



## **Asylum Trends**

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**First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2019 and 2020**

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 4th 2020

		2019										2020				Total 2019	
		Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar		Total
EU	Spain	10.335	8.990	10.430	8.745	9.780	7.810	8.225	11.105	13.850	10.495	<b>99.765</b>	14.395	14.210	7.960	<b>36.565</b>	115.190
	Germany	11.870	11.670	12.180	9.320	13.345	12.200	11.695	12.045	11.165	8.360	<b>113.850</b>	13.385	11.140	7.935	<b>32.460</b>	142.510
	France	11.905	11.370	10.560	10.400	12.245	10.885	12.230	13.635	10.345	9.700	<b>113.275</b>	11.790	9.980	6.040	<b>27.810</b>	138.290
	Greece	5.305	4.455	4.720	4.160	5.555	5.335	6.735	9.490	10.315	8.215	<b>64.285</b>	9.210	8.510	2.320	<b>20.040</b>	74.915
	United Kingdom	4.095	3.425	3.170	2.875	3.775	3.680	4.130	4.425	3.940	3.755	<b>37.270</b>	4.220	3.760	2.575	<b>10.555</b>	44.315
	Italy	2.595	2.565	3.115	2.820	3.075	2.265	3.005	3.890	3.340	2.485	<b>29.155</b>	2.955	3.040	850	<b>6.845</b>	35.005
	Sweden	1.515	1.475	1.530	1.725	2.415	2.675	2.815	2.455	1.805	1.710	<b>20.120</b>	1.835	1.455	1.465	<b>4.755</b>	23.150
	Belgium	1.755	1.785	1.500	1.630	1.935	1.945	2.235	2.485	2.070	1.860	<b>19.200</b>	2.230	1.625	895	<b>4.750</b>	23.140
	Netherlands	1.875	1.860	1.645	1.685	1.960	1.880	2.030	2.090	2.075	1.935	<b>19.035</b>	1.965	1.515	1.025	<b>4.505</b>	22.540
	Austria	855	800	865	830	995	980	975	1.000	850	1.045	<b>9.195</b>	1.370	945	730	<b>3.045</b>	10.790
	Cyprus	1.070	1.220	1.170	1.185	1.125	760	1.010	1.340	1.175	750	<b>10.805</b>	875	1.285	790	<b>2.950</b>	12.695
	Romania	100	130	180	100	185	225	155	225	370	580	<b>2.250</b>	405	320	335	<b>1.060</b>	2.455
	Malta	230	180	315	245	520	280	530	555	510	295	<b>3.660</b>	340	285	105	<b>730</b>	4.015
	Ireland	360	340	385	385	445	415	665	430	285	295	<b>4.005</b>	305	240	175	<b>720</b>	4.740
	Poland	240	200	195	205	210	230	260	310	260	220	<b>2.330</b>	250	235	85	<b>570</b>	2.765
	Finland	190	155	205	200	265	210	240	205	200	215	<b>2.085</b>	215	205	130	<b>550</b>	2.455
	Slovenia	340	320	385	265	370	375	345	405	265	165	<b>3.235</b>	210	130	150	<b>490</b>	3.615
	Denmark	215	195	225	205	225	235	235	270	200	190	<b>2.195</b>	195	160	110	<b>465</b>	2.645
	Portugal	115	130	145	100	140	150	150	175	190	195	<b>1.490</b>	185	130	120	<b>435</b>	1.735
	Luxembourg	225	185	135	135	150	205	165	220	160	180	<b>1.760</b>	165	120	120	<b>405</b>	2.200
Croatia	30	35	65	60	120	180	215	140	180	195	<b>1.220</b>	170	145	80	<b>395</b>	1.270	
Czech Republic	165	125	135	100	135	130	100	100	115	105	<b>1.210</b>	85	90	40	<b>215</b>	1.575	
Bulgaria	75	105	265	195	245	310	280	215	95	80	<b>1.865</b>	80	35	70	<b>185</b>	2.075	
Lithuania	40	35	40	45	45	75	75	55	35	110	<b>555</b>	20	25	5	<b>50</b>	625	
Hungary	40	35	40	35	50	35	60	25	30	25	<b>375</b>	20	25	5	<b>50</b>	470	
Slovak Republic	20	10	20	10	30	20	15	30	5	15	<b>175</b>	20	15	10	<b>45</b>	215	
Latvia	10	10	5	25	25	20	15	25	20	10	<b>165</b>	10	5	25	<b>40</b>	180	
Estonia	5	5	10	15	10	15	10	5	5	5	<b>85</b>	5	10	0	<b>15</b>	100	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>55.575</b>	<b>51.810</b>	<b>53.635</b>	<b>47.700</b>	<b>59.375</b>	<b>53.525</b>	<b>58.600</b>	<b>67.350</b>	<b>63.855</b>	<b>53.190</b>	<b>564.615</b>	<b>66.910</b>	<b>59.640</b>	<b>34.150</b>	<b>160.700</b>	<b>675.675</b>
Not EU	Switzerland	1.100	995	1.085	880	1.160	1.030	1.075	1.130	1.030	960	<b>10.445</b>	1.100	925	835	<b>2.860</b>	12.600
	Norway	150	155	125	175	175	240	235	250	205	160	<b>1.870</b>	220	165	100	<b>485</b>	2.205
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.250</b>	<b>1.150</b>	<b>1.210</b>	<b>1.055</b>	<b>1.335</b>	<b>1.270</b>	<b>1.310</b>	<b>1.380</b>	<b>1.235</b>	<b>1.120</b>	<b>12.315</b>	<b>1.320</b>	<b>1.090</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>3.345</b>	<b>14.805</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>56.825</b>	<b>52.960</b>	<b>54.845</b>	<b>48.755</b>	<b>60.710</b>	<b>54.795</b>	<b>59.910</b>	<b>68.730</b>	<b>65.090</b>	<b>54.310</b>	<b>576.930</b>	<b>68.230</b>	<b>60.730</b>	<b>35.085</b>	<b>164.045</b>	<b>690.480</b>	

**First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from April 2019 - March 2020**

	2019										2020			Total
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
Syrian Arab Republic	5.630	5.680	5.355	7.235	7.150	7.195	7.855	7.460	6.480	8.625	6.925	4.670	<b>80.260</b>	
Afghanistan	3.365	3.755	3.690	4.645	4.915	5.690	7.320	7.115	5.930	6.955	6.115	2.425	<b>61.920</b>	
Venezuela	3.560	3.975	3.185	3.770	2.945	2.985	4.320	5.460	4.000	5.045	5.125	2.990	<b>47.360</b>	
Colombia	2.410	2.830	2.240	2.600	2.225	2.395	3.300	4.575	3.715	5.235	4.865	2.900	<b>39.290</b>	
Iraq	2.630	2.790	2.095	2.815	2.565	2.275	2.775	2.670	2.225	2.740	2.275	1.450	<b>29.305</b>	
Pakistan	1.890	2.185	1.875	2.675	2.175	2.625	3.045	2.475	1.910	2.050	2.125	1.115	<b>26.145</b>	
Turkey	2.070	2.040	1.790	2.650	2.670	2.645	2.720	2.175	1.830	2.300	1.720	1.145	<b>25.755</b>	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1.875	2.025	1.535	2.040	2.075	2.115	2.035	1.950	1.505	1.610	1.385	870	<b>21.020</b>	
Albania	1.725	1.750	1.665	1.815	1.580	2.070	1.945	1.565	1.285	1.365	1.300	685	<b>18.750</b>	
Nigeria	2.165	2.275	1.570	1.915	1.505	1.570	1.615	1.425	1.050	1.490	1.265	820	<b>18.665</b>	
Others	25.395	25.240	23.460	28.030	24.460	27.970	31.395	27.920	24.130	30.580	27.515	15.855	<b>311.950</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>52.715</b>	<b>54.545</b>	<b>48.460</b>	<b>60.190</b>	<b>54.265</b>	<b>59.535</b>	<b>68.325</b>	<b>64.790</b>	<b>54.060</b>	<b>67.995</b>	<b>60.615</b>	<b>34.925</b>	<b>680.420</b>	

Figures are sorted by total in 2020. 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 2020 Spain registered the highest number of applications, followed by Germany and France. Figures for April, May, June and July 2020 are not yet available for all EU countries. Syrian Arab Republic, Afghanistan and Venezuela 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 2019) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 4th 2020

### 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 2019**

	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	France	69.040	19%	549.060	13%	67,0	13%	1.830	14%
	2	Germany	68.810	19%	358.327	8%	83,0	16%	2.624	20%
	3	Spain	61.265	17%	498.504	11%	46,9	9%	1.125	9%
	4	Greece	45.645	13%	131.912	3%	10,7	2%	213	2%
	5	United Kingdom	23.705	7%	247.763	6%	66,6	13%	1.742	13%
	6	Italy	18.060	5%	301.291	7%	60,4	12%	1.541	12%
	7	Sweden	13.875	4%	449.896	10%	10,2	2%	314	2%
	8	Belgium	12.530	4%	30.668	1%	11,5	2%	339	3%
	9	Netherlands	11.970	3%	37.824	1%	17,3	3%	548	4%
	10	Cyprus	6.160	2%	9.249	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	11	Austria	5.845	2%	83.944	2%	8,9	2%	281	2%
	12	Malta	2.690	1%	315	0%	0,5	0%	10	0%
	13	Ireland	2.535	1%	70.601	2%	4,9	1%	149	1%
	14	Slovenia	1.925	1%	20.277	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	15	Romania	1.740	0%	239.068	5%	19,4	4%	278	2%
	16	Poland	1.490	0%	313.851	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	17	Denmark	1.355	0%	43.162	1%	5,8	1%	180	1%
	18	Finland	1.335	0%	337.547	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	19	Bulgaria	1.225	0%	110.995	3%	7,0	1%	87	1%
	20	Luxembourg	1.080	0%	2.595	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	21	Croatia	1.030	0%	56.539	1%	4,1	1%	66	1%
	22	Portugal	1.000	0%	88.847	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	23	Czech Republic	685	0%	78.874	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	24	Lithuania	395	0%	65.412	1%	2,8	1%	56	0%
	25	Hungary	225	0%	93.013	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	26	Latvia	115	0%	65.519	1%	1,9	0%	35	0%
	27	Slovak Republic	115	0%	49.026	1%	5,5	1%	106	1%
	28	Estonia	50	0%	45.347	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
<b>EU - Total</b>			<b>355.895</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.379.426</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>513,5</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13.069</b>	<b>100%</b>
Not EU		Switzerland	6.385	2%	41.285	1%	8,5	2%	326	2%
		Norway	1.265	0%	323.787	7%	5,3	1%	250	2%
<b>Not EU - Total</b>			<b>7.650</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>365.072</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>13,9</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 second six months of 2019 France received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by Germany and Spain. 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 (2nd half of 2019) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 4th 2020

**Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2019 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	8.540	107,0	2.690	315
2	Cyprus	666	8,3	6.160	9.249
3	Luxembourg	416	5,2	1.080	2.595
4	Belgium	409	5,1	12.530	30.668
5	Greece	346	4,3	45.645	131.912
6	Netherlands	316	4,0	11.970	37.824
7	Germany	192	2,4	68.810	358.327
8	France	126	1,6	69.040	549.060
9	Spain	123	1,5	61.265	498.504
10	United Kingdom	96	1,2	23.705	247.763
11	Slovenia	95	1,2	1.925	20.277
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>356.390</b>	<b>4.467.087</b>
12	Austria	70	0,9	5.845	83.944
13	Italy	60	0,8	18.060	301.291
14	Ireland	36	0,5	2.535	70.601
15	Denmark	31	0,4	1.355	43.162
16	Sweden	31	0,4	13.875	449.896
17	Croatia	18	0,2	1.030	56.539
18	Portugal	11	0,1	1.000	88.847
19	Bulgaria	11	0,1	1.225	110.995
20	Czech Republic	9	0,1	685	78.874
21	Romania	7	0,1	1.740	239.068
22	Lithuania	6	0,1	395	65.412
23	Poland	5	0,1	1.490	313.851
24	Finland	4	0,0	1.335	337.547
25	Hungary	2	0,0	225	93.013
26	Slovak Republic	2	0,0	115	49.026
27	Latvia	2	0,0	115	65.519
28	Estonia	1	0,0	50	45.347
	Norway	4	0,0	1.265	323.787
	Switzerland	155	1,9	6.385	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 (8.540 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 107 times more applicants than the EU average (81 per 1.000 sq km). Cyprus and Luxembourg ranked second and third at some distance with 8,3 and 5,2 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 6th in the EU with 4,0 times the EU average.



## First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2019) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 4th 2020

**Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2019 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	7.033	10,1	6.160	0,9
2	Malta	5.450	7,9	2.690	0,5
3	Greece	4.256	6,1	45.645	10,7
4	Luxembourg	1.759	2,5	1.080	0,6
5	Sweden	1.356	2,0	13.875	10,2
6	Spain	1.305	1,9	61.265	46,9
7	Belgium	1.094	1,6	12.530	11,5
8	France	1.030	1,5	69.040	67,0
9	Slovenia	925	1,3	1.925	2,1
10	Germany	829	1,2	68.810	83,0
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>356.390</b>	<b>513,9</b>
11	Netherlands	693	1,0	11.970	17,3
12	Austria	660	1,0	5.845	8,9
13	Ireland	517	0,7	2.535	4,9
14	United Kingdom	356	0,5	23.705	66,6
15	Italy	299	0,4	18.060	60,4
16	Croatia	253	0,4	1.030	4,1
17	Finland	242	0,3	1.335	5,5
18	Denmark	233	0,3	1.355	5,8
19	Bulgaria	175	0,3	1.225	7,0
20	Lithuania	141	0,2	395	2,8
21	Portugal	97	0,1	1.000	10,3
22	Romania	90	0,1	1.740	19,4
23	Czech Republic	64	0,1	685	10,6
24	Latvia	60	0,1	115	1,9
25	Poland	39	0,1	1.490	38,0
26	Estonia	38	0,1	50	1,3
27	Hungary	23	0,0	225	9,8
28	Slovak Republic	21	0,0	115	5,5
	Norway	237	0,3	1.265	5,3
	Switzerland	747	1,1	6.385	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: 7.033 applications per million inhabitants, 10,1 times the EU average (694 applications per million inhabitants). Malta and Greece ranked second and third (7,9 and 6,1 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 11th in the EU with 693 applications per million inhabitants.



## First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2019) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 4th 2020

**Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2019 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	321,0	11,8	6.160	19
2	Malta	280,1	10,3	2.690	10
3	Greece	214,8	7,9	45.645	213
4	Spain	54,5	2,0	61.265	1.125
5	Sweden	44,2	1,6	13.875	314
6	Slovenia	44,0	1,6	1.925	44
7	France	37,7	1,4	69.040	1.830
8	Belgium	36,9	1,4	12.530	339
9	Luxembourg	29,2	1,1	1.080	37
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>27,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>356.390</b>	<b>13.078</b>
10	Germany	26,2	1,0	68.810	2.624
11	Netherlands	21,9	0,8	11.970	548
12	Austria	20,8	0,8	5.845	281
13	Ireland	17,0	0,6	2.535	149
14	Croatia	15,5	0,6	1.030	66
15	Bulgaria	14,1	0,5	1.225	87
16	United Kingdom	13,6	0,5	23.705	1.742
17	Italy	11,7	0,4	18.060	1.541
18	Finland	8,5	0,3	1.335	156
19	Denmark	7,5	0,3	1.355	180
20	Lithuania	7,0	0,3	395	56
21	Romania	6,3	0,2	1.740	278
22	Portugal	4,9	0,2	1.000	203
23	Latvia	3,3	0,1	115	35
24	Czech Republic	3,2	0,1	685	216
25	Poland	2,2	0,1	1.490	673
26	Estonia	2,0	0,1	50	25
27	Hungary	1,3	0,0	225	170
28	Slovak Republic	1,1	0,0	115	106
	Norway	5,1	0,2	1.265	250
	Switzerland	19,6	0,7	6.385	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, Malta and Greece were the number one, two and three with respectively 11,8, 10,3 and 7,9 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 11th with 0,8 times the EU average.



## Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 4th 2020

**Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2019**

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	41,7	107,0	7,9	10,3
2	Cyprus	10,1	8,3	10,1	11,8
3	Greece	6,1	4,3	6,1	7,9
4	Luxembourg	2,9	5,2	2,5	1,1
5	Belgium	2,7	5,1	1,6	1,4
6	Netherlands	1,9	4,0	1,0	0,8
7	Spain	1,8	1,5	1,9	2,0
8	Germany	1,5	2,4	1,2	1,0
9	France	1,5	1,6	1,5	1,4
10	Slovenia	1,4	1,2	1,3	1,6
11	Sweden	1,3	0,4	2,0	1,6
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>
12	Austria	0,9	0,9	1,0	0,8
13	United Kingdom	0,7	1,2	0,5	0,5
14	Ireland	0,6	0,5	0,7	0,6
15	Italy	0,5	0,8	0,4	0,4
16	Croatia	0,4	0,2	0,4	0,6
17	Denmark	0,3	0,4	0,3	0,3
18	Bulgaria	0,3	0,1	0,3	0,5
19	Finland	0,2	0,0	0,3	0,3
20	Lithuania	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,3
21	Portugal	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,2
22	Romania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
23	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
24	Latvia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
25	Poland	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
26	Estonia	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,1
27	Hungary	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
28	Slovak Republic	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Norway	0,2	0,0	0,3	0,2
	Switzerland	1,2	1,9	1,1	0,7

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

Malta received 41,7 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Cyprus followed with 10,1 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 6th, receiving 1,9 times as many applications than the EU average.