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Total asylum applications in The Netherlands (first applications, repeated applications, family reunification applications)
Source: METIS

Top 10 Last twelve months **total** asylum applications in the Netherlands

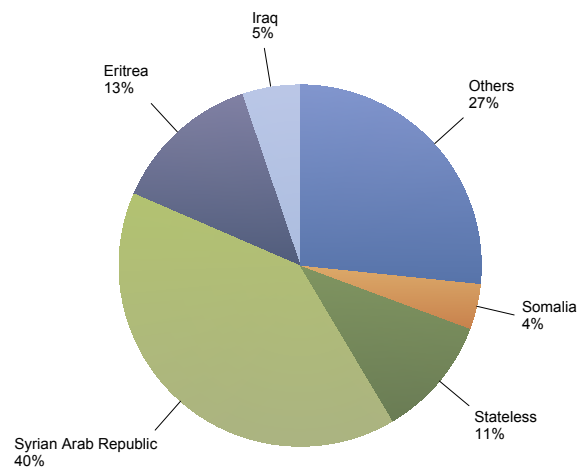
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			Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total			
2.621	11.595	Syrian Arab Republic	444	702	715	1.014	1.385	1.263	1.979	1.160	957	1.064	10.683	723	512	557	1.792	12.031	40%	
1.054	4.100	Eritrea	102	1.081	1.858	213	120	92	105	102	92	76	3.841	89	49	113	251	3.990	13%	
310	3.045	Stateless	79	109	274	192	352	414	557	443	290	238	2.948	134	122	110	366	3.235	11%	
1.410	1.570	Iraq	73	101	82	132	175	191	196	201	89	136	1.376	108	91	62	261	1.564	5%	
3.184	1.527	Somalia	152	129	96	85	114	118	97	105	87	111	1.094	97	103	72	272	1.214	4%	
1.520	977	Afghanistan	65	85	74	89	61	86	80	79	90	92	801	92	78	71	241	977	3%	
330	753	Unknown	44	69	60	52	57	59	97	100	52	55	645	41	34	47	122	723	2%	
1.080	746	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	58	57	68	60	63	62	67	50	47	71	603	53	62	39	154	699	2%	
117	445	Mongolia	48	44	42	25	14	39	29	40	64	41	386	43	13	40	96	434	1%	
37	271	Ukraine	29	12	17	13	43	19	36	41	18	34	262	25	41	42	108	341	1%	
5.061	4.862	Others	375	412	398	337	410	396	433	490	363	387	4.001	359	439	397	1.195	4.821	16%	
16.724	29.891	Total	1.469	2.801	3.684	2.212	2.794	2.739	3.676	2.811	2.149	2.305	26.640	1.764	1.544	1.550	4.858	30.029	100%	

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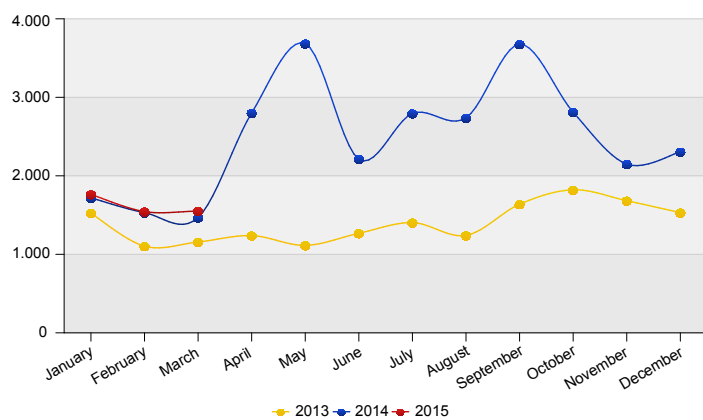
Top Total asylum applications in The Netherlands
March 2015

	Country of citizenship		%
1	Syrian Arab Republic	557	36%
2	Eritrea	113	7%
3	Stateless	110	7%
4	Somalia	72	5%
5	Afghanistan	71	5%
6	Iraq	62	4%
7	Unknown	47	3%
8	Ukraine	42	3%
9	Mongolia	40	3%
10	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	39	3%
	Others	397	26%
Total March 2015		1.550	100%
Percentage			74%

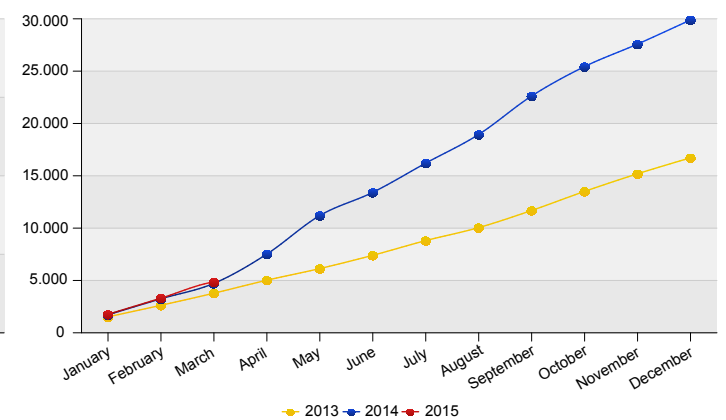
Top Nationalities total applications last twelve months
Period: Apr 2014 - Mar 2015
Number of total asylum applications: 30.029



Total asylum applications in The Netherlands



Cumulative development of total asylum applications in The Netherlands





First asylum applications in the Netherlands

Source: METIS

Top 10 Last twelve months **first** asylum applications in the Netherlands

Total 2013	Total 2014	Country of citizenship	2014												2015				Last 12 months	Perc
			Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total			
2.232	8.748	Syrian Arab Republic	308	519	639	885	1.087	1.107	1.653	851	514	509	8.072	315	188	192	695	8.459	40%	
851	3.833	Eritrea	89	1.059	1.840	201	98	76	71	77	54	32	3.597	25	18	83	126	3.634	17%	
273	2.704	Stateless	71	102	268	190	314	405	534	393	184	161	2.622	62	20	16	98	2.649	13%	
534	616	Iraq	33	54	31	41	49	56	74	67	51	59	515	47	32	32	111	593	3%	
596	505	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	31	41	38	32	40	42	47	36	36	52	395	36	38	26	100	464	2%	
102	445	Mongolia	48	44	42	25	14	39	29	40	64	41	386	43	13	40	96	434	2%	
453	452	Afghanistan	23	49	26	38	23	51	53	34	30	33	360	34	34	29	97	434	2%	
183	319	Georgia	30	34	42	11	33	31	21	28	10	29	269	20	22	30	72	311	1%	
33	249	Ukraine	24	11	17	13	43	18	33	39	13	30	241	24	33	40	97	314	1%	
232	351	Unknown	19	34	48	21	22	34	36	30	24	17	285	14	13	19	46	312	1%	
4.349	3.589	Others	285	277	267	245	275	265	314	310	273	266	2.777	271	326	293	890	3.382	16%	
9.838	21.811	Total	961	2.224	3.258	1.702	1.998	2.124	2.865	1.905	1.253	1.229	19.519	891	737	800	2.428	20.986	100%	

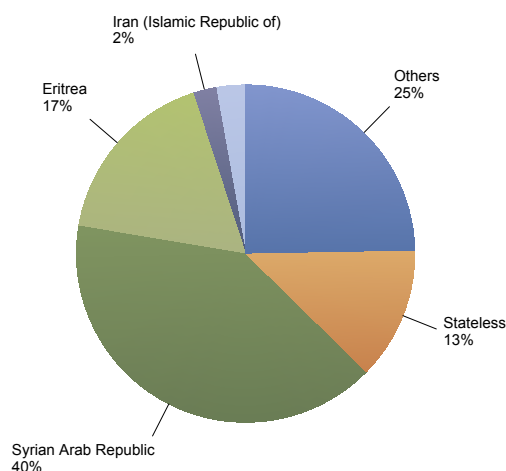
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Top First asylum applications in The Netherlands
March 2015

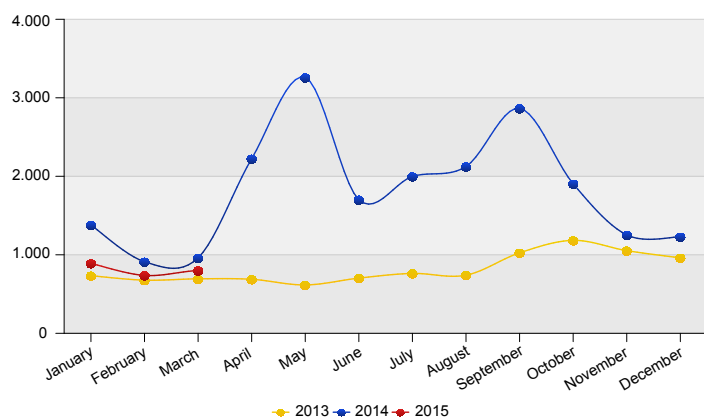
	Country of citizenship		%
1	Syrian Arab Republic	192	24%
2	Eritrea	83	10%
3	Ukraine	40	5%
4	Mongolia	40	5%
5	Iraq	32	4%
6	Georgia	30	4%
7	Afghanistan	29	4%
8	China (including Hong Kong)	29	4%
9	Serbia	27	3%
10	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	26	3%
	Others	272	34%
Total March 2015		800	100%
Percentage			66%

Top Nationalities first applications last twelve months
Period: Apr 2014 - Mar 2015

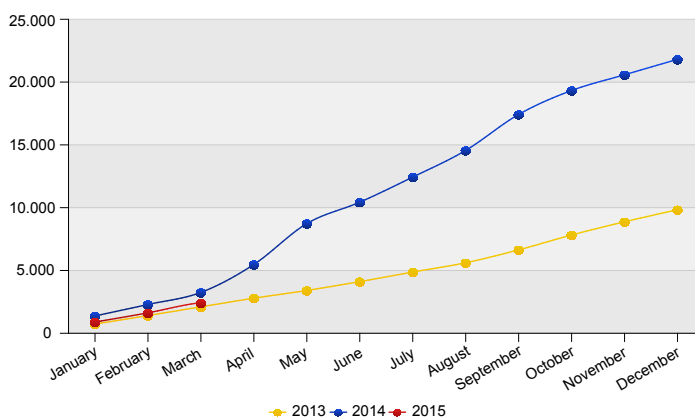
Number of first asylum applications: 20.986



First asylum applications in The Netherlands



Cumulative development of first asylum applications in The Netherlands





Repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands
Source: METIS

Top 10 Last twelve months repeated asylum applications in The Netherlands

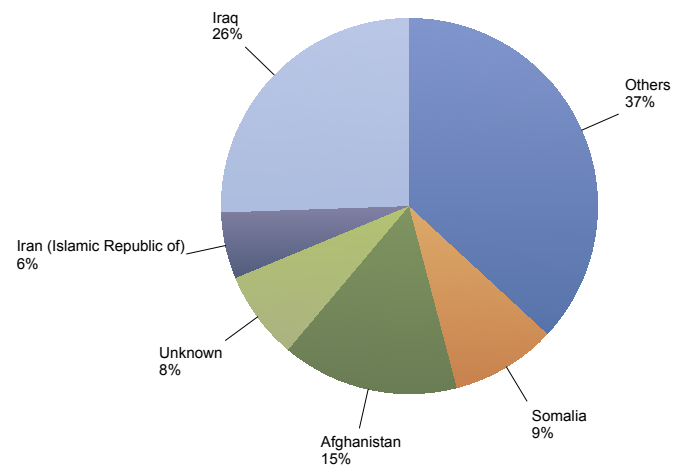
Total 2013	Total 2014	Country of citizenship	2014												2015				Last 12 months	Perc
			Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total			
420	706	Iraq	27	35	30	67	87	104	88	111	31	59	639	36	44	23	103	715	26%	
912	427	Afghanistan	42	31	28	45	30	31	27	40	52	32	358	36	36	38	110	426	15%	
248	247	Somalia	21	18	17	14	29	26	29	30	19	19	222	17	20	15	52	253	9%	
91	202	Unknown	9	12	8	15	17	24	21	39	18	25	188	8	14	12	34	213	8%	
422	162	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	22	10	23	19	19	12	10	14	*	10	142	11	19	10	40	160	6%	
69	75	Eritrea	10	5	10	5	6	*	*	6	7	7	63	*	5	*	12	65	2%	
87	56	Sri Lanka	13	10	8	*	*	*	*	5	*	11	53	*	*	8	14	54	2%	
42	56	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	*	*	*	*	*	15	13	5	*	*	50	*	8	*	14	62	2%	
28	46	Pakistan	*	*	*	*	*	16	5	5	*	7	41	8	9	5	22	62	2%	
83	60	Armenia	*	14	5	*	9	*	6	*	5	*	51	*	5	*	5	55	2%	
855	686	Others	49	68	58	66	63	53	54	89	56	51	607	41	64	71	176	734	26%	
3.257	2.723	Total	197	207	188	238	264	286	257	346	202	229	2.414	168	226	188	582	2.799	100%	

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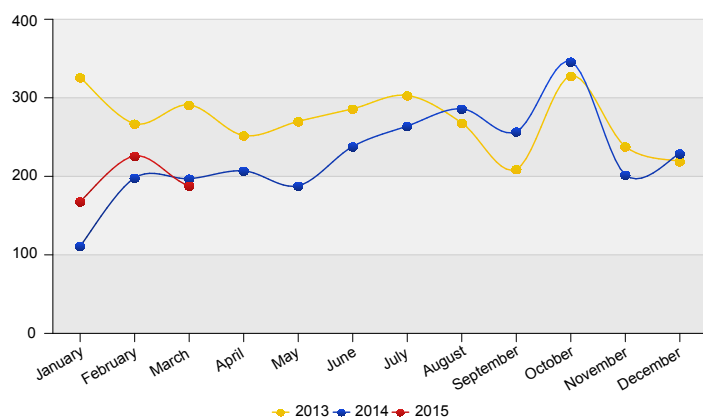
Top Repeated asylum applications in The Netherlands
March 2015

	Country of citizenship		%
1	Afghanistan	38	20%
2	Iraq	23	12%
3	Somalia	15	8%
4	Unknown	12	6%
5	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10	5%
6	Stateless	9	5%
7	Sri Lanka	8	4%
8	Sierra Leone	7	4%
9	Syrian Arab Republic	7	4%
10	Egypt	5	3%
11	Pakistan	5	3%
12	Russian Federation	5	3%
13	Uganda	5	3%
	Others	39	21%
Total March 2015		188	100%
Percentage			79%

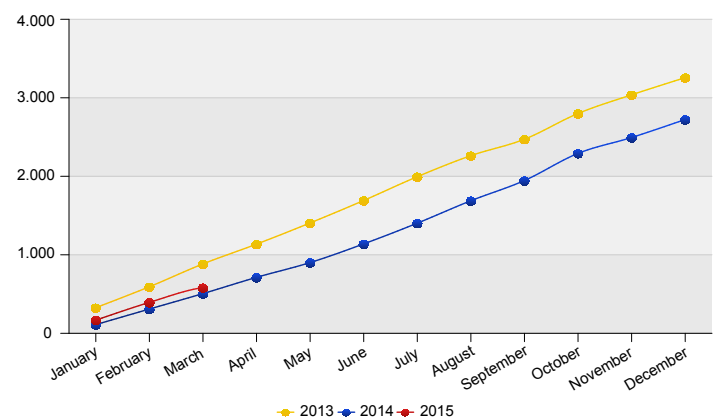
Top Nationalities repeated asylum applications last twelve months
Period: Apr 2014 - Mar 2015
Number of repeated asylum applications: 2.799



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: METIS

Top 10 Last twelve months Influx of family reunification* in The Netherlands

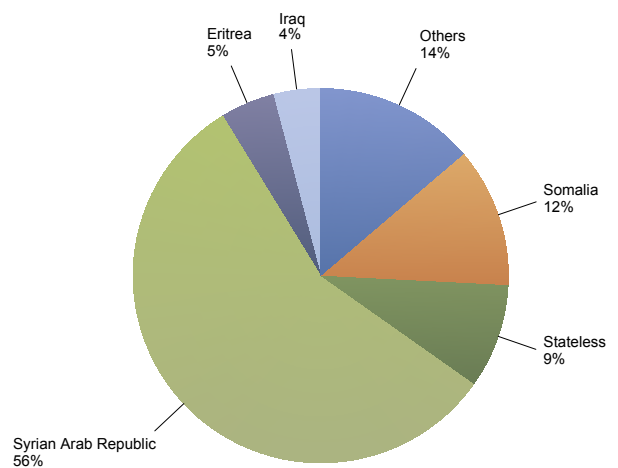
Total 2013	Total 2014	Country of citizenship	2014												2015				Last 12 months	Perc
			Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total			
356	2.806	Syrian Arab Republic	134	173	74	124	296	156	324	304	443	552	2.580	405	317	358	1.080	3.526	56%	
1.971	931	Somalia	98	74	63	53	74	83	50	64	57	69	685	60	68	37	165	752	12%	
20	324	Stateless	7	7	5	*	32	8	22	49	103	74	309	72	101	85	258	560	9%	
134	192	Eritrea	*	17	8	7	16	13	30	19	31	37	181	61	26	26	113	291	5%	
456	248	Iraq	13	12	21	24	39	31	34	23	7	18	222	25	15	7	47	256	4%	
7	200	Unknown	16	23	*	16	18	*	40	31	10	13	172	19	7	16	42	198	3%	
155	98	Afghanistan	*	5	20	6	8	*	*	5	8	27	83	22	8	*	34	117	2%	
62	79	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	5	6	7	9	*	8	10	*	8	9	66	6	5	*	14	75	1%	
32	32	Uganda	*	*	*	*	8	*	*	6	*	6	32	16	8	9	33	62	1%	
20	42	Ethiopia	5	17	*	*	*	*	7	*	*	*	40	*	10	*	11	46	1%	
416	405	Others	27	34	33	27	34	25	35	58	25	39	337	18	16	17	51	361	6%	
3.629	5.357	Total	311	370	238	272	532	329	554	560	694	847	4.707	705	581	562	1.848	6.244	100%	

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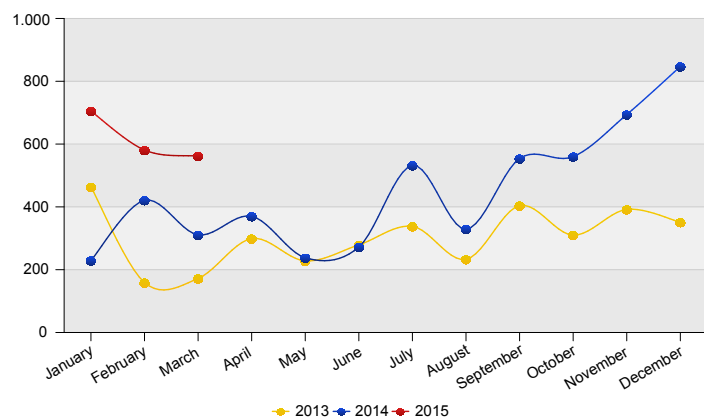
Top Influx of family reunification* in The Netherlands
March 2015

	Country of citizenship		%
1	Syrian Arab Republic	358	64%
2	Stateless	85	15%
3	Somalia	37	7%
4	Eritrea	26	5%
5	Unknown	16	3%
6	Uganda	9	2%
7	Iraq	7	1%
8	Jordan	5	1%
9	Afghanistan	*	1%
10	Sri Lanka	*	1%
11	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	*	1%
	Others	9	2%
Total March 2015 Percentage		562	98%

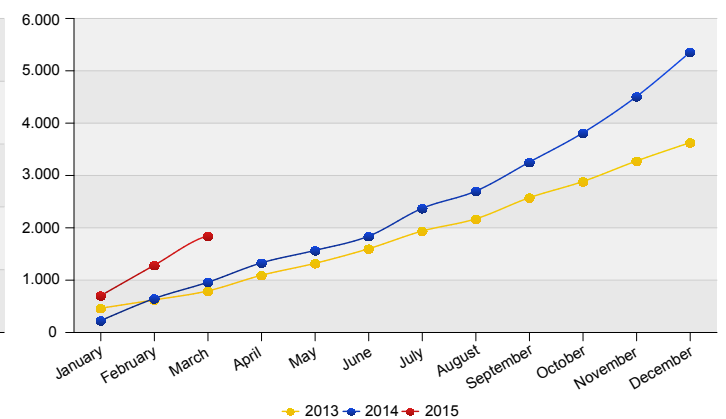
Top Nationalities Influx of family reunification* last twelve months
Period: Apr 2014 - Mar 2015
Number of influx family reunification: 6.244



Influx of family reunification* in The Netherlands



Cumulative development of Influx of family reunification* in The Netherlands





Influx of indicated unaccompanied minor asylum seekers in the Netherlands
Source: METIS

Top 10 Unaccompanied minor asylum applications in the Netherlands

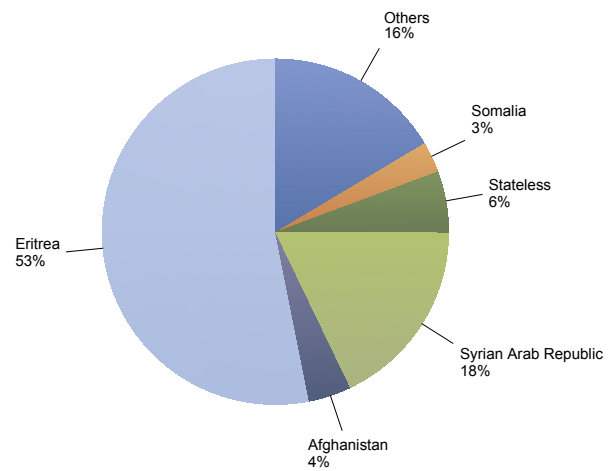
Total 2013	Total 2014	Country of citizenship	2014												2015				Last 12 months	Perc
			Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total			
34	528	Eritrea	11	192	251	20	10	9	9	*	6	*	514	*	*	12	14	517	53%	
23	156	Syrian Arab Republic	*	*	11	22	11	19	22	16	18	25	150	11	7	8	26	173	18%	
5	49	Stateless	*	*	*	*	*	8	5	13	*	10	49	5	*	*	8	56	6%	
54	30	Afghanistan	*	*	*	*	*	6	6	*	*	*	27	5	*	5	14	39	4%	
12	35	Somalia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	25	*	*	*	5	28	3%	
9	16	Iraq	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	*	*	*	*	18	2%	
32	12	Guinea	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	*	*	*	*	10	1%	
5	11	Morocco	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11	*	*	*	*	10	1%	
*	*	Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	*	*	*	*	10	1%	
*	*	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	*	*	*	*	8	1%	
8	7	Nigeria	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	*	*	*	*	6	1%	
115	100	Others	*	*	11	8	8	8	10	16	*	6	77	10	5	9	24	98	10%	
301	962	Total	28	217	284	58	37	56	66	59	41	54	900	34	21	46	101	973	100%	

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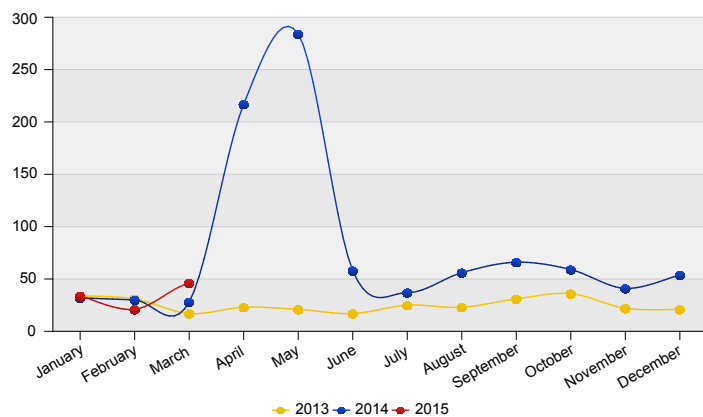
Top Unaccompanied minor asylum applications in The Netherlands March 2015

Country of citizenship	%
1 Eritrea	12 26%
2 Syrian Arab Republic	8 17%
3 Afghanistan	5 11%
4 Viet Nam	* 7%
5 Stateless	* 7%
6 Iraq	* 7%
7 Somalia	* 7%
Others	9 20%
Total March 2015	46 100%
Percentage	80%

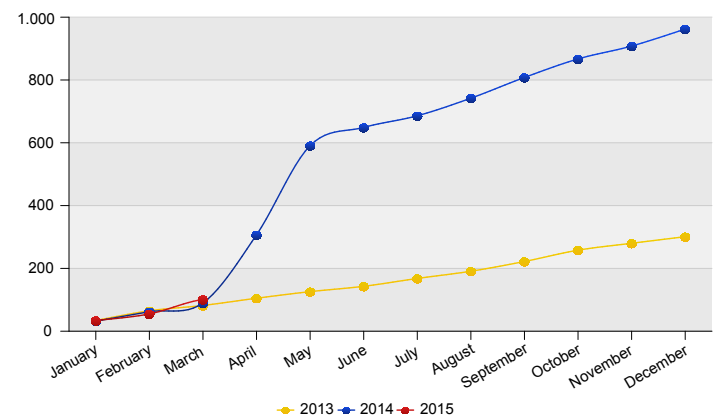
Top Nationalities unaccompanied minor asylum applications last twelve months
Period: Apr 2014 - Mar 2015
Number of unaccompanied minor asylum applications: 973



Unaccompanied minor asylum applications in The Netherlands



Cumulative development of Unaccompanied minor asylum applications in The Netherlands





Monthly First Asylum Applications in The Netherlands in 2015

Source: METiS

Country of citizenships	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total 2015	Total 2014	Total 2013
Afghanistan	34	34	29	97	452	453
Albania	8	17	10	35	86	32
Algeria	9	*	*	13	15	29
Angola	*			*	7	18
Armenia	*	9	*	16	147	181
Azerbaijan	*	5	*	12	46	61
Bangladesh	*	*		*	11	20
Belarus	*	*	*	9	44	50
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6	8	7	21	126	87
Brazil		*		*	5	
Bulgaria	*	*		*	*	*
Burkina Faso		*		*	9	10
Burundi		*	*	*	8	*
Cambodia		*		*	*	
Cameroon	6	*	*	9	36	17
Chad			*	*	*	*
China (including Hong Kong)	16	60	29	105	104	105
Colombia	*	*		*	11	9
Congo, the Republic of the	5	*	8	15	73	72
Cote d'Ivoire	*	*	*	6	20	38
Cuba	*		*	*	14	8
Dominican Republic			*	*	*	
Egypt	7	8	10	25	94	164
Equatorial Guinea	*			*		
Eritrea	25	18	83	126	3.833	851
Ethiopia	5	*	5	12	93	60
France			*	*	*	*
Gambia	*	*	6	12	20	26
Georgia	20	22	30	72	319	183
Ghana		*	*	5	27	29
Greece	*			*	*	*
Guinea	6	7	10	23	67	137
Haiti		*		*	*	*
Honduras		*	5	6		
India	*		*	*	18	14
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36	38	26	100	505	596
Iraq	47	32	32	111	616	534
Jamaica	*	5	*	12	41	28
Kazakhstan		7		7	13	21
Kenya		*		*	15	5
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	7	21	7	35	58	50
Kuwait	*			*		*
Kyrgyzstan	*			*	9	*
Latvia	*			*	*	*
Lebanon	*	5		6	33	16
Liberia	*			*	12	7
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	7	*	*	15	102	124



Monthly First Asylum Applications in The Netherlands in 2015

Source: METiS

Country of citizenships	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total 2015	Total 2014	Total 2013
Mali	*		*	*	33	52
Mauritania		*		*	*	*
Mexico	*			*	*	*
Moldova, Republic of	*			*	*	*
Mongolia	43	13	40	96	445	102
Montenegro			*	*	7	10
Morocco	*	9	7	19	57	59
Myanmar	*	*	6	10	11	40
Nepal	*	*		5	46	34
Netherlands			*	*	6	*
Niger		*		*	10	8
Nigeria	13	20	22	55	223	130
Pakistan	29	12	10	51	185	105
Palestinian Territory, Occupied	*			*	72	93
Russian Federation	14	14	9	37	163	231
Rwanda		*	*	*	12	7
Senegal		*	*	*	11	34
Serbia	25	19	27	71	189	247
Sierra Leone	*	*	*	7	80	81
Somalia	20	15	20	55	349	965
South Africa	*		*	*	*	*
Sri Lanka	5	*	6	14	54	85
Stateless	62	20	16	98	2.704	273
Sudan	5	*	6	15	180	113
Suriname		*		*	*	*
Syrian Arab Republic	315	188	192	695	8.748	2.232
Tajikistan	*		*	*	*	*
Tanzania, United Republic of	*			*	13	11
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	*	10	8	19	112	93
Togo	*	*	*	*	*	9
Trinidad and Tobago			*	*	8	5
Tunisia	*	*	5	8	16	19
Turkey	*	*	*	10	46	43
Uganda	7	5	*	16	114	122
Ukraine	24	33	40	97	249	33
United Kingdom		*		*	*	*
United States of America			*	*	11	*
Unknown	14	13	19	46	351	232
Uzbekistan	*			*	12	*
Venezuela			*	*	*	*
Viet Nam	5	*	8	17	17	*
Yemen	*		*	5	32	34
Zambia	*	*		5	*	*
Zimbabwe	*			*	11	10
Other					104	238
Totaal	891	737	800	2.428	21.811	9.838

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* Selection criterium for this table: all nationalities with at least 1 application in 2015.



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

Source: EUROSTAT

		2013		2014												Total 2013	
		Dec	Totaal	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Totaal
EU	Germany	9.220	9.220	12.930	10.175	10.175	10.485	11.560	12.510	16.810	16.025	17.085	19.230	19.030	17.060	173.075	109.580
	Sweden	5.330	5.330	3.955	3.670	3.915	4.385	5.560	7.510	8.900	8.400	9.410	7.550	5.525	6.315	75.095	54.350
	Italy	2.165	2.165	3.375	3.175	3.795	4.215	5.370	4.555	5.605	5.065	7.220	8.890	6.785	5.610	63.660	25.720
	France	4.890	4.890	4.455	4.725	5.360	5.210	4.190	4.515	4.880	3.775	4.680	5.510	4.540	5.390	57.230	60.475
	Hungary	1.010	1.010	1.240	640	575	635	710	1.105	1.510	2.105	4.770	5.250	8.885	13.790	41.215	18.570
	United Kingdom	2.240	2.240	2.385	2.370	2.670	2.225	2.160	2.475	2.900	2.780	3.090	3.185	2.565	2.450	31.255	29.875
	Austria*	1.520	1.520	1.520	1.235	1.330	1.410	1.780	1.770	2.220	2.445	3.300	3.160	3.690	4.205	28.065	17.520
	Netherlands	1.350	1.350	1.380	910	960	2.225	3.260	1.700	2.000	2.125	2.865	1.905	1.255	1.230	21.815	9.840
	Denmark	520	520	560	430	500	590	715	1.000	1.700	2.295	3.070	1.840	1.110	755	14.565	7.230
	Belgium	865	865	995	790	870	905	845	1.095	1.275	1.515	1.730	1.545	1.160	1.410	14.135	12.080
	Bulgaria	630	630	810	770	395	295	515	610	890	1.090	1.195	1.400	1.355	1.480	10.805	6.980
	Greece	540	540	655	760	630	655	635	535	660	390	555	745	580	790	7.590	7.860
	Poland	315	315	260	220	355	375	445	505	530	565	695	600	535	520	5.605	13.975
	Spain	255	255	280	330	400	345	335	405	450	435	530	720	630	600	5.460	4.290
	Finland	240	240	250	215	220	240	215	250	265	345	390	405	310	385	3.490	2.995
	Romania	75	75	110	130	100	75	115	115	145	90	260	185	80	95	1.500	1.405
	Cyprus	100	100	85	110	120	90	100	115	125	120	165	185	140	120	1.475	1.150
	Ireland	70	70	100	85	110	95	105	105	130	125	140	130	155	170	1.450	940
	Malta	50	50	75	40	65	130	60	195	125	95	180	125	75	115	1.280	2.205
	Luxembourg	50	50	90	70	70	45	80	65	75	90	125	125	110	85	1.030	990
Czech Republic	40	40	40	35	75	65	80	55	75	85	125	100	70	115	920	500	
Portugal	105	105	20	15	30	30	35	35	45	50	40	40	60	40	440	505	
Lithuania	30	30	20	25	30	10	20	35	20	30	35	30	65	65	385	250	
Croatia	30	30	50	25	35	25	30	30	40	35	30	40	25	15	380	1.045	
Latvia	10	10	10	20	40	15	20	45	65	35	45	30	15	30	370	185	
Slovenia	10	10	15	30	25	40	35	25	25	25	50	40	15	35	360	240	
Slovak Republic	25	25	10	5	40	15	10	20	10	15	10	25	30	35	225	290	
Estonia	5	5	10	5	5	10	10	15	15	20	15	25	10	5	145	95	
Totaal		31.690	31.690	35.685	31.010	32.895	34.840	38.995	41.395	51.490	50.170	61.805	63.015	58.805	62.915	563.020	391.140
Not EU	Switzerland	1.610	1.610	1.695	1.365	1.425	1.370	1.570	2.100	2.750	2.385	2.240	2.265	1.580	1.380	22.125	19.440
	Norway	715	715	870	720	820	905	1.410	1.285	1.080	1.200	1.430	1.235	965	850	12.770	11.475
	Totaal	2.325	2.325	2.565	2.085	2.245	2.275	2.980	3.385	3.830	3.585	3.670	3.500	2.545	2.230	34.895	30.915
Totaal		34.015	34.015	38.250	33.095	35.140	37.115	41.975	44.780	55.320	53.755	65.475	66.515	61.350	65.145	597.915	422.055

First asylum applications in the EU from December 2014 - December 2014

Instroom 1A	2014												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Syrian Arab Republic	6.040	5.645	5.575	5.740	7.245	8.990	11.355	12.305	15.980	14.445	12.310	11.570	117.200
Eritrea	1.715	995	1.275	3.025	5.625	5.560	7.775	6.360	5.215	4.195	2.670	1.740	46.150
Afghanistan	2.800	2.230	2.015	1.825	1.830	2.155	2.705	2.720	3.410	3.850	3.690	4.960	34.190
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	900	805	755	650	655	705	1.005	1.270	3.030	3.425	7.205	12.400	32.805
Pakistan	1.635	1.520	1.725	1.450	1.475	1.450	1.780	1.665	2.005	2.105	1.845	1.695	20.350
Serbia	1.985	1.150	1.165	1.045	975	1.160	1.975	1.795	1.765	2.295	2.380	2.280	19.970
Nigeria	1.120	930	1.195	1.345	1.595	1.650	2.060	1.720	1.975	2.385	1.680	1.730	19.385
Albania	1.120	1.600	1.510	1.420	1.215	1.260	1.435	1.060	1.100	1.310	1.610	1.615	16.255
Somalia	1.420	1.200	1.190	1.365	1.275	1.325	1.430	1.365	1.640	1.495	1.175	1.185	16.065
Others	17.955	15.770	17.380	17.805	18.300	18.720	21.555	21.075	26.025	27.830	23.090	21.755	247.260
Totaal	36.690	31.845	33.785	35.670	40.190	42.975	53.075	51.335	62.145	63.335	57.655	60.930	569.630

Situation by 7 April 2015, source Eurostat. Figures are sorted by total in 2014. Figures are rounded to closest 0 or 5. Figures include applications from EU citizens. Figures concern first applications for countries with an * (Austria). The figures for The Netherlands are updated with final data.

The most important countries of origin of asylum applicants in the EU in 2014 are Syria, Eritrea and Afghanistan.



Special Theme: First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2014) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT

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 2014

	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	105.240	30%	357.134	8%	80,8	16%	2.624	20%
	2	Sweden	46.100	13%	438.575	10%	9,6	2%	314	2%
	3	Italy	39.175	11%	301.339	7%	60,8	12%	1.541	12%
	4	Hungary	36.310	10%	93.023	2%	9,9	2%	170	1%
	5	France	28.775	8%	543.966	13%	65,8	13%	1.830	14%
	6	Austria	19.020	5%	83.880	2%	8,5	2%	281	2%
	7	United Kingdom	16.970	5%	248.530	6%	64,3	13%	1.742	13%
	8	Netherlands	11.380	3%	41.542	1%	16,8	3%	548	4%
	9	Denmark	10.770	3%	42.895	1%	5,6	1%	180	1%
	10	Belgium	8.635	2%	30.526	1%	11,2	2%	339	3%
	11	Bulgaria	7.410	2%	110.898	3%	7,2	1%	87	1%
	12	Greece	3.720	1%	131.958	3%	11,0	2%	213	2%
	13	Poland	3.445	1%	312.679	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	14	Spain	3.365	1%	498.511	12%	46,5	9%	1.125	9%
	15	Finland	2.100	1%	338.433	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	16	Cyprus	855	0%	9.251	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	17	Romania	855	0%	238.394	6%	19,9	4%	278	2%
	18	Ireland	850	0%	69.798	2%	4,6	1%	149	1%
	19	Malta	715	0%	316	0%	0,4	0%	10	0%
	20	Luxembourg	610	0%	2.586	0%	0,5	0%	37	0%
	21	Czech Republic	570	0%	78.865	2%	10,5	2%	216	2%
	22	Portugal	275	0%	89.089	2%	10,4	2%	203	2%
	23	Lithuania	245	0%	65.300	2%	2,9	1%	56	0%
	24	Latvia	220	0%	64.562	1%	2,0	0%	35	0%
	25	Slovenia	190	0%	20.272	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	26	Croatia	185	0%	87.661	2%	4,2	1%	66	1%
	27	Slovak Republic	125	0%	49.037	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
	28	Estonia	90	0%	45.227	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
EU - Totaal			348.200	100%	4.394.247	102%	506,9	100%	13.068,743	100%
Not EU		Switzerland	12.600	4%	41.285	1%	8,1	2%	326	2%
		Norway	6.760	2%	323.779	8%	5,1	1%	250	2%
Not EU - Totaal			19.360	6%	365.064	8%	13,2	3%	575,674	4%

Table 1 shows the number of first asylum applications, country area size, population and GDP in the 2nd half 2014 in Europe. Table 1 is arranged by the number of asylum applications in decreasing order. Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by Sweden and Italy. The Netherlands ranked 8th within the EU.

It is clear from table 1 that the ranking of countries when compared by the three indicators of country size is not the same as the ranking ordered by the number of asylum applications. There are substantial differences for most European countries between their share of the EU-28 total of asylum applications, country area, inhabitants and GDP. In the next subsection, the different indicators of country size will be related to the number of asylum applications in more detail.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2014) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT

Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2014 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	2.263	28,6	715	316
2	Hungary	390	4,9	36.310	93.023
3	Germany	295	3,7	105.240	357.134
4	Belgium	283	3,6	8.635	30.526
5	Netherlands	274	3,5	11.380	41.542
6	Denmark	251	3,2	10.770	42.895
7	Luxembourg	236	3,0	610	2.586
8	Austria	227	2,9	19.020	83.880
9	Italy	130	1,6	39.175	301.339
10	Sweden	105	1,3	46.100	438.575
11	Cyprus	92	1,2	855	9.251
	TOTAL EU-28	81	1,0	348.200	4.394.247
12	United Kingdom	68	0,9	16.970	248.530
13	Bulgaria	67	0,8	7.410	110.898
14	France	53	0,7	28.775	543.966
15	Greece	28	0,4	3.720	131.958
16	Ireland	12	0,2	850	69.798
17	Poland	11	0,1	3.445	312.679
18	Slovenia	9	0,1	190	20.272
19	Czech Republic	7	0,1	570	78.865
20	Spain	7	0,1	3.365	498.511
21	Finland	6	0,1	2.100	338.433
22	Lithuania	4	0,0	245	65.300
23	Romania	4	0,0	855	238.394
24	Latvia	3	0,0	220	64.562
25	Portugal	3	0,0	275	89.089
26	Slovak Republic	3	0,0	125	49.037
27	Croatia	2	0,0	185	87.661
28	Estonia	2	0,0	90	45.227
	Norway	21	0,3	6.760	323.779
	Switzerland	305	3,9	12.600	41.285

Table 2 relates the number of first asylum applications in the 2nd half of 2014 to the area size of the European countries and is arranged in decreasing order. By taking the Total EU-28 figure = 1, it shows how many times more or less applications a country received.

The largest number of asylum applications in Europe in relation to its area size is Malta with 2.263 per 1000 sq km, 28,9 times more than the EU average (80 per 1000 sq km). Hungary and Germany ranked second and third at some distance with 4,9 and 3,7 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands is ranked 5th in the EU with 3,5 times more applications than the EU average.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2014) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT

Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2014 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	Sweden	4.780	7,0	46.100	9,6
2	Hungary	3.676	5,4	36.310	9,9
3	Austria	2.236	3,3	19.020	8,5
4	Denmark	1.914	2,8	10.770	5,6
5	Malta	1.681	2,4	715	0,4
6	Germany	1.303	1,9	105.240	80,8
7	Luxembourg	1.110	1,6	610	0,5
8	Bulgaria	1.023	1,5	7.410	7,2
9	Cyprus	997	1,5	855	0,9
10	Belgium	771	1,1	8.635	11,2
	TOTAL EU-28	687	1,0	348.200	506,9
11	Netherlands	676	1,0	11.380	16,8
12	Italy	645	0,9	39.175	60,8
13	France	437	0,6	28.775	65,8
14	Finland	385	0,6	2.100	5,5
15	Greece	338	0,5	3.720	11,0
16	United Kingdom	264	0,4	16.970	64,3
17	Ireland	185	0,3	850	4,6
18	Latvia	110	0,2	220	2,0
19	Slovenia	92	0,1	190	2,1
20	Poland	91	0,1	3.445	38,0
21	Lithuania	83	0,1	245	2,9
22	Spain	72	0,1	3.365	46,5
23	Estonia	68	0,1	90	1,3
24	Czech Republic	54	0,1	570	10,5
25	Croatia	44	0,1	185	4,2
26	Romania	43	0,1	855	19,9
27	Portugal	26	0,0	275	10,4
28	Slovak Republic	23	0,0	125	5,4
	Norway	1.323	1,9	6.760	5,1
	Switzerland	1.548	2,3	12.600	8,1

Table 3 provides an overview of the number of first asylum applications in the 2nd half of 2014 in relation to population size and is arranged in decreasing order.

Sweden received the most applications in the EU in relation to its population size: 4.780 applications per million inhabitants, 7,0 times more than the EU average (678 applications per million inhabitants). Hungary and Austria* ranked second and third at some distance (5,4 and 3,3 times more than the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 11th in the EU with 676 applications per million inhabitants (on exactly 1,0 times the EU average). Italy (3rd place in absolute number of applications) received slightly less applications per million inhabitants than the EU average in relation to population size. * Austria provides not first asylum applications, only totals.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2014) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT

Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2014 related to GDP size

Rank	Country of asylum	Application per billion PPS	In relation to Total EU 28 = 1	Number of Applications	GDP
1	Hungary	213,5	8,0	36.310	170
2	Sweden	147,0	5,5	46.100	314
3	Bulgaria	85,2	3,2	7.410	87
4	Malta	74,4	2,8	715	10
5	Austria	67,7	2,5	19.020	281
6	Denmark	59,7	2,2	10.770	180
7	Cyprus	44,5	1,7	855	19
8	Germany	40,1	1,5	105.240	2.624
	TOTAL EU-28	27,0	1,0	348.200	13.069
9	Belgium	25,5	1,0	8.635	339
10	Italy	25,4	1,0	39.175	1.541
11	Netherlands	20,8	0,8	11.380	548
12	Greece	17,5	0,7	3.720	213
13	Luxembourg	16,5	0,6	610	37
14	France	15,7	0,6	28.775	1.830
15	Finland	13,4	0,5	2.100	156
16	United Kingdom	9,7	0,4	16.970	1.742
17	Latvia	6,3	0,2	220	35
18	Ireland	5,7	0,2	850	149
19	Poland	5,1	0,2	3.445	673
20	Slovenia	4,3	0,2	190	44
21	Lithuania	4,3	0,2	245	56
22	Estonia	3,6	0,1	90	25
23	Romania	3,1	0,1	855	278
24	Spain	3,0	0,1	3.365	1.125
25	Croatia	2,8	0,1	185	66
26	Czech Republic	2,6	0,1	570	216
27	Portugal	1,4	0,1	275	203
28	Slovak Republic	1,2	0,0	125	106
	Norway	27,0	1,0	6.760	250
	Switzerland	38,7	1,5	12.600	326

Table 4 shows the number of first asylum applications in the 2nd half of 2014 related to GDP size (in PPS) arranged in decreasing order (PPS stands for Purchasing Power Standard. This is a mathematical currency used to compare GDP sizes of different countries by eliminating the different price levels).

Hungary, Sweden and Bulgaria were the number one, two and three with respectively 8,0 , 5,5 and 3,2 times more applications in relation to GDP size than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 11th with 0,8 times more applications in relation to GDP size than the EU average.



Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT

Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2014

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

Table 5 shows an overview of 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 presented in tables 2-4. In addition to this overview, the average index figure is presented in table 5 (all three figures are equally weighed).

It shows that in the 2nd half of 2014, Malta received the largest number of asylum applications in relation to the three indicators of country size – area, population and GDP – taken together (11,3 times more than average in the EU). Hungary followed with 6,1 times more than average. The Netherlands ranked 9th, receiving an average of 1,7 times more applications in relation to the EU average based on the three indicators – area, population and GDP – taken together.