

**Asylum** is a form of protection given by a state on its territory based on the principle of *non-refoulement* (no repulsing/sending back) and internationally or nationally recognised [refugee](#) rights.

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.

## Related concepts

- [Application for international protection](#)
- [Asylum applicant](#)
- [Asylum decision](#)
- [Asylum recognition rate](#)
- [Foreign population](#)
- [Migration](#)
- [Refugee](#)
- [Repeated applicant](#)

## Statistical data

- [Asylum applications - annual statistics](#)