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

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

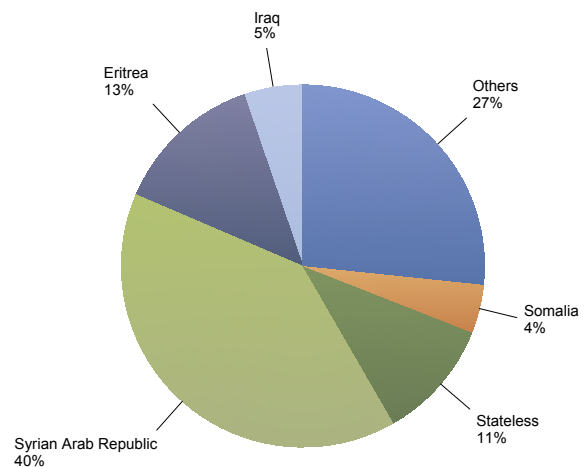
Total 2013	Total 2014	Country of citizenship	2014												2015			Last 12 months	Perc
			Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Total		
2.621	11.595	Syrian Arab Republic	392	444	702	715	1.014	1.385	1.263	1.979	1.160	957	1.064	11.075	723	515	1.238	11.921	40%
1.054	4.100	Eritrea	85	102	1.081	1.858	213	120	92	105	102	92	76	3.926	89	50	139	3.980	13%
310	3.045	Stateless	48	79	109	274	192	352	414	557	443	290	238	2.996	133	123	256	3.204	11%
1.410	1.570	Iraq	112	73	101	82	132	175	191	196	201	89	136	1.488	109	92	201	1.577	5%
3.184	1.527	Somalia	278	152	129	96	85	114	118	97	105	87	111	1.372	95	103	198	1.292	4%
1.520	977	Afghanistan	98	65	85	74	89	61	86	80	79	90	92	899	91	80	171	972	3%
1.080	746	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	76	58	57	68	60	63	62	67	50	47	71	679	53	64	117	720	2%
329	751	Unknown	41	44	68	60	52	57	59	97	100	52	55	685	41	34	75	719	2%
117	445	Mongolia	27	48	44	42	25	14	39	29	40	64	41	413	43	13	56	442	1%
218	333	Georgia	15	31	34	42	11	33	35	23	33	12	29	298	21	23	44	327	1%
4.881	4.802	Others	359	373	391	373	339	420	380	446	498	369	392	4.340	364	459	823	4.804	16%
16.724	29.891	Total	1.531	1.469	2.801	3.684	2.212	2.794	2.739	3.676	2.811	2.149	2.305	28.171	1.762	1.556	3.318	29.958	9%

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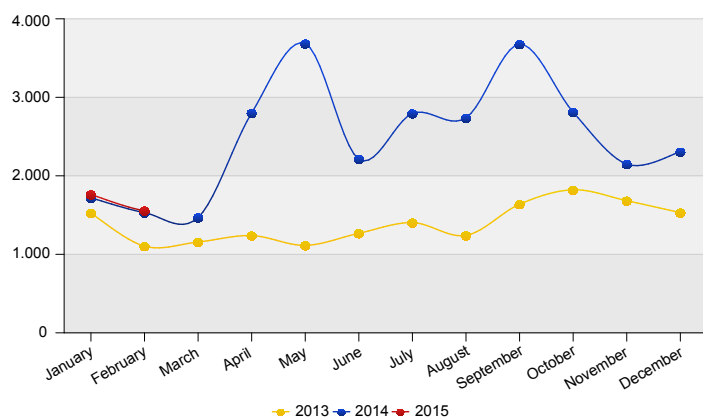
Top 10 Total asylum applications in The Netherlands February 2015

Rank	Country of citizenship		%
1	Syrian Arab Republic	515	33%
2	Stateless	123	8%
3	Somalia	103	7%
4	Iraq	92	6%
5	Afghanistan	80	5%
6	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	64	4%
7	China (including Hong Kong)	63	4%
8	Eritrea	50	3%
9	Ukraine	42	3%
10	Unknown	34	2%
	Others	390	25%
<b>Total February 2015</b>		1.556	100%
<b>Percentage top 10</b>			75%

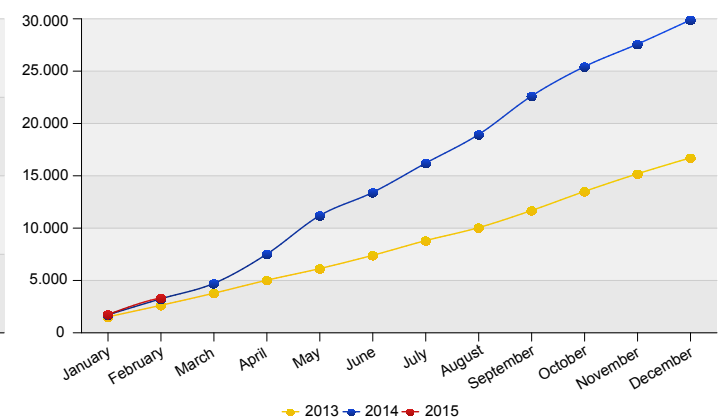
Top 5 Nationalities total applications last twelve months  
Period: Mar 2014 - Feb 2015  
Number of total asylum applications: 29.958



Total asylum applications in The Netherlands



Cumulative development of total asylum applications in The Netherlands





**First asylum applications in the Netherlands**  
Source: INDiGO

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

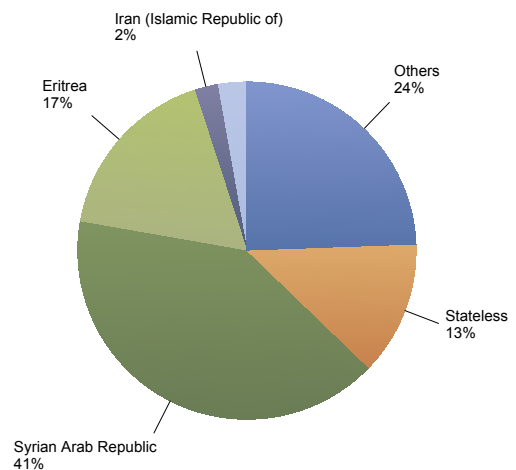
Total 2013	Total 2014	Country of citizenship	2014												2015			Last 12 months	Perc
			Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Total		
2.232	8.748	Syrian Arab Republic	242	308	519	639	885	1.087	1.107	1.653	851	514	509	8.314	315	189	504	8.576	41%
851	3.833	Eritrea	72	89	1.059	1.840	201	98	76	71	77	54	32	3.669	25	18	43	3.640	17%
273	2.704	Stateless	38	71	102	268	190	314	405	534	393	184	161	2.660	61	20	81	2.703	13%
534	616	Iraq	43	33	54	31	41	49	56	74	67	51	59	558	47	32	79	594	3%
596	505	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	55	31	41	38	32	40	42	47	36	36	52	450	36	38	74	469	2%
102	445	Mongolia	27	48	44	42	25	14	39	29	40	64	41	413	43	13	56	442	2%
453	452	Afghanistan	40	23	49	26	38	23	51	53	34	30	33	400	34	34	68	428	2%
231	350	Unknown	22	19	33	48	21	22	34	36	30	24	17	306	13	13	26	310	1%
183	319	Georgia	15	30	34	42	11	33	31	21	28	10	29	284	20	22	42	311	1%
965	349	Somalia	88	33	37	16	18	11	9	18	11	11	23	275	18	15	33	220	1%
3.418	3.490	Others	270	276	252	268	240	307	274	329	338	275	273	3.102	276	347	623	3.455	16%
9.838	21.811	Total	912	961	2.224	3.258	1.702	1.998	2.124	2.865	1.905	1.253	1.229	20.431	888	741	1.629	21.148	9%

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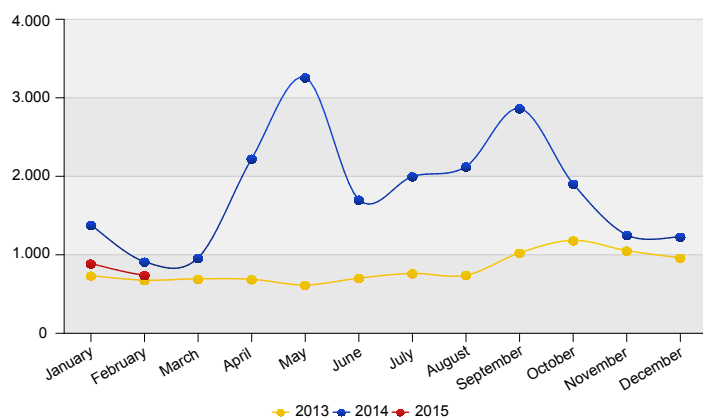
Top 10 First asylum applications in The Netherlands February 2015

Rank	Country of citizenship		%
1	Syrian Arab Republic	189	26%
2	China (including Hong Kong)	60	8%
3	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	38	5%
4	Afghanistan	34	5%
5	Ukraine	34	5%
6	Iraq	32	4%
7	Georgia	22	3%
8	Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	21	3%
9	Nigeria	20	3%
10	Stateless	20	3%
	Others	271	37%
<b>Total February 2015</b>		741	100%
<b>Percentage top 10</b>			63%

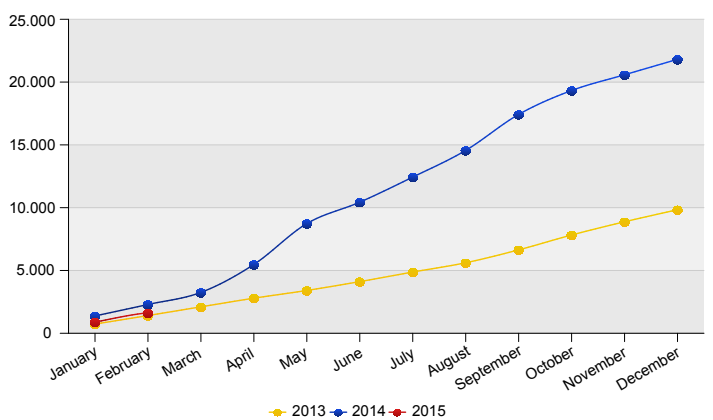
Top 5 Nationalities first applications last twelve months  
Period: Mar 2014 - Feb 2015  
Number of first asylum applications: 21.148



First asylum applications in The Netherlands



Cumulative development of first asylum applications in The Netherlands





**Repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands**  
Source: INDiGO

Top 10 Last twelve months repeated asylum applications in The Netherlands

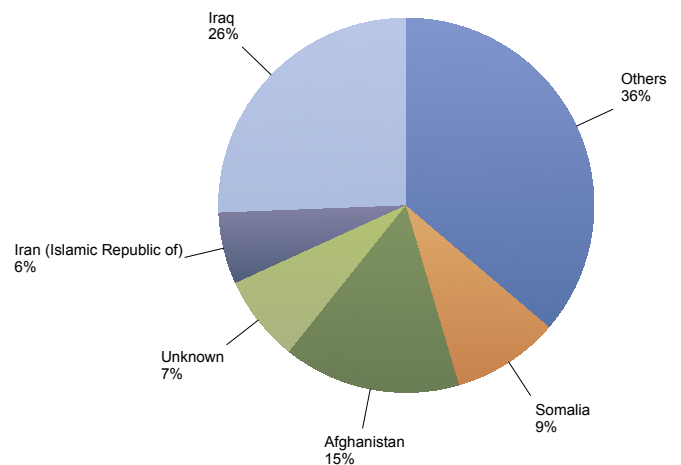
Total 2013	Total 2014	Country of citizenship	2014												2015			Last 12 months	Perc
			Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Total		
420	706	Iraq	50	27	35	30	67	87	104	88	111	31	59	689	37	45	82	721	26%
912	427	Afghanistan	48	42	31	28	45	30	31	27	40	52	32	406	35	38	73	431	15%
248	247	Somalia	13	21	18	17	14	29	26	29	30	19	19	235	17	20	37	259	9%
91	201	Unknown	11	9	12	8	15	17	24	21	39	18	25	199	8	14	22	210	7%
422	162	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	12	22	10	23	19	19	12	10	14	*	10	154	11	21	32	174	6%
69	75	Eritrea	7	10	5	10	5	6	*	*	6	7	7	70	*	6	9	72	3%
42	56	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	*	*	*	*	*	*	15	13	5	*	*	53	*	8	12	62	2%
83	60	Armenia	5	*	14	5	*	9	*	6	*	5	*	56	*	7	7	58	2%
87	56	Sri Lanka	*	13	10	8	*	*	*	*	5	*	11	56	*	*	6	59	2%
28	46	Pakistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	5	5	*	7	44	8	8	16	57	2%
855	687	Others	43	49	68	58	66	63	53	54	89	56	51	650	41	63	104	711	25%
3.257	2.723	Total	198	197	207	188	238	264	286	257	346	202	229	2.612	168	232	400	2.814	9%

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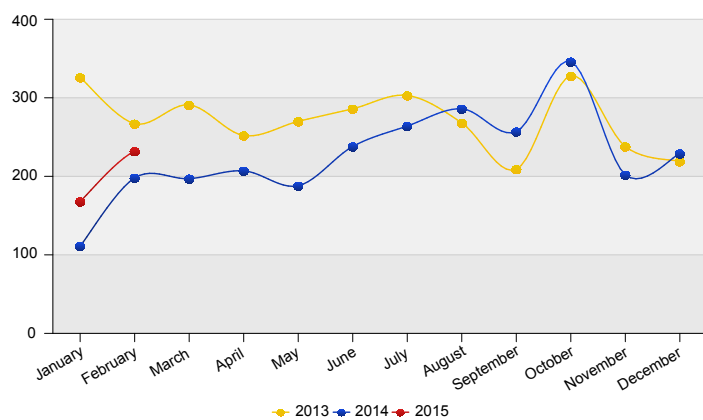
Top 10 Repeated asylum applications in The Netherlands February 2015

Rank	Country of citizenship		%
1	Iraq	45	19%
2	Afghanistan	38	16%
3	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21	9%
4	Somalia	20	9%
5	Unknown	14	6%
6	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	8	3%
7	Pakistan	8	3%
8	Ukraine	8	3%
9	Syrian Arab Republic	7	3%
10	Armenia	7	3%
	Others	56	24%
<b>Total February 2015</b>		232	100%
<b>Percentage top 10</b>			76%

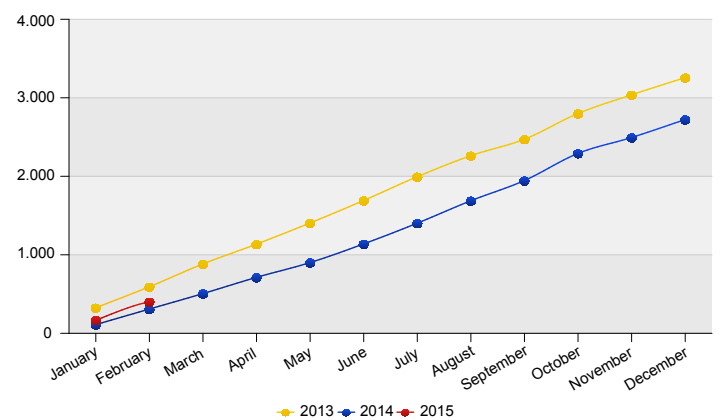
Top 5 Nationalities repeated asylum applications last twelve months  
Period: Mar 2014 - Feb 2015  
Number of repeated asylum applications: 2.814



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: INDiGO

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

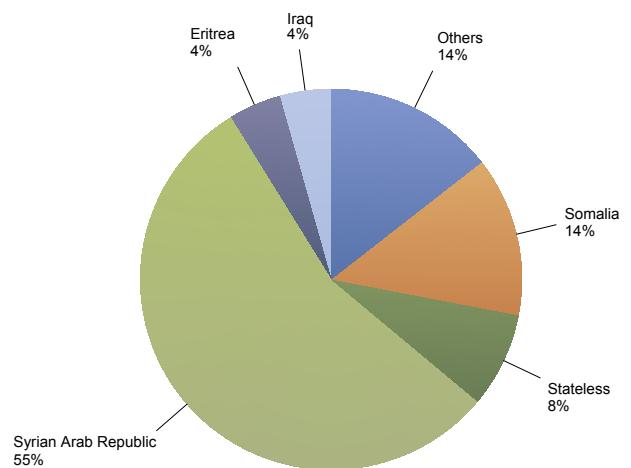
Total 2013	Total 2014	Country of citizenship	2014												2015			Last 12 months	Perc
			Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Total		
356	2.806	Syrian Arab Republic	145	134	173	74	124	296	156	324	304	443	552	2.725	405	319	724	3.304	55%
1.971	931	Somalia	177	98	74	63	53	74	83	50	64	57	69	862	60	68	128	813	14%
20	324	Stateless	10	7	7	5	*	32	8	22	49	103	74	319	72	101	173	482	8%
456	248	Iraq	19	13	12	21	24	39	31	34	23	7	18	241	25	15	40	262	4%
134	192	Eritrea	6	*	17	8	7	16	13	30	19	31	37	187	61	26	87	268	4%
7	200	Unknown	8	16	23	*	16	18	*	40	31	10	13	180	20	7	27	199	3%
155	98	Afghanistan	10	*	5	20	6	8	*	*	5	8	27	93	22	8	30	113	2%
62	79	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	9	5	6	7	9	*	8	10	*	8	9	75	6	5	11	77	1%
32	32	Uganda	*	*	*	*	*	8	*	*	6	*	6	32	16	8	24	56	1%
20	42	Ethiopia	*	5	17	*	*	*	*	7	*	*	*	42	*	10	11	51	1%
416	405	Others	35	27	34	33	27	34	25	35	58	25	39	372	18	16	34	371	6%
3.629	5.357	<b>Total</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>5.128</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>1.289</b>	<b>5.996</b>	<b>9%</b>

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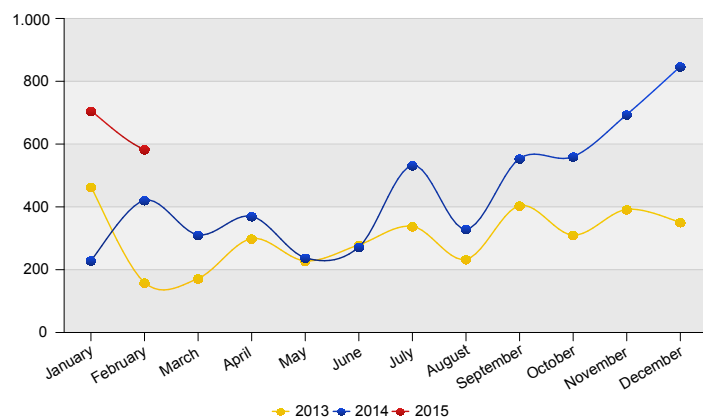
Top 10 Influx of family reunification\* in The Netherlands February 2015

Rank	Country of citizenship		%
1	Syrian Arab Republic	319	55%
2	Stateless	101	17%
3	Somalia	68	12%
4	Eritrea	26	4%
5	Iraq	15	3%
6	Ethiopia	10	2%
7	Afghanistan	8	1%
8	Uganda	8	1%
9	Unknown	7	1%
10	Sri Lanka	6	1%
	Others	15	3%
<b>Total February 2015</b>		<b>583</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Percentage top 10</b>			<b>97%</b>

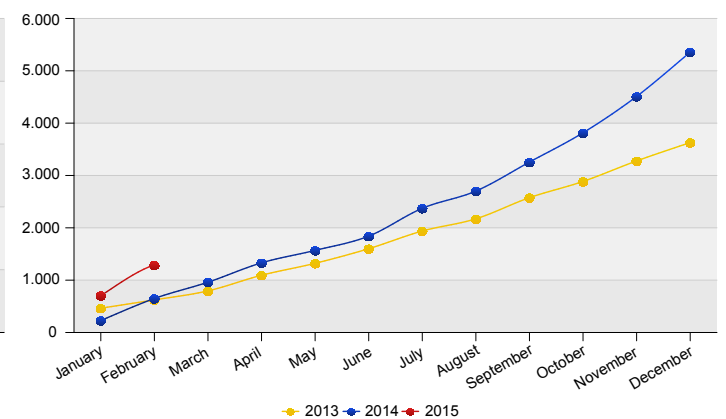
Top 5 Nationalities - Influx of family reunification\* last twelve months  
Period: Mar 2014 - Feb 2015  
Number of influx family reunification: 5.996



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: INDiGO

Top 10 Unaccompanied minor asylum applications in the Netherlands

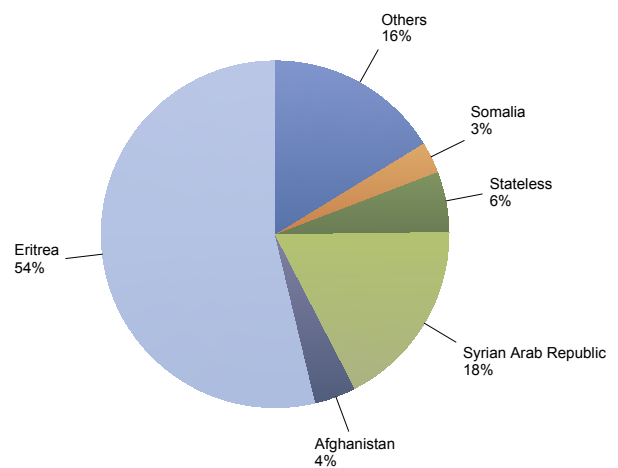
Total 2013	Total 2014	Country of citizenship	2014												2015			Last 12 months	Perc
			Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Total		
34	528	Eritrea	7	11	192	251	20	10	9	9	*	6	*	521	*	*	*	516	54%
23	156	Syrian Arab Republic	*	*	*	11	22	11	19	22	16	18	25	151	13	6	19	169	18%
5	49	Stateless	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	5	13	*	10	49	5	*	5	54	6%
54	30	Afghanistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	6	*	*	*	29	5	5	10	37	4%
12	35	Somalia	7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	32	*	*	*	28	3%
9	16	Iraq	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	*	*	*	17	2%
5	11	Morocco	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	*	*	*	12	1%
32	12	Guinea	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	*	*	*	10	1%
6	10	Mali	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	*	*	*	7	1%
*	*	Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	*	*	*	10	1%
118	104	Others	9	5	*	11	8	5	9	14	16	5	7	93	9	7	16	100	10%
301	962	Total	30	28	217	284	58	37	56	66	59	41	54	930	36	24	60	960	9%

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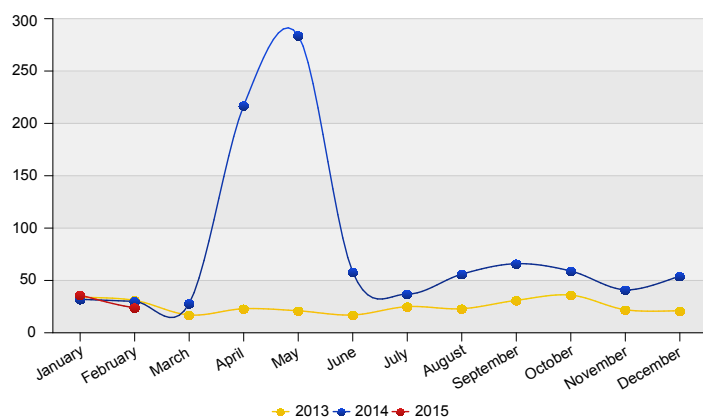
Top 15 Unaccompanied minor asylum applications in The Netherlands February 2015

Rank	Country of citizenship		%
1	Syrian Arab Republic	6	25%
2	Afghanistan	5	21%
3	Somalia	*	4%
4	Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	4%
5	Mauritania	*	4%
6	Albania	*	4%
7	Unknown	*	4%
8	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	*	4%
9	Guinea	*	4%
10	Cote d'Ivoire	*	4%
11	Eritrea	*	4%
12	Morocco	*	4%
13	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	*	4%
14	Iraq	*	4%
15	Sudan	*	4%
	Others	*	0%
<b>Total February 2015</b>		24	100%
<b>Percentage top 15</b>			100%

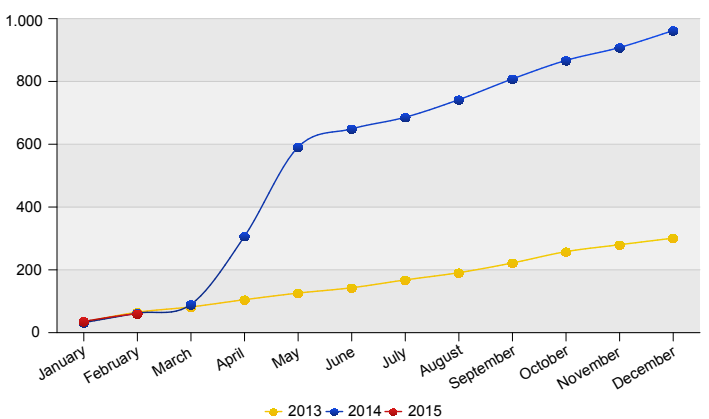
Top 5 Nationalities unaccompanied minor asylum applications last twelve months  
Period: Mar 2014 - Feb 2015  
Number of unaccompanied minor asylum applications: 960



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: INDiGO

Country of citizenships	2015		Total 2015	Total 2014	Total 2013
	Jan	Feb			
Afghanistan	34	34	68	452	453
Albania	8	17	25	86	32
Algeria	9	*	*	15	29
Angola	*		*	7	18
Armenia	*	9	*	147	181
Azerbaijan	*	5	*	46	61
Bangladesh	*	*	*	11	20
Belarus	*	*	*	44	50
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6	8	*	126	87
Brazil		*	*	*	*
Bulgaria	*	*	*	*	*
Burkina Faso		*	*	9	10
Burundi		*	*	*	*
Cambodia		*	*	*	*
Cameroon	6	*	*	36	17
China (including Hong Kong)	16	60	76	104	105
Colombia	*	*	*	11	9
Congo, the Republic of the	5	*	*	73	72
Cote d'Ivoire	*	*	*	20	38
Cuba	*		*	14	8
Egypt	7	8	*	94	164
Equatorial Guinea	*		*	*	*
Eritrea	25	18	43	3.833	851
Ethiopia	5	*	*	93	60
Gambia	*	*	*	20	26
Georgia	20	22	42	319	183
Ghana		*	*	27	29
Greece	*		*	*	*
Guinea	6	7	*	67	137
Haiti		*	*	*	*
Honduras		*	*	*	*
India	*		*	18	14
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36	38	74	505	596
Iraq	47	32	79	616	534
Jamaica	*	5	*	41	28
Kazakhstan		7	*	13	21
Kenya		*	*	15	5
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	7	21	28	58	50
Kuwait	*		*	*	*
Kyrgyzstan	*		*	*	*
Latvia	*		*	*	*
Lebanon	*	5	*	33	16
Liberia	*		*	12	7
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	7	*	*	102	124
Mali	*		*	33	52
Mauritania		*	*	*	*



## Monthly First Asylum Applications in The Netherlands in 2015

Source: INDiGO

Country of citizenships	2015		Total 2015	Total 2014	Total 2013
	Jan	Feb			
Mexico	*		*	*	*
Moldova, Republic of	*		*	*	*
Mongolia	43	13	56	445	102
Morocco	*	11	*	57	59
Myanmar	*	*	*	11	40
Nepal	*	*	*	46	34
Niger		*	*	10	8
Nigeria	13	20	33	223	130
Onbekend	*		*	*	*
Pakistan	29	12	41	185	105
Palestinian Territory, Occupied	*		*	72	93
Russian Federation	14	14	28	163	231
Rwanda		*	*	12	7
Senegal		*	*	11	34
Serbia	25	19	44	189	247
Sierra Leone	*	*	*	80	81
Somalia	18	15	33	349	965
South Africa	*		*	*	*
Sri Lanka	5	*	*	54	85
Stateless	61	20	81	2.704	273
Sudan	5	*	*	180	113
Suriname		*	*	*	*
Syrian Arab Republic	315	189	504	8.748	2.232
Tajikistan	*		*	*	*
Tanzania, United Republic of	*		*	13	11
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	*	10	*	112	93
Togo	*	*	*	*	*
Tunisia	*	*	*	16	19
Turkey	*	*	*	46	43
Uganda	7	5	*	114	122
Ukraine	24	34	58	249	33
United Kingdom		*	*	*	*
Unknown	13	13	26	350	231
Uzbekistan	*		*	*	*
Viet Nam	5	*	*	*	*
Yemen	*		*	32	34
Zambia	*	*	*	*	*
Zimbabwe	*		*	11	10
Others			*	146	267
<b>Total</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>1.629</b>	<b>21.811</b>	<b>9.838</b>

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



First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2013 and 2014

		2013		2014												Total 2013	
		Dec	Totaal	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Totaal
EU	Germany	9.220	<b>9.220</b>	12.930	10.175	10.175	10.485	11.560	12.510	16.810	16.025	17.085	19.230	19.030	17.060	<b>173.075</b>	109.580
	Sweden	5.330	<b>5.330</b>	3.955	3.670	3.915	4.385	5.560	7.510	8.900	8.400	9.410	7.550	5.525	6.315	<b>75.095</b>	54.350
	Italy	2.165	<b>2.165</b>	3.375	3.175	3.795	4.215	5.370	4.555	5.605	5.065	7.220	8.890	6.785	5.610	<b>63.660</b>	25.720
	France	4.890	<b>4.890</b>	4.455	4.725	5.360	5.210	4.190	4.515	4.880	3.775	4.680	5.510	4.540	5.390	<b>57.230</b>	60.475
	Hungary	1.010	<b>1.010</b>	1.240	640	575	635	710	1.105	1.510	2.105	4.770	5.250	8.885	13.790	<b>41.215</b>	18.570
	United Kingdom	2.240	<b>2.240</b>	2.385	2.370	2.670	2.225	2.160	2.475	2.900	2.780	3.090	3.185	2.565	2.450	<b>31.255</b>	29.875
	Netherlands	1.350	<b>1.350</b>	1.675	1.395	1.365	2.600	3.435	1.755	2.050	2.165	2.905	1.950	1.285	1.265	<b>23.845</b>	14.375
	Austria*	1.520	<b>1.520</b>	1.260	1.135	1.215	1.340	1.735	1.700	2.140	2.335	3.325	3.135	3.505	0	<b>22.825</b>	17.520
	Denmark	520	<b>520</b>	560	430	500	590	715	1.000	1.700	2.295	3.070	1.840	1.110	755	<b>14.565</b>	7.230
	Belgium	865	<b>865</b>	995	790	870	905	845	1.095	1.275	1.515	1.730	1.545	1.160	1.410	<b>14.135</b>	12.080
	Bulgaria	630	<b>630</b>	810	770	395	295	515	610	890	1.090	1.195	1.400	1.355	1.480	<b>10.805</b>	6.980
	Greece	540	<b>540</b>	655	760	630	655	635	535	660	390	555	745	580	790	<b>7.590</b>	7.860
	Poland	315	<b>315</b>	260	220	355	375	445	505	530	565	695	600	535	520	<b>5.605</b>	13.975
	Spain	255	<b>255</b>	280	330	400	345	335	405	450	435	530	720	630	600	<b>5.460</b>	4.290
	Finland	240	<b>240</b>	250	215	220	240	215	250	265	345	390	405	310	385	<b>3.490</b>	2.995
	Romania	75	<b>75</b>	110	130	100	75	115	115	145	90	260	185	80	95	<b>1.500</b>	1.405
	Cyprus	100	<b>100</b>	85	110	120	90	100	115	125	120	165	185	140	120	<b>1.475</b>	1.150
	Ireland	70	<b>70</b>	100	85	110	95	105	105	130	125	140	130	155	170	<b>1.450</b>	940
	Malta	50	<b>50</b>	75	40	65	130	60	195	125	95	180	125	75	115	<b>1.280</b>	2.205
	Luxembourg	50	<b>50</b>	90	70	70	45	80	65	75	90	125	125	110	85	<b>1.030</b>	990
Czech Republic	40	<b>40</b>	40	35	75	65	80	55	75	85	125	100	70	115	<b>920</b>	500	
Portugal	105	<b>105</b>	20	15	30	30	35	35	45	50	40	40	60	40	<b>440</b>	505	
Lithuania	30	<b>30</b>	20	25	30	10	20	35	20	30	35	30	65	65	<b>385</b>	250	
Croatia	30	<b>30</b>	50	25	35	25	30	30	40	35	30	40	25	15	<b>380</b>	1.045	
Latvia	10	<b>10</b>	10	20	40	15	20	45	65	35	45	30	15	30	<b>370</b>	185	
Slovenia	10	<b>10</b>	15	30	25	40	35	25	25	25	50	40	15	35	<b>360</b>	240	
Slovak Republic	25	<b>25</b>	10	5	40	15	10	20	10	15	10	25	30	35	<b>225</b>	290	
Estonia	5	<b>5</b>	10	5	5	10	10	15	15	20	15	25	10	5	<b>145</b>	95	
	Totaal	<b>31.690</b>	<b>31.690</b>	<b>35.720</b>	<b>31.395</b>	<b>33.185</b>	<b>35.145</b>	<b>39.125</b>	<b>41.380</b>	<b>51.460</b>	<b>50.100</b>	<b>61.870</b>	<b>63.035</b>	<b>58.650</b>	<b>58.745</b>	<b>559.810</b>	<b>395.675</b>
Not EU	Switzerland	1.610	<b>1.610</b>	1.695	1.365	1.425	1.370	1.570	2.100	2.750	2.385	2.240	2.265	1.580	1.380	<b>22.125</b>	19.440
	Norway	715	<b>715</b>	870	720	820	905	1.410	1.285	1.080	1.200	1.430	1.235	965	850	<b>12.770</b>	11.475
	Totaal	<b>2.325</b>	<b>2.325</b>	<b>2.565</b>	<b>2.085</b>	<b>2.245</b>	<b>2.275</b>	<b>2.980</b>	<b>3.385</b>	<b>3.830</b>	<b>3.585</b>	<b>3.670</b>	<b>3.500</b>	<b>2.545</b>	<b>2.230</b>	<b>34.895</b>	<b>30.915</b>
	Totaal	<b>34.015</b>	<b>34.015</b>	<b>38.285</b>	<b>33.480</b>	<b>35.430</b>	<b>37.420</b>	<b>42.105</b>	<b>44.765</b>	<b>55.290</b>	<b>53.685</b>	<b>65.540</b>	<b>66.535</b>	<b>61.195</b>	<b>60.975</b>	<b>594.705</b>	<b>426.590</b>

First asylum applications in the EU from Januari 2014 - December 2014

Instroom 1A	2014												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Syrian Arab Republic	6.130	5.795	5.750	5.920	7.295	9.000	11.370	12.305	15.985	14.455	12.315	11.580	<b>117.900</b>
Eritrea	1.725	1.000	1.285	3.045	5.645	5.560	7.780	6.360	5.225	4.200	2.670	1.745	<b>46.240</b>
Afghanistan	2.810	2.240	2.010	1.825	1.850	2.160	2.710	2.720	3.410	3.850	3.690	4.960	<b>34.235</b>
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	900	805	755	650	655	705	1.010	1.270	3.030	3.425	7.205	12.400	<b>32.810</b>
Pakistan	1.635	1.520	1.725	1.450	1.475	1.450	1.780	1.665	2.005	2.105	1.840	1.695	<b>20.345</b>
Serbia	1.985	1.155	1.165	1.045	975	1.160	1.975	1.795	1.765	2.295	2.380	2.280	<b>19.975</b>
Nigeria	1.115	930	1.200	1.345	1.600	1.650	2.060	1.720	1.980	2.390	1.680	1.730	<b>19.400</b>
Somalia	1.500	1.395	1.295	1.440	1.315	1.340	1.435	1.370	1.645	1.495	1.180	1.190	<b>16.600</b>
Albania	1.120	1.600	1.510	1.420	1.215	1.260	1.435	1.060	1.100	1.310	1.610	1.615	<b>16.255</b>
Others	18.060	15.885	17.475	17.900	18.350	18.745	21.585	21.100	26.050	27.855	23.100	21.785	<b>247.890</b>
Totaal	<b>36.980</b>	<b>32.325</b>	<b>34.170</b>	<b>36.040</b>	<b>40.375</b>	<b>43.030</b>	<b>53.140</b>	<b>51.365</b>	<b>62.195</b>	<b>63.380</b>	<b>57.670</b>	<b>60.980</b>	<b>571.650</b>

Situation by 6 March 2015, source Eurostat. Figures are sorted by total in 2014. Figures are rounded to closest 0 or 5. Figures include applications from EU citizens. Figures concern first applications for countries with an \* (Austria). Austria has not provided figures for December 2014.

Figures of The Netherlands are based on the previous data warehouse. This will be corrected in the next issue of the Asylum Trends report.



## Special Theme: First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2014) related to country Area, Population and GDP

### 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 2014**

	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	105.240	31%	357.134	8%	80,8	16%	2.624	20%
	2	Sweden	46.100	13%	438.575	10%	9,6	2%	314	2%
	3	Italy	39.175	11%	301.339	7%	60,8	12%	1.541	12%
	4	Hungary	36.310	11%	93.023	2%	9,9	2%	170	1%
	5	France	28.775	8%	543.966	13%	65,8	13%	1.830	14%
	6	United Kingdom	16.970	5%	248.530	6%	64,3	13%	1.742	13%
	7	Austria	14.440	4%	83.880	2%	8,5	2%	281	2%
	8	Netherlands	11.620	3%	41.542	1%	16,8	3%	548	4%
	9	Denmark	10.770	3%	42.895	1%	5,6	1%	180	1%
	10	Belgium	8.635	3%	30.526	1%	11,2	2%	339	3%
	11	Bulgaria	7.410	2%	110.898	3%	7,2	1%	87	1%
	12	Greece	3.720	1%	131.958	3%	11,0	2%	213	2%
	13	Poland	3.445	1%	312.679	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	14	Spain	3.365	1%	498.511	12%	46,5	9%	1.125	9%
	15	Finland	2.100	1%	338.433	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	16	Cyprus	855	0%	9.251	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	17	Romania	855	0%	238.394	6%	19,9	4%	278	2%
	18	Ireland	850	0%	69.798	2%	4,6	1%	149	1%
	19	Malta	715	0%	316	0%	0,4	0%	10	0%
	20	Luxembourg	610	0%	2.586	0%	0,5	0%	37	0%
	21	Czech Republic	570	0%	78.865	2%	10,5	2%	216	2%
	22	Portugal	275	0%	89.089	2%	10,4	2%	203	2%
	23	Lithuania	245	0%	65.300	2%	2,9	1%	56	0%
	24	Latvia	220	0%	64.562	1%	2,0	0%	35	0%
	25	Slovenia	190	0%	20.272	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	26	Croatia	185	0%	87.661	2%	4,2	1%	66	1%
	27	Slovak Republic	125	0%	49.037	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
	28	Estonia	90	0%	45.227	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
<b>EU - Totaal</b>			<b>343.860</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.394.247</b>	<b>102%</b>	<b>506,9</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13.068,743</b>	<b>100%</b>
Not EU		Switzerland	12.600	4%	41.285	1%	8,1	2%	326	2%
		Norway	6.760	2%	323.779	8%	5,1	1%	250	2%
<b>Not EU - Totaal</b>			<b>19.360</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>365.064</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>13,2</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>575,674</b>	<b>4%</b>

Table 1 shows the number of first asylum applications, country area size, population and GDP in the 2nd half 2014 in Europe. Table 1 is arranged by the number of asylum applications in decreasing order. Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by Sweden and Italy. The Netherlands ranked 8th within the EU.

Table 1 shows 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 (2nd half of 2014) related to area size

Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2014 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	2.263	28,9	715	316
2	Hungary	390	5,0	36.310	93.023
3	Germany	295	3,8	105.240	357.134
4	Belgium	283	3,6	8.635	30.526
5	Netherlands	280	3,6	11.620	41.542
6	Denmark	251	3,2	10.770	42.895
7	Luxembourg	236	3,0	610	2.586
8	Austria	172	2,2	14.440	83.880
9	Italy	130	1,7	39.175	301.339
10	Sweden	105	1,3	46.100	438.575
11	Cyprus	92	1,2	855	9.251
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>343.860</b>	<b>4.394.247</b>
12	United Kingdom	68	0,9	16.970	248.530
13	Bulgaria	67	0,9	7.410	110.898
14	France	53	0,7	28.775	543.966
15	Greece	28	0,4	3.720	131.958
16	Ireland	12	0,2	850	69.798
17	Poland	11	0,1	3.445	312.679
18	Slovenia	9	0,1	190	20.272
19	Czech Republic	7	0,1	570	78.865
20	Spain	7	0,1	3.365	498.511
21	Finland	6	0,1	2.100	338.433
22	Lithuania	4	0,0	245	65.300
23	Romania	4	0,0	855	238.394
24	Latvia	3	0,0	220	64.562
25	Portugal	3	0,0	275	89.089
26	Slovak Republic	3	0,0	125	49.037
27	Croatia	2	0,0	185	87.661
28	Estonia	2	0,0	90	45.227
	Norway	21	0,3	6.760	323.779
	Switzerland	305	3,9	12.600	41.285

Table 2 relates the number of first asylum applications in the 2nd half of 2014 to the area size of the European countries and is arranged in decreasing order. By taking the Total EU-28 figure = 1, it shows how many times more or less applications a country received.

The largest number of asylum applications in Europe in relation to its area size is Malta with 2.263 per 1000 sq km, 28,9 times more than the EU average (80 per 1000 sq km). Hungary and Germany ranked second and third at some distance with 5,0 and 3,8 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands is ranked 5th in the EU with 3,6 times more applications than the EU average.



## First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2014) related to population size

Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2014 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	Sweden	4.780	7,0	46.100	9,6
2	Hungary	3.676	5,4	36.310	9,9
3	Denmark	1.914	2,8	10.770	5,6
4	Austria	1.697	2,5	14.440	8,5
5	Malta	1.681	2,5	715	0,4
6	Germany	1.303	1,9	105.240	80,8
7	Luxembourg	1.110	1,6	610	0,5
8	Bulgaria	1.023	1,5	7.410	7,2
9	Cyprus	997	1,5	855	0,9
10	Belgium	771	1,1	8.635	11,2
11	Netherlands	690	1,0	11.620	16,8
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>343.860</b>	<b>506,9</b>
12	Italy	645	1,0	39.175	60,8
13	France	437	0,6	28.775	65,8
14	Finland	385	0,6	2.100	5,5
15	Greece	338	0,5	3.720	11,0
16	United Kingdom	264	0,4	16.970	64,3
17	Ireland	185	0,3	850	4,6
18	Latvia	110	0,2	220	2,0
19	Slovenia	92	0,1	190	2,1
20	Poland	91	0,1	3.445	38,0
21	Lithuania	83	0,1	245	2,9
22	Spain	72	0,1	3.365	46,5
23	Estonia	68	0,1	90	1,3
24	Czech Republic	54	0,1	570	10,5
25	Croatia	44	0,1	185	4,2
26	Romania	43	0,1	855	19,9
27	Portugal	26	0,0	275	10,4
28	Slovak Republic	23	0,0	125	5,4
	Norway	1.323	2,0	6.760	5,1
	Switzerland	1.548	2,3	12.600	8,1

Table 3 provides an overview of the number of first asylum applications in the 2nd half of 2014 in relation to population size and is arranged in decreasing order.

Sweden received the most applications in the EU in relation to its population size: 4.780 applications per million inhabitants, 7,0 times more than the EU average (678 applications per million inhabitants). Hungary and Denmark ranked second and third at some distance (5,4 and 2,8 times more than the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 11th in the EU with 690 applications per million inhabitants (1,0 times more than the EU average). Italy (3rd place in absolute number of applications) received slightly less applications per million inhabitants than the EU average.



## First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2014) related to GDP size

Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2014 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	213,5	8,1	36.310	170
2	Sweden	147,0	5,6	46.100	314
3	Bulgaria	85,2	3,2	7.410	87
4	Malta	74,4	2,8	715	10
5	Denmark	59,7	2,3	10.770	180
6	Austria	51,4	2,0	14.440	281
7	Cyprus	44,5	1,7	855	19
8	Germany	40,1	1,5	105.240	2.624
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>26,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>343.860</b>	<b>13.069</b>
9	Belgium	25,5	1,0	8.635	339
10	Italy	25,4	1,0	39.175	1.541
11	Netherlands	21,2	0,8	11.620	548
12	Greece	17,5	0,7	3.720	213
13	Luxembourg	16,5	0,6	610	37
14	France	15,7	0,6	28.775	1.830
15	Finland	13,4	0,5	2.100	156
16	United Kingdom	9,7	0,4	16.970	1.742
17	Latvia	6,3	0,2	220	35
18	Ireland	5,7	0,2	850	149
19	Poland	5,1	0,2	3.445	673
20	Slovenia	4,3	0,2	190	44
21	Lithuania	4,3	0,2	245	56
22	Estonia	3,6	0,1	90	25
23	Romania	3,1	0,1	855	278
24	Spain	3,0	0,1	3.365	1.125
25	Croatia	2,8	0,1	185	66
26	Czech Republic	2,6	0,1	570	216
27	Portugal	1,4	0,1	275	203
28	Slovak Republic	1,2	0,0	125	106
	Norway	27,0	1,0	6.760	250
	Switzerland	38,7	1,5	12.600	326

Table 4 shows the number of first asylum applications in the 2nd half of 2014 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).

Hungary, Sweden and Bulgaria were the number one, two and three with respectively 213 , 147 and 85 times more applications in relation to GDP size than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 11th with 0,8 times more applications in relation to GDP size than the EU average.



## Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

**Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2014**

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

Table 5 shows an overview of asylum influx in relation to the three indicators of country size by taking the Total EU-28 figure = 1. These three different index figures were separately presented in tables 2-4. In addition to this overview, the average index figure is presented in table 5 (all three figures are equally weighed).

It shows that in the 2nd half of 2014, Malta received the largest number of asylum applications in relation to the three indicators of country size – area, population and GDP – taken together (11,4 times more than average in the EU). Hungary followed with 6,2 times more than average. The Netherlands ranked 9th, receiving an average of 1,8 times more applications in relation to the EU average based on the three indicators – area, population and GDP – taken together.