



Asylum Trends

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First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2017 and 2018

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by October 1st

		2017								2018						Total 2017	
		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		Total
EU	Germany	14.965	16.110	18.280	16.175	15.920	17.530	12.485	111.465	12.905	10.760	10.710	11.385	10.850	11.510	68.120	198.310
	France	6.875	7.735	7.585	6.985	8.185	8.630	8.935	54.930	8.225	8.355	8.670	8.770	8.695	8.620	51.335	91.965
	Italy	12.815	12.050	10.070	10.390	9.625	8.325	5.040	68.315	6.610	5.605	5.605	4.145	4.715	4.810	31.490	126.560
	Greece	4.035	3.970	4.890	5.740	6.200	5.220	3.860	33.915	4.635	3.945	4.385	5.105	5.655	5.590	29.315	56.950
	Spain	2.350	2.695	3.190	2.830	2.830	2.965	2.205	19.065	3.080	2.835	2.845	4.720	6.515	4.945	24.940	33.040
	United Kingdom	2.715	2.685	2.705	2.835	3.070	3.125	2.775	19.910	2.935	2.695	2.970	2.580	2.850	2.930	16.960	34.435
	Netherlands	1.335	1.530	1.430	1.390	1.310	1.295	1.340	9.630	1.585	1.220	1.400	1.460	1.595	1.300	8.560	16.090
	Sweden	2.060	2.095	2.670	2.495	2.225	1.930	1.670	15.145	1.785	1.355	1.290	1.285	1.365	1.355	8.435	22.225
	Belgium	1.050	1.170	1.245	1.315	1.345	1.235	1.085	8.445	1.460	1.205	1.345	1.125	1.320	1.175	7.630	14.055
	Austria	1.840	2.030	2.335	1.855	1.940	1.475	1.450	12.925	1.300	1.015	1.120	875	965	810	6.085	22.470
	Cyprus	265	440	275	635	375	550	360	2.900	415	380	530	395	500	535	2.755	4.475
	Ireland	210	175	215	335	315	290	305	1.845	310	290	375	220	215	235	1.645	2.910
	Finland	420	440	435	270	315	310	300	2.490	300	225	245	235	240	235	1.480	4.350
	Denmark	290	300	300	310	275	260	210	1.945	250	230	265	225	235	235	1.440	3.140
	Slovenia	150	120	145	150	160	125	150	1.000	165	220	125	275	360	260	1.405	1.440
	Poland	255	395	225	195	160	165	160	1.555	225	185	175	220	205	355	1.365	3.005
	Luxembourg	145	160	180	195	185	155	250	1.270	185	125	130	135	150	140	865	2.325
	Malta	140	175	120	125	175	130	95	960	145	125	125	120	140	160	815	1.610
	Romania	280	410	750	685	465	290	145	3.025	200	95	60	175	115	160	805	4.700
	Czech Republic	95	105	85	95	110	90	80	660	110	95	95	95	110	95	600	1.140
	Bulgaria	230	215	305	365	315	180	170	1.780	150	60	85	90	80	95	560	3.470
Portugal	105	70	60	100	90	105	75	605	80	80	85	65	85	60	455	1.015	
Hungary	225	225	265	225	230	225	210	1.605	180	55	50	40	60	45	430	3.120	
Croatia	65	110	110	60	95	120	40	600	50	60	110	25	55	65	365	885	
Lithuania	60	85	35	20	40	35	35	310	15	15	5	30	35	30	130	520	
Slovak Republic	15	5	10	10	20	10	15	85	25	10	10	10	30	5	90	155	
Latvia	35	15	20	20	15	15	5	125	15	20	15	10	10	10	80	355	
Estonia	20	10	15	10	15	5	5	80	5	0	5	5	5	0	20	180	
	Total	53.045	55.525	57.950	55.815	56.005	54.790	43.455	376.585	47.345	41.260	42.830	43.820	47.155	45.765	268.175	654.895
Not EU	Switzerland	1.535	1.560	1.545	1.310	1.390	1.305	1.075	9.720	1.270	1.210	1.150	1.125	1.125	1.080	6.960	16.670
	Norway	360	255	235	165	170	130	150	1.465	150	140	150	180	180	295	1.095	3.385
	Total	1.895	1.815	1.780	1.475	1.560	1.435	1.225	11.185	1.420	1.350	1.300	1.305	1.305	1.375	8.055	20.055
Total	54.940	57.340	59.730	57.290	57.565	56.225	44.680	387.770	48.765	42.610	44.130	45.125	48.460	47.140	276.230	674.950	

First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from July 2017 - June 2018

	2017							2018						Total
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
Syrian Arab Republic	9.770	10.850	9.180	8.900	8.695	6.440	5.815	5.225	5.120	6.175	6.265	6.270	88.705	
Iraq	3.620	4.735	5.055	5.095	4.505	3.475	3.440	2.930	3.010	2.945	2.730	2.860	44.400	
Afghanistan	3.350	3.895	3.360	3.415	3.720	2.920	2.835	2.530	2.555	2.690	3.395	3.395	38.060	
Nigeria	3.845	3.305	3.050	2.980	2.780	1.875	2.520	1.905	2.170	1.920	2.005	2.085	30.440	
Pakistan	2.415	2.515	2.515	2.685	2.370	1.910	2.115	1.830	1.905	1.705	1.925	1.970	25.860	
Eritrea	2.650	2.630	3.075	1.950	1.560	1.590	1.650	1.260	1.765	1.650	1.470	1.405	22.655	
Albania	2.110	2.215	1.735	1.575	1.650	1.445	1.390	1.310	1.455	1.345	1.350	1.290	18.870	
Turkey	1.195	1.630	1.730	1.925	1.910	1.060	1.380	1.270	1.210	1.270	1.535	2.065	18.180	
Venezuela	775	855	1.090	1.340	1.375	930	1.310	1.370	1.455	2.340	3.090	2.145	18.075	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1.335	1.380	1.575	1.590	1.505	1.225	1.610	1.275	1.340	1.685	1.375	1.455	17.350	
Others	26.410	25.875	25.000	26.165	26.215	21.850	24.755	21.790	22.185	21.450	23.340	22.280	287.315	
Total	57.475	59.885	57.365	57.620	56.285	44.720	48.820	42.695	44.170	45.175	48.480	47.220	609.910	

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

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by October 1st

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 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	68.120	25%	358.327	8%	82,5	16%	2.624	20%
	2	France	51.335	19%	549.060	13%	67,0	13%	1.830	14%
	3	Italy	31.490	12%	301.291	7%	60,6	12%	1.541	12%
	4	Greece	29.315	11%	131.912	3%	10,8	2%	213	2%
	5	Spain	24.940	9%	498.504	11%	46,5	9%	1.125	9%
	6	United Kingdom	16.960	6%	247.763	6%	65,8	13%	1.742	13%
	7	Netherlands	8.560	3%	37.824	1%	17,1	3%	548	4%
	8	Sweden	8.435	3%	449.896	10%	10,0	2%	314	2%
	9	Belgium	7.630	3%	30.668	1%	11,4	2%	339	3%
	10	Austria	6.085	2%	83.944	2%	8,8	2%	281	2%
	11	Cyprus	2.755	1%	9.249	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	12	Ireland	1.645	1%	70.601	2%	4,8	1%	149	1%
	13	Finland	1.480	1%	337.547	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	14	Denmark	1.440	1%	43.162	1%	5,7	1%	180	1%
	15	Slovenia	1.405	1%	20.277	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	16	Poland	1.365	1%	313.851	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	17	Luxembourg	865	0%	2.595	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	18	Malta	815	0%	315	0%	0,5	0%	10	0%
	19	Romania	805	0%	239.068	5%	19,6	4%	278	2%
	20	Czech Republic	600	0%	78.874	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	21	Bulgaria	560	0%	110.995	3%	7,1	1%	87	1%
	22	Portugal	455	0%	88.847	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	23	Hungary	430	0%	93.013	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	24	Croatia	365	0%	56.539	1%	4,2	1%	66	1%
	25	Lithuania	130	0%	65.412	1%	2,8	1%	56	0%
	26	Slovak Republic	90	0%	49.026	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
	27	Latvia	80	0%	65.519	1%	2,0	0%	35	0%
	28	Estonia	20	0%	45.347	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
EU - Total			268.175	100%	4.379.426	100%	511,5	100%	13,069	100%
Not EU		Switzerland	6.960	3%	41.285	1%	8,4	2%	326	2%
		Norway	1.095	0%	323.787	7%	5,3	1%	250	2%
Not EU - Total			8.055	3%	365.072	8%	13,7	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 2018 Germany received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by France and Italy. 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 (1st half of 2018) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by October 1st

Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 1st 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	2.587	43,0	815	315
2	Luxembourg	333	5,5	865	2.595
3	Cyprus	298	5,0	2.755	9.249
4	Belgium	249	4,1	7.630	30.668
5	Netherlands	226	3,8	8.560	37.824
6	Greece	222	3,7	29.315	131.912
7	Germany	190	3,2	68.120	358.327
8	Italy	105	1,7	31.490	301.291
9	France	93	1,6	51.335	549.060
10	Austria	72	1,2	6.085	83.944
11	Slovenia	69	1,2	1.405	20.277
12	United Kingdom	68	1,1	16.960	247.763
	TOTAL EU-28	61	1,0	268.575	4.467.087
13	Spain	50	0,8	24.940	498.504
14	Denmark	33	0,6	1.440	43.162
15	Ireland	23	0,4	1.645	70.601
16	Sweden	19	0,3	8.435	449.896
17	Czech Republic	8	0,1	600	78.874
18	Croatia	6	0,1	365	56.539
19	Portugal	5	0,1	455	88.847
20	Bulgaria	5	0,1	560	110.995
21	Hungary	5	0,1	430	93.013
22	Finland	4	0,1	1.480	337.547
23	Poland	4	0,1	1.365	313.851
24	Romania	3	0,1	805	239.068
25	Lithuania	2	0,0	130	65.412
26	Slovak Republic	2	0,0	90	49.026
27	Latvia	1	0,0	80	65.519
28	Estonia	0	0,0	20	45.347
	Norway	3	0,1	1.095	323.787
	Switzerland	169	2,8	6.960	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 (2.587 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 43,0 times more applicants than the EU average (61 per 1.000 sq km). Luxembourg and Cyprus ranked second and third at some distance with 5,5 and 5,0 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 5th in the EU with 3,8 times the EU average.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2018) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by October 1st

Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 1st 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	3.223	6,1	2.755	0,9
2	Greece	2.722	5,2	29.315	10,8
3	Malta	1.771	3,4	815	0,5
4	Luxembourg	1.464	2,8	865	0,6
5	Sweden	844	1,6	8.435	10,0
6	Germany	825	1,6	68.120	82,5
7	France	766	1,5	51.335	67,0
8	Austria	694	1,3	6.085	8,8
9	Slovenia	680	1,3	1.405	2,1
10	Belgium	672	1,3	7.630	11,4
11	Spain	536	1,0	24.940	46,5
	TOTAL EU-28	525	1,0	268.575	511,9
12	Italy	520	1,0	31.490	60,6
13	Netherlands	501	1,0	8.560	17,1
14	Ireland	344	0,7	1.645	4,8
15	Finland	269	0,5	1.480	5,5
16	United Kingdom	258	0,5	16.960	65,8
17	Denmark	250	0,5	1.440	5,7
18	Croatia	88	0,2	365	4,2
19	Bulgaria	79	0,2	560	7,1
20	Czech Republic	57	0,1	600	10,6
21	Lithuania	46	0,1	130	2,8
22	Portugal	44	0,1	455	10,3
23	Hungary	44	0,1	430	9,8
24	Latvia	41	0,1	80	2,0
25	Romania	41	0,1	805	19,6
26	Poland	36	0,1	1.365	38,0
27	Slovak Republic	17	0,0	90	5,4
28	Estonia	15	0,0	20	1,3
	Norway	208	0,4	1.095	5,3
	Switzerland	827	1,6	6.960	8,4

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: 3.223 applications per million inhabitants, 6,1 times the EU average (525 applications per million inhabitants). Greece and Malta ranked second and third (5,2 and 3,4 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 13th in the EU with 501 applications per million inhabitants.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2018) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by October 1st

Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 1st 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	143,5	7,0	2.755	19
2	Greece	137,9	6,7	29.315	213
3	Malta	84,9	4,1	815	10
4	Slovenia	32,1	1,6	1.405	44
5	France	28,1	1,4	51.335	1.830
6	Sweden	26,9	1,3	8.435	314
7	Germany	26,0	1,3	68.120	2.624
8	Luxembourg	23,4	1,1	865	37
9	Belgium	22,5	1,1	7.630	339
10	Spain	22,2	1,1	24.940	1.125
11	Austria	21,7	1,1	6.085	281
	TOTAL EU-28	21,0	1,0	268.575	13.078
12	Italy	20,4	1,0	31.490	1.541
13	Netherlands	15,6	0,8	8.560	548
14	Ireland	11,0	0,5	1.645	149
15	United Kingdom	9,7	0,5	16.960	1.742
16	Finland	9,5	0,5	1.480	156
17	Denmark	8,0	0,4	1.440	180
18	Bulgaria	6,4	0,3	560	87
19	Croatia	5,5	0,3	365	66
20	Romania	2,9	0,1	805	278
21	Czech Republic	2,8	0,1	600	216
22	Hungary	2,5	0,1	430	170
23	Lithuania	2,3	0,1	130	56
24	Latvia	2,3	0,1	80	35
25	Portugal	2,2	0,1	455	203
26	Poland	2,0	0,1	1.365	673
27	Slovak Republic	0,8	0,0	90	106
28	Estonia	0,8	0,0	20	25
	Norway	4,4	0,2	1.095	250
	Switzerland	21,4	1,0	6.960	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 7,0, 6,7 and 4,1 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 13th with 0,8 times the EU average.



Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by October 1st

Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 1st 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	16,8	43,0	3,4	4,1
2	Cyprus	6,0	5,0	6,1	7,0
3	Greece	5,2	3,7	5,2	6,7
4	Luxembourg	3,2	5,5	2,8	1,1
5	Belgium	2,2	4,1	1,3	1,1
6	Germany	2,0	3,2	1,6	1,3
7	Netherlands	1,8	3,8	1,0	0,8
8	France	1,5	1,6	1,5	1,4
9	Slovenia	1,3	1,2	1,3	1,6
10	Italy	1,2	1,7	1,0	1,0
11	Austria	1,2	1,2	1,3	1,1
12	Sweden	1,1	0,3	1,6	1,3
	TOTAL EU-28	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
13	Spain	1,0	0,8	1,0	1,1
14	United Kingdom	0,7	1,1	0,5	0,5
15	Ireland	0,5	0,4	0,7	0,5
16	Denmark	0,5	0,6	0,5	0,4
17	Finland	0,3	0,1	0,5	0,5
18	Bulgaria	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,3
19	Croatia	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,3
20	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
21	Hungary	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
22	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
23	Romania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
24	Poland	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
25	Lithuania	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
26	Latvia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
27	Slovak Republic	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
28	Estonia	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Norway	0,2	0,1	0,4	0,2
	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 16,8 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Cyprus followed with 6,0 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 7th, receiving 1,8 times as many applications than the EU average.