



Asylum Trends

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First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2018 and 2019
Source: EUROSTAT, situation by March 3rd 2020

		2018			2019												Total 2018
		Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total	
EU	Germany	13.150	8.900	22.050	15.480	13.185	11.870	11.670	12.180	9.320	13.345	12.200	11.695	12.045	11.165	134.155	161.930
	France	9.810	10.775	20.585	8.650	9.625	9.785	10.260	9.285	9.030	11.080	9.785	9.595	12.155	9.995	109.245	111.415
	Spain	5.415	4.210	9.625	6.480	8.950	10.335	8.990	10.430	8.745	9.780	7.810	8.225	11.105	13.850	104.700	52.745
	Greece	6.900	5.065	11.965	5.335	5.300	5.305	4.455	4.720	4.160	5.560	5.345	6.740	9.490	10.315	66.725	64.985
	United Kingdom	3.890	3.690	7.580	3.730	3.320	4.095	3.425	3.170	2.875	3.775	3.680	4.130	4.425	3.940	40.565	38.485
	Italy	3.535	2.430	5.965	3.140	2.650	2.600	2.545	3.105	2.825	3.060	2.260	2.995	3.875	3.340	32.395	53.440
	Sweden	1.510	1.490	3.000	1.595	1.420	1.510	1.460	1.515	1.720	2.390	2.665	2.815	2.455	1.805	21.350	18.110
	Belgium	1.670	1.080	2.750	2.270	1.665	1.755	1.785	1.500	1.630	1.935	1.945	2.235	2.485	2.070	21.275	18.160
	Netherlands	1.840	1.770	3.610	1.845	1.660	1.875	1.860	1.645	1.685	1.960	1.880	2.030	2.090	2.075	20.605	20.465
	Cyprus	980	680	1.660	1.085	805	1.070	1.220	1.170	1.185	1.125	760	1.010	1.340	1.175	11.945	7.610
	Austria	885	770	1.655	855	745	855	800	865	830	995	980	975	1.000	850	9.750	11.610
	Ireland	305	345	650	400	340	360	340	385	385	445	415	665	430	285	4.450	3.655
	Malta	250	160	410	240	120	230	180	315	245	520	280	530	555	510	3.725	2.035
	Slovenia	160	140	300	185	200	340	320	385	265	370	375	345	405	265	3.455	2.800
	Poland	200	160	360	305	135	240	200	195	205	210	230	260	310	260	2.550	2.405
	Denmark	300	185	485	240	215	215	195	225	205	225	235	235	270	200	2.460	3.495
	Finland	200	245	445	205	170	190	155	205	200	265	210	240	205	200	2.245	2.955
	Luxembourg	245	275	520	240	200	225	185	135	135	150	205	165	220	160	2.020	2.225
	Bulgaria	340	280	620	135	75	75	105	265	195	245	310	280	215	95	1.995	2.465
	Romania	195	175	370	105	100	100	130	180	100	185	225	155	225	370	1.875	1.945
Portugal	135	120	255	115	130	115	130	145	100	140	150	150	175	190	1.540	1.240	
Czech Republic	150	140	290	170	200	165	125	135	100	135	130	100	100	115	1.475	1.360	
Croatia	25	30	55	30	20	30	35	65	60	120	180	215	140	180	1.075	675	
Lithuania	45	30	75	50	25	40	35	40	45	45	75	75	55	35	520	385	
Hungary	30	25	55	45	35	40	35	40	35	50	35	60	25	30	430	635	
Slovak Republic	15	10	25	25	15	20	10	20	10	30	20	15	30	5	200	155	
Latvia	10	10	20	5	5	10	10	5	25	25	20	15	25	20	165	175	
Estonia	5	5	10	5	5	5	5	10	15	10	15	10	5	5	90	90	
Total	52.195	43.195	95.390	52.965	51.315	53.455	50.665	52.335	46.330	58.175	52.420	55.960	65.855	63.505	602.980	587.650	
Not EU	Switzerland	1.140	895	2.035	1.050	1.100	1.100	995	1.085	880	1.160	1.030	1.075	1.130	1.030	11.635	13.535
	Norway	160	165	325	180	155	150	155	125	175	180	235	235	245	205	2.040	2.550
	Total	1.300	1.060	2.360	1.230	1.255	1.250	1.150	1.210	1.055	1.340	1.265	1.310	1.375	1.235	13.675	16.085
Total	53.495	44.255	97.750	54.195	52.570	54.705	51.815	53.545	47.385	59.515	53.685	57.270	67.230	64.740	616.655	603.735	

First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from December 2018 - November 2019

	2018	2019											Total
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
Syrian Arab Republic	4.575	6.460	5.570	5.545	5.625	5.650	5.375	7.095	7.105	7.190	7.835	7.465	75.490
Afghanistan	3.425	3.790	3.250	3.925	3.305	3.720	3.490	4.740	4.685	5.435	6.940	6.915	53.620
Venezuela	1.755	2.635	3.950	4.235	3.570	3.960	3.185	3.785	2.955	2.975	4.310	5.430	42.745
Iraq	2.780	3.175	2.845	2.655	2.760	2.785	2.110	2.805	2.565	2.255	2.755	2.670	32.160
Colombia	925	1.315	1.910	2.525	2.410	2.810	2.245	2.615	2.225	2.385	3.295	4.550	29.210
Pakistan	2.030	2.315	1.815	1.735	1.830	2.040	1.730	2.440	1.975	2.395	2.920	2.370	25.595
Turkey	1.660	1.975	1.985	1.630	2.065	1.980	1.695	2.645	2.670	2.550	2.630	2.110	25.595
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1.980	2.175	1.780	1.865	1.875	2.030	1.545	2.040	2.075	2.115	2.015	1.955	23.450
Albania	1.995	1.835	1.795	1.980	1.675	1.790	1.600	1.805	1.545	1.765	2.000	1.555	21.340
Georgia	2.050	2.310	1.990	2.010	2.030	1.880	1.565	1.795	1.465	1.315	1.495	1.375	21.280
Nigeria	1.300	2.020	2.100	2.255	1.945	2.095	1.485	1.755	1.435	1.460	1.670	1.570	21.090
Others	19.520	24.030	23.525	24.235	22.810	22.645	21.160	25.640	22.630	25.165	29.145	26.785	287.290
Total	43.995	54.035	52.515	54.595	51.900	53.385	47.185	59.160	53.330	57.005	67.010	64.750	658.865

Figures are sorted by total in 2019. Figures are rounded to the nearest multiple of 5. Figures include applications from EU citizens. "0" means data not yet available. The last column in the uppermost table is based on yearly data from Eurostat. Because of the aforementioned rounding to multiples of 5 there are small differences with the monthly data.

In 2019 Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by France and Spain. Figures for December 2019 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 (1st half of 2019) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by March 3rd 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 1st 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	Germany	73.705	24%	358.327	8%	83,0	16%	2.624	20%
	2	France	56.635	18%	549.060	13%	67,0	13%	1.830	14%
	3	Spain	53.930	18%	498.504	11%	46,9	9%	1.125	9%
	4	Greece	29.275	10%	131.912	3%	10,7	2%	213	2%
	5	United Kingdom	20.615	7%	247.763	6%	66,6	13%	1.742	13%
	6	Italy	16.865	5%	301.291	7%	60,4	12%	1.541	12%
	7	Belgium	10.605	3%	30.668	1%	11,5	2%	339	3%
	8	Netherlands	10.570	3%	37.824	1%	17,3	3%	548	4%
	9	Sweden	9.220	3%	449.896	10%	10,2	2%	314	2%
	10	Cyprus	6.535	2%	9.249	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	11	Austria	4.950	2%	83.944	2%	8,9	2%	281	2%
	12	Ireland	2.210	1%	70.601	2%	4,9	1%	149	1%
	13	Slovenia	1.695	1%	20.277	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	14	Malta	1.330	0%	315	0%	0,5	0%	10	0%
	15	Denmark	1.295	0%	43.162	1%	5,8	1%	180	1%
	16	Poland	1.280	0%	313.851	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	17	Finland	1.125	0%	337.547	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	18	Luxembourg	1.120	0%	2.595	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	19	Czech Republic	895	0%	78.874	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	20	Bulgaria	850	0%	110.995	3%	7,0	1%	87	1%
	21	Portugal	735	0%	88.847	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	22	Romania	715	0%	239.068	5%	19,4	4%	278	2%
	23	Croatia	240	0%	56.539	1%	4,1	1%	66	1%
	24	Lithuania	235	0%	65.412	1%	2,8	1%	56	0%
	25	Hungary	230	0%	93.013	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	26	Slovak Republic	100	0%	49.026	1%	5,5	1%	106	1%
	27	Latvia	60	0%	65.519	1%	1,9	0%	35	0%
	28	Estonia	45	0%	45.347	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
EU - Total			307.065	100%	4.379.426	100%	513,5	100%	13,069	100%
Not EU		Switzerland	6.210	2%	41.285	1%	8,5	2%	326	2%
		Norway	940	0%	323.787	7%	5,3	1%	250	2%
Not EU - Total			7.150	2%	365.072	8%	13,9	3%	576	4%

Table 1 shows the number of first asylum applications, country area size, inhabitants and GDP per country. The table is arranged by the number of asylum applications in decreasing order. In the first six months of 2019 Germany received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by France and Spain. The Netherlands ranked 8th 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 2019) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by March 3rd 2020

Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 1st 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	4.222	61,4	1.330	315
2	Cyprus	707	10,3	6.535	9.249
3	Luxembourg	432	6,3	1.120	2.595
4	Belgium	346	5,0	10.605	30.668
5	Netherlands	279	4,1	10.570	37.824
6	Greece	222	3,2	29.275	131.912
7	Germany	206	3,0	73.705	358.327
8	Spain	108	1,6	53.930	498.504
9	France	103	1,5	56.635	549.060
10	Slovenia	84	1,2	1.695	20.277
11	United Kingdom	83	1,2	20.615	247.763
	TOTAL EU-28	70	1,0	307.420	4.467.087
12	Austria	59	0,9	4.950	83.944
13	Italy	56	0,8	16.865	301.291
14	Ireland	31	0,5	2.210	70.601
15	Denmark	30	0,4	1.295	43.162
16	Sweden	20	0,3	9.220	449.896
17	Czech Republic	11	0,2	895	78.874
18	Portugal	8	0,1	735	88.847
19	Bulgaria	8	0,1	850	110.995
20	Croatia	4	0,1	240	56.539
21	Poland	4	0,1	1.280	313.851
22	Lithuania	4	0,1	235	65.412
23	Finland	3	0,0	1.125	337.547
24	Romania	3	0,0	715	239.068
25	Hungary	2	0,0	230	93.013
26	Slovak Republic	2	0,0	100	49.026
27	Estonia	1	0,0	45	45.347
28	Latvia	1	0,0	60	65.519
	Norway	3	0,0	940	323.787
	Switzerland	150	2,2	6.210	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 (4.222 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 61,4 times more applicants than the EU average (70 per 1.000 sq km). Cyprus and Luxembourg ranked second and third at some distance with 10,3 and 6,3 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 5th in the EU with 4,1 times the EU average.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2019) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by March 3rd 2020

Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 1st 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	7.461	12,5	6.535	0,9
2	Greece	2.730	4,6	29.275	10,7
3	Malta	2.695	4,5	1.330	0,5
4	Luxembourg	1.824	3,0	1.120	0,6
5	Spain	1.149	1,9	53.930	46,9
6	Belgium	926	1,5	10.605	11,5
7	Sweden	901	1,5	9.220	10,2
8	Germany	888	1,5	73.705	83,0
9	France	845	1,4	56.635	67,0
10	Slovenia	815	1,4	1.695	2,1
11	Netherlands	612	1,0	10.570	17,3
	TOTAL EU-28	598	1,0	307.420	513,9
12	Austria	559	0,9	4.950	8,9
13	Ireland	451	0,8	2.210	4,9
14	United Kingdom	309	0,5	20.615	66,6
15	Italy	279	0,5	16.865	60,4
16	Denmark	223	0,4	1.295	5,8
17	Finland	204	0,3	1.125	5,5
18	Bulgaria	121	0,2	850	7,0
19	Lithuania	84	0,1	235	2,8
20	Czech Republic	84	0,1	895	10,6
21	Portugal	72	0,1	735	10,3
22	Croatia	59	0,1	240	4,1
23	Romania	37	0,1	715	19,4
24	Estonia	34	0,1	45	1,3
25	Poland	34	0,1	1.280	38,0
26	Latvia	31	0,1	60	1,9
27	Hungary	24	0,0	230	9,8
28	Slovak Republic	18	0,0	100	5,5
	Norway	176	0,3	940	5,3
	Switzerland	727	1,2	6.210	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: 7.562 applications per million inhabitants, 12,5 times the EU average (599 applications per million inhabitants). Malta and Greece ranked second and third (4,6 and 4,5 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 11th in the EU with 616 applications per million inhabitants.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2019) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by March 3rd 2020

Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 1st 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	340,5	14,5	6.535	19
2	Malta	138,5	5,9	1.330	10
3	Greece	137,8	5,9	29.275	213
4	Spain	48,0	2,0	53.930	1.125
5	Slovenia	38,7	1,6	1.695	44
6	Belgium	31,3	1,3	10.605	339
7	France	30,9	1,3	56.635	1.830
8	Luxembourg	30,2	1,3	1.120	37
9	Sweden	29,4	1,3	9.220	314
10	Germany	28,1	1,2	73.705	2.624
	TOTAL EU-28	24,0	1,0	307.420	13.078
11	Netherlands	19,3	0,8	10.570	548
12	Austria	17,6	0,7	4.950	281
13	Ireland	14,8	0,6	2.210	149
14	United Kingdom	11,8	0,5	20.615	1.742
15	Italy	10,9	0,5	16.865	1.541
16	Bulgaria	9,8	0,4	850	87
17	Finland	7,2	0,3	1.125	156
18	Denmark	7,2	0,3	1.295	180
19	Lithuania	4,2	0,2	235	56
20	Czech Republic	4,1	0,2	895	216
21	Portugal	3,6	0,2	735	203
22	Croatia	3,6	0,2	240	66
23	Romania	2,6	0,1	715	278
24	Poland	1,9	0,1	1.280	673
25	Estonia	1,8	0,1	45	25
26	Latvia	1,7	0,1	60	35
27	Hungary	1,4	0,1	230	170
28	Slovak Republic	0,9	0,0	100	106
	Norway	3,8	0,2	940	250
	Switzerland	19,1	0,8	6.210	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 14,5, 5,9 and 5,9 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 March 3rd 2020

Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 1st 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	23,9	61,4	4,5	5,9
2	Cyprus	12,4	10,3	12,5	14,5
3	Greece	4,5	3,2	4,6	5,9
4	Luxembourg	3,5	6,3	3,0	1,3
5	Belgium	2,6	5,0	1,5	1,3
6	Netherlands	2,0	4,1	1,0	0,8
7	Germany	1,9	3,0	1,5	1,2
8	Spain	1,8	1,6	1,9	2,0
9	France	1,4	1,5	1,4	1,3
10	Slovenia	1,4	1,2	1,4	1,6
11	Sweden	1,0	0,3	1,5	1,3
	TOTAL EU-28	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
12	Austria	0,8	0,9	0,9	0,7
13	United Kingdom	0,7	1,2	0,5	0,5
14	Ireland	0,6	0,5	0,8	0,6
15	Italy	0,6	0,8	0,5	0,5
16	Denmark	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,3
17	Bulgaria	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,4
18	Finland	0,2	0,0	0,3	0,3
19	Czech Republic	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,2
20	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
21	Lithuania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
22	Croatia	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
23	Romania	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
24	Poland	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
25	Estonia	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,1
26	Latvia	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,1
27	Hungary	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1
28	Slovak Republic	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Norway	0,2	0,0	0,3	0,2
	Switzerland	1,4	2,2	1,2	0,8

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

Malta received 23,9 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Cyprus followed with 12,4 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 6th, receiving 2,0 times as many applications than the EU average.