



## **Asylum Trends**

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**First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2018 and 2019**

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by June 3rd 2019

		2018												2019			Total 2018
		Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Total	
EU	Germany	14.090	13.870	12.975	12.250	13.470	14.985	14.595	12.435	14.245	13.150	8.900	<b>144.965</b>	15.665	13.305	<b>28.970</b>	161.930
	France	8.570	8.820	8.875	8.760	8.660	9.395	9.420	8.485	11.380	9.810	10.775	<b>102.950</b>	8.650	9.625	<b>18.275</b>	111.415
	Spain	2.835	2.845	4.720	6.515	4.945	4.340	3.800	4.530	5.505	5.415	4.210	<b>49.660</b>	6.480	8.950	<b>15.430</b>	52.745
	Greece	3.945	4.375	5.095	5.650	5.590	5.900	4.940	5.830	7.065	6.900	5.065	<b>60.355</b>	5.335	5.300	<b>10.635</b>	64.985
	United Kingdom	2.695	2.970	2.580	2.850	2.930	3.335	3.045	3.225	3.320	3.845	3.635	<b>34.430</b>	3.730	3.320	<b>7.050</b>	37.365
	Italy	6.065	5.845	4.520	5.135	5.155	4.420	2.400	3.240	3.595	3.535	2.430	<b>46.340</b>	3.140	2.650	<b>5.790</b>	53.440
	Belgium	1.205	1.345	1.125	1.320	1.175	1.810	1.770	1.990	2.205	1.670	1.080	<b>16.695</b>	2.270	1.665	<b>3.935</b>	18.160
	Netherlands	1.200	1.385	1.445	1.570	1.290	1.930	2.020	2.240	2.220	1.840	1.770	<b>18.910</b>	1.855	1.660	<b>3.515</b>	20.465
	Sweden	1.360	1.295	1.280	1.365	1.355	1.580	1.695	1.595	1.790	1.510	1.490	<b>16.315</b>	1.595	1.415	<b>3.010</b>	18.110
	Cyprus	380	530	395	500	535	545	710	890	1.045	980	680	<b>7.190</b>	1.085	805	<b>1.890</b>	7.610
	Austria	1.015	1.120	875	965	810	985	905	885	935	870	755	<b>10.120</b>	855	745	<b>1.600</b>	11.415
	Ireland	285	375	220	220	235	300	325	360	375	305	345	<b>3.345</b>	400	340	<b>740</b>	3.655
	Poland	185	175	220	205	200	190	175	220	250	200	160	<b>2.180</b>	305	135	<b>440</b>	2.405
	Luxembourg	125	130	135	150	140	235	215	205	180	245	275	<b>2.035</b>	240	200	<b>440</b>	2.225
	Denmark	265	260	245	275	250	350	385	365	345	300	185	<b>3.225</b>	230	180	<b>410</b>	3.495
	Slovenia	220	125	275	360	260	280	370	250	190	160	140	<b>2.630</b>	185	200	<b>385</b>	2.800
	Finland	225	245	235	240	235	225	270	280	255	200	245	<b>2.655</b>	205	170	<b>375</b>	2.955
	Czech Republic	95	95	95	110	95	125	120	115	115	150	140	<b>1.255</b>	170	200	<b>370</b>	1.360
	Malta	125	125	120	140	160	150	170	225	260	250	160	<b>1.885</b>	240	120	<b>360</b>	2.035
	Portugal	80	85	65	85	60	135	110	130	150	135	120	<b>1.155</b>	115	130	<b>245</b>	1.240
Bulgaria	60	85	90	80	95	145	350	305	485	340	280	<b>2.315</b>	135	75	<b>210</b>	2.465	
Romania	95	60	175	115	160	140	180	250	205	195	175	<b>1.750</b>	105	100	<b>205</b>	1.945	
Hungary	55	50	40	60	45	55	25	30	40	30	25	<b>455</b>	45	35	<b>80</b>	635	
Lithuania	15	5	30	35	30	50	50	45	40	45	30	<b>375</b>	50	25	<b>75</b>	385	
Croatia	60	110	25	55	65	45	95	45	85	25	30	<b>640</b>	30	20	<b>50</b>	675	
Slovak Republic	10	10	10	30	5	10	5	15	10	15	10	<b>130</b>	25	15	<b>40</b>	155	
Latvia	20	15	10	10	10	30	15	10	20	10	10	<b>160</b>	5	5	<b>10</b>	175	
Estonia	0	5	5	5	0	30	10	10	10	5	5	<b>85</b>	5	5	<b>10</b>	90	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>45.280</b>	<b>46.355</b>	<b>45.880</b>	<b>49.055</b>	<b>47.960</b>	<b>51.720</b>	<b>48.170</b>	<b>48.205</b>	<b>56.320</b>	<b>52.135</b>	<b>43.125</b>	<b>534.205</b>	<b>53.150</b>	<b>51.395</b>	<b>104.545</b>	<b>586.335</b>
Not EU	Switzerland	1.210	1.150	1.125	1.125	1.080	1.235	1.030	970	1.295	1.140	895	<b>12.255</b>	1.050	1.100	<b>2.150</b>	13.535
	Norway	140	145	170	175	295	385	285	255	230	160	165	<b>2.405</b>	180	155	<b>335</b>	2.550
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.350</b>	<b>1.295</b>	<b>1.295</b>	<b>1.300</b>	<b>1.375</b>	<b>1.620</b>	<b>1.315</b>	<b>1.225</b>	<b>1.525</b>	<b>1.300</b>	<b>1.060</b>	<b>14.660</b>	<b>1.230</b>	<b>1.255</b>	<b>2.485</b>	<b>16.085</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>46.630</b>	<b>47.650</b>	<b>47.175</b>	<b>50.355</b>	<b>49.335</b>	<b>53.340</b>	<b>49.485</b>	<b>49.430</b>	<b>57.845</b>	<b>53.435</b>	<b>44.185</b>	<b>548.865</b>	<b>54.380</b>	<b>52.650</b>	<b>107.030</b>	<b>602.420</b>	

**First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from March 2018 - February 2019**

	2018											2019		Total
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb		
Syrian Arab Republic	6.870	7.030	7.330	7.445	8.030	7.000	6.795	7.220	6.110	4.570	6.485	5.560	<b>80.445</b>	
Afghanistan	2.730	2.795	3.480	3.505	4.140	3.650	3.770	4.615	4.500	3.420	3.825	3.270	<b>43.700</b>	
Iraq	3.530	3.155	2.980	3.200	3.385	3.745	3.190	3.630	3.495	2.780	3.185	2.855	<b>39.130</b>	
Venezuela	1.485	2.355	3.120	2.165	1.585	1.400	1.540	1.985	2.165	1.755	2.635	3.950	<b>26.140</b>	
Pakistan	1.985	1.725	2.045	2.145	2.150	1.835	2.390	2.590	2.565	2.025	2.320	1.815	<b>25.590</b>	
Turkey	1.235	1.285	1.565	2.110	2.830	2.725	2.590	2.800	2.220	1.660	1.980	1.980	<b>24.980</b>	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1.370	1.765	1.390	1.495	1.930	2.315	2.630	3.095	2.970	1.975	2.185	1.775	<b>24.895</b>	
Nigeria	2.315	2.035	2.100	2.185	1.960	1.575	1.445	1.750	1.535	1.295	2.060	2.150	<b>22.405</b>	
Albania	1.495	1.390	1.390	1.315	1.520	1.675	1.740	2.325	1.980	1.985	1.835	1.800	<b>20.450</b>	
Georgia	1.710	1.475	1.315	1.260	1.335	1.310	1.245	1.740	1.910	2.050	2.315	1.985	<b>19.650</b>	
Others	23.325	22.650	24.245	23.045	24.530	22.255	22.355	26.180	24.260	20.735	25.700	25.770	<b>285.050</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>48.050</b>	<b>47.660</b>	<b>50.960</b>	<b>49.870</b>	<b>53.395</b>	<b>49.485</b>	<b>49.690</b>	<b>57.930</b>	<b>53.710</b>	<b>44.250</b>	<b>54.525</b>	<b>52.910</b>	<b>612.435</b>	

Figures are sorted by total in 2019. 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 2019 Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by France and Spain. Figures for March, April and May 2019 are not yet available for all EU countries. Syrian Arab Republic, Afghanistan and Iraq 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 2018) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by June 3rd 2019

### 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 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	78.310	26%	358.327	8%	82,8	16%	2.624	20%
	2	France	59.265	20%	549.060	13%	66,9	13%	1.830	14%
	3	Greece	35.700	12%	131.912	3%	10,7	2%	213	2%
	4	Spain	27.800	9%	498.504	11%	46,7	9%	1.125	9%
	5	United Kingdom	20.405	7%	247.763	6%	66,3	13%	1.742	13%
	6	Italy	19.620	7%	301.291	7%	60,5	12%	1.541	12%
	7	Netherlands	12.020	4%	37.824	1%	17,2	3%	548	4%
	8	Belgium	10.525	4%	30.668	1%	11,4	2%	339	3%
	9	Sweden	9.660	3%	449.896	10%	10,1	2%	314	2%
	10	Austria	5.335	2%	83.944	2%	8,8	2%	281	2%
	11	Cyprus	4.850	2%	9.249	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	12	Ireland	2.010	1%	70.601	2%	4,8	1%	149	1%
	13	Denmark	1.930	1%	43.162	1%	5,8	1%	180	1%
	14	Bulgaria	1.905	1%	110.995	3%	7,1	1%	87	1%
	15	Finland	1.475	0%	337.547	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	16	Slovenia	1.390	0%	20.277	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	17	Luxembourg	1.355	0%	2.595	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	18	Malta	1.215	0%	315	0%	0,5	0%	10	0%
	19	Poland	1.195	0%	313.851	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	20	Romania	1.145	0%	239.068	5%	19,5	4%	278	2%
	21	Portugal	780	0%	88.847	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	22	Czech Republic	765	0%	78.874	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	23	Croatia	325	0%	56.539	1%	4,1	1%	66	1%
	24	Lithuania	260	0%	65.412	1%	2,8	1%	56	0%
	25	Hungary	205	0%	93.013	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	26	Latvia	95	0%	65.519	1%	1,9	0%	35	0%
	27	Estonia	70	0%	45.347	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
	28	Slovak Republic	65	0%	49.026	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
<b>EU - Total</b>			<b>299.675</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.379.426</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>512,4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,069</b>	<b>100%</b>
Not EU		Switzerland	6.565	2%	41.285	1%	8,5	2%	326	2%
		Norway	1.480	0%	323.787	7%	5,3	1%	250	2%
<b>Not EU - Total</b>			<b>8.045</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>365.072</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>13,8</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 2018 Germany received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by France and Greece. 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 (2nd half of 2018) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by June 3rd 2019

**Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 2nd 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	3.857	57,4	1.215	315
2	Cyprus	524	7,8	4.850	9.249
3	Luxembourg	522	7,8	1.355	2.595
4	Belgium	343	5,1	10.525	30.668
5	Netherlands	318	4,7	12.020	37.824
6	Greece	271	4,0	35.700	131.912
7	Germany	219	3,3	78.310	358.327
8	France	108	1,6	59.265	549.060
9	United Kingdom	82	1,2	20.405	247.763
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>300.160</b>	<b>4.467.087</b>
10	Slovenia	69	1,0	1.390	20.277
11	Italy	65	1,0	19.620	301.291
12	Austria	64	0,9	5.335	83.944
13	Spain	56	0,8	27.800	498.504
14	Denmark	45	0,7	1.930	43.162
15	Ireland	28	0,4	2.010	70.601
16	Sweden	21	0,3	9.660	449.896
17	Bulgaria	17	0,3	1.905	110.995
18	Czech Republic	10	0,1	765	78.874
19	Portugal	9	0,1	780	88.847
20	Croatia	6	0,1	325	56.539
21	Romania	5	0,1	1.145	239.068
22	Finland	4	0,1	1.475	337.547
23	Lithuania	4	0,1	260	65.412
24	Poland	4	0,1	1.195	313.851
25	Hungary	2	0,0	205	93.013
26	Estonia	2	0,0	70	45.347
27	Latvia	1	0,0	95	65.519
28	Slovak Republic	1	0,0	65	49.026
	Norway	5	0,1	1.480	323.787
	Switzerland	159	2,4	6.565	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 (3.857 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 57,4 times more applicants than the EU average (69 per 1.000 sq km). Cyprus and Luxembourg ranked second and third at some distance with 7,8 and 7,8 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 5th in the EU with 4,7 times the EU average.



## First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2018) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by June 3rd 2019

**Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 2nd 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	5.612	9,6	4.850	0,9
2	Greece	3.324	5,7	35.700	10,7
3	Malta	2.554	4,4	1.215	0,5
4	Luxembourg	2.251	3,8	1.355	0,6
5	Sweden	955	1,6	9.660	10,1
6	Germany	946	1,6	78.310	82,8
7	Belgium	923	1,6	10.525	11,4
8	France	886	1,5	59.265	66,9
9	Netherlands	700	1,2	12.020	17,2
10	Slovenia	673	1,1	1.390	2,1
11	Austria	605	1,0	5.335	8,8
12	Spain	596	1,0	27.800	46,7
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>300.160</b>	<b>512,8</b>
13	Ireland	416	0,7	2.010	4,8
14	Denmark	334	0,6	1.930	5,8
15	Italy	324	0,6	19.620	60,5
16	United Kingdom	308	0,5	20.405	66,3
17	Bulgaria	270	0,5	1.905	7,1
18	Finland	268	0,5	1.475	5,5
19	Lithuania	93	0,2	260	2,8
20	Croatia	79	0,1	325	4,1
21	Portugal	76	0,1	780	10,3
22	Czech Republic	72	0,1	765	10,6
23	Romania	59	0,1	1.145	19,5
24	Estonia	53	0,1	70	1,3
25	Latvia	49	0,1	95	1,9
26	Poland	31	0,1	1.195	38,0
27	Hungary	21	0,0	205	9,8
28	Slovak Republic	12	0,0	65	5,4
	Norway	279	0,5	1.480	5,3
	Switzerland	774	1,3	6.565	8,5

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: 5.612 applications per million inhabitants, 9,6 times the EU average (585 applications per million inhabitants). Greece and Malta ranked second and third (5,7 and 4,4 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 9th in the EU with 700 applications per million inhabitants.



## First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2018) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by June 3rd 2019

**Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 2nd 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	252,7	11,0	4.850	19
2	Greece	168,0	7,3	35.700	213
3	Malta	126,5	5,5	1.215	10
4	Luxembourg	36,6	1,6	1.355	37
5	France	32,4	1,4	59.265	1.830
6	Slovenia	31,7	1,4	1.390	44
7	Belgium	31,0	1,4	10.525	339
8	Sweden	30,8	1,3	9.660	314
9	Germany	29,8	1,3	78.310	2.624
10	Spain	24,7	1,1	27.800	1.125
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>23,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>300.160</b>	<b>13.078</b>
11	Netherlands	21,9	1,0	12.020	548
12	Bulgaria	21,9	1,0	1.905	87
13	Austria	19,0	0,8	5.335	281
14	Ireland	13,5	0,6	2.010	149
15	Italy	12,7	0,6	19.620	1.541
16	United Kingdom	11,7	0,5	20.405	1.742
17	Denmark	10,7	0,5	1.930	180
18	Finland	9,4	0,4	1.475	156
19	Croatia	4,9	0,2	325	66
20	Lithuania	4,6	0,2	260	56
21	Romania	4,1	0,2	1.145	278
22	Portugal	3,8	0,2	780	203
23	Czech Republic	3,5	0,2	765	216
24	Estonia	2,8	0,1	70	25
25	Latvia	2,7	0,1	95	35
26	Poland	1,8	0,1	1.195	673
27	Hungary	1,2	0,1	205	170
28	Slovak Republic	0,6	0,0	65	106
	Norway	5,9	0,3	1.480	250
	Switzerland	20,2	0,9	6.565	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 11,0, 7,3 and 5,5 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 June 3rd 2019

**Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 2nd 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	22,4	57,4	4,4	5,5
2	Cyprus	9,5	7,8	9,6	11,0
3	Greece	5,7	4,0	5,7	7,3
4	Luxembourg	4,4	7,8	3,8	1,6
5	Belgium	2,7	5,1	1,6	1,4
6	Netherlands	2,3	4,7	1,2	1,0
7	Germany	2,1	3,3	1,6	1,3
8	France	1,5	1,6	1,5	1,4
9	Slovenia	1,2	1,0	1,1	1,4
10	Sweden	1,1	0,3	1,6	1,3
	<b>TOTAL EU-28</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>
11	Spain	1,0	0,8	1,0	1,1
12	Austria	0,9	0,9	1,0	0,8
13	United Kingdom	0,8	1,2	0,5	0,5
14	Italy	0,7	1,0	0,6	0,6
15	Ireland	0,6	0,4	0,7	0,6
16	Denmark	0,6	0,7	0,6	0,5
17	Bulgaria	0,6	0,3	0,5	1,0
18	Finland	0,3	0,1	0,5	0,4
19	Croatia	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
20	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
21	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
22	Lithuania	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,2
23	Romania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
24	Estonia	0,1	0,0	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	Hungary	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	0,3
	Switzerland	1,5	2,4	1,3	0,9

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

Malta received 22,4 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Cyprus followed with 9,5 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 6th, receiving 2,3 times as many applications than the EU average.