

Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries

Third Quarter, 2004

Comparative Overview of Asylum Applications Lodged
in 31 European and 5 Non-European Countries



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Introduction

The quarterly asylum levels and trends report is based on monthly asylum application data received from national asylum authorities in Europe, North America, Australia, New Zealand and Japan. During the third quarter of 2004, six new asylum countries were included in this monitoring system, which now covers 36 countries.

This report covers only the number of claims submitted by asylum-seekers. Information on the number of asylum-seekers granted refugee status or allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons is published separately on an annual basis.¹

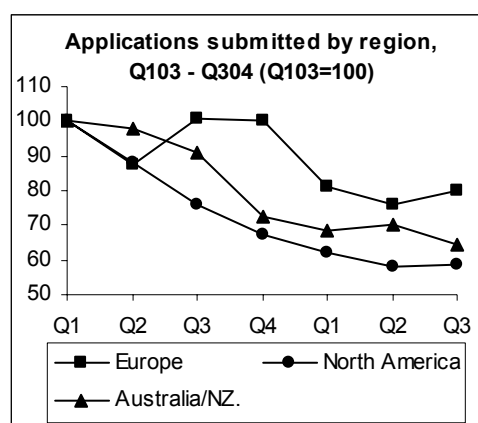
The figures included here generally refer to the number of persons seeking asylum. Because the data are reported by national authorities, asylum-seekers who submit a claim in more than one country are likely to be double-counted. Therefore, the regional figures in this report overstate the total number of asylum-seekers. All data included in this report should be considered as provisional, subject to change. Due to retroactive updates, the figures in this report may differ slightly from those reported earlier.

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Regions of asylum

During the third quarter of 2004, 90,500 asylum applications were submitted in the **36 countries** covered by this report, 4% more than during the second quarter (87,100), but 24% below the third quarter level of 2003 (118,500). In **Europe**, quarterly asylum levels increased by 5% from Q2 to Q3 of 2004, but fell by 24% compared to Q3 of 2003.

In the **European Union (EU)**, 6% more asylum claims were submitted in Q3 than in Q2 of 2004, but a 20% fewer compared to Q3 of 2003.² The enlarged EU currently receives 75% of all asylum claims submitted in the 36 countries. The five **Nordic countries** reported a sharp rise in new asylum claims: +21% compared to Q2 of 2004.



North America registered 1% more asylum-seekers in the Q3 of 2004, but a 23% fall

¹ See 2003 UNHCR Statistical Yearbook (provisional), available at www.unhcr.org/statistics.

² This report covers 24 of the 25 current EU member countries. Data for Italy are not available.

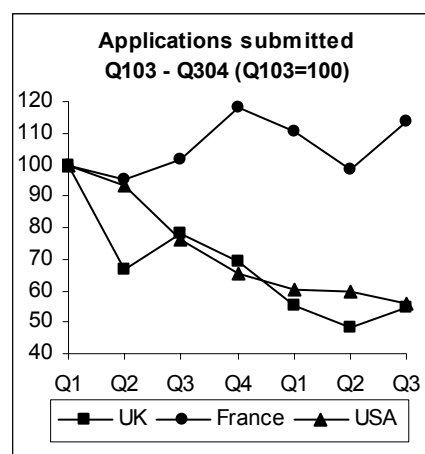
compared to the Q3 of 2003. **Australia/New Zealand** was the only region where the latest quarterly trends showed a sharp drop (-9%). Since Q3 of 2003, new applications in this region have plummeted by 29%. Since the beginning of 2003, the fall in asylum-seekers has been more pronounced in **North America** and **Australia/New Zealand** than in **Europe** (see chart).

During the first nine months of 2004, 22% fewer asylum applications were lodged in the **36 countries** compared to the first nine months of 2003. In **Europe**, the fall in asylum-seekers was less pronounced (-20%) than in the five non-European countries (-32%). The enlarged **European Union** reported 18% fewer asylum claims.

Countries of asylum

Since Q4 of 2003, **France** has been the leading asylum-seeker receiving country. Asylum applications lodged in France increased by 15% in Q3 of 2004. As a result, the share of France in the total number of claims lodged in the 36 countries increased slightly, from 15% in Q4 of 2003 to 18% in Q3 of 2004. (see Table 1).

Following a 13% rise in quarterly applications, the **United Kingdom** became the second major asylum-seeker receiving country in Q3 of 2004 (3rd in Q2 of 2004). The **United States** fell from the 2nd to the 3rd position of main receiving countries following a 6% drop in claims in Q3 of 2004.



Germany, recording a 1% increase in asylum applications during Q3 of 2004, continues to be the 4th largest asylum-seeker receiving country. **Austria**, despite receiving 5% fewer asylum-seekers in Q3 of 2004, continues to rank 5th.

Sweden moved up from the 7th position in Q2 to the 6th in Q3 of 2004, following a 21% rise in asylum-seekers.

Canada, while recording 12% more asylum claims in Q3 of 2004, dropped from the 6th to the 7th position among the 36 countries. **Belgium** moved up from the 10th position in Q2 of 2004 to the 8th in Q3 of 2004 following a 5% increase in the number of asylum claims. **Switzerland** witnessed a significant drop in new asylum claims in Q3 of 2004 (-14%), but it remained 9th among the receiving countries.

Cyprus experienced the greatest change in its role as asylum country, however. In Q3 of 2003, the country was 22nd on the list of receiving countries, with 510 new asylum claims filed. In Q3 of 2004, Cyprus received 2,840 claims³, making it the 10th largest receiving country, ranking higher than **Slovakia** (11th), **the Netherlands** (12th), **Norway** (13th), **Poland** (14th) and **Ireland** (15th).

³ Most asylum-seekers are from Bangladesh who entered the country on a student visa (see Table 8).

Important differences exist in the asylum flows to the new EU member countries. **Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia** have received most asylum claims since 2003, although **Czech Republic** has recently experienced a rapid fall in new claims. **Hungary**, a major recipient of asylum-seekers in Central Europe a few years ago, has received fewer than 500 claims since Q4 of 2003. **Slovenia** continues to receive a modest number of asylum-seekers, between and 200 and 400 each quarter. The three **Baltic countries** receive very few asylum-seekers: **Lithuania** is the only Baltic state receiving over 10 claims each quarter. **Malta** and particularly **Cyprus** have recorded a strong rise in the number of asylum-seekers recently.

From Q2 to Q3 of 2004, 14 countries experienced a fall in the number of new asylum claims lodged, 20 countries reported an increase, while two countries recorded a stable number of new asylum claims lodged. Among the larger recipients, countries reporting a relatively strong rise in new asylum claims included **Cyprus** (35%), **Finland** (43%), **Hungary** (25%) and **Malta** (167%). Significantly fewer asylum-seekers were reported by **Czech Republic** (-30%), **Greece** (-60%), **Slovakia** (-32%) and **Slovenia** (-27%).

Based on data for the first nine months of 2004, it is estimated that **Cyprus** will receive the largest number of asylum applicants per 1,000 inhabitants in 2004 (10.2), followed by **Luxembourg** (3.8), **Austria** (3.1) and **Sweden** (2.7) (see Table 1).

Regarding the latest monthly trends, the number of new applications lodged in the **36 countries** fell by 2% in August, but rose by 5% in September 2004. The strong rise in asylum claims in the enlarged **EU** in September (30%) partly reflects the relatively low number of cases processed during August (see Table 9).

Compared to the first nine months of 2003, the number of asylum claims during January to September 2004 increased significantly in **Cyprus** (499%), **Luxembourg** (26%), **Malta** (49%) and **Slovakia** (46%). Important reductions in the number of new asylum claims were reported by **Czech Republic** (-46%), **Denmark** (-33%), **Germany** (-30%), **Greece** (-49%), **Hungary** (-36%), **Ireland** (-46%), **the Netherlands** (-33%), **Norway** (-49%), **Romania** (-42%), **Switzerland** (-27%), **United Kingdom** (-36%), **Canada** (-28%), **United States** (-35%), **Australia** (-30%) and **New Zealand** (-28%).

Comparing the ranking of the main receiving countries during the first nine months of 2003 with the same period in 2004, **France** moved from the 3rd to the 1st position, the **United Kingdom** fell from the 1st to the 2nd rank, the **United States** dropped from the 2nd to the 3rd place, **Germany** remained 4th, followed by **Austria** (6th in 2003) and **Canada** (5th in 2003).

Asylum-seeker nationalities

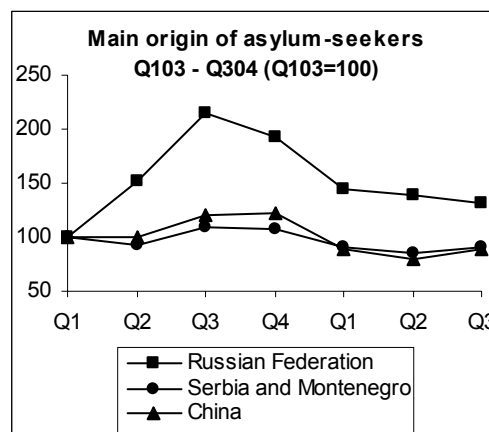
Among the main asylum-seeker nationalities, there was no change in their ranking from Q2 to Q3 of 2004. The **Russian Federation** continues to be leading country of

origin of asylum-seekers in the 36 industrialized countries, followed by **Serbia and Montenegro, China and Turkey** (see Table 2).

Important changes took place in the ranking of some countries of origin, however. The **Islamic Republic of Iran** moved up from the 13th position in Q2 to the 7th in Q3, while **Iraq** rose from the 14th rank in Q1 to the 8th in Q3 of 2004. **Somalia** fell from the 8th position in Q1 to the 12th in Q3 of 2004, while **Algeria** fell from the 7th to the 14th position during the same timeframe.

Q3 of 2004 witnessed a decrease in asylum-seekers from **Russian Federation** (-5%), most of whom are from Chechnya, **Nigeria** (-2%), **India** (-23%), **Pakistan** (-7%), **Algeria** (-16%), **Bangladesh** (-20%) and **Haiti** (-15%).

Countries of origin from which more citizens claimed asylum from Q2 to Q3 of 2004 included **Serbia and Montenegro** (6%), **China** (12%), **Turkey** (6%), the **Islamic Republic of Iran** (27%), **Iraq** (15%), **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (13%), **Georgia** (4%), **Somalia** (21%), **Sri Lanka** (33%), **Republic of Moldova** (5%) and **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (31%).



The latest monthly trends in the 36 asylum countries indicate that the number of asylum-seekers from **Russian Federation** rose by more than 40% from July to September 2004. Among the main receiving countries, the increase was particularly noteworthy in **Austria** (94%), **Germany** (34%), **Poland** (62%) and **Slovakia** (33%). The total number of Russians applying for asylum in the 36 countries in September 2004 (2,570) was, after March (3,120), the second highest level of the year.

Asylum-seekers from **Serbia and Montenegro** lodged 20% more applications in September compared to July 2004, while the number of asylum-seekers from **China** increased by 13% (see Table 10).

During the first nine months of 2004, all ten main asylum-seeker nationalities recorded a decrease in the number of asylum claims compared to the first nine months of 2003. Applications from nationals of **Russian Federation** fell by 11%, the number of asylum-seekers from **Serbia and Montenegro** fell also by 11% and the number of **Chinese** asylum claims dropped by 19%. Fewer asylum-seekers were also recorded from **Turkey** (-32%), **Nigeria** (-11%), **India** (-7%), **Islamic Republic of Iran** (-23%), **Iraq** (-69%), **Pakistan** (-18%) and **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (-20%).

Detailed tabulations

Detailed asylum application trends by country of asylum and origin are included in Tables 3 through 10, as follows:

- ✓ Country of origin trends in Europe and the European Union are included Tables 3 and 4.
- ✓ Tables 5, 6 and 7 provide an overview of asylum applications by origin and country of asylum for each quarter in 2004.
- ✓ Table 8 indicates the top-10 countries (territories) of origin of asylum-seekers for each asylum country during the first nine months of 2004.
- ✓ The latest monthly trends are provided in Table 9 (country of asylum) and Table 10 (origin).

Annex I contains the explanation of the country codes used in some tables.

Table 1. Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 36 countries, first quarter 2003 to third quarter 2004
See footnotes at bottom of table.

Country/region of asylum	2003				2004			04-Q1-	04-Q2-	Share in Total				Per 1,000 pop.	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	04-Q2	04-Q3	2003	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	2003	04 (est.)
Austria	6,644	8,125	9,798	7,775	5,945	6,621	6,268	11%	-5%	7%	6%	8%	7%	4.0	3.1
Belgium	3,828	3,582	4,613	4,917	3,916	3,482	3,672	-11%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	1.6	1.4
Bulgaria	426	256	281	586	267	250	248	-6%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.2	0.1
Croatia	2	9	15	37	39	16	35	-59%	119%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	0.0
Cyprus	349	150	513	3,399	1,109	2,112	2,841	90%	35%	1%	1%	2%	3%	5.5	10.2
Czech Rep.	1,977	3,048	3,058	3,311	2,128	1,339	938	-37%	-30%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1.1	0.6
Denmark	1,222	1,103	1,206	1,026	904	717	751	-21%	5%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0.9	0.6
Estonia	6	3	4	1	8	4	2	-50%	-50%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	0.0
Finland	817	611	714	1,079	1,050	649	926	-38%	43%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0.6	0.7
France	14,285	13,591	14,514	16,908	15,764	14,049	16,214	-11%	15%	13%	17%	16%	18%	1.0	1.0
Germany	14,939	11,423	12,494	11,589	10,167	8,519	8,618	-16%	1%	11%	11%	10%	10%	0.6	0.4
Greece	2,246	2,592	1,954	1,386	1,009	1,747	694	73%	-60%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0.7	0.4
Hungary	645	522	737	497	367	378	471	3%	25%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0.2	0.2
Iceland	19	12	31	18	17	20	22	18%	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.3	0.3
Ireland	2,818	1,932	1,912	1,238	1,256	1,104	1,238	-12%	12%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2.0	1.2
Latvia	3	2	-	-	3	1	1	-67%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	0.0
Liechtenstein	24	29	24	24	29	15	15	-48%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.0	2.4
Lithuania	45	45	45	45	23	31	57	35%	84%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.1	0.0
Luxembourg	298	354	362	540	514	404	356	-21%	-12%	0%	1%	0%	0%	3.5	3.8
Malta	184	120	129	135	129	141	376	9%	167%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1.4	2.2
Netherlands	3,674	3,792	3,219	2,717	2,752	2,080	2,308	-24%	11%	3%	3%	2%	3%	0.8	0.6
Norway	3,709	3,479	5,022	3,750	2,175	1,832	2,205	-16%	20%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3.5	1.8
Poland	1,407	1,314	2,331	1,869	1,317	1,770	2,145	34%	21%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0.2	0.2
Portugal	22	40	16	29	16	30	34	88%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	0.0
Romania	272	384	213	208	213	134	153	-37%	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	0.0
Slovakia	1,249	2,125	2,788	4,161	2,527	3,839	2,624	52%	-32%	2%	3%	4%	3%	1.9	2.2
Slovenia	285	283	307	227	310	311	228	0%	-27%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.6	0.6
Spain	1,547	1,072	1,506	1,642	1,480	1,227	1,129	-17%	-8%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0.1	0.1
Sweden	7,942	6,198	8,945	8,270	6,237	5,160	6,227	-17%	21%	7%	7%	6%	7%	3.5	2.7
Switzerland	5,506	4,868	5,592	5,085	4,748	3,667	3,161	-23%	-14%	5%	5%	4%	3%	2.9	2.2
United Kingdom	19,130	12,710	14,995	13,210	10,585	9,210	10,385	-13%	13%	13%	11%	11%	11%	1.0	0.7
Canada	9,761	7,748	7,432	6,915	6,343	5,418	6,088	-15%	12%	7%	7%	6%	7%	1.0	0.8
USA	16,180	15,120	12,330	10,620	9,710	9,660	9,090	-1%	-6%	12%	10%	11%	10%	0.2	0.1
Australia	1,156	1,159	1,107	868	767	840	787	10%	-6%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0.2	0.2
New Zealand	264	227	185	165	204	159	126	-22%	-21%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.2	0.2
Japan	70	74	106	85	112	145	85	29%	-41%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.0	0.0
EU-old (14)	79,412	67,125	76,248	72,326	61,595	54,999	58,820	-11%	7%	64%	65%	63%	65%	0.9	0.7
EU-new (10)	6,150	7,612	9,912	13,645	7,921	9,926	9,683	25%	-2%	8%	8%	11%	11%	0.5	0.5
EU-total (24)	85,562	74,737	86,160	85,971	69,516	64,925	68,503	-7%	6%	72%	74%	75%	76%	0.8	0.7
Nordic (5)	13,709	11,403	15,918	14,143	10,383	8,378	10,131	-19%	21%	12%	11%	10%	11%	2.3	1.6
Western Europe (18)	88,670	75,513	86,917	81,203	68,564	60,533	64,223	-12%	6%	72%	73%	70%	71%	1.0	0.8
Central Europe (13)	6,850	8,261	10,421	14,476	8,440	10,326	10,119	22%	-2%	9%	9%	12%	11%	0.4	0.4
Europe (31)	95,520	83,774	97,338	95,679	77,004	70,859	74,342	-8%	5%	80%	82%	81%	82%	0.8	0.7
Non-Europe (5)	27,431	24,328	21,160	18,653	17,136	16,222	16,176	-5%	0%	20%	18%	19%	18%	0.2	0.1
North America (2)	25,941	22,868	19,762	17,535	16,053	15,078	15,178	-6%	1%	19%	17%	17%	17%	0.3	0.2
Australia/New Z.	1,420	1,386	1,292	1,033	971	999	913	3%	-9%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0.2	0.2
Total	122,951	108,102	118,498	114,332	94,140	87,081	90,518	-7%	4%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0.5	0.4

Notes

All figures are provisional and subject to change.
 France: children under age 16 are now included. This accounts for discrepancies between the figures in this report and some earlier reports.
 Germany and USA: new applications only.
 Lithuania: 2003 quarterly data based on annual figure for 2003 divided by four.
 UK: No. of persons (source: Home Office). All following tables by nationality are based on the no. of cases, however.
 USA: Data reflect no. of persons (no. of cases multiplied with 1.4). Source: INS. All following tables by nationality are based on the no. of cases, however.
 EU-old: European Union member countries until May 2004, excluding Italy (no data available).
 EU-new: 10 new EU member states, which acceded on 1 May 2004.
 EU-total: All EU member states, except Italy (no data available).
 Western Europe: EU-old plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
 Central Europe: EU-new plus Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania.
 Europe: All 31 European countries listed.
 Non-Europe: All 5 non-European countries listed.
 Total: All countries listed.

Source: Governments, compiled by UNHCR (Population Data Unit/PGDS).

Table 2. Asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, first quarter 2003 to third quarter 2004

Covering all 36 asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 countries based on applications lodged during third quarter of 2004.

Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because USA and UK data by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	2003				2004			04-Q1-	04-Q2-	Rank, 2004		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	04-Q2	04-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
Russian Federation	5,303	8,006	11,371	10,254	7,639	7,351	6,963	-4%	-5%	1	1	1
Serbia and Montenegro	6,320	5,800	6,949	6,816	5,760	5,394	5,733	-6%	6%	2	2	2
China	5,033	5,011	6,035	6,130	4,489	4,003	4,483	-11%	12%	4	3	3
Turkey	6,657	5,646	5,961	5,897	4,728	3,692	3,930	-22%	6%	3	4	4
Nigeria	3,786	3,283	3,133	3,070	3,089	3,041	2,966	-2%	-2%	5	6	5
India	3,241	3,477	3,396	3,500	2,940	3,670	2,832	25%	-23%	6	5	6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,868	2,631	3,352	3,554	2,298	1,981	2,516	-14%	27%	10	13	7
Iraq	11,104	6,412	4,154	3,142	2,195	2,104	2,411	-4%	15%	14	10	8
Pakistan	4,400	2,248	2,228	2,622	2,255	2,589	2,403	15%	-7%	12	7	9
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	3,138	2,729	2,678	2,675	2,465	2,063	2,341	-16%	13%	9	11	10
Georgia	1,749	1,907	2,138	2,521	2,213	2,229	2,310	1%	4%	13	9	11
Somalia	3,125	2,745	4,680	3,150	2,509	1,857	2,252	-26%	21%	8	15	12
Afghanistan	3,354	3,679	3,655	3,195	2,260	2,041	2,063	-10%	1%	11	12	13
Algeria	2,054	1,820	2,074	2,021	2,643	2,281	1,927	-14%	-16%	7	8	14
Sri Lanka	1,436	1,389	1,283	1,335	1,269	1,212	1,617	-4%	33%	20	19	15
Colombia	1,910	1,748	1,699	1,651	1,643	1,596	1,603	-3%	0%	16	17	16
Bangladesh	1,399	1,362	1,304	3,178	1,366	1,963	1,576	44%	-20%	18	14	17
Haiti	1,084	1,281	1,240	1,344	1,727	1,850	1,574	7%	-15%	15	16	18
Rep. of Moldova	1,004	1,144	1,690	1,553	1,035	1,472	1,550	42%	5%	25	18	19
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,628	1,232	1,446	1,172	1,183	1,100	1,443	-7%	31%	21	22	20
Armenia	1,151	1,275	1,693	2,272	1,454	1,198	1,299	-18%	8%	17	20	21
Ukraine	1,445	1,235	1,408	1,577	1,354	1,109	1,232	-18%	11%	19	21	22
Azerbaijan	907	803	1,109	1,213	1,057	1,025	1,219	-3%	19%	24	23	23
Mexico	1,784	1,278	1,408	1,101	930	934	1,173	0%	26%	26	25	24
Guinea	838	969	988	1,075	1,102	924	996	-16%	8%	23	27	25
Sudan	741	708	945	946	666	758	948	14%	25%	35	28	26
Eritrea	816	583	883	837	572	415	943	-27%	127%	39	40	27
Cameroon	1,565	1,327	1,273	1,328	1,137	932	931	-18%	0%	22	26	28
Syrian Arab Rep.	797	695	932	891	701	701	900	0%	28%	33	31	29
Viet Nam	1,265	1,022	1,148	1,037	851	959	772	13%	-19%	29	24	30
Ethiopia	866	771	964	950	768	639	734	-17%	15%	31	35	31
Albania	1,139	1,051	1,027	902	886	721	728	-19%	1%	27	30	32
Zimbabwe	1,360	1,027	881	888	795	694	707	-13%	2%	30	34	33
Côte d'Ivoire	1,507	1,037	776	860	711	698	689	-2%	-1%	32	32	34
FYR Macedonia	701	633	690	733	650	547	677	-16%	24%	37	37	35
Angola	1,232	1,009	1,121	974	874	603	626	-31%	4%	28	36	36
Romania	1,285	691	809	803	651	756	622	16%	-18%	36	29	37
Congo	993	775	663	694	631	465	602	-26%	29%	38	38	38
Belarus	884	841	954	907	689	697	596	1%	-14%	34	33	39
Mongolia	520	499	455	521	418	440	591	5%	34%	40	39	40
Other	22,621	19,916	21,400	19,577	17,121	14,327	14,660	-16%	2%			
Total	115,010	101,695	111,993	108,866	89,724	83,031	86,138	-7%	4%			

Table 3. Asylum applications lodged in Europe, first quarter 2003 to third quarter 2004

Covering all 31 European countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 countries based on applications lodged during third quarter of 2004.
 Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because UK data by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	2003				2004			04-Q1-	04-Q2-	Rank, 2004		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	04-Q2	04-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
Russian Federation	4,986	7,692	11,135	9,988	7,409	7,074	6,725	-5%	-5%	1	1	1
Serbia and Montenegro	6,218	5,722	6,778	6,725	5,661	5,313	5,660	-6%	7%	2	2	2
Turkey	6,507	5,518	5,829	5,770	4,613	3,567	3,852	-23%	8%	3	3	3
China	3,170	3,373	4,519	4,524	3,114	2,589	3,047	-17%	18%	4	6	4
Nigeria	3,624	3,109	2,953	2,864	2,916	2,874	2,838	-1%	-1%	5	5	5
India	2,507	2,702	2,763	2,887	2,458	3,246	2,456	32%	-24%	7	4	6
Iraq	10,909	6,301	4,071	3,029	2,120	1,994	2,345	-6%	18%	12	11	7
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,547	2,425	3,147	3,357	2,090	1,841	2,323	-12%	26%	13	14	8
Georgia	1,708	1,858	2,082	2,442	2,173	2,202	2,281	1%	4%	11	9	9
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,984	2,567	2,542	2,566	2,359	1,972	2,214	-16%	12%	9	12	10
Pakistan	1,539	1,449	1,819	2,228	1,966	2,350	2,132	20%	-9%	14	7	11
Somalia	3,015	2,640	4,536	3,021	2,369	1,729	2,097	-27%	21%	8	15	12
Afghanistan	3,318	3,644	3,608	3,117	2,205	2,009	1,983	-9%	-1%	10	10	13
Algeria	2,016	1,804	2,058	1,996	2,628	2,264	1,916	-14%	-15%	6	8	14
Rep. of Moldova	991	1,126	1,684	1,551	1,024	1,465	1,542	43%	5%	19	16	15
Bangladesh	1,191	958	1,107	3,037	1,253	1,879	1,460	50%	-22%	17	13	16
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,627	1,228	1,442	1,166	1,177	1,099	1,438	-7%	31%	18	17	17
Sri Lanka	1,118	935	927	981	905	936	1,271	3%	36%	22	22	18
Azerbaijan	840	728	1,051	1,164	1,017	999	1,198	-2%	20%	20	20	19
Armenia	938	1,060	1,537	2,119	1,331	1,056	1,183	-21%	12%	15	18	20
Ukraine	1,335	1,138	1,316	1,486	1,267	1,024	1,149	-19%	12%	16	19	21
Sudan	684	648	893	887	625	718	924	15%	29%	31	25	22
Syrian Arab Rep.	743	642	911	870	652	676	884	4%	31%	28	27	23
Eritrea	736	525	823	762	501	352	871	-30%	147%	37	39	24
Guinea	628	795	793	883	915	748	775	-18%	4%	21	24	25
Haiti	208	330	459	494	617	919	761	49%	-17%	33	23	26
Viet Nam	1,235	993	1,073	1,008	828	940	760	14%	-19%	24	21	27
FYR Macedonia	690	618	667	720	646	544	668	-16%	23%	29	34	28
Cameroon	1,090	916	924	979	795	637	623	-20%	-2%	26	28	29
Angola	1,204	991	1,099	949	851	593	617	-30%	4%	23	30	30
Zimbabwe	1,193	889	765	768	645	591	608	-8%	3%	30	31	31
Mongolia	513	497	443	497	399	408	578	2%	42%	40	36	32
Côte d'Ivoire	1,317	866	623	755	619	599	576	-3%	-4%	32	29	33
Albania	823	730	722	656	677	545	569	-19%	4%	27	33	34
Romania	1,208	588	687	729	599	685	564	14%	-18%	35	26	35
Congo	897	683	574	635	566	400	551	-29%	38%	36	37	36
Bulgaria	1,042	283	445	666	442	354	527	-20%	49%	38	38	37
Belarus	830	749	901	827	610	530	514	-13%	-3%	34	35	38
Liberia	469	657	1,451	1,156	811	576	474	-29%	-18%	25	32	39
Ethiopia	588	488	664	612	416	350	459	-16%	31%	39	40	40
Other	13,015	10,825	12,533	12,377	11,092	8,921	9,148	-20%	3%			
Total	92,201	81,690	94,354	93,248	75,361	69,568	72,561	-8%	4%			

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Table 4. Asylum applications lodged in the European Union, first quarter 2003 to third quarter 2004

Covering all current European Union member countries, except Italy (no data available). Top-40 countries based on Q3 of 2004.

Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because UK data by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	2003				2004			04-Q1-	04-Q2-	Rank, 2004		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	04-Q2	04-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
Russian Federation	4,521	7,165	10,283	9,348	6,983	6,718	6,315	-4%	-6%	1	1	1
Serbia and Montenegro	4,861	4,548	5,342	5,437	4,843	4,612	5,029	-5%	9%	2	2	2
Turkey	5,961	5,070	5,333	5,278	4,197	3,242	3,504	-23%	8%	3	3	3
China	3,027	3,204	4,388	4,384	3,012	2,543	3,001	-16%	18%	4	6	4
Nigeria	3,436	2,873	2,774	2,650	2,696	2,667	2,672	-1%	0%	5	5	5
India	2,400	2,595	2,662	2,812	2,377	3,198	2,419	35%	-24%	6	4	6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,327	2,204	2,806	3,089	1,911	1,700	2,133	-11%	25%	11	13	7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,824	2,431	2,381	2,419	2,234	1,863	2,132	-17%	14%	8	10	8
Iraq	9,557	5,657	3,518	2,605	1,740	1,750	2,080	1%	19%	13	12	9
Georgia	1,485	1,610	1,863	2,198	1,913	1,995	2,077	4%	4%	10	9	10
Pakistan	1,451	1,365	1,719	2,131	1,874	2,260	2,064	21%	-9%	12	7	11
Algeria	1,784	1,516	1,670	1,684	2,355	2,115	1,791	-10%	-15%	7	8	12
Afghanistan	2,893	3,057	2,790	2,130	1,660	1,657	1,597	0%	-4%	14	14	13
Somalia	2,481	2,089	3,620	2,785	2,046	1,311	1,547	-36%	18%	9	16	14
Rep. of Moldova	944	1,065	1,609	1,466	987	1,422	1,484	44%	4%	19	15	15
Bangladesh	1,087	886	1,006	2,943	1,180	1,813	1,382	54%	-24%	16	11	16
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,085	856	1,110	982	1,040	994	1,321	-4%	33%	18	17	17
Sri Lanka	999	827	814	900	826	855	1,191	4%	39%	21	23	18
Azerbaijan	781	680	984	1,080	954	926	1,138	-3%	23%	20	19	19
Ukraine	1,277	1,063	1,256	1,398	1,212	988	1,110	-18%	12%	15	18	20
Armenia	807	943	1,424	1,874	1,148	912	1,101	-21%	21%	17	21	21
Sudan	578	577	816	814	542	647	860	19%	33%	34	24	22
Syrian Arab Rep.	688	576	832	777	589	616	809	5%	31%	30	26	23
Eritrea	624	445	712	625	422	313	773	-26%	147%	38	39	24
Haiti	208	330	458	494	615	917	761	49%	-17%	28	20	25
Viet Nam	1,212	980	1,040	989	801	911	733	14%	-20%	22	22	26
Guinea	491	601	570	701	713	632	708	-11%	12%	24	25	27
FYR Macedonia	513	484	553	539	513	471	615	-8%	31%	37	36	28
Zimbabwe	1,180	868	754	747	626	581	594	-7%	2%	27	28	29
Angola	1,071	898	907	799	767	538	577	-30%	7%	23	30	30
Mongolia	412	403	343	407	316	385	567	22%	47%	40	38	31
Cameroon	999	829	805	855	697	578	562	-17%	-3%	25	29	32
Congo	871	670	556	610	549	391	539	-29%	38%	32	37	33
Côte d'Ivoire	1,192	784	555	698	558	538	538	-4%	0%	31	30	34
Albania	724	629	624	578	599	508	530	-15%	4%	29	32	35
Romania	1,105	503	552	578	547	593	519	8%	-12%	33	27	36
Belarus	684	582	745	668	523	480	472	-8%	-2%	36	35	37
Liberia	409	535	1,188	940	676	504	423	-25%	-16%	26	33	38
Burundi	437	367	573	451	380	295	404	-22%	37%	39	40	39
Mauritania	682	647	710	690	533	492	402	-8%	-18%	35	34	40
Other	12,175	9,241	10,531	10,987	9,719	7,703	8,248	-21%	7%			
Total	82,243	72,653	83,176	83,540	67,873	63,634	66,722	-6%	5%			

Table 5. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, first quarter 2004 (Top-20)

Top-20 countries based on applications lodged during quarter.

An asterisk (*) indicates a value between 1 and 4. United Kingdom and USA: no. of cases.

Origin	AUL	AUS	BEL	BUL	CAN	CYP	CZE	DEN	EST	FIN	FRA	GBR(c)	GFR	GRE	HRV	HUN	ICE	IRE
Russian Federation	*	1,848	337	*	42	72	882	73	-	48	867	50	722	42	*	5	*	14
Serbia and Montenegro	10	616	330	-	35	-	*	179	-	209	1,026	85	1,000	*	-	20	-	13
Turkey	12	298	151	*	51	10	5	19	*	24	1,450	460	1,277	55	*	48	-	12
China	189	178	51	*	535	*	45	29	-	19	1,431	615	269	14	-	30	-	41
Nigeria	*	454	49	37	138	*	8	28	-	23	386	280	273	44	-	23	*	490
India	76	434	46	8	291	27	12	11	-	-	207	385	305	17	8	10	-	*
Algeria	-	54	111	33	15	-	11	14	-	12	1,433	125	263	*	8	18	-	17
Somalia	5	10	41	*	89	*	5	63	-	41	31	1,000	102	44	-	*	-	43
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	14	412	-	80	*	-	*	-	14	1,114	405	106	10	-	5	-	59
Islamic Rep. of Iran	18	79	113	18	74	51	*	36	-	21	40	725	392	81	-	13	-	7
Afghanistan	23	196	79	52	32	*	*	95	-	47	47	285	289	73	-	25	-	*
Pakistan	18	187	93	*	226	199	*	10	-	*	252	405	292	38	*	22	-	8
Georgia	-	354	53	*	5	70	92	10	*	14	499	50	227	74	-	26	-	30
Iraq	30	74	32	8	14	43	9	63	-	22	44	340	336	146	*	14	-	*
Haiti	-	-	*	-	57	-	-	-	-	-	605	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
Colombia	*	7	10	-	694	-	-	-	-	-	22	35	9	-	-	-	-	-
Armenia	-	134	101	30	*	8	22	*	-	*	386	10	148	*	-	7	-	*
Bangladesh	20	69	11	12	73	439	6	9	-	*	255	135	36	39	-	*	-	*
Ukraine	5	103	25	*	43	83	526	*	-	10	198	40	47	31	-	9	-	21
Sri Lanka	20	21	5	-	301	6	-	6	-	*	551	90	63	10	*	-	6	5

	JPN	LIE	LTU	LUX	LVA	MTA	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	POR	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	USA(c)
Russian Federation	*	*	11	8	-	*	77	270	-	977	*	*	22	619	-	304	149	182
Serbia and Montenegro	-	7	-	78	-	-	117	246	-	-	-	*	*	16	56	1,088	563	54
Turkey	45	-	-	*	-	7	99	55	-	15	-	5	5	19	103	136	351	7
China	*	*	-	*	-	-	84	33	14	*	-	43	-	124	*	74	24	635
Nigeria	-	-	-	90	-	11	89	58	-	*	*	*	297	*	*	138	121	32
India	*	-	-	-	-	-	58	*	20	109	-	45	*	720	9	20	16	93
Algeria	-	-	-	10	-	10	14	29	-	*	-	-	171	-	15	72	203	-
Somalia	-	-	-	*	-	71	185	125	*	8	-	5	6	*	*	386	190	44
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	-	*	-	-	35	19	-	*	-	*	26	-	-	26	105	26
Islamic Rep. of Iran	7	*	-	5	-	-	127	86	32	-	-	9	7	23	*	186	65	77
Afghanistan	-	-	-	5	-	-	167	436	-	19	-	-	6	86	*	233	57	-
Pakistan	*	-	-	-	-	-	14	15	*	87	-	11	17	220	*	25	61	39
Georgia	-	-	-	*	-	-	18	37	-	8	-	*	12	275	*	102	220	35
Iraq	-	-	-	-	-	*	215	93	*	*	-	42	19	11	21	342	236	29
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	*	1,053
Colombia	-	-	-	-	-	*	38	*	*	-	-	-	162	-	-	*	13	642
Armenia	-	-	-	5	-	-	84	22	-	10	*	-	33	87	-	104	131	119
Bangladesh	5	-	-	-	-	-	8	7	10	-	-	6	*	128	*	35	48	5
Ukraine	-	*	-	*	-	-	8	14	*	12	-	*	9	18	-	66	35	36
Sri Lanka	*	-	-	-	-	-	29	5	15	-	*	*	10	15	10	*	63	26

Table 6. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, second quarter 2004 (Top-20)

Top-20 countries based on applications lodged during quarter.

An asterisk (*) indicates a value between 1 and 4. United Kingdom and USA: no. of cases.

Origin	AUL	AUS	BEL	BUL	CAN	CYP	CZE	DEN	EST	FIN	FRA	GBR(c)	GFR	GRE	HRV	HUN	ICE	IRE
Russian Federation	*	1,795	288	5	40	59	420	14	-	44	730	55	546	74	-	9	*	18
Serbia and Montenegro	7	629	287	-	30	*	7	166	-	193	931	80	1,022	*	5	35	6	19
China	214	145	53	-	404	29	79	15	-	*	887	595	356	16	-	5	-	49
Turkey	*	284	144	*	55	18	*	21	*	40	1,081	255	999	26	*	25	-	*
India	69	578	52	8	234	116	31	17	-	*	216	310	333	11	-	*	-	*
Nigeria	*	439	48	33	150	*	9	22	-	14	380	300	274	161	-	24	*	465
Pakistan	9	197	92	-	174	317	*	40	-	-	347	475	337	98	5	10	-	5
Algeria	-	58	91	9	17	*	5	5	-	6	1,222	140	205	8	-	7	*	14
Georgia	*	488	56	-	*	72	56	5	-	23	397	40	173	190	-	45	-	33
Iraq	28	58	80	10	29	8	10	43	-	20	42	410	217	363	-	12	*	8
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	21	334	-	63	-	-	*	-	8	952	300	91	11	-	*	-	35
Afghanistan	6	222	58	64	26	19	*	61	-	20	40	355	233	76	-	8	-	11
Islamic Rep. of Iran	7	109	125	10	57	126	-	28	-	17	19	685	320	52	-	9	*	17
Bangladesh	28	122	10	16	45	994	-	*	-	8	239	125	29	56	-	12	-	*
Somalia	-	6	38	27	78	-	-	33	-	37	46	540	42	36	-	*	-	34
Haiti	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	916	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colombia	*	*	8	-	718	-	-	-	-	-	18	35	15	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. of Moldova	-	445	20	-	7	8	21	*	-	-	457	45	30	44	*	24	-	19
Sri Lanka	16	19	16	-	243	78	-	*	-	*	551	65	55	10	-	-	-	-
Armenia	-	97	97	29	*	9	20	8	-	14	264	5	127	11	-	8	-	-

Origin	JPN	LIE	LTU	LUX	LVA	MTA	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	POR	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	USA(c)
Russian Federation	-	*	25	19	-	-	34	222	-	1,602	-	*	18	699	*	266	122	235
Serbia and Montenegro	-	*	-	68	-	*	83	163	*	*	-	-	5	13	94	973	524	43
China	6	-	-	*	-	-	35	12	17	12	-	13	5	237	-	23	21	773
Turkey	68	-	-	-	-	12	85	42	-	11	*	15	9	64	52	110	264	-
India	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	7	39	12	-	*	*	1,463	-	20	29	82
Nigeria	*	-	*	100	-	-	57	47	*	*	-	-	261	*	-	102	125	13
Pakistan	*	-	*	-	-	-	19	13	*	46	*	6	5	236	5	24	66	51
Algeria	-	*	-	19	-	-	24	18	-	-	-	-	225	*	*	80	120	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	22	-	5	*	*	13	269	14	103	182	24
Iraq	-	-	-	*	-	13	171	87	*	-	*	36	12	22	5	252	108	49
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	-	*	-	-	28	8	*	*	*	*	45	-	-	29	97	27
Afghanistan	-	-	*	*	-	-	141	232	-	18	-	*	5	130	-	256	55	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	5	-	-	8	-	-	66	79	21	*	-	9	7	22	*	85	42	50
Bangladesh	5	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	6	-	-	*	5	168	*	32	43	-
Somalia	*	-	-	*	-	73	207	229	6	8	-	6	-	*	-	206	156	43
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	910
Colombia	*	-	-	-	-	-	93	6	-	-	*	-	144	-	-	*	11	540
Rep. of Moldova	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	*	-	*	-	*	*	263	12	23	37	-
Sri Lanka	5	-	-	*	-	-	13	15	*	-	-	-	-	34	*	7	66	8
Armenia	-	-	-	*	-	-	48	10	-	5	*	-	17	35	-	140	105	139

Table 7. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, third quarter 2004 (Top-20)

Top-20 countries based on applications lodged during quarter.

An asterisk (*) indicates a value between 1 and 4. United Kingdom and USA: no. of cases.

Origin	AUL	AUS	BEL	BUL	CAN	CYP	CZE	DEN	EST	FIN	FRA	GBR(c)	GFR	GRE	HRV	HUN	ICE	IRE
Russian Federation	-	1,070	364	*	44	136	89	36	-	70	684	40	743	11	*	14	-	16
Serbia and Montenegro	18	743	331	-	23	*	*	230	-	233	1,097	60	904	*	8	30	-	11
China	174	169	53	5	459	128	119	9	-	11	1,057	620	301	11	-	15	-	36
Turkey	-	246	122	*	63	19	20	20	-	40	1,633	245	895	13	*	33	-	7
Nigeria	-	613	41	*	119	*	14	17	-	26	451	240	255	59	-	15	*	458
India	38	551	46	17	196	210	*	*	-	*	198	400	279	8	-	16	-	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	16	70	117	11	96	220	*	30	-	21	33	935	326	54	*	12	*	16
Iraq	10	59	119	7	17	21	6	36	-	37	58	475	377	158	-	6	*	16
Pakistan	-	117	69	5	224	489	8	14	-	*	256	460	270	38	-	10	-	26
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	11	356	*	94	5	*	5	-	15	1,167	335	82	*	-	*	-	24
Georgia	-	515	59	-	10	149	37	10	-	24	450	20	224	43	-	139	-	43
Somalia	-	13	31	13	104	*	*	32	-	74	61	570	58	28	-	10	-	52
Afghanistan	49	158	64	114	31	14	7	34	-	67	45	380	177	51	-	*	*	40
Algeria	-	71	92	*	11	-	14	12	-	10	878	120	153	8	-	29	*	21
Sri Lanka	25	20	17	-	304	248	-	7	-	5	710	90	56	*	-	-	-	*
Colombia	-	*	5	-	857	-	-	*	-	-	41	25	*	*	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh	26	89	6	15	67	555	*	*	-	7	297	140	22	39	7	*	-	*
Haiti	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	*	-	-	757	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. of Moldova	-	470	16	*	*	21	15	*	-	-	642	45	24	*	-	13	-	23
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	59	22	*	5	5	-	19	-	20	821	*	106	-	*	-	-	-

Origin	JPN	LIE	LTU	LUX	LVA	MTA	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	POR	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	USA(c)
Russian Federation	-	*	22	11	-	-	60	265	*	1,944	*	5	22	604	7	368	133	193
Serbia and Montenegro	-	*	-	76	-	*	92	262	-	-	-	*	*	10	99	1,100	355	32
China	7	*	-	*	-	-	80	-	10	*	*	24	*	355	-	33	16	786
Turkey	14	-	-	*	-	6	51	27	*	-	*	18	6	32	18	95	296	-
Nigeria	*	-	-	59	-	*	45	60	-	*	-	*	257	-	-	117	99	8
India	*	-	-	-	-	8	42	*	14	14	-	7	8	589	*	37	9	126
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	-	-	12	-	-	106	110	19	*	-	9	8	10	*	154	57	61
Iraq	-	-	-	*	-	*	294	97	*	*	-	20	15	26	*	364	140	35
Pakistan	5	-	19	*	-	19	8	13	-	37	*	5	*	205	*	14	45	42
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	-	9	-	24	14	9	*	*	*	-	42	*	-	35	71	32
Georgia	-	-	*	-	-	-	22	16	-	18	-	5	10	206	15	92	183	19
Somalia	-	-	-	6	-	240	177	381	*	*	-	12	5	*	-	187	144	49
Afghanistan	-	-	6	-	-	-	212	223	-	11	-	-	*	87	*	238	47	-
Algeria	-	-	-	21	-	-	17	28	-	*	-	-	249	5	-	90	94	-
Sri Lanka	*	-	-	-	-	-	16	12	*	*	-	-	*	9	-	5	68	13
Colombia	*	-	-	*	-	-	27	5	-	-	*	-	101	-	-	6	6	514
Bangladesh	9	-	-	-	-	6	9	10	*	-	-	9	8	145	-	52	37	12
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	775
Rep. of Moldova	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	11	-	*	-	*	-	170	*	35	40	6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-	10	-	*	15	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	210	84	-

Table 8. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, first three quarters, 2004
 An asterisk (*) indicates a value between 1 and 4.

AUL		AUS		BEL		BUL		CAN		CYP	
CHI	577	RUS	4,713	COD	1,102	AFG	230	COL	2,269	BGD	1,988
IND	183	YUG	1,988	RUS	989	ARM	75	MEX	2,007	PAK	1,005
MLS	151	IND	1,563	YUG	948	NIG	74	CHI	1,398	IRN	397
INS	144	NIG	1,506	SVK	474	ALG	44	LKA	848	UKR	397
AFG	78	GEO	1,357	TUR	417	SOM	43	IND	721	IND	353
BGD	74	MDA	1,051	GUI	400	BGD	43	COS	660	LKA	332
KOR	71	TUR	828	IRN	355	IRN	39	PAK	624	SYR	292
IRQ	68	AFG	576	CMR	329	IND	33	USA	464	GEO	291
LKA	61	PAK	501	ARM	325	IRQ	25	NIG	407	RUS	267
FIJ	57	CHI	492	RWA	297	SYR	15	PER	381	CHI	158
CZE		DEN		EST		FIN		FRA		GBR (cases)	
RUS	1,391	YUG	575	TUR	7	YUG	635	TUR	4,164	IRN	2,350
UKR	1,215	AFG	190	AZE	*	SVK	329	ALG	3,533	SOM	2,110
SRV	266	IRQ	142	GEO	*	MCD	169	CHI	3,375	CHI	1,830
CHI	243	SOM	128	JPN	*	RUS	162	COD	3,233	ZIM	1,590
GEO	185	RUS	123	UZB	*	SOM	152	YUG	3,054	PAK	1,340
BLR	175	GAZ	112	LTU	*	AFG	134	RUS	2,281	IRQ	1,230
KGZ	119	IRN	94	ALG	-	TUR	104	HAI	2,278	IND	1,090
SVK	105	BSN	85	ANG	-	BSN	80	BSN	1,830	COD	1,040
MNG	74	NIG	67	BEN	-	IRQ	79	LKA	1,812	AFG	1,020
MDA	64	PAK	64	BOT	-	NIG	63	MDA	1,601	TUR	960
GFR		GRE		HRV		HUN		ICE		IRE	
TUR	3,171	IRQ	667	YUG	13	GEO	210	NIG	7	NIG	1,413
YUG	2,926	GEO	307	MCD	9	TUR	106	LKA	6	ROM	160
RUS	2,011	NIG	264	ALG	8	SRV	94	YUG	6	SOM	129
SRV	1,214	AFG	200	IND	8	YUG	85	IRQ	*	CHI	126
AZE	1,106	IRN	187	PAK	8	NIG	62	ALB	*	COD	118
IRN	1,038	PAK	174	TUR	8	ALG	54	BUL	*	SUD	108
IRQ	930	BGD	134	BGD	7	GAZ	54	IRN	*	GEO	106
CHI	926	RUS	127	LKA	*	CHI	50	GAZ	*	HRV	86
IND	917	MYA	122	CUB	*	MDA	43	ALG	*	ALB	81
PAK	899	SOM	108	ICO	*	PAK	42	COB	*	MDA	69
JPN		LIE		LTU		LUX		LVA		MTA	
TUR	127	YUG	12	RUS	58	NIG	249	AZE	*	SOM	384
MYA	106	BLR	10	PAK	20	YUG	222	ARE	*	ERT	50
BGD	19	MCD	9	AFG	7	ALG	50	BLR	*	GAZ	31
CHI	15	RUS	9	GAZ	7	LBR	42	ALG	-	TUR	25
IRN	13	UKR	5	ARE	5	GUI	38	ANG	-	COD	24
PAK	9	CMR	*	NIG	*	RUS	38	BEN	-	PAK	19
LKA	8	CHI	*	AZE	*	ANG	33	BOT	-	IRQ	18
CMR	*	GFR	*	GEO	*	ALB	33	BKF	-	SUD	14
IND	*	ALG	*	ISR	*	GAM	30	BDI	-	NIG	13
GUI	*	IRN	*	KAZ	*	BLR	28	CMR	-	ALG	10
NET		NOR		NZL		POL		POR		ROM	
IRQ	680	AFG	891	IND	73	RUS	4,523	ANG	7	IRQ	98
SOM	569	RUS	757	IRN	72	PAK	170	RUS	6	CHI	80
AFG	520	SOM	735	CHI	41	IND	135	LBR	5	IND	56
IRN	299	YUG	671	THA	28	UKR	52	ARM	5	TUR	38
BDI	298	IRQ	277	CZE	25	AFG	48	PAK	5	IRN	27
YUG	292	IRN	275	CHL	25	BLR	41	UKR	5	SYR	26
TUR	235	NIG	165	LKA	22	GEO	31	COL	5	SOM	23
CHI	199	ETH	124	ZIM	20	TUR	26	CUB	5	PAK	22
NIG	191	TUR	124	BGD	18	KAZ	24	TUR	*	BGD	16
AZE	185	LBY	108	MLS	12	SOM	17	BUL	*	GAZ	11
SPA		SVK		SVN		SWE		SWI		USA (cases)	
NIG	815	IND	2,772	YUG	249	YUG	3,161	YUG	1,442	HAI	2,738
ALG	645	RUS	1,922	TUR	173	IRQ	958	TUR	911	CHI	2,194
COL	407	GEO	750	ALB	139	RUS	938	GEO	585	COL	1,696
GUI	157	CHI	716	BSN	59	AZE	822	SOM	490	MEX	1,019
MLI	148	PAK	661	MCD	32	SOM	779	IRQ	484	VEN	1,003
COD	113	MDA	519	GEO	30	AFG	727	ALG	417	CMR	864
SLE	89	BGD	441	IRQ	28	BSN	620	RUS	404	ETH	725
LBR	87	AFG	303	MDA	26	MCD	445	BUL	392	BRA	657
ICO	73	ARM	143	ALG	17	IRN	425	GUI	362	RUS	610
GHA	72	TUR	115	LKA	12	BLR	411	NIG	345	GUA	584

Table 9. Monthly asylum applications submitted in 36 countries, 2004

See footnotes at bottom of table.

Country/region of asylum	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.
Austria	1,533	1,840	2,572	3,140	1,319	2,162	1,860	2,048	2,360
Belgium	1,310	1,159	1,447	1,295	1,032	1,155	1,175	1,220	1,277
Bulgaria	67	86	114	56	106	88	54	74	120
Croatia	14	16	9	5	4	7	19	4	12
Cyprus	241	270	598	581	336	1,195	1,184	675	982
Czech Rep.	552	588	988	602	420	317	354	301	283
Denmark	321	299	284	230	267	220	227	271	253
Estonia	2	4	2	1	-	3	-	1	1
Finland	177	293	580	182	207	260	280	364	282
France	4,380	5,391	5,993	5,040	4,175	4,834	5,660	4,976	5,578
Germany	3,767	2,989	3,411	3,015	2,609	2,895	2,907	2,943	2,768
Greece	225	410	374	732	531	484	274	192	228
Hungary	108	130	129	161	104	113	90	199	182
Iceland	1	12	4	2	12	6	8	4	10
Ireland	392	363	501	377	403	324	371	401	466
Latvia	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	1
Liechtenstein	10	17	2	7	1	7	6	3	6
Lithuania	11	3	9	6	18	7	18	10	29
Luxembourg	133	193	188	141	136	127	127	112	117
Malta	92	32	5	56	44	41	116	112	148
Netherlands	976	836	940	681	627	772	672	787	849
Norway	748	686	741	559	644	629	706	756	743
Poland	433	379	505	982	355	433	630	573	942
Portugal	8	5	3	10	15	5	11	7	16
Romania	64	95	54	51	47	36	47	50	56
Slovakia	978	751	798	1,607	1,120	1,112	973	771	880
Slovenia	61	118	131	148	111	52	51	86	91
Spain	476	449	555	414	436	377	339	298	492
Sweden	2,311	1,940	1,986	1,800	1,514	1,846	1,850	2,165	2,212
Switzerland	1,606	1,401	1,741	1,372	1,100	1,195	1,148	1,012	1,001
United Kingdom	3,580	3,450	3,555	3,075	2,970	3,165	3,435	3,270	3,685
Canada	2,242	1,981	2,120	1,745	1,870	1,803	2,001	2,303	1,784
USA	3,280	2,880	3,550	3,210	2,900	3,550	3,290	3,140	2,650
Australia	238	245	284	322	256	262	243	265	279
New Zealand	51	83	70	62	41	56	32	47	47
Japan	36	24	52	38	45	62	34	28	23
EU-old (14)	19,589	19,617	22,389	20,132	16,241	18,626	19,188	19,054	20,583
EU-new (10)	2,478	2,275	3,168	4,145	2,508	3,273	3,416	2,728	3,539
EU-total (24)	22,067	21,892	25,557	24,277	18,749	21,899	22,604	21,782	24,122
Nordic (5)	3,558	3,230	3,595	2,773	2,644	2,961	3,071	3,560	3,500
Western Europe (18)	21,954	21,733	24,877	22,072	17,998	20,463	21,056	20,829	22,343
Central Europe (13)	2,623	2,472	3,345	4,257	2,665	3,404	3,536	2,856	3,727
Europe (31)	24,577	24,205	28,222	26,329	20,663	23,867	24,592	23,685	26,070
Non-Europe (5)	5,847	5,213	6,076	5,377	5,112	5,733	5,600	5,783	4,783
North America (2)	5,522	4,861	5,670	4,955	4,770	5,353	5,291	5,443	4,434
Australia/New Z.	289	328	354	384	297	318	275	312	326
Total	30,424	29,418	34,298	31,706	25,775	29,600	30,192	29,468	30,853

Notes

All figures are provisional and subject to change.

Germany and USA: new applications only.

UK. No. of persons (source: Home Office). Tables by nationality are based on no. of cases.

USA. Data reflect no. of persons (no. of cases multiplied with 1.4). Source: INS. Tables by nationality are based on no. of cases.

EU-old: European Union member countries until May 2004, excluding Italy (no data available).

EU-new: 10 new EU member states, which acceded on 1 May 2004.

EU-total. All EU member states, except Italy (no data available).

Western Europe: EU-old plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

Central Europe: EU-new plus Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania.

Europe: All 31 European countries listed.

Non-Europe: All 5 non-European countries listed.

Total: All countries listed.

Source: Governments, compiled by UNHCR (Population Data Unit/PGDS).

Table 10. Monthly top-40 countries of origin by main asylum region, third quarter 2004

Industrialized countries (36 countries)				Europe (31 countries)				European Union (24 countries)			
Origin	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Origin	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Origin	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.
Russian Federation	1,962	2,206	2,795	Russian Federation	1,850	2,147	2,728	Russian Federation	1,745	1,999	2,571
Serbia and Montenegro	1,748	1,881	2,104	Serbia and Montenegro	1,723	1,846	2,091	Serbia and Montenegro	1,502	1,651	1,876
China	1,388	1,531	1,564	Turkey	1,357	1,224	1,271	Turkey	1,244	1,112	1,148
Turkey	1,378	1,260	1,292	China	897	1,015	1,135	China	881	998	1,122
Nigeria	1,114	938	914	Nigeria	1,076	881	881	Nigeria	1,018	821	833
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	755	682	904	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	720	645	849	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	686	619	827
Iraq	777	778	856	Iraq	742	764	839	Iraq	651	679	750
Afghanistan	632	641	790	Georgia	766	740	775	Georgia	681	682	714
Georgia	778	744	788	Algeria	576	602	738	Algeria	554	552	685
India	1,155	898	779	Islamic Rep. of Iran	856	744	723	Islamic Rep. of Iran	793	682	658
Islamic Rep. of Iran	934	807	775	Afghanistan	629	631	723	India	1,053	740	626
Somalia	701	790	761	Somalia	659	721	717	Rep. of Moldova	451	434	599
Algeria	577	609	741	India	1,060	749	647	Pakistan	860	615	589
Pakistan	976	754	673	Rep. of Moldova	463	461	618	Afghanistan	506	507	584
Rep. of Moldova	469	462	619	Pakistan	884	645	603	Somalia	458	532	557
Bosnia and Herzegovina	430	435	578	Bosnia and Herzegovina	429	434	575	Bosnia and Herzegovina	379	400	542
Bangladesh	574	476	526	Bangladesh	524	431	505	Bangladesh	503	412	467
Sri Lanka	621	505	491	Eritrea	181	279	411	Azerbaijan	381	365	392
Haiti	530	581	463	Azerbaijan	403	389	406	Sri Lanka	454	359	378
Eritrea	206	308	429	Sri Lanka	481	386	404	Sudan	243	247	370
Armenia	449	426	424	Armenia	415	384	384	Eritrea	162	242	369
Azerbaijan	411	399	409	Sudan	268	276	380	Ukraine	445	303	362
Colombia	609	590	404	Ukraine	459	316	374	Armenia	382	359	360
Ukraine	480	351	401	Syrian Arab Rep.	288	307	289	Syrian Arab Rep.	260	282	267
Sudan	272	290	386	Guinea	272	245	258	Viet Nam	239	256	238
Mexico	411	424	338	Viet Nam	249	267	244	Guinea	242	228	238
Guinea	347	325	324	FYR Macedonia	231	200	237	Haiti	264	269	228
Cameroon	320	306	305	Haiti	264	269	228	FYR Macedonia	217	185	213
Syrian Arab Rep.	289	317	294	Romania	176	166	222	Mauritania	24	173	205
Ethiopia	243	238	253	Zimbabwe	185	213	210	Zimbabwe	181	209	204
Viet Nam	253	274	245	Cameroon	211	205	207	Romania	162	156	201
Mauritania	74	232	240	Mauritania	26	175	206	Congo	166	173	200
Albania	228	261	239	Congo	171	178	202	Mongolia	181	195	191
FYR Macedonia	232	207	238	Mongolia	186	197	195	Cameroon	193	184	185
Zimbabwe	221	249	237	Angola	212	212	193	Angola	197	202	178
Romania	203	182	237	Albania	178	206	185	Albania	158	195	177
Congo	191	198	213	Belarus	163	166	185	Belarus	149	151	172
Mongolia	186	197	208	Bulgaria	157	188	182	Côte d'Ivoire	213	175	150
Belarus	210	188	198	Ethiopia	143	136	180	Burundi	111	143	150
Bulgaria	169	192	198	Burundi	130	158	166	Liberia	148	127	148

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