



## **Asylum Trends**

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**First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2017 and 2018**  
Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 2nd

		2017										2018					Total 2017
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total	
EU	Germany	14.588	16.182	14.964	16.109	18.281	16.177	15.918	17.531	12.487	<b>142.237</b>	12.907	10.758	10.710	11.383	<b>45.758</b>	198.310
	France	7.283	7.283	6.873	7.736	7.584	6.985	8.183	8.631	8.933	<b>69.491</b>	8.226	8.357	8.671	8.768	<b>34.022</b>	91.965
	Italy	9.407	11.941	12.813	12.051	10.068	10.388	9.623	8.324	5.041	<b>89.656</b>	6.611	5.605	5.607	4.147	<b>21.970</b>	126.560
	Greece	2.606	3.901	4.035	3.972	4.889	5.741	6.202	5.221	3.858	<b>40.425</b>	4.636	3.945	4.385	5.103	<b>18.069</b>	56.951
	United Kingdom	2.207	2.815	2.716	2.687	2.707	2.836	3.072	3.126	2.777	<b>24.943</b>	2.921	2.674	2.939	2.556	<b>11.090</b>	33.379
	Spain	1.940	2.726	2.351	2.693	3.188	2.832	2.830	2.966	2.207	<b>23.733</b>	3.079	2.837	2.846	0	<b>8.762</b>	30.447
	Netherlands	1.161	1.281	1.335	1.528	1.432	1.390	1.308	1.296	1.342	<b>12.073</b>	1.587	1.221	1.399	1.460	<b>5.667</b>	16.091
	Belgium	1.084	1.081	1.049	1.172	1.243	1.316	1.344	1.237	1.084	<b>10.610</b>	1.458	1.205	1.344	1.126	<b>5.133</b>	14.054
	Sweden	1.255	1.423	2.061	2.094	2.672	2.495	2.224	1.931	1.670	<b>17.825</b>	1.787	1.357	1.291	0	<b>4.435</b>	22.227
	Austria	1.779	1.921	1.842	2.031	2.335	1.853	1.939	1.474	1.448	<b>16.622</b>	1.299	1.014	1.119	873	<b>4.305</b>	22.471
	Cyprus	217	249	265	438	275	635	374	552	360	<b>3.365</b>	417	378	531	393	<b>1.719</b>	4.475
	Ireland	170	294	212	177	216	335	313	289	305	<b>2.311</b>	311	290	373	219	<b>1.193</b>	2.912
	Finland	402	428	421	442	434	270	314	310	301	<b>3.322</b>	299	226	244	237	<b>1.006</b>	4.351
	Denmark	236	284	289	302	300	311	276	260	210	<b>2.468</b>	250	231	263	225	<b>969</b>	3.140
	Poland	269	212	253	397	227	196	161	164	160	<b>2.039</b>	224	185	176	218	<b>803</b>	3.005
	Slovenia	61	188	152	118	144	152	161	127	149	<b>1.252</b>	164	219	127	273	<b>783</b>	1.438
	Luxembourg	185	196	143	161	181	193	184	155	248	<b>1.646</b>	186	127	132	134	<b>579</b>	2.323
	Romania	641	403	282	412	749	683	467	291	144	<b>4.072</b>	202	95	58	177	<b>532</b>	4.701
	Malta	103	169	139	176	122	125	173	128	93	<b>1.228</b>	143	126	125	122	<b>516</b>	1.612
	Czech Republic	73	112	93	107	85	94	110	89	82	<b>845</b>	111	95	96	93	<b>395</b>	1.142
Bulgaria	200	255	232	215	305	363	313	180	172	<b>2.235</b>	148	62	84	89	<b>383</b>	3.470	
Hungary	192	234	227	226	265	227	229	227	210	<b>2.037</b>	179	56	48	42	<b>325</b>	3.118	
Portugal	77	79	103	72	60	102	88	106	75	<b>762</b>	79	78	87	0	<b>244</b>	1.013	
Croatia	66	69	66	111	109	62	93	121	41	<b>738</b>	48	59	108	24	<b>239</b>	883	
Lithuania	70	39	61	87	33	21	41	37	34	<b>423</b>	17	14	7	31	<b>69</b>	522	
Latvia	50	21	36	17	19	20	16	16	3	<b>198</b>	17	20	13	9	<b>59</b>	355	
Slovak Republic	5	8	17	4	9	8	21	8	15	<b>95</b>	27	10	8	11	<b>56</b>	153	
Estonia	31	18	18	9	15	9	15	7	4	<b>126</b>	4	2	3	7	<b>16</b>	182	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>46.358</b>	<b>53.812</b>	<b>53.048</b>	<b>55.544</b>	<b>57.947</b>	<b>55.819</b>	<b>55.992</b>	<b>54.804</b>	<b>43.453</b>	<b>476.777</b>	<b>47.337</b>	<b>41.246</b>	<b>42.794</b>	<b>37.720</b>	<b>169.097</b>	<b>651.250</b>
Not EU	Switzerland	1.228	1.351	1.534	1.562	1.547	1.308	1.390	1.303	1.076	<b>12.299</b>	1.272	1.212	1.152	1.127	<b>4.763</b>	16.669
	Norway	342	406	359	256	234	165	169	131	151	<b>2.213</b>	151	142	150	179	<b>622</b>	3.384
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.570</b>	<b>1.757</b>	<b>1.893</b>	<b>1.818</b>	<b>1.781</b>	<b>1.473</b>	<b>1.559</b>	<b>1.434</b>	<b>1.227</b>	<b>14.512</b>	<b>1.423</b>	<b>1.354</b>	<b>1.302</b>	<b>1.306</b>	<b>5.385</b>	<b>20.053</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>47.928</b>	<b>55.569</b>	<b>54.941</b>	<b>57.362</b>	<b>59.728</b>	<b>57.292</b>	<b>57.551</b>	<b>56.238</b>	<b>44.680</b>	<b>491.289</b>	<b>48.760</b>	<b>42.600</b>	<b>44.096</b>	<b>39.026</b>	<b>174.482</b>	<b>671.303</b>	

**First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from May 2017 - April 2018**

	2017									2018				Total
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr		
Syrian Arab Republic	8.918	8.176	9.769	10.848	9.182	8.902	8.697	6.438	5.814	5.227	5.118	5.813	<b>92.902</b>	
Iraq	3.748	3.417	3.621	4.733	5.055	5.097	4.505	3.475	3.441	2.930	3.012	2.857	<b>45.891</b>	
Afghanistan	3.721	3.532	3.349	3.897	3.361	3.414	3.720	2.922	2.836	2.531	2.554	2.637	<b>38.474</b>	
Nigeria	3.395	3.828	3.843	3.305	3.049	2.981	2.780	1.873	2.522	1.905	2.171	1.878	<b>33.530</b>	
Pakistan	2.571	2.494	2.415	2.514	2.514	2.687	2.371	1.912	2.115	1.828	1.905	1.648	<b>26.974</b>	
Eritrea	2.107	2.785	2.648	2.629	3.077	1.951	1.559	1.588	1.649	1.259	1.765	1.593	<b>24.610</b>	
Albania	2.053	2.010	2.111	2.215	1.735	1.575	1.651	1.446	1.388	1.309	1.454	1.295	<b>20.242</b>	
Bangladesh	1.934	1.964	1.652	1.631	1.565	1.632	1.390	1.153	1.307	1.249	1.186	927	<b>17.590</b>	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1.459	1.326	1.337	1.378	1.574	1.590	1.504	1.223	1.610	1.277	1.341	1.622	<b>17.241</b>	
Turkey	1.017	983	1.195	1.630	1.731	1.924	1.908	1.060	1.378	1.270	1.210	1.216	<b>16.522</b>	
Others	24.737	24.567	25.556	25.112	24.554	25.888	26.229	21.658	24.784	21.902	22.465	17.627	<b>285.079</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>55.660</b>	<b>55.082</b>	<b>57.496</b>	<b>59.892</b>	<b>57.397</b>	<b>57.641</b>	<b>56.314</b>	<b>44.748</b>	<b>48.844</b>	<b>42.687</b>	<b>44.181</b>	<b>39.113</b>	<b>619.055</b>	

Figures are sorted by total in 2018. 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 2018 Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by France and Italy. Figures for May, June and July 2018 are not yet available for all EU countries. Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan 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 2018) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 2nd

### 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 2018**

	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	68.115	33%	358.327	8%	82,5	16%	2.624	20%
	2	France	34.022	16%	549.060	13%	67,0	13%	1.830	14%
	3	Italy	21.970	11%	301.291	7%	60,6	12%	1.541	12%
	4	Greece	18.069	9%	131.912	3%	10,8	2%	213	2%
	5	United Kingdom	13.871	7%	247.763	6%	65,8	13%	1.742	13%
	6	Spain	13.706	7%	498.504	11%	46,5	9%	1.125	9%
	7	Netherlands	8.559	4%	37.824	1%	17,1	3%	548	4%
	8	Belgium	6.453	3%	30.668	1%	11,4	2%	339	3%
	9	Austria	5.269	3%	83.944	2%	8,8	2%	281	2%
	10	Sweden	4.435	2%	449.896	10%	10,0	2%	314	2%
	11	Cyprus	2.221	1%	9.249	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	12	Poland	1.363	1%	313.851	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	13	Finland	1.248	1%	337.547	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	14	Denmark	1.203	1%	43.162	1%	5,7	1%	180	1%
	15	Ireland	1.193	1%	70.601	2%	4,8	1%	149	1%
	16	Slovenia	1.144	1%	20.277	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	17	Romania	645	0%	239.068	5%	19,6	4%	278	2%
	18	Luxembourg	579	0%	2.595	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	19	Malta	516	0%	315	0%	0,5	0%	10	0%
	20	Bulgaria	463	0%	110.995	3%	7,1	1%	87	1%
	21	Hungary	430	0%	93.013	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	22	Czech Republic	395	0%	78.874	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	23	Portugal	244	0%	88.847	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	24	Croatia	239	0%	56.539	1%	4,2	1%	66	1%
	25	Lithuania	102	0%	65.412	1%	2,8	1%	56	0%
	26	Slovak Republic	84	0%	49.026	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
	27	Latvia	68	0%	65.519	1%	2,0	0%	35	0%
	28	Estonia	23	0%	45.347	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
<b>EU - Total</b>			<b>206.629</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.379.426</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>511,5</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,069</b>	<b>100%</b>
Not EU		Switzerland	5.888	3%	41.285	1%	8,4	2%	326	2%
		Norway	1.096	1%	323.787	7%	5,3	1%	250	2%
<b>Not EU - Total</b>			<b>6.984</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>365.072</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>13,7</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>4%</b>

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 2018 Germany received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by France and Italy. The Netherlands ranked 7th 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 2018) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 2nd

**Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2018 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	1.638	35,3	516	315
2	Cyprus	240	5,2	2.221	9.249
3	Netherlands	226	4,9	8.559	37.824
4	Luxembourg	223	4,8	579	2.595
5	Belgium	210	4,5	6.453	30.668
6	Germany	190	4,1	68.115	358.327
7	Greece	137	3,0	18.069	131.912
8	Italy	73	1,6	21.970	301.291
9	Austria	63	1,4	5.269	83.944
10	France	62	1,3	34.022	549.060
11	Slovenia	56	1,2	1.144	20.277
12	United Kingdom	56	1,2	13.871	247.763
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>207.020</b>	<b>4.467.087</b>
13	Denmark	28	0,6	1.203	43.162
14	Spain	27	0,6	13.706	498.504
15	Ireland	17	0,4	1.193	70.601
16	Sweden	10	0,2	4.435	449.896
17	Czech Republic	5	0,1	395	78.874
18	Hungary	5	0,1	430	93.013
19	Poland	4	0,1	1.363	313.851
20	Croatia	4	0,1	239	56.539
21	Bulgaria	4	0,1	463	110.995
22	Finland	4	0,1	1.248	337.547
23	Portugal	3	0,1	244	88.847
24	Romania	3	0,1	645	239.068
25	Slovak Republic	2	0,0	84	49.026
26	Lithuania	2	0,0	102	65.412
27	Latvia	1	0,0	68	65.519
28	Estonia	1	0,0	23	45.347
	Norway	3	0,1	1.096	323.787
	Switzerland	143	3,1	5.888	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 (1.638 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 35,3 times more applicants than the EU average (47 per 1.000 sq km). Cyprus and Netherlands ranked second and third at some distance with 5,2 and 4,9 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 3th in the EU with 4,9 times the EU average.



## First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2018) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 2nd

**Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2018 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	2.598	6,4	2.221	0,9
2	Greece	1.678	4,1	18.069	10,8
3	Malta	1.121	2,8	516	0,5
4	Luxembourg	980	2,4	579	0,6
5	Germany	825	2,0	68.115	82,5
6	Austria	601	1,5	5.269	8,8
7	Belgium	568	1,4	6.453	11,4
8	Slovenia	554	1,4	1.144	2,1
9	France	508	1,3	34.022	67,0
10	Netherlands	501	1,2	8.559	17,1
11	Sweden	444	1,1	4.435	10,0
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>207.020</b>	<b>511,9</b>
12	Italy	363	0,9	21.970	60,6
13	Spain	295	0,7	13.706	46,5
14	Ireland	249	0,6	1.193	4,8
15	Finland	227	0,6	1.248	5,5
16	United Kingdom	211	0,5	13.871	65,8
17	Denmark	209	0,5	1.203	5,7
18	Bulgaria	65	0,2	463	7,1
19	Croatia	58	0,1	239	4,2
20	Hungary	44	0,1	430	9,8
21	Czech Republic	37	0,1	395	10,6
22	Poland	36	0,1	1.363	38,0
23	Lithuania	36	0,1	102	2,8
24	Latvia	35	0,1	68	2,0
25	Romania	33	0,1	645	19,6
26	Portugal	24	0,1	244	10,3
27	Estonia	17	0,0	23	1,3
28	Slovak Republic	15	0,0	84	5,4
	Norway	208	0,5	1.096	5,3
	Switzerland	699	1,7	5.888	8,4

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: 2.598 applications per million inhabitants, 6,4 times the EU average (404 applications per million inhabitants). Greece and Malta ranked second and third (4,1 and 2,8 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 10th in the EU with 501 applications per million inhabitants.



## First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2018) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 2nd

**Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2018 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	115,7	7,3	2.221	19
2	Greece	85,0	5,4	18.069	213
3	Malta	53,7	3,4	516	10
4	Slovenia	26,1	1,7	1.144	44
5	Germany	26,0	1,6	68.115	2.624
6	Belgium	19,0	1,2	6.453	339
7	Austria	18,8	1,2	5.269	281
8	France	18,6	1,2	34.022	1.830
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>16,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>207.020</b>	<b>13.078</b>
9	Luxembourg	15,6	1,0	579	37
10	Netherlands	15,6	1,0	8.559	548
11	Italy	14,3	0,9	21.970	1.541
12	Sweden	14,1	0,9	4.435	314
13	Spain	12,2	0,8	13.706	1.125
14	Finland	8,0	0,5	1.248	156
15	Ireland	8,0	0,5	1.193	149
16	United Kingdom	8,0	0,5	13.871	1.742
17	Denmark	6,7	0,4	1.203	180
18	Bulgaria	5,3	0,3	463	87
19	Croatia	3,6	0,2	239	66
20	Hungary	2,5	0,2	430	170
21	Romania	2,3	0,1	645	278
22	Poland	2,0	0,1	1.363	673
23	Latvia	2,0	0,1	68	35
24	Czech Republic	1,8	0,1	395	216
25	Lithuania	1,8	0,1	102	56
26	Portugal	1,2	0,1	244	203
27	Estonia	0,9	0,1	23	25
28	Slovak Republic	0,8	0,0	84	106
	Norway	4,4	0,3	1.096	250
	Switzerland	18,1	1,1	5.888	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, Greece and Malta were the number one, two and three with respectively 7,3, 5,4 and 3,4 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 10th with 1,0 times the EU average.



## Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by August 2nd

**Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2018**

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	13,8	35,3	2,8	3,4
2	Cyprus	6,3	5,2	6,4	7,3
3	Greece	4,2	3,0	4,1	5,4
4	Luxembourg	2,7	4,8	2,4	1,0
5	Germany	2,6	4,1	2,0	1,6
6	Belgium	2,4	4,5	1,4	1,2
7	Netherlands	2,4	4,9	1,2	1,0
8	Slovenia	1,4	1,2	1,4	1,7
9	Austria	1,3	1,4	1,5	1,2
10	France	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,2
11	Italy	1,1	1,6	0,9	0,9
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>
12	United Kingdom	0,7	1,2	0,5	0,5
13	Sweden	0,7	0,2	1,1	0,9
14	Spain	0,7	0,6	0,7	0,8
15	Denmark	0,5	0,6	0,5	0,4
16	Ireland	0,5	0,4	0,6	0,5
17	Finland	0,4	0,1	0,6	0,5
18	Bulgaria	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,3
19	Croatia	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,2
20	Hungary	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
21	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
22	Poland	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
23	Romania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
24	Lithuania	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
25	Latvia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
26	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
27	Slovak Republic	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
28	Estonia	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1
	Norway	0,3	0,1	0,5	0,3
	Switzerland	2,0	3,1	1,7	1,1

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

Malta received 13,8 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Cyprus followed with 6,3 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 7th, receiving 2,4 times as many applications than the EU average.