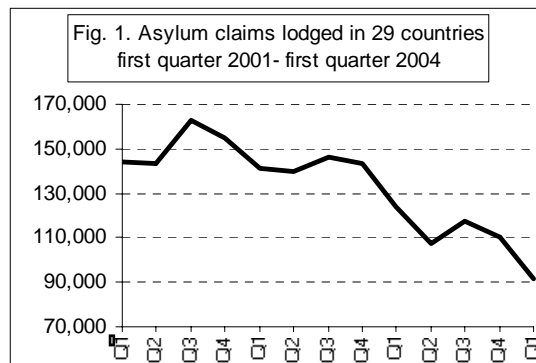


## ASYLUM LEVELS AND TRENDS IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES FIRST QUARTER 2004

1. Asylum levels in the industrialized world continue to drop sharply. In the 29 industrialized countries covered by this report, 92,700 asylum applications were submitted during the first quarter of 2004, 16 per cent fewer than during the fourth quarter of 2003, when 110,600 claims were lodged. The level of new asylum claims during the first quarter of 2004 was the lowest since, at least, the first quarter of 2001. Compared to the third quarter of 2001, when more than 160,000 persons sought asylum, the number of asylum-seekers has dropped by over 40 per cent (see *Figure 1*).



2. In the 24 European countries included in this report, the latest quarterly decrease in asylum claims was 18 per cent, the Nordic countries received 27 per cent fewer asylum claims and Central Europe witnessed a 35 per cent decline. The 14 European Union (EU) member countries for which data were available registered a 15 per cent fall in quarterly asylum applications<sup>1</sup>. The non-European industrialized regions included in the report reported a decrease of less than 10 per cent in the number of asylum applications submitted (see *Table 1*).

3. During the first three months of 2004, the 14 EU countries together received 66 per cent of all claims lodged in the industrialized world, similar to 2003 (64%). When the new member countries are included<sup>2</sup>, the EU accounts for 74 per cent of all asylum claims lodged in the industrialized countries (see *Table 1*).

4. Twenty-two countries experienced a decrease in quarterly applications during January to March 2004, whereas seven countries reported an increase. Countries reporting a relatively strong increase in asylum claims submitted during the first quarter of 2004 included Slovenia (37%) and Japan (31%). Important decreases in quarterly asylum claims were reported by Bulgaria (-54%), Czech Republic (-36%), Greece (-27%), Hungary (-26%), Norway (-43%), Poland (-31%), Portugal (-45%), Slovakia (-39%), Sweden (-25%) and United Kingdom (-20%) (see *Table 1*).

5. During the first quarter of 2004, France was the largest asylum-seeker receiving country (15,740 claims), followed by the United Kingdom (10,590 claims) and Germany (10,170 claims). Among the major receiving countries, France is the only country which recorded an increase in new asylum claims during 2003 (see *Table 1*).

6. Despite a 26 per cent fall in quarterly asylum claims during the period January to March 2004, Russian Federation remains the main country of origin of asylum-seekers in the 29 industrialized countries<sup>3</sup>. Serbia and Montenegro is the second largest source country of asylum-seekers, followed by Turkey and China. Whereas most major nationalities recorded a sharp fall in recent asylum levels, the level of Nigerian claims has remained quite stable. As a result, Nigeria, which was the 10<sup>th</sup> largest source country during the fourth quarter of 2003, became the 5<sup>th</sup> main country of origin during the first three months of 2004. Iraq, which had been the main asylum-seeker nationality during the first quarter of 2003, fell to the 12<sup>th</sup> position in the first quarter of 2004. Reflecting the

<sup>1</sup> No data available for Italy.

<sup>2</sup> The NEW EU member countries Cyprus, the Baltic States and Malta are excluded from this report due to a lack of detailed data.

<sup>3</sup> Most asylum-seekers from the Russian Federation are from Chechnya. The number of asylum claims in this report may be an overestimate considering that claims filed in more than one country are not always detected.

growing importance of France as an asylum-seeker receiving country, Algeria, which ranked only 15<sup>th</sup> during the last quarter of 2003, became the 7<sup>th</sup> main country of origin during January to March 2004 (*see Table 2*).

7. A few asylum-seeker nationalities recorded an increase in quarterly applications during the first three months of 2004, including Algeria (30%), Haiti (28%) and Slovakia (109%). Most Algerians seek asylum in France, whereas most Haitians apply for asylum in the US. Asylum-seekers from Slovakia mostly apply for asylum in Belgium, Finland and Germany (*see Table 2, 5 and 6*).

8. Patterns and trends in the origin of persons seeking asylum in Europe generally reflect the situation of all 29 industrialized countries combined (*see Table 3*).

9. Table 4, 5 and 6 provide an overview of asylum applications by origin and country of asylum.

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**Table 1. Quarterly asylum applications lodged, first quarter 2003 to first quarter 2004**

Country/region of asylum	2003					2004	Q3-03 / Q4-03	Q4-03 / Q1-04	Share		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1		2003	Q4-2003	Q1-2004	
Austria	6,644	8,125	9,798	7,775	32,342	5,920	-21%	-24%	7%	7%	6%
Belgium	3,828	3,582	4,613	4,917	16,940	3,916	7%	-20%	4%	4%	4%
Bulgaria	426	256	281	586	1,549	267	109%	-54%	0%	1%	0%
Czech Rep.	1,977	3,048	3,058	3,311	11,394	2,128	8%	-36%	2%	3%	2%
Denmark	1,222	1,103	1,206	1,026	4,557	881	-15%	-14%	1%	1%	1%
Finland	817	611	714	1,079	3,221	1,050	51%	-3%	1%	1%	1%
France	14,285	13,591	14,514	16,908	59,298	15,739	16%	-7%	13%	15%	17%
Germany	14,939	11,423	12,494	11,589	50,445	10,167	-7%	-12%	11%	10%	11%
Greece	2,246	2,592	1,954	1,386	8,178	1,009	-29%	-27%	2%	1%	1%
Hungary	645	522	737	497	2,401	367	-33%	-26%	1%	0%	0%
Ireland	2,818	1,932	1,912	1,238	7,900	1,256	-35%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Liechtenstein	24	29	24	24	101	27	0%	13%	0%	0%	0%
Luxembourg	298	354	362	540	1,554	514	49%	-5%	0%	0%	1%
Netherlands	3,674	3,792	3,219	2,717	13,402	2,752	-16%	1%	3%	2%	3%
Norway	3,709	3,479	5,022	3,750	15,960	2,148	-25%	-43%	3%	3%	2%
Poland	1,407	1,314	2,331	1,869	6,921	1,291	-20%	-31%	2%	2%	1%
Portugal	22	40	16	29	107	16	81%	-45%	0%	0%	0%
Romania	272	384	213	208	1,077	213	-2%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Slovakia	1,249	2,125	2,788	4,161	10,323	2,527	49%	-39%	2%	4%	3%
Slovenia	285	283	307	227	1,102	310	-26%	37%	0%	0%	0%
Spain	1,547	1,072	1,506	1,642	5,767	1,480	9%	-10%	1%	1%	2%
Sweden	7,942	6,198	8,945	8,270	31,355	6,242	-8%	-25%	7%	7%	7%
Switzerland	5,506	4,868	5,592	5,085	21,051	4,748	-9%	-7%	5%	5%	5%
UK	20,621	12,512	14,766	13,152	61,051	10,586	-11%	-20%	13%	12%	11%
Canada	9,761	7,748	7,432	6,915	31,856	6,341	-7%	-8%	7%	6%	7%
USA	16,180	15,120	12,330	10,620	54,250	9,710	-14%	-9%	12%	10%	10%
Australia	1,156	1,159	1,107	868	4,290	759	-22%	-13%	1%	1%	1%
New Zealand	264	227	185	165	841	204	-11%	24%	0%	0%	0%
Japan	70	74	106	85	335	111	-20%	31%	0%	0%	0%
EU-14	80,903	66,927	76,019	72,268	296,117	61,528	-5%	-15%	64%	65%	66%
EU-enlarged	86,466	74,219	85,240	82,333	328,258	68,151	-3%	-17%	71%	74%	74%
Nordic countries	13,690	11,391	15,887	14,125	55,093	10,321	-11%	-27%	12%	13%	11%
Western Europe	90,142	75,303	86,657	81,127	333,229	68,451	-6%	-16%	73%	73%	74%
Central Europe	6,261	7,932	9,715	10,859	34,767	7,103	12%	-35%	8%	10%	8%
Europe	96,403	83,235	96,372	91,986	367,996	75,554	-5%	-18%	80%	83%	82%
North America	25,941	22,868	19,762	17,535	86,106	16,051	-11%	-8%	19%	16%	17%
Australia/New Z.	1,420	1,386	1,292	1,033	5,131	963	-20%	-7%	1%	1%	1%
Total	123,834	107,563	117,532	110,639	459,568	92,679	-6%	-16%	100%	100%	100%

**Notes**

All figures are provisional and subject to change.  
 France: children under 16 included as from January 2003 onwards.  
 Germany and USA: new applications only.  
 UK: No of cases multiplied by 1.289 to reflect the no. of persons. Since second quarter of 2003: actual figures (source: Home Office).  
 USA: Data reflect no. of persons (no. of cases multiplied with 1.4). Source: INS.  
 EU-14: European Union member countries excluding Italy (no data available).  
 EU-enlarged: EU-14 plus Czech Rep., Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia. (Monthly information on other candidate countries not available.)  
 Western Europe: EU-14 plus Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.  
 Central Europe: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.  
 Europe: All 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 first quarter 2004**  
 Covering all 29 asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 countries based on applications lodged during Jan 2003 to Mar 2004.  
 Totals between this Table and Table 1 and 2 differ because USA and UK data by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	2003					2004	Q3-03 /	Q4-03 /	Ranking				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04
Russian Federation	5,265	7,989	11,311	10,112	34,677	7,508	-11%	-26%	4	1	1	1	1
Serbia and Montenegro	6,322	5,795	6,933	6,804	25,854	5,736	-2%	-16%	3	3	2	2	2
Turkey	6,608	5,605	5,791	5,854	23,858	4,709	1%	-20%	2	4	4	4	3
Iraq	11,135	6,402	4,129	3,123	24,789	2,143	-24%	-31%	1	2	6	9	12
China	5,045	5,007	6,020	6,129	22,201	4,487	2%	-27%	5	5	3	3	4
India	3,239	3,465	3,397	3,480	13,581	2,902	2%	-17%	9	7	8	5	6
Nigeria	3,782	3,270	3,132	3,049	13,233	3,064	-3%	0%	7	8	10	10	5
Afghanistan	3,363	3,674	3,641	3,162	13,840	2,241	-13%	-29%	8	6	7	7	11
Somalia	3,062	2,682	4,647	3,144	13,535	2,429	-32%	-23%	11	10	5	8	9
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,812	2,600	3,233	3,293	11,938	2,248	2%	-32%	12	11	9	6	10
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	3,121	2,717	2,663	2,633	11,134	2,466	-1%	-6%	10	9	11	11	8
Pakistan	4,321	2,230	2,198	2,261	11,010	2,050	3%	-9%	6	12	12	13	14
Algeria	2,054	1,812	2,063	2,014	7,943	2,626	-2%	30%	13	14	14	15	7
Georgia	1,741	1,902	2,124	2,362	8,129	2,127	11%	-10%	16	13	13	12	13
Colombia	1,912	1,752	1,698	1,651	7,013	1,642	-3%	-1%	14	15	15	16	16
Armenia	1,148	1,275	1,688	2,225	6,336	1,446	32%	-35%	27	21	16	14	17
Ukraine	1,439	1,228	1,381	1,516	5,564	1,267	10%	-16%	20	23	21	18	18
Sri Lanka	1,433	1,387	1,285	1,330	5,435	1,250	4%	-6%	21	16	23	20	19
Haiti	1,084	1,281	1,240	1,344	4,949	1,727	8%	28%	29	19	25	19	15
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,629	1,231	1,445	1,168	5,473	1,179	-19%	1%	17	22	19	24	20
Cameroon	1,562	1,320	1,271	1,324	5,477	1,137	4%	-14%	18	18	24	21	21
Mexico	1,783	1,278	1,408	1,101	5,570	930	-22%	-16%	15	20	20	26	26
Rep. of Moldova	1,005	1,140	1,679	1,532	5,356	1,024	-9%	-33%	31	24	17	17	25
Bangladesh	1,395	1,358	1,295	1,111	5,159	925	-14%	-17%	22	17	22	25	27
Viet Nam	1,269	1,025	1,148	1,035	4,477	851	-10%	-18%	25	28	26	28	31
Angola	1,239	1,007	1,121	976	4,343	872	-13%	-11%	26	29	27	29	29
Liberia	587	791	1,595	1,265	4,238	872	-21%	-31%	40	34	18	22	29
Azerbaijan	904	802	1,108	1,212	4,026	1,071	9%	-12%	33	33	28	23	23
Albania	1,141	1,051	1,017	899	4,108	882	-12%	-2%	28	25	30	33	28
Guinea	837	965	987	1,075	3,864	1,105	9%	3%	36	30	31	27	22
Zimbabwe	1,345	1,027	881	890	4,143	795	1%	-11%	23	27	37	34	32
Côte d'Ivoire	1,507	1,029	774	831	4,141	711	7%	-14%	19	26	39	37	34
Ethiopia	840	760	961	948	3,509	768	-1%	-19%	35	36	32	30	33
Belarus	884	838	948	906	3,576	685	-4%	-24%	34	32	33	32	36
Romania	1,272	691	803	799	3,565	648	0%	-19%	24	38	38	38	39
Mauritania	920	858	908	845	3,531	680	-7%	-20%	32	31	36	36	37
Slovakia	798	671	1,107	504	3,080	1,052	-54%	109%	37	40	29	40	24
Sudan	745	704	944	921	3,314	664	-2%	-28%	39	37	34	31	38
Syrian Arab Rep.	796	686	916	874	3,272	691	-5%	-21%	38	39	35	35	35
Congo	1,012	776	670	703	3,161	630	5%	-10%	30	35	40	39	40
Other	22,233	19,230	19,642	18,878	79,983	16,022	-4%	-15%					
Total	114,589	101,311	111,202	105,283	432,385	88,262	-5%	-16%					

**Table 3. Asylum applications lodged in Europe by origin, first quarter 2003 to first quarter 2004**  
 Covering all 24 European countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 countries based on applications lodged during Q1 2003 to Q1 2004.  
 Totals between this Table and Table 1 and 2 differ because UK data by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	2003					2004	Q3-03 /	Q4-03 /	Ranking				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04
Russian Federation	4,948	7,675	11,075	9,846	33,544	7,278	-11%	-26%	4	1	1	1	1
Serbia and Montenegro	6,220	5,717	6,762	6,713	25,412	5,637	-1%	-16%	3	3	2	2	2
Turkey	6,458	5,477	5,659	5,727	23,321	4,594	1%	-20%	2	4	3	3	3
Iraq	10,940	6,291	4,046	3,010	24,287	2,073	-26%	-31%	1	2	6	8	12
China	3,182	3,369	4,504	4,523	15,578	3,112	0%	-31%	7	6	4	4	4
Afghanistan	3,327	3,639	3,594	3,084	13,644	2,187	-14%	-29%	6	5	7	6	10
Nigeria	3,620	3,096	2,952	2,843	12,511	2,891	-4%	2%	5	7	9	10	5
Somalia	2,952	2,577	4,503	3,015	13,047	2,289	-33%	-24%	9	9	5	7	9
India	2,505	2,690	2,764	2,867	10,826	2,420	4%	-16%	10	8	10	9	7
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,491	2,394	3,028	3,096	11,009	2,039	2%	-34%	11	11	8	5	13
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,967	2,555	2,527	2,524	10,573	2,360	0%	-6%	8	10	11	11	8
Algeria	2,016	1,796	2,047	1,989	7,848	2,611	-3%	31%	12	13	13	14	6
Georgia	1,700	1,853	2,068	2,283	7,904	2,087	10%	-9%	13	12	12	12	11
Pakistan	1,460	1,431	1,789	1,867	6,547	1,762	4%	-6%	15	14	14	15	14
Armenia	935	1,060	1,532	2,072	5,599	1,323	35%	-36%	27	18	16	13	15
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,628	1,227	1,441	1,162	5,458	1,173	-19%	1%	14	15	17	19	17
Ukraine	1,329	1,131	1,289	1,425	5,174	1,180	11%	-17%	16	16	19	17	16
Rep. of Moldova	992	1,122	1,673	1,530	5,317	1,013	-9%	-34%	26	17	15	16	20
Viet Nam	1,239	996	1,073	1,006	4,314	828	-6%	-18%	18	19	23	21	24
Angola	1,211	989	1,099	951	4,250	849	-13%	-11%	19	20	20	25	23
Bangladesh	1,187	954	1,098	970	4,209	814	-12%	-16%	21	21	21	24	25
Sri Lanka	1,115	933	929	976	3,953	887	5%	-9%	23	22	25	22	22
Azerbaijan	837	727	1,050	1,163	3,777	1,031	11%	-11%	29	29	24	18	19
Cameroon	1,087	909	922	975	3,893	795	6%	-18%	24	23	26	23	27
Liberia	467	642	1,394	1,143	3,646	811	-18%	-29%	40	34	18	20	26
Zimbabwe	1,178	889	765	770	3,602	645	1%	-16%	22	24	32	30	30
Côte d'Ivoire	1,317	858	621	726	3,522	619	17%	-15%	17	25	38	32	33
Slovakia	789	660	1,098	492	3,039	1,050	-55%	113%	32	32	21	40	18
Guinea	627	791	792	883	3,093	918	11%	4%	38	26	31	26	21
Belarus	830	746	895	826	3,297	606	-8%	-27%	30	27	27	29	34
Romania	1,195	588	681	725	3,189	596	6%	-18%	20	37	35	33	35
Syrian Arab Rep.	742	633	895	853	3,123	642	-5%	-25%	33	35	27	28	31
Sudan	688	644	892	862	3,086	623	-3%	-28%	37	33	29	27	32
Albania	825	730	712	653	2,920	673	-8%	3%	31	28	34	37	28
Congo	916	684	581	644	2,825	565	11%	-12%	28	30	39	38	36
Mauritania	698	663	723	711	2,795	558	-2%	-22%	35	31	33	35	37
FYR Macedonia	689	617	657	720	2,683	653	10%	-9%	36	36	37	34	29
Eritrea	703	526	821	759	2,809	500	-8%	-34%	34	38	30	31	38
Bulgaria	1,042	284	443	665	2,434	431	50%	-35%	25	40	40	36	39
Ethiopia	562	477	661	610	2,310	416	-8%	-32%	39	39	36	39	40
Other	12,166	10,266	11,508	12,006	45,946	10,371	4%	-14%					
Total	91,780	81,306	93,563	89,665	356,314	73,910	-4%	-18%					

**Table 4. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, fourth quarter 2003 (Top-20)**

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

Origin	AUS	BEL	BUL	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE	LIE	LUX	NET	NOR
Russian Federation	1,808	426	*	1,789	53	88	756	822	21	26	21	*	16	42	468
Serbia and Montenegro	628	383	*	*	191	243	777	1,282	-	27	11	5	188	113	514
China	130	34	*	100	20	18	2,274	429	54	6	49	-	-	106	43
Turkey	588	185	*	-	44	32	1,814	1,453	57	38	7	-	5	75	67
India	709	49	*	19	8	-	230	391	17	11	*	-	-	70	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	309	632	23	*	50	11	37	460	89	32	6	*	11	124	178
Afghanistan	329	89	203	-	126	12	40	299	115	79	7	-	-	147	726
Somalia	33	47	5	-	75	30	38	61	156	17	53	-	*	93	84
Iraq	117	48	28	37	66	24	69	381	283	59	*	*	*	314	138
Nigeria	527	50	38	7	19	28	319	195	85	21	452	-	57	91	61
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	13	447	-	*	10	12	1,167	125	*	*	44	-	8	40	17
Georgia	425	79	*	105	*	17	405	234	33	26	50	-	14	19	47
Pakistan	125	99	6	-	*	-	261	375	115	26	11	-	-	19	20
Armenia	436	133	157	18	5	17	317	257	*	8	*	-	*	56	13
Algeria	55	99	68	30	18	10	795	247	*	28	20	-	30	24	43
Colombia	*	*	-	-	-	-	40	*	-	-	*	-	-	8	*
Rep. of Moldova	294	15	-	44	*	31	650	48	*	*	34	-	*	19	19
Ukraine	108	23	-	684	-	16	237	59	*	7	13	*	9	29	27
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	492	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	16	11	-	*	*	*	658	53	17	-	-	-	-	31	9

Origin	POL	POR	ROM	SVK	SVN	SPA	SWE	SWI	UK	CAN	USA	AUL	NZL	JPN	TOT
Russian Federation	1,625	-	*	1,222	6	28	374	165	83	56	205	*	*	*	10,112
Serbia and Montenegro	-	-	8	23	44	*	1,401	753	116	47	41	*	-	-	6,804
China	5	*	55	229	-	9	62	40	857	627	812	159	5	*	6,129
Turkey	5	*	11	31	41	10	213	409	636	93	7	8	*	18	5,854
India	*	*	34	744	*	20	26	37	487	315	156	120	18	*	3,480
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	-	13	59	11	5	254	52	736	71	73	19	26	8	3,293
Afghanistan	51	-	-	177	-	*	239	58	383	39	-	35	*	*	3,162
Somalia	7	-	8	7	*	23	891	138	1,246	105	23	*	-	-	3,144
Iraq	-	-	34	91	30	9	469	222	584	18	45	41	8	*	3,123
Nigeria	*	-	-	*	-	446	136	109	195	184	21	-	*	-	3,049
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	*	-	-	-	91	26	130	383	68	39	-	-	*	2,633
Georgia	9	*	-	404	20	11	142	195	42	27	50	-	*	-	2,362
Pakistan	25	-	*	137	*	*	23	69	545	316	53	21	-	*	2,261
Armenia	9	-	-	430	-	26	100	75	10	5	148	-	-	-	2,225
Algeria	*	-	-	*	12	131	71	197	105	23	-	*	-	-	2,014
Colombia	-	*	*	-	-	206	6	5	36	563	766	6	-	-	1,651
Rep. of Moldova	*	-	*	191	9	-	47	65	46	*	-	-	-	-	1,532
Ukraine	19	-	*	27	-	9	51	57	43	48	42	*	-	-	1,516
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	42	808	-	-	-	1,344
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	19	-	*	7	70	76	321	-	31	*	-	1,330

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

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

Luxembourg: Jan and Feb only.

Origin	AUS	BEL	BUL	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE	LIE	LUX	NET	NOR
Russian Federation	1,848	337	*	882	74	48	840	722	42	5	14	*	8	77	261
Serbia and Montenegro	614	330	-	*	169	209	1,023	1,000	*	20	13	7	78	117	242
Turkey	302	151	*	5	18	24	1,448	1,277	55	48	12	-	*	99	55
China	178	51	*	45	30	19	1,428	269	14	30	41	*	*	84	34
Nigeria	451	49	37	8	28	23	385	273	44	23	490	-	90	89	55
India	432	46	8	12	11	-	207	305	17	10	*	-	-	58	*
Algeria	55	111	33	11	14	12	1,434	263	*	18	17	-	10	14	29
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	13	412	-	-	*	14	1,116	106	10	5	59	-	*	35	19
Somalia	10	41	*	5	61	41	31	102	44	*	43	-	*	185	119
Islamic Rep. of Iran	81	113	18	*	35	21	40	392	81	13	7	-	5	127	86
Afghanistan	182	79	52	*	94	47	47	289	73	25	*	-	5	167	436
Iraq	82	32	8	9	62	22	44	336	146	14	*	-	-	215	87
Georgia	343	53	*	92	10	14	495	227	74	26	30	-	*	18	37
Pakistan	187	93	*	*	10	*	252	292	38	22	8	-	-	14	16
Haiti	-	*	-	-	-	-	605	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colombia	8	10	-	-	-	-	22	9	-	-	-	-	-	38	*
Armenia	133	101	30	22	*	*	388	148	*	7	*	-	5	84	23
Ukraine	101	25	*	526	*	10	199	47	31	9	21	*	*	8	12
Sri Lanka	21	5	-	-	6	*	549	63	10	-	5	-	-	29	5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	58	28	-	*	28	24	499	120	-	-	-	-	7	17	39

Origin	POL	POR	ROM	SVK	SVN	SPA	SWE	SWI	UK	CAN	USA	AUL	NZL	JPN	TOT
Russian Federation	970	*	*	619	-	22	302	149	51	42	182	*	-	*	7,508
Serbia and Montenegro	-	-	*	16	56	*	1,083	563	87	35	54	10	-	-	5,736
Turkey	15	-	5	19	103	5	140	351	459	51	7	12	-	45	4,709
China	*	-	43	124	*	-	74	24	617	535	635	189	14	*	4,487
Nigeria	*	*	*	*	*	297	138	121	282	138	32	*	-	-	3,064
India	108	-	45	720	9	*	20	16	384	291	93	76	20	*	2,902
Algeria	*	-	-	-	15	171	72	203	123	15	-	-	-	-	2,626
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	-	*	-	-	26	27	105	406	80	26	-	-	-	2,466
Somalia	8	-	5	*	*	6	386	190	1,002	89	44	5	*	-	2,429
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	-	9	23	*	7	186	65	726	74	77	19	32	7	2,248
Afghanistan	18	-	-	86	*	6	234	57	283	32	-	22	-	-	2,241
Iraq	-	-	42	11	21	19	342	236	341	14	29	25	*	-	2,143
Georgia	8	-	*	275	*	12	102	220	45	5	35	-	-	-	2,127
Pakistan	84	-	11	220	*	17	25	61	404	225	39	18	*	*	2,050
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	57	1,053	-	-	-	1,727
Colombia	-	-	-	-	-	162	*	13	33	694	642	*	*	-	1,642
Armenia	7	*	-	87	-	33	105	131	8	*	119	-	-	-	1,446
Ukraine	11	-	*	18	-	9	66	35	41	43	36	5	*	-	1,267
Sri Lanka	-	*	*	15	10	10	*	63	88	300	26	20	15	*	1,250
Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	*	*	-	5	10	235	94	5	5	-	*	-	-	1,179

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**Table 6. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, first quarter 2004**

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

AUS		BEL		BUL		CZE		DEN	
Russian Federation	1848	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	412	Afghanistan	52	Russian Federation	882	Serbia and Montenegro	169
Serbia and Montenegro	614	Russian Federation	337	Nigeria	37	Ukraine	526	Afghanistan	94
Nigeria	451	Serbia and Montenegro	330	Algeria	33	Viet Nam	116	Russian Federation	74
India	432	Slovakia	236	Armenia	30	Slovakia	92	Iraq	62
Georgia	343	Turkey	151	Islamic Rep. of Iran	18	Georgia	92	Somalia	61
Turkey	302	Guinea	127	Bangladesh	12	Belarus	78	Occupied Palestinian Territory	46
Pakistan	187	Rwanda	117	Iraq	8	China	45	Islamic Rep. of Iran	35
Afghanistan	182	Islamic Rep. of Iran	113	India	8	Mongolia	30	China	30
China	178	Algeria	111	Mauritania	6	Rep. of Moldova	28	Nigeria	28
Rep. of Moldova	135	Cameroon	109	Ghana	4	Kyrgyzstan	28	Bosnia and Herzegovina	28
FIN		FRA		GFR		GRE		HUN	
Slovakia	328	Turkey	1448	Turkey	1277	Iraq	146	Turkey	48
Serbia and Montenegro	209	Algeria	1434	Serbia and Montenegro	1000	Islamic Rep. of Iran	81	China	30
FYR Macedonia	64	China	1428	Russian Federation	722	Occupied Palestinian Territory	75	Georgia	26
Russian Federation	48	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1116	Viet Nam	413	Georgia	74	Afghanistan	25
Afghanistan	47	Serbia and Montenegro	1023	Islamic Rep. of Iran	392	Afghanistan	73	Nigeria	23
Somalia	41	Russian Federation	840	Azerbaijan	375	Turkey	55	Pakistan	22
Romania	31	Haiti	605	Iraq	336	Nigeria	44	Serbia and Montenegro	20
Turkey	24	Sri Lanka	549	India	305	Somalia	44	Algeria	18
Bosnia and Herzegovina	24	Rep. of Moldova	500	Pakistan	292	Russian Federation	42	Iraq	14
Nigeria	23	Bosnia and Herzegovina	499	Afghanistan	289	Bangladesh	39	Islamic Rep. of Iran	13
IRE		LIE		LUX (jan-feb only)		NET		NOR	
Nigeria	490	FYR Macedonia	7	Nigeria	90	Iraq	215	Afghanistan	436
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	59	Serbia and Montenegro	7	Serbia and Montenegro	78	Somalia	185	Russian Federation	261
Romania	59	Belarus	6	Albania	18	Afghanistan	167	Serbia and Montenegro	242
Somalia	43	Ukraine	*	Liberia	14	Islamic Rep. of Iran	127	Somalia	119
Sudan	41	China	*	Algeria	10	Serbia and Montenegro	117	Iraq	87
China	41	Kazakhstan	*	Angola	10	Burundi	103	Islamic Rep. of Iran	86
Georgia	30	Germany	*	Guinea	10	Turkey	99	Nigeria	55
Rep. of Moldova	27	Russian Federation	*	Russian Federation	8	Nigeria	89	Turkey	55
Ghana	26	Algeria	*	Côte d'Ivoire	7	Armenia	84	Albania	44
Zimbabwe	24	Angola	*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	7	China	84	Bosnia and Herzegovina	39
POL		POR		ROM		SVK		SVN	
Russian Federation	970	Liberia	*	India	45	India	720	Turkey	103
India	108	Belarus	*	China	43	Russian Federation	619	Serbia and Montenegro	56
Pakistan	84	Russian Federation	*	Iraq	42	Georgia	275	Albania	40
Afghanistan	18	Angola	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	17	Pakistan	220	Iraq	21
Turkey	15	Ghana	*	Pakistan	11	Bangladesh	128	Algeria	15
Belarus	11	Mozambique	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	9	China	124	FYR Macedonia	13
Ukraine	11	Nigeria	*	Bangladesh	6	Armenia	87	Sri Lanka	10
Viet Nam	9	Rwanda	*	Lebanon	6	Afghanistan	86	Rep. of Moldova	10
Somalia	8	Sierra Leone	*	Somalia	5	Rep. of Moldova	86	India	9
Georgia	8	Armenia	*	Turkey	5	Islamic Rep. of Iran	23	Romania	7
SPA		SWE		SWI		UK (cases)		CAN	
Nigeria	297	Serbia and Montenegro	1083	Serbia and Montenegro	563	Somalia	1002	Colombia	694
Algeria	171	Somalia	386	Turkey	351	Islamic Rep. of Iran	726	Mexico	581
Colombia	162	Iraq	342	Iraq	236	China	617	China	535
Guinea	74	Russian Federation	302	Georgia	220	Zimbabwe	545	Costa Rica	403
Liberia	58	Azerbaijan	239	Algeria	203	Turkey	459	Sri Lanka	300
Sierra Leone	52	Bosnia and Herzegovina	235	Guinea	190	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	406	India	291
Mali	51	Afghanistan	234	Somalia	190	Pakistan	404	Pakistan	225
Côte d'Ivoire	41	Islamic Rep. of Iran	186	Russian Federation	149	India	384	United States	144
Ghana	40	Belarus	143	Bulgaria	139	Iraq	341	Nigeria	138
Armenia	33	Turkey	140	Armenia	131	Afghanistan	283	Peru	136
USA (cases)		AUL		NZL		JPN			
Haiti	1053	China	189	Islamic Rep. of Iran	32	Turkey	45		
Colombia	642	India	76	India	20	Myanmar	32		
China	635	Indonesia	48	Thailand	20	Islamic Rep. of Iran	7		
Mexico	343	Fiji	32	Sri Lanka	15	Bangladesh	5		
Cameroon	321	Iraq	25	China	14	Pakistan	*		
Venezuela	317	Rep. of Korea	23	Zimbabwe	12	Albania	*		
Ethiopia	297	Afghanistan	22	Bangladesh	10	China	*		
Guatemala	200	Malaysia	21	Hungary	9	India	*		
Russian Federation	182	Sri Lanka	20	Saudi Arabia	8	Sri Lanka	*		
Brazil	176	Islamic Rep. of Iran	19	Czech Rep.	8	Viet Nam	*		