

**Asylum Applications in Industrialized Countries: 1980-1999**  
**United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Geneva, November 2001**

| <b>Table I.17 Origin of asylum applicants in Europe by country of asylum, 1980-1999</b> |               |               |              |           |                |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| Origin  | AUS           | BEL           | DEN          | FIN       | FRA            |
| Turkey  | 279           | 2,381         | 176          | -         | 3,304          |
| Poland  | 37,431        | 908           | 313          | 10        | 3,851          |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran  | 690           | 169           | 2,698        | *         | 3,789          |
| Sri Lanka   | 16            | 44            | 266          | -         | 8,482          |
| Pakistan  | 11            | 760           | -            | -         | 1,833          |
| Czech Rep.  | 10,958        | 74            | -            | *         | 256            |
| Viet Nam  | 295           | 2,617         | -            | -         | 13,145         |
| Ghana   | 8             | 1,240         | -            | -         | 2,886          |
| India   | 10            | 977           | -            | -         | 828            |
| Romania   | 4,081         | 278           | -            | -         | 1,942          |
| Afghanistan   | 305           | 46            | -            | -         | 692            |
| Cambodia  | 17            | 579           | -            | -         | 14,438         |
| Hungary   | 5,378         | 223           | -            | -         | 464            |
| Ethiopia  | 13            | 27            | -            | 8         | 435            |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo  | 22            | 838           | -            | 7         | 6,671          |
| Iraq  | 137           | 33            | 325          | *         | 163            |
| Lebanon   | 41            | 22            | 209          | -         | 140            |
| Chile   | 157           | 391           | -            | 10        | 1,831          |
| Lao People's Dem. Rep.  | 8             | 393           | -            | -         | 7,616          |
| Yugoslavia, FR  | 433           | 707           | -            | -         | 546            |
| Stateless   | 384           | *             | -            | -         | 284            |
| Bangladesh  | *             | 61            | -            | -         | 186            |
| Angola  | 8             | 241           | -            | -         | 1,404          |
| Haiti   | -             | 5             | -            | -         | 2,920          |
| Syrian Arab Rep.  | 16            | 148           | -            | *         | 207            |
| Egypt   | 22            | *             | -            | -         | 78             |
| Bulgaria  | 503           | 55            | -            | -         | 123            |
| Palestinians  | -             | -             | -            | -         | 19             |
| Armenia   | -             | -             | -            | -         | 1,271          |
| Albania   | 142           | 19            | -            | -         | 41             |
| Guinea  | -             | -             | -            | -         | 788            |
| Jordan  | *             | -             | -            | -         | 16             |
| Gambia  | -             | -             | -            | -         | 153            |
| Russian Federation  | 117           | 32            | -            | *         | 150            |
| Cuba  | -             | -             | -            | -         | 148            |
| Uganda  | -             | -             | -            | -         | 51             |
| Argentina   | -             | 50            | -            | -         | 312            |
| Congo   | -             | -             | -            | -         | 510            |
| Uruguay   | -             | 67            | -            | -         | 384            |
| Mozambique  | -             | -             | -            | -         | 8              |
| Other/unknown   | 1,751         | 1,087         | 1,611        | 23        | 23,979         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>63,236</b> | <b>14,476</b> | <b>5,598</b> | <b>68</b> | <b>106,344</b> |
| Africa  | 151           | 2,895         | -            | 19        | 15,949         |
| Asia  | 3,165         | 8,420         | 3,674        | 8         | 56,272         |
| Europe  | 59,150        | 2,303         | 313          | 13        | 7,769          |
| Latin America and Caribbean   | 189           | 562           | -            | 12        | 6,137          |
| Other/unknown   | 581           | 296           | 1,611        | 16        | 20,217         |
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|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| Turkey                      | 73,597         | 684          | 5             | 908          | -          |
| Poland                      | 24,807         | 635          | 3,041         | 303          | -          |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran        | 6,467          | 392          | 1,550         | 365          | -          |
| Sri Lanka                   | 17,537         | -            | 9             | 553          | -          |
| Pakistan                    | 17,463         | -            | *             | 139          | -          |
| Czech Rep.                  | 9,352          | 237          | 1,700         | 24           | -          |
| Viet Nam                    | 3,764          | 24           | 455           | 831          | -          |
| Ghana                       | 14,540         | -            | 269           | 23           | -          |
| India                       | 15,361         | -            | 5             | 53           | -          |
| Romania                     | 3,943          | 738          | 3,654         | 101          | -          |
| Afghanistan                 | 13,008         | 27           | 391           | 50           | -          |
| Cambodia                    | 8              | 7            | 39            | *            | -          |
| Hungary                     | 4,672          | 35           | 1,200         | 72           | -          |
| Ethiopia                    | 8,641          | 163          | 1,114         | 271          | -          |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo      | 112            | -            | 80            | 8            | -          |
| Iraq                        | 1,396          | 3,323        | 395           | 81           | -          |
| Lebanon                     | 6,776          | -            | -             | 37           | -          |
| Chile                       | 234            | -            | 52            | 29           | -          |
| Lao People's Dem. Rep.      | 58             | -            | 15            | -            | -          |
| Yugoslavia, FR              | 2,685          | 14           | 390           | 24           | -          |
| Stateless                   | 4,334          | *            | -             | *            | -          |
| Bangladesh                  | 3,153          | -            | *             | 13           | -          |
| Angola                      | 188            | -            | 18            | *            | -          |
| Haiti                       | *              | -            | -             | -            | -          |
| Syrian Arab Rep.            | 1,504          | 6            | 30            | 74           | -          |
| Egypt                       | 1,704          | -            | 18            | 13           | -          |
| Bulgaria                    | 545            | 64           | 286           | 16           | -          |
| Palestinians                | -              | -            | -             | -            | -          |
| Armenia                     | -              | -            | -             | -            | -          |
| Albania                     | 154            | 38           | 764           | 12           | -          |
| Guinea                      | 26             | -            | -             | -            | -          |
| Jordan                      | 761            | -            | *             | 5            | -          |
| Gambia                      | 623            | -            | *             | *            | -          |
| Russian Federation          | 306            | 30           | 44            | *            | -          |
| Cuba                        | 10             | -            | 6             | -            | -          |
| Uganda                      | 50             | -            | 23            | *            | -          |
| Argentina                   | 58             | -            | *             | -            | -          |
| Congo                       | 8              | -            | *             | -            | -          |
| Uruguay                     | 7              | -            | *             | *            | -          |
| Mozambique                  | 7              | -            | *             | -            | -          |
| Other/unknown               | 11,785         | 19           | 924           | 4,759        | 746        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>249,647</b> | <b>6,437</b> | <b>16,496</b> | <b>8,776</b> | <b>746</b> |
| Africa                      | 29,312         | 171          | 1,799         | 991          | -          |
| Asia                        | 162,726        | 4,466        | 2,909         | 3,611        | -          |
| Europe                      | 46,783         | 1,792        | 11,083        | 2,465        | -          |
| Latin America and Caribbean | 710            | -            | 80            | 646          | -          |
| Other/unknown               | 10,116         | 8            | 625           | 1,063        | 746        |
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|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Turkey                             | *            | *            | 1,808         | 6,734         | -            | 164           |
| Poland                             | *            | 204          | 6,664         | 2,279         | 105          | 877           |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran               | 11           | 2,671        | 2,601         | 556           | 3,163        | 8,420         |
| Sri Lanka                          | -            | 5            | -             | 2,195         | -            | 974           |
| Pakistan                           | *            | 17           | 8,621         | 503           | 6            | 349           |
| Czech Rep.                         | 6            | 103          | -             | 2,810         | 62           | 208           |
| Viet Nam                           | -            | 9            | -             | 341           | -            | -             |
| Ghana                              | 10           | 52           | -             | 146           | *            | 1,475         |
| India                              | 5            | *            | -             | 141           | *            | 79            |
| Romania                            | -            | 84           | -             | 1,612         | 251          | 77            |
| Afghanistan                        | *            | 30           | -             | 384           | 365          | 266           |
| Cambodia                           | -            | *            | -             | 68            | -            | -             |
| Hungary                            | *            | 12           | 821           | 1,753         | 5            | 174           |
| Ethiopia                           | *            | 9            | 963           | 497           | 6            | 538           |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo             | 16           | 37           | -             | 2,741         | -            | 19            |
| Iraq                               | -            | 302          | 2,615         | 285           | 133          | 1,077         |
| Lebanon                            | *            | 15           | 1,889         | 131           | -            | 64            |
| Chile                              | 25           | 203          | 2,405         | 3,535         | -            | 70            |
| Lao People's Dem. Rep.             | -            | *            | -             | 19            | -            | 6             |
| Yugoslavia, FR                     | *            | 11           | -             | 252           | -            | 30            |
| Stateless                          | *            | -            | -             | 21            | -            | -             |
| Bangladesh                         | -            | *            | 340           | 46            | -            | 44            |
| Angola                             | 701          | 73           | -             | 646           | -            | 21            |
| Haiti                              | -            | *            | -             | 6             | -            | *             |
| Syrian Arab Rep.                   | *            | 60           | 398           | 63            | *            | 52            |
| Egypt                              | -            | *            | -             | 60            | -            | 48            |
| Bulgaria                           | -            | 25           | -             | 126           | 105          | 25            |
| Palestinians                       | -            | 68           | 1,249         | -             | -            | -             |
| Armenia                            | -            | *            | -             | -             | -            | -             |
| Albania                            | -            | -            | -             | 12            | -            | *             |
| Guinea                             | *            | 9            | -             | 30            | -            | -             |
| Jordan                             | -            | *            | -             | 9             | -            | 16            |
| Gambia                             | -            | 12           | -             | *             | -            | 5             |
| Russian Federation                 | *            | 13           | -             | 34            | 21           | 27            |
| Cuba                               | 12           | 517          | -             | 18            | -            | 11            |
| Uganda                             | *            | *            | -             | 35            | -            | 557           |
| Argentina                          | -            | 108          | -             | 130           | -            | 37            |
| Congo                              | -            | 8            | -             | 163           | -            | -             |
| Uruguay                            | *            | 60           | -             | 54            | -            | 7             |
| Mozambique                         | 539          | 11           | -             | 14            | -            | *             |
| Other/unknown                      | 2,984        | 625          | 11,552        | 1,251         | 40           | 1,746         |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>4,338</b> | <b>5,379</b> | <b>41,926</b> | <b>29,702</b> | <b>4,267</b> | <b>17,467</b> |
| <b>Africa</b>                      | <b>1,399</b> | <b>408</b>   | <b>963</b>    | <b>4,945</b>  | <b>119</b>   | <b>3,801</b>  |
| <b>Asia</b>                        | <b>27</b>    | <b>3,129</b> | <b>18,272</b> | <b>11,555</b> | <b>819</b>   | <b>11,599</b> |
| <b>Europe</b>                      | <b>20</b>    | <b>461</b>   | <b>7,485</b>  | <b>8,918</b>  | <b>2,791</b> | <b>1,433</b>  |
| <b>Latin America and Caribbean</b> | <b>45</b>    | <b>986</b>   | <b>2,405</b>  | <b>4,261</b>  | <b>527</b>   | <b>280</b>    |
| <b>Other/unknown</b>               | <b>2,847</b> | <b>395</b>   | <b>12,801</b> | <b>23</b>     | <b>11</b>    | <b>354</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>4,338</b> | <b>5,379</b> | <b>41,926</b> | <b>29,702</b> | <b>4,267</b> | <b>17,467</b> |