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## Asylum Trends, First half 2014

*Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries*



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# Trends at a Glance

## First half 2014 in review

↘ 47%

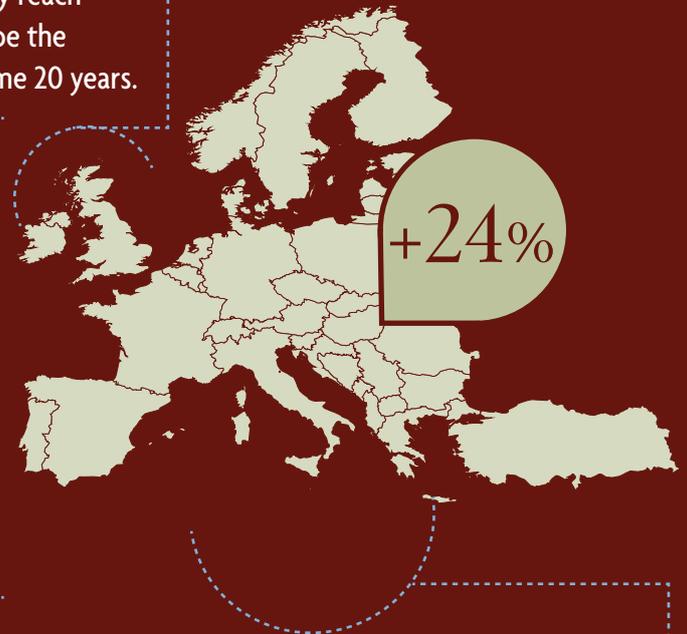
**Central Europe** was the only European region to experience a fall in asylum applications in the first six months of 2014, compared to both the first and second semesters of 2013. These figures went down by 47 per cent and 27 per cent, respectively, with decreases particularly evident in Hungary and Poland.

700,000

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** covered by this report for the whole of 2014 may reach 700,000. This would be the highest number in some 20 years.

↗ 24%

An estimated **330,700 new asylum applications** were recorded between January and June 2014, some 64,300 claims or 24 per cent more than during the corresponding period of 2013 (266,300 claims). This figure is almost identical to the figures recorded during the preceding six months, July through December 2013 (328,100).



264,000

The **38 countries in Europe** recorded **264,000** asylum applications during the first six months of 2014. This is an increase of 24 per cent compared to the corresponding period of 2013 (212,200) but 2 per cent fewer than during the second semester of 2013 (270,600 claims). Europe accounted for four-fifths (80%) of all claims lodged in the 44 industrialized countries in the first half of 2014.



The **28 Member States of the European Union** registered 216,300 asylum claims during the first half of 2014, a 23 per cent increase compared to the corresponding period of 2013 (176,200). These 28 States together accounted for 82 per cent of all new asylum claims registered in Europe.

↗ 73%

Among the European regions, the largest relative increase in mid-year asylum levels was reported by countries in **Southern Europe**. These countries received 60,800 asylum requests during the first half of 2014, a 73 per cent increase compared to the first six months of 2013 (35,200 claims). This growth was mostly due to the number of individuals who requested international protection in Italy and Turkey.

↗ 27%

In **North America**, an estimated **58,600** new asylum applications were submitted during the first six months of 2014, an increase of 12,500 claims or 27 per cent compared to the same period in 2013 (46,100 claims). Canada registered 5,800 new applications (+29%), while the United States of America recorded approximately 52,800 claims (+27%).

2,200

**Japan** registered 2,200 new asylum applications during the first half of 2014, while the **Republic of Korea** recorded 1,000 claims. Although such figures are the highest on record in both countries, these numbers continue to be modest in comparison to other industrialized countries.

↗ 48,400

By and large, the **Syrian Arab Republic** remained the main country of origin of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries. Provisional data indicate that some 48,400 Syrians requested refugee status in the first half of 2014, significantly more than during the first half (18,900 claims) or the second half of 2013 (37,500). If current trends continue, it is likely that the total number of Syrians requesting international protection among the group of 44 industrialized countries will surpass the 2013 level significantly.

5,700

4,600

The reported number of new asylum-seekers in **Australia** decreased by 20 per cent during the first half of 2014 (4,600 claims) compared to the previous year (5,700). In **New Zealand**, 140 asylum applications were registered during the reporting period.



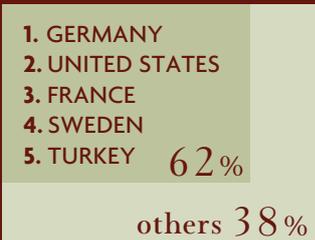
1. SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
2. IRAQ
3. AFGHANISTAN
4. ERITREA
5. SERBIA (AND KOSOVO: S/RES/1244 (1999))

The **Syrian Arab Republic** was followed by **Iraq** (21,300 claims), **Afghanistan** (19,300 claims), **Eritrea** (18,900 claims), and **Serbia (and Kosovo: Security Council resolution 1244 (1999))**<sup>(1)</sup> (12,300 claims). Persons from these five countries together accounted for 120,100 applications or 37 per cent of all asylum claims submitted in industrialized countries.



65,700

With **65,700 new asylum applications** registered during the first half of 2014, **Germany** was the largest single recipient of new asylum claims among the group of industrialized countries.



The **United States of America** was second with 52,800 asylum applications, followed by **France** (29,000), **Sweden** (28,500), and **Turkey** (27,700). The top five receiving countries together accounted for 62 per cent of all asylum claims received by the countries included in this report.

<sup>(1)</sup> Henceforth referred to in this document as "Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))".



**Coming from a range of countries in the Middle East and Africa**, these asylum-seekers and migrants disembark on the Italian island of Sicily, relieved to have made the journey alive. Many have fled Libya, Somalia and the Syrian Arab Republic, and UNHCR is present to help determine who may be in need of international protection.

# 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 2014. The data in this report are based on information available as of 3 September 2014, unless otherwise indicated. These data cover 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: the 28 Member States of the European Union,<sup>(2)</sup> Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)), Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Turkey, as well as Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, and the United States of America. This group of 44 countries received an estimated 330,700 new asylum applications in the first half of 2014.

The numbers in this report reflect new claims made at the first instance of asylum procedures. These figures include neither applications on appeal or review, nor information on the outcome of asylum procedures or on the admission of refugees

through resettlement programmes.

To the extent possible, the statistics presented reflect the number of individuals lodging an asylum application for the first time during the first six months of 2014. However, some of the figures quoted in this report are likely to include repeat applications submitted in the same or another country, and therefore may not reflect the actual number of new asylum-seekers during the period.<sup>(3)</sup>

All data refer to the number of individuals with the exception of asylum-seekers in the United States of America, where figures are available only for the number of cases (which may include several individuals) submitted to the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS). However, applications submitted to the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) of the United States Department of Justice are recorded as individuals. To allow comparability across countries of asylum, UNHCR uses an average figure of

1,356 individuals per case to estimate the number of individuals reported by DHS for 2013, because data suggest that, on average, one asylum case involves 1,356 individuals. In the tables on country of origin, figures for the United States of America are a combination of the number of cases (DHS) and the number of individuals (EOIR), owing to the large variation in family size by nationality.

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

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

<sup>(3)</sup> According to EURODAC (an EU-wide fingerprint database), 29.2 per cent of all asylum claims registered in the system in 2013 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. This compares to 27.5 per cent in 2012. See: <http://goo.gl/SV7RJu>.



**This Syrian woman** who has found refuge in Turkey chats via Skype with relatives in Australia. She is being hosted, together with her family, in a Syriac Christian community church.

# Overview of regional trends

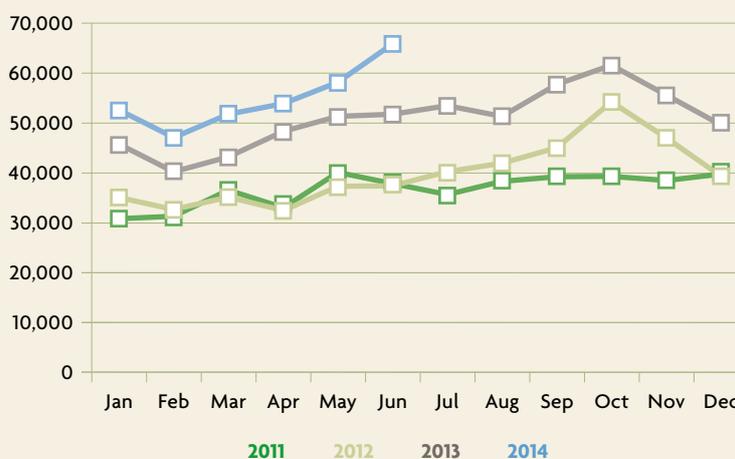
War, armed conflict, and human rights concerns in a number of countries – notably the Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine – are among the principal reasons for the upsurge in the number of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries observed during the first half of 2014. An estimated 330,700 new asylum applications were recorded between January and June 2014, some 64,300 claims or 24 per cent more than during the corresponding period of 2013 (266,300 claims). This figure is almost identical to the figures recorded during the preceding six months of July through December 2013 (328,100).

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Fig. 1 New asylum claims lodged in 44 industrialized countries | 2011 - 2014



(4) See notes in Annex Table 1 for a list of countries included under this regional grouping.

2014, a 23 per cent increase compared to the corresponding period of 2013 (176,200). These 28 States together accounted for 82 per cent of all new asylum claims registered in Europe.

Southern Europe reported the largest relative increase in mid-year asylum levels among the European regions.<sup>(5)</sup> This region received 60,800 asylum requests during the first half of 2014, a 73 per cent increase compared to the first six months of 2013 (35,200 claims). This increase was essentially in the number of individuals who requested international protection in Italy and Turkey. The former registered 24,500 new asylum claims, many of whom arrived by boat, while the number of asylum applications registered by UNHCR in Turkey exceeded 27,700 during the reporting period.<sup>(6)</sup>

Central Europe<sup>(7)</sup> was the only European region to experience a fall in asylum applications in the first six months of 2014, compared to both the first and second semesters of 2013. These figures went down by 47 per cent and 27 per cent, respectively, with decreases being particularly evident in Hungary and Poland. Here, figures dropped from a high of 11,600 (Hungary) and 9,700 applications (Poland) registered during the first half of 2013 to 4,800 and 3,400, respectively. Overall, countries in Central Europe registered 13,400 asylum applications during the first semester of 2014.

The Nordic region<sup>(8)</sup> remained a major destination for asylum-seekers in Europe, with 38,900 new asylum applications registered during the first half of 2014, some 10,300 claims or 36 per cent more than one year earlier (28,600). The current reporting period, however, falls short of the number re-

**TABLE 1** New asylum claims lodged in selected regions by semester | 2013 - 2014

Regions	1 <sup>st</sup> 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> 2014	Change	
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Europe	212,200	270,600	264,000	24.4%	-2.4%
- EU-28	176,200	220,300	216,300	22.8%	-1.8%
United States/Canada	46,100	48,700	58,600	27.1%	20.3%
Japan/ Rep. of Korea	2,100	2,700	3,300	57.1%	22.2%
Australia/ New Zealand	5,900	6,100	4,700	-20.3%	-23.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>266,300</b>	<b>328,100</b>	<b>330,600</b>	<b>24.1%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>

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

corded in the second half of 2013, when a total of 47,800 asylum applications were registered across the region (-19%). Sweden remained by far the largest recipient, with 28,500 asylum applications registered in the first half of the year compared to 18,900 applications a year earlier (+51%). As such, Sweden accounted for three-quarters of all new asylum claims recorded in the region.

The number of asylum claims submitted in North America during the first six months of 2014 (58,600) increased by one quarter compared to the corresponding period the previous year. The figures show a similar trend for Canada and the United States of America, albeit at a different scale. The former registered 5,800 new applications during the reporting period, almost one third (+29%) more than during the first half of 2013 (4,500). The latter recorded approximately 52,800<sup>(9)</sup> claims, an estimated 11,200 claims more than in 2013 (+27%). China remained the main country of origin of asylum-seekers registered in both countries.

In Australia, close to 4,600 asylum claims were registered during the first half of 2014, down 20 per cent

from the corresponding period of 2013 (5,700 claims).<sup>(10)</sup> One third of asylum-seekers in Australia originated from China or India. In New Zealand, levels continue to be fairly low and stable, with 140 asylum applications filed during the first half of 2014.

Japan registered more than 2,200<sup>(11)</sup> new asylum applications in the first part of 2014, a 38 per cent increase compared to the first half of 2013 (1,600 claims). The Republic of Korea registered 1,000 claims between January and June 2014, a doubling compared to the first half of 2013 (510 claims). These are the highest levels on record in both countries. Individuals seeking international protection in Japan were predominantly from Nepal and Turkey, while Egypt, Pakistan, and the Syrian Arab Republic were the main countries of origin of asylum-seekers in the Republic of Korea. ■

(5) Refers to Albania, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain, and Turkey.

(6) This figure includes asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR as well as asylum-seekers who have been pre-registered but who are pending official registration with UNHCR. As of early September 2014, there were some 832,000 registered Syrian refugees in Turkey covered by the Government's Temporary Protection Regime. The number of Syrian asylum-seekers included in this report covers only those who, for specific reasons, have been referred to UNHCR for further evaluation of their international protection needs.

(7) Refers to Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep., Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

(8) Refers to Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

(9) Estimated number of individuals based on the number of new cases (28,087) and multiplied by 1.356 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 (14,749 individuals).

(10) Australian figures are based on the number of applications lodged for protection visas.

(11) Monthly asylum data for Japan is available from 2002. Figures for Japan are UNHCR estimates.

## Countries of asylum

*Having registered a combined 203,700 asylum claims during the first half of 2014, Germany, the United States of America, France, Sweden, and Turkey were the top five receiving countries during that period. Together they accounted for six out of ten (62%) asylum claims submitted in the 44 industrialized countries covered by this report, a ranking identical to 2013. By comparison, during the first half of 2013 some 151,500 claims were registered in these five countries.*

**I**N 2013, Germany registered 109,600 new asylum applications. This figure made Germany, for the first time since 1999, the largest single recipient of new asylum claims among industrialized countries as well as worldwide. This high level has continued into the first part of 2014, with German authorities registering 65,700 new asylum applications, compared to 43,300 recorded during the corresponding period of 2013 (+52%). At current trends Germany is likely to exceed last year's figure, which would constitute the seventh consecutive annual increase.

Germany's 2013 level is partly attributable to a higher number of individuals from the Syrian Arab Republic, Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)), Eritrea, and Albania requesting international protection. Reflecting the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic, applications

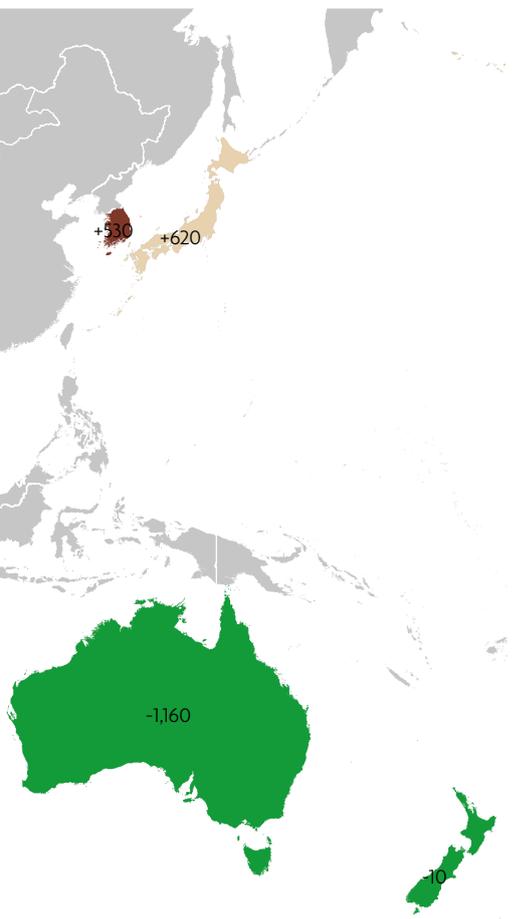
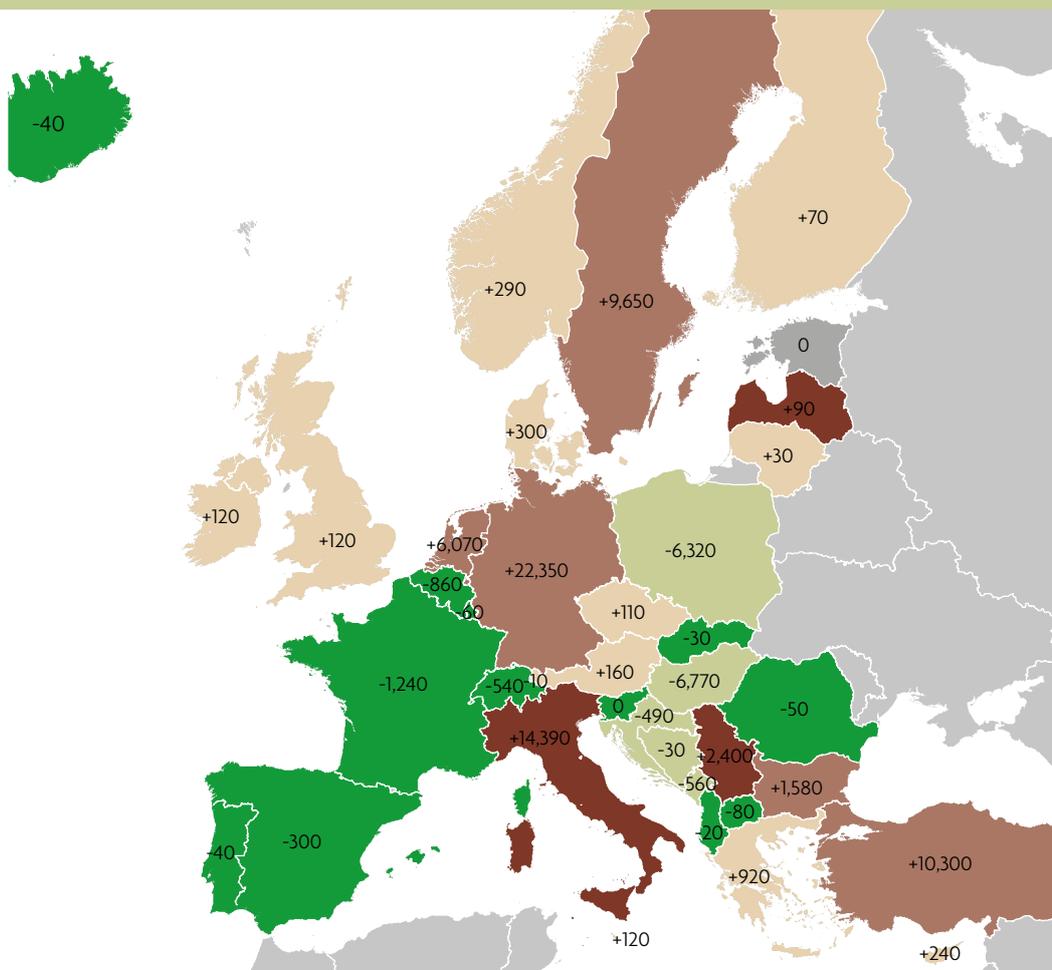
from that country in Germany more than doubled from 4,500 new asylum claims in the first half of 2013 to almost 11,800 a year later. On average, one out of every five asylum claims in Germany was lodged by Syrians.

Applications in Germany lodged by individuals from Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) also more than doubled, from 3,700 to 8,000. Eritrean and Albanian asylum claims likewise increased 12-fold, from 310 to 3,800 each during the same period. In contrast, asylum applications from the Russian Federation plummeted from 10,000 during the first part of 2013 to 2,200 a year later. Overall, the Syrian Arab Republic was the top country of origin of asylum-seekers in Germany,

followed by Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) and Eritrea. On average, every fifth application in the 44 industrialized countries was received by Germany.

The United States of America was the second largest single recipient of new asylum claims during the first six months of 2014, with an estimated 52,800<sup>(12)</sup> asylum claims registered, despite a 27 per cent increase (+11,200 claims) compared to the corresponding period the previous year. Asylum-seekers from Mexico and Central America primarily accounted for this increase, together totalling 16,000 or 38 per cent of all applications. This proportion has consistently increased in recent years, reflecting the deteriorating situation in the region as a result of

<sup>(12)</sup> Figures include statistics from the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), based on the number of cases and multiplied by 1.356 to reflect the estimated number of individuals, and the number of new ('defensive') requests lodged with the US Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), based on the number of individuals. DHS data for 2013 and 2014 is based on the number of cases and multiplied by 1.356 to reflect the estimated number of individuals during this period.



**Increase and decrease of asylum claims**

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

**Note:** This map is limited to the 44 countries which provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR. All figures are rounded off to the closest ten. Colour shadings show relative increase /decrease whereas values show absolute increase/decrease.

violence generated by transnational organized crime, gang-related violence, and drug cartels in some parts of Central America. Still, China remained the main country of origin of asylum-seekers with more than 6,400 claims registered in the first half of the year, virtually unchanged from the corresponding period

in 2013 (6,300 claims). China was followed by Mexico (6,200 claims), El Salvador (3,800), Guatemala (3,800), and Honduras (2,300).

France ranked third among the 44 industrialized countries, with 29,000 new asylum applications registered during the first half of 2014. In contrast to many other European countries, this figure constituted a decrease of 4 per cent compared to the corresponding period of 2013 (30,300). This decrease was partly attributable to a halving of asylum claims from Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)), from 3,100 in the first half of 2013 to about 1,600 claims a year later. Similarly, asylum claims from the Russian Federation and Albania dropped to 1,800 (-26%) and 1,600 (-31%), respectively. Following the trend in other European countries, the number of Syrian asylum applications more than doubled, from 600 to 1,400 during the same period. The Democratic Republic of the Congo remained the top country of origin of asylum-seekers in France with close to 3,100 asylum claims

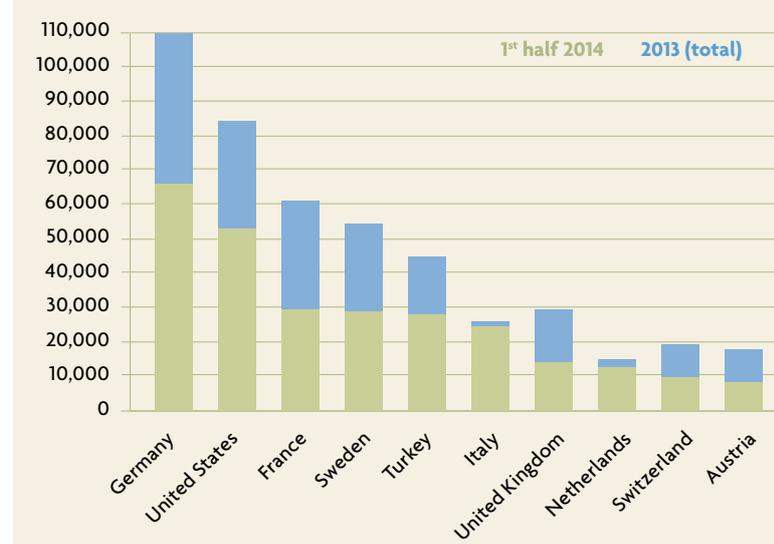
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registered in the first semester of 2014, an increase of 19 per cent.

Sweden ranked fourth among the 44 industrialized countries, with 28,500 new asylum applications received during the first six months of 2014. This corresponded to increases of 51 and 75 per cent, respectively, compared to the first semesters of 2013 and 2012. Nevertheless, the first half of 2014 recorded 6,900 fewer asylum claims than the second half of 2013 (-19%). Still, the consistently high number of Syrian asylum applications contributed to the high number of asylum-seekers in Sweden. Some 11,600 Syrians requested refugee status during the reporting period, identical to the second half of 2013 but a more than doubling compared to the first half of last year (4,700 claims). Eritreans lodged 3,400 asylum applications during the reporting period, three times more than during the corresponding period a year earlier (1,200). The number of asylum applicants reported as being stateless by the Swedish Migration Board more than doubled, from 1,200 to 2,500 applications during the same period.

Turkey was the fifth largest recipient of applications among the 44 industrialized countries, with 27,700 new asylum requests registered during the first half of 2014.<sup>(13)</sup> This is a 59 per cent increase compared to the first half of 2013 (17,400 claims) and the highest half-year value on record. Iraqi asylum-seekers primarily accounted for this increase, with their number almost doubling from 8,000 in the first half of 2013 to 15,700 a year later. As a consequence, Iraqis lodged more than half (57%) of all asylum claims registered by UNHCR in Turkey. Other important source countries of asylum applicants in Turkey were Afghanistan (4,300 claims) and the Islamic Republic of Iran (2,700 claims).

Fig. 2 **New asylum claims lodged in 10 major receiving countries | First half 2014**



With the number of boat arrivals in Italy remaining very high, new asylum applications registered in that country during the first half of 2014 continued to grow. About 24,500 claims were registered during the first six months of the year, almost identical to the total number of applications lodged during the entire previous year (25,700). Italy was thus the sixth largest receiving country during the reporting period. Malian, Nigerian, Gambian, and Senegalese asylum-seekers primarily accounted for this rise, due to a sevenfold (Mali, Gambia, and Senegal) and fourfold (Nigeria) increase in asylum claims. Mali was the leading country of origin of asylum-seekers in Italy during the reporting period (4,700 claims), followed by Nigeria (3,400 claims) and Gambia (3,300 claims).

As recipients of asylum applications during the first half of 2014, Italy was followed by the United Kingdom (14,300 claims), the Netherlands (12,300), Switzerland (9,500), and Austria (8,400). With the exception of the Netherlands, the number of new asylum applications remained relatively stable in the other three countries during the first half of 2014 compared to its corresponding period of 2013. The Dutch authorities reported a doubling of new asylum claims during the first half of the year, largely accounted for by Eritrean and Syrian asylum-seekers. Eritreans lodged 3,500 asylum claims in the first six months of 2014 (up from 260 one year earlier), while Syrians submitted 3,700 new applications (up from 760). ■

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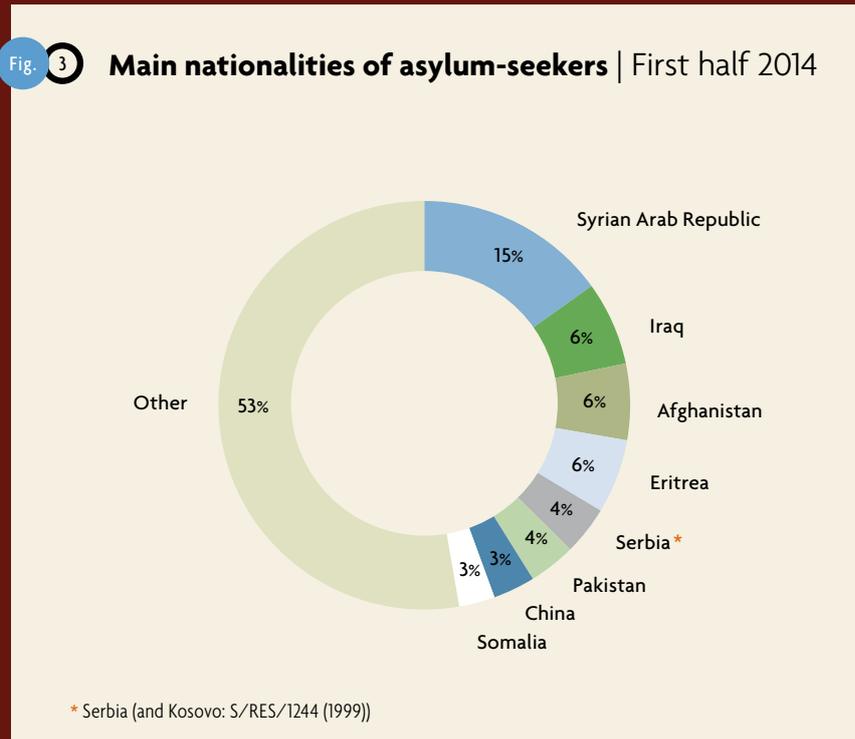
**This Syrian refugee woman**, who is almost blind, escaped the war with her two young sons. Reflecting on their arrival in Greece almost one year ago, they gaze out into the same waters that they traversed to reach Europe.

# Origin of asylum-seekers

The Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq, Afghanistan, Eritrea, and Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) were the top five source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries in the first half of 2014. Combined, persons originating from these five countries lodged 120,100 claims, accounting for 37 per cent of all claims submitted during this period. With the exception of the Russian Federation, this ranking is comparable to the first half of 2013, when the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Afghanistan, Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)), and Iraq were the top-ranking source countries. Among the top five countries of origin in 2014, four are currently experiencing violence, conflict, or human rights concerns.

**B**Y AND LARGE, the Syrian Arab Republic remained the main country of origin of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries, as the armed conflict further deteriorated in the course of 2014. Provisional data indicate that some 48,400 Syrians requested refugee status in the first half of 2014, significantly more than during the first half (18,900 claims) or second half of 2013 (37,500). At current trend, it is likely that the total number of Syrians requesting international protection among the group of 44 industrialized countries will surpass the 2013 level significantly. Last year, some 56,300 Syrians lodged new asylum claims.

Syrians lodged asylum claims in all but one of the 44 industrialized countries (Lithuania) during the first half of 2014. As such, they accounted on average for one out of





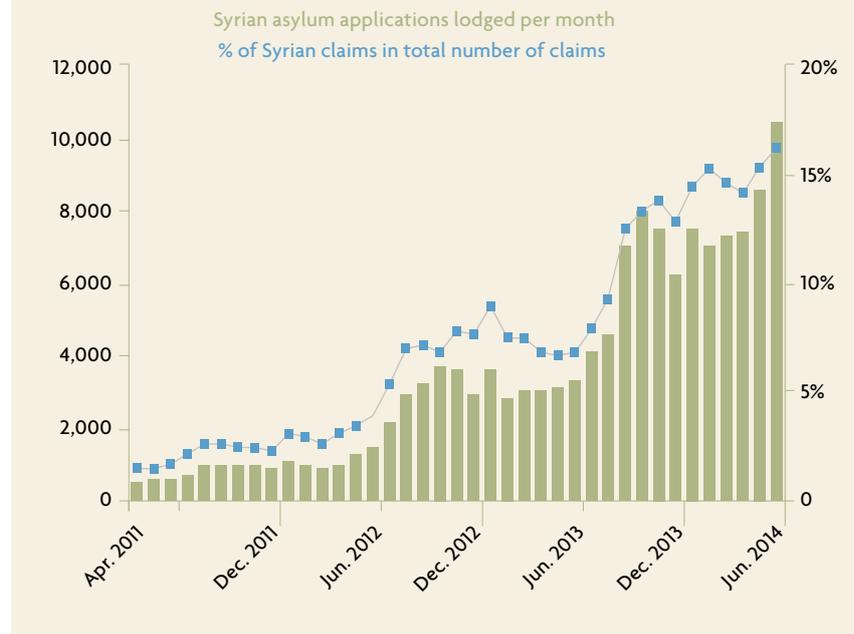
**This Syrian asylum-seeker** represents one of thousands of “red card holders” living in Greece without State support. Unable to see the way forward, he struggles to care for his wife and two children one day at a time.

Despite the fact that Syrians constituted the largest group of asylum-seekers among industrialized countries in 2014, their number remains modest compared to the number of Syrian refugees hosted by countries in the Middle East. The total number registered or awaiting registration in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey had surpassed the 3 million mark at the time of writing this report. ●

every seven new asylum claims, as compared to one in every 10 during 2013. These levels continued to be highest in Germany (11,800 claims) and Sweden (11,600), where figures more than doubled compared to the first half of 2013. Other important destination countries were the Netherlands (3,700 claims), Switzerland (2,200), Austria (2,200), and Bulgaria (2,100).<sup>(14)</sup> In contrast to many other countries that reported increases in Syrian asylum-seekers between the first and second half of 2013 and on into the first half of 2014, a reverse trend was observed in Bulgaria. While figures increased from 720 to 3,700 asylum applications between the first and second half of 2013, they subsequently dropped to 2,100 claims in the current reporting period.

Iraq was the second largest source of asylum-seekers among the 44 industrialized countries. With 21,300 Iraqi asylum claims lodged during the first half of 2014, figures are 56 per cent higher than during the corresponding

**Fig. 4** New Syrian asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries | April 2011 - June 2014



period of 2013 (13,600 claims) but 10 per cent lower than during the second half of 2013 (23,700). Turkey remained the main destination country for Iraqi asylum-seekers, with three-quarters of all Iraqi asylum claims lodged during the first half of 2014 having been registered in that country. Other important destination countries were Germany (1,800 claims) and Italy (460).

Afghanistan was the third largest country of origin of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries in the first half of 2014. Afghans lodged some 19,300 asylum claims during the first two quarters of 2014, roughly 2,500 more than during the same period in 2013 (+15%) but virtually identical to the number during the second half of 2013 (19,200 claims). Turkey remained the prime destination for Afghan asylum-seekers with 4,300 claims registered during the first half of 2014, a figure that remained constant compared to the previous two semesters in 2013 (4,300 and 4,400 applications, respectively). Germany and Hungary were other important destination countries for Afghan asylum-seekers, with 4,100 and 2,000 new asylum applications, respectively.

The number of Eritrean asylum-seekers reached unprecedented levels among the group of 44 industrialized countries. The figure was at its highest with close to 19,000 asylum applications registered during the first half of 2014, more than three times more

**Fig. 5** Eritrean asylum claims lodged in 44 industrialized countries | 1990 - 2014



<sup>(14)</sup> In addition, Turkey registered about 2,500 Syrian asylum applications. This number covers only those who, for specific reasons, have been referred to UNHCR for further evaluation of their international protection needs. As of early September 2014, there were some 832,000 registered Syrian refugees in Turkey covered by the Government's Temporary Protection Regime.



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**Refugees have for decades** remained largely invisible to the people of the Republic of Korea. By the end of 2013, more than 6,600 people had sought asylum in the Republic of Korea from countries such as Myanmar, Pakistan and the Syrian Arab Republic. To shed light on their struggle and inspire people to support the refugee cause, UNHCR, the company Cheil Worldwide and the Seoul Museum of Art joined together earlier this year to hold a 3D refugee figurine exhibit in Seoul.

(+229%) than during the first two quarters of 2013 (5,700 claims) and 18 per cent higher than during the last two quarters of 2013 (16,000). The increase in Eritrean asylum claims was particularly significant during the last quarter of 2014, when 14,600 applied for asylum in the 44 industrialized countries, the highest quarterly level for this nationality ever recorded.

Although Eritreans lodged asylum applications in 34 out of the 44 industrialized countries, the distribution of claims is not spread equally across all countries. Roughly three quarters of all Eritrean claims were submitted in just four countries: Sweden (4,200), Germany (3,800), the Netherlands (3,500), and Switzerland (2,200).

In contrast to the four countries of origin of asylum-seekers previously discussed, those originating from Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) lodged fewer asylum claims during the first half of 2014 than during the corresponding period last year. Some 12,300 asylum claims were recorded, roughly 3,500 claims fewer than during the first half of 2013 and 6,500 fewer

than during the second half of 2013. Figures have plummeted in particular in Hungary, which reported registering 5,300 asylum applications from Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) in the first half of 2013 but only 450 claims one year later. Germany was the main recipient of asylum-seekers from Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) during the reporting period with 8,000 asylum applications, followed by France (1,600) and Sweden (800).

With 11,900 applications submitted by asylum-seekers from Pakistan during the first two quarters of 2014, this figure is at par with the first half of 2013, when 12,100 applications were lodged. This is the third highest semester value on record, making Pakistan the sixth largest source country of asylum-seekers in the industrialized world. With 2,900 claims, Italy registered one quarter of all asylum-seekers from Pakistan during the reporting period, as compared to 1,200 claims one year earlier (+139%). The United Kingdom and Germany were the other two main destination countries, with some 2,100 asylum applications registered in the

former (-9%) and 1,800 claims in the latter (+4%).

Pakistan was followed by China, the country of origin of 10,600 applications during the first semester of 2014, as well as Somalia (9,100), Nigeria (8,900), and the Russian Federation (8,600). Other important source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries during the first half of 2014 were Albania (8,400 claims), the Islamic Republic of Iran (8,000), Mali (6,500), and Mexico (6,300).

In total, 27 of the top 40 countries of origin showed an increase in applications from the first semester of 2013 to the first semester of 2014. The highest relative increase was recorded for Ukrainians, whose asylum claims increased from 700 to 4,100, reflecting the outbreak of conflict in that country. Indeed, the first half of 2014 saw more Ukrainians lodging asylum claims than during the three preceding years together. About 820 Ukrainians lodged asylum applications in Poland during the reporting period, while the United States of America and Italy recorded 520 and 350 applications, respectively. ■



**TABLE 1** Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries

| First quarter 2012 to second quarter 2014

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Country/region of asylum	2012				2013				2014		First semester change			'14-'13 Q1Q2/ Q3Q4
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'13-'12	'14-'13	'14-'12	
Albania	-	5	5	6	12	71	122	21	46	21	1560%	-19%	1240%	-53%
Australia	3,346	4,552	4,418	3,680	3,133	2,612	3,478	2,517	2,216	2,373	-27%	-20%	-42%	-23%
Austria	3,527	3,813	5,184	4,891	3,591	4,649	4,499	4,764	3,610	4,785	12%	2%	14%	-9%
Belgium	5,092	4,299	4,689	4,444	3,338	2,940	3,303	2,922	2,615	2,805	-33%	-14%	-42%	-13%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5	-	13	35	12	44	15	29	9	16	1020%	-55%	400%	-43%
Bulgaria	166	155	267	641	868	936	2,066	3,109	1,969	1,419	462%	88%	955%	-35%
Canada	5,527	5,091	4,560	5,323	2,143	2,337	2,853	3,049	2,975	2,806	-58%	29%	-46%	-2%
Croatia	122	291	360	421	483	238	175	193	127	102	75%	-68%	-45%	-38%
Cyprus	373	403	470	384	317	238	292	399	381	417	-28%	44%	3%	15%
Czech Rep.	138	127	110	142	129	116	138	120	153	198	-8%	43%	32%	36%
Denmark	1,173	1,492	1,586	1,890	1,951	1,623	2,033	1,933	1,522	2,348	34%	8%	45%	-2%
Estonia	16	42	10	9	24	30	20	23	22	32	-7%	0%	-7%	26%
Finland	578	613	888	843	686	656	905	775	688	719	13%	5%	18%	-16%
France	13,715	12,235	13,613	15,692	15,099	15,154	14,670	15,538	15,161	13,848	17%	-4%	12%	-4%
Germany	12,300	11,000	17,163	24,076	19,315	23,996	31,365	34,904	32,223	33,436	86%	52%	182%	-1%
Greece	1,948	2,411	2,084	3,134	2,069	1,874	2,060	2,222	2,446	2,417	-10%	23%	12%	14%
Hungary	457	363	537	799	2,269	9,338	4,312	2,654	2,437	2,399	1315%	-58%	490%	-31%
Iceland	13	23	47	32	73	32	32	35	30	39	192%	-34%	92%	3%
Ireland	239	210	242	248	227	242	215	258	290	301	4%	26%	32%	25%
Italy	3,748	3,605	4,530	5,469	4,668	5,426	7,232	8,394	10,345	14,136	37%	143%	233%	57%
Japan	514	567	648	814	848	776	738	890	1,109	1,139	50%	38%	108%	38%
Latvia	64	61	36	28	24	35	91	35	69	76	-53%	146%	16%	15%
Liechtenstein	14	12	24	24	17	33	30	13	19	17	92%	-28%	38%	-16%
Lithuania	86	151	153	139	59	50	84	84	73	64	-54%	26%	-42%	-18%
Luxembourg	559	640	497	356	213	239	279	257	215	175	-62%	-14%	-67%	-27%
Malta	123	809	693	431	104	343	1,459	294	180	383	-52%	26%	-40%	-68%
Montenegro	98	356	499	578	355	712	1,644	843	118	392	135%	-52%	12%	-79%
Netherlands	2,656	1,914	2,217	2,877	3,237	2,984	3,766	4,412	4,423	7,866	36%	98%	169%	50%
New Zealand	85	78	82	79	77	68	74	73	75	65	-11%	-3%	-14%	-5%
Norway	1,947	2,069	2,631	2,614	2,390	2,379	4,111	2,583	1,913	3,150	19%	6%	26%	-24%
Poland	1,429	1,696	2,935	3,122	2,598	7,068	3,077	1,240	1,700	1,646	209%	-65%	7%	-22%
Portugal	68	84	95	48	71	131	123	181	65	101	33%	-18%	9%	-45%
Rep. of Korea	419	248	242	234	224	287	412	651	389	650	-23%	103%	56%	-2%
Romania	682	775	740	313	340	371	462	326	350	314	-51%	-7%	-54%	-16%
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	392	604	841	931	749	1,155	1,352	1,872	2,069	2,231	91%	126%	332%	33%
- of which Kosovo	14	8	9	14	18	23	21	-	14	29	86%	5%	95%	105%
Slovakia	40	129	220	159	41	92	62	86	56	48	-21%	-22%	-38%	-30%
Slovenia	42	48	67	107	94	73	43	32	71	95	86%	-1%	84%	121%
Spain	643	652	600	684	1,171	1,305	1,086	939	1,044	1,130	91%	-12%	68%	7%
Sweden	7,553	8,785	13,380	14,169	9,736	9,123	16,626	18,774	11,285	17,226	15%	51%	75%	-19%
Switzerland	6,157	6,608	7,312	5,871	5,247	4,806	4,400	4,987	4,475	5,040	-21%	-5%	-25%	1%
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	52	249	152	185	112	411	594	226	192	248	74%	-16%	46%	-46%
Turkey	3,152	4,724	8,234	10,360	7,472	9,954	12,732	14,649	11,066	16,663	121%	59%	252%	1%
United Kingdom	6,192	6,224	7,248	7,746	6,976	7,189	7,561	7,459	7,426	6,857	14%	1%	15%	-5%
United States	17,497	19,076	17,183	17,011	19,383	22,227	21,420	21,366	24,375	28,460	14%	27%	44%	23%
<b>EU-Total (28)</b>	<b>63,729</b>	<b>63,027</b>	<b>80,614</b>	<b>93,262</b>	<b>79,698</b>	<b>96,459</b>	<b>108,004</b>	<b>112,327</b>	<b>100,946</b>	<b>115,343</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>Nordic region (5)</b>	<b>11,264</b>	<b>12,982</b>	<b>18,532</b>	<b>19,548</b>	<b>14,836</b>	<b>13,813</b>	<b>23,707</b>	<b>24,100</b>	<b>15,438</b>	<b>23,482</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>-19%</b>
<b>Central Europe (11)</b>	<b>3,242</b>	<b>3,838</b>	<b>5,435</b>	<b>5,880</b>	<b>6,929</b>	<b>18,347</b>	<b>10,530</b>	<b>7,902</b>	<b>7,027</b>	<b>6,393</b>	<b>257%</b>	<b>-47%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>-27%</b>
<b>Southern Europe (8)</b>	<b>10,055</b>	<b>12,693</b>	<b>16,711</b>	<b>20,516</b>	<b>15,884</b>	<b>19,342</b>	<b>25,106</b>	<b>27,099</b>	<b>25,573</b>	<b>35,268</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>167%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Europe (38)</b>	<b>75,559</b>	<b>77,677</b>	<b>100,372</b>	<b>113,898</b>	<b>96,137</b>	<b>116,056</b>	<b>133,036</b>	<b>137,585</b>	<b>120,883</b>	<b>143,160</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>Non-Europe (6)</b>	<b>27,388</b>	<b>29,612</b>	<b>27,133</b>	<b>27,141</b>	<b>25,808</b>	<b>28,307</b>	<b>28,975</b>	<b>28,546</b>	<b>31,139</b>	<b>35,493</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>North America (2)</b>	<b>23,024</b>	<b>24,167</b>	<b>21,743</b>	<b>22,334</b>	<b>21,526</b>	<b>24,564</b>	<b>24,273</b>	<b>24,415</b>	<b>27,350</b>	<b>31,266</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Australia/New Zealand (2)</b>	<b>3,431</b>	<b>4,630</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>3,759</b>	<b>3,210</b>	<b>2,680</b>	<b>3,552</b>	<b>2,590</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>2,438</b>	<b>-27%</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>-41%</b>	<b>-23%</b>
<b>Japan/Rep. of Korea (2)</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,541</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>1,789</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Total (44)</b>	<b>102,947</b>	<b>107,289</b>	<b>127,505</b>	<b>141,039</b>	<b>121,945</b>	<b>144,363</b>	<b>162,011</b>	<b>166,131</b>	<b>152,022</b>	<b>178,653</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>1%</b>

**Notes**

A dash ("-") indicates that the value is zero or not available.

Source: Governments, UNHCR. All figures are provisional and subject to change. Figures are based on monthly data. May differ from final annual figures published by States due to retroactive changes.

## Notes

### a. Country notes

- Australia.** Australian figures are based on the number of applications lodged for protection visas.
- Belgium.** Figures include accompanying children but exclude repeat applications.
- Canada.** Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada.
- Cyprus.** In addition, UNHCR registered asylum applications in the northern part of Cyprus in 2012 (96), 2013 (113) and 2014 (15).
- France.** Includes asylum applications of minors.
- Japan.** Figures are UNHCR estimates.
- Luxembourg.** Data prior to 2013 includes repeat applications.
- Spain.** Includes applications lodged at Spanish embassies.
- Sweden.** Data prior to 2014 includes repeat applications.
- Turkey.** UNHCR is the source of the data. The 2012 figure has been revised to include all asylum-seekers, both those pre-registered and those registered on a monthly basis. The 2013 figure includes asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR as well as asylum-seekers who have been pre-registered but who are pending official registration with UNHCR. As of early September 2014, there were some 832,000 registered Syrian refugees in Turkey covered by the Government's Temporary Protection Regime. The number of Syrian asylum-seekers included in the annex tables covers only those who for specific reasons have been referred to UNHCR for further evaluation of their international protection needs.

**United States of America.** Figures include (1) statistics from the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), based on the number of cases and multiplied by 1.356 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. DHS data for 2013 and 2014 is based on the number of cases and multiplied by 1.356 to reflect the estimated number of individuals during this period. A factor of 1.106 has been applied for 2012 data.

### b. Regional classification

- EU-Total (28).** All Member States of the European Union as at 1 July 2013.
- 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.
- Southern Europe (8).** Albania, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain and Turkey.
- Europe (38).** All 38 European countries listed.
- Non-Europe (6).** All 6 non-European countries listed.
- North America (2).** Canada and United States of America.
- Total (44).** All countries listed.

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

| First quarter 2012 to second quarter 2014

Covering all 44 asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2014. Totals between this table and Table 1 differ because figures for the United States (DHS) by origin reflect the number of cases.

Origin	2012				2013				2014		First semester change			'14-'13
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'13-'12	'14-'13	'14-'12	Q1Q2/ Q3Q4
Syrian Arab Rep.	2,914	3,736	8,286	10,282	9,437	9,480	15,674	21,728	21,890	26,486	184%	156%	627%	29%
Eritrea	2,430	2,616	3,306	3,919	2,969	2,763	7,859	8,148	4,278	14,577	14%	229%	274%	18%
Iraq	4,839	4,911	5,291	5,942	6,414	7,194	10,545	13,154	9,205	12,065	40%	56%	118%	-10%
Afghanistan	8,529	9,707	14,045	15,203	8,279	8,602	9,328	9,836	8,990	10,351	-7%	15%	6%	1%
Pakistan	5,023	5,385	6,469	6,761	5,099	6,976	7,317	5,806	6,060	5,798	16%	-2%	14%	-10%
China	6,105	6,397	6,088	5,691	4,598	5,299	5,271	5,028	5,118	5,457	-21%	7%	-15%	3%
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	4,950	3,293	6,713	9,560	5,515	10,302	9,522	9,274	6,910	5,386	92%	-22%	49%	-35%
Nigeria	2,526	2,529	3,002	3,139	3,295	3,314	3,870	4,055	3,753	5,188	31%	35%	77%	13%
Somalia	3,689	4,911	4,703	5,325	4,440	5,514	6,936	6,066	4,343	4,738	16%	-9%	6%	-30%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	4,195	4,553	5,329	5,833	4,729	5,421	5,273	5,034	3,665	4,292	16%	-22%	-9%	-23%
Mali	447	628	795	1,082	2,156	1,999	1,860	1,433	2,417	4,129	287%	58%	509%	99%
Albania	1,000	2,129	2,033	2,564	2,257	2,626	2,652	3,760	4,388	4,038	56%	73%	169%	31%
Russian Federation	4,590	4,091	6,033	7,846	8,125	16,543	9,825	5,313	4,770	3,857	184%	-65%	-1%	-43%
Mexico	2,662	3,220	2,932	2,663	2,520	2,710	2,502	2,495	2,927	3,354	-11%	20%	7%	26%
Stateless	711	954	1,226	1,465	1,199	1,310	4,177	4,017	1,991	3,277	51%	110%	216%	-36%
Ukraine	339	365	379	379	342	352	372	365	1,128	2,969	-1%	490%	482%	456%
Gambia	503	540	561	778	798	921	1,115	1,384	2,113	2,799	65%	186%	371%	97%
India	1,830	1,826	1,715	1,626	1,336	1,513	1,698	1,797	2,058	2,284	-22%	52%	19%	24%
Bangladesh	1,787	1,545	1,444	1,804	1,581	2,765	2,727	2,269	2,088	2,168	30%	-2%	28%	-15%
El Salvador	1,364	1,379	1,146	1,234	1,168	1,523	1,709	1,570	1,870	2,112	-2%	48%	45%	21%
Guatemala	1,073	1,121	992	1,121	1,079	1,262	1,307	1,324	1,783	1,994	7%	61%	72%	44%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,343	2,111	2,029	2,168	2,073	2,072	2,067	2,355	2,336	1,962	-7%	4%	-4%	-3%
Georgia	2,081	2,462	3,357	3,053	2,333	2,036	2,333	2,380	2,049	1,957	-4%	-8%	-12%	-15%
Sudan	710	794	947	968	967	1,017	1,144	1,396	1,167	1,674	32%	43%	89%	12%
Algeria	1,517	1,711	1,665	1,841	2,121	2,736	2,228	1,744	1,633	1,644	50%	-33%	2%	-17%
Senegal	816	838	512	681	632	634	912	1,183	1,423	1,569	-23%	136%	81%	43%
Sri Lanka	2,378	2,713	2,873	2,446	2,216	1,952	1,802	1,789	1,965	1,560	-18%	-15%	-31%	-2%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	693	977	1,990	2,313	881	815	1,723	2,242	2,022	1,506	2%	108%	111%	-11%
Egypt	1,538	1,277	1,293	1,572	1,778	1,944	3,079	2,914	1,780	1,439	32%	-14%	14%	-46%
Guinea	1,315	1,273	1,205	1,430	1,507	1,473	1,674	1,685	1,637	1,401	15%	2%	17%	-10%
Turkey	1,787	1,675	1,595	1,883	1,948	1,611	1,345	1,518	1,676	1,374	3%	-14%	-12%	7%
Honduras	585	653	622	636	639	876	944	916	1,153	1,310	22%	63%	99%	32%
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1,062	1,109	3,218	2,583	897	1,339	2,614	2,879	1,839	1,167	3%	34%	38%	-45%
Ethiopia	766	854	935	1,058	878	945	1,364	1,232	1,026	1,164	13%	20%	35%	-16%
Armenia	1,361	887	1,201	1,368	1,316	1,170	1,037	1,318	1,192	1,090	11%	-8%	2%	-3%
Morocco	837	981	959	1,182	1,320	1,704	1,526	1,313	1,169	1,051	66%	-27%	22%	-22%
Haiti	1,072	951	747	891	918	974	861	954	1,120	966	-6%	10%	3%	15%
Ghana	576	650	837	683	602	710	779	805	834	965	7%	37%	47%	14%
Ecuador	275	398	397	378	427	510	433	517	676	893	39%	67%	133%	65%
Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)	199	231	226	246	190	255	258	312	502	846	3%	203%	213%	136%
Other	18,465	17,696	17,262	18,303	17,221	17,014	18,282	18,669	18,644	20,231	-5%	14%	8%	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>101,882</b>	<b>106,077</b>	<b>126,358</b>	<b>139,900</b>	<b>118,200</b>	<b>140,176</b>	<b>157,944</b>	<b>161,977</b>	<b>147,588</b>	<b>173,088</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>0%</b>

**TABLE 3** Asylum applications lodged in Europe by origin | First quarter 2012 to second quarter 2014

Covering all 38 European asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2014.

Origin	2012				2013				2014		First semester change			'14-'13
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'13-'12	'14-'13	'14-'12	Q1Q2/ Q3Q4
Syrian Arab Rep.	2,612	3,497	7,965	9,776	8,860	8,843	15,066	21,006	21,259	25,870	190%	166%	671%	31%
Eritrea	2,303	2,538	3,210	3,808	2,858	2,619	7,703	7,991	4,101	14,394	13%	238%	282%	18%
Iraq	4,451	4,565	4,893	5,519	6,073	6,818	10,111	12,737	8,789	11,655	43%	59%	127%	-11%
Afghanistan	7,581	8,300	13,338	14,618	7,938	8,420	9,081	9,627	8,823	10,093	3%	16%	19%	1%
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	4,843	3,162	6,629	9,444	5,434	10,215	9,471	9,196	6,824	5,265	95%	-23%	51%	-35%
Pakistan	4,150	4,478	5,595	5,917	4,425	6,332	6,576	5,019	5,359	5,137	25%	-2%	22%	-9%
Nigeria	2,201	2,237	2,640	2,799	3,094	3,069	3,575	3,676	3,436	4,820	39%	34%	86%	14%
Somalia	3,527	4,751	4,530	5,117	4,323	5,352	6,757	5,895	4,126	4,596	17%	-10%	5%	-31%
Mali	376	543	713	1,015	2,066	1,924	1,795	1,403	2,376	4,083	334%	62%	603%	102%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,621	3,795	4,506	5,017	4,144	4,909	4,516	4,630	3,327	3,887	22%	-20%	-3%	-21%
Albania	857	1,992	1,897	2,389	2,156	2,521	2,537	3,669	4,247	3,886	64%	74%	185%	31%
Russian Federation	4,279	3,701	5,707	7,539	7,873	16,237	9,575	5,041	4,515	3,545	202%	-67%	1%	-45%
Stateless	583	682	1,072	1,358	1,085	1,188	3,925	3,928	1,937	3,200	80%	126%	306%	-35%
Gambia	402	456	481	701	730	839	1,059	1,331	2,042	2,717	83%	203%	455%	99%
Ukraine	252	214	275	281	234	197	272	256	897	2,500	-8%	688%	629%	543%
Georgia	2,053	2,436	3,321	3,029	2,312	2,010	2,314	2,343	2,017	1,914	-4%	-9%	-12%	-16%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,213	1,988	1,876	2,011	1,940	1,912	1,907	2,237	2,202	1,822	-8%	4%	-4%	-3%
Algeria	1,468	1,671	1,622	1,780	2,091	2,715	2,183	1,711	1,608	1,628	53%	-33%	3%	-17%
Bangladesh	1,619	1,353	1,235	1,579	1,424	2,454	2,382	1,979	1,726	1,621	30%	-14%	13%	-23%
Sudan	647	742	844	889	909	971	1,076	1,322	1,100	1,599	35%	44%	94%	13%
Senegal	769	788	463	635	598	609	892	1,146	1,389	1,517	-22%	141%	87%	43%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	660	950	1,975	2,300	876	810	1,713	2,234	2,017	1,499	5%	109%	118%	-11%
Guinea	1,232	1,207	1,126	1,365	1,447	1,433	1,610	1,612	1,564	1,339	18%	1%	19%	-10%
China	1,338	1,420	1,323	1,352	1,284	1,376	1,519	1,321	1,353	1,311	-4%	0%	-3%	-6%
Sri Lanka	1,838	1,728	1,545	1,592	1,591	1,592	1,493	1,484	1,651	1,285	-11%	-8%	-18%	-1%
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1,055	1,099	3,208	2,570	886	1,338	2,609	2,874	1,832	1,156	3%	34%	39%	-46%
Turkey	1,504	1,438	1,355	1,628	1,664	1,398	1,132	1,228	1,320	1,058	4%	-22%	-19%	1%
Armenia	1,308	857	1,165	1,315	1,268	1,131	987	1,263	1,136	1,040	11%	-9%	1%	-3%
Morocco	815	957	937	1,161	1,310	1,694	1,523	1,295	1,152	1,026	70%	-27%	23%	-23%
India	756	746	820	822	707	841	867	738	738	910	3%	6%	10%	3%
Egypt	822	629	688	678	707	943	2,028	1,968	1,105	891	14%	21%	38%	-50%
Ghana	503	597	717	577	519	640	694	700	727	857	5%	37%	44%	14%
Côte d'Ivoire	657	633	685	706	702	727	684	586	675	734	11%	-1%	9%	11%
Ethiopia	451	510	545	635	533	541	802	747	590	709	12%	21%	35%	-16%
Tunisia	1,182	1,185	1,017	1,110	1,288	1,239	883	953	684	661	7%	-47%	-43%	-27%
Libya	415	428	435	437	511	427	498	680	552	573	11%	20%	33%	-4%
Cameroon	428	411	354	417	480	471	500	555	561	514	13%	13%	28%	2%
Azerbaijan	600	419	485	581	583	470	612	772	661	484	3%	9%	12%	-17%
Palestinian	195	338	237	248	389	420	507	414	417	442	52%	6%	61%	-7%
Haiti	546	454	297	333	383	426	309	381	398	416	-19%	1%	-19%	18%
Other	8,447	7,782	8,646	8,850	8,442	7,985	9,293	9,637	9,650	10,506	1%	23%	24%	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,559</b>	<b>77,677</b>	<b>100,372</b>	<b>113,898</b>	<b>96,137</b>	<b>116,056</b>	<b>133,036</b>	<b>137,585</b>	<b>120,883</b>	<b>143,160</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>-2%</b>

TABLE 4

## Asylum applications lodged in the European Union (28) by origin

| First quarter 2012 to second quarter 2014

Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2014.

Origin	2012				2013				2014		First semester change			'14-'13
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'13-'12	'14-'13	'14-'12	Q1Q2/ Q3Q4
Syrian Arab Rep.	2,303	3,140	7,449	9,096	8,287	8,085	13,690	18,815	17,354	21,866	201%	140%	621%	21%
Eritrea	1,014	1,091	1,714	2,429	1,845	1,467	5,096	5,978	2,878	11,046	57%	320%	561%	26%
Afghanistan	6,304	6,001	6,930	6,966	5,418	5,511	5,747	7,166	7,249	6,316	-11%	24%	10%	5%
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	4,110	2,755	5,684	9,205	5,180	9,913	9,083	8,985	6,666	5,128	120%	-22%	72%	-35%
Pakistan	4,046	4,301	5,297	5,635	4,220	5,815	5,618	4,545	4,965	4,672	20%	-4%	15%	-5%
Nigeria	1,641	1,578	1,848	2,063	2,254	2,396	3,043	3,260	3,051	4,470	44%	62%	134%	19%
Mali	355	473	642	905	1,837	1,713	1,654	1,293	2,231	3,996	329%	75%	652%	111%
Albania	828	1,928	1,832	2,295	2,086	2,457	2,473	3,570	4,187	3,818	65%	76%	190%	32%
Somalia	2,703	3,458	3,494	4,025	3,417	4,240	5,508	4,916	3,555	3,727	24%	-5%	18%	-30%
Russian Federation	4,178	3,572	5,556	7,323	7,682	16,077	9,358	4,897	4,406	3,464	207%	-67%	2%	-45%
Stateless	523	612	988	1,300	991	1,110	3,698	3,773	1,815	3,019	85%	130%	326%	-35%
Gambia	302	329	324	497	525	696	960	1,250	1,956	2,592	94%	272%	621%	106%
Ukraine	238	197	250	272	219	184	256	244	859	2,443	-7%	719%	659%	560%
Iraq	2,976	2,669	3,132	3,110	2,507	2,064	2,647	2,645	2,276	2,279	-19%	0%	-19%	-14%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,629	2,696	3,306	3,929	2,979	2,960	2,770	2,925	2,082	2,248	12%	-27%	-19%	-24%
Georgia	1,941	2,279	3,088	2,802	2,117	1,871	2,163	2,194	1,900	1,801	-5%	-7%	-12%	-15%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,123	1,905	1,802	1,914	1,851	1,831	1,832	2,154	2,136	1,726	-9%	5%	-4%	-3%
Bangladesh	1,558	1,233	1,094	1,469	1,366	2,262	2,250	1,870	1,598	1,533	30%	-14%	12%	-24%
Algeria	1,235	1,131	1,095	1,179	1,641	2,080	1,670	1,414	1,480	1,519	57%	-19%	27%	-3%
Senegal	677	693	393	528	429	510	826	1,068	1,319	1,474	-31%	197%	104%	47%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	561	873	1,749	2,223	800	767	1,671	2,171	1,981	1,442	9%	118%	139%	-11%
Sudan	549	580	649	626	666	709	739	978	893	1,343	22%	63%	98%	30%
Guinea	1,145	1,106	1,019	1,267	1,338	1,325	1,487	1,512	1,475	1,279	18%	3%	22%	-8%
China	1,145	1,180	1,089	1,136	1,085	1,201	1,273	1,175	1,237	1,186	-2%	6%	4%	-1%
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	777	833	2,728	2,532	856	1,322	2,573	2,843	1,811	1,131	35%	35%	83%	-46%
Sri Lanka	1,712	1,604	1,421	1,488	1,500	1,493	1,391	1,296	1,458	1,119	-10%	-14%	-22%	-4%
Turkey	1,369	1,291	1,224	1,484	1,513	1,282	1,048	1,139	1,242	999	5%	-20%	-16%	2%
Armenia	1,278	831	1,133	1,278	1,221	1,085	952	1,235	1,104	994	9%	-9%	-1%	-4%
India	746	735	800	791	694	824	851	719	714	888	2%	6%	8%	2%
Morocco	566	631	643	763	933	1,212	1,127	990	926	855	79%	-17%	49%	-16%
Egypt	770	558	632	618	644	837	1,910	1,882	1,017	834	12%	25%	39%	-51%
Ghana	417	492	616	495	430	564	597	609	618	779	9%	41%	54%	16%
Côte d'Ivoire	613	588	643	665	633	644	585	521	626	698	6%	4%	10%	20%
Ethiopia	328	396	377	512	392	401	607	612	446	532	10%	23%	35%	-20%
Libya	350	335	364	365	446	365	433	621	502	509	18%	25%	48%	-4%
Tunisia	598	558	538	526	601	665	567	675	444	485	10%	-27%	-20%	-25%
Azerbaijan	587	400	465	578	572	442	594	764	641	479	3%	10%	13%	-18%
Cameroon	404	390	331	381	424	424	433	454	519	466	7%	16%	24%	11%
Haiti	546	454	293	329	383	426	308	381	398	416	-19%	1%	-19%	18%
Montenegro	354	280	221	284	142	192	205	250	387	403	-47%	137%	25%	74%
Other	7,230	6,871	7,761	7,979	7,574	7,037	8,311	8,538	8,544	9,369	4%	23%	27%	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,729</b>	<b>63,027</b>	<b>80,614</b>	<b>93,262</b>	<b>79,698</b>	<b>96,459</b>	<b>108,004</b>	<b>112,327</b>	<b>100,946</b>	<b>115,343</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>-2%</b>

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

| First quarter 2012 to second quarter 2014

\*See Table 1 for the 5 countries included. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2014.

Origin	2012				2013				2014		First semester change			'14-'13
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'13-'12	'14-'13	'14-'12	Q1Q2/ Q3Q4
Syrian Arab Rep.	749	1,016	3,484	3,968	2,888	2,683	5,722	7,720	5,573	8,180	216%	147%	679%	2%
Eritrea	568	536	1,177	1,289	1,060	966	3,468	2,669	1,225	5,014	84%	208%	465%	2%
Stateless	336	443	830	1,005	778	752	3,315	3,048	1,132	1,939	96%	101%	294%	-52%
Somalia	1,907	2,132	2,063	2,738	1,758	1,642	1,835	1,444	967	1,356	-16%	-32%	-42%	-29%
Afghanistan	1,411	1,416	1,961	1,691	1,103	1,001	1,080	1,112	810	790	-26%	-24%	-43%	-27%
Albania	161	869	331	364	236	373	377	488	367	515	-41%	45%	-14%	2%
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	1,000	686	1,313	1,713	1,043	764	1,023	1,021	552	479	7%	-43%	-39%	-50%
Iraq	502	585	692	657	532	560	706	728	429	471	0%	-18%	-17%	-37%
Russian Federation	366	351	524	704	530	481	884	672	375	419	41%	-21%	11%	-49%
Ukraine	45	39	45	64	49	52	76	63	134	324	20%	353%	445%	229%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	465	530	834	802	511	467	529	436	234	294	-2%	-46%	-47%	-45%
Nigeria	220	236	266	335	412	394	336	286	253	281	77%	-34%	17%	-14%
Morocco	107	162	179	217	207	231	248	305	252	267	63%	18%	93%	-6%
Georgia	136	273	340	216	167	153	218	239	183	221	-22%	26%	-1%	-12%
Ethiopia	146	114	122	167	146	128	226	210	160	205	5%	33%	40%	-16%
Sudan	91	133	239	261	229	234	218	195	143	204	107%	-25%	55%	-16%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	240	623	711	149	120	118	201	190	100	143	-72%	2%	-72%	-38%
Algeria	143	174	166	173	146	155	167	214	151	133	-5%	-6%	-10%	-25%
Pakistan	83	82	220	133	117	122	139	139	142	126	45%	12%	62%	-4%
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	122	129	261	195	136	135	146	125	92	124	8%	-20%	-14%	-20%
Libya	116	138	124	129	134	112	123	184	136	124	-3%	6%	2%	-15%
Egypt	48	47	62	49	93	52	138	134	185	115	53%	107%	216%	10%
Mongolia	166	146	74	101	167	101	121	104	154	112	-14%	-1%	-15%	18%
Armenia	94	87	77	110	136	89	130	125	81	103	24%	-18%	2%	-28%
Tunisia	83	58	78	78	96	96	98	102	62	96	36%	-18%	12%	-21%
Belarus	242	150	187	175	144	102	100	133	85	83	-37%	-32%	-57%	-28%
Lebanon	73	73	145	131	109	110	158	155	110	83	50%	-12%	32%	-38%
Bangladesh	87	157	82	108	88	79	98	93	86	77	-32%	-2%	-33%	-15%
Azerbaijan	97	56	102	91	63	97	122	115	74	75	5%	-7%	-3%	-37%
Uzbekistan	132	132	135	106	128	125	94	125	106	72	-4%	-30%	-33%	-19%
Gambia	42	36	46	58	65	66	63	77	57	65	68%	-7%	56%	-13%
Jordan	30	36	46	54	41	69	84	77	43	62	67%	-5%	59%	-35%
Turkey	46	83	90	79	81	85	80	78	73	61	29%	-19%	4%	-15%
Uganda	39	61	130	98	55	70	149	74	42	61	25%	-18%	3%	-54%
China	39	49	51	65	36	32	54	30	27	41	-23%	0%	-23%	-19%
Kazakhstan	99	133	126	113	50	67	74	84	40	36	-50%	-35%	-67%	-52%
Kyrgyzstan	80	83	88	68	80	62	50	91	36	35	-13%	-50%	-56%	-50%
Yemen	53	68	79	132	62	96	50	47	44	35	31%	-50%	-35%	-19%
El Salvador	27	16	18	9	21	11	14	7	11	33	-26%	38%	2%	110%
Kenya	32	29	23	16	17	14	31	12	14	31	-49%	45%	-26%	5%
Other	841	815	1,011	937	1,002	867	962	949	698	597	13%	-31%	-22%	-32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,264</b>	<b>12,982</b>	<b>18,532</b>	<b>19,548</b>	<b>14,836</b>	<b>13,813</b>	<b>23,707</b>	<b>24,100</b>	<b>15,438</b>	<b>23,482</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>-19%</b>

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

| First quarter 2012 to second quarter 2014

\*See Table 1 for the 11 countries included. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2014.

Origin	2012				2013				2014		First semester change			'14-'13
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'13-'12	'14-'13	'14-'12	Q1Q2/ Q3Q4
Syrian Arab Rep.	98	142	298	613	872	1,071	2,010	3,100	2,231	1,507	710%	92%	1458%	-27%
Afghanistan	390	397	485	559	501	583	510	1,408	1,533	1,313	38%	163%	262%	48%
Ukraine	49	46	51	36	40	28	31	30	262	806	-28%	1471%	1024%	1651%
Russian Federation	807	808	1,379	2,074	1,940	6,674	2,660	801	1,131	732	433%	-78%	15%	-46%
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	60	69	40	140	432	4,883	737	176	153	330	4020%	-91%	274%	-47%
Georgia	549	803	1,263	848	490	301	324	308	218	195	-41%	-48%	-69%	-35%
Iraq	110	92	99	104	68	77	132	80	75	127	-28%	39%	0%	-5%
Algeria	287	214	243	175	601	594	467	39	74	118	139%	-84%	-62%	-62%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	37	28	38	38	34	37	54	54	56	88	9%	103%	122%	33%
Pakistan	114	138	341	218	424	1,568	1,146	89	100	81	690%	-91%	-28%	-85%
Somalia	69	194	201	166	99	167	96	122	67	76	1%	-46%	-46%	-34%
Palestinian	19	51	24	16	32	43	35	31	28	71	7%	32%	41%	50%
Stateless	31	31	39	99	62	138	155	246	122	59	223%	-10%	192%	-55%
Ghana	3	3	2	4	11	104	136	92	67	55	1817%	6%	1933%	-46%
Nigeria	18	23	21	28	18	131	275	88	35	55	263%	-40%	120%	-75%
Cuba	6	8	4	14	19	16	39	18	40	40	150%	129%	471%	40%
Viet Nam	21	15	57	55	41	27	28	34	25	39	89%	-6%	78%	3%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	26	13	17	10	24	50	40	29	25	37	90%	-16%	59%	-10%
Morocco	121	166	106	78	187	258	202	30	32	34	55%	-85%	-77%	-72%
Gambia	1	1	3	7	23	37	16	7	17	32	2900%	-18%	2350%	113%
Congo	3	13	30	1	17	4	14	5	15	31	31%	119%	188%	142%
Kazakhstan	63	55	12	16	19	17	43	21	39	31	-69%	94%	-41%	9%
Armenia	39	78	199	119	79	37	41	63	46	29	-1%	-35%	-36%	-28%
Turkey	31	26	30	44	46	49	30	33	32	28	67%	-37%	5%	-5%
Côte d'Ivoire	3	5	3	13	109	141	65	35	44	28	3025%	-71%	800%	-28%
Cameroon	12	8	13	17	41	36	40	34	53	25	285%	1%	290%	5%
Eritrea	5	26	14	41	37	59	23	56	22	24	210%	-52%	48%	-42%
Egypt	11	43	96	41	39	55	64	43	22	24	74%	-51%	-15%	-57%
Kyrgyzstan	6	18	13	13	5	9	18	32	39	23	-42%	343%	158%	24%
Tunisia	45	53	52	27	91	116	94	77	24	22	111%	-78%	-53%	-73%
Mali	-	2	-	10	168	173	102	56	50	22	16950%	-79%	3500%	-54%
Libya	8	7	15	15	15	9	27	6	3	20	60%	-4%	53%	-30%
China	20	12	7	10	9	9	4	13	8	19	-44%	50%	-16%	59%
Sudan	5	9	15	12	41	64	29	68	31	18	650%	-53%	250%	-49%
Albania	2	-	2	4	5	29	13	6	4	17	1600%	-38%	950%	11%
Bangladesh	17	49	28	31	39	235	328	126	25	13	315%	-86%	-42%	-92%
Belarus	39	34	23	17	20	14	15	6	19	12	-53%	-9%	-58%	48%
Lebanon	2	9	22	10	8	5	11	18	9	12	18%	62%	91%	-28%
Rep. of Moldova	12	31	30	16	9	6	16	10	2	10	-65%	-20%	-72%	-54%
Comoros	2	-	1	-	1	27	58	16	9	10	1300%	-32%	850%	-74%
Other	208	271	262	266	528	1,037	1,005	721	400	333	227%	-53%	53%	-58%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,242</b>	<b>3,838</b>	<b>5,435</b>	<b>5,880</b>	<b>6,929</b>	<b>18,347</b>	<b>10,530</b>	<b>7,902</b>	<b>7,027</b>	<b>6,393</b>	<b>257%</b>	<b>-47%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>-27%</b>

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

| First quarter 2012 to second quarter 2014

\*See Table 1 for the 8 countries included. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2014.

Origin	2012				2013				2014		First semester change			'14-'13
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'13-'12	'14-'13	'14-'12	Q1Q2/ Q3Q4
Iraq	1,468	1,904	1,800	2,516	3,617	4,760	7,474	10,180	6,650	9,617	148%	94%	382%	-8%
Afghanistan	1,085	1,793	5,807	7,643	2,655	3,175	3,456	2,786	2,228	4,445	103%	14%	132%	7%
Mali	144	146	252	427	899	890	918	679	1,673	3,405	517%	184%	1651%	218%
Nigeria	487	425	625	682	643	574	1,032	1,558	1,260	2,465	33%	206%	308%	44%
Pakistan	1,028	1,219	1,305	1,641	985	1,289	1,238	1,732	2,128	2,304	1%	95%	97%	49%
Syrian Arab Rep.	259	292	493	598	714	691	672	857	2,201	2,062	155%	203%	674%	179%
Gambia	55	70	68	179	185	305	541	801	1,493	1,904	292%	593%	2618%	153%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	970	1,037	1,049	1,020	1,206	1,981	1,746	1,831	1,447	1,820	59%	3%	63%	-9%
Senegal	460	514	183	234	178	147	307	597	991	1,101	-67%	544%	115%	131%
Somalia	316	1,116	878	696	771	1,434	2,139	1,005	523	479	54%	-55%	-30%	-68%
Ukraine	29	14	35	30	14	17	16	26	94	450	-28%	1655%	1165%	1195%
Bangladesh	342	474	415	576	450	479	257	287	420	396	14%	-12%	0%	50%
Ghana	149	239	353	234	98	119	158	244	226	367	-44%	173%	53%	48%
Côte d'Ivoire	261	231	268	255	135	118	124	116	207	344	-49%	118%	12%	130%
Guinea	121	164	85	117	75	86	120	104	209	260	-44%	191%	65%	109%
Egypt	390	146	203	170	148	302	531	497	371	242	-16%	36%	14%	-40%
Albania	106	122	114	115	111	152	249	197	286	217	15%	91%	121%	13%
Palestinian	57	146	113	103	262	263	301	214	223	216	159%	-16%	116%	-15%
Eritrea	60	188	275	832	489	304	1,355	659	299	205	220%	-36%	103%	-75%
Sudan	56	85	46	39	83	84	109	218	156	187	18%	105%	143%	5%
Uganda	4	7	14	1	50	28	53	97	114	169	609%	263%	2473%	89%
Georgia	258	281	208	234	164	128	193	164	147	134	-46%	-4%	-48%	-21%
Morocco	90	111	121	120	115	134	148	145	138	132	24%	8%	34%	-8%
Cameroon	69	63	66	67	82	101	105	108	81	130	39%	15%	60%	-1%
Algeria	95	99	86	126	149	181	147	168	136	128	70%	-20%	36%	-16%
Tunisia	225	249	226	222	145	143	125	154	104	122	-39%	-22%	-52%	-19%
Libya	43	28	46	37	35	48	45	67	72	109	17%	118%	155%	62%
Turkey	141	137	116	165	178	126	107	117	154	108	9%	-14%	-6%	17%
Guinea-Bissau	17	36	14	13	13	24	50	62	78	106	-30%	397%	247%	64%
Ethiopia	58	118	95	142	113	130	210	73	75	85	38%	-34%	-9%	-43%
Congo	31	24	27	47	75	40	35	38	110	84	109%	69%	253%	166%
Burkina Faso	27	68	60	30	35	22	16	27	32	67	-40%	74%	4%	130%
India	101	46	62	101	42	32	29	50	45	65	-50%	49%	-25%	39%
Sri Lanka	58	45	74	36	34	57	61	39	61	65	-12%	38%	22%	26%
Yemen	15	22	23	8	25	83	59	58	49	59	192%	0%	192%	-8%
Sierra Leone	9	21	32	72	27	18	36	48	52	57	50%	142%	263%	30%
China	72	90	45	35	68	46	58	69	77	54	-30%	15%	-19%	3%
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	43	29	65	74	58	61	27	84	74	48	65%	3%	69%	10%
Togo	17	24	42	29	32	28	26	34	35	47	46%	37%	100%	37%
Uzbekistan	24	17	25	22	25	46	49	75	25	45	73%	-1%	71%	-44%
Other	815	853	897	828	701	696	784	834	829	968	-16%	29%	8%	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,055</b>	<b>12,693</b>	<b>16,711</b>	<b>20,516</b>	<b>15,884</b>	<b>19,342</b>	<b>25,106</b>	<b>27,099</b>	<b>25,573</b>	<b>35,268</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>167%</b>	<b>17%</b>

**TABLE 8 Asylum applications lodged in Canada and the United States by origin**

| First quarter 2012 to second quarter 2014

Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2014.

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

Origin	2012				2013				2014		First semester change			'14-'13
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'13-'12	'14-'13	'14-'12	Q1Q2/ Q3Q4
China	4,435	4,690	4,426	4,074	3,036	3,587	3,293	3,141	3,279	3,665	-27%	5%	-24%	8%
Mexico	2,643	3,195	2,912	2,641	2,501	2,697	2,481	2,482	2,905	3,339	-11%	20%	7%	26%
El Salvador	1,316	1,335	1,094	1,204	1,120	1,484	1,652	1,536	1,807	2,034	-2%	48%	45%	20%
Guatemala	1,067	1,109	982	1,106	1,063	1,257	1,298	1,315	1,780	1,990	7%	63%	73%	44%
Honduras	552	632	607	625	630	860	929	894	1,134	1,279	26%	62%	104%	32%
India	833	789	596	545	322	346	464	729	946	1,036	-59%	197%	22%	66%
Ecuador	271	393	385	374	418	498	428	512	671	877	38%	69%	133%	65%
Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)	186	215	204	217	170	231	238	270	423	750	0%	193%	193%	131%
Haiti	526	497	450	558	535	548	552	573	722	550	6%	17%	24%	13%
Syrian Arab Rep.	236	192	228	384	458	537	485	596	562	533	132%	10%	156%	1%
Ukraine	87	141	103	93	105	152	96	107	207	446	13%	154%	186%	222%
Ethiopia	302	326	368	395	330	368	484	449	416	440	11%	23%	36%	-8%
Bangladesh	109	115	100	99	64	126	131	159	254	379	-15%	233%	183%	118%
Egypt	601	580	525	747	798	760	844	708	525	373	32%	-42%	-24%	-42%
Pakistan	283	354	307	450	240	284	296	388	335	341	-18%	29%	6%	-1%
Nepal	427	388	500	403	380	377	429	340	298	339	-7%	-16%	-22%	-17%
Colombia	321	359	294	324	254	266	344	364	326	332	-24%	27%	-3%	-7%
Iraq	171	169	213	213	210	275	361	342	364	322	43%	41%	102%	-2%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	239	255	246	291	268	291	379	273	265	313	13%	3%	17%	-11%
Russian Federation	306	383	316	304	250	295	241	263	255	302	-21%	2%	-19%	11%
Nigeria	277	240	253	267	141	174	214	228	258	253	-39%	62%	-1%	16%
Kyrgyzstan	87	124	42	77	83	152	82	94	142	248	11%	66%	85%	122%
Cameroon	193	189	149	163	160	169	139	153	185	206	-14%	19%	2%	34%
Afghanistan	121	121	149	175	126	111	166	169	132	193	-2%	37%	34%	-3%
Rep. of Moldova	81	153	52	40	87	202	64	46	87	183	24%	-7%	15%	145%
Eritrea	124	76	95	102	109	137	150	152	176	173	23%	42%	75%	16%
Albania	138	131	128	170	91	103	98	87	133	139	-28%	40%	1%	47%
Brazil	112	146	133	109	83	75	78	88	109	137	-39%	56%	-5%	48%
Somalia	157	160	166	204	110	151	171	168	212	137	-18%	34%	10%	3%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	118	122	147	150	121	144	157	116	125	134	10%	-2%	8%	-5%
Kenya	130	137	127	134	85	95	94	97	105	119	-33%	24%	-16%	17%
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	107	131	84	114	80	87	51	77	86	119	-30%	23%	-14%	60%
Peru	97	111	100	84	66	82	74	82	111	104	-29%	45%	3%	38%
Jamaica	153	150	119	154	80	92	102	103	111	99	-43%	22%	-31%	2%
Slovakia	274	68	13	55	8	13	4	13	170	95	-94%	1162%	-23%	1459%
Uzbekistan	60	51	43	58	70	86	68	92	88	95	41%	17%	65%	14%
Romania	131	167	124	163	122	183	81	62	90	90	2%	-41%	-40%	26%
Sri Lanka	168	209	131	143	103	107	81	89	123	88	-44%	0%	-44%	24%
Nicaragua	89	83	61	67	52	83	58	73	73	86	-22%	18%	-8%	21%
Dominican Rep.	95	107	78	71	77	52	48	61	75	79	-36%	19%	-24%	41%
Other	4,336	4,162	3,546	3,648	2,775	2,840	2,801	2,770	2,851	3,284	-34%	9%	-28%	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,959</b>	<b>22,955</b>	<b>20,596</b>	<b>21,195</b>	<b>17,781</b>	<b>20,377</b>	<b>20,206</b>	<b>20,261</b>	<b>22,916</b>	<b>25,701</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>20%</b>

**TABLE 9 Asylum applications lodged in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and the Republic of Korea by origin | First quarter 2012 to second quarter 2014**  
Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2014.

Origin	2012				2013				2014		First semester change			'14-'13
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'13-'12	'14-'13	'14-'12	Q1Q2/ Q3Q4
China	332	287	339	265	278	336	459	566	486	481	-1%	57%	56%	-6%
Nepal	122	146	140	149	165	209	269	294	326	390	40%	91%	167%	27%
India	241	291	299	259	307	326	367	330	374	338	19%	12%	34%	2%
Pakistan	590	553	567	394	434	360	445	399	366	320	-31%	-14%	-40%	-19%
Turkey	145	119	119	159	233	159	166	216	309	255	48%	44%	114%	48%
Viet Nam	17	20	23	30	27	29	64	43	39	198	51%	323%	541%	121%
Sri Lanka	372	776	1,197	711	522	253	228	216	191	187	-32%	-51%	-67%	-15%
Egypt	115	68	80	147	273	241	207	238	150	175	181%	-37%	78%	-27%
Bangladesh	59	77	109	126	93	185	214	131	108	168	104%	-1%	103%	-20%
Malaysia	31	72	47	29	45	46	65	55	56	124	-12%	98%	75%	50%
Nigeria	48	52	109	73	60	71	81	151	59	115	31%	33%	74%	-25%
Myanmar	121	81	93	179	159	109	80	105	124	106	33%	-14%	14%	24%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	335	503	577	525	317	221	378	131	73	92	-36%	-69%	-80%	-68%
Iraq	217	177	185	210	131	101	73	75	52	88	-41%	-40%	-64%	-5%
Syrian Arab Rep.	66	47	93	122	119	100	123	126	69	83	94%	-31%	35%	-39%
Lebanon	28	62	127	109	92	92	88	78	65	70	104%	-27%	50%	-19%
Afghanistan	827	1,286	558	410	215	71	81	40	35	65	-86%	-65%	-95%	-17%
Fiji	98	63	41	56	75	66	203	106	120	65	-12%	31%	15%	-40%
Rep. of Korea	16	14	22	24	24	22	44	29	31	61	53%	100%	207%	26%
Cameroon	15	36	18	23	27	92	39	24	35	59	133%	-21%	84%	49%
Other	569	715	647	807	686	654	1,028	778	721	787	4%	13%	17%	-17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,364</b>	<b>5,445</b>	<b>5,390</b>	<b>4,807</b>	<b>4,282</b>	<b>3,743</b>	<b>4,702</b>	<b>4,131</b>	<b>3,789</b>	<b>4,227</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>-9%</b>

**TABLE 10 Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin | First quarter 2014**  
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 Herzegovina	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	17	948	350	*	1,303	131	19	210	22	488	-	43	770	5,071
Iraq	-	49	114	81	-	23	83	*	6	6	45	-	176	52	956
Afghanistan	-	31	566	179	-	281	72	*	-	*	71	-	32	157	2,335
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	5	-	131	130	-	-	17	*	-	5	34	*	42	890	4,679
Pakistan	-	246	103	28	-	29	170	10	23	-	20	-	13	498	984
China	-	456	12	22	-	-	266	-	-	*	5	-	*	684	89
Russian Federation	-	-	442	143	-	-	13	*	-	7	172	*	39	966	1,297
Albania	-	8	5	94	-	-	22	*	-	-	19	-	30	952	1,931
Somalia	-	*	92	40	-	*	63	*	11	-	150	-	52	159	1,390
Eritrea	-	*	13	14	-	*	59	-	-	-	26	-	*	135	888
Nigeria	-	10	108	29	-	*	143	9	7	*	17	-	49	319	679
Islamic Rep. of Iran	41	54	110	27	-	13	38	*	12	-	58	-	25	29	682
Mexico	-	-	-	*	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*
Mali	-	-	*	15	-	26	6	6	*	-	*	-	*	350	119
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	*	193	-	*	73	*	*	*	*	-	*	1,671	63
Gambia	-	-	*	9	-	9	6	*	-	-	*	-	8	22	271
Bangladesh	-	65	*	21	*	*	75	7	20	-	14	*	*	644	193
India	-	309	78	7	-	-	77	-	9	*	7	-	-	7	327
Georgia	-	-	78	66	-	-	17	-	*	5	15	*	*	444	669
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	*	12	-	-	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	296	1,443

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**TABLE 10 Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin | First quarter 2014 (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 <sup>(1)</sup>	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Syrian Arab Rep.	161	615	-	9	168	-	*	-	-	11	63	36	1,383	*	282
Iraq	34	16	*	8	188	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	190	*	44
Afghanistan	421	1,163	*	8	820	*	-	*	-	*	-	7	133	*	111
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	*	136	-	*	62	-	-	5	-	31	-	*	68	-	45
Pakistan	399	23	-	33	1,425	48	-	-	*	*	*	*	42	8	28
China	31	*	-	5	14	15	-	*	-	*	-	-	45	*	7
Russian Federation	5	*	*	*	16	-	*	-	10	-	-	*	51	-	51
Albania	246	*	*	21	39	-	-	*	-	27	-	-	25	-	27
Somalia	43	51	*	*	284	*	-	*	-	*	*	11	575	*	185
Eritrea	78	17	*	*	189	-	-	-	-	*	-	18	349	-	431
Nigeria	95	11	*	30	1,100	17	-	-	*	9	11	*	42	-	95
Islamic Rep. of Iran	93	29	*	7	139	16	-	-	-	-	11	-	169	*	26
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-
Mali	12	18	-	-	1,486	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	9	-	5
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	27	15	-	17	19	7	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-
Gambia	10	6	-	-	1,477	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*
Bangladesh	125	*	-	8	191	41	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	13
India	14	*	-	*	13	62	-	-	*	-	-	-	6	*	13
Georgia	130	5	-	*	13	-	50	-	27	5	-	-	82	*	*
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	34	-	-	42	-	5

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	TfYR of Macedonia <sup>(3)</sup>	Turkey <sup>(4)</sup>	United Kingdom	United States <sup>(5)</sup>
Syrian Arab Rep.	35	*	50	200	956	22	12	230	4,760	1,177	86	1,367	456	431
Iraq	7	*	*	15	7	*	*	12	162	52	-	6,408	171	281
Afghanistan	18	-	*	30	250	15	21	32	595	175	74	955	366	60
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	-	-	-	*	-	-	5	6	431	101	-	-	5	69
Pakistan	14	*	64	10	80	*	11	37	81	37	9	237	1,171	165
China	-	-	13	*	-	-	-	*	14	79	-	29	302	3,013
Russian Federation	1,100	*	-	*	-	-	*	9	110	53	-	-	23	242
Albania	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	*	290	25	-	-	503	111
Somalia	*	-	-	6	72	6	-	8	579	125	-	175	100	149
Eritrea	*	*	-	-	237	*	-	*	764	503	6	27	387	117
Nigeria	*	-	32	-	40	-	*	32	90	231	*	15	399	115
Islamic Rep. of Iran	6	*	*	5	8	*	*	12	122	32	-	1,135	526	227
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	-	-	-	*	2,877
Mali	-	10	-	-	83	-	-	159	7	51	*	*	*	33
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	*	*	-	5	-	-	9	16	44	-	17	80	52
Gambia	-	-	*	-	20	-	-	*	44	62	-	*	85	59
Bangladesh	12	*	*	-	24	-	-	13	56	15	5	69	277	179
India	*	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	8	*	-	7	224	869
Georgia	125	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	163	115	-	-	9	12
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	94	31	-	-	*	*

## Notes

(1) UNHCR estimate.

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

(3) The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

(4) The figure includes asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR as well as asylum-seekers who have been pre-registered but who are pending official registration with UNHCR. As of early September 2014, there were some 832,000 registered Syrian refugees in Turkey covered by the Government's Temporary Protection Regime. The number of Syrian asylum-seekers included in this table covers only those who for specific reasons have been referred to UNHCR for further evaluation of their international protection needs.

(5) Combination of number of persons (EOIR) and cases (DHS).

TABLE 11

## Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin

| Second quarter 2014

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 Herzegovina	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	19	1,221	365	-	765	116	25	264	19	902	*	21	661	6,705
Eritrea	9	9	-	186	-	*	60	*	-	-	238	*	-	152	2,961
Iraq	-	81	126	129	-	44	84	-	6	*	19	-	174	30	819
Afghanistan	-	36	743	116	*	332	134	8	-	-	80	-	39	159	1,716
Pakistan	*	198	199	30	-	19	170	7	13	-	16	-	5	503	816
China	-	398	-	33	-	-	225	-	*	*	11	-	*	662	143
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	-	*	151	98	-	-	10	*	-	*	37	-	24	668	3,342
Nigeria	-	33	141	33	-	*	119	-	-	*	32	*	39	319	887
Somalia	*	5	403	54	*	*	40	*	*	-	215	-	64	171	1,264
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	74	108	27	*	37	39	*	7	*	59	-	15	35	793
Mali	*	-	-	14	-	*	5	*	-	-	-	-	*	387	141
Albania	-	13	-	118	-	-	23	-	-	-	14	*	21	648	1,911
Russian Federation	-	9	355	142	-	*	19	*	-	5	208	*	27	807	937
Mexico	-	*	-	-	-	-	21	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*
Stateless	-	17	117	-	-	49	23	-	-	6	174	-	10	92	282
Ukraine	*	17	111	201	-	5	87	-	9	106	7	10	48	205	255
Gambia	-	*	-	12	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	23	18	488
India	-	275	95	22	-	-	58	-	25	-	7	-	-	17	434
Bangladesh	-	95	-	11	*	5	91	*	23	-	6	-	*	730	136
El Salvador	-	*	-	5	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan <sup>1)</sup>	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Syrian Arab Rep.	139	514	*	*	122	*	15	*	-	24	70	147	2,300	*	417
Eritrea	73	17	-	*	90	-	-	-	-	11	10	125	3,146	-	1,370
Iraq	31	29	-	*	271	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	160	*	26
Afghanistan	431	875	-	*	649	13	5	-	14	*	-	*	141	*	97
Pakistan	404	18	-	50	1,521	43	-	-	*	*	-	7	29	*	12
China	19	*	*	6	22	19	-	*	-	-	-	-	26	10	8
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	-	319	-	*	46	-	-	*	-	19	-	-	24	-	45
Nigeria	98	44	*	22	2,274	17	-	-	-	*	32	*	63	-	107
Somalia	36	58	-	-	176	-	*	*	-	-	84	14	202	-	208
Islamic Rep. of Iran	112	26	*	7	99	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	129	*	19
Mali	19	18	-	-	3,169	*	-	-	-	*	28	-	9	-	*
Albania	185	*	*	16	25	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	9	-	45
Russian Federation	11	7	*	-	22	-	*	*	8	*	-	*	46	-	30
Mexico	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-
Stateless	9	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	580	-	160
Ukraine	10	11	*	*	297	6	6	*	19	5	6	-	41	-	32
Gambia	7	31	*	-	1,848	*	-	-	-	*	40	*	6	-	5
India	20	-	-	*	13	56	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	7	5
Bangladesh	140	*	-	16	210	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	28
El Salvador	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6

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**TABLE 11 Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin**

| Second quarter 2014 (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 <sup>(1)</sup>	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	TfYR of Macedonia <sup>(3)</sup>	Turkey <sup>(4)</sup>	United Kingdom	United States <sup>(5)</sup>
Syrian Arab Rep.	17	*	59	113	1,042	*	34	279	6,839	1,042	169	1,183	440	417
Eritrea	*	*	*	-	171	*	-	*	3,406	1,652	-	21	746	113
Iraq	*	*	*	47	22	*	-	19	252	39	-	9,288	110	238
Afghanistan	5	-	12	44	170	22	8	21	574	110	53	3,344	331	59
Pakistan	16	5	75	7	83	*	11	25	93	19	8	335	881	171
China	7	*	54	5	-	-	*	*	18	109	-	5	217	3,440
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	*	373	89	*	-	11	109
Nigeria	-	*	65	*	47	*	*	40	99	170	*	20	332	134
Somalia	*	6	-	-	278	*	7	17	869	198	8	155	88	97
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	*	*	11	7	-	9	10	200	23	-	1,585	555	274
Mali	-	*	*	-	44	-	-	184	6	38	-	*	8	38
Albania	*	-	-	13	*	-	-	7	433	20	-	-	391	116
Russian Federation	695	*	*	5	-	*	*	9	151	42	-	-	15	283
Mexico	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	3,318
Stateless	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	1,595	21	-	-	101	35
Ukraine	636	16	-	*	-	*	5	111	235	20	*	-	76	359
Gambia	-	*	-	-	20	-	-	8	34	95	-	-	72	77
India	*	-	-	*	6	-	-	5	11	*	*	*	228	978
Bangladesh	*	-	12	*	29	-	*	*	40	5	*	21	199	288
El Salvador	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	10	27	-	-	-	-	2,004

## Notes

(1) UNHCR estimate.

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

(3) The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

(4) The figure includes asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR as well as asylum-seekers who have been pre-registered but who are pending official registration with UNHCR. As of early September 2014, there were some 832,000 registered Syrian refugees in Turkey covered by the Government's Temporary Protection Regime. The number of Syrian asylum-seekers included in this table covers only those who for specific reasons have been referred to UNHCR for further evaluation of their international protection needs.

(5) Combination of number of persons (EOIR) and cases (DHS).

**TABLE 12 Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum | Second quarter 2014**

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 Herzegovina	
Eritrea	9	China	398	Syrian Arab Rep.	1,221	Syrian Arab Rep.	365	Sudan	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	India	275	Various/unknown	787	Ukraine	201	Cameroon	*
Somalia	*	Pakistan	198	Afghanistan	743	Eritrea	186	Bangladesh	*
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Viet Nam	133	Somalia	403	Guinea	147	Afghanistan	*
Mali	*	Malaysia	124	Russian Federation	355	Russian Federation	142	Somalia	*
Ukraine	*	Bangladesh	95	Pakistan	199	Iraq	129	Palestinian	*
Senegal	*	Iraq	81	Serbia <sup>(2)</sup>	151	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	126	Morocco	*
Pakistan	*	Nepal	80	Nigeria	141	Albania	118	Algeria	*
		Islamic Rep. of Iran	74	Iraq	126	Afghanistan	116	Congo	*
		Lebanon	69	Stateless	117	Serbia <sup>(2)</sup>	98	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*

Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia		Cyprus		Czech Republic	
Syrian Arab Rep.	765	China	225	Syrian Arab Rep.	25	Syrian Arab Rep.	264	Ukraine	106
Afghanistan	332	Pakistan	170	Algeria	11	India	25	Syrian Arab Rep.	19
Algeria	90	Afghanistan	134	Tunisia	9	Bangladesh	23	Viet Nam	8
Stateless	49	Colombia	124	Afghanistan	8	Viet Nam	23	Belarus	7
Iraq	44	Nigeria	119	Pakistan	7	Philippines	18	Cuba	6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	37	Syrian Arab Rep.	116	Morocco	6	Pakistan	13	Stateless	6
Morocco	20	Slovakia	93	Libya	5	Sri Lanka	11	Russian Federation	5
Pakistan	19	Bangladesh	91	Somalia	*	Ukraine	9	Serbia <sup>(2)</sup>	*
Turkey	6	Ukraine	87	Russian Federation	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	7	China	*
Cameroon	5	Iraq	84	Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	Iraq	6	Nigeria	*

Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Syrian Arab Rep.	902	Ukraine	10	Iraq	174	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,390	Syrian Arab Rep.	6,705
Eritrea	238	Sudan	*	Somalia	64	Russian Federation	807	Serbia <sup>(2)</sup>	3,342
Somalia	215	Russian Federation	*	Ukraine	48	Bangladesh	730	Eritrea	2,961
Russian Federation	208	Algeria	*	Nigeria	39	Serbia <sup>(2)</sup>	668	Albania	1,911
Stateless	174	Egypt	*	Afghanistan	39	China	662	Afghanistan	1,716
Afghanistan	80	Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Russian Federation	27	Syrian Arab Rep.	661	Somalia	1,264
Islamic Rep. of Iran	59	Albania	*	Serbia <sup>(2)</sup>	24	Albania	648	Various/unknown	1,063
Morocco	43	Cameroon	*	Gambia	23	Sri Lanka	537	Bosnia and Herzegovina	965
Ethiopia	38	Nigeria	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	21	Guinea	510	Russian Federation	937
Serbia <sup>(2)</sup>	37	Belarus	*	Albania	21	Pakistan	503	Nigeria	887

Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Italy	
Afghanistan	431	Afghanistan	875	Georgia	5	Pakistan	50	Mali	3,169
Pakistan	404	Syrian Arab Rep.	514	Nigeria	*	Algeria	28	Nigeria	2,274
Albania	185	Serbia <sup>(2)</sup>	319	Russian Federation	*	Malawi	26	Gambia	1,848
Bangladesh	140	Palestinian	65	Belarus	*	Nigeria	22	Pakistan	1,521
Syrian Arab Rep.	139	Somalia	58	Albania	*	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	20	Senegal	1,038
Islamic Rep. of Iran	112	Ghana	48	TfYR Macedonia <sup>(3)</sup>	*	Zimbabwe	18	Afghanistan	649
Georgia	111	Nigeria	44	China	*	Bangladesh	16	Ghana	345
Nigeria	98	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	32	Morocco	*	Albania	16	Ukraine	297
Sudan	90	Cuba	31	Denmark	*	Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)	15	Côte d'Ivoire	294
Egypt	89	Gambia	31	Ethiopia	*	Cameroon	10	Iraq	271

Japan <sup>(1)</sup>		Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg	
Nepal	295	Georgia	45	Somalia	*	Ukraine	19	Montenegro	27
Turkey	218	Syrian Arab Rep.	15	Russian Federation	*	Georgia	18	Syrian Arab Rep.	24
Sri Lanka	129	Ukraine	6	Serbia <sup>(2)</sup>	*	Afghanistan	14	Albania	23
Myanmar	87	Afghanistan	5	Croatia	*	Russian Federation	8	Serbia <sup>(2)</sup>	19
Viet Nam	65	Kazakhstan	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Pakistan	*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	14
Bangladesh	59	Cameroon	*	China	*	Niger	*	Eritrea	11
India	56	Russian Federation	*	Ukraine	*	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	Tunisia	8
Pakistan	43	Somalia	*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	Kazakhstan	*	Algeria	5
Cameroon	23			Hungary	*			Ukraine	5
China	19			Various/unknown	*			Cameroon	*

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**TABLE 12** **Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum** | Second quarter 2014 (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	84	Syrian Arab Rep.	147	Eritrea	3,146	China	10	Eritrea	1,370
Libya	74	Eritrea	125	Syrian Arab Rep.	2,300	Fiji	8	Syrian Arab Rep.	417
Syrian Arab Rep.	70	Sudan	21	Stateless	580	India	7	Somalia	208
Gambia	40	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	21	Somalia	202	Sri Lanka	6	Stateless	160
Nigeria	32	Somalia	14	Iraq	160	Turkey	5	Sudan	115
Mali	28	Morocco	9	Afghanistan	141	Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Nigeria	107
Ethiopia	13	Congo	8	Islamic Rep. of Iran	129	Iraq	*	Afghanistan	97
Eritrea	10	Pakistan	7	Mongolia	114	Pakistan	*	Ethiopia	79
Senegal	7	Algeria	6	Georgia	97	Afghanistan	*	Serbia <sup>(2)</sup>	45
Ukraine	6	Tunisia	5	Nigeria	63	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Albania	45

Poland		Portugal		Rep. of Korea		Romania		Serbia <sup>(2)</sup>	
Russian Federation	695	Ukraine	16	Egypt	113	Syrian Arab Rep.	113	Syrian Arab Rep.	1'042
Ukraine	636	Sierra Leone	7	Pakistan	75	Iraq	47	Somalia	278
Georgia	123	Morocco	7	Nigeria	65	Afghanistan	44	Eritrea	171
Kazakhstan	28	Angola	7	Syrian Arab Rep.	59	Albania	13	Afghanistan	170
Armenia	23	Sri Lanka	7	China	54	Islamic Rep. of Iran	11	Pakistan	83
Kyrgyzstan	22	Somalia	6	Yemen	52	Pakistan	7	Sudan	66
Syrian Arab Rep.	17	Côte d'Ivoire	6	Cameroon	35	Rep. of Moldova	7	Nigeria	47
Pakistan	16	Pakistan	5	Uganda	22	Turkey	7	Mali	44
Viet Nam	15	Libya	5	South Africa	22	Russian Federation	5	Ghana	43
Tajikistan	8	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Liberia	22	China	5	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	30

Slovakia		Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland	
Afghanistan	22	Syrian Arab Rep.	34	Syrian Arab Rep.	279	Syrian Arab Rep.	6,839	Eritrea	1,652
Viet Nam	9	Pakistan	11	Mali	184	Eritrea	3,406	Syrian Arab Rep.	1,042
Ukraine	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	9	Ukraine	111	Stateless	1,595	Somalia	198
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Afghanistan	8	Algeria	43	Somalia	869	Nigeria	170
Somalia	*	Somalia	7	Palestinian	40	Afghanistan	574	Sri Lanka	159
Sudan	*	Ukraine	5	Nigeria	40	Albania	433	Tunisia	143
Eritrea	*	Myanmar	*	Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)	32	Serbia <sup>(2)</sup>	373	Afghanistan	110
Pakistan	*	Cuba	*	Colombia	28	Iraq	252	China	109
Nigeria	*	Russian Federation	*	Cameroon	25	Ukraine	235	Morocco	108
Benin	*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	Pakistan	25	Islamic Rep. of Iran	200	Gambia	95

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		Turkey <sup>(4)</sup>		United Kingdom		United States <sup>(5)</sup>	
Syrian Arab Rep.	169	Iraq	9,288	Pakistan	881	China	3,440
Afghanistan	53	Afghanistan	3,344	Eritrea	746	Mexico	3,318
Somalia	8	Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,585	Islamic Rep. of Iran	555	El Salvador	2,004
Pakistan	8	Syrian Arab Rep.	1,183	Syrian Arab Rep.	440	Guatemala	1,987
Bangladesh	*	Pakistan	335	Albania	391	Honduras	1,238
Palestinian	*	Uganda	165	Sri Lanka	387	India	978
Ukraine	*	Somalia	155	Sudan	372	Ecuador	877
Nigeria	*	Palestinian	99	Nigeria	332	Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)	704
Greece	*	Congo	65	Afghanistan	331	Haiti	490
Serbia <sup>(2)</sup>	*	Yemen	51	India	228	Syrian Arab Rep.	417

## Notes

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

**TABLE 13 Asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries | January to June 2014**

See footnotes at the bottom of Table 1.

Country/region of asylum	2014							Total
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.		
Albania	8	5	33	2	9	10	67	
Australia	686	699	831	727	829	817	4,589	
Austria	1,261	1,135	1,214	1,340	1,745	1,700	8,395	
Belgium	1,017	780	818	901	856	1,048	5,420	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	-	6	2	8	6	25	
Bulgaria	808	768	393	293	517	609	3,388	
Canada	1,057	915	1,003	902	975	929	5,781	
Croatia	53	31	43	34	36	32	229	
Cyprus	121	117	143	154	128	135	798	
Czech Rep.	39	38	76	66	78	54	351	
Denmark	570	445	507	614	724	1,010	3,870	
Estonia	8	7	7	8	10	14	54	
Finland	252	217	219	249	218	252	1,407	
France	4,639	4,866	5,656	5,261	4,197	4,390	29,009	
Germany	12,556	9,828	9,839	10,199	11,160	12,077	65,659	
Greece	760	888	798	842	846	729	4,863	
Hungary	1,225	635	577	618	693	1,088	4,836	
Iceland	11	9	10	10	14	15	69	
Ireland	98	83	109	93	105	103	591	
Italy	3,375	3,176	3,794	4,215	5,368	4,553	24,481	
Japan	401	305	403	370	356	413	2,248	
Latvia	11	20	38	15	18	43	145	
Liechtenstein	4	11	4	5	5	7	36	
Lithuania	20	24	29	8	22	34	137	
Luxembourg	81	68	66	38	77	60	390	
Malta	73	43	64	129	60	194	563	
Montenegro	74	1	43	85	113	194	510	
Netherlands	1,679	1,399	1,345	2,667	3,443	1,756	12,289	
New Zealand	20	28	27	26	15	24	140	
Norway	699	556	658	775	1,234	1,141	5,063	
Poland	626	466	608	698	444	504	3,346	
Portugal	19	16	30	31	34	36	166	
Rep. of Korea	122	124	143	202	210	238	1,039	
Romania	114	132	104	78	120	116	664	
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	950	600	519	654	783	794	4,300	
- of which Kosovo	7	4	3	3	22	4	43	
Slovakia	10	5	41	14	11	23	104	
Slovenia	15	28	28	37	33	25	166	
Spain	291	345	408	361	351	418	2,174	
Sweden	3,861	3,583	3,841	4,290	5,475	7,461	28,511	
Switzerland	1,693	1,363	1,419	1,372	1,572	2,096	9,515	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	55	64	73	83	39	126	440	
Turkey	3,370	3,703	3,993	4,190	4,071	8,402	27,729	
United Kingdom	2,384	2,370	2,672	2,225	2,158	2,474	14,283	
United States	7,721	7,407	9,248	9,346	9,108	10,005	52,835	
<b>EU-Total (28)</b>	<b>35,966</b>	<b>31,513</b>	<b>33,467</b>	<b>35,478</b>	<b>38,927</b>	<b>40,938</b>	<b>216,289</b>	
<b>Nordic region (5)</b>	<b>5,393</b>	<b>4,810</b>	<b>5,235</b>	<b>5,938</b>	<b>7,665</b>	<b>9,879</b>	<b>38,920</b>	
<b>Central Europe (11)</b>	<b>2,929</b>	<b>2,154</b>	<b>1,944</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>1,982</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>13,420</b>	
<b>Southern Europe (8)</b>	<b>8,017</b>	<b>8,293</b>	<b>9,263</b>	<b>9,924</b>	<b>10,867</b>	<b>14,477</b>	<b>60,841</b>	
<b>Europe (38)</b>	<b>42,833</b>	<b>37,825</b>	<b>40,225</b>	<b>42,656</b>	<b>46,775</b>	<b>53,729</b>	<b>264,043</b>	
<b>Non-Europe (6)</b>	<b>10,007</b>	<b>9,478</b>	<b>11,655</b>	<b>11,573</b>	<b>11,493</b>	<b>12,426</b>	<b>66,632</b>	
<b>North America (2)</b>	<b>8,778</b>	<b>8,322</b>	<b>10,251</b>	<b>10,248</b>	<b>10,083</b>	<b>10,934</b>	<b>58,616</b>	
<b>Australia/New Zealand (2)</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>4,729</b>	
<b>Japan/Rep. of Korea (2)</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>3,287</b>	
<b>Total (44)</b>	<b>52,840</b>	<b>47,303</b>	<b>51,880</b>	<b>54,229</b>	<b>58,268</b>	<b>66,155</b>	<b>330,675</b>	

**TABLE 14 Monthly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries by origin | 2014**

Top-40 ranking based on applications lodged during the first six months of 2014.

Totals between this Table and Table 1 and 13 differ because figures for the United States (DHS) by origin reflect the number of cases.

Origin	2014						Total
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	
Syrian Arab Rep.	7,489	7,040	7,361	7,390	8,627	10,469	48,376
Iraq	3,026	3,210	2,969	3,316	2,785	5,964	21,270
Afghanistan	3,624	2,765	2,601	2,566	3,112	4,673	19,341
Eritrea	1,857	1,088	1,333	3,174	5,738	5,665	18,855
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	2,959	1,989	1,962	1,785	1,704	1,897	12,296
Pakistan	2,013	1,886	2,161	1,915	1,933	1,950	11,858
China	1,611	1,550	1,957	1,809	1,817	1,831	10,575
Somalia	1,545	1,415	1,383	1,563	1,569	1,606	9,081
Nigeria	1,303	1,088	1,362	1,532	1,792	1,864	8,941
Russian Federation	1,931	1,426	1,413	1,597	1,151	1,109	8,627
Albania	1,168	1,659	1,561	1,469	1,270	1,299	8,426
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,384	1,057	1,224	1,400	1,466	1,426	7,957
Mali	672	727	1,018	1,181	1,667	1,281	6,546
Mexico	838	937	1,152	1,223	1,254	877	6,281
Stateless	651	606	734	799	1,254	1,224	5,268
Gambia	842	610	661	931	939	929	4,912
India	697	650	711	795	747	742	4,342
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	775	746	815	807	545	610	4,298
Bangladesh	652	667	769	777	756	635	4,256
Ukraine	157	252	719	767	998	1,204	4,097
Georgia	716	641	692	702	620	635	4,006
El Salvador	635	565	670	703	655	754	3,982
Guatemala	529	545	709	714	594	686	3,777
Bosnia and Herzegovina	808	477	737	572	388	546	3,528
Sri Lanka	614	642	709	603	480	477	3,525
Algeria	536	522	575	531	593	520	3,277
Egypt	653	601	526	435	456	548	3,219
Turkey	563	554	559	461	431	482	3,050
Guinea	601	491	545	507	433	461	3,038
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	855	506	478	415	300	452	3,006
Senegal	403	485	535	484	571	514	2,992
Sudan	450	349	368	401	516	757	2,841
Honduras	362	364	427	429	417	464	2,463
Armenia	435	363	394	364	349	377	2,282
Morocco	479	352	338	327	352	372	2,220
Ethiopia	380	325	321	343	396	425	2,190
Haiti	371	350	399	350	324	292	2,086
Ghana	296	261	277	360	316	289	1,799
Ecuador	174	183	319	259	290	344	1,569
Cameroon	234	275	272	267	266	246	1,560
Other	6,157	5,775	6,433	6,410	6,605	7,283	38,663
<b>Total (44)</b>	<b>51,445</b>	<b>45,994</b>	<b>50,149</b>	<b>52,433</b>	<b>56,476</b>	<b>64,179</b>	<b>320,676</b>

**TABLE 15** Top-40 countries of origin by main asylum region | Second quarter 2014

Sort order based on June data.

Industrialized countries (44 countries)					Europe (38 countries)					European Union (28 countries)				
Origin	April	May	June	Total	Origin	April	May	June	Total	Origin	April	May	June	Total
Syrian Arab Rep.	7,390	8,627	10,469	26,486	Syrian Arab Rep.	7,182	8,441	10,247	25,870	Syrian Arab Rep.	5,777	7,189	8,900	21,866
Iraq	3,316	2,785	5,964	12,065	Iraq	3,209	2,634	5,812	11,655	Eritrea	2,457	4,527	4,062	11,046
Eritrea	3,174	5,738	5,665	14,577	Eritrea	3,121	5,681	5,592	14,394	Afghanistan	1,938	1,976	2,402	6,316
Afghanistan	2,566	3,112	4,673	10,351	Afghanistan	2,486	3,028	4,579	10,093	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	1,713	1,610	1,805	5,128
Pakistan	1,915	1,933	1,950	5,798	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	1,751	1,656	1,858	5,265	Nigeria	1,291	1,572	1,607	4,470
Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	1,785	1,704	1,897	5,386	Pakistan	1,686	1,723	1,728	5,137	Pakistan	1,546	1,568	1,558	4,672
Nigeria	1,532	1,792	1,864	5,188	Nigeria	1,410	1,686	1,724	4,820	Mali	1,132	1,623	1,241	3,996
China	1,809	1,817	1,831	5,457	Somalia	1,519	1,526	1,551	4,596	Albania	1,398	1,200	1,220	3,818
Somalia	1,563	1,569	1,606	4,738	Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,276	1,318	1,293	3,887	Somalia	1,305	1,213	1,209	3,727
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,400	1,466	1,426	4,292	Mali	1,162	1,655	1,266	4,083	Stateless	745	1,177	1,097	3,019
Albania	1,469	1,270	1,299	4,038	Albania	1,416	1,221	1,249	3,886	Ukraine	638	800	1,005	2,443
Mali	1,181	1,667	1,281	4,129	Stateless	778	1,229	1,193	3,200	Russian Federation	1,466	1,004	994	3,464
Stateless	799	1,254	1,224	3,277	Ukraine	649	811	1,040	2,500	Gambia	853	864	875	2,592
Ukraine	767	998	1,204	2,969	Russian Federation	1,494	1,045	1,006	3,545	Iraq	761	723	795	2,279
Russian Federation	1,597	1,151	1,109	3,857	Gambia	904	909	904	2,717	Islamic Rep. of Iran	842	748	658	2,248
Gambia	931	939	929	2,799	Sudan	377	492	730	1,599	Sudan	316	431	596	1,343
Mexico	1,223	1,254	877	3,354	Georgia	682	610	622	1,914	Georgia	649	571	581	1,801
Sudan	401	516	757	1,674	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	762	499	561	1,822	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	736	455	535	1,726
El Salvador	703	655	754	2,112	Bosnia and Herzegovina	572	385	542	1,499	Bosnia and Herzegovina	546	373	523	1,442
India	795	747	742	2,284	Algeria	526	584	518	1,628	Algeria	498	544	477	1,519
Guatemala	714	594	686	1,994	Senegal	467	551	499	1,517	Senegal	457	541	476	1,474
Georgia	702	620	635	1,957	TfYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	414	294	448	1,156	TfYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	409	283	439	1,131
Bangladesh	777	756	635	2,168	Bangladesh	588	591	442	1,621	Bangladesh	545	562	426	1,533
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	807	545	610	1,962	Guinea	483	419	437	1,339	Guinea	467	398	414	1,279
Egypt	435	456	548	1,439	China	453	438	420	1,311	China	408	395	383	1,186
Bosnia and Herzegovina	572	388	546	1,506	Sri Lanka	501	383	401	1,285	Sri Lanka	441	337	341	1,119
Algeria	531	593	520	1,644	Morocco	324	341	361	1,026	Turkey	354	306	339	999
Senegal	484	571	514	1,569	Armenia	351	329	360	1,040	Armenia	349	310	335	994
Turkey	461	431	482	1,374	Turkey	369	335	354	1,058	Egypt	245	266	323	834
Sri Lanka	603	480	477	1,560	Egypt	254	290	347	891	Morocco	273	287	295	855
Honduras	429	417	464	1,310	India	330	281	299	910	India	324	270	294	888
Guinea	507	433	461	1,401	Ethiopia	191	254	264	709	Ghana	298	257	224	779
TfYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	415	300	452	1,167	Ghana	331	282	244	857	Côte d'Ivoire	223	267	208	698
Ethiopia	343	396	425	1,164	Tunisia	180	260	221	661	Ethiopia	159	177	196	532
Armenia	364	349	377	1,090	Côte d'Ivoire	235	282	217	734	Libya	127	196	186	509
Morocco	327	352	372	1,051	Libya	143	220	210	573	Tunisia	138	187	160	485
Ecuador	259	290	344	893	Palestinian	147	111	184	442	Cameroon	163	169	134	466
Haiti	350	324	292	966	Cameroon	176	185	153	514	Azerbaijan	204	141	134	479
Ghana	360	316	289	965	Congo	100	79	151	330	Haiti	135	150	131	416
Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)	292	268	286	846	Azerbaijan	208	142	134	484	Montenegro	115	165	123	403
Other	6,385	6,603	7,243	20,231	Other	3,449	3,575	3,568	10,592	Other	3,037	3,095	3,237	9,369
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,433</b>	<b>56,476</b>	<b>64,179</b>	<b>173,088</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>42,656</b>	<b>46,775</b>	<b>53,729</b>	<b>143,160</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>35,478</b>	<b>38,927</b>	<b>40,938</b>	<b>115,343</b>

**Notes**

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

(2) The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.



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