

New asylum applications lodged in selected countries in Europe, North America, Oceania and Asia

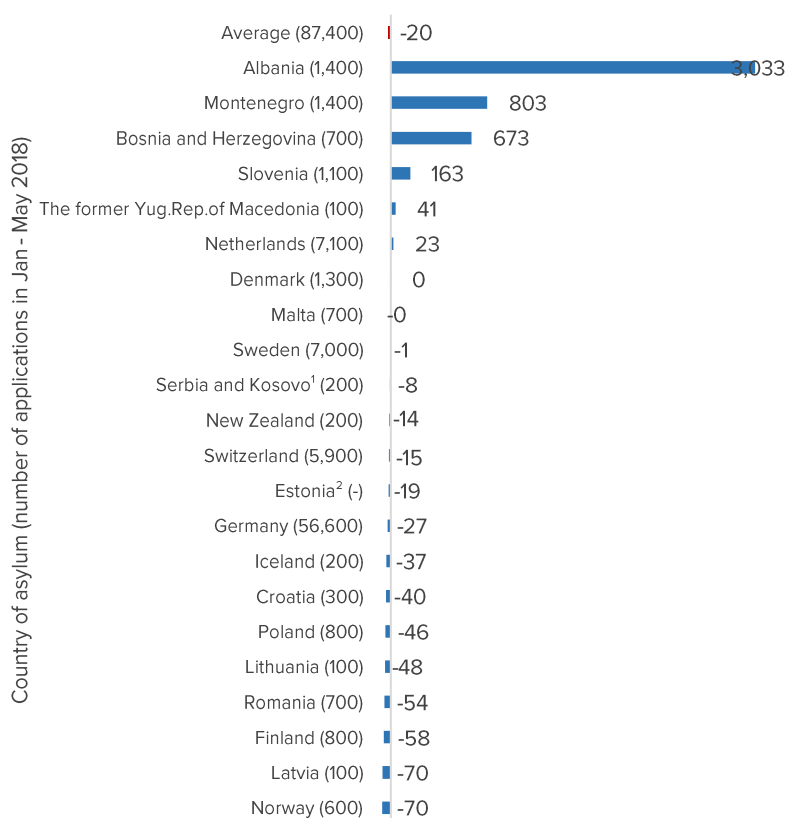
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In May 2018 UNHCR received data from 22 out of 44 selected countries of Europe, North America, Oceania and Asia. This review is based on analysis of number of new asylum applications received in these 22 countries between January – May 2018 and January – May 2017.

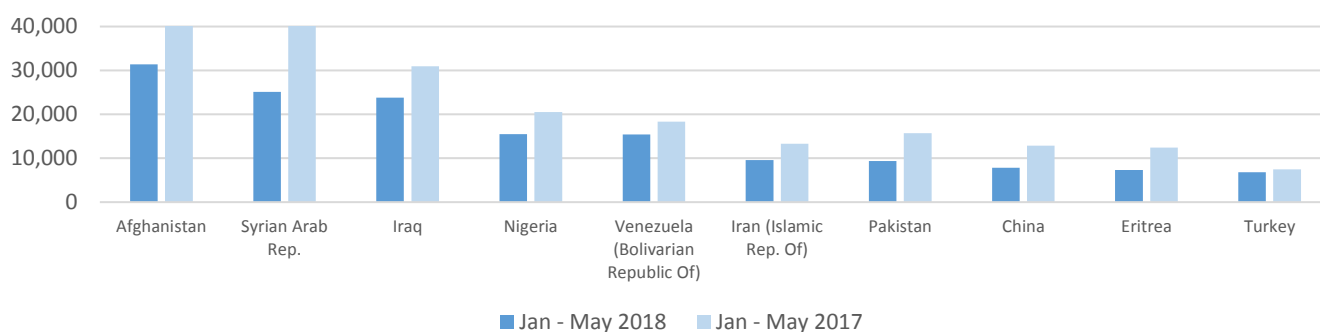
There were 17,600 new applications for asylum lodged in May 2018 and 87,400 applications in the period from January to May 2018, some 20 per cent less than in the same period in 2017 (108,800). The vast majority of all new asylum applications (81 per cent or more than 70,700 applications) received in January – May 2018 were lodged in three countries: Germany (65 per cent) and the Netherlands, and Sweden (8 per cent).

The top 10 countries of origin of new asylum-seekers, as a whole remained with little changes as compared with the same period of last year. About 50 per cent of all applications were made by the national of these 10 countries. Among them asylum-seekers from Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq accounted for more than half (53 per cent) of all applications.*

Per cent change in number of new applications in Jan - May 2017 and 2018



New asylum applications by origin
Top ten countries of origin*



Notes

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

² Number of application was less than 100.

* For analysis of top 10 countries of origin cumulative data for all 44 countries were used.

Data source: UNHCR and Governments.