



## **Asylum Trends**

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**First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2017 and 2018**

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by July 2nd

		2017										2018				Total 2017	
		Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar		Total
EU	Germany	19.885	14.590	16.180	14.965	16.110	18.280	16.175	15.920	17.530	12.485	<b>162.120</b>	12.905	10.760	10.710	<b>34.375</b>	198.310
	France	8.155	7.285	7.285	6.875	7.735	7.585	6.985	8.185	8.630	8.935	<b>77.655</b>	8.225	8.355	8.670	<b>25.250</b>	91.965
	Italy	13.510	9.405	11.940	12.815	12.050	10.070	10.390	9.625	8.325	5.040	<b>103.170</b>	6.610	5.605	5.605	<b>17.820</b>	126.560
	Greece	4.750	2.605	3.900	4.035	3.970	4.890	5.740	6.200	5.220	3.860	<b>45.170</b>	4.635	3.945	4.385	<b>12.965</b>	56.950
	Spain	2.365	1.940	2.725	2.350	2.695	3.190	2.830	2.830	2.965	2.205	<b>26.095</b>	3.080	2.835	2.845	<b>8.760</b>	30.445
	United Kingdom	3.145	2.205	2.815	2.715	2.685	2.705	2.835	3.070	3.125	2.775	<b>28.075</b>	2.935	2.695	2.970	<b>8.600</b>	33.380
	Sweden	1.525	1.255	1.425	2.060	2.095	2.670	2.495	2.225	1.930	1.670	<b>19.350</b>	1.785	1.355	1.290	<b>4.430</b>	22.225
	Netherlands	1.370	1.160	1.280	1.335	1.530	1.430	1.390	1.310	1.295	1.340	<b>13.440</b>	1.585	1.220	1.400	<b>4.205</b>	16.090
	Belgium	1.210	1.085	1.080	1.050	1.170	1.245	1.315	1.345	1.235	1.085	<b>11.820</b>	1.460	1.205	1.345	<b>4.010</b>	14.055
	Austria	1.940	1.780	1.920	1.840	2.030	2.335	1.855	1.940	1.475	1.450	<b>18.565</b>	1.300	1.015	1.120	<b>3.435</b>	22.470
	Cyprus	505	215	250	265	440	275	635	375	550	360	<b>3.870</b>	415	380	530	<b>1.325</b>	4.475
	Ireland	215	170	295	210	175	215	335	315	290	305	<b>2.525</b>	310	290	375	<b>975</b>	2.910
	Finland	430	400	430	420	440	435	270	315	310	300	<b>3.750</b>	300	225	245	<b>770</b>	4.350
	Denmark	245	235	285	290	300	300	310	275	260	210	<b>2.710</b>	250	230	265	<b>745</b>	3.140
	Poland	320	270	210	255	395	225	195	160	165	160	<b>2.355</b>	225	185	175	<b>585</b>	3.005
	Slovenia	130	60	190	150	120	145	150	160	125	150	<b>1.380</b>	165	220	125	<b>510</b>	1.440
	Luxembourg	225	185	195	145	160	180	195	185	155	250	<b>1.875</b>	185	125	130	<b>440</b>	2.325
	Malta	160	105	170	140	175	120	125	175	130	95	<b>1.395</b>	145	125	125	<b>395</b>	1.610
	Romania	410	640	405	280	410	750	685	465	290	145	<b>4.480</b>	200	95	60	<b>355</b>	4.700
	Czech Republic	95	75	110	95	105	85	95	110	90	80	<b>940</b>	110	95	95	<b>300</b>	1.140
Bulgaria	505	200	255	230	215	305	365	315	180	170	<b>2.740</b>	150	60	85	<b>295</b>	3.470	
Hungary	265	190	235	225	225	265	225	230	225	210	<b>2.295</b>	180	55	50	<b>285</b>	3.120	
Portugal	115	75	80	105	70	60	100	90	105	75	<b>875</b>	80	80	85	<b>245</b>	1.015	
Croatia	55	65	70	65	110	110	60	95	120	40	<b>790</b>	50	60	110	<b>220</b>	885	
Latvia	55	50	20	35	15	20	20	15	15	5	<b>250</b>	15	20	15	<b>50</b>	355	
Slovak Republic	15	5	10	15	5	10	10	20	10	15	<b>115</b>	25	10	10	<b>45</b>	155	
Lithuania	30	70	40	60	85	35	20	40	35	35	<b>450</b>	15	15	5	<b>35</b>	520	
Estonia	20	30	20	20	10	15	10	15	5	5	<b>150</b>	5	0	5	<b>10</b>	180	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>61.650</b>	<b>46.350</b>	<b>53.820</b>	<b>53.045</b>	<b>55.525</b>	<b>57.950</b>	<b>55.815</b>	<b>56.005</b>	<b>54.790</b>	<b>43.455</b>	<b>538.405</b>	<b>47.345</b>	<b>41.260</b>	<b>42.830</b>	<b>131.435</b>	<b>651.245</b>
Not EU	Switzerland	1.495	1.230	1.350	1.535	1.560	1.545	1.310	1.390	1.305	1.075	<b>13.795</b>	1.270	1.210	1.150	<b>3.630</b>	16.670
	Norway	400	340	405	360	255	235	165	170	130	150	<b>2.610</b>	150	140	150	<b>440</b>	3.385
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.895</b>	<b>1.570</b>	<b>1.755</b>	<b>1.895</b>	<b>1.815</b>	<b>1.780</b>	<b>1.475</b>	<b>1.560</b>	<b>1.435</b>	<b>1.225</b>	<b>16.405</b>	<b>1.420</b>	<b>1.350</b>	<b>1.300</b>	<b>4.070</b>	<b>20.055</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>63.545</b>	<b>47.920</b>	<b>55.575</b>	<b>54.940</b>	<b>57.340</b>	<b>59.730</b>	<b>57.290</b>	<b>57.565</b>	<b>56.225</b>	<b>44.680</b>	<b>554.810</b>	<b>48.765</b>	<b>42.610</b>	<b>44.130</b>	<b>135.505</b>	<b>671.300</b>	

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

	2017										2018			Total
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
Syrian Arab Republic	7.055	8.920	8.175	9.770	10.850	9.180	8.900	8.695	6.440	5.815	5.225	5.120	<b>94.145</b>	
Iraq	2.850	3.750	3.415	3.620	4.735	5.055	5.095	4.505	3.475	3.440	2.930	3.010	<b>45.880</b>	
Afghanistan	3.240	3.720	3.530	3.350	3.895	3.360	3.415	3.720	2.920	2.835	2.530	2.555	<b>39.070</b>	
Nigeria	2.870	3.395	3.830	3.845	3.305	3.050	2.980	2.780	1.875	2.520	1.905	2.170	<b>34.525</b>	
Pakistan	2.265	2.570	2.495	2.415	2.515	2.515	2.685	2.370	1.910	2.115	1.830	1.905	<b>27.590</b>	
Eritrea	2.140	2.105	2.785	2.650	2.630	3.075	1.950	1.560	1.590	1.650	1.260	1.765	<b>25.160</b>	
Albania	2.065	2.055	2.010	2.110	2.215	1.735	1.575	1.650	1.445	1.390	1.310	1.455	<b>21.015</b>	
Bangladesh	1.640	1.935	1.965	1.650	1.630	1.565	1.630	1.390	1.155	1.305	1.250	1.185	<b>18.300</b>	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1.615	1.460	1.325	1.335	1.380	1.575	1.590	1.505	1.225	1.610	1.275	1.340	<b>17.235</b>	
Turkey	910	1.015	985	1.195	1.630	1.730	1.925	1.910	1.060	1.380	1.270	1.210	<b>16.220</b>	
Others	21.345	24.695	24.550	25.535	25.100	24.525	25.870	26.195	21.620	24.750	21.885	22.435	<b>288.505</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>47.995</b>	<b>55.620</b>	<b>55.065</b>	<b>57.475</b>	<b>59.885</b>	<b>57.365</b>	<b>57.615</b>	<b>56.280</b>	<b>44.715</b>	<b>48.810</b>	<b>42.670</b>	<b>44.150</b>	<b>627.645</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 April, May and June 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 July 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	56.610	33%	358.327	8%	82,5	16%	2.624	20%
	2	France	25.250	15%	549.060	13%	67,0	13%	1.830	14%
	3	Italy	21.965	13%	301.291	7%	60,6	12%	1.541	12%
	4	Greece	12.965	8%	131.912	3%	10,8	2%	213	2%
	5	United Kingdom	11.180	7%	247.763	6%	65,8	13%	1.742	13%
	6	Spain	8.760	5%	498.504	11%	46,5	9%	1.125	9%
	7	Netherlands	7.260	4%	37.824	1%	17,1	3%	548	4%
	8	Belgium	6.455	4%	30.668	1%	11,4	2%	339	3%
	9	Austria	5.275	3%	83.944	2%	8,8	2%	281	2%
	10	Sweden	4.430	3%	449.896	10%	10,0	2%	314	2%
	11	Cyprus	1.325	1%	9.249	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	12	Denmark	1.205	1%	43.162	1%	5,7	1%	180	1%
	13	Slovenia	1.145	1%	20.277	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	14	Poland	1.010	1%	313.851	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	15	Finland	1.005	1%	337.547	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	16	Ireland	975	1%	70.601	2%	4,8	1%	149	1%
	17	Luxembourg	440	0%	2.595	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	18	Malta	395	0%	315	0%	0,5	0%	10	0%
	19	Bulgaria	385	0%	110.995	3%	7,1	1%	87	1%
	20	Hungary	385	0%	93.013	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	21	Romania	355	0%	239.068	5%	19,6	4%	278	2%
	22	Czech Republic	300	0%	78.874	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	23	Portugal	245	0%	88.847	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	24	Croatia	220	0%	56.539	1%	4,2	1%	66	1%
	25	Lithuania	65	0%	65.412	1%	2,8	1%	56	0%
	26	Latvia	60	0%	65.519	1%	2,0	0%	35	0%
	27	Slovak Republic	55	0%	49.026	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
	28	Estonia	20	0%	45.347	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
<b>EU - Total</b>			<b>169.740</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	5.880	3%	41.285	1%	8,4	2%	326	2%
		Norway	800	0%	323.787	7%	5,3	1%	250	2%
<b>Not EU - Total</b>			<b>6.680</b>	<b>4%</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 July 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	1.254	33,0	395	315
2	Belgium	210	5,5	6.455	30.668
3	Netherlands	192	5,0	7.260	37.824
4	Luxembourg	170	4,5	440	2.595
5	Germany	158	4,2	56.610	358.327
6	Cyprus	143	3,8	1.325	9.249
7	Greece	98	2,6	12.965	131.912
8	Italy	73	1,9	21.965	301.291
9	Austria	63	1,7	5.275	83.944
10	Slovenia	56	1,5	1.145	20.277
11	France	46	1,2	25.250	549.060
12	United Kingdom	45	1,2	11.180	247.763
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>169.965</b>	<b>4.467.087</b>
13	Denmark	28	0,7	1.205	43.162
14	Spain	18	0,5	8.760	498.504
15	Ireland	14	0,4	975	70.601
16	Sweden	10	0,3	4.430	449.896
17	Hungary	4	0,1	385	93.013
18	Croatia	4	0,1	220	56.539
19	Czech Republic	4	0,1	300	78.874
20	Bulgaria	3	0,1	385	110.995
21	Poland	3	0,1	1.010	313.851
22	Finland	3	0,1	1.005	337.547
23	Portugal	3	0,1	245	88.847
24	Romania	1	0,0	355	239.068
25	Slovak Republic	1	0,0	55	49.026
26	Lithuania	1	0,0	65	65.412
27	Latvia	1	0,0	60	65.519
28	Estonia	0	0,0	20	45.347
	Norway	2	0,1	800	323.787
	Switzerland	142	3,7	5.880	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 (1.254 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 33,0 times more applicants than the EU average (39 per 1.000 sq km). Belgium and Netherlands ranked second and third at some distance with 5,5 and 5,0 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 3th in the EU with 5,0 times the EU average.



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

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by July 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	1.550	4,7	1.325	0,9
2	Greece	1.204	3,6	12.965	10,8
3	Malta	858	2,6	395	0,5
4	Luxembourg	745	2,2	440	0,6
5	Germany	686	2,1	56.610	82,5
6	Austria	601	1,8	5.275	8,8
7	Belgium	569	1,7	6.455	11,4
8	Slovenia	554	1,7	1.145	2,1
9	Sweden	443	1,3	4.430	10,0
10	Netherlands	425	1,3	7.260	17,1
11	France	377	1,1	25.250	67,0
12	Italy	363	1,1	21.965	60,6
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>169.965</b>	<b>511,9</b>
13	Denmark	210	0,6	1.205	5,7
14	Ireland	204	0,6	975	4,8
15	Spain	188	0,6	8.760	46,5
16	Finland	183	0,6	1.005	5,5
17	United Kingdom	170	0,5	11.180	65,8
18	Bulgaria	54	0,2	385	7,1
19	Croatia	53	0,2	220	4,2
20	Hungary	39	0,1	385	9,8
21	Latvia	31	0,1	60	2,0
22	Czech Republic	28	0,1	300	10,6
23	Poland	27	0,1	1.010	38,0
24	Portugal	24	0,1	245	10,3
25	Lithuania	23	0,1	65	2,8
26	Romania	18	0,1	355	19,6
27	Estonia	15	0,0	20	1,3
28	Slovak Republic	10	0,0	55	5,4
	Norway	152	0,5	800	5,3
	Switzerland	698	2,1	5.880	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: 1.550 applications per million inhabitants, 4,7 times the EU average (332 applications per million inhabitants). Greece and Malta ranked second and third (3,6 and 2,6 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 10th in the EU with 425 applications per million inhabitants.



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

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by July 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	69,0	5,3	1.325	19
2	Greece	61,0	4,7	12.965	213
3	Malta	41,1	3,2	395	10
4	Slovenia	26,1	2,0	1.145	44
5	Germany	21,6	1,7	56.610	2.624
6	Belgium	19,0	1,5	6.455	339
7	Austria	18,8	1,4	5.275	281
8	Italy	14,3	1,1	21.965	1.541
9	Sweden	14,1	1,1	4.430	314
10	France	13,8	1,1	25.250	1.830
11	Netherlands	13,3	1,0	7.260	548
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>13,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>169.965</b>	<b>13.078</b>
12	Luxembourg	11,9	0,9	440	37
13	Spain	7,8	0,6	8.760	1.125
14	Denmark	6,7	0,5	1.205	180
15	Ireland	6,5	0,5	975	149
16	Finland	6,4	0,5	1.005	156
17	United Kingdom	6,4	0,5	11.180	1.742
18	Bulgaria	4,4	0,3	385	87
19	Croatia	3,3	0,3	220	66
20	Hungary	2,3	0,2	385	170
21	Latvia	1,7	0,1	60	35
22	Poland	1,5	0,1	1.010	673
23	Czech Republic	1,4	0,1	300	216
24	Romania	1,3	0,1	355	278
25	Portugal	1,2	0,1	245	203
26	Lithuania	1,2	0,1	65	56
27	Estonia	0,8	0,1	20	25
28	Slovak Republic	0,5	0,0	55	106
	Norway	3,2	0,2	800	250
	Switzerland	18,1	1,4	5.880	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 5,3, 4,7 and 3,2 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 11th with 1,0 times the EU average.



## Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by July 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	12,9	33,0	2,6	3,2
2	Cyprus	4,6	3,8	4,7	5,3
3	Greece	3,6	2,6	3,6	4,7
4	Belgium	2,9	5,5	1,7	1,5
5	Germany	2,6	4,2	2,1	1,7
6	Luxembourg	2,5	4,5	2,2	0,9
7	Netherlands	2,4	5,0	1,3	1,0
8	Slovenia	1,7	1,5	1,7	2,0
9	Austria	1,6	1,7	1,8	1,4
10	Italy	1,4	1,9	1,1	1,1
11	France	1,1	1,2	1,1	1,1
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>
12	Sweden	0,9	0,3	1,3	1,1
13	United Kingdom	0,7	1,2	0,5	0,5
14	Denmark	0,6	0,7	0,6	0,5
15	Spain	0,5	0,5	0,6	0,6
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	0,2	0,3
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	Latvia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
24	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
25	Romania	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
26	Lithuania	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
27	Estonia	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1
28	Slovak Republic	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Norway	0,3	0,1	0,5	0,2
	Switzerland	2,4	3,7	2,1	1,4

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

Malta received 12,9 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Cyprus followed with 4,6 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 7th, receiving 2,4 times as many applications than the EU average.