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**First asylum applications in the Netherlands**

Source: INDiGO

Top-10 last twelve months **first** asylum applications in the Netherlands

Total 2013	Nationality	2013				2014								Total 2014	Last 12 months	
		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	**Mar	Apr	May	Jun	***Jul	Aug			Sep
2.673	Syria	322	373	413	397	526	394	465	719	687	895	1.103	1.105	1.658	7.552	8.735
978	Eritrea	120	165	133	101	175	80	95	1.083	1.860	203	105	80	79	3.760	4.159
216	Stateless	18	62	61	22	63	47	94	119	270	191	312	410	534	2.040	2.185
3.078	Somalia	353	255	329	288	153	283	139	117	56	28	15	17	20	828	1.700
1.094	Iraq	65	102	61	63	73	64	51	70	41	50	51	62	77	539	765
728	Iran	65	57	56	37	61	66	41	51	45	33	41	45	48	431	581
673	Afghanistan	49	72	34	32	60	51	26	57	44	40	26	53	53	410	548
435	Unknown	39	45	40	29	47	25	23	37	48	23	25	39	41	308	422
209	Georgia	28	16	28	24	37	16	29	40	44	15	33	33	23	270	338
99	Mongolia	9	14	10	8	32	27	48	46	42	26	14	39	29	303	335
4.216	Others	430	396	335	354	452	344	334	330	304	256	330	291	349	2.990	4.075
14.399	Total	1.498	1.557	1.500	1.355	1.679	1.397	1.345	2.669	3.441	1.760	2.055	2.174	2.911	19.431	23.843

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\*\* Separate registration of family reunification started on 2014/03/28. Family members who received an entry visa before this date are reported under first asylum applications.

\*\*\* July 2014 represents the first dataset of first applications containing no (applications for) family reunification.

**Top-10 first asylum applications in the Netherlands September 2014**

Nationality		%
1 Syria	1.658	57%
2 Stateless	534	18%
3 Eritrea	79	3%
4 Iraq	77	3%
5 Afghanistan	53	2%
6 Iran	48	2%
7 Unknown	41	1%
8 Ukraine	32	1%
9 Mongolia	29	1%
10 Serbia	26	1%
Others	334	11%

Total September 2014

Percentage top 10

2.911

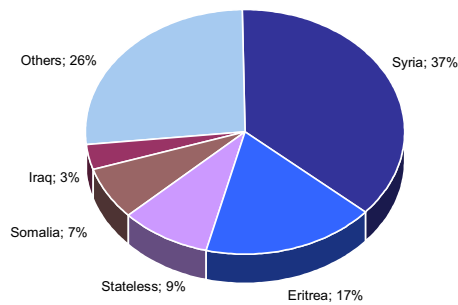
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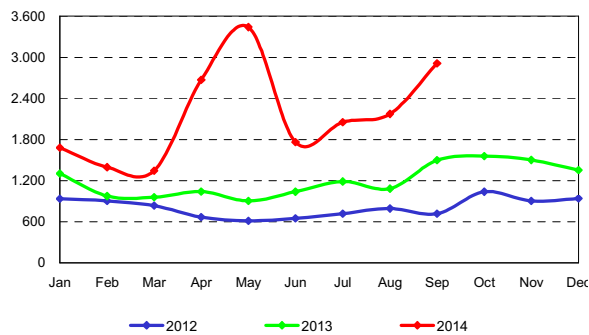
**Top 5 Nationalities first applications last twelve months**

Period: Oct 2013 - Sep 2014

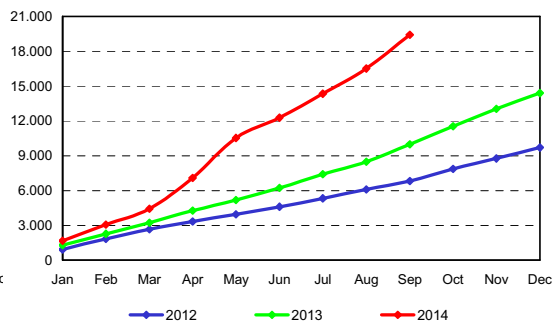
Number of first asylum applications: 23.843



**First asylum applications in the Netherlands**



**Cumulative development of first asylum applications in the Netherlands**



**Repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands**

Source: INDIAGO

Top-10 last twelve months **repeated** asylum applications in the Netherlands

Total 2013	Nationality	2013				2014								Total 2014	Last 12 months	
		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug			Sep
324	Iraq	14	50	28	30	13	42	15	24	19	42	75	96	86	412	520
709	Afghanistan	54	70	55	29	13	41	33	26	23	35	20	15	31	237	391
391	Iran	29	19	27	17	5	13	13	10	17	15	19	10	8	110	173
192	Somalia	12	12	7	10	6	8	12	12	8	14	22	18	30	130	159
123	Unknown	11	16	9	9	*	8	6	6	6	13	8	*	*	53	87
37	Libya	*	7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	17	17	*	48	61
65	Armenia	*	7	*	7		5	*	13	5	*	9	*	41	58	
61	Eritrea	*	*	7	*	*	5	9	*	11	*	*	*	44	57	
55	Guinea	*	8	*	*	5	5	*	6	*	8	*	*	38	52	
33	Syria	*	9	*	5	*	5	*	11	*	5	*	*	36	52	
800	Others	38	73	46	50	23	34	54	56	47	53	59	72	57	455	624
2.790	Total	167	275	190	165	73	168	150	169	142	194	222	241	245	1.604	2.234

\* To conceal the lowest figures, all values between 0 and 4 are replaced by an asterisk.

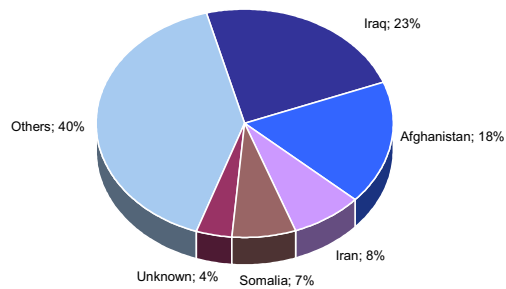
**Top-10 repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands September 2014**

Nationality	%
1 Iraq	35%
2 Afghanistan	13%
3 Somalia	12%
4 Libya	7%
5 Iran	3%
6 Egypt	3%
7 Nigeria	2%
8 Syria	2%
9 Uganda	2%
10 Sudan	2%
Others	20%
Total September 2014	100%
Percentage top 10	80%

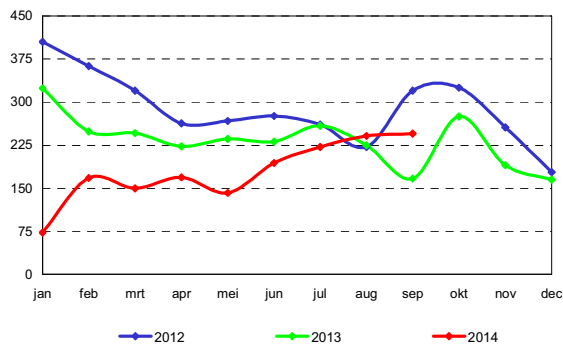
**Top 5 Nationalities repeated applications last twelve months**

Period: Oct 2013 - Sep 2014

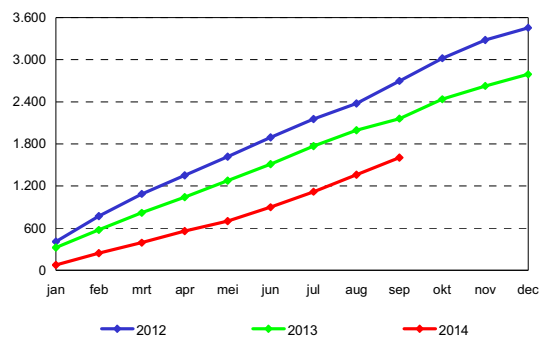
Number of repeated asylum applications: 2.234



**Repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands**



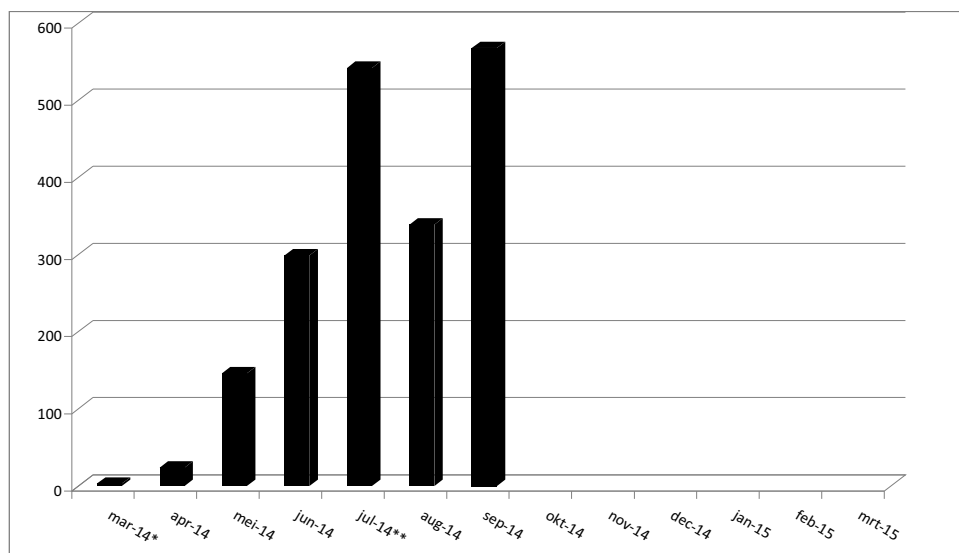
**Cumulative development of repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands**



### Influx of family reunification in the Netherlands (Council Directive 2003/86/EC Chapter V)

Source: INDIGO

Influx of family reunification\* in the Netherlands (Council Directive 2003/86/EC Chapter V)



\* Separate registration of family reunification started on 2014/03/28. Family members who received an entry visa before this date are reported under first asylum applications.

\*\* July 2014 represents the first complete family reunification dataset. From March to June 2014 family members are also reported under first asylum applications if they received an entry visa before 2014/03/28.

Top-10 Family reunification influx\*\* from the 28th of March - September 2014 in the Netherlands

Nationality	2014										2015			Total 2014	Perc
	**Mar	Apr	May	Jun	***Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
Syria	*	15	57	138	301	162	352							1,062	54%
Somalia	*	6	34	61	80	85	48							325	16%
Iraq	*	*	14	24	41	31	34							145	7%
Stateless	*	*	10	15	44	9	45							125	6%
Eritrea	*	*	*	10	16	15	30							76	4%
Iran	*	*	*	11	*	8	10							34	2%
Afghanistan	*	*	5	6	9	*	*							26	1%
Uganda	*	*	*	*	8	*	*							15	1%
Sudan	*	*	*	*	*	*	10							13	1%
Nepal	*	*	*	*	*	*	6							12	1%
Others	0	0	15	32	39	22	30							88	7%
<b>Total</b>	*	24	146	299	542	339	568							<b>1,921</b>	<b>100%</b>

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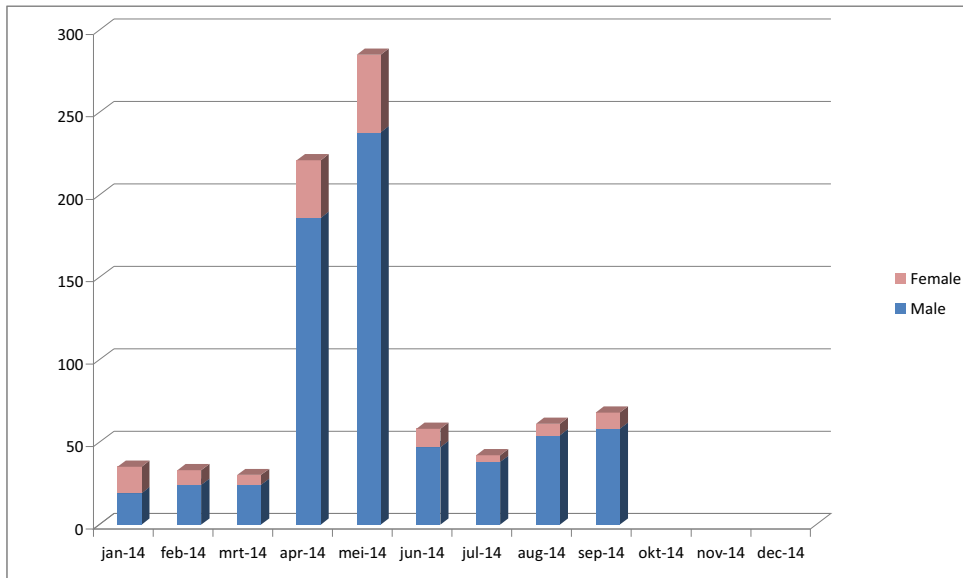
\*\* Separate registration of family reunification started on 2014/03/28. Before this date family reunification is reported under first asylum applications.

\*\*\* July 2014 represents the first complete family reunification dataset. From March to June 2014 family members are also reported under first asylum applications if they received an entry visa before 2014/03/28.



### Influx of indicated unaccompanied minor asylum seekers in the Netherlands

Source: INDiGO



Top-10 unaccompanied minor asylum applications in the Netherlands in 2014

Nationality	Jan	Feb	Mrt	Apr	Mei	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dec	Total
Eritrea	7	7	11	194	252	20	12	9	9				521
Syria	5	*	*	*	11	22	12	22	24				103
Afghanistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	8				27
Somalia	*	7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				24
Stateless	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	*				21
Iraq	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				15
Guinea	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				14
Mali	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				9
Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				8
Sierra Leone	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				8
Others	11	9	6	7	11	9	8	9	13				83
<b>Total UMA</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>68</b>				<b>833</b>

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**Monthly First Asylum Applications in the Netherlands in 2014**

Source: INDiGO

2013	Nationality	2014 Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
673	Afghanistan	60	51	26	57	44	40	26	53	53				410
42	Albania	5	11	9	*	6	*	10	6	10				60
29	Algeria	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				13
22	Angola	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				8
185	Armenia	27	12	8	10	10	9	18	6	8				108
71	Azerbaijan	6	*	*	*	*	*	7	5	*				31
29	Bangladesh	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				9
66	Belarus	8	6	*	*	5	5	5	*	7				44
*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	11	14	17	13	6	8	10	12	5				96
*	Brazil	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				5
13	Burkina Faso	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				12
15	Burundi	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				11
18	Cameroon	*	*	*	*	7	*	*	*	*				30
147	China (including Hong Kong)	18	19	9	9	10	7	14	10	8				104
12	Colombia	*	6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				8
37	Congo, the Democratic Republic of the	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				7
143	Congo, the Republic of the	21	6	9	9	*	14	*	*	6				73
76	Cote d'Ivoire	12	5	*	*	*	5	*	*	6				39
8	Cuba	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				10
177	Egypt	17	16	14	14	12	5	*	5	9				95
978	Eritrea	175	80	95	1.083	1.860	203	105	80	79				3.760
90	Ethiopia	9	8	11	22	25	13	9	10	8				115
27	Gambia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				15
209	Georgia	37	16	29	40	44	15	33	33	23				270
34	Ghana	*	*	*	*	5	*	*	*	*				23
158	Guinea	18	10	7	7	9	5	5	5	12				78
16	India	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				14
*	Indonesia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				6
728	Iran	61	66	41	51	45	33	41	45	48				431
1.094	Iraq	73	64	51	70	41	50	51	62	77				539
5	Israël	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				6
29	Jamaica	*	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				25
*	Jordan	*	*	*	5	*	*	*	*	*				14
22	Kazakhstan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				6
7	Kenya	*	*	*	10	*	*	*	*	*				17
140	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				7
47	Kosovo	8	5	6	*	*	*	9	6	*				43
18	Lebanon	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7				25
7	Liberia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				10
147	Libya	15	13	9	6	6	11	8	16	13				97
125	Macedonia	21	*	16	17	10	10	*	7	6				89
58	Mali	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	*	*				27
99	Mongolia	32	27	48	46	42	26	14	39	29				303
10	Montenegro	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				6
69	Morocco	*	*	7	7	7	*	7	*	9				49
69	Myanmar	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				10
65	Nepal	10	15	*	9	5	*	5	*	*				56
8	Niger	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				10
136	Nigeria	18	11	13	19	17	27	23	17	24				169
150	Pakistan	24	14	*	15	7	7	19	19	14				123
105	Palestinian Territory, Occupied	16	7	9	17	8	*	8	11	17				96
263	Russia	17	21	14	17	17	11	10	15	8				130
18	Rwanda	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				15
34	Senegal	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				9
248	Serbia	12	14	20	6	5	5	6	*	26				98
19	Serbia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				6
97	Sierra Leone	18	13	12	9	10	5	5	*	7				83
3.078	Somalia	153	283	139	117	56	28	15	17	20				828
142	Sri Lanka	9	13	9	*	7	*	*	6	7				59
216	Stateless	63	47	94	119	270	191	312	410	534				2.040
139	Sudan	19	18	5	8	16	23	21	35	21				166
2.673	Syria	526	394	465	719	687	895	1.103	1.105	1.658				7.552
11	Tanzania	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				6
20	Tunisia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				11
59	Turkey	10	5	19	9	*	*	9	*	*				58
164	Uganda	23	19	16	9	13	7	11	*	8				108
36	Ukraine	5	*	24	11	17	13	43	20	32				169
*	United States of America	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				8
435	Unknown	47	25	23	37	48	23	25	39	41				308
*	Uzbekistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				10
*	Viet Nam	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				16
39	Yemen	7	*	*	6	*	*	*	*	6				28
12	Zimbabwe	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				6
274	Others	10	13	10	17	15	10	9	12	9				105
14.399	Total	1.679	1.397	1.345	2.669	3.441	1.760	2.055	2.174	2.911				19.431

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**First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2013 and 2014**

	2013	jul-13	aug-13	sep-13	okt-13	nov-13	dec-13	jan-14	feb-14	mrt-14	apr-14	mei-14	jun-14	jul-14	2014
Germany	109.380	9.805	9.830	11.730	13.285	12.400	9.220	12.555	9.830	9.840	10.200	11.160	12.075	16.190	81.850
Sweden	54.260	4.130	4.805	7.770	7.915	5.545	5.330	3.955	3.670	3.915	4.385	5.560	7.510	8.900	37.895
France	60.475	5.635	4.535	4.510	5.840	4.810	4.890	4.455	4.725	5.360	5.210	4.190	4.515	4.880	33.335
Italy	25.725	2.360	2.475	2.400	3.215	3.015	2.165	3.375	3.175	3.795	4.215	5.370	4.555	5.605	30.090
United Kingdom	28.950	2.750	2.405	2.610	2.840	2.545	2.240	2.385	2.370	2.670	2.225	2.160	2.475	2.900	17.185
Netherlands	14.370	1.185	1.075	1.495	1.555	1.500	1.350	1.675	1.395	1.365	2.600	3.435	1.755	2.050	14.275
Belgium	11.965	1.095	985	1.240	1.090	970	865	995	790	870	905	845	1.095	1.275	6.775
Hungary	18.560	2.170	1.100	1.035	740	905	1.010	1.240	640	575	635	710	1.105	1.510	6.415
Denmark	7.165	610	680	650	720	635	520	560	430	500	590	715	1.000	1.700	5.495
Greece	7.865	760	575	630	750	670	540	655	760	630	655	635	535	660	4.530
Bulgaria	6.980	435	695	940	1.230	1.245	630	810	770	395	295	515	610	890	4.285
Poland	13.960	1.485	880	710	535	375	315	260	220	355	375	445	505	530	2.690
Spain	4.290	410	290	345	335	300	255	280	330	400	345	.	405	450	2.210
Finland	2.980	255	320	330	265	260	240	250	215	220	240	215	250	265	1.655
Romania	1.410	170	95	170	125	100	75	110	130	100	75	115	115	145	790
Ireland	910	70	65	80	80	80	70	100	85	110	95	105	105	130	730
Malta	2.205	435	740	290	115	125	50	75	40	65	130	60	195	125	690
Cyprus	1.140	70	95	105	130	130	100	85	110	120	90	100	115	^	620
Luxembourg	990	95	75	110	120	85	50	90	70	70	45	80	65	75	495
Czech Republic	485	40	65	30	45	35	40	40	35	75	65	80	55	75	425
Croatia	1.040	40	45	80	95	55	30	50	25	35	25	30	30	40	235
Latvia	185	35	30	25	15	10	10	10	20	40	15	20	45	65	215
Portugal	510	40	30	55	45	30	105	20	15	30	30	35	35	45	210
Slovenia	245	15	15	15	20	5	10	15	30	25	40	35	25	25	195
Lithuania	250	0	45	10	30	25	30	20	25	30	10	20	35	20	160
Slovakia	285	20	35	5	30	30	25	10	5	40	15	10	20	10	110
Estonia	90	10	0	5	5	15	5	10	5	5	10	10	15	15	70
Austria*	17.505	1.805	1.355	1.345	1.695	1.550	1.520	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>394.175</b>	<b>35.930</b>	<b>33.340</b>	<b>38.720</b>	<b>42.865</b>	<b>37.450</b>	<b>31.690</b>	<b>34.085</b>	<b>29.915</b>	<b>31.635</b>	<b>33.520</b>	<b>36.655</b>	<b>39.245</b>	<b>48.575</b>	<b>253.630</b>
Norway	1.225	1.225	1.565	1.330	1.040	815	715	700	555	660	775	1.235	1.155	975	6.055
Switzerland	1.670	1.670	1.420	1.310	1.625	1.755	1.610	1.695	1.365	1.425	1.370	1.570	2.100	2.750	12.275
<b>Total</b>	<b>397.070</b>	<b>38.825</b>	<b>36.325</b>	<b>41.360</b>	<b>45.530</b>	<b>40.020</b>	<b>34.015</b>	<b>36.480</b>	<b>31.835</b>	<b>33.720</b>	<b>35.665</b>	<b>39.460</b>	<b>42.500</b>	<b>52.300</b>	<b>271.960</b>

Situation by 2014/10/10. Data sorted by total in 2014. Data are rounded to closest 0 or 5. Source: Eurostat

Data exclude applications from EU citizens.

Data concern first applications, except for countries with an \*. These countries have not provided first applications for every month in the data set.

^ Data not yet available

**Total asylum applications in the EU from August 2013 - July 2014**

	aug-13	sep-13	okt-13	nov-13	dec-13	jan-14	feb-14	mrt-14	apr-14	mei-14	jun-14	jul-14	Total
Syria	4.055	6.510	7.360	6.670	5.260	5.795	5.470	5.510	5.610	6.870	8.630	10.890	78.630
Eritrea	1.865	1.950	2.170	2.185	1.675	1.330	720	915	2.490	4.580	4.120	6.020	30.020
Afghanistan	1.900	2.115	2.420	2.555	2.745	3.145	2.590	2.160	1.995	1.950	2.325	2.815	28.715
Serbia	2.240	2.755	2.885	2.940	2.790	2.745	1.570	1.645	1.440	1.400	1.785	2.715	26.910
Russia	3.260	2.755	2.225	1.840	1.665	1.885	1.370	1.445	1.655	1.300	1.360	1.505	22.265
Pakistan	1.835	1.705	1.735	1.595	1.420	1.695	1.585	1.780	1.555	1.545	1.620	1.890	19.960
Somalia	1.790	1.950	1.810	1.825	1.390	1.400	1.295	1.210	1.370	1.175	1.245	1.295	17.755
Nigeria	1.085	1.175	1.550	1.020	930	1.095	900	1.200	1.335	1.600	1.600	2.040	15.530
Albania	720	965	1.285	1.175	1.200	1.135	1.645	1.555	1.470	1.240	1.260	1.460	15.110
Iraq	925	1.070	1.225	970	805	930	910	855	930	835	1.360	2.405	13.220
Others	17.130	19.910	22.530	18.245	15.205	17.575	15.765	17.475	17.815	18.080	18.480	21.475	219.685
<b>Total</b>	<b>36.805</b>	<b>42.860</b>	<b>47.195</b>	<b>41.020</b>	<b>35.085</b>	<b>38.730</b>	<b>33.820</b>	<b>35.750</b>	<b>37.665</b>	<b>40.575</b>	<b>43.785</b>	<b>54.510</b>	<b>487.800</b>

Situation by 2014/10/10. Data sorted by total from August 2013 to July 2014. Data are rounded to closest 0 or 5. Source: Eurostat

Data exclude applications from EU citizens.

Data concern total applications.

## Special Theme: First Asylum Applications in Europe (1<sup>st</sup> half 2014) related to country Area, Population and GDP

### Introduction

Biannually<sup>1</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2014**

Rank	Country of asylum	Number of Applications	% share in EU	Country area (sq km)	% share in EU	Inhabitants (million)	% share in EU	GDP (billion PPS*)	% share in EU
1	Germany	65.660	32%	357.168	8%	82,0	16%	2.624	20%
2	Sweden	28.995	14%	438.576	10%	9,6	2%	314	2%
3	France	28.455	14%	632.834	14%	63,7	13%	1.830	14%
4	Italy	24.485	12%	302.073	7%	59,7	12%	1.541	12%
5	United Kingdom	14.285	7%	248.528	6%	63,9	13%	1.742	13%
6	Netherlands	12.225	6%	41.540	1%	16,8	3%	548	4%
7	Belgium	5.500	3%	30.528	1%	11,2	2%	339	3%
8	Hungary	4.905	2%	93.024	2%	9,9	2%	170	1%
9	Greece	3.870	2%	131.957	3%	11,1	2%	213	2%
10	Denmark	3.795	2%	42.916	1%	5,6	1%	180	1%
11	Bulgaria	3.395	2%	110.900	2%	7,3	1%	87	1%
12	Poland	2.160	1%	312.679	7%	38,5	8%	673	5%
13	Spain	1.760	1%	505.991	11%	46,7	9%	1.125	9%
14	Finland	1.390	1%	338.435	8%	5,4	1%	156	1%
15	Romania	645	0%	238.391	5%	20,0	4%	278	2%
16	Cyprus	620	0%	9.251	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
17	Ireland	600	0%	69.797	2%	4,6	1%	149	1%
18	Malta	565	0%	316	0%	0,4	0%	10	0%
19	Luxembourg	420	0%	2.586	0%	0,5	0%	37	0%
20	Czech Republic	350	0%	78.866	2%	10,5	2%	216	2%
21	Croatia	195	0%	87.661	2%	4,3	1%	66	1%
22	Slovenia	170	0%	20.273	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
23	Portugal	165	0%	92.212	2%	10,5	2%	203	2%
24	Latvia	150	0%	64.573	1%	2,0	0%	35	0%
25	Lithuania	140	0%	65.300	1%	3,0	1%	56	0%
26	Slovakia	100	0%	49.036	1%	5,4	1%	106	1%
27	Estonia	55	0%	45.227	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
28	Austria**	0	0%	83.879	2%	8,5	2%	281	2%
	<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>205.055</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.494.515</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>505,2</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13.069</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>Norway</b>	<b>5.080</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>323.779</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>2%</b>
	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>9.525</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>41.285</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>8,0</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>2%</b>

Source: Eurostat extracted on 13/10/2014 (applications), 13/10/2014 (area), 13/10/2014 (population) and 13/10/2014 (GDP)

\* Purchasing Power Standard (PPS) is a mathematical currency used to compare GDP sizes of different countries by eliminating the different price levels.

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Table 1 depicts the number of first asylum applications, country area size, population and GDP in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2014 in Europe. Table 1 is arranged by the amount of asylum applications in decreasing order. Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by Sweden and France. The Netherlands ranked sixth within the EU. It is quite clear from table 1 that the ranking of countries when compared by the three indicators of country size is not the same as the ranking ordered by the number of asylum applications. There are substantial differences for most European countries between their share of the EU-28 total of asylum applications, country Area, inhabitants and GDP. In the next subsections, the different indicators of country size will be related to the number of asylum applications in more detail.

<sup>1</sup> The next update will appear as soon as the data regarding the second 6 months of 2014 will be available in the Eurostat database for all the EU+ states.

**First Asylum Applications in Europe (1<sup>st</sup> half 2014) related to area size****Table 2: Number of first asylum applications (1<sup>st</sup> half 2014) related to country area size**

Rank	Country of asylum	Applications per 1.000 sq km	In relation to Total EU-28 = 1	Number of applications	Country area (sq km)
1	Malta	1.788	39,2	565	316
2	Netherlands	294	6,5	12.225	41.540
3	Germany	184	4,0	65.660	357.168
4	Belgium	180	3,9	5.500	30.528
5	Luxembourg	162	3,6	420	2.586
6	Denmark	88	1,9	3.795	42.916
7	Italy	81	1,8	24.485	302.073
8	Cyprus	67	1,5	620	9.251
9	Sweden	66	1,4	28.995	438.576
10	United Kingdom	57	1,3	14.285	248.528
11	Hungary	53	1,2	4.905	93.024
	<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>205.055</b>	<b>4.494.515</b>
12	France	45	1,0	28.455	632.834
13	Bulgaria	31	0,7	3.395	110.900
14	Greece	29	0,6	3.870	131.957
15	Ireland	9	0,2	600	69.797
16	Slovenia	8	0,2	170	20.273
17	Poland	7	0,2	2.160	312.679
18	Czech Republic	4	0,1	350	78.866
19	Finland	4	0,1	1.390	338.435
20	Spain	3	0,1	1.760	505.991
21	Romania	3	0,1	645	238.391
22	Latvia	2	0,1	150	64.573
23	Croatia	2	0,0	195	87.661
24	Lithuania	2	0,0	140	65.300
25	Slovakia	2	0,0	100	49.036
26	Portugal	2	0,0	165	92.212
27	Estonia	1	0,0	55	45.227
28	Austria*	0	0,0	0	83.879
	<b>Norway</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>5.080</b>	<b>323.779</b>
	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>9.525</b>	<b>41.285</b>

Source: Eurostat extracted on 13/10/2014 (applications) and 13/10/2014 (area)

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Table 2 relates the amount of first asylum applications in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2014 to the area size of the European countries and is arranged in decreasing order. By taking the Total EU-28 figure = 1, it shows how many times more or less applications a country received in relation to its Area size compared to the EU-28 average. It shows that Malta received the largest number of asylum applications in Europe in relation to its Area size: 1.788 per 1.000 sq km, 39 times more than the EU average (46 per 1.000 sq km). The Netherlands and Germany ranked second and third at some distance with 6,5 and 4,0 times more applications than the EU average. It could be argued that Malta should be taken out of this comparison due to its tiny country area (316 sq km) and small amount of first asylum applications (565). If Malta is not taken into account, the Netherlands received the largest amount of first asylum applications in relation to its Area size in the EU+ (1<sup>st</sup> half of 2014).

**First Asylum Applications in Europe (1<sup>st</sup> half 2014) related to population size****Table 3: Number of first asylum applications (1<sup>st</sup> half 2014) related to population size**

Rank	Country of asylum	Applications per million inhabitants	In relation to Total EU-28 = 1	Number of applications	Inhabitants (millions)
1	Sweden	3.034	7,5	28.995	9,6
2	Malta	1.341	3,3	565	0,4
3	Germany	801	2,0	65.660	82,0
4	Luxembourg	782	1,9	420	0,5
5	Netherlands	729	1,8	12.225	16,8
6	Cyprus	716	1,8	620	0,9
7	Denmark	677	1,7	3.795	5,6
8	Hungary	495	1,2	4.905	9,9
9	Belgium	493	1,2	5.500	11,2
10	Bulgaria	466	1,1	3.395	7,3
11	France	447	1,1	28.455	63,7
12	Italy	410	1,0	24.485	59,7
	<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>205.055</b>	<b>505,2</b>
13	Greece	350	0,9	3.870	11,1
14	Finland	256	0,6	1.390	5,4
15	United Kingdom	224	0,6	14.285	63,9
16	Ireland	131	0,3	600	4,6
17	Slovenia	83	0,2	170	2,1
18	Latvia	74	0,2	150	2,0
19	Poland	56	0,1	2.160	38,5
20	Lithuania	47	0,1	140	3,0
21	Croatia	46	0,1	195	4,3
22	Estonia	42	0,1	55	1,3
23	Spain	38	0,1	1.760	46,7
24	Czech Republic	33	0,1	350	10,5
25	Romania	32	0,1	645	20,0
26	Slovakia	18	0,0	100	5,4
27	Portugal	16	0,0	165	10,5
28	Austria*	0	0,0	0	8,5
	<b>Norway</b>	<b>1.006</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>5.080</b>	<b>5,1</b>
	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>1.185</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>9.525</b>	<b>8,0</b>

Source: Eurostat extracted on 13/10/2014 (applications) and 13/10/2014 (population)

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Table 3 provides an overview of the number of first asylum applications in the first half of 2014 in relation to population size and is arranged in decreasing order. Sweden received the most applications in the EU+ in relation to its population size: 3034 applications per million inhabitants, 7,5 times more than the EU average (406 applications per million inhabitants). Malta and Germany ranked second and third at some distance (3,3 and 2,0 times more than the EU average). The Netherlands ranked fifth in the EU with 729 applications per million inhabitants (1,8 times more than the EU average). France (third place in absolute amount of applications) received slightly more applications per million inhabitants than the EU average.

**First Asylum Applications in Europe (1<sup>st</sup> half 2014) related to GDP size****Table 4: Number of first asylum applications (1<sup>st</sup> half 2014) related to GDP size**

Rank	Country of asylum	Applications per billion PPS*	In relation to Total EU-28 = 1	Number of Applications	GDP (billion PPS*)
1	Sweden	92	5,9	28.995	314
2	Malta	59	3,7	565	10
3	Bulgaria	39	2,5	3.395	87
4	Cyprus	32	2,1	620	19
5	Hungary	29	1,8	4.905	170
6	Germany	25	1,6	65.660	2.624
7	Netherlands	22	1,4	12.225	548
8	Denmark	21	1,3	3.795	180
9	Greece	18	1,2	3.870	213
10	Belgium	16,2	1,0	5.500	339
11	Italy	15,9	1,0	24.485	1.541
	<b>Total EU-27</b>	<b>15,7</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>205.055</b>	<b>13.069</b>
12	France	15,5	1,0	28.455	1.830
13	Luxembourg	11	0,7	420	37
14	Finland	9	0,6	1.390	156
15	United Kingdom	8	0,5	14.285	1.742
16	Latvia	4	0,3	150	35
17	Ireland	4	0,3	600	149
18	Slovenia	4	0,2	170	44
19	Poland	3	0,2	2.160	673
20	Croatia	3	0,2	195	66
21	Lithuania	2	0,2	140	56
22	Romania	2	0,1	645	278
23	Estonia	2	0,1	55	25
24	Czech Republic	2	0,1	350	216
25	Spain	2	0,1	1.760	1.125
26	Slovakia	1	0,1	100	106
27	Portugal	1	0,1	165	203
28	Austria	0	0,0	0	281
	<b>Norway</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>5.080</b>	<b>250</b>
	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>9.525</b>	<b>326</b>

Source: Eurostat extracted on 13/10/2014 (applications) and 13/10/2014 (GDP)

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Table 4 shows the number of first asylum applications in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2014 related to GDP size (in PPS) arranged in decreasing order. Sweden, Malta and Bulgaria were the numbers one, two and three with respectively 5,9, 3,7 and 2,5 times more applications in relation to GDP size than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked seventh with 1,4 times more applications in relation to GDP size than the EU average. France (third place in absolute amount of applications) received slightly less applications per billion PPS (15,5) than the EU average (15,7).

**Overview of the indicators: Area, Population and GDP****Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications (1<sup>st</sup> half 2014)**

Rank	Country of asylum	Average	Index figure area	Index figure population	Index figure GDP
1	Malta	15,4	39,2	3,3	3,7
2	Sweden	4,9	1,4	7,5	5,9
3	Netherlands	3,2	6,5	1,8	1,4
4	Germany	2,5	4,0	2,0	1,6
5	Luxembourg	2,1	3,6	1,9	0,7
6	Belgium	2,1	3,9	1,2	1,0
7	Cyprus	1,8	1,5	1,8	2,1
8	Denmark	1,6	1,9	1,7	1,3
9	Bulgaria	1,4	0,7	1,1	2,5
10	Hungary	1,4	1,2	1,2	1,8
11	Italy	1,3	1,8	1,0	1,0
12	France	1,0	1,0	1,1	1,0
	<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>
13	Greece	0,9	0,6	0,9	1,2
14	United Kingdom	0,8	1,3	0,6	0,5
15	Finland	0,4	0,1	0,6	0,6
16	Ireland	0,3	0,2	0,3	0,3
17	Slovenia	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,2
18	Latvia	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,3
19	Poland	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,2
20	Croatia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,2
21	Lithuania	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,2
22	Romania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
23	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
24	Spain	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
25	Estonia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
26	Slovakia	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,1
27	Portugal	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,1
28	Austria*	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	<b>Norway</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>1,3</b>
	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>1,9</b>

Source: Eurostat extracted on 13/10/2014 (applications), 13/10/2014 (area), 13/10/2014 (population) and 13/10/2014 (GDP)

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Table 5 provides an overview of the asylum influx in relation to the three indicators of country size by taking the Total EU-28 figure = 1. These three different index figures were separately presented in tables 2-4. In addition to this overview, the average index figure is mentioned in table 5 (all three index figures are equally weighed). It shows that in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2014 Malta received the largest number of asylum applications in relation to the three indicators of country size - Area, Population and GDP - taken together (15,4 times more than average in the EU). Sweden followed with 4,9 times more than average. The Netherlands ranked third, receiving an average of 3,2 times more applications in relation to the EU average based on the three indicators - Area, Population and GDP - taken together.

It is quite clear that the ranking in absolute numbers of applications differs from the ranking when differences in country sizes (Area, Population and GDP) are taken into account. Nonetheless, six countries listed in the top 10 of absolute numbers of first asylum applications are also listed in the top 10 of number of applications in relation to country size: Germany (4<sup>th</sup>), Sweden (2<sup>nd</sup>), Netherlands (3<sup>rd</sup>), Belgium (6<sup>th</sup>), Hungary (10<sup>th</sup>) and Denmark (8<sup>th</sup>).





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