



Asylum Trends

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

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by November 4st

		2016						2017								Total 2016	
		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug		Total
EU	Germany	92,115	76,515	32,390	25,895	18,965	245,880	16,055	14,950	18,080	13,340	15,095	13,685	15,000	16,635	122,840	722,365
	Italy	11,290	12,295	13,315	13,435	11,020	61,355	11,570	11,820	13,510	9,405	11,940	12,815	12,050	10,070	93,180	121,185
	France	7,120	6,910	6,980	6,150	7,080	34,240	7,000	6,975	7,985	7,155	7,210	6,825	7,685	7,555	58,390	76,790
	Greece	3,450	5,040	6,160	7,470	6,615	28,735	6,260	5,525	4,760	2,610	3,905	4,040	3,985	4,905	35,990	49,875
	United Kingdom	3,190	3,310	2,930	3,150	3,330	15,910	2,820	2,475	3,145	2,205	2,815	2,715	2,685	2,705	21,565	39,355
	Spain	1,220	1,305	1,705	1,905	1,555	7,690	2,080	2,270	2,365	1,940	2,725	2,350	0	3,190	16,920	15,570
	Austria	3,115	2,470	2,460	2,190	2,230	12,465	2,035	1,850	1,935	1,750	1,910	1,830	1,990	2,295	15,595	39,905
	Sweden	1,700	1,795	1,880	1,730	1,575	8,680	1,545	1,315	1,525	1,255	1,420	2,025	1,980	2,550	13,615	22,385
	Netherlands	1,755	1,875	2,035	1,920	1,540	9,125	1,245	1,160	1,220	1,025	1,155	1,225	1,395	1,440	9,865	19,285
	Belgium	1,255	1,100	1,295	1,175	1,155	5,980	1,150	1,080	1,210	1,085	1,080	1,050	1,170	1,245	9,070	14,290
	Finland	460	480	310	275	270	1,795	240	360	430	400	430	420	440	435	3,155	5,295
	Romania	140	190	415	275	290	1,310	90	125	410	640	405	280	410	750	3,110	1,855
	Bulgaria	2,790	2,065	2,550	1,730	795	9,930	375	355	505	200	255	230	215	305	2,440	18,990
	Poland	765	620	395	390	395	2,565	345	300	320	270	210	255	395	225	2,320	9,785
	Cyprus	215	265	340	405	250	1,475	255	355	505	215	250	265	440	0	2,285	2,840
	Hungary	1,260	1,055	1,155	675	580	4,725	460	355	265	190	235	225	225	265	2,220	28,215
	Denmark	290	300	345	275	255	1,465	220	205	245	235	285	290	300	300	2,080	6,070
	Luxembourg	195	195	275	165	200	1,030	230	225	225	185	195	145	160	180	1,545	2,065
	Ireland	195	220	185	225	260	1,085	165	225	215	170	295	210	0	215	1,495	2,315
	Malta	175	165	220	145	110	815	120	105	160	105	170	140	175	120	1,095	1,735
	Slovenia	120	110	85	185	130	630	30	30	130	60	190	150	120	145	855	1,265
Czech Republic	90	115	120	80	75	480	110	90	95	75	110	95	105	85	765	1,205	
Portugal	60	70	80	65	60	335	65	70	115	75	80	105	70	60	640	710	
Croatia	230	360	395	260	175	1,420	45	45	55	65	70	65	110	110	565	2,150	
Lithuania	65	40	100	50	15	270	60	10	30	70	40	60	85	35	390	415	
Latvia	30	25	55	60	30	200	55	45	55	50	20	35	15	20	295	345	
Estonia	10	20	20	25	5	80	25	15	20	30	20	20	10	15	155	150	
Slovak Republic	20	15	5	20	15	75	25	20	15	5	10	15	5	10	105	100	
	Total	133,320	118,925	78,200	70,325	58,975	459,745	54,675	52,355	59,530	44,810	52,525	51,565	51,220	55,865	422,545	1,206,510
Not EU	Switzerland	2,315	2,090	2,010	1,845	1,660	9,920	1,490	1,385	1,495	1,230	1,350	1,535	1,560	1,545	11,590	25,875
	Norway	295	265	260	225	410	1,455	465	305	400	340	405	360	255	235	2,765	3,275
	Total	2,610	2,355	2,270	2,070	2,070	11,375	1,955	1,690	1,895	1,570	1,755	1,895	1,815	1,780	14,355	29,150
Total	135,930	121,280	80,470	72,395	61,045	471,120	56,630	54,045	61,425	46,380	54,280	53,460	53,035	57,645	436,900	1,235,660	

First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from September 2016 - August 2017

	2016				2017								Total
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	
Syrian Arab Republic	29,110	13,740	11,890	9,730	7,545	7,695	8,665	6,375	8,340	7,455	8,385	9,735	128,665
Afghanistan	18,665	10,220	7,145	5,090	4,615	3,745	4,765	3,070	3,615	3,385	3,260	3,740	71,315
Iraq	12,225	6,430	5,125	4,220	3,430	3,640	3,775	2,670	3,560	3,230	3,385	4,500	56,190
Nigeria	5,590	5,105	5,360	4,090	4,125	3,860	3,770	2,835	3,330	3,780	3,790	3,245	48,880
Eritrea	4,055	3,895	3,925	3,400	2,660	2,350	2,270	2,005	2,015	2,695	2,550	2,575	34,395
Pakistan	4,570	3,000	3,155	2,585	2,435	2,520	3,045	2,265	2,565	2,490	2,365	2,505	33,500
Albania	3,640	2,380	2,575	2,205	1,795	1,550	2,200	2,045	2,045	2,000	2,050	2,185	26,670
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	4,275	2,745	1,985	1,700	1,685	1,355	1,550	1,575	1,440	1,305	1,315	1,350	22,280
Bangladesh	2,090	1,665	1,860	1,425	1,380	1,495	1,870	1,635	1,935	1,960	1,635	1,610	20,560
Guinea	1,630	1,695	1,655	1,520	1,740	1,690	2,160	1,460	1,620	1,685	1,575	1,435	19,865
Others	35,590	29,760	27,965	25,185	25,280	24,190	27,400	20,500	23,840	23,600	22,720	24,765	310,795
Total	121,440	80,635	72,640	61,150	56,690	54,090	61,470	46,435	54,305	53,585	53,030	57,645	773,115

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 September, October and November 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 November 4st

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	91,205	29%	358.327	8%	82,2	16%	2,624	20%
	2	Italy	71,060	23%	301.291	7%	60,7	12%	1,541	12%
	3	France	43,150	14%	549.060	13%	66,8	13%	1,830	14%
	4	Greece	27,100	9%	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	4%	83.944	2%	8,7	2%	281	2%
	8	Sweden	9,085	3%	449.896	10%	9,9	2%	314	2%
	9	Netherlands	7,030	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			315,460	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 November 4st

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	36,0	800	315
2	Luxembourg	464	6,6	1,205	2.595
3	Germany	255	3,6	91,205	358.327
4	Italy	236	3,3	71,060	301.291
5	Belgium	217	3,1	6,655	30.668
6	Greece	205	2,9	27,100	131.912
7	Cyprus	199	2,8	1,845	9.249
8	Netherlands	186	2,6	7,030	37.824
9	Austria	135	1,9	11,310	83.944
10	France	79	1,1	43,150	549.060
	TOTAL EU-28	72	1,0	315,460	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	0,3	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	2,9	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 November 4st

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	4,1	27,100	10,8
2	Cyprus	2,175	3,5	1,845	0,8
3	Luxembourg	2,091	3,4	1,205	0,6
4	Malta	1,842	3,0	800	0,4
5	Austria	1,301	2,1	11,310	8,7
6	Italy	1,171	1,9	71,060	60,7
7	Germany	1,110	1,8	91,205	82,2
8	Sweden	922	1,5	9,085	9,9
9	France	646	1,0	43,150	66,8
	TOTAL EU-28	618	1,0	315,460	510,3
10	Belgium	588	1,0	6,655	11,3
11	Finland	416	0,7	2,280	5,5
12	Netherlands	414	0,7	7,030	17,0
13	Spain	296	0,5	13,730	46,4
14	Slovenia	286	0,5	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	0,2	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 November 4st

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	5,3	27,100	213
2	Cyprus	96,1	4,0	1,845	19
3	Malta	83,3	3,5	800	10
4	Italy	46,1	1,9	71,060	1,541
5	Austria	40,3	1,7	11,310	281
6	Germany	34,8	1,4	91,205	2,624
7	Luxembourg	32,5	1,3	1,205	37
8	Sweden	29,0	1,2	9,085	314
	TOTAL EU-28	24,0	1,0	315,460	13,069
9	France	23,6	1,0	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	0,6	590	44
14	Netherlands	12,8	0,5	7,030	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	0,4	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	1,1	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 November 4st

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	14,1	36,0	3,0	3,5
2	Greece	4,1	2,9	4,1	5,3
3	Luxembourg	3,8	6,6	3,4	1,3
4	Cyprus	3,4	2,8	3,5	4,0
5	Italy	2,4	3,3	1,9	1,9
6	Germany	2,3	3,6	1,8	1,4
7	Austria	1,9	1,9	2,1	1,7
8	Belgium	1,6	3,1	1,0	0,8
9	Netherlands	1,3	2,6	0,7	0,5
10	France	1,0	1,1	1,0	1,0
	TOTAL EU-28	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
11	Sweden	1,0	0,3	1,5	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	0,5	0,6
15	Spain	0,5	0,4	0,5	0,5
16	Finland	0,5	0,1	0,7	0,6
17	Denmark	0,4	0,5	0,4	0,3
18	Ireland	0,3	0,3	0,4	0,4
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	0,2	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	1,9	2,9	1,6	1,1

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.