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First asylum applications in the Netherlands

Source: INDiGO (provisional data)

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

		2013	2014													
Total 2013	Nationality	Dec	Jan	Feb	**Mar	Apr	May	Jun	***Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total 2014	Last 12 months
2.673	Syria	397	525	392	473	724	689	895	1.108	1.112	1.659	861	520	517	9.475	9.475
978	Eritrea	101	173	78	94	1.080	1.860	205	104	81	80	82	54	36	3.927	3.927
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488	Unknown	36	59	35	26	47	54	32	30	41	49	41	33	23	470	470
99	Mongolia	8	32	27	48	46	41	26	14	39	29	40	66	44	452	452
209	Georgia	24	37	16	29	40	43	15	33	33	22	29	11	29	337	337
4.163	Others	347	443	341	338	320	300	255	326	287	346	355	288	287	3.886	3.886
14.399	Total	1.355	1.680	1.398	1.346	2.671	3.441	1.765	2.054	2.178	2.920	1.958	1.287	1.272	23.970	23.970

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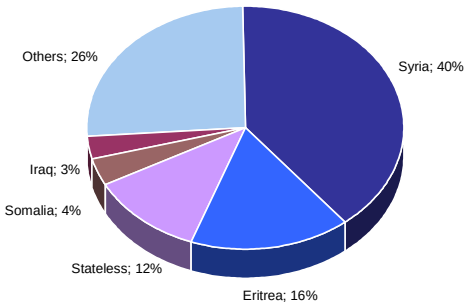
Top-10 first asylum applications in the Netherlands December 2014

	Nationality		%
1	Syria	517	41%
2	Stateless	160	13%
3	Iraq	64	5%
4	Iran	55	4%
5	Mongolia	44	3%
6	Eritrea	36	3%
7	Afghanistan	33	3%
8	Pakistan	32	3%
9	Ukraine	31	2%
10	Georgia	29	2%
	Others	271	21%
Total December 2014		1.272	100%
Percentage top 10			79%

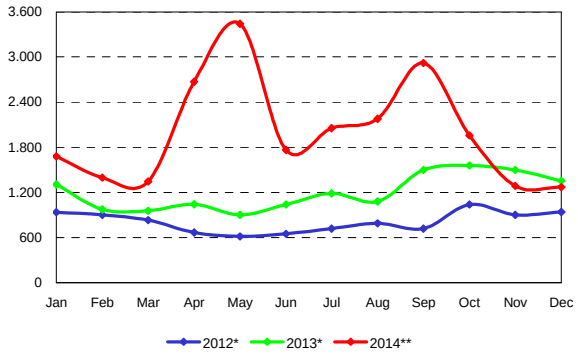
Top 5 Nationalities first applications last twelve months

Period: Jan - Dec 2014

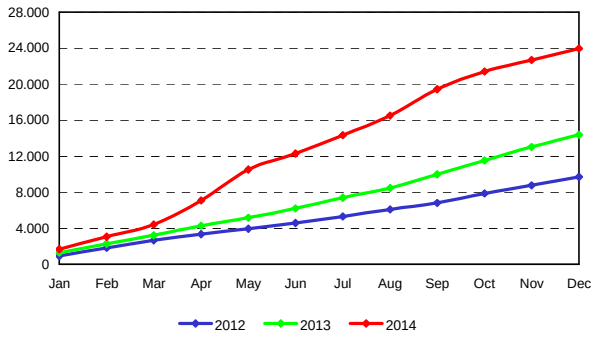
Number of first asylum applications: 23.970



First asylum applications in the Netherlands



Cumulative development of first asylum applications in the Netherlands



** 2012 and 2013 contain family reunification.*

*** Seperate registration of family reunification was started in 2014.*

Repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands

Source: INDiGO (provisional data)

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

		2013	2014													
Total 2013	Nationality	Dec	Jan	Feb	**Mar	Apr	May	Jun	***Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total 2014	Last 12 months
324	Iraq	30	12	37	13	20	17	35	63	82	54	74	18	29	454	454
709	Afghanistan	29	10	41	30	24	23	33	17	13	22	22	42	26	303	303
138	Unknown	9	12	19	18	19	16	37	28	22	27	50	16	25	289	289
192	Somalia	10	6	7	12	11	8	11	21	16	16	20	11	13	152	152
391	Iran	17	*	12	15	8	15	15	19	10	7	7	*	5	119	119
61	Eritrea	*	*	5	9	*	11	*	*	*	*	*	7	5	59	59
55	Guinea	*	*	*	*	6	*	7	*	*	*	6	8	*	48	48
37	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	12	*	*	*	48	48
65	Armenia	7	*	5	*	11	5	*	9	*	*	*	*	*	45	45
25	Sierra Leone	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	*	*	*	11	*	45	45
793	Others	55	20	33	47	63	40	47	56	64	50	71	39	62	592	592
2.790	Eindtotaal	165	73	168	152	169	141	194	224	235	199	261	162	176	2.154	2.154

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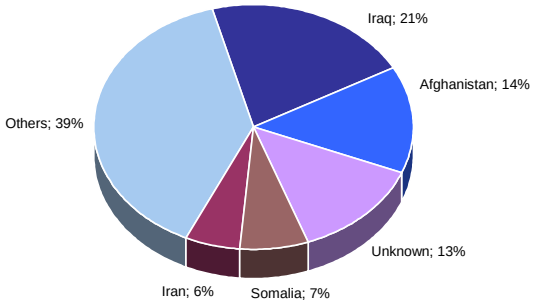
Top-10 repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands December 2014

	Nationality		%
1	Iraq	29	16%
2	Afghanistan	26	15%
3	Unknown	25	14%
4	Somalia	13	7%
5	Sri Lanka	10	6%
6	Pakistan	7	4%
7	Russia	7	4%
8	Iran	5	3%
9	Eritrea	5	3%
10	Armenia	*	2%
	Others	49	28%
Total December 2014		176	100%
Percentage top 10			72%

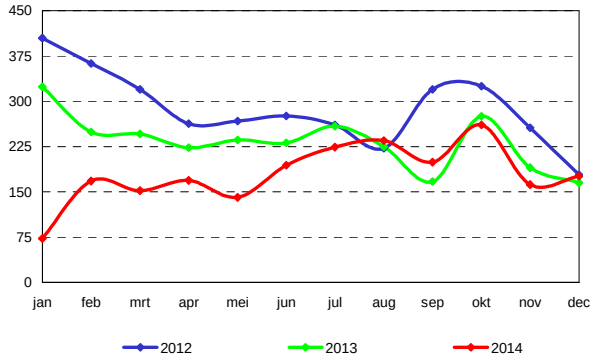
Top 5 Nationalities repeated applications last twelve months

Period: Jan- Dec 2014

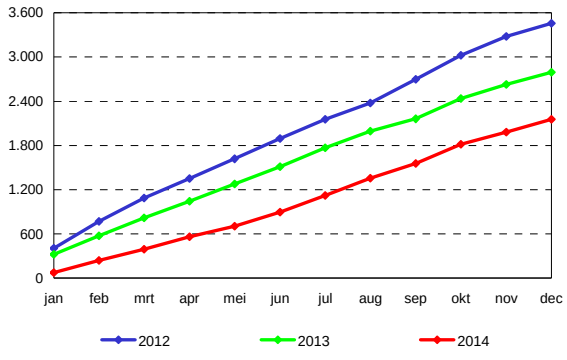
Number of repeated asylum applications: 2.154



Repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands



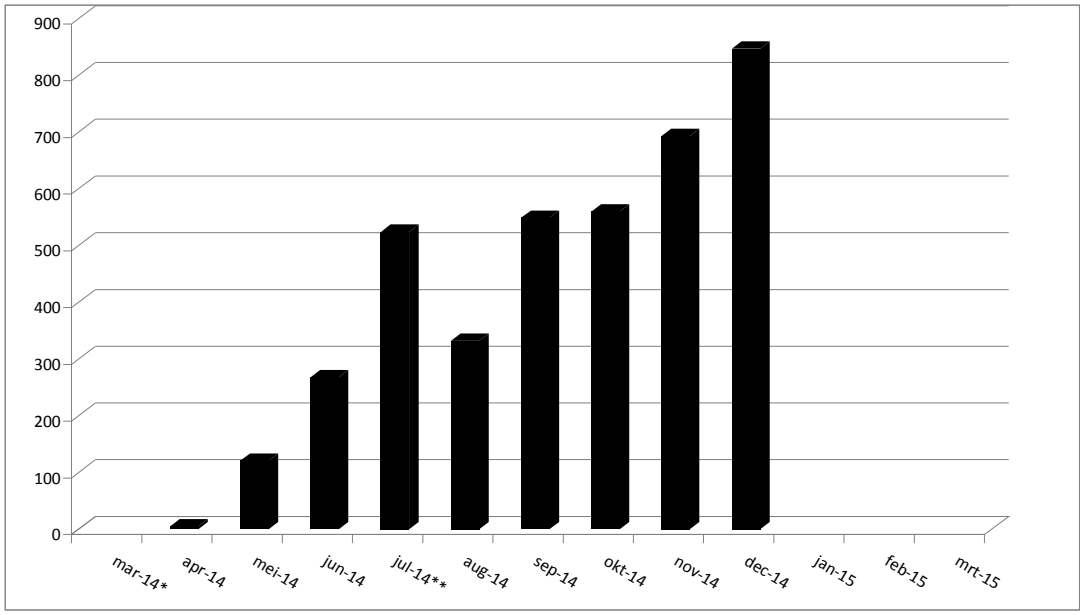
Cumulative development of repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands



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)



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*** 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 **Mar	Apr	May	Jun	***Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2015 Jan	Feb	Mar	Total 2014	Perc
Syria	*	*	42	120	292	156	332	315	452	550				2.261	58%
Somalia	*	*	32	50	76	82	51	66	57	71				485	12%
Stateless	*	*	*	19	46	12	31	39	71	80				302	8%
Iraq	*	*	13	24	38	31	35	23	8	19				192	5%
Eritrea	*	*	*	8	16	16	29	18	29	33				154	4%
Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*	16	20	33	8				78	2%
Afghanistan	*	*	5	6	9	*	*	5	8	27				64	2%
Iran	*	*	*	9	*	8	9	*	8	8				47	1%
Sri Lanka	*	*	*	*	6	*	*	8	*	7				28	1%
Sudan	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	5	5	*				27	1%
Others	*	*	*	*	*	*	10	5	5	*				261	7%
Total	*	5	121	268	524	332	549	560	693	847				3.899	100%

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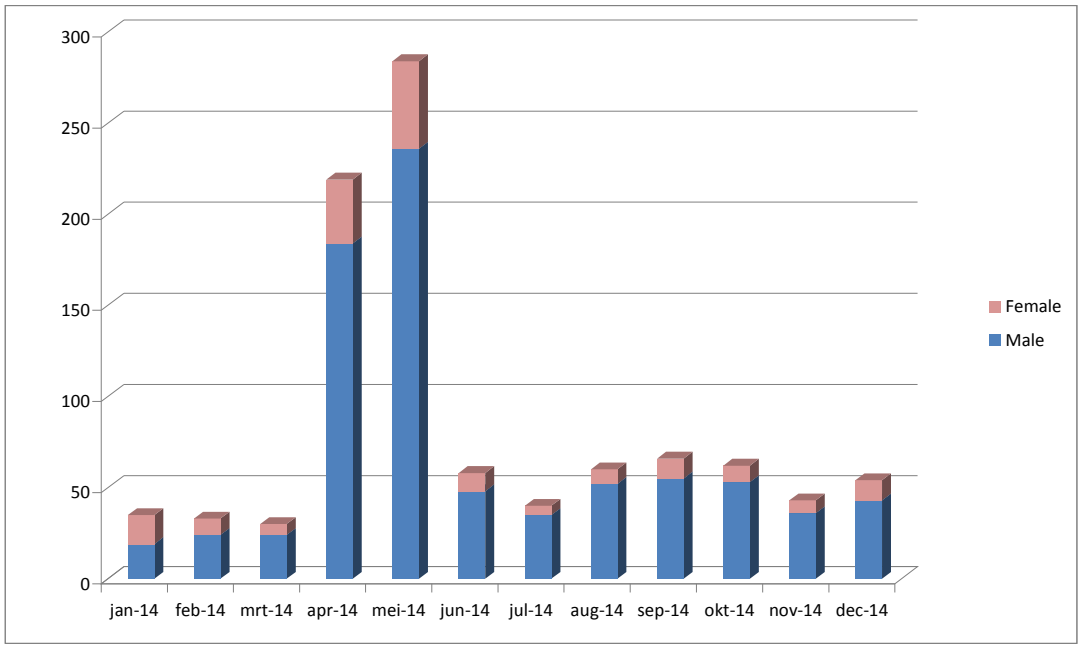
Influx of indicated unaccompanied minor asylum seekers in the Netherlands

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	10	9	9	*	6	*	527
Syria	5	*	*	*	11	22	11	21	22	16	18	26	159
Stateless	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	6	13	*	9	49
Somalia	*	7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	35
Afghanistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	6	*	6	*	34
Iraq	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16
Guinea	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	14
Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12
Morocco	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11
Mali	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10
Others	13	12	6	6	11	8	8	10	12	19	5	7	117
Total UMA	35	33	30	219	284	58	40	60	66	62	43	54	984

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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	33	500
42	Albania	5	11	9	*	6	*	10	6	10	9	5	15	89
29	Algeria	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	15
22	Angola	*	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	13
185	Armenia	26	12	7	10	10	9	18	7	8	13	16	20	156
71	Azerbaijan	6	*	*	*	*	*	7	5	*	7	*	6	47
29	Bangladesh	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12
66	Belarus	8	6	*	*	5	*	5	*	7	*	*	*	51
91	Bosnia and Herzegovina	11	14	17	13	6	8	10	12	5	12	14	7	129
13	Burkina Faso	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	13
15	Burundi	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12
18	Cameroon	*	*	*	*	7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	38
*	Central African Republic	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6
147	China (including Hong Kong)	17	19	8	10	11	7	14	10	8	13	8	*	129
12	Colombia	*	*	6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11
38	Congo, the Democratic Republic of the	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9
143	Congo, the Republic of the	19	6	9	9	*	14	*	*	6	9	5	*	87
76	Cote d'Ivoire	10	5	*	*	*	5	*	*	6	*	*	*	40
8	Cuba	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	14
177	Egypt	17	14	14	13	12	*	*	5	10	*	*	*	99
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90	Ethiopia	9	9	11	21	25	13	9	9	9	*	5	*	126
27	Gambia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	20
209	Georgia	37	16	29	40	43	15	33	33	22	29	11	29	337
34	Ghana	*	*	*	*	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	27
158	Guinea	18	8	7	6	9	5	5	*	10	*	*	*	78
16	India	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	19
*	Indonesia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6
728	Iran	60	65	40	51	45	33	41	45	47	39	36	55	557
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5	Israel	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6
29	Jamaica	*	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	*	8	42
*	Jordan	*	*	*	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	21
22	Kazakhstan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	*	*	13
7	Kenya	*	*	*	10	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	19
140	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
47	Kosovo	8	5	6	*	*	*	8	6	*	*	9	6	59
*	Kyrgyzstan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11
18	Lebanon	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7	*	*	*	33
7	Liberia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	13
147	Libya	15	12	9	6	6	12	8	16	13	12	*	*	114
125	Macedonia	20	*	16	17	10	10	*	7	6	*	9	16	115
58	Mali	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	*	*	*	*	*	33
99	Mongolia	32	27	48	46	41	26	14	39	29	40	66	44	452
10	Montenegro	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
69	Morocco	*	*	7	7	7	*	7	*	8	7	*	*	59
69	Myanmar	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	15
65	Nepal	10	15	*	8	5	*	5	*	*	5	*	*	63
8	Niger	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	10
136	Nigeria	19	10	13	18	15	27	20	17	23	31	23	11	227
150	Pakistan	24	13	*	15	7	7	18	19	14	14	16	32	183
105	Palestina	14	11	7	17	6	*	5	10	14	5	*	5	98
263	Russia	16	21	14	17	16	11	10	13	8	18	29	12	185
18	Rwanda	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	20
34	Senegal	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12
269	Serbia	12	14	21	7	5	5	7	*	26	37	30	25	193
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11	Tanzania, United Republic of	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	13
5	Trinidad and Tobago	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
20	Tunisia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	16
59	Turkey	10	5	19	5	*	*	9	*	*	7	5	*	69
164	Uganda	22	19	16	8	12	7	9	*	8	6	5	8	123
36	Ukraine	5	*	25	11	17	13	42	20	33	38	13	31	252
*	United States of America	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	13
488	Unknown	59	35	26	47	54	32	30	41	49	41	33	23	470
*	Uzbekistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	11
*	Viet Nam	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	17
39	Yemen	7	*	*	6	*	*	*	*	6	*	*	*	33
12	Zimbabwe	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	*	*	12
118	Others	10	16	15	21	21	11	11	11	10	11	17	12	119
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First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2013 and 2014

	2013	okt-13	nov-13	dec-13	jan-14	feb-14	mrt-14	apr-14	mei-14	jun-14	jul-14	aug-14	sep-14	okt-14	2014
Germany	109.580	13.285	12.400	9.220	12.930	10.175	10.175	10.485	11.560	12.510	16.810	16.025	17.085	19.230	136.985
Sweden	54.365	7.915	5.545	5.330	3.955	3.670	3.915	4.385	5.560	7.510	8.900	8.400	9.410	7.550	63.255
Italy	25.725	3.215	3.015	2.165	3.375	3.175	3.795	4.215	5.370	4.555	5.605	5.065	7.220	8.890	51.265
France	60.475	5.840	4.810	4.890	4.455	4.725	5.360	5.210	4.190	4.515	4.880	3.775	4.680	5.510	47.300
United Kingdom	29.870	2.840	2.545	2.240	2.385	2.370	2.670	2.225	2.160	2.475	2.900	2.780	3.090	3.185	26.240
Netherlands	14.370	1.555	1.500	1.350	1.675	1.395	1.365	2.600	3.435	1.755	2.050	2.165	2.905	1.950	21.295
Austria	17.520	1.695	1.550	1.520	1.260	1.135	1.215	1.340	1.735	1.700	2.140	2.335	3.325	3.135	19.320
Hungary	18.565	740	905	1.010	1.240	640	575	635	710	1.105	1.510	2.105	4.770	5.250	18.540
Denmark	7.230	720	635	520	560	430	500	590	715	1.000	1.700	2.295	3.070	1.840	12.700
Belgium	12.085	1.090	970	865	995	790	870	905	845	1.095	1.275	1.515	1.730	1.545	11.565
Bulgaria	6.980	1.230	1.245	630	810	770	395	295	515	610	890	1.090	1.195	^	6.570
Greece	7.865	750	670	540	655	760	630	655	635	535	660	390	555	745	6.220
Poland	13.960	535	375	315	260	220	355	375	445	505	530	565	695	600	4.550
Spain	4.295	335	300	255	280	330	400	345	:	405	450	435	530	720	3.895
Finland	2.995	265	260	240	250	215	220	240	215	250	265	345	390	405	2.795
Romania	1.410	125	100	75	110	130	100	75	115	115	145	90	260	185	1.325
Cyprus	1.140	130	130	100	85	110	120	90	100	115	125	120	165	185	1.215
Ireland	940	80	110	70	100	85	110	95	105	105	130	125	140	130	1.125
Malta	2.205	115	125	50	75	40	65	130	60	195	125	95	180	125	1.090
Luxembourg	990	120	85	50	90	70	70	45	80	65	75	90	125	125	835
Czech Republic	490	45	35	40	40	35	75	65	80	55	75	85	125	100	735
Croatia	1.040	95	55	30	50	25	35	25	30	30	40	35	30	40	340
Portugal	510	45	30	105	20	15	30	30	35	35	45	50	40	40	340
Latvia	185	15	10	10	10	20	40	15	20	45	65	35	45	30	325
Slovenia	245	20	5	10	15	30	25	40	35	25	25	25	50	40	310
Lithuania	250	30	25	30	20	25	30	10	20	35	20	30	35	30	255
Slovakia	285	30	30	25	10	5	40	15	10	20	10	15	10	25	160
Estonia	90	5	15	5	10	5	5	10	10	15	15	20	15	25	130
Total EU-28	**395.660**	**42.865**	**37.480**	**31.690**	**35.720**	**31.395**	**33.185**	**35.145**	**38.790**	**41.380**	**51.460**	**50.100**	**61.870**	**61.635**	**440.680**
Norway	11.475	1.040	815	715	700	555	660	775	1.235	1.155	975	1.065	1.280	1.005	9.405
Switzerland	19.445	1.625	1.755	1.610	1.695	1.365	1.425	1.370	1.570	2.100	2.750	2.385	2.240	2.265	19.165
Total	**426.580**	**45.530**	**40.050**	**34.015**	**38.115**	**33.315**	**35.270**	**37.290**	**41.595**	**44.635**	**55.185**	**53.550**	**65.390**	**64.905**	469.250

Situation by 2015/16/01. 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 October 2013 - October 2014

	okt-13	nov-13	dec-13	jan-14	feb-14	mrt-14	apr-14	mei-14	jun-14	jul-14	aug-14	sep-14	okt-14	Total
Syria	6.815	6.195	4.810	5.600	5.325	5.275	5.420	6.710	8.530	10.965	11.805	15.365	13.240	99.240
Eritrea	2.145	2.155	1.660	1.305	725	905	2.455	4.565	4.110	6.030	5.000	4.080	3.255	36.245
Afghanistan	1.950	2.140	2.315	2.700	2.150	1.905	1.740	1.770	2.100	2.595	2.600	3.300	3.160	28.475
Pakistan	1.620	1.455	1.315	1.615	1.500	1.700	1.440	1.455	1.440	1.750	1.640	1.985	2.080	19.375
Serbia	1.875	2.050	1.925	1.965	1.145	1.150	1.020	960	1.145	1.950	1.760	1.750	2.285	19.105
Nigeria	1.380	890	805	1.010	820	1.095	1.255	1.505	1.540	1.950	1.625	1.880	2.290	16.665
Somalia	1.730	1.750	1.300	1.310	1.205	1.105	1.265	1.075	1.130	1.230	1.175	1.430	1.215	15.190
Albania	1.255	1.140	1.160	1.100	1.590	1.485	1.405	1.195	1.230	1.400	1.025	1.055	1.270	15.055
Russia	1.660	1.360	1.180	1.320	950	1.000	1.035	890	925	1.065	1.015	1.115	1.075	12.930
Iraq	995	795	680	810	815	730	770	740	810	975	1.180	1.630	1.825	11.760
Others	19.750	16.005	13.025	15.710	14.040	15.620	15.990	16.190	16.710	19.410	18.955	24.945	26.810	213.410
Total	**41.175**	**35.935**	**30.175**	**34.445**	**30.265**	**31.970**	**33.795**	**37.055**	**39.670**	**49.320**	**47.780**	**58.535**	**58.505**	**487.450**

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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.
** Austria has not provided any data to Eurostat concerning asylum applications in 2014

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 on13/10/2014 (applications) and 13/10/2014 (population)
* Austria has not provided any data to Eurostat concerning asylum applications in 2014

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)
* 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 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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