



## **Asylum Trends**

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

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by October 5th 2020

|                 |                | 2019          |               |               |               |               |               |                | 2020          |               |               |              |               |               |                | Total 2019     |               |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
|                 |                | Jun           | Jul           | Aug           | Sep           | Oct           | Nov           | Dec            | Total         | Jan           | Feb           | Mar          | Apr           | May           | Jun            |                | Total         |
| EU              | Germany        | 9.320         | 13.345        | 12.200        | 11.695        | 12.045        | 11.165        | 8.360          | <b>78.130</b> | 13.385        | 11.140        | 7.935        | 5.645         | 3.775         | 4.790          | <b>46.670</b>  | 142.510       |
|                 | Spain          | 8.745         | 9.780         | 7.810         | 8.225         | 11.105        | 13.850        | 10.495         | <b>70.010</b> | 14.395        | 14.210        | 7.960        | 60            | 55            | 7.095          | <b>43.775</b>  | 115.190       |
|                 | France         | 10.400        | 12.245        | 10.885        | 12.230        | 13.635        | 10.345        | 9.700          | <b>79.440</b> | 11.790        | 9.980         | 6.040        | 170           | 2.925         | 5.825          | <b>36.730</b>  | 138.290       |
|                 | Greece         | 4.160         | 5.555         | 5.335         | 6.735         | 9.490         | 10.315        | 8.215          | <b>49.805</b> | 9.210         | 8.510         | 2.320        | 0             | 650           | 3.380          | <b>24.070</b>  | 74.915        |
|                 | United Kingdom | 2.875         | 3.775         | 3.680         | 4.130         | 4.425         | 3.940         | 3.755          | <b>26.580</b> | 4.220         | 3.760         | 2.575        | 1.175         | 2.085         | 2.265          | <b>16.080</b>  | 44.315        |
|                 | Italy          | 2.820         | 3.075         | 2.265         | 3.005         | 3.890         | 3.340         | 2.485          | <b>20.880</b> | 2.955         | 3.040         | 850          | 120           | 890           | 1.500          | <b>9.355</b>   | 35.005        |
|                 | Sweden         | 1.725         | 2.415         | 2.675         | 2.815         | 2.455         | 1.805         | 1.710          | <b>15.600</b> | 1.835         | 1.455         | 1.465        | 855           | 785           | 785            | <b>7.180</b>   | 23.150        |
|                 | Netherlands    | 1.685         | 1.960         | 1.880         | 2.030         | 2.090         | 2.075         | 1.935          | <b>13.655</b> | 1.965         | 1.515         | 1.025        | 275           | 340           | 655            | <b>5.775</b>   | 22.540        |
|                 | Belgium        | 1.630         | 1.935         | 1.945         | 2.235         | 2.485         | 2.070         | 1.860          | <b>14.160</b> | 2.230         | 1.625         | 895          | 170           | 225           | 320            | <b>5.465</b>   | 23.140        |
|                 | Austria        | 855           | 1.020         | 985           | 1.000         | 1.015         | 870           | 1.050          | <b>6.795</b>  | 1.370         | 945           | 730          | 305           | 575           | 925            | <b>4.850</b>   | 11.010        |
|                 | Cyprus         | 1.185         | 1.125         | 760           | 1.010         | 1.340         | 1.175         | 750            | <b>7.345</b>  | 875           | 1.285         | 790          | 55            | 30            | 790            | <b>3.825</b>   | 12.695        |
|                 | Romania        | 100           | 185           | 225           | 155           | 225           | 370           | 580            | <b>1.840</b>  | 405           | 320           | 335          | 60            | 55            | 270            | <b>1.445</b>   | 2.455         |
|                 | Slovenia       | 265           | 370           | 375           | 345           | 405           | 265           | 165            | <b>2.190</b>  | 210           | 130           | 150          | 15            | 445           | 470            | <b>1.420</b>   | 3.615         |
|                 | Malta          | 245           | 520           | 280           | 530           | 555           | 510           | 295            | <b>2.935</b>  | 340           | 285           | 105          | 0             | 20            | 165            | <b>915</b>     | 4.015         |
|                 | Ireland        | 385           | 445           | 415           | 665           | 430           | 285           | 295            | <b>2.920</b>  | 305           | 240           | 175          | 30            | 15            | 40             | <b>805</b>     | 4.740         |
|                 | Finland        | 200           | 265           | 210           | 240           | 205           | 200           | 215            | <b>1.535</b>  | 215           | 205           | 130          | 50            | 30            | 50             | <b>680</b>     | 2.455         |
|                 | Poland         | 205           | 210           | 230           | 260           | 310           | 260           | 220            | <b>1.695</b>  | 250           | 235           | 85           | 10            | 30            | 40             | <b>650</b>     | 2.765         |
|                 | Denmark        | 205           | 225           | 235           | 235           | 270           | 200           | 190            | <b>1.560</b>  | 195           | 160           | 110          | 35            | 45            | 100            | <b>645</b>     | 2.645         |
|                 | Luxembourg     | 135           | 150           | 205           | 165           | 220           | 160           | 180            | <b>1.215</b>  | 165           | 120           | 120          | 25            | 25            | 60             | <b>515</b>     | 2.200         |
|                 | Croatia        | 60            | 120           | 180           | 215           | 140           | 180           | 195            | <b>1.090</b>  | 170           | 145           | 80           | 30            | 15            | 50             | <b>490</b>     | 1.270         |
| Portugal        | 100            | 140           | 150           | 150           | 175           | 190           | 195           | <b>1.100</b>   | 185           | 130           | 120           | 5            | 10            | 35            | <b>485</b>     | 1.735          |               |
| Bulgaria        | 195            | 245           | 310           | 280           | 215           | 95            | 80            | <b>1.420</b>   | 80            | 35            | 70            | 60           | 25            | 90            | <b>360</b>     | 2.075          |               |
| Czech Republic  | 100            | 135           | 130           | 100           | 100           | 115           | 105           | <b>785</b>     | 85            | 90            | 40            | 15           | 20            | 35            | <b>285</b>     | 1.575          |               |
| Slovak Republic | 10             | 30            | 20            | 15            | 30            | 5             | 15            | <b>125</b>     | 20            | 15            | 10            | 10           | 10            | 20            | <b>85</b>      | 215            |               |
| Lithuania       | 45             | 45            | 75            | 75            | 55            | 35            | 110           | <b>440</b>     | 20            | 25            | 5             | 0            | 5             | 20            | <b>75</b>      | 625            |               |
| Hungary         | 35             | 50            | 35            | 60            | 25            | 30            | 25            | <b>260</b>     | 20            | 25            | 5             | 5            | 10            | 5             | <b>70</b>      | 470            |               |
| Latvia          | 25             | 25            | 20            | 15            | 25            | 20            | 10            | <b>140</b>     | 10            | 5             | 25            | 5            | 0             | 5             | <b>50</b>      | 180            |               |
| Estonia         | 15             | 10            | 15            | 10            | 5             | 5             | 5             | <b>65</b>      | 5             | 10            | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0             | <b>15</b>      | 100            |               |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>47.725</b>  | <b>59.400</b> | <b>53.530</b> | <b>58.625</b> | <b>67.365</b> | <b>63.875</b> | <b>53.195</b> | <b>403.715</b> | <b>66.910</b> | <b>59.640</b> | <b>34.150</b> | <b>9.185</b> | <b>13.095</b> | <b>29.785</b> | <b>212.765</b> | <b>675.895</b> |               |
| Not EU          | Switzerland    | 880           | 1.160         | 1.030         | 1.075         | 1.130         | 1.030         | 960            | <b>7.265</b>  | 1.100         | 925           | 835          | 280           | 310           | 500            | <b>3.950</b>   | 12.600        |
|                 | Norway         | 175           | 175           | 240           | 235           | 250           | 205           | 160            | <b>1.440</b>  | 220           | 165           | 100          | 30            | 30            | 60             | <b>605</b>     | 2.205         |
|                 | <b>Total</b>   | <b>1.055</b>  | <b>1.335</b>  | <b>1.270</b>  | <b>1.310</b>  | <b>1.380</b>  | <b>1.235</b>  | <b>1.120</b>   | <b>8.705</b>  | <b>1.320</b>  | <b>1.090</b>  | <b>935</b>   | <b>310</b>    | <b>340</b>    | <b>560</b>     | <b>4.555</b>   | <b>14.805</b> |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>48.780</b>  | <b>60.735</b> | <b>54.800</b> | <b>59.935</b> | <b>68.745</b> | <b>65.110</b> | <b>54.315</b> | <b>412.420</b> | <b>68.230</b> | <b>60.730</b> | <b>35.085</b> | <b>9.495</b> | <b>13.435</b> | <b>30.345</b> | <b>217.320</b> | <b>690.700</b> |               |

**First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from July 2019 - June 2020**

|                            | 2019          |               |               |               |               |               | 2020          |               |               |              |               |               | Total          |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|                            | Jul           | Aug           | Sep           | Oct           | Nov           | Dec           | Jan           | Feb           | Mar           | Apr          | May           | Jun           |                |
| Syrian Arab Republic       | 7.235         | 7.155         | 7.200         | 7.855         | 7.465         | 6.485         | 8.625         | 6.925         | 4.670         | 1.970        | 2.065         | 4.090         | <b>71.740</b>  |
| Afghanistan                | 4.660         | 4.920         | 5.695         | 7.325         | 7.120         | 5.930         | 6.955         | 6.115         | 2.425         | 760          | 1.190         | 2.715         | <b>55.810</b>  |
| Venezuela                  | 3.770         | 2.945         | 2.985         | 4.320         | 5.460         | 4.000         | 5.045         | 5.125         | 2.990         | 80           | 160           | 2.800         | <b>39.680</b>  |
| Colombia                   | 2.600         | 2.225         | 2.395         | 3.300         | 4.575         | 3.715         | 5.235         | 4.865         | 2.900         | 65           | 100           | 2.420         | <b>34.395</b>  |
| Iraq                       | 2.815         | 2.565         | 2.280         | 2.775         | 2.670         | 2.225         | 2.740         | 2.275         | 1.450         | 940          | 820           | 1.020         | <b>24.575</b>  |
| Pakistan                   | 2.675         | 2.175         | 2.625         | 3.045         | 2.475         | 1.910         | 2.050         | 2.125         | 1.115         | 210          | 455           | 1.160         | <b>22.020</b>  |
| Turkey                     | 2.650         | 2.670         | 2.645         | 2.720         | 2.175         | 1.830         | 2.300         | 1.720         | 1.145         | 475          | 490           | 880           | <b>21.700</b>  |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 2.040         | 2.075         | 2.120         | 2.040         | 1.950         | 1.505         | 1.610         | 1.385         | 870           | 695          | 530           | 340           | <b>17.160</b>  |
| Albania                    | 1.815         | 1.580         | 2.070         | 1.945         | 1.565         | 1.285         | 1.365         | 1.300         | 685           | 170          | 295           | 445           | <b>14.520</b>  |
| Nigeria                    | 1.915         | 1.505         | 1.570         | 1.615         | 1.425         | 1.050         | 1.490         | 1.265         | 820           | 240          | 400           | 780           | <b>14.075</b>  |
| Others                     | 28.045        | 24.460        | 27.980        | 31.385        | 27.925        | 24.125        | 30.580        | 27.515        | 15.855        | 3.770        | 6.775         | 13.445        | <b>261.860</b> |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>60.220</b> | <b>54.275</b> | <b>59.565</b> | <b>68.325</b> | <b>64.805</b> | <b>54.060</b> | <b>67.995</b> | <b>60.615</b> | <b>34.925</b> | <b>9.375</b> | <b>13.280</b> | <b>30.095</b> | <b>577.535</b> |

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 July, August and September 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 October 5th 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           | 46.670                 | 22%           | 358.327              | 8%            | 83,0                  | 16%           | 2.624         | 20%           |
|                       | 2    | Spain             | 43.775                 | 21%           | 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%            |
| <b>EU - Total</b>     |      |                   | <b>212.765</b>         | <b>100%</b>   | <b>4.379.426</b>     | <b>100%</b>   | <b>513,5</b>          | <b>100%</b>   | <b>13,069</b> | <b>100%</b>   |
| 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%            |
| <b>Not EU - Total</b> |      |                   | <b>4.555</b>           | <b>2%</b>     | <b>365.072</b>       | <b>8%</b>     | <b>13,9</b>           | <b>3%</b>     | <b>576</b>    | <b>4%</b>     |

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 October 5th 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                      | 60,9                           | 915                    | 315                  |
| 2    | Cyprus             | 414                        | 8,7                            | 3.825                  | 9.249                |
| 3    | Luxembourg         | 198                        | 4,2                            | 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            | 130                        | 2,7                            | 46.670                 | 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               |
|      | <b>TOTAL EU-28</b> | <b>49</b>                  | <b>1,0</b>                     | <b>213.025</b>         | <b>4.467.087</b>     |
| 13   | Italy              | 31                         | 0,7                            | 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 60,9 times more applicants than the EU average (49 per 1.000 sq km). Cyprus and Luxembourg ranked second and third at some distance with 8,7 and 4,2 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 October 5th 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                               | 4,5                            | 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            | 562                                 | 1,4                            | 46.670                 | 83,0                  |
| 9    | France             | 548                                 | 1,3                            | 36.730                 | 67,0                  |
| 10   | Austria            | 547                                 | 1,3                            | 4.850                  | 8,9                   |
| 11   | Belgium            | 477                                 | 1,2                            | 5.465                  | 11,5                  |
|      | <b>TOTAL EU-28</b> | <b>415</b>                          | <b>1,0</b>                     | <b>213.025</b>         | <b>513,9</b>          |
| 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 (415 applications per million inhabitants). Greece and Malta ranked second and third (5,4 and 4,5 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 October 5th 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                       | 7,0                            | 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            | 17,8                        | 1,1                            | 46.670                 | 2.624         |
| 9    | Austria            | 17,3                        | 1,1                            | 4.850                  | 281           |
| 10   | Belgium            | 16,1                        | 1,0                            | 5.465                  | 339           |
|      | <b>TOTAL EU-28</b> | <b>16,0</b>                 | <b>1,0</b>                     | <b>213.025</b>         | <b>13.078</b> |
| 11   | Luxembourg         | 13,9                        | 0,9                            | 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                         | 0,5                            | 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, 7,0 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 October 5th 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<br>In relation to Total EU 28 = 1 | Index figure population<br>In relation to Total EU 28 = 1 | Index figure GDP<br>In relation to Total EU 28 = 1 |
|------|--------------------|------------|---|---|--|
| 1    | Malta              | 23,7       | 60,9  | 4,5   | 5,8  |
| 2    | Cyprus             | 10,5       | 8,7   | 10,5  | 12,2   |
| 3    | Greece             | 5,4        | 3,8   | 5,4   | 7,0  |
| 4    | Luxembourg         | 2,3        | 4,2   | 2,0   | 0,9  |
| 5    | Spain              | 2,2        | 1,8   | 2,2   | 2,4  |
| 6    | Belgium            | 2,0        | 3,7   | 1,2   | 1,0  |
| 7    | Germany            | 1,7        | 2,7   | 1,4   | 1,1  |
| 8    | Slovenia           | 1,7        | 1,5   | 1,6   | 2,0  |
| 9    | Netherlands        | 1,6        | 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  |
|      | <b>TOTAL EU-28</b> | <b>1,0</b> | <b>1,0</b>  | <b>1,0</b>  | <b>1,0</b>   |
| 13   | United Kingdom     | 0,8        | 1,4   | 0,6   | 0,6  |
| 14   | Italy              | 0,5        | 0,7   | 0,4   | 0,4  |
| 15   | Ireland            | 0,3        | 0,2   | 0,4   | 0,3  |
| 16   | Croatia            | 0,3        | 0,2   | 0,3   | 0,5  |
| 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 23,7 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Cyprus followed with 10,5 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 9th, receiving 1,6 times as many applications than the EU average.