



Asylum Trends

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

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by May 4th 2020

		2019												2020		Total 2019	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan		Total
EU	Spain	6.480	8.950	10.335	8.990	10.430	8.745	9.780	7.810	8.225	11.105	13.850	10.495	115.195	14.395	14.395	115.190
	Germany	15.480	13.185	11.870	11.670	12.180	9.320	13.345	12.200	11.695	12.045	11.165	8.360	142.515	13.370	13.370	142.510
	France	8.650	9.625	9.785	10.260	9.285	9.030	11.080	9.785	9.595	12.155	9.995	10.660	119.905	9.590	9.590	119.915
	Greece	5.335	5.290	5.305	4.455	4.720	4.160	5.555	5.335	6.735	9.490	10.315	8.215	74.910	9.210	9.210	74.915
	United Kingdom	3.730	3.320	4.095	3.425	3.170	2.875	3.775	3.680	4.130	4.425	3.940	3.755	44.320	4.220	4.220	44.315
	Italy	3.175	2.680	2.595	2.565	3.115	2.820	3.075	2.265	3.005	3.890	3.340	2.485	35.010	2.955	2.955	35.005
	Belgium	2.270	1.665	1.755	1.785	1.500	1.630	1.935	1.945	2.235	2.485	2.070	1.860	23.135	2.230	2.230	23.140
	Netherlands	1.845	1.660	1.875	1.860	1.645	1.685	1.960	1.880	2.030	2.090	2.075	1.935	22.540	1.965	1.965	22.540
	Sweden	1.605	1.420	1.515	1.475	1.530	1.725	2.415	2.675	2.815	2.455	1.805	1.710	23.145	1.835	1.835	23.150
	Austria	855	745	855	800	865	830	995	980	975	1.000	850	1.045	10.795	1.370	1.370	10.790
	Cyprus	1.085	805	1.070	1.220	1.170	1.185	1.125	760	1.010	1.340	1.175	750	12.695	875	875	12.695
	Romania	105	100	100	130	180	100	185	225	155	225	370	580	2.455	405	405	2.455
	Malta	240	120	230	180	315	245	520	280	530	555	510	295	4.020	340	340	4.000
	Ireland	400	340	360	340	385	385	445	415	665	430	285	295	4.745	305	305	4.740
	Poland	305	135	240	200	195	205	210	230	260	310	260	220	2.770	250	250	2.765
	Finland	205	170	190	155	205	200	265	210	240	205	200	215	2.460	215	215	2.455
	Slovenia	185	200	340	320	385	265	370	375	345	405	265	165	3.620	210	210	3.615
	Denmark	240	215	215	195	225	205	225	235	235	270	200	190	2.650	195	195	2.645
	Portugal	115	130	115	130	145	100	140	150	150	175	190	195	1.735	185	185	1.735
	Croatia	30	20	30	35	65	60	120	180	215	140	180	195	1.270	170	170	1.270
	Luxembourg	240	200	225	185	135	135	150	205	165	220	160	180	2.200	165	165	2.200
	Czech Republic	170	200	165	125	135	100	135	130	100	100	115	105	1.580	85	85	1.575
	Bulgaria	135	75	75	105	265	195	245	310	280	215	95	80	2.075	80	80	2.075
Slovak Republic	25	15	20	10	20	10	30	20	15	30	5	15	215	20	20	215	
Lithuania	50	25	40	35	40	45	45	75	75	55	35	110	630	20	20	625	
Hungary	45	35	40	35	40	35	50	35	60	25	30	25	455	20	20	470	
Latvia	5	5	10	10	5	25	25	20	15	25	20	10	175	10	10	180	
Estonia	5	5	5	5	10	15	10	15	10	5	5	5	95	5	5	100	
Total	53.010	51.335	53.455	50.700	52.360	46.330	58.210	52.425	55.965	65.870	63.505	54.150	657.315	64.695	64.695	657.285	
Not EU	Switzerland	1.050	1.100	1.100	995	1.085	880	1.160	1.030	1.075	1.130	1.030	960	12.595	1.100	1.100	12.600
	Norway	180	155	150	155	125	175	175	240	235	250	205	160	2.205	220	220	2.205
	Total	1.230	1.255	1.250	1.150	1.210	1.055	1.335	1.270	1.310	1.380	1.235	1.120	14.800	1.320	1.320	14.805
Total	54.240	52.590	54.705	51.850	53.570	47.385	59.545	53.695	57.275	67.250	64.740	55.270	672.115	66.015	66.015	672.090	

First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland from February 2019 - January 2020

	2019												2020	Total
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan		
Syrian Arab Republic	5.550	5.485	5.550	5.635	5.380	7.105	7.110	7.195	7.830	7.455	6.515	8.545	79.355	
Afghanistan	3.255	3.920	3.290	3.720	3.490	4.740	4.680	5.435	6.920	6.865	6.055	6.765	59.135	
Venezuela	3.950	4.235	3.570	3.960	3.185	3.785	2.955	2.975	4.315	5.430	4.040	5.020	47.420	
Colombia	1.910	2.525	2.410	2.810	2.245	2.615	2.225	2.385	3.295	4.550	3.725	5.225	35.920	
Iraq	2.805	2.605	2.680	2.740	2.095	2.805	2.560	2.255	2.755	2.670	2.175	2.730	30.875	
Turkey	1.985	1.630	2.065	1.980	1.695	2.645	2.675	2.550	2.630	2.105	1.960	2.160	26.080	
Pakistan	1.805	1.735	1.790	2.030	1.725	2.440	1.975	2.400	2.920	2.365	1.900	1.940	25.025	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1.780	1.860	1.865	2.025	1.535	2.040	2.070	2.110	2.015	1.945	1.510	1.590	22.345	
Nigeria	2.100	2.255	1.945	2.095	1.485	1.750	1.435	1.460	1.670	1.570	1.265	1.545	20.575	
Albania	1.795	1.980	1.675	1.790	1.600	1.800	1.545	1.765	2.000	1.555	1.395	1.320	20.220	
Others	25.400	26.170	24.790	24.480	22.655	27.380	24.000	26.385	30.525	27.955	24.475	28.920	313.135	
Total	52.335	54.400	51.630	53.265	47.090	59.105	53.230	56.915	66.875	64.465	55.015	65.760	680.085	

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 Spain registered the highest number of applications, followed by Germany and France. Figures for February 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 (2nd half of 2019) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by May 4th 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 2nd half of 2019

	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	68.810	20%	358.327	8%	83,0	16%	2.624	20%
	2	France	63.270	18%	549.060	13%	67,0	13%	1.830	14%
	3	Spain	61.265	17%	498.504	11%	46,9	9%	1.125	9%
	4	Greece	45.645	13%	131.912	3%	10,7	2%	213	2%
	5	United Kingdom	23.705	7%	247.763	6%	66,6	13%	1.742	13%
	6	Italy	18.060	5%	301.291	7%	60,4	12%	1.541	12%
	7	Sweden	13.875	4%	449.896	10%	10,2	2%	314	2%
	8	Belgium	12.530	4%	30.668	1%	11,5	2%	339	3%
	9	Netherlands	11.970	3%	37.824	1%	17,3	3%	548	4%
	10	Cyprus	6.160	2%	9.249	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	11	Austria	5.845	2%	83.944	2%	8,9	2%	281	2%
	12	Malta	2.690	1%	315	0%	0,5	0%	10	0%
	13	Ireland	2.535	1%	70.601	2%	4,9	1%	149	1%
	14	Slovenia	1.925	1%	20.277	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	15	Romania	1.740	0%	239.068	5%	19,4	4%	278	2%
	16	Poland	1.490	0%	313.851	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	17	Denmark	1.355	0%	43.162	1%	5,8	1%	180	1%
	18	Finland	1.335	0%	337.547	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	19	Bulgaria	1.225	0%	110.995	3%	7,0	1%	87	1%
	20	Luxembourg	1.080	0%	2.595	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	21	Croatia	1.030	0%	56.539	1%	4,1	1%	66	1%
	22	Portugal	1.000	0%	88.847	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	23	Czech Republic	685	0%	78.874	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	24	Lithuania	395	0%	65.412	1%	2,8	1%	56	0%
	25	Hungary	225	0%	93.013	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	26	Latvia	115	0%	65.519	1%	1,9	0%	35	0%
	27	Slovak Republic	115	0%	49.026	1%	5,5	1%	106	1%
	28	Estonia	50	0%	45.347	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
EU - Total			350.125	100%	4.379.426	100%	513,5	100%	13.069	100%
Not EU		Switzerland	6.385	2%	41.285	1%	8,5	2%	326	2%
		Norway	1.265	0%	323.787	7%	5,3	1%	250	2%
Not EU - Total			7.650	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 second six months of 2020 Germany received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by France and Spain. 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 (2nd half of 2019) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by May 4th 2020

Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2019 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	8.540	108,8	2.690	315
2	Cyprus	666	8,5	6.160	9.249
3	Luxembourg	416	5,3	1.080	2.595
4	Belgium	409	5,2	12.530	30.668
5	Greece	346	4,4	45.645	131.912
6	Netherlands	316	4,0	11.970	37.824
7	Germany	192	2,4	68.810	358.327
8	Spain	123	1,6	61.265	498.504
9	France	115	1,5	63.270	549.060
10	United Kingdom	96	1,2	23.705	247.763
11	Slovenia	95	1,2	1.925	20.277
	TOTAL EU-28	80	1,0	350.620	4.467.087
12	Austria	70	0,9	5.845	83.944
13	Italy	60	0,8	18.060	301.291
14	Ireland	36	0,5	2.535	70.601
15	Denmark	31	0,4	1.355	43.162
16	Sweden	31	0,4	13.875	449.896
17	Croatia	18	0,2	1.030	56.539
18	Portugal	11	0,1	1.000	88.847
19	Bulgaria	11	0,1	1.225	110.995
20	Czech Republic	9	0,1	685	78.874
21	Romania	7	0,1	1.740	239.068
22	Lithuania	6	0,1	395	65.412
23	Poland	5	0,1	1.490	313.851
24	Finland	4	0,1	1.335	337.547
25	Hungary	2	0,0	225	93.013
26	Slovak Republic	2	0,0	115	49.026
27	Latvia	2	0,0	115	65.519
28	Estonia	1	0,0	50	45.347
	Norway	4	0,0	1.265	323.787
	Switzerland	155	2,0	6.385	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 (8.508 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 108,4 times more applicants than the EU average (80 per 1.000 sq km). Cyprus and Luxembourg ranked second and third at some distance with 8,5 and 5,3 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 6th in the EU with 4,0 times the EU average.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2019) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by May 4th 2020

Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2019 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	7.033	10,3	6.160	0,9
2	Malta	5.450	8,0	2.690	0,5
3	Greece	4.256	6,2	45.645	10,7
4	Luxembourg	1.759	2,6	1.080	0,6
5	Sweden	1.356	2,0	13.875	10,2
6	Spain	1.305	1,9	61.265	46,9
7	Belgium	1.094	1,6	12.530	11,5
8	France	944	1,4	63.270	67,0
9	Slovenia	925	1,4	1.925	2,1
10	Germany	829	1,2	68.810	83,0
11	Netherlands	693	1,0	11.970	17,3
	TOTAL EU-28	682	1,0	350.620	513,9
12	Austria	660	1,0	5.845	8,9
13	Ireland	517	0,8	2.535	4,9
14	United Kingdom	356	0,5	23.705	66,6
15	Italy	299	0,4	18.060	60,4
16	Croatia	253	0,4	1.030	4,1
17	Finland	242	0,4	1.335	5,5
18	Denmark	233	0,3	1.355	5,8
19	Bulgaria	175	0,3	1.225	7,0
20	Lithuania	141	0,2	395	2,8
21	Portugal	97	0,1	1.000	10,3
22	Romania	90	0,1	1.740	19,4
23	Czech Republic	64	0,1	685	10,6
24	Latvia	60	0,1	115	1,9
25	Poland	39	0,1	1.490	38,0
26	Estonia	38	0,1	50	1,3
27	Hungary	23	0,0	225	9,8
28	Slovak Republic	21	0,0	115	5,5
	Norway	237	0,3	1.265	5,3
	Switzerland	747	1,1	6.385	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: 7.033 applications per million inhabitants, 10,3 times the EU average (682 applications per million inhabitants). Malta and Greece ranked second and third (8,0 and 6,2 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 11th in the EU with 693 applications per million inhabitants.



First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2019) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by May 4th 2020

Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2019 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	321,0	12,0	6.160	19
2	Malta	280,1	10,4	2.690	10
3	Greece	214,8	8,0	45.645	213
4	Spain	54,5	2,0	61.265	1.125
5	Sweden	44,2	1,7	13.875	314
6	Slovenia	44,0	1,6	1.925	44
7	Belgium	36,9	1,4	12.530	339
8	France	34,6	1,3	63.270	1.830
9	Luxembourg	29,2	1,1	1.080	37
	TOTAL EU-28	27,0	1,0	350.620	13.078
10	Germany	26,2	1,0	68.810	2.624
11	Netherlands	21,9	0,8	11.970	548
12	Austria	20,8	0,8	5.845	281
13	Ireland	17,0	0,6	2.535	149
14	Croatia	15,5	0,6	1.030	66
15	Bulgaria	14,1	0,5	1.225	87
16	United Kingdom	13,6	0,5	23.705	1.742
17	Italy	11,7	0,4	18.060	1.541
18	Finland	8,5	0,3	1.335	156
19	Denmark	7,5	0,3	1.355	180
20	Lithuania	7,0	0,3	395	56
21	Romania	6,3	0,2	1.740	278
22	Portugal	4,9	0,2	1.000	203
23	Latvia	3,3	0,1	115	35
24	Czech Republic	3,2	0,1	685	216
25	Poland	2,2	0,1	1.490	673
26	Estonia	2,0	0,1	50	25
27	Hungary	1,3	0,0	225	170
28	Slovak Republic	1,1	0,0	115	106
	Norway	5,1	0,2	1.265	250
	Switzerland	19,6	0,7	6.385	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, Malta and Greece were the number one, two and three with respectively 12,0, 10,4 and 8,0 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 11th with 0,8 times the EU average.



Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by May 4th 2020

Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2019

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	42,4	108,8	8,0	10,4
2	Cyprus	10,3	8,5	10,3	12,0
3	Greece	6,2	4,4	6,2	8,0
4	Luxembourg	3,0	5,3	2,6	1,1
5	Belgium	2,7	5,2	1,6	1,4
6	Netherlands	2,0	4,0	1,0	0,8
7	Spain	1,8	1,6	1,9	2,0
8	Germany	1,5	2,4	1,2	1,0
9	Slovenia	1,4	1,2	1,4	1,6
10	France	1,4	1,5	1,4	1,3
11	Sweden	1,3	0,4	2,0	1,7
	TOTAL EU-28	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
12	Austria	0,9	0,9	1,0	0,8
13	United Kingdom	0,7	1,2	0,5	0,5
14	Ireland	0,6	0,5	0,8	0,6
15	Italy	0,5	0,8	0,4	0,4
16	Croatia	0,4	0,2	0,4	0,6
17	Denmark	0,3	0,4	0,3	0,3
18	Bulgaria	0,3	0,1	0,3	0,5
19	Finland	0,2	0,1	0,4	0,3
20	Lithuania	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,3
21	Portugal	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,2
22	Romania	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,2
23	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
24	Latvia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
25	Poland	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
26	Estonia	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,1
27	Hungary	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
28	Slovak Republic	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Norway	0,2	0,0	0,3	0,2
	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 42,3 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Cyprus followed with 10,3 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 6th, receiving 2,0 times as many applications than the EU average.