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## **Asylum Trends**

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

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by April 3rd

		2016		2017												Total 2016	
		Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Total
EU	Germany	18.965	<b>18.965</b>	18.750	17.440	19.885	14.590	16.180	14.965	16.110	18.280	16.175	15.920	17.530	12.485	<b>198.310</b>	722.365
	Italy	11.020	<b>11.020</b>	11.570	11.820	13.510	9.405	11.940	12.815	12.050	10.070	10.390	9.625	8.325	5.040	<b>126.560</b>	121.185
	France	7.080	<b>7.080</b>	7.215	7.105	8.155	7.285	7.285	6.875	7.735	7.585	6.985	8.185	8.630	8.935	<b>91.975</b>	76.790
	Greece	6.615	<b>6.615</b>	6.255	5.520	4.750	2.605	3.900	4.035	3.970	4.890	5.740	6.200	5.220	3.860	<b>56.945</b>	49.875
	United Kingdom	3.330	<b>3.330</b>	2.820	2.475	3.145	2.205	2.815	2.715	2.685	2.705	2.835	3.070	3.125	2.775	<b>33.370</b>	39.355
	Spain	1.555	<b>1.555</b>	2.080	2.270	2.365	1.940	2.725	2.350	2.695	3.190	2.830	2.830	2.965	2.205	<b>30.445</b>	15.570
	Austria	2.230	<b>2.230</b>	2.040	1.875	1.940	1.780	1.920	1.840	2.030	2.335	1.855	1.940	1.475	1.450	<b>22.480</b>	39.905
	Sweden	1.575	<b>1.575</b>	1.555	1.325	1.525	1.255	1.425	2.060	2.095	2.670	2.495	2.225	1.930	1.670	<b>22.230</b>	22.385
	Netherlands	1.540	<b>1.540</b>	1.380	1.270	1.370	1.160	1.280	1.335	1.530	1.430	1.390	1.310	1.295	1.340	<b>16.090</b>	19.285
	Belgium	1.155	<b>1.155</b>	1.150	1.080	1.210	1.085	1.080	1.050	1.170	1.245	1.315	1.345	1.235	1.085	<b>14.050</b>	14.290
	Romania	290	<b>290</b>	90	125	410	640	405	280	410	750	685	465	290	145	<b>4.695</b>	1.855
	Cyprus	250	<b>250</b>	255	355	505	215	250	265	440	275	635	375	550	360	<b>4.480</b>	2.840
	Finland	270	<b>270</b>	240	360	430	400	430	420	440	435	270	315	310	300	<b>4.350</b>	5.295
	Bulgaria	795	<b>795</b>	375	355	505	200	255	230	215	305	365	315	180	170	<b>3.470</b>	18.990
	Denmark	255	<b>255</b>	220	205	245	235	285	290	300	300	310	275	260	210	<b>3.135</b>	6.070
	Hungary	580	<b>580</b>	460	355	265	190	235	225	225	265	225	230	225	210	<b>3.110</b>	28.215
	Poland	395	<b>395</b>	345	300	320	270	210	255	395	225	195	160	165	160	<b>3.000</b>	9.785
	Ireland	260	<b>260</b>	165	225	215	170	295	210	175	215	335	315	290	305	<b>2.915</b>	2.315
	Luxembourg	200	<b>200</b>	230	225	225	185	195	145	160	180	195	185	155	250	<b>2.330</b>	2.065
	Malta	110	<b>110</b>	120	105	160	105	170	140	175	120	125	175	130	95	<b>1.620</b>	1.735
	Slovenia	130	<b>130</b>	30	30	130	60	190	150	120	145	150	160	125	150	<b>1.440</b>	1.265
	Czech Republic	75	<b>75</b>	110	90	95	75	110	95	105	85	95	110	90	80	<b>1.140</b>	1.205
Portugal	60	<b>60</b>	65	70	115	75	80	105	70	60	100	90	105	75	<b>1.010</b>	710	
Croatia	175	<b>175</b>	45	45	55	65	70	65	110	110	60	95	120	40	<b>880</b>	2.150	
Lithuania	15	<b>15</b>	60	10	30	70	40	60	85	35	20	40	35	35	<b>520</b>	415	
Latvia	30	<b>30</b>	55	45	55	50	20	35	15	20	20	15	15	5	<b>350</b>	345	
Estonia	5	<b>5</b>	25	15	20	30	20	20	10	15	10	15	5	5	<b>190</b>	150	
Slovak Republic	15	<b>15</b>	25	20	15	5	10	15	5	10	10	20	10	15	<b>160</b>	100	
<b>Total</b>	<b>58.975</b>	<b>58.975</b>	<b>57.730</b>	<b>55.115</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>651.250</b>	<b>1.206.510</b>	
Not EU	Switzerland	1.660	<b>1.660</b>	1.490	1.385	1.495	1.230	1.350	1.535	1.560	1.545	1.310	1.390	1.305	1.075	<b>16.670</b>	25.875
	Norway	410	<b>410</b>	465	305	400	340	405	360	255	235	165	170	130	150	<b>3.380</b>	3.275
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2.070</b>	<b>2.070</b>	<b>1.955</b>	<b>1.690</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>20.050</b>	<b>29.150</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>61.045</b>	<b>61.045</b>	<b>59.685</b>	<b>56.805</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>671.300</b>	<b>1.235.660</b>	

**First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from January 2017 - December 2017**

	2017												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Syrian Arab Republic	8.815	8.890	9.575	7.055	8.920	8.175	9.770	10.850	9.180	8.900	8.695	6.440	<b>105.265</b>
Iraq	3.815	4.005	4.035	2.850	3.750	3.415	3.620	4.735	5.055	5.095	4.505	3.475	<b>48.355</b>
Afghanistan	4.915	4.035	4.990	3.240	3.720	3.530	3.350	3.895	3.360	3.415	3.720	2.920	<b>45.090</b>
Nigeria	4.185	3.905	3.805	2.870	3.395	3.830	3.845	3.305	3.050	2.980	2.780	1.875	<b>39.825</b>
Pakistan	2.455	2.535	3.050	2.265	2.570	2.495	2.415	2.515	2.515	2.685	2.370	1.910	<b>29.780</b>
Eritrea	2.860	2.575	2.450	2.140	2.105	2.785	2.650	2.630	3.075	1.950	1.560	1.590	<b>28.370</b>
Albania	1.865	1.595	2.250	2.065	2.055	2.010	2.110	2.215	1.735	1.575	1.650	1.445	<b>22.570</b>
Bangladesh	1.390	1.505	1.870	1.640	1.935	1.965	1.650	1.630	1.565	1.630	1.390	1.155	<b>19.325</b>
Guinea	1.770	1.740	2.185	1.480	1.645	1.690	1.685	1.455	1.315	1.315	1.210	1.035	<b>18.525</b>
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1.710	1.380	1.580	1.615	1.460	1.325	1.335	1.380	1.575	1.590	1.505	1.225	<b>17.680</b>
Others	25.975	24.690	27.820	20.775	24.065	23.845	25.045	25.275	24.940	26.480	26.895	21.645	<b>297.450</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>59.755</b>	<b>56.855</b>	<b>63.610</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>672.235</b>

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 January, February and March 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 (2nd half of 2017) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by April 3rd

### 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 2nd 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	96.500	30%	358.327	8%	82,5	16%	2.624	20%
	2	Italy	55.500	17%	301.291	7%	60,6	12%	1.541	12%
	3	France	48.055	15%	549.060	13%	67,0	13%	1.830	14%
	4	Greece	29.880	9%	131.912	3%	10,8	2%	213	2%
	5	United Kingdom	17.195	5%	247.763	6%	65,8	13%	1.742	13%
	6	Spain	16.715	5%	498.504	11%	46,5	9%	1.125	9%
	7	Sweden	13.085	4%	449.896	10%	10,0	2%	314	2%
	8	Austria	11.085	3%	83.944	2%	8,8	2%	281	2%
	9	Netherlands	8.295	3%	37.824	1%	17,1	3%	548	4%
	10	Belgium	7.395	2%	30.668	1%	11,4	2%	339	3%
	11	Romania	2.745	1%	239.068	5%	19,6	4%	278	2%
	12	Cyprus	2.635	1%	9.249	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	13	Finland	2.070	1%	337.547	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	14	Denmark	1.655	1%	43.162	1%	5,7	1%	180	1%
	15	Ireland	1.635	1%	70.601	2%	4,8	1%	149	1%
	16	Bulgaria	1.550	0%	110.995	3%	7,1	1%	87	1%
	17	Hungary	1.380	0%	93.013	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	18	Poland	1.300	0%	313.851	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	19	Luxembourg	1.125	0%	2.595	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	20	Slovenia	850	0%	20.277	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	21	Malta	820	0%	315	0%	0,5	0%	10	0%
	22	Czech Republic	565	0%	78.874	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	23	Croatia	535	0%	56.539	1%	4,2	1%	66	1%
	24	Portugal	500	0%	88.847	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	25	Lithuania	250	0%	65.412	1%	2,8	1%	56	0%
	26	Latvia	90	0%	65.519	1%	2,0	0%	35	0%
	27	Slovak Republic	70	0%	49.026	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
	28	Estonia	60	0%	45.347	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
<b>EU - Total</b>			<b>323.540</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	8.185	3%	41.285	1%	8,4	2%	326	2%
		Norway	1.105	0%	323.787	7%	5,3	1%	250	2%
<b>Not EU - Total</b>			<b>9.290</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 last six months of 2017 Germany received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by Italy and France. The Netherlands ranked 9th 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 (2nd half of 2017) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by April 3rd

**Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 2nd 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	2.603	35,9	820	315
2	Luxembourg	434	6,0	1.125	2.595
3	Cyprus	285	3,9	2.635	9.249
4	Germany	269	3,7	96.500	358.327
5	Belgium	241	3,3	7.395	30.668
6	Greece	227	3,1	29.880	131.912
7	Netherlands	219	3,0	8.295	37.824
8	Italy	184	2,5	55.500	301.291
9	Austria	132	1,8	11.085	83.944
10	France	88	1,2	48.055	549.060
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>323.540</b>	<b>4.467.087</b>
11	United Kingdom	69	1,0	17.195	247.763
12	Slovenia	42	0,6	850	20.277
13	Denmark	38	0,5	1.655	43.162
14	Spain	34	0,5	16.715	498.504
15	Sweden	29	0,4	13.085	449.896
16	Ireland	23	0,3	1.635	70.601
17	Hungary	15	0,2	1.380	93.013
18	Bulgaria	14	0,2	1.550	110.995
19	Romania	11	0,2	2.745	239.068
20	Croatia	9	0,1	535	56.539
21	Czech Republic	7	0,1	565	78.874
22	Finland	6	0,1	2.070	337.547
23	Portugal	6	0,1	500	88.847
24	Poland	4	0,1	1.300	313.851
25	Lithuania	4	0,1	250	65.412
26	Slovak Republic	1	0,0	70	49.026
27	Latvia	1	0,0	90	65.519
28	Estonia	1	0,0	60	45.347
	Norway	3	0,0	1.105	323.787
	Switzerland	198	2,7	8.185	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 (2.603 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 35,9 times more applicants than the EU average (74 per 1.000 sq km). Luxembourg and Cyprus ranked second and third at some distance with 6,0 and 3,9 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 7th in the EU with 3,0 times the EU average.



## First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2017) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by April 3rd

**Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 2nd 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	3.083	4,9	2.635	0,9
2	Greece	2.775	4,4	29.880	10,8
3	Luxembourg	1.905	3,0	1.125	0,6
4	Malta	1.781	2,8	820	0,5
5	Sweden	1.309	2,1	13.085	10,0
6	Austria	1.264	2,0	11.085	8,8
7	Germany	1.169	1,8	96.500	82,5
8	Italy	916	1,4	55.500	60,6
9	France	717	1,1	48.055	67,0
10	Belgium	651	1,0	7.395	11,4
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>323.540</b>	<b>511,5</b>
11	Netherlands	486	0,8	8.295	17,1
12	Slovenia	411	0,7	850	2,1
13	Finland	376	0,6	2.070	5,5
14	Spain	359	0,6	16.715	46,5
15	Ireland	342	0,5	1.635	4,8
16	Denmark	288	0,5	1.655	5,7
17	United Kingdom	261	0,4	17.195	65,8
18	Bulgaria	218	0,3	1.550	7,1
19	Hungary	141	0,2	1.380	9,8
20	Romania	140	0,2	2.745	19,6
21	Croatia	129	0,2	535	4,2
22	Lithuania	88	0,1	250	2,8
23	Czech Republic	53	0,1	565	10,6
24	Portugal	48	0,1	500	10,3
25	Latvia	46	0,1	90	2,0
26	Estonia	46	0,1	60	1,3
27	Poland	34	0,1	1.300	38,0
28	Slovak Republic	13	0,0	70	5,4
	Norway	210	0,3	1.105	5,3
	Switzerland	972	1,5	8.185	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: 3,083 applications per million inhabitants, 4,9 times the EU average (633 applications per million inhabitants). Greece and Luxembourg ranked second and third (4,4 and 3,0 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 11th in the EU with 486 applications per million inhabitants.



## First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2017) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by April 3rd

**Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 2nd 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	140,6	5,7	29.880	213
2	Cyprus	137,3	5,5	2.635	19
3	Malta	85,4	3,4	820	10
4	Sweden	41,7	1,7	13.085	314
5	Austria	39,5	1,6	11.085	281
6	Germany	36,8	1,5	96.500	2.624
7	Italy	36,0	1,5	55.500	1.541
8	Luxembourg	30,4	1,2	1.125	37
9	France	26,3	1,1	48.055	1.830
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>25,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>323.540</b>	<b>13.069</b>
10	Belgium	21,8	0,9	7.395	339
11	Slovenia	19,4	0,8	850	44
12	Bulgaria	17,8	0,7	1.550	87
13	Netherlands	15,1	0,6	8.295	548
14	Spain	14,9	0,6	16.715	1.125
15	Finland	13,2	0,5	2.070	156
16	Ireland	10,9	0,4	1.635	149
17	United Kingdom	9,9	0,4	17.195	1.742
18	Romania	9,9	0,4	2.745	278
19	Denmark	9,2	0,4	1.655	180
20	Hungary	8,1	0,3	1.380	170
21	Croatia	8,0	0,3	535	66
22	Lithuania	4,4	0,2	250	56
23	Czech Republic	2,6	0,1	565	216
24	Latvia	2,6	0,1	90	35
25	Portugal	2,5	0,1	500	203
26	Estonia	2,4	0,1	60	25
27	Poland	1,9	0,1	1.300	673
28	Slovak Republic	0,7	0,0	70	106
	Norway	4,4	0,2	1.105	250
	Switzerland	25,1	1,0	8.185	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 5,7, 5,5 and 3,4 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 13th with 0,6 times the EU average.

## Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by April 3rd

**Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 2nd 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	14,1	35,9	2,8	3,4
2	Cyprus	4,8	3,9	4,9	5,5
3	Greece	4,4	3,1	4,4	5,7
4	Luxembourg	3,4	6,0	3,0	1,2
5	Germany	2,4	3,7	1,8	1,5
6	Italy	1,8	2,5	1,4	1,5
7	Austria	1,8	1,8	2,0	1,6
8	Belgium	1,7	3,3	1,0	0,9
9	Netherlands	1,5	3,0	0,8	0,6
10	Sweden	1,4	0,4	2,1	1,7
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	Slovenia	0,7	0,6	0,7	0,8
13	United Kingdom	0,6	1,0	0,4	0,4
14	Spain	0,5	0,5	0,6	0,6
15	Denmark	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,4
16	Ireland	0,4	0,3	0,5	0,4
17	Bulgaria	0,4	0,2	0,3	0,7
18	Finland	0,4	0,1	0,6	0,5
19	Romania	0,3	0,2	0,2	0,4
20	Hungary	0,3	0,2	0,2	0,3
21	Croatia	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,3
22	Lithuania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
23	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
24	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
25	Latvia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
26	Poland	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
27	Estonia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
28	Slovak Republic	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Norway	0,2	0,0	0,3	0,2
	Switzerland	1,8	2,7	1,5	1,0

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

Malta received 14,1 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Cyprus followed with 4,8 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 9th, receiving 1,5 times as many applications than the EU average.