



Asylum Trends

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First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2015 and 2016

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by Februari 7th

		2015			2016												Total 2015
		Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total	
EU	Germany	57,690	46,730	104,420	57,215	72,835	65,275	66,265	59,705	78,630	76,550	92,115	76,515	32,390	25,895	703,390	441,900
	Italy	8,270	6,075	14,345	7,415	7,610	7,305	7,960	9,125	9,960	10,890	11,315	12,350	13,340	13,450	110,720	83,245
	France	7,145	8,595	15,740	5,665	6,210	6,075	5,830	5,875	6,130	6,035	7,080	6,890	6,970	6,150	68,910	70,570
	Austria	11,660	7,135	18,795	5,755	4,950	3,185	4,020	3,760	3,025	2,910	3,070	2,440	2,425	2,145	37,685	85,520
	Greece	1,000	1,160	2,160	1,050	1,320	2,820	3,615	4,215	4,185	3,940	3,450	5,040	6,160	0	35,795	11,370
	United Kingdom	3,465	3,380	6,845	3,685	3,260	3,135	3,510	3,220	3,060	2,880	3,105	3,240	2,910	3,090	35,095	39,970
	Hungary	195	175	370	335	2,065	4,430	5,685	4,625	4,605	1,750	1,260	1,055	1,155	675	27,640	174,435
	Sweden	36,080	13,285	49,365	3,740	2,250	1,735	1,545	1,470	1,435	1,555	1,690	1,790	1,880	1,725	20,815	156,195
	Bulgaria	2,395	1,660	4,055	1,910	1,155	990	1,045	1,080	1,385	1,505	2,790	2,065	2,550	1,730	18,205	20,165
	Netherlands	6,225	3,375	9,600	2,540	1,760	1,225	920	985	1,015	1,420	1,665	1,940	2,010	1,920	17,400	43,035
	Belgium	5,530	4,825	10,355	2,395	1,315	1,015	1,035	835	780	1,035	1,255	1,100	1,295	1,175	13,235	39,065
	Spain	1,740	1,225	2,965	1,095	925	885	1,155	1,315	1,500	1,005	1,220	1,305	1,705	0	12,110	14,610
	Poland	1,095	985	2,080	535	785	1,010	1,095	1,330	1,425	1,045	765	620	395	390	9,395	10,255
	Denmark	5,020	2,665	7,685	1,630	900	460	395	360	465	395	290	300	345	275	5,815	20,855
	Finland	5,690	1,785	7,475	980	825	340	365	315	335	335	460	480	310	275	5,020	32,150
	Cyprus	245	190	435	220	230	185	185	170	160	225	215	265	0	0	1,855	2,105
	Ireland	290	210	500	210	190	140	155	140	155	160	195	220	185	0	1,750	3,270
	Luxembourg	425	430	855	260	135	105	125	115	170	120	195	195	275	0	1,695	2,360
	Croatia	15	10	25	20	30	115	180	80	55	75	125	240	355	205	1,480	145
	Malta	190	130	320	105	135	145	105	120	170	130	175	165	220	0	1,470	1,695
Romania	85	65	150	40	80	95	85	50	80	115	140	190	415	0	1,290	1,225	
Slovenia	45	35	80	15	270	200	30	55	30	35	120	110	85	185	1,135	260	
Czech Republic	115	110	225	100	150	110	115	75	90	85	90	115	120	0	1,050	1,240	
Portugal	65	50	115	60	40	50	50	50	60	70	60	70	80	0	590	870	
Lithuania	20	25	45	10	10	20	10	15	45	35	65	40	100	50	400	275	
Latvia	10	5	15	10	15	10	40	5	45	25	30	25	55	60	320	330	
Estonia	10	10	20	0	0	10	15	25	10	10	10	20	20	25	145	225	
Slovak Republic	15	160	175	5	0	10	5	5	5	0	20	15	5	20	90	270	
	Total	154,730	104,485	259,215	97,000	109,450	101,080	105,540	99,120	119,010	114,335	132,970	118,800	77,755	59,440	1,134,500	1,257,610
Not EU	Switzerland	5,565	4,760	10,325	3,515	2,545	1,895	1,625	1,790	2,215	2,370	2,315	2,090	2,010	1,845	24,215	38,120
	Norway	8,110	1,005	9,115	380	235	270	225	200	250	255	295	265	260	225	2,860	30,505
	Total	13,675	5,765	19,440	3,895	2,780	2,165	1,850	1,990	2,465	2,625	2,610	2,355	2,270	2,070	27,075	68,625
Total	168,405	110,250	278,655	100,895	112,230	103,245	107,390	101,110	121,475	116,960	135,580	121,155	80,025	61,510	1,161,575	1,326,235	

First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland from December 2015 - November 2016

	2015	2016											Total
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
Syrian Arab Republic	35,485	36,325	41,375	35,150	34,665	30,100	33,040	29,810	32,675	29,135	13,505	7,680	358,945
Afghanistan	21,465	14,755	14,600	13,960	16,645	17,240	22,470	21,055	24,630	18,610	10,205	5,990	201,625
Iraq	11,700	11,355	13,935	12,740	12,780	10,920	13,005	11,570	14,180	12,200	6,400	4,090	134,875
Pakistan	3,075	3,505	3,985	4,335	4,170	4,185	4,795	4,185	5,330	4,545	2,975	2,360	47,445
Nigeria	2,010	2,180	2,280	2,285	2,795	3,005	4,185	4,620	5,825	5,580	5,100	5,265	45,130
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	4,000	3,225	3,315	3,565	3,490	3,275	3,970	4,520	4,760	4,265	2,725	1,830	42,940
Eritrea	1,825	1,690	2,155	1,880	2,275	2,555	4,175	4,405	4,405	4,110	3,925	3,835	37,235
Albania	2,900	2,290	2,265	2,015	2,230	1,960	2,375	2,635	2,905	3,630	2,375	2,345	29,925
Unknown	4,090	2,875	3,145	2,155	1,785	1,520	1,630	1,535	1,895	1,510	735	740	23,615
Russian Federation	1,630	950	1,240	1,565	2,080	2,540	3,375	2,745	2,720	2,125	1,460	1,175	23,605
Others	22,065	21,765	23,940	23,615	24,510	23,860	28,450	29,920	36,290	35,595	30,810	26,435	327,255
Total	110,245	100,915	112,235	103,265	107,425	101,160	121,470	117,000	135,615	121,305	80,215	61,745	1,272,595

Figures are sorted by total in 2016. 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 the first six months of 2016 Germany received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by Italy and France. Figures for December 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 2016) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by Februari 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 2016

	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	399,925	63%	357.134	8%	81,2	16%	2,624	20%
	2	Italy	49,375	8%	301.339	7%	60,8	12%	1,541	12%
	3	France	35,785	6%	543.965	12%	66,4	13%	1,830	14%
	4	Austria	24,695	4%	83.879	2%	8,6	2%	281	2%
	5	Hungary	21,745	3%	93.024	2%	9,9	2%	170	1%
	6	United Kingdom	19,870	3%	248.484	6%	64,9	13%	1,742	13%
	7	Greece	17,205	3%	131.957	3%	10,9	2%	213	2%
	8	Sweden	12,175	2%	438.576	10%	9,7	2%	314	2%
	9	Netherlands	8,445	1%	37.369	1%	16,9	3%	548	4%
	10	Bulgaria	7,565	1%	110.900	3%	7,2	1%	87	1%
	11	Belgium	7,375	1%	30.527	1%	11,2	2%	339	3%
	12	Spain	6,875	1%	498.511	11%	46,4	9%	1,125	9%
	13	Poland	6,180	1%	312.679	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	14	Denmark	4,210	1%	42.895	1%	5,7	1%	180	1%
	15	Finland	3,160	1%	338.433	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	16	Cyprus	1,150	0%	9.251	0%	0,8	0%	19	0%
	17	Ireland	990	0%	69.797	2%	4,6	1%	149	1%
	18	Luxembourg	910	0%	2.586	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	19	Malta	780	0%	316	0%	0,4	0%	10	0%
	20	Czech Republic	640	0%	78.865	2%	10,5	2%	216	2%
	21	Slovenia	600	0%	20.273	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	22	Croatia	480	0%	87.661	2%	4,2	1%	66	1%
	23	Romania	430	0%	238.392	5%	19,9	4%	278	2%
	24	Portugal	310	0%	89.089	2%	10,4	2%	203	2%
	25	Latvia	125	0%	64.562	1%	2,0	0%	35	0%
	26	Lithuania	110	0%	65.300	1%	2,9	1%	56	0%
	27	Estonia	60	0%	45.227	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
	28	Slovak Republic	30	0%	49.036	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
EU - Total			631,200	100%	4.390.027	100%	508,4	100%	13,068.743	100%
Not EU		Switzerland	13,585	2%	41.285	1%	8,2	2%	326	2%
		Norway	1,560	0%	323.779	7%	5,2	1%	250	2%
Not EU - Total			15,145	2%	365.064	8%	13,4	3%	575.674	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. Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by Italy and France. The Netherlands ranked 9th 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 2016) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by Februari 7th

Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2016 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	2.468	17,5	780	316
2	Germany	1.120	7,9	399,925	357.134
3	Luxembourg	352	2,5	910	2.586
4	Austria	294	2,1	24,695	83.879
5	Belgium	242	1,7	7,375	30.527
6	Hungary	234	1,7	21,745	93.024
7	Netherlands	226	1,6	8,445	37.369
8	Italy	164	1,2	49,375	301.339
	TOTAL EU-28	144	1,0	631,200	4.477.688
9	Greece	130	0,9	17,205	131.957
10	Cyprus	124	0,9	1,150	9.251
11	Denmark	98	0,7	4,210	42.895
12	United Kingdom	80	0,6	19,870	248.484
13	Bulgaria	68	0,5	7,565	110.900
14	France	66	0,5	35,785	543.965
15	Slovenia	30	0,2	600	20.273
16	Sweden	28	0,2	12,175	438.576
17	Poland	20	0,1	6,180	312.679
18	Ireland	14	0,1	990	69.797
19	Spain	14	0,1	6,875	498.511
20	Finland	9	0,1	3,160	338.433
21	Czech Republic	8	0,1	640	78.865
22	Croatia	5	0,0	480	87.661
23	Portugal	3	0,0	310	89.089
24	Latvia	2	0,0	125	64.562
25	Romania	2	0,0	430	238.392
26	Lithuania	2	0,0	110	65.300
27	Estonia	1	0,0	60	45.227
28	Slovak Republic	1	0,0	30	49.036
	Norway	5	0,0	1,560	323.779
	Switzerland	329	2,3	13,585	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 (2.468 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 17,5 times more applicants than the EU average (144 per 1.000 sq km). Germany and Luxembourg ranked second and third at some distance with 7,9 and 2,5 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 7th in the EU with 1,6 times the EU average.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2016) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by Februari 7th

Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2016 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	Germany	4,925	4,0	399,925	81,2
2	Austria	2,879	2,3	24,695	8,6
3	Hungary	2,206	1,8	21,745	9,9
4	Malta	1,817	1,5	780	0,4
5	Luxembourg	1,616	1,3	910	0,6
6	Greece	1,585	1,3	17,205	10,9
7	Cyprus	1,358	1,1	1,150	0,8
8	Sweden	1,249	1,0	12,175	9,7
	TOTAL EU-28	1,242	1,0	631,200	508,4
9	Bulgaria	1,050	0,8	7,565	7,2
10	Italy	812	0,7	49,375	60,8
11	Denmark	744	0,6	4,210	5,7
12	Belgium	658	0,5	7,375	11,2
13	Finland	578	0,5	3,160	5,5
14	France	539	0,4	35,785	66,4
15	Netherlands	500	0,4	8,445	16,9
16	United Kingdom	306	0,2	19,870	64,9
17	Slovenia	291	0,2	600	2,1
18	Ireland	214	0,2	990	4,6
19	Poland	163	0,1	6,180	38,0
20	Spain	148	0,1	6,875	46,4
21	Croatia	114	0,1	480	4,2
22	Latvia	63	0,1	125	2,0
23	Czech Republic	61	0,0	640	10,5
24	Estonia	46	0,0	60	1,3
25	Lithuania	38	0,0	110	2,9
26	Portugal	30	0,0	310	10,4
27	Romania	22	0,0	430	19,9
28	Slovak Republic	6	0,0	30	5,4
	Norway	302	0,2	1,560	5,2
	Switzerland	1,649	1,3	13,585	8,2

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

Germany received the most applications in the EU in relation to its population size: 4,925 applications per million inhabitants, 4,0 times the EU average (1,242 applications per million inhabitants). Austria and Hungary ranked second and third (2,3 and 1,8 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 15th in the EU with 500 applications per million inhabitants.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2016) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by Februari 7th

Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2016 related to GDP size

Rank	Country of asylum	Application per billion PPS	In relation to Total EU 28 = 1	Number of Applications	GDP
1	Germany	152,4	3,2	399,925	2,624
2	Hungary	127,9	2,6	21,745	170
3	Austria	87,9	1,8	24,695	281
4	Bulgaria	87,0	1,8	7,565	87
5	Malta	81,2	1,7	780	10
6	Greece	81,0	1,7	17,205	213
7	Cyprus	59,9	1,2	1,150	19
	TOTAL EU-28	48,0	1,0	631,200	13,069
8	Sweden	38,8	0,8	12,175	314
9	Italy	32,0	0,7	49,375	1,541
10	Luxembourg	24,6	0,5	910	37
11	Denmark	23,4	0,5	4,210	180
12	Belgium	21,7	0,5	7,375	339
13	Finland	20,2	0,4	3,160	156
14	France	19,6	0,4	35,785	1,830
15	Netherlands	15,4	0,3	8,445	548
16	Slovenia	13,7	0,3	600	44
17	United Kingdom	11,4	0,2	19,870	1,742
18	Poland	9,2	0,2	6,180	673
19	Croatia	7,2	0,1	480	66
20	Ireland	6,6	0,1	990	149
21	Spain	6,1	0,1	6,875	1,125
22	Latvia	3,6	0,1	125	35
23	Czech Republic	3,0	0,1	640	216
24	Estonia	2,4	0,0	60	25
25	Lithuania	1,9	0,0	110	56
26	Romania	1,5	0,0	430	278
27	Portugal	1,5	0,0	310	203
28	Slovak Republic	0,3	0,0	30	106
	Norway	6,2	0,1	1,560	250
	Switzerland	41,7	0,9	13,585	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.

Germany, Hungary and Austria were the number one, two and three with respectively 3,2, 2,6 and 1,8 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 15th with 0,3 times the EU average.

Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by Februari 7th

Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2016

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