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**First asylum applications in the Netherlands**

Source: INDiGO

Top-10 last twelve months **first** asylum applications in the Netherlands

Total 2013	Nationality	2013							2014						Total 2014	Last 12 months
		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
2.673	Syria	165	197	212	322	373	413	397	525	393	465	719	685	894	3.681	5.595
978	Eritrea	27	76	124	120	165	133	101	175	80	94	1.080	1.860	203	3.492	4.211
3.078	Somalia	308	289	220	353	255	329	288	153	283	139	117	56	29	777	2.511
216	Stateless	*	9	16	18	62	61	22	63	47	94	117	271	191	783	971
1.094	Iraq	63	103	78	65	102	61	63	75	64	51	70	41	49	350	822
728	Iran	51	58	53	65	57	56	37	61	66	42	51	45	33	298	624
673	Afghanistan	36	82	39	49	72	34	32	60	52	21	57	44	40	274	582
488	Unknown	42	31	35	40	45	40	36	50	26	28	41	51	24	220	447
209	Georgia	16	16	12	28	16	28	24	37	16	29	39	43	15	179	303
99	Mongolia	11	11	*	9	14	10	8	32	27	48	46	42	26	221	275
4.163	Others	316	315	290	429	396	335	347	448	344	334	327	300	254	2.007	4.119
14.399	Total	1.039	1.187	1.081	1.498	1.557	1.500	1.355	1.679	1.398	1.345	2.664	3.438	1.758	12.282	20.460

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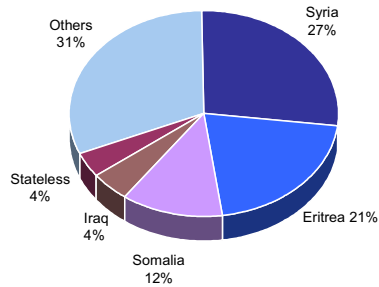
**Top 5 Nationalities first applications last twelve months**

Period: July 2013 - June 2014

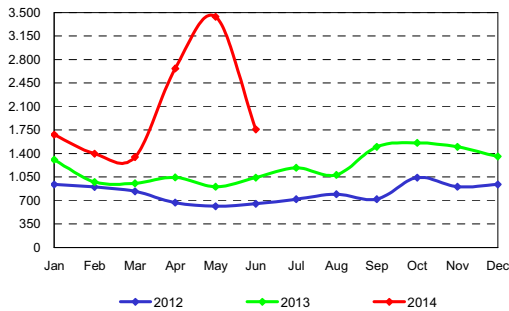
Number of first asylum applications: 20.460

**Top-10 first asylum applications in the Netherlands June 2014**

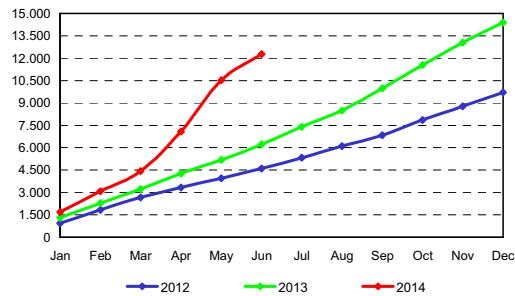
Nationality		%
1	Syria	894 51%
2	Eritrea	203 12%
3	Stateless	191 11%
4	Iraq	49 3%
5	Afghanistan	40 2%
6	Iran	33 2%
7	Somalia	29 2%
8	Nigeria	27 2%
9	Mongolia	26 1%
10	Unknown	24 1%
	Others	242 14%
Total June 2014		1.758 100%
Percentage top 10		86%



**First asylum applications in the Netherlands**



**Cumulative development of first asylum applications in the Netherlands**



**Repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands**

Source: INDIGO

Top-10 last twelve months **repeated** asylum applications in the Netherlands

Total 2013	Nationality	2013						2014						Total 2014	Last 12 months	
		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May			Jun
709	Afghanistan	60	68	49	54	70	55	29	13	41	33	26	26	41	180	505
324	Iraq	21	28	28	14	50	28	30	13	42	15	24	19	68	181	359
391	Iran	35	32	34	29	19	27	17	5	12	12	10	17	17	73	231
192	Somalia	26	18	13	12	12	7	10	6	8	12	12	10	17	65	137
138	Unknown	11	15	11	12	17	9	9	8	6	6	6	6	14	40	113
61	Eritrea	*	10	8	*	*	7	*	*	5	9	*	11	*	34	69
65	Armenia	*	11	*	*	7	*	7	*	5	*	13	5	*	28	58
55	Guinea	*	9	*	*	8	*	*	5	5	*	6	*	8	29	56
33	Syrian Arab Republic	*	*	*	*	9	*	5	*	5	*	11	*	5	27	48
67	Russian Federation	*	7	*	*	9	*	6	5	*	*	5	*	16	48	
755	Others	66	61	71	35	70	46	47	21	32	57	55	46	51	262	592
2.790	Total	231	259	225	167	275	190	165	73	167	149	169	147	230	935	2.216

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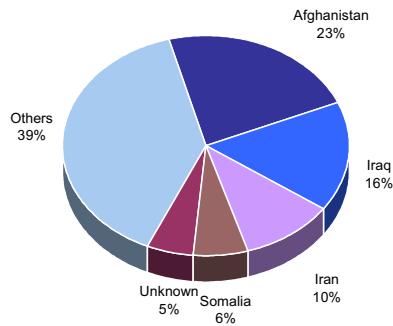
**Top-10 repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands June 2014**

Nationality	%
1 Iraq	30%
2 Afghanistan	18%
3 Iran	7%
4 Somalia	7%
5 Unknown	6%
6 Guinea	3%
7 Sudan	3%
8 Uganda	3%
9 Egypt	3%
10 Syria	2%
Others	17%
Total June 2014	230
Percentage top 10	83%

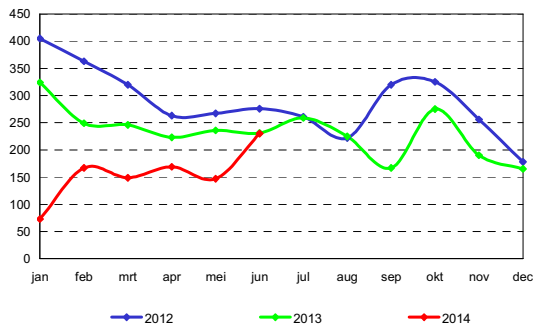
**Top 5 Nationalities repeated applications last twelve months**

Period: July 2013 - June 2014

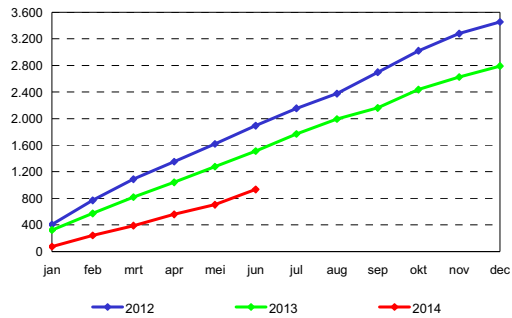
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**Repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands**



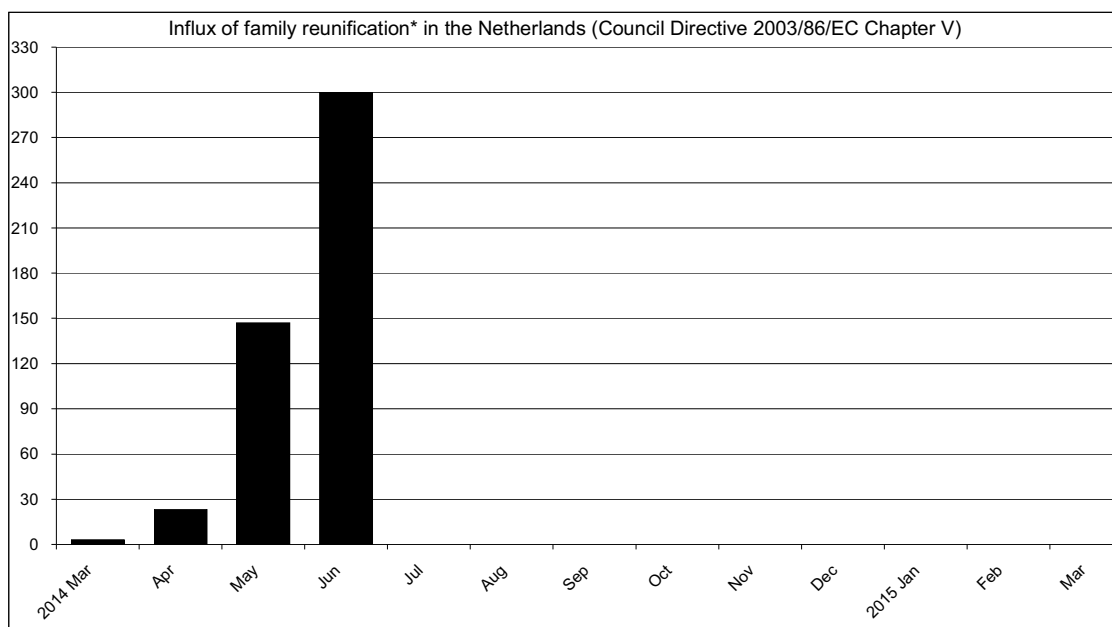
**Cumulative development of repeated asylum applications in the Netherlands**





### Influx of family reunification in the Netherlands (Council Directive 2003/86/EC Chapter V)

Source: INDiGO



\* Separate registration of family reunification started on 2014/03/28. Before this date family reunification was reported under first asylum applications.

Top-10 Family reunification influx\*\* from the 28th of March - June 2014 in the Netherlands

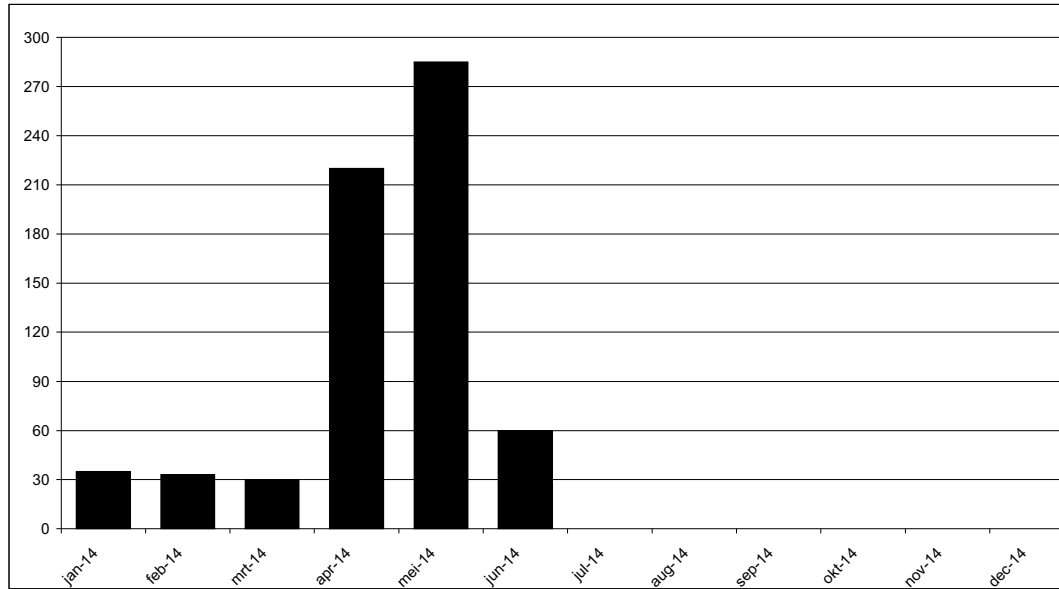
Nationality	2014												2015			Total 2014	Perc	
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar					
Syria	*	14	58	140													215	45%
Somalia	*	6	33	61													100	21%
Iraq	*	*	14	23													38	8%
Stateless	*	*	10	15													25	5%
Eritrea	*	*	*	10													15	3%
Iran	*	*	*	11													12	3%
Afghanistan	*	*	5	6													11	2%
Yemen	*	*	*	5													8	2%
China	*	*	*	*													5	1%
Myanmar	*	*	*	*													4	1%
Others	*	*	19	21													40	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>300</b>													<b>473</b>	<b>100%</b>

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\*\* Separate registration of family reunification started on 2014/03/28. Before this date family reunification was reported under first asylum applications.

**Influx of indicated unaccompanied minor asylum seekers in the Netherlands**

Source: INDiGO



Nationality	Jan	Feb	Mrt	Apr	Mei	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dec	Total
Eritrea	7	7	11	193	253	20							491
Syria	5	*	*	*	11	21							44
Somalia	*	7	*	*	*	*							19
Afghanistan	*	*	*	*	*	*							12
Iraq	*	*	*	*	*	*							11
Guinea	*	*	*	*	*	*							9
Stateless	*	*	*	*	*	*							7
Sierra Leone	*	*	*	*	*	*							6
Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*							6
Viet Nam	*	*	*	*	*	*							6
Others	7	10	6	8	10	11							52
<b>Total UMA</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>60</b>							<b>663</b>

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**Monthly First Asylum Applications in the Netherlands in 2014**

Source: INDIGO

2013	Nationality	2014 Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
673	Afghanistan	60	52	21	57	44	40							274
42	Albania	5	11	9	*	6	*							35
29	Algeria	*	*	*	*	*	*							11
22	Angola	*	*	*	*	*	*							8
185	Armenia	25	12	8	10	10	9							74
71	Azerbaijan	6	*	*	*	*	*							16
29	Bangladesh	*	*	*	*	*	*							6
66	Belarus	8	6	*	*	5	5							29
91	Bosnia and Herzegovina	11	14	17	13	6	8							69
*	Brazil	*	*	*	*	*	*							5
13	Burkina Faso	*	*	*	*	*	*							8
15	Burundi	*	*	*	*	*	*							10
18	Cameroon	*	*	*	*	7	*							24
147	China (including Hong Kong)	18	19	8	9	10	7							71
12	Colombia	*	*	6	*	*	*							6
38	Congo, the Democratic Republic of the	*	*	*	*	*	*							6
143	Congo, the Republic of the	21	6	9	9	*	13							60
76	Cote d'Ivoire	12	5	*	*	*	5							27
8	Cuba	*	*	*	*	*	*							5
177	Egypt	17	16	14	13	12	5							77
978	Eritrea	175	80	94	1.080	1.860	203							3.492
90	Ethiopia	9	8	11	22	24	13							87
27	Gambia	*	*	*	*	*	*							9
209	Georgia	37	16	29	39	43	15							179
34	Ghana	*	*	*	*	5	*							16
158	Guinea	18	10	7	7	9	5							56
16	India	*	*	*	*	*	*							11
728	Iran	61	66	42	51	45	33							298
1.094	Iraq	75	64	51	70	41	49							350
29	Jamaica	*	5	*	*	*	*							15
*	Jordan	*	*	*	5	*	*							8
7	Kenya	*	*	*	10	*	*							13
140	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	*	*	*	*	*	*							6
47	Kosovo	8	5	6	*	*	*							24
18	Lebanon	*	*	*	*	*	*							10
7	Liberia	*	*	*	*	*	*							6
147	Libya	15	12	9	6	6	11							59
125	Macedonia	21	*	16	17	10	10							76
58	Mali	*	*	*	*	*	*							17
99	Mongolia	32	27	48	46	42	26							221
10	Montenegro	*	*	*	*	*	*							6
69	Morocco	*	*	7	7	7	*							30
69	Myanmar	*	*	*	*	*	*							6
65	Nepal	10	15	*	8	5	*							43
8	Niger	5	*	*	*	*	*							7
136	Nigeria	18	11	13	19	17	27							105
150	Pakistan	24	14	*	15	7	7							71
105	Palestinian Territory, Occupied	16	8	9	17	7	*							60
263	Russian Federation	16	21	14	18	17	11							97
18	Rwanda	*	*	*	*	*	*							13
34	Senegal	*	*	*	*	*	*							8
269	Serbia	12	16	21	8	5	5							67
97	Sierra Leone	18	13	12	8	10	5							66
3.078	Somalia	153	283	139	117	56	29							777
142	Sri Lanka	9	13	9	*	7	*							42
216	Stateless	63	47	94	117	271	191							783
139	Sudan	19	18	5	7	16	23							88
2.673	Syria	525	393	465	719	685	894							3.681
20	Tunisia	*	*	*	*	*	*							8
59	Turkey	10	5	19	9	*	*							46
164	Uganda	22	19	16	10	13	8							88
36	Ukraine	5	*	24	11	17	13							74
488	Unknown	50	26	28	41	51	24							220
*	Uzbekistan	*	*	*	*	*	*							5
*	Viet Nam	*	*	*	*	*	*							12
39	Yemen	7	*	*	6	*	*							19
180	Others	13	14	13	18	15	13							86
14.399	Total	1.679	1.398	1.345	2.664	3.438	1.758							12.282

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**First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2013 and 2014**

	2013	apr-13	mei-13	jun-13	jul-13	aug-13	sep-13	okt-13	nov-13	dec-13	jan-14	feb-14	mrt-14	apr-14	2014
Germany	109.580	7.710	7.685	8.600	9.805	9.830	11.730	13.285	12.400	9.220	12.555	9.830	9.840	10.200	42.425
France	60.475	5.400	4.655	5.095	5.635	4.535	4.510	5.840	4.810	4.890	4.455	4.725	5.360	5.210	19.750
Sweden	54.365	3.060	3.085	2.980	4.130	4.805	7.770	7.915	5.545	5.330	3.955	3.670	3.915	4.385	15.925
Italy	25.725	1.810	1.685	1.930	2.360	2.475	2.400	3.215	3.015	2.165	3.375	3.175	3.795	4.215	14.560
United Kingdom	29.185	2.450	2.365	2.375	2.690	2.325	2.545	2.770	2.505	2.185	2.385	2.370	2.670	2.225	9.650
Netherlands	14.370	1.040	900	1.035	1.185	1.075	1.495	1.555	1.500	1.350	1.675	1.395	1.365	2.600	7.035
Belgium	12.085	905	900	865	1.095	985	1.240	1.090	970	865	995	790	870	905	3.560
Hungary	18.565	1.945	3.320	4.075	2.170	1.100	1.035	740	905	1.010	1.240	640	575	635	3.090
Greece	7.865	745	595	530	760	575	630	750	670	540	655	760	630	655	2.700
Denmark	7.230	545	480	505	610	680	650	720	635	520	560	430	500	590	2.080
Bulgaria	6.980	250	275	410	435	695	940	1.230	1.245	630	810	770	395	^	1.975
Spain	4.295	385	430	435	410	290	345	335	300	255	280	330	400	345	1.355
Poland	13.960	1.915	2.855	2.295	1.485	880	710	535	375	315	260	220	355	375	1.210
Finland	2.995	225	210	215	255	320	330	265	260	240	250	215	220	240	925
Romania	1.410	125	130	100	170	95	170	125	100	75	110	130	100	75	415
Ireland	910	90	80	70	70	65	80	80	80	70	100	85	110	95	390
Cyprus	1.140	70	75	65	70	95	105	130	130	100	85	110	120	^	315
Malta	2.205	160	130	55	435	740	290	115	125	50	75	40	65	130	310
Luxembourg	990	90	65	85	95	75	110	120	85	50	90	70	70	45	275
Czech Republic	490	35	40	35	40	65	30	45	35	40	40	35	75	65	215
Croatia	1.040	100	90	30	40	45	80	95	55	30	50	25	35	25	135
Slovenia	245	20	30	20	15	15	15	20	5	10	15	30	25	40	110
Latvia	185	15	10	10	35	30	25	15	10	10	10	20	40	15	85
Lithuania	250	15	10	25	0	45	10	30	25	30	20	25	30	10	85
Slovakia	285	25	35	35	20	35	5	30	30	25	10	5	40	15	70
Portugal	510	70	25	35	40	30	65	45	30	105	20	15	30	^	65
Estonia	90	10	15	0	10	0	5	5	15	5	10	5	5	10	30
Austria*	17.520	1.405	1.445	1.805	1.805	1.355	1.345	1.695	1.550	1.520	^	^	^	^	0
<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>394.945</b>	<b>30.615</b>	<b>31.620</b>	<b>33.715</b>	<b>35.870</b>	<b>33.260</b>	<b>38.655</b>	<b>42.795</b>	<b>37.410</b>	<b>31.635</b>	<b>34.085</b>	<b>29.915</b>	<b>31.635</b>	<b>33.105</b>	<b>128.740</b>
Norway	11.475	765	735	885	1.225	1.565	1.330	1.040	815	715	705	550	645	775	2.675
Switzerland	19.445	1.880	1.515	1.415	1.670	1.420	1.310	1.625	1.755	1.610	1.695	1.365	1.425	1.370	5.855
<b>Total</b>	<b>425.865</b>	<b>33.260</b>	<b>33.870</b>	<b>36.015</b>	<b>38.765</b>	<b>36.245</b>	<b>41.295</b>	<b>45.460</b>	<b>39.980</b>	<b>33.960</b>	<b>36.485</b>	<b>31.830</b>	<b>33.705</b>	<b>35.250</b>	<b>137.270</b>

Situation by 2014/07/15. Data sorted by total in 2014. Data are rounded to closest 0 or 5. Source: Eurostat

Data exclude applications from EU citizens.

Data concern first applications, except for countries with an \*. These countries have not provided first applications for every month in the data set.

^ Data not yet available

**Total asylum applications in the EU from May 2013 - April 2014**

	mei-13	jun-13	jul-13	aug-13	sep-13	okt-13	nov-13	dec-13	jan-14	feb-14	mrt-14	apr-14	Total
Syria	2.720	2.985	3.605	4.055	6.510	7.355	6.680	5.260	5.795	5.470	5.510	5.365	61.310
Russia	6.405	5.590	4.310	3.260	2.755	2.225	1.840	1.660	1.885	1.370	1.445	1.655	34.400
Afghanistan	2.120	2.095	2.260	1.890	2.115	2.420	2.550	2.745	3.145	2.590	2.160	1.950	28.040
Serbia	990	1.235	1.965	2.240	2.755	2.885	2.940	2.790	2.745	1.570	1.645	1.440	25.200
Pakistan	1.900	2.090	2.240	1.825	1.690	1.730	1.590	1.410	1.695	1.585	1.780	1.545	21.080
Kosovo (under United Na	2.720	3.615	2.260	1.360	1.440	1.295	1.185	1.160	1.085	960	945	820	18.845
Somalia	1.280	1.645	1.880	1.790	1.950	1.810	1.820	1.390	1.400	1.295	1.210	1.365	18.835
Eritrea	505	490	1.370	1.860	1.940	2.170	2.180	1.670	1.330	720	915	2.485	17.635
Albania	905	765	915	710	960	1.280	1.170	1.190	1.135	1.645	1.555	1.470	13.700
Nigeria	795	870	995	1.075	1.170	1.545	1.015	925	1.095	900	1.200	1.330	12.915
Others	14.125	15.410	17.625	16.655	19.505	22.415	18.005	14.825	17.420	15.715	17.385	17.735	206.820
<b>Total</b>	<b>34.465</b>	<b>36.790</b>	<b>39.425</b>	<b>36.720</b>	<b>42.790</b>	<b>47.130</b>	<b>40.975</b>	<b>35.025</b>	<b>38.730</b>	<b>33.820</b>	<b>35.750</b>	<b>37.160</b>	<b>458.780</b>

Situation by 2014/07/15. Data sorted by total from May 2013 to April 2014. Data are rounded to closest 0 or 5. Source: Eurostat

Data exclude applications from EU citizens.

Data concern total applications.

## Special Theme: First Asylum Applications in Europe in 2013 related to country area, population and GDP size

### Introduction

In this section the influx of asylum seekers in Europe will be compared by taking into account the massive differences in size between the European states. The asylum pressure in the European states will be related to three indicators of country size: area, population and GDP. In this way we can better compare the asylum influx between small, medium-sized and large states.

**Table 1: Number of first asylum applications compared to country area, population and GDP in 2013**

Rank	Country of asylum	Number of Applications	% share in EU	Country area (sq km)	% share in EU	Inhabitants (million)	% share in EU	GDP (billion PPS*)	% share in EU
1	Germany	109.580	28%	357.168	8%	82,0	16%	2.579	20%
2	France	60.475	15%	632.834	14%	63,7	13%	1.815	14%
3	Sweden	54.350	14%	438.576	10%	9,6	2%	306	2%
4	United Kingdom	29.185	7%	243.610	5%	63,9	13%	1.706	13%
5	Italy	26.920	7%	302.073	7%	59,7	12%	1.561	12%
6	Hungary	18.570	5%	93.024	2%	9,9	2%	169	1%
7	Austria**	17.520	4%	83.879	2%	8,5	2%	279	2%
8	Netherlands	14.375	4%	41.540	1%	16,8	3%	545	4%
9	Poland	13.975	4%	312.679	7%	38,5	8%	660	5%
10	Belgium	12.080	3%	30.528	1%	11,2	2%	339	3%
11	Greece	7.860	2%	131.957	3%	11,1	2%	216	2%
12	Denmark	7.230	2%	42.916	1%	5,6	1%	180	1%
13	Bulgaria	6.980	2%	110.900	2%	7,3	1%	89	1%
14	Spain	4.290	1%	505.991	11%	46,7	9%	1.125	9%
15	Finland	2.995	1%	338.435	8%	5,4	1%	159	1%
16	Malta	2.205	1%	316	0%	0,4	0%	9	0%
17	Romania	1.405	0%	238.391	5%	20,0	4%	272	2%
18	Cyprus	1.150	0%	9.251	0%	0,9	0%	20	0%
19	Croatia	1.045	0%	87.661	2%	4,3	1%	67	1%
20	Luxembourg	990	0%	2.586	0%	0,5	0%	36	0%
21	Ireland	910	0%	69.797	2%	4,6	1%	151	1%
22	Portugal	505	0%	92.212	2%	10,5	2%	205	2%
23	Czech Republic	500	0%	78.866	2%	10,5	2%	217	2%
24	Slovakia	290	0%	49.036	1%	5,4	1%	105	1%
25	Lithuania	250	0%	65.300	1%	3,0	1%	55	0%
26	Slovenia	240	0%	20.273	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
27	Latvia	185	0%	64.573	1%	2,0	0%	33	0%
28	Estonia	95	0%	45.227	1%	1,3	0%	24	0%
<b>Total EU-28</b>		<b>396.155</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.489.597</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>505,4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>12.967</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Norway</b>		<b>11.475</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>323.779</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Switzerland</b>		<b>19.440</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>41.285</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>8,0</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>2%</b>

Source: Eurostat extracted on 02/05/2014 (applications), 06/05/2014 (area), 12/05/2014 (population) and 13/05/2014 (GDP). Country area, inhabitants and GDP data are the most up to date available data on Eurostat's website.

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\*\* Austria only provides the total amount of asylum applications (first and repeated)

Table 1 depicts the number of first asylum applications, country area size, number of inhabitants and GDP in 2013 in Europe, arranged by the number of asylum applications in decreasing order. Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by France and Sweden. The Netherlands ranked eighth within the EU. It is quite clear from table 1 that the order of states when comparing the three indicators of country size is not the same as the order in relation to the number of asylum applications. There are substantial differences for most European states between their share in the EU-28 concerning asylum applications, country area, inhabitants and GDP. In the next subsections the different indicators of country size will be related to the number of asylum applications in more detail.

**Area size****Table 2: Number of first asylum applications in 2013 related to country area size**

Rank	Country of asylum	Applications per 1.000 sq km	In relation to Total EU-28 = 1	Number of applications	Country area (sq km)
1	Malta	6.978	79,0	2.205	316
2	Belgium	396	4,5	12.080	30.528
3	Luxembourg	383	4,3	990	2.586
4	Netherlands	346	3,9	14.375	41.540
5	Germany	307	3,5	109.580	357.168
6	Austria*	209	2,4	17.520	83.879
7	Cyprus	202	2,3	1.150	5.695
8	Hungary	200	2,3	18.570	93.024
9	Denmark	168	1,9	7.230	42.916
10	Sweden	124	1,4	54.350	438.576
11	United Kingdom	120	1,4	29.185	243.610
12	France	96	1,1	60.475	632.834
13	Italy	89	1,0	26.920	302.073
	<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>396.155</b>	<b>4.486.041</b>
14	Bulgaria	63	0,7	6.980	110.900
15	Greece	60	0,7	7.860	131.957
16	Poland	45	0,5	13.975	312.679
18	Ireland	13	0,1	910	69.797
17	Croatia	12	0,1	1.045	87.661
19	Slovenia	12	0,1	240	20.273
20	Finland	9	0,1	2.995	338.435
21	Spain	8	0,1	4.290	505.991
22	Czech Republic	6	0,1	500	78.866
23	Slovakia	6	0,1	290	49.036
24	Romania	6	0,1	1.405	238.391
25	Portugal	5	0,1	505	92.212
26	Lithuania	4	0,0	250	65.300
27	Latvia	3	0,0	185	64.573
28	Estonia	2	0,0	95	45.227
	<b>Norway</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>11.475</b>	<b>323.779</b>
	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>19.440</b>	<b>41.285</b>

Source: Eurostat extracted on 02/05/2014 (applications) and 06/05/2014 (area).

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Table 2 relates the number of first asylum applications in 2013 to the area size of the European countries, arranged in decreasing order. By taking the Total EU-28 figure = 1, it shows how many times more or less applications a country received in relation to its area size compared to the EU-28 average. It shows that Malta received the largest number of asylum applications in Europe in relation to its area size: 6.978 per 1.000 sq km, 79 times more than the EU average (88 per 1.000 sq km). Belgium and Luxembourg ranked second and third at some distance with 4,5 and 4,3 times more applications than the EU average. The three countries that received most applications in 2013 in absolute terms (Germany, France and Sweden), also received more applications compared to their country size than the EU average.

**Population size****Table 3: Number of first asylum applications in 2013 related to population size**

Rank	Country of asylum	Applications per million inhabitants	In relation to Total EU-28 = 1	Number of applications	Inhabitants (millions)
1	Sweden	5.661	7,2	54.350	9,6
2	Malta	5.513	7,0	2.205	0,4
3	Austria*	2.061	2,6	17.520	8,5
4	Luxembourg	1.980	2,5	990	0,5
5	Hungary	1.876	2,4	18.570	9,9
6	Germany	1.336	1,7	109.580	82,0
7	Denmark	1.291	1,6	7.230	5,6
8	Cyprus	1.278	1,6	1.150	0,9
9	Belgium	1.079	1,4	12.080	11,2
10	Bulgaria	956	1,2	6.980	7,3
11	France	949	1,2	60.475	63,7
12	Netherlands	856	1,1	14.375	16,8
	<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>396.155</b>	<b>505,4</b>
13	Greece	708	0,9	7.860	11,1
14	Finland	555	0,7	2.995	5,4
15	United Kingdom	457	0,6	29.185	63,9
16	Italy	451	0,6	26.920	59,7
17	Poland	363	0,5	13.975	38,5
18	Croatia	243	0,3	1.045	4,3
19	Ireland	198	0,3	910	4,6
20	Slovenia	114	0,1	240	2,1
21	Latvia	93	0,1	185	2,0
22	Spain	92	0,1	4.290	46,7
23	Lithuania	83	0,1	250	3,0
24	Estonia	73	0,1	95	1,3
25	Romania	70	0,1	1.405	20,0
26	Slovakia	54	0,1	290	5,4
27	Portugal	48	0,1	505	10,5
28	Czech Republic	48	0,1	500	10,5
	<b>Norway</b>	<b>1.740</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>8.145</b>	<b>4,7</b>
	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>1.105</b>	<b>4,3</b>	<b>8.390</b>	<b>7,6</b>

Source: Eurostat extracted on 02/05/2014 (applications) and 12/05/2014 (population).

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Table 3 provides an overview of the number of first asylum applications in 2013 in relation to population size, arranged in decreasing order. Sweden and Malta received most applications in relation to their population size: 5.661 and 5.513 applications per million inhabitants, 7,2 and 7,0 times more than the EU average (784 applications per million inhabitants). Austria ranked third (2,6 times more). The Netherlands ranked twelfth in the EU with 856 applications per million inhabitants (1,1 times more than average). Germany and France, the number one and two in absolute number of applications, received more applications per million inhabitants than the EU average as well.

**GDP size****Table 4: Number of first asylum applications in 2013 related to GDP size**

Rank	Country of asylum	Applications per billion PPS*	In relation to Total EU-28 = 1	Number of Applications	GDP (billion PPS*)
1	Malta	239	7,8	2.205	9
2	Sweden	177	5,8	54.350	306
3	Hungary	110	3,6	18.570	169
4	Bulgaria	79	2,6	6.980	89
5	Austria**	63	2,1	17.520	279
6	Cyprus	57	1,9	1.150	20
7	Germany	42	1,4	109.580	2.579
8	Denmark	40	1,3	7.230	180
9	Greece	36	1,2	7.860	216
10	Belgium	36	1,2	12.080	339
11	France	33	1,1	60.475	1.815
	<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>396.155</b>	<b>12.967</b>
12	Luxembourg	28	0,9	990	36
13	Netherlands	26	0,9	14.375	545
14	Poland	21	0,7	13.975	660
15	Finland	19	0,6	2.995	159
16	Italy	17	0,6	26.920	1.561
17	United Kingdom	17	0,6	29.185	1.706
18	Croatia	16	0,5	1.045	67
19	Ireland	6	0,2	910	151
20	Latvia	6	0,2	185	33
21	Slovenia	5	0,2	240	44
22	Romania	5	0,2	1.405	272
23	Lithuania	5	0,1	250	55
24	Estonia	4	0,1	95	24
25	Spain	4	0,1	4.290	1.125
26	Slovakia	3	0,1	290	105
27	Portugal	2	0,1	505	205
28	Czech Republic	2	0,1	500	217
	<b>Norway</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>11.475</b>	<b>249</b>
	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>19.440</b>	<b>319</b>

Source: Eurostat extracted on 02/05/2014 (applications) and 13/05/2014 (GDP).

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Table 4 shows the number of first asylum applications in 2013 related to GDP size (in PPS) arranged in decreasing order. Malta, Sweden and Hungary were the numbers one, two and three with respectively 7,8, 5,8 and 3,6 times more applications in relation to GDP size than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked thirteenth with 0,9 times less applications in relation to GDP size than the EU average. Germany and France the numbers one and two in absolute numbers of applications received more than the EU average in relation to GDP size.



**Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications in 2013**

Rank	Country of asylum	Average	Index figure area	Index figure population	Index figure GDP
1	Malta	31,3	79,0	7,0	7,8
2	Sweden	4,8	1,4	7,2	5,8
3	Hungary	2,8	2,3	2,4	3,6
4	Luxembourg	2,6	4,3	2,5	0,9
5	Austria*	2,3	2,4	2,6	2,1
6	Belgium	2,3	4,5	1,4	1,2
7	Germany	2,2	3,5	1,7	1,4
8	Netherlands	2,0	3,9	1,1	0,9
9	Cyprus	1,9	2,3	1,6	1,9
10	Denmark	1,6	1,9	1,6	1,3
11	Bulgaria	1,5	0,7	1,2	2,6
12	France	1,1	1,1	1,2	1,1
	<b>Total EU-28</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>
13	Greece	0,9	0,7	0,9	1,2
14	United Kingdom	0,8	1,4	0,6	0,6
15	Italy	0,7	1,0	0,6	0,6
16	Poland	0,6	0,5	0,5	0,7
17	Finland	0,5	0,1	0,7	0,6
18	Croatia	0,3	0,1	0,3	0,5
19	Ireland	0,2	0,1	0,3	0,2
20	Slovenia	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,2
21	Spain	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
22	Latvia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,2
23	Romania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
24	Lithuania	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
25	Estonia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
26	Slovakia	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
27	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
28	Portugal	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
	<b>Norway</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>1,5</b>
	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>3,1</b>	<b>2,0</b>

Source: Eurostat extracted on 02/05/2014 (applications), 06/05/2014 (area), 12/05/2014 (population) and 13/05/2014 (GDP). Country area, inhabitants and GDP data are the most up to date available data on Eurostat's website.

Table 5 provides an overview of the asylum influx in relation to the three indicators of country size by taking the Total EU-28 figure = 1. These three different index figures were separately put into the tables 2-4. In addition to this overview, the average index figure is mentioned in table 5 (all three index figures are equally weighted). It shows that in 2013 Malta received the largest number of asylum applications in relation to the three indicators of country size - area, population and GDP - taken together (31,3 times more than average in the EU). Sweden followed with 4,8 times more than average. Hungary ranked third receiving an average of 2,8 times more applications in relation to the EU average in relation to the three indicators - area, population and GDP - taken together. The Netherlands ranked eighth with 2,0 times more applications in relation to the EU average.

Germany and France the numbers one and two in absolute numbers of applications received 2,2 and 1,1 times more applications than average in relation to their country size (area, population and GDP). It is quite clear that the ranking in absolute numbers of applications differs from the ranking when differences in country sizes (area, population and GDP) are taken into account. Nonetheless, six countries listed in the top 10 of absolute numbers of first asylum applications are also listed in the top 10 of applications in relation to country size: Belgium, Sweden, the Netherlands, Austria, Hungary and Germany.







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