



Asylum Trends

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

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by February 2 st

		2016				2017												Total 2016
		Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total		
EU	Germany	32.390	25.895	18.965	77.250	18.750	17.440	19.885	14.590	16.180	14.965	16.110	18.280	16.175	15.920	168.295	722.365	
	Italy	13.315	13.435	11.020	37.770	11.570	11.820	13.510	9.405	11.940	12.815	12.050	10.070	10.390	9.625	113.195	121.185	
	France	6.980	6.150	7.080	20.210	7.000	6.975	7.985	7.155	7.210	6.825	7.685	7.555	6.955	8.165	73.510	76.790	
	Greece	6.160	7.470	6.615	20.245	6.260	5.525	4.760	2.610	3.905	4.040	3.985	4.905	5.755	6.205	47.950	49.875	
	United Kingdom	2.930	3.150	3.330	9.410	2.820	2.475	3.145	2.205	2.815	2.715	2.685	2.705	2.835	3.070	27.470	39.355	
	Spain	1.705	1.905	1.555	5.165	2.080	2.270	2.365	1.940	2.725	2.350	2.695	3.190	2.830	2.830	25.275	15.570	
	Austria	2.460	2.190	2.230	6.880	2.035	1.850	1.935	1.750	1.910	1.830	1.990	2.295	1.820	1.885	19.300	39.905	
	Sweden	1.880	1.730	1.575	5.185	1.545	1.315	1.525	1.255	1.420	2.025	1.980	2.550	2.490	2.225	18.330	22.385	
	Netherlands	2.035	1.920	1.540	5.495	1.235	1.150	1.215	1.020	1.150	1.185	1.380	1.325	1.210	1.275	12.145	19.285	
	Belgium	1.295	1.175	1.155	3.625	1.150	1.080	1.210	1.085	1.080	1.050	1.170	1.245	1.315	1.345	11.730	14.290	
	Romania	415	275	290	980	90	125	410	640	405	280	410	750	685	465	4.260	1.855	
	Finland	310	275	270	855	240	360	430	400	430	420	440	435	270	315	3.740	5.295	
	Cyprus	340	405	250	995	255	355	505	215	250	265	440	275	635	0	3.195	2.840	
	Bulgaria	2.550	1.730	795	5.075	375	355	505	200	255	230	215	305	365	315	3.120	18.990	
	Poland	395	390	395	1.180	345	300	320	270	210	255	395	225	195	160	2.675	9.785	
	Hungary	1.155	675	580	2.410	460	355	265	190	235	225	225	265	225	230	2.675	28.215	
	Denmark	345	275	255	875	220	205	245	235	285	290	300	300	310	275	2.665	6.070	
	Ireland	185	225	260	670	165	225	215	170	295	210	175	215	335	315	2.320	2.315	
	Luxembourg	275	165	200	640	230	225	225	185	195	145	160	180	195	185	1.925	2.065	
	Malta	220	145	110	475	120	105	160	105	170	140	175	120	125	175	1.395	1.735	
Slovenia	85	185	130	400	30	30	130	60	190	150	120	145	150	160	1.165	1.265		
Czech Republic	120	80	75	275	110	90	95	75	110	95	105	85	95	110	970	1.205		
Portugal	80	65	60	205	65	70	115	75	80	105	70	60	100	90	830	710		
Croatia	395	260	175	830	45	45	55	65	70	65	110	110	60	95	720	2.150		
Lithuania	100	50	15	165	60	10	30	70	40	60	85	35	20	40	450	415		
Latvia	55	60	30	145	55	45	55	50	20	35	15	20	20	15	330	345		
Estonia	20	25	5	50	25	15	20	30	20	20	10	15	10	15	180	150		
Slovak Republic	5	20	15	40	25	20	15	5	10	15	5	10	10	20	135	100		
Total	78.200	70.325	58.975	207.500	57.360	54.835	61.330	46.055	53.605	52.805	55.185	57.670	55.580	55.525	549.950	1.206.510		
Not EU	Switzerland	2.010	1.845	1.660	5.515	1.490	1.385	1.495	1.230	1.350	1.535	1.560	1.545	1.310	1.390	14.290	25.875	
	Norway	260	225	410	895	465	305	400	340	405	360	255	235	165	170	3.100	3.275	
	Total	2.270	2.070	2.070	6.410	1.955	1.690	1.895	1.570	1.755	1.895	1.815	1.780	1.475	1.560	17.390	29.150	
Total	80.470	72.395	61.045	213.910	59.315	56.525	63.225	47.625	55.360	54.700	57.000	59.450	57.055	57.085	567.340	1.235.660		

First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from November 2016 - October 2017

	2016		2017										Total
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Syrian Arab Republic	11.890	9.730	8.705	8.805	9.485	6.955	8.845	8.055	9.580	10.725	9.110	8.750	110.635
Afghanistan	7.145	5.090	4.900	4.010	4.970	3.220	3.705	3.525	3.325	3.890	3.355	3.405	50.540
Iraq	5.125	4.220	3.805	3.995	4.025	2.835	3.745	3.410	3.620	4.645	5.040	5.090	49.555
Nigeria	5.360	4.090	4.180	3.900	3.805	2.865	3.395	3.830	3.845	3.300	3.045	2.975	44.590
Eritrea	3.925	3.400	2.815	2.530	2.400	2.090	2.060	2.735	2.605	2.635	3.005	1.950	32.150
Pakistan	3.155	2.585	2.455	2.535	3.045	2.270	2.570	2.500	2.410	2.510	2.505	2.660	31.200
Albania	2.575	2.205	1.855	1.590	2.240	2.060	2.050	2.010	2.110	2.215	1.735	1.575	24.220
Bangladesh	1.860	1.425	1.380	1.495	1.870	1.635	1.935	1.960	1.650	1.630	1.565	1.595	20.000
Guinea	1.655	1.520	1.770	1.735	2.185	1.480	1.640	1.690	1.680	1.450	1.310	1.310	19.425
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1.985	1.700	1.705	1.375	1.575	1.610	1.460	1.325	1.335	1.375	1.570	1.575	18.590
Others	27.965	25.185	25.815	24.595	27.675	20.670	23.990	23.790	24.965	25.235	24.920	26.260	301.065
Total	72.640	61.150	59.385	56.565	63.275	47.690	55.395	54.830	57.125	59.610	57.160	57.145	701.970

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 November and December 2017 are not yet available for all EU countries. Syria, 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 (1st half of 2017) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by February 2 st

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 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	101.810	31%	358.327	8%	82,2	16%	2.624	20%
	2	Italy	71.060	22%	301.291	7%	60,7	12%	1.541	12%
	3	France	43.150	13%	549.060	13%	66,8	13%	1.830	14%
	4	Greece	27.100	8%	131.912	3%	10,8	2%	213	2%
	5	United Kingdom	16.175	5%	247.763	6%	65,4	13%	1.742	13%
	6	Spain	13.730	4%	498.504	11%	46,4	9%	1.125	9%
	7	Austria	11.310	3%	83.944	2%	8,7	2%	281	2%
	8	Sweden	9.085	3%	449.896	10%	9,9	2%	314	2%
	9	Netherlands	6.955	2%	37.824	1%	17,0	3%	548	4%
	10	Belgium	6.655	2%	30.668	1%	11,3	2%	339	3%
	11	Finland	2.280	1%	337.547	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	12	Romania	1.950	1%	239.068	5%	19,8	4%	278	2%
	13	Bulgaria	1.920	1%	110.995	3%	7,2	1%	87	1%
	14	Cyprus	1.845	1%	9.249	0%	0,8	0%	19	0%
	15	Hungary	1.730	1%	93.013	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	16	Poland	1.700	1%	313.851	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	17	Denmark	1.480	0%	43.162	1%	5,7	1%	180	1%
	18	Ireland	1.280	0%	70.601	2%	4,7	1%	149	1%
	19	Luxembourg	1.205	0%	2.595	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	20	Malta	800	0%	315	0%	0,4	0%	10	0%
	21	Slovenia	590	0%	20.277	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	22	Czech Republic	575	0%	78.874	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	23	Portugal	510	0%	88.847	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	24	Croatia	345	0%	56.539	1%	4,2	1%	66	1%
	25	Lithuania	270	0%	65.412	1%	2,9	1%	56	0%
	26	Latvia	260	0%	65.519	1%	2,0	0%	35	0%
	27	Estonia	130	0%	45.347	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
	28	Slovak Republic	90	0%	49.026	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
EU - Total			325.990	100%	4.379.426	100%	510,3	100%	13,069	100%
Not EU		Switzerland	8.485	3%	41.285	1%	8,3	2%	326	2%
		Norway	2.275	1%	323.787	7%	5,2	1%	250	2%
Not EU - Total			10.760	3%	365.072	8%	13,5	3%	576	4%

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 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 (1st half of 2017) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by February 2st

Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 1st 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	2.540	34,8	800	315
2	Luxembourg	464	6,4	1.205	2.595
3	Germany	284	3,9	101.810	358.327
4	Italy	236	3,2	71.060	301.291
5	Belgium	217	3,0	6.655	30.668
6	Greece	205	2,8	27.100	131.912
7	Cyprus	199	2,7	1.845	9.249
8	Netherlands	184	2,5	6.955	37.824
9	Austria	135	1,8	11.310	83.944
10	France	79	1,1	43.150	549.060
	TOTAL EU-28	74	1,0	325.990	4.467.087
11	United Kingdom	65	0,9	16.175	247.763
12	Denmark	34	0,5	1.480	43.162
13	Slovenia	29	0,4	590	20.277
14	Spain	28	0,4	13.730	498.504
15	Sweden	20	0,3	9.085	449.896
16	Hungary	19	0,3	1.730	93.013
17	Ireland	18	0,2	1.280	70.601
18	Bulgaria	17	0,2	1.920	110.995
19	Romania	8	0,1	1.950	239.068
20	Czech Republic	7	0,1	575	78.874
21	Finland	7	0,1	2.280	337.547
22	Croatia	6	0,1	345	56.539
23	Portugal	6	0,1	510	88.847
24	Poland	5	0,1	1.700	313.851
25	Lithuania	4	0,1	270	65.412
26	Latvia	4	0,1	260	65.519
27	Estonia	3	0,0	130	45.347
28	Slovak Republic	2	0,0	90	49.026
	Norway	7	0,1	2.275	323.787
	Switzerland	206	2,8	8.485	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 (2.540 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 36,0 times more applicants than the EU average (72 per 1.000 sq km). Luxembourg and Germany ranked second and third at some distance with 6,6 and 3,6 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 8th in the EU with 2,6 times the EU average.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2017) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by February 2st

Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 1st 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	Greece	2.513	3,9	27.100	10,8
2	Cyprus	2.175	3,4	1.845	0,8
3	Luxembourg	2.091	3,3	1.205	0,6
4	Malta	1.842	2,9	800	0,4
5	Austria	1.301	2,0	11.310	8,7
6	Germany	1.239	1,9	101.810	82,2
7	Italy	1.171	1,8	71.060	60,7
8	Sweden	922	1,4	9.085	9,9
9	France	646	1,0	43.150	66,8
	TOTAL EU-28	639	1,0	325.990	510,3
10	Belgium	588	0,9	6.655	11,3
11	Finland	416	0,7	2.280	5,5
12	Netherlands	410	0,6	6.955	17,0
13	Spain	296	0,5	13.730	46,4
14	Slovenia	286	0,4	590	2,1
15	Ireland	271	0,4	1.280	4,7
16	Bulgaria	268	0,4	1.920	7,2
17	Denmark	259	0,4	1.480	5,7
18	United Kingdom	247	0,4	16.175	65,4
19	Hungary	176	0,3	1.730	9,8
20	Latvia	132	0,2	260	2,0
21	Estonia	99	0,2	130	1,3
22	Romania	99	0,2	1.950	19,8
23	Lithuania	93	0,1	270	2,9
24	Croatia	82	0,1	345	4,2
25	Czech Republic	54	0,1	575	10,6
26	Portugal	49	0,1	510	10,3
27	Poland	45	0,1	1.700	38,0
28	Slovak Republic	17	0,0	90	5,4
	Norway	437	0,7	2.275	5,2
	Switzerland	1.019	1,6	8.485	8,3

Table 3 provides an overview of the number of first asylum applications in relation to population size.

Greece received the most applications in the EU in relation to its population size: 2,513 applications per million inhabitants, 4,1 times the EU average (618 applications per million inhabitants). Cyprus and Luxembourg ranked second and third (3,5 and 3,4 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 12th in the EU with 414 applications per million inhabitants.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2017) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by February 2 st

Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 1st 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	127,5	5,1	27.100	213
2	Cyprus	96,1	3,9	1.845	19
3	Malta	83,3	3,3	800	10
4	Italy	46,1	1,8	71.060	1.541
5	Austria	40,3	1,6	11.310	281
6	Germany	38,8	1,6	101.810	2.624
7	Luxembourg	32,5	1,3	1.205	37
8	Sweden	29,0	1,2	9.085	314
	TOTAL EU-28	25,0	1,0	325.990	13.069
9	France	23,6	0,9	43.150	1.830
10	Bulgaria	22,1	0,9	1.920	87
11	Belgium	19,6	0,8	6.655	339
12	Finland	14,6	0,6	2.280	156
13	Slovenia	13,5	0,5	590	44
14	Netherlands	12,7	0,5	6.955	548
15	Spain	12,2	0,5	13.730	1.125
16	Hungary	10,2	0,4	1.730	170
17	United Kingdom	9,3	0,4	16.175	1.742
18	Ireland	8,6	0,3	1.280	149
19	Denmark	8,2	0,3	1.480	180
20	Latvia	7,5	0,3	260	35
21	Romania	7,0	0,3	1.950	278
22	Croatia	5,2	0,2	345	66
23	Estonia	5,2	0,2	130	25
24	Lithuania	4,8	0,2	270	56
25	Czech Republic	2,7	0,1	575	216
26	Poland	2,5	0,1	1.700	673
27	Portugal	2,5	0,1	510	203
28	Slovak Republic	0,8	0,0	90	106
	Norway	9,1	0,4	2.275	250
	Switzerland	26,0	1,0	8.485	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 5,3, 4,0 and 3,5 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 14th with 0,5 times the EU average.



Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by February 2 st

Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 1st 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	13,7	34,8	2,9	3,3
2	Greece	4,0	2,8	3,9	5,1
3	Luxembourg	3,6	6,4	3,3	1,3
4	Cyprus	3,3	2,7	3,4	3,9
5	Germany	2,5	3,9	1,9	1,6
6	Italy	2,3	3,2	1,8	1,8
7	Austria	1,8	1,8	2,0	1,6
8	Belgium	1,6	3,0	0,9	0,8
9	Netherlands	1,2	2,5	0,6	0,5
10	France	1,0	1,1	1,0	0,9
	TOTAL EU-28	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
11	Sweden	1,0	0,3	1,4	1,2
12	United Kingdom	0,6	0,9	0,4	0,4
13	Bulgaria	0,5	0,2	0,4	0,9
14	Slovenia	0,5	0,4	0,4	0,5
15	Spain	0,4	0,4	0,5	0,5
16	Finland	0,4	0,1	0,7	0,6
17	Denmark	0,4	0,5	0,4	0,3
18	Ireland	0,3	0,2	0,4	0,3
19	Hungary	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,4
20	Latvia	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,3
21	Romania	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,3
22	Croatia	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
23	Estonia	0,1	0,0	0,2	0,2
24	Lithuania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
25	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
26	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
27	Poland	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
28	Slovak Republic	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Norway	0,4	0,1	0,7	0,4
	Switzerland	1,8	2,8	1,6	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. Greece followed with 4,1 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 9th, receiving 1,3 times as many applications than the EU average.