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**Total asylum influx in The Netherlands (first applications, repeated applications, family reunification influx)**

Source: METIS

Top 10 Last thirteen months **total** asylum applications in The Netherlands

Total 2016	Total 2017	Country of citizenship	2017										2018					Last 12 months	Perc
			May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total		
10.604	10.829	Syrian Arab Republic	1.075	772	692	601	610	699	493	532	5.474	421	420	418	453	485	2.197	6.596	23%
2.870	4.038	Eritrea	360	224	251	297	296	345	454	540	2.767	463	403	426	315	489	2.096	4.503	16%
1.166	1.418	Iraq	116	127	122	141	130	124	133	130	1.023	107	126	118	92	105	548	1.455	5%
1.037	1.015	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	69	79	98	91	89	97	150	114	787	137	98	121	149	138	643	1.361	5%
1.283	1.020	Morocco	79	55	82	115	84	69	84	89	657	94	73	99	106	90	462	1.040	4%
991	924	Algeria	63	23	62	71	78	82	85	90	554	91	94	117	95	84	481	972	3%
1.447	872	Afghanistan	81	83	101	58	48	73	46	57	547	62	102	94	96	103	457	923	3%
618	916	Unknown	121	88	75	88	52	72	62	62	620	99	71	60	73	79	382	881	3%
259	509	Turkey	29	47	38	37	44	42	81	55	373	61	64	64	110	103	402	746	3%
1.471	1.611	Stateless	179	91	74	71	67	56	46	60	644	34	38	39	21	34	166	631	2%
9.896	8.175	Others	616	722	761	692	659	718	670	780	5.618	840	661	760	788	921	3.970	8.972	32%
31.642	31.327	Total	2.788	2.311	2.356	2.262	2.157	2.377	2.304	2.509	19.064	2.409	2.150	2.316	2.298	2.631	11.804	28.080	100%

\* To conceal the lowest figures, all values between 0 and 4 are replaced by asterisk.

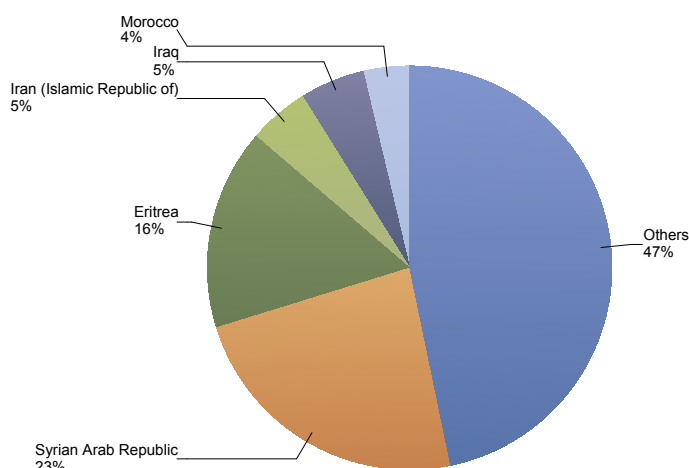
**Top Total asylum applications in The Netherlands May 2018**

	Country of citizenship		%
1	Eritrea	489	19%
2	Syrian Arab Republic	485	18%
3	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	138	5%
4	Iraq	105	4%
5	Afghanistan	103	4%
6	Turkey	103	4%
7	Morocco	90	3%
8	Algeria	84	3%
9	Unknown	79	3%
10	Moldova, Republic of	76	3%
11	Somalia	55	2%
	Others	824	31%
<b>Total May 2018</b>		2.631	100%

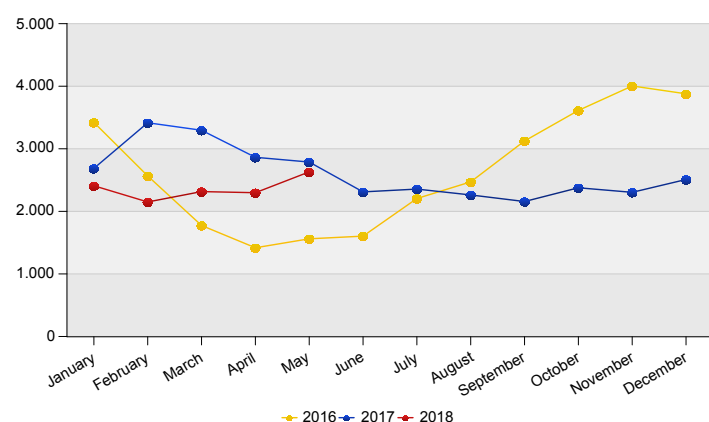
**Top Nationalities total applications last twelve months**

Period: Jun 2017 - May 2018

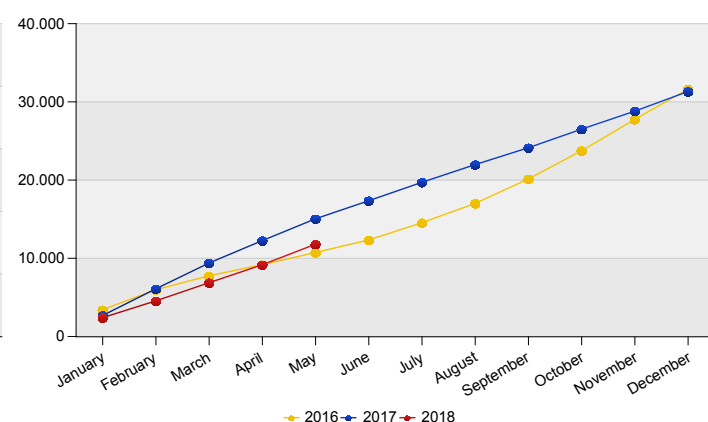
Number of total asylum applications: 28.080



**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 thirteen months **first** asylum applications in The Netherlands

Total 2016	Total 2017 **	Country of citizenship	2017										2018					Last 12 months	Perc
			May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total		
2.158	2.202	Syrian Arab Republic	187	174	207	195	219	243	150	232	1.607	200	192	182	212	234	1.020	2.440	15%
1.497	1.095	Eritrea	80	76	92	113	105	71	49	77	663	110	104	144	128	151	637	1.220	8%
1.271	977	Morocco	78	48	79	109	82	62	80	80	618	87	67	90	96	86	426	966	6%
980	891	Algeria	59	22	57	69	77	78	81	89	532	89	91	111	90	79	460	933	6%
884	718	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	48	63	76	75	65	66	83	69	545	89	72	68	105	86	420	917	6%
888	724	Iraq	58	74	73	74	59	56	63	52	509	63	47	45	52	66	273	724	5%
235	481	Turkey	25	46	36	35	39	40	78	54	353	59	58	60	105	95	377	705	4%
457	550	Unknown	72	51	57	53	36	56	49	41	415	68	54	25	51	58	256	599	4%
15	342	Moldova, Republic of	34	64	86	38	21	16	20	37	316	65	30	63	70	76	304	586	4%
341	357	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	23	21	22	23	35	37	24	40	225	51	42	40	42	47	222	424	3%
9.445	6.379	Others	491	558	599	546	482	554	508	565	4.303	631	421	527	495	620	2.694	6.506	41%
18.171	14.716	Total	1.155	1.197	1.384	1.330	1.220	1.279	1.185	1.336	10.086	1.512	1.178	1.355	1.446	1.598	7.089	16.020	100%

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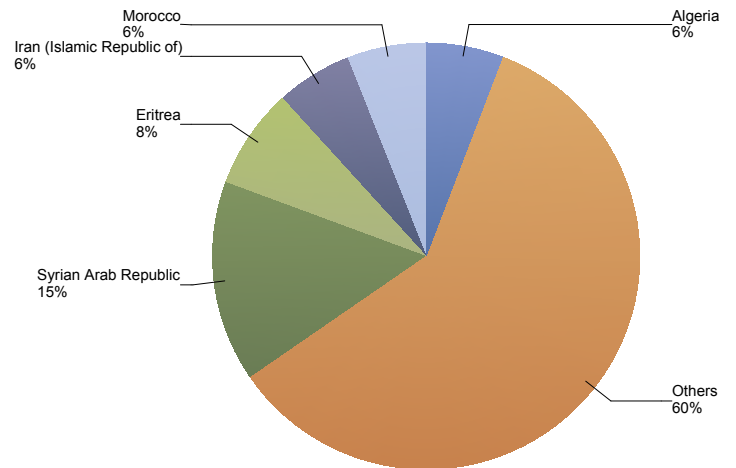
\*\* In May 2017 the IND has adjusted its systems to remove a small discrepancy that caused some cases to not be included in figures of (earlier versions of) this report. This adjustment may result in some small inconsistencies with reports dating from April 2017 and before. Considering the limited size of the discrepancy and to ensure consistency between reports, figures published before January 1st, 2017, will not be updated. Notwithstanding these figures, the total influx of first asylum applications in 2016 was 18,246.

Top First asylum applications in The Netherlands  
May 2018

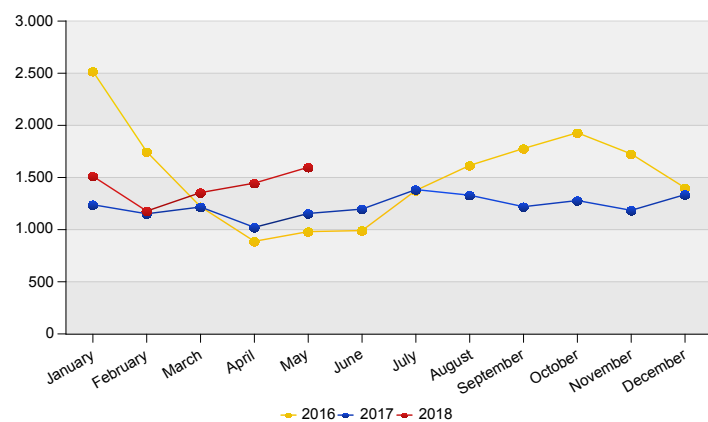
	Country of citizenship		%
1	Syrian Arab Republic	234	15%
2	Eritrea	151	9%
3	Turkey	95	6%
4	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	86	5%
5	Morocco	86	5%
6	Algeria	79	5%
7	Moldova, Republic of	76	5%
8	Iraq	66	4%
9	Unknown	58	4%
10	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	47	3%
11	Georgia	44	3%
	Others	576	36%
<b>Total May 2018</b>		<b>1.598</b>	<b>100%</b>

Top Nationalities first applications last twelve months  
Period: Jun 2017 - May 2018

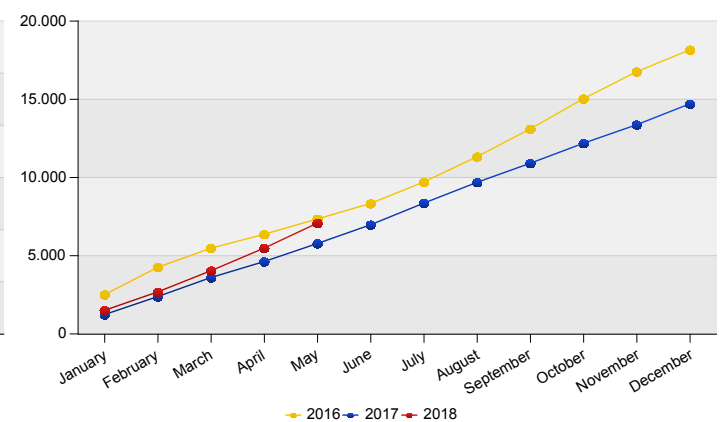
Number of first asylum applications: 16.020



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 thirteen months repeated asylum applications in The Netherlands

Total 2016	Total 2017	Country of citizenship	2017										2018					Last 12 months	Perc
			May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total		
358	464	Afghanistan	35	41	70	29	37	33	28	23	296	30	71	36	48	52	237	498	20%
156	249	Iraq	24	16	20	25	30	25	19	23	182	26	36	41	28	22	153	311	13%
110	176	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	13	12	14	10	17	16	35	24	141	26	19	30	27	42	144	272	11%
93	76	Somalia	5	*	10	9	9	8	9	*	55	5	14	12	*	14	47	97	4%
75	77	Nigeria	*	6	10	7	11	6	8	7	58	6	8	*	9	8	34	89	4%
49	45	Syrian Arab Republic	*	6	10	6	7	*	5	*	44	14	10	6	*	7	39	79	3%
9	36	Morocco	*	7	*	*	*	*	*	9	32	7	6	9	10	*	36	67	3%
46	82	Armenia	*	*	7	*	*	14	9	6	50	*	6	*	*	*	16	63	3%
59	61	Unknown	*	6	*	11	*	*	*	6	39	7	*	7	*	*	24	61	2%
61	62	Eritrea	*	*	6	7	*	7	5	*	37	*	12	*	6	*	26	59	2%
35	38	Sudan	*	*	*	7	*	*	*	*	30	6	7	*	5	*	26	52	2%
606	755	Others	62	72	51	60	64	72	55	71	507	68	74	77	93	63	375	820	33%
1.657	2.121	Total	160	177	209	179	193	191	184	178	1.471	201	267	233	236	220	1.157	2.468	100%

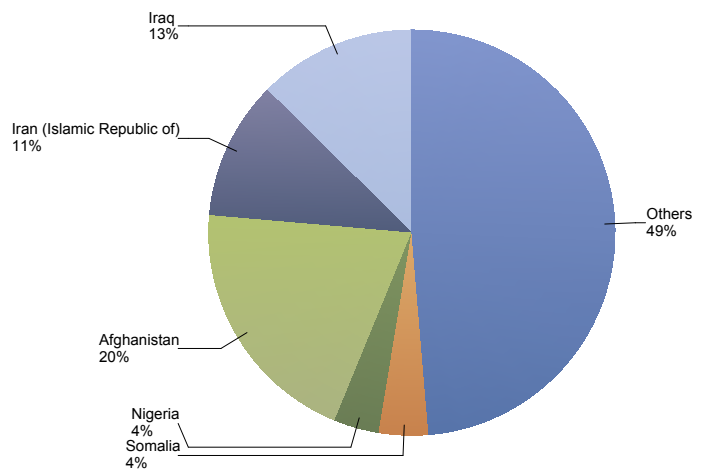
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Top Repeated asylum applications in The Netherlands  
May 2018

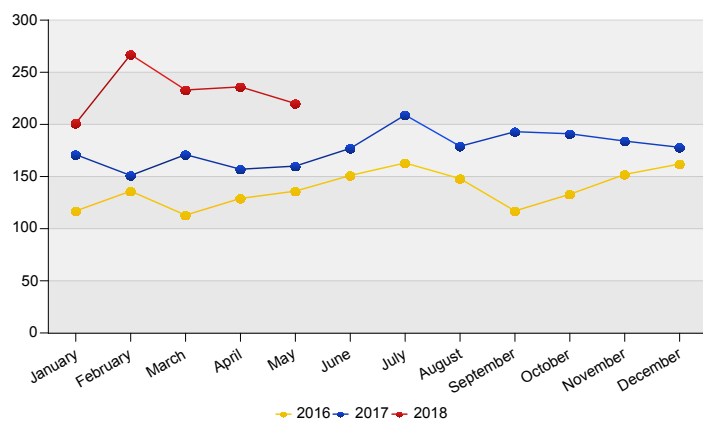
	Country of citizenship		%
1	Afghanistan	52	24%
2	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	42	19%
3	Iraq	22	10%
4	Somalia	14	6%
5	Nigeria	8	4%
	Others	82	37%
<b>Total May 2018</b>		220	100%

Top Nationalities repeated asylum applications last twelve months  
Period: Jun 2017 - May 2018

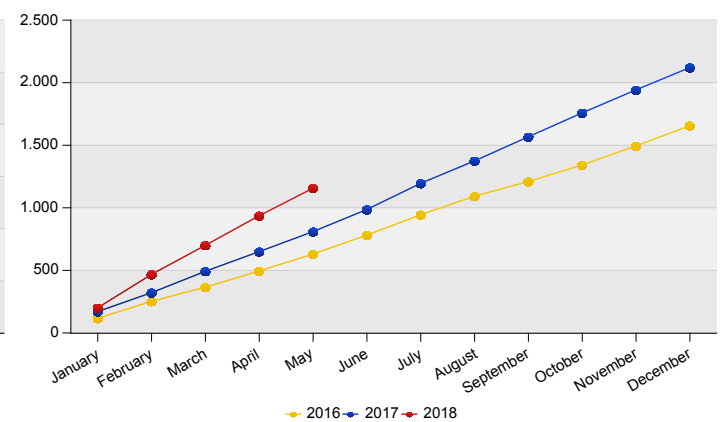
Number of repeated asylum applications: 2.468



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 thirteen months Influx of family reunification in The Netherlands**

Total 2016	Total 2017	Country of citizenship	2017												2018						Last 12 months	Perc
			May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total					
8.397	8.582	Syrian Arab Republic	884	592	475	400	384	453	338	297	3.823	207	218	230	239	244	1.138	4.077	43%			
1.312	2.881	Eritrea	276	145	153	177	187	267	400	462	2.067	349	287	278	181	338	1.433	3.224	34%			
1.139	1.458	Stateless	160	82	61	60	56	45	35	50	549	25	30	30	14	31	130	519	5%			
122	445	Iraq	34	37	29	42	41	43	51	55	332	18	43	32	12	17	122	420	4%			
102	305	Unknown	47	31	14	24	12	14	9	15	166	24	13	28	18	19	102	221	2%			
43	121	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	8	*	8	6	7	15	32	21	101	22	7	23	17	10	79	172	2%			
63	86	Afghanistan	17	7	*	*	*	14	*	15	60	10	13	33	27	29	112	155	2%			
249	107	Somalia	8	*	*	*	*	9	*	9	38	7	16	21	36	27	107	137	1%			
31	86	Pakistan	11	11	*	7	*	11	6	19	73	18	8	*	7	*	40	102	1%			
18	47	Yemen	*	5	*	12	5	7	10	8	47	*	11	9	9	18	50	97	1%			
338	372	Others	28	22	16	23	41	29	48	44	251	13	59	41	56	76	245	468	5%			
11.814	14.490	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.473</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>7.507</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>3.558</b>	<b>9.592</b>	<b>100%</b>			

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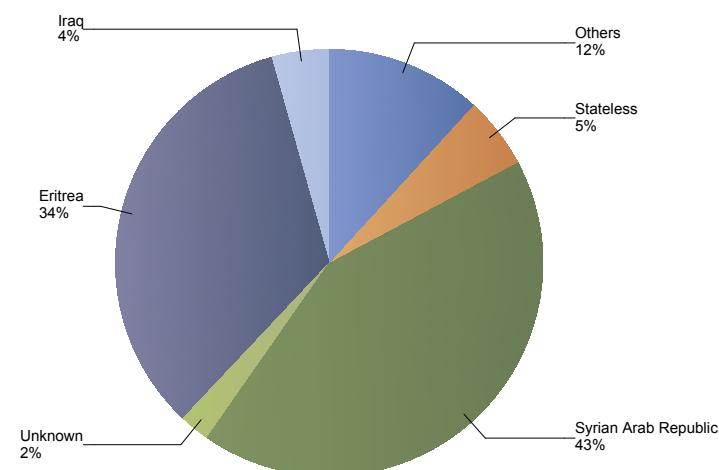
**Top Influx of family reunification in The Netherlands May 2018**

Country of citizenship		%
1 Eritrea	338	42%
2 Syrian Arab Republic	244	30%
3 Stateless	31	4%
4 Afghanistan	29	4%
5 Somalia	27	3%
Others	144	18%
<b>Total May 2018</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>100%</b>

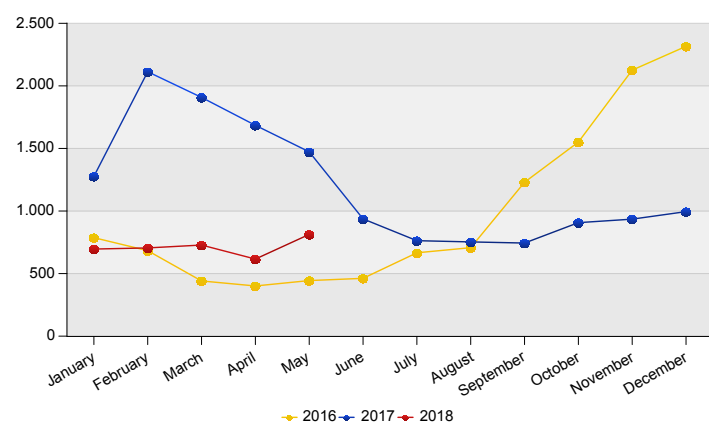
**Top Nationalities Influx of family reunification last twelve months**

Period: Jun 2017 - May 2018

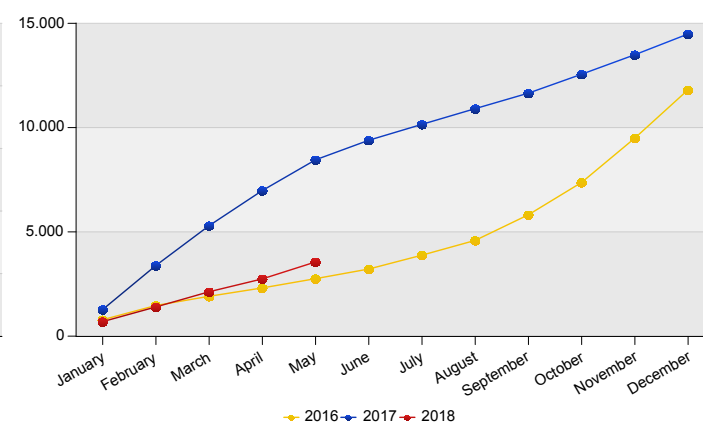
Number of influx family reunification: 9.592



**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

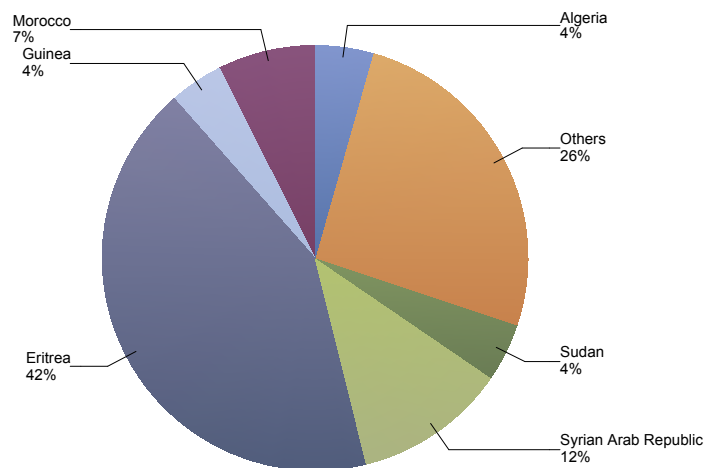
Total 2016	Total 2017	Country of citizenship	2017												2018					Last 12 months	Perc
			May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total				
773	479	Eritrea	39	18	41	45	48	23	17	40	271	45	27	65	80	81	298	530	42%		
181	135	Syrian Arab Republic	7	12	11	18	18	13	11	7	97	15	7	12	12	9	55	145	12%		
68	74	Morocco	6	*	*	7	11	8	11	10	57	6	6	11	5	14	42	93	7%		
61	54	Algeria	*	*	*	5	*	9	10	13	43	*	*	*	*	*	15	55	4%		
23	59	Sudan	5	*	*	7	12	8	*	*	46	*	*	6	*	*	14	55	4%		
34	47	Guinea	*	6	6	*	*	7	6	6	37	*	*	5	*	*	18	51	4%		
195	65	Afghanistan	7	*	8	*	*	5	6	*	39	*	*	*	*	*	8	40	3%		
35	22	Iraq	*	*	*	*	*	6	*	*	19	*	*	*	*	*	16	32	3%		
38	30	Albania	*	7	*	*	*	5	*	*	21	*	*	*	*	*	8	28	2%		
15	18	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	*	*	*	*	8	12	27	2%		
21	20	Gambia	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	*	17	*	*	*	*	8	11	26	2%		
263	178	Others	15	11	15	15	22	19	17	18	132	*	9	6	14	19	52	169	14%		
1.707	1.181	Total	93	66	95	108	122	106	90	115	795	88	63	116	123	159	549	1.251	100%		

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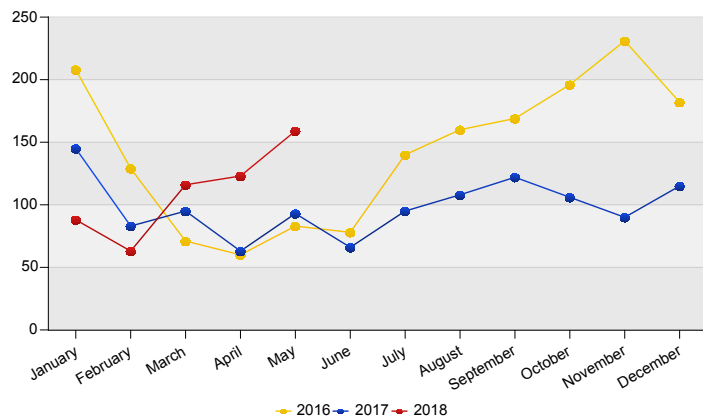
Top Unaccompanied minor asylum applications in The Netherlands May 2018

Country of citizenship		%
1 Eritrea	81	51%
2 Morocco	14	9%
3 Syrian Arab Republic	9	6%
4 Gambia	8	5%
5 Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	8	5%
6 Viet Nam	8	5%
7 Algeria	*	3%
8 Iraq	*	3%
Others	23	14%
<b>Total May 2018</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>100%</b>

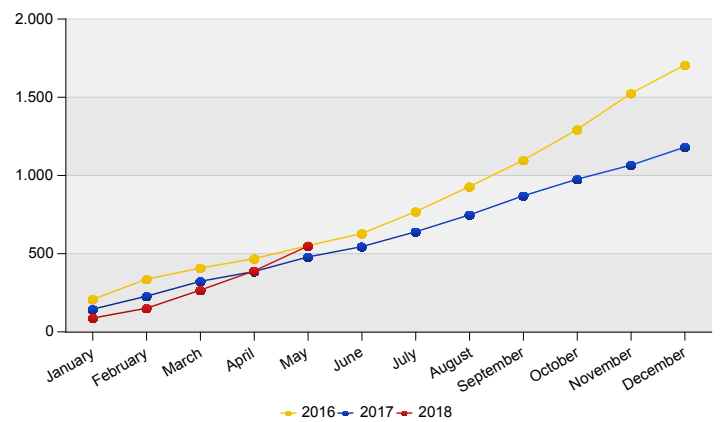
Top Nationalities unaccompanied minor asylum applications last twelve months  
Period: Jun 2017 - May 2018  
Number of unaccompanied minor asylum applications: 1.251



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 2018

Source: METiS

Country of citizenships	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	2018	Total 2017	Total 2016 **
Afghanistan	22	18	25	21	22	108	322	1.026
Albania	21	8	18	24	27	98	365	1.664
Algeria	89	91	111	90	79	460	891	980
Angola	*	6	7	*	*	20	27	15
Argentina	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Armenia	*	*	5	8	13	31	109	48
Australia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Azerbaijan	13	12	21	22	13	81	113	66
Bahamas	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bahrain	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	*
Bangladesh	*	*	*	*	5	11	18	21
Belarus	*	*	12	*	32	48	103	21
Belgium	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Benin	*	*	*	*	*	5	13	7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5	*	*	*	*	13	67	295
Botswana	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Brazil	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	*
Bulgaria	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Burkina Faso	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	11
Burundi	*	*	*	*	*	5	29	24
Cambodia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cameroon	*	*	5	*	*	12	39	18
Canada	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cape Verde	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Chad	*	*	*	*	*	7	30	5
Chile	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
China (including Hong Kong)	7	*	9	10	25	52	149	97
Colombia	*	*	*	*	*	*	36	36
Comoros	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Congo, the Democratic Republic of the	*	*	*	*	*	6	13	*
Congo, the Republic of the	*	5	*	*	11	23	43	50
Cote d'Ivoire	7	6	*	6	*	25	41	30
Croatia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5
Cuba	155	*	*	*	*	158	256	23
Cyprus	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Djibouti	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dominican Republic	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	*
Ecuador	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Egypt	12	11	11	*	13	51	178	112
El Salvador	*	*	*	6	*	9	18	19
Eritrea	110	104	144	128	151	637	1.095	1.497
Ethiopia	9	5	*	*	11	33	124	156
Finland	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Gabon	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Gambia	22	24	20	33	29	128	214	131
Georgia	11	25	54	27	44	161	487	578
Germany	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ghana	*	10	*	6	*	26	39	15
Greece	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Grenada	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Guinea	20	16	22	15	16	89	330	111
Guinea-Bissau	*	*	*	*	*	9	29	11
Guyana	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*



Monthly First Asylum Applications in The Netherlands in 2018

Source: METiS

Country of citizenships	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	2018	Total 2017	Total 2016 **
Haiti	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Honduras	5	*	*	*	*	5	12	7
Hungary	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
India	*	*	8	*	6	21	37	45
Indonesia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	89	72	68	105	86	420	718	884
Iraq	63	47	45	52	66	273	724	888
Israel	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	*
Italy	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5
Jamaica	*	*	*	*	*	8	14	34
Jordan	7	*	10	11	*	36	34	27
Kazakhstan	*	*	*	*	*	*	15	23
Kenya	*	*	*	5	*	8	10	6
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	*	5	*	*	13	22	36	465
Kuwait	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	8
Kyrgyzstan	5	*	*	*	*	6	9	9
Lao People's Democratic Republic	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Latvia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lebanon	7	*	*	*	5	19	61	55
Liberia	*	*	5	*	*	10	15	11
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	51	42	40	42	47	222	357	341
Lithuania	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Malaysia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Maldives	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mali	5	6	*	*	*	15	60	26
Mauritania	*	*	*	*	*	8	18	11
Mauritius	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mexico	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	*
Moldova, Republic of	65	30	63	70	76	304	342	15
Mongolia	5	*	*	*	*	9	19	403
Montenegro	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	25
Morocco	87	67	90	96	86	426	977	1.271
Myanmar	5	*	*	*	*	13	28	55
Nepal	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	13
Netherlands	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	13
Nicaragua	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Niger	*	*	*	*	*	5	13	*
Nigeria	36	23	22	17	37	135	245	197
Oman	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pakistan	12	9	19	24	20	84	181	161
Palestinian Territory, Occupied	*	6	5	14	9	38	74	30
Panama	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Peru	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Philippines	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Poland	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
Portugal	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Romania	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	7
Russian Federation	24	8	32	17	27	108	316	124
Rwanda	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	15
Saudi Arabia	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	11
Senegal	*	*	*	5	5	19	81	47
Serbia	15	8	8	13	*	48	174	938
Sierra Leone	13	7	*	7	*	35	67	33



Monthly First Asylum Applications in The Netherlands in 2018

Source: METiS

Country of citizenships	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	2018	Total 2017	Total 2016 **
Singapore	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Somalia	8	9	6	6	14	43	124	157
South Africa	*	*	*	*	*	*	12	10
South Sudan	*	*	*	*	*	5	*	*
Spain	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	*
Sri Lanka	*	5	*	6	*	13	46	28
Stateless	5	*	*	*	*	14	120	310
Sudan	12	9	25	23	21	90	260	191
Suriname	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	8
Sweden	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Syrian Arab Republic	200	192	182	212	234	1.020	2.202	2.158
Taiwan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Tajikistan	24	16	17	8	16	81	59	19
Tanzania, United Republic of	*	*	*	*	*	*	14	10
Thailand	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	9	8	*	*	11	31	112	430
Togo	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	*
Trinidad and Tobago	*	*	*	6	*	11	34	22
Tunisia	35	41	56	37	42	211	172	205
Turkey	59	58	60	105	95	377	481	235
Turkmenistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Uganda	9	6	11	*	10	39	72	87
Ukraine	11	7	5	12	8	43	139	317
United Arab Emirates	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
United Kingdom	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	*
United States of America	*	5	*	6	*	13	20	5
Unknown	68	54	25	51	58	256	550	457
Uruguay	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Uzbekistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	6
Venezuela	5	14	15	12	10	56	77	27
Viet Nam	*	*	*	*	13	20	27	61
Yemen	16	22	13	14	20	85	171	45
Zambia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Zimbabwe	*	*	*	*	*	*	17	12
Other	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	17
<b>Totaal</b>	<b>1.512</b>	<b>1.178</b>	<b>1.355</b>	<b>1.446</b>	<b>1.598</b>	<b>7.089</b>	<b>14.716</b>	<b>18.171</b>

\* To conceal the lowest figures, all values between 0 and 4 are replaced by asterisk.

\*\* In May 2017 the IND has adjusted its systems to remove a small discrepancy that caused some cases to not be included in figures of (earlier versions of) this report. This adjustment may result in some small inconsistencies with reports dating from April 2017 and before. Considering the limited size of the discrepancy and to ensure consistency between reports, figures published before January 1st, 2017, will not be updated. Notwithstanding these figures, the total influx of first asylum applications in 2016 was 18,246.

Selection criterion for this table: all nationalities with at least 1 application in the current year.