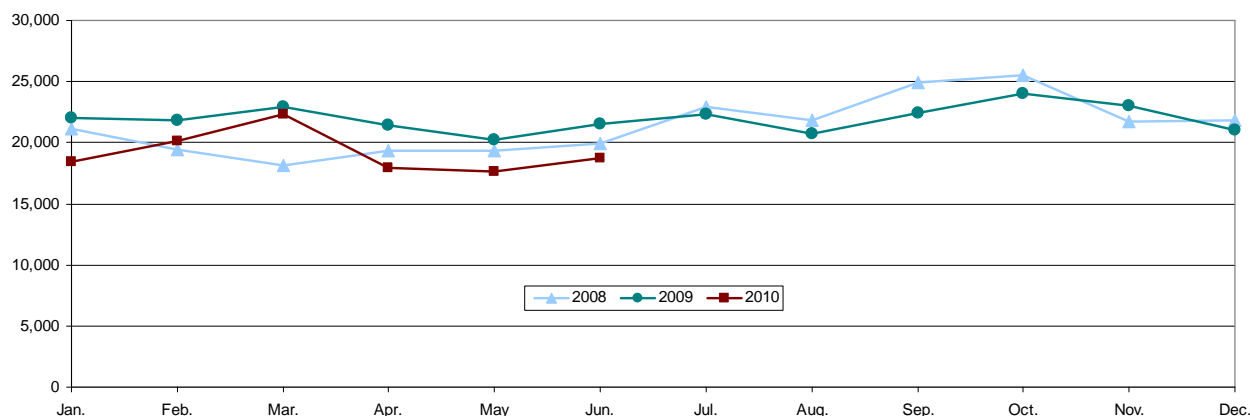


# Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications in second quarter 2010

Around 15 000 fewer asylum applicants registered in the EU27 during the first half of 2010 compared to the same period in 2009

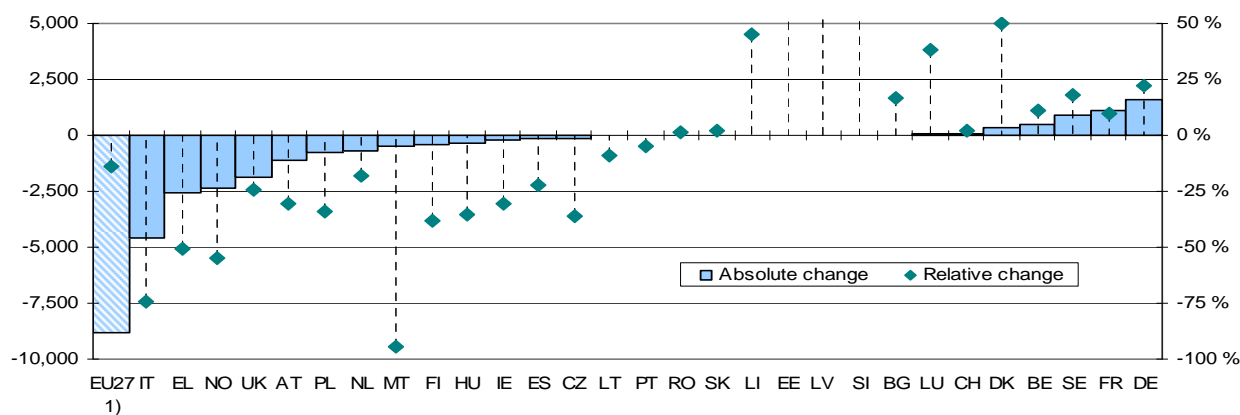
Figure 1: Asylum applicants, EU-27<sup>1)</sup>, January 2008 – June 2010



1) EU-27 aggregate includes data for CY relating to applications instead of applicants from January 2008 to December 2009, and data for UK referring only to new asylum applicants from January 2008 to December 2008. Source: Eurostat ([migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

Compared to Q2 2009, the number of applicants increased in Denmark, Belgium, Sweden, France and Germany

Figure 2: Asylum applicants, absolute and relative change between Q2 2010 and Q2 2009



1) EU-27 aggregate includes data for CY relating to applications instead of applicants for Q2 2009.

Source: Eurostat ([migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

Table 1: Asylum applicants (including new asylum applicants), Q2/09-Q2/10 (rounded figures)

	Q2 2009					Q3 2009					Q4 2009					Q1 2010					Q2 2010					Last 12 months
	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Apr.-Jun. 2010	Applicants per million inhabitants <sup>1)</sup>									
EU27 <sup>2)</sup>	21,400	20,260	21,575	22,320	20,690	22,425	23,995	22,985	21,050	18,445	20,180	22,330	17,985	17,620	18,740	54,345	110									
BE	1,460	1,435	1,535	1,705	1,700	1,835	2,425	2,445	2,665	1,660	2,835	1,840	1,510	1,595	1,800	4,905	455									
BG	50	55	75	60	55	70	75	100	85	100	85	100	75	55	85	215	30									
CZ	135	115	95	105	80	85	95	80	85	65	75	105	75	80	65	220	20									
DK	215	300	205	225	315	380	360	410	385	405	420	390	370	390	320	1,085	195									
DE	2,360	2,355	2,470	3,095	2,920	3,135	3,105	2,945	2,510	3,005	2,775	3,280	2,850	2,660	3,260	8,770	105									
EE	0	0	0	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	5	5	5	0	15	10									
IE	240	230	245	220	225	195	205	175	160	190	175	165	160	180	155	495	110									
EL <sup>3)</sup>	1,680	1,715	1,665	1,085	495	1,585	1,135	960	890	650	745	800	660	840	1,010	2,505	220									
ES	255	215	270	240	175	265	290	215	175	175	230	225	200	180	200	580	15									
FR	3,950	3,235	3,920	4,070	3,610	3,990	4,640	4,125	4,240	3,530	4,560	4,835	4,125	3,995	4,075	12,185	190									
IT	2,280	2,395	1,515	1,420	590	1,080	1,305	1,865	655	955	595	875	555	615	440	1,610	25									
CY	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	215	210	190	175	210	235	620	775									
LV	0	0	0	10	5	10	20	5	0	0	5	0	10	5	5	20	10									
LT	30	55	20	25	30	75	55	25	35	35	30	35	15	50	30	95	30									
LU	35	25	40	45	45	55	30	55	60	50	55	55	45	45	45	135	275									
HU	350	350	310	480	430	475	520	250	240	275	250	230	240	220	185	650	65									
MT <sup>3)</sup>	200	180	155	145	205	145	160	280	250	25	5	5	10	15	0	30	70									
NL	1,340	1,110	1,325	1,265	1,145	1,425	1,655	1,565	1,340	1,430	1,260	1,495	1,120	890	1,085	3,095	185									
AT	1,200	1,225	1,295	1,345	1,280	1,435	1,465	1,315	1,450	805	795	875	760	915	910	2,585	310									
PL	470	520	1,310	1,565	2,075	995	890	695	905	390	410	605	500	485	530	1,520	40									
PT	5	10	25	10	5	10	15	5	10	10	20	10	10	15	15	40	5									
RO	70	70	105	75	120	75	50	70	45	50	55	125	70	115	60	250	10									
SI	15	10	5	30	10	10	0	15	30	15	10	15	5	25	20	50	25									
SK	40	60	70	95	60	105	80	65	70	55	20	45	50	70	55	175	30									
FI	340	310	375	365	440	420	485	395	345	275	270	335	225	200	205	630	120									
SE	1,565	1,590	1,880	2,045	2,385	2,185	2,325	2,400	2,455	2,230	2,330	3,570	2,155	1,875	1,910	5,945	635									
UK	2,930	2,450	2,455	2,370	2,140	2,155	2,355	2,235	1,755	1,840	1,975	2,120	2,005	1,890	2,035	5,925	95									
IS	0	0	5	5	10	0	5	5	0	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:									
LI	0	5	5	0	20	70	100	65	5	5	20	35	5	5	5	15	445									
NO	1,270	1,510	1,545	1,765	1,810	1,630	1,520	1,210	1,095	835	740	920	565	670	715	1,950	400									
CH	1,195	1,060	1,180	1,275	1,200	1,225	1,305	1,345	1,200	1,190	1,165	1,300	1,175	1,080	1,260	3,515	450									

1) Relative to population as of 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2010 (provisional data).

2) EU-27 aggregate includes data for CY relating to applications instead of applicants from April to December 2009.

3) EL, MT see country information notes.

Source: Eurostat ([mir.asvapoetzm](http://mir.asvapoetzm))

Table 2: New asylum applicants, Q2/09-Q2/10 (rounded figures)

	Q2 2009				Q3 2009				Q4 2009				Q1 2010				Q2 2010				Last 12 months
	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Apr.-Jun. 2010	Applicants per million inhabitants <sup>1)</sup>			
EU27																					
BE	990	985	1,045	1,210	1,275	1,550	1,915	2,060	2,355	1,240	2,480	1,520	1,155	1,260	1,325	3,735	345				
BG																					
CZ	50	60	45	45	35	40	50	45	55	30	35	55	40	35	35	105	10				
DK																					
DE	1,950	1,885	2,005	2,605	2,525	2,690	2,685	2,515	2,170	2,655	2,355	2,660	2,395	2,340	2,795	7,530	90				
EE	0	0	0	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	5	5	5	0	10	10				
IE	235	225	240	210	225	195	205	175	160	190	175	165	160	180	155	495	110				
EL																					
ES										165	200	205	185	170	190	540	10				
FR	3,490	2,815	3,475	3,550	3,200	3,480	4,135	3,720	3,905	3,220	4,195	4,435	3,720	3,595	3,640	10,955	170				
IT	2,280	2,395	1,515	1,420	590	1,080	1,305	1,865	655	955	595	875	555	615	440	1,610	25				
CY										215	210	190	175	210	235	620	775				
LV	0	0	0	10	5	5	20	5	0	0	5	0	10	5	5	20	10				
LT	10	20	10	5	20	50	25	15	20	10	25	15	5	35	20	60	15				
LU													45	45	40	125	250				
HU																					
MT <sup>2)</sup>	200	180	155	145	205	145	160	280	250	25	5	0	10	10	0	20	45				
NL	1,230	1,020	1,215	1,170	1,030	1,325	1,570	1,465	1,230	1,300	1,155	1,345	950	750	890	2,590	155				
AT																					
PL	405	445	1,250	1,490	1,970	920	805	620	745	310	330	315	285	285	290	860	20				
PT	5	10	25	10	5	10	15	5	10	10	20	10	10	15	15	40	5				
RO																					
SI	10	10	5	30	10	10	0	10	30	10	5	10	0	20	15	35	15				
SK										25	10	25	40	35	40	115	20				
FI																					
SE	1,500	1,545	1,835	2,020	2,360	2,150	2,280	2,360	2,465	2,225	2,330	3,565	2,150	1,870	1,910	5,935	635				
UK	2,865	2,355	2,375	2,295	2,060	2,085	2,255	2,135	1,655	1,725	1,800	1,875	1,855	1,740	1,865	5,455	90				
IS																					
LI																					
NO																					
CH	1,075	955	1,060	1,160	1,080	1,110	1,155	1,235	1,040	1,070	1,020	1,155	1,045	940	1,095	3,080	395				

1) Relative to population as of 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2010 (provisional data).

2) MT see country information notes.

During Q2 2010, nearly four out of ten Russian asylum applicants registered in the EU27 were minors aged below 14

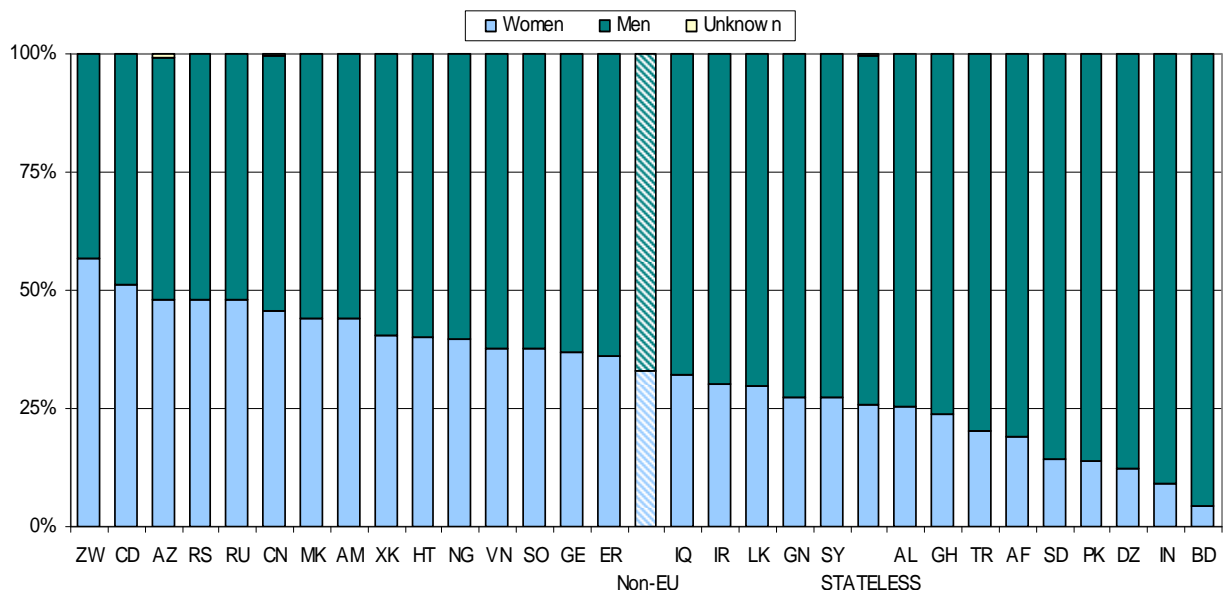
**Table 3: Age distribution of asylum seekers from the 30 main countries of citizenship, EU-27, 2nd quarter 2010 (in %)**

	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>54,345</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Russia - (RU)	4,170	39.5	5.1	34.8	19.8	0.7	0.0
Afghanistan - (AF)	4,165	15.9	23.8	48.3	10.9	1.1	0.1
Iraq - (IQ)	3,400	22.3	6.6	50.0	19.8	1.2	0.0
Somalia - (SO)	3,290	17.4	11.6	55.4	13.9	1.6	0.1
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244 - (XK)	2,995	33.0	4.7	42.7	18.7	0.9	0.0
Iran - (IR)	2,035	10.7	4.0	58.8	24.8	1.0	0.7
Pakistan - (PK)	2,015	9.4	3.7	64.2	21.2	0.5	0.9
Georgia - (GE)	1,710	14.8	3.3	54.2	27.2	0.4	0.1
Serbia - (RS)	1,680	41.1	7.4	31.0	20.0	0.5	0.0
Bangladesh - (BD)	1,565	1.8	0.8	80.9	16.2	0.1	0.3
Nigeria - (NG)	1,555	14.3	5.3	63.6	15.8	0.3	0.8
Turkey - (TR)	1,410	10.9	2.1	70.0	16.4	0.4	0.3
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1,395	10.5	2.8	55.5	28.9	1.8	0.5
CD - (CD)	1,305	15.8	5.2	55.3	23.0	0.6	0.0
China - (CN)	1,305	6.2	2.4	56.7	33.6	0.0	1.1
Syrian Arab Republic - (SY)	1,135	21.7	5.0	56.7	15.5	1.0	0.1
Guinea - (GN)	990	9.2	8.0	72.5	10.2	0.1	0.0
Armenia - (AM)	975	21.2	4.3	41.4	31.1	1.8	0.1
Eritrea - (ER)	970	11.3	7.3	62.4	16.8	1.9	0.3
Algeria - (DZ)	830	7.4	5.8	65.5	20.9	0.2	0.2
Zimbabwe - (ZW)	805	15.8	4.2	45.3	31.3	0.4	3.0
India - (IN)	750	2.7	4.0	74.3	18.0	0.1	0.9
Haiti - (HT)	705	13.4	3.8	50.9	31.0	1.0	0.0
Vietnam - (VN)	635	8.1	8.2	65.2	18.0	0.0	0.5
MK <sup>1)</sup>	620	35.4	6.5	31.7	25.7	0.6	0.0
Sudan - (SD)	525	7.2	5.3	72.8	13.5	0.6	0.6
Albania - (AL)	515	10.3	3.3	69.3	16.5	0.4	0.2
Stateless	465	17.7	4.8	49.9	25.7	1.3	0.6
Azerbaijan - (AZ)	425	26.1	4.0	39.7	28.4	1.9	0.0
Ghana - (GH)	395	10.8	2.5	58.9	27.2	0.0	0.5

1) MK – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Source: Eurostat ([migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

**Figure 3: Gender distribution of asylum seekers from the 30 main countries of citizenship, EU-27, 2nd quarter 2010 (in %)**



Source: Eurostat ([migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

**Table 4: Five main citizenships of asylum applicants, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2010 (rounded figures)**

BELGIUM		BULGARIA		CZECH REPUBLIC	
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	630	Iraq	95	Ukraine	35
Russia	625	Iran	15	Mongolia	25
Iraq	440	Afghanistan	15	Turkey	25
Armenia	330	Stateless	15	Belarus	15
Afghanistan	285	Armenia	10	Kazakhstan	15
Other	2,595	Other	60	Other	110
DENMARK		GERMANY		ESTONIA	
Afghanistan	315	Iraq	1,190	Afghanistan	5
Syrian Arab Republic	220	Afghanistan	1,145	Russia	5
Iran	105	Iran	615	Sri Lanka	5
Russia	75	Serbia	575	Belarus	*
Iraq	55	Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	510	Gambia	*
Other	315	Other	4,735	Other	*
IRELAND		GREECE		SPAIN	
Nigeria	105	Pakistan	600	Guinea	45
China	65	Georgia	300	Cameroon	45
Bangladesh	20	Bangladesh	275	Nigeria	40
Nepal	20	Albania	250	Algeria	35
Moldova	15	China	130	Colombia	35
Other	270	Other	950	Other	380
FRANCE		ITALY		CYPRUS	
Russia	1,160	Nigeria	255	Egypt	75
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	1,155	Pakistan	145	India	65
Bangladesh	955	Turkey	135	Iraq	55
CD	890	Afghanistan	120	Nepal	40
Sri Lanka	705	Ghana	85	Nigeria	35
Other	7,320	Other	865	Other	350
LATVIA		LITHUANIA		LUXEMBOURG	
Afghanistan	10	Georgia	25	Iraq	25
CD	5	Russia	25	Algeria	20
Belarus	*	Armenia	10	Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	15
Russia	*	Afghanistan	10	Syrian Arab Republic	15
Angola	*	Belarus	5	Turkey	5
Other	*	Other	15	Other	55
HUNGARY		MALTA		NETHERLANDS	
Afghanistan	215	Eritrea	5	Somalia	760
PS	105	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	5	Iraq	490
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	95	Nigeria	*	Afghanistan	280
Somalia	25	Turkey	*	Iran	175
Georgia	20	Ivory Coast	*	Armenia	105
Other	185	Other	10	Other	1,280
AUSTRIA		POLAND		PORTUGAL	
Russia	535	Russia	1,025	Guinea	20
Afghanistan	370	Georgia	340	Angola	5
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	150	Armenia	20	Nigeria	5
Nigeria	150	Afghanistan	15	MK	*
India	130	Belarus	10	Guinea-Bissau	*
Other	1,250	Other	105	Other	10
ROMANIA		SLOVENIA		SLOVAK REPUBLIC	
Myanmar	40	Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	Russia	30
Turkey	25	Serbia	10	Pakistan	15
China	25	Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	5	Afghanistan	15
Moldova	25	Turkey	5	Georgia	15
Afghanistan	20	Croatia	*	Moldova	15
Other	120	Other	20	Other	85
FINLAND		SWEDEN		UNITED KINGDOM	
Somalia	115	Somalia	1,495	Zimbabwe	760
Iraq	85	Iraq	480	Pakistan	545
Serbia	55	Serbia	455	Afghanistan	510
Russia	45	Afghanistan	405	Iran	450
Afghanistan	40	Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	300	Sri Lanka	370
Other	295	Other	2,810	Other	3,290
		EU-27			
		Russia	4,170		
		Afghanistan	4,165		
		Iraq	3,400		
		Somalia	3,290		
		Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	2,995		
		Other	36,320		

LIECHTENSTEIN		NORWAY		SWITZERLAND	
Russia	10	Eritrea	325	Nigeria	420
Belarus	*	Somalia	235	Eritrea	400
Uzbekistan	*	Afghanistan	185	Serbia	280
Cameroon	*	Russia	135	Sri Lanka	230
Somalia	*	Ethiopia	115	Georgia	175
Other	0	Other	960	Other	2,005

Source: Eurostat ([migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

Notes:

\* – represents 2 or fewer applicants recorded in the reference period

CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; PS – Palestinian territory occupied

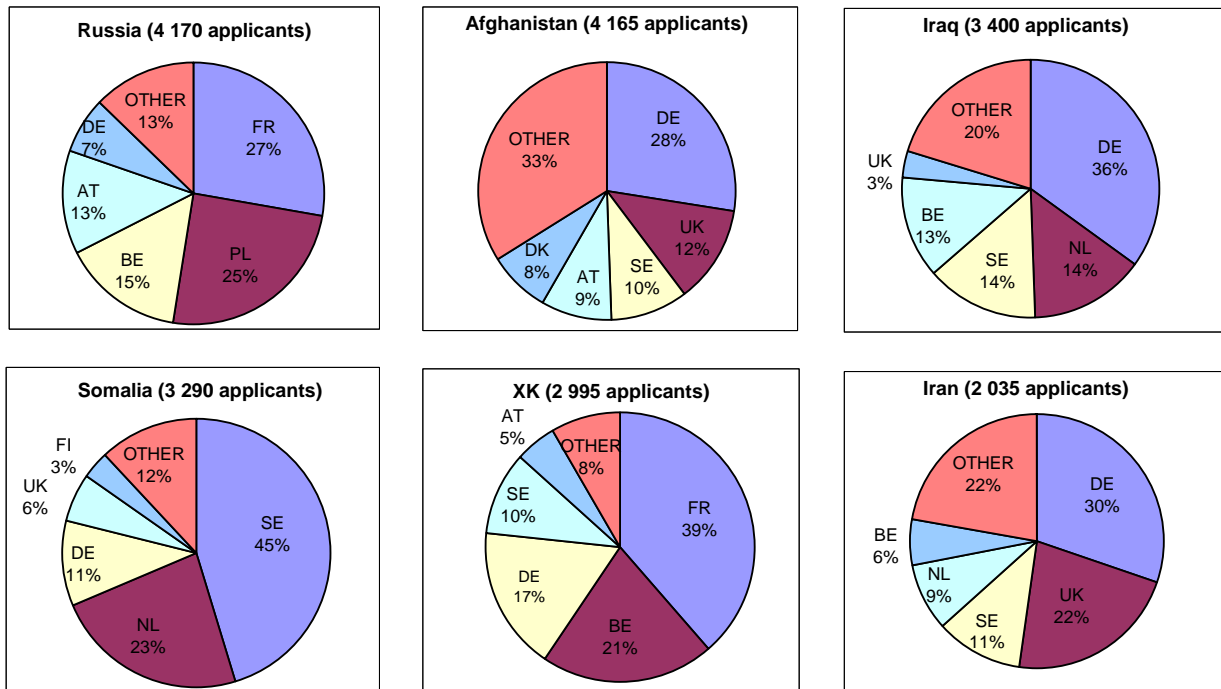
## After a peak in Q1 2010, the number of applicants from Serbia has halved in Q2 2010

Table 5: Ten main citizenships of asylum seekers in the EU-27 by number of applicants, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2009 – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2010 (rounded figures)

	Q2 2010		Q1 2010		Q4 2009	
	Number of applicants	Rank	Number of applicants	Rank	Number of applicants	Rank
Russia	4,170	(2)	4,395	(2)	6,320	(1)
Afghanistan	4,165	(1)	5,365	(1)	5,990	(2)
Iraq	3,400	(3)	4,030	(3)	4,545	(4)
Somalia	3,290	(4)	3,625	(4)	4,900	(3)
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244	2,995	(6)	3,200	(6)	4,160	(5)
Iran	2,035	(7)	2,295	(7)	2,505	(6)
Pakistan	2,015	(10)	1,690	(10)	2,115	(9)
Georgia	1,710	(8)	1,905	(8)	2,355	(8)
Serbia	1,680	(5)	3,260	(5)	1,320	(16)
Bangladesh	1,565	(19)	1,215	(19)	1,115	(20)
Other	27,315	(-)	29,970	(-)	32,700	(-)

1) EU-27 aggregate includes CY data relating to applications from October to December 2009. Source: Eurostat ([migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 4: Distribution of the 6 main countries of citizenship of asylum seekers in the EU-27 by receiving country, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2010



Source: Eurostat ([migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

Note:

XK – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244

## One out of four decisions issued at the first instance during Q2 2010 in the EU27 was positive

**Table 6: First instance decisions by citizenship in selected Member States<sup>1)</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2010 (rounded figures)**

BELGIUM				
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections
Guinea	75	Iraq 90	Not applicable	Russia 440
Afghanistan	70	Afghanistan 45		Afghanistan 300
Iraq	55	Somalia 10		XK 275
Other	305	Other 10		Other 1,850
NETHERLANDS				
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections
Iran	35	Somalia 430	Somalia 355	Somalia 615
Iraq	25	Iraq 195	Iraq 110	Georgia 330
Somalia	20	Afghanistan 90	Myanmar 40	Iraq 285
Other	95	Other 255	Other 190	Other 1,370
SWEDEN				
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections
Iraq	125	Somalia 1,135	Afghanistan 40	Serbia 805
Somalia	80	Afghanistan 180	Stateless 25	Somalia 450
Iran	50	Eritrea 150	Iraq 15	Iraq 285
Other	165	Other 110	Other 75	Other 2,785
OTHER EU MS				
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections
Russia	225	Afghanistan 440	Afghanistan 55	Russia 1,355
Afghanistan	155	Iraq 350	Nigeria 50	Nigeria 920
SY	140	Somalia 265	Russia 40	Georgia 825
Other	820	Other 455	Other 375	Other 6,695
FRANCE				
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections
Sri Lanka	165	Mali 110	Not applicable	XK 870
Russia	90	Guinea 20		Armenia 675
Eritrea	60	Ivory Coast 20		Bangladesh 565
Other	690	Other 90		Other 6,020
GERMANY				
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections
Iraq	835	Afghanistan 110	Afghanistan 455	Afghanistan 755
Iran	340	Somalia 20	XK 20	Iraq 695
Afghanistan	150	Eritrea 15	Iraq 20	XK 605
Other	705	Other 50	Other 145	Other 5,685
UNITED KINGDOM				
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections
Zimbabwe	165	Afghanistan 185	Gambia 10	Pakistan 595
Iran	130	Zimbabwe 70	Iran 5	Zimbabwe 520
Eritrea	120	Iraq 30	Iraq 5	Iran 490
Other	610	Other 215	Other 15	Other 3,680
EU-27				
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections
Iraq	1,180	Somalia 1,880	Afghanistan 570	Russia 2,960
Iran	755	Afghanistan 1,060	Somalia 380	Afghanistan 2,725
Afghanistan	500	Iraq 730	Iraq 185	XK 2,380
Other	4,070	Other 1,475	Other 905	Other 32,670

1) Countries selected here are those with the highest number of first instance decisions.

Source: Eurostat ([migr\\_asvdcfstg](#))

### Notes:

SY – Syrian Arab Republic; XK – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244.

**Table 7: First instance decisions by outcome, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2010 (rounded figures)**

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
<b>EU-27</b>	54,435	13,695	6,505	5,150	2,040	40,735
<b>Belgium</b>	3,525	660	505	155	-	2,865
<b>Bulgaria</b>	120	35	5	30	-	85
<b>Czech Republic</b>	115	50	25	15	5	65
<b>Denmark</b>	855	430	195	175	60	425
<b>Germany</b>	10,600	2,860	2,030	190	640	7,740
<b>Estonia</b>	10	5	5	*	-	5
<b>Ireland</b>	425	*	*	0	-	425
<b>Greece</b>	1,145	20	5	5	5	1,125
<b>Spain</b>	670	90	60	30	*	585
<b>France</b>	9,380	1,255	1,010	245	-	8,130
<b>Italy<sup>1)</sup></b>	2,720	1,010	420	310	280	1,710
<b>Cyprus</b>	615	130	5	125	5	485
<b>Latvia</b>	15	10	0	10	-	5
<b>Lithuania</b>	30	10	*	5	-	25
<b>Luxembourg</b>	75	10	10	0	-	65
<b>Hungary</b>	220	60	25	20	20	155
<b>Malta</b>	30	25	15	10	*	10
<b>Netherlands</b>	4,430	1,835	175	965	690	2,595
<b>Austria</b>	3,495	860	495	365	-	2,635
<b>Poland</b>	1,275	140	25	60	60	1,130
<b>Portugal</b>	30	10	5	5	-	20
<b>Romania</b>	45	5	*	*	0	40
<b>Slovenia</b>	25	10	10	*	-	15
<b>Slovakia</b>	25	15	5	10	5	10
<b>Finland</b>	1,240	450	45	335	75	790
<b>Sweden</b>	6,470	2,145	415	1,575	155	4,325
<b>United Kingdom</b>	6,845	1,560	1,020	505	35	5,285
<b>Iceland</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	30	*	*	-	0	30
<b>Norway</b>	3,735	1,370	615	550	205	2,365
<b>Switzerland</b>	5,950	2,310	960	400	950	3,645

1) See country information notes.

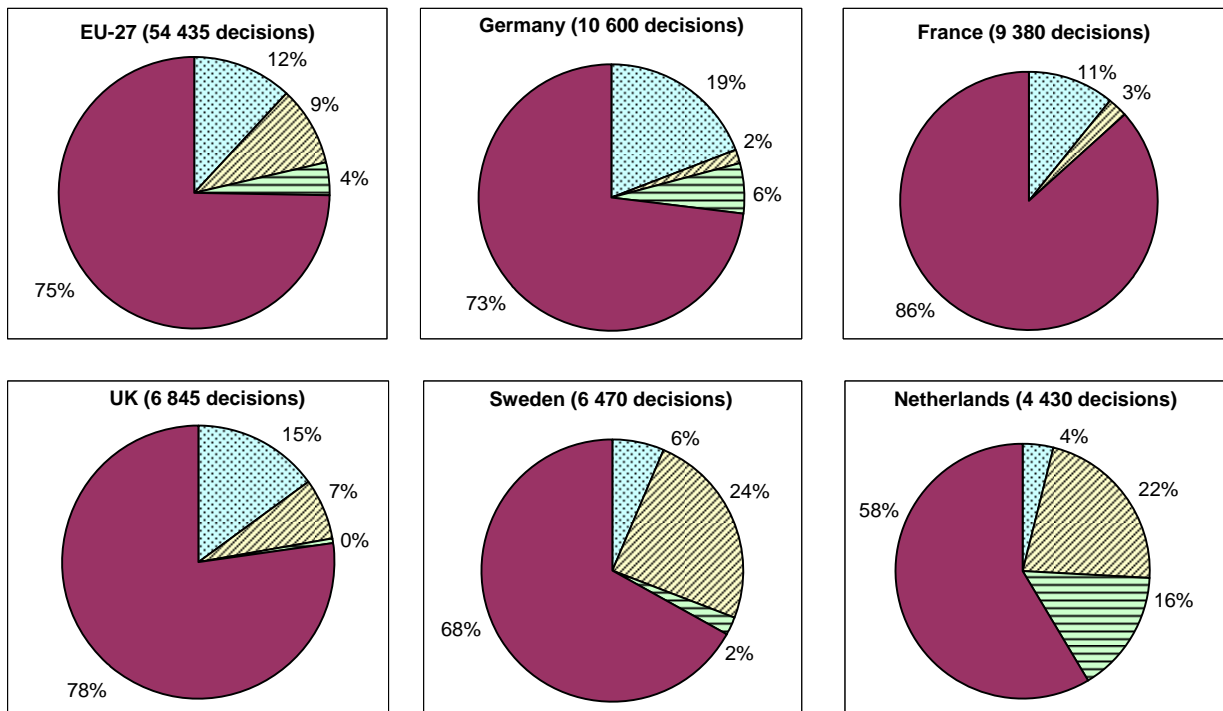
<sup>1)</sup> – not applicable

<sup>\*\*</sup> – represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

Source: Eurostat ([migr\\_asvdcfstg](#))

Almost seven out of ten applicants from Somalia obtained protection at the first instance in the EU27 during Q2 2010

Figure 5: First instance decisions by outcome, selected Member States and the EU-27<sup>1)</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2010

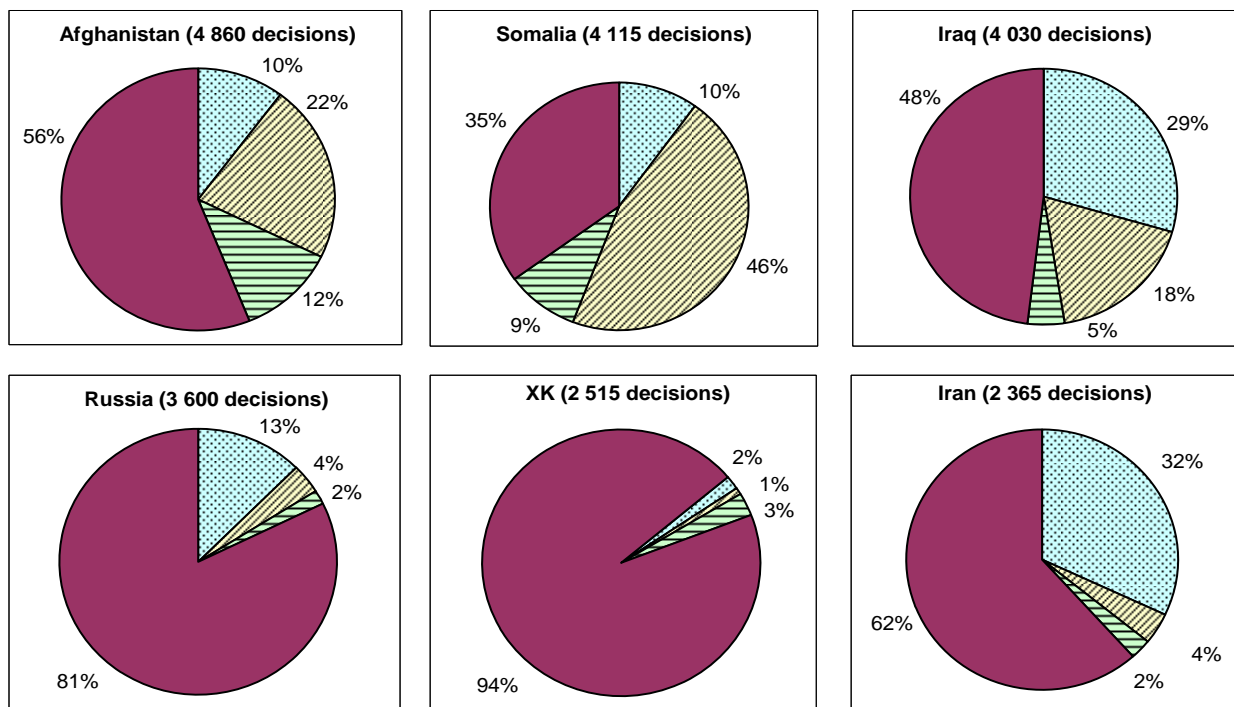


1) Countries selected here are those with the highest number of decisions.

Source: Eurostat ([migr\\_asydctstq](#))

Refugee status   Subsidiary protection   Humanitarian reasons   Rejections

Figure 6: First instance decisions in EU-27 for the main countries of citizenship by outcome, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2010



Note: XK – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244.

Source: Eurostat ([migr\\_asydctstq](#))

Refugee status   Subsidiary protection   Humanitarian reasons   Rejections



# Methodology

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## DATA SOURCES

The data used for this publication are provided to Eurostat by the Ministries of Interior, Justice or immigration agencies of the Member States. Data are based entirely on relevant administrative sources. Apart from statistics on new asylum applicants, these data are supplied by Member States according to the provisions of Article 4 of the [Regulation \(EC\) 862/2007 of 11 July 2007](#) on Community statistics on migration and international protection.

All data presented in this publication are rounded to the nearest 5.

All data presented in this publication are provisional (except as otherwise stated) and may be a subject to change.

## DEFINITIONS AND COVERAGE

**'Asylum applicant'** means a person having submitted an application for international protection or having been included in such application as a family member during the reference period. 'Application for international protection' means an application for international protection as defined in Art.2(g) of [Council Directive 2004/83/EC](#), i.e. including requests for refugee status or for subsidiary protection status, irrespective of whether the application was lodged on arrival at border, or from inside the country, and irrespective of whether the person entered the territory legally (e.g. as a tourist) or illegally. In deciding when to regard an asylum application as having been lodged, the principles expressed in Article 4(1) of [Council Regulation 2003/343/EC](#) should be applied, i.e. 'An application for asylum shall be deemed to have been lodged once a form submitted by the applicant for asylum or a report prepared by the authorities has reached the competent authorities of the Member State concerned. Where an application is not made in writing, the time elapsing between the statement of intention and the preparation of a report should be as short as possible'. Applications submitted by persons who are subsequently found to be a subject of a Dublin procedure ([Council Regulation \(EC\) No 343/2003](#)) are included in the number of asylum applications. Within the same reference period every person being a subject of asylum application is counted only once, therefore repeat applications are not recorded if the first application has been lodged in the same reference period. However, such a repeat application will be recorded if lodged in a different reference month. It means that the aggregation of the monthly figures may overestimate the number of persons applying for international protection within the aggregated period (quarter or year).

In some Member States (e.g. IT, MT) due to restrictions of the asylum procedure (e.g. time limits for lodging repeat application) repeat applications may be very rare. Therefore the number of new asylum applicants may equal or almost equal the number of asylum applicants.

The number of asylum applicants and the number of first instance decisions during the same reference period differs. This is due to the time lag between the date of asylum application and the date of the decision on asylum application. The duration of this time lag may vary considerably depending on the national asylum procedure and the administrative workload. Asylum application lodged in one reference period may therefore result in a decision in a later period, while some asylum decisions reported for that period may relate to the applications lodged in previous reference periods.

**'New asylum applicant'** means a person having submitted an application for international protection for the first time. Applications submitted by persons who are subsequently found to be a subject of a Dublin procedure are included in the statistics on new asylum applicants if such persons are also a subject of first asylum application. All Member States are requested to supply these data but their provision is voluntary. As persons are counted once only, statistics on new asylum applicants may be used for preparation of annual aggregates.

Person being a subject of **'a pending application'** means a person who is the subject of application for international protection under consideration by the responsible national authority at the end of the reference period. It includes the number of persons with pending applications at all instances of the administrative and/or judicial procedure.

**'Rejected applicant'** means a person covered by a first instance decision rejecting an application for international protection, including decisions considering applications as inadmissible or as unfounded and decisions under priority and accelerated procedures, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period.

**'Person granted refugee status at first instance'** means a person covered by a first instance decision granting refugee status, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. Refugee status means status as defined in Art.2(d) of [Directive 2004/83/EC](#) within the meaning of Art.1 of the Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 28 July 1951, as amended by the New York Protocol of 31 January 1967. According to the Art.2(c) of that Directive refugee means a third country national who, owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership of a particular social group, is outside the country of nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country, or a stateless person, who, being outside of the country of former habitual residence for the same reasons as mentioned above, is unable or, owing to such fear, unwilling to return to it.

**'Person granted subsidiary protection status at first instance'** means a person covered by a first instance decision granting subsidiary protection status, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. Subsidiary protection status means status as defined in Art.2(f) of [Directive 2004/83/EC](#). According to the Art.2(e) of that Directive a person eligible for subsidiary protection means a third country national or a stateless person who does not qualify as a refugee but in respect of whom substantial grounds have been shown for believing that the person concerned, if returned to his or her country of origin, or in the case of a stateless person, to his or her country of

former habitual residence, would face a real risk of suffering serious harm and is unable, or, owing to such risk, unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country.

**'Person granted authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons at first instance'** means a person covered by another first instance decision granting authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons under national law concerning international protection, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. It includes persons who are not eligible for international protection as currently defined law but are nonetheless protected against removal under the obligations that are imposed on all Member States by international refugee or human rights instruments or on the basis of principles flowing from such instruments. Examples of such categories include persons who are not removable on ill health grounds and unaccompanied minors.

**'Dublin procedure'** means a procedure according to the [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 343/2003](#), establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national.

#### COUNTRY INFORMATION

Until December 2009, statistics on asylum applications in **Cyprus** related to the number of administrative cases instead of individuals. This may result in underestimation of the actual number of applications, as one administrative case may cover several family members being a subject of this application.

Following the enforcement of the new asylum law in **Greece**, the examination of asylum applications has been decentralised to regional alien departments. The lower figure reported in August 2009 results from a transitional period inherent to this procedural change.

Due to a technical error, the registered age of accompanied minors for application and decision statistics in **Italy** was the age of the principal applicant (e.g. father or mother) until February 2010 (included). This leads to an underestimation of the share of minor asylum applicants.

The number of rejections at first instance in **Italy** includes a number of recommendations to issue an authorization to stay for humanitarian reasons. These recommendations are issued by the National Asylum Commission to the Police. Such recommendation does not guarantee the grant of an authorization to stay for humanitarian reason, and therefore the number of first instance rejections is overestimated. Indeed, some individuals might be counted twice under the same reference period: first as a person rejected and recommended for an authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons and subsequently as a person granted an authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons.

According to the **Maltese** authorities, the drop in the number of asylum applicants results from the decreasing number of boats arriving from Libya.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Ireland (IE), Greece (EL), Spain (ES), France (FR), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Hungary (HU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovenia (SI), Slovakia (SK), Finland (FI), Sweden (SE), the United Kingdom (UK), Iceland (IS), Lichtenstein (LI), Norway (NO) and Switzerland (CH).

#### EU ASYLUM POLICY

The Directorate-General for Home Affairs (DG HOME) is responsible for developing EU policies on asylum. For more information please see:

[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/index_en.htm)

## Further information

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#### European Statistical Data Support:

Contact details for this support network can be found on our Internet site:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/>

#### Data

Data on "Population and Social conditions, Asylum":

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/population/data/database>

(Select "International Migration and asylum" and "Asylum")

More information about "Population and social conditions":

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/population/introduction>

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