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## *Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries*

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



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# Trends at a Glance

## First half 2011 in review

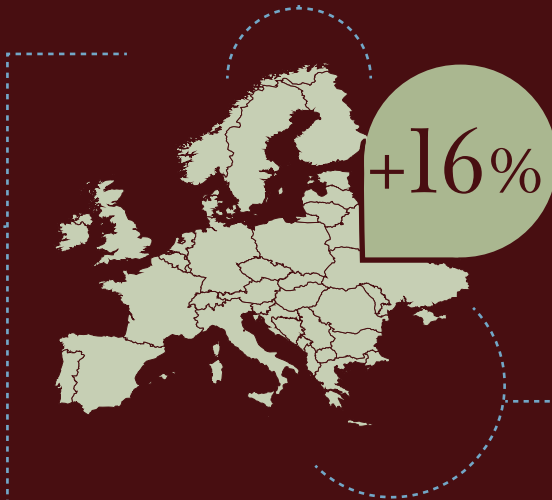
↗17%

An estimated **198,300 asylum applications** were recorded during the first six months of 2011 in the 44 countries included in this report. This is 17 per cent more than during the same period 2010 (169,300), and is nearly identical to the number of applications recorded during the second half of 2010 (197,600).

420,000

If the observed historical pattern of asylum applications continues, it is estimated that the number of asylum claims that will be submitted in the **44 industrialized countries** for the whole of 2011 may reach 420,000. This would be the highest number in eight years, but still well below the peak of 2001 when almost 620,000 asylum claims were reported.

The **38 countries in Europe** received **144,000** claims during the first six months of 2011. This is an increase of 16 per cent compared to the corresponding period in 2010 (124,200 claims), but slightly less than the second semester of 2010 (149,400 claims). Europe accounted for three quarters (73%) of all claims lodged among the industrialized countries.



↘11%

↘27%

The **Nordic region** was the only European region to experience a fall in asylum applications in the first six months of 2011 (20,400 claims), compared to both the first and second semesters of 2010 (-11% and -27% respectively).

↗13%

The **27 Member States of the European Union** registered 123,400 asylum claims in the first half of 2011, 13 per cent more than in the first six months of 2010 (109,500). The EU-27 together accounted for 86 per cent of all asylum claims in Europe.

↗ 57%

While a relatively modest number of persons fleeing North Africa came to Europe, the highest relative increase was recorded for **Tunisian** and **Libyan** citizens. As such, in Europe, the largest relative increase was registered in **southern Europe** which received **25,100** asylum requests during the first semester of 2011: a 57 per cent increase compared to the first six months of 2010 (16,000 claims). The increase is mainly in the number of asylum-seekers in **Italy, Malta and Turkey**.

6,300

5,100

The number of asylum-seekers in **Australia** and **New Zealand** decreased by one fifth during the first half of 2011 (5,100 claims) compared to the first semester of 2010 (6,300 claims).

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In **Japan** and the **Republic of Korea**, almost **1,300** persons requested refugee status during the first half of 2011, more than double the figure for the same period in 2010 (600 claims).

Top 5

1. AFGHANISTAN
2. CHINA
3. SERBIA (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)
4. IRAQ
5. ISLAMIC REP. OF IRAN

With 15,300 asylum claims lodged by Afghans in the first half of 2011, Afghanistan was the most significant **source country** of asylum-seekers of all of the 44 countries included in this report, followed by China (11,700 claims), Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)<sup>1</sup> (10,300), Iraq (10,100), and the Islamic Republic of Iran (7,600). Persons from these five countries together accounted for 55,000 applications, or almost one third (29%) of all asylum claims submitted in industrialized countries

**Australia** and **Belgium** have revised the way in which they report asylum data to UNHCR. As a result, historical data for Australia has been adjusted for the period from 2002 to 2010.

↗ 25%

In **North America**, an estimated **47,900** new asylum applications were submitted during the first six months of 2011: 9,600 claims or 25 per cent more than in the first semester of 2010.

With an estimated **36,400** asylum applications, the **United States of America** was the largest single recipient of new asylum claims among the group of industrialized countries during the first half of 2011. France was second with 26,100 asylum applications, followed by Germany (20,100), Sweden (12,600), and the United Kingdom (12,200). The top five receiving countries together accounted for more than half (54%) of all asylum claims received in the countries included in this report.

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|--------|--------|
| 1. USA | 4. SWE |
| 2. FRA | 5. UK  |
| 3. GER |        |

54%

others 46%

<sup>1</sup> Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999)





**A young woman from Sub-Saharan Africa** in a minibus which will take female asylum-seekers and children to a reception centre on the Italian island of Lampedusa. Most will stay on Lampedusa for a day or two for identification before being transferred to holding centres or temporary housing facilities across Italy while their asylum claims are being evaluated.

# Introduction

*This report summarizes patterns and trends in the number of individual asylum claims submitted in Europe and selected non-European countries during the first six months of 2011. The data in this report are based on information available as of 14 September 2011, unless otherwise indicated. It 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.*

**T**HE GROUP OF COUNTRIES ANALYSED in this report is collectively referred to as “the 44 industrialized countries” and has been defined for the purpose of this report only. The 44 countries are: 27 Member States of the European Union,<sup>(2)</sup> Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia,<sup>(3)</sup> 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 198,300 asylum applications in the first half of 2011.

The numbers in this report reflect claims made for first instance asylum procedures only. The report does not include data on applications on appeal or review, and it does not provide information on the outcome of asylum procedures or on the admission of refugees through resettlement programmes. This information is available in other UNHCR reports.<sup>(4)</sup>

To the extent possible, the statistics presented in this document reflect the number of individuals lodging an

asylum application for the first time. However, this may not reflect the actual number of new asylum-seekers, as some of the figures quoted may include repeat applications, including applications made by persons in more than one country during the same year.<sup>(5)</sup>

All data refer to the number of individuals, with the exception of asylum-seekers in the United States of America where only the number of cases (which may include several individuals) is available for applications submitted to the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Applications submitted to the United States Department of Justice, Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) are, however, recorded as individuals. To allow comparability with other 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 case size by nationality.

## Revised data for Australia and Belgium

**Data on asylum applications lodged in Australia and Belgium** have been revised and are not comparable with previous UNHCR reports. In the case of Australia, statistics on asylum applications provided by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship were limited to individuals lodging a protection visa (PV). The new dataset includes both refugee status determination requests lodged by “irregular maritime arrivals” and protection visa requests. As a result, UNHCR’s monthly asylum statistics for Australia were revised for the period 2002 to 2010.

In the case of Belgium, UNHCR’s data on monthly asylum applications lodged during 2010 and later now include children accompanying the principal applicant, but exclude repeat claims for both the principal applicant and accompanying children. ●

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>2</sup> See Annex Table 1 for a list of countries.

<sup>3</sup> The presentation of monthly asylum statistics of applications in Serbia does not include applications lodged in Kosovo (SC Res. 1244) owing to lack of monthly data for Kosovo.

<sup>4</sup> See UNHCR’s 2010 Global Trends report at [www.unhcr.org/statistics](http://www.unhcr.org/statistics) (issued June 2011).

<sup>5</sup> According to EURODAC’s Central Unit, the verification of asylum claims in 2010 showed that 24.1 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://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0549:FIN:EN:PDF>)





**A female asylum-seeker** from the Ukraine is looking out through the bars of the detention centre in Medvedov, Slovakia.

# Overview of regional trends

*In the first half of 2011 there was a significant increase in the number of individuals requesting refugee status in the **44 industrialized** countries included in this report as compared to the first half of 2010. The total of 198,300 applications recorded during the first six months of 2011 is 17 per cent more than for the same period in 2010 (169,300), and is almost identical to the figures recorded during the preceding six months of July to December 2010 (197,600).*

**U**NHCR'S ANALYSIS of monthly asylum data for the past 10 years has revealed that, in a given year, the number of asylum applications submitted during the first semester has been systematically lower than the number submitted during the second semester.<sup>6</sup> This pattern was observed at the regional and at the individual country level, as seen in **Figure 1 below**. Based on this observed trend, the number of asylum claims to be submitted in 2011 in the countries covered by this report could reach 420,000 by the end of the year. This would be the highest number in eight years, although still well below the 2001 peak when nearly 620,000 asylum claims were lodged.

The 38 **European** countries<sup>7</sup> included in this report recorded 144,000 asylum applications during the first six months of 2011: 16 per cent more than during the corresponding period of 2010 (124,200) but 4 per cent less than during the second semester of 2010 (149,400 claims). Europe accounted for three quarters (73%) of all claims lodged in the 44 industrialized countries in the first half of 2011.

The trend is similar for the 27 countries of the **European Union** (EU) which registered a 13 per cent increase in asylum applications during the first half of 2011 (123,400) as compared to January to June 2010 (109,500). However, the figures showed variation in asylum trends at the regional and country level. The

15 'old' EU Member States registered 116,600 asylum claims (+14%) during the first semester of 2011 compared to the corresponding period of 2010 (102,200). In contrast, the 12 'new' EU Member States registered 500 fewer claims, a drop of 7 per cent.

Among the European regions, the largest relative increase in mid-year asylum levels was reported by countries in **Southern Europe**<sup>8</sup> which received 25,100 asylum requests during the first half of 2011: a 57 per cent increase compared to the first six months of 2010 (16,000 claims). This increase was essentially in the number of individuals who requested international protection in Italy, Malta and Turkey.

<sup>6</sup> The only exception to this pattern was in 2004 when more applications were lodged during the first half of the year than in the second.

<sup>7</sup> See notes in Annex Table 1 for a list of countries included under this regional grouping.

<sup>8</sup> Refers to Albania, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain, and Turkey.

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

Regions	1 <sup>st</sup> 2010	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> 2011	Change (%)	
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Europe	124,200	149,400	144,000	15.9%	-3.6%
- EU-total	109,500	130,100	123,400	12.7%	-5.1%
- EU-old	102,200	121,800	116,600	14.1%	-4.3%
- EU-new	7,300	8,300	6,800	-6.8%	-18.1%
USA/Canada	38,200	40,500	47,900	25.4%	18.3%
Japan/ Rep. of Korea	600	1,000	1,300	116.7%	30.0%
Australia/ New Zealand	6,300	6,700	5,100	-19.0%	-23.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>169,300</b>	<b>197,600</b>	<b>198,300</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>

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

**Western Europe**<sup>(9)</sup> also showed an increase in new asylum claims, with close to 130,000 persons having applied for refugee status between January and June 2011. This is 16,600 more than during the first half of 2010 (113,200). Additional claims in France and Germany accounted for most of the increase. The drop in numbers observed, compared to the second half of 2010 (134,500 claims), was in line with the decrease observed for Europe as a whole (-4%).

The **Nordic region**<sup>(10)</sup> was the only European region to experience a fall in asylum applications in the first six months of 2011, compared to both the first and second semesters of 2010 (-11% and -27% respectively). This decrease was evident in all major receiving countries in the Nordic region, except for Norway, where the number of asylum claims increased by 4 per cent during the first six months of the year compared to the first half of 2010. Overall, countries in the Nordic region registered 20,400 asylum applications during the first semester of 2011.

The number of asylum claims submitted in **North America** during the first six months of 2011 (47,900) increased by one quarter compared to the corresponding period of the year before.

In Canada there were 4 per cent more asylum claims in the first half of the year compared to the first half of 2010, while the increase in the United States of America was 34 per cent.

The number of asylum-seekers in **Australia** and **New Zealand** went down by one fifth during the first half of 2011 (5,100 claims) compared to the first semester of 2010 (6,300). The decrease of 19 per cent for Australia was the first drop in numbers in six years. Figures in Australia remained below those recorded by many other industrialized and non-industrialized countries. In New Zealand, levels continue to be fairly low and stable (170 claims during the first half of 2011).

In **Japan** and the **Republic of Korea**, close to 1,300 individuals requested refugee status during the first half of 2011, more than double the figure for the same period in 2010 (600 claims). Figures for Japan indicate that the number of claims lodged during the first half of 2011 (870) is the second highest level for a semester since data has been available.<sup>(11)</sup> In the Republic of Korea, some 390 individuals requested international protection during the first half of 2011 compared to 120 claims lodged during the first half of 2010. ■

*The **United States of America** continued to be the largest single recipient of new asylum claims during the first six months of 2011, accounting for one out of five claims lodged in the 44 countries included in Annex **Table 1**. An estimated 36,400<sup>(12)</sup> individuals submitted an application: 9,300 claims more than during the first half of 2010. Chinese and Mexican asylum-seekers primarily accounted for this increase, a phenomenon which has been observed for some time now. Roughly one quarter of all claims in the country were lodged by asylum-seekers from China while the number of Mexicans was at its highest in almost a decade.*

<sup>9</sup> Refers to Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom.

<sup>10</sup> Refers to Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

<sup>11</sup> Monthly asylum data for Japan is available from 2002. Data for Japan are UNHCR estimates.



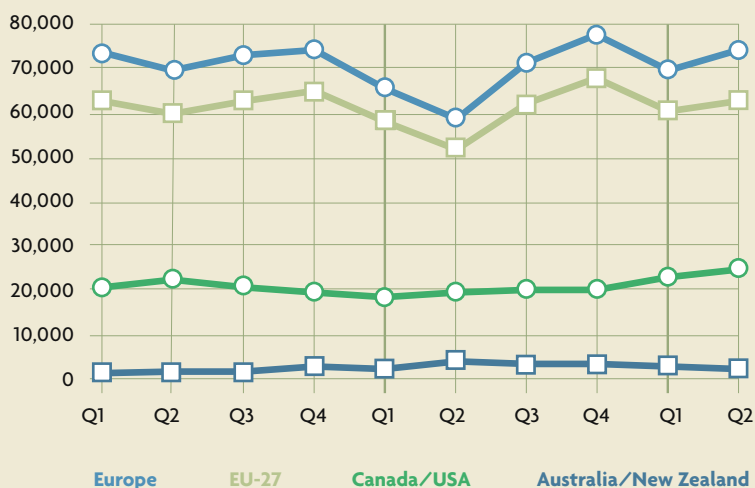
**F**RANCE RANKED SECOND among the 44 industrialized countries, with 26,100 asylum applications registered during the first half of 2011. This figure constituted an increase of 11 per cent compared to the corresponding period of 2010 (23,600), and an 8 per cent increase compared to the second half of 2010 (24,200). This increase was partly attributable to a near doubling of asylum claims from Armenia: from 970 in the first half of 2010 to close to 1,700 claims a year later. Asylum claims from citizens of Côte d'Ivoire more than tripled, from less than 300 to 1,000 during the same period. Serbia (and Kosovo: SC

Res. 1244) remained the top country of origin of asylum-seekers in France with 2,300 asylum claims registered in the first semester of 2011. Four out of five applications from people originating from Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244) were lodged by Kosovars. On average every eighth application in the industrialized world was received by France. Together, the United States of America (18%) and France (13%) received about one third of all applications in the 44 industrialized countries covered by this report.

**Germany** was the third largest recipient of applications among the 44 countries, with 20,100 new asylum requests registered during the first six months

<sup>12</sup> Estimated number of individuals based on the number of new cases (17,700) 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 (15,600 - reported by individuals).

**Fig. 1** Quarterly asylum claims submitted in selected regions | 2009-2011





**Asylum-seeker boys** from Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244) rest in their room in the Debrecen Reception Centre in Debrecen, Hungary.

“The top five receiving countries accounted for more than half (54%) of all asylum claims.”

of 2011. This is a 29 per cent increase compared to the first half of 2010 (15,700 claims), but 22 per cent lower than during the second half of 2010 (25,700). One quarter of all applications from people originating from Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244) in Germany were lodged by Kosovars. The drop compared to the second part of 2010 was largely in a decrease in asylum claims lodged by citizens of Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244) and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. For both countries, the number of applications increased during the second half of 2010, in comparison with the first semester, possibly as a result of the waiver of European Union visa requirements for citizens of these countries. This trend appears to have been reversed during the first half of 2011. Afghanistan became the top country of origin of asylum-seekers in Germany during the first half of 2011, with 3,800 claims lodged by Afghan citizens. This figure was the highest level recorded for one semester for Afghan asylum-seekers in Germany in more than a decade.

**Sweden** ranked fourth among the 44 industrialized countries with

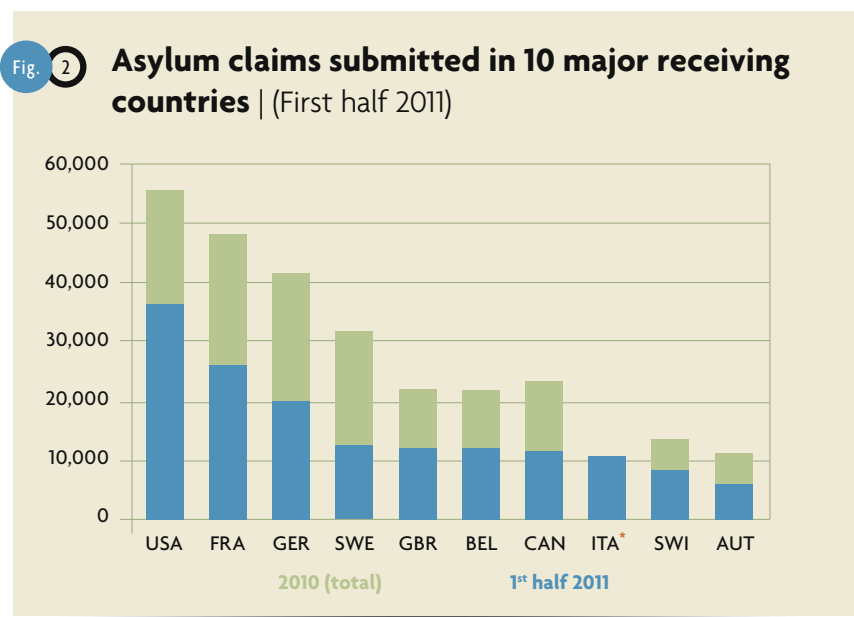
12,600 new applications received during the first six months of 2011. This corresponded to a 10 and a 29 per cent decrease respectively, compared to the first and second semesters of 2010. A 53 per cent drop in Somali asylum claims, from 3,400 in the first half of 2010 to 1,600 during the first half of 2011, partly accounted for this downward trend. A similar trend was observed for asylum-seekers from Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244) where numbers dropped from 2,500 and 5,400 applications respectively during the first and second semesters of 2010, to below 1,500 in the first half of 2011. On average, one third of all applications registered in Sweden in 2011 by persons originating from Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244) were lodged by Kosovars.

The number of asylum applications lodged in the **United Kingdom** increased by 12 per cent during the first half of 2011 (12,200 claims) compared to the same period of 2010 (10,900), making it the fifth largest recipient country in this report. Despite this increase, the first half of 2011 was the third lowest semester since UNHCR started recording monthly asylum statistics for the United

Kingdom in 1999; and this was markedly lower than in 2002 when some 47,800 individuals requested refugee status in the United Kingdom during the first part of the year. Part of the increase was attributed to larger numbers of asylum-seekers from Pakistan, moving from about 1,000 claims in the first semester of 2010 to close to 1,700 during the same period of 2011. Similarly, the number of asylum applications from Libyans increased from a total of 100 claims in all of 2010 to more than 700 during the first half of 2011. In contrast, there was a notable decrease in the number of Zimbabwean asylum-seekers: 61 per cent less during the first half of 2011 than in the first half of 2010.

**Belgium** received the sixth largest number of asylum-seekers during the first half of 2011 (12,000 claims): some 2,500 claims or 27 per cent more than during the first semester of 2010. About one fifth of asylum-seekers in Belgium (2,100 claims) were from Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244). Together with asylum-seekers from Afghanistan (1,400), these two nationalities made up almost one third of Belgium's asylum-seekers. Belgium was followed by **Canada** (11,500 claims), **Italy** (10,900 claims), **Switzerland** (8,500 claims), and **Austria** (5,800 claims). As a result of arrivals of asylum-seekers by boat, the 10,900 asylum applications registered in Italy during the first half of the year were more than the 10,000 recorded during all of 2010. Tunisians accounted for one quarter of all claims in 2011.

The United States of America, France, and Germany, the top three receiving countries in the first half of 2011, together accounted for four out of ten new asylum claims submitted in industrialized countries. Together with Sweden and the United Kingdom, the top five receiving countries accounted for more than half (54%) of all asylum claims. ■



\* First half 2011 is higher than total of 2010.





**A Palestinian refugee from Iraq** gets a hair cut in the Reception and Emergency Transit Centre in Timisoara, Romania.



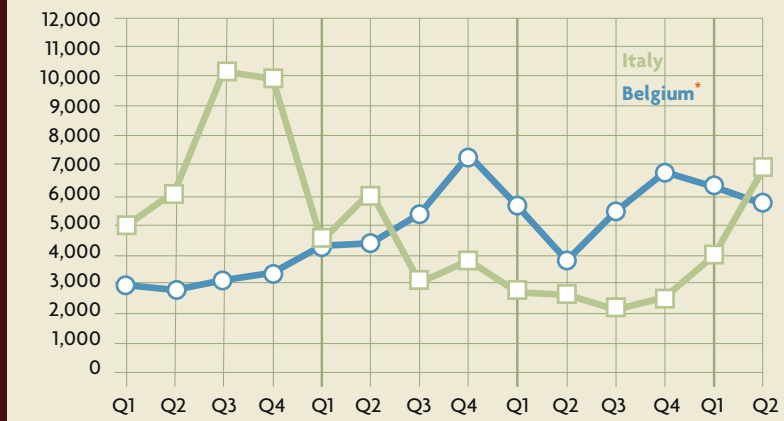
# Origin of asylum-seekers

**Afghanistan, China, Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244), Iraq, and the Islamic Republic of Iran** were the five top source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries in the first half of 2011 with 55,000 claims lodged by citizens of these five countries combined, accounting for 29 per cent of all claims submitted during this period. In comparison, approximately 51,900 asylum claims were submitted by citizens of Afghanistan, Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244), China, Iraq, and the Russian Federation, the top five source countries of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries during the first half of 2010.

**A**FGHANISTAN was again the country of origin of the largest number of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries in the first half of 2011. Afghans lodged some 15,300 asylum claims during the first two quarters of 2011, roughly 2,500 claims more than during the same period 2010 (+20%). The increase in Afghan claims was particularly significant during the second quarter of 2011 when 8,400 applied for asylum in the 44 industrialized countries, the highest quarterly level since the first quarter of 2002 (8,600).

Although Afghans lodged asylum applications in 40 out of the 44 industrialized countries covered by this report, the distribution of claims is not spread equally across all countries. More than half of all Afghan claims were submitted in just four countries: Germany (3,800), Sweden (1,500), Belgium (1,400), and Austria (1,100).

**Fig. 3** Quarterly asylum claims submitted in Belgium and Italy | 2008-2011



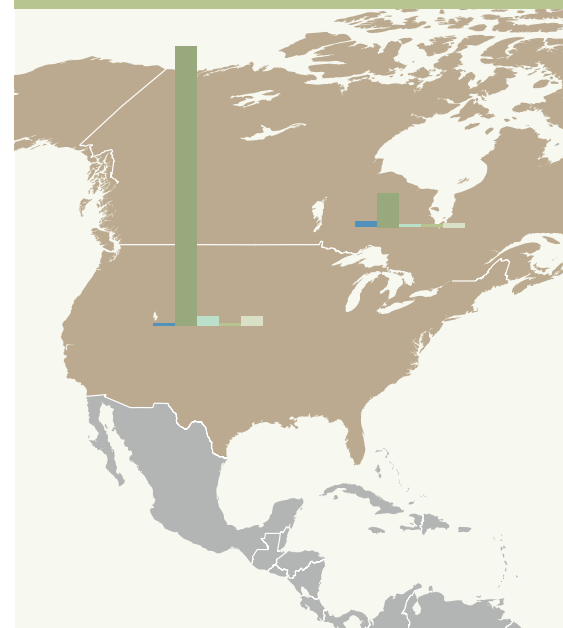
\* 2008 and 2009 excludes accompanying children but includes repeat claims.

An increase in Afghan asylum claims was observed in most major receiving countries. In Belgium, figures almost tripled from 400 in the first half of 2010 to 1,400 a year later. While not a major receiving country for asy-

lum-seekers, Serbia<sup>(13)</sup> registered about 1,000 Afghan asylum claims during the first semester of 2011 as opposed to 140 during all of 2010. In contrast, fewer Afghans requested international protection in Australia. Here, figures

13 The presentation of monthly asylum statistics of applications in Serbia does not include application lodged in Kosovo (SC Res. 1244) owing to lack of monthly data for Kosovo.

Fig. 4 Main countries of origin of asylum-seekers | First half 2011



plummeted from almost 2,000 Afghan asylum claims during the first semester of 2010 to 530 claims one year later.

**China** was the second largest source country of asylum-seekers among the 44 industrialized countries. With 11,700 Chinese asylum claims lodged during the first half of 2011, 15 per cent more than the figure for the corresponding period of 2010 (10,200), semester figures are at their highest since the second half of 2003 (13,600 claims). The proportion of Chinese asylum-seekers in the total number of asylum claims has remained fairly high in past years. Chinese currently constitute 6 per cent of all asylum applications lodged in the 44 industrialized countries. As in previous years, the United States of America registered almost two thirds of all Chinese asylum applications. France was the second largest recipient with 1,000 asylum requests.

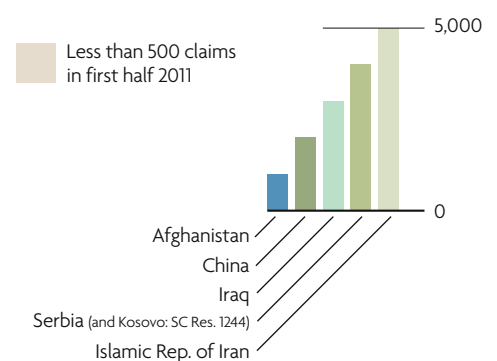
**Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)** was the third largest source country of asylum-seekers, with 10,300 applications lodged during the first half of 2011. This figure was 6 per cent below the figure reported for the first semester (11,000 claims) and 44 per cent less than for the second semester (18,600 claims) of 2010. The increase observed during 2010 is thought to be attributable to the European Union's introduction on 19 December 2009 of visa-free entry for holders of Serbian passports. France

and Germany were the main recipients of asylum-seekers from Serbia, with 2,300 applications each. The decrease in asylum-seekers from Serbia was significant in Germany in 2011, where figures dropped by more than half (-55%) compared to the second half of 2010. In Belgium, the third largest recipient of asylum-seekers from Serbia in 2011, figures remained constant with about 2,100 claims in each semester. These three countries together accounted for two thirds of all asylum applications received from citizens of Serbia.

About four-fifths of the countries reporting monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR distinguish applicants from Serbia originating from Kosovo in their data. The available evidence shows that in these countries of asylum, on average, 52 per cent of applicants from Serbia come from Kosovo. Among the main receiving countries, the proportion of those applicants from Serbia originating from Kosovo is highest in France (87%) and Belgium (57%). It is relatively low in Germany (28%) and Sweden (37%).

The number of **Iraqis** requesting refugee status in the industrialized world increased slightly during the first half of 2011. Some new 10,100 asylum applications were registered during the period, about 6 per cent more (1,000) more than during the first half of 2010. Iraq was the fourth largest country of origin of asylum-seekers. Germany and

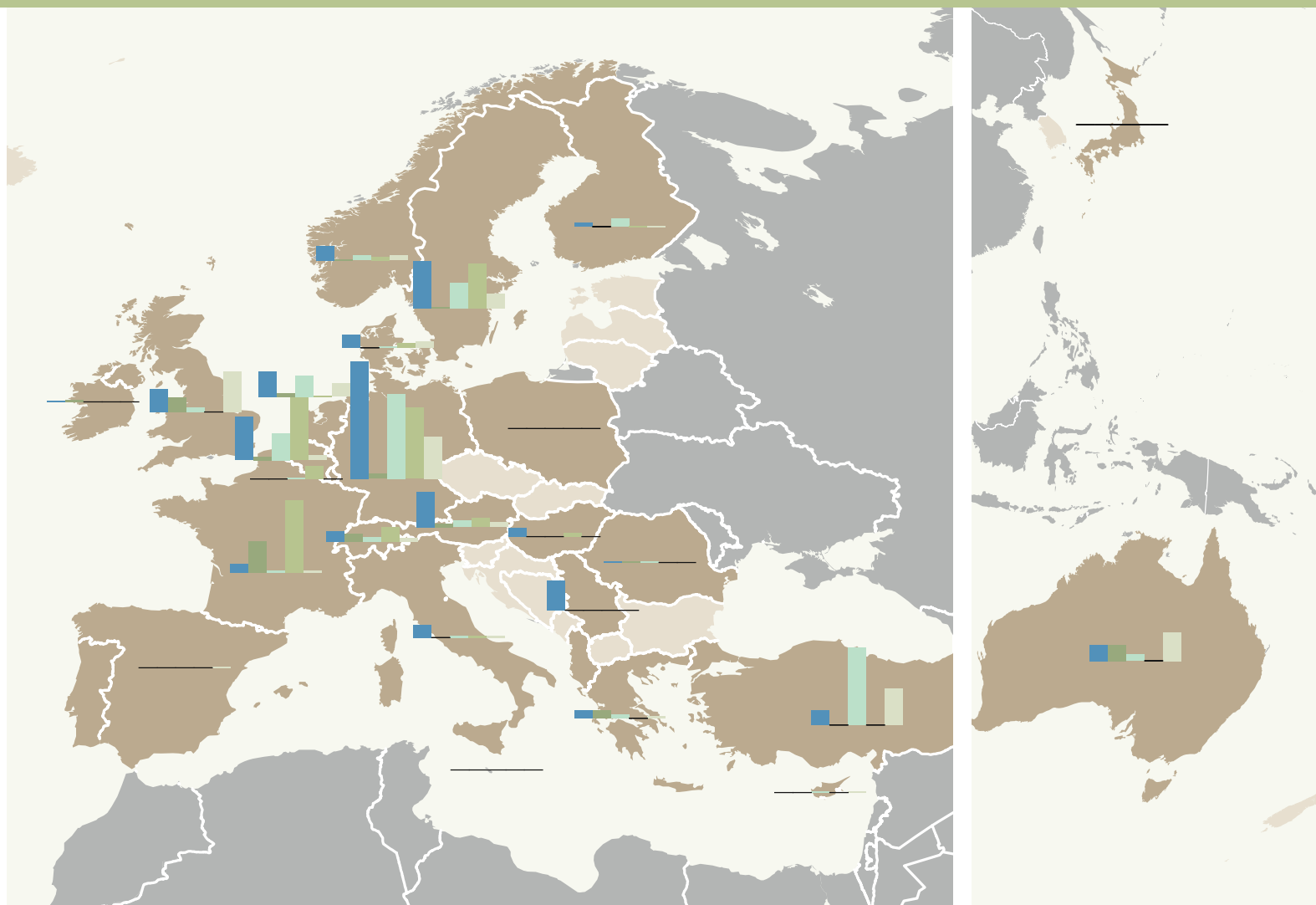
### Number of asylum claims



Turkey<sup>14</sup> together received more than half of all Iraqi asylum claims between January and June 2011. While the figure remained fairly stable in Germany at 2,600 Iraqi applications for the period, Turkey experienced a 120 per cent increase in Iraqi claims, from 1,100 in the first semester of 2010, to 2,500 during the same period of 2011.

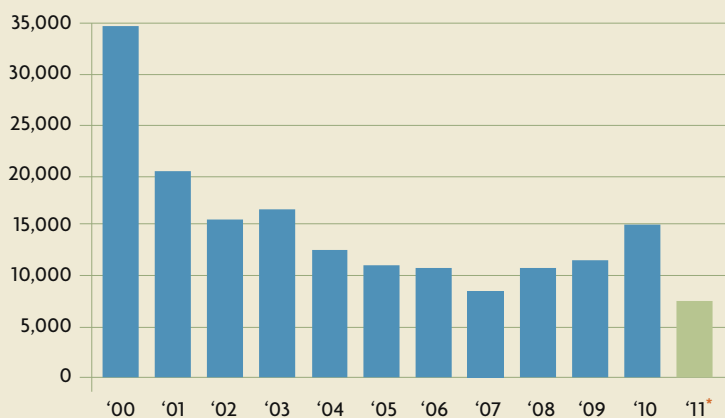
For the first time since 2006, the **Islamic Republic of Iran** featured among the top five source countries of asylum-seekers among the group of 44 industrialized countries. Some 7,600 asylum claims were lodged by Iranian citizens in the first half of 2011, one quarter more than during the same period in 2010 (6,100 claims). Germany and the United Kingdom were the main destination countries with 1,400 and 1,300 Iranian

<sup>14</sup> Refers to asylum applications submitted to UNHCR.



Note: This map is limited to the 44 countries which provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR.

Fig. 5 Iranian asylum claims lodged in 44 industrialized countries | 2000-2011



\* First half 2011.

asylum claims, respectively. Both countries saw a rise in numbers during the first half of 2011. The former increased by 44 per cent, compared to the corresponding period of 2010. The latter went up by 55 per cent during the same period. A similar trend was observed in Australia where the number of Iranian asylum-seekers almost tripled, from 340 in the first half 2010, to 920 during the same period in 2011.

The Islamic Republic of Iran was followed by the **Russian Federation** (7,400 applications in first semester of 2011), **Pakistan** (7,300), **Somalia** (6,900), **Eritrea** (5,800), and **Nigeria** (5,400). Other important source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries during the first half of 2011 were **Tunisia** (4,600 claims), **Mexico** (4,100), **Sri Lanka** (4,100), and **Bangladesh** (4,000).



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**Eritreans waiting in the port of Benghazi, Libya.** Some third-country nationals living in Libya fled across the Mediterranean and claimed asylum or refugee status in Europe.

In total, 32 countries among the top-40 countries of origin showed an increase from the first semester of 2010 to the first semester of 2011. The highest relative increase was recorded for **Tunisian** citizens whose asylum claims increased from 410 to more than 4,600, primarily in the number of arrivals in Italy by boat. The first half of 2011 saw more Tunisians lodging asylum claims than during the entire period from 2004 to 2010 put together. Similarly, there was a major increase in asylum applications lodged by **Libyan** citizens, with 2,000 claims during the first half of 2011 compared to only 800 during the whole of 2010. As a result of armed conflict in Côte d'Ivoire, the number of asylum applications lodged by its citizens showed the third highest relative increase during the first two quarters of

2011, compared to the first six months of 2010: figures more than doubled from 930 to 3,300 (+258%).

Among the major source countries of asylum-seekers, significant increases were also registered by asylum applicants originating from **The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** (+100%), **Mali** (+86%), **Morocco** (+70%), **Ghana** (+68%), **Pakistan** (+62%), and **Eritrea** (+60%). Conversely, among countries of origin whose nationals lodged 1,000 or more asylum claims during the first semester of 2011, major decreases were recorded among asylum applicants originating from **Georgia** (-29%), **Colombia** (-23%), the **Russian Federation** (-15%), and **Somalia** (-13%).

The distribution of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries as described above reflects general trends. However,

these figures hide the fact that certain nationalities tend to cluster in a limited number of countries. For example, more than half of all **Somali** asylum claims lodged during the first half of 2011 were submitted in Sweden (23%), Norway (16%) or the Netherlands (13%). Almost two thirds of all **Chinese** asylum applications (63%) lodged during the first semester of 2011 were submitted in the United States of America while virtually all applications lodged by **Mexican** nationals were registered in the United States of America (91%) or Canada (8%). Similarly, the 7,400 asylum applicants from the **Russian Federation** primarily submitted their claims in France (25%), Austria (15%), or Poland (14%). About four fifths of the 4,600 **Tunisian** asylum applications were lodged either in Italy (2,700) or in Switzerland (970). ■





TABLE 1

# Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries

| 2009 to second quarter 2011

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Country/region of asylum	2009				2010				2011		First semester change			'11-'10 Q3Q4/Q1Q2
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'10-'09	'11-'10	'11-'09	
Albania	-	1	2	-	3	2	5	2	12	-	400%	140%	1100%	71%
Australia	1,311	1,628	1,829	2,654	2,375	3,762	3,274	3,262	2,623	2,332	109%	-19%	69%	-24%
Austria	3,769	3,712	4,096	4,244	2,464	2,565	3,109	2,874	2,761	3,056	-33%	16%	-22%	-3%
Belgium	4,316	4,385	5,385	7,405	5,655	3,807	5,491	6,803	6,260	5,719	9%	27%	38%	-3%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	27	14	3	3	5	11	10	12	10	7	-61%	6%	-59%	-23%
Bulgaria	228	183	182	260	283	213	264	265	274	192	21%	-6%	13%	-12%
Canada	9,256	9,467	7,648	6,880	6,086	5,048	6,029	5,994	5,946	5,564	-41%	3%	-39%	-4%
Croatia	28	29	55	35	8	41	132	109	127	199	-14%	565%	472%	35%
Cyprus	891	716	690	898	611	622	574	1,052	458	436	-23%	-27%	-44%	-45%
Czech Rep.	376	339	276	267	129	108	119	129	128	n.a.	-67%	-46%	-82%	-48%
Denmark	944	749	950	1,212	1,194	1,058	1,340	1,373	930	804	33%	-23%	2%	-36%
Estonia	8	2	16	14	6	14	8	5	15	19	100%	70%	240%	162%
Finland	1,530	1,269	1,617	1,572	1,191	1,047	965	815	713	662	-20%	-39%	-51%	-23%
France	10,315	9,786	10,184	11,696	12,261	11,368	11,154	13,008	13,156	12,964	18%	11%	30%	8%
Germany	6,571	5,862	7,836	7,380	7,885	7,768	12,250	13,429	10,565	9,554	26%	29%	62%	-22%
Greece	4,718	5,059	3,166	2,985	2,194	2,507	3,186	2,386	2,529	1,953	-52%	-5%	-54%	-20%
Hungary	1,262	1,007	1,387	1,016	760	649	706	349	341	430	-38%	-45%	-66%	-27%
Iceland	4	8	15	8	7	10	19	15	9	23	42%	88%	167%	-6%
Ireland	794	714	641	540	532	494	491	422	385	301	-32%	-33%	-55%	-25%
Italy	4,510	6,165	3,055	3,795	2,721	2,647	2,139	2,545	3,987	6,873	-50%	102%	2%	132%
Japan	426	329	364	265	232	239	356	384	404	466	-38%	85%	15%	18%
Latvia	2	3	19	28	8	20	17	16	25	80	460%	275%	2000%	218%
Liechtenstein	18	12	95	169	59	17	12	25	27	18	153%	-41%	50%	22%
Lithuania	40	35	76	60	49	58	85	180	66	42	43%	1%	44%	-59%
Luxembourg	94	101	154	156	118	138	186	304	500	395	31%	250%	359%	83%
Malta	671	531	500	687	30	19	62	28	45	1,587	-96%	3231%	36%	1713%
Montenegro	6	8	2	5	2	1	-	6	23	73	-79%	3100%	586%	1500%
Netherlands	3,623	3,471	3,531	4,280	3,803	2,598	3,137	3,795	2,862	2,848	-10%	-11%	-20%	-18%
New Zealand	65	61	115	95	78	96	74	77	75	90	38%	-5%	31%	9%
Norway	3,828	4,333	5,231	3,834	2,516	2,014	2,909	2,625	2,275	2,433	-44%	4%	-42%	-15%
Poland	1,162	2,303	4,635	2,492	1,403	1,521	1,826	1,790	716	1,036	-16%	-40%	-49%	-52%
Portugal	43	43	24	29	36	41	49	34	43	53	-10%	25%	12%	16%
Rep. of Korea	71	97	77	79	55	63	146	159	158	228	-30%	227%	130%	27%
Romania	239	201	228	166	230	225	215	189	258	295	3%	22%	26%	37%
Serbia	29	80	82	84	81	108	112	221	442	931	73%	626%	1160%	312%
Slovakia	167	179	259	217	123	175	153	90	105	98	-14%	-32%	-41%	-16%
Slovenia	61	26	49	45	30	35	45	101	92	82	-25%	168%	100%	19%
Spain	898	736	680	685	632	578	790	738	937	1,010	-26%	61%	19%	27%
Sweden	5,332	5,025	6,645	7,192	8,117	5,933	8,517	9,252	6,215	6,382	36%	-10%	22%	-29%
Switzerland	4,564	3,102	3,379	3,447	3,283	3,101	3,359	3,778	3,722	4,758	-17%	33%	11%	19%
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	6	57	13	10	51	15	26	82	147	214	5%	447%	473%	234%
Turkey	2,463	1,820	1,903	1,648	1,701	1,634	2,593	3,298	2,653	2,532	-22%	55%	21%	-12%
United Kingdom	10,285	7,380	6,275	5,895	5,405	5,460	5,465	5,755	6,075	6,100	-38%	12%	-31%	9%
United States	11,353	12,934	13,103	12,646	12,427	14,670	14,336	14,099	17,184	19,186	12%	34%	50%	28%
EU-old <sup>(15)</sup>	57,742	54,457	54,239	59,066	54,208	48,009	58,269	63,533	57,918	58,674	-9%	14%	4%	-4%
EU-new <sup>(12)</sup>	5,107	5,525	8,317	6,150	3,662	3,659	4,074	4,194	2,523	4,297	-31%	-7%	-36%	-18%
EU-total <sup>(27)</sup>	62,849	59,982	62,556	65,216	57,870	51,668	62,343	67,727	60,441	62,971	-11%	13%	0%	-5%
Nordic region <sup>(5)</sup>	11,638	11,384	14,458	13,818	13,025	10,062	13,750	14,080	10,142	10,304	0%	-11%	-11%	-27%
Western Europe <sup>(19)</sup>	66,156	61,912	62,959	66,524	60,073	53,151	64,568	69,976	63,951	65,906	-12%	15%	1%	-3%
Central Europe <sup>(11)</sup>	3,573	4,307	7,182	4,600	3,029	3,059	3,570	3,223	2,147	2,473	-23%	-24%	-41%	-32%
Southern Europe <sup>(8)</sup>	14,194	15,071	10,020	10,727	7,928	8,050	9,398	10,083	10,664	14,444	-45%	57%	-14%	29%
Europe <sup>(38)</sup>	73,822	69,446	73,336	74,459	65,586	58,622	71,520	77,900	69,888	74,159	-13%	16%	1%	-4%
Non-Europe <sup>(6)</sup>	22,482	24,516	23,136	22,619	21,253	23,878	24,215	23,975	26,390	27,866	-4%	20%	15%	13%
Canada/USA	20,609	22,401	20,751	19,526	18,513	19,718	20,365	20,093	23,130	24,750	-11%	25%	11%	18%
Australia/New Zealand	1,376	1,689	1,944	2,749	2,453	3,858	3,348	3,339	2,698	2,422	106%	-19%	67%	-23%
Japan/Rep. of Korea	497	426	441	344	287	302	502	543	562	694	-36%	113%	36%	20%
<b>Total <sup>(44)</sup></b>	<b>96,304</b>	<b>93,962</b>	<b>96,472</b>	<b>97,078</b>	<b>86,839</b>	<b>82,500</b>	<b>95,735</b>	<b>101,875</b>	<b>96,278</b>	<b>102,025</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>0%</b>

**Notes**

Source: Governments, UNHCR. All figures are provisional and subject to change.

**a. Country notes**

**Belgium:** 2009 data excludes accompanying children but includes repeat applications.

**Czech Republic:** Figures exclude repeat applications. March 2011 data: source Eurostat. April to June 2011 data not available.

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

**Japan:** Figures are UNHCR estimates.

**Poland:** 2009 and 2010 data includes repeat applications.

**Serbia:** Figures do not include applications lodged in Kosovo (United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244) due to lack of monthly data.

**Switzerland:** Figures exclude repeat applications.

**Turkey:** Source: UNHCR.

**United Kingdom:** Data rounded to the closest five.

**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 Rep., Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

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

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

**Central Europe (11):** Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep., Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

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

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

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

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

**Non-Europe (6):** All 6 non-European countries listed.

**Total (44):** All countries listed.

**TABLE 2 Asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin**

| first quarter 2009 to second quarter 2011

Covering all 44 asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2011.

Totals between this table and Table 1 differ because figures for the United States (DHS) by origin reflect the number of cases.

Origin	2009				2010				2011		First semester change			'11-'10 Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'10-'09	'11-'10	'11-'09	
Afghanistan	6,193	6,414	7,151	8,129	6,524	6,290	7,080	6,618	6,941	8,378	2%	20%	22%	12%
China	4,345	5,097	5,494	5,391	4,819	5,377	5,637	5,764	5,668	6,017	8%	15%	24%	2%
Iraq	7,909	5,630	5,743	5,515	4,883	4,212	5,445	6,008	5,427	4,641	-33%	11%	-26%	-12%
Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	5,018	4,638	4,790	5,442	6,202	4,784	7,642	10,976	6,361	3,978	14%	-6%	7%	-44%
Somalia	5,262	5,882	5,820	5,736	4,162	3,821	5,126	3,876	2,965	3,965	-28%	-13%	-38%	-23%
Pakistan	3,067	3,201	2,580	2,464	2,102	2,424	3,100	3,325	3,428	3,882	-28%	62%	17%	14%
Russian Federation	4,474	4,465	5,828	6,633	4,507	4,288	4,943	4,804	3,796	3,646	-2%	-15%	-17%	-24%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,580	2,091	3,464	3,482	3,099	2,982	4,280	4,821	4,003	3,557	30%	24%	62%	-17%
Eritrea	2,489	1,954	2,794	3,005	1,773	1,834	2,534	2,380	2,410	3,376	-19%	60%	30%	18%
Nigeria	3,670	4,009	2,818	2,865	2,509	2,331	2,291	2,533	2,109	3,278	-37%	11%	-30%	12%
Bangladesh	2,037	1,804	1,174	1,165	1,233	1,576	1,569	1,817	1,675	2,275	-27%	41%	3%	17%
Mexico	3,268	3,414	2,154	1,207	1,228	1,414	1,397	1,458	1,914	2,222	-60%	57%	-38%	45%
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	251	239	242	262	1,262	536	1,781	2,710	1,532	2,072	267%	100%	636%	-20%
Côte d'Ivoire	655	670	499	482	454	476	482	436	1,312	2,013	-30%	258%	151%	262%
Sri Lanka	2,938	2,498	2,528	2,619	2,134	2,059	2,468	2,412	2,202	1,930	-23%	-1%	-24%	-15%
Tunisia	271	198	197	180	187	225	217	271	2,761	1,866	-12%	1023%	887%	848%
India	1,098	1,113	1,258	1,108	1,054	1,123	1,319	1,403	1,603	1,653	-2%	50%	47%	20%
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,205	1,406	1,226	1,356	1,257	1,066	1,310	1,362	1,407	1,639	-11%	31%	17%	14%
Armenia	1,534	1,259	1,488	2,349	1,401	947	1,335	1,605	1,329	1,634	-16%	26%	6%	1%
Turkey	1,844	1,597	1,713	1,942	1,504	1,476	1,714	1,815	1,805	1,520	-13%	12%	-3%	-6%
Libya	193	225	180	254	231	211	166	215	468	1,488	6%	343%	368%	413%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,412	1,200	1,423	1,315	1,389	1,411	1,531	1,498	1,569	1,486	7%	9%	17%	1%
Georgia	1,418	2,431	4,701	2,545	2,061	1,858	1,814	1,648	1,351	1,443	2%	-29%	-27%	-19%
Guinea	1,226	1,163	1,121	1,632	1,483	1,173	1,257	1,437	1,602	1,378	11%	12%	25%	11%
Ghana	491	592	527	451	442	519	381	415	403	1,209	-11%	68%	49%	103%
El Salvador	818	767	798	696	793	876	854	843	1,167	1,145	5%	39%	46%	36%
Algeria	944	884	979	995	986	875	931	1,119	1,041	1,120	2%	16%	18%	5%
Haiti	1,279	1,309	1,138	929	1,206	1,202	884	884	1,148	1,062	-7%	-8%	-15%	25%
Mali	309	440	320	288	289	373	313	280	317	915	-12%	86%	64%	108%
Hungary	220	689	720	1,196	844	497	378	705	710	894	48%	20%	76%	48%
Guatemala	511	532	597	583	591	620	691	660	812	852	16%	37%	60%	23%
Sudan	589	578	663	677	638	606	734	712	699	841	7%	24%	32%	7%
Ethiopia	826	873	937	922	759	736	825	772	737	803	-12%	3%	-9%	-4%
Egypt	391	354	416	444	487	514	523	611	784	802	34%	58%	113%	40%
Stateless	729	768	940	963	732	831	1,006	1,162	891	762	4%	6%	10%	-24%
Nepal	416	432	473	400	433	488	575	622	620	622	9%	35%	46%	4%
Albania	557	584	667	708	582	602	540	502	496	586	4%	-9%	-5%	4%
Colombia	927	853	912	848	706	617	583	575	495	528	-26%	-23%	-43%	-12%
Cameroon	535	515	471	581	522	475	563	492	562	525	-5%	9%	4%	3%
Morocco	298	325	322	340	295	300	331	440	490	520	-4%	70%	62%	31%
Other	19,889	18,258	16,494	16,315	16,524	15,389	16,107	16,890	15,999	15,684	-16%	-1%	-17%	-4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,086</b>	<b>91,351</b>	<b>93,760</b>	<b>94,414</b>	<b>84,287</b>	<b>79,414</b>	<b>92,657</b>	<b>98,876</b>	<b>93,009</b>	<b>98,207</b>	<b>-12%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>-0%</b>

TABLE 3

## Asylum applications lodged in Europe by origin | first quarter 2009 to second quarter 2011

Covering all 38 European asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2011.

Origin	2009				2010				2011		First semester change			'11-'10 Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'10-'09	'11-'10	'11-'09	
Afghanistan	5,923	5,906	6,923	7,211	5,849	4,747	6,107	6,112	6,587	7,898	-10%	37%	22%	19%
Iraq	7,663	5,356	5,472	5,249	4,580	3,917	5,062	5,559	5,071	4,400	-35%	11%	-27%	-11%
Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	4,944	4,572	4,698	5,378	6,121	4,677	7,561	10,906	6,291	3,886	13%	-6%	7%	-45%
Somalia	5,049	5,668	5,591	5,516	3,980	3,565	4,839	3,666	2,790	3,815	-30%	-12%	-38%	-22%
Pakistan	2,748	2,875	2,201	2,122	1,719	2,080	2,662	2,758	2,835	3,246	-32%	60%	8%	12%
Russian Federation	4,251	4,072	5,558	6,335	4,216	3,848	4,674	4,519	3,506	3,221	-3%	-17%	-19%	-27%
Eritrea	2,287	1,783	2,612	2,872	1,615	1,694	2,388	2,168	2,112	3,131	-19%	58%	29%	15%
Nigeria	3,389	3,818	2,562	2,582	2,242	2,070	1,976	2,225	1,860	3,035	-40%	14%	-32%	17%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,342	1,891	3,161	3,088	2,761	2,524	3,658	3,977	3,256	2,969	25%	18%	47%	-18%
Bangladesh	1,939	1,698	1,038	1,048	1,130	1,434	1,454	1,698	1,510	2,127	-30%	42%	0%	15%
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	232	219	226	247	1,253	528	1,768	2,702	1,517	2,065	295%	101%	694%	-20%
Tunisia	255	189	182	165	173	213	206	263	2,723	1,849	-13%	1084%	930%	875%
Côte d'Ivoire	599	566	426	406	385	390	397	369	1,180	1,773	-33%	281%	153%	286%
Armenia	1,461	1,193	1,428	2,284	1,342	866	1,288	1,563	1,276	1,596	-17%	30%	8%	1%
Sri Lanka	2,408	1,978	1,747	1,914	1,720	1,469	1,531	1,949	1,877	1,556	-27%	8%	-22%	-1%
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,177	1,362	1,189	1,307	1,211	1,002	1,259	1,309	1,347	1,538	-13%	30%	14%	12%
China	1,246	1,513	1,589	1,509	1,287	1,374	1,599	1,668	1,468	1,419	-4%	8%	5%	-12%
Georgia	1,361	2,384	4,668	2,490	2,026	1,826	1,787	1,624	1,321	1,418	3%	-29%	-27%	-20%
Turkey	1,711	1,472	1,600	1,794	1,359	1,342	1,548	1,639	1,644	1,377	-15%	12%	-5%	-5%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,293	1,085	1,300	1,207	1,318	1,325	1,378	1,380	1,427	1,368	11%	6%	18%	1%
Guinea	1,086	1,032	995	1,442	1,333	1,034	1,162	1,345	1,497	1,284	12%	17%	31%	11%
Libya	176	209	170	249	208	201	153	199	409	1,258	6%	308%	333%	374%
Ghana	456	548	459	408	398	465	356	366	350	1,155	-14%	74%	50%	108%
Algeria	910	856	936	948	956	848	898	1,069	994	1,077	2%	15%	17%	5%
Mali	250	381	243	236	228	296	237	196	218	817	-17%	98%	64%	139%
Sudan	542	530	616	623	588	547	682	653	632	775	6%	24%	31%	5%
Stateless	674	709	902	782	661	537	672	736	669	698	-13%	14%	-1%	-3%
India	706	752	756	710	641	726	798	920	648	685	-6%	-2%	-9%	-22%
Haiti	277	452	413	322	457	692	476	416	565	567	58%	-1%	55%	27%
Ethiopia	464	491	539	530	410	380	439	427	365	512	-17%	11%	-8%	1%
Morocco	279	300	312	310	283	277	317	416	470	492	-3%	72%	66%	31%
Albania	447	471	554	611	482	508	446	424	400	488	8%	-10%	-3%	2%
Azerbaijan	514	426	718	776	612	382	427	507	575	450	6%	3%	9%	10%
Egypt	242	207	272	302	280	291	259	317	387	424	27%	42%	81%	41%
Comoros	180	72	72	69	351	128	76	201	401	400	90%	67%	218%	189%
Viet Nam	594	598	557	475	514	586	572	491	426	384	-8%	-26%	-32%	-24%
Cameroon	381	377	327	415	381	330	409	343	387	364	-6%	6%	-1%	-0%
Mauritania	441	503	385	331	328	285	299	334	334	363	-35%	14%	-26%	10%
Senegal	315	286	206	218	278	314	321	347	428	356	-1%	32%	30%	17%
Mongolia	784	514	475	497	427	396	396	451	332	334	-37%	-19%	-49%	-21%
Other	11,828	10,134	9,257	9,483	9,481	8,507	8,984	9,690	7,802	7,590	-18%	-14%	-30%	-18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,824</b>	<b>69,448</b>	<b>73,335</b>	<b>74,461</b>	<b>65,584</b>	<b>58,621</b>	<b>71,521</b>	<b>77,902</b>	<b>69,887</b>	<b>74,160</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>-4%</b>



TABLE 4

## Asylum applications lodged in the European Union (27) by origin

| first quarter 2009 to second quarter 2011

Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2011.

Origin	2009				2010				2011		First semester change			'11-'10
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'10-'09	'11-'10	'11-'09	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
Afghanistan	4,771	4,244	5,133	5,898	5,106	4,034	5,089	5,213	5,533	6,184	1%	28%	30%	14%
Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	4,470	4,188	4,336	5,085	5,697	4,189	7,200	10,343	5,949	3,594	14%	-3%	10%	-46%
Iraq	5,386	3,829	4,396	4,341	3,689	3,164	3,851	3,744	3,474	3,102	-26%	-4%	-29%	-13%
Russian Federation	4,017	3,820	5,078	5,994	3,941	3,629	4,418	4,278	3,345	3,098	-3%	-15%	-18%	-26%
Pakistan	2,696	2,807	2,107	2,055	1,677	2,023	2,576	2,660	2,724	2,972	-33%	54%	4%	9%
Somalia	4,186	4,957	4,786	4,851	3,495	3,141	4,222	2,986	2,137	2,826	-27%	-25%	-46%	-31%
Nigeria	2,789	3,239	2,043	1,944	1,756	1,617	1,500	1,663	1,499	2,739	-44%	26%	-30%	34%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,723	1,398	2,236	2,315	2,030	1,827	2,641	2,793	2,461	2,204	24%	21%	49%	-14%
Bangladesh	1,921	1,678	1,020	1,020	1,119	1,420	1,442	1,678	1,489	2,108	-29%	42%	-0%	15%
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	215	195	205	220	910	465	1,727	2,609	1,341	1,713	235%	122%	645%	-30%
Côte d'Ivoire	552	521	394	369	355	356	367	341	1,075	1,694	-34%	289%	158%	291%
Armenia	1,444	1,174	1,386	2,257	1,311	848	1,271	1,535	1,251	1,573	-18%	31%	8%	1%
Eritrea	1,064	923	1,360	1,736	940	949	1,257	1,260	1,084	1,509	-5%	37%	30%	3%
Sri Lanka	1,876	1,542	1,424	1,583	1,457	1,241	1,298	1,703	1,711	1,473	-21%	18%	-7%	6%
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,019	1,194	1,004	1,115	1,060	906	1,115	1,147	1,147	1,343	-11%	27%	13%	10%
Georgia	1,205	2,311	4,470	2,327	1,857	1,655	1,616	1,513	1,252	1,330	-0%	-26%	-27%	-17%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,205	1,023	1,195	1,146	1,241	1,252	1,291	1,296	1,348	1,318	12%	7%	20%	3%
Turkey	1,580	1,345	1,447	1,639	1,221	1,230	1,406	1,488	1,503	1,249	-16%	12%	-6%	-5%
China	1,160	1,420	1,466	1,399	1,180	1,264	1,441	1,507	1,332	1,247	-5%	6%	-0%	-13%
Guinea	955	964	908	1,354	1,252	976	1,081	1,246	1,393	1,206	16%	17%	35%	12%
Ghana	430	520	438	377	362	424	319	303	319	1,120	-17%	83%	51%	131%
Libya	148	167	144	222	187	190	136	177	377	1,111	20%	295%	372%	375%
Tunisia	203	129	130	98	103	130	149	137	2,464	1,026	-30%	1398%	951%	1120%
Algeria	830	747	814	835	863	760	756	917	866	905	3%	9%	12%	6%
Mali	237	370	232	231	212	285	222	186	208	807	-18%	104%	67%	149%
Sudan	411	454	478	533	534	491	592	560	532	680	18%	18%	40%	5%
India	691	743	741	691	629	712	772	899	619	665	-6%	-4%	-10%	-23%
Stateless	383	393	484	508	515	441	532	641	582	632	23%	27%	56%	3%
Haiti	277	452	413	321	453	691	476	412	563	566	57%	-1%	55%	27%
Albania	424	451	543	604	473	502	432	413	379	475	11%	-12%	-2%	1%
Azerbaijan	497	409	692	755	591	363	414	482	542	434	5%	2%	8%	9%
Comoros	179	72	72	69	351	128	76	201	401	400	91%	67%	219%	189%
Egypt	226	199	256	283	264	279	241	295	346	393	28%	36%	74%	38%
Viet Nam	587	590	553	466	510	576	566	483	418	376	-8%	-27%	-33%	-24%
Ethiopia	295	296	275	290	243	228	250	249	240	368	-20%	29%	3%	22%
Mauritania	413	472	357	316	314	278	289	315	319	348	-33%	13%	-25%	10%
Cameroon	354	344	302	384	349	296	390	324	324	337	-8%	2%	-5%	-7%
Morocco	257	279	277	276	252	241	257	311	327	331	-8%	33%	23%	16%
Cuba	70	65	39	52	35	57	279	187	154	323	-32%	418%	253%	2%
Senegal	277	264	186	188	257	291	288	305	389	316	1%	29%	30%	19%
Other	11,428	9,796	8,735	9,071	9,077	8,118	8,099	8,929	7,023	6,877	-19%	-19%	-35%	-18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,851</b>	<b>59,984</b>	<b>62,555</b>	<b>65,218</b>	<b>57,868</b>	<b>51,667</b>	<b>62,344</b>	<b>67,729</b>	<b>60,440</b>	<b>62,972</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-5%</b>

**TABLE 5 Asylum applications lodged in the Nordic region\* by origin**

| first quarter 2009 to second quarter 2011

\*See Table 1 for the 5 countries included. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2011.

Origin	2009				2010				2011		First semester change			'11-'10 Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'10-'09	'11-'10	'11-'09	
Somalia	1,684	2,008	2,631	2,813	2,464	1,879	1,781	1,519	1,363	1,518	18%	-34%	-22%	-13%
Afghanistan	1,403	1,848	2,060	1,776	1,352	952	1,463	1,357	1,245	1,346	-29%	12%	-20%	-8%
Eritrea	599	807	1,294	1,018	724	644	1,039	789	713	852	-3%	14%	11%	-14%
Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	741	653	739	694	2,123	975	2,764	3,216	1,061	739	122%	-42%	29%	-70%
Iraq	1,801	1,174	1,000	1,042	862	737	766	890	684	699	-46%	-14%	-54%	-16%
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	29	31	41	34	204	101	224	517	200	528	408%	139%	1113%	-2%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	505	375	651	690	575	418	665	699	477	473	13%	-4%	8%	-30%
Russian Federation	514	537	828	989	614	462	727	588	446	399	2%	-21%	-20%	-36%
Stateless	507	514	665	528	386	319	425	399	332	372	-31%	-0%	-31%	-15%
Syrian Arab Rep.	249	228	370	440	424	356	288	342	260	279	64%	-31%	13%	-14%
Libya	125	124	105	132	110	94	60	107	152	214	-18%	79%	47%	119%
Nigeria	306	315	251	218	214	184	181	206	213	184	-36%	-0%	-36%	3%
Mongolia	311	141	176	131	161	147	169	262	161	173	-32%	8%	-26%	-23%
Algeria	107	91	125	126	93	77	110	157	116	137	-14%	49%	28%	-5%
Ethiopia	172	224	274	261	173	166	203	174	134	136	-14%	-20%	-32%	-28%
Tunisia	23	32	39	12	30	19	36	24	58	111	-11%	245%	207%	182%
Uzbekistan	99	116	120	125	105	85	122	94	107	108	-12%	13%	0%	-0%
Belarus	83	109	140	128	99	104	109	127	126	102	6%	12%	19%	-3%
Azerbaijan	101	93	214	162	102	68	74	95	134	92	-12%	33%	16%	34%
Pakistan	79	101	91	65	46	52	74	70	65	88	-46%	56%	-15%	6%
Kyrgyzstan	43	40	45	49	35	67	163	245	135	83	23%	114%	163%	-47%
Sudan	75	75	124	87	65	82	100	100	88	81	-2%	15%	13%	-16%
Georgia	68	59	187	131	136	113	115	89	84	77	96%	-35%	27%	-21%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	62	38	51	40	30	40	44	54	63	74	-30%	96%	37%	40%
Kazakhstan	55	52	64	58	105	91	134	79	51	73	83%	-37%	16%	-42%
Morocco	60	39	50	62	49	42	58	89	62	69	-8%	44%	32%	-11%
Armenia	47	70	72	82	72	71	114	80	99	68	22%	17%	43%	-14%
Albania	61	47	27	32	28	16	24	35	53	67	-59%	173%	11%	103%
Turkey	138	122	136	128	126	118	115	118	83	66	-6%	-39%	-43%	-36%
China	34	56	60	54	51	74	103	88	74	47	39%	-3%	34%	-37%
Lebanon	55	62	68	68	76	26	60	69	57	44	-13%	-1%	-14%	-22%
Oman	74	72	60	33	81	77	97	41	105	44	8%	-6%	2%	8%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	63	48	97	61	75	52	65	44	45	42	14%	-31%	-22%	-20%
Ukraine	41	33	66	42	21	35	40	44	47	42	-24%	59%	20%	6%
Bangladesh	29	34	38	48	30	28	56	53	40	41	-8%	40%	29%	-26%
Côte d'Ivoire	13	18	14	23	16	12	15	8	30	34	-10%	129%	106%	178%
Yemen	53	37	64	73	67	53	80	65	87	33	33%	0%	33%	-17%
Ghana	46	56	37	47	44	38	51	62	41	30	-20%	-13%	-30%	-37%
Egypt	40	29	57	60	51	52	43	34	46	30	49%	-26%	10%	-1%
Other	1,143	876	1,327	1,256	1,006	1,136	993	1,051	805	709	6%	-29%	-25%	-26%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,638</b>	<b>11,384</b>	<b>14,458</b>	<b>13,818</b>	<b>13,025</b>	<b>10,062</b>	<b>13,750</b>	<b>14,080</b>	<b>10,142</b>	<b>10,304</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-27%</b>

**TABLE 6 Asylum applications lodged in Central Europe\* by origin**

| first quarter 2009 to second quarter 2011

\*See Table 1 for the 11 countries included. Ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2011.

Origin	2009				2010				2011		First semester change			'11-'10
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'10-'09	'11-'10	'11-'09	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
Russian Federation	1,088	1,191	1,776	1,909	1,026	1,089	1,483	1,415	530	578	-7%	-48%	-51%	-62%
Afghanistan	156	282	468	573	420	321	347	181	303	420	69%	-2%	65%	37%
Georgia	63	1,043	2,879	572	266	418	378	431	195	411	-38%	-11%	-45%	-25%
Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	956	545	602	361	166	132	283	126	48	124	-80%	-42%	-89%	-58%
Iraq	144	96	127	130	115	129	185	210	175	88	2%	8%	10%	-33%
Algeria	12	16	20	22	39	20	35	24	34	78	111%	90%	300%	90%
Pakistan	69	65	106	118	60	67	25	41	67	73	-5%	10%	4%	112%
Tunisia	6	5	2	5	6	11	5	11	55	60	55%	576%	945%	619%
Armenia	39	55	84	65	68	47	53	55	52	54	22%	-8%	13%	-2%
Somalia	38	17	39	13	25	43	21	29	16	48	24%	-6%	16%	28%
Syrian Arab Rep.	44	30	27	38	27	26	42	28	48	45	-28%	75%	26%	33%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	39	21	80	56	55	38	62	73	47	42	55%	-4%	48%	-34%
Morocco	2	7	4	16	11	12	19	13	25	31	156%	143%	522%	75%
Libya	3	1	2	-	2	2	1	-	6	29	0%	775%	775%	3400%
Rep. of Moldova	29	73	113	59	51	44	44	44	33	28	-7%	-36%	-40%	-31%
Nigeria	45	43	48	44	31	46	34	28	25	27	-13%	-32%	-41%	-16%
China	44	65	38	38	46	41	14	28	26	26	-20%	-40%	-52%	24%
Stateless	30	47	63	79	66	27	44	27	38	26	21%	-31%	-17%	-10%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	22	13	11	11	15	13	5	3	14	25	-20%	39%	11%	388%
Turkey	64	77	125	56	60	57	88	45	45	23	-17%	-42%	-52%	-49%
Ukraine	97	76	47	61	47	36	37	37	48	19	-52%	-19%	-61%	-9%
Viet Nam	55	73	79	57	73	46	32	24	25	17	-7%	-65%	-67%	-25%
Cameroon	14	9	13	5	11	4	7	18	21	16	-35%	147%	61%	48%
Occupied Palestinian Territory	7	6	15	19	68	125	46	58	34	15	1385%	-75%	277%	-53%
Kyrgyzstan	10	12	8	8	6	17	16	33	31	14	5%	96%	105%	-8%
Eritrea	-	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	13	200%	367%	1300%	367%
Belarus	29	39	32	14	20	22	22	28	24	12	-38%	-14%	-47%	-28%
Egypt	10	15	9	13	15	16	11	10	22	11	24%	6%	32%	57%
Congo	3	4	5	2	3	5	3	6	2	11	14%	63%	86%	44%
Azerbaijan	8	3	4	2	7	4	7	7	4	8	0%	9%	9%	-14%
Other	447	377	354	253	222	200	219	189	153	101	-49%	-40%	-69%	-38%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,573</b>	<b>4,307</b>	<b>7,182</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>3,029</b>	<b>3,059</b>	<b>3,570</b>	<b>3,223</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>-23%</b>	<b>-24%</b>	<b>-41%</b>	<b>-32%</b>

**TABLE 7 Asylum applications lodged in Southern Europe\* by origin**

| first quarter 2009 to second quarter 2011

\*See Table 1 for the 8 countries included. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2011.

Origin	2009				2010				2011		First semester change			'11-'10 Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'10-'09	'11-'10	'11-'09	
Nigeria	1,652	2,041	861	811	683	519	436	537	372	1,727	-67%	75%	-43%	116%
Iraq	1,888	1,459	973	962	938	753	1,255	1,805	1,527	1,252	-49%	64%	-17%	-9%
Pakistan	1,622	1,667	1,065	918	620	858	1,289	1,190	927	954	-55%	27%	-43%	-24%
Ghana	251	353	251	196	168	215	118	107	118	947	-37%	178%	76%	373%
Somalia	1,002	1,320	524	633	178	204	213	154	168	939	-84%	190%	-52%	202%
Côte d'Ivoire	313	315	165	158	94	97	99	95	382	853	-70%	547%	97%	537%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	647	474	811	728	731	680	914	1,139	718	717	26%	2%	28%	-30%
Bangladesh	1,278	1,060	484	405	264	361	428	330	234	716	-73%	52%	-59%	25%
Afghanistan	1,010	839	668	714	573	631	795	730	617	640	-35%	4%	-32%	-18%
Mali	31	175	52	56	18	40	18	14	10	595	-72%	943%	194%	1791%
Tunisia	118	33	47	28	28	29	66	37	2,187	537	-62%	4679%	1704%	2545%
Eritrea	178	150	205	772	78	70	99	42	51	414	-55%	214%	42%	230%
Cuba	29	46	18	29	12	24	254	157	123	302	-52%	1081%	467%	3%
Georgia	624	717	482	548	340	342	381	272	313	295	-49%	-11%	-55%	-7%
Sudan	140	138	61	42	40	21	46	33	30	222	-78%	313%	-9%	219%
Syrian Arab Rep.	392	551	280	151	102	60	110	103	179	217	-83%	144%	-58%	86%
Burkina Faso	75	112	64	69	41	40	34	28	20	203	-57%	175%	19%	260%
Senegal	179	171	87	51	119	168	140	147	242	184	-18%	48%	22%	48%
Guinea	132	183	86	127	127	125	91	102	180	169	-20%	38%	11%	81%
Ethiopia	97	93	47	65	45	29	45	22	45	165	-61%	184%	11%	213%
China	52	100	212	152	115	153	205	238	161	158	76%	19%	110%	-28%
Libya	4	2	2	18	3	11	1	1	17	156	133%	1136%	2783%	8550%
Egypt	90	55	114	97	88	107	66	106	107	140	34%	27%	70%	44%
Turkey	176	107	150	234	197	227	301	337	232	134	50%	-14%	29%	-43%
Cameroon	73	110	91	104	109	93	102	56	112	106	10%	8%	19%	38%
Niger	23	24	6	10	8	16	2	4	13	103	-49%	383%	147%	1833%
Gambia	198	82	28	47	43	44	29	54	58	102	-69%	84%	-43%	93%
Algeria	65	79	97	100	104	77	94	80	66	93	26%	-12%	10%	-9%
Morocco	83	147	95	77	70	62	84	67	76	93	-43%	28%	-27%	12%
Occupied Palestinian Territory	251	99	130	301	150	87	140	116	100	89	-32%	-20%	-46%	-26%
Togo	39	26	36	55	35	27	21	18	27	81	-5%	74%	66%	177%
India	120	119	150	167	100	137	226	296	76	76	-1%	-36%	-36%	-71%
Chad	18	8	5	5	9	6	4	3	3	71	-42%	393%	185%	957%
Sri Lanka	183	189	86	115	68	68	83	134	81	64	-63%	7%	-61%	-33%
Albania	44	118	210	205	195	259	172	106	78	62	180%	-69%	-14%	-50%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	49	46	89	46	53	70	64	54	53	57	29%	-11%	16%	-7%
Sierra Leone	23	67	19	17	23	32	31	31	37	52	-39%	62%	-1%	44%
Congo	23	17	15	14	11	13	14	16	8	48	-40%	133%	40%	87%
Russian Federation	52	72	37	50	45	40	47	60	49	45	-31%	11%	-24%	-12%
Guinea-Bissau	4	15	4	8	6	11	7	7	5	45	-11%	194%	163%	257%
Other	966	1,692	1,213	1,442	1,297	1,244	874	1,255	862	621	-4%	-42%	-44%	-30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,194</b>	<b>15,071</b>	<b>10,020</b>	<b>10,727</b>	<b>7,928</b>	<b>8,050</b>	<b>9,398</b>	<b>10,083</b>	<b>10,664</b>	<b>14,444</b>	<b>-45%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>29%</b>



TABLE 8

## Asylum applications lodged in Canada and the United States of America by origin

| first quarter 2009 to second quarter 2011

Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2011.

Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because figures for the United States (DHS) by origin reflect the number of cases.

Origin	2009				2010				2011		First semester change			'11-'10
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'10-'09	'11-'10	'11-'09	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
China	2,840	3,308	3,559	3,509	3,235	3,672	3,739	3,786	3,888	4,351	12%	19%	34%	9%
Mexico	3,261	3,403	2,131	1,188	1,214	1,389	1,383	1,437	1,897	2,206	-61%	58%	-38%	45%
El Salvador	796	739	777	677	763	836	813	816	1,121	1,112	4%	40%	45%	37%
Hungary	184	612	619	1,122	813	478	361	698	706	883	62%	23%	100%	50%
Guatemala	500	523	581	576	586	618	686	651	804	842	18%	37%	61%	23%
India	338	301	360	356	321	279	357	356	819	767	-6%	164%	148%	122%
Honduras	319	263	329	357	354	348	346	336	401	498	21%	28%	54%	32%
Haiti	1,002	857	725	607	749	510	408	468	583	495	-32%	-14%	-42%	23%
Russian Federation	219	386	269	296	289	437	268	282	289	420	20%	-2%	17%	29%
Colombia	784	716	735	688	575	497	494	415	390	413	-29%	-25%	-46%	-12%
Nepal	263	284	306	268	284	286	313	277	337	327	4%	16%	21%	13%
Pakistan	233	212	224	227	227	231	260	325	337	322	3%	44%	48%	13%
Egypt	129	112	84	112	151	151	174	178	251	289	25%	79%	124%	53%
Ethiopia	353	374	392	376	336	343	368	331	361	286	-7%	-5%	-11%	-7%
Namibia	6	2	5	16	32	27	47	196	326	274	638%	917%	7400%	147%
Eritrea	201	169	180	126	154	137	138	202	295	243	-21%	85%	45%	58%
Nigeria	265	171	240	263	247	237	286	296	231	230	11%	-5%	6%	-21%
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	163	148	135	161	133	209	230	267	220	218	10%	28%	41%	-12%
Côte d'Ivoire	54	103	73	74	66	85	85	66	130	213	-4%	127%	118%	127%
Ecuador	60	59	62	78	116	114	120	146	201	211	93%	79%	246%	55%
Sri Lanka	292	261	256	333	221	241	721	225	249	197	-16%	-3%	-19%	-53%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	159	128	213	210	209	212	209	195	195	193	47%	-8%	35%	-4%
Jamaica	113	89	128	143	135	129	149	172	185	191	31%	42%	86%	17%
Libya	17	9	10	5	17	10	13	10	49	176	4%	733%	765%	878%
Cameroon	141	131	132	160	132	138	138	142	171	155	-1%	21%	20%	16%
Afghanistan	108	150	155	127	135	128	174	111	120	148	2%	2%	4%	-6%
Somalia	204	206	226	219	178	244	286	207	173	145	3%	-25%	-22%	-35%
Iraq	174	173	189	168	124	158	150	128	217	143	-19%	28%	4%	29%
United States of America*	354	275	295	210	198	144	256	169	138	140	-46%	-19%	-56%	-35%
Belarus	61	92	45	50	46	109	39	50	58	138	1%	26%	28%	120%
Rep. of Moldova	91	165	83	67	58	118	56	48	68	134	-31%	15%	-21%	94%
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	144	143	160	190	217	140	188	147	181	132	24%	-12%	9%	-7%
Ukraine	129	138	111	90	71	124	72	103	77	126	-27%	4%	-24%	16%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	112	111	109	103	68	83	142	108	139	117	-32%	70%	15%	2%
Saint Lucia	99	83	87	94	125	100	120	143	170	117	24%	28%	58%	9%
Cuba	129	170	181	139	112	110	112	120	117	112	-26%	3%	-23%	-1%
Brazil	76	75	79	66	72	110	69	75	113	111	21%	23%	48%	56%
Kyrgyzstan	20	46	103	14	19	39	72	77	84	110	-12%	234%	194%	30%
Bangladesh	71	67	70	80	65	96	74	66	120	108	17%	42%	65%	63%
Kenya	143	134	172	139	148	137	145	108	103	106	3%	-27%	-25%	-17%
Other	3,782	4,400	3,450	3,176	2,968	3,179	3,225	3,159	3,548	3,532	-25%	15%	-13%	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,389</b>	<b>19,788</b>	<b>18,040</b>	<b>16,860</b>	<b>15,963</b>	<b>16,633</b>	<b>17,286</b>	<b>17,092</b>	<b>19,862</b>	<b>20,931</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>19%</b>

\* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

TABLE 9

## Asylum applications lodged in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and the Republic of Korea by origin | first quarter 2009 to second quarter 2011

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2011.

Origin	2009				2010				2011		First semester change			Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'10-'09	'11-'10	'11-'09	
Islamic Rep. of Iran	79	72	90	184	129	246	413	649	564	396	148%	156%	536%	-10%
Afghanistan	162	358	73	791	540	1,415	799	395	234	331	276%	-71%	9%	-53%
Pakistan	86	114	155	115	156	113	178	242	277	331	35%	126%	204%	45%
China	259	276	346	373	297	331	299	310	318	248	17%	-10%	6%	-7%
Myanmar	230	158	158	147	115	140	135	141	139	206	-34%	35%	-11%	25%
India	54	60	142	42	92	118	164	127	138	205	84%	63%	201%	18%
Sri Lanka	238	259	525	372	193	349	216	238	127	197	9%	-40%	-35%	-29%
Nepal	8	24	21	22	48	47	73	116	112	136	197%	161%	675%	31%
Iraq	72	101	82	98	179	137	233	321	130	97	83%	-28%	31%	-59%
Egypt	20	35	60	30	56	72	90	116	146	89	133%	84%	327%	14%
Turkey	55	38	32	30	61	44	78	67	98	60	13%	50%	70%	9%
Libya	-	7	-	-	6	-	-	6	10	54	-14%	967%	814%	967%
Indonesia	48	56	55	38	42	54	64	41	50	50	-8%	4%	-4%	-5%
Bangladesh	27	39	66	37	38	46	41	53	51	47	27%	17%	48%	4%
Fiji	44	39	80	144	232	164	128	88	118	44	377%	-59%	95%	-25%
Bahrain	1	-	2	1	-	-	3	9	2	42	-100%	..	4300%	267%
Yemen	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	41	..	1267%	..	4000%
Zimbabwe	117	75	90	78	114	107	54	33	71	40	15%	-50%	-42%	28%
Malaysia	49	58	58	73	65	66	81	47	49	39	22%	-33%	-18%	-31%
Viet Nam	5	4	23	18	7	7	21	60	37	31	56%	386%	656%	-16%
Other	319	342	327	500	367	704	779	823	589	432	62%	-5%	54%	-36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,873</b>	<b>2,115</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>3,093</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>4,160</b>	<b>3,850</b>	<b>3,882</b>	<b>3,260</b>	<b>3,116</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>-18%</b>

TABLE 10

## Asylum applications submitted by country of asylum and origin | first quarter 2011

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during the first quarter. An asterisk (\*) denotes a value between 1 and 4.

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Afghanistan	-	215	522	585	*	26	90	61	*	-	243	*	61	133	1,862
Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	8	*	159	1,327	-	-	29	-	-	*	119	-	26	1,400	1,562
China	-	302	47	57	-	-	489	-	10	-	*	-	10	506	98
Iraq	*	123	140	438	-	119	48	5	19	8	33	*	139	65	1,480
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	539	99	89	-	14	63	12	12	*	111	-	27	58	708
Russian Federation	-	*	496	400	-	*	109	-	*	7	60	*	81	1,023	373
Pakistan	*	155	96	122	-	11	178	8	43	-	6	-	*	284	336
Somalia	-	*	67	99	-	5	69	*	-	-	28	-	106	113	172
Tunisia	-	-	40	18	*	5	27	*	*	-	6	-	*	36	62
Eritrea	-	*	*	12	-	-	35	-	-	*	9	-	-	190	176
Sri Lanka	-	59	*	48	-	-	174	-	30	-	*	-	6	827	131
Nigeria	-	9	115	49	*	7	176	-	5	5	8	-	35	181	199
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	178	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey	-	29	131	96	-	*	75	*	8	*	7	-	19	429	400
Bangladesh	*	34	16	78	-	*	23	-	52	-	*	-	6	972	29
India	-	132	92	44	-	-	179	-	41	-	12	-	5	17	190
Guinea	-	-	9	513	-	-	22	-	7	-	*	-	*	544	65
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	7	226	-	-	106	-	-	-	*	*	8	927	26
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	-	*	30	397	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	346	310
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	7	68	95	-	18	35	5	20	-	102	-	14	9	487

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TABLE 10

## Asylum applications submitted by country of asylum and origin | first quarter 2011 (ctnd)

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during the first quarter. An asterisk (\*) denotes a value between 1 and 4.

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Afghanistan	165	159	*	16	252	-	-	*	14	8	-	-	365	6	236
Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	-	32	-	*	55	-	-	12	-	355	-	-	37	-	63
China	141	*	-	59	5	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	78	7	26
Iraq	63	7	-	5	59	12	*	-	-	16	*	-	340	*	118
Islamic Rep. of Iran	55	7	*	*	42	*	*	-	-	6	*	*	262	9	95
Russian Federation	14	*	-	10	6	-	*	10	12	5	-	-	70	-	82
Pakistan	626	9	*	46	228	9	*	-	-	-	*	-	21	*	24
Somalia	17	*	-	*	16	-	-	-	-	5	-	*	500	-	448
Tunisia	7	8	-	-	2,165	*	-	-	-	15	*	5	*	*	10
Eritrea	5	-	-	*	17	-	-	-	-	-	21	-	89	-	321
Sri Lanka	12	*	-	*	24	7	*	-	-	-	-	-	44	*	14
Nigeria	80	9	-	51	223	*	-	*	-	*	*	-	36	*	49
Mexico	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-
Turkey	6	*	-	-	217	36	-	-	*	*	-	*	38	*	13
Bangladesh	120	-	-	*	53	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	9
India	27	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	15
Guinea	61	*	-	*	40	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	62	-	15
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	8	-	19	7	-	5	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	14
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	-	*	*	9	-	-	-	-	37	-	-	20	-	10
Syrian Arab Rep.	93	15	-	-	43	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	20	-	36

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia**	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	Turkey	UK	USA***
Afghanistan	*	*	13	16	321	*	20	9	703	160	84	187	365	30
Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	-	-	-	*	-	-	14	-	853	259	-	-	5	40
China	*	-	*	18	-	*	-	-	34	105	-	5	255	3,399
Iraq	9	*	*	19	*	5	-	*	394	76	12	1,381	110	169
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	-	-	*	6	*	*	13	242	79	7	593	700	132
Russian Federation	495	-	-	*	*	10	-	25	223	67	-	-	25	180
Pakistan	*	-	90	26	20	*	*	17	32	23	26	8	800	159
Somalia	-	5	-	*	*	5	*	24	781	95	-	106	185	104
Tunisia	*	-	-	35	14	-	*	*	39	217	-	8	15	7
Eritrea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	383	701	*	5	170	260
Sri Lanka	*	-	6	-	*	-	-	13	10	146	*	*	555	75
Nigeria	*	*	5	*	-	*	*	56	121	305	-	*	310	55
Mexico	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	9	*	*	-	-	-	1,719
Turkey	*	*	-	11	*	8	12	-	44	124	-	-	60	20
Bangladesh	*	-	8	12	-	-	-	6	21	9	-	*	110	97
India	-	-	*	*	*	11	-	*	13	5	*	5	160	640
Guinea	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	55	6	79	-	10	10	83
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	20	20	43	-	22	65	33
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	187	165	-	-	-	12
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	-	*	*	11	*	*	5	108	129	*	18	35	16

\*\* Figures for Serbia do not include applications lodged in Kosovo (SC Res. 1244) due to lack of monthly data.

\*\*\* Combination of number of persons (EOIR) and cases (DHS).

TABLE 11

## Asylum applications submitted by country of asylum and origin | second quarter 2011

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during the second quarter. An asterisk (\*) denotes a value between 1 and 4.

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Afghanistan	-	313	625	820	-	31	83	147	-	Not available	204	-	63	183	1,960
China	-	236	66	62	-	*	419	-	9		10	-	*	522	65
Iraq	-	90	87	446	-	51	34	*	16		31	-	142	41	1,261
Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	-	-	146	773	-	*	38	*	-		55	-	20	943	753
Somalia	-	*	102	80	-	21	72	*	-		12	-	58	204	206
Pakistan	-	194	135	218	-	*	151	22	39		21	-	*	316	329
Russian Federation	-	*	589	328	-	*	103	6	-		57	*	75	826	315
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	379	72	85	-	9	69	*	23		105	-	29	35	665
Eritrea	-	*	6	15	-	-	12	*	-		*	-	-	220	132
Nigeria	-	6	120	37	-	8	159	-	*		12	-	29	218	155
Bangladesh	-	19	27	76	-	*	25	-	38		*	*	6	1,035	39
Mexico	-	*	-	*	-	-	144	-	-		-	-	*	-	-
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	-	-	17	319	-	-	*	-	-		*	-	10	286	249
Côte d'Ivoire	-	-	6	98	-	*	38	-	*		*	-	*	578	47
Sri Lanka	-	127	-	31	-	-	125	-	40		*	-	6	716	126
Tunisia	-	-	44	48	-	-	7	5	*		16	-	*	56	172
India	-	194	135	26	-	-	137	*	41		*	-	*	13	229
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	16	87	104	-	13	35	*	27		90	-	16	16	595
Armenia	-	-	60	137	-	17	*	-	5		6	-	*	1,003	108
Turkey	-	24	107	93	-	-	77	*	14		*	*	23	404	373

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Afghanistan	108	168	-	9	200	*	*	*	5	9	-	-	490	*	255
China	125	*	-	45	15	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	54	*	10
Iraq	54	14	-	5	42	*	-	-	-	8	-	-	364	6	79
Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	*	103	*	*	37	-	-	*	-	106	-	-	25	-	58
Somalia	5	*	-	8	309	-	-	-	-	6	411	-	411	*	627
Pakistan	498	19	-	46	362	24	-	-	-	*	36	*	10	10	31
Russian Federation	20	5	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	16	-	-	70	*	74
Islamic Rep. of Iran	35	9	-	*	37	6	*	*	-	8	-	*	187	10	98
Eritrea	23	-	*	*	103	-	-	-	-	8	274	-	99	-	468
Nigeria	134	6	*	46	1,282	*	-	*	-	*	240	*	28	-	72
Bangladesh	197	-	-	9	442	16	-	-	-	*	33	-	16	-	13
Mexico	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	*
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	98	-	-	217	-	9
Côte d'Ivoire	9	-	*	*	532	-	*	-	-	*	110	-	32	-	13
Sri Lanka	7	*	-	-	11	41	-	-	-	*	-	-	27	5	7
Tunisia	7	7	-	-	522	*	-	-	-	14	*	14	7	-	28
India	20	*	-	*	13	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	*
Syrian Arab Rep.	48	17	*	-	66	-	*	-	-	*	*	-	28	-	25
Armenia	10	*	-	*	*	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	116	-	*
Turkey	12	6	-	-	105	19	5	-	-	11	-	-	19	-	8

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TABLE 11

## Asylum applications submitted by country of asylum and origin | second quarter 2011 (ctnd)

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during the second quarter. An asterisk (\*) denotes a value between 1 and 4.

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia**	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	Turkey	UK	USA***
Afghanistan	17	-	13	22	660	11	17	12	824	212	118	320	405	65
China	-	-	5	16	-	5	-	*	23	154	-	8	220	3,932
Iraq	*	*	*	20	*	-	-	*	447	82	-	1,135	65	109
Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	604	224	*	-	5	54
Somalia	8	*	-	*	24	11	*	7	821	131	-	204	140	73
Pakistan	*	0	86	16	110	*	11	13	34	23	79	6	860	171
Russian Federation	539	*	*	*	-	16	-	20	190	34	*	-	10	317
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	*	-	14	16	*	*	27	241	54	-	593	610	124
Eritrea	12	-	-	-	6	-	-	*	378	1,133	-	12	230	231
Nigeria	8	*	*	*	-	*	-	61	69	217	-	*	270	71
Bangladesh	*	-	5	-	-	*	-	*	20	*	-	*	155	83
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	2,062
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	508	343	-	-	-	*
Côte d'Ivoire	-	*	27	-	-	*	-	181	17	52	-	13	65	175
Sri Lanka	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	*	74	-	*	495	72
Tunisia	-	-	-	37	18	-	11	*	63	754	-	*	15	9
India	-	-	*	*	5	*	-	*	10	*	7	-	155	630
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	-	-	9	7	*	*	6	147	94	-	66	60	50
Armenia	24	-	-	-	-	5	-	8	58	21	-	-	-	37
Turkey	*	-	-	8	*	*	-	*	31	118	-	-	30	23

\*\* Figures for Serbia do not include applications lodged in Kosovo (SC Res. 1244) due to lack of monthly data.

\*\*\* Combination of number of persons (EOIR) and cases (DHS).

**TABLE 12 Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum | second quarter 2011**

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

Albania		Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bosnia and H.	
No asylum claims	Islamic Rep. of Iran	379	Afghanistan	625	Afghanistan	820	Morocco	*	
	Afghanistan	313	Russian Federation	589	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	773	Occup. Palest. Territ.	*	
	China	236	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	146	Iraq	446	Algeria	*	
	Pakistan	194	Pakistan	135	Guinea	410			
	India	194	India	135	Russian Federation	328			
	Sri Lanka	127	Nigeria	120	The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	319			
	Iraq	90	Turkey	107	Dem. Rep. of Congo	229			
	Egypt	79	Somalia	102	Pakistan	218			
	Nepal	58	Iraq	87	Armenia	137			
Libya	50	Syrian Arab Rep.	87	Albania	134				
Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia		Cyprus		Czech Rep.	
Iraq	51	Hungary	875	Afghanistan	147	Egypt	48	No data available	
Afghanistan	31	China	419	Pakistan	22	India	41		
Somalia	21	Namibia	270	Russian Federation	6	Viet Nam	41		
Armenia	17	Colombia	238	Tunisia	5	Sri Lanka	40		
Stateless	17	Nigeria	159	Somalia	*	Pakistan	39		
Syrian Arab Rep.	13	Pakistan	151	Libya	*	Bangladesh	38		
Islamic Rep. of Iran	9	Mexico	144	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	*	Nepal	31		
Nigeria	8	United States	139	Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	27		
Pakistan	*	India	137	Azerbaijan	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	23		
China	*	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	132	India	*	Philippines	18		
Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Afghanistan	204	Dem. Rep. of Congo	9	Iraq	142	Bangladesh	1,035	Afghanistan	1,960
Islamic Rep. of Iran	105	Stateless	*	Russian Federation	75	Armenia	1,003	Iraq	1,261
Syrian Arab Rep.	90	Cameroon	*	Afghanistan	63	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	943	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	753
Russian Federation	57	Russian Federation	*	Somalia	58	Dem. Rep. of Congo	888	Islamic Rep. of Iran	665
Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	55	Turkey	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	29	Russian Federation	826	Syrian Arab Rep.	595
Iraq	31	Bangladesh	*	Nigeria	29	Sri Lanka	716	Turkey	373
Algeria	28	Belarus	*	Turkey	23	Côte d'Ivoire	578	Pakistan	329
Pakistan	21	Uzbekistan	*	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	20	Haiti	556	Russian Federation	315
Libya	18			Belarus	17	China	522	The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	249
Tunisia	16			Syrian Arab Rep.	16	Guinea	459	India	229
Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Italy	
Pakistan	498	Afghanistan	168	Ethiopia	*	Nigeria	46	Nigeria	1'282
Georgia	268	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	103	Belarus	*	Pakistan	46	Ghana	819
Bangladesh	197	Pakistan	19	Russian Federation	*	China	45	Côte d'Ivoire	532
Nigeria	134	Syrian Arab Rep.	17	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	*	Dem. Rep. of Congo	15	Tunisia	522
China	125	Iraq	14	Nigeria	*	Zimbabwe	13	Mali	493
Afghanistan	108	Islamic Rep. of Iran	9	Eritrea	*	Algeria	11	Bangladesh	442
Albania	55	Algeria	7	Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Rep. of Moldova	11	Pakistan	362
Iraq	54	Tunisia	7	Dem. Rep. of Congo	*	Afghanistan	9	Somalia	309
Syrian Arab Rep.	48	Occup. Palest. Territ.	7	Sudan	*	Bangladesh	9	Afghanistan	200
Ghana	46	Libya	7	Côte d'Ivoire	*	Ghana	9	Burkina Faso	188
Japan **		Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg	
Namibia	89	Georgia	46	Russian Federation	*	Georgia	17	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	106
Myanmar	75	Dem. Rep. of Congo	8	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	*	Afghanistan	5	The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	98
Nepal	52	Turkey	5	Kyrgyzstan	*	Russian Federation	*	Montenegro	21
Sri Lanka	41	Cameroon	*	Afghanistan	*	Armenia	*	Bosnia and H.	17
Pakistan	24	Russian Federation	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Belarus	*	Russian Federation	16
Netherlands	24	Afghanistan	*	Stateless	*	Libya	*	Tunisia	14
Lithuania	20	Côte d'Ivoire	*	Nigeria	*	Rep. of Moldova	*	Albania	12
Turkey	19	Azerbaijan	*	Hungary	*	Kyrgyzstan	*	Turkey	11
Panama	17	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*			Stateless	*	Algeria	10
Tuvalu	17	Ghana	*			Nepal	*	Afghanistan	9

**TABLE 12 Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum | second quarter 2011 (ctnd)**

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

Malta		Montenegro		Netherlands		New Zealand		Norway	
Somalia	411	Morocco	29	Afghanistan	490	Bahrain	14	Somalia	627
Eritrea	274	Algeria	17	Somalia	411	Islamic Rep. of Iran	10	Eritrea	468
Nigeria	240	Tunisia	14	Iraq	364	Pakistan	10	Afghanistan	255
Ethiopia	112	Occup. Palest. Territ.	5	The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	217	Egypt	7	Islamic Rep. of Iran	98
Côte d'Ivoire	110	Pakistan	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	187	Iraq	6	Ethiopia	81
Mali	91	Libya	*	Armenia	116	South Africa	6	Iraq	79
Ghana	76	Nigeria	*	Eritrea	99	Sri Lanka	5	Russian Federation	74
Sudan	56	Liberia	*	Russian Federation	70	Afghanistan	*	Nigeria	72
Libya	37	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	China	54	China	*	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	58
Pakistan	36			Guinea	48	Ghana	*	Sudan	54
Poland		Portugal		Rep. of Korea		Romania		Serbia***	
Russian Federation	539	Guinea	11	Pakistan	86	Algeria	63	Afghanistan	660
Georgia	331	Dem. Rep. of Congo	6	Côte d'Ivoire	27	Tunisia	37	Pakistan	110
Armenia	24	Russian Federation	*	Myanmar	27	Afghanistan	22	Libya	28
Afghanistan	17	Côte d'Ivoire	*	Kyrgyzstan	17	Iraq	20	Somalia	24
Eritrea	12	Somalia	*	Afghanistan	13	Morocco	20	Morocco	22
Viet Nam	11	Nigeria	*	Uganda	10	Rep. of Moldova	20	Tunisia	18
Kyrgyzstan	11	Morocco	*	Liberia	6	Pakistan	16	Islamic Rep. of Iran	16
Ukraine	11	Senegal	*	Bangladesh	5	China	16	Occup. Palest. Territ.	13
Congo	11	Belarus	*	China	5	Islamic Rep. of Iran	14	Algeria	12
Somalia	8	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Nigeria	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	9	Syrian Arab Rep.	7
Slovakia		Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland	
Russian Federation	16	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	18	Cuba	297	Afghanistan	824	Eritrea	1,133
Georgia	12	Afghanistan	17	Côte d'Ivoire	181	Somalia	821	Tunisia	754
Afghanistan	11	Pakistan	11	Nigeria	61	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	604	The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	343
Somalia	11	Tunisia	11	Occup. Palest. Territ.	40	The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	508	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	224
Rep. of Moldova	6	Libya	6	Western Sahara	29	Iraq	447	Nigeria	217
China	5	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	27	Eritrea	378	Afghanistan	212
Armenia	5	Egypt	*	Algeria	26	Stateless	312	China	154
Ukraine	*	Algeria	*	Colombia	26	Islamic Rep. of Iran	241	Somalia	131
Algeria	*	Morocco	*	Guinea	23	Russian Federation	190	Turkey	118
India	*	Bosnia and H.	*	Russian Federation	20	Mongolia	171	Algeria	107
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia		Turkey		United Kingdom		United States****			
Afghanistan	118	Iraq	1,135	Pakistan	860	China	3,932		
Pakistan	79	Islamic Rep. of Iran	593	Islamic Rep. of Iran	610	Mexico	2,062		
India	7	Afghanistan	320	Libya	580	El Salvador	1,020		
Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	*	Somalia	204	Sri Lanka	495	Guatemala	793		
Occup. Palest. Territ.	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	66	Afghanistan	405	India	630		
Russian Federation	*	Uzbekistan	23	Nigeria	270	Honduras	401		
Algeria	*	Occup. Palest. Territ.	22	Eritrea	230	Haiti	385		
Nepal	*	Kyrgyzstan	22	China	220	Nepal	319		
		Côte d'Ivoire	13	Sudan	190	Russian Federation	317		
		Eritrea	12	Bangladesh	155	Ethiopia	244		

\*\* UNHCR estimate.

\*\*\* Figures for Serbia do not include applications lodged in Kosovo (SC Res. 1244) due to lack of monthly data.

\*\*\*\* Combination of cases (DHS) and persons (EOIR).

TABLE 13

## Asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries | January to June 2011

See footnotes at the bottom of Table 1.

Country/region of asylum	2011						
	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Albania	4	8	-	-	-	-	12
Australia	1,059	715	849	848	947	537	4,955
Austria	883	908	970	980	997	1,079	5,817
Belgium	1,934	1,931	2,395	2,105	1,876	1,738	11,979
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	2	5	-	-	7	17
Bulgaria	115	91	68	63	62	67	466
Canada	1,875	1,934	2,137	1,835	1,815	1,914	11,510
Croatia	38	48	41	31	92	76	326
Cyprus	184	147	127	124	163	149	894
Czech Rep.	36	32	60		No data available		128
Denmark	358	272	300	276	276	252	1,734
Estonia	4	7	4	6	8	5	34
Finland	258	211	244	200	225	237	1,375
France	4,075	4,262	4,819	4,664	4,430	3,870	26,120
Germany	3,748	3,290	3,527	2,959	3,421	3,174	20,119
Greece	606	920	1,003	453	815	685	4,482
Hungary	117	88	136	164	108	158	771
Iceland	-	3	6	7	14	2	32
Ireland	133	125	127	87	100	114	686
Italy	589	1,623	1,775	1,458	3,304	2,111	10,860
Japan	110	157	137	198	128	140	870
Latvia	3	18	4	16	39	25	105
Liechtenstein	9	4	14	9	3	6	45
Lithuania	12	29	25	10	16	16	108
Luxembourg	116	147	237	147	134	114	895
Malta	8	9	28	1,126	367	94	1,632
Montenegro	2	9	12	11	18	44	96
Netherlands	1,051	918	893	820	1,049	979	5,710
New Zealand	23	25	27	28	42	20	165
Norway	862	694	719	699	900	834	4,708
Poland	126	259	331	294	355	387	1,752
Portugal	10	20	13	16	22	15	96
Rep. of Korea	60	42	56	83	74	71	386
Romania	49	86	123	94	93	108	553
Serbia*	97	140	205	251	283	397	1,373
Slovakia	33	43	29	22	37	39	203
Slovenia	31	33	28	13	22	47	174
Spain	238	333	366	430	363	217	1,947
Sweden	1,963	1,950	2,302	2,042	2,377	1,963	12,597
Switzerland	1,058	1,062	1,602	1,303	2,019	1,436	8,480
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	63	37	47	78	77	59	361
Turkey	914	848	891	716	786	1,030	5,185
United Kingdom	2,045	1,890	2,140	1,940	2,005	2,155	12,175
United States	4,444	4,029	5,443	4,542	5,079	5,746	36,370
EU-old <sup>(15)</sup>	18,007	18,800	21,111	18,577	21,394	18,703	116,592
EU-new <sup>(12)</sup>	718	842	963	1,932	1,270	1,095	6,820
EU-total <sup>(27)</sup>	18,725	19,642	22,074	20,509	22,664	19,798	123,412
Nordic region <sup>(5)</sup>	3,441	3,130	3,571	3,224	3,792	3,288	20,446
Western Europe <sup>(19)</sup>	19,936	20,563	23,452	20,595	24,330	20,981	129,857
Central Europe <sup>(11)</sup>	564	734	849	713	832	928	4,620
Southern Europe <sup>(8)</sup>	2,553	3,908	4,203	4,323	5,820	4,301	25,108
Europe <sup>(38)</sup>	21,775	22,497	25,616	23,614	26,856	23,689	144,047
Non-Europe <sup>(6)</sup>	8,649	7,840	9,901	8,610	9,309	9,946	54,256
Canada/USA	7,397	6,901	8,832	7,453	8,118	9,178	47,880
Australia/New Zealand	1,082	740	876	876	989	557	5,120
Japan/Rep. of Korea	170	199	193	281	202	211	1,256
<b>Total <sup>(44)</sup></b>	<b>30,424</b>	<b>30,337</b>	<b>35,517</b>	<b>32,224</b>	<b>36,165</b>	<b>33,635</b>	<b>198,303</b>

\* Figures for Serbia do not include applications lodged in Kosovo (SC Res. 1244) due to lack of monthly data.



TABLE 14

## Monthly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries by origin

| January to June 2011

Top-40 ranking based on applications lodged during June 2011.

Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because figures for the United States (DHS) by origin reflect the number of cases.

Origin	2011						
	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Afghanistan	2,280	2,118	2,543	2,430	2,889	3,059	15,319
China	1,839	1,586	2,243	1,726	1,952	2,339	11,685
Iraq	1,931	1,740	1,756	1,484	1,576	1,581	10,068
Pakistan	1,061	1,124	1,243	1,103	1,306	1,473	7,310
Russian Federation	1,255	1,150	1,391	1,134	1,169	1,343	7,442
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,491	1,223	1,289	1,192	1,206	1,159	7,560
Nigeria	690	648	771	779	1,345	1,154	5,387
Somalia	1,125	840	1,000	1,355	1,536	1,074	6,930
Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	2,065	1,981	2,315	1,742	1,352	884	10,339
Eritrea	766	816	828	1,252	1,285	839	5,786
Bangladesh	508	552	615	627	827	821	3,950
Mexico	557	561	796	702	737	783	4,136
Syrian Arab Rep.	478	429	500	461	566	612	3,046
Sri Lanka	700	792	710	646	686	598	4,132
India	521	510	572	501	569	583	3,256
Tunisia	172	1,197	1,392	483	810	573	4,627
Armenia	394	436	499	528	566	540	2,963
Georgia	382	446	523	404	519	520	2,794
Turkey	623	572	610	484	537	499	3,325
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	454	511	604	492	501	493	3,055
Libya	70	106	292	444	569	475	1,956
Côte d'Ivoire	317	421	574	757	806	450	3,325
Guinea	512	508	582	439	503	436	2,980
Ghana	116	139	148	268	516	425	1,612
El Salvador	355	357	455	364	387	394	2,312
Algeria	350	307	384	323	404	393	2,161
Sudan	214	230	255	241	288	312	1,540
Guatemala	231	248	333	235	306	311	1,664
Hungary	165	274	271	280	305	309	1,604
Haiti	389	383	376	405	351	306	2,210
Egypt	213	267	304	221	279	302	1,586
Mali	101	98	118	165	476	274	1,232
Stateless	378	250	263	207	300	255	1,653
Ethiopia	259	249	229	334	231	238	1,540
Nepal	226	174	220	177	223	222	1,242
Morocco	132	160	198	139	162	219	1,010
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	380	380	772	1,053	807	212	3,604
Azerbaijan	233	196	167	125	153	198	1,072
Albania	145	165	186	206	193	187	1,082
Honduras	140	108	176	167	163	175	929
Other	5,126	5,146	5,764	5,072	5,587	5,097	31,792
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,344</b>	<b>29,398</b>	<b>34,267</b>	<b>31,147</b>	<b>34,943</b>	<b>32,117</b>	<b>191,216</b>

**TABLE 15 Top-40 countries of origin by main asylum region | second quarter 2011**

Sort order based on June data.

Industrialized countries (44 countries)					Europe (38 countries)					European Union (27 countries)				
Origin	April	May	June	Total	Origin	April	May	June	Total	Origin	April	May	June	Total
Afghanistan	2,430	2,889	3,059	8,378	Afghanistan	2,222	2,693	2,983	7,898	Afghanistan	1,795	2,116	2,273	6,184
China	1,726	1,952	2,339	6,017	Iraq	1,385	1,487	1,528	4,400	Russian Federation	987	978	1,133	3,098
Iraq	1,484	1,576	1,581	4,641	Pakistan	932	1,095	1,219	3,246	Pakistan	872	1,010	1,090	2,972
Pakistan	1,103	1,306	1,473	3,882	Russian Federation	1,037	1,010	1,174	3,221	Iraq	974	1,072	1,056	3,102
Russian Federation	1,134	1,169	1,343	3,646	Nigeria	685	1,273	1,077	3,035	Nigeria	602	1,157	980	2,739
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,192	1,206	1,159	3,557	Somalia	1,307	1,466	1,042	3,815	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	1,611	1,219	764	3,594
Nigeria	779	1,345	1,154	3,278	Islamic Rep. of Iran	950	981	1,038	2,969	Bangladesh	576	778	754	2,108
Somalia	1,355	1,536	1,074	3,965	Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	1,715	1,321	850	3,886	Somalia	1,065	1,029	732	2,826
Serbia (and Kosovo: SC Res. 1244)	1,742	1,352	884	3,978	Bangladesh	582	780	765	2,127	Islamic Rep. of Iran	728	754	722	2,204
Eritrea	1,252	1,285	839	3,376	Eritrea	1,175	1,193	763	3,131	Armenia	512	543	518	1,573
Bangladesh	627	827	821	2,275	Syrian Arab Rep.	442	522	574	1,538	Syrian Arab Rep.	398	472	473	1,343
Mexico	702	737	783	2,222	Tunisia	479	801	569	1,849	Georgia	377	485	468	1,330
Syrian Arab Rep.	461	566	612	1,639	Armenia	514	551	531	1,596	Sri Lanka	541	486	446	1,473
Sri Lanka	646	686	598	1,930	Georgia	399	509	510	1,418	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	435	445	438	1,318
India	501	569	583	1,653	China	427	498	494	1,419	China	395	424	428	1,247
Tunisia	483	810	573	1,866	Sri Lanka	564	515	477	1,556	Eritrea	621	477	411	1,509
Armenia	528	566	540	1,634	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	453	460	455	1,368	Turkey	397	460	392	1,249
Georgia	404	519	520	1,443	Turkey	433	501	443	1,377	Ghana	241	493	386	1,120
Turkey	484	537	499	1,520	Ghana	246	503	406	1,155	Côte d'Ivoire	620	699	375	1,694
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	492	501	493	1,486	Libya	385	479	394	1,258	Guinea	393	451	362	1,206
Libya	444	569	475	1,488	Côte d'Ivoire	648	733	392	1,773	Libya	355	424	332	1,111
Côte d'Ivoire	757	806	450	2,013	Guinea	415	480	389	1,284	Algeria	271	308	326	905
Guinea	439	503	436	1,378	Algeria	304	390	383	1,077	Tunisia	314	444	268	1,026
Ghana	268	516	425	1,209	Sudan	219	268	288	775	Sudan	191	233	256	680
El Salvador	364	387	394	1,145	Stateless	181	277	240	698	India	209	229	227	665
Algeria	323	404	393	1,120	India	212	241	232	685	Mali	136	452	219	807
Sudan	241	288	312	841	Mali	138	456	223	817	Stateless	164	259	209	632
Guatemala	235	306	311	852	The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	1,049	806	210	2,065	Azerbaijan	118	141	175	434
Hungary	280	305	309	894	Morocco	130	159	203	492	The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	927	625	161	1,713
Haiti	405	351	306	1,062	Azerbaijan	124	144	182	450	Haiti	244	163	159	566
Egypt	221	279	302	802	Haiti	245	163	159	567	Albania	174	151	150	475
Mali	165	476	274	915	Albania	179	157	152	488	Egypt	110	148	135	393
Stateless	207	300	255	762	Egypt	122	152	150	424	Viet Nam	116	126	134	376
Ethiopia	334	231	238	803	Viet Nam	119	129	136	384	Comoros	151	131	118	400
Nepal	177	223	222	622	Ethiopia	238	142	132	512	Morocco	104	113	114	331
Morocco	139	162	219	520	Comoros	151	131	118	400	Mongolia	84	116	112	312
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	1,053	807	212	2,072	Mongolia	88	130	116	334	Mauritania	127	115	106	348
Azerbaijan	125	153	198	476	Mauritania	133	120	110	363	Congo	83	107	98	288
Albania	206	193	187	586	Bosnia and Herzegovina	94	120	109	323	Cameroon	99	140	98	337
Honduras	167	163	175	505	Congo	83	110	102	295	Bosnia and Herzegovina	85	110	88	283
Other	5,072	5,587	5,097	15,756	Other	2,409	2,912	2,371	7,692	Other	2,306	2,583	2,112	7,001
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,147</b>	<b>34,943</b>	<b>32,117</b>	<b>98,207</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>23,613</b>	<b>26,858</b>	<b>23,689</b>	<b>74,160</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>20,508</b>	<b>22,666</b>	<b>19,798</b>	<b>62,972</b>

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**Cover photo:** A group of exhausted Tunisians look on  
as they board the bus that will take them to a detention  
centre on the Italian island of Lampedusa. This group  
could include asylum-seekers.

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