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First asylum applications in the Netherlands

Source: INDiGO

Top-10 last twelve months **first** asylum applications in the Netherlands

Total 2013	Nationality	2013						2014						Total 2014	Last 12 months	
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	**Mar	Apr	May	Jun			***Jul
2.673	Syria	197	212	322	373	413	397	525	393	465	719	687	894	1.102	4.785	6.502
978	Eritrea	76	124	120	165	133	101	175	80	94	1.081	1.862	203	104	3.599	4.242
3.078	Somalia	289	220	353	255	329	288	153	283	139	117	56	29	13	790	2.235
216	Stateless	9	16	18	62	61	22	63	47	94	119	270	191	313	1.097	1.276
1.094	Iraq	103	78	65	102	61	63	75	64	51	70	41	49	51	401	770
728	Iran	58	53	65	57	56	37	61	66	42	51	45	33	41	339	607
673	Afghanistan	82	39	49	72	34	32	60	52	21	57	44	40	26	300	526
488	Unknown	31	35	40	45	40	36	50	26	28	41	51	24	27	247	443
209	Georgia	16	12	28	16	28	24	37	16	29	39	43	15	33	212	320
99	Mongolia	11	*	9	14	10	8	32	27	48	46	42	26	14	235	278
4.163	Others	315	290	429	396	335	347	448	345	334	327	302	252	328	2.336	4.133
14.399	Total	1.187	1.081	1.498	1.557	1.500	1.355	1.679	1.399	1.345	2.667	3.443	1.756	2.052	14.341	21.332

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*** July 2014 represents the first dataset of first applications containing no family reunification.

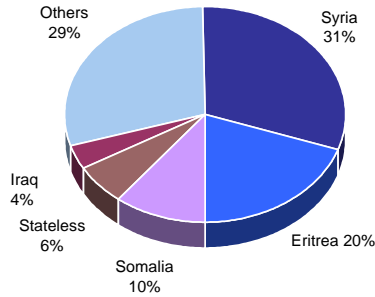
Top 5 Nationalities first applications last twelve months

Period: Aug 2013 - July 2014

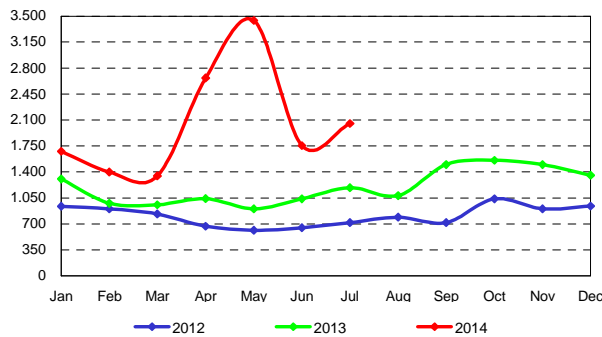
Number of first asylum applications: 21.332

Top-10 first asylum applications in the Netherlands July 2014

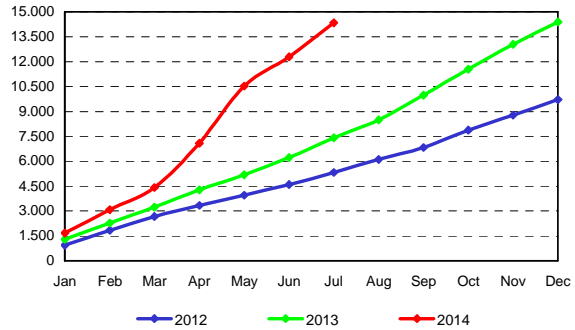
Nationality	%
1 Syria	54%
2 Stateless	15%
3 Eritrea	5%
4 Iraq	2%
5 Ukraine	2%
6 Iran	2%
7 Georgia	2%
8 Unknown	1%
9 Afghanistan	1%
10 Nigeria	1%
Others	14%
Total July 2014	2.052 100%
Percentage top 10	86%



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	Nationality	2013						2014						Total 2014	Last 12 months	
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun			Jul
709	Afghanistan	68	49	54	70	55	29	13	41	33	26	23	37	27	200	457
324	Iraq	28	28	14	50	28	30	13	42	15	23	18	52	95	258	408
391	Iran	32	34	29	19	27	17	5	13	13	10	17	16	20	94	220
192	Somalia	18	13	12	12	7	10	6	8	12	12	8	13	32	91	145
138	Unknown	15	11	12	17	9	9	*	8	6	6	6	13	7	46	104
61	Eritrea	10	8	*	*	7	*	*	5	9	*	11	*	*	38	63
65	Armenia	11	*	*	7	*	7	*	5	*	13	5	*	9	37	56
33	Syria	*	*	*	9	*	5	*	5	*	11	*	5	*	30	51
55	Guinea	9	*	*	8	*	*	5	5	*	6	*	8	*	31	49
30	Uganda	*	*	*	5	*	*	*	*	6	6	5	6	5	34	45
792	Others	66	73	39	74	46	51	24	32	51	54	42	48	58	309	592
2.790	Total	259	225	167	275	190	165	73	168	150	168	141	206	262	1.168	2.190

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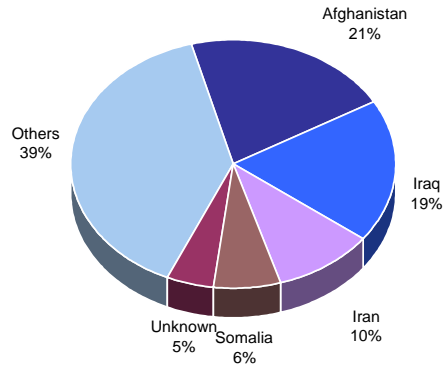
Top-10 repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands July 2014

Nationality		%	
1	Iraq	95	36%
2	Somalia	32	12%
3	Afghanistan	27	10%
4	Iran	20	8%
5	Armenia	9	3%
6	Ethiopia	8	3%
7	Unknown	7	3%
8	Stateless	6	2%
9	Uganda	5	2%
10	Sierra Leone	5	2%
	Others	48	18%
Total July 2014		262	100%
Percentage top 10			82%

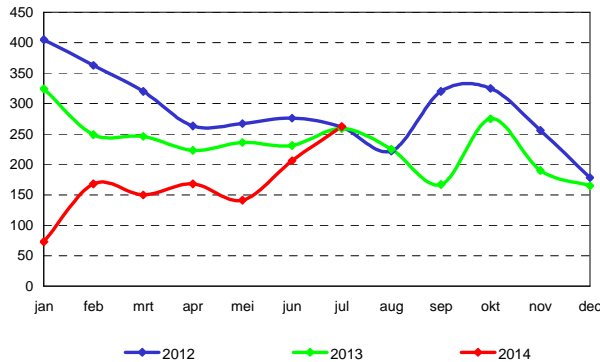
Top 5 Nationalities repeated applications last twelve months

Period: Aug 2013 - July 2014

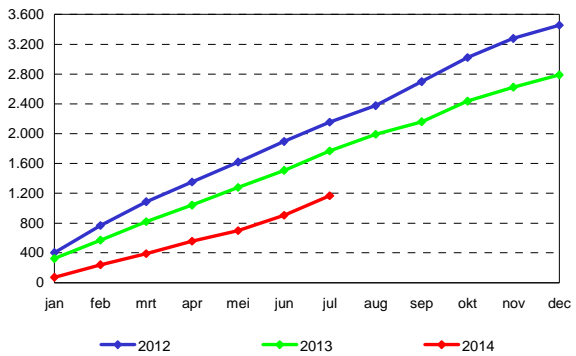
Number of repeated asylum applications: 2.190



Repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands



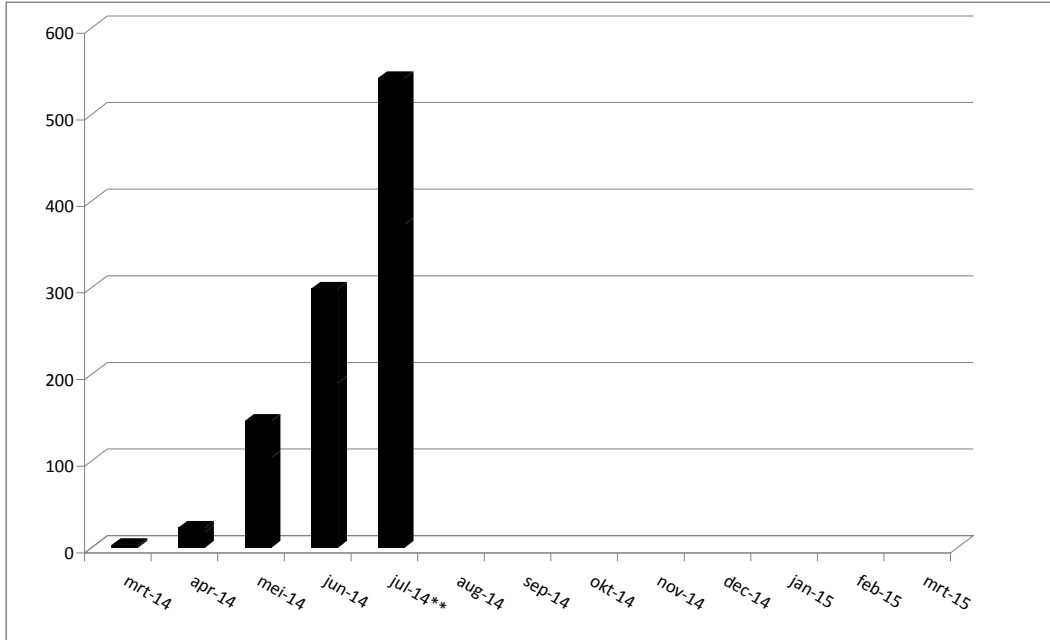
Cumulative development of repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands



Influx of family reunification in the Netherlands (Council Directive 2003/86/EC Chapter V)

Source: INDIGO

Influx of family reunification* in the Netherlands (Council Directive 2003/86/EC Chapter V)



* Separate registration of family reunification started on 2014/03/28. Family members who received an entry visa before this date are reported under first asylum applications.

** July 2014 represents the first complete family reunification dataset. From March to June 2014 family members are also reported under first asylum applications if they received an entry visa before 2014/03/28.

Top-10 Family reunification influx** from the 28th of March - July 2014 in the Netherlands

Nationality	2014										2015			Total 2014	Perc
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	*Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
Syria	*	14	57	138	299									511	50%
Somalia	*	6	34	61	80									181	18%
Iraq	*	*	14	24	41									80	8%
Stateless	*	*	10	15	45									70	7%
Eritrea	*	*	*	10	16									31	3%
Afghanistan	*	*	5	6	9									20	2%
Iran	*	*	*	11	*									16	2%
Uganda	*	*	*	*	8									11	1%
Yemen	*	*	*	5	*									9	1%
Sierra Leone	*	*	*	*	*									8	1%
Others	*	*	15	26	35									76	8%
Total	3	23	146	299	542									1.013	100%

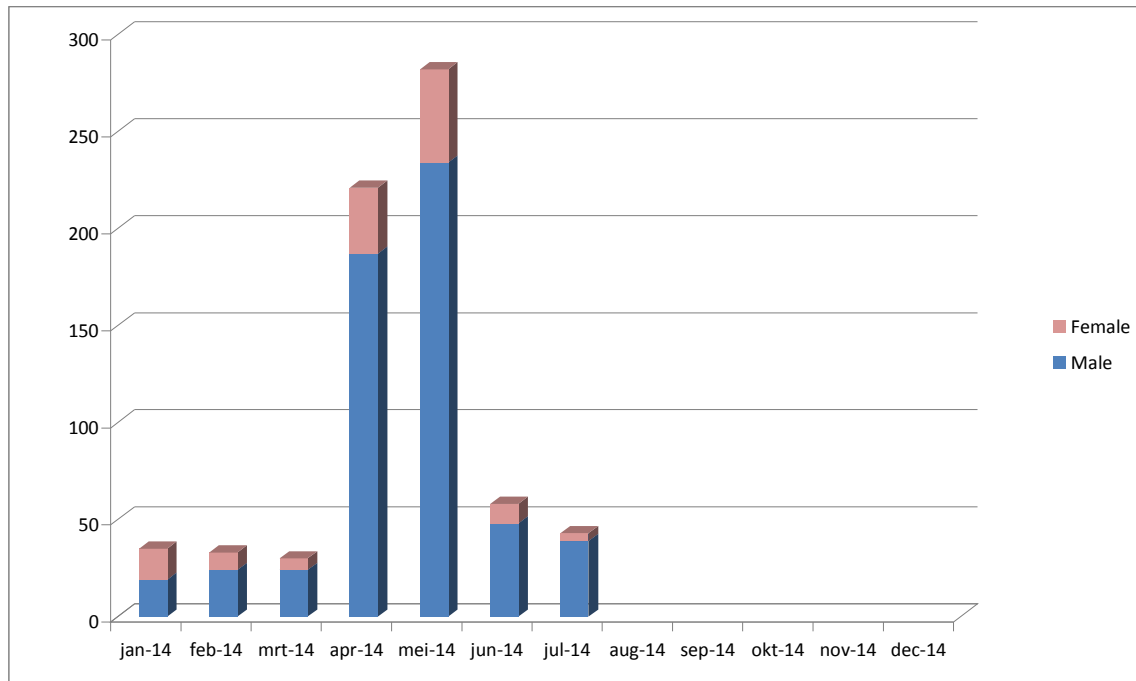
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Influx of indicated unaccompanied minor asylum seekers in the Netherlands

Source: INDiGO



Top-10 unaccompanied minor asylum applications in the Netherlands in 2014

Nationality	Jan	Feb	Mrt	Apr	Mei	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dec	Total
Eritrea	7	7	11	194	249	20	13						501
Syria	5	*	*	*	11	22	12						57
Somalia	*	7	*	*	*	*	*						20
Afghanistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						13
Iraq	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						11
Guinea	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						9
Stateless	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						9
Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						8
Mali	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						7
Sierra Leone	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						6
Others	11	9	6	7	11	9	8						61
Total UMA	35	33	30	221	282	58	43						702

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Monthly First Asylum Applications in the Netherlands in 2014

Source: INDiGO

2013	Nationality	2014 Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2.673	Syria	525	393	465	719	687	894	1.102						4.785
978	Eritrea	175	80	94	1.081	1.862	203	104						3.599
216	Stateless	63	47	94	119	270	191	313						1.097
3.078	Somalia	153	283	139	117	56	29	13						790
1.094	Iraq	75	64	51	70	41	49	51						401
728	Iran	61	66	42	51	45	33	41						339
673	Afghanistan	60	52	21	57	44	40	26						300
488	Unknown	50	26	28	41	51	24	27						247
99	Mongolia	32	27	48	46	42	26	14						235
209	Georgia	37	16	29	39	43	15	33						212
136	Nigeria	18	11	13	19	17	27	23						128
36	Ukraine	5	*	24	11	17	13	43						117
139	Sudan	19	18	5	7	16	23	21						109
263	Russia	16	21	14	18	17	11	10						107
90	Ethiopia	9	8	11	22	25	13	9						97
164	Uganda	22	19	16	9	13	7	11						97
185	Armenia	25	12	8	10	10	9	18						92
150	Pakistan	24	14	*	15	7	7	19						90
147	China (including Hong Kong)	18	19	8	9	10	7	14						85
177	Egypt	17	16	14	13	12	5	*						80
91	Bosnia and Herzegovina	11	14	17	13	6	8	10						79
125	Macedonia	21	*	16	17	10	10	*						76
269	Serbia	12	16	21	8	5	6	6						74
97	Sierra Leone	18	13	12	8	10	5	5						71
105	Palestinian Territory, Occupied	16	8	9	17	8	*	8						69
147	Libya	15	12	9	6	6	10	7						65
143	Congo, the Republic of the	21	6	9	9	*	14	*						63
158	Guinea	18	9	7	7	9	5	5						60
59	Turkey	10	5	19	9	*	*	9						55
65	Nepal	10	15	*	9	5	*	5						49
142	Sri Lanka	9	13	9	*	7	*	*						46
42	Albania	5	11	9	*	6	*	10						44
69	Morocco	*	*	7	7	7	*	7						37
66	Belarus	8	6	*	*	5	5	5						34
47	Kosovo	8	5	6	*	*	*	9						33
76	Cote d'Ivoire	12	5	*	*	*	5	*						31
18	Cameroon	*	*	*	*	7	*	*						26
58	Mali	*	5	*	*	*	*	6						24
71	Azerbaijan	6	*	*	*	*	*	7						23
39	Yemen	7	*	*	6	*	*	*						22
34	Ghana	*	*	*	*	5	*	*						19
29	Jamaica	*	5	*	*	*	*	*						19
7	Kenya	*	*	*	10	*	*	*						15
18	Lebanon	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						14
18	Rwanda	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						14
16	India	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						13
*	Viet Nam	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						13
29	Algeria	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						11
13	Burkina Faso	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						11
15	Burundi	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						11
27	Gambia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						10
*	Jordan	*	*	*	5	*	*	*						10
8	Niger	5	*	*	*	*	*	*						10
20	Tunisia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						10
22	Angola	*	5	*	*	*	*	*						9
34	Senegal	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						9
8	Cuba	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						7
29	Bangladesh	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						6
12	Colombia	*	*	6	*	*	*	*						6
38	Congo, the Democratic Republic of the	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						6
140	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						6
7	Liberia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						6
10	Montenegro	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						6
69	Myanmar	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						6
*	Uzbekistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						6
*	Brazil	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						5
180	Others	13	14	13	18	15	13	9						95
14.399	Total	1.679	1.399	1.345	2.667	3.443	1.756	2.052						14.341

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

	2013	mei-13	jun-13	jul-13	aug-13	sep-13	okt-13	nov-13	dec-13	jan-14	feb-14	mrt-14	apr-14	mei-14	2014
Germany	109.380	7.670	8.590	9.790	9.815	11.720	13.265	12.385	9.210	12.540	9.815	9.835	10.190	11.155	53.535
France	60.475	4.655	5.095	5.635	4.535	4.510	5.840	4.810	4.890	4.455	4.725	5.360	5.210	4.190	23.940
Sweden	54.260	3.080	2.975	4.120	4.800	7.770	7.910	5.530	5.325	3.945	3.660	3.905	4.375	5.560	21.445
Italy	25.725	1.685	1.930	2.360	2.475	2.400	3.215	3.015	2.165	3.375	3.175	3.795	4.215	5.370	19.930
United Kingdom	28.950	2.340	2.355	2.665	2.310	2.540	2.760	2.470	2.165	2.370	2.335	2.655	2.205	2.145	11.710
Netherlands	14.370	900	1.035	1.185	1.075	1.495	1.555	1.500	1.350	1.675	1.395	1.365	2.600	3.435	10.470
Belgium	11.965	885	860	1.080	975	1.225	1.080	955	855	990	785	850	900	845	4.370
Hungary	18.560	3.320	4.075	2.170	1.100	1.035	740	900	1.010	1.240	640	575	635	705	3.795
Greece	7.865	595	530	760	575	630	750	670	540	650	760	630	655	635	3.330
Bulgaria	6.980	275	410	435	695	940	1.230	1.245	630	810	770	395	295	515	2.785
Denmark	7.165	475	500	610	670	645	710	635	520	555	425	500	590	710	2.780
Poland	13.960	2.855	2.295	1.485	880	710	535	375	315	260	220	355	375	445	1.655
Spain	4.290	430	435	410	290	345	335	295	255	280	330	400	345	^	1.355
Finland	2.980	210	215	250	315	325	265	260	240	250	215	220	240	215	1.140
Romania	1.410	130	100	170	95	170	125	100	75	110	130	100	75	115	530
Cyprus	1.140	75	65	70	95	105	130	130	100	85	110	120	90	100	505
Ireland	910	80	70	70	65	80	80	80	70	100	85	110	95	105	495
Malta	2.205	130	55	435	740	290	115	125	50	75	40	65	130	60	370
Luxembourg	990	65	85	95	75	110	120	85	50	90	70	70	45	80	355
Czech Republic	485	40	35	40	65	30	40	35	40	40	35	70	65	80	290
Croatia	1.040	90	30	40	45	80	95	55	30	50	25	35	25	30	165
Slovenia	245	30	20	15	15	15	20	5	10	15	30	25	40	35	145
Portugal	510	25	35	40	30	55	45	30	105	20	15	30	30	35	130
Latvia	185	10	10	35	30	25	15	10	10	10	20	40	15	20	105
Lithuania	250	10	25	0	45	10	30	25	30	20	25	30	10	20	105
Slovakia	285	35	35	20	35	5	30	30	25	10	5	40	15	10	80
Estonia	90	15	0	10	0	5	5	15	5	10	5	5	10	10	40
Austria*	17.505	1.445	1.800	1.800	1.355	1.345	1.695	1.550	1.520	^	^	^	^	^	^
Total EU-28	394.175	31.555	33.665	35.795	33.200	38.615	42.735	37.320	31.590	34.030	29.845	31.580	33.475	36.625	165.555
Norway	11.435	730	885	1.225	1.560	1.330	1.035	805	715	700	540	640	775	1.225	3.880
Switzerland	19.320	1.500	1.410	1.660	1.400	1.295	1.615	1.745	1.605	1.695	1.345	1.410	1.365	1.560	7.375
Total	424.930	33.785	35.960	38.680	36.160	41.240	45.385	39.870	33.910	36.425	31.730	33.630	35.615	39.410	176.810

Situation by 2014/08/12. Data sorted by total in 2014. Data are rounded to closest 0 or 5. Source: Eurostat

Data exclude applications from EU citizens.

Data concern first applications, except for countries with an *. These countries have not provided first applications for every month in the data set.

^ Data not yet available

Total asylum applications in the EU from June 2013 - May 2014

	jun-13	jul-13	aug-13	sep-13	okt-13	nov-13	dec-13	jan-14	feb-14	mrt-14	apr-14	mei-14	Total
Syria	2.985	3.605	4.055	6.510	7.355	6.680	5.260	5.795	5.470	5.510	5.510	6.800	65.535
Russia	5.590	4.310	3.260	2.755	2.225	1.840	1.660	1.885	1.370	1.445	1.655	1.300	29.295
Afghanistan	2.095	2.260	1.890	2.115	2.420	2.550	2.745	3.145	2.590	2.160	1.995	1.950	27.915
Serbia	1.235	1.965	2.240	2.755	2.885	2.940	2.790	2.745	1.570	1.645	1.440	1.400	25.610
Eritrea	490	1.370	1.860	1.940	2.170	2.180	1.670	1.330	720	915	2.490	4.580	21.715
Pakistan	2.090	2.240	1.825	1.690	1.730	1.590	1.410	1.695	1.585	1.780	1.550	1.540	20.725
Somalia	1.645	1.880	1.790	1.950	1.810	1.820	1.390	1.400	1.295	1.210	1.370	1.175	18.735
Kosovo	3.615	2.260	1.360	1.440	1.295	1.185	1.160	1.085	960	945	820	795	16.920
Albania	765	915	710	960	1.280	1.170	1.190	1.135	1.645	1.555	1.470	1.240	14.035
Nigeria	870	995	1.075	1.170	1.545	1.015	925	1.095	900	1.200	1.335	1.600	13.725
Others	15.410	17.625	16.655	19.505	22.415	18.005	14.825	17.420	15.715	17.385	17.875	18.070	210.905
Total	36.790	39.425	36.720	42.790	47.130	40.975	35.025	38.730	33.820	35.750	37.510	40.450	465.115

Situation by 2014/08/12. Data sorted by total from June 2013 to May 2014. Data are rounded to closest 0 or 5. Source: Eurostat

Data exclude applications from EU citizens.

Data concern total applications.

Special Theme: First Asylum Applications in Europe in 2013 related to country area, population and GDP size

Introduction

Biannually¹ the influx of asylum seekers in Europe is related to three indicators of country size: area, population and GDP. In this way we can better compare the asylum influx between small, medium, and large states.

Table 1: Number of first asylum applications compared to country area, population and GDP in 2013

Rank	Country of asylum	Number of Applications	% share in EU	Country area (sq km)	% share in EU	Inhabitants (million)	% share in EU	GDP (billion PPS*)	% share in EU
1	Germany	109.580	28%	357.168	8%	82,0	16%	2.579	20%
2	France	60.475	15%	632.834	14%	63,7	13%	1.815	14%
3	Sweden	54.350	14%	438.576	10%	9,6	2%	306	2%
4	United Kingdom	29.185	7%	243.610	5%	63,9	13%	1.706	13%
5	Italy	26.920	7%	302.073	7%	59,7	12%	1.561	12%
6	Hungary	18.570	5%	93.024	2%	9,9	2%	169	1%
7	Austria**	17.520	4%	83.879	2%	8,5	2%	279	2%
8	Netherlands	14.375	4%	41.540	1%	16,8	3%	545	4%
9	Poland	13.975	4%	312.679	7%	38,5	8%	660	5%
10	Belgium	12.080	3%	30.528	1%	11,2	2%	339	3%
11	Greece	7.860	2%	131.957	3%	11,1	2%	216	2%
12	Denmark	7.230	2%	42.916	1%	5,6	1%	180	1%
13	Bulgaria	6.980	2%	110.900	2%	7,3	1%	89	1%
14	Spain	4.290	1%	505.991	11%	46,7	9%	1.125	9%
15	Finland	2.995	1%	338.435	8%	5,4	1%	159	1%
16	Malta	2.205	1%	316	0%	0,4	0%	9	0%
17	Romania	1.405	0%	238.391	5%	20,0	4%	272	2%
18	Cyprus	1.150	0%	9.251	0%	0,9	0%	20	0%
19	Croatia	1.045	0%	87.661	2%	4,3	1%	67	1%
20	Luxembourg	990	0%	2.586	0%	0,5	0%	36	0%
21	Ireland	910	0%	69.797	2%	4,6	1%	151	1%
22	Portugal	505	0%	92.212	2%	10,5	2%	205	2%
23	Czech Republic	500	0%	78.866	2%	10,5	2%	217	2%
24	Slovakia	290	0%	49.036	1%	5,4	1%	105	1%
25	Lithuania	250	0%	65.300	1%	3,0	1%	55	0%
26	Slovenia	240	0%	20.273	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
27	Latvia	185	0%	64.573	1%	2,0	0%	33	0%
28	Estonia	95	0%	45.227	1%	1,3	0%	24	0%
	Total EU-28	396.155	100%	4.489.597	100%	505,4	100%	12.967	100%
	Norway	11.475	3%	323.779	7%	5,1	1%	249	2%
	Switzerland	19.440	5%	41.285	1%	8,0	2%	319	2%

Source: Eurostat extracted on 02/05/2014 (applications), 06/05/2014 (area), 12/05/2014 (population) and 13/05/2014 (GDP). Country area, inhabitants and GDP data are the most up to date available data on Eurostat's website.

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Table 1 depicts the number of first asylum applications, country area size, number of inhabitants and GDP in 2013 in Europe, arranged by the number of asylum applications in decreasing order. Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by France and Sweden. The Netherlands ranked eighth within the EU. It is quite clear from table 1 that the order of states when comparing the three indicators of country size is not the same as the order in relation to the number of asylum applications. There are substantial differences for most European states between their share in the EU-28 concerning asylum applications, country area, inhabitants and GDP. In the next subsections the different indicators of country size will be related to the number of asylum applications in more detail.

¹ The next update will appear around September 2014, when the data regarding the first 6 months of 2014 is complete.

First Asylum Applications in Europe in 2013 related to Area size

Table 2: Number of first asylum applications in 2013 related to country area size

Rank	Country of asylum	Applications per 1.000 sq km	In relation to Total EU-28 = 1	Number of applications	Country area (sq km)
1	Malta	6.978	79,0	2.205	316
2	Belgium	396	4,5	12.080	30.528
3	Luxembourg	383	4,3	990	2.586
4	Netherlands	346	3,9	14.375	41.540
5	Germany	307	3,5	109.580	357.168
6	Austria*	209	2,4	17.520	83.879
7	Cyprus	202	2,3	1.150	5.695
8	Hungary	200	2,3	18.570	93.024
9	Denmark	168	1,9	7.230	42.916
10	Sweden	124	1,4	54.350	438.576
11	United Kingdom	120	1,4	29.185	243.610
12	France	96	1,1	60.475	632.834
13	Italy	89	1,0	26.920	302.073
	Total EU-28	88	1,0	396.155	4.486.041
14	Bulgaria	63	0,7	6.980	110.900
15	Greece	60	0,7	7.860	131.957
16	Poland	45	0,5	13.975	312.679
18	Ireland	13	0,1	910	69.797
17	Croatia	12	0,1	1.045	87.661
19	Slovenia	12	0,1	240	20.273
20	Finland	9	0,1	2.995	338.435
21	Spain	8	0,1	4.290	505.991
22	Czech Republic	6	0,1	500	78.866
23	Slovakia	6	0,1	290	49.036
24	Romania	6	0,1	1.405	238.391
25	Portugal	5	0,1	505	92.212
26	Lithuania	4	0,0	250	65.300
27	Latvia	3	0,0	185	64.573
28	Estonia	2	0,0	95	45.227
	Norway	35	0,4	11.475	323.779
	Switzerland	471	5,3	19.440	41.285

Source: Eurostat extracted on 02/05/2014 (applications) and 06/05/2014 (area).

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Table 2 relates the number of first asylum applications in 2013 to the area size of the European countries, arranged in decreasing order. By taking the Total EU-28 figure = 1, it shows how many times more or less applications a country received in relation to its area size compared to the EU-28 average. It shows that Malta received the largest number of asylum applications in Europe in relation to its area size: 6.978 per 1.000 sq km, 79 times more than the EU average (88 per 1.000 sq km). Belgium and Luxembourg ranked second and third at some distance with 4,5 and 4,3 times more applications than the EU average. The three countries that received most applications in 2013 in absolute terms (Germany, France and Sweden), also received more applications compared to their country size than the EU average.

First Asylum Applications in Europe in 2013 related to Population size

Table 3: Number of first asylum applications in 2013 related to population size

Rank	Country of asylum	Applications per million inhabitants	In relation to Total EU-28 = 1	Number of applications	Inhabitants (millions)
1	Sweden	5.661	7,2	54.350	9,6
2	Malta	5.513	7,0	2.205	0,4
3	Austria*	2.061	2,6	17.520	8,5
4	Luxembourg	1.980	2,5	990	0,5
5	Hungary	1.876	2,4	18.570	9,9
6	Germany	1.336	1,7	109.580	82,0
7	Denmark	1.291	1,6	7.230	5,6
8	Cyprus	1.278	1,6	1.150	0,9
9	Belgium	1.079	1,4	12.080	11,2
10	Bulgaria	956	1,2	6.980	7,3
11	France	949	1,2	60.475	63,7
12	Netherlands	856	1,1	14.375	16,8
	Total EU-28	784	1,0	396.155	505,4
13	Greece	708	0,9	7.860	11,1
14	Finland	555	0,7	2.995	5,4
15	United Kingdom	457	0,6	29.185	63,9
16	Italy	451	0,6	26.920	59,7
17	Poland	363	0,5	13.975	38,5
18	Croatia	243	0,3	1.045	4,3
19	Ireland	198	0,3	910	4,6
20	Slovenia	114	0,1	240	2,1
21	Latvia	93	0,1	185	2,0
22	Spain	92	0,1	4.290	46,7
23	Lithuania	83	0,1	250	3,0
24	Estonia	73	0,1	95	1,3
25	Romania	70	0,1	1.405	20,0
26	Slovakia	54	0,1	290	5,4
27	Portugal	48	0,1	505	10,5
28	Czech Republic	48	0,1	500	10,5
	Norway	1.740	6,8	8.145	4,7
	Switzerland	1.105	4,3	8.390	7,6

Source: Eurostat extracted on 02/05/2014 (applications) and 12/05/2014 (population).

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Table 3 provides an overview of the number of first asylum applications in 2013 in relation to population size, arranged in decreasing order. Sweden and Malta received most applications in relation to their population size: 5.661 and 5.513 applications per million inhabitants, 7,2 and 7,0 times more than the EU average (784 applications per million inhabitants). Austria ranked third (2,6 times more). The Netherlands ranked twelfth in the EU with 856 applications per million inhabitants (1,1 times more than average). Germany and France, the number one and two in absolute number of applications, received more applications per million inhabitants than the EU average as well.

First Asylum Applications in Europe in 2013 related to GDP size**Table 4: Number of first asylum applications in 2013 related to GDP size**

Rank	Country of asylum	Applications per billion PPS*	In relation to Total EU-28 = 1	Number of Applications	GDP (billion PPS*)
1	Malta	239	7,8	2.205	9
2	Sweden	177	5,8	54.350	306
3	Hungary	110	3,6	18.570	169
4	Bulgaria	79	2,6	6.980	89
5	Austria**	63	2,1	17.520	279
6	Cyprus	57	1,9	1.150	20
7	Germany	42	1,4	109.580	2.579
8	Denmark	40	1,3	7.230	180
9	Greece	36	1,2	7.860	216
10	Belgium	36	1,2	12.080	339
11	France	33	1,1	60.475	1.815
	Total EU-28	31	1,0	396.155	12.967
12	Luxembourg	28	0,9	990	36
13	Netherlands	26	0,9	14.375	545
14	Poland	21	0,7	13.975	660
15	Finland	19	0,6	2.995	159
16	Italy	17	0,6	26.920	1.561
17	United Kingdom	17	0,6	29.185	1.706
18	Croatia	16	0,5	1.045	67
19	Ireland	6	0,2	910	151
20	Latvia	6	0,2	185	33
21	Slovenia	5	0,2	240	44
22	Romania	5	0,2	1.405	272
23	Lithuania	5	0,1	250	55
24	Estonia	4	0,1	95	24
25	Spain	4	0,1	4.290	1.125
26	Slovakia	3	0,1	290	105
27	Portugal	2	0,1	505	205
28	Czech Republic	2	0,1	500	217
	Norway	46	1,5	11.475	249
	Switzerland	61	2,0	19.440	319

Source: Eurostat extracted on 02/05/2014 (applications) and 13/05/2014 (GDP).

* This concerns 2012 data. Purchasing Power Standard (PPS) is a mathematical currency used to compare GDP sizes of different countries by eliminating the different price levels.

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Table 4 shows the number of first asylum applications in 2013 related to GDP size (in PPS) arranged in decreasing order. Malta, Sweden and Hungary were the numbers one, two and three with respectively 7,8, 5,8 and 3,6 times more applications in relation to GDP size than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked thirteenth with 0,9 times less applications in relation to GDP size than the EU average. Germany and France the numbers one and two in absolute numbers of applications received more than the EU average in relation to GDP size.

Overview of the indicators: area, population and GDP

Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications in 2013

Rank	Country of asylum	Average	Index figure area	Index figure population	Index figure GDP
1	Malta	31,3	79,0	7,0	7,8
2	Sweden	4,8	1,4	7,2	5,8
3	Hungary	2,8	2,3	2,4	3,6
4	Luxembourg	2,6	4,3	2,5	0,9
5	Austria*	2,3	2,4	2,6	2,1
6	Belgium	2,3	4,5	1,4	1,2
7	Germany	2,2	3,5	1,7	1,4
8	Netherlands	2,0	3,9	1,1	0,9
9	Cyprus	1,9	2,3	1,6	1,9
10	Denmark	1,6	1,9	1,6	1,3
11	Bulgaria	1,5	0,7	1,2	2,6
12	France	1,1	1,1	1,2	1,1
	Total EU-28	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
13	Greece	0,9	0,7	0,9	1,2
14	United Kingdom	0,8	1,4	0,6	0,6
15	Italy	0,7	1,0	0,6	0,6
16	Poland	0,6	0,5	0,5	0,7
17	Finland	0,5	0,1	0,7	0,6
18	Croatia	0,3	0,1	0,3	0,5
19	Ireland	0,2	0,1	0,3	0,2
20	Slovenia	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,2
21	Spain	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
22	Latvia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,2
23	Romania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
24	Lithuania	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
25	Estonia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
26	Slovakia	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
27	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
28	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
	Norway	1,6	0,4	2,9	1,5
	Switzerland	3,5	5,3	3,1	2,0

Source: Eurostat extracted on 02/05/2014 (applications), 06/05/2014 (area), 12/05/2014 (population) and 13/05/2014 (GDP). Country area, inhabitants and GDP data are the most up to date available data on Eurostat's website.

Table 5 provides an overview of the 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 put into the tables 2-4. In addition to this overview, the average index figure is mentioned in table 5 (all three index figures are equally weighted). It shows that in 2013 Malta received the largest number of asylum applications in relation to the three indicators of country size - area, population and GDP - taken together (31,3 times more than average in the EU). Sweden followed with 4,8 times more than average. Hungary ranked third receiving an average of 2,8 times more applications in relation to the EU average in relation to the three indicators - area, population and GDP - taken together. The Netherlands ranked eighth with 2,0 times more applications in relation to the EU average.

Germany and France the numbers one and two in absolute numbers of applications received 2,2 and 1,1 times more applications than average in relation to their country size (area, population and GDP). It is quite clear that the ranking in absolute numbers of applications differs from the ranking when differences in country sizes (area, population and GDP) are taken into account. Nonetheless, six countries listed in the top 10 of absolute numbers of first asylum applications are also listed in the top 10 of applications in relation to country size: Belgium, Sweden, the Netherlands, Austria, Hungary and Germany.