Asylum quarterly report

Statistics Explained

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First time asylum applicants and first instance decisions on a sylum applications: second quarter 2016

This article describes recent developments in relation to numbers of asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications in the European Union (EU) . Asylum is a form of international protection given by a state on its territory. It is granted to a person who is unable to seek protection in his/her country of citizenship and/or residence, in particular for fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion.

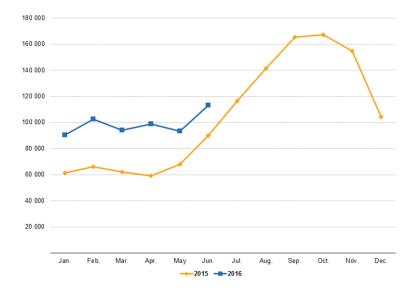


Figure 1: First time asylum applicants, EU-28, January 2015 – June 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasyappctzm)

Main statistical findings

Increase in asylum applicants

The number of first time asylum applicants ¹²increased by 40 % in the second quarter of 2016 compared with the same quarter of 2015, while it slightly increased by 6 % compared with the first quarter of 2016. Overall,

¹First time applicant for international protection is a person who lodged an application for asylum for the first time in a given Member State.

²Editions of this quarterly report until the fourth quarter of 2014 referred to 'Total asylum applicants', whereas this quarterly Statistics Explained article refers to the number of 'First time asylum applicants' only. The indicator 'First time asylum applicants' excludes repeat applicants i.e. persons applying for asylum more than once in one country and therefore more accurately presents the number of persons applying for international protection in the EU Member States. The use of this indicator is now possible as all Member States are able to provide it to Eurostat.

the number of persons seeking asylum from non-EU countries in the EU-28 during the second quarter of 2016 reached 305 700. This was 88 100 more than in the same quarter of 2015 (Table 1, Table 2). Out of the 317 900 total asylum applicants (i.e. including repeat applicants), 305 700 (96 %) were first time applicants (Table 2, Table 3).

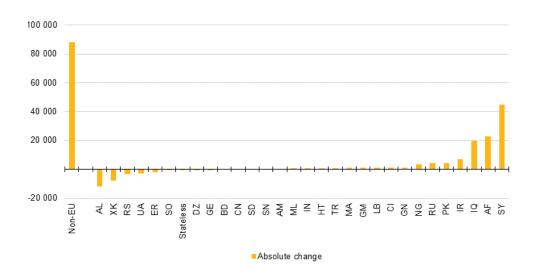


Figure 2: First time asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-28, absolute change between Q2 2015 and Q2 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasyappctzm), see country codes

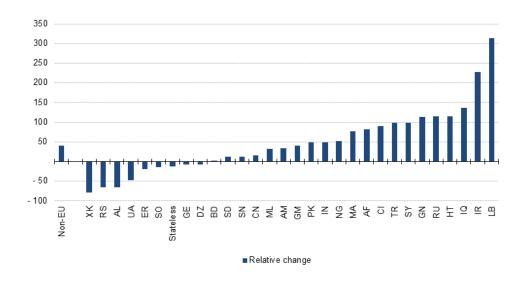


Figure 3: First time asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-28, relative change between Q2 2015 and Q2 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasyappctzm), see country codes

Where do they come from?

Citizens of 148 countries sought asylum for the first time in the EU in the second quarter of 2016. Syrians, Afghanis and Iraqis were the top 3 citizenships of asylum seekers, lodging 90 500, 50 300 and 34 300 applications respectively (Table 1).

		Q2 2015			Q3 2015			Q4 2015			Q1 2016			Q2 2016			Change in %	% ui %	
	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	Jun.	Q2 2016	between Q1 2016 and Q2 2016	between Q2 2015 and Q2 2016	Last 12 months
Non-EU	59 180	68 180	90 255	116 345	141 370	165 410	167 190	154 695	104 440	90 285	102 715	94 080	98 890	93 460	113 370	305 715	9	40	1 442 245
Syria - (SY)	11 395	13 230	20 835	31570	48 825	60 815	58 735	51980	34 420	32 645	37 715	31 990	31740	27 835	30 880	90 455	-12	66	479 145
Afghanistan - (AF)	5 545	0006	12 980	18 375	19 345	20 505	26 310	33 860	19 115	11 595	11 730	11 465	14 495	15 280	20 510	50 285	45	83	222 585
Iraq - (IQ)	3 565	4 620	6 335	8 095	11 925	25 505	24 685	17 755	11 165	10 260	12 940	11 845	11975	10 125	12 235	34 335	-2	136	168 515
Pakistan - (PK)	2 235	2 695	3 965	6 675	9 385	5 330	3 935	3 895	3 025	3 435	3 940	4 320	4 155	4 205	4815	13 180	13	48	57 115
Iran - (IR)	1010	985	1 170	1 400	1 650	2 480	4 680	5 975	3 760	2 965	3 175	3 435	3 355	3 180	3865	10 395	6	228	39 915
Nigeria - (NG)	1 465	2 185	2 590	3 685	3615	4 085	3 380	2775	1895	2 030	2 090	2 110	2 635	2 855	4 020	9 510	53	52	35 175
Russia - (RU)	1 095	1 090	1 465	1475	1 905	2 365	2 295	1830	1615	875	1215	1 535	2 030	2 485	3 320	7 840	116	114	22 945
Eritrea - (ER)	1570	3 590	4215	4 260	4 395	3 580	4 365	2 175	1615	1 265	1710	1 475	1910	2 165	3 555	7 630	71	-19	32 470
Albania - (AL)	5 485	5 635	6 680	8 980	9 360	8 275	6 300	4350	2 845	2 065	2 130	1860	2 100	1820	2 2 3 5	6 155	2	-65	52 320
Somalia - (SO)	1365	2 090	2 030	2 105	1 920	2 045	1865	1555	1 040	840	006	1015	1 560	1355	1 800	4 710	71	-14	17 990
Gambia - (GM)	800	915	1 025	1 140	1 200	1210	1360	855	009	830	915	1 065	1175	1 180	1 485	3840	37	40	13 010
Ukraine - (UA)	2 030	1 665	2 085	1770	1470	1 930	1720	1 695	1345	1 095	1065	1 205	1245	845	935	3 030	-1	-48	16 320
Bangladesh - (BD)	750	935	1 150	1 935	3 565	2 205	1835	1 590	1 400	1 095	1 065	940	945	925	1015	2 885	-	2	18 520
Guinea - (GN)	400	375	460	535	445	595	615	475	455	555	640	620	720	875	1 040	2 635	45	114	7 575
Ivory Coast - (CI)	430	415	520	565	540	670	555	440	380	505	525	545	710	855	1 040	2 605	99	06	7 325
Stateless	545	865	1 280	1 420	1 625	2 650	3 700	3 520	1 625	1350	1 125	860	795	685	860	2 335	-30	-13	20 210
Morocco - (MA)	425	425	470	335	350	430	455	685	785	775	1 100	935	910	725	695	2 330	-17	77	8 180
Mali - (ML)	520	620	900	755	815	970	840	745	435	480	565	635	999	775	860	2 300	37	32	8 545
Senegal - (SN)	665	665	685	006	955	945	775	575	435	200	590	710	730	765	785	2 275	26	13	8 660
Kosovo - (XK)	5 320	2 690	2 260	1 995	1365	1640	1 110	760	870	920	870	730	735	765	765	2 265	-1	-78	12 525
Sudan - (SD)	430	650	915	1770	1470	1270	1 205	835	1 185	705	780	955	830	640	220	2 2 4 0	φ	12	12 410
Algeria - (DZ)	665	765	875	545	620	560	725	099	630	645	1175	820	820	655	650	2 130	-19	89	8 510
Turkey - (TR)	340	315	325	290	270	385	395	405	295	350	505	465	575	900	775	1945	47	86	5315
India - (IN)	340	365	480	490	200	460	475	540	365	495	575	530	520	495	740	1 760	9	48	6 195
Serbia - (RS)	1725	1 655	1 630	1775	1610	1 505	1 130	1 005	595	645	730	650	645	465	595	1 705	-16	99-	11315
China - (CN)	435	465	545	410	440	540	715	555	385	340	400	420	445	655	575	1 680	45	16	5 890
Georgia - (GE)	530	510	710	505	425	640	585	640	200	425	515	510	485	490	635	1610	-	œ _P	6 350
Lebanon - (LB)	130	06	140	110	110	245	465	735	455	445	355	365	445	430	605	1 485	27	313	4 770
Armenia - (AM)	300	340	395	345	360	465	410	430	365	315	280	310	345	395	645	1 385	53	34	4 670
Haiti - (HT)	155	220	260	230	410	345	310	390	285	275	245	315	385	435	550	1370	69	115	4 180
Other (non-EU)	7 495	8 115	11 165	11 890	10 490	10 770	11 275	11 015	10 595	9 575	11 130	9 450	8 8 1 5	8 495	10 105	27 415	6-	2	123 605

Table 1: First time asylum applicants in the EU-28 by citizenship, Q2 2015 – Q2 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasyappctzm)

Countries selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q2 2016 Kosovo - see methodological notes; CD - Congo, the Democratic Republic of the

		Q2 2015		0	Q3 2015		0	Q4 2015		0	Q1 2016			Q2 2016			Chang	Change in %	Annlicante	
	Apr.	Мау	Jun.	Jil.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	Jul.	Q2 2016	between Q1 2016 and Q2 2016	between Q2 2015 and Q2 2016	per million population (¹) Q2 2016	Last 12 months (²)
EU-28	59 180	68 180	90 255	90 255 116 345 141 370 165 410 16	41 370 1	65 410	7 190	154 695 1	104 440	90 285 1	102 715	94 080	068 86	93 460	113 370	305 715	9	40	009	1 442 245
Belgium	1110	1615	2315	3 130	5 160	6 360	5 525	5 530	4 8 1 0	2 395	1310	1 0 1 5	1 030	830	775	2 630	-44	-48	235	37 860
Bulgaria	1120	1325	1 605	1850	1435	2 060	3 530	2 395	1 660	1910	1155	066	1045	1 080	1 385	3 505	-13	-13	490	20 480
Czech Republic	105	85	85	75	85	100	115	115	110	100	150	110	115	75	90	280	-22	_	25	1235
Denmark	545	870	1 075	1 030	1810	2 680	3 625	5 020	2 665	1 625	006	460	395	360	465	1215	-59	-51	215	21 025
Germany	25 830	25 105	34 075	36 505	36 305	44 480	58 125	57 685	46 725	50 530	66 125	58 310	59 670	54 050	73 025	186 745	_	120	2 2 7 5	641 535
Estonia	30	10	25	20	10	45	20	10	10	0	0	5	5	25	5	35	580	-46	25	150
Ireland	265	255	335	290	330	405	265	290	210	210	190	140	155	140	155	450	-17	-47	95	2 780
Greece	855	1 005	1 000	1 065	880	940	845	1 000	1 160	1 050	1 320	2 820	3 6 1 5	4 2 1 5	4 185	12 0 15	132	320	1115	23 095
Spain	1330	1 055	1 290	1145	1 030	1 405	1 470	1740	1 225	1 095	925	885	1 155	1315	1 500	3 970	37	00	85	14 895
France	5175	4 355	5 150	5 330	5 240	7 070	7 735	7 145	8 595	5 665	6 2 1 0	6 075	5 830	5875	6 130	17 835	T	21	270	76 900
Croatia	10	9	2	10	9	20	20	15	10	20	30	115	180	80	92	320	96	1 225	75	560
Italy	4 500	5 130	5 265	8 510	8 775	11 105	10 365	8 270	6 075	7 415	7 610	7 305	7 960	9 125	0966	27 045	21	82	445	102 480
Cyprus	145	120	135	155	120	330	235	245	190	220	230	185	185	170	160	510	-19	28	909	2 425
Latvia	25	30	20	30	20	45	70	10	5	10	15	10	40	5	45	06	184	-13	45	300
Lithuania	25	25	10	35	30	20	35	20	25	10	10	20	10	15	45	70	89	15	25	275
Luxempourg	20	88	95	06	165	365	375	425	430	260	135	105	125	115	170	410	-18	29	715	2 765
Hungary	6 485	0086	16 385	30 870	46 720	30 495	490	195	175	335	2 065	4 430	5 685	4 625	4 605	14915	118	-54	1515	130 695
Malta	105	160	115	140	115	170	230	190	130	105	135	145	105	115	165	385	₩.	_	880	1740
Netherlands	1135	2 250	2 925	2 980	5325	6 425	9 965	6 225	3375	2 540	1760	1 225	920	985	1015	2 920	-47	-54	170	42 740
Austria	3715	6 190	7 485	8 555	8 500	10 545	12 015	11 655	7 135	5 750	4 945	3 185	4 020	3 760	3 020	10 800	-22	-38	1240	83 080
Poland	540	525	200	985	1235	1 490	1260	1095	985	535	785	1010	1 095	1330	1 425	3845	65	118	100	13 225
Portugal	88	8	06	20	75	20	20	65	20	09	35	20	20	20	09	160	7	-36	15	705
Romania	205	88	82	82	110	75	06	85	65	40	80	96	85	50	80	215	7	-43	10	935
Slovenia	15	10	15	10	20	40	20	45	35	15	270	200	30	55	30	115	77-	171	55	770
Slovakia	S	20	5	2	S	5	2	15	160	2	0	9	0	5	5	10	-38	-62	•	225
Finland	335	510	760	1 455	2 865	10 805	6 985	2 690	1 785	980	825	340	360	315	335	1010	-53	-37	185	32 745
Sweden	3 405	4 850	6 045	7 515	11270	23 735	38 535	36 075	13 275	3 735	2 2 4 5	1725	1 530	1 490	1 435	4 455	-42	69-	450	142 560
United Kingdom	2015	2615	3 140	4 405	3 720	4 115	5 170	3 450	3 375	3 675	3 260	3 130	3 505	3 2 1 0	3 055	9 7 6 5	-3	26	150	44 065
Iceland	20	9	••	••	45	09	55	45	32	45	35	45	45	55	35	135	6	•	410	505
Liechtenstein	• •		• •			• •			• •	0	5	9	10	10	2	25	200	• •	640	30
Norway	520	1 160	1 075	1 335	2 285	4 885	8 570	8 105	1 005	380	235	270	225	195	245	999	-25	9/-	125	27 735
Switzerland	1270	2 070	3 665	3 785	3 785	4 410	4 635	5 555	4 760	3 510	2 540	1890	1 620	1 785	2 2 1 5	5 620	-29	-20	675	40 495

Table 2: First time asylum applicants, Q2 2015 – Q2 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasyappctzm)

(¹) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2016 (²) Data for Iceland for June-July 2015 and for Liechtenstein for 2015 are not available : data are not available Syrians (45 000 more applicants compared with the second quarter of 2015) added most to the overall increase in first time asylum applicants in absolute terms, followed by Afghanis (22 800 more) and Iraqis (19 800 more). In a contrast case are asylum applicants from Albania and Kosovo which have decreased by 11 700 and 8 000 less respectively (Figure 2, Table 1).

Asylum applicants from Lebanon (4 times more) recorded the most substantial relative increase in the EU in the second quarter of 2016 compared with the same quarter of 2015, followed by Iranians (more than 3 times more), Iraqis, applicants from Haiti, Russia and Guinea (each more than 2 times more) and by Syrians (2 times more) (Figure 3, Table 1).

Of the 90 500 Syrians who applied for the first time for asylum in the EU in the second quarter of 2016 almost 80% were registered in Germany (71 800). Similarly, 65% of Afghanis (32 600) and 81% of Iraqis (27 800) seeking asylum protection for the first time in the EU applied as well in Germany during the second quarter of 2016. Syrians and Afghanis each were the main citizenship of asylum seekers in 8 EU Member States (Table 4, Table 5).

		02 2015			03 2015			04 2015		0	01 2016		0	02 2016			Change in	e in %		
	Apr.	Мау	Jun.	Juf.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	Jun.	Q2 2016	between Q1 2016 and Q2 2016	between Q2 2015 and Q2 2016	Applicants per million population (¹) Q2 2016	Last 12 months
EU-28	64 840	73 040	95 945	122 500	147 095	170 825	171 895 1	158 665 1	108 770	94 020 1	106 770	98 580	102 835	97 355 1	117 730	317 925	9	36	625	1 497 040
Belgium	1 620	2 095	2 880	3 590	5 585	6 830	6 020	5 725	5 220	2 840	1515	1 370	1 295	1 185	1 075	3 555	-38	-46	315	42 255
Bulgaria	1 130	1345	1 630	1870	1 445	2 0 7 5	3 545	2415	1 695	1 965	1 195	1 040	1 105	1115	1 425	3 645	-13	F	510	20 890
Czech Republic	130	110	105	100	105	125	130	135	140	110	180	130	150	95	105	350	-16	2	35	1 500
Denmark	555	880	1 090	1 035	1815	2 690	3 635	5 030	2 670	1 650	910	470	405	370	470	1245	-59	-51	220	21 150
Germany	28 720	27 595	37 030	39 825	39 480	47 185	60 355	59 615	48 270	52 080	67 765	59 915	60 905	55 205	74 575	190 685	9	104	2 320	665 175
Estonia	30	10	25	20	10	45	20	10	9	0	5	5	5	35	5	45	557	-28	35	165
Ireland	265	255	335	290	330	405	265	290	210	215	195	140	155	140	155	450	-17	-47	95	2 790
Greece	086	1 145	1 120	1 235	1 050	1155	1 045	1170	1315	1170	1 470	2 955	3 700	4 280	4 255	12 235	119	277	1135	24 800
Spain	1345	1 065	1305	1170	1045	1 425	1 490	1765	1230	1 105	935	830	1 165	1325	1510	4 000	37	8	85	15 050
France	5 650	4745	5 730	5 735	5 580	7 370	8 060	7 370	9 485	6 120	0969	086 9	6 650	6 545	9865	20 060	0	24	300	83 715
Croatia	15	10	9	10	10	25	25	20	15	20	35	120	185	85	65	335	91	833	80	620
Italy	4 580	5 170	5 320	8 600	8 805	11 195	10 420	8 345	6 105	7 500	2 690	7 405	8 130	9 250	10 040	27 425	21	82	450	103 485
Сургиѕ	165	135	150	165	125	350	240	260	205	225	240	200	185	180	165	530	-20	17	620	2 535
Latvia	25	35	20	30	20	45	02	10	5	10	15	9	40	5	45	06	171	-13	45	300
Lithuania	25	25	9	35	35	25	35	25	30	10	10	25	10	15	45	75	83	16	25	290
Luxembourg	80	95	105	115	190	380	385	425	440	270	135	110	130	125	175	435	-16	54	755	2 885
Hungary	0699	9 970	16 580	31 285	47 095	30 795	615	325	230	435	2 175	4 575	5 810	4 750	4 745	15310	113	-54	1 555	132 835
Malta	115	180	120	145	130	175	235	195	160	110	140	180	115	130	175	425	£-	2	975	1895
Netherlands	1 320	2370	3 060	3 140	5 470	6 620	10 120	6 360	3 515	2 660	1895	1 350	1 070	1 135	1 170	3 370	-43	-50	200	44 500
Austria	4 040	6 390	7 675	8 790	8 795	10 780	12 275	11 930	7 280	5 925	5 110	3 345	4 170	3 860	3 190	11 225	-22	-38 -38	1 290	85 455
Poland	750	089	860	1 145	1375	1 690	1 430	1270	1 145	615	890	1 120	1 265	1 495	1 595	4 355	99	06	115	15 040
Portugal	80	80	8	70	7.5	20	7.0	65	75	09	55	180	75	190	175	440	52	77	45	1 155
Romania	210	06	85	06	110	80	06	85	65	40	06	100	85	20	80	215	9-	-45	10	096
Slovenia	15	15	15	10	20	40	25	45	35	15	270	205	30	55	35	120	-75	165	09	790
Slovakia	9	25	9	10	10	19	15	15	160	2	5	10	15	15	2	35	29	-22	9	275
Finland	340	515	770	1 480	2 890	10 815	7 005	5715	1830	1010	855	360	385	340	350	1075	-52	-34	195	33 030
Sweden	3 915	5375	6 610	8 060	11 725	24 260	39 055	36 585	13 830	4 165	2745	2 245	2 050	2 110	2 130	6 290	-31	09-	640	148 955
United Kingdom	2 040	2 645	3 170	4 445	3770	4 170	5 220	3 475	3 395	3 705	3 295	3 150	3 550	3 255	3 110	9 9 1 5	-5	26	150	44 540
Iceland	20	5	20	20	45	9	55	45	35	20	35	45	45	55	35	135	3	209	410	535
Liechtenstein	5	15	20	1	10	35	20	9	15	0	5	2	10	9	2	25	127	-34	999	135
Norway	580	1225	1145	1 395	2 330	4 935	8 660	8 155	1 030	415	255	300	245	215	265	725	-25	-75	140	28 205
Switzerland 1375 2195 3800	1375	2 195	3 800	3 895	3 890	4 540	4745	5 680	4 865	3 620	2 700	1 990	1740	1 880	2 325	5 945	-28	-19	715	41865
(¹) Relative to populat	ion as of 1s	st of Janua	ry 2016																	

Table 3: Asylum applicants (including first time asylum applicants), Q2 2015 – Q2 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasyappctzm)

			=11.00		1011			
			EU-28	#	(%)			
			Syria	90 455	30			
			Afghanistan	50 285	16			
			Iraq	34 335	11			
			Pakistan	13 180	4			
			Iran	10 395	3			
			Other	107 065	35			
BELGIUM	#	(%)	BULGARIA	#	(%)	CZECH REPUBLIC	#	(%)
Afghanistan	405	15	Afghanistan	2 080	59	Ukraine	90	32
Syria	385	15	Syria	490	14	China	25	9
Somalia	180	7	Iraq	465	13	Cuba	25	9
Guinea	150	6	Pakistan	335	10	Vietnam	20	7
Albania	115	4	Iran	70	2	Syria	15	5
Other	1 395	53	Other	65	2	Other	105	38
DENMARK	1 393		GERMANY	#		ESTONIA	#	
		(%)			(%)			(%)
Afghanistan	280	23	Syria	71 825	38	Iran	5	14
Syria	135	11	Afghanistan	32 605	17	Afghanistan	5	14
Somalia	85	7	Iraq	27 800	15	Armenia	5	14
Morocco	75	6	Iran	7 075	4	Palestine	5	14
Eritrea	75	6	Eritrea	4 055	2	Ukraine	5	14
Other	565	47	Other	43 390	23	Other	10	29
IRELAND	#	(%)	GREECE	#	(%)	SPAIN	#	(%)
Pakistan	70	16	Syria	8 000	67	Venezuela	870	22
Zimbabwe	55	12	Iraq	1 100	9	Syria	865	22
Albania	40	9	Pakistan	620	5	Ukraine	705	18
Nigeria	40	9	Afghanistan	525	4	Algeria	140	4
Syria	35	8	Iran	275	2	Colombia	135	3
Other	210	47	Other	1 490	12	Other	1 255	32
FRANCE	#	(%)	CROATIA	#	(%)	ITALY	#	(%)
Afghanistan	1 425	8	Afghanistan	110	35	Nigeria	4 395	16
Haiti	1 365	8	Iraq	75	24	Pakistan	3 565	13
	1 170							
Albania		7	Syria	35	11	Eritrea	2 160	8
Syria	1 135	6	Iran	20	6	Gambia	2 065	8
Sudan	1 120	6	Morocco	20	6	lvory Coast	1 890	7
Other	11 620	65	Other	55	17	Other	12 965	48
CYPRUS	#	(%)	LATVIA	#	(%)	LITHUANIA	#	(%)
Syria	155	30	Afghanistan	30	32	Syria	30	40
Pakistan	60	12	Syria	30	32	Ukraine	10	13
Somalia	45	9	Russia	10	11	Iraq	10	13
Vietnam	35	7	India	10	11	Russia	5	7
India	30	6	Iraq	5	5	Afghanistan	5	7
Other	190	37	Other	10	11	Other	15	20
LUXEMBOURG	#	(%)	HUNGARY	#	(%)	MALTA	#	(%)
Syria	65	16	Afghanistan	6 890	46	Libya	165	43
Kosovo	55	13	Syria	2 810	19	Somalia	60	16
Albania	40	10	Pakistan	1 855	12	Syria	55	14
								9
Morocco	35	8	Iraq	1 480	10	Eritrea	35	
Iraq	35	8	Iran	480	3	Ukraine	15	4
Other	185	45	Other	1 400	9	Other	55	14
NETHERLANDS	#	(%)	AUSTRIA	#	(%)	POLAND	#	(%)
Albania	365	12	Afghanistan	3 845	36	Russia	3 150	82
Syria	295	10	Syria	1 920	18	Tajikistan	300	8
Eritrea	230	8	Pakistan	920	9	Ukraine	160	4
Serbia	180	6	Iraq	615	6	Armenia	105	3
Afghanistan	170	6	Somalia	615	6	Georgia	15	0
Other	1 685	58	Other	2 875	27	Other	115	3
PORTUGAL	#	(%)	ROMANIA	#	(%)	SLOVENIA	#	(%)
Ukraine	40	25	Syria	95	46	Syria	35	30
Guinea	15	9	Iraq	30	15	Iraq	15	13
CD	15	9	Afghanistan	10	5	Pakistan	10	9
Congo	10	6	Yemen	10	5	Afghanistan	10	9
Senegal	10	6	Turkey	5	2	Eritrea	10	9
Other	70	44	Other	55	27	Other	35	30
SLOVAKIA	#	(%)	FINLAND	#	(%)	SWEDEN	#	(%)
Ukraine	5	50	Iraq	245	24	Syria	775	17
Orialile	J	30						
			Somalia	205	20	Somalia	370	8 7
			Syria	100	10	Iraq	325	
			Afghanistan	60	6	Afghanistan	305	7
	_		Eritrea	45	4	Iran	225	5
Other	5	50	Other	360	35	Other	2 460	55
UNITED KINGDOM	#	(%)				ICELAND	#	(%)
Iran	1 250	13				Albania	35	27
Pakistan						MK	15	12
i unoturi	1 070	11				Palestine	10	8
Afghanistan		11 9				i alesurie	10	
	1 070					Syria	5	4
Afghanistan Iraq	1 070 845	9						
Afghanistan Iraq Bangladesh	1 070 845 840 585	9 9 6				Syria	5	4
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Table 4: Five main citizenships of first time asylum applicants, 2nd quarter 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasyappctzm)

[#] Absolute number of asylum applications
% Percentage shares are calculated on rounded figures and may not add up to totals
CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – see methodological notes; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

			NON-EU	#	(%)			
			Germany	186 745	61			
			Italy	27 045	9			
			France	17 835	6			
			Hungary	14 915				
			Greece	12 015				
			Other	47 165				
SYRIA - (SY)	#	(%)	AFGHANISTAN - (AF)	#	(%)	IRAQ - (IQ)	#	(%)
Germany	71 825	79	Germany	32 605	65	Germany	27 800	81
Greece	8 000	9	Hungary	6 890	14	Hungary	1 480	4
Hungary	2 810	3	Austria	3 845	8	Greece	1 100	3
Austria	1 920	2	Bulgaria	2 080	4	United Kingdom	840	2
France	1 135	1	France	1 425	3	Austria	615	2
Other	4 760	5	Other	3 445	7	Other	2 500	7
PAKISTAN - (PK)	#	_	IRAN - (IR)	#		NIGERIA - (NG)	#	
	3 935	30		7 075	68		4 395	46
Germany			Germany			Italy		
Italy	3 565	27	United Kingdom	1 250		Germany	3 510	37
Hungary	1 855	14	Hungary	480	5	United Kingdom	495	5
United Kingdom	1 070	8	Austria	450	4	France	405	4
Austria	920	7	Greece	275	3	Austria	340	4
Other	1 835	14	Other	865	8	Other	360	4
RUSSIA - (RU)	#		ERITREA - (ER)	#	. ,	ALBANIA - (AL)	#	· ·
Germany	3 610	46	Germany	4 055	53	Germany	3 380	55
Poland	3 150	40	Italy	2 160	28	France	1 170	19
France	455	6	France	415	5	United Kingdom	435	7
Austria	310	4	United Kingdom	240	3	Netherlands	365	6
Belgium	95	1	Netherlands	230		Greece	265	
Other	225	3	Other	530	7	Other	540	9
SOMALIA	#	(%)	GAMBIA - (GM)	#	(%)	UKRAINE - (UA)	#	(%)
Germany	1 995	42	Italy	2 065	54	Italy	720	24
Austria	615	13	Germany	1 515		Spain	705	23
Italy	595	13	Austria	55	1	Germany	690	23
Sweden	370	8	France	50		Poland	160	5
France	225	5	United Kingdom	50	1	Sweden	135	4
Other	915	19	Other	105	3	Other	620	20
BANGLADESH - (BD)	#		GUINEA - (GN)	#		IVORY COAST - (CI)	#	
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Italy	845	29	Italy	1 310	50	Italy	1 890	73
United Kingdom	585	20	France	580	22	France	410	16
France	550	19	Germany	440	17	Germany	200	8
Germany	490	17	Belgium	150	6	Spain	35	1
Greece	160	6	Spain	75	3	Belgium	25	1
Other	255	9	Other	75		Other	40	2
STATELESS	#	· ·	MOROCCO - (MA)	#	<u> </u>	MALI - (ML)	#	. ,
Germany	1 460	62	Germany	950	41	Italy	1 440	63
Austria	255	11	Italy	430	18	France	440	19
Sweden	185	8	Austria	195	8	Germany	305	13
United Kingdom	160	7	Hungary	165		Spain	50	2
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Greece	90	4	France	110	5	Greece	15	1
Other	190	8	Other	475		Other	50	2
SENEGAL - (SN)	#	(%)	KOSOVO - (XK)	#	(%)	SUDAN - (SD)	#	(%)
Italy	1 720	76	Germany	1 275	56	France	1 120	50
France	250	11	France	515		Germany	565	25
	210	9		110			300	13
Germany			Netherlands			United Kingdom		
Belgium	25	1	Italy	65		Italy	135	6
Spain	15	1	Sweden	60	3	Netherlands	20	1
Other	55	2	Other	240	11	Other	95	4
ALGERIA - (DZ)	#	(%)	TURKEY - (TR)	#	(%)	INDIA - (IN)	#	(%)
Germany	730	34	Germany	1 045		Germany	835	47
France	635		Hungary	315		United Kingdom	515	
Austria	195	9	France	215		Italy	160	9
Spain	140	7	United Kingdom	80	4	Austria	100	6
Hungary	140	7	Italy	65	3	Cyprus	30	2
Other	285		Other	225		Other	120	7
SERBIA - (RS)	#		CHINA - (CN)	#		GEORGIA - (GE)	#	
								<u> </u>
Germany	1 205	71	France	650		Germany	750	46
Netherlands	180	11	Italy	290		France	245	
France	110	6	United Kingdom	270	16	Sweden	150	9
Sweden	70	4	Germany	215		Netherlands	125	8
Italy	30	2	Spain	70		Greece	90	
Other	110	6	Other	190		Other	255	
LEBANON - (LB)	#	(%)	ARMENIA - (AM)	#	<u> </u>	HAITI - (HT)	#	
Germany	1 295	88	Germany	880	64	France	1 365	100
Sweden	35	2	France	200		Greece	5	
France	20	1	Poland	105				
United Kingdom	20	1	Belgium	35				
Italy	20	1	Sweden	35				
Other	90	6	Other	130	9	Other		0
						-		

NON-EU # (%)

Citizenships selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q2 2016 in the EU-28 # Absolute number of asylum applications % Percentage shares are calculated on rounded figures and may not add up to totals Kosovo – see methodological notes; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the

Table 5: Thirty main citizenships of first time asylum applicants by destination country in the EU 28, 2nd quarter 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasyappctzm)

Main destination countries

The highest number of first time asylum applicants in the second quarter of 2016 was registered in Germany (with more than 186 700 first time applicants, or 61% of total applicants in the EU Member States), followed by Italy (27 000, or 9%), France (17 800, or 6%), Hungary (14 900, or 5%) and Greece (12 000, or 4%). These 5 Member States together account for 85% of all first time applicants in the EU-28 (Table 2).

Trends in number of asylum applicants vary from country to country in the second quarter of 2016. Germany (with 101 700 more applicants) was the country with the largest absolute increase in the number of first time applicants, followed by Italy and Greece (12 200 and 9 200 more applicants respectively). In contrast, Hungary, saw its number of asylum seekers falling notably by 17 800 less (or -54 %), while Sweden and Austria have recorded a drop of 9 800 and 6 600 less asylum applicants (or -69 % and -38 %) in the second quarter of 2016 compared with the same quarter of 2015 (Figures 4 and 5).

Greece has notably recorded the second largest relative increase of first time asylum seekers, 3 times more (or 9 200 applicants more) in the second quarter of 2016 compared with the same quarter of 2015. Croatia, despite the small number of first time applicants, has recorded the largest relative increase of 13 times more first time asylum applicants (or 300 more) in the second quarter of 2016 compared with the same quarter of 2015.

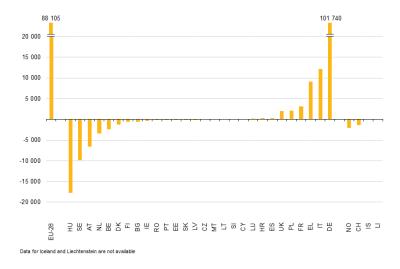


Figure 4: First time asylum applicants, absolute change between Q2 2015 and Q2 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasyappctzm), see country codes

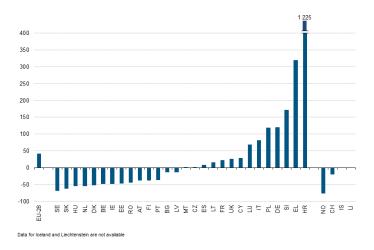


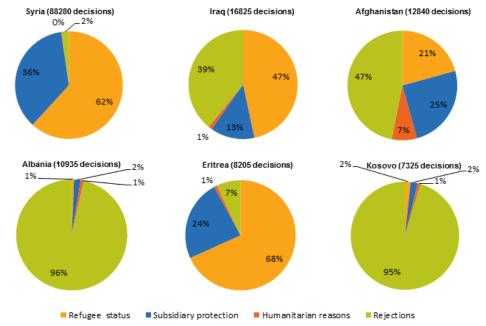
Figure 5: First time asylumapplicants, relative change between Q2 2015 and Q2 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasyappctzm), see country codes

Decisions on asylum applications

234 400 first instance decisions³were made by the national authorities of EU Member States during the second quarter of 2016. Among them, 59% were positive (i.e. granting a type of protection status) (Table 6).

Germany issued by far the most total first instance decisions⁴during the second quarter of 2016 (117 800 decisions), followed by Italy (24 400), France (21 800), Sweden (19 600), Austria (10 800) and the Netherlands (8 200) (Figure 7. Table 6).

Most decisions were issued to Syrians (88 300), followed by Iraqis (16 800), Afghanis (12 800) and Albanians (10 900) (Table 7).

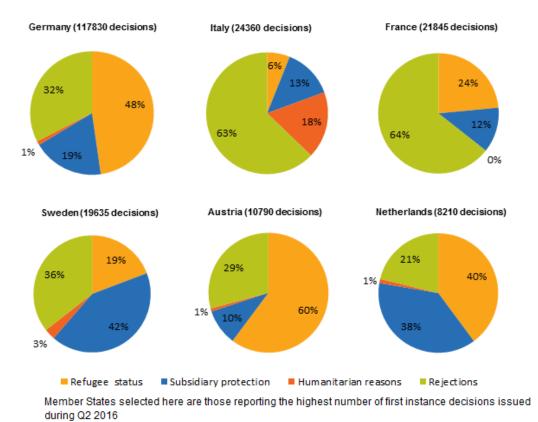


Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q2 2016

Figure 6: First instance decisions in the EU-28 by outcome, selected citizenships, 2nd quarter 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasydcfstq)

³Data on first instance decisions relate to decisions on applications granted to all asylum applicants i.e. First time asylum applicants and Repeat asylum applicants.

⁴Total decisions equal to positive decisions plus negative decisions.



Humanitarian reasons not applicable for FR

Figure 7 : First instance decisions by outcome, selected Member States, 2nd quarter 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasydcfstq)

Syrians received by far the highest number of protection statuses in the EU Member States, including protection based on national legislations (86 400 positive first instance decisions, or 98% rate of recognition⁵), followed by Iraqis (10 200, or 61%) and Eritreans (7 600, or 93%).

Of the 10 900 first instance decisions issued to Albanians only 400 were positive (or 4% rate of recognition), while of the 7 300 issued to Kosovans only 300 were positive (or 5% respectively) (Figure 6, Table 7).

⁵Rate of recognition is the share of (first instance) positive decisions in the total number of decisions at first instance. In this report, the exact number of decisions has been used instead of the presented rounded numbers. Rates of recognition for humanitarian status are not shown, but are part of the 'Total recognition rate'.

				Of which			Rate of re	cognition, %
				of which				of which
	Total decisions	Positive	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected	Total	Refugee and subsidiary protection status
EU-28	234 440	137 855	85 865	45 015	6 975	96 585	59	56
Belgium	6 920	4 385	3 465	920	-	2 535	63	63
Bulgaria	435	230	115	110	-	210	52	52
Czech Republic	405	130	40	90	0	275	32	32
Denmark	3 150	2 585	1 750	830	5	565	82	82
Germany	117 830	79 450	56 240	21 960	1 250	38 380	67	66
Estonia	55	35	20	15	0	20	67	67
Ireland	420	100	95	5	-	320	24	24
Greece	2 380	525	455	70	0	1 855	22	22
Spain	2 230	1 565	65	1 495	0	670	70	70
France	21 845	7 780	5 130	2 650	-	14 065	36	36
Croatia	50	10	10	0	0	40	19	19
Italy	24 360	9 060	1 475	3 245	4 340	15 300	37	19
Cyprus	510	360	30	335	0	145	71	71
Latvia	50	20	10	10	-	25	45	45
Lithuania	40	15	15	0	0	25	34	34
Luxembourg	245	135	130	5	-	110	55	55
Hungary	1 030	105	50	55	0	925	10	10
Malta	355	295	45	230	15	60	83	78
Netherlands	8 210	6 470	3 275	3 105	90	1 740	79	78
Austria	10 790	7 635	6 495	1 050	90	3 155	71	70
Poland	620	65	20	35	10	555	10	8
Portugal	110	45	20	25	-	65	41	41
Romania	250	120	95	30	0	125	49	49
Slovenia	65	40	25	15	-	30	58	58
Slovakia	25	15	0	5	15	5	71	13
Finland	4 945	1 555	935	410	210	3 385	31	27
Sweden	19 635	12 650	3 775	8 275	595	6 985	64	61
United Kingdom	7 480	2 475	2 090	30	355	5 010	33	28
Iceland	95	20	10	10	0	75	23	23
Liechtenstein	10	5	5	0	0	5	33	33
Norway	5 675	3 405	3 245	50	110	2 270	60	58
Switzerland	6 015	3 400	1 560	620	1 225	2 610	57	36

⁻ Not applicable

Rate of recognition is the share of (first instance) positive decisions in the total number of decisions at first instance. In this calculation, the exact number of decisions has been used instead of the rounded numbers presented in this table. Rates of recognition for humanitarian status are not shown in this table, but are part of the total recognition rate.

Table 6: First instance decisions by outcome and recognition rates, 2nd quarter 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasydcfstq)

				Of which			Rate of rec	cognition, %
				of which				of which
	Total decisions	Positive	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected	Total	Refugee and subsidiary protection status
Non-EU	234 440	137 855	85 865	45 015	6 975	96 585	59	56
Syria - (SY)	88 280	86 355	54 550	31 665	140	1 925	98	98
Irag - (IQ)	16 825	10 235	7 850	2 215	170	6 590	61	60
Afghanistan - (AF)	12 840	6 820	2 660	3 210	950	6 020	53	46
Albania - (AL)	10 935	385	75	210	100	10 545	4	3
Eritrea - (ER)	8 205	7 625	5 600	1 955	70	580	93	92
Kosovo - (XK)	7 325	340	125	155	60	6 985	5	4
Serbia - (RS)	6 920	120	70	20	35	6 800	2	1
Nigeria - (NG)	6 705	1 425	300	305	820	5 280	21	9
Pakistan - (PK)	5 655	1 310	340	600	365	4 345	23	17
Stateless	4 420	3 945	3 275	585	85	470	89	87
MK - (MK)	3 970	25	15	0	10	3 945	1	0
Bangladesh - (BD)	3 580	530	155	50	330	3 050	15	6
Somalia - (SO)	3 520	2 365	1 080	940	340	1 155	67	57
Russia - (RU)	3 505	910	705	130	70	2 600	26	24
Iran - (IR)	3 280	1 710	1 565	45	105	1 570	52	49
Ukraine - (UA)	2 865	720	155	195	370	2 145	25	12
Gambia - (GM)	2 635	745	70	65	605	1 890	28	5
Algeria - (DZ)	2 590	175	85	65	20	2 415	7	6
Senegal - (SN)	2 345	460	55	60	345	1 880	20	5
Mali - (ML)	2 3 1 5	780	65	320	395	1 540	34	17
Sudan - (SD)	2 280	1 160	1 010	140	10	1 120	51	51
Morocco - (MA)	1 795	120	75	15	30	1 675	7	5
BA - (BA)	1 790	80	45	5	30	1 710	4	3
CD - (CD)	1 565	460	390	60	15	1 100	30	29
Guinea - (GN)	1 515	475	260	70	145	1 045	31	22
Georgia - (GE)	1 490	95	35	40	20	1 395	6	5
Ivory Coast - (CI)	1 395	360	100	75	190	1 035	26	12
Ghana - (GH)	1 360	330	20	15	295	1 030	24	3
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 315	350	305	30	15	960	27	26
Haiti - (HT)	1 005	50	30	20	0	955	5	5
Other non-EU	20 215	7 395	4 805	1 740	850	12 820	37	32

Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q2 2016. Rate of recognition is the share of (first instance) positive decisions in the total number of decisions at first instance. In this calculation, the exact number of decisions has been used instead of the rounded numbers presented in this table. Rates of recognition for humanitarian status are not shown in this table, but are part of the total recognition rate.

Table 7: First instance decisions by outcome and recognition rates, 30 main citizenships of asylum applicants granted decisions in the EU-28, 2nd quarter 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasydcfstq)

		Firs	t instanc	e decisions			
Refugee	status	Subsidi protect	-	Humanitar reasons		Rejectio	ons
		GERMA	NY (117 a	330 decisions			
Syria	41 040	Syria	18 590	Afghanistan	450	Albania	8 410
Iraq	5 465	Iraq	1 025	Somalia	305	Serbia	6 295
Eritrea	4 080	Afghanistan	580	Syria	120	Kosovo	5 315
Other	5 655	Other	1 765	Other	380	Other	18 355
		FRAN	CE (21 84	5 decisions)			
Syria	780	Afghanistan	685	-		Kosovo	1 205
Sudan	525	Syria	620	-		Haiti	950
Russia	395	Albania	180	-		Bangladesh	930
Other	3 425	Other	1 165	-		Other	10 975
		AUSTI	RIA (10 7	0 decisions)			
Syria	4 975	Afghanistan	475	Russia	25	Afghanistan	620
Stateless	455	Iraq	200	Serbia	5	Morocco	405
Iraq	350	Syria	180	Kosovo	5	Algeria	330
Other	715	Other	195	Other	55	Other	1 805
		ОТНЕ	R (70 15	decisions)			
Syria	4 490	Syria	3 380	Afghanistan	255	Albania	9 100
Iraq	1 435	Iraq	465	Albania	55	Serbia	6 380
Iran	555	Afghanistan	300	Iraq	50	Kosovo	5 410
Other		Other	575	Other	250	Other	34 450

		Fire	st instan	ce decisions			
Refugee	status	Subsidi protect	•	Humanita reason		Rejectio	ons
		ITA	LY (24 36	0 decisions)		-	
Syria	540	Afghanistan	990	Nigeria	770	Nigeria	4 000
Nigeria	140	Pakistan	575	Gambia	600	Pakistan	1 985
Pakistan	100	Somalia	355	Mali	395	Gambia	1 675
Other	695	Other	1 325	Other	2 575	Other	7 645
		SWE	DEN (19 6	35 decisions)			
Stateless	1 025	Syria	6 970	Afghanistan	215	Iraq	965
Eritrea	860	Eritrea	835	Palestine	85	Afghanistan	810
Syria	405	Stateless	110	Stateless	70	Syria	530
Other	1 485	Other	360	Other	225	Other	4 680
		NETHER	RLANDS (8 210 decision	ıs)		
Syria	2 315	Syria	1 910	Afghanistan	25	Afghanistan	275
Stateless	585	Eritrea	770	Iraq	10	Iraq	270
Iran	85	Iraq	225	Iran	10	Albania	215
Other	290	Other	205	Other	45	Other	980
		EU-	28 (234 44	40 decisions)			
Syria	54 550	Syria	31 665	Afghanistan	950	Albania	10 545
Iraq	7 850	Afghanistan	3 210	Nigeria	820	Kosovo	6 985
Eritrea	5 600	Iraq	2 215	Gambia	605	Serbia	6 800
Other	17 870	Other	7 920	Other	4 600	Other	72 255

Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q2 2016 Humanitarian reasons are not applicable for FR

 ${\sf Kosovo-see} \ methodological \ notes; CD-Congo, the \ Democratic \ Republic \ of \ the$

Table 8 : First instance decisions by citizenship and outcome, selected Member States, 2nd quarter 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasydcfstq)

		Fir	st insta	nce decisions			
Refugee s	status	Subsidi protect	•	Humanita reason		Reject	ions
		SYRIA	A - SY (88	3 280 decisions	;)		
Germany	41 040	Germany	18 590	Germany	120	Sweden	530
Austria	4 975	Sweden	6 970	Netherlands	10	Germany	480
Netherlands	2 315	Netherlands	1 910	UK	5	Greece	400
Other	6 215	Other	4 195	Other	5	Other	515
		AFGHANI	STAN - A	F (12 840 decis	ions)		
Germany	1 275	Italy	990	Germany	450	Germany	2 460
France	295	France	685	Sweden	215	Sweden	810
Austria	270	Germany	580	Finland	160	Austria	620
Other	815	Other	955	Other	130	Other	2 130
		ERITR	EA - ER (8 205 decisions	s)		
Germany	4 080	Sweden	835	UK	40	France	220
Sweden	860	Netherlands	770	Germany	15	Sweden	120
France	215	Germany	285	Sweden	5	Germany	85
Other	445	Other	1 120	Other	10	Other	155
		OT	HER (90 0	30 decisions)			
Germany	4 380	Italy	2 060	Italy	4 280	Germany	20 625
France		Germany		Germany		Italy	15 155
Sweden		France		Sweden		France	11 415
Other	5 130	Other	1 140	Other	315	Other	16 740

		Fi	rst instar	nce decisions	:		
Refugee	status	Subsid protect	•	Humanit reaso		Reject	tions
		IRA	Q - IQ (16	825 decisions	s)		
Germany	5 465	Germany	1 025	Sweden	55	Finland	2 450
Belgium	775	Finland	245	Germany	40	Germany	1 000
Finland	470	Netherlands	225	Finland	25	Sweden	965
Other	1 140	Other	725	Other	50	Other	2 175
		ALBAI	IIA - AL (10 935 decisio	ons)		
France	25	France	180	UK	55	Germany	8 410
Italy	20	Germany	25	Germany	20	France	875
Belgium	15	Greece	5	Italy	20	Sweden	265
Other	20	Other	5	Other	0	Other	995
		KOSOVO / UI	ISCR 124	4 - XK (7 325 d	lecisions)		
France	100	France	140	Germany	35	Germany	5 315
Belgium	15	Italy	10	Italy	15	France	1 205
Italy	5			Sweden	5	Austria	140
Other	5	Other	5	Other	10	Other	330
		NON	I-EU (234	440 decisions	s)		
Germany	56 240	Germany	21 960	Italy	4 340	Germany	38 380
Austria		Sweden		Germany	1 250		15 300
France	5 130	Italy	3 245	Sweden	595	France	14 065
Other	18 005	Other	11 530	Other	790	Other	28 840

Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q2 2016

Table 9: First instance decisions by destination country and outcome in the EU-28, selected citizenships of asylum applicants, 2nd quarter 2016 - Source: Eurostat (migrasydcfstq)

Data sources and availability

The data used for this publication are provided to Eurostat by the Ministries of Interior, Justice or immigration agencies of the Member States and EFTA countries. Data on asylum applications are collected monthly while data on first instance decisions are collected quarterly. Data are based entirely on relevant administrative sources.

Apart from statistics on first asylum applicants, these data are supplied in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the Regulation (EC) No 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, and are provisional (except as otherwise stated) and may be a subject to change.

• Country abbreviations: Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Ireland (IE), Greece (EL), Spain (ES), France (FR), Croatia (HR), 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).

Context

The Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME) is responsible for developing EU policies on asylum.

The 1951 Geneva Convention relating to the status of refugees (as amended by the 1967 New York Protocol) has, for over 60 years, defined who is a refugee, and laid down a common approach towards refugees that has been one of the cornerstones for the development of a common asylum system within the EU.

Since 1999, the EU has worked towards creating a common European asylum regime in accordance with the Geneva Convention and other applicable international instruments. A number of directives in this area have been developed. The four main legal instruments on asylum — all recently recast — are:

- the Qualification Directive 2011/95/EU on standards for the qualification of non-EU nationals and stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection;
- the Asylum Procedures Directive 2013/32/EU on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection;
- the Reception Conditions Directive 2013/33/EU laying down standards for the reception of applicants for international protection;

• the Dublin Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or stateless person.

The Hague programme was adopted by heads of state and government on 5 November 2004. It puts forward the idea of a common European asylum system (CEAS), in particular, it raises the challenge to establish common procedures and uniform status for those granted asylum or subsidiary protection. The European Commission's policy plan on asylum (COM(2008) 360 final) was presented in June 2008 which included three pillars to underpin the development of the CEAS:

- bringing more harmonisation to standards of protection by further aligning the EU Member States' asylum legislation;
- effective and well-supported practical cooperation;
- increased solidarity and sense of responsibility among EU Member States, and between the EU and non-member countries.

With this in mind, in 2009 the European Commission made a proposal to establish a European Asylum Support Office (EASO). The EASO supports EU Member States in their efforts to implement a more consistent and fair asylum policy. It also provides technical and operational support to EU Member States facing particular pressures (in other words, those EU Member States receiving large numbers of asylum applicants). The EASO became fully operational in June 2011 and has worked to increase its capacity, activity and influence, working with the European Commission and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

In May 2010, the European Commission presented an action plan for unaccompanied minors (COM(2010) 213 final), who are regarded as the most exposed and vulnerable victims of migration. This plan aims to set-up a coordinated approach and commits all EU Member States to grant high standards of reception, protection and integration for unaccompanied minors. As a complement to this action plan, the European Migration Network has produced a comprehensive EU study on reception policies, as well as return and integration arrangements for unaccompanied minors .

In December 2011, the European Commission adopted a Communication on 'Enhanced intra-EU solidarity in the field of asylum '(COM(2011) 835 final). This provided proposals to reinforce practical, technical and financial cooperation, moving towards a better allocation of responsibilities and improved governance of the asylum system in the EU, namely through:

- introducing an evaluation and early warning mechanism to detect and address emerging problems;
- making the supporting role of the EASO more effective;
- increasing the amount of funds available and making these more flexible, taking into account significant fluctuations in the number of asylum seekers;
- developing and encouraging the relocation of beneficiaries of international protection between different EU Member States.

See also

- Asylum statistics
- Dublin statistics on countries responsible for a sylum application
- Statistics on enforcement of immigration legislation
- Residence permits statistics

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Publications

News releases

- Number of first time asylum seekers slightly up to almost 306 000 in the second quarter of 2016
- Number of first time asylum seekers down to fewer than 290 000 in the first quarter of 2016

- Record number of over 1.2 million first time asylum seekers registered in 2015
- More than 410 000 first time asylum seekers registered in the third quarter of 2015
- Over 210 000 first time asylum seekers in the EU in the second quarter of 2015
- 185 000 first time asylum seekers in the EU in the first quarter of 2015

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- Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications: first quarter 2014
- Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications: 2013
- Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications: third quarter 2013
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External links

- European Commission DG Migration and Home Affairs Asylum
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- European Migration Network EMN
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