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First asylum applications in the Netherlands

Source: INDIAGO (provisional data)

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

Total 2013	Nationality	2013		2014										Total 2014	Last 12 months	
		Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	**Mar	Apr	May	Jun	***Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct			Nov
2.673	Syria	413	397	525	392	473	724	689	895	1.109	1.112	1.659	861	520	8.959	9.356
978	Eritrea	133	101	174	78	94	1.080	1.860	205	104	80	81	82	54	3.892	3.993
216	Stateless	61	22	64	45	89	118	268	189	308	409	537	389	185	2.601	2.623
3.078	Somalia	329	288	153	283	137	116	56	26	15	18	19	12	12	847	1.135
1.094	Iraq	61	63	74	65	51	71	41	50	51	61	78	77	52	671	734
728	Iran	56	37	60	65	40	51	45	33	41	44	47	38	36	500	537
673	Afghanistan	34	32	60	51	21	57	44	40	25	53	53	33	30	467	499
488	Unknown	40	36	57	35	26	47	54	30	31	41	48	41	31	441	477
99	Mongolia	10	8	32	27	48	46	41	26	14	39	29	40	66	408	416
209	Georgia	28	24	37	16	29	40	43	15	33	33	22	29	10	307	331
4.163	Others	335	347	444	340	338	320	300	255	326	286	346	353	289	3.597	3.944
14.399	Total	1.500	1.355	1.680	1.397	1.346	2.670	3.441	1.764	2.057	2.176	2.919	1.955	1.285	22.690	24.045

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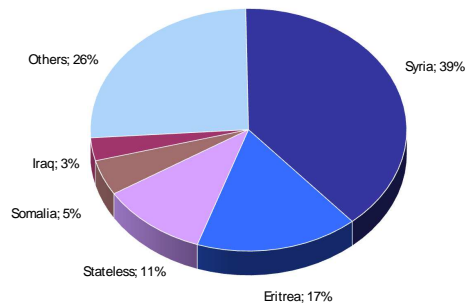
*** July 2014 represents the first dataset of first applications containing no (applications for) family reunification.

Top-10 first asylum applications in the Netherlands November 2014

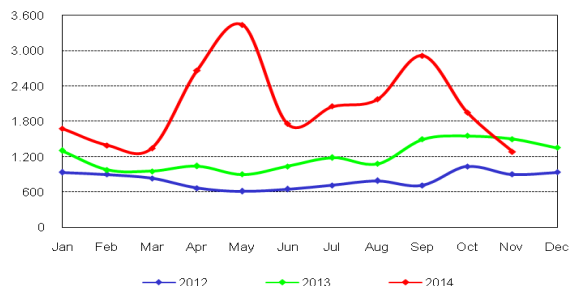
Nationality		%
1 Syria	520	40%
2 Stateless	185	14%
3 Mongolia	66	5%
4 Eritrea	54	4%
5 Iraq	52	4%
6 Iran	36	3%
7 Unknown	31	2%
8 Afghanistan	30	2%
9 Serbia	30	2%
10 Russia	29	2%
Others	252	20%
Total November 2014	1.285	100%
Percentage top 10		80%

Top 5 Nationalities first applications last twelve months

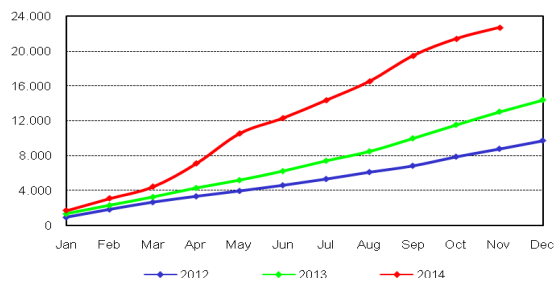
Period: Dec 2013 - Nov 2014
Number of first asylum applications: 24.045



First asylum applications in the Netherlands



Cumulative development of first asylum applications in the Netherlands



Repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands

Source: INDiGO (provisional data)

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

Total 2013	Nationality	2013		2014											Total 2014	Last 12 months
		Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	**Mar	Apr	May	Jun	***Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov		
324	Iraq	28	30	12	37	13	20	17	35	63	83	54	74	23	431	461
709	Afghanistan	55	29	10	41	30	24	23	33	18	13	22	22	43	279	308
138	Unknown	9	9	12	19	18	19	16	36	26	21	28	50	20	265	274
192	Somalia	7	10	6	7	12	11	8	11	20	16	16	19	12	138	148
391	Iran	27	17	*	12	15	8	15	15	19	10	7	7	*	114	131
61	Eritrea	7	*	*	5	9	*	11	*	*	*	*	*	8	55	57
55	Guinea	*	*	*	*	*	6	*	8	*	*	*	6	9	48	51
65	Armenia	*	7	*	5	*	11	5	*	9	*	*	*	5	43	50
37	Libya	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	12	*	*	45	48
33	Syria	*	5	*	5	*	11	*	5	*	*	*	5	*	40	45
785	Others	46	50	21	31	47	54	41	44	56	66	48	69	54	531	581
2.790	Eindtotaal	190	165	73	168	152	169	141	194	220	234	197	260	181	1.989	2.154

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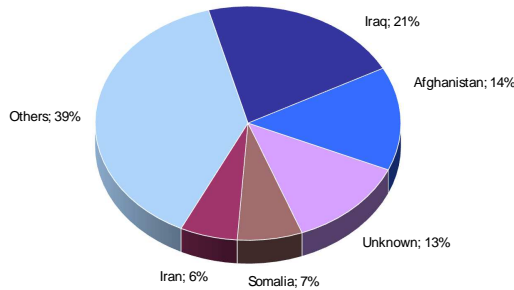
Top-10 repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands November 2014

Nationality		%
1 Afghanistan	43	24%
2 Iraq	23	13%
3 Unknown	20	11%
4 Somalia	12	7%
5 Sierra Leone	11	6%
6 Guinea	9	5%
7 Eritrea	8	4%
8 Nigeria	7	4%
9 Pakistan	6	3%
10 Armenia	5	3%
Others	37	20%
Total November 2014	181	100%
Percentage top 10		80%

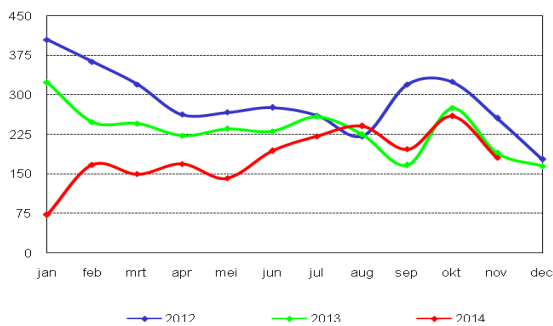
Top 5 Nationalities repeated applications last twelve months

Period: Dec 2013 - Nov 2014

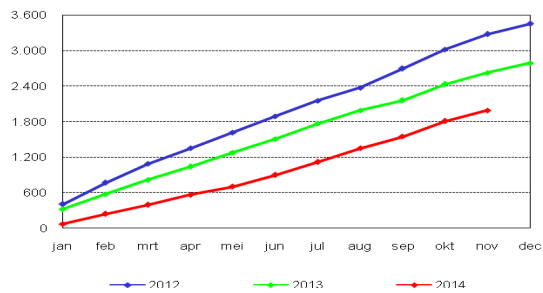
Number of repeated asylum applications: 2.154



Repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands



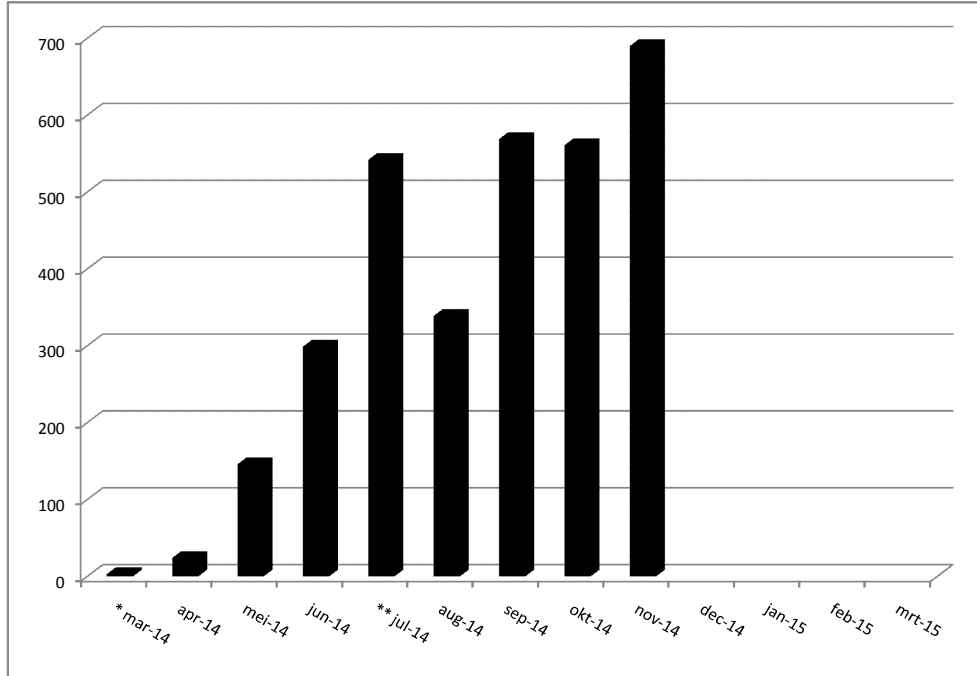
Cumulative development of repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands



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

Source: INDiGO (provisional data)

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 - November 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	135	301	161	349	316	452					1.789	56%
Somalia	*	6	34	61	80	84	51	66	57					439	14%
Stateless	*	*	10	19	46	12	31	39	70					227	7%
Iraq	*	*	14	24	41	31	35	23	8					177	6%
Eritrea	*	*	*	10	16	16	30	18	30					125	4%
Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*	17	21	35					74	2%
Afghanistan	*	*	5	6	9	*	*	5	8					38	1%
Iran	*	*	*	11	*	8	9	*	8					41	1%
Nepal	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	10	*					26	1%
Uganda	*	*	*	*	8	*	*	6	*					21	1%
Others	*	*	17	31	37	20	38	57	16					216	7%
Total	*	24	146	299	542	339	569	561	690					3.173	100%

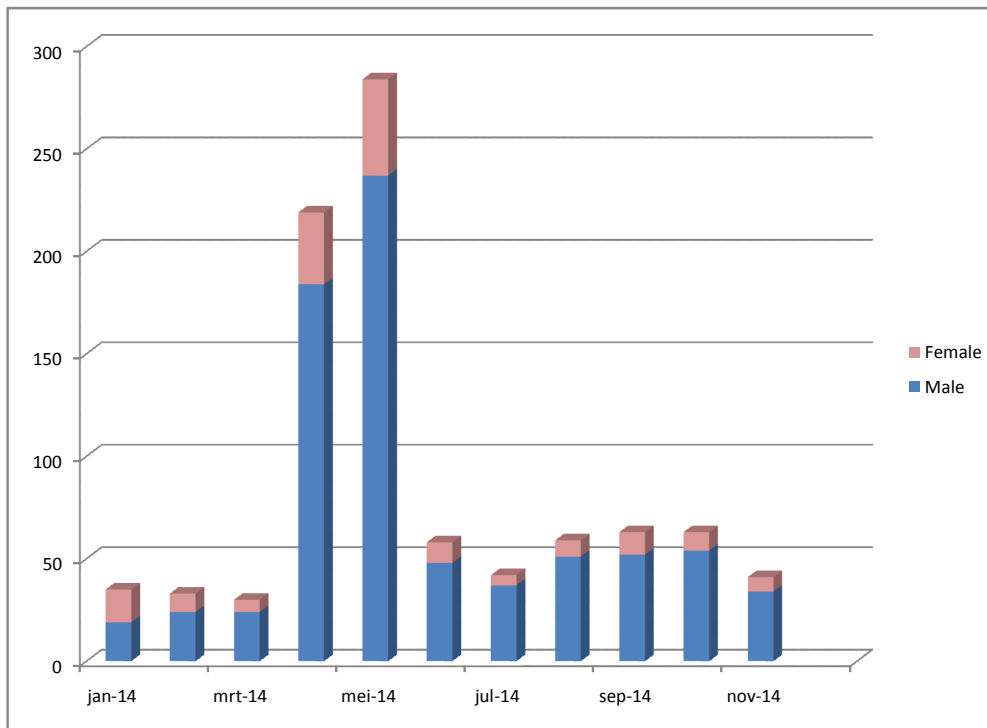
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Influx of indicated unaccompanied minor asylum seekers in the Netherlands

Source: INDiGO (provisional data)



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	191	251	20	12	9	9	*	*		523
Syria	5	*	*	*	11	22	11	20	19	17	18		130
Stateless	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	6	13	5		41
Afghanistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	6	*	6		33
Somalia	*	7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		30
Guinea	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		14
Iraq	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		14
Morocco	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		11
Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		11
Mali	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		10
Others	13	12	6	6	11	8	8	10	12	19	5		110
Total UMA	35	33	30	219	284	58	42	59	63	63	41		927

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Monthly First Asylum Applications in the Netherlands in 2014

Source: INDiGO (provisional data)

2013	Nationality	2014 Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
673	Afghanistan	60	51	21	57	44	40	25	53	53	33	30		467
42	Albania	5	11	9	*	6	*	10	6	10	9	5		74
29	Algeria	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	15
22	Angola	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11
185	Armenia	26	12	7	10	10	9	18	6	8	13	16		135
71	Azerbaijan	6	*	*	*	*	*	7	5	*	7	*		41
29	Bangladesh	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12
66	Belarus	8	6	*	*	5	*	5	*	7	*	*		47
91	Bosnia and Herzegovina	11	14	17	13	6	8	10	12	5	12	14		122
*	Brazil	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5
13	Burkina Faso	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	13
15	Burundi	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12
18	Cameroon	*	*	*	*	7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	36
147	China (including Hong Kong)	17	19	8	10	11	7	14	10	8	13	8		125
12	Colombia	*	*	6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11
38	Congo, the Democratic Republic of the	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
143	Congo, the Republic of the	19	6	9	9	*	14	*	*	6	8	5		84
76	Cote d'Ivoire	10	5	*	*	*	5	*	*	6	*	*		38
8	Cuba	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	14
177	Egypt	17	14	14	13	12	*	*	5	10	*	*		97
978	Eritrea	174	78	94	1.080	1.860	205	104	80	81	82	54		3.892
90	Ethiopia	9	9	11	21	25	13	9	9	8	*	5		122
27	Gambia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	15
209	Georgia	37	16	29	40	43	15	33	33	22	29	10		307
34	Ghana	*	*	*	*	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	25
158	Guinea	18	8	7	6	9	5	5	*	11	*	*		79
16	India	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	18
*	Indonesia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6
728	Iran	60	65	40	51	45	33	41	44	47	38	36		500
1.094	Iraq	74	65	51	71	41	50	51	61	78	77	52		671
5	Israel	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6
29	Jamaica	*	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	*		34
*	Jordan	*	*	*	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	20
22	Kazakhstan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	*		12
7	Kenya	*	*	*	10	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	19
140	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6
47	Kosovo	8	5	6	*	*	*	8	6	*	*	9		53
*	Kyrgyzstan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11
18	Lebanon	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	*	*		32
7	Liberia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12
147	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	15	12	9	6	6	12	8	16	13	12	*		113
125	Macedonia	20	*	16	17	10	10	*	7	6	*	9		99
58	Mali	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	*	*	*	*	*	31
*	Mexico	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5
99	Mongolia	32	27	48	46	41	26	14	39	29	40	66		408
10	Montenegro	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
69	Morocco	*	*	7	7	7	*	7	*	8	7	*		58
69	Myanmar	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	14
65	Nepal	10	15	*	8	5	*	5	*	*	5	*		63
8	Niger	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9
136	Nigeria	19	10	13	18	15	27	20	17	23	31	24		217
150	Pakistan	24	13	*	15	7	7	18	19	14	14	18		153
105	Palestina	14	11	7	17	6	*	5	10	14	5	*		93
263	Russian Federation	16	21	14	17	16	11	10	13	8	18	29		173
18	Rwanda	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	18
34	Senegal	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12
269	Serbia	12	14	21	7	5	5	7	*	26	37	30		168
97	Sierra Leone	18	12	12	7	8	5	5	*	7	*	*		81
3.078	Somalia	153	283	137	116	56	26	15	18	19	12	12		847
142	Sri Lanka	9	12	9	*	7	*	*	6	7	5	*		63
216	Stateless	64	45	89	118	268	189	308	409	537	389	185		2.601
139	Sudan	19	18	5	7	16	23	21	35	21	9	15		189
2.673	Syria	525	392	473	724	689	895	1.109	1.112	1.659	861	520		8.959
11	Tanzania, United Republic of	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12
5	Trinidad and Tobago	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6
20	Tunisia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16
59	Turkey	10	5	19	5	*	*	9	*	*	7	5		66
164	Uganda	22	19	16	8	12	7	9	*	8	6	5		115
36	Ukraine	5	*	25	11	17	13	42	20	33	38	13		221
*	United States of America	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10
488	Unknown	57	35	26	47	54	30	31	41	48	41	31		441
*	Uzbekistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11
*	Viet Nam	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16
39	Yemen	7	*	*	6	*	*	*	*	6	*	*		31
12	Zimbabwe	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	*		12
118	Others	11	14	15	21	18	10	11	10	10	11	14		145
14.399	Total	1.680	1.397	1.346	2.670	3.441	1.764	2.057	2.176	2.919	1.955	1.285		22.690

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

	2013	sep-13	okt-13	nov-13	dec-13	jan-14	feb-14	mrt-14	apr-14	mei-14	jun-14	jul-14	aug-14	sep-14	2014
Germany	109.580	11.730	13.285	12.400	9.220	12.555	9.830	9.840	10.200	11.160	12.075	16.190	15.140	16.215	113.205
Sweden	54.365	7.770	7.915	5.545	5.330	3.955	3.670	3.915	4.385	5.560	7.510	8.900	8.400	9.410	55.705
Italy	25.725	2.400	3.215	3.015	2.165	3.375	3.175	3.795	4.215	5.370	4.555	5.605	5.065	7.220	42.375
France	60.475	4.510	5.840	4.810	4.890	4.455	4.725	5.360	5.210	4.190	4.515	4.880	3.775	4.680	41.790
United Kingdom	29.870	2.610	2.840	2.545	2.240	2.385	2.370	2.670	2.225	2.160	2.475	2.900	2.780	3.090	23.055
Netherlands	14.370	1.495	1.555	1.500	1.350	1.675	1.395	1.365	2.600	3.435	1.755	2.050	2.165	2.905	19.345
Austria*	17.520	1.345	1.695	1.550	1.520	1.260	1.135	1.215	1.340	1.735	1.700	2.140	2.335	3.325	16.185
Hungary	18.565	1.035	740	905	1.010	1.240	640	575	635	710	1.105	1.510	2.105	4.770	13.290
Denmark	7.230	650	720	635	520	560	430	500	590	715	1.000	1.700	2.295	3.070	10.860
Belgium	12.085	1.240	1.090	970	865	995	790	870	905	845	1.095	1.275	1.515	1.730	10.020
Bulgaria	6.980	940	1.230	1.245	630	810	770	395	295	515	610	890	1.090	1.195	6.570
Greece	7.865	630	750	670	540	655	760	630	655	635	535	660	390	555	5.475
Poland	13.960	710	535	375	315	260	220	355	375	445	505	530	565	695	3.950
Spain	4.295	345	335	300	255	280	330	400	345	.	405	450	435	530	3.175
Finland	2.995	330	265	260	240	250	215	220	240	215	250	265	345	390	2.390
Romania	1.410	170	125	100	75	110	130	100	75	115	115	145	90	260	1.140
Cyprus	1.140	105	130	130	100	85	110	120	90	100	115	125	120	165	1.030
Ireland	940	80	80	110	70	100	85	110	95	105	105	130	125	140	995
Malta	2.205	290	115	125	50	75	40	65	130	60	195	125	95	180	965
Luxembourg	990	110	120	85	50	90	70	70	45	80	65	75	90	125	710
Czech Republic	490	30	45	35	40	40	35	75	65	80	55	75	85	125	635
Croatia	1.040	80	95	55	30	50	25	35	25	30	30	40	35	30	300
Portugal	510	55	45	30	105	20	15	30	30	35	35	45	50	40	300
Latvia	185	25	15	10	10	10	20	40	15	20	45	65	35	45	295
Slovenia	245	15	20	5	10	15	30	25	40	35	25	25	25	50	270
Lithuania	250	10	30	25	30	20	25	30	10	20	35	20	30	35	225
Slovakia	285	5	30	30	25	10	5	40	15	10	20	10	15	10	135
Estonia	90	5	5	15	5	10	5	5	10	10	15	15	20	15	105
Total EU-28	395.660	38.720	42.865	37.480	31.690	35.345	31.050	32.850	34.860	38.390	40.945	50.840	49.215	61.000	374.495
Norway	11.475	1.330	1.040	815	715	700	555	660	775	1.235	1.155	975	1.065	1.280	8.400
Switzerland	19.445	1.310	1.625	1.755	1.610	1.695	1.365	1.425	1.370	1.570	2.100	2.750	2.385	2.240	16.900
Total	426.580	41.360	45.530	40.050	34.015	37.740	32.970	34.935	37.005	41.195	44.200	54.565	52.665	64.520	399.795

Situation by 2014/16/12. 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 September 2013 - September 2014

	sep-13	okt-13	nov-13	dec-13	jan-14	feb-14	mrt-14	apr-14	mei-14	jun-14	jul-14	aug-14	sep-14	Total
Syria	6.095	6.815	6.195	4.810	5.585	5.300	5.205	5.360	6.605	8.435	10.770	11.475	15.050	91.605
Eritrea	1.920	2.145	2.155	1.660	1.295	695	880	2.455	4.530	4.070	5.965	4.925	4.015	34.790
Afghanistan	1.760	1.950	2.140	2.315	2.675	2.110	1.870	1.710	1.730	2.070	2.555	2.550	3.230	26.905
Pakistan	1.585	1.620	1.455	1.315	1.615	1.495	1.695	1.440	1.450	1.435	1.740	1.625	1.975	18.860
Serbia	1.870	1.875	2.050	1.925	1.935	1.110	1.120	995	935	1.125	1.920	1.710	1.705	18.405
Somalia	1.880	1.730	1.750	1.300	1.275	1.175	1.085	1.255	1.050	1.110	1.180	1.130	1.375	15.415
Nigeria	1.030	1.380	890	805	985	810	1.080	1.245	1.490	1.525	1.940	1.595	1.845	15.590
Albania	945	1.255	1.140	1.160	1.095	1.595	1.480	1.400	1.195	1.230	1.390	1.015	1.060	15.015
Russia	2.205	1.660	1.360	1.180	1.305	935	975	1.030	870	905	1.030	995	1.095	13.340
Iraq	885	995	795	680	745	745	670	725	670	755	920	1.090	1.540	10.330
Others	17.170	19.695	15.920	12.985	15.510	13.875	15.515	15.845	16.110	16.515	19.250	18.745	24.740	204.705
Total	37.345	41.120	35.850	30.135	34.020	29.845	31.575	33.460	36.635	39.175	48.660	46.855	57.630	464.960

Situation by 2014/16/12. Data sorted by total from October 2013 to September 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 (1st half 2014) related to country Area, Population and GDP

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 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%
	Total EU-28	205.055	100%	4.494.515	100%	505,2	100%	13.069	100%
	Norway	5.080	2%	323.779	7%	5,1	1%	250	2%
	Switzerland	9.525	5%	41.285	1%	8,0	2%	326	2%

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 1st 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.

First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half 2014) related to area size**Table 2: Number of first asylum applications (1st 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
	Total EU-28	46	1,0	205.055	4.494.515
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
	Norway	16	0,3	5.080	323.779
	Switzerland	231	5,1	9.525	41.285

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 1st 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 it's 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+ (1st half of 2014).

First Asylum Applications in Europe (1st half 2014) related to population size**Table 3: Number of first asylum applications (1st 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
	Total EU-28	406	1,0	205.055	505,2
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
	Norway	1.006	2,5	5.080	5,1
	Switzerland	1.185	2,9	9.525	8,0

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 (1st half 2014) related to GDP size**Table 4: Number of first asylum applications (1st 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
	Total EU-27	15,7	1,0	205.055	13.069
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
	Norway	20	1,3	5.080	250
	Switzerland	29	1,9	9.525	326

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 1st 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 (1st 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
	Total EU-28	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
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
	Norway	1,4	0,3	2,5	1,3
	Switzerland	3,3	5,1	2,9	1,9

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 1st 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 (4th), Sweden (2nd), Netherlands (3rd), Belgium (6th), Hungary (10th) and Denmark (8th).



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