

# UNHCR

2011



## EMBARGOED

TO 0001 GMT (0101 CET)

27 MARCH 2012



## *Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries*

Statistical overview of  
asylum applications lodged in  
Europe and selected  
non-European countries



**UNHCR**  
The UN Refugee Agency

# Trends at a Glance

## 2011 in review

↗ 20%

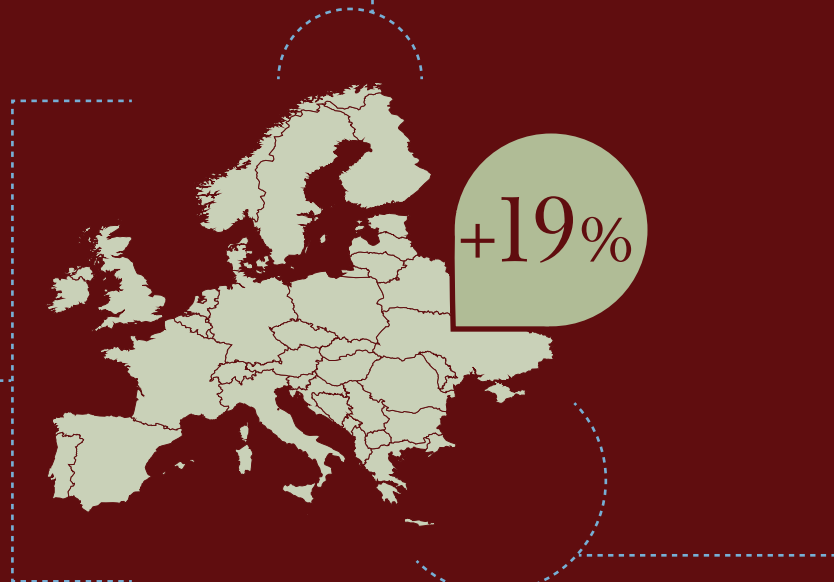
An estimated **441,300 asylum applications** were registered in 2011 in the 44 countries included in this report, some 73,300 claims or 20 per cent more than in 2010 (368,000). The 2011 level is the highest since 2003 when 505,000 asylum applications were lodged in the industrialized countries.

327,200

The **38 countries in Europe** received **327,200** claims, an increase of 19 per cent compared to 2010 (274,700 claims).

↗ 10%

In the **Nordic countries**, the number of newly registered asylum-seekers decreased by 10 per cent to 45,700, a similar level to those of 2007 and 2008. The decrease was uniform across all countries.



↗ 87%

In Europe, the largest relative increase in annual asylum levels occurred in the eight **Southern European countries** which received **66,800 asylum requests** during 2011, an 87 per cent increase compared to 2010. This increase is due mainly to boat arrivals in **Italy** and **Malta** and to the registration of greater numbers of individual requests for international protection in **Turkey** (+74%).

↗ 15%

The **27 Member States of the European Union** registered **277,400** asylum claims in 2011, a 15 per cent increase compared to 2010 (240,400). The EU-27 together accounted for 85 per cent of all asylum claims in Europe.

13,000

11,800

The number of asylum-seekers in **Australia** and **New Zealand** decreased by 9 per cent during 2011 (11,800 claims) compared to the previous year (13,000). This is the first decrease in six years.

+1/4

In **North America**, an estimated **99,400** new asylum applications were submitted in 2011, almost a quarter (+20,700 claims) more than in 2010. The figures for Canada and the United States of America show a similar trend.

1. USA	4. ITA	53 %	
2. FRA	5. SWE		
3. GER			
others			47 %

With an estimated **74,000** asylum applications, the **United States of America** was the largest single recipient of new asylum claims among the 44 industrialized countries. France was second with 51,900 asylum applications, followed by Germany (45,700), Italy (34,100)<sup>1)</sup>, and Sweden (29,600). The top five receiving countries together accounted for more than half (53%) of all asylum claims received in the countries included in this report.

16,700

For asylum-seekers from **Côte d'Ivoire**, **Libya**, the **Syrian Arab Republic**, and **Tunisia**, levels were at a record high among the industrialized countries. Asylum-seekers originating from these four countries submitted in total 16,700 claims more than in 2010.

↗ 77%

**Japan** and the **Republic of Korea** registered a combined number of **2,900** new asylum claims in 2011, a 77 per cent increase compared to 2010 (1,600 claims) and the highest on record.

## Who is an asylum-seeker?

An **asylum-seeker** is an individual who has sought international protection and whose claim for refugee status has not been determined yet.

As part of its obligation to protect refugees on its territory, the country of asylum is normally responsible for determining whether an asylum-seeker is a refugee or not. This responsibility is often incorporated in national legislation of the country and, for State Parties, is derived from the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees. ●

Top 5

1. AFGHANISTAN
2. CHINA
3. IRAQ
4. SERBIA (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))
5. PAKISTAN

With 35,700 asylum claims lodged in 2011, Afghanistan was the most important **source country** of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries, followed by China (24,400 claims), Iraq (23,500), Serbia (and Kosovo: Security Council resolution 1244 (1999))<sup>2)</sup> (21,200), and Pakistan (18,100).

Slightly less than **half of all asylum claims** were submitted by individuals originating from **Asia** (45%). Africa was the second most important source continent (27% of all claims), followed by Europe (15%), and the Americas (8%).

<sup>1)</sup> This figure is provisional and subject to change since the Government of Italy is still processing asylum claims received in 2011.

<sup>2)</sup> Henceforth referred to in this document as "Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))".





Refugees in the Loran reception centre on the Italian island of Lampedusa.

© UNHCR / L. SENGALIESE

# I Introduction

This report summarizes patterns and trends in the number of individual asylum claims<sup>(3)</sup> submitted in Europe and selected non-European countries during 2011. The data presented are based on information available as of **14 March 2012**, unless otherwise indicated. The report covers the 38 European and six non-European States that currently provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR. Figures are mostly based on official asylum statistics, reflecting national laws and procedures. In addition, UNHCR conducted refugee status determination under its mandate in a number of countries included in this report.<sup>(4)</sup> **Annex Table 2** provides trends in selected Eastern European countries, based on annual data.

**T**HE GROUP OF COUNTRIES ANALYSED is referred to collectively as “the 44 industrialized countries” and is defined as such for the purposes of this report only. The 44 countries are: 27 Member States of the European Union<sup>(5)</sup>, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)), Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Turkey, as well as Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America. The group of 44 countries received an estimated 441,300 asylum applications in 2011.

The numbers in this report reflect asylum claims made at the first instance of asylum procedures. Applications on appeal or review are not included, nor is information on the outcome of asylum procedures or on the admission of refugees through resettlement programmes, as such details are available in other UNHCR reports.<sup>(6)</sup>

To the extent possible, the statistics presented reflect the number of individuals lodging an asylum application for the first time. However, some of the figures quoted in this report are likely to include repeat applications, and therefore may not reflect the actual number of new asylum-seekers. Also, the number of asylum applications may not reflect the number of asylum-seekers, as some individuals seek asylum in more than one country during the same year.<sup>(7)</sup>

All data refer to the number of individuals with the exception of asylum-seekers in the United States of America where figures are available only for the number of cases (which may include several individuals) for applications submitted to the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS). However, applications submitted to the United States Department of Jus-

Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR), are recorded as individuals. To allow comparability across countries of asylum, UNHCR uses a figure of 1.4 individuals per case to estimate the number of people reported by DHS, because historical data suggest that, on average, one asylum case contains 1.4 individuals. In the country of origin tables, figures for the United States of America are a combination of the number of cases (DHS) and the number of individuals (EOIR), owing to the large variation in family size by nationality.

**All figures in this report should be considered as provisional and subject to change.** Due to retroactive changes and adjustments, some of the data included in this publication may differ slightly from that reported in previous UNHCR documents or from the official figures published by States. ■

<sup>3</sup> An asylum-seeker is an individual who has sought international protection and whose claim for refugee status has not yet been determined. As part of its obligation to protect refugees on its territory, the country of asylum is normally responsible for determining whether an asylum-seeker is a refugee or not. This responsibility is often incorporated in national legislation of the country and, for State Parties, is derived from the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.

<sup>4</sup> During the period 2007-2011, UNHCR conducted refugee status determination under its mandate in Cyprus (northern part of Cyprus only), Montenegro, Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)), and Turkey (see notes in **Annex Table 1** for more details).

<sup>5</sup> See **Annex Table 1** for a list of countries.

<sup>6</sup> See UNHCR's 2010 Statistical Yearbook at <http://www.unhcr.org/statistics>.

<sup>7</sup> According to EURODAC's Central Unit, the verification of asylum claims in 2010 showed that 24.2 per cent of all asylum claims registered in the system were multiple claims, i.e. the applicant had submitted at least one previous application in the same or another Member State of the European Union. (Source: [http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/doc\\_centre/asylum/asylum\\_identification\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/doc_centre/asylum/asylum_identification_en.htm))





**People queuing outside the Belgian Department of Immigration** in Brussels waiting to file an asylum application. The Department takes photos, fingerprints and a chest-x-ray. Personal data are also registered.

© UNHCR / D. TELEMANS

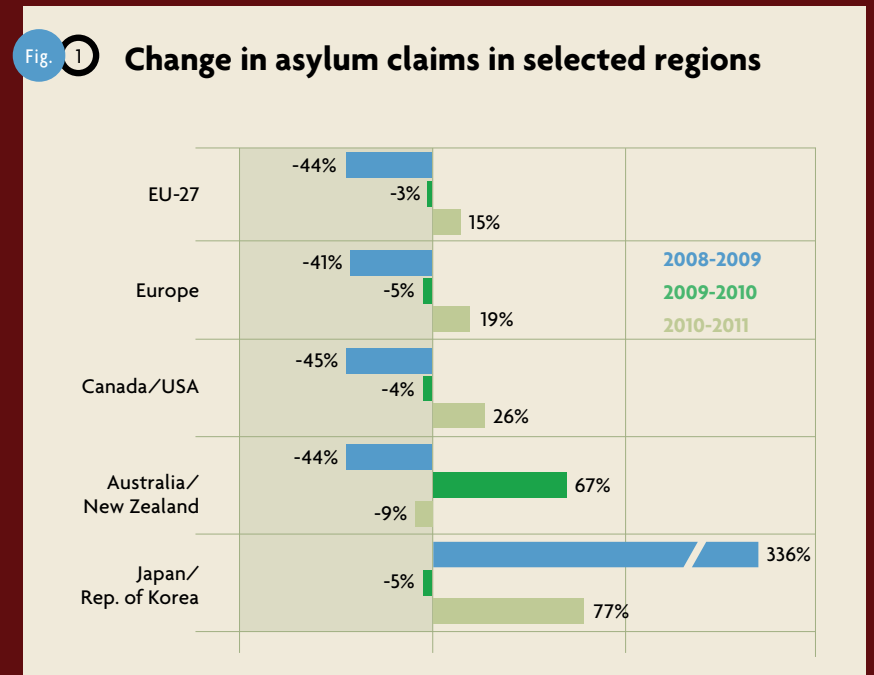
II

## Global and Regional Trends <sup>(8)</sup>

The year 2011 was characterized by a significant number of people seeking asylum or refugee status from countries experiencing recent or ongoing conflict, turmoil or security concerns. This applies in particular to asylum-seekers originating from Afghanistan, Côte d'Ivoire, Libya, the Syrian Arab Republic, and Tunisia.

**F**OLLOWING AVERAGES of roughly 370,000 asylum applications per year in the 44 industrialized countries since 2008, significant increases were registered in 2011. An estimated 441,300 asylum applications were recorded in the 44 countries, representing some 73,300 claims (+20%) more than in 2010 (368,000). The 2011 level was the highest since 2003 when more than 505,000 asylum applications were lodged in the industrialized countries. As shown in **Figure 1**, the overall increase observed in 2011 applies to most major regions analysed in this report.

Out of a total of 441,300 asylum applications registered in 2011, the 38 countries in **Europe**<sup>(9)</sup> received 327,200 claims, an increase of 19 per cent compared to 2010 (274,700 claims). However, the figures show variations in asylum trends at the regional and country level. For example, the 27 Member States of the European Union registered 277,400 asylum claims in 2011, a 15 per cent increase compared to 2010 (240,400). Within this group, the 15 pre-2004 ('old') EU Member States registered 37,300 more claims during 2011 (+17%), while the 12 'new' EU



Member States, who joined the EU in or after 2004, registered 400 fewer claims, a drop of 2 per cent. The EU-27 together accounted for 85 per cent of all asylum claims in Europe.

Among the European regions, the largest relative increase in annual asylum levels was reported by the eight

**Southern European countries**<sup>(10)</sup> which received 66,800 asylum requests during 2011, an 87 per cent increase compared to 2010. This increase is mainly due to boat arrivals in Italy and Malta and the registration of more individual requests for international protection in Turkey (+74%). Despite this recent increase,

<sup>8</sup> See notes in **Annex Table 1** for a list of countries included under each regional grouping.  
<sup>9</sup> When including the countries listed in **Annex Table 2**, the total number of asylum claims in 2011 amounts to 444,000, compared to 372,400 the previous year.  
<sup>10</sup> Refers to Albania, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain and Turkey.

When comparing the share of the **44 industrialized countries** to the global number of registered asylum-seekers between 2007 and 2010, the relative importance of the 44 countries as a destination region has declined. In 2007, the 44 countries received roughly **65 per cent** of all new asylum applications worldwide. By 2010, this percentage had fallen to about **50**, with sub-Saharan Africa emerging as a major destination region for people seeking international protection.<sup>(a)</sup> The global number of asylum applications registered in 2011 is not yet available. ●

a See UNHCR's 2010 Statistical Yearbook

**TABLE 1** Asylum claims lodged in selected regions

Regions	2009	2010	2011	Change '11-'10
Europe	287,830	274,710	327,190	19%
- EU-total	247,330	240,410	277,370	15%
- EU-"old"	222,130	224,850	262,190	17%
- EU-"new"	25,200	15,560	15,180	-2%
USA/Canada	82,270	78,690	99,370	26%
Australia/New Zealand	7,760	12,980	11,820	-9%
Japan/Rep. of Korea	1,710	1,630	2,880	77%
<b>Total</b>	<b>379,570</b>	<b>368,010</b>	<b>441,260</b>	<b>20%</b>

See notes in Annex Table 1 for list of countries included.

levels remain below the latest peak in 2008 (74,400 claims). Italy was the main recipient of asylum applications in the region (34,100 claims<sup>(11)</sup>), followed by Turkey (16,000) and Greece (9,300).

In the **Nordic countries**<sup>(12)</sup>, on the other hand, the number of newly registered asylum-seekers decreased by 10 per cent to 45,700, almost the 2007 and 2008 levels. With the exception of Iceland, the decrease was uniform among all countries. Overall, Sweden remained the most important destination for asylum-seekers in the region with 29,600 asylum applications, followed by Norway (9,100) and Denmark (3,800).

The number of asylum-seekers in **Australia and New Zealand** decreased by 9 per cent during 2011 (11,800 claims) compared to the previous year (13,000). It is primarily in Australia that the decrease occurred with 11,500 claims, down 9 per cent from 2010. It is the first decrease observed in six years, and is due to fewer asylum-seekers arriving to Australia by boat. One third of asylum-seekers in Australia originate from Afghanistan or the Islamic Republic of Iran. Asylum levels in Australia remain below those recorded by many other industrialized and non-industrialized countries. In New Zealand, levels have remained fairly stable in the past six years

(on average 300 new claims per year).

**Japan and the Republic of Korea** registered a combined number of 2,900 new asylum claims in 2011, a 77 per cent increase compared to 2010 (1,600 claims). Although it is the highest level on record in both countries, numbers continue to be modest in comparison with other industrialized countries. Japan registered 1,900<sup>(13)</sup> new asylum applications (+56%) and the Republic of Korea 1,000 claims (+135%) in 2011. People seeking international protection in Japan were predominantly from Myanmar while Pakistan was the main country of origin of asylum-seekers in the Republic of Korea.

In **North America**, an estimated 99,400 new asylum applications were submitted in 2011, one quarter (+20,700 claims) more than in 2010. The figures show a similar trend for Canada and the United States of America. The former registered 25,300 new applications, 9 per cent more than in 2010 (23,200), while the latter recorded approximately 74,000<sup>(14)</sup> claims, a 33 per cent increase (55,500 claims in 2010). Although 2011 is the highest level in almost a decade for this region, it is two thirds that of 2001 when close to 150,000 applications in total were lodged in Canada and the United States of America. ■

<sup>11</sup> This figure is provisional and subject to change since the Government of Italy is still processing asylum claims received in 2011.

<sup>12</sup> Refers to Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

<sup>13</sup> Monthly asylum data for Japan is available from 2002. Figures for Japan are UNHCR estimates.

<sup>14</sup> Estimated number of individuals based on the number of new cases (37,100) and multiplied by 1.4 to reflect the average number of individuals per case (Source: US Department of Homeland Security); and the number of new "defensive" asylum requests lodged with the Executive Office of Immigration Review (22,100; reported by individuals).

### III

## Levels and Patterns in Countries of Asylum

*With 235,400 registered asylum claims in 2011, the **United States of America, France, Germany, Italy, and Sweden** were the top five receiving countries, together accounting for more than half (53%) of all new asylum claims submitted in the 44 industrialized countries covered by this report. In comparison, some 186,800 claims were registered in these five countries in 2010.*

**F**OR THE SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, the **United States of America** remained the largest single recipient of new asylum claims, accounting for one out of six claims lodged in the 44 countries included in Annex Table 1. An estimated 74,000 individuals submitted an application, 18,500 claims more than the year before. Asylum-seekers from China (+20%), Mexico (+94%) and India (+241%) accounted primarily for this increase. Almost half of all asylum claims in the country were lodged by asylum-seekers from China (26%), Mexico (14%), or El Salvador (7%). The annual share of the United States of America in the number of asylum claims received among the group of industrialized countries

has fluctuated in recent years, ranging between 13 and 17 per cent.

**France** was the second largest recipient of applications among the group of 44 countries with 51,900 new applications registered during 2011. This is not only an 8 per cent increase over 2010 (48,100 claims), but also the fourth consecutive rise. The higher level in 2011 is partly attributable to a doubling of asylum claims from Armenians: from 1,800 in 2010 to more than 3,600 claims a year later. Similarly, asylum claims from citizens of Côte d'Ivoire tripled, from 500 to almost 1,700 during the same period. The Russian Federation was the top country of origin of asylum-seekers in France, with 4,000 asylum claims registered in 2011, followed by

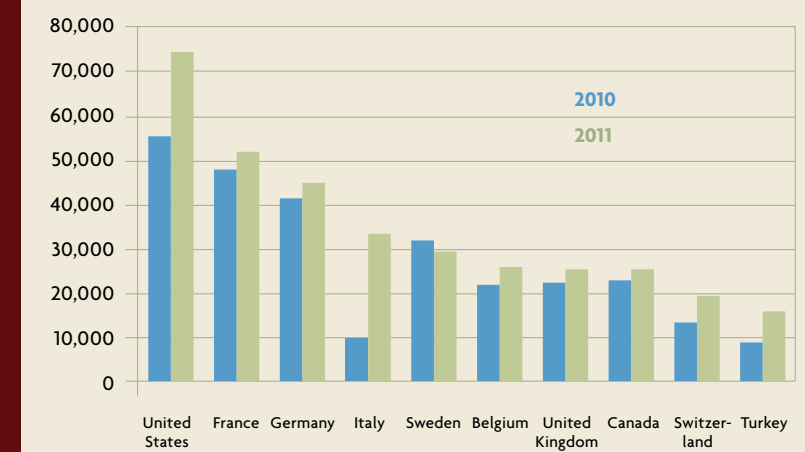
the Democratic Republic of the Congo (3,800 claims) and Armenia (3,600 claims). On average, every eighth application in the 44 industrialized countries was received by France.

**Germany** was the third largest recipient of applications among the 44 countries, with 45,700 new asylum requests registered during 2011. This is an 11 per cent increase compared to 2010 (41,300 claims) and the highest value since 2003 (50,600 claims). The increase in 2011 is partly attributed to a higher number of asylum-seekers from Afghanistan (+32%), the Syrian Arab Republic (+77%), and Pakistan (+202%). Afghanistan was also the top country of origin of asylum-seekers in Germany with 7,800 claims registered in 2011. On average, three out of ten applications in the country were lodged by Afghans.

Following significantly increased numbers of new asylum applicants in 2008 (30,300 claims), many of them arriving by sea, the number of persons requesting international protection in Italy descended to a five-year low in 2010 (10,000 claims). However, in 2011, this trend was reversed with an estimated 34,100<sup>(15)</sup> asylum applications registered (+240%). This figure constitutes an all-time-high for Italy, making it the fourth largest recipient of asylum-seekers in the industrialized world in 2011. Tunisia became the main country of origin of asylum-seekers in Italy

<sup>15</sup> This figure is provisional and subject to change since the Government of Italy is still processing asylum claims received in 2011. The country of origin breakdown is available for 18,100 out of the 34,100 asylum applications.

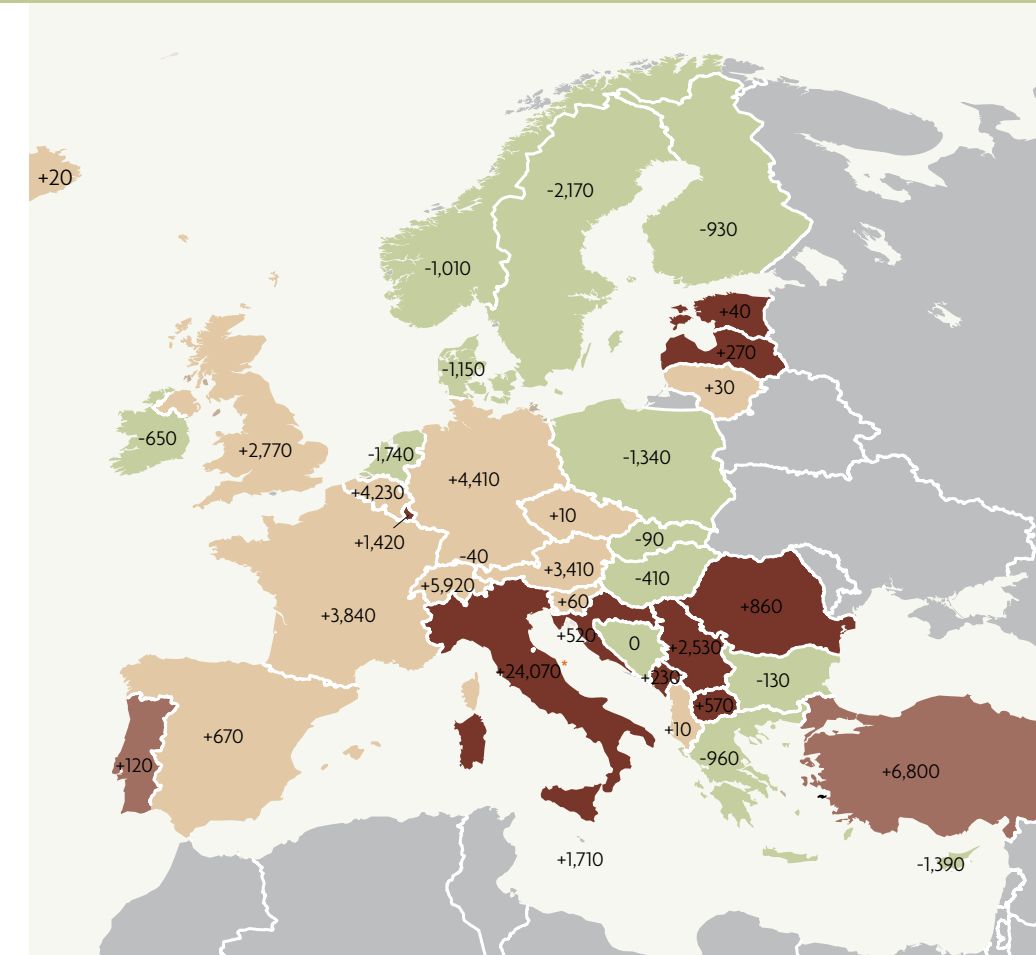
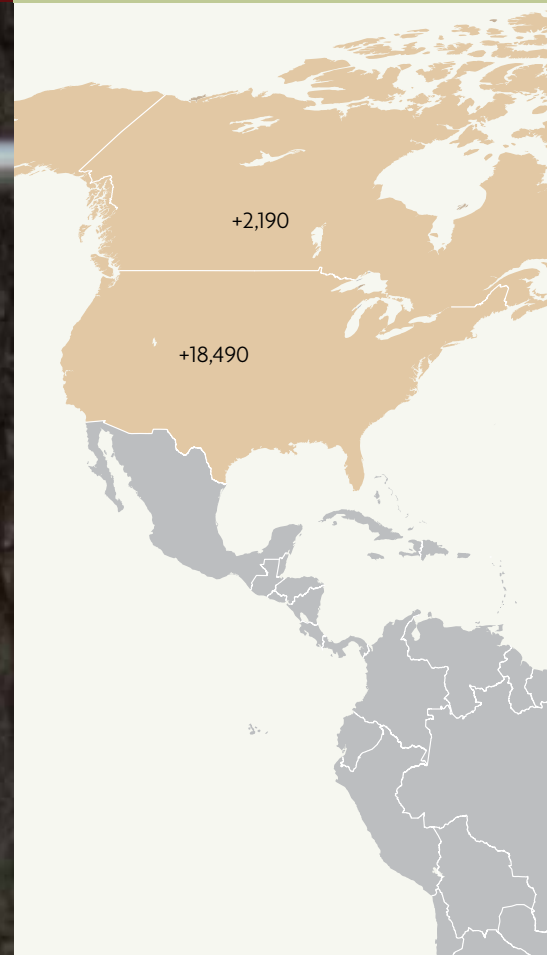
**Fig. 2** Asylum claims submitted in 10 major receiving countries | 2011







**A Chechen asylum-seeker women** in the Linin Reception Centre in Linin, Poland.



with 3,500 claims registered (up from 140 a year earlier). Tunisia was followed by Nigeria (2,900 claims), Ghana (1,300) and Pakistan (1,200).

Sweden ranked fifth among the 44 industrialized countries with 29,600 applications received during the year. In contrast to the top four receiving countries, Sweden experienced a 7 per cent drop compared to 2010 (31,800 claims). It is mainly the fall in numbers of asylum-seekers from Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) and from Somalia who accounted for this drop. In the case of Serbia, figures halved during 2011 (3,000 fewer claims), while 1,600 fewer claims from Somalis were registered (-28%). In contrast, the number of Afghans seeking international protection in Sweden increased from 2,400 in 2010 to more than 4,100 (+72%). Afghanistan thus became the main country of origin of asylum-seekers in Sweden. During the same period, asylum claims from people originating from Bosnia and Herzegovina went up from 120 to almost 1,000.

**Increase and decrease of asylum claims**

- Increase over 100%
- Increase 50% to 100%
- Increase 1% to 50%
- Decrease 1% to 50%
- Decrease 50% to 100%
- Decrease over 100%

*Note:* This map is limited to the 44 countries which provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR. All figures are rounded off to the closest ten. \* Provisional figure subject to change.

The 26,000 asylum applications registered in **Belgium** in 2011 were at the highest level for more than a decade. The number increased by one fifth (+19%) compared to 2010, making Belgium the sixth largest receiving country during the reporting period. Figures in Belgium have gone up for the fourth consecutive year. It is mainly Afghan asylum-seekers who account for this



rise, due to a more than doubling of asylum claims from 1,100 in 2010 to close to 2,800 one year later. The number of Albanian asylum-seekers quintupled from 210 claims in 2010 to more than 1,100 in 2011. Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) remained the leading country of origin of asylum-seekers in Belgium with roughly 3,100 claims registered.

The **United Kingdom** was the seventh largest recipient of new asylum-seekers in 2011 with 25,400 claims. This was the second lowest level in two decades. Compared to 2010, figures increased by 12 per cent. The United Kingdom was followed by **Canada** (25,300 claims), **Switzerland** (19,400 claims), **Turkey** (16,000 claims), and **Austria** (14,400). All four countries witnessed increases during the year ranging from 9 per cent (Canada) to 74 per cent (Turkey).

**TABLE 2**  
**Changes in the ranking of the top-15 receiving countries**

Countries	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
United States	1	1	1	1	1
France	3	3	2	2	2
Germany	7	7	5	3	3
Italy	8	5	7	14	4
Sweden	2	6	6	4	5
Belgium	10	14	9	7	6
United Kingdom	5	4	4	6	7
Canada	4	2	3	5	8
Switzerland	11	9	13	8	9
Turkey	13	12	15	15	10
Austria	9	13	11	11	11
Netherlands	15	11	12	9	12
Australia	19	16	16	10	13
Greece	6	8	10	12	14
Norway	17	10	8	13	15

#### RANKING OF COUNTRIES

The numbers of people requesting international protection have fluctuated significantly between countries and years, largely depending on political developments in countries of origin or changes in asylum policies in receiving countries. However, other factors may also be of relevance, including the existence of social networks of certain communities in destination countries, improved capacity to register asylum-seekers, and the fact that some countries are perceived as being more likely

to grant refugee status than others.

These factors are reflected in the current and past rankings of some of the countries included in this report. Italy, for instance, saw a sharp increase in new asylum applicants in 2008 (30,300 claims), many arriving by sea. In 2008, Italy was the fifth largest recipient of asylum-seekers among the group of 44 industrialized countries. In 2009, Italy and Libya concluded an agreement to turn boats back to the latter. As a consequence, the numbers of people requesting international protection in Italy dropped by almost half between 2008 and 2009 (17,600 applications). In 2010, this trend continued, with only 10,400 individuals seeking asylum in Italy and the country then ranked as the 14<sup>th</sup> most popular destination among the group of industrialized countries. Following the 'Arab Spring' in North Africa in early 2011, arrivals by boat in Italy resumed, resulting in triple the number of asylum applications in 2011 (34,100 claims)<sup>(16)</sup>. As a result, the country moved up in its ranking to become the 4<sup>th</sup> highest destination country.

Greece introduced special procedures at the end of 2006 to clear the backlog of asylum-seekers waiting to register claims. As a consequence, the number of applicants registered rose sharply in 2007, making Greece the 6<sup>th</sup> largest receiving country that year (25,100 claims). Since then, the number has decreased steadily to 9,300 applications in 2011, partly due to the slow pace of registration of claims. As a consequence, Greece dropped to 14<sup>th</sup> place.

In 2008 and 2009, Canada was, respectively, the second and third highest destination country for asylum-seekers among the group of industrialized countries. The relatively high number of Czech asylum applications during this period partly contributed to Canada's high ranking. In the second half of 2009, Canada introduced visa requirements for Czech citizens. As a result, the number of asylum-seekers from the Czech Republic dropped from more than 2,000 in 2009, to almost zero in both 2010 and 2011. Canada's ranking subsequently dropped to 8<sup>th</sup> place in 2011.

<sup>16</sup> Provisional figure subject to change.

**TABLE 3**  
**Share of main receiving countries of asylum-seekers in total number of applications**

Countries	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
United States	15%	13%	13%	15%	17%
France	9%	9%	11%	13%	12%
Germany	6%	6%	7%	11%	10%
Italy	4%	8%	5%	3%	8%
Sweden	11%	6%	6%	9%	7%
Belgium	3%	3%	5%	6%	6%
United Kingdom	8%	8%	8%	6%	6%
Canada	8%	10%	9%	6%	6%
Switzerland	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Turkey	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%
Austria	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Netherlands	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%
Australia	1%	1%	2%	3%	3%
Greece	8%	5%	4%	3%	2%
Norway	2%	4%	5%	3%	2%

#### TRENDS OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS

Between 2007 and 2011, the **United States of America** received the largest number of new asylum-seekers (278,800 claims), followed by **France** (206,900 claims), **Germany** (156,000 claims), **Canada** (147,000 claims), and **Sweden** (146,400 claims). Together, the three leading asylum countries received one-third of all asylum requests submitted in the 44 industrialized countries listed in **Annex Table 1**.

The countries' individual share in the total number of applications received reveals a changing pattern over time. As a result of significantly more people seeking asylum in the **United States of America**, the country's share as the main recipient over the five-year period from 2007 to 2011 increased from 13 per cent in 2008-2009 to 17 per cent in 2011. A similar trend has been observed for **Germany** and **Belgium** where both countries' shares have gradually increased: in the case of Germany, from 6 per cent in 2007 to 10 per cent in 2011; in the case of Belgium, from 3 to 6 per cent.

The share of **Italy**, on the other hand, stood at 8 per cent in 2008 as a result of major arrivals of asylum-seekers by boat. Two years later, it had dropped to 3 per cent. With asylum levels in Italy picking up again in 2011, the country's share increased to 8 per cent.

During 2007, **Greece's** share had increased to 8 per cent following the introduction of special procedures at the end of 2006 to clear the backlog of asylum-seekers waiting to register asylum claims. However, by the end of 2011, its share was down to 2 per cent.

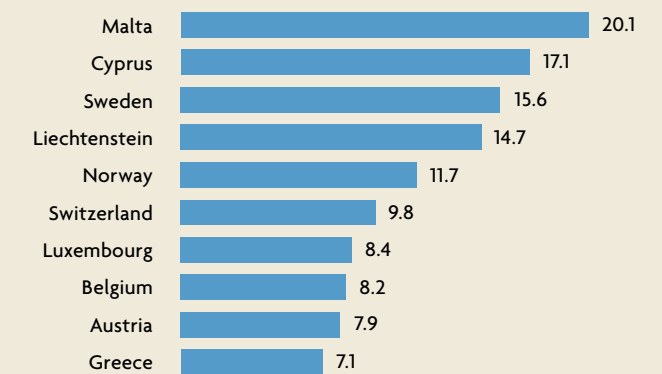
The trends described above are based on the absolute numbers of reported asylum claims. The analysis changes when comparing the number of asylum-seekers to the size of the national population or the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (PPP)<sup>(17)</sup>. These measures may allow for a better comparison among countries as they may more accurately reflect the capacity of a country to host asylum-seekers.<sup>(18)</sup>

Based on the first indicator (national population), between 2007 and 2011 the two Mediterranean islands of **Malta** and **Cyprus** received, on average, the highest number of asylum-seekers compared to their national population: 20.1 and 17.1 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants, respectively. **Sweden** ranked third (15.6 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), followed by **Liechtenstein** (14.7 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), **Norway** (11.7 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), and **Switzerland** (9.8 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants) [see **Figure 3**]. The **United States of America** and **France**, the two main recipients of new asylum-seekers during this period, were ranked respectively 24<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, with an average of one and three asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants.

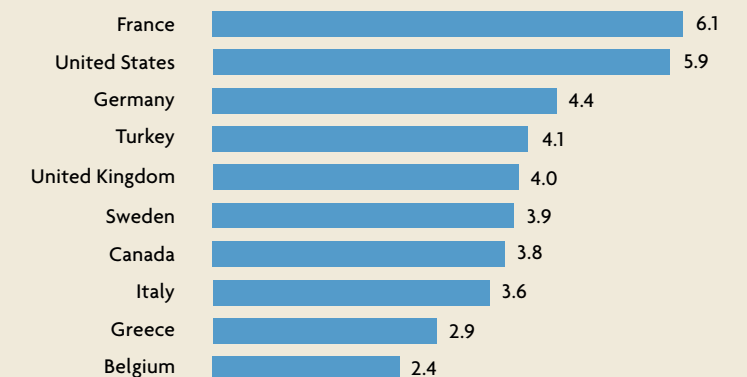
Comparing the number of asylum-seekers to the Gross Domestic Product (PPP) of a country reveals a different picture. Here, the **United States of America** and **France** are the countries with the highest number of asylum-seekers (5.9 and 6.1 applicants per capita each) compared to the national economy, followed by **Germany** (4.4 applicants per capita), **Turkey** (4.1 applicants per capita), and the **United Kingdom** (4.0 applicants per capita) [see **Figure 4**].<sup>(19)</sup>

It is interesting to note that out of the five main destination countries of asylum-seekers in 2011 (United States of America, France, Germany, Italy, and Sweden), only Sweden features among the top ten when compared against population size. But all five feature when compared against GDP (PPP) per capita.

**Fig. 3** **Number of asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants | 2007-2011**



**Fig. 4** **Number of asylum-seekers per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita | 2007-2011**



This may be explained by the relatively large variation in national population size among the industrialized countries. The top five destination countries have a significantly larger population size compared to Cyprus, Malta, or Liechtenstein. In the case of the GDP (PPP) per capita ratio, the countries in-

cluded can be considered as all having highly developed economies and the variation in GDP figures between them is not that significant. With this important difference in mind, the GDP indicator might be more meaningful and interesting when making comparisons among these 44 countries. ■

<sup>17</sup> In order to compare countries, the Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) GDP is considered (Source: International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, April 2011). Source for national population: United Nations Population Division, World Population Prospects: The 2010 Revision, New York, 2011.

<sup>18</sup> For the purposes of this type of analysis, the number of asylum applications registered over a five-year period has been considered to account for some extreme fluctuations in the values.

<sup>19</sup> Among the 44 countries included in this report, the number of asylum-seekers per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita appears as rather modest when compared to the 'burden' some developing countries shoulder in receiving asylum-seekers. For instance, Ghana and Uganda, two major asylum-seeker receiving countries with 20,100 and 12,700 asylum applications respectively registered in 2011, received 8 and 10 asylum-seekers respectively per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita in 2011 only.





An Afghan asylum-seeking family in the Radauti Reception Centre in Radauti, Romania.

IV

## Origin of asylum-seekers

In 2011, people from 200 different countries or territories submitted asylum claims in one of the 44 countries presented in this report. Slightly less than half of all asylum applications were submitted by individuals from **Asia** (45%). **Africa** was the second most important source continent (27% of all claims), followed by **Europe** (15%), and the **Americas** (8%).<sup>(20)</sup> The country of origin of some 19,500 asylum-seekers was unknown. All major source regions of asylum applications showed either an increase or remained stable in 2011. Because significantly fewer people from Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia requested refugee status in 2011, Europe was the only continent to show a decrease as a source region of asylum applications in 2011 (-9%).

**O**UT OF THE 40 MAIN ASYLUM-SEEKER NATIONALITIES, 32 registered a rise during 2011 amounting to 68,000 claims. This is significantly more than in 2010 when 17 asylum-seeker nationalities recorded an increase. The eight nationalities registering a decline in 2011 submitted a total of 14,000 claims less than in 2010. Among the major countries of origin of asylum-seekers, significant increases were registered from **Tunisia** (+769%), **Pakistan** (+66%), **Mexico** (+62%), and **Afghanistan** (+34%). Conversely, of the eight nationalities that recorded a decrease in 2011 as compared to 2010, only two registered a drop of more than 10 per cent: **Serbia**

TABLE 4 Distribution of asylum claims by region of origin

Countries	2008	2009	2010	2011
Africa	29.9%	28.4%	25.7%	26.7%
Americas	10.9%	8.8%	7.8%	8.0%
Asia	44.8%	45.1%	45.3%	45.4%
Europe	12.7%	15.4%	19.2%	14.6%
Oceania	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Unknown*	1.5%	2.2%	1.9%	5.2%

\* Includes stateless asylum-seekers.

(and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) (-28%) and **The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** (-11%).

**Afghanistan, China, Iraq, Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))** and **Pakistan** were the five top source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized

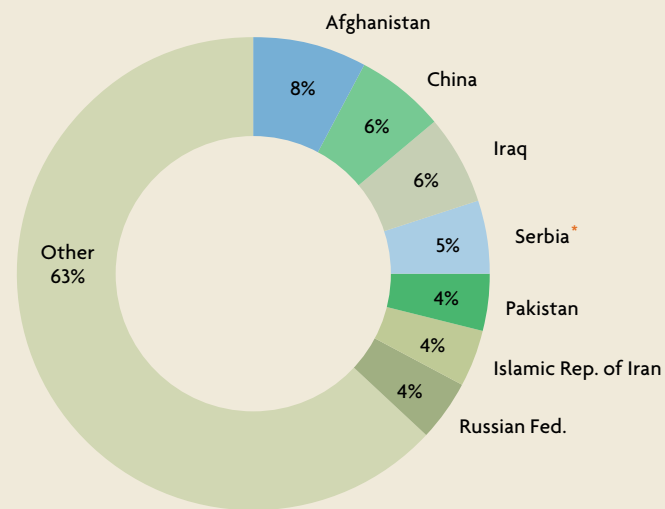
countries in 2011. This is comparable to 2010, when Serbia, Afghanistan, China, Iraq, and the Russian Federation were the top-ranking source countries.

In 2011, **Afghanistan** again became the main country of origin of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries.

<sup>20</sup> The geographical regions used are those of the UN Statistics Division (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49.htm>)

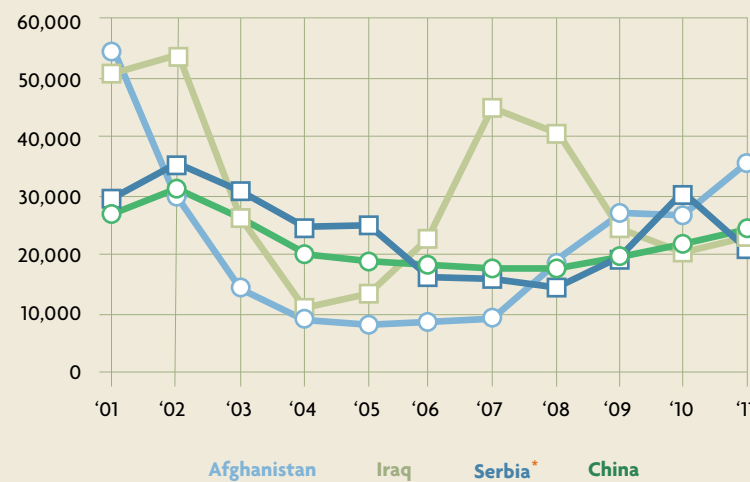


Fig. 5 Main nationalities of asylum-seekers | 2011



\* Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))

Fig. 6 Asylum requests from Afghanistan, China, Iraq and Serbia | 2001 - 2011



\* Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))

The last time Afghanistan was at the top of the list was in 2009 when some 27,200 Afghan citizens sought asylum. Provisional data indicate that some 35,700 Afghans requested refugee status in 2011. This was 34 per cent more than in 2010 (26,600 claims). It is believed that the continued volatile situation in the country may be one reason why Afghans increasingly seek asylum abroad. The share of asylum-seekers from Afghanistan in the total number of asylum claims has remained stable between

2009 and 2010 (7% each). However, in 2011, they constituted almost 9 per cent of all asylum applications lodged in the 44 industrialized countries [see Figure 5]. Afghan asylum-seekers sought international protection in 42 out of the 44 industrialized countries. The levels were highest in Germany (7,800 claims) and Sweden (4,100 claims). In Germany, the number of Afghan asylum claims went up by 32 per cent while in Sweden by 72 per cent. Other important destination countries were Austria (3,600

claims), Belgium (2,800), and Turkey (2,500; UNHCR procedure). In all three cases, figures more than doubled in 2011. Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) emerged as a new destination country for Afghan asylum-seekers: 1,700 asylum claims were lodged in 2011 compared to only 320 a year earlier (+432%). In contrast, significant decreases in the number of Afghan asylum applications were registered in Australia (-45%) due to fewer boat arrivals.

With 24,400 asylum applications submitted by Chinese asylum-seekers in 2011, the figure is at its highest since 2003 (25,600 claims). The number increased by 13 per cent compared to 2010 (21,600 claims). This made China the second highest-ranking source country of asylum-seekers among the 44 industrialized countries. Similar to previous years, the United States of America registered more than half of all Chinese asylum applications (15,450). France was the second largest recipient with 2,200 Chinese asylum requests, slightly more than a year earlier (1,900 claims) [see Figure 6].

After having constituted the main group of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries in 2008 (40,400 claims), the number of Iraqis seeking asylum had halved by 2010 (20,600 claims). This trend was reversed in 2011 with 23,500 Iraqis requesting international protection, 2,900 claims more (+14%) than the year before [see Figure 6]. Iraq thus became the third highest country of origin of asylum-seekers among the group of industrialized countries. The increase was particularly significant in Turkey where UNHCR conducts refugee status determination under its mandate. Here, the figure more than doubled from 3,700 in 2010 to 7,900 in 2011. Germany registered 5,800 new Iraqi asylum claims, virtually unchanged from 2010. Sweden, on the other hand, experienced a rather dramatic decrease in Iraqi claims in the past years, with figures having fallen from as high as 18,600 in 2006. Sweden registered 1,600 Iraqi claims in 2011. Other important destination countries were Belgium (2,000 claims) and the Netherlands (1,400 claims).

**Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))** was the main country of origin of asy-



© UNHCR / D. TELEMANS

Children in a playing field at the Fedasil asylum centre in Bovigny, Belgium. Belgium has 45 reception centres for asylum-seekers. They are managed by Fedasil or the Belgian Red Cross.

lump-seekers in 2010 with 29,600 asylum claims registered, 50 per cent higher than in 2009. This significant increase was widely attributed to the European Union's introduction as of 19 December 2009 of visa-free entry for holders of Serbian passports. In 2011, however, Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) dropped to fourth place with 21,200 registered claims during the year [see Figure 6]. This constituted a decrease of 8,400 claims (-28%) when compared to 2010. The drop was particularly significant in Sweden and France. In the former, 4,000 fewer claims were lodged in 2011 (-50%) while in the latter, there were 2,300 fewer claims submitted (-40%). In Luxembourg, however, the number of asylum claims from people originating from Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) more than tripled from 300 in

2010 to 1,100 a year later, stretching reception facilities for asylum-seekers to a maximum. Overall, Germany was the prime destination for asylum-seekers from Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) in 2011 (6,000 claims). About four-fifths of the countries reporting monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR distinguish applicants originating from Kosovo (S/RES/1244 (1999)) in their data. The available evidence shows that the proportion of asylum-seekers from Kosovo in these countries has decreased over the past three years. In 2009, on average, 74 per cent of applicants from Serbia came from Kosovo. This figure dropped to 45 per cent in 2010 and to a further 41 per cent in 2011. Among the main receiving countries, the proportion of people from Serbia originating from Kosovo is highest in

France (84%), Austria (66%), and Belgium (48%). It is relatively low in Luxembourg (13%), Germany (23%), Sweden (31%), and Switzerland (35%). With 18,100 applications submitted by asylum-seekers from Pakistan in 2011, the figure is the highest on record. The number increased by two-thirds (+66%) compared to 2010 (11,000 claims). This made Pakistan the fifth highest source country of asylum-seekers in the industrialized world. The increase was particularly significant in the United Kingdom and Germany, the two main destination countries. In the former, close to 4,000 asylum applications were registered, up 86 per cent from 2,100 the year earlier. In the latter, figures tripled from 840 claims to more than 2,500 during the same period. Among the 19 countries registering 100 or more







**TABLE 1 Asylum applications submitted in Europe and selected non-European countries**

| 2007-2011

For country notes and regional classification, see next page.

Country/region of asylum	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total	Annual change '11-'10	Share		Rank		Per 1,000 inhabitants				Per 1 USD/GDP per capita					
								2011	'07-'11	2011	'07-'11	2011	'07-'11	2011	'07-'11	2011	'07-'11	2011	'07-'11	2011	'07-'11
Albania	30	10	-	10	20	70	100%	0%	0%	44	44	0.0	0.0	44	44	0.0	0.0	42	41		
Australia	3,980	4,770	7,420	12,640	11,510	40,320	-9%	3%	2%	13	15	0.5	1.8	18	19	0.3	1.0	14	16		
Austria	11,920	12,840	15,820	11,010	14,430	66,020	31%	3%	3%	11	11	1.7	7.9	8	9	0.4	1.7	12	13		
Belgium	11,120	12,250	17,190	21,760	25,980	88,300	19%	6%	5%	6	8	2.4	8.2	5	8	0.7	2.4	8	10		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	570	100	50	50	40	810	-20%	0%	0%	43	38	0.0	0.2	43	39	0.0	0.1	40	31		
Bulgaria	980	750	850	1,030	890	4,500	-14%	0%	0%	29	29	0.1	0.6	33	28	0.1	0.3	26	25		
Canada	28,340	36,900	33,250	23,160	25,350	147,000	9%	6%	8%	8	4	0.7	4.3	12	11	0.6	3.8	9	7		
Croatia	200	160	150	290	810	1,610	179%	0%	0%	30	32	0.2	0.4	27	35	0.0	0.1	28	33		
Cyprus	6,790	3,920	3,200	3,160	1,770	18,840	-44%	0%	1%	24	18	1.6	17.1	9	2	0.1	0.9	23	17		
Czech Rep.	1,880	1,710	1,360	490	490	5,930	0%	0%	0%	32	25	0.0	0.6	39	29	0.0	0.2	36	28		
Denmark	1,850	2,360	3,820	4,970	3,810	16,810	-23%	1%	1%	17	20	0.7	3.0	14	16	0.1	0.5	20	22		
Estonia	10	10	40	30	70	160	133%	0%	0%	40	43	0.1	0.1	38	40	0.0	0.0	41	42		
Finland	1,430	4,020	5,910	4,020	3,090	18,470	-23%	1%	1%	20	19	0.6	3.4	15	13	0.1	0.5	22	21		
France	29,390	35,400	42,120	48,070	51,910	206,890	8%	12%	11%	2	2	0.8	3.3	10	14	1.5	6.1	2	1		
Germany	19,160	22,090	27,650	41,330	45,740	155,970	11%	10%	8%	3	3	0.6	1.9	17	18	1.3	4.4	3	3		
Greece	25,110	19,880	15,930	10,270	9,310	80,500	-9%	2%	4%	14	9	0.8	7.1	11	10	0.3	2.9	13	9		
Hungary	3,430	3,120	4,670	2,100	1,690	15,010	-20%	0%	1%	26	21	0.2	1.5	28	21	0.1	0.8	21	18		
Iceland	40	80	40	50	70	280	40%	0%	0%	40	41	0.2	0.9	26	25	0.0	0.0	43	43		
Ireland	3,990	3,870	2,690	1,940	1,290	13,780	-34%	0%	1%	27	22	0.3	3.1	23	15	0.0	0.4	29	24		
Italy	14,050	30,320	17,600	10,050	34,120	106,140	240%	8%	6%	4	7	0.6	1.8	16	20	1.2	3.6	5	8		
Japan	820	1,600	1,390	1,200	1,870	6,880	56%	0%	0%	22	24	0.0	0.1	42	43	0.1	0.2	27	29		
Latvia	30	50	50	60	340	530	467%	0%	0%	35	39	0.2	0.2	30	38	0.0	0.0	33	39		
Liechtenstein	30	30	290	110	70	530	-36%	0%	0%	40	39	1.9	14.7	6	4	..	..	..	..		
Lithuania	130	220	210	370	410	1,340	11%	0%	0%	34	35	0.1	0.4	32	34	0.0	0.1	32	34		
Luxembourg	430	460	480	740	2,160	4,270	192%	0%	0%	21	30	4.3	8.4	2	7	0.0	0.1	31	36		
Malta	1,380	2,610	2,390	140	1,850	8,370	1221%	0%	0%	23	23	4.4	20.1	1	1	0.1	0.3	25	26		
Montenegro	-	10	20	10	240	280	2300%	0%	0%	39	41	0.4	0.4	20	33	0.0	0.0	34	40		
Netherlands	7,100	13,400	14,910	13,330	11,590	60,330	-13%	3%	3%	12	12	0.7	3.6	13	12	0.3	1.5	15	14		
New Zealand	250	250	340	340	310	1,490	-9%	0%	0%	36	33	0.1	0.3	37	36	0.0	0.1	38	35		
Norway	6,530	14,430	17,230	10,060	9,050	57,300	-10%	2%	3%	15	13	1.9	11.7	7	5	0.2	1.1	17	15		
Poland	7,210	7,200	10,590	6,530	5,190	36,720	-21%	1%	2%	16	16	0.1	1.0	31	23	0.3	1.9	16	11		
Portugal	220	160	140	160	280	960	75%	0%	0%	38	37	0.0	0.1	40	41	0.0	0.0	37	38		
Rep. of Korea	720	360	320	430	1,010	2,840	135%	0%	0%	28	31	0.0	0.1	41	42	0.0	0.1	30	32		
Romania	660	1,170	840	860	1,720	5,250	100%	0%	0%	25	27	0.1	0.2	35	37	0.1	0.4	18	23		
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	60	80	310	790	3,320	4,560	320%	1%	0%	19	28	0.3	0.5	22	32	0.4	0.6	11	20		
- of which Kosovo	10	-	30	270	190	500	-30%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Slovakia	2,640	910	820	540	450	5,360	-17%	0%	0%	33	26	0.1	1.0	34	22	0.0	0.2	35	27		
Slovenia	430	240	180	250	310	1,410	24%	0%	0%	36	34	0.2	0.7	29	27	0.0	0.1	39	37		
Spain	7,660	4,520	3,010	2,740	3,410	21,340	24%	1%	1%	18	17	0.1	0.5	36	31	0.1	0.7	19	19		
Sweden	36,370	24,350	24,190	31,820	29,650	146,380	-7%	7%	8%	5	5	3.2	15.6	3	3	0.8	3.9	6	6		
Switzerland	10,840	16,610	14,490	13,520	19,440	74,900	44%	4%	4%	9	10	2.5	9.8	4	6	0.5	1.8	10	12		
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	30	50	90	180	740	1,090	311%	0%	0%	31	36	0.4	0.5	21	30	0.1	0.1	24	30		
Turkey	7,650	12,980	7,830	9,230	16,020	53,710	74%	4%	3%	10	14	0.2	0.7	25	26	1.2	4.1	4	4		
United Kingdom	28,300	31,320	30,670	22,640	25,420	138,350	12%	6%	7%	7	6	0.4	2.2	19	17	0.7	4.0	7	5		
United States	50,720	49,560	49,020	55,530	74,020	278,850	33%	17%	15%	1	1	0.2	0.9	24	24	1.6	5.9	1	2		
EU-"Old" (15)	198,100	217,240	222,130	224,850	262,190	1,124,510	17%	59%	59%			0.7	2.8								
EU-"New" (12)	25,570	21,910	25,200	15,560	15,180	103,420	-2%	3%	5%			0.1	1.0								
EU-Total (27)	223,670	239,150	247,330	240,410	277,370	1,227,930	15%	63%	65%			0.6	2.5								
Nordic countries (5)	46,220	45,240	51,190	50,920	45,670	239,240	-10%	10%	13%			1.8	9.4								
Western Europe (19)	215,540	248,390	254,180	248,590	290,820	1,257,520	17%	66%	66%			0.7	3.1								
Southern Europe (8)	62,890	74,400	50,100	35,760	66,780	289,930	87%	15%	15%			0.3	1.4								
Former Yugoslavia (6)	1,280	640	770	1,300	5,270	9,260	305%	1%	0%			0.2	0.4								
Total Europe (38)	249,650	283,690	287,830	274,710	327,190	1,423,090	19%	74%	75%			0.5	2.3								
Canada/USA	79,060	86,460	82,270	78,690	99,370	425,850	26%	23%	22%			0.3	1.2								
Australia/New Zealand	4,230	5,020	7,760	12,980	11,820	41,810	-9%	3%	2%			0.4	1.6								
Japan/Rep. of Korea	1,540	1,960	1,710	1,630	2,880	9,720	77%	1%	1%			0.0	0.1								
Total (44)	334,480	377,130	379,570	368,010	441,260	1,900,470	20%					0.4	1.6								

**Notes**

Source: Governments, UNHCR.

This table includes final data for 2007 to 2010. In the following tables, the 2010 figures are based on the monthly database. This results in some discrepancies.

All figures in this table have been rounded to the closest ten.

\* This refers to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Purchasing Power Parity (PPP), per capita.

**Table 1. Notes**

**a. Country notes**

**Australia.** Figures for 2007-2008 are based on the number of applications for protection visas lodged, not asylum applications.

**Belgium.** Figures include accompanying children since 2009. Data include repeat applications (2,800 in 2007; 3,330 in 2008; 4,260 in 2009).

**Canada.** Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

**Cyprus.** In addition, UNHCR registered asylum applications in the northern part of Cyprus in 2007 (44) and 2008 (19).

**Denmark.** Figures for 2007-2008 exclude Iraqi interpreters who worked for the Danish Forces in Iraq.

**France.** Includes asylum applications of minors.

**Japan.** Figures are UNHCR estimates.

**Italy.** The 2011 figure is provisional and subject to change since the Government of Italy is still processing asylum claims received in 2011.

**Montenegro.** Data prior to 2008 are UNHCR figures.

**Poland.** Data excludes a significant number of repeat applications. December 2011 data estimated by UNHCR.

**Serbia.** Source: UNHCR (2007-2010).

**Spain.** Includes applications lodged at Spanish embassies.

**Switzerland.** Figures exclude repeat applications.

**Turkey.** Source: UNHCR.

**United States.** Figures include (1) statistics from the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), based on the number of cases and multiplied by 1.4 to reflect the estimated number of individuals; and (2) the number of new («defensive») requests lodged with the Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), based on the number of individuals.

**b. Regional classification**

**EU-"old" (15).** Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.

**EU-"new" (12).** Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

**EU-Total (27).** EU-"old" and EU-"new".

**Nordic countries (5).** Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

**Western Europe (19).** EU-"old" plus Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

**Southern Europe (8).** Albania, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain and Turkey.

**Former Yugoslavia (6).** Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)), Slovenia, and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

**Total Europe (38).** All European countries listed.

Source for national population: United Nations, Population Division, "World Population Prospects: The 2010 Revision", New York, 2011.

Source for Gross Domestic Product (PPP): International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, April 2011.

**TABLE 2 Asylum applications submitted in selected countries in Eastern Europe**

| 2007-2011

All figures are based on annual data

Country of asylum	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total	Annual change '11-'10	Share		Rank		Per 1,000 inhabitants				Per 1 USD/GDP per capita			
								2011	'07-'11	2011	'07-'11	2011	'07-'11	2011	'07-'11	2011	'07-'11		
																		Total	Rank
Armenia	300	210	70	50	70	700	40%	3%	3%	6	4	0.0	0.2	4	1	0.0	0.1	6	5
Azerbaijan	540	380	250	270	220	1,660													



**TABLE 3** Origin of asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries | 2010 and 2011

Covering all 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.  
Ranking based on 2011 data.

Origin	2010	2011	Total	Annual change	Share			Rank	
					2010	2011	Total	2010	2011
Afghanistan	26,619	35,729	62,348	34%	7.5	8.4	8.0	2	1
China	21,597	24,446	46,043	13%	6.1	5.7	5.9	3	2
Iraq	20,572	23,469	44,041	14%	5.8	5.5	5.6	4	3
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244(1999))	29,605	21,246	50,851	-28%	8.3	5.0	6.5	1	4
Pakistan	10,959	18,141	29,100	66%	3.1	4.3	3.7	8	5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	15,185	18,128	33,313	19%	4.3	4.3	4.3	7	6
Russian Federation	18,542	16,977	35,519	-8%	5.2	4.0	4.5	5	7
Somalia	17,005	15,482	32,487	-9%	4.8	3.6	4.2	6	8
Eritrea	8,521	10,616	19,137	25%	2.4	2.5	2.5	11	9
Nigeria	9,668	10,498	20,166	9%	2.7	2.5	2.6	9	10
Mexico	5,497	8,906	14,403	62%	1.5	2.1	1.8	17	11
Sri Lanka	9,073	8,521	17,594	-6%	2.6	2.0	2.3	10	12
Syrian Arab Rep.	4,996	8,383	13,379	68%	1.4	2.0	1.7	20	13
Tunisia	910	7,907	8,817	769%	0.3	1.9	1.1	39	14
Bangladesh	6,195	7,644	13,839	23%	1.7	1.8	1.8	15	15
India	4,899	6,772	11,671	38%	1.4	1.6	1.5	21	16
Georgia	7,381	6,700	14,081	-9%	2.1	1.6	1.8	12	17
Turkey	6,509	6,688	13,197	3%	1.8	1.6	1.7	13	18
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5,834	6,574	12,408	13%	1.6	1.5	1.6	16	19
Armenia	5,288	6,220	11,508	18%	1.5	1.5	1.5	19	20
Guinea	5,352	6,113	11,465	14%	1.5	1.4	1.5	18	21
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	6,289	5,607	11,896	-11%	1.8	1.3	1.5	14	22
Côte d'Ivoire	1,852	5,192	7,044	180%	0.5	1.2	0.9	35	23
Algeria	3,917	4,982	8,899	27%	1.1	1.2	1.1	23	24
El Salvador	3,366	4,610	7,976	37%	0.9	1.1	1.0	25	25
Hungary	2,424	4,488	6,912	85%	0.7	1.1	0.9	29	26
Haiti	4,176	3,915	8,091	-6%	1.2	0.9	1.0	22	27
Egypt	2,135	3,841	5,976	80%	0.6	0.9	0.8	32	28
Libya	823	3,825	4,648	365%	0.2	0.9	0.6	40	29
Guatemala	2,562	3,656	6,218	43%	0.7	0.9	0.8	28	30
Stateless	3,731	3,344	7,075	-10%	1.0	0.8	0.9	24	31
Albania	2,227	3,330	5,557	50%	0.6	0.8	0.7	31	32
Sudan	2,694	3,236	5,930	20%	0.8	0.8	0.8	27	33
Ethiopia	3,092	3,180	6,272	3%	0.9	0.7	0.8	26	34
Nepal	2,118	2,913	5,031	38%	0.6	0.7	0.6	33	35
Ghana	1,757	2,817	4,574	60%	0.5	0.7	0.6	36	36
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2,326	2,732	5,058	17%	0.7	0.6	0.6	30	37
Morocco	1,369	2,696	4,065	97%	0.4	0.6	0.5	37	38
Mali	1,255	2,363	3,618	88%	0.4	0.6	0.5	38	39
Azerbaijan	1,996	2,363	4,359	18%	0.6	0.6	0.6	34	39
Other*	65,189	82,134	147,323	26%	18.3	19.3	18.8		
<b>Total</b>	<b>355,505</b>	<b>426,384</b>	<b>781,889</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>		

\* The country of origin of 16,000 asylum-seekers in Italy in 2011 is unknown.

**TABLE 4** Origin of asylum applications lodged in Europe | 2010 and 2011

Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.  
Ranking based on 2011 data.

Origin	2010	2011	Total	Annual change	Share			Rank	
					2010	2011	Total	2010	2011
Afghanistan	22,922	33,317	56,239	45%	8.4	10.2	9.4	2	1
Iraq	19,142	22,315	41,457	17%	7.0	6.8	6.9	3	2
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244(1999))	29,266	20,910	50,176	-29%	10.7	6.4	8.4	1	3
Russian Federation	17,257	15,667	32,924	-9%	6.3	4.8	5.5	4	4
Pakistan	9,227	15,212	24,439	65%	3.4	4.7	4.1	7	5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	12,923	14,985	27,908	16%	4.7	4.6	4.7	6	6
Somalia	16,070	14,778	30,848	-8%	5.9	4.5	5.1	5	7
Eritrea	7,865	9,739	17,604	24%	2.9	3.0	2.9	9	8
Nigeria	8,517	9,406	17,923	10%	3.1	2.9	3.0	8	9
Syrian Arab Rep.	4,782	7,845	12,627	64%	1.7	2.4	2.1	19	10
Tunisia	865	7,786	8,651	800%	0.3	2.4	1.4	39	11
Sri Lanka	6,669	6,917	13,586	4%	2.4	2.1	2.3	11	12
Bangladesh	5,716	6,905	12,621	21%	2.1	2.1	2.1	15	13
Georgia	7,263	6,592	13,855	-9%	2.7	2.0	2.3	10	14
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5,406	6,065	11,471	12%	2.0	1.9	1.9	16	15
Armenia	5,059	6,037	11,096	19%	1.8	1.9	1.8	17	16
Turkey	5,888	5,941	11,829	1%	2.1	1.8	2.0	14	17
China	5,928	5,907	11,835	0%	2.2	1.8	2.0	13	18
Guinea	4,876	5,712	10,588	17%	1.8	1.8	1.8	18	19
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	6,251	5,562	11,813	-11%	2.3	1.7	2.0	12	20
Algeria	3,777	4,784	8,561	27%	1.4	1.5	1.4	20	21
Côte d'Ivoire	1,545	4,571	6,116	196%	0.6	1.4	1.0	32	22
Libya	761	3,277	4,038	331%	0.3	1.0	0.7	40	23
Sudan	2,474	2,941	5,415	19%	0.9	0.9	0.9	23	24
Albania	1,861	2,915	4,776	57%	0.7	0.9	0.8	28	25
India	3,085	2,732	5,817	-11%	1.1	0.8	1.0	21	26
Stateless	2,606	2,707	5,313	4%	1.0	0.8	0.9	22	27
Morocco	1,296	2,604	3,900	101%	0.5	0.8	0.6	34	28
Ghana	1,585	2,587	4,172	63%	0.6	0.8	0.7	31	29
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2,182	2,515	4,697	15%	0.8	0.8	0.8	24	30
Azerbaijan	1,928	2,274	4,202	18%	0.7	0.7	0.7	27	31
Egypt	1,147	2,118	3,265	85%	0.4	0.6	0.5	36	32
Haiti	2,041	2,048	4,089	0%	0.7	0.6	0.7	26	33
Mali	957	2,037	2,994	113%	0.3	0.6	0.5	37	34
Ethiopia	1,656	1,811	3,467	9%	0.6	0.6	0.6	30	35
Senegal	1,260	1,671	2,931	33%	0.5	0.5	0.5	35	36
Cameroon	1,463	1,609	3,072	10%	0.5	0.5	0.5	33	37
Viet Nam	2,163	1,560	3,723	-28%	0.8	0.5	0.6	25	38
Mongolia	1,670	1,559	3,229	-7%	0.6	0.5	0.5	29	39
Belarus	941	1,441	2,382	53%	0.3	0.4	0.4	38	40
Other*	35,609	49,807	85,416	40%	13.0	15.2	14.2		
<b>Total</b>	<b>273,899</b>	<b>327,166</b>	<b>601,065</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>		

\* The country of origin of 16,000 asylum-seekers in Italy in 2011 is unknown.



**TABLE 5** **Origin of asylum applications lodged in the European Union (27) | 2010 and 2011**

Covering 27 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.  
Ranking based on 2011 data.

Origin	2010	2011	Total	Annual change	Share			Rank	
					2010	2011	Total	2010	2011
Afghanistan	19,442	26,159	45,601	35%	8.1	9.5	8.8	2	1
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	27,429	19,072	46,501	-30%	11.4	6.9	9.0	1	2
Russian Federation	16,266	15,045	31,311	-8%	6.8	5.4	6.1	3	3
Pakistan	8,936	14,386	23,322	61%	3.7	5.2	4.5	7	4
Iraq	14,448	13,623	28,071	-6%	6.0	4.9	5.4	4	5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	9,291	10,789	20,080	16%	3.9	3.9	3.9	6	6
Somalia	13,844	10,656	24,500	-23%	5.8	3.9	4.7	5	7
Nigeria	6,536	7,824	14,360	20%	2.7	2.8	2.8	9	8
Bangladesh	5,659	6,787	12,446	20%	2.4	2.5	2.4	12	9
Syrian Arab Rep.	4,228	6,725	10,953	59%	1.8	2.4	2.1	19	10
Sri Lanka	5,699	6,431	12,130	13%	2.4	2.3	2.4	11	11
Georgia	6,641	6,252	12,893	-6%	2.8	2.3	2.5	8	12
Armenia	4,965	5,929	10,894	19%	2.1	2.1	2.1	16	13
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5,080	5,800	10,880	14%	2.1	2.1	2.1	15	14
Turkey	5,345	5,376	10,721	1%	2.2	1.9	2.1	14	15
Guinea	4,555	5,340	9,895	17%	1.9	1.9	1.9	17	16
Tunisia	519	5,248	5,767	911%	0.2	1.9	1.1	40	17
Eritrea	4,406	5,208	9,614	18%	1.8	1.9	1.9	18	18
China	5,392	5,084	10,476	-6%	2.3	1.8	2.0	13	19
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	5,711	4,699	10,410	-18%	2.4	1.7	2.0	10	20
Côte d'Ivoire	1,419	4,262	5,681	200%	0.6	1.5	1.1	30	21
Algeria	3,296	4,062	7,358	23%	1.4	1.5	1.4	20	22
Albania	1,820	2,822	4,642	55%	0.8	1.0	0.9	28	23
Libya	690	2,710	3,400	293%	0.3	1.0	0.7	39	24
India	3,012	2,612	5,624	-13%	1.3	0.9	1.1	21	25
Sudan	2,177	2,558	4,735	18%	0.9	0.9	0.9	22	26
Stateless	2,129	2,418	4,547	14%	0.9	0.9	0.9	24	27
Ghana	1,408	2,381	3,789	69%	0.6	0.9	0.7	31	28
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,998	2,275	4,273	14%	0.8	0.8	0.8	26	29
Azerbaijan	1,850	2,190	4,040	18%	0.8	0.8	0.8	27	30
Haiti	2,032	2,043	4,075	1%	0.8	0.7	0.8	25	31
Egypt	1,079	1,994	3,073	85%	0.5	0.7	0.6	35	32
Mali	905	1,980	2,885	119%	0.4	0.7	0.6	37	33
Morocco	1,061	1,859	2,920	75%	0.4	0.7	0.6	36	34
Viet Nam	2,135	1,527	3,662	-28%	0.9	0.6	0.7	23	35
Senegal	1,141	1,501	2,642	32%	0.5	0.5	0.5	34	36
Cameroon	1,359	1,468	2,827	8%	0.6	0.5	0.5	32	37
Mongolia	1,559	1,456	3,015	-7%	0.7	0.5	0.6	29	38
Comoros	756	1,390	2,146	84%	0.3	0.5	0.4	38	39
Mauritania	1,196	1,378	2,574	15%	0.5	0.5	0.5	33	40
Other*	32,194	46,024	78,218	43%	13.4	16.6	15.1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>239,608</b>	<b>277,343</b>	<b>516,951</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>		

\* The country of origin of 16,000 asylum-seekers in Italy in 2011 is unknown.

**TABLE 6** **Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin | 2010**

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.  
Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244(1999))	*	5	972	4,545	10	*	183	11	*	6	402	-	325	5,754	6,546
Afghanistan	-	3,129	1,582	1,124	11	58	392	107	41	6	1,476	9	265	770	5,905
China	-	1,191	217	176	-	*	1,582	-	123	6	14	-	20	1,933	367
Iraq	*	856	336	1,637	*	452	151	9	343	5	237	-	575	439	5,555
Russian Federation	-	5	2,322	1,141	-	11	459	5	17	36	340	7	436	4,302	1,199
Somalia	-	17	190	237	-	*	365	11	*	*	110	-	571	419	2,235
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	1,354	387	261	*	61	331	21	118	8	597	-	142	396	2,475
Pakistan	-	470	276	309	*	17	492	5	155	5	26	*	5	890	840
Nigeria	-	31	573	119	-	9	860	*	133	25	24	*	84	738	716
Sri Lanka	-	796	14	121	-	6	1,203	-	187	-	28	*	21	2,827	435
Eritrea	-	24	11	106	*	*	76	-	*	-	26	-	14	721	642
Georgia	-	*	370	336	-	14	58	*	41	5	15	-	61	1,354	664
Turkey	-	119	369	241	-	10	283	*	114	17	51	*	117	1,402	1,340
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	*	*	194	980	-	*	14	*	-	-	21	-	20	590	2,466
Bangladesh	-	104	116	178	-	6	118	-	148	-	32	-	11	3,140	92
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	28	813	-	6	314	-	*	7	17	-	47	3,395	152
Mexico	-	-	-	8	-	-	1,198	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	*
Guinea	-	*	35	1,455	-	*	84	-	17	-	8	-	10	2,012	229
Armenia	-	*	278	1,266	-	62	17	-	7	9	31	*	11	1,766	296
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	22	194	302	*	52	126	*	96	6	821	-	41	192	1,490

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244(1999))	11	637	-	19	795	-	-	6	*	301	-	-	106	-	444
Afghanistan	524	796	7	69	873	*	23	-	26	12	-	-	1,364	*	979
China	549	10	-	228	18	17	-	-	-	-	*	-	302	22	192
Iraq	342	55	5	29	380	*	-	*	*	79	7	-	1,383	10	460
Russian Federation	100	26	-	14	21	*	7	32	40	25	-	*	207	*	628
Somalia	141	53	5	38	84	-	-	*	-	29	34	-	3,372	*	1,397
Islamic Rep. of Iran	125	72	6	36	269	35	*	*	*	31	*	-	785	42	429
Pakistan	2,748	41	*	200	929	83	-	-	*	-	16	-	60	7	99
Nigeria	393	42	*	387	1,385	34	*	11	-	5	8	-	168	*	354
Sri Lanka	36	6	-	9	87	173	-	-	-	*	-	-	197	23	71
Eritrea	59	-	*	15	181	-	-	-	-	12	6	-	392	*	1,711
Georgia	1,162	76	*	53	80	-	*	-	235	7	-	-	587	*	85
Turkey	71	95	-	*	854	127	-	-	-	19	*	*	92	*	74
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	*	8	*	*	98	-	-	38	-	14	-	-	389	-	93
Bangladesh	987	7	-	51	222	27	-	-	*	*	-	-	14	6	17
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	15	*	-	70	57	12	*	-	-	8	*	-	40	*	86
Mexico	-	*	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	13
Guinea	31	5	-	*	167	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	230	-	59
Armenia	71	11	-	9	53	*	-	-	21	*	-	-	611	-	17
Syrian Arab Rep.	167	26	*	*	48	-	-	*	-	19	8	-	125	*	119

.../...



**TABLE 6 Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin | 2010 (ctnd)**

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.  
Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia <sup>1)</sup>	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	Tfyr Macedonia <sup>2)</sup>	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States <sup>3)</sup>
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244(1999))	-	-	-	11	*	10	28	7	7,907	1,358	*	-	30	151
Afghanistan	25	*	15	120	425	76	23	41	2,397	632	71	1,248	1,835	156
China	9	*	7	67	-	35	*	6	90	333	-	11	1,215	12,850
Iraq	27	-	*	75	53	7	7	21	1,978	501	*	3,656	475	409
Russian Federation	4,796	5	-	12	*	65	8	44	987	315	*	5	100	817
Somalia	5	*	*	13	42	23	8	39	5,560	302	18	448	675	550
Islamic Rep. of Iran	7	6	6	35	12	12	9	63	1,183	276	*	2,881	2,210	494
Pakistan	27	*	129	62	30	34	-	63	111	92	21	42	2,115	551
Nigeria	19	7	19	22	*	6	11	237	321	1,597	-	12	1,100	206
Sri Lanka	6	*	*	16	-	6	-	32	34	892	-	7	1,625	205
Eritrea	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	8	1,444	1,708	5	33	760	555
Georgia	1,083	*	-	9	*	66	*	48	291	531	-	-	75	58
Turkey	19	*	-	68	*	9	27	19	235	462	-	-	170	88
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	12	908	403	-	-	5	22
Bangladesh	18	-	41	11	*	7	-	12	107	25	-	14	495	183
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	9	9	12	13	*	*	88	86	161	-	66	215	87
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	8	*	-	-	10	4,225
Guinea	6	43	*	*	*	*	-	166	28	239	-	21	105	384
Armenia	107	-	-	-	-	12	-	37	278	77	-	-	25	210
Syrian Arab Rep.	8	-	-	19	*	5	*	19	427	387	*	37	160	63

- 1 Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))
- 2 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- 3 Combination of number of persons (EOIR) and cases (DHS).

**TABLE 7 Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin | 2011**

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.  
Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Afghanistan	-	1,721	3,623	2,773	*	92	397	487	16	25	903	8	292	651	7,767
China	*	1,188	238	292	-	6	1,853	-	30	*	26	-	26	2,184	339
Iraq	*	491	484	2,004	-	344	164	7	52	8	115	*	588	252	5,831
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	8	*	541	3,067	8	*	142	5	-	*	325	-	160	3,458	5,974
Pakistan	*	817	952	924	*	27	828	70	148	6	57	-	23	1,432	2,539
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	2,156	457	367	*	37	319	40	68	7	461	-	125	193	3,352
Russian Federation	-	7	2,319	1,747	-	*	433	15	12	25	304	*	294	4,042	1,689
Somalia	*	15	611	454	*	42	409	42	-	-	107	*	365	755	984
Eritrea	-	11	27	83	-	-	100	9	*	10	20	-	7	924	632
Nigeria	-	58	411	165	*	18	685	*	22	16	52	-	105	799	759
Mexico	-	*	*	*	-	-	653	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-
Sri Lanka	-	370	13	129	-	*	629	-	114	-	22	-	25	3,183	521
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	94	423	494	-	85	176	9	187	7	428	-	109	119	2,634
Tunisia	-	-	182	100	*	9	76	14	*	*	56	-	25	198	473
Bangladesh	*	127	87	493	-	6	115	*	182	-	32	*	20	3,568	143
India	-	765	463	157	-	*	751	*	134	*	32	*	10	42	822
Georgia	-	10	261	347	-	7	26	*	17	6	19	6	70	1,646	471
Turkey	-	91	414	430	-	*	331	9	33	17	25	*	74	1,737	1,578
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	7	49	1,084	-	-	370	-	*	6	15	11	39	3,804	190
Armenia	-	*	218	556	-	37	22	-	11	7	36	7	11	3,638	335

.../...

**TABLE 7 Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin | 2011 (ctnd)**

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.  
Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy <sup>1)</sup>	Japan <sup>2)</sup>	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Afghanistan	637	649	*	67	880	*	*	*	45	21	-	8	1,885	11	979
China	406	8	-	142	28	20	-	*	*	*	*	-	276	20	101
Iraq	257	54	5	18	219	*	*	-	-	43	*	*	1,435	11	357
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	5	238	*	10	146	-	-	31	-	1,097	-	-	120	-	240
Pakistan	2,309	121	*	175	1,150	170	*	-	-	*	45	*	94	22	92
Islamic Rep. of Iran	247	33	*	13	160	48	16	*	-	35	*	7	929	29	355
Russian Federation	69	12	7	17	9	-	18	14	58	49	-	-	451	*	365
Somalia	68	61	*	21	513	-	-	*	-	13	454	*	1,415	*	2,216
Eritrea	37	*	*	8	183	-	-	-	-	12	306	-	458	-	1,256
Nigeria	362	22	6	182	2,876	51	-	*	*	11	246	*	129	*	240
Mexico	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	8
Sri Lanka	45	*	-	*	58	226	*	-	-	*	-	-	124	19	40
Syrian Arab Rep.	352	91	*	9	195	*	16	-	*	11	122	*	168	*	198
Tunisia	23	30	-	-	3,531	5	-	-	-	42	6	31	22	*	76
Bangladesh	615	*	*	22	734	98	*	-	-	*	33	-	23	8	75
India	179	11	*	9	20	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	*	56
Georgia	1,121	21	*	15	26	-	176	*	202	16	-	*	189	-	49
Turkey	34	25	-	-	492	235	5	-	*	22	-	*	96	*	42
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	11	15	*	70	51	*	39	-	*	10	-	-	18	*	47
Armenia	52	12	-	8	18	-	*	*	28	*	-	-	471	-	15

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia <sup>1)</sup>	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	Tfyr Macedonia <sup>2)</sup>	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States <sup>3)</sup>
Afghanistan	29	*	60	107	1,757	73	57	30	4,120	1,006	427	2,486	1,525	219
China	7	-	8	47	-	12	-	*	101	688	-	32	920	15,450
Iraq	20	5	*	59	16	6	7	19	1,634	378	13	7,912	365	480
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	-	0	-	6	-	10	35	-	3,915	1,539	5	-	25	193
Pakistan	9	11	434	144	356	11	26	78	183	97	172	29	3,945	658
Islamic Rep. of Iran	8	11	*	31	37	13	8	62	1,118	326	10	3,411	3,045	590
Russian Federation	2,784	8	*	8	*	35	*	65	930	217	*	-	95	865
Somalia	9	26	-	24	501	76	17	59	3,979	558	53	744	660	279
Eritrea	12	-	-	-	11	-	-	12	1,649	3,224	*	27	835	766
Nigeria	12	22	39	7	*	*	5	259	340	1,303	-	23	1,055	257
Mexico	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	17	8	5	-	-	10	8,186
Sri Lanka	*	*	100	-	6	*	-	36	24	433	*	5	2,125	260
Syrian Arab Rep.	10	-	*	36	33	7	10	97	646	688	*	188	500	262
Tunisia	*	-	*	218	77	*	24	5	266	2,324	*	13	40	35
Bangladesh	5	*	38	19	12	6	-	12	116	23	-	5	665	353
India	*	-	15	18	27	19	*	15	45	13	11	7	610	2,457
Georgia	1,240	5	-	22	-	57	*	12	280	281	*	-	40	72
Turkey	11	*	-	28	*	10	39	12	139	508	-	-	180	86
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5	14	6	-	*	*	*	70	109	139	-	76	200	121
Armenia	162	-	-	19	-	9	-	29	262	92	-	-	15	159

- 1 This table excludes some 16,000 asylum applications lodged in Italy due to lack of breakdown by country of origin.
- 2 UNHCR estimates.
- 3 Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)).
- 4 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
- 5 Combination of number of persons (EOIR) and cases (DHS).



**TABLE 8 Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries | 2010-2011**

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Asylum country	2010				2011				Quarterly change 2011		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3
Albania	3	2	5	2	12	1	3	1	-92%	200%	-67%
Australia	2,375	3,762	3,274	3,262	2,623	2,332	2,769	3,789	-11%	19%	37%
Austria	2,464	2,565	3,109	2,874	2,757	3,055	4,547	4,067	11%	49%	-11%
Belgium	5,655	3,807	5,491	6,803	6,260	5,719	6,816	7,189	-9%	19%	5%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5	11	10	12	10	7	18	9	-30%	157%	-50%
Bulgaria	283	213	264	265	274	192	224	200	-30%	17%	-11%
Canada	6,086	5,048	6,029	5,994	5,949	5,567	6,368	7,463	-6%	14%	17%
Croatia	8	41	132	109	127	199	170	311	57%	-15%	83%
Cyprus	611	622	574	1,052	458	436	446	425	-5%	2%	-5%
Czech Rep.	129	108	119	129	110	104	145	133	-5%	39%	-8%
Denmark	1,194	1,058	1,340	1,373	959	825	873	1,154	-14%	6%	32%
Estonia	6	14	8	5	15	19	25	8	27%	32%	-68%
Finland	1,191	1,047	965	815	712	662	844	867	-7%	27%	3%
France	12,261	11,368	11,154	13,008	13,386	13,499	12,065	12,963	1%	-11%	7%
Germany	7,885	7,768	12,250	13,429	10,896	9,787	11,811	13,247	-10%	21%	12%
Greece	2,194	2,507	3,186	2,386	2,529	1,953	2,428	2,401	-23%	24%	-1%
Hungary	760	649	706	349	341	427	356	569	25%	-17%	60%
Iceland	7	10	19	15	9	23	21	20	156%	-9%	-5%
Ireland	532	494	491	422	385	301	319	285	-22%	6%	-11%
Italy*	2,721	2,647	2,139	2,545	3,987	6,873	4,184	3,065	72%	-39%	-27%
Japan**	232	239	356	384	404	466	482	515	15%	3%	7%
Latvia	8	20	17	16	25	80	163	67	220%	104%	-59%
Liechtenstein	59	17	12	25	27	18	22	7	-33%	22%	-68%
Lithuania	49	58	85	180	66	43	136	161	-35%	216%	18%
Luxembourg	118	138	186	304	500	395	691	576	-21%	75%	-17%
Malta	30	19	62	28	45	1,587	57	164	3427%	-96%	188%
Montenegro	2	1	-	6	23	73	66	73	217%	-10%	11%
Netherlands	3,803	2,598	3,137	3,795	2,862	2,848	3,083	2,797	-0%	8%	-9%
New Zealand	78	96	74	77	75	90	76	64	20%	-16%	-16%
Norway	2,516	2,014	2,909	2,625	2,143	2,359	2,436	2,115	10%	3%	-13%
Poland***	1,403	1,521	1,826	1,790	716	1,036	1,487	1,951	45%	44%	31%
Portugal	36	41	49	34	43	53	92	87	23%	74%	-5%
Rep. of Korea	55	63	146	159	158	228	233	392	44%	2%	68%
Romania	230	225	215	189	258	295	579	588	14%	96%	2%
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	118	150	204	321	552	973	1,149	646	76%	18%	-44%
- of which Kosovo	37	42	92	100	110	42	13	23	-62%	-69%	77%
Slovakia	123	175	153	90	105	98	121	123	-7%	23%	2%
Slovenia	30	35	45	101	92	82	65	68	-11%	-21%	5%
Spain	632	578	790	738	937	1,010	825	642	8%	-18%	-22%
Sweden	8,117	5,933	8,517	9,252	6,214	6,381	7,425	9,628	3%	16%	30%
Switzerland	3,283	3,101	3,359	3,778	3,722	4,758	4,727	6,232	28%	-1%	32%
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	51	15	26	82	148	217	213	162	47%	-2%	-24%
Turkey	1,701	1,634	2,593	3,298	2,653	2,528	4,013	6,827	-5%	59%	70%
United Kingdom	5,405	5,460	5,465	5,755	6,075	6,100	6,450	6,790	0%	6%	5%
United States	12,427	14,670	14,336	14,099	17,301	19,364	18,912	18,443	12%	-2%	-2%
<b>EU-"Old" (15)</b>	<b>54,208</b>	<b>48,009</b>	<b>58,269</b>	<b>63,533</b>	<b>58,502</b>	<b>59,461</b>	<b>62,453</b>	<b>65,758</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>EU-"New" (12)</b>	<b>3,662</b>	<b>3,659</b>	<b>4,074</b>	<b>4,194</b>	<b>2,505</b>	<b>4,399</b>	<b>3,804</b>	<b>4,457</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>EU-Total (27)</b>	<b>57,870</b>	<b>51,668</b>	<b>62,343</b>	<b>67,727</b>	<b>61,007</b>	<b>63,860</b>	<b>66,257</b>	<b>70,215</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Nordic countries (5)</b>	<b>13,025</b>	<b>10,062</b>	<b>13,750</b>	<b>14,080</b>	<b>10,037</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>11,599</b>	<b>13,784</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Western Europe (19)</b>	<b>60,073</b>	<b>53,151</b>	<b>64,568</b>	<b>69,976</b>	<b>64,403</b>	<b>66,619</b>	<b>69,659</b>	<b>74,132</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Southern Europe (8)</b>	<b>6,227</b>	<b>6,416</b>	<b>6,805</b>	<b>6,785</b>	<b>8,011</b>	<b>11,913</b>	<b>8,035</b>	<b>6,785</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>-33%</b>	<b>-16%</b>
<b>Total Europe (38)</b>	<b>65,623</b>	<b>58,664</b>	<b>71,612</b>	<b>78,000</b>	<b>70,433</b>	<b>75,016</b>	<b>79,095</b>	<b>86,618</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Canada/USA</b>	<b>18,513</b>	<b>19,718</b>	<b>20,365</b>	<b>20,093</b>	<b>23,250</b>	<b>24,931</b>	<b>25,280</b>	<b>25,906</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Australia/New Zealand</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>3,858</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>3,339</b>	<b>2,698</b>	<b>2,422</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>3,853</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Japan/Rep. of Korea</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Total non-Europe (6)</b>	<b>21,253</b>	<b>23,878</b>	<b>24,215</b>	<b>23,975</b>	<b>26,510</b>	<b>28,047</b>	<b>28,840</b>	<b>30,666</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Total (44)</b>	<b>86,876</b>	<b>82,542</b>	<b>95,827</b>	<b>101,975</b>	<b>96,943</b>	<b>103,063</b>	<b>107,935</b>	<b>117,284</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>9%</b>

\* Italy: This table excludes some 16,000 asylum applications lodged in Italy in 2011 due to lack of detailed data.

\*\* Japan: UNHCR estimate.

\*\*\* Poland: December 2011 data estimated by UNHCR.

**TABLE 9 Origin of asylum applicants in 44 industrialized countries by quarter | 2010**

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	6,202	4,785	7,642	10,976	29,605	-23%	60%	44%	7.4	6.0	8.2	11.1
Afghanistan	6,533	6,315	7,109	6,662	26,619	-3%	13%	-6%	7.7	7.9	7.7	6.7
China	4,819	5,377	5,637	5,764	21,597	12%	5%	2%	5.7	6.8	6.1	5.8
Iraq	4,883	4,212	5,467	6,010	20,572	-14%	30%	10%	5.8	5.3	5.9	6.1
Russian Federation	4,507	4,288	4,943	4,804	18,542	-5%	15%	-3%	5.3	5.4	5.3	4.9
Somalia	4,168	3,828	5,129	3,880	17,005	-8%	34%	-24%	4.9	4.8	5.5	3.9
Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,099	2,982	4,283	4,821	15,185	-4%	44%	13%	3.7	3.8	4.6	4.9
Pakistan	2,103	2,429	3,102	3,325	10,959	16%	28%	7%	2.5	3.1	3.3	3.4
Nigeria	2,511	2,332	2,292	2,533	9,668	-7%	-2%	11%	3.0	2.9	2.5	2.6
Sri Lanka	2,134	2,059	2,468	2,412	9,073	-4%	20%	-2%	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.4
Eritrea	1,773	1,834	2,534	2,380	8,521	3%	38%	-6%	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.4
Georgia	2,061	1,858	1,814	1,648	7,381	-10%	-2%	-9%	2.4	2.3	2.0	1.7
Turkey	1,504	1,476	1,714	1,815	6,509	-2%	16%	6%	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	1,262	536	1,781	2,710	6,289	-58%	232%	52%	1.5	0.7	1.9	2.7
Bangladesh	1,233	1,576	1,569	1,817	6,195	28%	-0%	16%	1.5	2.0	1.7	1.8
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,389	1,411	1,536	1,498	5,834	2%	9%	-2%	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.5
Mexico	1,228	1,414	1,397	1,458	5,497	15%	-1%	4%	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.5
Guinea	1,484	1,174	1,257	1,437	5,352	-21%	7%	14%	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.5
Armenia	1,401	947	1,335	1,605	5,288	-32%	41%	20%	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.6
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,257	1,066	1,310	1,363	4,996	-15%	23%	4%	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.4
India	1,054	1,123	1,319	1,403	4,899	7%	17%	6%	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.4
Haiti	1,206	1,202	884	884	4,176	-0%	-26%	0%	1.4	1.5	1.0	0.9
Algeria	987	875	936	1,119	3,917	-11%	7%	20%	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1
Stateless	732	831	1,006	1,162	3,731	14%	21%	16%	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2
El Salvador	793	876	854	843	3,366	10%	-3%	-1%	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.9
Ethiopia	759	736	825	772	3,092	-3%	12%	-6%	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Sudan	638	606	734	716	2,694	-5%	21%	-2%	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
Zimbabwe	827	790	528	464	2,609	-4%	-33%	-12%	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.5
Guatemala	591	620	691	660	2,562	5%	11%	-4%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7
Colombia	706	617	583	575	2,481	-13%	-6%	-1%	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6
Hungary	844	497	378	705	2,424	-41%	-24%	87%	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.7
Viet Nam	560	626	620	572	2,378	12%	-1%	-8%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	678	552	404	692	2,326	-19%	-27%	71%	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.7
Albania	583	602	540	502	2,227	3%	-10%	-7%	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5
Egypt	487	514	523	611	2,135	6%	2%	17%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Nepal	433	488	575	622	2,118	13%	18%	8%	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
Cameroon	522	475	563	492	2,052	-9%	19%	-13%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Azerbaijan	630	401	443	522	1,996	-36%	10%	18%	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5
Mongolia	491	478	448	517	1,934	-3%	-6%	15%	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
Côte d'Ivoire	454	477	483	438	1,852	5%	1%	-9%	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4
Other	14,798	14,171	15,093	15,787	59,849	-4%	7%	5%	17.5	17.8	16.3	16.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,324</b>	<b>79,456</b>	<b>92,749</b>	<b>98,976</b>	<b>355,505</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 10** Origin of asylum applicants in 44 industrialized countries by quarter | 2011

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Afghanistan	6,995	8,415	10,514	9,805	35,729	20%	25%	-7%	7.5	8.5	10.1	8.7
China	5,685	6,031	6,491	6,239	24,446	6%	8%	-4%	6.1	6.1	6.3	5.5
Iraq	5,421	4,639	5,865	7,544	23,469	-14%	26%	29%	5.8	4.7	5.6	6.7
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	6,383	4,015	3,347	7,501	21,246	-37%	-17%	124%	6.8	4.1	3.2	6.6
Pakistan	3,459	3,915	5,238	5,529	18,141	13%	34%	6%	3.7	4.0	5.0	4.9
Islamic Rep. of Iran	4,015	3,571	4,630	5,912	18,128	-11%	30%	28%	4.3	3.6	4.5	5.2
Russian Federation	3,822	3,688	4,820	4,647	16,977	-4%	31%	-4%	4.1	3.7	4.6	4.1
Somalia	2,917	3,940	4,155	4,470	15,482	35%	5%	8%	3.1	4.0	4.0	3.9
Eritrea	2,369	3,360	2,563	2,324	10,616	42%	-24%	-9%	2.5	3.4	2.5	2.1
Nigeria	2,128	3,299	2,546	2,525	10,498	55%	-23%	-1%	2.3	3.3	2.5	2.2
Mexico	1,935	2,237	2,297	2,437	8,906	16%	3%	6%	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.2
Sri Lanka	2,302	2,042	1,957	2,220	8,521	-11%	-4%	13%	2.5	2.1	1.9	2.0
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,403	1,629	2,600	2,751	8,383	16%	60%	6%	1.5	1.6	2.5	2.4
Tunisia	2,768	1,869	1,736	1,534	7,907	-32%	-7%	-12%	3.0	1.9	1.7	1.4
Bangladesh	1,689	2,303	1,823	1,829	7,644	36%	-21%	0%	1.8	2.3	1.8	1.6
India	1,613	1,666	1,840	1,653	6,772	3%	10%	-10%	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.5
Georgia	1,353	1,455	1,971	1,921	6,700	8%	35%	-3%	1.4	1.5	1.9	1.7
Turkey	1,840	1,553	1,432	1,863	6,688	-16%	-8%	30%	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.6
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,596	1,571	1,636	1,771	6,574	-2%	4%	8%	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6
Armenia	1,331	1,641	1,633	1,615	6,220	23%	-0%	-1%	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.4
Guinea	1,624	1,416	1,531	1,542	6,113	-13%	8%	1%	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.4
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	1,532	2,075	822	1,178	5,607	35%	-60%	43%	1.6	2.1	0.8	1.0
Côte d'Ivoire	1,326	2,028	1,035	803	5,192	53%	-49%	-22%	1.4	2.0	1.0	0.7
Algeria	1,038	1,127	1,376	1,441	4,982	9%	22%	5%	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3
El Salvador	1,181	1,183	1,141	1,105	4,610	0%	-4%	-3%	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0
Hungary	711	904	1,015	1,858	4,488	27%	12%	83%	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.6
Haiti	1,156	1,094	823	842	3,915	-5%	-25%	2%	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.7
Egypt	786	806	1,005	1,244	3,841	3%	25%	24%	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.1
Libya	477	1,485	1,292	571	3,825	211%	-13%	-56%	0.5	1.5	1.2	0.5
Guatemala	819	861	939	1,037	3,656	5%	9%	10%	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Stateless	903	776	875	790	3,344	-14%	13%	-10%	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.7
Albania	496	584	776	1,474	3,330	18%	33%	90%	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.3
Sudan	700	845	882	809	3,236	21%	4%	-8%	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.7
Ethiopia	741	813	881	745	3,180	10%	8%	-15%	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
Nepal	648	650	826	789	2,913	0%	27%	-4%	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7
Ghana	405	1,213	712	487	2,817	200%	-41%	-32%	0.4	1.2	0.7	0.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	377	413	758	1,184	2,732	10%	84%	56%	0.4	0.4	0.7	1.0
Morocco	496	538	786	876	2,696	8%	46%	11%	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8
Mali	320	921	718	404	2,363	188%	-22%	-44%	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.4
Azerbaijan	597	480	609	677	2,363	-20%	27%	11%	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6
Other*	16,317	16,194	16,115	17,500	66,126	-1%	-0%	9%	17.4	16.3	15.5	15.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>93,674</b>	<b>99,245</b>	<b>104,011</b>	<b>113,446</b>	<b>410,376</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* This table excludes some 16,000 asylum applications lodged in Italy due to lack of breakdown by country of origin.

**TABLE 11** Origin of asylum applicants in Europe by quarter | 2010

Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	6,121	4,678	7,561	10,906	29,266	-24%	62%	44%	9.3	8.0	10.6	14.0
Afghanistan	5,858	4,772	6,136	6,156	22,922	-19%	29%	0%	8.9	8.1	8.6	7.9
Iraq	4,580	3,917	5,084	5,561	19,142	-14%	30%	9%	7.0	6.7	7.1	7.1
Russian Federation	4,216	3,848	4,674	4,519	17,257	-9%	21%	-3%	6.4	6.6	6.5	5.8
Somalia	3,986	3,572	4,842	3,670	16,070	-10%	36%	-24%	6.1	6.1	6.8	4.7
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,761	2,524	3,661	3,977	12,923	-9%	45%	9%	4.2	4.3	5.1	5.1
Pakistan	1,720	2,085	2,664	2,758	9,227	21%	28%	4%	2.6	3.6	3.7	3.5
Nigeria	2,244	2,071	1,977	2,225	8,517	-8%	-5%	13%	3.4	3.5	2.8	2.9
Eritrea	1,615	1,694	2,388	2,168	7,865	5%	41%	-9%	2.5	2.9	3.3	2.8
Georgia	2,026	1,826	1,787	1,624	7,263	-10%	-2%	-9%	3.1	3.1	2.5	2.1
Sri Lanka	1,720	1,469	1,531	1,949	6,669	-15%	4%	27%	2.6	2.5	2.1	2.5
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	1,253	528	1,768	2,702	6,251	-58%	235%	53%	1.9	0.9	2.5	3.5
China	1,287	1,374	1,599	1,668	5,928	7%	16%	4%	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.1
Turkey	1,359	1,342	1,548	1,639	5,888	-1%	15%	6%	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.1
Bangladesh	1,130	1,434	1,454	1,698	5,716	27%	1%	17%	1.7	2.4	2.0	2.2
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,318	1,325	1,383	1,380	5,406	1%	4%	-0%	2.0	2.3	1.9	1.8
Armenia	1,342	866	1,288	1,563	5,059	-35%	49%	21%	2.0	1.5	1.8	2.0
Guinea	1,334	1,035	1,162	1,345	4,876	-22%	12%	16%	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.7
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,211	1,002	1,259	1,310	4,782	-17%	26%	4%	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7
Algeria	957	848	903	1,069	3,777	-11%	6%	18%	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.4
India	641	726	798	920	3,085	13%	10%	15%	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2
Stateless	661	537	672	736	2,606	-19%	25%	10%	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Sudan	588	547	682	657	2,474	-7%	25%	-4%	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	654	526	371	631	2,182	-20%	-29%	70%	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.8
Viet Nam	514	586	572	491	2,163	14%	-2%	-14%	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.6
Zimbabwe	674	631	430	389	2,124	-6%	-32%	-10%	1.0	1.1	0.6	0.5
Haiti	457	692	476	416	2,041	51%	-31%	-13%	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.5
Azerbaijan	612	382	427	507	1,928	-38%	12%	19%	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6
Albania	483	508	446	424	1,861	5%	-12%	-5%	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.5
Mongolia	427	396	396	451	1,670	-7%	0%	14%	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Ethiopia	410	380	439	427	1,656	-7%	16%	-3%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Ghana	398	465	356	366	1,585	17%	-23%	3%	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.5
Occupied Palestinian Territory	380	395	386	393	1,554	4%	-2%	2%	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5
Côte d'Ivoire	385	391	398	371	1,545	2%	2%	-7%	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5
Rwanda	436	311	358	410	1,515	-29%	15%	15%	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5
Cameroon	381	330	409	343	1,463	-13%	24%	-16%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4
Gambia	337	305	319	375	1,336	-9%	5%	18%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
Kyrgyzstan	87	161	444	622	1,314	85%	176%	40%	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.8
Morocco	284	277	319	416	1,296	-2%	15%	30%	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5
Angola	375	285	300	322	1,282	-24%	5%	7%	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4
Other	8,399	7,622	7,946	8,448	32,415	-9%	4%	6%	12.8	13.0	11.1	10.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,621</b>	<b>58,663</b>	<b>71,613</b>	<b>78,002</b>	<b>273,899</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**TABLE 12** Origin of asylum applicants in Europe by quarter | 2011

Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Afghanistan	6,640	7,935	9,997	8,745	33,317	20%	26%	-13%	9.5	10.6	12.7	10.1
Iraq	5,075	4,397	5,595	7,248	22,315	-13%	27%	30%	7.2	5.9	7.1	8.4
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	6,314	3,926	3,271	7,399	20,910	-38%	-17%	126%	9.0	5.2	4.1	8.6
Russian Federation	3,536	3,268	4,499	4,364	15,667	-8%	38%	-3%	5.0	4.4	5.7	5.0
Pakistan	2,845	3,256	4,483	4,628	15,212	14%	38%	3%	4.1	4.4	5.7	5.4
Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,255	2,981	3,837	4,912	14,985	-8%	29%	28%	4.6	4.0	4.9	5.7
Somalia	2,742	3,786	3,951	4,299	14,778	38%	4%	9%	3.9	5.1	5.0	5.0
Eritrea	2,069	3,107	2,363	2,200	9,739	50%	-24%	-7%	3.0	4.2	3.0	2.5
Nigeria	1,868	3,051	2,277	2,210	9,406	63%	-25%	-3%	2.7	4.1	2.9	2.6
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,343	1,526	2,443	2,533	7,845	14%	60%	4%	1.9	2.0	3.1	2.9
Tunisia	2,730	1,852	1,702	1,502	7,786	-32%	-8%	-12%	3.9	2.5	2.2	1.7
Sri Lanka	1,926	1,648	1,591	1,752	6,917	-14%	-3%	10%	2.7	2.2	2.0	2.0
Bangladesh	1,515	2,144	1,595	1,651	6,905	42%	-26%	4%	2.2	2.9	2.0	1.9
Georgia	1,321	1,427	1,946	1,898	6,592	8%	36%	-2%	1.9	1.9	2.5	2.2
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,455	1,453	1,494	1,663	6,065	-0%	3%	11%	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.9
Armenia	1,277	1,603	1,585	1,572	6,037	26%	-1%	-1%	1.8	2.1	2.0	1.8
Turkey	1,647	1,393	1,265	1,636	5,941	-15%	-9%	29%	2.3	1.9	1.6	1.9
China	1,462	1,407	1,561	1,477	5,907	-4%	11%	-5%	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.7
Guinea	1,516	1,321	1,437	1,438	5,712	-13%	9%	0%	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.7
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	1,517	2,068	816	1,161	5,562	36%	-61%	42%	2.2	2.8	1.0	1.3
Algeria	992	1,084	1,337	1,371	4,784	9%	23%	3%	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.6
Côte d'Ivoire	1,191	1,787	891	702	4,571	50%	-50%	-21%	1.7	2.4	1.1	0.8
Libya	417	1,253	1,088	519	3,277	200%	-13%	-52%	0.6	1.7	1.4	0.6
Sudan	631	778	806	726	2,941	23%	4%	-10%	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8
Albania	399	486	667	1,363	2,915	22%	37%	104%	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.6
India	651	688	743	650	2,732	6%	8%	-13%	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Stateless	681	723	721	582	2,707	6%	-0%	-19%	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.7
Morocco	476	510	758	860	2,604	7%	49%	13%	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.0
Ghana	348	1,156	652	431	2,587	232%	-44%	-34%	0.5	1.5	0.8	0.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	311	338	707	1,159	2,515	9%	109%	64%	0.4	0.5	0.9	1.3
Azerbaijan	576	454	582	662	2,274	-21%	28%	14%	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8
Egypt	389	425	573	731	2,118	9%	35%	28%	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8
Haiti	573	594	454	427	2,048	4%	-24%	-6%	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5
Mali	221	822	658	336	2,037	272%	-20%	-49%	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.4
Ethiopia	367	520	527	397	1,811	42%	1%	-25%	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5
Senegal	428	359	369	515	1,671	-16%	3%	40%	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6
Cameroon	386	362	363	498	1,609	-6%	0%	37%	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6
Viet Nam	427	389	421	323	1,560	-9%	8%	-23%	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Mongolia	337	356	394	472	1,559	6%	11%	20%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Belarus	275	221	444	501	1,441	-20%	101%	13%	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.6
Other*	8,303	8,163	8,230	9,103	33,799	-2%	1%	11%	11.8	10.9	10.4	10.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,432</b>	<b>75,017</b>	<b>79,093</b>	<b>86,616</b>	<b>311,158</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* This table excludes some 16,000 asylum applications lodged in Italy due to lack of breakdown by country of origin.

**TABLE 13** Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (27) by quarter | 2010

Covering 27 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	5,697	4,189	7,200	10,343	27,429	-26%	72%	44%	9.8	8.1	11.5	15.3
Afghanistan	5,106	4,034	5,089	5,213	19,442	-21%	26%	2%	8.8	7.8	8.2	7.7
Russian Federation	3,941	3,629	4,418	4,278	16,266	-8%	22%	-3%	6.8	7.0	7.1	6.3
Iraq	3,689	3,164	3,851	3,744	14,448	-14%	22%	-3%	6.4	6.1	6.2	5.5
Somalia	3,495	3,141	4,222	2,986	13,844	-10%	34%	-29%	6.0	6.1	6.8	4.4
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,030	1,827	2,641	2,793	9,291	-10%	45%	6%	3.5	3.5	4.2	4.1
Pakistan	1,677	2,023	2,576	2,660	8,936	21%	27%	3%	2.9	3.9	4.1	3.9
Georgia	1,857	1,655	1,616	1,513	6,641	-11%	-2%	-6%	3.2	3.2	2.6	2.2
Nigeria	1,756	1,617	1,500	1,663	6,536	-8%	-7%	11%	3.0	3.1	2.4	2.5
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	910	465	1,727	2,609	5,711	-49%	271%	51%	1.6	0.9	2.8	3.9
Sri Lanka	1,457	1,241	1,298	1,703	5,699	-15%	5%	31%	2.5	2.4	2.1	2.5
Bangladesh	1,119	1,420	1,442	1,678	5,659	27%	2%	16%	1.9	2.7	2.3	2.5
China	1,180	1,264	1,441	1,507	5,392	7%	14%	5%	2.0	2.4	2.3	2.2
Turkey	1,221	1,230	1,406	1,488	5,345	1%	14%	6%	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.2
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,241	1,252	1,291	1,296	5,080	1%	3%	0%	2.1	2.4	2.1	1.9
Armenia	1,311	848	1,271	1,535	4,965	-35%	50%	21%	2.3	1.6	2.0	2.3
Guinea	1,252	976	1,081	1,246	4,555	-22%	11%	15%	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.8
Eritrea	940	949	1,257	1,260	4,406	1%	32%	0%	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.9
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,060	906	1,115	1,147	4,228	-15%	23%	3%	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7
Algeria	863	760	756	917	3,296	-12%	-1%	21%	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.4
India	629	712	772	899	3,012	13%	8%	16%	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.3
Sudan	534	491	592	560	2,177	-8%	21%	-5%	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.8
Viet Nam	510	576	566	483	2,135	13%	-2%	-15%	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.7
Stateless	515	441	532	641	2,129	-14%	21%	20%	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Zimbabwe	657	619	418	381	2,075	-6%	-32%	-9%	1.1	1.2	0.7	0.6
Haiti	453	691	476	412	2,032	53%	-31%	-13%	0.8	1.3	0.8	0.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	581	490	324	603	1,998	-16%	-34%	86%	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.9
Azerbaijan	591	363	414	482	1,850	-39%	14%	16%	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
Albania	473	502	432	413	1,820	6%	-14%	-4%	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.6
Mongolia	389	363	373	434	1,559	-7%	3%	16%	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Rwanda	428	305	351	395	1,479	-29%	15%	13%	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Côte d'Ivoire	355	356	367	341	1,419	0%	3%	-7%	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5
Ghana	362	424	319	303	1,408	17%	-25%	-5%	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.4
Cameroon	349	296	390	324	1,359	-15%	32%	-17%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Occupied Palestinian Territory	330	367	311	260	1,268	11%	-15%	-16%	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4
Angola	357	264	280	299	1,200	-26%	6%	7%	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4
Mauritania	314	278	289	315	1,196	-11%	4%	9%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Senegal	257	291	288	305	1,141	13%	-1%	6%	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5
Gambia	284	263	254	285	1,086	-7%	-3%	12%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Egypt	264	279	241	295	1,079	6%	-14%	22%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Other	7,434	6,706	7,157	7,720	29,017	-10%	7%	8%	12.8	13.0	11.5	11.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,868</b>	<b>51,667</b>	<b>62,344</b>	<b>67,729</b>	<b>239,608</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 14** Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (27) by quarter | 2011

Covering 27 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Afghanistan	5,547	6,200	7,514	6,898	26,159	12%	21%	-8%	9.1	9.7	11.4	9.8
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	5,973	3,634	3,011	6,454	19,072	-39%	-17%	114%	9.8	5.7	4.6	9.2
Russian Federation	3,376	3,149	4,314	4,206	15,045	-7%	37%	-3%	5.6	4.9	6.5	6.0
Pakistan	2,726	2,980	4,183	4,497	14,386	9%	40%	8%	4.5	4.7	6.3	6.4
Iraq	3,479	3,103	3,799	3,242	13,623	-11%	22%	-15%	5.7	4.9	5.8	4.6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,463	2,214	2,932	3,180	10,789	-10%	32%	8%	4.1	3.5	4.4	4.5
Somalia	2,128	2,820	2,558	3,150	10,656	33%	-9%	23%	3.5	4.4	3.9	4.5
Nigeria	1,506	2,754	1,870	1,694	7,824	83%	-32%	-9%	2.5	4.3	2.8	2.4
Bangladesh	1,494	2,125	1,573	1,595	6,787	42%	-26%	1%	2.5	3.3	2.4	2.3
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,131	1,331	2,061	2,202	6,725	18%	55%	7%	1.9	2.1	3.1	3.1
Sri Lanka	1,760	1,565	1,493	1,613	6,431	-11%	-5%	8%	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.3
Georgia	1,252	1,339	1,855	1,806	6,252	7%	39%	-3%	2.1	2.1	2.8	2.6
Armenia	1,252	1,580	1,546	1,551	5,929	26%	-2%	0%	2.1	2.5	2.3	2.2
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,376	1,406	1,432	1,586	5,800	2%	2%	11%	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3
Turkey	1,508	1,263	1,130	1,475	5,376	-16%	-11%	31%	2.5	2.0	1.7	2.1
Guinea	1,411	1,243	1,330	1,356	5,340	-12%	7%	2%	2.3	2.0	2.0	1.9
Tunisia	2,464	1,027	1,063	694	5,248	-58%	4%	-35%	4.1	1.6	1.6	1.0
Eritrea	1,079	1,500	1,433	1,196	5,208	39%	-4%	-17%	1.8	2.4	2.2	1.7
China	1,326	1,235	1,287	1,236	5,084	-7%	4%	-4%	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.8
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	1,341	1,716	700	942	4,699	28%	-59%	35%	2.2	2.7	1.1	1.3
Côte d'Ivoire	1,087	1,709	829	637	4,262	57%	-51%	-23%	1.8	2.7	1.3	0.9
Algeria	866	907	1,134	1,155	4,062	5%	25%	2%	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.6
Albania	379	473	634	1,336	2,822	25%	34%	111%	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.9
Libya	384	1,107	846	373	2,710	188%	-24%	-56%	0.6	1.7	1.3	0.5
India	622	668	690	632	2,612	7%	3%	-8%	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
Sudan	533	684	713	628	2,558	28%	4%	-12%	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.9
Stateless	603	658	634	523	2,418	9%	-4%	-18%	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7
Ghana	317	1,121	606	337	2,381	254%	-46%	-44%	0.5	1.8	0.9	0.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	283	300	651	1,041	2,275	6%	117%	60%	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.5
Azerbaijan	544	438	573	635	2,190	-19%	31%	11%	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.9
Haiti	571	593	452	427	2,043	4%	-24%	-6%	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6
Egypt	347	394	545	708	1,994	14%	38%	30%	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.0
Mali	211	812	640	317	1,980	285%	-21%	-50%	0.3	1.3	1.0	0.5
Morocco	330	341	585	603	1,859	3%	72%	3%	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.9
Viet Nam	419	381	415	312	1,527	-9%	9%	-25%	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4
Senegal	389	319	329	464	1,501	-18%	3%	41%	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7
Cameroon	323	335	351	459	1,468	4%	5%	31%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7
Mongolia	322	334	370	430	1,456	4%	11%	16%	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
Comoros	407	404	341	238	1,390	-1%	-16%	-30%	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3
Mauritania	327	367	309	375	1,378	12%	-16%	21%	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Other*	7,150	7,332	7,524	8,010	30,016	3%	3%	6%	11.7	11.5	11.4	11.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,006</b>	<b>63,861</b>	<b>66,255</b>	<b>70,213</b>	<b>261,335</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* This table excludes some 16,000 asylum applications lodged in Italy due to lack of breakdown by country of origin.

**TABLE 15** Origin of asylum applicants in Canada and the United States of America | 2010

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
China	3,235	3,672	3,739	3,786	14,432	14%	2%	1%	20.3	22.1	21.6	22.2
Mexico	1,214	1,389	1,383	1,437	5,423	14%	-0%	4%	7.6	8.4	8.0	8.4
El Salvador	763	836	813	816	3,228	10%	-3%	0%	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.8
Guatemala	586	618	686	651	2,541	5%	11%	-5%	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.8
Hungary	813	478	361	698	2,350	-41%	-24%	93%	5.1	2.9	2.1	4.1
Haiti	749	510	408	468	2,135	-32%	-20%	15%	4.7	3.1	2.4	2.7
Colombia	575	497	494	415	1,981	-14%	-1%	-16%	3.6	3.0	2.9	2.4
Sri Lanka	221	241	721	225	1,408	9%	199%	-69%	1.4	1.4	4.2	1.3
Honduras	354	348	346	336	1,384	-2%	-1%	-3%	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0
Ethiopia	336	343	368	331	1,378	2%	7%	-10%	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.9
India	321	279	357	356	1,313	-13%	28%	-0%	2.0	1.7	2.1	2.1
Russian Federation	289	437	268	282	1,276	51%	-39%	5%	1.8	2.6	1.6	1.6
Nepal	284	286	313	277	1,160	1%	9%	-12%	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6
Nigeria	247	237	286	296	1,066	-4%	21%	3%	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.7
Pakistan	227	231	260	325	1,043	2%	13%	25%	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.9
Somalia	178	244	286	207	915	37%	17%	-28%	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.2
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	133	209	230	267	839	57%	10%	16%	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	209	212	209	195	825	1%	-1%	-7%	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1
United States*	198	144	256	169	767	-27%	78%	-34%	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.0
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	217	140	188	147	692	-35%	34%	-22%	1.4	0.8	1.1	0.9
Egypt	151	151	174	178	654	0%	15%	2%	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
Eritrea	154	137	138	202	631	-11%	1%	46%	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.2
Jamaica	135	129	149	172	585	-4%	16%	15%	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0
Iraq	124	158	150	128	560	27%	-5%	-15%	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.7
Cameroon	132	138	138	142	550	5%	0%	3%	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Afghanistan	135	128	174	111	548	-5%	36%	-36%	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.6
Kenya	148	137	145	108	538	-7%	6%	-26%	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.6
Ecuador	116	114	120	146	496	-2%	5%	22%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9
Saint Lucia	125	100	120	143	488	-20%	20%	19%	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8
Guinea	147	137	95	89	468	-7%	-31%	-6%	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.5
Cuba	112	110	112	120	454	-2%	2%	7%	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	68	83	142	108	401	22%	71%	-24%	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.6
Turkey	84	90	88	109	371	7%	-2%	24%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Ukraine	71	124	72	103	370	75%	-42%	43%	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.6
Indonesia	84	96	83	89	352	14%	-14%	7%	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Albania	97	86	85	74	342	-11%	-1%	-13%	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Philippines	91	89	68	87	335	-2%	-24%	28%	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	79	106	80	69	334	34%	-25%	-14%	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4
Brazil	72	110	69	75	326	53%	-37%	9%	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4
Peru	74	67	87	78	306	-9%	30%	-10%	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
Other	5,850	6,664	6,764	6,863	26,141	14%	2%	1%	36.6	40.1	39.1	40.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,963</b>	<b>16,633</b>	<b>17,286</b>	<b>17,092</b>	<b>66,974</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.



**TABLE 16** Origin of asylum applicants in Canada and the United States of America | 2011

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
China	3,905	4,376	4,607	4,415	17,303	12%	5%	-4%	19.5	20.7	21.6	20.0
Mexico	1,918	2,221	2,279	2,421	8,839	16%	3%	6%	9.6	10.5	10.7	11.0
Hungary	707	893	1,009	1,843	4,452	26%	13%	83%	3.5	4.2	4.7	8.4
El Salvador	1,135	1,149	1,083	1,073	4,440	1%	-6%	-1%	5.7	5.4	5.1	4.9
Guatemala	811	851	929	1,027	3,618	5%	9%	11%	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.7
India	824	773	848	763	3,208	-6%	10%	-10%	4.1	3.7	4.0	3.5
Haiti	583	500	369	415	1,867	-14%	-26%	12%	2.9	2.4	1.7	1.9
Honduras	409	509	473	469	1,860	24%	-7%	-1%	2.0	2.4	2.2	2.1
Colombia	397	415	360	348	1,520	5%	-13%	-3%	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.6
Pakistan	337	328	412	409	1,486	-3%	26%	-1%	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.9
Nepal	338	330	397	365	1,430	-2%	20%	-8%	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.7
Ethiopia	358	288	340	332	1,318	-20%	18%	-2%	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.5
Russian Federation	285	415	317	281	1,298	46%	-24%	-11%	1.4	2.0	1.5	1.3
Egypt	251	292	340	397	1,280	16%	16%	17%	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.8
Nigeria	231	231	232	248	942	0%	0%	7%	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Islamic Rep. of Iran	196	194	255	264	909	-1%	31%	4%	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.2
Sri Lanka	249	197	227	216	889	-21%	15%	-5%	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.0
Eritrea	297	251	194	124	866	-15%	-23%	-36%	1.5	1.2	0.9	0.6
Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)	223	218	211	210	862	-2%	-3%	-0%	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
Namibia	325	274	134	102	835	-16%	-51%	-24%	1.6	1.3	0.6	0.5
Ecuador	202	212	175	241	830	5%	-17%	38%	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.1
Jamaica	187	196	168	158	709	5%	-14%	-6%	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7
Somalia	173	149	196	170	688	-14%	32%	-13%	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.8
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	181	132	192	152	657	-27%	45%	-21%	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.7
Iraq	216	145	145	138	644	-33%	0%	-5%	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.6
Cameroon	172	154	152	144	622	-10%	-1%	-5%	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
United States*	138	140	168	176	622	1%	20%	5%	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
Afghanistan	121	149	179	167	616	23%	20%	-7%	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8
Côte d'Ivoire	131	214	143	92	580	63%	-33%	-36%	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.4
Saint Lucia	170	117	131	160	578	-31%	12%	22%	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	138	117	138	98	491	-15%	18%	-29%	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4
Bangladesh	123	112	141	92	468	-9%	26%	-35%	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.4
Syrian Arab Rep.	51	87	118	182	438	71%	36%	54%	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.8
Kenya	104	107	107	109	427	3%	0%	2%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Turkey	95	100	90	132	417	5%	-10%	47%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6
Cuba	118	112	93	94	417	-5%	-17%	1%	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4
Brazil	113	111	98	83	405	-2%	-12%	-15%	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Albania	95	96	103	109	403	1%	7%	6%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Romania	67	76	113	147	403	13%	49%	30%	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.7
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	90	94	95	117	396	4%	1%	23%	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5
Other	3,518	3,787	3,597	3,587	14,489	8%	-5%	-0%	17.6	17.9	16.8	16.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,982</b>	<b>21,112</b>	<b>21,358</b>	<b>22,070</b>	<b>84,522</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

**TABLE 17** Origin of asylum applicants in Australia and New Zealand | 2010

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Afghanistan	536	1,414	794	389	3,133	164%	-44%	-51%	21.9	36.7	23.7	11.7
Islamic Rep. of Iran	119	238	402	637	1,396	100%	69%	58%	4.9	6.2	12.0	19.1
China	290	326	294	303	1,213	12%	-10%	3%	11.8	8.4	8.8	9.1
Stateless	54	269	309	403	1,035	398%	15%	30%	2.2	7.0	9.2	12.1
Iraq	179	136	233	318	866	-24%	71%	36%	7.3	3.5	7.0	9.5
Sri Lanka	163	315	168	173	819	93%	-47%	3%	6.6	8.2	5.0	5.2
Fiji	232	164	128	88	612	-29%	-22%	-31%	9.5	4.3	3.8	2.6
Pakistan	114	91	132	140	477	-20%	45%	6%	4.6	2.4	3.9	4.2
India	76	106	123	108	413	39%	16%	-12%	3.1	2.7	3.7	3.2
Egypt	56	72	89	116	333	29%	24%	30%	2.3	1.9	2.7	3.5
Zimbabwe	114	107	53	32	306	-6%	-50%	-40%	4.6	2.8	1.6	1.0
Malaysia	65	64	79	47	255	-2%	23%	-41%	2.6	1.7	2.4	1.4
Lebanon	29	66	47	61	203	128%	-29%	30%	1.2	1.7	1.4	1.8
Indonesia	42	48	64	38	192	14%	33%	-41%	1.7	1.2	1.9	1.1
Nepal	41	30	40	57	168	-27%	33%	43%	1.7	0.8	1.2	1.7
Myanmar	36	47	42	27	152	31%	-11%	-36%	1.5	1.2	1.3	0.8
Turkey	34	18	35	36	123	-47%	94%	3%	1.4	0.5	1.0	1.1
Bangladesh	28	26	25	31	110	-7%	-4%	24%	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.9
Viet Nam	7	7	20	59	93	0%	186%	195%	0.3	0.2	0.6	1.8
Rep. of Korea	17	33	21	16	87	94%	-36%	-24%	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.5
Other	221	281	250	260	1,012	27%	-11%	4%	9.0	7.3	7.5	7.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>3,858</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>3,339</b>	<b>12,998</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>-0%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 18** Origin of asylum applicants in Australia and New Zealand | 2011

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Islamic Rep. of Iran	548	389	523	725	2,185	-29%	34%	39%	20.3	16.1	18.4	18.8
Afghanistan	221	316	312	883	1,732	43%	-1%	183%	8.2	13.0	11.0	22.9
China	309	239	318	342	1,208	-23%	33%	8%	11.5	9.9	11.2	8.9
Pakistan	157	204	190	288	839	30%	-7%	52%	5.8	8.4	6.7	7.5
India	132	194	222	218	766	47%	14%	-2%	4.9	8.0	7.8	5.7
Stateless	200	27	121	183	531	-87%	348%	51%	7.4	1.1	4.3	4.7
Iraq	125	96	125	156	502	-23%	30%	25%	4.6	4.0	4.4	4.0
Egypt	146	86	92	113	437	-41%	7%	23%	5.4	3.6	3.2	2.9
Sri Lanka	63	132	45	149	389	110%	-66%	231%	2.3	5.5	1.6	3.9
Fiji	118	44	55	88	305	-63%	25%	60%	4.4	1.8	1.9	2.3
Nepal	75	58	86	55	274	-23%	48%	-36%	2.8	2.4	3.0	1.4
Libya	10	52	118	24	204	420%	127%	-80%	0.4	2.1	4.1	0.6
Zimbabwe	71	39	46	27	183	-45%	18%	-41%	2.6	1.6	1.6	0.7
Malaysia	49	39	42	53	183	-20%	8%	26%	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4
Indonesia	48	50	40	38	176	4%	-20%	-5%	1.8	2.1	1.4	1.0
Lebanon	37	31	39	53	160	-16%	26%	36%	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4
Bangladesh	35	19	33	48	135	-46%	74%	45%	1.3	0.8	1.2	1.2
Viet Nam	36	30	42	24	132	-17%	40%	-43%	1.3	1.2	1.5	0.6
Syrian Arab Rep.	7	16	39	34	96	129%	144%	-13%	0.3	0.7	1.4	0.9
Turkey	30	24	22	19	95	-20%	-8%	-14%	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.5
Other	281	337	335	333	1,286	20%	-1%	-1%	10.4	13.9	11.8	8.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,698</b>	<b>2,422</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>3,853</b>	<b>11,818</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 19** Origin of asylum applicants in Japan and the Republic of Korea | 2010

An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Myanmar	79	93	93	114	379	18%	0%	23%	27.5	30.8	18.5	21.0
Pakistan	42	22	46	102	212	-48%	109%	122%	14.6	7.3	9.2	18.8
Sri Lanka	30	34	48	65	177	13%	41%	35%	10.5	11.3	9.6	12.0
Turkey	27	26	43	31	127	-4%	65%	-28%	9.4	8.6	8.6	5.7
Nepal	7	17	33	59	116	143%	94%	79%	2.4	5.6	6.6	10.9
India	16	12	41	19	88	-25%	242%	-54%	5.6	4.0	8.2	3.5
Kyrgyzstan	-	-	60	17	77	..	..	-72%	-	-	12.0	3.1
Bangladesh	10	20	16	22	68	100%	-20%	38%	3.5	6.6	3.2	4.1
Nigeria	12	13	17	11	53	8%	31%	-35%	4.2	4.3	3.4	2.0
Islamic Rep. of Iran	10	8	11	12	41	-20%	38%	9%	3.5	2.6	2.2	2.2
Uganda	*	8	11	11	33	167%	38%	0%	1.0	2.6	2.2	2.0
Cameroon	*	7	13	7	31	75%	86%	-46%	1.4	2.3	2.6	1.3
China	7	5	5	7	24	-29%	0%	40%	2.4	1.7	1.0	1.3
Ethiopia	*	*	10	6	22	0%	233%	-40%	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.1
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	*	9	7	21	-33%	350%	-22%	1.0	0.7	1.8	1.3
Afghanistan	*	*	5	6	16	-75%	400%	20%	1.4	0.3	1.0	1.1
Ghana	*	*	*	9	16	-33%	0%	350%	1.0	0.7	0.4	1.7
Philippines	7	*	*	*	12	-86%	100%	0%	2.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Indonesia	-	6	-	*	9	..	-100%	..	-	2.0	-	0.6
Angola	*	*	*	-	8	0%	100%	-100%	0.7	0.7	0.8	-
Other	18	20	33	33	104	11%	65%	0%	6.3	6.6	6.6	6.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 20** Origin of asylum applicants in Japan and the Republic of Korea | 2011

An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Pakistan	120	127	153	204	604	6%	20%	33%	21.4	18.3	21.4	22.5
Myanmar	123	191	104	135	553	55%	-46%	30%	21.9	27.5	14.5	14.9
Sri Lanka	64	65	94	103	326	2%	45%	10%	11.4	9.4	13.1	11.4
Nepal	37	78	70	79	264	111%	-10%	13%	6.6	11.2	9.8	8.7
Turkey	68	36	55	76	235	-47%	53%	38%	12.1	5.2	7.7	8.4
Bangladesh	16	28	54	38	136	75%	93%	-30%	2.8	4.0	7.6	4.2
Uganda	9	16	22	61	108	78%	38%	177%	1.6	2.3	3.1	6.7
Nigeria	19	11	19	41	90	-42%	73%	116%	3.4	1.6	2.7	4.5
India	6	11	27	22	66	83%	145%	-19%	1.1	1.6	3.8	2.4
Afghanistan	13	15	26	10	64	15%	73%	-62%	2.3	2.2	3.6	1.1
Cameroon	*	7	24	21	54	250%	243%	-13%	0.4	1.0	3.4	2.3
Islamic Rep. of Iran	16	7	15	11	49	-56%	114%	-27%	2.8	1.0	2.1	1.2
Côte d'Ivoire	*	27	*	9	41	575%	-96%	800%	0.7	3.9	0.1	1.0
Kyrgyzstan	*	17	*	6	29	750%	-76%	50%	0.4	2.4	0.6	0.7
China	9	9	5	5	28	0%	-44%	0%	1.6	1.3	0.7	0.6
Liberia	*	6	5	9	22	200%	-17%	80%	0.4	0.9	0.7	1.0
Ethiopia	8	*	6	*	17	-88%	500%	-67%	1.4	0.1	0.8	0.2
Philippines	8	*	5	*	16	-88%	400%	-60%	1.4	0.1	0.7	0.2
Ghana	*	*	*	8	15	-33%	0%	300%	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.9
Guinea	*	*	*	6	14	-67%	300%	50%	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.7
Other	30	38	20	59	147	27%	-47%	195%	5.3	5.5	2.8	6.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>2,878</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



**TABLE 21 Asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries by origin | fourth quarter 2011**

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.  
Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Afghanistan	-	882	1,183	612	-	16	102	186	9	16	226	-	48	162	1,671
Iraq	-	154	105	517	-	97	42	*	*	*	31	-	151	58	1,336
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	-	-	120	470	*	-	48	*	-	-	114	-	80	548	2,757
China	-	339	64	78	-	*	490	-	8	*	*	-	*	583	73
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	720	169	109	*	6	89	21	17	*	127	-	34	51	991
Pakistan	-	284	283	265	-	*	268	8	35	*	19	-	*	435	1,142
Russian Federation	-	*	584	471	-	*	118	7	7	6	103	-	70	1,119	475
Somalia	*	*	187	156	*	12	125	32	-	-	48	*	109	238	264
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	34	155	139	-	14	67	*	85	*	154	-	51	61	710
Nigeria	-	25	94	41	-	*	190	*	5	*	21	-	22	212	183
Mexico	-	-	*	-	-	-	164	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eritrea	-	-	10	10	-	-	20	7	-	-	5	-	*	254	152
Sri Lanka	-	142	*	27	-	-	156	-	22	-	9	-	5	756	142
Georgia	-	5	78	94	-	*	*	-	*	*	8	-	27	515	169
Turkey	-	17	78	145	-	*	109	*	*	*	9	-	13	547	397
Hungary	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,837	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh	-	42	32	218	-	*	26	*	51	-	7	-	*	769	42
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	15	338	-	-	76	-	-	-	7	-	11	1,010	45
India	-	217	100	40	-	-	223	-	22	*	*	-	5	5	190
Armenia	-	*	67	102	-	5	11	-	*	*	19	*	*	994	72

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy <sup>1)</sup>	Japan <sup>2)</sup>	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Afghanistan	246	179	*	19	236	*	*	-	13	-	-	-	453	*	255
Iraq	83	24	*	*	79	*	*	-	-	11	-	*	314	*	60
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	*	57	-	*	44	-	-	-	-	293	-	-	37	-	68
China	67	*	-	10	5	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	67	*	21
Islamic Rep. of Iran	111	11	*	*	45	11	*	*	-	15	-	*	240	5	84
Pakistan	486	62	*	39	283	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	*	16
Russian Federation	17	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	28	9	-	-	173	-	101
Somalia	34	55	*	6	37	-	-	-	-	-	43	-	238	-	536
Syrian Arab Rep.	75	49	-	5	59	*	6	-	-	*	107	*	66	-	76
Nigeria	95	6	*	37	538	20	-	-	*	*	-	-	21	*	63
Mexico	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eritrea	*	*	-	*	33	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	116	-	235
Sri Lanka	22	-	-	-	11	36	-	-	-	*	-	-	36	7	13
Georgia	252	5	*	*	*	-	19	*	83	-	-	*	44	-	7
Turkey	8	8	-	-	124	76	-	-	-	5	-	-	17	*	9
Hungary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Bangladesh	94	*	*	7	92	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	6	35
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	5	-	21	7	*	18	-	*	-	-	-	8	-	12
India	59	6	-	*	*	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	*	6
Armenia	15	*	-	*	*	-	-	*	10	-	-	-	112	-	-

.../...

**TABLE 21 Asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries by origin | fourth quarter 2011 (ctnd)**

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.  
Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia <sup>3)</sup>	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	Tfyr Macedonia <sup>4)</sup>	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States <sup>5)</sup>
Afghanistan	-	*	8	40	322	44	9	*	1,312	253	89	741	405	65
Iraq	*	*	*	11	-	-	*	8	346	94	-	3,848	85	96
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	1,935	873	-	-	5	54
China	*	-	*	7	-	*	-	-	27	203	-	16	230	3,925
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	15	293	101	*	1,512	925	175
Pakistan	*	6	144	84	49	*	*	30	54	26	20	11	1,225	141
Russian Federation	867	-	*	*	-	7	-	13	228	47	-	-	25	163
Somalia	-	15	-	21	144	22	11	8	1,473	153	36	245	175	45
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	-	-	12	*	5	7	15	222	250	-	*	205	115
Nigeria	*	10	21	*	*	-	*	78	77	439	-	7	250	58
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	5	2,257
Eritrea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	439	757	-	5	165	104
Sri Lanka	*	*	67	-	-	-	-	7	5	125	-	*	565	60
Georgia	371	*	-	*	-	17	-	*	96	81	-	-	10	15
Turkey	*	-	-	5	*	-	25	5	30	150	-	-	55	23
Hungary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	6
Bangladesh	-	*	12	5	12	*	-	*	38	7	-	-	220	66
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	*	-	*	*	-	17	30	30	-	33	45	22
India	*	-	8	9	7	-	-	9	8	5	-	-	165	540
Armenia	59	-	-	*	-	*	-	9	67	20	-	-	-	30

<sup>1</sup> This table excludes a significant number of asylum applications lodged in Italy due to lack of data.

<sup>2</sup> UNHCR estimates.

<sup>3</sup> Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)).

<sup>4</sup> The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

<sup>5</sup> Combination of number of cases (DHS) and persons (EOIR).

**TABLE 22 Top-10 populations of origin of asylum applicants by country of asylum | 2010**

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.  
An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Albania		Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bosnia and Herzegovina	
Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	*	Afghanistan	3,129	Russian Fed.	2,322	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	4,545	Afghanistan	11
Iraq	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,354	Afghanistan	1,582	Iraq	1,637	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	10
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	China	1,191	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	972	Guinea	1,455	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*
TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	*	Stateless	1,035	Nigeria	573	Armenia	1,266	Iraq	*
Bosnia-Herzegovina	*	Iraq	856	India	433	Russian Fed.	1,141	Cameroon	*
Egypt	*	Sri Lanka	796	Islamic Rep. of Iran	387	Afghanistan	1,124	Ethiopia	*
Tunisia	*	Fiji	547	Georgia	370	Rwanda	1,065	Pakistan	*
Libya	*	Pakistan	470	Turkey	369	TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	980	Syrian Arab Rep.	*
Saudi Arabia	*	India	412	Iraq	336	Dem. Rep. of Congo	813	Algeria	*
		Egypt	328	Algeria	304	Madagascar	653	Eritrea	*

Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia		Cyprus		Czech Republic	
Iraq	452	Hungary	2,321	Afghanistan	107	Iraq	343	Ukraine	64
Stateless	100	China	1,582	Occup. Palest. Territ.	48	India	318	Mongolia	44
Armenia	62	Colombia	1,354	Islamic Rep. of Iran	21	Viet Nam	227	Myanmar	42
Islamic Rep. of Iran	61	Sri Lanka	1,203	Bosnia-Herzegovina	13	Egypt	211	Russian Fed.	36
Afghanistan	58	Mexico	1,198	Western Sahara	13	Sri Lanka	187	Viet Nam	26
Syrian Arab Rep.	52	Haiti	1,061	Somalia	11	Pakistan	155	Belarus	26
Algeria	35	Nigeria	860	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	11	Bangladesh	148	Nigeria	25
Sudan	20	United States	767	Algeria	10	Nigeria	133	Stateless	21
Pakistan	17	St Vincent & the Grenadines	689	Iraq	9	China	123	Kyrgyzstan	18
Georgia	14	India	593	Pakistan	5	Nepal	121	Turkey	17

Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Afghanistan	1,476	Afghanistan	9	Iraq	575	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	5,754	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	6,546
Syrian Arab Rep.	821	Russian Fed.	7	Somalia	571	Russian Fed.	4,302	Afghanistan	5,905
Islamic Rep. of Iran	597	Sri Lanka	*	Bulgaria	485	Dem. Rep. of Congo	3,395	Iraq	5,555
Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	402	Nigeria	*	Russian Fed.	436	Bangladesh	3,140	Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,475
Russian Fed.	340	Belarus	*	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	325	Sri Lanka	2,827	TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	2,466
Iraq	237	Stateless	*	Afghanistan	265	Guinea	2,012	Somalia	2,235
Somalia	110	Turkey	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	142	Haiti	1,992	Syrian Arab Rep.	1,490
Occup. Palest. Territ.	106	Sudan	*	Turkey	117	China	1,933	Turkey	1,340
Turkey	51	Armenia	*	Romania	94	Armenia	1,766	Russian Fed.	1,199
India	48	Pakistan	*	Nigeria	84	Turkey	1,402	Viet Nam	1,009

Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Italy	
Pakistan	2,748	Afghanistan	796	Afghanistan	7	Nigeria	387	Nigeria	1,385
Georgia	1,162	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	637	Islamic Rep. of Iran	6	China	228	Pakistan	929
Bangladesh	987	Occup. Palest. Territ.	209	Iraq	5	Pakistan	200	Afghanistan	873
Albania	693	Turkey	95	Somalia	5	Dem. Rep. of Congo	70	Turkey	854
China	549	Georgia	76	TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	*	Afghanistan	69	Bosnia-Herzegovina	816
Afghanistan	524	Islamic Rep. of Iran	72	Spain	*	Ghana	57	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	795
Nigeria	393	Iraq	55	Nigeria	*	Rep. of Moldova	56	Iraq	380
India	381	Somalia	53	Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Cameroon	56	Ghana	278
Senegal	381	Nigeria	42	Rep. of Moldova	*	Georgia	53	Islamic Rep. of Iran	269
Iraq	342	Viet Nam	42	Nepal	*	South Africa	53	Côte d'Ivoire	235

Japan		Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg	
Myanmar	345	Afghanistan	23	TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	38	Georgia	235	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	301
Sri Lanka	173	Russian Fed.	7	Russian Fed.	32	Russian Fed.	40	Iraq	79
Turkey	127	Kyrgyzstan	7	Nigeria	11	Afghanistan	26	Algeria	43
Nepal	110	Dem. Rep. of Congo	*	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	6	Armenia	21	Islamic Rep. of Iran	31
Pakistan	83	Ghana	*	Belarus	*	Viet Nam	10	Somalia	29
India	82	Cameroon	*	Iraq	*	Belarus	9	Russian Fed.	25
Islamic Rep. of Iran	35	Belarus	*	Somalia	*	Tajikistan	5	Albania	23
Nigeria	34	Uzbekistan	*	Uzbekistan	*	Azerbaijan	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	19
Bangladesh	27	Nepal	*	Egypt	*	Kyrgyzstan	*	Turkey	19
Uganda	21	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Rep. of Moldova	*	Belarus	15

.../...

**TABLE 22 Top-10 populations of origin of asylum applicants by country of asylum | 2010 (ctnd)**

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.  
An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Malta		Montenegro		Netherlands		New Zealand		Norway	
Somalia	34	Algeria	*	Somalia	3,372	Fiji	65	Eritrea	1,711
Pakistan	16	Russian Fed.	*	Iraq	1,383	Islamic Rep. of Iran	42	Somalia	1,397
Syrian Arab Rep.	8	Turkey	*	Afghanistan	1,364	Sri Lanka	23	Afghanistan	979
Nigeria	8	Croatia	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	785	China	22	Russian Fed.	628
Iraq	7			Armenia	611	South Africa	19	Ethiopia	505
Ethiopia	7			Georgia	587	Saudi Arabia	15	Iraq	460
Libya	7			Eritrea	392	Czech Rep.	14	Stateless	448
Eritrea	6			TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	389	Iraq	10	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	444
Sudan	6			China	302	Zimbabwe	8	Islamic Rep. of Iran	429
Morocco	5			Guinea	230	Pakistan	7	Nigeria	354

Poland		Portugal		Rep. of Korea		Romania		Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	
Russian Fed.	4,796	Guinea	43	Pakistan	129	Afghanistan	120	Afghanistan	425
Georgia	1,083	Colombia	16	Kyrgyzstan	77	Rep. of Moldova	109	Occup. Palest. Territ.	138
Armenia	107	Angola	12	Bangladesh	41	Iraq	75	Iraq	53
Viet Nam	47	Guinea-Bissau	10	Myanmar	34	Turkey	68	Somalia	42
Belarus	46	Dem. Rep. of Congo	9	Nigeria	19	China	67	Pakistan	30
Ukraine	45	Nigeria	7	Afghanistan	15	Pakistan	62	Dem. Rep. of Congo	13
Kyrgyzstan	37	Sierra Leone	7	Uganda	12	Islamic Rep. of Iran	35	Islamic Rep. of Iran	12
Iraq	27	Islamic Rep. of Iran	6	Cameroon	11	Nigeria	22	Morocco	10
Pakistan	27	Russian Fed.	5	Dem. Rep. of Congo	9	Myanmar	21	Tunisia	10
Afghanistan	25	Georgia	*	China	7	Syrian Arab Rep.	19	Algeria	9

Slovakia		Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland	
Afghanistan	76	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	28	Cuba	406	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	7,907	Sri Lanka	892
Georgia	66	Turkey	27	Nigeria	237	Somalia	5,560	Afghanistan	632
Russian Fed.	65	Bosnia-Herzegovina	24	Algeria	175	Afghanistan	2,397	Georgia	531
Rep. of Moldova	41	Afghanistan	23	Guinea	166	Iraq	1,978	Iraq	501
India	38	Nigeria	11	Cameroon	155	Eritrea	1,444	Turkey	462
China	35	Occup. Palest. Territ.	10	Colombia	123	Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,183	TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	403
Pakistan	34	Islamic Rep. of Iran	9	Côte d'Ivoire	119	Stateless	1,026	Syrian Arab Rep.	387
Viet Nam	32	Russian Fed.	8	Morocco	116	Russian Fed.	987	China	333
Somalia	23	Somalia	8	Occup. Palest. Territ.	101	TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	908	Russian Fed.	315
Ukraine	21	Sudan	8	Dem. Rep. of Congo	88	Mongolia	727	Algeria	313

TFYR Macedonia <sup>(1)</sup>		Turkey		United Kingdom		United States <sup>(3)</sup>	
Somalia	18	Somalia	448	Afghanistan	1,835	China	12,850
Eritrea	5	Kyrgyzstan	246	Sri Lanka	1,625	Mexico	4,225
Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	*	Uzbekistan	101	China	1,215	El Salvador	2,703
Bosnia-Herzegovina	*	Dem. Rep. of Congo	66	Nigeria	1,100	Guatemala	2,235
Iraq	*	Occup. Palest. Territ.	64	Eritrea	760	Ethiopia	1,163
Russian Fed.	*	Sudan	48	Somalia	675	Haiti	1,074
Algeria	*	Pakistan	42	Sudan	640	Nepal	1,063
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	37	India	600	Honduras	1,036
Morocco	*	Tajikistan	37	Bangladesh	495	Russian Fed.	817
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Ethiopia	36	Iraq	475	India	720

1 Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)).

2 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

3 Combination of cases (DHS) and persons (EOIR).



**TABLE 23 Top-10 populations of origin of asylum applicants by country of asylum | 2011**

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.  
An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Albania		Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bosnia and Herzegovina	
Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	8	Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,156	Afghanistan	3,623	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	3,067	Algeria	9
Somalia	*	Afghanistan	1,721	Russian Fed.	2,319	Afghanistan	2,773	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	8
Iraq	*	China	1,188	Pakistan	952	Guinea	2,046	Morocco	6
China	*	Pakistan	817	Somalia	611	Iraq	2,004	Pakistan	*
Pakistan	*	India	765	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	541	Russian Fed.	1,747	Occup. Palest. Territ.	*
Bangladesh	*	Stateless	530	Iraq	484	Albania	1,152	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*
Algeria	*	Iraq	491	India	463	TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	1,117	Afghanistan	*
		Egypt	417	Islamic Rep. of Iran	457	Dem. Rep. of Congo	1,084	Cameroon	*
		Sri Lanka	370	Algeria	446	Pakistan	924	Tunisia	*
		Fiji	276	Syrian Arab Rep.	423	Armenia	556	Somalia	*
Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia		Cyprus		Czech Republic	
Iraq	344	Hungary	4,409	Afghanistan	487	Viet Nam	212	Ukraine	101
Afghanistan	92	China	1,853	Pakistan	70	Syrian Arab Rep.	187	Belarus	38
Syrian Arab Rep.	85	Colombia	892	Somalia	42	Egypt	184	Viet Nam	27
Stateless	66	Namibia	831	Islamic Rep. of Iran	40	Bangladesh	182	Afghanistan	25
Somalia	42	Pakistan	828	Occup. Palest. Territ.	19	Pakistan	148	Russian Fed.	25
Islamic Rep. of Iran	37	India	751	Russian Fed.	15	India	134	Uzbekistan	24
Armenia	37	Nigeria	685	Libya	14	Sri Lanka	114	Myanmar	23
Pakistan	27	St Vincent & the Grenadines	654	Tunisia	14	Nepal	102	Kyrgyzstan	21
Algeria	23	Mexico	653	Morocco	13	Philippines	84	Cuba	20
Morocco	20	Sri Lanka	629	Turkey	9	Islamic Rep. of Iran	68	Turkey	17
Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Afghanistan	903	Dem. Rep. of Congo	11	Iraq	588	Russian Fed.	4,042	Afghanistan	7,767
Islamic Rep. of Iran	461	Afghanistan	8	Somalia	365	Dem. Rep. of Congo	3,804	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	5,974
Syrian Arab Rep.	428	Armenia	7	Russian Fed.	294	Armenia	3,638	Iraq	5,831
Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	325	Georgia	6	Afghanistan	292	Bangladesh	3,568	Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,352
Russian Fed.	304	Russian Fed.	*	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	160	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	3,458	Syrian Arab Rep.	2,634
Iraq	115	Belarus	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	125	Sri Lanka	3,183	Pakistan	2,539
Somalia	107	Somalia	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	109	China	2,184	Russian Fed.	1,689
Algeria	103	Libya	*	Nigeria	105	Guinea	2,017	Turkey	1,578
Occup. Palest. Territ.	68	Stateless	*	Belarus	83	Haiti	2,010	TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	1,131
Libya	67	Cameroon	*	Turkey	74	Turkey	1,737	Somalia	984
Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Italy	
Pakistan	2,309	Afghanistan	649	Russian Fed.	7	Nigeria	182	Unknown	16,008
Georgia	1,121	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	238	Nigeria	6	Pakistan	175	Tunisia	3,531
Afghanistan	637	Pakistan	121	Algeria	5	China	142	Nigeria	2,876
Bangladesh	615	Syrian Arab Rep.	91	Iraq	5	Dem. Rep. of Congo	70	Ghana	1,263
China	406	Somalia	61	Georgia	*	Afghanistan	67	Pakistan	1,150
Senegal	375	Algeria	56	India	*	Zimbabwe	67	Mali	1,001
Nigeria	362	Iraq	54	Ethiopia	*	Algeria	48	Côte d'Ivoire	935
Syrian Arab Rep.	352	Occup. Palest. Territ.	36	Belarus	*	South Africa	45	Afghanistan	880
Egypt	306	Islamic Rep. of Iran	33	Afghanistan	*	Albania	34	Bangladesh	734
Albania	276	Morocco	30	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Rep. of Moldova	28	Somalia	513
Japan <sup>(3)</sup>		Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg	
Myanmar	489	Georgia	176	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	31	Georgia	202	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	1,097
Nepal	250	Dem. Rep. of Congo	39	Russian Fed.	14	Russian Fed.	58	TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	446
Turkey	235	Russian Fed.	18	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Afghanistan	45	Montenegro	103
Sri Lanka	226	Islamic Rep. of Iran	16	Afghanistan	*	Kyrgyzstan	30	Bosnia-Herzegovina	51
Pakistan	170	Syrian Arab Rep.	16	Nigeria	*	Armenia	28	Russian Fed.	49
Bangladesh	98	Cameroon	10	Kyrgyzstan	*	Belarus	12	Iraq	43
Nigeria	51	Lebanon	10	Georgia	*	Uzbekistan	7	Tunisia	42
India	51	Turkey	5	Stateless	*	Stateless	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	35
Islamic Rep. of Iran	48	Côte d'Ivoire	5	Turkmenistan	*	Tajikistan	*	Algeria	30
Cameroon	48	Libya	5	Armenia	*	Dem. Rep. of Congo	*	Albania	27

.../...

**TABLE 23 Top-10 populations of origin of asylum applicants by country of asylum | 2011 (ctnd)**

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.  
An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Malta		Montenegro		Netherlands		New Zealand		Norway	
Somalia	454	Morocco	84	Afghanistan	1,885	Islamic Rep. of Iran	29	Somalia	2,216
Eritrea	306	Algeria	65	Iraq	1,435	Fiji	29	Eritrea	1,256
Nigeria	246	Tunisia	31	Somalia	1,415	Pakistan	22	Afghanistan	979
Syrian Arab Rep.	122	Occup. Palest. Territ.	21	Islamic Rep. of Iran	929	Bahrain	22	Russian Fed.	365
Ethiopia	113	Afghanistan	8	Armenia	471	China	20	Iraq	357
Côte d'Ivoire	110	Islamic Rep. of Iran	7	Eritrea	458	Egypt	20	Islamic Rep. of Iran	355
Mali	92	Libya	*	Russian Fed.	451	Sri Lanka	19	Ethiopia	293
Ghana	76	Pakistan	*	China	276	South Africa	14	Stateless	262
Libya	66	Nigeria	*	TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	266	Afghanistan	11	Nigeria	240
Sudan	58	Iraq	*	Belarus	256	Iraq	11	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	240
Poland		Portugal		Rep. of Korea		Romania		Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	
Russian Fed.	2,784	Guinea	46	Pakistan	434	Algeria	456	Afghanistan	1,757
Georgia	1,240	Somalia	26	Sri Lanka	100	Morocco	219	Somalia	501
Armenia	162	Nigeria	22	Uganda	78	Tunisia	218	Pakistan	356
Belarus	57	Côte d'Ivoire	18	Myanmar	64	Pakistan	144	Libya	145
Ukraine	39	Dem. Rep. of Congo	14	Afghanistan	60	Afghanistan	107	Occup. Palest. Territ.	129
Kyrgyzstan	35	Colombia	13	Nigeria	39	Rep. of Moldova	61	Morocco	95
Afghanistan	29	Pakistan	11	Bangladesh	38	Iraq	59	Tunisia	77
Viet Nam	25	Islamic Rep. of Iran	11	Côte d'Ivoire	36	China	47	Algeria	65
Iraq	20	Guinea-Bissau	11	Kyrgyzstan	28	Occup. Palest. Territ.	43	Islamic Rep. of Iran	37
Kazakhstan	17	Russian Fed.	8	Liberia	20	Syrian Arab Rep.	36	Syrian Arab Rep.	33
Slovakia		Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland	
Somalia	76	Afghanistan	57	Côte d'Ivoire	550	Afghanistan	4,120	Eritrea	3,224
Afghanistan	73	Turkey	39	Cuba	440	Somalia	3,979	Tunisia	2,324
Georgia	57	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	35	Nigeria	259	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	3,915	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	1,539
Russian Fed.	35	Pakistan	26	Guinea	150	Eritrea	1,649	Nigeria	1,303
Rep. of Moldova	33	Tunisia	24	Occup. Palest. Territ.	131	Iraq	1,634	Afghanistan	1,006
India	19	Somalia	17	Western Sahara	131	Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,118	TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	838
Viet Nam	17	Syrian Arab Rep.	10	Cameroon	129	Stateless	1,105	Syrian Arab Rep.	688
Islamic Rep. of Iran	13	Morocco	9	Algeria	122	Bosnia-Herzegovina	981	China	688
China	12	Islamic Rep. of Iran	8	Colombia	104	Russian Fed.	930	Somalia	558
Pakistan	11	Algeria	8	Syrian Arab Rep.	97	TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	885	Turkey	508
TFYR Macedonia <sup>(3)</sup>		Turkey		United Kingdom		United States <sup>(4)</sup>			
Afghanistan	427	Iraq	7,912	Pakistan	3,945	China	15,450		
Pakistan	172	Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,411	Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,045	Mexico	8,186		
Somalia	53	Afghanistan	2,486	Sri Lanka	2,125	El Salvador	4,011		
Occup. Palest. Territ.	15	Somalia	744	Afghanistan	1,525	Guatemala	3,363		
Iraq	13	Syrian Arab Rep.	188	Libya	1,185	India	2,457		
India	11	Kyrgyzstan	169	Nigeria	1,055	Honduras	1,528		
Islamic Rep. of Iran	10	Occup. Palest. Territ.	157	China	920	Nepal	1,384		
Morocco	8	Uzbekistan	147	Eritrea	835	Haiti	1,348		
Sudan	6	Dem. Rep. of Congo	76	Sudan	790	Egypt	1,131		
Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	5	Yemen	72	Zimbabwe	735	Ethiopia	1,056		

1 Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)).

2 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

3 UNHCR estimates.

4 Combination of cases (DHS) and persons (EOIR).

TABLE 24 Monthly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries | 2011

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Asylum country	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Change Nov-Dec
Albania	4	8	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	..
Australia	1,059	715	849	848	947	537	543	1,000	1,226	1,170	1,349	1,270	-6%
Austria	882	908	967	980	996	1,079	1,499	1,588	1,460	1,570	1,243	1,254	1%
Belgium	1,934	1,931	2,395	2,105	1,876	1,738	1,848	2,339	2,629	2,718	2,272	2,199	-3%
Bosnia and H.	3	2	5	-	-	7	5	10	3	3	3	3	0%
Bulgaria	115	91	68	63	62	67	71	87	66	81	79	40	-49%
Canada	1,875	1,936	2,138	1,836	1,815	1,916	1,529	2,127	2,712	2,745	2,622	2,096	-20%
Croatia	38	48	41	31	92	76	64	54	52	85	126	100	-21%
Cyprus	184	147	127	124	163	149	130	121	195	178	166	81	-51%
Czech Rep.	36	32	42	35	40	29	46	40	59	52	52	29	-44%
Denmark	365	277	317	286	285	254	256	275	342	402	353	399	13%
Estonia	4	7	4	6	8	5	10	6	9	4	3	1	-67%
Finland	258	210	244	200	225	237	238	279	327	309	284	274	-4%
France	4,153	4,323	4,910	4,778	4,618	4,103	4,202	3,680	4,183	4,583	3,921	4,459	14%
Germany	3,901	3,370	3,625	3,031	3,501	3,255	3,556	4,065	4,190	4,184	4,889	4,174	-15%
Greece	606	920	1,003	453	815	685	989	650	789	742	873	786	-10%
Hungary	117	88	136	164	105	158	106	132	118	168	226	175	-23%
Iceland	-	3	6	7	14	2	5	8	8	7	5	8	60%
Ireland	133	125	127	87	100	114	111	113	95	72	117	96	-18%
Italy*	589	1,623	1,775	1,458	3,304	2,111	1,515	1,230	1,439	1,259	984	822	-16%
Japan	110	157	137	198	128	140	165	154	163	187	168	160	-5%
Latvia	3	18	4	16	39	25	59	49	55	28	27	12	-56%
Liechtenstein	9	4	14	9	3	6	1	19	2	3	3	1	-67%
Lithuania	12	29	25	10	16	17	27	70	39	44	48	69	44%
Luxembourg	116	147	237	147	134	114	158	221	312	219	179	178	-1%
Malta	8	9	28	1,126	367	94	23	15	19	74	32	58	81%
Montenegro	2	9	12	11	18	44	24	21	21	20	18	35	94%
Netherlands	1,051	918	893	820	1,049	979	1,015	1,053	1,015	1,049	956	792	-17%
New Zealand	23	25	27	28	42	20	25	20	31	26	27	11	-59%
Norway	813	644	686	665	878	816	721	824	891	768	670	677	1%
Poland	126	259	331	294	355	387	373	589	525	720	658	573	-13%
Portugal	10	20	13	16	22	15	31	22	39	25	15	47	213%
Rep. of Korea	60	42	56	83	74	71	72	92	69	148	109	135	24%
Romania	49	86	123	94	93	108	254	191	134	256	210	122	-42%
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	128	201	223	273	293	407	348	424	377	224	253	169	-33%
- of which Kosovo	31	61	18	22	10	10	6	5	2	5	13	5	-62%
Slovakia	33	43	29	22	37	39	43	41	37	61	39	23	-41%
Slovenia	31	33	28	13	22	47	21	15	29	25	12	31	158%
Spain	238	333	366	430	363	217	173	281	371	260	206	176	-15%
Sweden	1,963	1,948	2,303	2,040	2,378	1,963	2,063	2,567	2,795	3,022	3,112	3,494	12%
Switzerland	1,058	1,062	1,602	1,303	2,019	1,436	1,468	1,485	1,774	1,826	2,219	2,187	-1%
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	64	37	47	78	77	62	40	80	93	38	42	82	95%
Turkey	914	848	891	713	785	1,030	1,167	1,501	1,345	1,365	1,186	4,276	261%
United Kingdom	2,045	1,890	2,140	1,940	2,005	2,155	2,285	2,000	2,160	2,115	2,540	2,135	-16%
United States	5,546	5,002	6,753	5,672	6,362	7,329	6,011	6,875	6,026	6,170	6,200	6,073	-2%
EU-"Old" <sup>(15)</sup>	18,244	18,943	21,315	18,771	21,671	19,019	19,939	20,363	22,146	22,529	21,944	21,285	-3%
EU-"New" <sup>(12)</sup>	718	842	945	1,967	1,307	1,125	1,163	1,356	1,285	1,691	1,552	1,214	-22%
EU-Total <sup>(27)</sup>	18,962	19,785	22,260	20,738	22,978	20,144	21,102	21,719	23,431	24,220	23,496	22,499	-4%
Nordic countries <sup>(5)</sup>	3,399	3,082	3,556	3,198	3,780	3,272	3,283	3,953	4,363	4,508	4,424	4,852	10%
Western Europe <sup>(19)</sup>	20,124	20,656	23,623	20,755	24,585	21,279	22,134	22,699	24,821	25,133	24,841	24,158	-3%
Southern Europe <sup>(8)</sup>	2,553	3,908	4,203	4,320	5,820	4,301	4,029	3,822	4,197	3,903	3,462	6,247	80%
Total Europe <sup>(38)</sup>	21,995	22,651	25,787	23,828	27,158	24,030	24,946	26,147	27,997	28,559	28,021	30,038	7%
Canada/USA	7,421	6,938	8,891	7,508	8,177	9,245	7,540	9,002	8,738	8,915	8,822	8,169	-7%
Australia/New Z.	1,082	740	876	876	989	557	568	1,020	1,257	1,196	1,376	1,281	-7%
Japan/Rep. of Korea	170	199	193	281	202	211	237	246	232	335	277	295	6%
Total non-Europe <sup>(6)</sup>	8,673	7,877	9,960	8,665	9,368	10,013	8,345	10,268	10,227	10,446	10,475	9,745	-7%
Total <sup>(44)</sup>	30,668	30,528	35,747	32,493	36,526	34,043	33,291	36,415	38,224	39,005	38,496	39,783	3%

Notes

\* This table excludes some 16,000 asylum applications lodged in Italy in 2011 due to lack of detailed data. See notes Table 1.



© 2012 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees  
All rights reserved. Reproductions and translations are authorized, provided UNHCR is acknowledged as the source.

For more information, please contact:  
Field Information and Coordination Support Section  
Division of Programme Support and Management  
Case Postale 2500  
1211 Geneva, Switzerland  
[stats@unhcr.org](mailto:stats@unhcr.org)

This document along with further information on global displacement is available on UNHCR's Statistics website:  
<http://www.unhcr.org/statistics>  
and  
UNHCR's Statistical Online Population Database:  
<http://www.unhcr.org/statistics/populationdatabase>

**Cover photo:** An Italian coastguard boat approaches the island of Lampedusa to disembark 142 persons, including some asylum-seekers, mostly from West Africa. Their boat sank on its way from North Africa to Lampedusa.  
© UNHCR / F.NOY

PAGE DESIGN AND LAYOUT: JULIE SCHNEIDER  
PRODUCED AND PRINTED BY UNHCR (27 MARCH 2012).

[www.unhcr.org](http://www.unhcr.org)





With ever tighter border controls thousands of refugees cannot reach safety.

**1** refugee denied a safe haven  
**is too many.**



**UNHCR**  
The UN Refugee Agency

[www.unhcr.org](http://www.unhcr.org)