



Asylum Trends

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First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2016 and 2017

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 1st

		2016										2017					Total 2016
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total	
EU	Germany	66,265	59,705	78,630	76,550	92,115	76,515	32,390	25,895	18,965	527,030	16,055	14,950	18,080	13,340	62,425	722,365
	Italy	7,785	9,080	9,815	10,870	11,290	12,295	13,315	13,435	11,020	98,905	11,570	11,820	13,510	9,405	46,305	121,185
	France	5,950	5,945	6,075	6,075	7,120	6,910	6,980	6,150	7,080	58,285	7,000	6,975	7,985	0	21,960	76,790
	Greece	3,615	4,215	4,185	3,940	3,450	5,040	6,160	7,470	6,615	44,690	6,260	5,525	4,760	0	16,545	49,875
	United Kingdom	3,510	3,220	3,060	2,880	3,105	3,240	2,910	3,090	3,285	28,300	2,820	2,475	3,145	0	8,440	38,380
	Spain	1,155	1,315	1,500	1,005	1,220	1,305	1,705	1,905	1,555	12,665	2,080	2,270	2,365	0	6,715	15,570
	Austria	3,970	3,740	3,075	2,950	3,115	2,470	2,460	2,190	2,230	26,200	2,035	1,850	1,935	0	5,820	39,905
	Sweden	1,540	1,470	1,440	1,530	1,700	1,795	1,880	1,730	1,575	14,660	1,545	1,315	1,525	1,255	5,640	22,385
	Netherlands	980	980	1,110	1,530	1,755	1,875	2,035	1,920	1,540	13,725	1,245	1,160	1,220	1,025	4,650	19,285
	Belgium	930	835	780	1,035	1,255	1,100	1,295	1,175	1,155	9,560	1,150	1,080	1,210	1,085	4,525	14,290
	Bulgaria	1,045	1,080	1,385	1,505	2,790	2,065	2,550	1,730	795	14,945	375	355	505	200	1,435	18,990
	Finland	365	315	335	335	460	480	310	275	270	3,145	240	360	430	400	1,430	5,295
	Cyprus	185	170	160	225	215	265	340	405	250	2,215	255	355	505	215	1,330	2,840
	Hungary	5,685	4,625	4,605	1,750	1,260	1,055	1,155	675	580	21,390	460	355	265	190	1,270	28,215
	Poland	1,095	1,330	1,425	1,045	765	620	395	390	395	7,460	345	300	320	270	1,235	9,785
	Denmark	395	360	465	395	290	300	345	275	255	3,080	220	205	245	235	905	6,070
	Luxembourg	125	115	170	120	195	195	275	165	200	1,560	230	225	225	0	680	2,065
	Romania	85	50	80	115	140	190	415	275	290	1,640	90	125	410	0	625	1,855
	Ireland	155	140	155	160	195	220	185	225	260	1,695	165	225	215	0	605	2,315
	Malta	105	120	170	130	175	165	220	145	110	1,340	120	105	160	105	490	1,735
Czech Republic	115	75	90	85	90	115	120	80	75	845	110	90	95	0	295	1,205	
Slovenia	30	55	30	35	120	110	85	185	130	780	30	30	130	60	250	1,265	
Portugal	50	50	60	70	60	70	80	65	60	565	65	70	115	0	250	710	
Latvia	40	5	45	25	30	25	55	60	30	315	55	45	55	50	205	345	
Lithuania	10	15	45	35	65	40	100	50	15	375	60	10	30	70	170	415	
Croatia	190	100	90	90	230	360	395	260	175	1,890	45	45	55	0	145	2,150	
Estonia	15	25	10	10	10	20	20	25	5	140	25	15	20	30	90	150	
Slovak Republic	5	5	5	0	20	15	5	20	15	90	25	20	15	0	60	100	
Total	105,395	99,140	118,995	114,495	133,235	118,855	78,180	70,265	58,930	897,490	54,675	52,355	59,530	27,935	194,495	1,205,535	
Not EU	Switzerland	1,625	1,790	2,215	2,370	2,315	2,090	2,010	1,845	1,660	17,920	1,490	1,385	1,495	1,230	5,600	25,875
	Norway	225	200	250	255	295	265	260	225	410	2,385	465	305	400	340	1,510	3,275
	Total	1,850	1,990	2,465	2,625	2,610	2,355	2,270	2,070	2,070	20,305	1,955	1,690	1,895	1,570	7,110	29,150
Total	107,245	101,130	121,460	117,120	135,845	121,210	80,450	72,335	61,000	917,795	56,630	54,045	61,425	29,505	201,605	1,234,685	

First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from May 2016 - April 2017

	2016								2017				Total
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
Syrian Arab Republic	30,055	33,015	29,830	32,755	29,115	13,745	11,890	9,730	7,545	7,695	8,665	4,225	218,265
Afghanistan	17,255	22,435	21,060	24,720	18,660	10,230	7,145	5,095	4,615	3,745	4,765	1,695	141,420
Iraq	10,920	13,070	11,580	14,190	12,215	6,425	5,125	4,210	3,430	3,640	3,775	1,690	90,270
Nigeria	3,005	4,205	4,620	5,825	5,585	5,105	5,355	4,085	4,125	3,860	3,770	2,405	51,945
Pakistan	4,175	4,770	4,185	5,350	4,570	2,995	3,155	2,575	2,435	2,520	3,045	1,225	41,000
Eritrea	2,545	4,160	4,490	4,440	4,050	3,910	3,925	3,400	2,660	2,350	2,270	1,770	39,970
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	3,270	3,985	4,520	4,765	4,270	2,740	1,985	1,700	1,685	1,355	1,550	1,130	32,955
Albania	1,960	2,450	2,635	2,900	3,630	2,375	2,560	2,200	1,795	1,550	2,200	580	26,835
Russian Federation	2,545	3,310	2,755	2,725	2,130	1,465	1,210	1,230	1,065	1,050	1,145	695	21,325
Somalia	1,735	2,245	2,195	2,200	2,215	1,875	1,475	1,230	1,160	1,070	1,165	805	19,370
Others	23,695	27,805	29,275	36,010	34,935	29,745	28,740	25,640	26,175	25,255	29,120	13,325	329,720
Total	101,160	121,450	117,145	135,880	121,375	80,610	72,565	61,095	56,690	54,090	61,470	29,545	1,013,075

Figures are sorted by total in 2017. 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 2017 Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by Italy and France. Figures for May, June and Juli 2017 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 2017) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 1st

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 2017

	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	77,520	36%	357.134	8%	82,2	16%	2,624	20%
	2	Italy	46,305	22%	301.339	7%	60,7	12%	1,541	12%
	3	France	21,960	10%	543.965	12%	66,8	13%	1,830	14%
	4	Greece	16,545	8%	131.957	3%	10,8	2%	213	2%
	5	United Kingdom	8,440	4%	248.484	6%	65,4	13%	1,742	13%
	6	Spain	6,715	3%	498.511	11%	46,4	9%	1,125	9%
	7	Austria	5,820	3%	83.879	2%	8,7	2%	281	2%
	8	Netherlands	5,805	3%	37.369	1%	17,0	3%	548	4%
	9	Sweden	5,640	3%	438.576	10%	9,9	2%	314	2%
	10	Belgium	5,605	3%	30.527	1%	11,3	2%	339	3%
	11	Hungary	1,505	1%	93.024	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	12	Poland	1,445	1%	312.679	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	13	Bulgaria	1,435	1%	110.900	3%	7,2	1%	87	1%
	14	Finland	1,430	1%	338.433	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	15	Cyprus	1,330	1%	9.251	0%	0,8	0%	19	0%
	16	Denmark	1,190	1%	42.895	1%	5,7	1%	180	1%
	17	Luxembourg	680	0%	2.586	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	18	Romania	625	0%	238.392	5%	19,8	4%	278	2%
	19	Ireland	605	0%	69.797	2%	4,7	1%	149	1%
	20	Malta	490	0%	316	0%	0,4	0%	10	0%
	21	Czech Republic	295	0%	78.865	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	22	Portugal	250	0%	89.089	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	23	Slovenia	250	0%	20.273	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	24	Latvia	225	0%	64.562	1%	2,0	0%	35	0%
	25	Lithuania	170	0%	65.300	1%	2,9	1%	56	0%
	26	Croatia	145	0%	87.661	2%	4,2	1%	66	1%
	27	Estonia	110	0%	45.227	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
	28	Slovak Republic	60	0%	49.036	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
EU - Total			212,595	100%	4.390.027	100%	510,3	100%	13,068.743	100%
Not EU		Switzerland	6,950	3%	41.285	1%	8,3	2%	326	2%
		Norway	1,915	1%	323.779	7%	5,2	1%	250	2%
Not EU - Total			8,865	4%	365.064	8%	13,5	3%	575.674	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 2017 Germany received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by Italy and France. 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 2017) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 1st

Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2017 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	1.551	32,7	490	316
2	Luxembourg	263	5,5	680	2.586
3	Germany	217	4,6	77,520	357.134
4	Belgium	184	3,9	5,605	30.527
5	Netherlands	155	3,3	5,805	37.369
6	Italy	154	3,2	46,305	301.339
7	Cyprus	144	3,0	1,330	9.251
8	Greece	125	2,6	16,545	131.957
9	Austria	69	1,5	5,820	83.879
	TOTAL EU-28	48	1,0	212,595	4.477.688
10	France	40	0,9	21,960	543.965
11	United Kingdom	34	0,7	8,440	248.484
12	Denmark	28	0,6	1,190	42.895
13	Hungary	16	0,3	1,505	93.024
14	Spain	13	0,3	6,715	498.511
15	Bulgaria	13	0,3	1,435	110.900
16	Sweden	13	0,3	5,640	438.576
17	Slovenia	12	0,3	250	20.273
18	Ireland	9	0,2	605	69.797
19	Poland	5	0,1	1,445	312.679
20	Finland	4	0,1	1,430	338.433
21	Czech Republic	4	0,1	295	78.865
22	Latvia	3	0,1	225	64.562
23	Portugal	3	0,1	250	89.089
24	Romania	3	0,1	625	238.392
25	Lithuania	3	0,1	170	65.300
26	Estonia	2	0,1	110	45.227
27	Croatia	2	0,0	145	87.661
28	Slovak Republic	1	0,0	60	49.036
	Norway	6	0,1	1,915	323.779
	Switzerland	168	3,5	6,950	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 (1.551 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 32,7 times more applicants than the EU average (48 per 1.000 sq km). Luxembourg and Germany ranked second and third at some distance with 5,5 and 4,6 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 5th in the EU with 3,3 times the EU average.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2017) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 1st

Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2017 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	1,568	3,8	1,330	0,8
2	Greece	1,534	3,7	16,545	10,8
3	Luxembourg	1,180	2,8	680	0,6
4	Malta	1,128	2,7	490	0,4
5	Germany	943	2,3	77,520	82,2
6	Italy	763	1,8	46,305	60,7
7	Austria	670	1,6	5,820	8,7
8	Sweden	573	1,4	5,640	9,9
9	Belgium	496	1,2	5,605	11,3
	TOTAL EU-28	417	1,0	212,595	510,3
10	Netherlands	342	0,8	5,805	17,0
11	France	329	0,8	21,960	66,8
12	Finland	261	0,6	1,430	5,5
13	Denmark	209	0,5	1,190	5,7
14	Bulgaria	201	0,5	1,435	7,2
15	Hungary	153	0,4	1,505	9,8
16	Spain	145	0,3	6,715	46,4
17	United Kingdom	129	0,3	8,440	65,4
18	Ireland	128	0,3	605	4,7
19	Slovenia	121	0,3	250	2,1
20	Latvia	114	0,3	225	2,0
21	Estonia	84	0,2	110	1,3
22	Lithuania	59	0,1	170	2,9
23	Poland	38	0,1	1,445	38,0
24	Croatia	35	0,1	145	4,2
25	Romania	32	0,1	625	19,8
26	Czech Republic	28	0,1	295	10,6
27	Portugal	24	0,1	250	10,3
28	Slovak Republic	11	0,0	60	5,4
	Norway	368	0,9	1,915	5,2
	Switzerland	835	2,0	6,950	8,3

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: 1,568 applications per million inhabitants, 3,8 times the EU average (417 applications per million inhabitants). Greece and Luxembourg ranked second and third (3,7 and 2,8 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 10th in the EU with 342 applications per million inhabitants.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2017) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 1st

Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2017 related to GDP size

Rank	Country of asylum	Application per billion PPS	In relation to Total EU 28 = 1	Number of Applications	GDP
1	Greece	77,9	4,8	16,545	213
2	Cyprus	69,3	4,3	1,330	19
3	Malta	51,0	3,1	490	10
4	Italy	30,0	1,8	46,305	1,541
5	Germany	29,5	1,8	77,520	2,624
6	Austria	20,7	1,3	5,820	281
7	Luxembourg	18,4	1,1	680	37
8	Sweden	18,0	1,1	5,640	314
9	Belgium	16,5	1,0	5,605	339
10	Bulgaria	16,5	1,0	1,435	87
	TOTAL EU-28	16,0	1,0	212,595	13,069
11	France	12,0	0,7	21,960	1,830
12	Netherlands	10,6	0,7	5,805	548
13	Finland	9,2	0,6	1,430	156
14	Hungary	8,9	0,5	1,505	170
15	Denmark	6,6	0,4	1,190	180
16	Latvia	6,5	0,4	225	35
17	Spain	6,0	0,4	6,715	1,125
18	Slovenia	5,7	0,4	250	44
19	United Kingdom	4,8	0,3	8,440	1,742
20	Estonia	4,4	0,3	110	25
21	Ireland	4,0	0,2	605	149
22	Lithuania	3,0	0,2	170	56
23	Romania	2,2	0,1	625	278
24	Croatia	2,2	0,1	145	66
25	Poland	2,1	0,1	1,445	673
26	Czech Republic	1,4	0,1	295	216
27	Portugal	1,2	0,1	250	203
28	Slovak Republic	0,6	0,0	60	106
	Norway	7,7	0,5	1,915	250
	Switzerland	21,3	1,3	6,950	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.

Greece, Cyprus and Malta were the number one, two and three with respectively 4,8, 4,3 and 3,1 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 12th with 0,7 times the EU average.



Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 1st

Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2017

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	12,8	32,7	2,7	3,1
2	Greece	3,7	2,6	3,7	4,8
3	Cyprus	3,7	3,0	3,8	4,3
4	Luxembourg	3,2	5,5	2,8	1,1
5	Germany	2,9	4,6	2,3	1,8
6	Italy	2,3	3,2	1,8	1,8
7	Belgium	2,0	3,9	1,2	1,0
8	Netherlands	1,6	3,3	0,8	0,7
9	Austria	1,4	1,5	1,6	1,3
	TOTAL EU-28	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
10	Sweden	0,9	0,3	1,4	1,1
11	France	0,8	0,9	0,8	0,7
12	Bulgaria	0,6	0,3	0,5	1,0
13	Denmark	0,5	0,6	0,5	0,4
14	United Kingdom	0,4	0,7	0,3	0,3
15	Finland	0,4	0,1	0,6	0,6
16	Hungary	0,4	0,3	0,4	0,5
17	Spain	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,4
18	Slovenia	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,4
19	Latvia	0,2	0,1	0,3	0,4
20	Ireland	0,2	0,2	0,3	0,2
21	Estonia	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,3
22	Lithuania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
23	Poland	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
24	Romania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
25	Croatia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
26	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
27	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
28	Slovak Republic	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Norway	0,5	0,1	0,9	0,5
	Switzerland	2,3	3,5	2,0	1,3

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

Malta received 12,8 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Greece and Cyprus followed with 3,7 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 8th, receiving 1,6 times as many applications than the EU average.