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

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

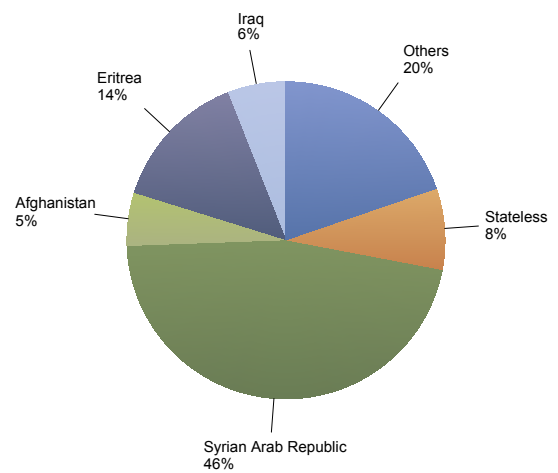
Total 2014	Total 2015	Country of citizenship	2015												Total	2016		Last 12 months	Perc
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Jan	Total		
11.595	27.710	Syrian Arab Republic	725	515	555	647	1.161	1.680	2.271	3.837	5.259	6.439	3.076	1.545	27.710	1.146	1.146	28.131	46%
4.100	8.434	Eritrea	88	47	112	405	1.115	1.289	1.056	1.397	922	1.210	417	376	8.434	261	261	8.607	14%
3.045	4.942	Stateless	134	119	111	119	269	303	452	615	855	1.019	587	359	4.942	188	188	4.996	8%
1.570	3.450	Iraq	107	89	64	58	48	78	108	199	431	1.092	720	456	3.450	284	284	3.627	6%
977	2.945	Afghanistan	92	79	70	81	83	74	97	159	184	473	910	643	2.945	405	405	3.258	5%
746	2.074	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	52	62	37	36	42	45	58	81	113	425	735	388	2.074	231	231	2.253	4%
89	1.016	Albania	8	17	10	13	26	40	71	79	173	285	145	149	1.016	234	234	1.242	2%
1.527	866	Somalia	97	103	72	54	51	54	71	65	74	75	82	68	866	70	70	839	1%
271	764	Ukraine	25	41	42	49	52	77	50	64	42	108	107	107	764	58	58	797	1%
60	689	Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	7	21	5	20	64	162	112	107	53	58	29	51	689	59	59	741	1%
5.911	5.990	Others	428	444	469	410	457	500	443	477	488	691	632	551	5.990	523	523	6.085	10%
29.891	58.880	Total	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	3.459	3.459	60.576	100%

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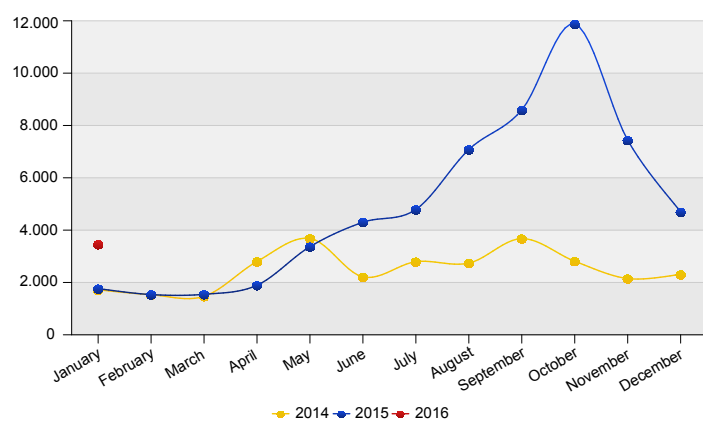
Top Total asylum applications in The Netherlands
January 2016

	Country of citizenship		%
1	Syrian Arab Republic	1.146	33%
2	Afghanistan	405	12%
3	Iraq	284	8%
4	Eritrea	261	8%
5	Albania	234	7%
6	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	231	7%
7	Stateless	188	5%
8	Serbia	71	2%
9	Somalia	70	2%
10	Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	59	2%
	Others	510	15%
Total January 2016		3.459	100%
Percentage			85%

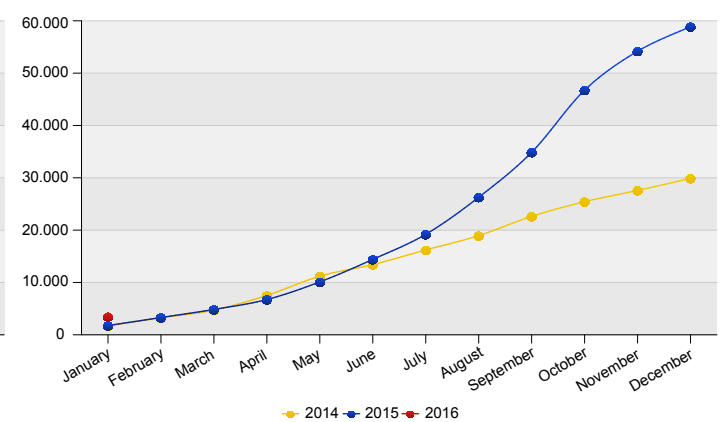
Top Nationalities total applications last twelve months
Period: Feb 2015 - Jan 2016
Number of total asylum applications: 60.576



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

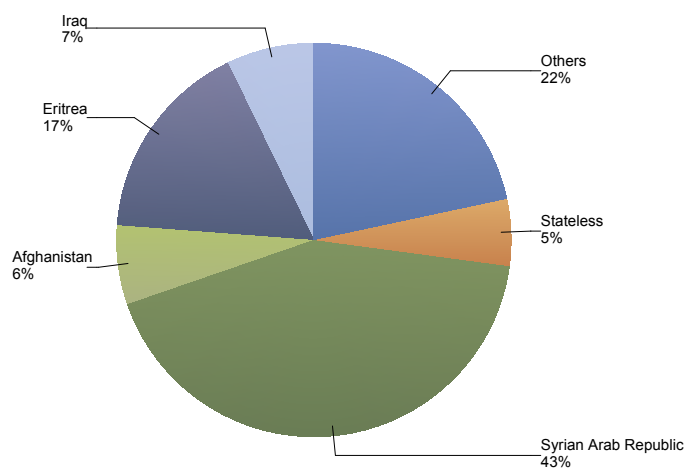
Total 2014	Total 2015	Country of citizenship	2015												2016		Last 12 months	Perc	
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan			Total
8.748	18.677	Syrian Arab Republic	316	191	195	256	445	732	1.122	2.825	4.061	5.249	2.402	883	18.677	702	702	19.063	43%
3.833	7.359	Eritrea	28	17	85	367	1.074	1.251	990	1.272	764	1.099	277	135	7.359	93	93	7.424	17%
616	3.009	Iraq	47	32	32	36	39	53	79	135	390	1.046	693	427	3.009	265	265	3.227	7%
452	2.550	Afghanistan	34	34	29	44	42	51	67	140	158	443	883	625	2.550	384	384	2.900	6%
2.704	2.399	Stateless	62	20	18	38	103	125	128	292	372	668	404	169	2.399	111	111	2.448	5%
505	1.884	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36	38	24	23	30	32	47	61	85	413	720	375	1.884	216	216	2.064	5%
86	1.005	Albania	8	17	10	13	25	40	71	76	172	285	140	148	1.005	228	228	1.225	3%
249	716	Ukraine	24	33	40	47	51	72	45	63	33	100	104	104	716	56	56	748	2%
58	685	Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	7	21	5	20	64	162	112	107	50	58	28	51	685	59	59	737	2%
189	436	Serbia	25	19	27	16	35	24	26	14	28	82	81	59	436	71	71	482	1%
4.371	4.373	Others	306	315	340	278	344	382	295	344	320	537	508	404	4.373	365	365	4.432	10%
21.811	43.093	Total	893	737	805	1.138	2.252	2.924	2.982	5.329	6.433	9.980	6.240	3.380	43.093	2.550	2.550	44.750	100%

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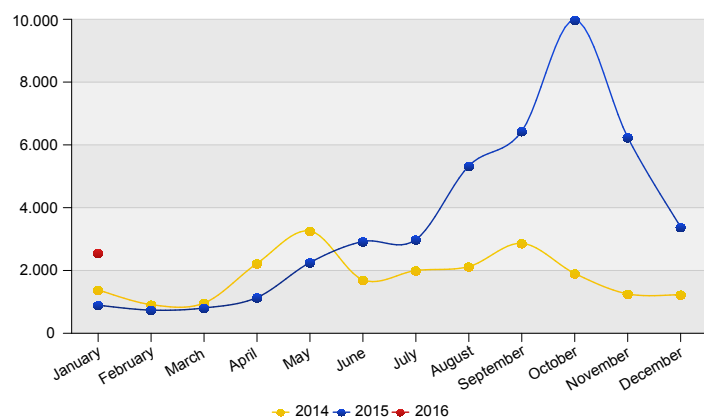
Top First asylum applications in The Netherlands
January 2016

	Country of citizenship		%
1	Syrian Arab Republic	702	28%
2	Afghanistan	384	15%
3	Iraq	265	10%
4	Albania	228	9%
5	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	216	8%
6	Stateless	111	4%
7	Eritrea	93	4%
8	Serbia	71	3%
9	Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	59	2%
10	Ukraine	56	2%
	Others	365	14%
Total January 2016		2.550	100%
Percentage			86%

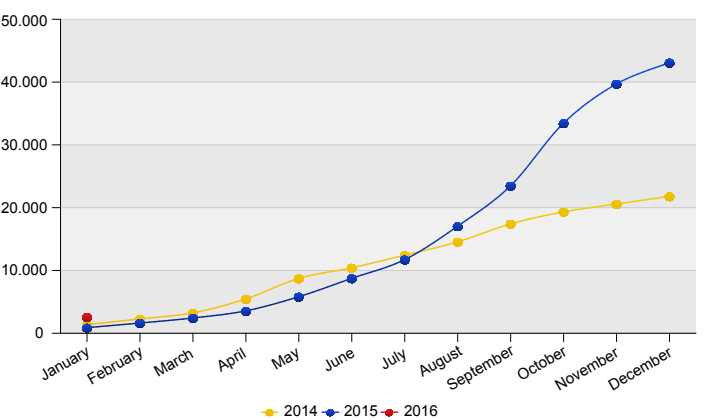
Top Nationalities first applications last twelve months
Period: Feb 2015 - Jan 2016
Number of first asylum applications: 44.750



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

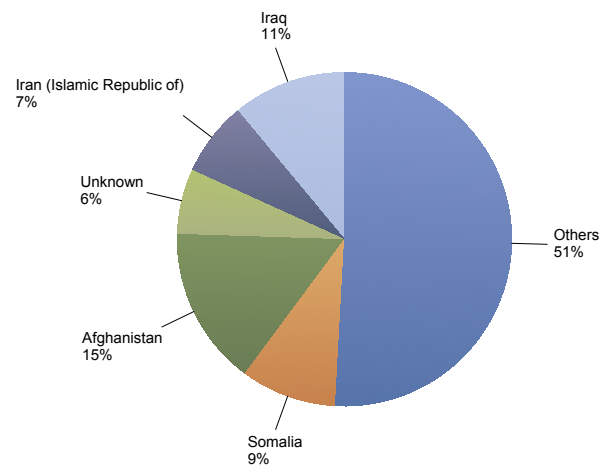
Total 2014	Total 2015	Country of citizenship	2015												2016		Last 12 months	Perc	
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan			Total
427	311	Afghanistan	36	37	37	32	33	19	28	11	21	25	16	16	311	16	16	291	15%
706	228	Iraq	35	42	23	14	6	15	14	22	14	16	13	14	228	16	16	209	11%
247	184	Somalia	16	20	15	18	13	14	14	6	25	16	13	14	184	8	8	176	9%
162	139	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10	19	10	9	7	12	9	10	21	9	13	10	139	7	7	136	7%
202	123	Unknown	11	13	12	17	6	6	18	11	11	*	8	6	123	7	7	119	6%
43	65	Nigeria	5	*	*	5	*	*	5	7	15	5	*	9	65	*	*	63	3%
75	62	Eritrea	*	*	*	7	*	*	*	9	5	6	12	*	62	*	*	63	3%
46	50	Sierra Leone	*	6	7	*	5	*	5	*	7	*	5	*	50	*	*	52	3%
46	57	Pakistan	9	10	5	6	*	*	*	8	11	*	*	*	57	*	*	51	3%
41	52	Syrian Arab Republic	*	6	7	5	*	*	*	*	8	*	*	6	52	*	*	50	3%
728	671	Others	40	62	61	67	44	58	59	51	55	64	52	58	671	54	54	685	36%
2.723	1.942	Total	168	221	185	184	122	135	162	142	193	154	136	140	1.942	121	121	1.895	100%

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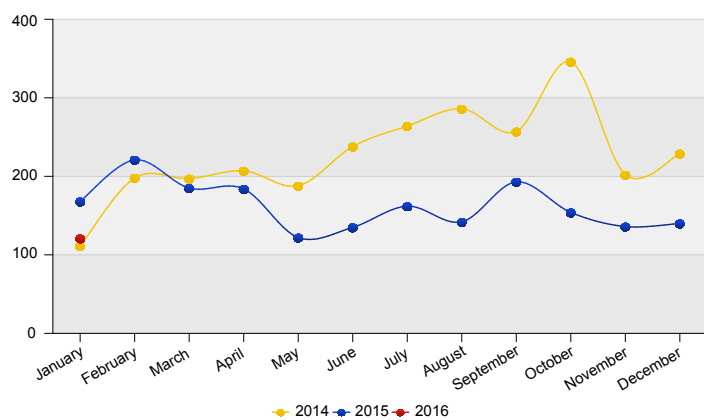
Top Repeated asylum applications in The Netherlands
January 2016

	Country of citizenship		%
1	Afghanistan	16	13%
2	Iraq	16	13%
3	Somalia	8	7%
4	China (including Hong Kong)	7	6%
5	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	7	6%
6	Unknown	7	6%
7	Albania	6	5%
8	Sri Lanka	5	4%
9	Sudan	5	4%
10	Burundi	*	3%
11	Eritrea	*	3%
12	Georgia	*	3%
	Others	32	26%
Total January 2016		121	100%
Percentage			74%

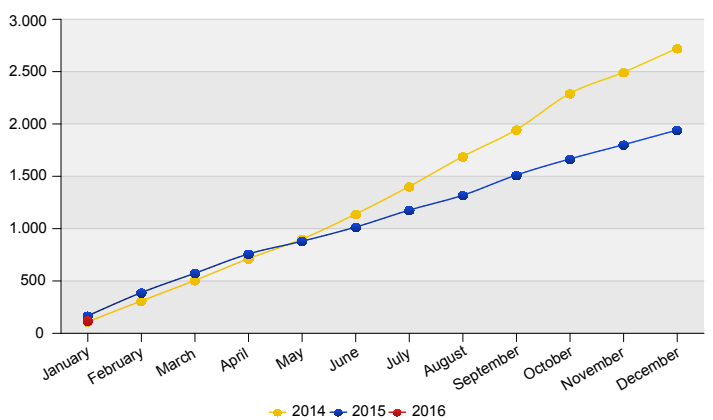
Top Nationalities repeated asylum applications last twelve months
Period: Feb 2015 - Jan 2016
Number of repeated asylum applications: 1.895



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 2014	Total 2015	Country of citizenship	2015												2016		Last 12 months	Perc	
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan			Total
2.806	8.981	Syrian Arab Republic	406	318	353	386	713	944	1.145	1.009	1.190	1.187	674	656	8.981	443	443	9.018	65%
324	2.506	Stateless	72	98	84	79	165	176	321	314	482	348	182	185	2.506	77	77	2.511	18%
192	1.013	Eritrea	57	26	23	31	39	36	62	116	153	105	128	237	1.013	164	164	1.120	8%
931	419	Somalia	61	68	37	27	15	30	45	41	37	21	19	18	419	44	44	402	3%
248	213	Iraq	25	15	9	8	*	10	15	42	27	30	14	15	213	*	*	191	1%
200	90	Unknown	19	7	18	8	11	10	*	8	*	*	*	*	90	*	*	71	1%
98	84	Afghanistan	22	8	*	5	8	*	*	8	5	5	11	*	84	5	5	67	0%
32	72	Uganda	16	8	8	6	*	*	*	*	8	7	*	7	72	*	*	56	0%
79	51	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	6	5	*	*	5	*	*	10	7	*	*	*	51	8	8	53	0%
9	48	Jordan		*	5	*	*	*	10	7	10	*	*	*	48	*	*	49	0%
438	368	Others	18	25	13	15	32	27	38	51	45	31	26	47	368	43	43	393	3%
5.357	13.845	Total	702	579	557	570	994	1.243	1.645	1.609	1.968	1.741	1.064	1.173	13.845	788	788	13.931	100%

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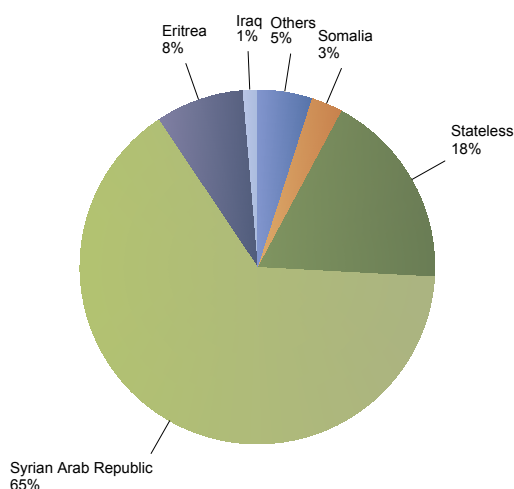
Top Influx of family reunification* in The Netherlands January 2016

	Country of citizenship		%
1	Syrian Arab Republic	443	56%
2	Eritrea	164	21%
3	Stateless	77	10%
4	Somalia	44	6%
5	Ethiopia	9	1%
6	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	8	1%
7	Pakistan	7	1%
8	Palestinian Territory, Occupied	6	1%
9	Afghanistan	5	1%
10	Philippines	5	1%
	Others	20	3%
Total January 2016		788	100%
Percentage			97%

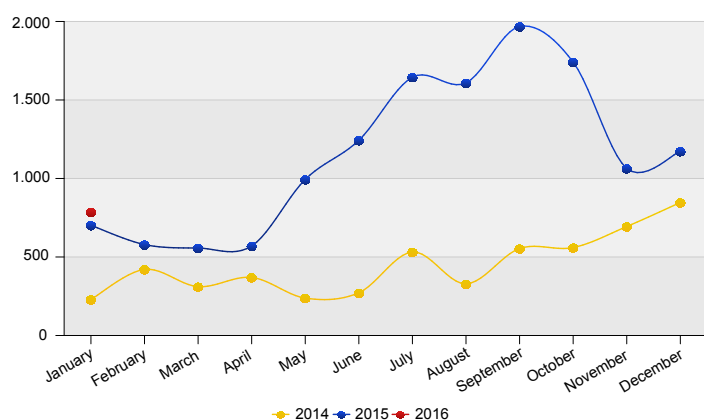
Top Nationalities Influx of family reunification* last twelve months

Period: Feb 2015 - Jan 2016

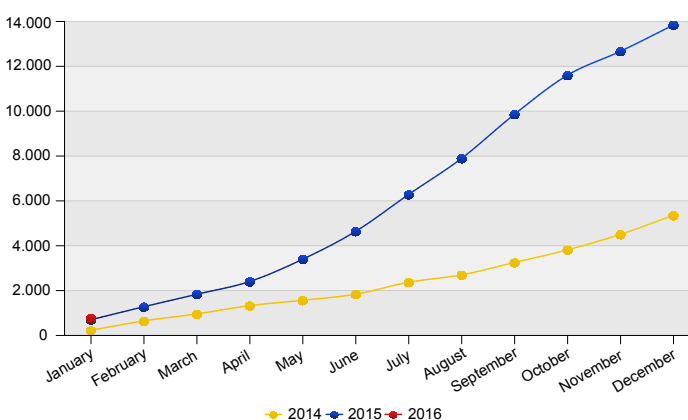
Number of influx family reunification: 13.931



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

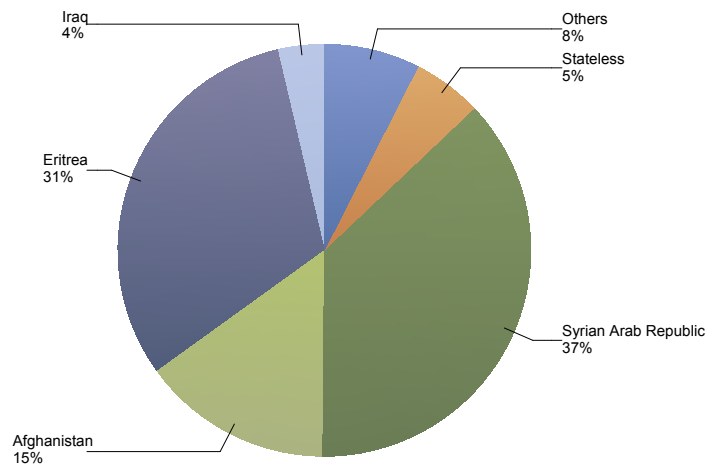
Total 2014	Total 2015	Country of citizenship	2015												2016		Last 12 months	Perc	
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan			Total
156	1.458	Syrian Arab Republic	11	7	8	5	13	34	74	201	411	358	235	101	1.458	55	55	1.502	37%
528	1.237	Eritrea	*	*	11	54	165	219	183	179	203	48	20	1.237	27	27	1.263	31%	
30	533	Afghanistan	5	*	5	*	5	13	17	29	33	95	193	131	533	75	75	603	15%
49	217	Stateless	5	*	*	*	*	9	8	27	46	54	34	25	217	7	7	219	5%
16	136	Iraq	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	11	29	35	22	22	136	12	12	148	4%
35	39	Somalia	*	*	*	*	5	*	*	*	*	*	10	*	39	5	5	43	1%
7	24	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	*	24	13	13	37	1%
12	26	Guinea	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	26	10	10	35	1%
6	23	Albania	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	*	*	*	23	*	*	24	1%
*	19	Sudan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	19	*	*	21	1%
121	147	Others	9	*	11	10	14	14	11	14	16	13	20	11	147	5	5	143	4%
962	3.859	Total	33	20	45	81	213	299	309	471	709	774	576	329	3.859	212	212	4.038	100%

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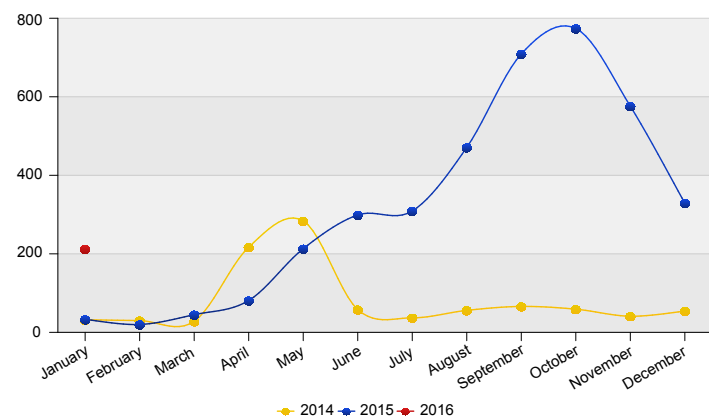
Top Unaccompanied minor asylum applications in The Netherlands January 2016

	Country of citizenship		%
1	Afghanistan	75	35%
2	Syrian Arab Republic	55	26%
3	Eritrea	27	13%
4	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	13	6%
5	Iraq	12	6%
	Others	30	14%
Total January 2016		212	100%
Percentage			86%

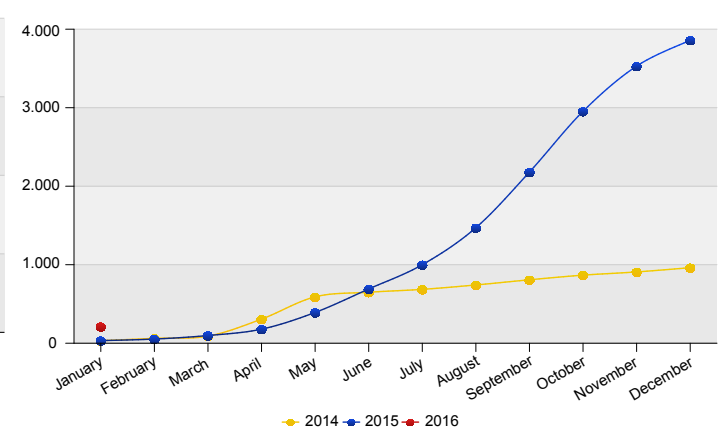
Top Nationalities unaccompanied minor asylum applications last twelve months
Period: Feb 2015 - Jan 2016
Number of unaccompanied minor asylum applications: 4.038



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 2016

Source: METIS

Country of citizenships	Jan	Total 2016	Total 2014	Total 2015
Afghanistan	384	384	452	2.550
Albania	228	228	86	1.005
Algeria	9	9	15	41
Angola			7	14
Armenia	*	*	147	76
Australia			*	*
Austria				*
Azerbaijan	*	*	46	33
Bangladesh	*	*	11	32
Belarus	*	*	44	44
Benin			*	*
Bolivia				*
Bosnia and Herzegovina	20	20	126	121
Brazil			5	5
Bulgaria			*	*
Burkina Faso	*	*	9	*
Burundi	*	*	8	23
Cambodia			*	*
Cameroon	*	*	36	27
Canada			*	*
Cape Verde				*
Central African Republic	*	*	6	*
Chad	*	*	*	6
Chile			*	*
China (including Hong Kong)	9	9	104	206
Colombia			11	7
Congo, the Democratic Republic of the	*	*	7	*
Congo, the Republic of the	*	*	73	41
Cote d'Ivoire	*	*	20	16
Croatia	*	*	*	*
Cuba			14	9
Djibouti			*	*
Dominican Republic			*	*
Ecuador			*	*
Egypt	6	6	94	71
El Salvador			*	*
Equatorial Guinea				*
Eritrea	93	93	3.833	7.359
Ethiopia	7	7	93	133
France			*	5
Gabon			*	*
Gambia	6	6	20	55
Georgia	22	22	319	256
Germany	*	*	*	*
Ghana	*	*	27	23
Greece			*	6
Guinea	26	26	67	79



Monthly First Asylum Applications in The Netherlands in 2016

Source: METiS

Country of citizenships	Jan	Total 2016	Total 2014	Total 2015
Guinea-Bissau			*	*
Guyana				*
Haiti			*	*
Honduras				8
India			18	12
Indonesia			6	*
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	216	216	505	1.884
Iraq	265	265	616	3.009
Israel	*	*	6	*
Italy	*	*	*	*
Jamaica	8	8	41	68
Japan			*	*
Jordan	*	*	19	9
Kazakhstan			13	19
Kenya			15	8
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of			8	*
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	59	59	58	685
Kuwait				12
Kyrgyzstan			9	6
Latvia			*	*
Lebanon	7	7	33	70
Liberia			12	5
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	6	6	102	69
Madagascar				*
Mali	*	*	33	11
Mauritania			*	*
Mexico			*	*
Moldova, Republic of			*	8
Mongolia	21	21	445	363
Montenegro			7	9
Morocco	7	7	57	80
Myanmar	*	*	11	37
Namibia			*	*
Nepal	*	*	46	27
Netherlands			6	*
Niger			10	*
Nigeria	25	25	223	212
Pakistan	19	19	185	156
Palestinian Territory, Occupied	*	*	72	80
Peru				*
Philippines	*	*	5	*
Poland			*	*
Portugal				*
Romania			*	*
Russian Federation	6	6	163	124
Rwanda			12	10
Saint Kitts and Nevis				*



Monthly First Asylum Applications in The Netherlands in 2016

Source: METiS

Country of citizenships	Jan	Total 2016	Total 2014	Total 2015
Saudi Arabia			*	*
Senegal	*	*	11	20
Serbia	71	71	189	436
Sierra Leone	*	*	80	38
Somalia	18	18	349	263
South Africa	5	5	*	17
Spain			*	*
Sri Lanka	*	*	54	37
Stateless	111	111	2.704	2.399
Sudan	23	23	180	234
Suriname	*	*	*	5
Swaziland				*
Syrian Arab Republic	702	702	8.748	18.677
Tajikistan			*	28
Tanzania, United Republic of			13	*
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	27	27	112	111
Togo			*	9
Trinidad and Tobago	*	*	8	9
Tunisia	*	*	16	25
Turkey	5	5	46	56
Turkmenistan			*	*
Uganda	7	7	114	113
Ukraine	56	56	249	716
United Arab Emirates				*
United Kingdom			*	*
United States of America	*	*	11	16
Unknown	17	17	351	432
Uruguay				*
Uzbekistan	*	*	12	5
Vanuatu	*	*		
Venezuela			*	*
Viet Nam			17	64
Yemen	*	*	32	52
Zambia	*	*	*	8
Zimbabwe	*	*	11	8
Other			17	*
Totaal	2.550	2.550	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 2016.



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

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by February 9th

		2014			2015												Total 2014
		Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total	
EU	Germany	19.030	17.060	36.090	22.915	24.075	30.010	25.840	25.120	34.085	36.505	36.310	44.480	58.135	57.690	395.165	173.070
	Hungary	8.885	13.790	22.675	11.655	16.405	4.750	6.485	9.800	16.385	30.870	46.720	30.495	490	195	174.250	41.215
	Sweden	5.525	6.315	11.840	4.345	3.520	3.570	3.405	4.850	6.055	7.525	11.290	23.735	38.540	36.080	142.915	75.090
	Austria	3.540	4.050	7.590	3.875	3.065	2.770	3.715	6.195	7.490	8.555	8.500	10.545	12.015	11.660	78.385	25.700
	Italy	6.785	5.610	12.395	4.740	5.075	5.430	4.500	5.130	5.265	8.510	8.775	11.105	10.365	8.270	77.165	63.655
	France	4.555	5.380	9.935	4.025	5.135	5.610	5.175	4.355	5.150	5.330	5.240	7.070	7.735	0	54.825	58.845
	Netherlands	1.255	1.230	2.485	890	735	805	1.135	2.250	2.925	2.980	5.325	6.425	9.965	6.225	39.660	21.810
	United Kingdom	2.635	2.525	5.160	2.750	2.225	2.420	1.935	2.545	3.045	4.280	3.620	4.030	5.055	3.365	35.270	32.345
	Belgium	1.160	1.410	2.570	1.215	1.070	1.170	1.115	1.615	2.325	3.140	5.165	6.360	5.530	5.530	34.235	14.130
	Finland	310	385	695	305	310	345	335	510	760	1.455	2.865	10.805	6.985	5.690	30.365	3.495
	Bulgaria	1.355	1.480	2.835	1.055	1.025	1.110	1.120	1.325	1.605	1.850	1.435	2.060	3.530	2.395	18.510	10.805
	Denmark	1.110	755	1.865	630	430	455	550	870	1.075	1.030	1.810	2.680	3.635	5.020	18.185	14.565
	Greece	580	790	1.370	925	895	790	855	1.005	1.000	1.065	880	940	845	1.000	10.200	7.590
	Spain	630	600	1.230	835	850	1.220	1.330	1.060	1.290	1.145	1.030	1.405	0	0	10.165	5.460
	Poland	535	520	1.055	485	470	485	540	525	700	985	1.235	1.490	1.260	1.095	9.270	5.610
	Ireland	155	170	325	215	200	210	265	255	335	290	330	405	265	290	3.060	1.440
	Luxembourg	110	85	195	85	95	85	70	85	95	90	165	365	375	425	1.935	1.030
	Cyprus	140	120	260	155	125	150	145	120	135	155	120	335	235	0	1.675	1.480
	Malta	75	115	190	65	160	120	105	160	115	145	115	170	230	190	1.575	1.275
	Romania	80	95	175	100	75	160	205	85	85	85	110	75	90	85	1.155	1.500
	Czech Republic	70	115	185	95	95	170	105	85	85	75	85	100	115	115	1.125	915
Portugal	60	40	100	40	80	60	80	80	90	70	75	70	70	65	780	445	
Latvia	15	30	45	15	15	15	25	30	50	30	20	45	70	10	325	365	
Lithuania	65	65	130	15	25	5	25	25	10	35	30	20	35	20	245	385	
Estonia	10	5	15	5	15	30	30	10	25	20	10	45	20	10	220	145	
Slovenia	15	35	50	15	10	20	15	10	15	10	20	40	20	45	220	355	
Croatia	25	15	40	10	15	15	10	5	5	10	5	20	20	15	130	380	
Slovak Republic	30	35	65	15	10	25	5	20	5	5	5	5	5	0	100	230	
	Total	58.740	62.825	121.565	61.475	66.205	62.005	59.120	68.125	90.205	116.245	141.290	165.320	165.635	145.485	1.141.110	563.330
Not EU	Switzerland	1.580	1.380	2.960	1.450	1.310	1.380	1.270	2.080	3.670	3.785	3.790	4.415	4.640	5.565	33.355	22.130
	Norway	830	735	1.565	570	485	485	520	1.165	1.075	1.335	2.285	4.895	8.575	8.110	29.500	10.970
	Total	2.410	2.115	4.525	2.020	1.795	1.865	1.790	3.245	4.745	5.120	6.075	9.310	13.215	13.675	62.855	33.100
Total	61.150	64.940	126.090	63.495	68.000	63.870	60.910	71.370	94.950	121.365	147.365	174.630	178.850	159.160	1.203.965	596.430	

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

	2014	2015											Total
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
Syrian Arab Republic	12.760	11.995	9.155	10.460	11.625	13.415	21.150	32.120	50.090	64.360	62.175	54.075	353.380
Afghanistan	5.725	4.830	4.330	4.470	5.660	9.250	13.385	18.930	20.235	21.790	29.845	38.315	176.765
Iraq	1.895	2.360	2.505	3.180	3.605	4.655	6.380	8.175	12.170	26.365	26.495	18.945	116.730
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	13.160	13.990	22.580	12.620	5.380	2.735	2.305	2.005	1.385	1.685	1.155	790	79.790
Albania	1.625	2.185	2.365	3.710	5.520	5.695	6.720	9.065	9.480	8.450	6.350	3.960	65.125
Eritrea	1.730	1.560	1.125	1.335	1.925	4.965	6.600	6.655	6.420	5.350	5.415	2.565	45.645
Pakistan	1.735	1.755	1.705	1.930	2.245	2.705	3.975	6.675	9.405	5.370	4.020	3.995	45.515
Nigeria	1.785	1.560	1.520	1.465	1.550	2.250	2.665	3.740	3.710	4.145	3.450	2.645	30.485
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	865	855	695	785	1.020	1.005	1.200	1.415	1.730	2.590	5.150	6.750	24.060
Somalia	1.195	1.190	1.255	1.430	1.415	2.295	2.305	2.290	2.090	2.190	1.995	1.450	21.100
Others	22.465	21.150	20.735	22.495	20.975	22.405	28.255	30.275	30.665	32.330	32.810	25.685	310.245
Total	64.940	63.430	67.970	63.880	60.920	71.375	94.940	121.345	147.380	174.625	178.860	159.175	1.268.840

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 11 months of 2015, Germany received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by Hungary. 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 2015) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by February 9th

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	162.045	40%	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	7%	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	8.740	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			407.135	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 February 9th

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	25,3	725	316
2	Hungary	704	7,7	65.480	93.023
3	Germany	454	5,0	162.045	357.134
4	Austria	323	3,6	27.110	83.880
5	Belgium	279	3,1	8.510	30.526
6	Netherlands	210	2,3	8.740	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	93	1,0	407.135	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	0,6	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 February 9th

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	8,3	65.480	9,9
2	Austria	3.187	4,0	27.110	8,5
3	Sweden	2.669	3,3	25.745	9,6
4	Germany	2.006	2,5	162.045	80,8
5	Malta	1.704	2,1	725	0,4
6	Bulgaria	999	1,2	7.240	7,2
7	Cyprus	967	1,2	830	0,9
8	Luxembourg	937	1,2	515	0,5
	TOTAL EU-28	803	1,0	407.135	506,8
9	Belgium	760	0,9	8.510	11,2
10	Denmark	713	0,9	4.010	5,6
11	Netherlands	519	0,6	8.740	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	1,0	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 February 9th

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	12,4	65.480	170
2	Austria	96,5	3,1	27.110	281
3	Bulgaria	83,2	2,7	7.240	87
4	Sweden	82,1	2,6	25.745	314
5	Malta	75,5	2,4	725	10
6	Germany	61,8	2,0	162.045	2.624
7	Cyprus	43,2	1,4	830	19
	TOTAL EU-28	31,0	1,0	407.135	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	16,0	0,5	8.740	548
15	Luxembourg	13,9	0,4	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 February 9th

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	9,9	25,3	2,1	2,4
2	Hungary	9,5	7,7	8,3	12,4
3	Austria	3,5	3,6	4,0	3,1
4	Germany	3,2	5,0	2,5	2,0
5	Sweden	2,2	0,6	3,3	2,6
6	Belgium	1,6	3,1	0,9	0,8
7	Bulgaria	1,5	0,7	1,2	2,7
8	Luxembourg	1,3	2,2	1,2	0,4
9	Cyprus	1,2	1,0	1,2	1,4
10	Netherlands	1,2	2,3	0,6	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	1,0	0,6
	Switzerland	1,9	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.