Asylum seekers in the European Union

THE 2019 SITUATION

First-time asylum applicants, 2014-2019
- 2014: 530,600
- 2015: 1,216,900
- 2016: 1,166,800
- 2017: 620,300
- 2018: 549,000
- 2019: 612,700

Resettled refugees**
- 62% were men
- 38% were women

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And where did they go to?
- Asia: 43%
- Africa: 24%
- Oceania: 0.002%
- Europe: 12%
- America: 19%
- Oceania: 12%

Main 3 countries of citizenship
- Syria: 74,400 (12%)
- Afghanistan: 52,500 (9%)
- Venezuela: 44,800 (7%)

Main 3 receiving countries by number of applicants
- Germany: 142,500
- France: 119,900
- Spain: 115,200

Main 3 receiving countries by share of country's population
- Cyprus: 1.4%
- Malta: 0.8%
- Greece: 0.7%
- EU: 0.1%

Where did the applicants come from in 2019?
- Asia: 43%
- Europe: 26%
- Africa: 14%
- Oceania: 14%
- America: 7%
- Stateless persons: 0.5%

Less than 14 years
- From 14 to 17 years
- From 18 to 34 years
- From 35 to 64 years
- 65 or over

7% of the minors were unaccompanied

Who were the people asking for asylum?
- 62% were men
- 38% were women

What were the outcomes of applications?
- Positive decisions*: 297,100
- Applications pending end 2019*: 842,500

Main 3 beneficiaries of granted protection in the EU
- Syria: 78,300 (26%)
- Afghanistan: 40,200 (14%)
- Venezuela: 37,500 (13%)

Resettlement
- Resettled refugees**: 21,200

* Figures include positive decisions issued at first and final instance, and decisions may refer also to applications lodged before 2019.
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