Netherlands



Cumulative development of repeated asylum applications in The Netherlands





Influx of family reunification in the Netherlands (Council Directive 2003/86/EC Chapter V)
Source: METIS

Top 10 Last twelve months Influx of family reunification* in The Netherlands

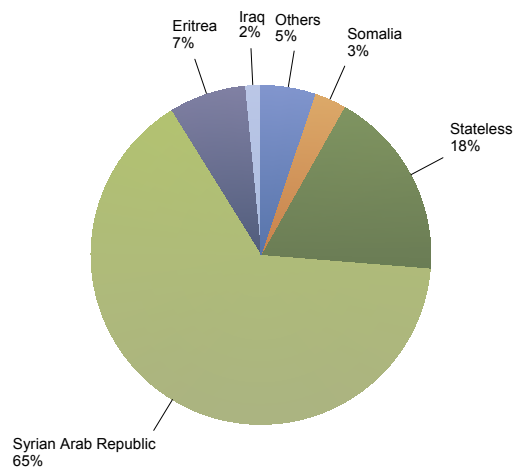
Total 2013	Total 2014	Country of citizenship	2014		2015												Last 12 months	Perc	
			Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec			Total
356	2,806	Syrian Arab Republic	552	552	406	318	353	386	713	944	1,145	1,009	1,190	1,187	674	656	8,981	8,981	65%
20	324	Stateless	74	74	72	98	84	79	165	176	321	314	482	348	182	185	2,506	2,506	18%
134	192	Eritrea	37	37	57	26	23	31	39	36	62	116	153	105	128	237	1,013	1,013	7%
1,971	931	Somalia	69	69	61	68	37	27	15	30	45	41	37	21	19	18	419	419	3%
456	248	Iraq	18	18	25	15	9	8	*	10	15	42	27	30	14	15	213	213	2%
7	200	Unknown	13	13	19	7	18	8	11	10	*	8	*	*	*	*	90	90	1%
155	98	Afghanistan	27	27	22	8	*	5	8	*	*	8	5	5	11	*	84	84	1%
32	32	Uganda	6	6	16	8	8	6	*	*	*	*	8	7	*	7	72	72	1%
62	79	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	9	9	6	5	*	*	5	*	*	10	7	*	*	*	51	51	0%
*	*	Jordan	*	*	*	5	*	*	*	*	10	7	10	*	*	*	48	48	0%
436	438	Others	41	41	18	25	13	15	32	27	38	51	45	31	26	47	368	368	3%
3,629	5,357	Total	847	847	702	579	557	570	994	1,243	1,645	1,609	1,968	1,741	1,064	1,173	13,845	13,845	100%

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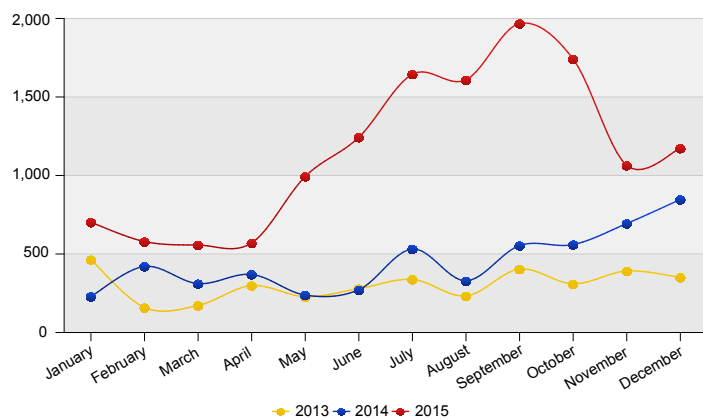
Top Influx of family reunification* in The Netherlands
December 2015

	Country of citizenship		%
1	Syrian Arab Republic	656	56%
2	Eritrea	237	20%
3	Stateless	185	16%
4	Somalia	18	2%
5	Iraq	15	1%
6	Pakistan	9	1%
7	Uganda	7	1%
8	Sierra Leone	6	1%
9	China (including Hong Kong)	6	1%
10	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	6	1%
	Others	28	2%
Total December 2015		1,173	100%
Percentage			98%

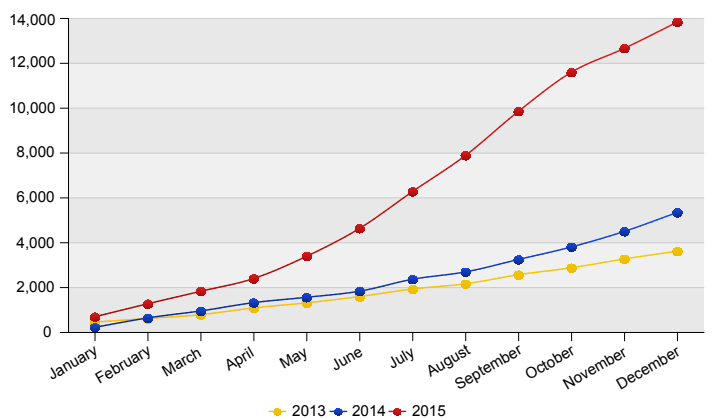
Top Nationalities Influx of family reunification* last twelve months
Period: Jan 2015 - Dec 2015
Number of influx family reunification: 13,845



Influx of family reunification* in The Netherlands



Cumulative development of Influx of family reunification* in The Netherlands





Influx of indicated unaccompanied minor asylum seekers in the Netherlands
Source: METIS

Top 10 Unaccompanied minor asylum applications in the Netherlands

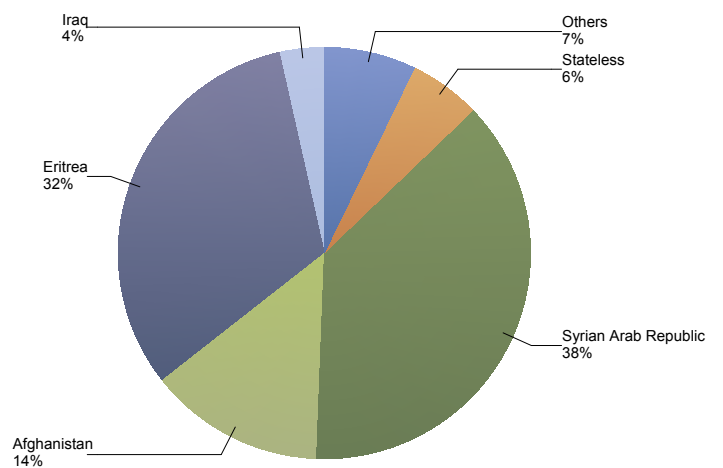
Total 2013	Total 2014	Country of citizenship	2014		2015												Last 12 months	Perc	
			Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec			Total
23	156	Syrian Arab Republic	25	25	11	7	8	5	13	34	74	201	411	358	235	101	1,458	1,458	38%
34	528	Eritrea	*	*	*	*	11	54	165	219	183	179	153	203	48	20	1,237	1,237	32%
54	30	Afghanistan	*	*	5	*	5	*	5	13	17	29	33	95	193	131	533	533	14%
5	49	Stateless	10	10	5	*	*	*	*	9	8	27	46	54	34	25	217	217	6%
9	16	Iraq	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	11	29	35	22	22	136	136	4%
12	35	Somalia	5	5	*	*	*	*	5	*	*	*	*	*	10	*	39	39	1%
32	12	Guinea	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	26	1%
8	7	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	*	24	24	1%
*	*	Albania	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	*	*	*	23	23	1%
*	*	Sudan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	19	19	0%
123	121	Others	7	7	9	*	11	10	14	14	11	14	16	13	20	11	147	147	4%
301	962	Total	54	54	33	20	45	81	213	299	309	471	709	774	576	329	3,859	3,859	100%

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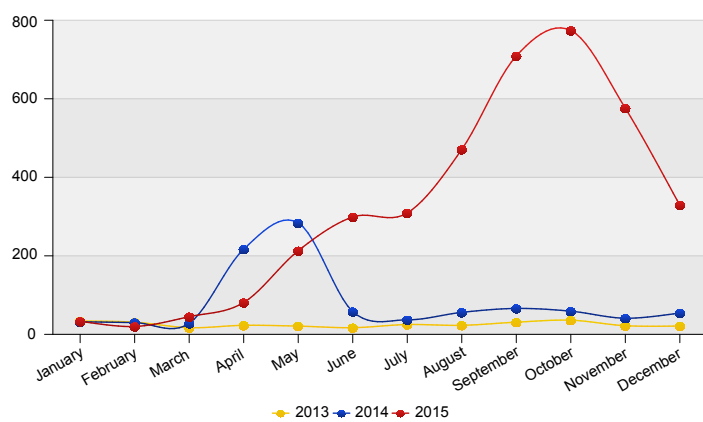
Top Unaccompanied minor asylum applications in The Netherlands December 2015

	Country of citizenship		%
1	Afghanistan	131	40%
2	Syrian Arab Republic	101	31%
3	Stateless	25	8%
4	Iraq	22	7%
5	Eritrea	20	6%
	Others	30	9%
Total December 2015		329	100%
Percentage			91%

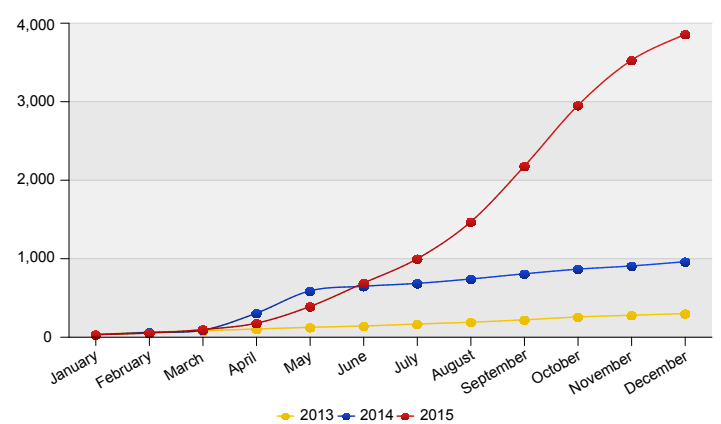
Top Nationalities unaccompanied minor asylum applications last twelve months
Period: Jan 2015 - Dec 2015
Number of unaccompanied minor asylum applications: 3,859



Unaccompanied minor asylum applications in The Netherlands



Cumulative development of Unaccompanied minor asylum applications in The Netherlands





Monthly First Asylum Applications in The Netherlands in 2015

Source: METiS

Country of citizenships	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total 2013	Total 2014	Total 2015
Afghanistan	34	34	29	44	42	51	67	140	158	443	883	625	453	452	2,550
Albania	8	17	10	13	25	40	71	76	172	285	140	148	32	86	1,005
Algeria	9	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	8	7	*	29	15	41
Angola	*			5				*	*	*		*	18	7	14
Antigua and Barbuda														*	
Armenia	*	9	*	9	6	*	*	5	*	12	8	13	181	147	76
Australia							*							*	*
Austria											*		*	*	*
Azerbaijan	*	5	*	*	*			*	5	*	*	*	61	46	33
Bahrain													*	*	
Bangladesh	*	*			*		*	*	7	*	*	8	20	11	32
Belarus	*	*	*	*	5	*	*	8	5	*	5	*	50	44	44
Belgium														*	
Benin					*				*		*		5	*	*
Bhutan													*	*	
Bolivia					*			*							*
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6	8	7	6	*	8		7	*	10	19	46	87	126	121
Brazil		*								*				5	5
Bulgaria	*	*											*	*	*
Burkina Faso		*								*		*	10	9	*
Burundi		*	*	*	5	*	*	*			*	*	*	8	23
Cambodia		*												*	*
Cameroon	6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	17	36	27
Canada				*									*	*	*
Cape Verde					*							*	*	*	*
Central African Republic										*			*	6	*
Chad			*			*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	6
Chile						*			*				*	*	*
China (including Hong Kong)	17	60	29	14	8	27	*	*	12	10	14	10	105	104	206
Colombia	*	*						*		*	*	*	9	11	7
Congo, the Democratic Republic of the				*				*		*			33	7	*
Congo, the Republic of the	5	*	10	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	*	72	73	41
Cote d'Ivoire	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*	38	20	16
Croatia				*							*	*	*	*	*
Cuba	*		*			*				*	*		8	14	9
Djibouti									*					*	*
Dominican Republic			*				*							*	*
Ecuador								*					5	*	*
Egypt	6	8	10	*	*	*	*	*	6	6	6	12	164	94	71
El Salvador						*			*				7	*	*
Equatorial Guinea	*									*			*	*	*
Eritrea	28	17	85	367	1,074	1,251	990	1,272	764	1,099	277	135	851	3,833	7,359
Ethiopia	5	*	5	14	11	11	22	20	6	19	10	8	60	93	133
France			*						*	*			*	*	5
Gabon								*		*			*	*	*



Monthly First Asylum Applications in The Netherlands in 2015

Source: METiS

Country of citizenships	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total 2013	Total 2014	Total 2015
Gambia	*	*	6	7	*	*		*	6	*	8	9	26	20	55
Georgia	21	22	30	20	17	24	13	18	14	31	23	23	183	319	256
Germany								*					*	*	*
Ghana		*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	6	*	29	27	23
Greece	*									*		*	*	*	6
Guinea	6	7	10	*	*	5	7	5	6	9	6	12	137	67	79
Guinea-Bissau				*									7	*	*
Guyana								*		*					*
Haiti		*											*	*	*
Honduras		*	5					*		*					8
Hungary													*	*	*
India	*		*		*	*		*		*			14	18	12
Indonesia						*							*	6	*
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36	38	24	23	30	32	47	61	85	413	720	375	596	505	1,884
Iraq	47	32	32	36	39	53	79	135	390	1,046	693	427	534	616	3,009
Israel								*					*	6	*
Italy											*		*	*	*
Jamaica	*	5	*	*	5	*	*	*	14	13	9	8	28	41	68
Japan							*						*	*	*
Jordan				*			*	*	*	*		*	*	19	9
Kazakhstan		7		*			*	*			6		21	13	19
Kenya		*			*	*			*		*	*	5	15	8
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of					*								135	8	*
Korea, Republic of													6	*	
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	7	21	5	20	64	162	112	107	50	58	28	51	50	58	685
Kuwait	*						*	9				*	*		12
Kyrgyzstan	*				*				*				*	9	6
Latvia	*								*				*	*	*
Lebanon	*	5		*	*	*	*	*	*	14	31	6	16	33	70
Liberia	*				*	*	*	*	*	*			7	12	5
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	7	*	*	6	5	6	*	8	8	8	5	5	124	102	69
Lithuania														*	*
Madagascar								*							*
Malaysia														*	
Mali	*		*		*	*	*		*	*		*	52	33	11
Mauritania		*											*	*	*
Mexico	*								*	*			*	*	*
Moldova, Republic of	*						*			*	*	*	*	*	8
Mongolia	43	13	40	41	31	67	51	15	11	40	10	*	102	445	363
Montenegro			*				*				7		10	7	9
Morocco	*	9	7	7	7	12	6	5	*	*	9	9	59	57	80
Mozambique														*	
Myanmar	*	*	6	*	*		*	*	6	5	5		40	11	37
Namibia										*				*	*
Nepal	*	*			5	*	*	*		*	*	*	34	46	27
Netherlands			*					*					*	6	*



Monthly First Asylum Applications in The Netherlands in 2015

Source: METiS

Country of citizenships	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total 2013	Total 2014	Total 2015
Niger		*		*	*	*							8	10	*
Nigeria	13	19	23	18	22	17	9	13	21	18	20	19	130	223	212
Norway														*	
Pakistan	29	12	10	*	8	26	7	8	6	14	22	13	105	185	156
Palestinian Territory, Occupied	*			*	*	*	*	9	9	29	22	*	93	72	80
Peru							*						*		*
Philippines					*								*	5	*
Poland				*			*				*		*	*	*
Portugal					*										*
Romania						*								*	*
Russian Federation	14	14	9	6	5	11	8	6	13	17	8	13	231	163	124
Rwanda		*	*	*	*	*			*		*	*	7	12	10
Saint Kitts and Nevis										*					*
Saudi Arabia												*	*	*	*
Senegal		*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	34	11	20
Serbia	25	19	27	16	35	24	26	14	28	82	81	59	247	189	436
Sierra Leone	*	*	*	*	6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	81	80	38
Somalia	20	15	20	9	23	10	12	18	12	38	50	36	965	349	263
South Africa	*		*			*	*	*	*	*		7	*	*	17
Spain											*		*	*	*
Sri Lanka	5	*	6	7	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	85	54	37
Stateless	62	20	18	38	103	125	128	292	372	668	404	169	273	2,704	2,399
Sudan	5	*	6	12	44	30	32	34	30	15	11	11	113	180	234
Suriname		*					*		*		*		*	*	5
Swaziland								*							*
Syrian Arab Republic	316	191	195	256	445	732	1,122	2,825	4,061	5,249	2,402	883	2,232	8,748	18,677
Tajikistan	*		*	*	*	*		11			*	*	*	*	28
Tanzania, United Republic of	*						*		*				11	13	*
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	*	10	8		8	20	12	13	6	12	8	13	93	112	111
Togo	*	*	*	*	*		*					*	9	*	9
Trinidad and Tobago			*			*			*		*		5	8	9
Tunisia	*	*	5	*	*			*	*	*	*	*	19	16	25
Turkey	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12	6	16	43	46	56
Turkmenistan									*		*			*	*
Uganda	7	5	*	16	15	5	9	16	9	10	13	*	122	114	113
Ukraine	24	33	40	47	51	72	45	63	33	100	104	104	33	249	716
United Arab Emirates											*				*
United Kingdom		*											*	*	*
United States of America			*	*	*				*	*	5	*	*	11	16
Unknown	13	12	18	19	32	26	32	28	38	103	79	32	232	351	432
Uruguay										*					*
Uzbekistan	*				*		*					*	*	12	5
Venezuela			*			*				*	*		*	*	*
Viet Nam	*	*	6	7	*	5	5	7	9	*	12		*	17	64
Yemen	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	7	12	9	*	34	32	52



Monthly First Asylum Applications in The Netherlands in 2015

Source: METiS

Country of citizenships	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total 2013	Total 2014	Total 2015
Zambia	*	*						*		*			*	*	8
Zimbabwe	*				*			*	*	*		*	10	11	8
Other													9	*	
Totaal	893	737	805	1,138	2,252	2,924	2,982	5,329	6,433	9,980	6,240	3,380	9,838	21,811	43,093

* To conceal the lowest figures, all values between 0 and 4 are replaced by asterisk.

* Selection criterium for this table: all nationalities with at least 1 application in 2015.



First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2014 and 2015

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by January 7th

		2014				2015											Total 2014
		Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total	
EU	Germany	19,230	19,030	17,060	55,320	21,680	22,775	28,680	24,505	23,760	32,705	34,385	33,445	40,485	52,730	315,150	173,070
	Hungary	5,250	8,885	13,790	27,925	11,655	16,405	4,750	6,485	9,800	16,385	30,870	46,720	30,495	490	174,055	41,215
	Sweden	7,550	5,525	6,315	19,390	4,345	3,520	3,570	3,405	4,850	6,055	7,525	11,290	23,735	38,540	106,835	75,090
	Italy	8,890	6,785	5,610	21,285	4,740	5,075	5,430	4,500	5,130	5,265	8,510	8,775	11,105	0	58,530	63,655
	France	5,580	4,555	5,380	15,515	4,025	5,135	5,610	5,175	4,355	5,150	5,330	5,240	7,070	7,735	54,825	58,845
	Austria	2,975	3,540	4,050	10,565	3,875	3,065	2,770	3,715	6,195	7,490	8,555	8,500	10,545	0	54,710	25,700
	Netherlands	1,905	1,255	1,230	4,390	885	740	800	1,085	2,250	2,935	2,990	5,355	6,430	9,990	33,460	21,810
	United Kingdom	3,270	2,635	2,525	8,430	2,750	2,225	2,420	1,935	2,545	3,045	4,280	3,620	4,030	5,055	31,905	32,345
	Belgium	1,545	1,160	1,410	4,115	1,215	1,070	1,170	1,115	1,615	2,325	3,140	5,165	6,360	5,530	28,705	14,130
	Finland	405	310	385	1,100	305	310	345	335	510	760	1,455	2,865	10,805	6,985	24,675	3,495
	Bulgaria	1,400	1,355	1,480	4,235	1,055	1,025	1,110	1,120	1,325	1,605	1,850	1,435	2,060	3,530	16,115	10,805
	Denmark	1,840	1,110	755	3,705	630	430	455	550	870	1,075	1,030	1,810	2,680	3,635	13,165	14,565
	Spain	720	630	600	1,950	835	850	1,220	1,330	1,060	1,290	1,145	1,030	1,405	0	10,165	5,460
	Greece	745	580	790	2,115	925	895	790	855	1,005	1,000	1,065	880	940	845	9,200	7,590
	Poland	600	535	520	1,655	485	470	485	540	525	700	985	1,235	1,490	1,260	8,175	5,610
	Ireland	130	155	170	455	215	200	210	265	255	335	290	330	405	265	2,770	1,440
	Luxembourg	125	110	85	320	85	95	85	70	85	95	90	165	365	375	1,510	1,030
	Cyprus	185	140	120	445	155	125	150	145	120	135	155	120	335	0	1,440	1,480
	Malta	125	75	115	315	65	160	120	105	160	115	145	115	170	0	1,155	1,275
	Romania	185	80	95	360	100	75	160	205	85	85	85	110	75	90	1,070	1,500
	Czech Republic	100	70	115	285	95	95	170	105	85	85	75	85	100	115	1,010	915
	Portugal	40	60	40	140	40	80	60	80	80	90	70	75	70	70	715	445
	Latvia	30	15	30	75	15	15	15	25	30	50	30	20	45	70	315	365
Lithuania	30	65	65	160	15	25	5	25	25	10	35	30	20	35	225	385	
Estonia	25	10	5	40	5	15	30	30	10	25	20	10	45	20	210	145	
Slovenia	40	15	35	90	15	10	20	15	10	15	10	20	40	20	175	355	
Croatia	40	25	15	80	10	15	15	10	5	5	10	5	20	20	115	380	
Slovak Republic	25	30	35	90	15	10	25	5	20	5	5	5	5	0	95	230	
Total	62,985	58,740	62,825	184,550	60,235	64,910	60,670	57,735	66,765	88,835	114,135	138,455	161,330	137,405	950,475	563,330	
Not EU	Switzerland	2,265	1,580	1,380	5,225	1,450	1,310	1,380	1,270	2,080	3,670	3,785	3,790	4,415	4,640	27,790	22,130
	Norway	1,015	830	735	2,580	570	485	485	520	1,165	1,075	1,335	2,285	4,895	8,575	21,390	10,970
	Total	3,280	2,410	2,115	7,805	2,020	1,795	1,865	1,790	3,245	4,745	5,120	6,075	9,310	13,215	49,180	33,100
Total	66,265	61,150	64,940	192,355	62,255	66,705	62,535	59,525	70,010	93,580	119,255	144,530	170,640	150,620	999,655	596,430	

First asylum applications in the EU from November 2014 - October 2015

	2014		2015										Total
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Syrian Arab Republic	13,575	12,760	11,360	8,630	9,980	11,155	12,940	20,615	31,455	49,010	62,825	56,105	300,410
Afghanistan	4,345	5,725	4,715	4,230	4,340	5,505	9,065	13,215	18,610	19,725	21,080	24,265	134,820
Iraq	2,080	1,895	2,220	2,300	2,900	3,380	4,490	6,180	7,940	11,790	25,900	23,830	94,905
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	7,555	13,160	13,995	22,575	12,625	5,365	2,585	2,240	1,915	1,270	1,425	890	85,600
Albania	1,625	1,625	2,190	2,355	3,690	5,495	5,660	6,700	8,990	9,505	8,410	6,145	62,390
Eritrea	2,655	1,730	1,480	1,070	1,280	1,845	4,920	6,535	6,550	6,185	5,155	4,975	44,380
Pakistan	1,900	1,735	1,750	1,705	1,915	2,240	2,700	3,975	6,655	9,360	5,330	2,145	41,410
Nigeria	1,750	1,785	1,535	1,495	1,435	1,525	2,210	2,640	3,665	3,660	4,085	770	26,555
Serbia	2,395	2,320	2,310	2,105	1,965	1,660	1,630	1,600	1,690	1,515	1,400	1,050	21,640
Ukraine	1,845	1,465	1,390	1,855	2,020	2,055	1,685	2,110	1,785	1,465	1,930	915	20,520
Others	21,395	20,740	19,280	18,375	20,390	19,285	22,145	27,735	29,975	31,050	33,085	29,490	292,945
Total	61,120	64,940	62,225	66,695	62,540	59,510	70,030	93,545	119,230	144,535	170,625	150,580	1,125,575

Figures are sorted by total in 2015. Figures are rounded to 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 the first 10 months of 2015, Germany received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by Hungary. Figures for November are not yet available for all EU countries. Syria, 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 (1st half of 2015) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by January 7th

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 2015

	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	154,105	39%	357.134	8%	80,8	16%	2,624	20%
	2	Hungary	65,480	16%	93.023	2%	9,9	2%	170	1%
	3	Italy	30,140	8%	301.339	7%	60,8	12%	1,541	12%
	4	France	29,450	7%	543.966	12%	65,8	13%	1,830	14%
	5	Austria	27,110	7%	83.880	2%	8,5	2%	281	2%
	6	Sweden	25,745	6%	438.575	10%	9,6	2%	314	2%
	7	United Kingdom	14,920	4%	248.530	6%	64,3	13%	1,742	13%
	8	Netherlands	8,695	2%	41.542	1%	16,8	3%	548	4%
	9	Belgium	8,510	2%	30.526	1%	11,2	2%	339	3%
	10	Bulgaria	7,240	2%	110.898	3%	7,2	1%	87	1%
	11	Spain	6,585	2%	498.511	11%	46,5	9%	1,125	9%
	12	Greece	5,470	1%	131.958	3%	10,9	2%	213	2%
	13	Denmark	4,010	1%	42.895	1%	5,6	1%	180	1%
	14	Poland	3,205	1%	312.679	7%	38,0	8%	673	5%
	15	Finland	2,565	1%	338.433	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	16	Ireland	1,480	0%	69.798	2%	4,6	1%	149	1%
	17	Cyprus	830	0%	9.251	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	18	Malta	725	0%	316	0%	0,4	0%	10	0%
	19	Romania	710	0%	238.394	5%	19,9	4%	278	2%
	20	Czech Republic	635	0%	78.865	2%	10,5	2%	216	2%
	21	Luxembourg	515	0%	2.586	0%	0,5	0%	37	0%
	22	Portugal	430	0%	89.089	2%	10,4	2%	203	2%
	23	Latvia	150	0%	64.562	1%	2,0	0%	35	0%
	24	Estonia	115	0%	45.227	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
	25	Lithuania	105	0%	65.300	1%	2,9	1%	56	0%
	26	Slovenia	85	0%	20.272	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	27	Slovak Republic	80	0%	49.037	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
	28	Croatia	60	0%	87.661	2%	4,2	1%	66	1%
EU - Total			399,150	100%	4.394.247	100%	506,8	100%	13,068.743	100%
Not EU		Switzerland	11,160	3%	41.285	1%	8,1	2%	326	2%
		Norway	4,300	1%	323.779	7%	5,1	1%	250	2%
Not EU - Total			15,460	4%	365.064	8%	13,2	3%	575.674	4%

Table 1 shows the number of first asylum applications, country area size, population in Europe. The table is arranged by the number of asylum applications in decreasing order. Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by Hungary and Italy. The Netherlands ranked 8th within the EU.

It is clear from table 1 that the ranking of countries when compared by the three indicators of country size is not the same as the ranking ordered by the number of asylum applications. There are substantial differences for most European countries between their share of the EU-28 total of asylum applications, country area, inhabitants and GDP. In the next subsection, the different indicators of country size will be related to the number of asylum applications in more detail.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2015) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by January 7th

Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2015 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	2.294	25,8	725	316
2	Hungary	704	7,9	65,480	93.023
3	Germany	432	4,8	154,105	357.134
4	Austria	323	3,6	27,110	83.880
5	Belgium	279	3,1	8,510	30.526
6	Netherlands	209	2,4	8,695	41.542
7	Luxembourg	199	2,2	515	2.586
8	Italy	100	1,1	30,140	301.339
9	Denmark	93	1,0	4,010	42.895
	TOTAL EU-28	91	1,0	399,150	4.481.908
10	Cyprus	90	1,0	830	9.251
11	Bulgaria	65	0,7	7,240	110.898
12	United Kingdom	60	0,7	14,920	248.530
13	Sweden	59	0,7	25,745	438.575
14	France	54	0,6	29,450	543.966
15	Greece	41	0,5	5,470	131.958
16	Ireland	21	0,2	1,480	69.798
17	Spain	13	0,1	6,585	498.511
18	Poland	10	0,1	3,205	312.679
19	Czech Republic	8	0,1	635	78.865
20	Finland	8	0,1	2,565	338.433
21	Portugal	5	0,1	430	89.089
22	Slovenia	4	0,0	85	20.272
23	Romania	3	0,0	710	238.394
24	Estonia	3	0,0	115	45.227
25	Latvia	2	0,0	150	64.562
26	Slovak Republic	2	0,0	80	49.037
27	Lithuania	2	0,0	105	65.300
28	Croatia	1	0,0	60	87.661
	Norway	13	0,1	4,300	323.779
	Switzerland	270	3,0	11,160	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 (2.294 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 25,8 times more applicants than the EU average (91 per 1.000 sq km). Hungary and Germany ranked second and third at some distance with 7,9 and 4,8 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 6th in the EU with 2,4 times the EU average.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2015) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by January 7th

Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2015 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	Hungary	6,629	8,4	65,480	9,9
2	Austria	3,187	4,0	27,110	8,5
3	Sweden	2,669	3,4	25,745	9,6
4	Germany	1,908	2,4	154,105	80,8
5	Malta	1,704	2,2	725	0,4
6	Bulgaria	999	1,3	7,240	7,2
7	Cyprus	967	1,2	830	0,9
8	Luxembourg	937	1,2	515	0,5
	TOTAL EU-28	788	1,0	399,150	506,8
9	Belgium	760	1,0	8,510	11,2
10	Denmark	713	0,9	4,010	5,6
11	Netherlands	517	0,7	8,695	16,8
12	Greece	501	0,6	5,470	10,9
13	Italy	496	0,6	30,140	60,8
14	Finland	471	0,6	2,565	5,5
15	France	447	0,6	29,450	65,8
16	Ireland	321	0,4	1,480	4,6
17	United Kingdom	232	0,3	14,920	64,3
18	Spain	142	0,2	6,585	46,5
19	Estonia	87	0,1	115	1,3
20	Poland	84	0,1	3,205	38,0
21	Latvia	75	0,1	150	2,0
22	Czech Republic	60	0,1	635	10,5
23	Slovenia	41	0,1	85	2,1
24	Portugal	41	0,1	430	10,4
25	Lithuania	36	0,0	105	2,9
26	Romania	36	0,0	710	19,9
27	Slovak Republic	15	0,0	80	5,4
28	Croatia	14	0,0	60	4,2
	Norway	842	1,1	4,300	5,1
	Switzerland	1,371	1,7	11,160	8,1

Table 3 provides an overview of the number of first asylum applications in relation to population.

Hungary received the most applications in the EU in relation to its population size: 6.629 applications per million inhabitants, 8,4 times the EU average (788 applications per million inhabitants). Austria and Sweden ranked second and third at some distance (4,0 and 3,4 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 11th in the EU with 517 applications per million inhabitants. Italy (3rd place in absolute number of applications) received 0,6 times as much applications per million inhabitants as the EU average.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2015) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by January 7th

Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2015 related to GDP size

Rank	Country of asylum	Application per billion PPS	In relation to Total EU 28 = 1	Number of Applications	GDP
1	Hungary	385,1	12,6	65,480	170
2	Austria	96,5	3,2	27,110	281
3	Bulgaria	83,2	2,7	7,240	87
4	Sweden	82,1	2,7	25,745	314
5	Malta	75,5	2,5	725	10
6	Germany	58,7	1,9	154,105	2,624
7	Cyprus	43,2	1,4	830	19
	TOTAL EU-28	31,0	1,0	399,150	13,069
8	Greece	25,7	0,8	5,470	213
9	Belgium	25,1	0,8	8,510	339
10	Denmark	22,2	0,7	4,010	180
11	Italy	19,6	0,6	30,140	1,541
12	Finland	16,4	0,5	2,565	156
13	France	16,1	0,5	29,450	1,830
14	Netherlands	15,9	0,5	8,695	548
15	Luxembourg	13,9	0,5	515	37
16	Ireland	9,9	0,3	1,480	149
17	United Kingdom	8,6	0,3	14,920	1,742
18	Spain	5,9	0,2	6,585	1,125
19	Poland	4,8	0,2	3,205	673
20	Estonia	4,6	0,1	115	25
21	Latvia	4,3	0,1	150	35
22	Czech Republic	2,9	0,1	635	216
23	Romania	2,6	0,1	710	278
24	Portugal	2,1	0,1	430	203
25	Slovenia	1,9	0,1	85	44
26	Lithuania	1,9	0,1	105	56
27	Croatia	0,9	0,0	60	66
28	Slovak Republic	0,8	0,0	80	106
	Norway	17,2	0,6	4,300	250
	Switzerland	34,3	1,1	11,160	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 currency 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.

Hungary, Austria and Bulgaria were the number one, two and three with respectively 12,6, 3,2 and 2,7 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 14th with half as much applications in relation to GDP compared to the EU average.



Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by January 7th

Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2015

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

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

Malta received the 10,1 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Hungary followed with 9,6 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 10th, receiving 1,2 times more applications than the EU average.