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**OVERVIEW OF ASYLUM APPLICATIONS LODGED IN EUROPE
AND NON-EUROPEAN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IN 2005**

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This document analyzes levels and trends in the number of asylum applications submitted in 44 European and six non-European industrialized countries in 2005. A limited number of those who apply for asylum are granted refugee status and obtain long-term residence status. Statistics on asylum-seekers accepted as refugees, those granted a complementary form of protection or refugees who have been resettled, particularly by Australia, Canada and the United States, are currently being compiled and will be published separately.
2. The number of asylum countries covered by the various tables in this document differs, depending on the nature of the analysis and the availability of data. With the European Union (EU) potentially extending east- and southwards in the next years, the perspective of asylum capacity building and international responsibility sharing becomes more important in this emerging asylum region. As such, Table 1 provides a comprehensive picture of asylum trends in 50 countries for the period 2001-2005, including 44 European and six non-European industrialized countries. Tables 2 through 17 are based on the monthly asylum application database maintained by UNHCR, which covers 36 asylum countries.
3. Some Central and Eastern European countries included in Table 1 host significant refugee or internally displaced populations resulting from mass displacement (e.g. **Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, the Russian Federation and Serbia and Montenegro**). These displaced populations, although of major concern to the host countries and the international community, fall outside the scope of this analysis, which is limited to individual applications for asylum.

II. SOURCES AND DATA CONSIDERATIONS

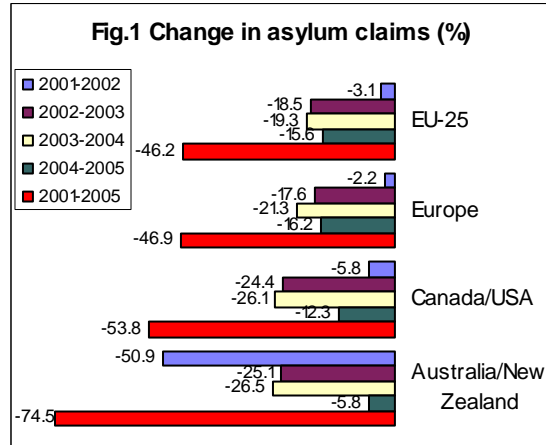
4. Under the *1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees*, Governments provide UNHCR with statistics on the number and conditions of refugees, asylum-seekers and other groups of concern to the High Commissioner. This report is based mostly, therefore, on official asylum statistics, reflecting national laws and procedures. During the period 2001-2005, UNHCR has carried out refugee status determination under its mandate in several countries (Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Malta, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro, and Turkey). Details on the responsibility for refugee status determination are included in the notes of Table 1.
5. The statistics presented in this document reflect the number of asylum-seekers lodging an application for the first time. Applications lodged by the same individual for a second time (so-called re-opened, repeat or appeal applications) are generally not included. Although asylum-seekers are counted only once in each country, the total number of asylum-seekers is overestimated because some individuals seek asylum in more than one country. Recent initiatives such as the attempt among EU countries to increase the harmonization of asylum data will most likely result in a decrease of multiple registration.
6. All figures based on monthly statistics should be considered as provisional and subject to change. They may differ slightly from the official annual figures published by countries and may differ from those reported in previous UNHCR documents due to retroactive changes.
7. At the time this report was prepared, a small amount of data was not yet available. For France and Japan, the total number of applications submitted in December 2005 was extrapolated by UNHCR, based on data available for the first 11 months. While an estimate for the total number of asylum requests lodged in Italy during 2005 is available, neither the breakdown by origin nor the

number of monthly asylum applications lodged during the year is available. In fact, Italy is the only EU member country for which no monthly asylum application data is available.

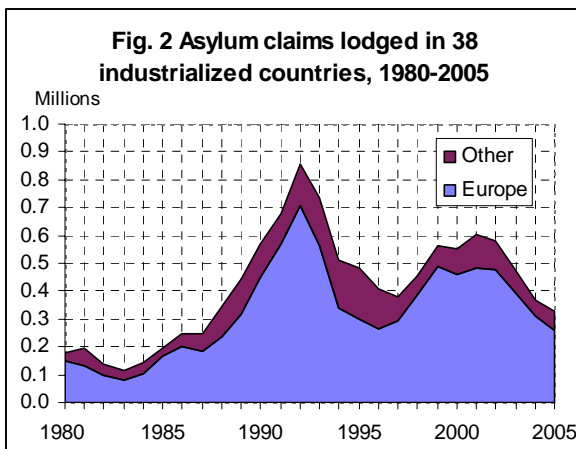
III. GLOBAL AND REGIONAL TRENDS

8. The number of asylum-seekers in Europe and in the non-European industrialized countries analysed in this report continued to decline sharply in 2005. In the 50 countries included in Table 1, 336,100 applications for refugee status were submitted in 2005, 15 per cent fewer than in 2004 (394,600).

9. Since the latest peak in 2001, when 655,100 asylum-seekers were registered by these 50 countries, applications have halved (-49%). The 25 countries of the **European Union (EU)** received 46 per cent fewer requests in 2005 compared to 2001 while **Europe** as a whole registered a 47 per cent decline. With 43 per cent fewer applications, the fall in asylum requests in the 10 **new EU member countries** was only marginally smaller (*see Figure 1*).

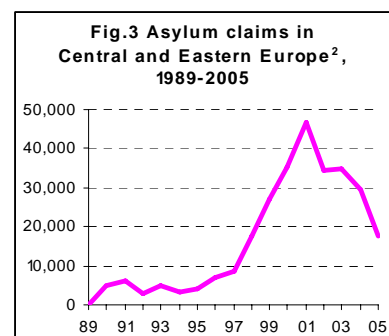


10. The largest fall in asylum requests was reported by the non-European industrialized countries. **Canada** and the **United States** received 54 per cent fewer requests in 2005 than in 2001, while asylum levels in **Australia** and **New Zealand** fell by 75 per cent.



11. In the 38 countries with historical data¹, the number of applications submitted in 2005 (331,600) was the lowest since 1987 (250,000). In Europe as well as in the 25 EU countries, the number of asylum-seekers in 2005 was the lowest since 1988. The situation in the six non-European industrialized countries is similar. They experienced a further decline in asylum claims during 2005 resulting in the lowest level since 1998 (*see Figure 2*).

12. A combination of factors has contributed to the shape of the historical asylum trends as displayed in Figure 2. First, most countries in Eastern and Central Europe were not destination countries in the 1980s but rather source of asylum-seekers. This situation, however, changed during the 1990s with countries in this region² developing asylum regimes and some of them emerging as important asylum-seeker receiving countries, in a few cases even exceeding traditional asylum countries³ (*see Figure 3*). Second, armed conflicts in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia (early 1990s) in combination with the Kosovo crisis (late 1990s) set an



¹ This includes EU-25, Bulgaria, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Romania, Switzerland, Turkey as well as Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Rep. of Korea and USA.

² This includes Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

³ For instance, during the time period 1999-2000, Hungary received more asylum claims than Ireland or Spain, and during 2001, the Czech Republic recorded more asylum applicants than Australia, Ireland, Italy, Norway or Spain.

unprecedented development contributing significantly to the high number of asylum-seekers during this period. Conflicts in other parts of the world such as in Afghanistan, Iraq, Liberia, the Russian Federation and Sudan also played an important role. And third, the more recent introduction of restrictive asylum policies across Europe together with improved conditions in some source countries led to an overall decrease in the number of asylum applications submitted in industrialized countries during the last few years.

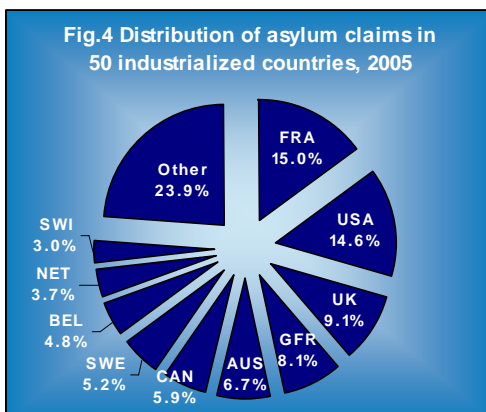
13. For a few countries, including **Greece**, **Malta**, and the **Republic of Korea**, the number of asylum-seekers in 2005 was the highest on record. In most asylum countries, however, the 2005 level was the lowest in many years, in some cases even for decades. **Germany** and **Denmark** for instance recorded the lowest level since 1983, **Canada** since 1985 and **Switzerland** since 1986. In the **United Kingdom**, the number of asylum applications submitted in 2005 was the lowest since 1993 while in **Bulgaria**, the **Czech Republic**, **Ireland**, **Italy**, **Norway** and **Spain** since 1997.

14. In the 44 **European countries** listed in Table 1, asylum levels dropped by 16 per cent in 2005 compared to 2004. The decrease was identical in the 25 EU countries (-16%), albeit reflecting a strong divide between the 15 “old” and 10 “new” EU member states. While the former recorded a 12 per cent fall in the number of asylum-seekers, the latter experienced a rather dramatic 35% decrease during 2005. The fall in the five **Nordic countries** (-25%) was also significantly above the European average (-16%). The only regions experiencing an increase in asylum applications were the seven countries of the former USSR (+10%) included in Table 1 and the five countries of the former Yugoslavia (+13%). However, while in relative terms significant, in absolute terms at a rather modest level.

15. Asylum levels in the six non-European industrialized countries included in Table 1 fell by 12 per cent in 2005. The **USA** and **Canada** together recorded 12 per cent fewer asylum-seekers in 2005, while the drop in **Australia** and **New Zealand** was relatively modest (-6%).

IV. LEVELS AND PATTERNS IN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

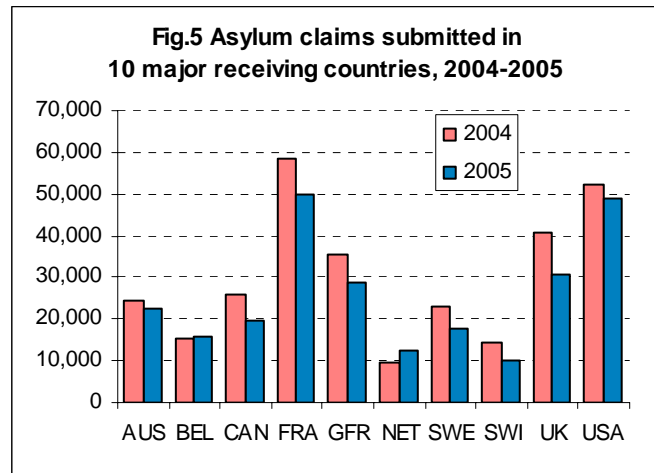
16. From 2004 to 2005, 29 of the 50 asylum countries reported a decrease in asylum requests, 17 reported an increase, while four countries reported no change. This trend follows exactly the same development observed in 2004. Sixteen out of the 50 countries in Table 1 received more than 5,000 new asylum requests in 2005, one country less than in 2004. Major asylum-seeker receiving countries reporting a significant fall included the **Slovak Republic** (-69%), **Poland** (-33%), **Switzerland** (-29%), the **United Kingdom** (-25%), **Sweden** (-24%), **Canada** (-23%), **Germany** (-19%) and **France** (-15%). Conversely, major increases were recorded by **Greece** (+102%) and the **Netherlands** (+26%) (*see Table 1*).



17. **France**, which had been the third main receiving country in 2003 (59,800 applications), became the main destination country for asylum-seekers in 2004 (58,600 claims). Even though 8,500 fewer applications were submitted in **France** during 2005 (-15%), it is estimated that it will remain among the main receiving countries in 2005.⁴ As such, **France** received an estimated 50,000 new asylum claims or 15 per cent of the total number of asylum-seekers. The **United States** continued to be the second leading asylum-seeker receiving country, accounting for 48,800 new asylum claims or 15 per cent of all applications

⁴ The 2005 figure has been estimated by UNHCR based on data for January-November 2005.

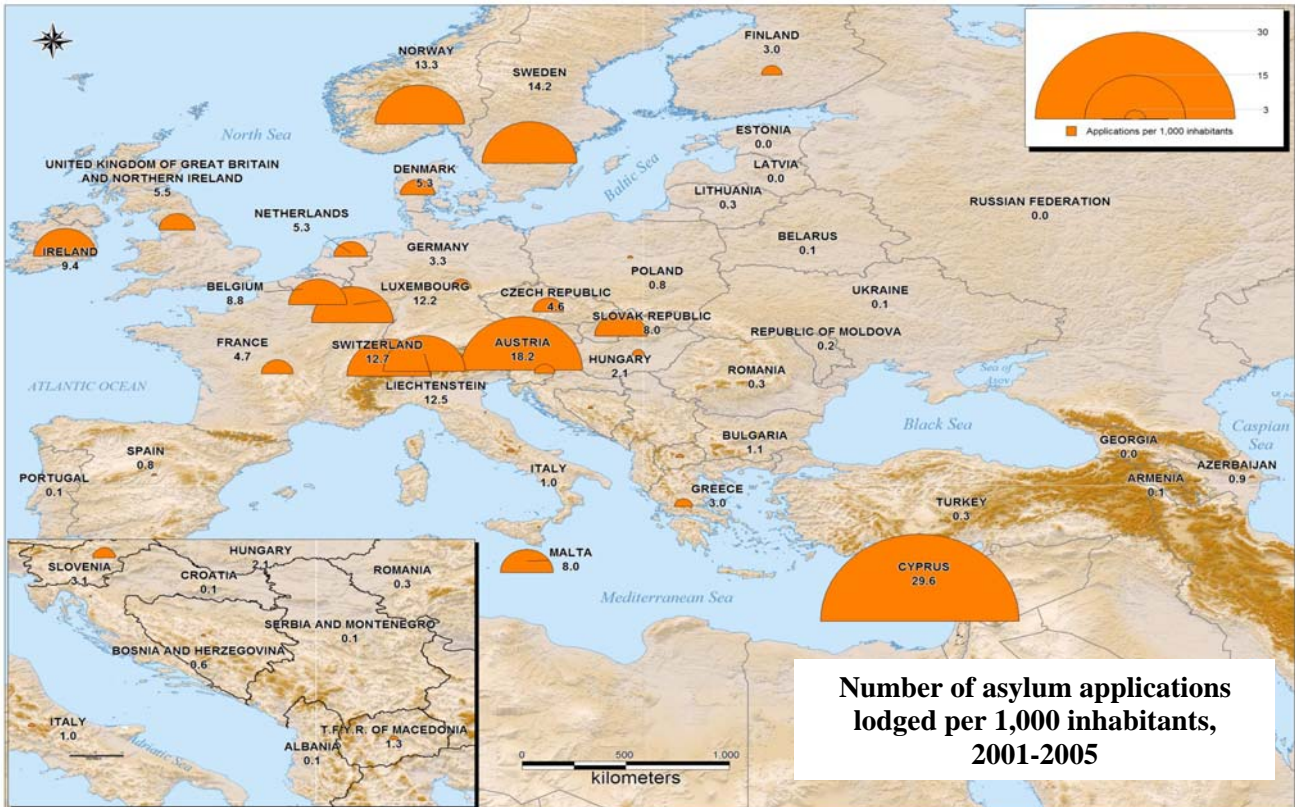
submitted during 2005. In the **United Kingdom**, the number of new asylum requests lodged during 2005 (30,500) fell by 25 per cent compared to 2004, by half (-50%) compared to 2003 and by 70 per cent compared to 2002, the year it had been the main destination for asylum-seekers with more than 103,000 new claims. Despite this sharp fall, the UK remained the third largest asylum-seeker receiving country in 2005, accounting for nine per cent of all requests lodged in the industrialized world. **Germany**, the leading European destination country for much of the 1980s and 1990s, received the fourth largest number of asylum-seekers during 2005 (28,900), followed by **Austria** (22,500), **Canada** (19,700), **Sweden** (17,500) and **Belgium** (16,000) (see Figure 5). As such, the top-3 receiving countries accounted for 40 per cent of all claims lodged in 2005, the top-5 for 54 per cent and the top-8 for 70 per cent of all asylum applications submitted in the 36 industrialized countries.



18. During the period 2001-2005, the **United States** received the largest number of asylum-seekers (379,500), followed by the **United Kingdom** (325,800), **France** (281,600), **Germany** (274,500) and **Canada** (161,000). Together, the three leading asylum countries received 39 per cent of all asylum requests submitted in the 50 countries listed in Table 1. The countries' individual share in the total number of applications received, however reveals a changing pattern over time. Whereas the share of the **United States** as the main recipient over the 5-year period ranged between 13 to 16 per cent, the share of the **United Kingdom** and **Germany** gradually decreased from more than 16 per cent in 2002 (UK) and 14 per cent in 2001 (Germany) to about nine per cent each in 2005.

19. The above figures are all based on the absolute number of asylum claim submitted. The situation is, however different when comparing the number of asylum-seekers to the size of the national population. The latter is generally considered as an indicator of the capacity of countries to host asylum-seekers. During the five-year period 2001-2005, **Cyprus** received 30 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants, the highest level of all 50 asylum countries included in Table 1. **Austria** ranked second (18), followed by **Sweden** (14), **Norway** (13) and **Switzerland** (13) (see Table 1 and map below).

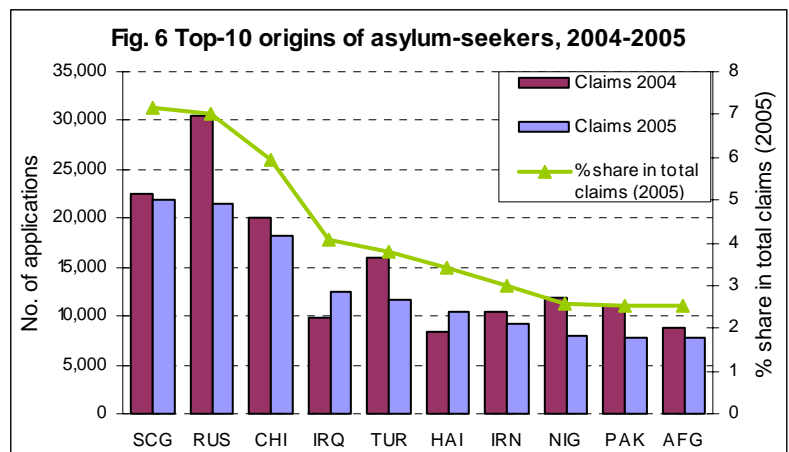
20. During 2001-2005, the **EU-25** received on average 3.8 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants. Twelve countries ranked below the EU-25 average, including **Finland**, **Germany**, **Hungary**, **Italy** and **Poland**. Compared to national population size, the number of asylum applications within the EU varies considerably. **Europe** as a whole received 2.4 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants whereas the corresponding figure for **North America** and **Australia/New Zealand** was 1.6 and 1.4 respectively.



V. ORIGIN OF ASYLUM-SEEKERS

21. The statistics by origin are generally based on the nationality or country of citizenship as recorded by the competent authorities of the host country. This report analyzes the origin of asylum-seekers in the **36 industrialized countries** which provided monthly asylum data to UNHCR.

22. After having been the main source country of asylum-seekers throughout most of the 1990s, **Serbia and Montenegro** became again the main country of origin of asylum-seekers in 2005. With some 21,900 asylum claims lodged by its citizens during 2005, the number remained relatively stable compared to 2004 (22,400). A rather large drop was however recorded for citizens originating from the **Russian Federation**, whose figure plummeted from 30,600 to 21,500 (-30%) thus making it the second largest source of asylum-seekers in 2005. **China** remained third largest source country during 2005 with 18,300 asylum claims lodged by its citizens. Among the ten leading asylum-seeker nationalities in 2005, only two recorded an increase compared to 2004, namely **Iraq** and **Haiti** (+27% in both cases). The decline on the other hand ranged from two per cent for asylum-seekers from **Serbia and Montenegro** to 33 per cent for **Nigerian** asylum-seekers (see Figure 6).



23. Asylum claims from citizens of **Serbia and Montenegro** and the **Russian Federation**, the two leading origins of asylum-seekers in 2005, accounted for some 14 per cent of all claims lodged

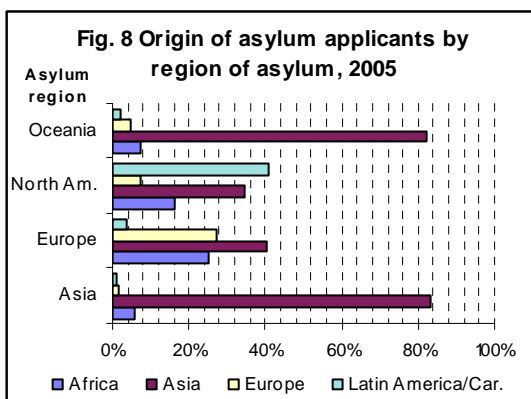
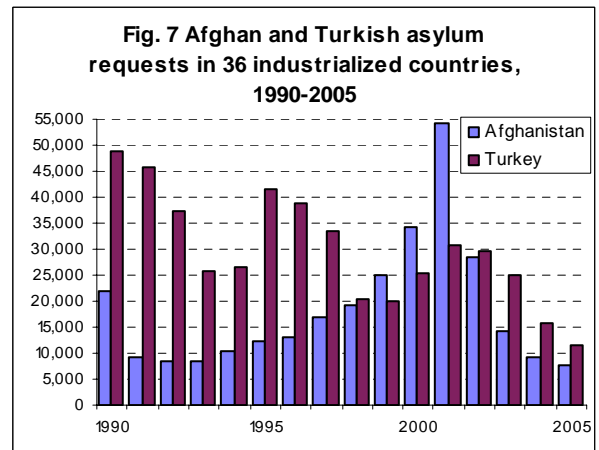
in the 36 industrialized countries while the corresponding figure for **Chinese** asylum applications was six per cent. The top-10 nationalities together accounted for 42 per cent of all asylum claims submitted (*see Figure 6*).

24. Only seven of the 40 main asylum-seeker nationalities registered a rise in applications during 2005. The number of asylum-seekers from **Iraq**, **Haiti** and **Eritrea** rose the sharpest, by 27 per cent each, followed by the **Syrian Arab Republic** (+23%), **Bulgaria** (+21%), **Mexico** (+17%) and **Mongolia** (+2%). Conversely, sixteen recorded a decrease of more than 25 per cent during 2005 with the highest ones being recorded by nationals from **Algeria** (-50%), **India** (-38%), **Nigeria** (-33%), **Bangladesh** (-31%) and **Cameroon** (-30%) (*see Table 2*).

25. Although the above trends are generally reflected across many countries analysed in this report, there are some exceptions though. **Mexico** for instance was the 17th largest origin of asylum-seekers with 5,100 claims submitted during 2005, but virtually all were lodged in the **United States** and **Canada** only. Similarly, almost all **Haitian** asylum-seekers requested asylum in the **United States** (51%) and the French overseas department of **Guadeloupe** (46%). Asylum applications submitted by citizens from **Serbia and Montenegro** were the highest in 2005, however three quarters (72%) were submitted in four countries only, namely **Germany** (4,800), **Austria** (4,400), **France** (3,700, January-November only) and **Sweden** (2,900). Likewise, more than 50 per cent of asylum-seekers from the **Russian Federation** were concentrated in **Poland** (5,000), **Austria** (4,400) and **France** (2,700, January-November only).

26. The number of asylum-seekers from **Afghanistan** and **Turkey**, until recently two of the main countries of origin of asylum-seekers in the industrialized countries, continued to drop sharply in 2005. Since 2001, the number of Afghan asylum applications has fallen by 85 per cent. Similarly, the number of Turkish asylum-seekers has decreased by 61 per cent over the same period (*see Figure 7*).

27. Since 2000, the continent of Asia has been the major region of origin of asylum-seekers in the industrialized world. In **Europe**, 40 per cent of those who applied for asylum in 2005 originated from Asia, while asylum-seekers from Africa and Europe accounted for about one quarter each of all asylum applications. Only four per cent of asylum-seekers in Europe originated from Latin America and the Caribbean (*see Figure 8*).



28. In **North America**, Latin America and the Caribbean was the most important source region during 2005 with 41 per cent of all asylum-seekers originating from this region, followed by Asia (34%) and Africa (16%). In **Oceania** (Australia and New Zealand), 82 per cent of all asylum-seekers in 2005 originated from Asia. In **Asia** (Japan and Republic of Korea), 83 per cent of all asylum-seekers originated from Asia. Clearly, regional asylum patterns indicate that geographical proximity, in combination with land borders, is an important determinant of asylum flows.

VI. QUARTERLY TRENDS

29. During the fourth quarter of 2005, 80,300 asylum applications were lodged in the 36 countries providing monthly data, three per cent more than during the third quarter (78,100). The last two quarters of 2005 together (158,400) saw a two per cent increase compared to the first two quarters of the year (154,700). All European regions experienced a 4-5% increase during the fourth quarter of 2005 with the exception of the 10 **new EU countries** which saw a one per cent decrease. Among all regions, the one experiencing the highest fall was **Australia/New Zealand** (-4%) (see Table 7 and Figure 9).

30. After having shown a sharp upward trend during the third quarter of 2005 (+32%), the number of asylum-seekers from the **Russian Federation** decreased by five per cent during the last quarter of 2005. The number of asylum-seekers from **Serbia and Montenegro** rose by 13 per cent during Q2 and remained relatively stable during Q3 and Q4 of 2005. **Iraqi** asylum claims on the other hand increased by 17 per cent during the last two quarters of the year compared to the first two quarters reflecting the deteriorating situation in Iraq. The fourth quarter of the year also witnessed sharp decreases of asylum-seekers from **Haiti** (-26%), **Turkey** (-16%), **Somalia** (-12%) and **Georgia** (-13%) (see Table 9).

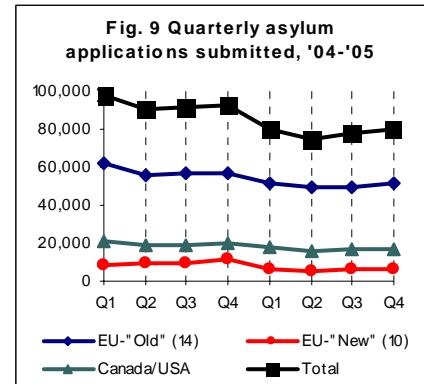


Table 1. Asylum applications submitted in Europe and non-European industrialized countries, 2001-2005

For country notes and regional classification, see next page.

Country/ region of asylum	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total	Annual change '04-'05	Share		Rank		Per 1,000 inhabitants			
								2005	'01-'05	2005	'01-'05	Total		Rank	
												2005	'01-'05	2005	'01-'05
Albania	160	110	30	20	30	350	50%	0%	0%	46	47	0.0	0.1	42	41
Armenia	10	10	80	190	160	450	-16%	0%	0%	38	44	0.1	0.1	33	38
Australia	12,370	5,860	4,300	3,200	3,210	28,940	0%	1%	1%	22	19	0.2	1.4	26	23
Austria	30,140	39,350	32,360	24,630	22,470	148,950	-9%	7%	6%	5	6	2.7	18.2	3	2
Azerbaijan	3,540	1,830	880	870	780	7,900	-10%	0%	0%	31	26	0.1	0.9	30	30
Belarus	220	160	140	170	210	900	24%	0%	0%	36	38	0.0	0.1	40	42
Belgium	24,550	18,810	16,940	15,360	15,960	91,620	4%	5%	4%	8	9	1.5	8.8	6	9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	730	580	740	200	150	2,400	-25%	0%	0%	39	35	0.0	0.6	35	33
Bulgaria	2,430	2,890	1,550	1,130	820	8,820	-27%	0%	0%	29	25	0.1	1.1	29	27
Canada	44,040	39,500	31,940	25,750	19,740	160,970	-23%	6%	6%	6	5	0.6	5.0	17	15
Croatia	90	100	60	160	190	600	19%	0%	0%	37	43	0.0	0.1	34	39
Cyprus	1,770	950	4,410	9,860	7,770	24,760	-21%	2%	1%	13	21	9.3	29.6	1	1
Czech Rep.	18,090	8,480	11,400	5,460	4,020	47,450	-26%	1%	2%	18	13	0.4	4.6	20	17
Denmark	12,510	6,070	4,590	3,240	2,260	28,670	-30%	1%	1%	23	20	0.4	5.3	19	14
Estonia	10	10	10	10	10	50	0%	0%	0%	49	49	0.0	0.0	46	45
Finland	1,650	3,440	3,220	3,860	3,560	15,730	-8%	1%	1%	20	24	0.7	3.0	15	20
France	54,290	58,970	59,770	58,550	50,050	281,630	-15%	15%	11%	1	3	0.8	4.7	11	16
Georgia	-	-	-	10	20	30	100%	0%	0%	47	50	0.0	0.0	49	50
Germany	88,290	71,130	50,560	35,610	28,910	274,500	-19%	9%	11%	4	4	0.3	3.3	21	18
Greece	5,500	5,660	8,180	4,470	9,050	32,860	102%	3%	1%	12	16	0.8	3.0	12	21
Hungary	9,550	6,410	2,400	1,600	1,610	21,570	1%	0%	1%	25	22	0.2	2.1	25	22
Iceland	50	120	80	80	90	420	13%	0%	0%	43	46	0.3	1.4	22	24
Ireland	10,330	11,630	7,900	4,770	4,320	38,950	-9%	1%	2%	17	15	1.0	9.4	10	8
Italy	9,620	16,020	13,460	9,720	9,500	58,320	-2%	3%	2%	11	12	0.2	1.0	24	29
Japan	350	250	340	430	370	1,740	-14%	0%	0%	34	36	0.0	0.0	50	49
Korea, Rep. of	40	40	90	150	410	730	173%	0%	0%	33	40	0.0	0.0	44	48
Latvia	10	30	10	10	20	80	100%	0%	0%	47	48	0.0	0.0	43	47
Liechtenstein	110	100	100	70	50	430	-29%	0%	0%	45	45	1.4	12.5	7	6
Lithuania	260	290	180	170	120	1,020	-29%	0%	0%	40	37	0.0	0.3	37	34
Luxembourg	690	1,040	1,550	1,580	800	5,660	-49%	0%	0%	30	30	1.7	12.2	5	7
Malta	120	350	570	1,000	1,170	3,210	17%	0%	0%	27	33	2.9	8.0	2	10
Moldova, Rep. of	250	110	90	110	110	670	0%	0%	0%	41	41	0.0	0.2	39	37
Netherlands	32,580	18,670	13,400	9,780	12,350	86,780	26%	4%	3%	9	10	0.8	5.3	14	13
New Zealand	1,600	1,000	840	580	350	4,370	-40%	0%	0%	35	32	0.1	1.1	31	28
Norway	14,780	17,480	15,960	7,950	5,400	61,570	-32%	2%	2%	15	11	1.2	13.3	9	4
Poland	4,530	5,170	6,910	8,080	5,440	30,130	-33%	2%	1%	14	18	0.1	0.8	27	31
Portugal	230	250	90	110	110	790	0%	0%	0%	41	39	0.0	0.1	41	43
Romania	2,430	1,150	1,080	660	590	5,910	-11%	0%	0%	32	28	0.0	0.3	38	36
Russian Federation	1,680	880	740	910	960	5,170	5%	0%	0%	28	31	0.0	0.0	47	46
Serbia and Montenegro	150	170	140	60	90	610	50%	0%	0%	43	42	0.0	0.1	45	44
Slovak Republic	8,150	9,700	10,360	11,390	3,490	43,090	-69%	1%	2%	21	14	0.6	8.0	16	11
Slovenia	1,510	700	1,100	1,280	1,600	6,190	25%	0%	0%	26	27	0.8	3.1	13	19
Spain	9,490	6,310	5,920	5,540	5,260	32,520	-5%	2%	1%	16	17	0.1	0.8	28	32
Sweden	23,520	33,020	31,350	23,160	17,530	128,580	-24%	5%	5%	7	7	1.9	14.2	4	3
Switzerland	20,630	26,130	20,810	14,250	10,060	91,880	-29%	3%	4%	10	8	1.4	12.7	8	5
TYR Macedonia	200	120	2,280	100	10	2,710	-90%	0%	0%	49	34	0.0	1.3	48	25
Turkey	5,040	3,800	3,950	3,910	3,910	20,610	0%	1%	1%	19	23	0.1	0.3	32	35
Ukraine	920	460	1,370	1,360	1,740	5,850	28%	1%	0%	24	29	0.0	0.1	36	40
United Kingdom	91,600	103,080	60,050	40,620	30,460	325,810	-25%	9%	13%	3	2	0.5	5.5	18	12
United States	104,340	100,270	73,780	52,360	48,770	379,520	-7%	15%	15%	2	1	0.2	1.3	23	26
EU-"Old" (15)	394,990	393,450	309,340	241,000	212,590	1,551,370	-12%	63%	62%			0.6	4.0		
EU-"New" (10)	44,000	32,090	37,350	38,860	25,250	177,550	-35%	8%	7%			0.3	2.4		
EU-Total (25)	438,990	425,540	346,690	279,860	237,840	1,728,920	-15%	71%	69%			0.5	3.8		
Nordic countries (5)	52,510	60,130	55,200	38,290	28,840	234,970	-25%	9%	9%			1.2	9.5		
Western Europe (19)	430,560	437,280	346,290	263,350	228,190	1,705,670	-13%	68%	68%			0.6	4.3		
Former Yugoslavia (5)	2,680	1,670	4,320	1,800	2,040	12,510	13%	1%	0%			0.1	0.5		
Former USSR (7)	6,620	3,450	3,300	3,620	3,980	20,970	10%	1%	1%			0.0	0.1		
Total Europe (44)	492,410	481,740	396,770	312,070	263,210	1,946,200	-16%	78%	77%			0.3	2.4		
Canada/USA (2)	148,380	139,770	105,720	78,110	68,510	540,490	-12%	20%	21%			0.2	1.6		
Australia/New Zealand (2)	13,970	6,860	5,140	3,780	3,560	33,310	-6%	1%	1%			0.1	1.4		
Total non-Europe (6)	162,740	146,920	111,290	82,470	72,850	576,270	-12%	22%	23%			0.1	1.1		
Total (50)	655,150	628,660	508,060	394,540	336,060	2,522,470	-15%					0.2	1.9		

Notes

Source: Governments, UNHCR. See Notes on next page for information on applications registered with UNHCR. In bold: UNHCR estimate.

This table includes final data for 2001 to 2004. In the following tables, the 2004 figures are based on the monthly database. This results in some discrepancies.

All figures have been rounded to the nearest 10.

TABLE 1. NOTESa. Country notes

Australia. Figures since September 2001 exclude persons who arrived off-shore or are being processed on Manus Island, Papua New Guinea or Nauru.

Austria. The 2001 figure includes 5,622 persons who applied for asylum abroad. Few of these, mostly Afghan, asylum-seekers were granted entry.

Azerbaijan. Source: UNHCR.

Bosnia and Herzegovina. UNHCR figures in 2001-2004; Government figure since 2005.

Canada. Sources: Immigration and Refugee Board (2001-2003); Citizenship and Immigration Canada (2004-2005).

Croatia. In addition, UNHCR registered applications for refugee status in 2001 (132), 2002 (69), 2003 (73), 2004 (47) and 2005 (7).

Cyprus. 2001: UNHCR figures. 2002-2005: Gov. figures. In addition, UNHCR registered asylum applications in 2002 (392), 2003 (626), 2004 (74) and 2005 (25).

France. 2005: UNHCR estimate based on official data for the first 11 months.

Germany. In January 2005, the new German Immigration Act came into force enabling family members of Convention refugees to apply for family refugee status. However, the delayed registration of those persons, in particular during the first months of 2005 caused a discrepancy between the cumulative total of monthly asylum claims (27,210) and the total number of asylum claims in Germany (28,914). As such, Table 1 reflects the total number of asylum claims (28,914) whereas all other tables in this report reflect the monthly totals (27,210).

Italy. The 2005 figure (9,500) is an estimate.

Japan. The 2005 figure has been estimated by UNHCR based on official data for the first 11 months.

Republic of Moldova. UNHCR figures in 2001 and 2002; Government figures from 2003 to 2005.

Serbia and Montenegro. Out of the 170 applications submitted in 2002, UNHCR registered 21 applications for refugee status under its mandate.

TfYR Macedonia. 2003: includes 2,278 persons, mainly from Kosovo, with Temporary Humanitarian Assistance Status who applied for asylum.

Turkey. Source: UNHCR.

United States. Figures are a combination of US Fiscal Year and calendar years and include:

- statistics from the Department of Homeland Security, based on the number of cases and multiplied by 1.4 to reflect the number of persons;
- the number of new ("defensive") requests lodged with the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), based on the number of persons.

b. Regional classification

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

EU-"new" (10). Cyprus, Czech Rep., Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovak Republic and Slovenia.

EU-Total (25). EU-"old" plus EU-"new".

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

Eastern Europe (8). Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Rep. of Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine.

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

Former Yugoslavia (5). Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia and TfYR Macedonia.

Former USSR (7). Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Rep. of Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine.

Total Europe (44). All European countries listed.

Total non-Europe (6). Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Rep. of Korea and USA.

Origin	2004	2005	Total	Annual change	Share		Rank	
					2004	2005	2004	2005
Russian Federation	30,571	21,451	52,022	-30%	8.4	7.0	1	2
Serbia and Montenegro	22,446	21,927	44,373	-2%	6.1	7.2	2	1
China	20,062	18,277	38,339	-9%	5.5	6.0	3	3
Turkey	15,867	11,626	27,493	-27%	4.3	3.8	4	5
Iraq	9,850	12,498	22,348	27%	2.7	4.1	9	4
Islamic Rep. of Iran	10,504	9,191	19,695	-13%	2.9	3.0	8	7
Nigeria	11,784	7,903	19,687	-33%	3.2	2.6	6	8
India	12,017	7,459	19,476	-38%	3.3	2.4	5	11
Haiti	8,319	10,533	18,852	27%	2.3	3.4	15	6
Pakistan	11,014	7,753	18,767	-30%	3.0	2.5	7	9
Afghanistan	8,850	7,737	16,587	-13%	2.4	2.5	13	10
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	9,199	7,292	16,491	-21%	2.5	2.4	10	12
Somalia	9,185	7,088	16,273	-23%	2.5	2.3	11	13
Georgia	8,900	7,064	15,964	-21%	2.4	2.3	12	14
Colombia	7,609	5,370	12,979	-29%	2.1	1.8	16	16
Algeria	8,659	4,296	12,955	-50%	2.4	1.4	14	21
Sri Lanka	5,635	5,461	11,096	-3%	1.5	1.8	19	15
Bangladesh	6,472	4,438	10,910	-31%	1.8	1.4	17	20
Rep. of Moldova	5,642	4,677	10,319	-17%	1.5	1.5	18	19
Armenia	5,167	4,794	9,961	-7%	1.4	1.6	22	18
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5,352	4,236	9,588	-21%	1.5	1.4	20	22
Mexico	4,392	5,118	9,510	17%	1.2	1.7	23	17
Ukraine	5,298	3,729	9,027	-30%	1.5	1.2	21	25
Azerbaijan	4,298	3,201	7,499	-26%	1.2	1.0	24	28
Syrian Arab Rep.	3,355	4,139	7,494	23%	0.9	1.4	30	23
Guinea	4,034	3,378	7,412	-16%	1.1	1.1	26	26
Eritrea	3,143	3,977	7,120	27%	0.9	1.3	33	24
Cameroon	4,121	2,869	6,990	-30%	1.1	0.9	25	30
Sudan	3,567	3,186	6,753	-11%	1.0	1.0	28	29
Viet Nam	3,654	2,680	6,334	-27%	1.0	0.9	27	32
Albania	3,440	2,498	5,938	-27%	0.9	0.8	29	33
Bulgaria	2,662	3,212	5,874	21%	0.7	1.0	38	27
Zimbabwe	3,329	2,474	5,803	-26%	0.9	0.8	31	34
Côte d'Ivoire	3,065	2,729	5,794	-11%	0.8	0.9	34	31
Stateless	3,276	2,403	5,679	-27%	0.9	0.8	32	35
Ethiopia	2,960	2,392	5,352	-19%	0.8	0.8	35	36
Romania	2,872	2,385	5,257	-17%	0.8	0.8	36	37
Belarus	2,624	2,214	4,838	-16%	0.7	0.7	39	38
Angola	2,778	1,937	4,715	-30%	0.8	0.6	37	40
Mongolia	2,160	2,203	4,363	2%	0.6	0.7	40	39
Other	67,162	58,618	125,780	-13%	18.4	19.1		
Total	365,294	306,413	671,707	-16%	100.0	100.0		

Table 3. Origin of asylum applications lodged in Europe, 2004 and 2005

Covering 31 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

The 2005 figures are incomplete for France (Jan-Nov only).

Origin	2004	2005	Total	Annual change	Share		Rank	
					2004	2005	2004	2005
Russian Federation	29,492	20,436	49,928	-31%	10.0	8.4	1	2
Serbia and Montenegro	21,968	21,590	43,558	-2%	7.5	8.9	2	1
Turkey	15,381	11,207	26,588	-27%	5.2	4.6	3	4
Iraq	9,415	11,905	21,320	26%	3.2	4.9	8	3
China	11,675	7,710	19,385	-34%	4.0	3.2	4	6
Nigeria	10,970	7,090	18,060	-35%	3.7	2.9	5	8
Islamic Rep. of Iran	9,564	8,349	17,913	-13%	3.3	3.4	7	5
Afghanistan	8,567	7,419	15,986	-13%	2.9	3.0	12	7
Pakistan	9,372	6,567	15,939	-30%	3.2	2.7	9	12
India	9,856	5,816	15,672	-41%	3.4	2.4	6	13
Georgia	8,708	6,912	15,620	-21%	3.0	2.8	10	9
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	8,694	6,886	15,580	-21%	3.0	2.8	11	10
Somalia	8,528	6,687	15,215	-22%	2.9	2.7	14	11
Algeria	8,557	4,208	12,765	-51%	2.9	1.7	13	17
Rep. of Moldova	5,604	4,606	10,210	-18%	1.9	1.9	16	15
Bangladesh	5,761	3,984	9,745	-31%	2.0	1.6	15	20
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5,313	4,165	9,478	-22%	1.8	1.7	17	18
Armenia	4,548	4,256	8,804	-6%	1.5	1.7	19	16
Sri Lanka	4,099	4,051	8,150	-1%	1.4	1.7	21	19
Ukraine	4,825	3,233	8,058	-33%	1.6	1.3	18	23
Haiti	3,160	4,837	7,997	53%	1.1	2.0	26	14
Azerbaijan	4,178	3,115	7,293	-25%	1.4	1.3	20	24
Syrian Arab Rep.	3,186	3,982	7,168	25%	1.1	1.6	25	21
Sudan	3,383	3,035	6,418	-10%	1.2	1.2	23	25
Eritrea	2,781	3,610	6,391	30%	0.9	1.5	30	22
Guinea	3,280	2,752	6,032	-16%	1.1	1.1	24	27
Viet Nam	3,424	2,495	5,919	-27%	1.2	1.0	22	28
Bulgaria	2,458	3,001	5,459	22%	0.8	1.2	34	26
Stateless	3,017	2,342	5,359	-22%	1.0	1.0	27	29
Cameroon	2,845	2,169	5,014	-24%	1.0	0.9	29	32
Côte d'Ivoire	2,574	2,335	4,909	-9%	0.9	1.0	33	30
Romania	2,593	2,144	4,737	-17%	0.9	0.9	32	33
Angola	2,706	1,875	4,581	-31%	0.9	0.8	31	36
Zimbabwe	2,856	1,588	4,444	-44%	1.0	0.7	28	39
Belarus	2,212	1,877	4,089	-15%	0.8	0.8	37	35
Mongolia	2,046	2,018	4,064	-1%	0.7	0.8	38	34
Albania	2,366	1,613	3,979	-32%	0.8	0.7	35	38
TfYR Macedonia	2,279	1,661	3,940	-27%	0.8	0.7	36	37
Colombia	1,206	2,310	3,516	92%	0.4	0.9	40	31
Congo	2,008	1,501	3,509	-25%	0.7	0.6	39	40
Other	38,466	36,495	74,961	-5%	13.1	15.0		
Total	293,921	243,832	537,753	-17%	100.0	100.0		

Table 4. Origin of asylum applications lodged in the European Union, 2004 and 2005 Covering 24 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. The 2005 figures are incomplete for France (Jan-Nov only).									
Origin	2004	2005	Total	Annual change	Share			Rank	
					2004	2005	Total	2004	2005
Russian Federation	28,015	19,465	47,480	-31%	10.4	8.6	9.6	1	2
Serbia and Montenegro	19,283	19,574	38,857	2%	7.2	8.6	7.8	2	1
Turkey	13,983	10,310	24,293	-26%	5.2	4.5	4.9	3	4
China	11,439	7,516	18,955	-34%	4.2	3.3	3.8	4	6
Iraq	8,204	10,611	18,815	29%	3.0	4.7	3.8	10	3
Nigeria	10,253	6,745	16,998	-34%	3.8	3.0	3.4	5	7
Islamic Rep. of Iran	8,882	7,722	16,604	-13%	3.3	3.4	3.3	8	5
Pakistan	9,052	6,373	15,425	-30%	3.4	2.8	3.1	7	10
India	9,607	5,659	15,266	-41%	3.6	2.5	3.1	6	12
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	8,290	6,551	14,841	-21%	3.1	2.9	3.0	9	8
Georgia	7,874	6,479	14,353	-18%	2.9	2.9	2.9	12	9
Afghanistan	6,872	6,323	13,195	-8%	2.5	2.8	2.7	14	11
Somalia	6,892	5,482	12,374	-20%	2.6	2.4	2.5	13	13
Algeria	7,916	3,963	11,879	-50%	2.9	1.7	2.4	11	17
Rep. of Moldova	5,422	4,492	9,914	-17%	2.0	2.0	2.0	16	15
Bangladesh	5,473	3,801	9,274	-31%	2.0	1.7	1.9	15	19
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4,883	3,807	8,690	-22%	1.8	1.7	1.8	17	18
Armenia	4,087	4,005	8,092	-2%	1.5	1.8	1.6	19	16
Haiti	3,156	4,833	7,989	53%	1.2	2.1	1.6	23	14
Ukraine	4,665	3,150	7,815	-32%	1.7	1.4	1.6	18	23
Sri Lanka	3,779	3,753	7,532	-1%	1.4	1.7	1.5	21	20
Azerbaijan	3,946	2,968	6,914	-25%	1.5	1.3	1.4	20	24
Syrian Arab Rep.	2,939	3,734	6,673	27%	1.1	1.6	1.3	25	21
Sudan	3,145	2,836	5,981	-10%	1.2	1.3	1.2	24	25
Eritrea	2,491	3,272	5,763	31%	0.9	1.4	1.2	31	22
Viet Nam	3,325	2,419	5,744	-27%	1.2	1.1	1.2	22	28
Guinea	2,836	2,532	5,368	-11%	1.1	1.1	1.1	26	26
Stateless	2,533	2,042	4,575	-19%	0.9	0.9	0.9	29	31
Cameroon	2,583	1,967	4,550	-24%	1.0	0.9	0.9	28	33
Côte d'Ivoire	2,369	2,115	4,484	-11%	0.9	0.9	0.9	32	30
Romania	2,365	2,000	4,365	-15%	0.9	0.9	0.9	33	32
Zimbabwe	2,813	1,526	4,339	-46%	1.0	0.7	0.9	27	37
Bulgaria	1,799	2,512	4,311	40%	0.7	1.1	0.9	39	27
Angola	2,497	1,736	4,233	-30%	0.9	0.8	0.9	30	36
Mongolia	1,912	1,933	3,845	1%	0.7	0.9	0.8	38	34
Belarus	1,997	1,768	3,765	-11%	0.7	0.8	0.8	35	35
Albania	2,162	1,473	3,635	-32%	0.8	0.6	0.7	34	39
TfYR Macedonia	1,969	1,477	3,446	-25%	0.7	0.7	0.7	36	38
Congo	1,959	1,464	3,423	-25%	0.7	0.6	0.7	37	40
Colombia	1,157	2,261	3,418	95%	0.4	1.0	0.7	40	29
Other	34,807	33,976	68,783	-2%	12.9	15.0	13.9		
Total	269,631	226,625	496,256	-16%	100.0	100.0	100.0		

Table 5. Annual asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, 2004

 Covering 29 major asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. Values between 1 and 4 have been replaced with an asterisk.
 See Annex I for country codes used.

Origin	AUL	AUS	BEL	BUL	CAN	CYP	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GBR	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE
Russian Federation	23	6,185	1,361	10	167	618	1,499	163	210	3,331	305	2,767	138	41	62
Serbia and Montenegro	50	2,841	1,294	-	119	11	21	778	772	3,812	405	3,878	7	180	46
China	822	663	208	6	1,876	339	325	64	36	4,196	2,410	1,182	52	64	152
Turkey	44	1,111	561	12	253	125	31	84	132	4,741	1,590	4,136	120	125	21
India	242	1,842	204	69	1,064	538	47	39	5	819	1,485	1,120	42	34	10
Nigeria	10	1,825	177	82	554	13	50	88	94	1,572	1,210	1,005	325	73	1,776
Pakistan	61	575	308	16	880	1,327	17	81	5	1,046	3,030	1,064	247	54	55
Islamic Rep. of Iran	71	347	512	45	342	668	9	140	95	118	3,990	1,374	228	46	72
Iraq	66	231	388	47	81	131	38	217	118	163	1,880	1,290	936	36	38
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	65	1,471	*	375	19	*	13	45	3,848	1,825	339	27	8	140
Somalia	8	45	139	43	409	*	7	154	243	178	3,295	244	119	18	198
Georgia	*	1,744	211	*	45	759	200	32	92	1,563	150	793	323	288	130
Afghanistan	116	757	287	426	128	80	15	285	164	164	1,605	912	382	38	106
Algeria	-	235	357	46	66	*	44	50	31	4,209	610	752	27	57	66
Haiti	-	-	*	-	170	-	-	*	-	3,133	5	6	-	-	-
Colombia	9	10	26	-	3,631	-	-	*	-	103	145	38	*	-	*
Bangladesh	130	331	35	53	308	2,410	8	20	30	959	550	110	208	29	7
Rep. of Moldova	-	1,351	67	*	25	93	94	7	41	2,227	180	118	67	54	100
Sri Lanka	125	88	57	-	1,128	497	-	16	11	2,246	400	216	35	-	8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	195	109	*	20	8	6	102	93	2,915	25	416	-	*	*
Ukraine	9	424	82	*	205	868	1,599	20	30	665	135	225	90	45	68
Armenia	*	414	477	86	38	127	75	28	42	1,292	50	544	21	16	9
Mexico	-	*	-	-	2,818	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	-	163	117	*	54	-	6	30	21	773	80	1,412	5	*	14
Cameroon	*	78	506	-	106	*	11	6	7	611	385	639	*	8	62
Guinea	*	74	565	-	*	-	*	16	*	1,020	330	340	-	-	37
Viet Nam	33	37	18	*	37	*	362	15	-	29	790	1,660	-	105	*
Sudan	7	71	115	5	69	6	11	17	*	286	1,445	490	90	11	145
Albania	9	79	255	5	317	-	*	26	59	595	345	155	23	-	99
Syrian Arab Rep.	14	134	182	21	74	547	*	56	15	52	410	776	44	10	18
Other	1,342	2,760	5,266	137	10,138	666	975	673	1,253	11,911	11,558	7,607	906	256	1,322
Total	3,201	24,676	15,358	1,127	25,499	9,859	5,460	3,222	3,651	58,577	40,623	35,613	4,466	1,600	4,766

Origin	JPN	LUX	MTA	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	USA	Total
Russian Federation	*	66	*	206	937	*	7,180	8	83	2,402	12	1,288	505	884	30,458
Serbia and Montenegro	-	362	*	395	859	*	*	7	21	55	379	4,022	1,777	308	22,404
China	16	*	-	285	67	49	19	91	9	1,250	*	176	70	5,624	20,057
Turkey	131	*	33	338	149	*	29	49	23	139	187	445	1,154	57	15,824
India	7	-	8	167	17	81	150	65	31	2,954	15	97	80	767	11,999
Nigeria	*	330	14	224	205	*	10	5	1,030	5	*	429	418	245	11,775
Pakistan	12	*	24	66	48	9	211	34	25	801	14	77	211	680	10,980
Islamic Rep. of Iran	18	59	5	450	394	88	9	34	34	58	6	660	200	421	10,493
Iraq	-	9	29	1,043	412	12	6	109	57	110	28	1,456	631	276	9,838
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	22	51	103	49	*	5	7	186	*	-	116	345	123	9,196
Somalia	*	18	490	792	958	13	19	43	13	12	*	905	592	226	9,185
Georgia	-	7	-	73	82	-	47	15	38	985	32	403	731	146	8,892
Afghanistan	-	6	-	689	1,059	-	57	*	14	396	*	903	207	39	8,840
Algeria	-	69	12	67	103	-	9	-	988	11	18	301	480	36	8,645
Haiti	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	5	-	-	*	*	4,989	8,320
Colombia	*	*	*	170	13	*	-	-	632	-	-	19	36	2,759	7,603
Bangladesh	33	*	6	27	30	22	*	30	22	548	17	153	168	218	6,465
Rep. of Moldova	-	*	*	30	34	-	13	13	*	824	31	117	127	13	5,637
Sri Lanka	9	*	15	76	58	29	*	*	14	58	12	21	251	245	5,622
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	34	*	57	118	-	*	*	27	-	106	785	301	19	5,345
Ukraine	-	12	-	17	43	*	72	*	27	64	*	211	102	255	5,281
Armenia	-	10	-	228	46	-	18	-	91	151	*	485	329	579	5,159
Mexico	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	1,563	4,390
Azerbaijan	-	*	-	253	129	-	9	-	5	5	-	1,041	101	66	4,292
Cameroon	11	24	*	91	48	-	5	8	69	*	*	67	201	1,156	4,116
Guinea	*	53	-	116	30	-	*	*	228	-	-	50	412	748	4,034
Viet Nam	*	*	-	22	44	9	16	-	5	154	-	109	52	147	3,654
Sudan	*	29	41	255	33	8	-	15	36	8	-	82	184	99	3,563
Albania	*	48	-	53	112	*	*	*	6	-	193	221	80	743	3,435
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	*	*	180	71	16	7	28	39	48	-	411	127	65	3,353
Other	170	397	254	3,305	1,796	225	170	93	1,605	311	111	8,110	4,372	18,171	95,860
Total	426	1,577	997	9,782	7,945	580	8,077	661	5,369	11,354	1,174	23,161	14,247	41,667	364,715

Table 6. Annual asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, 2005

Covering 29 major asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. Values between 1 and 4 have been replaced with an asterisk. The 2005 figures are incomplete for France and Japan (Jan-Nov only). See Annex I for country codes used.

Origin	AUL	AUS	BEL	BUL	CAN	CYP	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GBR	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE
Serbia and Montenegro	23	4,409	1,203	7	91	*	30	375	457	3,714	190	4,818	*	243	31
Russian Federation	22	4,362	1,438	17	239	357	260	119	233	2,723	195	1,663	343	37	46
China	970	489	304	*	1,630	259	287	71	27	2,446	1,760	595	251	172	96
Iraq	77	221	903	50	112	144	47	264	289	110	1,605	1,895	971	18	55
Turkey	34	1,067	453	16	261	204	33	47	97	3,481	940	2,767	126	65	*
Haiti	-	-	5	-	352	-	-	-	-	4,808	-	9	-	-	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	103	306	497	19	343	569	*	123	79	104	3,480	916	203	25	202
Nigeria	24	881	117	9	579	13	77	55	72	909	1,155	536	406	89	1,276
Pakistan	104	498	222	45	596	596	24	40	6	515	2,260	520	1,154	40	68
Afghanistan	31	928	253	385	238	53	*	173	237	127	1,775	685	458	23	142
India	167	1,530	163	54	888	332	342	72	7	523	1,020	552	166	40	14
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	75	1,272	-	310	29	*	10	39	2,748	1,330	361	13	-	138
Somalia	*	87	113	16	241	*	7	80	320	86	2,100	165	110	7	367
Georgia	-	955	256	*	63	886	52	10	64	747	125	480	1,897	114	151
Sri Lanka	318	34	73	-	851	806	7	22	15	1,870	480	203	87	*	8
Colombia	24	*	27	-	1,117	-	*	-	-	81	85	18	-	*	-
Mexico	*	*	-	-	3,447	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	-
Armenia	-	520	706	60	30	94	53	19	51	1,370	35	502	55	13	14
Rep. of Moldova	*	1,210	43	6	21	88	59	23	43	2,010	120	84	178	20	100
Bangladesh	59	548	84	13	168	498	*	16	26	776	465	84	550	90	20
Algeria	7	187	245	7	53	*	53	45	36	1,900	305	429	48	18	32
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	184	114	-	19	8	*	50	72	2,248	60	313	*	*	-
Syrian Arab Rep.	7	78	228	15	67	1,205	22	46	11	32	390	878	57	18	22
Eritrea	7	7	20	-	118	*	-	8	*	48	1,890	347	17	-	39
Ukraine	5	278	75	5	213	587	988	9	14	419	65	130	268	26	31
Guinea	*	38	643	-	67	-	6	*	7	1,059	170	212	8	-	31
Bulgaria	*	55	434	-	52	70	45	28	569	102	5	267	151	*	*
Azerbaijan	-	126	70	*	28	-	6	24	93	985	65	839	8	*	8
Sudan	8	67	60	*	37	*	15	21	9	362	1,000	227	121	10	203
Cameroon	*	60	530	-	75	26	11	12	40	353	300	335	*	10	57
Other	1,205	3,268	5,406	93	7,429	933	1,580	493	648	13,394	7,095	6,379	1,398	523	1,166
Grand Total	3,208	22,471	15,957	822	19,735	7,768	4,021	2,260	3,563	50,050	30,460	27,210	9,050	1,609	4,321

Origin	JPN	LUX	MTA	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	USA	Total
Serbia and Montenegro	-	215	8	336	468	-	*	*	44	29	520	2,944	1,506	223	21,891
Russian Federation	*	54	-	285	545	*	5,015	6	138	1,031	11	1,057	375	750	21,325
China	16	*	*	356	49	19	7	49	10	243	*	135	87	7,932	18,267
Iraq	-	8	23	1,620	671	22	12	103	41	28	14	2,330	468	382	12,483
Turkey	35	*	11	289	111	*	11	42	21	37	230	423	723	87	11,617
Haiti	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	*	5,344	10,532
Islamic Rep. of Iran	15	41	-	557	279	47	*	34	23	8	*	582	291	334	9,187
Nigeria	*	45	31	154	94	7	8	20	726	29	*	154	219	201	7,890
Pakistan	9	*	13	82	33	8	36	31	7	194	28	70	78	469	7,748
Afghanistan	*	*	*	902	466	*	*	-	10	109	*	435	238	47	7,730
India	-	*	*	169	8	17	11	27	7	564	34	100	53	571	7,436
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	18	54	185	71	*	*	*	170	*	-	95	262	91	7,283
Somalia	-	27	226	1,315	667	10	*	26	24	16	-	422	485	148	7,069
Georgia	-	6	*	213	15	*	40	16	38	244	9	183	397	87	7,054
Sri Lanka	7	-	*	93	58	6	5	*	8	5	8	27	233	228	5,459
Colombia	*	-	*	342	*	*	-	*	1,655	-	-	21	46	1,916	5,344
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	1,665	5,118
Armenia	-	7	-	197	7	-	10	-	67	19	-	274	182	508	4,793
Rep. of Moldova	-	5	-	13	17	-	14	7	6	310	61	98	67	47	4,653
Bangladesh	31	-	-	25	24	23	5	50	54	270	159	129	56	173	4,400
Algeria	-	36	8	54	45	*	*	*	406	-	*	153	186	27	4,291
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	36	-	94	52	-	-	-	12	*	222	387	301	52	4,233
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	-	11	280	79	11	6	38	35	24	*	392	116	71	4,141
Eritrea	-	*	255	204	177	*	-	-	5	-	-	425	159	240	3,973
Ukraine	-	16	*	44	20	-	49	*	10	44	*	93	47	278	3,720
Guinea	-	28	-	105	*	-	13	*	173	*	-	30	211	555	3,374
Bulgaria	*	-	-	8	22	6	12	-	*	7	-	751	461	151	3,205
Azerbaijan	-	*	-	287	84	-	5	-	11	*	-	431	62	57	3,199
Sudan	*	12	243	339	45	*	*	11	83	*	*	55	141	102	3,185
Cameroon	*	20	*	57	37	-	*	*	99	*	*	47	161	623	2,867
Other	240	206	271	3,742	1,251	158	165	113	1,365	266	281	5,286	2,447	15,562	82,363
Grand Total	369	799	1,167	12,347	5,402	348	5,436	594	5,262	3,489	1,596	17,529	10,061	38,921	305,830

Table 7. Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 36 industrialized countries, 2004-2005

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Asylum country	2004				2005				Quarterly change 2005		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4
Australia	763	860	851	727	815	822	798	773	1%	-3%	-3%
Austria	5,922	6,538	6,244	5,972	4,203	4,972	6,265	7,031	18%	26%	12%
Belgium	3,916	3,482	3,672	4,288	4,037	3,695	4,104	4,121	-8%	11%	0%
Bulgaria	267	250	248	362	210	196	227	189	-7%	16%	-17%
Canada	6,353	5,420	6,452	7,274	4,623	4,106	5,179	5,827	-11%	26%	13%
Croatia	39	16	35	71	45	69	35	37	53%	-49%	6%
Cyprus	1,109	2,112	2,841	3,797	2,054	1,990	1,777	1,947	-3%	-11%	10%
Czech Rep.	2,128	1,339	938	1,055	950	853	1,251	967	-10%	47%	-23%
Denmark	919	826	839	638	710	621	501	428	-13%	-19%	-15%
Estonia	8	4	2	1	1	5	4	-	400%	-20%	-100%
Finland	1,050	649	926	1,026	911	877	1,045	730	-4%	19%	-30%
France	15,804	14,169	13,972	14,632	13,915	13,612	11,214	11,309	-2%	-18%	1%
Germany	10,167	8,519	8,618	8,309	6,662	6,660	7,080	6,808	0%	6%	-4%
Greece	1,009	1,747	694	1,016	2,816	2,729	1,636	1,869	-3%	-40%	14%
Hungary	367	378	471	384	403	362	467	377	-10%	29%	-19%
Iceland	17	20	22	16	12	19	39	19	58%	105%	-51%
Ireland	1,256	1,104	1,238	1,168	1,259	957	1,045	1,060	-24%	9%	1%
Japan	112	145	85	84	89	81	95	104	-9%	17%	9%
Latvia	3	1	1	2	1	3	13	3	200%	333%	-77%
Liechtenstein	29	15	15	15	16	15	8	14	-6%	-47%	75%
Lithuania	23	31	58	28	23	33	28	34	43%	-15%	21%
Luxembourg	514	404	356	303	234	212	208	145	-9%	-2%	-30%
Malta	129	141	376	351	411	138	278	340	-66%	101%	22%
Netherlands	2,752	2,080	2,308	2,642	2,696	2,588	2,985	4,078	-4%	15%	37%
New Zealand	204	159	126	91	77	101	92	78	31%	-9%	-15%
Norway	2,184	1,805	2,198	1,758	1,199	1,185	1,499	1,519	-1%	26%	1%
Poland	1,317	1,770	2,145	2,845	1,204	1,117	1,476	1,639	-7%	32%	11%
Portugal	16	30	34	27	30	16	30	37	-47%	88%	23%
Romania	213	134	153	161	165	171	126	132	4%	-26%	5%
Slovakia	2,527	3,839	2,624	2,364	601	771	1,020	1,097	28%	32%	8%
Slovenia	310	311	228	325	371	487	462	276	31%	-5%	-40%
Spain	1,480	1,227	1,129	1,533	1,411	1,180	948	1,723	-16%	-20%	82%
Sweden	6,232	5,213	6,210	5,506	4,167	3,813	4,439	5,110	-8%	16%	15%
Switzerland	4,726	3,681	3,161	2,679	2,213	2,459	2,784	2,605	11%	13%	-6%
United Kingdom	10,730	9,305	10,485	10,100	8,260	7,190	7,705	7,305	-13%	7%	-5%
United States	14,216	13,339	12,473	12,330	13,603	11,833	12,021	11,310	-13%	2%	-6%
EU-"Old" (14)	61,767	55,293	56,725	57,160	51,311	49,122	49,205	51,754	-4%	0%	5%
EU-"New" (10)	7,921	9,926	9,684	11,152	6,019	5,759	6,776	6,680	-4%	18%	-1%
EU-Total (24)	69,688	65,219	66,409	68,312	57,330	54,881	55,981	58,434	-4%	2%	4%
Nordic countries (5)	10,402	8,513	10,195	8,944	6,999	6,515	7,523	7,806	-7%	15%	4%
Western Europe (18)	68,723	60,814	62,121	61,628	54,751	52,800	53,535	55,911	-4%	1%	4%
Total Europe	76,400	70,280	71,390	72,647	60,375	58,173	59,901	62,176	-4%	3%	4%
Canada/USA	20,569	18,759	18,925	19,604	18,226	15,939	17,200	17,137	-13%	8%	0%
Australia/New Zealand	967	1,019	977	818	892	923	890	851	3%	-4%	-4%
Total non-Europe (5)	21,648	19,923	19,987	20,506	19,207	16,943	18,185	18,092	-12%	7%	-1%
Total	98,048	90,203	91,377	93,153	79,582	75,116	78,086	80,268	-6%	4%	3%

Notes

See notes Table 1.

Fourth quarter 2005 for France and Japan: UNHCR estimate, extrapolated from first 11 months.

Italy is not included due to lack of data.

Table 8. Origin of asylum applicants in 36 industrialized countries, 2004

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications				Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Russian Federation	7,715	7,401	6,930	8,525	-4%	-6%	23%	8.0	8.4	7.7	9.3
Serbia and Montenegro	5,856	5,446	5,735	5,409	-7%	5%	-6%	6.1	6.2	6.4	5.9
China	5,246	4,578	5,090	5,148	-13%	11%	1%	5.5	5.2	5.7	5.6
Turkey	4,864	3,763	3,466	3,774	-23%	-8%	9%	5.1	4.3	3.9	4.1
India	3,072	3,760	2,954	2,231	22%	-21%	-24%	3.2	4.3	3.3	2.4
Nigeria	3,221	3,110	3,039	2,414	-3%	-2%	-21%	3.4	3.5	3.4	2.6
Pakistan	2,691	3,049	2,882	2,392	13%	-5%	-17%	2.8	3.5	3.2	2.6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,463	2,192	2,721	3,128	-11%	24%	15%	2.6	2.5	3.0	3.4
Iraq	2,232	2,146	2,486	2,986	-4%	16%	20%	2.3	2.4	2.8	3.3
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,565	2,128	2,133	2,373	-17%	0%	11%	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.6
Somalia	2,821	1,982	2,438	1,944	-30%	23%	-20%	2.9	2.2	2.7	2.1
Georgia	2,238	2,267	2,202	2,193	1%	-3%	0%	2.3	2.6	2.5	2.4
Afghanistan	2,333	2,130	2,172	2,215	-9%	2%	2%	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Algeria	2,722	2,321	1,938	1,678	-15%	-17%	-13%	2.8	2.6	2.2	1.8
Haiti	2,161	2,231	1,792	2,135	3%	-20%	19%	2.3	2.5	2.0	2.3
Colombia	1,888	1,753	1,777	2,191	-7%	1%	23%	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.4
Bangladesh	1,446	2,041	1,583	1,402	41%	-22%	-11%	1.5	2.3	1.8	1.5
Rep. of Moldova	1,038	1,459	1,522	1,623	41%	4%	7%	1.1	1.7	1.7	1.8
Sri Lanka	1,339	1,299	1,578	1,419	-3%	21%	-10%	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,195	1,125	1,435	1,597	-6%	28%	11%	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.7
Ukraine	1,384	1,131	1,241	1,542	-18%	10%	24%	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.7
Armenia	1,490	1,240	1,221	1,216	-17%	-2%	0%	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.3
Mexico	1,013	1,018	1,283	1,078	0%	26%	-16%	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.2
Azerbaijan	1,056	1,019	1,198	1,025	-4%	18%	-14%	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.1
Cameroon	1,172	957	959	1,033	-18%	0%	8%	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Guinea	1,082	915	946	1,091	-15%	3%	15%	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.2
Viet Nam	913	1,016	810	915	11%	-20%	13%	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.0
Sudan	669	790	1,011	1,097	18%	28%	9%	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.2
Albania	1,009	800	798	833	-21%	0%	4%	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9
Syrian Arab Rep.	729	723	927	976	-1%	28%	5%	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.1
Zimbabwe	954	811	837	727	-15%	3%	-13%	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Stateless	854	665	918	839	-22%	38%	-9%	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.9
Eritrea	600	435	1,052	1,056	-28%	142%	0%	0.6	0.5	1.2	1.2
Côte d'Ivoire	727	713	692	933	-2%	-3%	35%	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0
Ethiopia	815	687	784	674	-16%	14%	-14%	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.7
Romania	692	786	644	750	14%	-18%	16%	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.8
Angola	942	641	554	641	-32%	-14%	16%	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.7
Bulgaria	511	464	694	993	-9%	50%	43%	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.1
Belarus	690	693	605	636	0%	-13%	5%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7
Mauritania	683	651	593	550	-5%	-9%	-7%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Other	26,661	23,370	22,920	24,465	-12%	-2%	7%	27.8	26.5	25.6	26.8
Total	96,037	88,305	89,630	91,322	-8%	2%	2%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 9. Origin of asylum applicants in 36 industrialized countries, 2005

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

The 2005 figures are incomplete for France and Japan (Jan-Nov only).

Origin	No. of applications				Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Serbia and Montenegro	5,063	5,743	5,610	5,511	13%	-2%	-2%	6.5	7.8	7.3	7.0
Russian Federation	4,890	4,633	6,122	5,806	-5%	32%	-5%	6.3	6.3	8.0	7.4
China	4,719	4,733	4,530	4,295	0%	-4%	-5%	6.1	6.4	5.9	5.5
Iraq	2,925	2,832	2,991	3,750	-3%	6%	25%	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.8
Turkey	3,123	3,009	2,989	2,505	-4%	-1%	-16%	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.2
Haiti	2,516	2,742	3,033	2,242	9%	11%	-26%	3.2	3.7	4.0	2.8
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,209	2,075	2,311	2,596	-6%	11%	12%	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.3
Nigeria	2,380	1,922	1,818	1,783	-19%	-5%	-2%	3.1	2.6	2.4	2.3
Pakistan	1,688	2,138	2,055	1,872	27%	-4%	-9%	2.2	2.9	2.7	2.4
Afghanistan	1,698	1,965	1,925	2,149	16%	-2%	12%	2.2	2.7	2.5	2.7
India	1,722	1,652	1,880	2,205	-4%	14%	17%	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.8
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,115	1,828	1,744	1,605	-14%	-5%	-8%	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.0
Somalia	1,815	1,474	2,021	1,778	-19%	37%	-12%	2.3	2.0	2.6	2.3
Georgia	2,516	1,775	1,482	1,291	-29%	-17%	-13%	3.2	2.4	1.9	1.6
Sri Lanka	1,646	1,399	1,248	1,168	-15%	-11%	-6%	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.5
Colombia	1,316	1,255	1,254	1,545	-5%	0%	23%	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.0
Mexico	1,031	1,084	1,509	1,494	5%	39%	-1%	1.3	1.5	2.0	1.9
Armenia	1,214	1,125	1,210	1,245	-7%	8%	3%	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6
Rep. of Moldova	1,304	1,432	890	1,051	10%	-38%	18%	1.7	1.9	1.2	1.3
Bangladesh	887	1,125	1,270	1,156	27%	13%	-9%	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.5
Algeria	1,462	1,118	967	749	-24%	-14%	-23%	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,366	1,278	904	688	-6%	-29%	-24%	1.8	1.7	1.2	0.9
Syrian Arab Rep.	766	978	1,056	1,339	28%	8%	27%	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.7
Eritrea	778	647	1,320	1,232	-17%	104%	-7%	1.0	0.9	1.7	1.6
Ukraine	1,199	1,008	800	722	-16%	-21%	-10%	1.5	1.4	1.0	0.9
Guinea	1,073	822	779	704	-23%	-5%	-10%	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.9
Bulgaria	875	813	792	732	-7%	-3%	-8%	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9
Azerbaijan	758	800	836	807	6%	5%	-3%	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
Sudan	799	707	891	789	-12%	26%	-11%	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.0
Cameroon	850	709	663	647	-17%	-6%	-2%	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8
Côte d'Ivoire	823	637	567	702	-23%	-11%	24%	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.9
Viet Nam	785	533	690	672	-32%	29%	-3%	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.9
Albania	673	687	599	539	2%	-13%	-10%	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7
Zimbabwe	445	395	682	952	-11%	73%	40%	0.6	0.5	0.9	1.2
Stateless	564	573	651	615	2%	14%	-6%	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8
Ethiopia	529	513	672	678	-3%	31%	1%	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9
Romania	621	558	442	764	-10%	-21%	73%	0.8	0.8	0.6	1.0
El Salvador	776	502	475	522	-35%	-5%	10%	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.7
Belarus	550	681	492	491	24%	-28%	0%	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.6
Mongolia	584	451	500	668	-23%	11%	34%	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8
Other	19,571	19,037	19,413	22,186	-3%	2%	14%	25.2	25.8	25.4	28.2
Total	77,561	73,645	76,473	78,734	-5%	4%	3%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 10. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe, 2004

Covering 31 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications				Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Russian Federation	7,456	7,097	6,666	8,273	-5%	-6%	24%	9.7	10.0	9.2	11.3
Serbia and Montenegro	5,725	5,336	5,606	5,301	-7%	5%	-5%	7.4	7.5	7.8	7.2
Turkey	4,739	3,629	3,365	3,648	-23%	-7%	8%	6.1	5.1	4.7	5.0
China	3,120	2,607	3,028	2,920	-16%	16%	-4%	4.0	3.7	4.2	4.0
Nigeria	3,003	2,902	2,846	2,219	-3%	-2%	-22%	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.0
India	2,476	3,259	2,464	1,657	32%	-24%	-33%	3.2	4.6	3.4	2.3
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,200	1,996	2,483	2,885	-9%	24%	16%	2.9	2.8	3.4	3.9
Iraq	2,138	2,023	2,393	2,861	-5%	18%	20%	2.8	2.8	3.3	3.9
Pakistan	2,237	2,662	2,491	1,982	19%	-6%	-20%	2.9	3.7	3.4	2.7
Georgia	2,185	2,226	2,158	2,139	2%	-3%	-1%	2.8	3.1	3.0	2.9
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,457	2,032	1,996	2,209	-17%	-2%	11%	3.2	2.9	2.8	3.0
Afghanistan	2,269	2,084	2,058	2,156	-8%	-1%	5%	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9
Algeria	2,688	2,295	1,920	1,654	-15%	-16%	-14%	3.5	3.2	2.7	2.3
Somalia	2,671	1,843	2,270	1,744	-31%	23%	-23%	3.5	2.6	3.1	2.4
Bangladesh	1,265	1,888	1,411	1,197	49%	-25%	-15%	1.6	2.7	2.0	1.6
Rep. of Moldova	1,027	1,452	1,514	1,611	41%	4%	6%	1.3	2.0	2.1	2.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,181	1,119	1,428	1,585	-5%	28%	11%	1.5	1.6	2.0	2.2
Ukraine	1,275	1,024	1,130	1,396	-20%	10%	24%	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.9
Armenia	1,323	1,066	1,090	1,069	-19%	2%	-2%	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5
Azerbaijan	1,014	991	1,176	997	-2%	19%	-15%	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.4
Sri Lanka	930	957	1,173	1,039	3%	23%	-11%	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.4
Viet Nam	840	955	767	862	14%	-20%	12%	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.2
Sudan	616	742	975	1,050	20%	31%	8%	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.4
Guinea	921	749	748	862	-19%	0%	15%	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.2
Syrian Arab Rep.	665	685	895	941	3%	31%	5%	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.3
Haiti	618	943	730	869	53%	-23%	19%	0.8	1.3	1.0	1.2
Stateless	818	601	871	727	-27%	45%	-17%	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.0
Zimbabwe	797	696	727	636	-13%	4%	-13%	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
Cameroon	798	636	632	779	-20%	-1%	23%	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.1
Eritrea	516	367	965	933	-29%	163%	-3%	0.7	0.5	1.3	1.3
Angola	917	627	540	622	-32%	-14%	15%	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.8
Romania	626	706	575	686	13%	-19%	19%	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.9
Côte d'Ivoire	622	600	570	782	-4%	-5%	37%	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.1
Bulgaria	447	416	653	942	-7%	57%	44%	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.3
Albania	689	546	549	582	-21%	1%	6%	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
TfYR Macedonia	644	511	553	571	-21%	8%	3%	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
Belarus	610	523	511	568	-14%	-2%	11%	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8
Liberia	754	566	471	338	-25%	-17%	-28%	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.5
Mongolia	410	419	580	637	2%	38%	10%	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.9
Congo	560	398	476	574	-29%	20%	21%	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8
Other	18,373	16,065	15,451	17,146	-13%	-4%	11%	23.8	22.6	21.4	23.4
Total	77,164	71,142	72,239	73,376	-8%	2%	2%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 11. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe, 2005

Covering 31 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

The 2005 figures are incomplete for France (Jan-Nov only).

Origin	No. of applications				Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Serbia and Montenegro	4,953	5,664	5,528	5,445	14%	-2%	-2%	8.1	9.6	9.1	8.6
Russian Federation	4,640	4,330	5,895	5,571	-7%	36%	-5%	7.6	7.3	9.7	8.9
Iraq	2,785	2,696	2,851	3,573	-3%	6%	25%	4.6	4.6	4.7	5.7
Turkey	3,013	2,912	2,861	2,421	-3%	-2%	-15%	4.9	4.9	4.7	3.8
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,995	1,881	2,100	2,373	-6%	12%	13%	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.8
China	2,134	2,165	1,807	1,604	1%	-17%	-11%	3.5	3.7	3.0	2.5
Afghanistan	1,640	1,899	1,816	2,064	16%	-4%	14%	2.7	3.2	3.0	3.3
Nigeria	2,168	1,735	1,615	1,572	-20%	-7%	-3%	3.5	2.9	2.7	2.5
Georgia	2,482	1,743	1,438	1,249	-30%	-17%	-13%	4.1	3.0	2.4	2.0
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,027	1,749	1,617	1,493	-14%	-8%	-8%	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.4
Somalia	1,698	1,373	1,940	1,676	-19%	41%	-14%	2.8	2.3	3.2	2.7
Pakistan	1,343	1,875	1,738	1,611	40%	-7%	-7%	2.2	3.2	2.9	2.6
India	1,286	1,314	1,442	1,774	2%	10%	23%	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.8
Haiti	1,062	1,531	1,426	818	44%	-7%	-43%	1.7	2.6	2.3	1.3
Rep. of Moldova	1,294	1,420	866	1,026	10%	-39%	18%	2.1	2.4	1.4	1.6
Armenia	1,035	988	1,091	1,142	-5%	10%	5%	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8
Algeria	1,444	1,100	941	723	-24%	-14%	-23%	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,353	1,261	884	667	-7%	-30%	-25%	2.2	2.1	1.5	1.1
Sri Lanka	1,244	1,014	941	852	-18%	-7%	-9%	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.4
Bangladesh	743	1,021	1,155	1,065	37%	13%	-8%	1.2	1.7	1.9	1.7
Syrian Arab Rep.	728	934	1,019	1,301	28%	9%	28%	1.2	1.6	1.7	2.1
Eritrea	699	566	1,203	1,142	-19%	113%	-5%	1.1	1.0	2.0	1.8
Ukraine	1,065	868	698	602	-18%	-20%	-14%	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.0
Azerbaijan	736	780	811	788	6%	4%	-3%	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
Sudan	763	675	844	753	-12%	25%	-11%	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.2
Bulgaria	827	756	743	675	-9%	-2%	-9%	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1
Guinea	892	658	623	579	-26%	-5%	-7%	1.5	1.1	1.0	0.9
Viet Nam	732	485	657	621	-34%	35%	-5%	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.0
Stateless	550	560	626	606	2%	12%	-3%	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
Côte d'Ivoire	697	543	486	609	-22%	-10%	25%	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.0
Colombia	365	571	546	828	56%	-4%	52%	0.6	1.0	0.9	1.3
Cameroon	636	549	500	484	-14%	-9%	-3%	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
Romania	580	507	374	683	-13%	-26%	83%	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.1
Mongolia	522	422	454	620	-19%	8%	37%	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.0
Belarus	493	511	441	432	4%	-14%	-2%	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7
Angola	615	437	435	388	-29%	0%	-11%	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.6
TfYR Macedonia	440	451	452	318	3%	0%	-30%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5
Slovakia	322	417	719	170	30%	72%	-76%	0.5	0.7	1.2	0.3
Albania	470	437	405	301	-7%	-7%	-26%	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.5
Zimbabwe	339	274	400	575	-19%	46%	44%	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.9
Other	13,331	13,589	13,838	17,200	2%	2%	24%	21.8	23.0	22.8	27.3
Total	61,188	58,997	60,698	62,949	-4%	3%	4%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 12. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union, 2004

Covering 24 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR (excluding Italy).

Origin	No. of applications				Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Russian Federation	7,030	6,747	6,264	7,974	-4%	-7%	27%	10.1	10.3	9.4	11.7
Serbia and Montenegro	4,916	4,640	4,975	4,752	-6%	7%	-4%	7.1	7.1	7.5	7.0
Turkey	4,326	3,306	3,016	3,335	-24%	-9%	11%	6.2	5.1	4.5	4.9
China	3,020	2,553	2,972	2,894	-15%	16%	-3%	4.3	3.9	4.5	4.2
Nigeria	2,779	2,693	2,679	2,102	-3%	-1%	-22%	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.1
India	2,395	3,212	2,426	1,574	34%	-24%	-35%	3.4	4.9	3.7	2.3
Pakistan	2,146	2,574	2,427	1,905	20%	-6%	-22%	3.1	3.9	3.7	2.8
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,023	1,856	2,293	2,710	-8%	24%	18%	2.9	2.8	3.5	4.0
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,331	1,923	1,914	2,122	-18%	0%	11%	3.3	2.9	2.9	3.1
Iraq	1,756	1,779	2,121	2,548	1%	19%	20%	2.5	2.7	3.2	3.7
Algeria	2,416	2,146	1,794	1,560	-11%	-16%	-13%	3.5	3.3	2.7	2.3
Georgia	1,922	2,020	1,954	1,978	5%	-3%	1%	2.8	3.1	2.9	2.9
Somalia	2,355	1,429	1,721	1,387	-39%	20%	-19%	3.4	2.2	2.6	2.0
Afghanistan	1,721	1,734	1,672	1,745	1%	-4%	4%	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.6
Bangladesh	1,191	1,822	1,333	1,127	53%	-27%	-15%	1.7	2.8	2.0	1.6
Rep. of Moldova	993	1,409	1,457	1,563	42%	3%	7%	1.4	2.2	2.2	2.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,048	1,014	1,310	1,511	-3%	29%	15%	1.5	1.6	2.0	2.2
Ukraine	1,219	991	1,092	1,363	-19%	10%	25%	1.7	1.5	1.6	2.0
Armenia	1,147	925	1,008	1,007	-19%	9%	0%	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.5
Azerbaijan	959	918	1,114	955	-4%	21%	-14%	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.4
Sri Lanka	850	871	1,093	965	2%	25%	-12%	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.4
Viet Nam	813	926	740	846	14%	-20%	14%	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.2
Haiti	616	941	730	869	53%	-22%	19%	0.9	1.4	1.1	1.3
Sudan	560	676	912	997	21%	35%	9%	0.8	1.0	1.4	1.5
Syrian Arab Rep.	600	624	820	895	4%	31%	9%	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.3
Guinea	716	632	681	807	-12%	8%	19%	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2
Zimbabwe	782	686	713	632	-12%	4%	-11%	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9
Cameroon	703	577	571	732	-18%	-1%	28%	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.1
Stateless	679	525	745	584	-23%	42%	-22%	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.9
Angola	835	572	501	589	-31%	-12%	18%	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.9
Eritrea	437	327	864	863	-25%	164%	0%	0.6	0.5	1.3	1.3
Côte d'Ivoire	565	540	532	732	-4%	-1%	38%	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.1
Romania	570	608	530	657	7%	-13%	24%	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0
Albania	611	509	510	532	-17%	0%	4%	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Belarus	522	473	469	533	-9%	-1%	14%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
TfYR Macedonia	511	444	500	514	-13%	13%	3%	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
Congo	544	389	464	562	-28%	19%	21%	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8
Mongolia	326	395	569	622	21%	44%	9%	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.9
Liberia	682	500	420	301	-27%	-16%	-28%	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.4
Mauritania	534	496	445	383	-7%	-10%	-14%	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6
Other	16,570	14,566	14,320	16,561	-12%	-2%	16%	23.8	22.3	21.6	24.2
Total	69,689	65,221	66,407	68,314	-6%	2%	3%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 13. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union, 2005

Covering 24 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR (excluding Italy).

The 2005 figures are incomplete for France (Jan-Nov only).

Origin	No. of applications				Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Serbia and Montenegro	4,496	5,153	4,942	4,983	15%	-4%	1%	7.8	9.4	8.8	8.5
Russian Federation	4,415	4,128	5,605	5,317	-7%	36%	-5%	7.7	7.5	10.0	9.1
Iraq	2,517	2,394	2,541	3,159	-5%	6%	24%	4.4	4.4	4.5	5.4
Turkey	2,802	2,656	2,625	2,227	-5%	-1%	-15%	4.9	4.8	4.7	3.8
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,886	1,764	1,885	2,187	-6%	7%	16%	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.7
China	2,093	2,112	1,775	1,536	1%	-16%	-13%	3.7	3.8	3.2	2.6
Nigeria	2,066	1,640	1,536	1,503	-21%	-6%	-2%	3.6	3.0	2.7	2.6
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,951	1,668	1,533	1,399	-15%	-8%	-9%	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.4
Georgia	2,380	1,624	1,310	1,165	-32%	-19%	-11%	4.2	3.0	2.3	2.0
Pakistan	1,288	1,839	1,698	1,548	43%	-8%	-9%	2.2	3.4	3.0	2.6
Afghanistan	1,403	1,569	1,529	1,822	12%	-3%	19%	2.4	2.9	2.7	3.1
India	1,214	1,281	1,404	1,760	6%	10%	25%	2.1	2.3	2.5	3.0
Somalia	1,444	1,129	1,592	1,317	-22%	41%	-17%	2.5	2.1	2.8	2.3
Haiti	1,062	1,531	1,425	815	44%	-7%	-43%	1.9	2.8	2.5	1.4
Rep. of Moldova	1,268	1,400	821	1,003	10%	-41%	22%	2.2	2.6	1.5	1.7
Armenia	980	928	1,037	1,060	-5%	12%	2%	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.8
Algeria	1,380	1,049	873	661	-24%	-17%	-24%	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,300	1,176	795	536	-10%	-32%	-33%	2.3	2.1	1.4	0.9
Bangladesh	701	951	1,105	1,044	36%	16%	-6%	1.2	1.7	2.0	1.8
Sri Lanka	1,157	953	867	776	-18%	-9%	-10%	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.3
Syrian Arab Rep.	673	872	958	1,231	30%	10%	28%	1.2	1.6	1.7	2.1
Eritrea	655	538	1,068	1,011	-18%	99%	-5%	1.1	1.0	1.9	1.7
Ukraine	1,053	846	679	572	-20%	-20%	-16%	1.8	1.5	1.2	1.0
Azerbaijan	697	738	782	751	6%	6%	-4%	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.3
Sudan	732	630	773	701	-14%	23%	-9%	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.2
Guinea	816	601	578	537	-26%	-4%	-7%	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.9
Bulgaria	724	634	642	512	-12%	1%	-20%	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.9
Viet Nam	711	465	637	606	-35%	37%	-5%	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.0
Colombia	339	563	541	818	66%	-4%	51%	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.4
Côte d'Ivoire	641	499	442	533	-22%	-11%	21%	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.9
Stateless	480	460	560	542	-4%	22%	-3%	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.9
Romania	558	474	325	643	-15%	-31%	98%	1.0	0.9	0.6	1.1
Cameroon	583	495	455	434	-15%	-8%	-5%	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7
Mongolia	503	410	440	580	-18%	7%	32%	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.0
Belarus	456	487	423	402	7%	-13%	-5%	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7
Angola	557	414	403	362	-26%	-3%	-10%	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6
Slovakia	321	416	717	170	30%	72%	-76%	0.6	0.8	1.3	0.3
Zimbabwe	332	259	382	553	-22%	47%	45%	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.9
TfYR Macedonia	382	409	402	284	7%	-2%	-29%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5
Albania	442	384	367	280	-13%	-4%	-24%	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.5
Other	12,366	12,497	12,450	16,077	1%	0%	29%	21.6	22.8	22.2	27.5
Total	57,328	54,883	55,980	58,434	-4%	2%	4%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 14. Asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, fourth quarter 2005

Covering 29 major asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. Values between 1 and 4 have been replaced with an asterisk. The 2005 origin figures are incomplete for France and Japan (Jan-Nov only). See Annex I for country codes used.

Origin	AUL	AUS	BEL	BUL	CAN	CYP	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GBR	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE
Russian Federation	5	1,362	438	*	76	44	57	10	52	508	55	395	32	8	9
Serbia and Montenegro	*	1,492	231	*	18	*	12	53	92	705	45	1,147	-	54	14
China	249	98	139	-	492	75	28	17	7	236	480	142	37	48	29
Iraq	15	66	235	11	41	47	19	58	105	16	215	563	279	*	11
Islamic Rep. of Iran	12	79	131	8	98	72	*	31	14	34	925	243	73	9	109
Turkey	12	307	143	*	56	28	12	6	26	601	195	589	28	15	-
Haiti	-	-	*	-	144	-	-	-	-	803	-	5	-	-	-
India	41	596	29	*	239	105	236	32	*	40	195	152	38	*	*
Afghanistan	5	259	66	80	63	*	*	43	64	29	565	174	134	10	26
Pakistan	25	155	49	14	141	171	19	*	*	93	490	123	274	*	19
Nigeria	5	203	34	*	171	*	13	10	17	104	305	133	105	25	238
Somalia	-	28	27	13	54	-	*	18	20	12	450	40	22	-	81
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	21	309	-	94	*	*	*	9	475	295	75	5	-	35
Colombia	*	-	9	-	293	-	*	-	-	20	15	*	-	*	-
Mexico	-	*	-	-	1,108	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	21	48	*	17	510	*	6	-	5	65	282	19	9	9
Georgia	-	227	60	-	27	145	15	*	9	97	25	99	218	33	44
Armenia	-	143	240	19	*	15	6	13	20	296	5	129	7	9	*
Eritrea	*	*	7	-	31	-	-	*	-	*	625	91	5	-	13
Sri Lanka	52	5	22	-	222	168	*	12	6	330	115	48	18	-	-
Bangladesh	11	150	36	-	28	140	*	*	5	195	110	23	244	*	-
Rep. of Moldova	-	575	10	*	8	32	8	*	6	139	35	23	29	5	18
Zimbabwe	10	5	*	-	302	-	-	*	-	*	515	9	-	-	12
Azerbaijan	-	47	9	-	9	-	*	*	8	218	10	243	*	*	*
Sudan	-	11	15	-	8	*	8	*	*	50	175	42	43	*	62
Romania	-	49	271	-	44	6	9	*	*	76	25	9	34	8	123
Algeria	*	55	39	*	18	-	12	8	*	271	75	94	*	6	7
Bulgaria	*	27	82	-	18	14	13	-	120	23	5	68	19	-	-
Ukraine	*	65	14	-	57	114	207	*	*	25	20	23	24	6	9
Guinea	-	6	158	-	5	-	*	*	*	164	40	46	*	-	9
Other	302	965	1,229	26	1,934	252	272	93	134	1,567	1,220	1,694	123	122	175
Total	755	7,022	4,082	189	5,818	1,947	966	428	729	7,138	7,295	6,707	1,818	377	1,060

Origin	JPN	LUX	MTA	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	USA	Total
Russian Federation	*	9	-	103	140	*	1,567	*	47	310	8	274	106	151	5,773
Serbia and Montenegro	-	51	-	145	96	-	-	*	5	*	97	833	358	46	5,503
China	-	*	-	101	21	*	-	16	*	64	-	27	25	1,949	4,289
Iraq	-	*	*	651	237	7	*	28	11	*	5	867	137	114	3,749
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	6	-	214	82	12	*	7	5	*	-	239	89	97	2,597
Turkey	*	-	-	82	27	*	*	*	5	16	49	119	160	11	2,501
Haiti	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	1,280	2,242
India	-	-	-	21	5	*	*	-	-	274	*	27	7	149	2,202
Afghanistan	-	*	-	310	104	-	-	-	*	28	-	103	57	17	2,147
Pakistan	*	*	-	33	13	-	*	11	*	67	19	23	23	94	1,870
Nigeria	-	*	15	44	18	-	*	*	177	18	-	49	41	35	1,775
Somalia	-	*	31	479	239	*	-	14	11	*	-	94	91	44	1,777
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	-	63	25	-	*	-	69	*	-	25	69	18	1,600
Colombia	-	-	-	120	-	-	-	*	636	-	-	*	9	422	1,535
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	383	1,494
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	-	*	116	22	7	-	12	7	*	-	125	34	13	1,337
Georgia	-	-	-	73	*	-	7	*	11	56	*	41	80	15	1,288
Armenia	-	-	-	61	*	-	*	-	26	*	-	80	61	101	1,244
Eritrea	-	*	46	34	79	*	-	-	*	-	-	176	51	56	1,230
Sri Lanka	-	-	*	38	11	-	-	*	*	-	*	8	62	42	1,170
Bangladesh	*	-	-	5	*	*	*	-	10	78	7	34	14	45	1,151
Rep. of Moldova	-	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	*	79	*	27	14	17	1,044
Zimbabwe	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	-	-	-	*	17	61	951
Azerbaijan	-	-	-	93	22	-	-	-	7	-	-	108	15	10	809
Sudan	*	*	133	82	7	-	*	*	55	*	*	12	41	27	787
Romania	-	-	-	*	*	5	-	-	*	-	-	25	34	32	760
Algeria	-	5	-	22	18	-	-	-	20	-	-	41	41	7	750
Bulgaria	-	-	-	5	9	-	-	-	*	-	-	136	154	37	734
Ukraine	-	*	-	10	8	-	*	*	-	17	-	28	16	62	716
Guinea	-	5	-	28	*	-	-	-	66	-	-	5	40	120	702
Other	58	45	105	784	320	29	41	21	524	73	73	1,546	669	3,547	17,943
Total	73	145	340	3,726	1,519	78	1,639	131	1,723	1,097	272	5,077	2,517	9,002	73,670

Table 15. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2004

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bulgaria		Canada		Cyprus	
China	822	Russian Fed.	6,185	DR Congo	1,471	Afghanistan	426	Colombia	3,631	Bangladesh	2,410
India	242	Serbia and M.	2,841	Russian Fed.	1,361	Armenia	86	Mexico	2,818	Pakistan	1,327
Malaysia	210	India	1,842	Serbia and M.	1,294	Stateless	85	China	1,876	Ukraine	868
Indonesia	164	Nigeria	1,825	Slovakia	730	Nigeria	82	Sri Lanka	1,128	Georgia	759
Bangladesh	130	Georgia	1,744	Guinea	565	India	69	India	1,064	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	668
Sri Lanka	125	Rep. of Moldova	1,351	Turkey	561	Bangladesh	53	Pakistan	880	Russian Fed.	618
Afghanistan	116	Turkey	1,111	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	512	Iraq	47	United States	750	Syrian Arab Rep.	547
Rep. of Korea	109	Afghanistan	757	Cameroon	506	Algeria	46	Costa Rica	683	India	538
Fiji	84	China	663	Armenia	477	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	45	Nigeria	554	Sri Lanka	497
Philippines	83	Pakistan	575	Rwanda	427	Somalia	43	Peru	529	China	339
Czech Rep.		Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Ukraine	1,599	Serbia and M.	778	Turkey	7	Serbia and M.	772	Turkey	4,741	Turkey	4,136
Russian Fed.	1,499	Afghanistan	285	Azerbaijan	*	Slovakia	329	Algeria	4,209	Serbia and M.	3,878
Viet Nam	362	Iraq	217	Iraq	*	TYFR Macedonia	280	China	4,196	Russian Fed.	2,767
China	325	Russian Fed.	163	Georgia	*	Somalia	243	DR Congo	3,848	Viet Nam	1,660
Belarus	226	Somalia	154	Lithuania	*	Russian Fed.	210	Serbia and M.	3,812	Azerbaijan	1,412
Georgia	200	Occ. Palest. Terr.	145	Uzbekistan	*	Bulgaria	200	Russian Fed.	3,331	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	1,374
Kyrgyzstan	138	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	140	Japan	*	Afghanistan	164	Haiti	3,133	Iraq	1,290
Slovakia	137	Bosnia and H.	102			Turkey	132	Bosnia and H.	2,915	China	1,182
Mongolia	122	Nigeria	88			Romania	132	Sri Lanka	2,246	India	1,120
Rep. of Moldova	94	Turkey	84			Iraq	118	Rep. of Moldova	2,227	Pakistan	1,064
Greece		Croatia		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Japan	
Iraq	936	Turkey	34	Georgia	288	Nigeria	7	Nigeria	1,776	Myanmar	138
Afghanistan	382	Serbia and M.	22	Serbia and M.	180	Bulgaria	7	Romania	286	Turkey	131
Nigeria	325	India	18	Turkey	125	Serbia and M.	6	Somalia	198	Bangladesh	33
Georgia	323	Pakistan	11	Viet Nam	105	Sri Lanka	6	China	152	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	18
Pakistan	247	Algeria	9	Nigeria	73	Iraq	5	Sudan	145	China	16
Iran (Islam. Rep.)	228	TYFR Macedonia	9	Occ. Palest. Terr.	65	Albania	5	DR Congo	140	Pakistan	12
Bangladesh	208	Iraq	7	China	64	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	*	Croatia	131	Cameroon	11
Myanmar	141	Bangladesh	7	Algeria	57	Occ. Palest. Terr.	*	Georgia	130	Sri Lanka	9
Russian Fed.	138	Russian Fed.	5	Pakistan	54	Rep. of Moldova	*	Afghanistan	106	India	7
Turkey	120	Bosnia and H.	5	Rep. of Moldova	54	Russian Fed.	*	Rep. of Moldova	100	Congo	*
Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg		Latvia		Malta		Netherlands	
Serbia and M.	14	Russian Fed.	82	Serbia and M.	362	Azerbaijan	*	Somalia	490	Iraq	1,043
Belarus	12	Pakistan	20	Nigeria	330	Belarus	*	Eritrea	100	Somalia	792
Russian Fed.	9	Afghanistan	8	Algeria	69	Georgia	*	DR Congo	51	Afghanistan	689
TYFR Macedonia	9	Occ. Palest. Terr.	7	Russian Fed.	66	Egypt	*	Sudan	41	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	450
Ukraine	8	Egypt	5	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	59	Romania	*	Occ. Palest. Terr.	38	Burundi	405
Israel	*	Stateless	5	Guinea	53			Turkey	33	Serbia and M.	395
Iran (Islam. Rep.)	*	Belarus	*	Liberia	53			Côte d'Ivoire	31	Turkey	338
Germany	*	Nigeria	*	Albania	48			Iraq	29	China	285
China	*	Georgia	*	Angola	43			Ethiopia	26	Sudan	255
Cameroon	*	Israel	*	Belarus	40			Pakistan	24	Azerbaijan	253
Norway		New Zealand		Poland		Portugal		Romania		Spain	
Afghanistan	1,059	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	88	Russian Fed.	7,180	Russian Fed.	13	Iraq	109	Nigeria	1,030
Somalia	958	India	81	Pakistan	211	Colombia	8	China	91	Algeria	988
Russian Fed.	937	China	49	India	150	Angola	8	India	65	Colombia	632
Serbia and M.	859	Thailand	31	Ukraine	72	Ukraine	6	Turkey	49	Mali	252
Iraq	412	Sri Lanka	29	Afghanistan	57	Belarus	6	Somalia	43	Guinea	228
Iran (Islam. Rep.)	394	Czech Rep.	29	Belarus	49	Armenia	6	Pakistan	34	DR Congo	186
Stateless	298	Chile	26	Georgia	47	Liberia	6	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	34	Guinea-Bissau	114
Nigeria	205	Bangladesh	22	Kazakhstan	30	Guinea-Bissau	6	Bangladesh	30	Côte d'Ivoire	110
Turkey	149	Zimbabwe	20	Turkey	29	Pakistan	5	Syrian Arab Rep.	28	Ghana	108
Ethiopia	148	Syrian Arab Rep.	16	China	19	Cuba	5	Occ. Palest. Terr.	17	Liberia	102
Slovakia		Slovenia		Sweden		Switzerland		United Kingdom		USA	
India	2,954	Serbia and M.	379	Serbia and M.	4,022	Serbia and M.	1,777	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	3,990	China	5,624
Russian Fed.	2,402	Albania	193	Stateless	1,578	Turkey	1,154	Somalia	3,295	Haiti	4,989
China	1,250	Turkey	187	Iraq	1,456	Georgia	731	Pakistan	3,030	Colombia	2,759
Georgia	985	Bosnia and H.	106	Russian Fed.	1,288	Iraq	631	Zimbabwe	2,520	Mexico	1,563
Rep. of Moldova	824	TYFR Macedonia	62	Azerbaijan	1,041	Bulgaria	624	China	2,410	Guatemala	1,508
Pakistan	801	Georgia	32	Somalia	905	Somalia	592	Iraq	1,880	Venezuela	1,444
Bangladesh	548	Rep. of Moldova	31	Afghanistan	903	Russian Fed.	505	DR Congo	1,825	Indonesia	1,441
Afghanistan	396	Iraq	28	Bosnia and H.	785	Algeria	480	Afghanistan	1,605	El Salvador	1,421
Viet Nam	154	Algeria	18	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	660	Nigeria	418	Turkey	1,590	Cameroon	1,156
Armenia	151	Bangladesh	17	Bulgaria	567	Guinea	412	India	1,485	Ethiopia	1,049

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Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bulgaria		Canada		Cyprus	
China	970	Serbia and M.	4,409	Russian Fed.	1,438	Afghanistan	385	Mexico	3,447	Syrian Arab Rep.	1,205
Sri Lanka	318	Russian Fed.	4,362	DR Congo	1,272	Armenia	60	China	1,630	Georgia	886
Malaysia	173	India	1,530	Serbia and M.	1,203	India	54	Colombia	1,117	Sri Lanka	806
India	167	Rep. of Moldova	1,210	Iraq	903	Iraq	50	India	888	Pakistan	596
Indonesia	165	Turkey	1,067	Slovakia	773	Pakistan	45	Sri Lanka	851	Ukraine	587
Pakistan	104	Georgia	955	Armenia	706	Stateless	32	Zimbabwe	616	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	569
Iran (Islam. Rep.)	103	Afghanistan	928	Guinea	643	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	19	Pakistan	596	Bangladesh	498
Iraq	77	Nigeria	881	Rwanda	565	Russian Fed.	17	Nigeria	579	Russian Fed.	357
Rep. of Korea	76	Mongolia	641	Nepal	557	Turkey	16	United States	535	India	332
Nepal	75	Bangladesh	548	Cameroon	530	Somalia	16	Saint Vincent and	398	China	259
Czech Rep.		Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Ukraine	988	Serbia and M.	375	Iraq	*	Bulgaria	569	Haiti	4,808	Serbia and M.	4,818
Slovakia	711	Iraq	264	Russian Fed.	*	Serbia and M.	457	Serbia and M.	3,714	Turkey	2,767
India	342	Afghanistan	173	Turkey	*	Somalia	320	Turkey	3,481	Iraq	1,895
China	287	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	123	Sierra Leone	*	Iraq	289	DR Congo	2,748	Russian Fed.	1,663
Russian Fed.	260	Russian Fed.	119	Zimbabwe	*	Afghanistan	237	Russian Fed.	2,723	Viet Nam	1,212
Belarus	216	Somalia	80			Russian Fed.	233	China	2,446	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	916
Viet Nam	208	Occ. Palest. Terr.	80			TfYR Macedonia	191	Bosnia and H.	2,248	Syrian Arab Rep.	878
Mongolia	119	India	72			Turkey	97	Rep. of Moldova	2,010	Azerbaijan	839
Nigeria	77	China	71			Azerbaijan	93	Algeria	1,900	Afghanistan	685
Stateless	73	Nigeria	55			Iran (Islam. Rep.)	79	Sri Lanka	1,870	China	595
Greece		Croatia		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Japan	
Georgia	1,897	Bangladesh	39	Viet Nam	319	Romania	22	Nigeria	1,276	Myanmar	182
Pakistan	1,154	Serbia and M.	27	Serbia and M.	243	Russian Fed.	10	Romania	385	Turkey	35
Iraq	971	India	15	China	172	Afghanistan	6	Somalia	367	Bangladesh	31
Bangladesh	550	TfYR Macedonia	14	Georgia	114	Rep. of Moldova	5	Sudan	203	China	16
Afghanistan	458	Rep. of Moldova	12	Bangladesh	90	Bulgaria	5	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	202	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	15
Nigeria	406	Russian Fed.	10	Nigeria	89	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	*	Georgia	151	Pakistan	9
Russian Fed.	343	Romania	10	Turkey	65	Georgia	*	Afghanistan	142	Sri Lanka	7
Romania	316	Pakistan	7	India	40	Ukraine	*	DR Congo	138	Nepal	5
Ukraine	268	China	6	Pakistan	40	Algeria	*	Rep. of Moldova	100	DR Congo	*
China	251	Albania	6	Russian Fed.	37	Kazakhstan	*	China	96	Sudan	*
Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg		Latvia		Malta		Netherlands	
Somalia	11	Russian Fed.	86	Serbia and M.	215	Somalia	7	Eritrea	255	Iraq	1,620
Russian Fed.	8	Nigeria	10	Russian Fed.	54	Iraq	7	Sudan	243	Somalia	1,315
Serbia and M.	*	Georgia	*	Nigeria	45	Russian Fed.	*	Somalia	226	Afghanistan	902
Belarus	*	Belarus	*	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	41	Belarus	*	Côte d'Ivoire	92	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	557
Kazakhstan	*	Iraq	*	Algeria	36	Rep. of Moldova	*	DR Congo	54	Burundi	419
Mongolia	*	Afghanistan	*	Bosnia and H.	36	Japan	*	Stateless	48	China	356
Ukraine	*	Kyrgyzstan	*	Albania	33			Nigeria	31	Colombia	342
Bosnia and H.	*	Liberia	*	Guinea	28			Liberia	29	Sudan	339
TfYR Macedonia	*	Somalia	*	Somalia	27			Iraq	23	Serbia and M.	336
Netherlands	*	Sri Lanka	*	Angola	21			Ghana	20	Turkey	289
Norway		New Zealand		Poland		Portugal		Romania		Spain	
Iraq	671	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	47	Russian Fed.	5,015	Colombia	26	Iraq	103	Colombia	1,655
Somalia	667	Czech Rep.	28	Belarus	62	Angola	9	Bangladesh	50	Nigeria	726
Russian Fed.	545	Bangladesh	23	Ukraine	49	Russian Fed.	7	China	49	Algeria	406
Serbia and M.	468	Iraq	22	Georgia	40	DR Congo	7	Turkey	42	Mali	273
Afghanistan	466	Nepal	19	Pakistan	36	India	6	Syrian Arab Rep.	38	Guinea	173
Iran (Islam. Rep.)	279	China	19	Viet Nam	24	Guinea-Bissau	6	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	34	DR Congo	170
Stateless	209	India	17	Kazakhstan	16	Georgia	5	Pakistan	31	Côte d'Ivoire	162
Eritrea	177	Fiji	12	Kyrgyzstan	15	Nepal	5	India	27	Russian Fed.	138
Turkey	111	Syrian Arab Rep.	11	Rep. of Moldova	14	Cuba	5	Somalia	26	Guinea-Bissau	114
Nepal	104	Somalia	10	Guinea	13	Rep. of Moldova	*	Nigeria	20	Cameroon	99
Slovakia		Slovenia		Sweden		Switzerland		United Kingdom		USA	
Russian Fed.	1,031	Serbia and M.	520	Serbia and M.	2,944	Serbia and M.	1,506	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	3,480	China	7,932
India	564	Turkey	230	Iraq	2,330	Turkey	723	Pakistan	2,260	Haiti	5,344
Rep. of Moldova	310	Bosnia and H.	222	Russian Fed.	1,057	Somalia	485	Somalia	2,100	El Salvador	2,076
Bangladesh	270	Bangladesh	159	Stateless	806	Iraq	468	Eritrea	1,890	Colombia	1,916
Georgia	244	Albania	143	Bulgaria	751	Bulgaria	461	Afghanistan	1,775	Mexico	1,665
China	243	TfYR Macedonia	66	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	582	Georgia	397	China	1,760	Guatemala	1,590
Pakistan	194	Rep. of Moldova	61	Libyan Arab Jama	451	Russian Fed.	375	Iraq	1,605	Venezuela	1,094
Afghanistan	109	India	34	Afghanistan	435	Bosnia and H.	301	Zimbabwe	1,355	Ethiopia	850
Viet Nam	99	Pakistan	28	Azerbaijan	431	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	291	DR Congo	1,330	Honduras	773
Occ. Palest. Terr.	55	Iraq	14	Burundi	427	DR Congo	262	Nigeria	1,155	Russian Fed.	750

Table 17. Monthly asylum applications lodged in 36 industrialized countries, 2005

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Asylum country	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Change Nov-Dec
Australia	247	254	314	309	260	253	224	283	291	261	256	256	0%
Austria	1,355	1,238	1,610	1,696	1,606	1,670	1,774	2,231	2,260	2,262	2,437	2,332	-4%
Belgium	1,285	1,286	1,466	1,255	1,206	1,234	1,311	1,370	1,423	1,368	1,358	1,395	3%
Bulgaria	81	40	89	47	79	70	82	69	76	55	42	92	119%
Canada	1,637	1,572	1,414	1,376	1,292	1,438	1,502	1,638	2,039	2,024	2,111	1,692	-20%
Croatia	5	27	13	48	10	11	15	12	8	10	10	17	70%
Cyprus	931	494	629	776	885	329	141	792	844	620	552	775	40%
Czech Rep.	346	297	307	280	261	312	330	489	432	348	348	271	-22%
Denmark	192	265	253	216	213	192	154	162	185	145	150	133	-11%
Estonia	-	1	-	1	1	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	..
Finland	321	284	306	327	286	264	367	309	369	281	207	242	17%
France	4,734	4,405	4,776	4,641	4,270	4,701	3,924	3,502	3,788	3,941	3,197	4,171	30%
Germany	2,338	2,101	2,223	2,266	2,107	2,287	2,150	2,423	2,507	2,247	2,464	2,097	-15%
Greece	443	827	1,546	671	638	1,420	676	496	464	452	714	703	-2%
Hungary	96	109	198	91	110	161	165	135	167	136	135	106	-21%
Iceland	4	5	3	6	9	4	22	10	7	5	5	9	80%
Ireland	393	377	489	320	322	315	325	348	372	320	344	396	15%
Japan	20	35	34	21	27	33	24	43	28	30	43	31	-28%
Latvia	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	7	6	-	2	1	-50%
Liechtenstein	6	1	9	3	4	8	3	3	2	7	4	3	-25%
Lithuania	9	1	13	7	19	7	7	9	12	7	23	4	-83%
Luxembourg	56	84	94	75	67	70	75	59	74	57	39	49	26%
Malta	112	197	102	49	34	55	75	98	105	91	180	69	-62%
Netherlands	886	933	877	903	747	938	837	984	1,164	1,436	1,459	1,183	-19%
New Zealand	25	19	33	40	38	23	30	23	39	34	31	13	-58%
Norway	472	380	347	397	383	405	426	510	563	541	497	481	-3%
Poland	512	342	350	383	372	362	342	474	660	523	431	685	59%
Portugal	9	13	8	7	5	4	10	11	9	15	17	5	-71%
Romania	39	67	59	69	67	35	31	45	50	40	48	44	-8%
Slovakia	341	127	133	299	217	255	240	401	379	415	369	313	-15%
Slovenia	128	120	123	150	153	184	206	115	141	133	89	54	-39%
Spain	317	457	637	383	403	394	321	254	373	619	543	561	3%
Sweden	1,426	1,406	1,335	1,247	1,269	1,297	1,243	1,546	1,650	1,508	1,733	1,869	8%
Switzerland	771	674	768	815	830	814	811	892	1,081	914	886	805	-9%
United Kingdom	3,160	2,600	2,500	2,505	2,300	2,385	2,360	2,710	2,635	2,475	2,500	2,330	-7%
United States	4,090	3,996	5,517	3,556	3,904	4,373	3,849	4,391	3,781	3,574	3,817	3,919	3%
EU-"Old" (14)	16,915	16,276	18,120	16,512	15,439	17,171	15,527	16,405	17,273	17,126	17,162	17,466	2%
EU-"New" (10)	2,475	1,688	1,856	2,036	2,052	1,671	1,508	2,521	2,747	2,273	2,129	2,278	7%
EU-Total (24)	19,390	17,964	19,976	18,548	17,491	18,842	17,035	18,926	20,020	19,399	19,291	19,744	2%
Nordic countries (5)	2,415	2,340	2,244	2,193	2,160	2,162	2,212	2,537	2,774	2,480	2,592	2,734	5%
Western Europe (18)	18,168	17,336	19,247	17,733	16,665	18,402	16,789	17,820	18,926	18,593	18,554	18,764	1%
Total Europe	20,521	18,904	20,950	19,624	18,613	19,936	18,201	20,184	21,516	20,710	20,527	20,939	2%
Canada/USA	5,727	5,568	6,931	4,932	5,196	5,811	5,351	6,029	5,820	5,598	5,928	5,611	-5%
Australia/New Zealand	272	273	347	349	298	276	254	306	330	295	287	269	-6%
Total non-Europe (5)	6,019	5,876	7,312	5,302	5,521	6,120	5,629	6,378	6,178	5,923	6,258	5,911	-6%
Total	26,540	24,780	28,262	24,926	24,134	26,056	23,830	26,562	27,694	26,633	26,785	26,850	0%

Notes

See notes Table 1.

ANNEX I. UNHCR country/territory codes (for administrative purposes only)

Code	Country/territory name	Code	Country/territory name	Code	Country/territory name
AFG	Afghanistan	GNB	Guinea-Bissau	NRU	Nauru
ALB	Albania	GRE	Greece	NZL	New Zealand
ALG	Algeria	GRN	Grenada	OMN	Oman
AND	Andorra	GUA	Guatemala	PAK	Pakistan
ANG	Angola	GUI	Guinea	PAN	Panama
ANT	Antigua and Barbuda	GUY	Guyana	PAR	Paraguay
ARE	Egypt	HAI	Haiti	PER	Peru
ARG	Argentina	HKG	Hong Kong, SAR China	PHI	Philippines
ARM	Armenia	HON	Honduras	PLW	Palau
AUL	Australia	HRV	Croatia	PNG	Papua New Guinea
AUS	Austria	HUN	Hungary	POL	Poland
AZE	Azerbaijan	ICE	Iceland	POR	Portugal
BAH	Bahrain	ICO	Côte d'Ivoire	PUE	Puerto Rico
BAR	Barbados	IND	India	QAT	Qatar
BDI	Burundi	INS	Indonesia	ROM	Romania
BEL	Belgium	IRE	Ireland	RSA	South Africa
BEN	Benin	IRN	Islamic Rep. of Iran	RUS	Russian Federation
BGD	Bangladesh	IRQ	Iraq	RWA	Rwanda
BHS	Bahamas	ISR	Israel	SAL	El Salvador
BHU	Bhutan	ITA	Italy	SAU	Saudi Arabia
BKF	Burkina Faso	JAM	Jamaica	SCG	Serbia and Montenegro
BLR	Belarus	JOR	Jordan	SEN	Senegal
BOL	Bolivia	JPN	Japan	SEY	Seychelles
BOT	Botswana	KAZ	Kazakhstan	SIN	Singapore
BRA	Brazil	KEN	Kenya	SLE	Sierra Leone
BRU	Brunei Darussalam	KGZ	Kyrgyzstan	SMA	San Marino
BSN	Bosnia and Herzegovina	KIR	Kiribati	SOL	Solomon Islands
BUL	Bulgaria	KOR	Rep. of Korea	SOM	Somalia
BZE	Belize	KRN	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	SPA	Spain
CAM	Cambodia	KUW	Kuwait	SRV	Viet Nam
CAN	Canada	LAO	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	STK	Saint Kitts and Nevis
CAR	Central African Republic	LBR	Liberia	STP	Sao Tome and Principe
CHD	Chad	LBY	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	SUD	Sudan
CHI	China	LCA	Saint Lucia	SUR	Suriname
CHL	Chile	LEB	Lebanon	SVK	Slovakia
CMR	Cameroon	LES	Lesotho	SVN	Slovenia
COB	Congo	LIE	Liechtenstein	SWA	Swaziland
COD	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	LKA	Sri Lanka	SWE	Sweden
COI	Comoros	LTU	Lithuania	SWI	Switzerland
COL	Colombia	LUX	Luxembourg	SYR	Syrian Arab Republic
COS	Costa Rica	LVA	Latvia	TAN	United Rep. of Tanzania
CUB	Cuba	MAC	Macau, SAR China	THA	Thailand
CVI	Cape Verde	MAD	Madagascar	TJK	Tajikistan
CYP	Cyprus	MAU	Mauritania	TKM	Turkmenistan
CZE	Czech Republic	MCD	TiYR Macedonia	TMP	Timor-Leste
DEN	Denmark	MCO	Monaco	TOG	Togo
DJB	Djibouti	MDA	Rep. of Moldova	TON	Tonga
DMA	Dominica	MDV	Maldives (the)	TRT	Trinidad and Tobago
DOM	Dominican Republic	MEX	Mexico	TUN	Tunisia
ECU	Ecuador	MLI	Mali	TUR	Turkey
EGU	Equatorial Guinea	MLS	Malaysia	TUV	Tuvalu
ERT	Eritrea	MLW	Malawi	UAE	United Arab Emirates
EST	Estonia	MNG	Mongolia	UGA	Uganda
ETH	Ethiopia	MOR	Morocco	UKR	Ukraine
FIJ	Fiji	MOZ	Mozambique	URU	Uruguay
FIN	Finland	MTA	Malta	USA	United States
FPO	French Polynesia	MTS	Mauritius	UZB	Uzbekistan
FRA	France	MYA	Myanmar	VAN	Vanuatu
GAB	Gabon	NAM	Namibia	VCT	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
GAM	Gambia	NEP	Nepal	VEN	Venezuela
GAZ	Occupied Palestinian Territory	NET	Netherlands	WES	Samoa
GBR	United Kingdom	NGR	Niger	WSH	Western Sahara
GEO	Georgia	NIC	Nicaragua	YEM	Yemen
GFR	Germany	NIG	Nigeria	ZAM	Zambia
GHA	Ghana	NOR	Norway	ZIM	Zimbabwe
		VAR	Various	STA	Stateless