



Asylum Trends

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First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2019 and 2020

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by December 2nd 2020

		2019						2020									Total 2019
		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	
EU	Germany	12.200	11.695	12.045	11.165	8.360	55.465	13.285	11.080	7.890	5.635	4.500	5.615	8.595	8.170	64.770	142.510
	Spain	7.810	8.225	11.105	13.850	10.495	51.485	14.395	14.210	7.960	60	55	7.095	8.985	10.305	63.065	115.190
	France	10.885	12.230	13.635	10.345	9.700	56.795	11.790	9.980	6.040	170	2.925	5.825	6.540	6.845	50.115	138.290
	Greece	5.335	6.735	9.490	10.315	8.215	40.090	9.210	8.510	2.320	0	650	3.380	4.710	0	28.780	74.915
	United Kingdom	3.680	4.130	4.425	3.940	3.755	19.930	4.220	3.760	2.575	1.175	2.085	2.265	2.795	3.165	22.040	44.315
	Italy	2.265	3.005	3.890	3.340	2.485	14.985	2.955	3.040	850	120	890	1.500	1.810	930	12.095	35.005
	Sweden	2.675	2.815	2.455	1.805	1.710	11.460	1.835	1.455	1.465	855	785	785	1.000	1.200	9.380	23.150
	Netherlands	1.880	2.030	2.090	2.075	1.935	10.010	1.965	1.515	1.025	275	340	655	1.205	1.425	8.405	22.540
	Belgium	1.945	2.235	2.485	2.070	1.860	10.595	2.230	1.625	895	170	225	320	710	1.070	7.245	23.140
	Austria	985	1.000	1.015	870	1.050	4.920	1.370	945	730	305	575	925	1.005	1.285	7.140	11.010
	Cyprus	760	1.010	1.340	1.175	750	5.035	875	1.285	790	55	30	790	670	335	4.830	12.695
	Slovenia	375	345	405	265	165	1.555	210	130	150	15	445	470	460	500	2.380	3.615
	Romania	225	155	225	370	580	1.555	405	320	335	60	55	270	335	495	2.275	2.455
	Malta	280	530	555	510	295	2.170	340	285	105	0	20	165	265	215	1.395	4.015
	Ireland	415	665	430	285	295	2.090	305	240	175	30	15	40	105	110	1.020	4.740
	Bulgaria	310	280	215	95	80	980	80	35	70	60	25	90	250	405	1.015	2.075
	Finland	210	240	205	200	215	1.070	215	205	130	50	30	50	105	170	955	2.455
	Croatia	180	215	140	180	195	910	170	145	80	30	15	50	265	180	935	1.270
	Denmark	235	235	270	200	190	1.130	195	160	110	35	45	100	120	130	895	2.645
	Poland	230	260	310	260	220	1.280	250	235	85	10	30	40	65	85	800	2.765
	Luxembourg	205	165	220	160	180	930	165	120	120	25	25	60	110	110	735	2.200
	Portugal	150	150	175	190	195	860	185	130	120	5	10	35	65	45	595	1.735
	Czech Republic	130	100	100	115	105	550	85	90	40	15	20	35	105	65	455	1.575
	Slovak Republic	20	15	30	5	15	85	20	15	10	10	10	20	50	30	165	215
	Lithuania	75	75	55	35	110	350	20	25	5	0	5	20	15	25	115	625
	Hungary	35	60	25	30	25	175	20	25	5	5	10	5	0	5	75	470
	Latvia	20	15	25	20	10	90	10	5	25	5	0	5	10	5	65	180
	Estonia	15	10	5	5	5	40	5	10	0	0	0	0	5	5	25	100
		Total	53.530	58.625	67.365	63.875	53.195	296.590	66.810	59.580	34.105	9.175	13.820	30.610	40.355	37.310	291.765
Not EU	Switzerland	1.030	1.075	1.130	1.030	960	5.225	1.100	925	835	280	310	500	935	865	5.750	12.600
	Norway	240	235	250	205	160	1.090	220	165	100	30	30	60	130	200	935	2.205
	Total	1.270	1.310	1.380	1.235	1.120	6.315	1.320	1.090	935	310	340	560	1.065	1.065	6.685	14.805
Total		54.800	59.935	68.745	65.110	54.315	302.905	68.130	60.670	35.040	9.485	14.160	31.170	41.420	38.375	298.450	690.700

First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from September 2019 - August 2020

	2019				2020								Total
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	
Syrian Arab Republic	7.200	7.855	7.465	6.485	8.615	6.935	4.670	1.970	2.300	4.485	6.625	5.390	69.995
Afghanistan	5.695	7.325	7.120	5.930	6.935	6.080	2.410	760	1.240	2.780	3.495	3.460	53.230
Venezuela	2.985	4.320	5.460	4.000	5.045	5.120	2.990	80	165	2.800	3.735	3.550	40.250
Colombia	2.395	3.300	4.575	3.715	5.235	4.865	2.900	65	105	2.420	2.960	3.280	35.815
Iraq	2.280	2.775	2.670	2.225	2.710	2.275	1.435	930	870	1.095	1.905	1.605	22.775
Pakistan	2.625	3.045	2.475	1.910	2.045	2.130	1.115	210	460	1.165	1.425	1.210	19.815
Turkey	2.645	2.720	2.175	1.830	2.300	1.720	1.145	475	530	925	1.285	1.335	19.085
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2.120	2.040	1.950	1.505	1.610	1.390	870	695	565	355	785	755	14.640
Nigeria	1.570	1.615	1.425	1.050	1.485	1.265	820	240	430	810	1.055	855	12.620
Bangladesh	1.530	1.765	1.490	1.140	1.375	1.215	610	90	410	715	885	840	12.065
Others	28.520	31.565	28.000	24.270	30.530	27.565	15.920	3.855	6.940	13.360	16.995	15.740	243.260
Total	59.565	68.325	64.805	54.060	67.885	60.560	34.885	9.370	14.015	30.910	41.150	38.020	543.550

Figures are sorted by total in 2020. 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 2020 Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by Spain and France. Figures for September, October and November 2020 are not yet available for all EU countries. Syrian Arab Republic, Afghanistan and Venezuela 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 2020) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by December 2nd 2020

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 2020

	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	48.005	22%	358.327	8%	83,0	16%	2.624	20%
	2	Spain	43.775	20%	498.504	11%	46,9	9%	1.125	9%
	3	France	36.730	17%	549.060	13%	67,0	13%	1.830	14%
	4	Greece	24.070	11%	131.912	3%	10,7	2%	213	2%
	5	United Kingdom	16.080	8%	247.763	6%	66,6	13%	1.742	13%
	6	Italy	9.355	4%	301.291	7%	60,4	12%	1.541	12%
	7	Sweden	7.180	3%	449.896	10%	10,2	2%	314	2%
	8	Netherlands	5.775	3%	37.824	1%	17,3	3%	548	4%
	9	Belgium	5.465	3%	30.668	1%	11,5	2%	339	3%
	10	Austria	4.850	2%	83.944	2%	8,9	2%	281	2%
	11	Cyprus	3.825	2%	9.249	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	12	Romania	1.445	1%	239.068	5%	19,4	4%	278	2%
	13	Slovenia	1.420	1%	20.277	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	14	Malta	915	0%	315	0%	0,5	0%	10	0%
	15	Ireland	805	0%	70.601	2%	4,9	1%	149	1%
	16	Finland	680	0%	337.547	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	17	Poland	650	0%	313.851	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	18	Denmark	645	0%	43.162	1%	5,8	1%	180	1%
	19	Luxembourg	515	0%	2.595	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	20	Croatia	490	0%	56.539	1%	4,1	1%	66	1%
	21	Portugal	485	0%	88.847	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	22	Bulgaria	360	0%	110.995	3%	7,0	1%	87	1%
	23	Czech Republic	285	0%	78.874	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	24	Slovak Republic	85	0%	49.026	1%	5,5	1%	106	1%
	25	Lithuania	75	0%	65.412	1%	2,8	1%	56	0%
	26	Hungary	70	0%	93.013	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	27	Latvia	50	0%	65.519	1%	1,9	0%	35	0%
	28	Estonia	15	0%	45.347	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
EU - Total			214.100	100%	4.379.426	100%	513,5	100%	13,069	100%
Not EU		Switzerland	3.950	2%	41.285	1%	8,5	2%	326	2%
		Norway	605	0%	323.787	7%	5,3	1%	250	2%
Not EU - Total			4.555	2%	365.072	8%	13,9	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 2020 Germany received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by Spain and France. The Netherlands ranked 8th 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 2020) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by December 2nd 2020

Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2020 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	2.905	60,5	915	315
2	Cyprus	414	8,6	3.825	9.249
3	Luxembourg	198	4,1	515	2.595
4	Greece	182	3,8	24.070	131.912
5	Belgium	178	3,7	5.465	30.668
6	Netherlands	153	3,2	5.775	37.824
7	Germany	134	2,8	48.005	358.327
8	Spain	88	1,8	43.775	498.504
9	Slovenia	70	1,5	1.420	20.277
10	France	67	1,4	36.730	549.060
11	United Kingdom	65	1,4	16.080	247.763
12	Austria	58	1,2	4.850	83.944
	TOTAL EU-28	49	1,0	214.360	4.467.087
13	Italy	31	0,6	9.355	301.291
14	Sweden	16	0,3	7.180	449.896
15	Denmark	15	0,3	645	43.162
16	Ireland	11	0,2	805	70.601
17	Croatia	9	0,2	490	56.539
18	Romania	6	0,1	1.445	239.068
19	Portugal	5	0,1	485	88.847
20	Czech Republic	4	0,1	285	78.874
21	Bulgaria	3	0,1	360	110.995
22	Poland	2	0,0	650	313.851
23	Finland	2	0,0	680	337.547
24	Slovak Republic	2	0,0	85	49.026
25	Lithuania	1	0,0	75	65.412
26	Latvia	1	0,0	50	65.519
27	Hungary	1	0,0	70	93.013
28	Estonia	0	0,0	15	45.347
	Norway	2	0,0	605	323.787
	Switzerland	96	2,0	3.950	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 (2.905 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 60,5 times more applicants than the EU average (49 per 1.000 sq km). Cyprus and Luxembourg ranked second and third at some distance with 8,6 and 4,1 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 6th in the EU with 3,2 times the EU average.

First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2020) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by December 2nd 2020

Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2020 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	4.367	10,5	3.825	0,9
2	Greece	2.244	5,4	24.070	10,7
3	Malta	1.854	4,4	915	0,5
4	Spain	933	2,2	43.775	46,9
5	Luxembourg	839	2,0	515	0,6
6	Sweden	702	1,7	7.180	10,2
7	Slovenia	682	1,6	1.420	2,1
8	Germany	578	1,4	48.005	83,0
9	France	548	1,3	36.730	67,0
10	Austria	547	1,3	4.850	8,9
11	Belgium	477	1,1	5.465	11,5
	TOTAL EU-28	417	1,0	214.360	513,9
12	Netherlands	334	0,8	5.775	17,3
13	United Kingdom	241	0,6	16.080	66,6
14	Ireland	164	0,4	805	4,9
15	Italy	155	0,4	9.355	60,4
16	Finland	123	0,3	680	5,5
17	Croatia	120	0,3	490	4,1
18	Denmark	111	0,3	645	5,8
19	Romania	74	0,2	1.445	19,4
20	Bulgaria	51	0,1	360	7,0
21	Portugal	47	0,1	485	10,3
22	Lithuania	27	0,1	75	2,8
23	Czech Republic	27	0,1	285	10,6
24	Latvia	26	0,1	50	1,9
25	Poland	17	0,0	650	38,0
26	Slovak Republic	16	0,0	85	5,5
27	Estonia	11	0,0	15	1,3
28	Hungary	7	0,0	70	9,8
	Norway	114	0,3	605	5,3
	Switzerland	462	1,1	3.950	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: 4.367 applications per million inhabitants, 10,5 times the EU average (417 applications per million inhabitants). Greece and Malta ranked second and third (5,4 and 4,4 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 12th in the EU with 334 applications per million inhabitants.

First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half of 2020) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by December 2nd 2020

Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2020 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	199,3	12,2	3.825	19
2	Greece	113,3	6,9	24.070	213
3	Malta	95,3	5,8	915	10
4	Spain	38,9	2,4	43.775	1.125
5	Slovenia	32,4	2,0	1.420	44
6	Sweden	22,9	1,4	7.180	314
7	France	20,1	1,2	36.730	1.830
8	Germany	18,3	1,1	48.005	2.624
9	Austria	17,3	1,1	4.850	281
10	Belgium	16,1	1,0	5.465	339
	TOTAL EU-28	16,0	1,0	214.360	13.078
11	Luxembourg	13,9	0,8	515	37
12	Netherlands	10,5	0,6	5.775	548
13	United Kingdom	9,2	0,6	16.080	1.742
14	Croatia	7,4	0,4	490	66
15	Italy	6,1	0,4	9.355	1.541
16	Ireland	5,4	0,3	805	149
17	Romania	5,2	0,3	1.445	278
18	Finland	4,4	0,3	680	156
19	Bulgaria	4,1	0,3	360	87
20	Denmark	3,6	0,2	645	180
21	Portugal	2,4	0,1	485	203
22	Latvia	1,4	0,1	50	35
23	Lithuania	1,3	0,1	75	56
24	Czech Republic	1,3	0,1	285	216
25	Poland	1,0	0,1	650	673
26	Slovak Republic	0,8	0,0	85	106
27	Estonia	0,6	0,0	15	25
28	Hungary	0,4	0,0	70	170
	Norway	2,4	0,1	605	250
	Switzerland	12,1	0,7	3.950	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 12,2, 6,9 and 5,8 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 12th with 0,6 times the EU average.

Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by December 2nd 2020

Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 1st half of 2020

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	23,6	60,5	4,4	5,8
2	Cyprus	10,4	8,6	10,5	12,2
3	Greece	5,4	3,8	5,4	6,9
4	Luxembourg	2,3	4,1	2,0	0,8
5	Spain	2,1	1,8	2,2	2,4
6	Belgium	1,9	3,7	1,1	1,0
7	Germany	1,8	2,8	1,4	1,1
8	Slovenia	1,7	1,5	1,6	2,0
9	Netherlands	1,5	3,2	0,8	0,6
10	France	1,3	1,4	1,3	1,2
11	Austria	1,2	1,2	1,3	1,1
12	Sweden	1,1	0,3	1,7	1,4
	TOTAL EU-28	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
13	United Kingdom	0,8	1,4	0,6	0,6
14	Italy	0,5	0,6	0,4	0,4
15	Ireland	0,3	0,2	0,4	0,3
16	Croatia	0,3	0,2	0,3	0,4
17	Denmark	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,2
18	Romania	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,3
19	Finland	0,2	0,0	0,3	0,3
20	Bulgaria	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,3
21	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
22	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
23	Lithuania	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
24	Latvia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
25	Poland	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1
26	Slovak Republic	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
27	Estonia	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
28	Hungary	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Norway	0,2	0,0	0,3	0,1
	Switzerland	1,3	2,0	1,1	0,7

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

Malta received 23,6 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Cyprus followed with 10,4 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 9th, receiving 1,5 times as many applications than the EU average.