

Asylum quarterly report

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First time asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications: second quarter 2015

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.

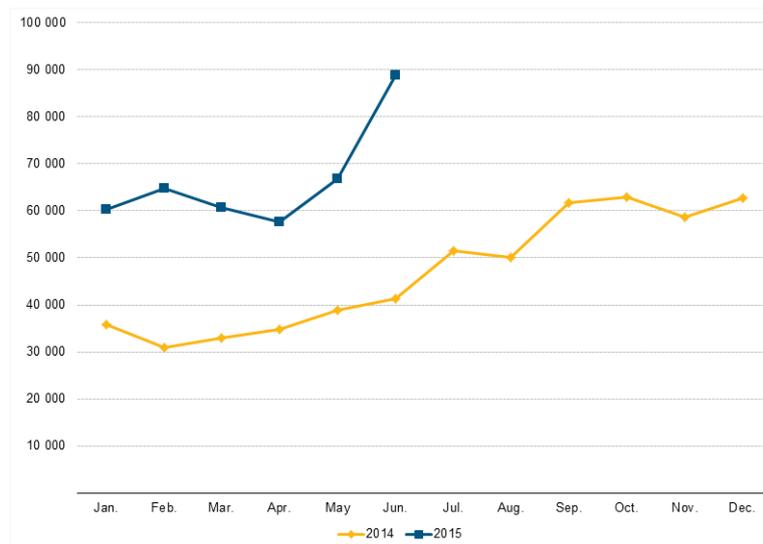


Figure 1: First time asylum applicants, EU-28, January 2014 – June 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asyappctzm)

Main statistical findings

Increase in asylum applicants

The number of [first time asylum applicants](#) ¹²increased by 85 % in the second quarter of 2015 compared with the same quarter of the previous year and 15 % compared to the previous quarter of 2015. Overall, the number of persons seeking asylum from non-EU countries in the [EU-28](#) during the second quarter of 2015 reached 213

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

²Contrary to the previous editions of this quarterly report which referred to 'Total asylum applicants', 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.

200. This was 98 100 more than in the same quarter of 2014 (Table 1, Table 2). Out of the 228 600 total asylum applicants (i.e. including repeat applicants), 213 200 (93 %) were first time applicants (Table 2, Table 3).

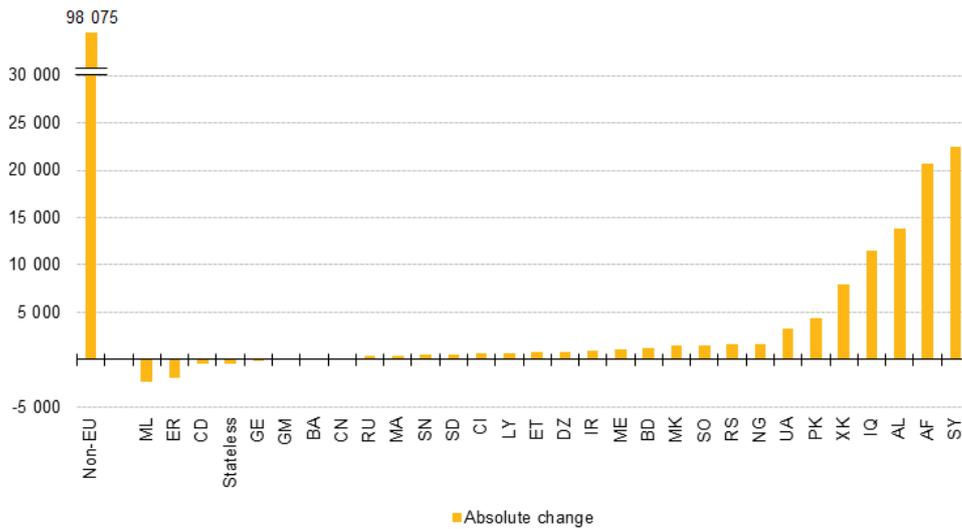


Figure 2: First time asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-28, absolute change between Q2 2014 and Q2 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asyappctzm)

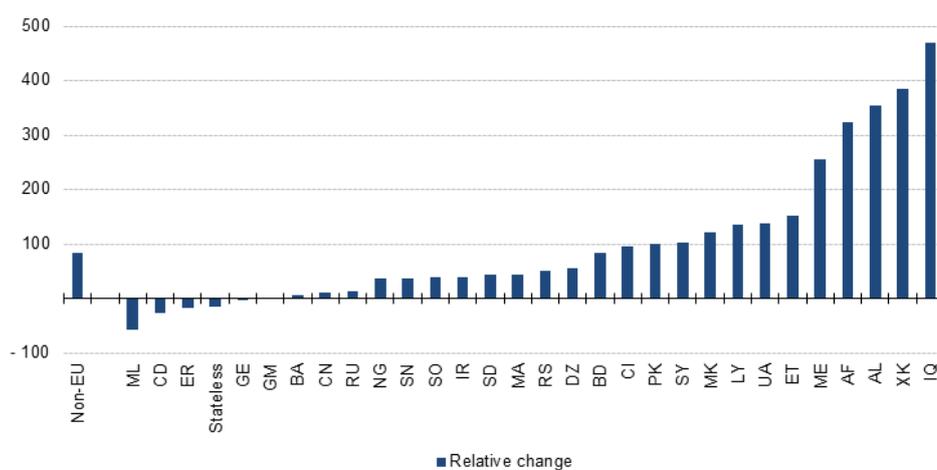


Figure 3: First time asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-28, relative change between Q2 2014 and Q2 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asyappctzm)

Where do they come from?

Citizens of 141 countries sought asylum for the first time in the EU in the second quarter of 2015. Syrians, Afghans and Albanians were the top 3 citizenships of asylum seekers, lodging around 44 000, 27 000 and 17 700 applications respectively (Table 1).

	Q2 2014				Q3 2014			Q4 2014			Q1 2015			Q2 2015			Last 12 months			
	Apr.	May	Jun.		Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.				
Non-EU	34 820	38 885	41 420		51 480	50 180	61 755	62 945	58 890	62 780	60 215	64 865	60 615	57 695	66 725	88 775	213 200	15	85	746 725
Syria - (SY)	5 530	7 095	8 910		11 530	12 475	16 480	14 855	13 185	12 375	11 110	8 400	9 810	10 925	12 760	20 305	43 995	50	104	154 210
Afghanistan - (AF)	1 960	1 980	2 435		2 980	3 100	3 920	4 305	4 220	5 555	4 560	4 105	4 245	5 385	8 810	12 805	26 995	109	323	63 990
Albania - (AL)	1 420	1 220	1 250		1 405	1 045	1 065	1 295	1 595	1 610	2 170	2 325	3 645	5 445	5 585	6 635	17 665	117	354	33 825
Iraq - (IQ)	805	785	850		1 045	1 250	1 750	2 040	2 040	1 840	2 175	2 245	2 875	3 345	4 455	6 130	13 930	91	470	31 185
Kosovo - (XK)	700	655	710		1 020	1 285	3 155	3 540	7 495	13 075	13 860	22 460	12 550	5 310	2 545	2 195	10 045	-79	386	88 495
Eritrea - (ER)	2 450	4 570	4 120		6 040	5 020	4 085	3 265	2 275	1 490	1 295	875	985	1 490	3 550	4 145	9 185	191	-18	34 515
Pakistan - (PK)	1 455	1 485	1 480		1 775	1 695	2 020	2 130	1 875	1 720	1 730	1 685	1 905	2 230	2 680	3 955	8 865	67	101	25 395
Nigeria - (NG)	1 295	1 570	1 610		2 010	1 670	1 955	2 355	1 665	1 710	1 450	1 430	1 355	1 435	2 140	2 555	6 135	45	37	21 735
Ukraine - (UA)	635	790	1 000		1 370	1 570	1 895	2 170	1 820	1 440	1 345	1 800	1 975	2 020	1 660	2 085	5 765	12	138	21 155
Somalia - (SO)	1 270	1 250	1 300		1 340	1 290	1 515	1 305	1 095	1 070	1 045	1 125	1 250	1 320	2 050	2 000	5 365	57	40	16 405
Serbia - (RS)	1 035	985	1 170		1 990	1 780	1 790	2 320	2 380	2 310	2 295	2 095	1 945	1 640	1 605	1 585	4 825	-24	51	23 730
Russia - (RU)	1 145	1 000	1 050		1 195	1 145	1 270	1 220	1 125	1 160	1 080	1 090	1 020	1 085	1 085	1 455	3 605	13	13	13 905
Iran - (IR)	820	745	660		775	780	955	1 090	945	850	830	675	755	995	975	1 160	3 130	38	41	10 785
Bangladesh - (BD)	530	560	430		680	785	1 405	1 760	1 140	1 115	835	705	825	745	935	1 140	2 815	19	85	12 085
Gambia - (GM)	865	870	885		1 060	920	1 225	1 345	1 005	1 180	1 050	1 025	1 015	785	895	1 000	2 680	-13	2	12 505
MIK - (MIK)	420	305	470		650	550	545	705	695	530	630	655	880	685	790	1 165	2 640	22	121	8 485
Stateless	760	1 200	1 110		1 370	1 645	2 555	1 960	1 525	1 270	870	520	405	530	830	1 245	2 605	45	-15	14 725
Algeria - (DZ)	500	525	450		480	485	540	615	510	470	470	475	635	665	770	870	2 300	46	56	6 985
Senegal - (SN)	460	530	470		525	455	485	730	695	605	675	800	800	665	665	685	2 015	-12	38	7 780
Sudan - (SD)	320	445	610		690	595	690	720	530	515	370	365	455	425	650	910	1 990	67	44	6 920
Mali - (ML)	1 130	1 630	1 245		1 290	1 080	1 345	1 315	865	645	595	620	785	520	620	600	1 740	-13	-57	10 285
Georgia - (GE)	610	555	585		695	610	675	720	590	565	545	450	535	525	510	705	1 740	14	-1	7 120
BA - (BA)	575	405	555		795	625	605	785	705	710	560	455	535	585	485	565	1 635	6	7	7 400
Montenegro - (ME)	115	170	130		155	95	95	155	90	65	130	190	285	310	355	785	1 455	139	255	2 715
China - (CN)	440	410	415		410	430	410	485	320	400	390	445	425	425	455	535	1 415	12	12	5 135
CD - (CD)	760	495	595		520	400	465	470	395	485	405	455	430	470	410	500	1 380	7	-25	5 400
Ivory Coast - (CI)	225	265	205		300	225	375	375	375	290	280	355	425	430	415	515	1 360	28	95	4 355
Ethiopia - (ET)	145	185	200		235	235	360	320	280	225	270	170	185	235	415	700	1 345	116	153	3 620
Morocco - (MA)	295	295	310		295	310	360	365	320	310	350	320	405	420	415	470	1 310	22	45	4 340
Libya - (LY)	145	205	195		195	405	420	415	275	305	385	305	465	415	370	500	1 285	11	136	4 450
Other (non-EU)	6 000	5 715	6 005		6 660	6 225	7 350	7 830	6 660	6 880	6 460	6 245	6 810	6 260	6 850	8 875	21 990	13	24	83 105

Countries selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q2 2015
Kosovo - see methodological notes; CD - Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MIK - the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia; BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina

Table 1: First time asylum applicants in the EU-28 by citizenship, Q2 2014 – Q2 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asyappctzm)

	Q2 2014				Q3 2014			Q4 2014			Q1 2015				Q2 2015				Change in % between Q1 2015 and Q2 2015	Change in % between Q2 2014 and Q2 2015	Applicants per million population (1) Q2 2015	Last 12 months
	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Q2 2015						
EU-28	34 820	38 885	41 420	51 480	50 180	61 755	62 945	58 690	62 780	60 215	64 865	60 615	57 695	66 725	88 775	213 200	15	85	420	746 725		
Belgium	900	845	1 090	1 265	1 510	1 725	1 540	1 145	1 405	1 210	1 070	1 160	1 110	1 615	2 315	5 040	47	78	450	17 070		
Bulgaria	295	515	610	890	1 090	1 195	1 400	1 355	1 480	1 055	1 025	1 110	1 120	1 325	1 605	4 050	27	185	560	14 660		
Czech Republic	65	80	55	75	85	125	100	70	110	95	90	170	105	85	85	275	-24	41	25	1 200		
Denmark	590	710	1 000	1 700	2 290	3 065	1 840	1 105	755	630	425	450	545	870	1 075	2 495	66	8	440	14 760		
Germany	10 475	11 555	12 475	16 800	16 025	17 065	19 225	19 030	17 055	21 675	22 770	28 675	24 490	23 745	32 700	80 935	11	135	995	259 255		
Estonia	10	10	15	15	20	15	25	10	5	5	15	30	30	10	25	65	21	97	50	210		
Ireland	95	105	105	130	125	140	130	155	170	215	200	210	265	255	335	855	37	184	185	2 325		
Greece	655	635	535	660	390	555	745	580	790	925	895	790	855	1 005	1 000	2 865	10	57	265	9 195		
Spain	345	335	405	450	435	530	720	630	600	835	850	1 220	1 330	1 055	1 290	3 675	26	239	80	9 950		
France	5 395	4 305	4 710	5 045	3 900	4 815	5 580	4 555	5 380	4 025	5 135	5 610	5 175	4 355	5 150	14 685	-1	2	220	58 730		
Croatia	25	30	30	40	35	30	40	25	15	10	15	15	10	5	5	25	-37	-72	5	245		
Italy	4 215	5 370	4 555	5 605	5 065	7 220	8 890	6 785	5 610	4 740	5 075	5 430	4 500	5 130	5 265	14 895	-2	5	245	69 320		
Cyprus	90	100	115	125	120	165	185	140	120	155	125	150	145	120	135	400	-7	30	470	1 685		
Latvia	15	20	45	65	35	45	30	15	30	15	15	15	25	30	50	105	123	38	55	370		
Lithuania	10	20	35	20	30	35	30	65	65	15	25	5	25	25	10	60	42	-5	20	350		
Luxembourg	45	80	65	75	90	125	125	110	85	85	95	85	70	85	95	245	-6	29	435	1 115		
Hungary	635	705	1 105	1 510	2 105	4 770	5 250	8 885	13 790	11 655	16 405	4 750	6 485	9 800	16 385	32 675	0	1 235	3 315	101 795		
Malta	130	60	195	125	95	180	125	75	115	65	160	120	105	160	115	380	10	-1	885	1 435		
Netherlands	2 220	3 255	1 700	1 995	2 120	2 865	1 900	1 250	1 225	885	740	800	1 085	2 250	2 935	6 270	159	-13	370	20 050		
Austria	1 190	1 520	1 585	2 010	2 255	3 085	2 975	3 540	4 050	3 875	3 060	2 770	3 715	6 190	7 485	17 395	79	305	2 025	45 010		
Poland	375	445	505	530	565	695	600	535	520	485	470	485	540	525	700	1 765	23	33	45	6 650		
Portugal	30	35	35	45	50	40	40	60	40	40	80	60	80	80	90	250	39	147	25	705		
Romania	75	115	115	145	90	260	185	80	95	100	75	160	205	85	85	375	11	24	20	1 570		
Slovenia	40	35	25	25	25	50	40	15	35	15	10	20	15	10	15	40	-13	-56	20	280		
Slovakia	15	10	20	10	15	10	25	30	35	15	10	25	5	20	5	25	-45	-46	5	200		
Finland	240	215	250	260	345	390	405	310	385	305	310	345	335	510	760	1 605	67	128	295	4 665		
Sweden	4 375	5 560	7 505	8 885	8 380	9 400	7 545	5 515	6 310	4 340	3 515	3 560	3 405	4 850	6 045	14 295	25	-18	1 465	71 740		
United Kingdom	2 285	2 210	2 550	2 980	2 880	3 165	3 255	2 615	2 505	2 740	2 200	2 395	1 920	2 525	3 025	7 470	2	6	115	32 200		
Iceland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Liechtenstein	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Norway	775	1 225	1 150	970	1 065	1 270	1 010	825	730	560	480	480	520	1 160	1 075	2 760	81	-12	535	10 155		
Switzerland	1 365	1 560	2 090	2 720	2 380	2 235	2 215	1 545	1 375	1 450	1 300	1 375	1 270	2 070	3 665	7 010	70	40	850	23 600		

(1) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2015

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Table 2: First time asylum applicants, Q2 2014 – Q2 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asyappctzm)

Syrians (22 500 more applicants compared to the second quarter of 2014) and Afghanis (20 600 more) added most to the overall increase in first time asylum applicants in absolute terms, followed by Albanians and Iraqis (13 800 and 11 500 more applicants respectively) (Figure 2, Table 1).

Asylum applicants from Iraq (nearly 6 times more) recorded the most substantial relative increase in the EU in the second quarter of 2015 compared to the same quarter of 2014, followed by Kosovans (nearly 5 times more), Albanians and Afghanis (more than 4 times) and by applicants from Montenegro (more than 3 times) (Figure 3, Table 1).

Of the 44 000 Syrians who applied for the first time for asylum in the EU in the second quarter of 2015, more than three quarters were registered in four Member States: Germany (16 300), Hungary (8 400), Austria (5 300) and Sweden (3 900). Of the 27 000 Afghanis seeking asylum protection for the first time in the EU during the second quarter of 2015, half (13 600) applied in Hungary, while nearly 90% of the 17 700 Albanians applied in Germany (15 400). Syrians were the main citizenship of asylum seekers in ten EU Member States (Table 4, Table 5).

	Q2 2014				Q3 2014				Q4 2014				Q1 2015				Q2 2015				Q2 2015	Change in % between Q1 2015 and Q2 2015	Applicants per million population (1) Q2 2015	Last 12 months
	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Q2 2015								
EU-28	39 370	42 905	46 475	58 615	55 220	67 525	69 195	64 860	69 180	66 110	70 960	66 635	63 155	71 345	94 140	228 640	12	78	450	816 935				
Belgium	1 630	1 335	1 805	2 005	2 085	2 410	2 275	1 895	2 205	1 715	1 640	1 745	1 620	2 095	2 880	6 595	29	38	585	24 555				
Bulgaria	320	545	645	910	1 105	1 220	1 430	1 380	1 500	1 070	1 045	1 110	1 130	1 345	1 630	4 100	27	172	570	14 885				
Czech Republic	85	100	70	105	100	140	120	90	130	125	115	195	130	110	105	340	-22	32	30	1 470				
Denmark	610	720	1 005	1 710	2 295	3 085	1 855	1 115	765	640	440	460	555	880	1 090	2 525	64	8	445	14 890				
Germany	11 890	12 965	14 655	20 930	18 705	20 100	22 250	22 500	20 370	25 030	26 080	32 045	27 165	25 975	35 440	88 580	7	124	1 090	296 595				
Estonia	10	10	15	15	20	15	30	10	10	5	15	30	30	10	25	65	21	94	50	220				
Ireland	95	105	105	130	125	140	130	155	170	215	200	210	265	255	335	855	37	180	185	2 330				
Greece	840	845	730	880	510	670	890	670	955	1 065	1 015	915	980	1 145	1 120	3 245	8	34	300	10 810				
Spain	360	350	415	475	450	540	730	640	610	840	860	1 240	1 345	1 065	1 305	3 710	26	229	80	10 100				
France	5 945	4 760	5 150	5 575	4 280	5 230	6 110	4 945	5 835	4 440	5 630	6 090	5 650	4 745	5 600	15 990	-1	1	240	64 120				
Croatia	35	35	35	45	45	35	45	30	25	25	25	15	15	10	10	35	-45	-64	10	325				
Italy	4 300	5 465	4 615	5 675	5 110	7 265	8 980	6 865	5 660	4 785	5 140	5 505	4 590	5 180	5 335	15 105	-2	5	250	70 080				
Cyprus	155	130	130	140	130	180	205	150	140	165	140	165	165	135	150	450	-5	9	530	1 865				
Latvia	15	20	45	65	35	45	30	15	30	15	15	15	25	35	50	105	121	28	55	375				
Lithuania	10	20	35	20	30	40	35	70	75	30	30	15	25	25	10	65	-16	-5	20	415				
Luxembourg	55	90	70	90	100	140	130	120	85	90	95	105	80	95	105	280	-3	31	500	1 235				
Hungary	725	765	1 205	1 615	2 200	4 895	5 425	9 130	14 075	11 925	16 695	4 925	6 690	9 970	16 580	33 240	-1	1 132	3 375	104 130				
Malta	135	65	205	125	100	185	135	80	120	95	170	130	115	180	120	415	6	3	965	1 555				
Netherlands	2 430	3 445	1 935	2 260	2 405	3 120	2 245	1 450	1 455	1 050	970	985	1 270	2 375	3 085	6 730	124	-14	400	22 675				
Austria	1 410	1 780	1 765	2 215	2 445	3 290	3 155	3 690	4 200	4 030	3 255	2 920	4 040	6 390	7 675	18 105	77	266	2 110	47 305				
Poland	695	635	695	725	620	810	815	680	645	610	600	630	750	680	860	2 295	25	13	60	8 430				
Portugal	30	35	35	45	50	40	40	60	40	40	80	60	80	80	90	250	39	147	25	705				
Romania	80	120	115	145	90	270	195	80	100	105	80	165	210	90	85	390	10	24	20	1 625				
Slovenia	40	35	25	30	30	55	40	15	40	15	15	25	15	15	15	45	-13	-55	20	305				
Slovakia	20	20	30	15	20	20	30	40	45	15	10	35	10	25	10	45	-30	-36	10	280				
Finland	250	235	255	270	350	405	410	325	405	305	325	355	340	515	770	1 625	65	120	295	4 775				
Sweden	4 845	6 010	8 070	9 380	8 855	9 965	8 175	5 995	6 945	4 890	4 045	4 105	3 915	5 375	6 610	15 895	22	-16	1 630	78 245				
United Kingdom	2 350	2 265	2 620	3 025	2 930	3 210	3 290	2 655	2 550	2 770	2 230	2 430	1 950	2 555	3 055	7 555	2	4	115	32 650				
Iceland	10	10	15	5	15	20	25	5	35	15	15	10	15	5	20	45	23	16	130	185				
Liechtenstein	5	5	5	0	5	15	5	5	10	5	0	10	5	15	20	40	192	171	1 015	85				
Norway	810	1 280	1 200	1 010	1 100	1 315	1 045	870	770	595	530	535	580	1 225	1 145	2 945	78	-11	570	10 710				
Switzerland	1 460	1 665	2 225	2 880	2 510	2 390	2 380	1 675	1 510	1 580	1 415	1 490	1 375	2 195	3 800	7 370	65	38	895	25 180				

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Table 3: Asylum applicants (including first time asylum applicants), Q2 2014 – Q2 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asyappctzm)

			EU-28		#	(%)
			Syria	43 995	21	
			Afghanistan	26 995	13	
			Albania	17 665	8	
			Iraq	13 930	7	
			Kosovo	10 045	5	
			Other	100 565	47	
BELGIUM			BULGARIA		#	(%)
Syria	1 025	20	Syria	1 930	48	
Somalia	810	16	Iraq	1 085	27	
Iraq	645	13	Afghanistan	775	19	
Afghanistan	515	10	Pakistan	140	3	
Guinea	160	3	Iran	30	1	
Other	1 880	37	Other	90	2	
DENMARK			GERMANY		#	(%)
Syria	1 050	42	Syria	16 335	20	
Eritrea	515	21	Albania	15 445	19	
Stateless	150	6	Kosovo	7 475	9	
Afghanistan	115	5	Iraq	4 640	6	
Iran	90	4	Afghanistan	4 320	5	
Other	575	23	Other	32 720	40	
IRELAND			GREECE		#	(%)
Pakistan	440	51	Syria	965	34	
Bangladesh	90	10	Afghanistan	440	15	
Albania	55	6	Pakistan	345	12	
India	30	3	Bangladesh	140	5	
Nigeria	30	3	Albania	125	4	
Other	215	25	Other	850	30	
FRANCE			CROATIA		#	(%)
Kosovo	1 065	7	Ukraine	5	20	
CD	915	6	Serbia	5	20	
Sudan	830	6	Iran	5	20	
Syria	780	5	MK	0	0	
China	745	5	Other	10	40	
Other	10 350	70				
CYPRUS			LATVIA		#	(%)
Syria	170	43	Vietnam	45	43	
Vietnam	30	8	Afghanistan	15	14	
Ukraine	25	6	Ukraine	10	10	
India	20	5	Georgia	10	10	
Pakistan	15	4	Iraq	5	5	
Other	135	34	Other	20	19	
LUXEMBOURG			HUNGARY		#	(%)
Kosovo	50	20	Afghanistan	13 640	42	
Albania	25	10	Syria	8 440	26	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	25	10	Pakistan	2 665	8	
Syria	20	8	Iraq	2 425	7	
Montenegro	15	6	Bangladesh	690	2	
Other	110	45	Other	4 810	15	
NETHERLANDS			AUSTRIA		#	(%)
Eritrea	2 680	43	Syria	5 290	30	
Syria	1 415	23	Afghanistan	4 040	23	
Stateless	260	4	Iraq	2 795	16	
Kosovo	245	4	Pakistan	925	5	
Ukraine	170	3	Somalia	780	4	
Other	1 500	24	Other	3 565	20	
PORTUGAL			ROMANIA		#	(%)
Ukraine	120	47	Syria	210	55	
Mali	30	12	Iraq	80	21	
China	25	10	Ukraine	15	4	
Guinea	10	4	Moldova	10	3	
CD	10	4	Turkey	10	3	
Other	60	24	Other	55	14	
SLOVAKIA			FINLAND		#	(%)
Afghanistan	5	17	Somalia	470	29	
Syria	5	17	Iraq	445	28	
Ukraine	5	17	Albania	110	7	
Bangladesh	5	17	Afghanistan	75	5	
Iraq	5	17	Russia	50	3	
Other	5	17	Other	455	28	
UNITED KINGDOM			NORWAY		#	(%)
Eritrea	765	10	Eritrea	900	33	
Pakistan	660	9	Afghanistan	460	17	
Iran	600	8	Syria	365	13	
Afghanistan	545	7	Ethiopia	160	6	
Sudan	545	7	Albania	115	4	
Other	4 355	58	Other	755	27	
LIECHTENSTEIN			NORWAY		#	(%)
			Eritrea	900	33	
			Afghanistan	460	17	
			Syria	365	13	
			Ethiopia	160	6	
			Albania	115	4	
			Other	755	27	
CZECH REPUBLIC			ESTONIA		#	(%)
Ukraine	140	51	Ukraine	25	38	
Syria	25	9	Syria	10	15	
Vietnam	15	5	Georgia	5	8	
Cuba	15	5	Russia	5	8	
Russia	10	4	India	5	8	
Other	70	25	Other	15	23	
ESTONIA			SPAIN		#	(%)
Ukraine	25	38	Syria	1 830	50	
Syria	10	15	Ukraine	700	19	
Georgia	5	8	Palestine	200	5	
Russia	5	8	China	100	3	
India	5	8	Algeria	95	3	
Other	15	23	Other	750	20	
ITALY			LITHUANIA		#	(%)
Nigeria	2 920	20	Ukraine	15	23	
Gambia	1 640	11	Georgia	15	23	
Pakistan	1 395	9	India	10	15	
Senegal	1 375	9	Belarus	5	8	
Ukraine	1 250	8	Iraq	5	8	
Other	6 315	42	Other	15	23	
MALTA			POLAND		#	(%)
Libya	260	68	Russia	1 095	62	
Syria	45	12	Ukraine	400	23	
Ukraine	20	5	Georgia	85	5	
MK	10	3	Tajikistan	40	2	
Iran	5	1	Syria	30	2	
Other	40	11	Other	120	7	
SLOVENIA			SWEDEN		#	(%)
Iran	10	25	Syria	3 860	27	
Albania	5	13	Eritrea	2 405	17	
Somalia	5	13	Afghanistan	1 360	10	
Afghanistan	5	13	Somalia	1 085	8	
Iraq	5	13	Stateless	790	6	
Other	10	25	Other	4 795	34	
ICELAND			SWITZERLAND		#	(%)
			Eritrea	3 210	46	
			Somalia	440	6	
			Sri Lanka	380	5	
			Syria	350	5	
			Afghanistan	330	5	
			Other	2 295	33	

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CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – see methodological notes; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Table 4 : Five main citizenships of first time asylum applicants, 2nd quarter 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asyappctzm)

			NON-EU					
				#	(%)			
			Germany	80 935	38			
			Hungary	32 675	15			
			Austria	17 395	8			
			Italy	14 895	7			
			France	14 685	7			
			Other	52 625	25			
SYRIA - (SY)			AFGHANISTAN - (AF)		ALBANIA - (AL)			
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Germany	16 335	37	Hungary	13 640	51	Germany	15 445	87
Hungary	8 440	19	Germany	4 320	16	France	565	3
Austria	5 290	12	Austria	4 040	15	Sweden	520	3
Sweden	3 860	9	Sweden	1 360	5	United Kingdom	420	2
Bulgaria	1 930	4	Italy	780	3	Greece	125	1
Other	8 145	19	Other	2 860	11	Other	590	3
IRAQ - (IQ)			KOSOVO - (XK)		ERITREA - (ER)			
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Germany	4 640	33	Germany	7 475	74	Netherlands	2 680	29
Austria	2 795	20	France	1 065	11	Sweden	2 405	26
Hungary	2 425	17	Hungary	485	5	Germany	2 035	22
Bulgaria	1 085	8	Sweden	345	3	United Kingdom	765	8
Belgium	645	5	Netherlands	245	2	Denmark	515	6
Other	2 335	17	Other	435	4	Other	785	9
PAKISTAN - (PK)			NIGERIA - (NG)		UKRAINE - (UA)			
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Hungary	2 665	30	Italy	2 920	48	Germany	1 585	27
Germany	1 675	19	Germany	1 565	26	Italy	1 250	22
Italy	1 395	16	United Kingdom	335	5	Spain	700	12
Austria	925	10	France	330	5	France	435	8
United Kingdom	660	7	Hungary	325	5	Sweden	400	7
Other	1 545	17	Other	660	11	Other	1 395	24
SOMALIA			SERBIA - (RS)		RUSSIA - (RU)			
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Germany	1 400	26	Germany	4 260	88	Germany	1 225	34
Sweden	1 085	20	Sweden	145	3	Poland	1 095	30
Belgium	810	15	France	135	3	France	575	16
Austria	780	15	Austria	85	2	Austria	310	9
Finland	470	9	Netherlands	75	2	Belgium	105	3
Other	825	15	Other	125	3	Other	295	8
IRAN - (IR)			BANGLADESH - (BD)		GAMBIA - (GM)			
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Germany	1 080	35	Hungary	690	25	Italy	1 640	61
United Kingdom	600	19	Italy	680	24	Germany	745	28
Hungary	445	14	France	585	21	Hungary	70	3
Austria	320	10	United Kingdom	230	8	Austria	55	2
Sweden	195	6	Germany	200	7	United Kingdom	45	2
Other	490	16	Other	430	15	Other	130	5
MK - (MK)			STATELESS		ALGERIA - (DZ)			
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Germany	2 240	85	Sweden	790	30	Germany	770	33
Austria	125	5	Germany	560	22	France	540	23
Sweden	95	4	Austria	530	20	Hungary	315	14
France	55	2	Netherlands	260	10	Austria	290	13
Belgium	45	2	Denmark	150	6	Spain	95	4
Other	80	3	Other	310	12	Other	290	13
SENEGAL - (SN)			SUDAN - (SD)		MALI - (ML)			
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Italy	1 375	68	France	830	42	Italy	1 095	63
Germany	425	21	United Kingdom	545	27	France	290	17
France	85	4	Germany	200	10	Germany	160	9
Belgium	55	3	Netherlands	90	5	Hungary	90	5
Hungary	25	1	Sweden	80	4	Spain	40	2
Other	45	2	Other	245	12	Other	70	4
GEORGIA - (GE)			BA - (BA)		MONTENEGRO - (ME)			
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Germany	865	50	Germany	1 290	79	Germany	1 335	92
France	205	12	Sweden	130	8	France	70	5
Sweden	160	9	France	95	6	Sweden	20	1
Austria	85	5	Italy	25	2	Luxembourg	15	1
Poland	85	5	Luxembourg	25	2	Finland	5	0
Other	335	19	Other	70	4	Other	5	0
CHINA - (CN)			CD - (CD)		IVORY COAST - (CI)			
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
France	745	52	France	915	66	Italy	755	56
United Kingdom	145	10	Hungary	185	13	France	260	19
Germany	140	10	Belgium	85	6	Germany	125	9
Spain	100	7	United Kingdom	45	3	Hungary	120	9
Austria	90	6	Germany	35	3	Belgium	20	1
Other	205	14	Other	115	8	Other	75	6
ETHIOPIA - (ET)			MOROCCO - (MA)		LIBYA - (LY)			
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Germany	475	35	Germany	455	35	Germany	360	28
Sweden	340	25	Hungary	150	11	Malta	260	20
United Kingdom	255	19	Austria	145	11	United Kingdom	230	18
France	105	8	Sweden	140	11	France	145	11
Netherlands	35	3	France	85	6	Sweden	75	6
Other	140	10	Other	335	26	Other	215	17

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Absolute number of asylum applications

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Kosovo – see methodological notes; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Table 5 :Thirty main citizenships of first time asylum applicants by destination country in the EU 28, 2nd quarter 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asyappctzm)

Main destination countries

The highest number of first time asylum applicants in the second quarter of 2015 was registered in Germany (80 900 applicants, or 38% of total applicants in the EU), Hungary (32 700, or 15%), Austria (17 400, or 8%), Italy, France and Sweden (respectively 14 900, 14 700 and 14 300, or 7% each). These 6 Member States together account for more than 80% of all first applicants in the EU-28 (Table 2).

Trends in number of asylum applicants vary from country to country in the second quarter of 2015. Germany (46 400 applicants more) continued to record increasing numbers of applicants, while Hungary (30 200 more) saw its number of asylum seekers jumping notably by more than 13 times compared to the same quarter of 2014.

Austria (13 100 more applicants, or 4 times more) was the country with the third largest absolute increase in the number of asylum seekers in the EU in the second quarter of 2015 (Figures 4 and 5).

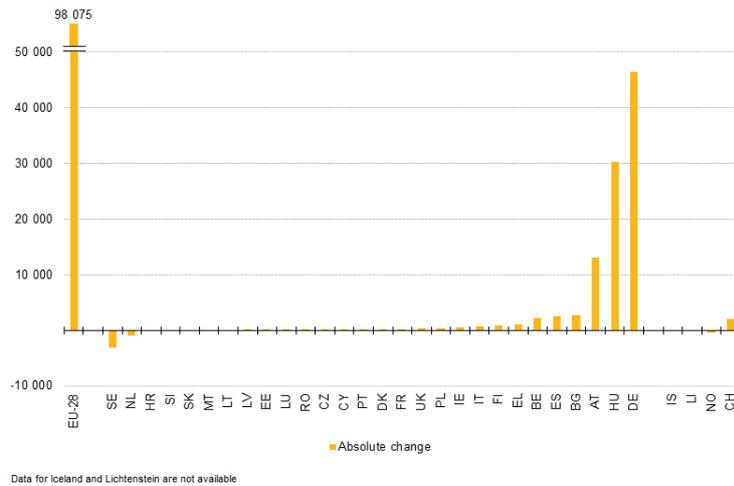


Figure 4: First time asylum applicants, absolute change between Q2 2014 and Q2 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asyappctzm), see Country codes

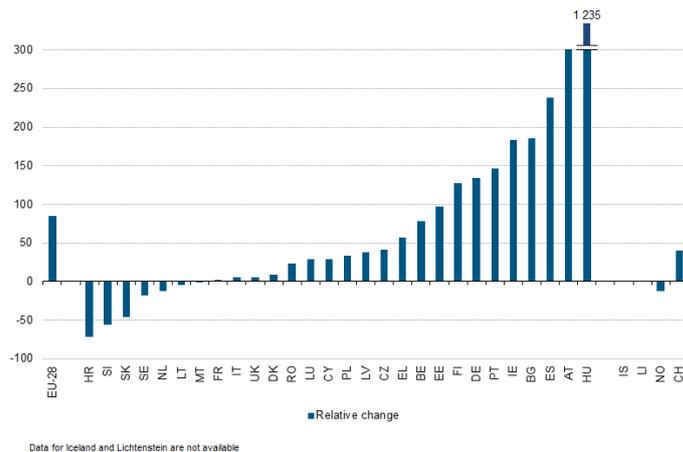


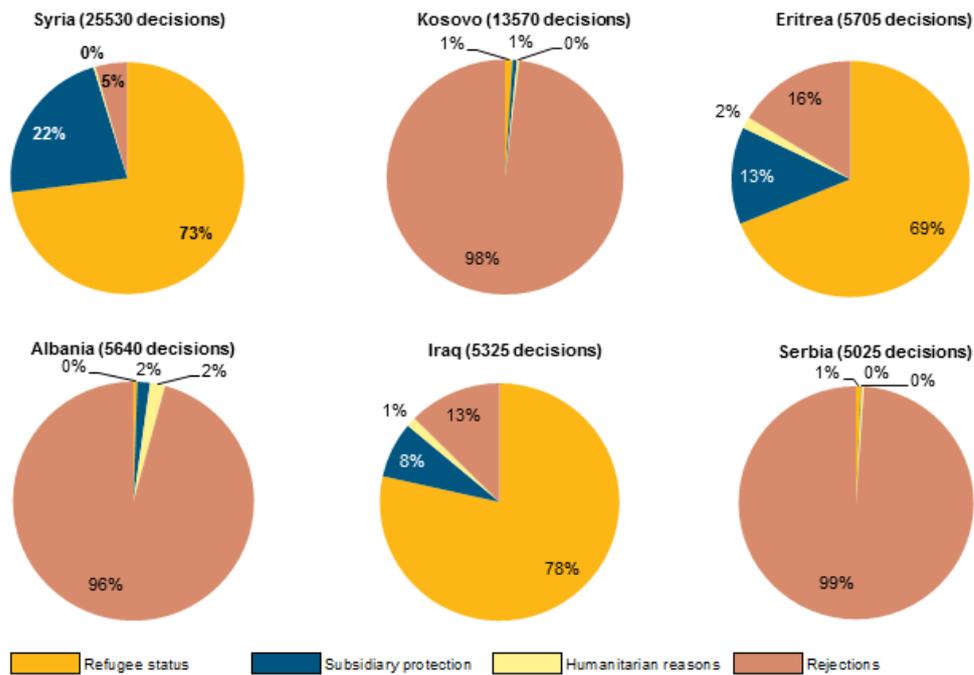
Figure 5: First time asylum applicants, relative change between Q2 2014 and Q2 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asyappctzm)

Decisions on asylum applications

117 800 first instance decisions³) were made by the national authorities of EU Member States during the second quarter of 2015. Among them, 46 % were positive (i.e. granting a type of protection status) (Table 6).

Germany, France, Italy and Sweden issued the most total first instance decisions⁴ in the second quarter of 2015 (46 100, 19 400, 13 800, 10 100 respectively) (Figure 7. Table 6).

Most decisions were issued to Syrians (25 500) and Kosovans (13 600), followed by Eritreans (5 700), Albanians (5 600), Iraqis (5 300), and Serbians (5 000) (Table 7).



Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q2 2015
Data for Austria are not available

Figure 6 : First instance decisions in the EU-28 by outcome, selected citizenships, 2nd quarter 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asydcfstq)

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.

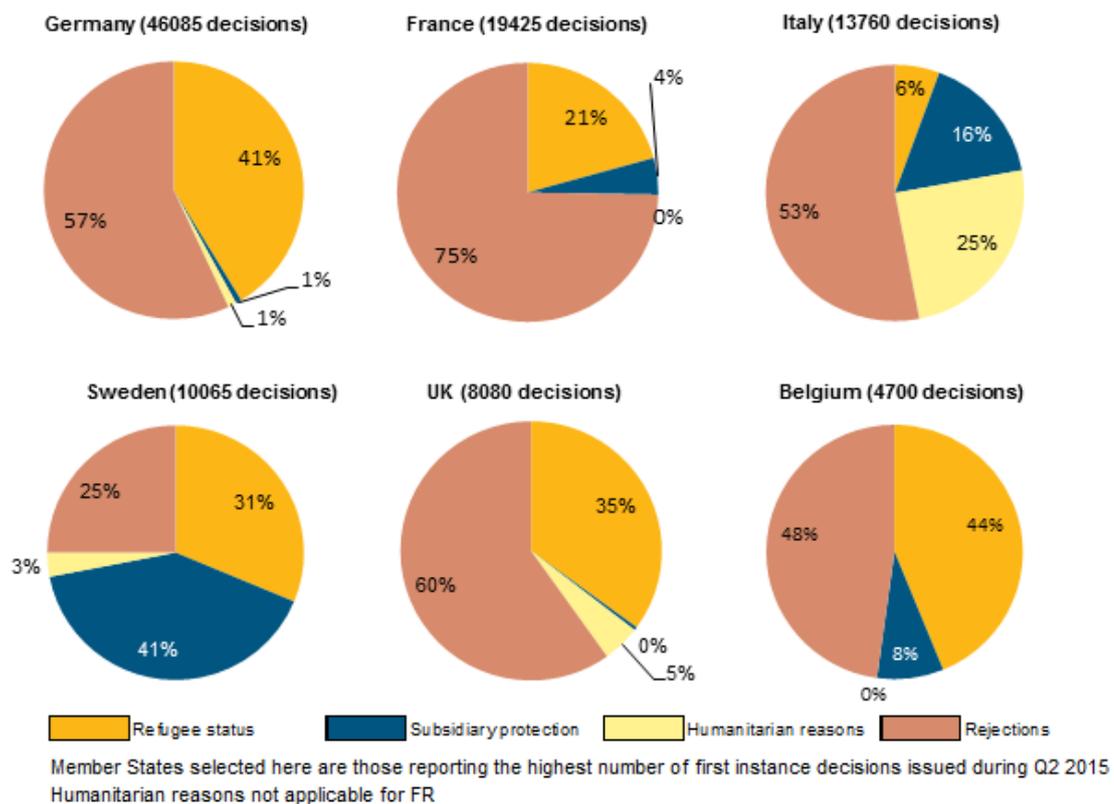


Figure 7 : First instance decisions by outcome, selected Member States, 2nd quarter 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asydcfstq)

Syrians have received by far the highest number of protection statuses in the EU, including protection based on national legislations (24 400 positive first instance decisions, or 96% rate of recognition⁵), followed by Eritreans (4 800, or 84%), Iraqis (4 700, or 87%) and Afghans (2 500, or 70%).

Of the 13 600 first instance decisions issued to Kosovans only 260 were positive (or 2% rate of recognition), while of the 5 600 and 5 000 issued to Albanians and Serbians only 240 and 55 were positive respectively (or 4% and 1% 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'.

	Total decisions	Positive	Of which				Rate of recognition, %	
			Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected	Total	of which Refugee and subsidiary protection status
EU-28	117 840	53 840	37 795	11 265	4 775	64 000	46	42
Belgium	4 700	2 455	2 060	395	-	2 250	52	52
Bulgaria	2 160	1 925	1 625	300	-	235	89	89
Czech Republic	405	135	20	110	5	270	34	33
Denmark	2 905	2 385	1 800	570	10	525	82	82
Germany	46 085	19 855	19 040	330	490	26 230	43	42
Estonia	35	20	10	10	0	20	51	51
Ireland	220	75	30	45	-	145	34	34
Greece	2 355	1 150	1 050	100	0	1 205	49	49
Spain	750	295	70	225	0	455	39	39
France	19 425	4 910	4 025	885	-	14 515	25	25
Croatia	35	5	5	0	0	30	15	15
Italy	13 760	6 460	770	2 280	3 410	7 300	47	22
Cyprus	390	280	55	225	-	110	72	72
Latvia	45	5	0	5	-	40	14	14
Lithuania	60	30	10	20	0	30	51	51
Luxembourg	185	20	15	5	-	165	11	11
Hungary	690	110	40	65	0	585	16	16
Malta	295	240	65	165	10	55	81	78
Netherlands	3 055	2 050	805	1 155	90	1 005	67	64
Austria	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Poland	965	120	35	50	30	845	12	9
Portugal	55	15	5	10	-	35	31	31
Romania	460	130	70	60	0	330	28	28
Slovenia	30	10	10	0	-	20	30	30
Slovakia	50	30	0	25	5	15	65	54
Finland	585	340	205	100	40	245	58	52
Sweden	10 065	7 550	3 150	4 095	310	2 515	75	72
United Kingdom	8 080	3 240	2 830	35	375	4 835	40	35
Iceland	20	5	5	0	0	15	22	22
Liechtenstein	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Norway	1 935	1 440	1 250	145	50	495	74	72
Switzerland	5 505	4 035	1 885	775	1 370	1 470	73	48

- Not applicable

Data for AT and LI are not available; EU aggregates and other indicators are based on data available

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 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asydcfstq)

	Total decisions	Of which					Rate of recognition, %	
		Positive	of which			Rejected	Total	of which
			Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons			Refugee and subsidiary protection status
Non-EU	117 840	53 840	37 795	11 265	4 775	64 000	46	42
Syria - (SY)	25 530	24 405	18 645	5 685	75	1 125	96	95
Kosovo - (XK)	13 570	260	140	80	40	13 310	2	2
Eritrea - (ER)	5 705	4 775	3 930	760	90	930	84	82
Albania - (AL)	5 640	240	30	95	115	5 400	4	2
Iraq - (IQ)	5 325	4 655	4 180	405	70	670	87	86
Serbia - (RS)	5 025	55	35	5	15	4 970	1	1
Pakistan - (PK)	3 985	1 110	355	415	340	2 875	28	19
Afghanistan - (AF)	3 530	2 480	990	1 120	375	1 050	70	60
Nigeria - (NG)	3 410	980	180	225	575	2 430	29	12
Russia - (RU)	3 190	695	505	95	95	2 495	22	19
Mali - (ML)	2 330	770	65	145	555	1 560	33	9
Bangladesh - (BD)	2 280	315	120	30	165	1 965	14	7
Ukraine - (UA)	2 245	615	120	305	190	1 630	27	19
CD - (CD)	2 175	430	360	55	15	1 745	20	19
Stateless	1 905	1 650	1 315	295	40	255	87	84
Gambia - (GM)	1 880	725	90	45	590	1 155	38	7
Iran - (IR)	1 870	1 260	1 190	25	40	615	67	65
MK - (MK)	1 845	15	10	0	5	1 830	1	1
Somalia - (SO)	1 745	1 110	540	520	50	635	64	61
Sudan - (SD)	1 630	930	865	60	10	700	57	56
Georgia - (GE)	1 490	75	45	15	15	1 415	5	4
Guinea - (GN)	1 400	535	360	60	110	865	38	30
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 345	380	330	35	15	965	28	27
BA - (BA)	1 310	40	15	5	20	1 270	3	2
China - (CN)	1 155	245	225	10	10	910	21	20
Senegal - (SN)	1 105	345	70	30	245	760	31	9
Ivory Coast - (CI)	780	255	70	65	120	520	33	17
Turkey - (TR)	750	170	110	20	45	575	23	17
Algeria - (DZ)	735	40	20	10	10	695	5	4
Armenia - (AM)	680	85	45	10	30	595	13	8
Other non-EU	12 275	4 190	2 835	655	700	8 085	34	28

Data for AT are not available

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Table 7 : First instance decisions by outcome and recognition rates, 30 main citizenships of asylum applicants granted decisions in the EU-28, 2nd quarter 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asydcfstq)

First instance decisions							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
GERMANY (46 085 decisions)							
Syria	12 805	Afghanistan	80	Afghanistan	175	Kosovo	10 865
Iraq	3 005	Eritrea	55	Syria	65	Serbia	4 585
Eritrea	745	Iraq	45	Russia	60	Albania	3 645
Other	2 480	Other	150	Other	190	Other	7 155
ITALY (13 760 decisions)							
Pakistan	100	Afghanistan	610	Gambia	585	Nigeria	1 495
Nigeria	85	Pakistan	405	Mali	550	Mali	1 245
Eritrea	70	Nigeria	215	Nigeria	540	Gambia	1 060
Other	515	Other	1 050	Other	1 735	Other	3 500
UNITED KINGDOM (8 080 decisions)							
Syria	695	Eritrea	10	Albania	100	Eritrea	620
Iran	525	Syria	5	Eritrea	70	Pakistan	545
Sudan	480	Iraq	5	Egypt	25	Sri Lanka	350
Other	1 130	Other	15	Other	180	Other	3 325
OTHER (14 955 decisions)							
Syria	3 645	Syria	1 665	Afghanistan	25	Kosovo	11 150
Eritrea	870	Eritrea	595	Russia	20	Serbia	4 640
Stateless	485	Afghanistan	155	Lebanon	10	Albania	3 865
Other	925	Other	840	Other	135	Other	12 935

First instance decisions							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
FRANCE (119 425 decisions)							
Iraq	700	Syria	225	-	CD	1 490	
Syria	415	Ukraine	100	-	Kosovo	1 450	
Russia	305	Afghanistan	85	-	Russia	1 340	
Other	2 605	Other	470	-	Other	10 240	
SWEDEN (10 065 decisions)							
Eritrea	1 660	Syria	3 725	Afghanistan	115	Kosovo	500
Syria	475	Stateless	185	Iraq	40	Albania	410
Stateless	355	Afghanistan	55	Palestine	35	Serbia	185
Other	655	Other	130	Other	120	Other	1 415
BELGIUM (4 700 decisions)							
Syria	585	Afghanistan	130	-	Russia	210	
Afghanistan	165	Somalia	95	-	Kosovo	195	
Iraq	160	Iraq	80	-	CD	135	
Other	1 150	Other	90	-	Other	1 710	
EU-28 * (117 840 decisions)							
Syria	18 645	Syria	5 685	Gambia	590	Kosovo	13 310
Iraq	4 180	Afghanistan	1 120	Nigeria	575	Albania	5 400
Eritrea	3 930	Eritrea	760	Mali	555	Serbia	4 970
Other	11 045	Other	3 705	Other	3 060	Other	40 325

Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q2 2015

* Data for Austria are not available; EU aggregates are based on available data

CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK - The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; CF - Central African Republic; BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina

Table 8 : First instance decisions by citizenship and outcome, selected Member States, 2nd quarter 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asydcfstq)

First instance decisions							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
SYRIA - SY (25 530 decisions)							
Germany	12 805	Sweden	3 725	Germany	65	Germany	665
Bulgaria	1 555	Netherlands	445	UK	10	Romania	140
Greece	840	Denmark	380	Netherlands	5	UK	85
Other	3 445	Other	1 135	Other	0	Other	235
ERITREA - ER (5 705 decisions)							
Sweden	1 660	Netherlands	515	UK	70	UK	620
Denmark	845	Italy	70	Germany	10	France	120
Germany	745	Denmark	65	Italy	5	Germany	95
Other	1 420	Other	105	Other	5	Other	100
IRAQ - IQ (5 325 decisions)							
Germany	3 005	Italy	120	Sweden	40	UK	200
France	700	Belgium	80	UK	10	Bulgaria	90
Belgium	160	Germany	45	Germany	10	Belgium	85
Other	310	Other	160	Other	10	Other	295
OTHER (57 045 decisions)							
France	2 510	Italy	2 050	Italy	3 380	France	12 165
Germany	2 475	France	530	Germany	375	Italy	7 220
UK	1 865	Sweden	305	Sweden	250	Germany	6 335
Other	3 985	Other	1 355	Other	365	Other	11 885

First instance decisions							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
KOSOVO - XK (13 570 decisions)							
France	115	France	50	Germany	20	Germany	10 865
Belgium	15	Germany	15	Sweden	15	France	1 450
Germany	5	Italy	15	-	-	Sweden	500
Other	0	Other	0	Other	0	Other	495
ALBANIA - AL (5 640 decisions)							
Belgium	10	France	75	UK	100	Germany	3 645
France	10	Germany	10	Italy	10	France	665
Sweden	5	Sweden	5	-	-	Sweden	410
Other	5	Other	5	Other	5	Other	680
SERBIA - RS (5 025 decisions)							
France	25	Italy	5	Germany	10	Germany	4 565
Belgium	10	-	-	-	-	Sweden	185
Other	0	Other	0	Other	10	Other	85
NON-EU (117 840 decisions)							
Germany	19 040	Sweden	4 095	Italy	3 410	Germany	26 230
France	4 025	Italy	2 280	Germany	490	France	14 515
Sweden	3 150	Netherlands	1 155	UK	375	Italy	7 300
Other	11 585	Other	3 740	Other	500	Other	15 960

Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q2 2015

Data for AT are not available

Table 9 : First instance decisions by destination country and outcome in the EU-28, selected citizenships of asylum applicants, 2nd quarter 2015 - Source: Eurostat (migr_asydcfstq)

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) 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 \(EU\) 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 asylum application](#)
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- [Residence permits statistics](#)

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