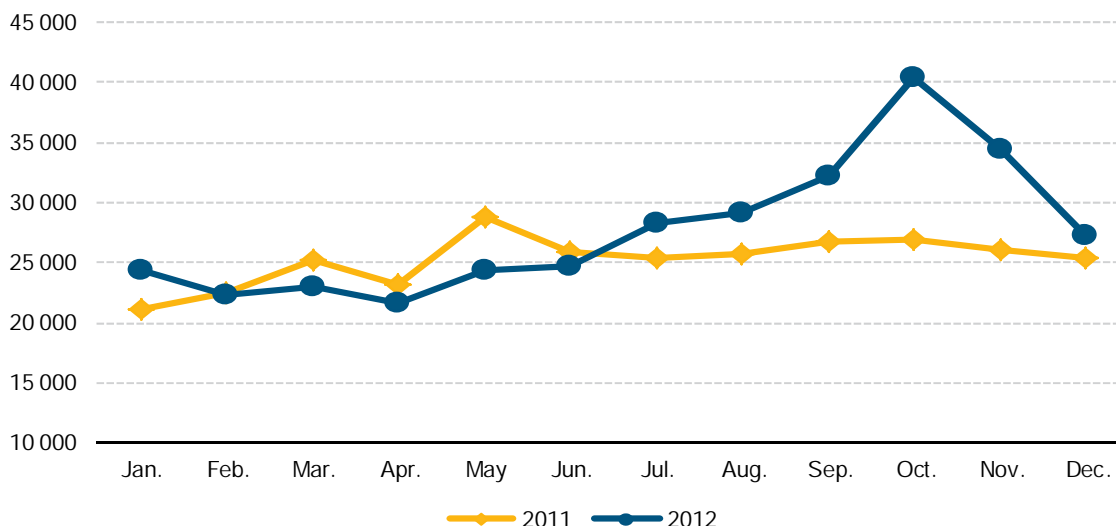


Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications: 2012

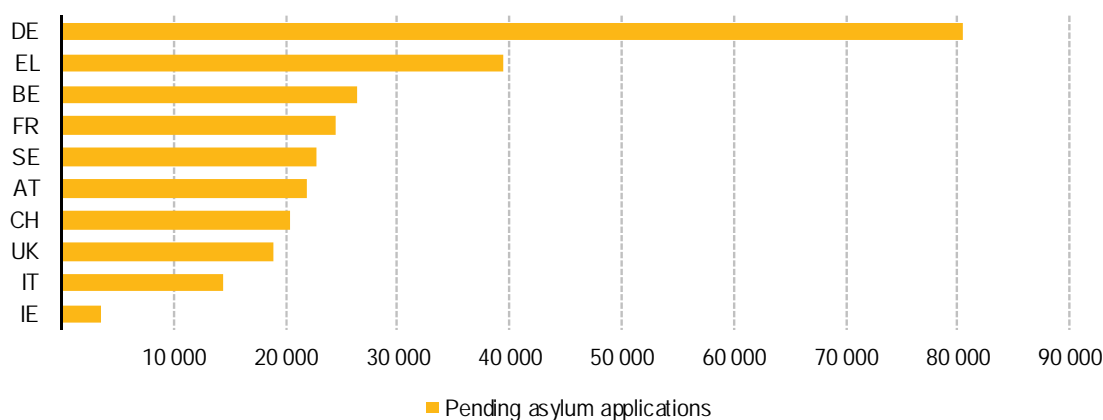
The number of asylum applicants in the EU-27 rose to more than 330 000 in 2012, an increase of around 30 000 compared to 2011

Figure 1: Asylum applicants, EU-27 (1), January 2011 - December 2012



(1) Data for NL for August to December 2012 estimated by Eurostat see methodological notes
Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

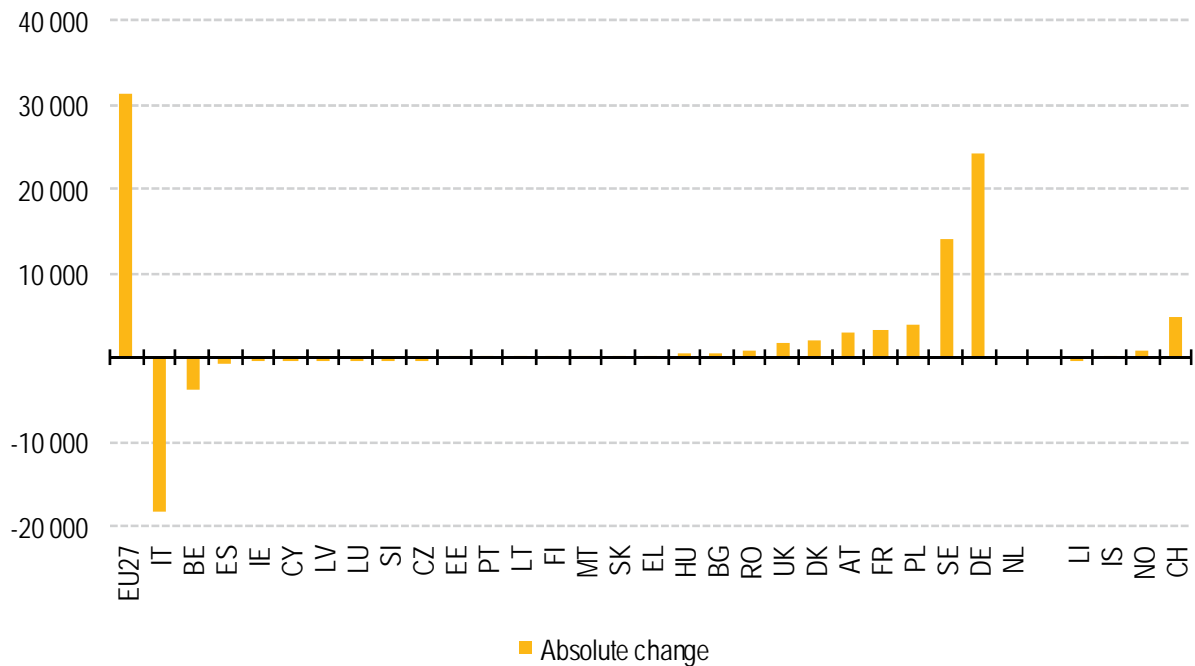
Figure 2: Pending asylum applications on 31st of December 2012 (1)



(1) Countries selected here are those with the highest number of pending applications; for CY and NL data are not available; for FR see methodological notes; EL data do not include first instance pending applications.
Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyencctzm](#))

Germany and Sweden recorded the highest increases of asylum applicants in 2012, more than 24 000 and 14 000 respectively compared to 2011

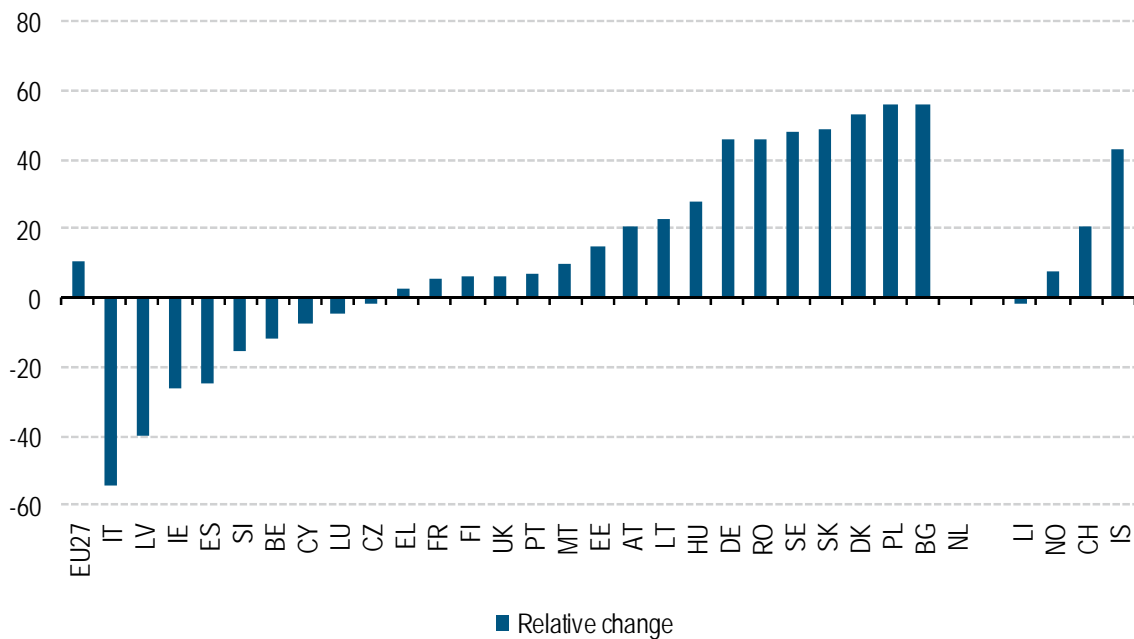
Figure 3: Asylum applicants, absolute change between 2011 and 2012 ⁽¹⁾



⁽¹⁾ EU-27 excluding NL data, see methodological notes
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More than 50% asylum seekers in 2012 in Bulgaria, Poland and Denmark compared to 2011

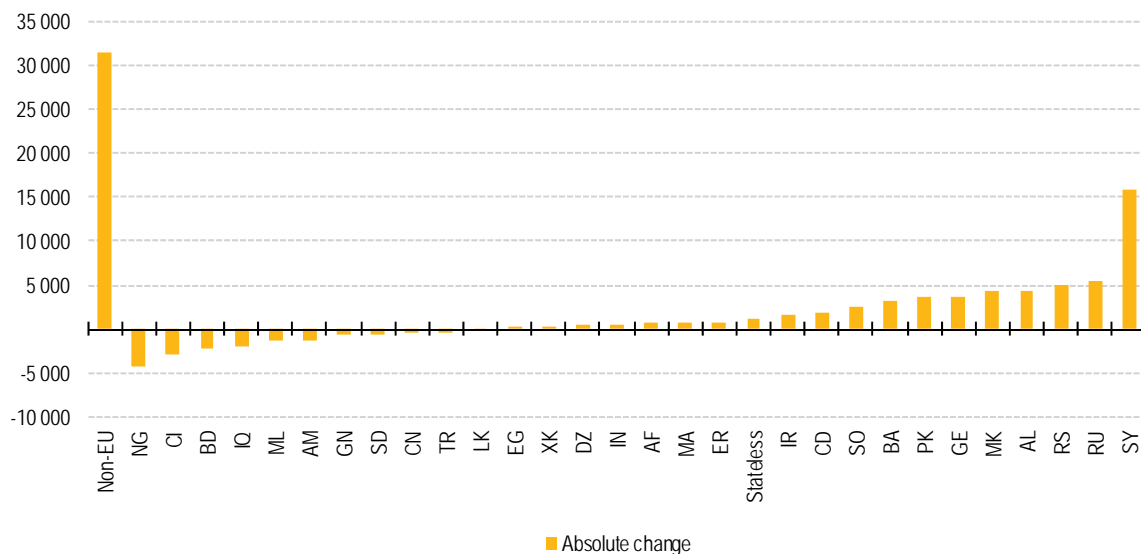
Figure 4: Asylum applicants, relative change between 2011 and 2012 ⁽¹⁾, %



⁽¹⁾ EU-27 excluding NL data, see methodological notes
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15 000 more Syrians sought asylum in the EU-27 in 2012 compared to 2011

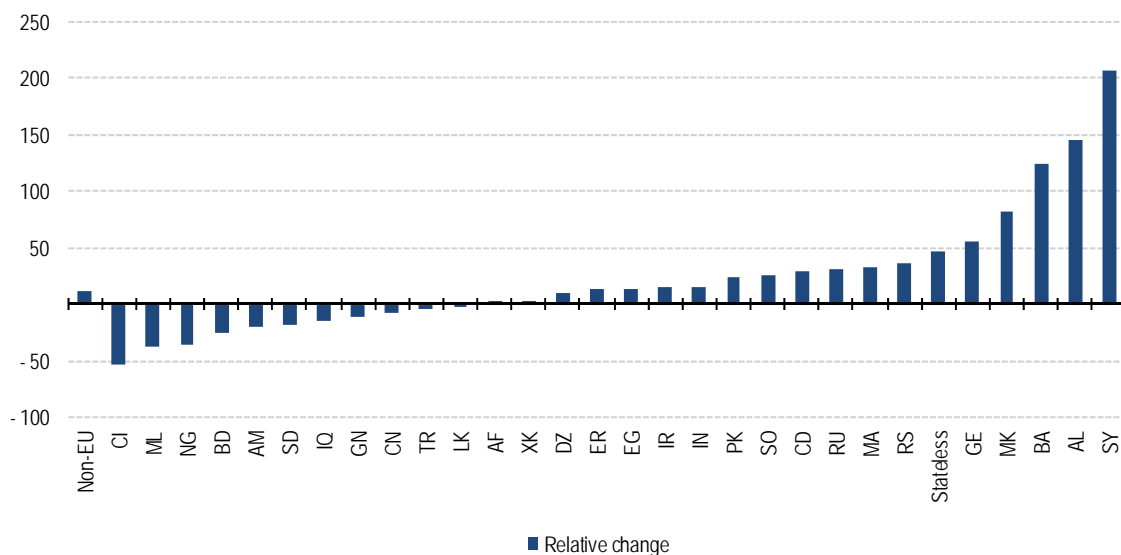
Figure 5: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-27 ⁽¹⁾, absolute change between 2011 and 2012



⁽¹⁾ Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

Syrian asylum seekers tripled while Albanians and citizens from Bosnia and Herzegovina more than doubled in the EU-27 in 2012

Figure 6: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-27 ⁽¹⁾, relative change between 2011 and 2012, %



⁽¹⁾ Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

Table 1: Asylum applicants (including new asylum applicants), Q4 2011 – Q4 2012

	Q4 2011			Q1 2012			Q2 2012			Q3 2012			Q4 2012			Applicants per million inhabitants (*) Q4 2012	2012
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
	26 915	26 055	25 370	24 305	22 280	23 070	21 640	24 280	24 660	28 255	29 125	32 165	40 480	34 400	27 320		
EU-27 (1)	3 160	2 830	3 065	2 645	2 390	2 195	2 130	2 330	2 330	2 505	2 225	2 380	2 715	2 210	2 055	6 975	102 200
Belgium	80	80	40	75	65	65	45	85	85	80	120	120	195	205	260	655	630
Bulgaria	65	75	40	60	65	60	40	65	65	45	80	60	85	55	60	200	205
Czech Republic	430	380	420	395	315	455	440	415	615	560	490	515	610	640	595	1 850	330
Denmark	5 185	5 880	5 060	5 515	4 710	4 470	4 095	4 390	4 935	5 635	6 830	8 745	12 470	10 165	5 575	28 215	345
Germany	5	5	*	10	5	5	5	25	10	*	5	*	5	*	5	10	5
Estonia	70	115	95	100	85	60	70	75	70	90	85	70	105	70	75	250	55
Ireland	740	875	785	555	680	710	885	720	805	590	750	745	1 255	1 030	850	3 135	280
Greece	260	205	175	215	215	215	150	210	290	190	205	200	240	255	170	670	15
Spain	5 020	4 390	4 925	4 670	5 180	4 990	4 520	4 370	4 860	5 330	4 875	4 560	6 240	5 180	5 780	17 195	265
France	1 660	1 055	830	760	615	840	950	1 450	965	1 540	1 560	1 445	2 220	2 075	1 300	5 595	90
Italy	180	165	85	125	115	140	130	150	120	155	150	165	155	140	90	385	445
Cyprus	30	25	15	10	25	35	15	25	20	5	10	20	15	15	15	45	20
Latvia	50	55	75	40	25	45	70	60	55	75	45	55	40	60	75	175	60
Lithuania	225	180	175	220	135	205	195	265	180	235	135	125	165	120	70	355	680
Luxembourg	170	230	180	185	105	165	95	135	130	200	180	160	320	260	220	800	80
Hungary	85	35	60	80	25	30	15	400	400	175	180	345	40	335	60	435	1 040
Malta	1 280	1 265	1 065	1 335	1 260	1 175	950	905	960	1 020	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	1 575	1 230	1 255	1 310	1 000	1 220	1 240	1 350	1 235	1 650	1 755	1 775	2 120	1 530	1 245	4 895	580
Austria	720	660	780	505	570	740	715	600	720	905	1 040	1 365	1 365	1 110	1 120	3 595	95
Poland	25	15	45	35	5	25	30	30	20	30	50	15	10	25	20	50	5
Portugal	255	210	120	200	185	300	235	265	275	240	240	260	160	95	60	315	15
Romania	30	15	35	15	25	15	10	15	30	35	25	30	35	30	50	115	55
Slovenia	75	50	30	35	25	30	35	60	90	115	70	75	80	65	50	195	35
Slovakia	290	270	265	220	185	215	175	220	255	275	325	345	310	335	235	880	165
Finland	3 035	3 115	3 495	2 720	2 370	2 475	2 450	3 245	3 095	4 110	4 355	4 910	5 490	4 560	4 090	14 140	1 490
Sweden	2 215	2 650	2 245	2 280	1 900	2 200	1 950	2 415	2 050	2 460	2 380	2 595	2 880	2 775	2 285	7 940	125
United Kingdom	10	5	10	5	5	*	15	5	5	25	20	10	10	10	*	20	60
Iceland	5	5	*	10	*	5	5	5	5	10	5	10	10	10	5	20	605
Liechtenstein	765	670	665	775	635	655	660	665	815	875	950	925	1 000	870	855	2 730	545
Norway	2 125	2 545	2 435	2 590	2 225	2 240	2 415	2 315	2 525	2 785	2 775	2 240	2 390	2 365	1 580	6 335	795
Switzerland																	

(1) EU27 for August 2012 to December 2012 and annual 2012 figure estimated

(*) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2012 (provisional data)

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period.

: data are not available

Source: Eurostat (online data code: migr.asyappdctzm)

Table 2: Asylum applicants in the EU-27 (*) by citizenship (including new asylum applicants), Q4 2011-Q4 2012 (1)

	Q4 2011				Q1 2012				Q2 2012				Q3 2012				Q4 2012				Q4 2012	Change in %		2012
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	between Q3 2012 and Q4 2012		between Q4 2011 and Q4 2012 (**)						
																26 915	26 055	25 370	22 970	21 015		21 895	20 690		23 375	23 700	27 235	28 160	31 070	39 325	33 330	26 415	15	23
Non-EU	26 915	26 055	25 370	22 970	21 015	21 895	20 690	23 375	23 700	27 235	28 160	31 070	39 325	33 330	26 415	99 070	15	23	319 185					
Syria - (SY)	910	850	835	895	915	890	1 115	1 340	1 430	2 090	2 750	2 985	3 275	3 200	2 630	9 105	16	255	23 510					
Russia - (RU)	1 665	1 620	1 955	1 640	1 495	1 610	1 430	1 285	1 540	1 995	2 080	2 150	2 710	2 685	2 765	8 155	31	54	23 360					
Serbia - (RS)	1 780	2 355	2 105	1 505	1 025	875	640	570	715	975	1 465	3 015	4 765	2 315	1 035	8 110	49	29	18 900					
Afghanistan - (AF)	2 660	2 420	2 255	2 125	1 825	2 145	1 830	2 110	2 135	2 415	2 375	2 215	2 755	2 340	1 985	7 080	1	-13	26 250					
Pakistan - (PK)	1 520	1 650	1 475	1 300	1 225	1 335	1 380	1 475	1 510	1 680	1 815	1 945	2 100	2 100	1 530	5 725	7	22	19 290					
Iran - (IR)	1 165	1 180	1 120	1 040	800	770	965	880	835	1 010	1 105	1 155	1 445	1 390	980	3 815	17	1	12 375					
Somalia - (SO)	1 115	1 025	1 225	975	735	745	795	1 200	1 245	1 155	1 130	1 070	1 210	1 405	1 130	3 745	12	-1	12 795					
Kosovo - (XK)	695	725	795	700	560	695	510	730	795	810	755	935	1 395	1 175	1 075	3 645	46	65	10 135					
MK - (MK)	420	445	385	445	390	280	340	415	430	670	1 335	1 865	2 135	920	335	3 390	-12	172	9 560					
Georgia - (GE)	695	690	720	590	695	765	780	805	805	965	980	1 230	1 235	885	835	2 950	-7	39	10 570					
Iraq - (IQ)	1 250	1 230	1 070	1 035	880	840	675	940	1 020	1 040	1 035	950	1 175	975	710	2 855	-5	-35	11 265					
Albania - (AL)	785	365	290	275	245	335	435	1 025	620	785	555	670	860	890	740	2 490	24	73	7 435					
BA - (BA)	250	270	580	185	190	215	130	175	600	750	505	555	1 075	1 020	355	2 455	35	124	5 760					
Eritrea - (ER)	465	390	395	310	290	335	260	305	455	500	505	620	810	965	545	2 315	43	83	5 890					
Nigeria - (NG)	820	625	460	550	470	535	515	585	535	575	685	615	830	710	585	2 125	13	11	7 185					
CD - (CD)	570	585	530	670	780	705	660	660	695	625	650	605	840	585	630	2 055	9	22	8 105					
Sri Lanka - (LK)	600	625	635	625	580	665	570	640	580	625	525	430	625	600	505	1 730	10	-10	6 985					
Bangladesh - (BD)	580	595	620	515	635	550	525	515	405	400	440	425	595	590	540	1 720	36	-5	6 135					
Turkey - (TR)	585	570	545	470	550	495	510	505	480	515	415	440	590	585	485	1 660	21	-4	6 050					
Guinea - (GN)	535	525	530	430	405	445	410	445	435	450	405	390	510	535	430	1 470	18	-12	5 285					
Armenia - (AM)	610	580	695	500	530	390	360	315	375	490	405	410	500	460	460	1 420	9	-36	5 200					
Stateless	210	195	160	185	195	165	170	220	260	300	275	345	485	435	385	1 305	42	132	3 415					
China - (CN)	465	435	480	405	370	415	415	455	405	350	425	380	450	390	375	1 220	6	-18	4 835					
Algeria - (DZ)	490	365	365	515	370	430	395	400	390	445	295	375	470	365	330	1 165	5	-5	4 770					
Mali - (ML)	185	105	85	65	100	115	140	180	145	225	160	235	320	340	250	910	46	142	2 280					
India - (IN)	215	255	195	260	220	290	230	280	250	330	235	275	325	270	225	825	-2	23	3 200					
Morocco - (MA)	215	220	185	185	200	180	195	235	200	240	200	200	285	230	230	745	16	19	2 585					
Ivory Coast - (CI)	255	230	195	165	160	160	180	200	220	235	205	205	250	235	185	670	4	-5	2 405					
Sudan - (SD)	265	210	225	190	160	195	150	195	260	220	200	225	230	195	200	625	-2	-21	2 410					
Azerbaijan - (AZ)	205	265	250	255	195	170	150	145	160	160	165	160	210	215	185	605	25	-21	2 170					
Other	4 720	4 445	4 015	3 980	3 840	4 150	3 835	4 170	3 760	4 225	4 090	4 090	4 865	4 340	3 770	12 970	5	95	49 110					

(*) Data for NL are not available since January 2012, see methodological notes

(1) Countries selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2012.

Syria - Syrian Arab Republic; Kosovo - Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; CD - Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK - the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia; BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina

(**) Due to missing data, the calculations of this indicator do not include data for NL for Q4 2011 and Q4 2012

Source: Eurostat (online data code: migr.asyabpdczm)

Almost one out of three asylum seekers in the EU-27 in 2012 was aged below 18

Table 3: Asylum applicants by age group ⁽¹⁾, 2012, %

	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
EU-27	319 185	20.7	6.8	51.1	20.3	0.9	0.2
Belgium	28 105	21.2	7.5	50.6	20.1	0.6	0.0
Bulgaria	1 385	11.3	8.0	60.4	19.0	1.3	0.0
Czech Republic	740	17.4	2.2	41.6	37.6	1.2	0.0
Denmark	6 045	17.8	8.5	53.5	19.2	0.9	0.0
Germany	77 540	28.4	7.5	43.0	20.0	1.0	*
Estonia	75	7.8	6.5	50.6	35.1	0.0	0.0
Ireland	955	24.6	4.6	49.3	21.2	0.3	0.0
Greece	9 575	2.9	2.4	82.7	11.9	0.1	0.0
Spain	2 565	13.3	4.4	61.5	20.3	0.5	0.0
France	60 560	19.1	3.1	52.3	24.7	0.9	0.0
Italy	15 715	6.3	5.3	73.4	14.9	0.1	0.0
Cyprus	1 635	9.4	2.9	66.4	20.6	0.4	0.4
Latvia	205	13.1	2.9	55.8	28.2	0.0	0.0
Lithuania	645	9.9	3.4	59.6	26.8	*	0.0
Luxembourg	2 050	29.5	4.9	45.5	19.7	0.4	0.0
Hungary	2 155	18.1	11.4	57.7	12.4	0.3	0.0
Malta	2 080	3.4	8.2	80.0	8.1	*	0.3
Netherlands	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Austria	17 425	22.4	12.1	49.4	15.6	0.5	0.0
Poland	10 750	35.6	4.3	39.1	20.2	0.7	0.0
Portugal	295	8.5	9.9	58.0	23.5	0.0	0.0
Romania	2 510	3.8	5.9	78.2	12.0	0.2	0.0
Slovenia	305	14.8	17.8	46.7	20.4	*	0.0
Slovakia	730	6.3	6.8	71.0	15.9	0.0	0.0
Finland	3 095	18.5	7.1	52.8	20.5	0.7	0.3
Sweden	43 865	22.1	10.6	45.0	20.7	1.6	0.0
United Kingdom	28 175	13.8	5.6	55.3	21.7	1.0	2.5
Iceland	105	9.3	7.5	62.6	19.6	*	0.0
Liechtenstein	70	19.4	0.0	44.4	33.3	*	0.0
Norway	9 685	16.2	9.4	56.6	17.1	0.6	0.0
Switzerland	28 445	20.8	4.7	58.2	15.9	0.3	0.1

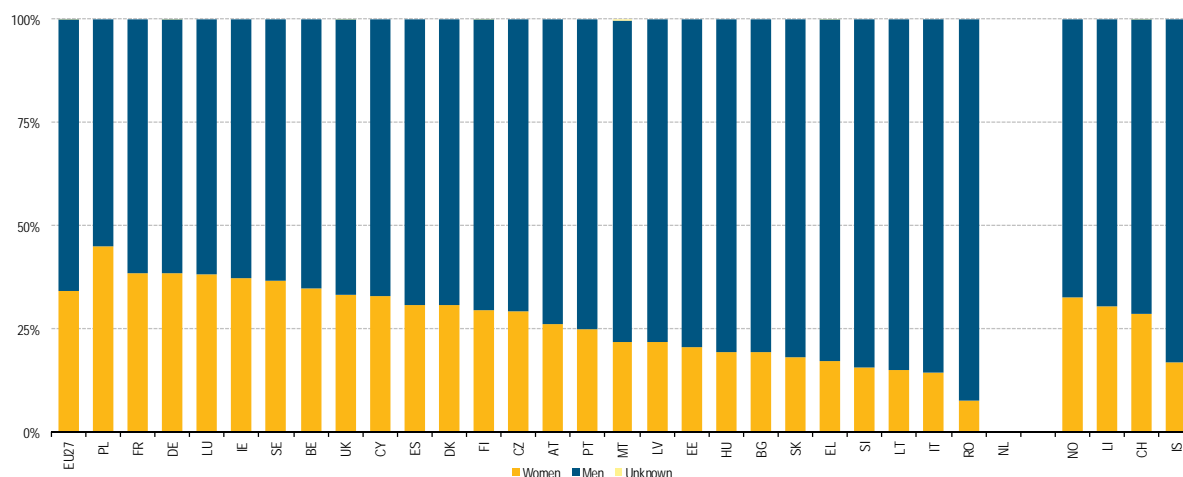
⁽¹⁾ For NL see methodological notes; distribution by age for EU-27 is based on data for those countries for which data are available

: Data are not available

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

Figure 7: Asylum applicants by gender, 2012, %



Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

Two out of three of asylum seekers in the EU-27 in 2012 were men

Table 4: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-27 (*), by age group, 2012, % ⁽¹⁾

	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
Non-EU	319 185	20.7	6.8	51.1	20.3	0.9	0.2
Afghanistan - (AF)	26 250	19.2	23.7	45.6	10.4	1.2	0.1
Syria - (SY)	23 510	24.4	5.7	44.8	23.2	1.8	0.2
Russia - (RU)	23 360	42.0	4.5	31.6	21.0	0.9	*
Pakistan - (PK)	19 290	8.8	3.9	68.2	17.9	0.7	0.5
Serbia - (RS)	18 900	39.3	7.0	30.4	22.7	0.5	*
Somalia - (SO)	12 795	12.0	8.7	66.8	11.0	1.3	0.1
Iran - (IR)	12 375	12.6	4.7	55.1	26.1	0.9	0.7
Iraq - (IQ)	11 265	26.9	6.1	45.3	19.3	2.3	0.1
Georgia - (GE)	10 570	17.0	2.6	52.2	27.5	0.6	*
Kosovo - (XK)	10 135	32.5	5.6	39.9	21.3	0.7	*
MK - (MK)	9 560	35.4	7.1	31.4	25.6	0.6	0.0
CD - (CD)	8 105	19.0	5.2	51.5	23.3	0.8	0.2
Albania - (AL)	7 435	25.6	9.5	45.4	18.9	0.6	0.1
Nigeria - (NG)	7 185	18.9	2.6	60.9	17.0	0.1	0.5
Sri Lanka - (LK)	6 965	11.7	1.6	64.4	20.4	1.1	0.8
Bangladesh - (BD)	6 135	4.0	2.7	75.2	17.2	0.2	0.8
Turkey - (TR)	6 050	12.3	3.5	67.0	16.8	0.4	0.1
Eritrea - (ER)	5 890	11.9	5.1	66.5	15.4	0.7	0.3
BA - (BA)	5 760	39.4	6.7	34.7	18.7	0.6	0.0
Guinea - (GN)	5 285	14.7	8.2	67.7	9.2	0.2	0.0
Armenia - (AM)	5 200	22.9	4.8	38.7	31.6	2.0	*
China - (CN)	4 835	9.2	1.6	47.6	40.7	0.4	0.5
Algeria - (DZ)	4 770	5.7	8.3	67.9	17.5	0.4	0.1
Stateless	3 415	22.4	5.2	43.7	25.3	3.0	0.4
India - (IN)	3 200	3.8	2.4	71.6	20.7	0.2	1.3
Morocco - (MA)	2 585	3.1	11.2	70.8	14.7	0.0	*
Sudan - (SD)	2 410	9.8	3.2	66.1	19.6	0.5	0.9
Ivory Coast - (CI)	2 405	9.5	8.6	64.6	17.1	0.1	*
Egypt - (EG)	2 305	12.6	5.7	62.5	18.4	0.7	0.1
Mali - (ML)	2 280	16.1	9.2	62.0	12.5	0.1	0.0
Other	48 975	15.4	4.4	56.5	22.8	0.5	0.4

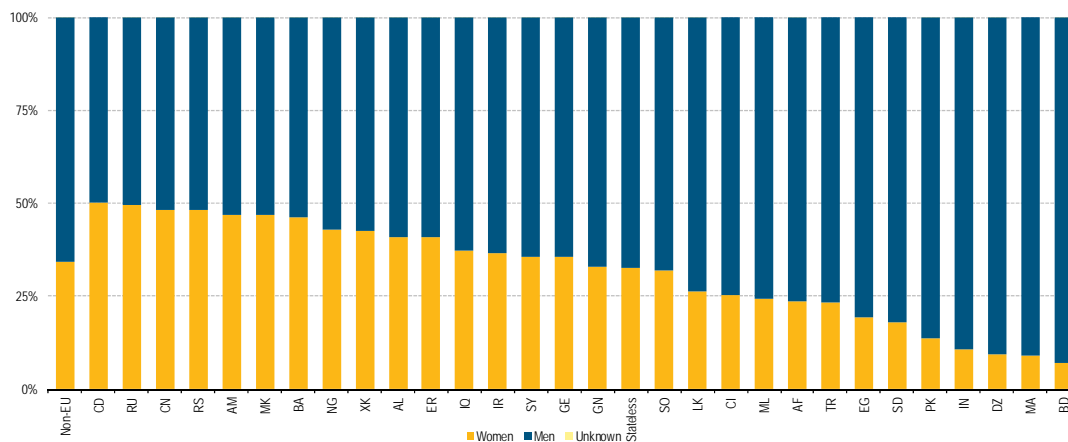
(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2012 in the EU-27

⁽²⁾ Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

Figure 8: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-27 (*), by gender, 2012, % ⁽¹⁾



(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2012 in the EU-27

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

Afghanis, Syrians and Russians with more than 20 000 applications in the EU-27 in 2012

Table 5: Five main citizenships of asylum applicants, 2012 ⁽¹⁾

		EU-27 (*)			
		#	(%)		
		Afghanistan	26 250	8	
		Syria	23 510	7	
		Russia	23 360	7	
		Pakistan	19 290	6	
		Serbia	18 900	6	
		Other	207 880	65	
		BELGIUM			
		#	(%)		
		Afghanistan	3 290	12	
		Russia	2 655	9	
		Guinea	2 190	8	
		Kosovo	1 740	6	
		CD	1 590	6	
		Other	16 640	59	
		DENMARK			
		#	(%)		
		Somalia	910	15	
		Syria	875	15	
		Afghanistan	565	9	
		Serbia	555	9	
		Iran	550	9	
		Other	2 595	43	
		IRELAND			
		#	(%)		
		Nigeria	160	17	
		Pakistan	105	11	
		CD	60	6	
		Zimbabwe	50	5	
		Albania	45	5	
		Other	535	56	
		FRANCE			
		#	(%)		
		Russia	5 930	10	
		CD	5 500	9	
		Sri Lanka	3 825	6	
		Kosovo	3 690	6	
		Albania	2 700	4	
		Other	38 915	64	
		LATVIA			
		#	(%)		
		Georgia	105	51	
		CD	25	12	
		Syria	20	9	
		Afghanistan	15	7	
		Russia	10	4	
		Other	35	0	
		HUNGARY			
		#	(%)		
		Afghanistan	880	41	
		Pakistan	325	15	
		Kosovo	225	10	
		Syria	145	7	
		Somalia	70	3	
		Other	510	24	
		AUSTRIA			
		#	(%)		
		Afghanistan	4 015	23	
		Russia	3 110	18	
		Pakistan	1 825	10	
		Syria	930	5	
		Iran	765	4	
		Other	6 780	39	
		ROMANIA			
		#	(%)		
		Algeria	600	24	
		Morocco	355	14	
		Pakistan	335	13	
		Syria	245	10	
		Afghanistan	200	8	
		Other	770	31	
		FINLAND			
		#	(%)		
		Iraq	830	27	
		Russia	225	7	
		Afghanistan	210	7	
		Somalia	200	7	
		Syria	185	6	
		Other	1 440	47	
		ICELAND			
		#	(%)		
		Nigeria	15	14	
		Iran	15	13	
		Afghanistan	10	7	
		Georgia	10	7	
		Albania	5	7	
		Other	55	51	
		BULGARIA			
		#	(%)		
		Syria	450	32	
		Iraq	325	23	
		Stateless	155	11	
		Afghanistan	110	8	
		Algeria	75	5	
		Other	275	20	
		GERMANY			
		#	(%)		
		Serbia	12 810	17	
		Syria	7 930	10	
		Afghanistan	7 840	10	
		MK	6 890	9	
		Iraq	5 675	7	
		Other	36 395	47	
		GREECE			
		#	(%)		
		Pakistan	2 340	24	
		Bangladesh	1 005	11	
		Georgia	895	9	
		Afghanistan	585	6	
		Albania	385	4	
		Other	4 370	46	
		ITALY			
		#	(%)		
		Pakistan	2 365	15	
		Nigeria	1 515	10	
		Afghanistan	1 365	9	
		Tunisia	850	5	
		Ghana	805	5	
		Other	8 815	56	
		LITHUANIA			
		#	(%)		
		Georgia	310	48	
		Afghanistan	100	15	
		Russia	95	15	
		Vietnam	40	6	
		Belarus	20	3	
		Other	80	12	
		MALTA			
		#	(%)		
		Somalia	1 250	60	
		Eritrea	435	21	
		Syria	150	7	
		Nigeria	70	3	
		Libya	60	3	
		Other	115	6	
		POLAND			
		#	(%)		
		Russia	6 085	57	
		Georgia	3 235	30	
		Armenia	415	4	
		Kazakhstan	120	1	
		Syria	105	1	
		Other	790	7	
		SLOVENIA			
		#	(%)		
		Afghanistan	65	21	
		Syria	30	11	
		Turkey	25	9	
		Algeria	25	9	
		Somalia	20	7	
		Other	135	44	
		SWEDEN			
		#	(%)		
		Syria	7 920	18	
		Somalia	5 695	13	
		Afghanistan	4 760	11	
		Serbia	2 670	6	
		Eritrea	2 405	5	
		Other	20 415	47	
		LIECHTENSTEIN			
		#	(%)		
		BA	15	19	
		Russia	10	17	
		Serbia	10	17	
		Ukraine	10	13	
		Armenia	5	7	
		Other	20	28	
		SWITZERLAND			
		#	(%)		
		Eritrea	4 410	16	
		Nigeria	2 745	10	
		Tunisia	2 240	8	
		Serbia	1 890	7	
		Afghanistan	1 385	5	
		Other	15 775	55	
		CZECH REPUBLIC			
		#	(%)		
		Ukraine	175	24	
		Syria	70	9	
		Belarus	55	7	
		Vietnam	55	7	
		Russia	40	5	
		Other	350	47	
		ESTONIA			
		#	(%)		
		Georgia	35	45	
		Russia	10	10	
		Armenia	5	6	
		Belarus	5	5	
		Syria	5	5	
		Other	20	0	
		SPAIN			
		#	(%)		
		Syria	255	10	
		Nigeria	205	8	
		Algeria	200	8	
		Cameroon	120	5	
		Ivory Coast	105	4	
		Other	1 675	65	
		CYPRUS			
		#	(%)		
		Syria	565	34	
		Vietnam	200	12	
		Bangladesh	190	12	
		Egypt	155	10	
		Pakistan	110	7	
		Other	415	26	
		LUXEMBOURG			
		#	(%)		
		Serbia	385	19	
		Albania	305	15	
		Montenegro	290	14	
		BA	285	14	
		Kosovo	210	10	
		Other	580	28	
		NETHERLANDS			
		#	(%)		
		:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:
		PORTUGAL			
		#	(%)		
		Guinea	65	22	
		Nigeria	30	10	
		Syria	20	7	
		Guinea-Bissau	20	6	
		CD	15	5	
		Other	145	50	
		SLOVAKIA			
		#	(%)		
		Somalia	225	31	
		Afghanistan	90	12	
		Georgia	55	8	
		Congo	45	6	
		Armenia	35	5	
		Other	285	39	
		UNITED KINGDOM			
		#	(%)		
		Pakistan	4 880	17	
		Iran	3 250	12	
		Sri Lanka	2 160	8	
		Nigeria	1 455	5	
		Afghanistan	1 340	5	
		Other	15 095	54	
		NORWAY			
		#	(%)		
		Somalia	2 180	23	
		Eritrea	1 185	12	
		Afghanistan	985	10	
		Sudan	470	5	
		Iran	440	5	
		Other	4 425	46	

⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2012 in the EU-27; Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

(*) EU-27 excluding NL data

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period

Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Absolute number of asylum applications

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

Germany, France and Sweden accounted for nearly 60 per cent of all asylum applications in the EU-27 in 2012

Table 6: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants by destination country in the EU-27 (*), 2012 ⁽¹⁾

		NON-EU					
		#	(%)				
		Germany	77 540	24			
		France	60 560	19			
		Sweden	43 865	14			
		United Kingdom	28 175	9			
		Belgium	28 105	9			
		Other	80 940	25			
AFGHANISTAN - (AF)		#	(%)	SYRIA - (SY)		#	(%)
Germany	7 840	30	Germany	7 930	34	RUSSIA - (RU)	
Sweden	4 760	18	Sweden	7 920	34	Poland	6 085
Austria	4 015	15	United Kingdom	1 300	6	France	5 930
Belgium	3 290	13	Belgium	1 030	4	Germany	3 415
Italy	1 365	5	Austria	930	4	Austria	3 110
Other	4 985	19	Other	4 395	19	Belgium	2 655
PAKISTAN - (PK)		#	(%)	SERBIA - (RS)		#	(%)
United Kingdom	4 880	25	Germany	12 810	68	SOMALIA - (SO)	
Germany	3 555	18	Sweden	2 670	14	Sweden	5 695
Italy	2 365	12	Belgium	1 095	6	Germany	1 295
Greece	2 340	12	France	825	4	Malta	1 250
France	2 000	10	Denmark	555	3	Denmark	910
Other	4 155	22	Other	940	5	Italy	780
IRAN - (IR)		#	(%)	IRAQ - (IQ)		#	(%)
Germany	4 730	38	Germany	5 675	50	GEORGIA - (GE)	
United Kingdom	3 250	26	Sweden	1 345	12	Poland	3 235
Sweden	1 535	12	Belgium	975	9	France	2 670
Austria	765	6	Finland	830	7	Germany	1 430
Denmark	550	4	Austria	495	4	Greece	895
Other	1 550	13	Other	1 950	17	Sweden	750
KOSOVO - (XK)		#	(%)	MK - (MK)		#	(%)
France	3 690	36	Germany	6 890	72	CD - (CD)	
Germany	2 535	25	France	860	9	France	5 500
Belgium	1 740	17	Belgium	835	9	Belgium	1 590
Sweden	1 045	10	Sweden	615	6	Germany	270
Austria	310	3	Luxembourg	170	2	United Kingdom	245
Other	815	8	Other	190	2	Sweden	80
ALBANIA - (AL)		#	(%)	NIGERIA - (NG)		#	(%)
France	2 700	36	Italy	1 515	21	SRI LANKA - (LK)	
Sweden	1 495	20	United Kingdom	1 455	20	France	3 825
Belgium	1 075	14	France	1 055	15	United Kingdom	2 160
United Kingdom	1 010	14	Germany	965	13	Germany	480
Greece	385	5	Sweden	505	7	Belgium	145
Other	765	10	Other	1 695	24	Italy	70
BANGLADESH - (BD)		#	(%)	TURKEY - (TR)		#	(%)
France	1 840	30	France	2 435	40	ERITREA - (ER)	
United Kingdom	1 175	19	Germany	1 760	29	Sweden	2 405
Greece	1 005	16	Belgium	465	8	United Kingdom	780
Belgium	520	8	Italy	440	7	Italy	720
Italy	500	8	Austria	275	5	Germany	670
Other	1 090	18	Other	680	11	France	485
BA - (BA)		#	(%)	GUINEA - (GN)		#	(%)
Germany	2 370	41	Belgium	2 190	41	ARMENIA - (AM)	
Sweden	1 555	27	France	2 000	38	France	2 625
France	775	13	Germany	455	9	Germany	670
Luxembourg	285	5	Greece	160	3	Belgium	605
Italy	275	5	Italy	140	3	Poland	415
Other	500	9	Other	345	6	Austria	340
CHINA - (CN)		#	(%)	ALGERIA - (DZ)		#	(%)
France	2 425	50	France	1 200	25	STATELESS	
United Kingdom	900	19	Romania	600	13	Sweden	2 135
Belgium	440	9	Germany	590	12	United Kingdom	300
Germany	375	8	Austria	575	12	Germany	270
Austria	235	5	Sweden	375	8	France	180
Other	460	10	Other	1 435	30	Bulgaria	155
INDIA - (IN)		#	(%)	MOROCCO - (MA)		#	(%)
United Kingdom	1 220	38	Germany	530	21	SUDAN - (SD)	
Germany	940	29	Romania	355	14	France	805
Austria	400	13	Austria	350	14	United Kingdom	765
Greece	165	5	Sweden	350	14	Sweden	225
Belgium	120	4	Italy	275	11	Germany	200
Other	350	11	Other	725	28	Belgium	100
IVORY COAST - (CI)		#	(%)	EGYPT - (EG)		#	(%)
France	1 000	42	France	445	19	MALI - (ML)	
Italy	510	21	Italy	305	13	France	945
Belgium	255	11	Germany	265	12	Italy	700
Greece	245	10	United Kingdom	250	11	Germany	205
Spain	105	4	Greece	250	11	Belgium	130
Other	285	12	Other	785	34	Spain	100
						Other	200

(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

(¹) Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2012 in the EU-27

Absolute number of asylum applications

Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

Table 7: New asylum applicants, Q4 2011 – Q4 2012

	Q4 2011				Q1 2012				Q2 2012				Q3 2012				Q4 2012				Applicants per million inhabitants ⁽¹⁾ Q4 2012	2012
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Change in % between Q3 2012 and Q4 2012	Change in % between Q4 2011 and Q4 2012	2012				
EU-27	2 655	2 290	2 195	1 845	1 540	1 515	1 395	1 520	1 395	1 550	1 460	1 660	1 725	1 390	1 345	-5	-37	4 465	400	18 340		
Belgium	70	65	30	60	55	50	30	65	65	55	105	105	190	200	255	140	291	640	85	1 230		
Czech Republic	50	50	30	45	55	40	20	50	50	25	50	30	60	35	45	30	5	140	15	505		
Denmark	430	380	420	395	315	455	440	415	615	560	490	515	610	640	595	18	50	1 850	330	6 045		
Germany	4 185	4 885	4 170	4 655	3 915	3 695	3 285	3 585	4 120	4 745	5 480	6 920	10 195	8 990	4 875	40	82	24 055	295	64 450		
Estonia	5	5	*	10	5	5	5	25	10	*	5	*	5	*	5	-10	13	10	5	75		
Ireland	70	115	95	100	85	55	65	75	70	90	85	65	105	70	70	3	-12	250	55	940		
Greece	740	875	785	555	680	710	885	720	805	590	750	745	1 255	1 030	850	50	31	3 135	280	9 575		
Spain	235	190	160	200	190	180	145	195	265	170	190	185	230	245	160	16	9	635	15	2 355		
France	4 610	3 960	4 520	4 175	4 660	4 430	3 965	3 850	4 230	4 750	4 410	4 175	5 680	4 650	5 315	17	19	15 640	240	54 280		
Italy	1 660	1 055	830	760	615	840	950	1 450	965	1 540	1 560	1 445	2 220	2 075	1 300	23	58	5 595	90	15 715		
Cyprus	175	165	85	120	110	135	130	145	120	155	150	155	150	130	85	-20	-13	365	425	1 590		
Latvia	30	25	10	10	25	30	15	25	20	5	10	20	10	15	5	30	-22	30	15	190		
Lithuania	45	50	70	40	20	35	55	50	50	65	35	50	35	50	70	4	-2	155	50	560		
Luxembourg	60	170	165	220	130	200	195	255	175	225	130	120	165	115	65	-28	-13	345	655	2 000		
Hungary	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Malta	75	35	55	75	20	30	15	395	400	170	175	345	40	335	60	-37	161	435	1 035	2 060		
Netherlands	1 050	955	790	935	900	835	670	620	660	735	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Austria	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Poland	560	540	645	390	445	590	610	500	590	805	870	1 255	1 205	945	970	7	79	3 120	80	9 175		
Portugal	25	15	45	35	5	25	30	30	15	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Romania	255	210	120	195	185	290	230	265	265	220	230	255	155	75	55	-59	-51	285	15	2 420		
Slovenia	25	10	30	10	20	10	5	10	30	25	20	25	30	25	50	58	56	105	50	260		
Slovakia	65	40	20	20	10	15	20	45	65	105	55	60	60	50	45	-29	27	160	30	550		
Finland	:	:	:	205	170	200	165	200	245	255	300	325	300	320	220	-5	:	840	155	2 905		
Sweden	3 030	3 115	3 495	2 720	2 370	2 470	2 450	3 245	3 090	4 110	4 355	4 910	5 490	4 560	4 085	6	47	14 135	1 490	43 850		
United Kingdom	2 135	2 560	2 165	2 200	1 835	2 145	1 885	2 340	1 985	2 385	2 305	2 525	2 810	2 685	2 220	7	12	7 715	120	27 325		
Iceland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Liechtenstein	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Norway	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Switzerland	1 815	2 195	2 090	2 255	1 915	1 900	2 130	2 115	2 355	2 610	2 600	2 080	2 200	2 185	1 460	-20	-4	5 850	735	25 805		

(1) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2012 (provisional data)

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period

: data are not available

Source: Eurostat (online data code: migr.asyapbciztm)

More than 70 000 persons received a protection status in the EU-27 in 2012

Table 8: First instance decisions by citizenship and outcome, selected Member States, 2012 ⁽¹⁾

First instance decisions					First instance decisions				
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections		Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections	
FRANCE (59 800 decisions)					GERMANY (58 645 decisions)				
Russia	860 Mali	335 Not applicable	CD	4 620	Iraq	2 655 Syria	5 475 Afghanistan	860 Serbia	13 070
Sri Lanka	780 Guinea	205	Russia	3 965	Syria	1 985 Stateless	225 Iraq	95 MK	6 230
CD	760 Syria	165	Armenia	3 775	Iran	1 590 Somalia	225 Kosovo	50 Afghanistan	2 690
Other	4 720 Other	830	Other	38 790	Other	2 530 Other	1 050 Other	400 Other	19 515
SWEDEN (31 520 decisions)					BELGIUM (24 525 decisions)				
Syria	1 130 Syria	2 960 Afghanistan	575 Serbia	2 435	Guinea	605 Afghanistan	935 Not applicable	Guinea	2 265
Afghanistan	775 Somalia	1 715 Stateless	115 Somalia	2 040	Afghanistan	555 Syria	470	CD	1 445
Somalia	320 Afghanistan	1 185 Iraq	45 Afghanistan	1 655	Russia	375 Somalia	30	Russia	1 445
Other	1 520 Other	1 735 Other	330 Other	12 985	Other	2 450 Other	130	Other	13 810
ITALY (22 160 decisions)					UNITED KINGDOM (21 845 decisions)				
Somalia	240 Mali	1 860 Pakistan	375 Nigeria	3 780	Iran	1 335 Syria	35 Afghanistan	145 Pakistan	3 180
Afghanistan	180 Somalia	565 Nigeria	340 Ghana	1 545	Syria	865 Iran	20 Zimbabwe	100 Sri Lanka	1 310
Sudan	180 Afghanistan	515 Ivory Coast	240 Pakistan	1 145	Eritrea	615 Somalia	20 Albania	100 Iran	1 305
Other	1 315 Other	1 475 Other	975 Other	7 430	Other	3 720 Other	60 Other	725 Other	8 320
OTHER (50 005 decisions)					EU-27 (268 500 decisions)				
Syria	1 260 Somalia	1 960 Russia	190 Pakistan	5 510	Syria	5 650 Syria	9 765 Afghanistan	1 805 Serbia	18 400
Russia	875 Afghanistan	1 260 Syria	135 Afghanistan	3 700	Iran	4 285 Somalia	4 580 Nigeria	465 Pakistan	13 270
Afghanistan	675 Syria	560 Afghanistan	125 Russia	3 500	Iraq	3 710 Afghanistan	4 200 Pakistan	455 Afghanistan	10 405
Other	2 370 Other	1 930 Other	500 Other	25 455	Other	23 595 Other	9 380 Other	3 690 Other	154 845

⁽¹⁾ Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during 2012
 CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK - The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Syria – Syrian Arab Republic;
 Kosovo - Kosovo / UNSCR 1244

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfst](#))

Table 9: First instance decisions by outcome, 2012

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
EU-27	268 500	71 580	37 245	27 920	6 415	196 920
Belgium	24 525	5 555	3 985	1 565	-	18 970
Bulgaria	640	170	20	150	-	470
Czech Republic	720	175	50	125	5	545
Denmark	3 715	1 695	1 035	545	120	2 020
Germany	58 645	17 140	8 765	6 975	1 400	41 510
Estonia	65	20	10	5	10	45
Ireland	935	95	65	30	-	840
Greece	11 195	95	30	45	20	11 095
Spain	2 600	525	230	285	10	2 070
France	59 800	8 655	7 120	1 535	-	51 145
Italy ⁽¹⁾	22 160	8 260	1 915	4 410	1 935	13 900
Cyprus	1 335	105	80	10	15	1 230
Latvia	145	25	5	20	-	120
Lithuania	390	55	15	40	-	335
Luxembourg	1 650	40	35	5	-	1 610
Hungary	1 100	350	70	240	40	750
Malta	1 590	1 270	35	1 235	160	155
Netherlands	.	.	.	.	.	.
Austria	15 895	4 455	2 680	1 775	-	11 440
Poland	2 435	475	85	140	250	1 960
Portugal	230	100	15	85	-	130
Romania	1 625	230	145	85	-	1 390
Slovenia	220	35	20	15	-	185
Slovakia	440	190	10	100	80	250
Finland	3 090	1 555	545	775	240	1 535
Sweden	31 520	12 400	3 745	7 595	1 060	19 120
United Kingdom	21 845	7 735	6 535	130	1 070	14 110
Iceland	50	10	5	*	*	40
Liechtenstein	.	.	.	.	.	50
Norway	10 610	5 180	3 675	1 185	325	5 430
Switzerland	16 650	4 280	2 455	505	1 315	12 370

(*) EU-27 is based on data available

(**) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

⁽¹⁾ See country information notes

- data are not applicable

* represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

: data are not available

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfst](#))

Syrians granted around 10 000 first instance decisions of subsidiary protection status in 2012 in the EU-27; the majority of them granted by Germany and Sweden

Table 10: First instance decisions by destination country and outcome in the EU-27 (*), selected citizenships of asylum applicants, 2012 (1)

First instance decisions					
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections		
AFGHANISTAN - AF					
Germany	790	Sw eden 1 185	Germany 860	Germany 2 690	
Sw eden	775	Belgium 935	Sw eden 575	Austria 2 320	
Belgium	555	Austria 755	UK 145	Sw eden 1 655	
Other	1 240	Other 1 325	Other 225	Other 3 735	
SYRIA - SY					
Germany	1 985	Germany 5 475	Malta 115	Sw eden 380	
Sw eden	1 130	Sw eden 2 960	Hungary 15	Germany 290	
UK	865	Belgium 470	UK 15	UK 230	
Other	1 665	Other 865	Other 20	Other 615	
RUSSIA - RU					
France	860	Austria 120	Poland 180	France 3 965	
Austria	645	Poland 120	Germany 35	Austria 1 920	
Belgium	375	Denmark 50	Sw eden 20	Belgium 1 445	
Other	485	Other 110	Other *	Other 3 070	
OTHER					
France	5 595	Italy 3 060	Italy 1 440	France 44 065	
Germany	5 290	Sw eden 1 700	United Kingdom 835	Germany 22 995	
UK	4 455	France 1 125	Germany 465	Belgium 14 970	
Other	7 475	Other 2 860	Other 840	Other 57 170	

First instance decisions					
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections		
SERBIA - RS					
France	160	Italy 15	Germany 20	Germany 13 070	
Belgium	55	Belgium *	Sw eden 20	Sw eden 2 435	
Austria	10	Slovenia *	Denmark 15	Belgium 890	
Other	*	Other 0	Other *	Other 2 000	
PAKISTAN - PK					
UK	595	Italy 160	Italy 375	Greece 3 310	
Germany	285	Ireland 10	UK 55	UK 3 180	
Italy	130	Hungary 10	Germany 15	Austria 1 640	
Other	145	Other 40	Other *	Other 5 140	
SOMALIA - SO					
UK	360	Sw eden 1 715	Slovakia 40	Sw eden 2 040	
Sw eden	320	Malta 1 080	Sw eden 20	France 525	
Germany	280	Italy 565	UK 15	Austria 250	
Other	710	Other 1 215	Other 20	Other 925	
NON-EU					
Germany	8 765	Sw eden 7 595	Italy 1 935	France 51 145	
France	7 120	Germany 6 975	Germany 1 400	Germany 41 510	
UK	6 535	Italy 4 410	UK 1 070	Sw eden 19 120	
Other	14 825	Other 8 945	Other 2 010	Other 85 145	

(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

(1) Citizenship selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during 2012

* represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfsta](#))

Table 11: First instance decisions by outcome, 30 main citizenships of asylum applicants granted decisions in the EU-27 (*), 2012 (1)

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
Non-EU	268 500	71 580	37 245	27 920	6 415	196 920
Afghanistan - (AF)	19 770	9 365	3 360	4 200	1 805	10 405
Serbia - (RS)	18 705	310	230	15	60	18 400
Syria - (SY)	17 085	15 575	5 650	9 765	165	1 510
Pakistan - (PK)	15 105	1 830	1 155	220	455	13 270
Russia - (RU)	13 405	3 010	2 365	400	245	10 395
Somalia - (SO)	10 085	6 350	1 670	4 580	100	3 735
Iraq - (IQ)	9 295	4 775	3 710	850	215	4 520
Nigeria - (NG)	9 115	955	255	235	465	8 160
Iran - (IR)	8 950	4 635	4 285	210	140	4 320
MK - (MK)	8 420	45	30	5	10	8 375
Bangladesh - (BD)	8 380	265	160	40	65	8 115
Kosovo - (XK)	7 955	500	300	80	115	7 455
CD - (CD)	7 930	1 265	1 105	95	60	6 665
Georgia - (GE)	6 585	160	95	25	35	6 425
Sri Lanka - (LK)	6 395	1 455	1 345	55	55	4 940
Guinea - (GN)	5 870	1 270	940	270	60	4 600
Armenia - (AM)	5 725	405	230	110	70	5 315
BA - (BA)	4 995	220	100	20	95	4 775
China - (CN)	4 750	1 020	910	25	85	3 730
Turkey - (TR)	4 590	665	500	75	85	3 930
Albania - (AL)	4 590	540	365	60	115	4 050
Eritrea - (ER)	4 270	2 730	1 350	1 345	35	1 545
Algeria - (DZ)	4 065	115	70	35	10	3 950
Mali - (ML)	3 725	2 370	125	2 195	50	1 355
Ivory Coast - (CI)	3 235	845	270	320	250	2 395
Ghana - (GH)	2 675	310	40	35	230	2 370
Sudan - (SD)	2 625	1 155	890	240	20	1 470
Stateless	2 460	1 530	730	675	125	930
India - (IN)	2 260	30	15	*	15	2 230
Mauritania - (MR)	2 065	280	230	40	10	1 785
Other	43 405	7 615	4 745	1 710	1 160	35 790

(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

(1) Citizenship selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during 2012

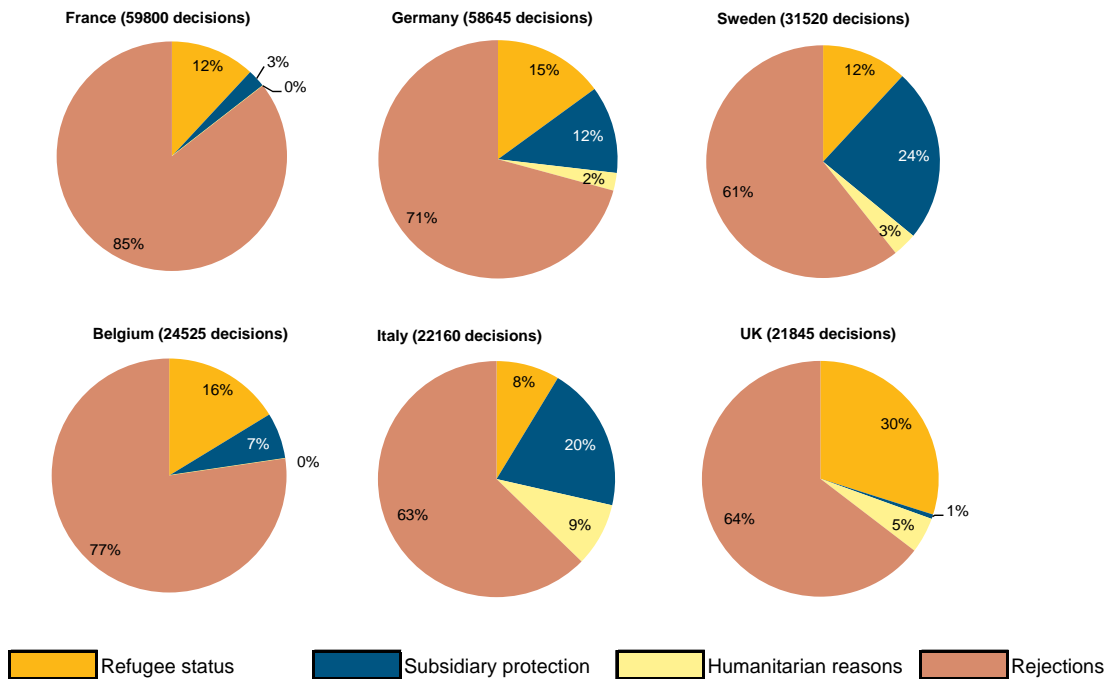
* represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo - Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfsta](#))

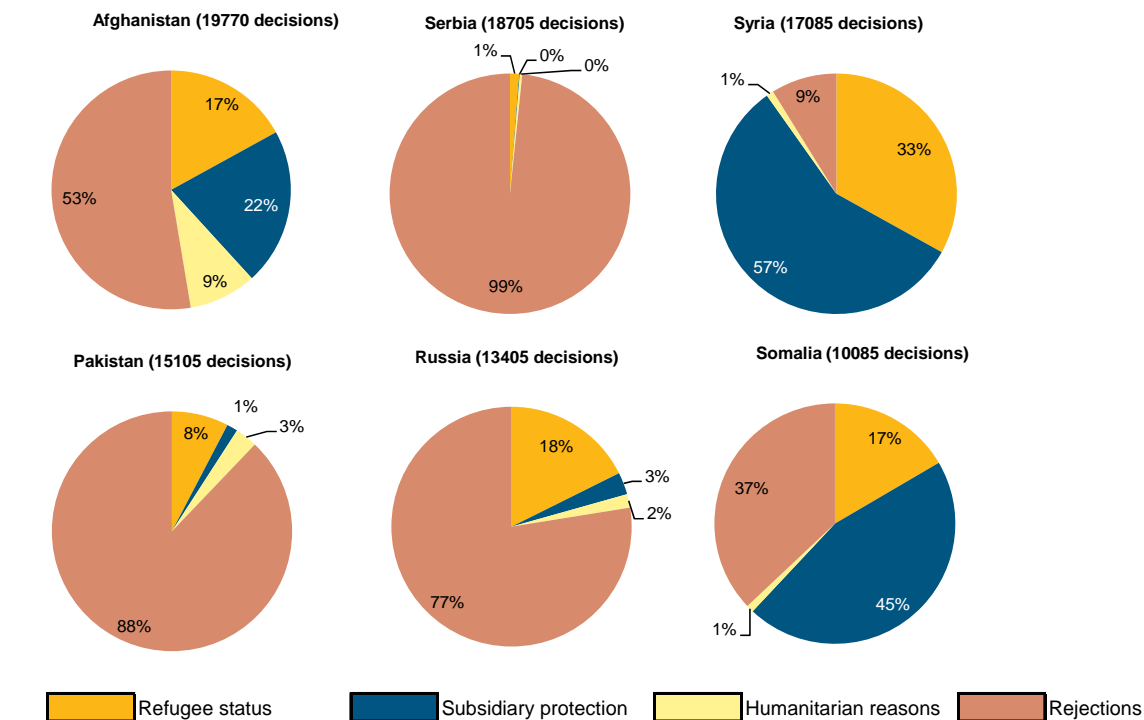
Nearly 90 per cent of all applicants from Syria were granted positive decisions in EU-27 in 2012

Figure 9: First instance decisions by outcome, selected Member States (¹), 2012



(¹) Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during 2012
 UK – The United Kingdom
 Humanitarian reasons not applicable for FR and BE
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstg](#))

Figure 10: First instance decisions in the EU-27 (*) by outcome, selected citizenships (¹), 2012



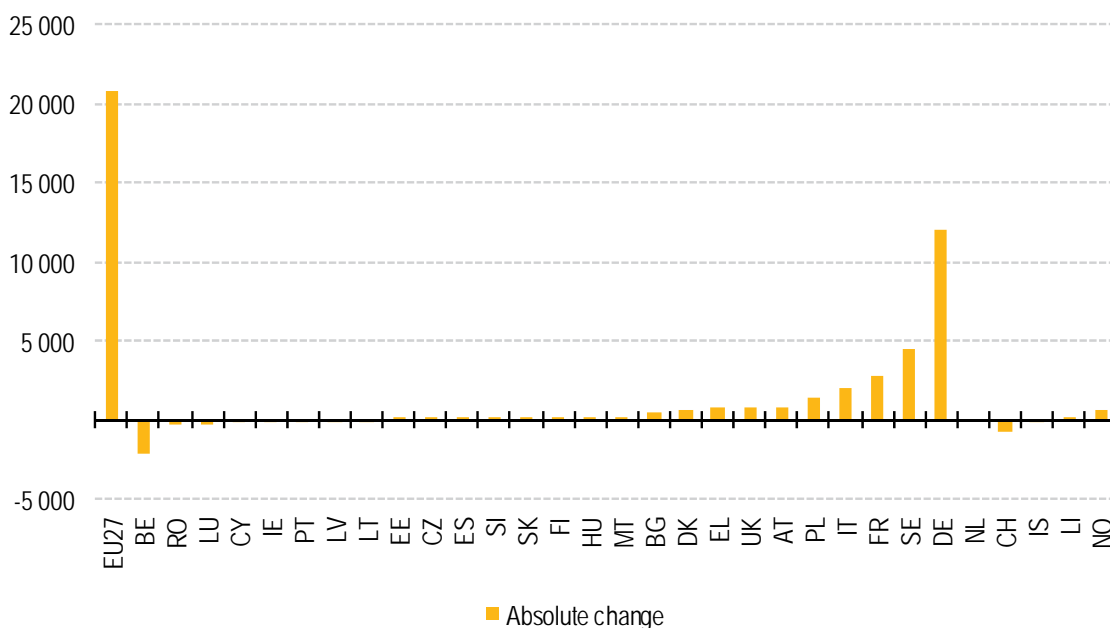
(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes
 (¹) Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during 2012
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstg](#))

ANNEX

Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications: fourth quarter 2012

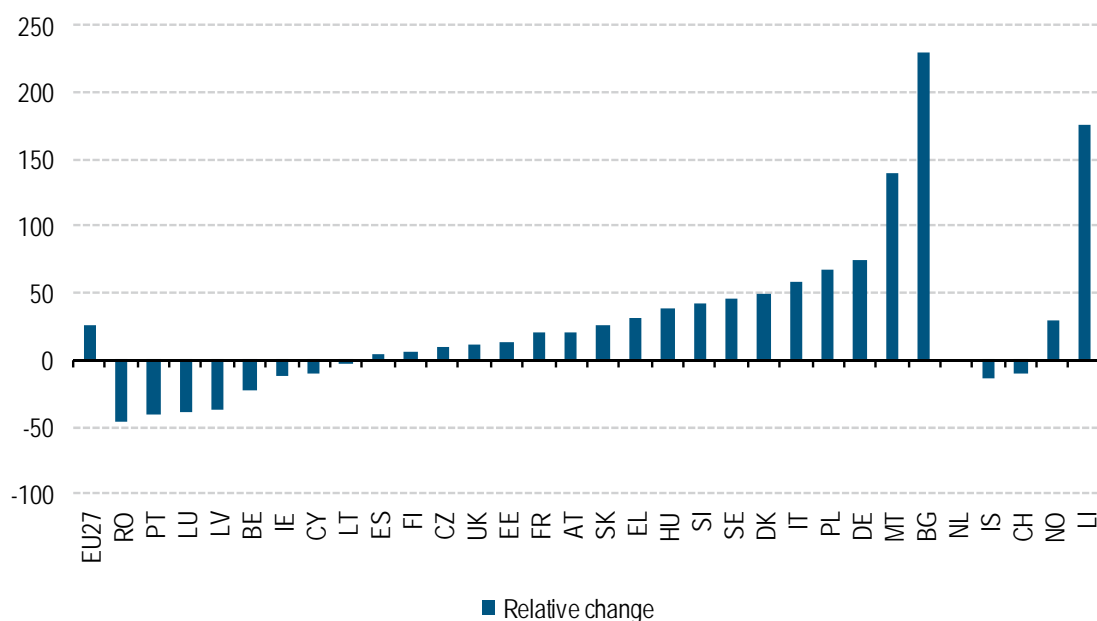
With more than 12 000 applicants more, Germany recorded the highest increase of applicants in the EU-27 in Q4 2012 compared to Q4 2011

Figure 11: Asylum applicants, absolute change between Q4 2011 and Q4 2012



EU-27 excluding NL; data for NL are not available, see methodological notes
Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

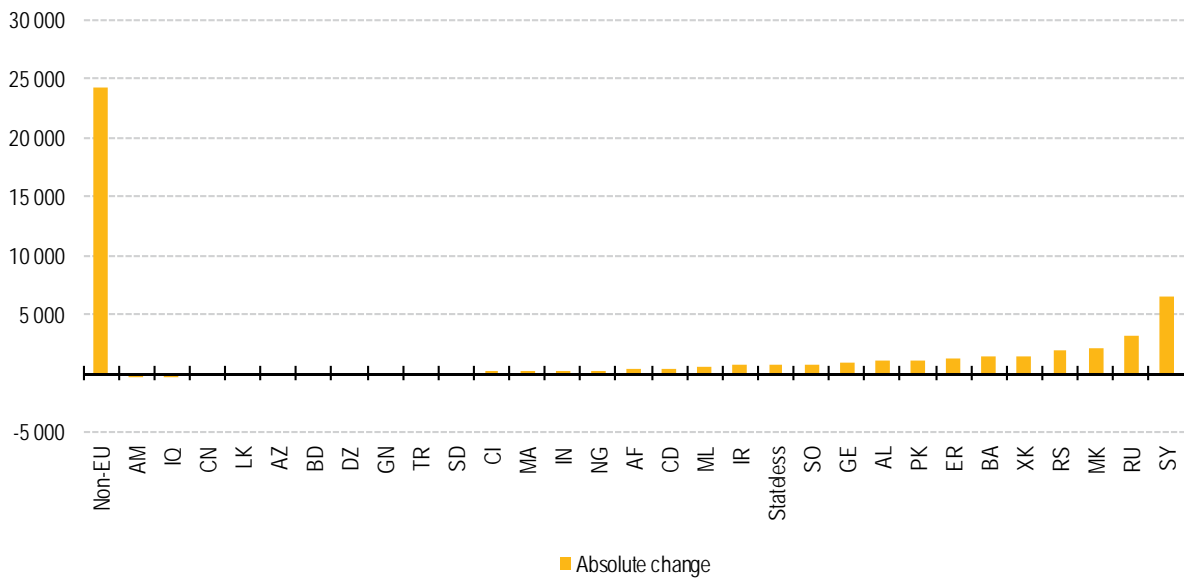
Figure 12: Asylum applicants, relative change between Q4 2011 and Q4 2012, %



EU-27 excluding NL; data for NL are not available, see methodological notes
Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes
Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

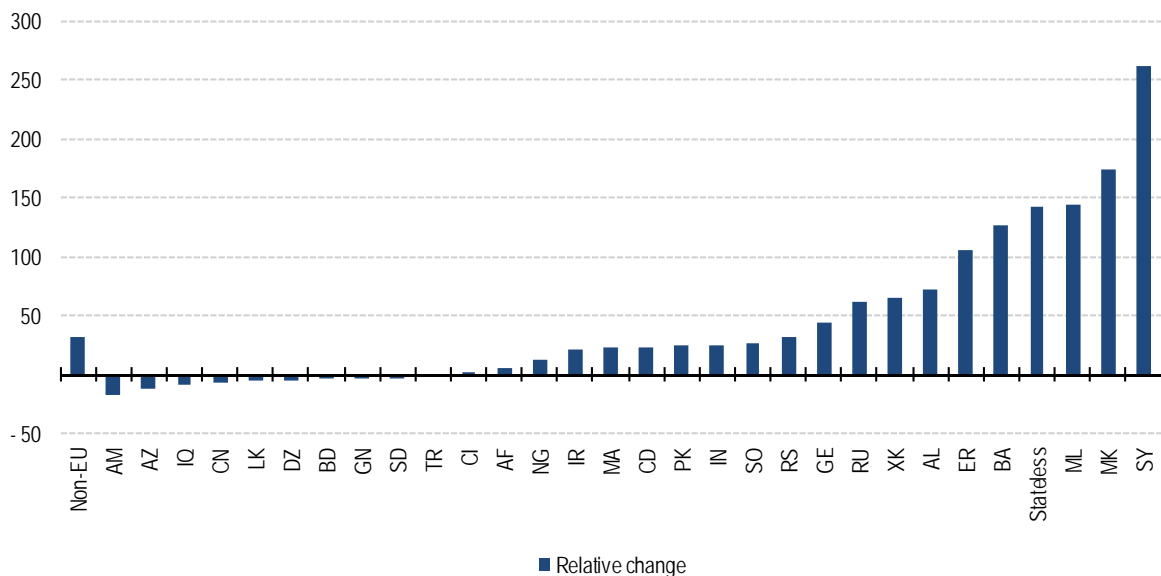
Applicants from Syria with top increase in EU-27 in Q4 2012 compared to Q4 2011 in absolute and relative terms

Figure 13: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-27 ⁽¹⁾, absolute change between Q4 2011 and Q4 2012



⁽¹⁾ EU-27 excluding NL; data for NL are not available, see methodological notes
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 14: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-27 ⁽¹⁾, relative change between Q4 2011 and Q4 2012, %



⁽¹⁾ EU-27 excluding NL; data for NL are not available, see methodological notes
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

More than 1 out of 5 asylum applicants in the EU-27 was aged below 13 in Q4 2012

Table 12: Asylum applicants by age group (*), 4th quarter 2012, %

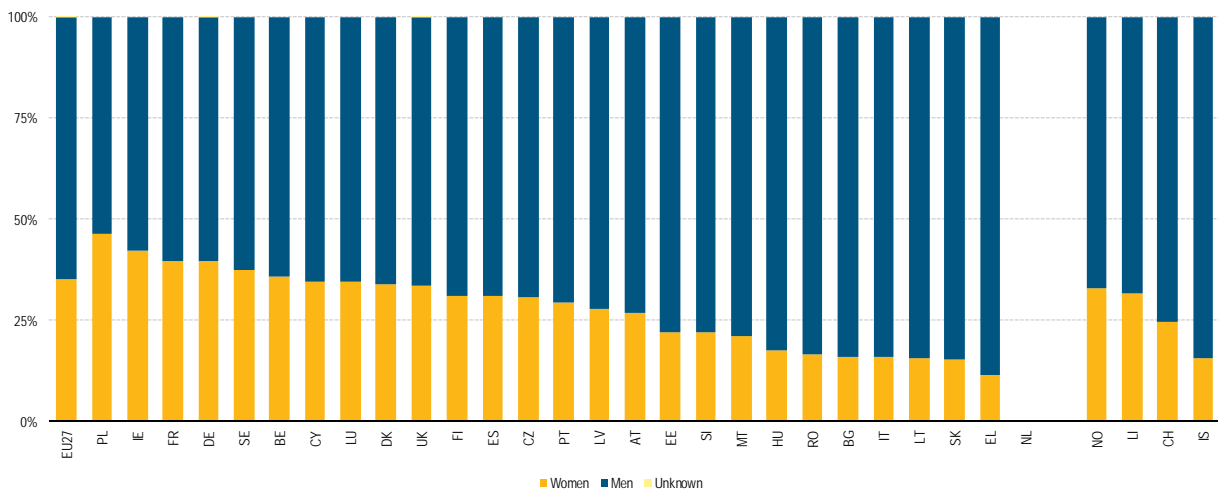
	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
EU-27	99 070	21.9	6.7	50.0	20.2	0.9	0.2
Belgium	6 975	21.3	6.4	50.6	21.1	0.7	0.0
Bulgaria	655	10.7	9.5	63.8	15.7	0.3	0.0
Czech Republic	200	23.6	3.0	39.7	32.2	1.5	0.0
Denmark	1 850	20.7	8.2	51.1	18.7	1.4	0.0
Germany	28 215	29.2	7.6	41.7	20.7	0.9	0.0
Estonia	10	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ireland	250	26.4	0.8	46.8	26.0	0.0	0.0
Greece	3 135	2.2	2.4	86.7	8.6	0.1	0.0
Spain	670	11.5	5.5	59.2	23.0	0.9	0.0
France	17 195	21.1	3.5	50.9	23.6	0.9	0.0
Italy	5 595	6.6	4.1	75.6	13.6	0.2	0.0
Cyprus	385	9.4	4.9	66.4	18.5	0.8	0.0
Latvia	45	27.9	7.0	30.2	34.9	0.0	0.0
Lithuania	175	10.2	7.3	56.5	26.0	0.0	0.0
Luxembourg	355	25.8	5.1	50.6	18.3	0.3	0.0
Hungary	800	16.6	14.9	57.6	10.8	0.1	0.0
Malta	435	8.7	10.1	72.6	8.5	0.0	0.0
Netherlands	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Austria	4 895	22.9	10.5	49.2	16.9	0.6	0.0
Poland	3 595	39.1	4.2	37.4	18.6	0.8	0.0
Portugal	50	11.8	3.9	49.0	35.3	0.0	0.0
Romania	315	9.2	8.0	66.9	15.9	0.0	0.0
Slovenia	115	21.9	14.9	48.2	14.9	0.0	0.0
Slovakia	195	8.7	3.6	71.8	15.9	0.0	0.0
Finland	880	19.0	7.5	50.5	21.9	0.7	0.5
Sweden	14 140	22.1	10.5	43.6	21.9	1.9	0.0
United Kingdom	7 940	13.2	5.4	56.1	21.4	1.3	2.6
Iceland	20	10.5	5.3	57.9	26.3	0.0	0.0
Liechtenstein	20	15.0	9.9	56.2	18.2	0.8	0.0
Norway	2 730	18.7	4.3	60.1	16.5	0.3	0.0
Switzerland	6 335	27.3	0.0	22.7	45.5	4.5	0.0

(*) for NL see methodological notes; distribution by age for EU-27 is based on data for those countries for which data are available
: Data are not available

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 15: Asylum applicants by gender, 4th quarter 2012, %



Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Every 4 out of 10 asylum seekers from Russia and Bosnia and Herzegovina were aged below 13 in the EU-27 in Q4 2012

Table 13: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-27 (*), by age group, 4th quarter 2012, % ⁽¹⁾

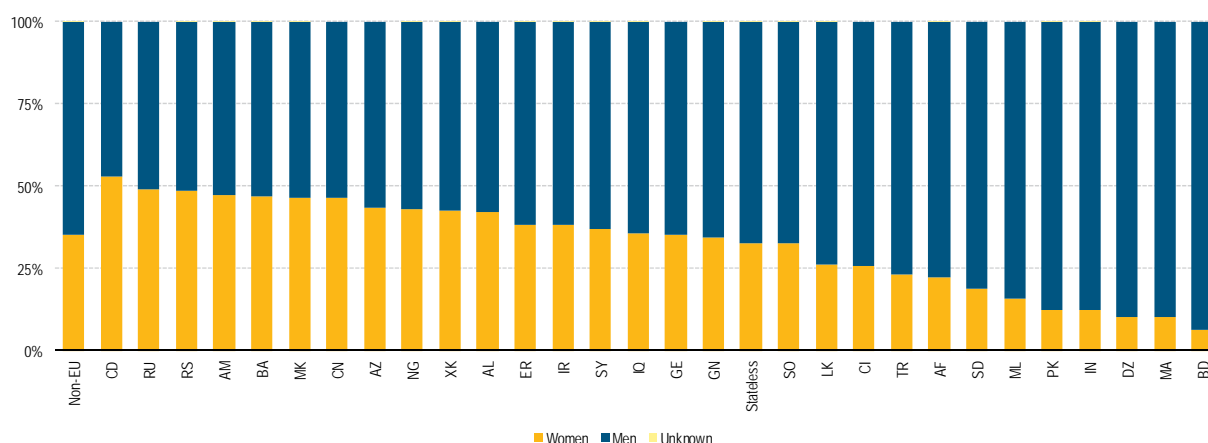
	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
Non-EU	99 070	21.9	6.7	50.0	20.2	0.9	0.2
Syria - (SY)	9 105	23.2	6.5	44.0	23.6	2.6	0.2
Russia - (RU)	8 155	43.7	4.7	30.8	19.9	0.9	0.0
Serbia - (RS)	8 110	38.8	7.2	30.2	23.4	0.5	0.0
Afghanistan - (AF)	7 080	19.1	21.6	47.9	10.5	0.9	0.1
Pakistan - (PK)	5 725	8.0	3.6	70.5	16.5	0.9	0.5
Iran - (IR)	3 815	11.9	4.8	54.7	26.6	1.2	0.8
Somalia - (SO)	3 745	12.7	10.6	64.5	10.5	1.5	0.1
Kosovo - (XK)	3 645	31.7	5.8	40.9	21.0	0.6	0.0
MK - (MK)	3 390	34.6	6.7	31.8	26.3	0.6	0.0
Georgia - (GE)	2 950	18.1	2.7	51.2	27.1	0.8	0.0
Iraq - (IQ)	2 855	24.5	6.2	48.8	18.6	1.8	0.1
Albania - (AL)	2 490	26.6	9.6	43.0	20.0	0.7	0.1
BA - (BA)	2 455	40.8	8.3	29.9	20.5	0.6	0.0
Eritrea - (ER)	2 315	9.9	4.3	71.1	13.8	0.5	0.4
Nigeria - (NG)	2 125	19.5	2.2	60.6	17.0	0.0	0.6
CD - (CD)	2 055	19.5	6.3	49.8	23.3	0.9	0.1
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 730	11.4	1.4	63.5	21.7	1.2	0.7
Bangladesh - (BD)	1 720	3.0	3.2	77.0	15.9	0.1	0.8
Turkey - (TR)	1 660	14.6	3.3	66.1	15.6	0.2	0.2
Guinea - (GN)	1 470	15.1	8.2	66.8	9.9	0.1	0.0
Armenia - (AM)	1 420	26.0	4.9	38.9	29.0	1.2	0.0
Stateless	1 305	23.7	4.7	42.2	26.1	3.3	0.1
China - (CN)	1 220	9.2	1.5	50.0	38.6	0.2	0.5
Algeria - (DZ)	1 165	7.2	10.1	63.5	18.3	0.8	0.1
Mali - (ML)	910	8.8	7.2	70.3	13.7	0.0	0.0
India - (IN)	825	4.0	2.8	73.2	18.6	0.2	1.2
Morocco - (MA)	745	4.4	14.6	66.0	15.0	0.0	0.0
Ivory Coast - (CI)	670	9.4	7.0	66.7	16.7	0.3	0.0
Sudan - (SD)	625	8.6	2.4	65.1	22.1	0.6	1.1
Azerbaijan - (AZ)	605	25.4	4.6	35.3	33.6	1.0	0.2
Other	12 970	14.4	4.5	58.8	21.4	0.5	0.4

(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2012 in the EU-27
 Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 16: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-27 (*), by gender, 4th quarter 2012, % ⁽¹⁾



(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2012 in the EU-27
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Syrians were the main citizenship of persons seeking asylum in the EU-27 in Q4 2012 followed by Russians and Serbians

Table 14: Five main citizenships of asylum applicants, 4th quarter 2012 ⁽¹⁾

		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	%
		Syria	9 105	9	
		Russia	8 155	8	
		Serbia	8 110	8	
		Afghanistan	7 080	7	
		Pakistan	5 725	6	
		Other	60 890	61	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	%
BELGIUM		#	%		
Afghanistan	700	10			
Russia	690	10			
Guinea	585	8			
Syria	435	6			
CD	415	6			
Other	4 150	59			
DENMARK		#	(%)		
Serbia	305	17			
Somalia	260	14			
Syria	230	13			
Russia	190	10			
Iran	175	10			
Other	685	37			
IRELAND		#	(%)		
Nigeria	45	17			
Pakistan	20	9			
CD	15	7			
Albania	15	6			
Iran	15	6			
Other	135	54			
FRANCE		#	(%)		
Russia	1 750	10			
Kosovo	1 505	9			
CD	1 420	8			
Albania	1 225	7			
Sri Lanka	960	6			
Other	10 335	60			
LATVIA		#	(%)		
Afghanistan	10	28			
Georgia	5	14			
Russia	5	9			
Turkey	*	*			
Algeria	*	*			
Other	15	5			
HUNGARY		#	(%)		
Afghanistan	320	40			
Kosovo	120	15			
Pakistan	120	15			
Syria	65	8			
Morocco	25	3			
Other	145	18			
AUSTRIA		#	(%)		
Afghanistan	950	19			
Russia	920	19			
Pakistan	665	14			
Syria	285	6			
Iran	270	6			
Other	1 805	37			
ROMANIA		#	(%)		
Syria	85	27			
Pakistan	60	19			
Algeria	20	6			
Egypt	15	5			
Morocco	15	5			
Other	115	37			
FINLAND		#	(%)		
Iraq	245	28			
Iran	65	8			
Russia	65	7			
Afghanistan	60	7			
Somalia	55	6			
Other	395	45			
ICELAND		#	(%)		
Albania	5	21			
Russia	5	16			
Iran	5	16			
Turkey	*	*			
Afghanistan	*	*			
Other	5	26			
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	%
		Syria	265	41	
		MK	90	13	
		Stateless	75	11	
		Algeria	65	10	
		Afghanistan	35	5	
		Other	130	20	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Syria	6 225	22	
		MK	2 760	10	
		Syria	2 660	9	
		Afghanistan	2 175	8	
		Bosnia and Herzegovina	1 705	6	
		Other	12 690	45	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Pakistan	920	29	
		Bangladesh	385	12	
		Afghanistan	240	8	
		Georgia	210	7	
		Senegal	120	4	
		Other	1 255	40	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Pakistan	690	12	
		Nigeria	565	10	
		Eritrea	560	10	
		Afghanistan	530	9	
		Somalia	395	7	
		Other	2 855	51	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Georgia	60	33	
		Russia	30	18	
		Afghanistan	30	18	
		Vietnam	15	10	
		Stateless	10	6	
		Other	30	16	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Eritrea	235	54	
		Somalia	90	21	
		Syria	75	17	
		Libya	15	3	
		Serbia	5	1	
		Other	15	3	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Russia	2 355	65	
		Georgia	850	24	
		Armenia	125	4	
		Syria	85	2	
		Vietnam	20	1	
		Other	155	4	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Afghanistan	25	21	
		Syria	20	17	
		Turkey	15	12	
		Algeria	15	11	
		Kosovo	10	8	
		Other	35	31	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Syria	3 575	25	
		Somalia	1 845	13	
		Afghanistan	1 270	9	
		Serbia	910	6	
		Stateless	905	6	
		Other	5 635	40	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Somalia	590	22	
		Eritrea	430	16	
		Afghanistan	235	9	
		Sudan	190	7	
		Russia	130	5	
		Other	1 155	42	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	50	
		Ukraine	5	18	
		Russia	*	*	
		Albania	*	*	
		Kosovo	*	*	
		Other	5	14	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Ukraine	40	21	
		Syria	35	18	
		Myanmar	25	13	
		Russia	10	6	
		Vietnam	10	5	
		Other	75	37	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Afghanistan	5	33	
		Russia	*	*	
		Egypt	*	*	
		Albania	*	*	
		Georgia	*	*	
		Other	*	0	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Algeria	75	11	
		Syria	75	11	
		Mali	55	8	
		Nigeria	45	7	
		Somalia	40	6	
		Other	375	56	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Syria	150	39	
		Egypt	45	11	
		Bangladesh	40	10	
		Vietnam	40	10	
		Iran	20	5	
		Other	90	24	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Bosnia and Herzegovina	105	30	
		Kosovo	40	12	
		Montenegro	35	10	
		Serbia	35	10	
		Albania	25	7	
		Other	110	31	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
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		:	:	:	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Ivory Coast	5	14	
		Russia	5	8	
		Guinea	5	8	
		Guinea-Bissau	5	8	
		Morocco	5	6	
		Other	30	57	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Somalia	60	30	
		Afghanistan	35	18	
		Eritrea	25	12	
		Georgia	20	10	
		Russia	10	5	
		Other	50	25	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Pakistan	1 305	16	
		Iran	1 000	13	
		Sri Lanka	555	7	
		Syria	440	6	
		Nigeria	395	5	
		Other	4 245	53	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Eritrea	860	14	
		Nigeria	675	11	
		Tunisia	545	9	
		Afghanistan	365	6	
		Syria	345	5	
		Other	3 550	56	
		EU-27 ⁽²⁾		#	(%)
		Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	50	
		Ukraine	5	18	
		Russia	*	*	
		Albania	*	*	
		Kosovo	*	*	
		Other	5	14	

⁽¹⁾ Citiznships selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2012 in the EU-27

⁽²⁾ Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

Absolute number of asylum applications

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period

Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Nearly 30 per cent of all asylum applicants in the EU-27 applied for asylum in Germany in Q4 2012

Table 15: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants by destination country in the EU-27 (*), 4th quarter 2012 (1)

		NON-EU		# (%)	
		Germany	28 215	28	
		France	17 195	17	
		Sweden	14 140	14	
		United Kingdom	7 940	8	
		Belgium	6 975	7	
		Other	24 600	25	
SYRIA - (SY)		# (%)		# (%)	
Sweden	3 575	39			
Germany	2 660	29			
United Kingdom	440	5			
Belgium	435	5			
Austria	285	3			
Other	1 710	19			
AFGHANISTAN - (AF)		# (%)		# (%)	
Germany	2 175	31			
Sweden	1 270	18			
Austria	950	13			
Belgium	700	10			
Italy	530	7			
Other	1 455	21			
SOMALIA - (SO)		# (%)		# (%)	
Sweden	1 845	49			
Germany	455	12			
Italy	395	11			
Denmark	260	7			
United Kingdom	185	5			
Other	610	16			
GEORGIA - (GE)		# (%)		# (%)	
Poland	850	29			
France	735	25			
Germany	595	20			
Greece	210	7			
Sweden	180	6			
Other	380	13			
BA - (BA)		# (%)		# (%)	
Germany	1 705	70			
France	250	10			
Italy	135	6			
Sweden	115	5			
Luxembourg	105	4			
Other	145	6			
CD - (CD)		# (%)		# (%)	
France	1 420	69			
Belgium	415	20			
United Kingdom	60	3			
Germany	55	3			
Spain	20	1			
Other	90	4			
TURKEY - (TR)		# (%)		# (%)	
France	620	37			
Germany	470	28			
Belgium	165	10			
Italy	150	9			
Austria	75	5			
Other	180	11			
CHINA - (CN)		# (%)		# (%)	
France	545	45			
United Kingdom	240	20			
Belgium	145	12			
Germany	120	10			
Austria	60	5			
Other	105	9			
INDIA - (IN)		# (%)		# (%)	
United Kingdom	335	41			
Germany	240	29			
Austria	90	11			
Greece	65	8			
Belgium	25	3			
Other	70	9			
SUDAN - (SD)		# (%)		# (%)	
United Kingdom	220	36			
France	195	31			
Germany	60	10			
Sweden	60	9			
Belgium	25	4			
Other	65	11			
NON-EU		# (%)		# (%)	
Germany	28 215	28			
France	17 195	17			
Sweden	14 140	14			
United Kingdom	7 940	8			
Belgium	6 975	7			
Other	24 600	25			
RUSSIA - (RU)		# (%)		# (%)	
Poland	2 355	29			
France	1 750	21			
Germany	1 675	21			
Austria	920	11			
Belgium	690	8			
Other	765	9			
PAKISTAN - (PK)		# (%)		# (%)	
United Kingdom	1 305	23			
Germany	1 060	19			
Greece	920	16			
Italy	690	12			
Austria	665	12			
Other	1 085	19			
KOSOVO - (XK)		# (%)		# (%)	
France	1 505	41			
Germany	970	27			
Belgium	395	11			
Sweden	350	10			
Austria	125	3			
Other	295	8			
IRAQ - (IQ)		# (%)		# (%)	
Germany	1 430	50			
Sweden	355	13			
Finland	245	9			
Belgium	200	7			
Italy	140	5			
Other	480	17			
ERITREA - (ER)		# (%)		# (%)	
Sweden	855	37			
Italy	560	24			
Malta	235	10			
Germany	235	10			
United Kingdom	225	10			
Other	215	9			
SRI LANKA - (LK)		# (%)		# (%)	
France	960	55			
United Kingdom	555	32			
Germany	105	6			
Belgium	40	2			
Cyprus	15	1			
Other	55	3			
GUINEA - (GN)		# (%)		# (%)	
Belgium	585	40			
France	560	38			
Germany	150	10			
Greece	60	4			
Italy	30	2			
Other	90	6			
ALGERIA - (DZ)		# (%)		# (%)	
France	315	27			
Germany	165	14			
Austria	125	11			
Sweden	100	8			
United Kingdom	95	8			
Other	360	31			
MOROCCO - (MA)		# (%)		# (%)	
Germany	180	24			
Sweden	135	18			
Austria	115	15			
Italy	70	9			
France	40	5			
Other	210	28			
AZERBAIJAN - (AZ)		# (%)		# (%)	
France	240	40			
Germany	175	29			
Sweden	85	14			
Austria	45	7			
Belgium	40	6			
Other	20	4			
SERBIA - (RS)		# (%)		# (%)	
Germany	6 225	77			
Sweden	910	11			
Denmark	305	4			
France	270	3			
Belgium	205	3			
Other	200	2			
IRAN - (IR)		# (%)		# (%)	
Germany	1 430	38			
United Kingdom	1 000	26			
Sweden	460	12			
Austria	270	7			
Denmark	175	5			
Other	475	13			
MK - (MK)		# (%)		# (%)	
Germany	2 760	81			
France	230	7			
Sweden	180	5			
Belgium	170	5			
Austria	30	1			
Other	25	1			
ALBANIA - (AL)		# (%)		# (%)	
France	1 225	49			
United Kingdom	355	14			
Belgium	330	13			
Sweden	275	11			
Germany	110	4			
Other	195	8			
NIGERIA - (NG)		# (%)		# (%)	
Italy	565	27			
United Kingdom	395	19			
France	295	14			
Germany	275	13			
Sweden	150	7			
Other	445	21			
BANGLADESH - (BD)		# (%)		# (%)	
France	460	27			
Greece	385	22			
United Kingdom	320	19			
Italy	150	9			
Germany	115	7			
Other	290	17			
ARMENIA - (AM)		# (%)		# (%)	
France	665	47			
Germany	215	15			
Belgium	155	11			
Poland	125	9			
Austria	100	7			
Other	160	11			
MALI - (ML)		# (%)		# (%)	
Italy	350	38			
France	300	33			
Germany	85	9			
Spain	55	6			
Belgium	45	5			
Other	75	8			
IVORY COAST - (CI)		# (%)		# (%)	
France	265	39			
Italy	130	20			
Greece	95	14			
Belgium	55	8			
Germany	30	5			
Other	95	14			
MAURITANIA - (MR)		# (%)		# (%)	
France	425	75			
Belgium	90	16			
Italy	30	5			
Greece	10	1			
Germany	5	1			
Other	10	2			

(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

(1) Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2012 in the EU-27

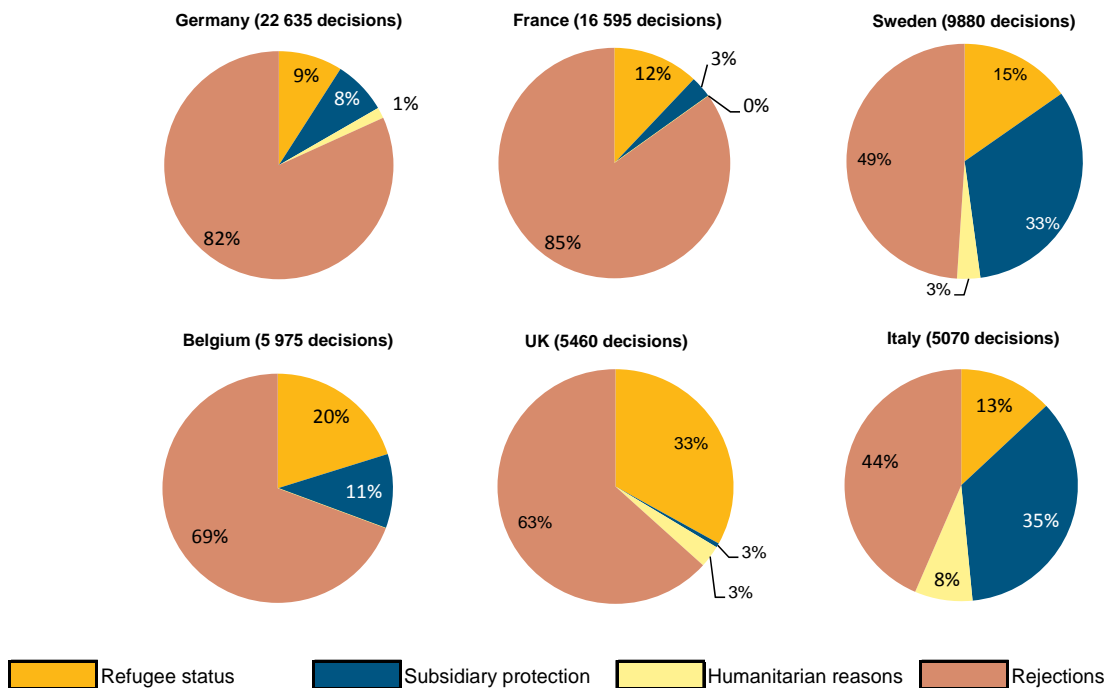
Absolute number of asylum applications

Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

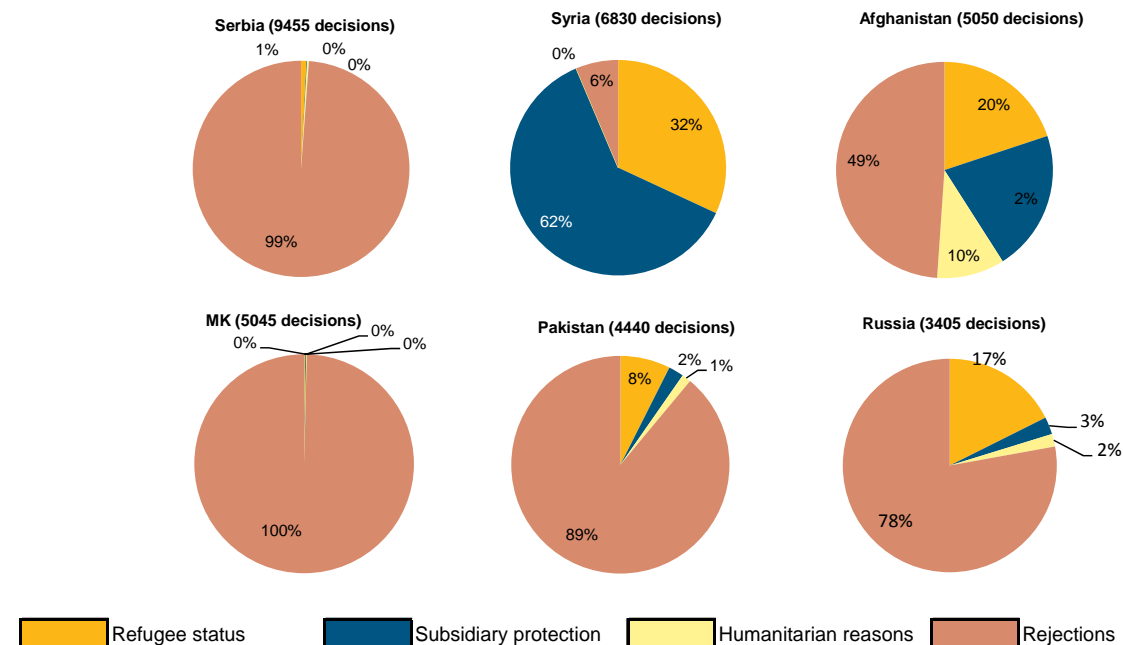
Nearly 95 per cent of applicants from Syria with a positive decision in Q4 2012

Figure 17: First instance decisions by outcome, selected Member States ⁽¹⁾, 4th quarter 2012



⁽¹⁾ Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q4 2012
 UK – The United Kingdom
 Humanitarian reasons not applicable for FR and BE
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Figure 18: First instance decisions in the EU-27 (*) by outcome, selected citizenships ⁽¹⁾, 4th quarter 2012



(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes
⁽¹⁾ Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q4 2012
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Sweden and Germany were the two countries granted by far the most positive first instance decisions to asylum seekers in the EU-27 in Q4 2012

Table 16: First instance decisions by citizenship and outcome, selected Member States, 4th quarter 2012 ⁽¹⁾

First instance decisions					First instance decisions										
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections		Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections							
FRANCE (14 010 decisions)					GERMANY (12 185 decisions)										
Sri Lanka	160	Mali	90	Not applicable	CD	1 050	Iraq	675	Syria	1 380	Afghanistan	250	Serbia	1 355	
Russia	155	Guinea	45		Armenia	1 015	Iran	485	Stateless	65	Russia	20	MK	840	
CD	150	Syria	35		Russia	850	Syria	340	Somalia	60	Iraq	20	Afghanistan	7 15	
Other	1 045	Other	150		Other	9 265	Other	765	Other	350	Other	155	Other	4 705	
SWEDEN (6 995 decisions)					BELGIUM (5 720 decisions)										
Syria	285	Syria	850	Afghanistan	130	BA	585	Guinea	185	Afghanistan	235	Not applicable	Guinea	710	
Afghanistan	145	Somalia	440	Stateless	30	Somalia	420	Afghanistan	160	Syria	110		CD	455	
Somalia	70	Afghanistan	260	Russia	10	Afghanistan	335	Iraq	70	Somalia	5		Russia	255	
Other	310	Other	350	Other	50	Other	2 730	Other	530	Other	35		Other	2 970	
UNITED KINGDOM (5 200 decisions)					AUSTRIA (3 990 decisions)										
Iran	345	Afghanistan	25	Syria	10	Pakistan	710	Russia	170	Afghanistan	200	Not applicable	Pakistan	595	
Syria	285	Albania	25	Iran	5	Sri Lanka	360	Afghanistan	155	Syria	65		Afghanistan	525	
Eritrea	175	Iran	15	Iraq	5	Iran	260	Syria	110	Iraq	45		Russia	470	
Other	960	Other	85	Other	15	Other	1 910	Other	235	Other	135		Other	1 280	
OTHER (10 495 decisions)					EU-27 (58 600 decisions)										
Syria	195	Mali	605	Pakistan	155	Nigeria	880	Syria	1 270	Syria	2 545	Afghanistan	425	Pakistan	2 845
Iran	105	Albania	555	Nigeria	105	Pakistan	715	Iran	1 120	Somalia	1 115	Pakistan	155	Afghanistan	2 370
Afghanistan	65	Afghanistan	195	Russia	65	Bangladesh	475	Iraq	915	Afghanistan	995	Nigeria	115	Russia	2 345
Other	480	Other	690	Other	395	Other	4 815	Other	5 510	Other	2 445	Other	720	Other	33 705

⁽¹⁾ Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q4 2012
 CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK - The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Table 17: First instance decisions by outcome, 4th quarter 2012

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
EU-27 (*)	79 755	22 155	10 790	9 825	1 540	57 600
Belgium	5 975	1 830	1 205	630	-	4 140
Bulgaria	140	30	5	20	-	110
Czech Republic	170	40	5	30	*	135
Denmark	1 365	630	405	170	50	735
Germany	22 635	4 115	2 040	1 725	345	18 520
Estonia	10	5	*	*	*	5
Ireland	210	35	25	10	-	175
Greece	3 240	65	0	0	15	3 175
Spain	765	150	60	85	5	615
France	16 595	2 505	1 995	510	-	14 090
Italy ⁽¹⁾	5 070	2 865	660	1 800	405	2 210
Cyprus	265	15	5	10	*	250
Latvia	25	5	*	5	-	20
Lithuania	80	15	5	10	-	65
Luxembourg	475	0	0	0	-	460
Hungary	205	80	25	60	*	120
Malta	725	640	5	625	5	90
Netherlands ^(**)	:	:	:	:	:	:
Austria	4 380	1 215	745	470	-	3 165
Poland	685	120	10	20	90	565
Portugal	65	35	10	25	-	25
Romania	170	100	40	60	*	70
Slovenia	75	10	10	*	-	65
Slovakia	180	85	5	25	55	95
Finland	910	510	185	245	80	400
Sweden	9 880	5 040	1 505	3 225	310	4 835
United Kingdom	5 460	2 005	1 805	30	165	3 455
Iceland	15	*	*	*	*	10
Liechtenstein	:	*	*	-	*	:
Norway	2 755	1 525	1 130	320	75	1 230
Switzerland	3 900	885	485	110	290	3 015

(*) EU-27 is based on data available

(**) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

⁽¹⁾ See country information notes

- data are not applicable

* represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

: data are not available

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

More than one quarter of all first instance decisions in the EU-27 in Q4 2012 were positive and half of them granted either to Syrians, Afghanis and Somalis

Table 18: First instance decisions by destination country and outcome in the EU-27 (*), selected citizenships of asylum applicants, 4th quarter 2012 (1)

First instance decisions					First instance decisions										
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections						
AFGHANISTAN - AF					SYRIA - SY										
Germany	265	Sweden	260	Germany	715	Germany	340	Germany	1 380	UK	10	Germany	70		
Belgium	160	Belgium	235	Sweden	130	Austria	525	Sweden	850	Denmark	5	Sweden	65		
Austria	155	Austria	200	Italy	30	Sweden	335	Belgium	285	Belgium	110	Germany	* UK	40	
Other	320	Other	305	Other	15	Other	795	Other	365	Other	205	Other	0	Other	140
PAKISTAN - PK					RUSSIA - RU										
UK	130	Italy	20	Germany	250	UK	710	Austria	170	Austria	40	Poland	65	France	850
Germany	65	UK	10	Estonia	*	Austria	595	France	155	Poland	40	Germany	20	Austria	470
Italy	20	Belgium	5	Poland	*	Greece	410	Belgium	65	Denmark	20	Sweden	10	Germany	330
Other	30	Other	305	Other	*	Other	1 130	Other	115	Other	25	Other	*	Other	695
SOMALIA - SO					SERBIA - RS										
UK	115	Sweden	440	Slovak Republic	10	Sweden	420	France	40	Belgium	0	Germany	5	Germany	1 355
Germany	75	Malta	380	Germany	*	France	125	Belgium	10	Bulgaria	0	Czech Republic	0	Sweden	305
Sweden	70	Germany	60	Finland	*	Germany	70	Austria	5	Czech Republ	0	Denmark	0	Belgium	135
Other	135	Other	235	Other	*	Other	205	Other	*	Other	*	Other	*	Other	310
OTHER					NON-EU										
Germany	1 480	Italy	805	Italy	370	France	10 655	Germany	2 265	Sweden	1 895	Italy	555	France	12 180
France	1 200	Germany	360	Germany	165	Germany	4 715	UK	1 765	Germany	1 855	Germany	445	Germany	7 615
UK	1 155	Sweden	345	Sweden	75	Belgium	3 610	France	1 510	Italy	935	Sweden	215	Belgium	4 395
Other	1 590	Other	775	Other	90	Other	11 480	Other	3 270	Other	2 410	Other	205	Other	17 080

(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

(1) Citizenship selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q4 2012

* represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Table 19: First instance decisions by outcome, 30 main citizenships of asylum applicants granted decisions in the EU-27 (*), 4th quarter 2012 (1)

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
Non-EU	79 755	22 155	10 790	9 825	1 540	57 600
Serbia - (RS)	9 455	110	75	10	25	9 345
Syria - (SY)	6 830	6 395	2 180	4 215	*	435
Afghanistan - (AF)	5 050	2 575	1 005	1 065	510	2 470
MK - (MK)	5 045	20	10	5	5	5 025
Pakistan - (PK)	4 440	485	330	100	60	3 955
Russia - (RU)	3 405	755	600	90	65	2 655
Somalia - (SO)	2 830	1 855	460	1 345	50	975
Kosovo - (XK)	2 550	135	75	25	35	2 415
BA - (BA)	2 455	70	20	5	40	2 390
Iran - (IR)	2 395	1 320	1 220	70	30	1 075
CD - (CD)	2 290	320	290	20	10	1 970
Iraq - (IQ)	2 225	1 175	890	235	50	1 050
Bangladesh - (BD)	2 035	85	40	15	25	1 955
Georgia - (GE)	1 855	45	15	5	25	1 815
Nigeria - (NG)	1 850	205	75	55	75	1 645
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 590	350	315	20	15	1 235
Guinea - (GN)	1 540	440	330	95	20	1 100
Armenia - (AM)	1 360	125	85	30	5	1 240
Eritrea - (ER)	1 320	910	390	515	5	410
Mali - (ML)	1 305	1 055	40	1 015	*	250
China - (CN)	1 270	290	270	5	10	980
Turkey - (TR)	1 115	200	150	30	20	915
Albania - (AL)	1 070	155	110	20	25	915
Algeria - (DZ)	890	20	10	10	0	870
Stateless	810	560	225	280	55	250
Ivory Coast - (CI)	770	210	75	115	20	560
Sudan - (SD)	620	265	210	50	5	350
Mauritania - (MR)	590	85	60	20	*	505
India - (IN)	515	5	5	0	*	510
Haiti - (HT)	500	25	20	5	0	475
Other	9 775	1 910	1 215	350	345	7 865

(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

(1) Citizenship selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q4 2012

* represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo - Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Methodology

COMMENTS

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.

Figure 1 and Table 1 include estimated data for **The Netherlands** for months August to December 2012 and for annual 2012 (please see country information notes)

COUNTRY INFORMATION

Due to the implementation of a new computing system, since January 2012 **The Netherlands** is temporarily unable to provide statistics on asylum applications disaggregated by citizenship, age and sex and on first instance decisions. Only the total number of asylum applicants per month is available for this period. For August 2012 onwards no data are yet available. For Figure 1 and Table 1, data for August to December 2012 are estimated with Seasonal ARIMA modelling using the *Demetra+* software.

In **France** data on pending applications do not include accompanied minors aged less than 16 whose application is examined jointly with their parent's application. According to France, these missing pending applications are estimated to be about 20 per cent of the total number of pending applications.

The number of rejections at first instance in **Italy** includes a number of recommendations to issue an authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons. These recommendations are issued by the National Asylum Commission to the Police. Therefore the number of first instance rejections can be 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.

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.

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 (**IT**, **MT** and **DK**) 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.

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

Further information

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

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")

Further information about Population and social conditions:

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

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