

# **ASYLUM LEVELS AND TRENDS IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES**

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

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## Introduction<sup>1</sup>

This report summarizes the main levels and developments in the number of individual asylum claims submitted in 36 industrialized countries<sup>2</sup> during the first six months of 2007. The number of countries included in this report is limited to 31 European and 5 non-European States that currently provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR. Italy is the only major industrialized country which is not in a position to provide this type of data.

Statistical information on asylum-seekers recognized as refugees, those granted a complementary form of protection (humanitarian status, subsidiary protection etc.) or refugees who have been resettled, particularly by Australia, Canada and the United States of America, are published in separate UNHCR reports.<sup>3</sup>

To the extent possible, the statistics presented in this document reflect the number of asylum-seekers lodging an application for the first time. However, it appears that a significant number of countries included in this report can not distinguish new asylum applications from reopened or repeat claims in their respective statistical systems. As a consequence, some of the numbers of asylum applicants reported to UNHCR are likely to be overestimated (*see Box 1*). Moreover, although asylum-seekers are counted only once in each country, the total number is inflated because some individuals seek asylum in more than one country.

**All figures based on monthly statistics<sup>4</sup> should be considered as provisional and subject to change.** Some of the data may also differ from those reported in previous UNHCR documents due to retroactive changes or adjustments.

Most of the data in this report refer to the number of individuals. For the United States of America, however, only the number of cases (which can include several individuals) rather than individuals is available for applications submitted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). UNHCR has therefore multiplied the total number of asylum cases by a factor of 1.4 to estimate the number of individuals since it is assumed that on average one case equals 1.4 individuals. Applications submitted to the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) are recorded as individuals. Owing to the large variation of family size by nationality, the analysis by country of origin in the United States of America is thus based on a combination of the number of cases (DHS) and the number of individuals (EOIR).

### **Box 1. New vs. repeat/reopened applications: the case of the Netherlands**

Up to July 2006, asylum statistics reported by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (IND) of the Netherlands did not make a distinction between new asylum claims and second/repeat applications. As from July 2006, however, this distinction has become possible due to improved statistical systems.

A first analysis shows that in fact only 65 per cent of claims submitted during January - June 2007 (4,672) were lodged by new asylum-seekers. The remaining 35 per cent were second, subsequent or other types of applications previously included in official reporting. It can be concluded that the number of new asylum-seekers prior to 2007 was overestimated.

The figures for the Netherlands reported in this document include new, repeat and second applications up to the end of 2006. From January 2007 onwards, however, all data refer to new applications only and are thus not comparable with earlier figures.

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<sup>2</sup> The category "industrialized countries" has been defined for the purpose of this report only. It refers to the 27 Member States of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, as well as Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, and the United States of America.

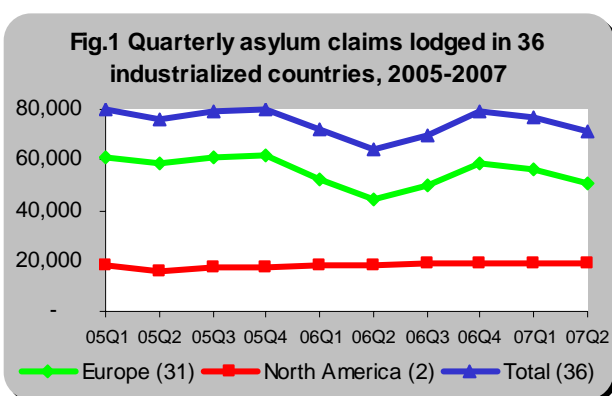
<sup>3</sup> See UNHCR's 2006 *Global Trends* report (issued June 2007).

<sup>4</sup> UNHCR's compilation of monthly statistics on individual asylum applications started in 1999 and included initially 24 European countries.

With the exception of a few countries, separate statistics for asylum-seekers originating from Serbia or Montenegro are not yet available. In order to ensure comparability of the 2007 data with previous years, Serbia and Montenegro are referred to as one entity throughout this document. UNHCR is hopeful that in the future Governments will be able to separate nationals from Serbia and Montenegro in their national asylum statistics.

## Regional trends

Over the past few years, the overall number of new asylum claims submitted in the 36 industrialized countries covered by this report has decreased continuously. This trend, however, was reversed in the second half of 2006 when numbers started to rise. Even though they were falling again during the first half of 2007, in particular during the second quarter, the total number of asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries in 2007 can be expected to be higher than in 2006. An analysis of semester trends of monthly asylum data available to UNHCR (1999-2007) shows a relatively clear pattern. Every year, with the exception of 2004, the number of asylum applications submitted during the first semester was lower than during the second semester. Assuming that current patterns remain unchanged, it can be expected that the total number of asylum claims lodged in the 36 industrialized countries in 2007 might be between 290,000 and 320,000. In other words, the number of asylum claims lodged during 2007 might go up by possibly 10 per cent, the first increase since 2001.



During the first half of 2007, an estimated 147,500 individuals applied for asylum in the 36 industrialized countries, nine per cent more than compared to the corresponding period of 2006 (135,700), but slightly below the level of the second half of 2006 (149,100). As such, the first semester of 2007 witnessed the second lowest level since at least 1999.

In 2007, 10 per cent more than during the corresponding period of 2006 (97,000) and only marginally lower (-1%) compared to the second half of 2006 (108,300). The 31 European countries accounted for 73 per cent of all claims lodged during the first six half of 2007.

The trend is identical for the 26 countries of the **European Union (EU)** covered by this report.<sup>5</sup> They registered 99,000 new asylum applications during the first six months of 2007, virtually the same as during July to December 2006 (99,500), but 10 per cent more than compared to the first half of 2006 (89,800). The 26 EU member States thus accounted for 67 per cent of all asylum claims lodged during the first six months of 2007.

### Semester applications lodged in Europe and EU

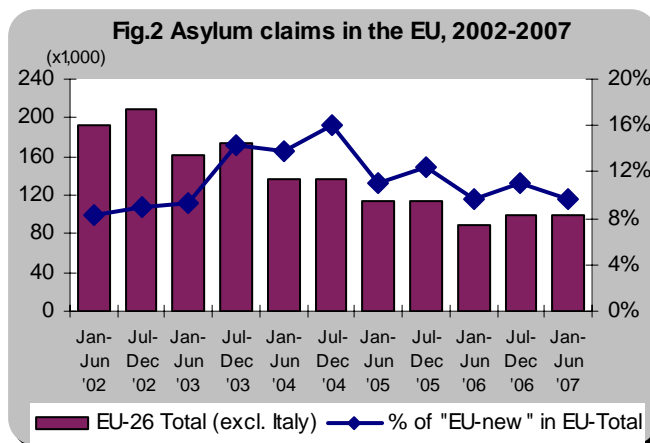
	1 <sup>st</sup> 2005	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2005	1 <sup>st</sup> 2006	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2006	1 <sup>st</sup> 2007
Europe (31)*	120,900	123,100	97,500	108,800	107,500
EU-total (26)*	113,000	113,900	89,800	99,500	99,000
EU-old (14)*	100,400	99,800	81,000	88,600	89,500
EU-new (12)	12,500	14,100	8,700	11,000	9,500

\* Excludes Italy for which no data is available.

The overall development in the EU, however, hides significant subregional differences among the 26 EU member States. The **14 "old" member States** (excluding Italy) recorded a continuous increase from the first (81,000) to the second semester of 2006 (88,600) and to the first half of

<sup>5</sup> Italy is not included in this report due to a lack of data.

2007 (89,500). The **12 “new” member States**, however, recorded a 26 per cent increase during the second semester of 2006 (11,000 claims) compared to the first one (8,700), and experienced a 13 per cent drop in the first half of 2007 (9,500). The current relative share of asylum applications received by the **12 “new” EU member States** as compared to the total European Union has decreased from its most recent peak in late 2004 (16% share) to 10 per cent.



Countries in **Central Europe** witnessed a strong decline in the number of asylum-seekers during the first six months of 2007. Central Europe had been an important receiving region only a few years ago, however, fewer people have requested asylum in recent years. During the first two quarters of 2007 some 5,900 asylum applications were submitted, 2,000 fewer than during the second half of 2006 (-26%) but virtually the same level as during the first two quarters of 2006 (6,000).

With the exception of Malta, all countries of **Southern Europe** in this report experienced a significant increase in asylum applications in the first two quarters of 2007 compared to the last two quarters of 2006. This is on the one hand due to new arrivals, particularly from Iraq, and on the other hand to the continuous implementation of improved registration systems allowing a faster recording of asylum claims (i.e. Greece). In total, some 22,600 asylum applications were recorded during the first semester of 2007, almost the same number as during the whole of 2006 (23,500).

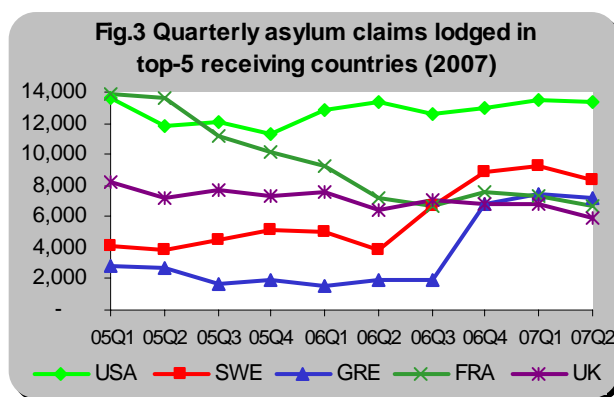
Similar to Southern Europe, the **Nordic region** accounted for an increase in new asylum claims, albeit at a lower level. Here, a total of 21,600 persons applied for refugee status between January and June 2007, a five per cent increase compared to the last two quarters of 2006 and a striking 60 per cent more compared to the first two quarters of 2006 (*see Table 1*). This large increase has been caused primarily by the continuous arrival of large numbers of Iraqi asylum-seekers in Sweden.

The number of asylum claims submitted in **North America** has remained fairly stable during the first six months of 2007 (38,200) compared to the second semester of 2006 (38,400). Both figures are, however, higher than in previous semesters, most notably of 2005 when on average an estimated 34,200 individuals submitted an asylum claim each semester. The number of asylum-seekers in **Australia** during the first half of 2007 (2,000 claims) was the highest on record since the second semester of 2003.

### Countries of asylum

Until recently, Austria, Canada, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America have been the main destinations for asylum-seekers arriving in industrialized countries. During 2007, however, other countries started to emerge as major recipients of asylum-seekers.

The **United States of America** has been the by far largest recipient of new asylum claims during the first six months of 2007. An estimated 26,800 individuals submitted an application, some 1,200 (+5%) more than during the second semester of 2006 and slightly more than during the first semester of 2006 (26,200) (*see Figure 3*). During the first semester of 2007, the United

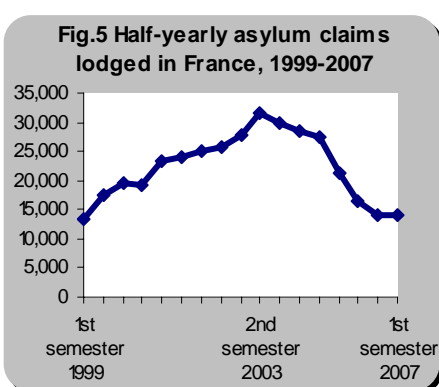
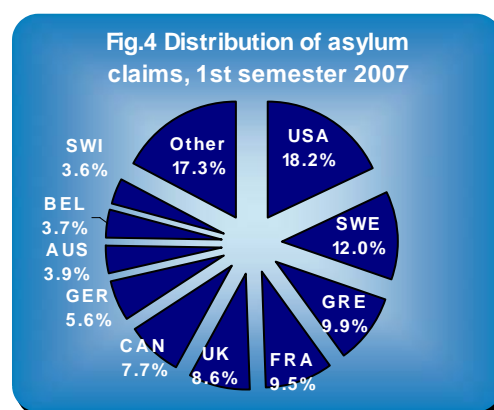


States of America also received almost every fifth application lodged in the 36 industrialized countries covered by this report. The share of the United States in the number of new asylum claims received among the group of industrialized countries remained fairly stable in recent years, ranging between 16 and 19 per cent (*see Figure 4*).

With a continuous high number of arriving Iraqi asylum-seekers, **Sweden** remained the second largest recipient of new asylum

claims throughout the first semester of 2007. A total of 17,700 people applied for asylum during this period, a 14 per cent increase compared to the 15,500 claims which had been lodged during the second semester of 2006 and a doubling of claims when compared to the first six months of 2006 (8,900). As such, Sweden's share in the distribution of received asylum claims among the 36 industrialized countries increased significantly from five per cent in early 2005 to 12 per cent in 2007 (*see Figure 4*).

With a record-high of 14,700 new asylum applications recorded between January and June 2007, **Greece** became the third most important destination of asylum-seekers among the 36 industrialized countries, receiving on average one out of 10 applications (*see Figures 3 and 4*). It should be noted, however, that, in addition to reflecting an increase in new arrivals, particularly of Iraqi citizens, the Greek authorities introduced special procedures in late 2006 to clear the backlog of asylum-seekers who want to register. As a consequence, the 14,700 applications recorded during the first six months of 2007 almost equalled the total number of claims (15,800) which had been registered during the previous 18 months (July 2005 - December 2006).



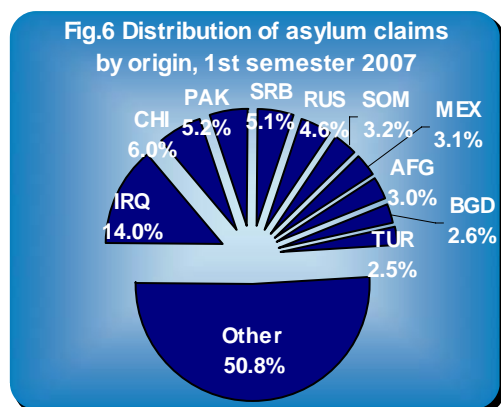
**France** has been the leading asylum-seeker receiving country among the group of 36 industrialized countries for much of 2003, 2004 and 2005. However, since mid-2005, the country has witnessed a sharp decline in the number of new asylum claims. As a consequence, the 14,000 claims submitted between January and June 2007 made France the fourth largest recipient and constituted the lowest semester level since at least the first semester of 1999 (13,200) (*see Figure 5*). As a result of this steady decrease, France's share in the number of new asylum applications received among the 36 industrialized countries went down from almost 20 per cent to close to 10 per cent (*see Figure 4*). The **United Kingdom** ranked fifth among the 36 industrialized countries with 12,700 new applications received during the first two quarters of 2007, followed by **Canada** (11,400), **Germany** (8,200), and **Austria** (5,700).

Two thirds of the countries included in this report experienced a reduction in the number of new asylum claims lodged from the second semester of 2006 to the first semester of 2007, including large receiving countries such as **Austria** (-19%), **Germany** (-18%), **Norway** (-18%), **Canada** (-11%), the **United Kingdom** (-9%), and **Belgium** (-9%). The **Netherlands** also recorded a



significant decline (-44%), however, because the 2007 data now excludes repeat and reopened applications, in contrast to pre-2007 figures, data are not comparable (*see Box 1*). Most of the remaining one third reported an increase, including **Greece** (+65%), **Spain** (+49%), **Cyprus** (+34%), and **Sweden** (+14%) (*see Table 1*).

## Origin of asylum-seekers

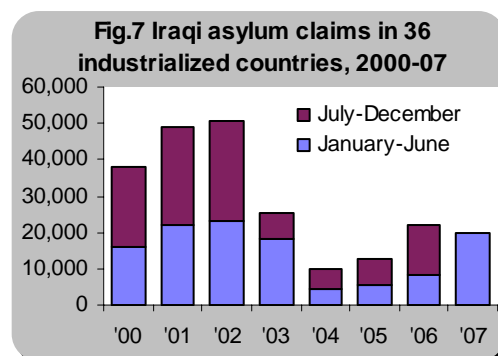


**Iraq** remained the leading country of origin of asylum applicants during the first six months of 2007 with 19,800 requests, or 14 per cent of all claims, lodged by its citizens in the 36 industrialized countries covered by this report. **China** was the second most important source country of asylum-seekers with 8,600 claims, or six per cent of all claims, followed by **Pakistan** (7,300), **Serbia and Montenegro** (7,200), and the **Russian Federation** (6,500) (*see Figure 8*).

After having been the main source country of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries in 2000 and 2002,

**Iraq** again became the main country of origin in 2006. This trend has continued into 2007 with the sectarian divide in the country deteriorating and without a political solution in sight. Some 19,800 asylum claims were lodged by Iraqi citizens in the 36 industrialized countries during the first six months of 2007, an increase of almost half (+45%) compared to the last six months of 2006 (13,600), and more than double in comparison to the first six months of 2006 (8,500 claims). If current trends are maintained, the number of Iraqi asylum claims might reach the peak levels witnessed between 2000 and 2002, when, annually, an average of 40,000 to 50,000 Iraqis sought asylum in the 36 industrialized countries.

The increase in Iraqi claims was particularly significant in the first quarter of 2007 when 10,200 Iraqis applied for asylum in the 36 industrialized countries, the highest quarterly level since the first quarter of 2003. In the first six months of 2007, Iraqis lodged asylum applications in 28 out of the 36 industrialized countries covered by this report. Some 9,300 applications or almost half of the 19,800 Iraqi applications (47%) were submitted in Sweden alone. The large Iraqi community and its strong social network in Sweden might be part of the reasons for the high concentration of Iraqi asylum-seekers going to that country. Greece registered some 3,500 Iraqi claims between January and June 2007, as compared to 1,400 during the whole of 2006, while Spain and Germany recorded 1,500 and 820 applications respectively during the first semester of 2007. It should be noted that almost all Iraqi claims recorded in Spain were submitted at the Spanish embassy in Cairo. The map on page 7 illustrates the evolution of Iraqi asylum claims during the past 18 months.



The share of Iraqi asylum-seekers in the total number of asylum claims has increased steadily in past years. During 2005, the share ranged between four and five cent, increased to six and seven respectively during 2006, and reached its peak during the first two quarters of 2007 with 14 per cent of all asylum claims in the 36 industrialized countries being lodged by Iraqis. In other words, in the first six months of 2007, one out of seven asylum claims was lodged by an Iraqi citizen (*see Figures 6 and 7*).



The number of asylum-seekers originating from **Serbia and Montenegro**<sup>6</sup> and the **Russian Federation**, the two leading countries of origin of asylum-seekers in 2005, continued to drop during the first semester of 2007. The former recorded some 7,200 new claims, six per cent fewer than during the preceding semester and nine per cent less compared to the first semester of 2006. Russian asylum-seekers submitted 6,500 applications during the first semester of 2007, one quarter less than compared to the previous semester (8,700) and seven per cent less compared to the first semester of 2006 (7,000). Despite those decreases, both were, respectively, fourth and fifth largest source countries of asylum-seekers during the first two quarters of 2007.

Only the applications by 16 of the 40 main asylum-seeker nationalities increased during the first six months of 2007 as compared to the last six months of 2006. Among the major source countries of asylum-seekers, significant increases were registered by asylum applicants from **Pakistan** (+58%), **Iraq** (+45%), the **Syrian Arab Republic** (+43%), **Sri Lanka** (+14%), **Somalia** (+13%), and **Mexico** (+12%). Conversely, out of the 22 nationalities which recorded a decrease in the first semester of 2007 as compared to the second half of 2006, seven registered a drop of more than 25 per cent. This included asylum applicants originating from the **Islamic Republic of Iran** (-30%), the **Russian Federation** (-25%), and **Eritrea** (-28%).

The distribution of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries as described above reflects general trends. However, they hide the fact that certain nationalities tend to cluster in a limited number of countries. For instance, more than half of all Chinese asylum applications (52%) in the first semester of 2007 were submitted in the **United States of America** alone. Similarly, seven out of 10 Iraqi asylum claims were lodged in **Sweden** (47%), **Greece** (18%), and **Spain** (8%) while more than half of the 6,500 Russian asylum applicants were registered in **France** (19%), **Poland** (17%), and **Austria** (16%). On the other hand, Russian asylum-seekers constituted more than 80 per cent of all asylum claims in **Poland** during the first six months of 2007. In addition, virtually all applications lodged by **Mexican** nationals during the first half of 2007 were submitted in **Canada** (69%) or the **United States** (31%), a phenomenon which has been observed for some years now. Likewise, roughly seven out of 10 **Somali** asylum claims were submitted in three countries, namely **Sweden** (33%), the **United Kingdom** (21%), and the **Netherlands** (20%).

Some changes occurred in the ranking of the main countries of origin of asylum applicants. From Q2 of 2006 to Q2 of 2007, individuals originating from **Pakistan** moved up the list from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> position. Similarly, **Mexico** became 6<sup>th</sup> most important source country in Q2 of 2007 as compared to Q4 of 2007 (12<sup>th</sup>). In contrast, asylum applicants from the **Russian Federation** dropped

from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> during the same period. After having been among the leading countries of origin of asylum-seekers up to the first half of 2006, **Turkish** asylum-seekers now ranked 10<sup>th</sup> throughout 2007. Conversely, **Colombia**, the **Islamic Republic of Iran**, and **Haiti** are no longer present in the top-10 ranking, since less asylum applications have been submitted by people from these three countries in the second quarter of 2007.

Changes in the rank of the top-10 countries of origin, 2005-2007										
Country of origin	2005				2006				2007	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Iraq	5	5	5	4	1	2	1	1	1	1
China	3	2	3	3	2	1	2	2	2	2
Pakistan	14	7	8	10	12	12	10	6	3	3
Serbia/Montenegro*	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	4	4	4
Russian Federation	2	3	1	1	4	3	3	3	5	5
Mexico	22	21	14	15	18	11	7	12	9	6
Somalia	11	14	9	13	11	10	5	11	7	7
Afghanistan	13	9	10	9	8	7	9	7	8	8
Sri Lanka	15	16	19	17	15	16	15	14	11	9
Turkey	4	4	6	5	5	5	8	9	10	10

\* No separate data available for both countries.

<sup>6</sup> As already indicated in the introduction, separate statistics for asylum-seekers originating from Serbia and Montenegro are not yet available in most of the countries covered by this report.



## Monthly trends

The latest monthly data indicate that the number of new asylum applications submitted in the **36 industrialized countries** covered by this report fell by six per cent in June as compared to May 2007. The **United States of America** continued to be the main recipient country of asylum-seekers, despite experiencing a 16 per cent drop from May to June. It nevertheless accounted for 18 per cent of all asylum requests lodged in June 2007, followed by **Sweden** (12%), **Greece** and **France** (10% each).

**Iraq** remained the main asylum-seeker nationality in June 2007, despite having witnessed an 18 per cent fall from March to June 2007. The number of **Chinese** asylum applications also decreased between May and June 2007 (-7%) while those lodged by nationals of the **Russian Federation**, **Pakistan** and **Serbia and Montenegro** increased by 10, 27 and 12 per cent respectively.

## Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries, Second Quarter 2007

**Table 1. Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 36 industrialized countries, 2005 to second quarter 2007**

See footnotes at the bottom of the table.

Country/region of asylum	2005				2006				2007		First semester change			'07-'06
														Q3Q4/
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'06-'05	'07-'06	'07-'05	Q1Q2
Australia	807	820	795	776	816	912	926	854	909	1,046	6%	13%	20%	10%
Austria	4,203	4,972	6,265	7,031	3,399	2,937	3,355	3,658	3,060	2,651	-31%	-10%	-38%	-19%
Belgium	4,037	3,695	4,104	4,121	2,960	2,558	2,696	3,373	2,802	2,728	-29%	0%	-28%	-9%
Bulgaria	210	196	227	189	171	151	85	160	231	209	-21%	37%	8%	80%
Canada	4,623	4,106	5,179	5,827	5,288	4,794	6,601	6,224	5,883	5,489	16%	13%	30%	-11%
Croatia	45	69	35	37	37	20	18	19	31	35	-50%	16%	-42%	78%
Cyprus	2,054	1,990	1,777	1,947	1,182	904	960	1,499	1,651	1,649	-48%	58%	-18%	34%
Czech Rep.	950	853	1,251	967	760	750	911	595	464	382	-16%	-44%	-53%	-44%
Denmark	710	621	501	428	566	388	454	512	592	374	-28%	1%	-27%	0%
Estonia	1	5	4	-	2	1	1	9	1	5	-50%	100%	0%	-40%
Finland	911	877	1,045	730	568	537	652	531	310	283	-38%	-46%	-67%	-50%
France	13,915	13,612	11,214	10,130	9,300	7,147	6,672	7,566	7,312	6,740	-40%	-15%	-49%	-1%
Germany	6,662	6,660	7,080	6,808	5,888	4,698	4,920	5,107	4,430	3,791	-21%	-22%	-38%	-18%
Greece	2,816	2,729	1,636	1,869	1,536	1,895	1,982	6,854	7,426	7,133	-38%	324%	163%	65%
Hungary	403	362	467	377	434	565	612	498	509	696	31%	21%	58%	9%
Iceland	12	19	39	19	7	9	8	14	10	7	-48%	6%	-45%	-23%
Ireland	1,259	957	1,045	1,060	1,156	972	1,067	1,119	1,065	911	-4%	-7%	-11%	-10%
Japan	89	81	95	119	238	285	260	171	163	206	208%	-29%	117%	-14%
Latvia	1	3	13	3	4	-	1	3	4	9	0%	225%	225%	225%
Liechtenstein	16	15	8	14	7	24	11	5	4	10	0%	-55%	-55%	-13%
Lithuania	23	33	28	34	24	26	55	56	47	21	-11%	36%	21%	-39%
Luxembourg	234	212	208	145	98	103	171	152	101	97	-55%	-1%	-56%	-39%
Malta	411	138	278	340	291	369	302	310	257	140	20%	-40%	-28%	-35%
Netherlands	2,696	2,588	2,985	4,078	5,171	3,839	2,962	2,493	1,660	1,373	71%	-66%	-43%	-44%
New Zealand	77	101	92	78	78	69	76	53	67	48	-17%	-22%	-35%	-11%
Norway	1,199	1,185	1,499	1,519	1,310	1,075	1,516	1,419	1,200	1,211	0%	1%	1%	-18%
Poland	1,204	1,117	1,476	1,639	801	871	1,354	1,197	717	659	-28%	-18%	-41%	-46%
Portugal	30	16	30	37	41	15	44	28	67	76	22%	155%	211%	99%
Romania	165	171	126	132	81	95	78	124	87	114	-48%	14%	-40%	0%
Slovakia	601	771	1,020	1,097	379	641	898	953	662	819	-26%	45%	8%	-20%
Slovenia	371	487	462	276	97	111	198	112	55	110	-76%	-21%	-81%	-47%
Spain	1,411	1,180	948	1,723	1,153	1,351	1,194	1,609	2,333	1,849	-3%	67%	61%	49%
Sweden	4,167	3,813	4,439	5,110	5,013	3,846	6,620	8,842	9,239	8,411	11%	99%	121%	14%
Switzerland	2,213	2,459	2,784	2,605	2,453	2,322	2,704	3,058	3,019	2,353	2%	13%	15%	-7%
United Kingdom	8,260	7,190	7,705	7,305	7,530	6,380	7,105	6,835	6,750	5,920	-10%	-9%	-18%	-9%
United States (EOIR)	3,685	3,800	3,585	3,235	4,367	4,562	3,990	4,226	4,104	3,537	19%	-14%	2%	-7%
United States (DHS)	9,918	8,033	8,436	8,075	8,532	8,786	8,637	8,746	9,344	9,842	-4%	11%	7%	10%
EU-old (14)	51,311	49,122	49,205	50,575	44,379	36,666	39,894	48,679	47,147	42,337	-19%	10%	-11%	1%
EU-new (12)	6,394	6,126	7,129	7,001	4,226	4,484	5,455	5,516	4,685	4,813	-30%	9%	-24%	-13%
EU-total (24)	57,705	55,248	56,334	57,576	48,605	41,150	45,349	54,195	51,832	47,150	-21%	10%	-12%	-1%
EU-total (26)	58,080	55,615	56,687	57,897	48,857	41,396	45,512	54,479	52,150	47,473	-21%	10%	-12%	0%
Nordic region (5)	6,999	6,515	7,523	7,806	7,464	5,855	9,250	11,318	11,351	10,286	-1%	62%	60%	5%
Western Europe (18)	54,751	52,800	53,535	54,732	48,156	40,096	44,133	53,175	51,380	45,918	-18%	10%	-10%	0%
Central Europe (11)	3,974	4,067	5,109	4,751	2,790	3,231	4,211	3,726	2,808	3,059	-25%	-3%	-27%	-26%
Southern Europe (5)	6,722	6,053	4,669	5,916	4,203	4,534	4,482	10,300	11,734	10,847	-32%	158%	77%	53%
Europe (31)	61,565	59,362	61,052	62,091	52,671	44,846	49,769	58,994	56,414	51,089	-19%	10%	-11%	-1%
Non-Europe (5)	19,199	16,941	18,182	18,110	19,319	19,408	20,490	20,274	20,470	20,168	7%	5%	12%	0%
North America (2)	18,226	15,939	17,200	17,137	18,187	18,142	19,228	19,196	19,331	18,868	6%	5%	12%	-1%
Australia/New Z. (2)	884	921	887	854	894	981	1,002	907	976	1,094	4%	10%	15%	8%
Total	80,389	75,936	78,881	79,880	71,738	64,008	70,096	78,984	76,566	70,934	-13%	9%	-6%	-1%

### Notes

All figures are provisional and subject to change.

Germany: new applications only.

Japan: includes UNHCR estimates.

Netherlands: The 2007 data excludes repeat and reopened applications and is therefore not directly comparable to previous data.

United Kingdom: data rounded to the closest 5.

United States:

- new asylum applications registered by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS): number of cases, multiplied by 1.4 to reflect the number of persons;

- new ("defensive") requests lodged with the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), based on the number of persons.

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

EU-new: 12 new EU member states, which acceded on 1 May 2004 and 1 January 2007 respectively.

EU-total (24): All EU member states as at 31 December 2006, except Italy (no data available).

EU-total (26): All EU member states as at 1 January 2007, except Italy (no data available).

Nordic region: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

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

Central Europe: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep., Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Southern Europe: Cyprus, Greece, Malta, Portugal and Spain.

Europe: All 31 European countries listed.

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

Total: All countries listed.

Source: Governments; compiled by UNHCR (FICSS).

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**Table 2. Asylum applications lodged in 36 industrialized countries by origin, first quarter 2005 to second quarter 2007**

Covering all 36 asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2007.

Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because USA (DHS) by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	2005				2006				2007		First semester change			'07-'06
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'06-'05	'07-'06	'07-'05	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
Iraq	2,925	2,834	2,991	3,771	4,729	3,785	5,580	8,063	10,240	9,579	48%	133%	244%	45%
China	4,719	4,734	4,531	4,444	4,561	4,423	4,783	4,553	4,399	4,155	-5%	-5%	-10%	-8%
Pakistan	1,688	2,138	2,055	1,926	1,488	1,477	1,680	2,967	4,000	3,347	-23%	148%	92%	58%
Serbia and Montenegro*	5,061	5,738	5,606	5,691	4,504	3,480	3,687	3,981	3,964	3,277	-26%	-9%	-33%	-6%
Russian Federation	4,890	4,633	6,122	5,988	3,526	3,492	4,441	4,274	3,256	3,237	-26%	-7%	-32%	-25%
Mexico	1,031	1,084	1,509	1,494	1,281	1,524	1,980	1,976	2,110	2,307	33%	57%	109%	12%
Somalia	1,815	1,474	2,021	1,778	1,714	1,614	2,005	1,994	2,356	2,167	1%	36%	38%	13%
Afghanistan	1,698	1,966	1,925	2,157	1,948	1,893	1,884	2,673	2,188	2,076	5%	11%	16%	-6%
Sri Lanka	1,646	1,400	1,248	1,343	1,388	1,242	1,312	1,724	1,803	1,649	-14%	31%	13%	14%
Turkey	3,123	3,009	2,989	2,832	2,535	2,047	1,965	2,154	1,883	1,637	-25%	-23%	-43%	-15%
Colombia	1,316	1,255	1,254	1,543	1,174	1,619	1,383	1,975	1,172	1,599	9%	-1%	8%	-17%
Nigeria	2,380	1,921	1,819	1,839	1,750	1,405	1,428	1,698	1,608	1,428	-27%	-4%	-29%	-3%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,206	2,076	2,310	2,592	2,133	1,708	1,988	2,516	1,732	1,427	-10%	-18%	-26%	-30%
Syrian Arab Rep.	766	978	1,056	1,339	891	851	879	1,117	1,427	1,418	0%	63%	63%	43%
Haiti	2,516	2,742	3,033	2,469	2,361	1,944	1,462	1,273	1,527	1,409	-18%	-32%	-44%	7%
India	1,722	1,652	1,880	2,223	1,333	1,397	1,255	1,389	1,399	1,280	-19%	-2%	-21%	1%
Georgia	2,516	1,775	1,482	1,316	930	840	960	886	778	1,274	-59%	16%	-52%	11%
Bangladesh	887	1,125	1,270	1,235	1,023	976	1,072	3,361	2,434	1,254	-1%	84%	83%	-17%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,115	1,828	1,744	1,818	1,743	1,348	1,209	1,212	1,195	1,226	-22%	-22%	-39%	0%
Eritrea	778	647	1,320	1,232	1,433	1,170	1,623	2,093	1,631	1,053	83%	3%	88%	-28%
El Salvador	776	502	475	522	634	696	809	999	1,015	934	4%	47%	53%	8%
Armenia	1,214	1,125	1,210	1,423	1,434	978	879	880	950	886	3%	-24%	-22%	4%
Guatemala	654	398	368	338	415	439	476	623	734	722	-19%	70%	38%	32%
Guinea	1,073	822	779	781	655	641	593	632	704	678	-32%	7%	-27%	13%
Zimbabwe	445	395	682	949	1,358	690	566	474	583	648	144%	-40%	47%	18%
Stateless	564	573	651	630	474	517	630	618	657	640	-13%	31%	14%	4%
Viet Nam	785	533	690	672	548	539	505	471	496	636	-18%	4%	-14%	16%
Ethiopia	529	513	672	678	760	722	821	794	679	612	42%	-13%	24%	-20%
Algeria	1,462	1,118	967	852	967	660	640	736	689	594	-37%	-21%	-50%	-7%
Romania	621	558	442	774	547	407	436	542	315	504	-19%	-14%	-31%	-16%
Lebanon	424	384	423	418	398	279	1,259	809	701	490	-16%	76%	47%	-42%
Côte d'Ivoire	823	637	567	813	710	556	557	603	604	484	-13%	-14%	-25%	-6%
Cameroon	850	709	663	677	699	608	587	596	534	470	-16%	-23%	-36%	-15%
Sudan	798	707	891	830	769	806	677	692	561	450	5%	-36%	-33%	-26%
Mongolia	584	451	500	677	667	414	412	458	441	429	4%	-20%	-16%	0%
Moldova	1,304	1,432	890	1,120	426	587	795	758	538	394	-63%	-8%	-66%	-40%
Ukraine	1,199	1,008	800	738	643	491	494	519	387	375	-49%	-33%	-65%	-25%
Belarus	550	681	492	499	542	532	440	413	347	356	-13%	-35%	-43%	-18%
Albania	673	687	599	580	609	459	429	412	415	353	-21%	-28%	-44%	-9%
Azerbaijan	758	800	836	902	909	666	538	435	360	342	1%	-55%	-55%	-28%
Other	15,669	14,601	14,708	13,670	12,693	11,575	12,507	12,142	11,086	10,325	-20%	-12%	-29%	-13%
Total	77,553	73,643	76,470	77,573	69,302	61,497	67,626	76,485	73,898	68,121	-13%	9%	-6%	-1%

**Note**

\* No separate data available for both countries.

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**Table 3. Asylum applications lodged in 31 European countries by origin, first quarter 2005 to second quarter 2007**

Covering all European asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2007.

Origin	2005				2006				2007		First semester change			'07-'06
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'06-'05	'07-'06	'07-'05	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
Iraq	2,785	2,696	2,851	3,583	4,514	3,601	5,339	7,746	9,925	9,281	48%	137%	250%	47%
Serbia and Montenegro*	4,953	5,664	5,528	5,627	4,401	3,392	3,602	3,890	3,861	3,167	-27%	-10%	-34%	-6%
Pakistan	1,343	1,875	1,738	1,663	1,162	1,138	1,376	2,727	3,762	3,126	-29%	199%	114%	68%
Russian Federation	4,640	4,330	5,895	5,753	3,303	3,179	4,182	4,054	3,029	2,897	-28%	-9%	-34%	-28%
Somalia	1,698	1,373	1,940	1,676	1,593	1,518	1,894	1,903	2,231	2,079	1%	39%	40%	14%
Afghanistan	1,640	1,899	1,816	2,072	1,872	1,833	1,789	2,577	2,075	1,979	5%	9%	15%	-7%
Turkey	3,013	2,912	2,861	2,743	2,419	1,920	1,801	2,051	1,808	1,569	-27%	-22%	-43%	-12%
China	2,134	2,165	1,807	1,748	1,481	1,353	1,690	1,452	1,450	1,411	-34%	1%	-33%	-9%
Syrian Arab Rep.	728	934	1,019	1,301	849	831	850	1,071	1,390	1,393	1%	66%	67%	45%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,995	1,881	2,100	2,373	1,937	1,542	1,787	2,322	1,578	1,284	-10%	-18%	-26%	-30%
Sri Lanka	1,244	1,014	941	1,026	1,058	910	956	1,304	1,410	1,278	-13%	37%	19%	19%
Georgia	2,482	1,743	1,438	1,274	899	786	918	861	754	1,244	-60%	19%	-53%	12%
Nigeria	2,168	1,735	1,615	1,627	1,547	1,217	1,213	1,442	1,382	1,232	-29%	-5%	-33%	-2%
Bangladesh	743	1,021	1,155	1,140	909	877	983	3,273	2,344	1,170	1%	97%	99%	-17%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,027	1,749	1,617	1,704	1,611	1,248	1,056	1,092	1,092	1,129	-24%	-22%	-41%	3%
Eritrea	699	566	1,203	1,142	1,324	1,058	1,529	1,988	1,522	948	88%	4%	95%	-30%
Colombia	365	571	546	828	445	823	595	1,094	382	876	35%	-1%	34%	-26%
Armenia	1,035	988	1,091	1,319	1,313	873	748	784	850	793	8%	-25%	-19%	7%
India	1,286	1,314	1,442	1,788	901	915	806	1,002	1,003	791	-30%	-1%	-31%	-1%
Viet Nam	732	485	657	621	496	502	455	431	461	606	-18%	7%	-12%	20%
Stateless	550	560	626	620	450	490	601	565	616	599	-15%	29%	9%	4%
Algeria	1,444	1,100	941	826	951	634	606	712	661	573	-38%	-22%	-51%	-6%
Zimbabwe	339	274	400	575	1,034	535	416	339	474	530	156%	-36%	64%	33%
Guinea	892	658	623	656	537	495	436	481	535	515	-33%	2%	-32%	15%
Romania	580	507	374	693	460	335	339	468	236	463	-27%	-12%	-36%	-13%
Mongolia	522	422	454	629	627	375	375	413	385	395	6%	-22%	-17%	-1%
Lebanon	346	314	350	358	341	231	961	641	571	394	-13%	69%	46%	-40%
Côte d'Ivoire	697	543	486	720	627	487	452	513	500	392	-10%	-20%	-28%	-8%
Sudan	763	675	844	793	719	758	621	631	512	392	3%	-39%	-37%	-28%
Moldova	1,294	1,420	866	1,095	398	565	767	740	512	360	-65%	-9%	-68%	-42%
Azerbaijan	736	780	811	883	893	648	513	410	347	327	2%	-56%	-56%	-27%
Cameroon	636	549	500	514	531	402	388	407	347	306	-21%	-30%	-45%	-18%
Ethiopia	267	281	398	369	406	339	418	461	322	287	36%	-18%	11%	-31%
Congo	469	388	351	398	397	282	270	282	299	280	-21%	-15%	-32%	5%
Angola	615	437	435	438	461	396	347	348	298	268	-19%	-34%	-46%	-19%
Bolivia	57	101	124	151	299	106	159	241	272	258	156%	31%	235%	33%
Uzbekistan	137	180	237	260	188	153	264	220	111	255	8%	7%	15%	-24%
Ukraine	1,065	868	698	617	498	363	349	382	269	250	-55%	-40%	-73%	-29%
Albania	470	437	405	339	328	266	266	267	294	246	-35%	-9%	-40%	1%
Belarus	493	511	441	440	479	378	380	367	285	241	-15%	-39%	-48%	-30%
Other	11,106	11,077	11,074	9,388	7,763	6,845	7,107	6,758	5,943	5,181	-34%	-24%	-50%	-20%
Total	61,188	58,997	60,698	61,770	52,421	44,599	49,604	58,710	56,098	50,765	-19%	10%	-11%	-1%

**Note**

\* No separate data available for both countries.

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**Table 4. Asylum applications lodged in the European Union\* by origin, first quarter 2005 to second quarter 2007**

\*All current EU members, except Italy for which no data is available.

Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2007.

Origin	2005				2006				2007		First semester change			'07-'06
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'06-'05	'07-'06	'07-'05	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
Iraq	2,569	2,428	2,569	3,208	4,123	3,234	4,871	7,147	9,369	8,836	47%	147%	264%	51%
Pakistan	1,310	1,855	1,711	1,625	1,124	1,110	1,346	2,704	3,754	3,079	-29%	206%	116%	69%
Serbia and Montenegro*	4,496	5,158	4,944	5,167	3,965	3,014	3,198	3,485	3,405	2,857	-28%	-10%	-35%	-6%
Russian Federation	4,419	4,135	5,613	5,503	3,079	2,940	3,884	3,818	2,812	2,673	-30%	-9%	-36%	-29%
Somalia	1,450	1,130	1,600	1,344	1,324	1,262	1,652	1,758	2,110	1,992	0%	59%	59%	20%
Afghanistan	1,487	1,665	1,654	1,910	1,773	1,707	1,675	2,457	1,992	1,916	10%	12%	24%	-5%
Turkey	2,822	2,676	2,638	2,554	2,243	1,723	1,622	1,839	1,594	1,412	-28%	-24%	-45%	-13%
China	2,111	2,120	1,783	1,696	1,390	1,266	1,458	1,336	1,323	1,358	-37%	1%	-37%	-4%
Syrian Arab Rep.	693	888	961	1,245	786	789	798	1,017	1,322	1,343	0%	69%	69%	47%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,900	1,781	1,892	2,202	1,804	1,435	1,634	2,192	1,479	1,203	-12%	-17%	-27%	-30%
Georgia	2,381	1,631	1,317	1,193	807	717	835	805	707	1,188	-62%	24%	-53%	16%
Bangladesh	706	987	1,127	1,119	892	854	968	3,253	2,334	1,164	3%	100%	107%	-17%
Nigeria	2,072	1,647	1,544	1,566	1,470	1,172	1,144	1,367	1,309	1,152	-29%	-7%	-34%	-2%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,951	1,669	1,534	1,610	1,551	1,201	978	1,034	1,054	1,080	-24%	-22%	-41%	6%
Sri Lanka	1,158	953	867	953	970	824	844	1,156	1,245	1,077	-15%	29%	10%	16%
Colombia	339	563	541	819	438	809	583	1,079	363	864	38%	-2%	36%	-26%
Armenia	990	943	1,053	1,256	1,268	839	706	765	843	780	9%	-23%	-16%	10%
India	1,262	1,295	1,421	1,776	891	904	782	980	976	779	-30%	-2%	-31%	0%
Eritrea	655	538	1,068	1,011	1,221	927	1,177	1,057	766	659	80%	-34%	19%	-36%
Viet Nam	711	465	638	613	486	486	447	419	451	588	-17%	7%	-12%	20%
Algeria	1,384	1,049	877	767	890	588	557	669	625	536	-39%	-21%	-52%	-5%
Zimbabwe	332	259	383	554	1,011	525	407	337	469	518	160%	-36%	67%	33%
Guinea	817	603	579	614	512	474	401	470	518	479	-31%	1%	-30%	14%
Stateless	491	464	571	563	400	438	506	472	486	477	-12%	15%	1%	-2%
Sudan	734	636	774	744	677	733	594	586	469	377	3%	-40%	-38%	-28%
Lebanon	333	302	333	341	323	219	896	609	535	371	-15%	67%	43%	-40%
Mongolia	503	410	440	589	563	306	312	369	353	370	-5%	-17%	-21%	6%
Moldova	1,273	1,402	825	1,074	386	556	753	722	500	348	-65%	-10%	-68%	-43%
Côte d'Ivoire	641	503	442	646	580	454	398	483	474	335	-10%	-22%	-29%	-8%
Azerbaijan	698	738	782	846	869	627	496	400	339	305	4%	-57%	-55%	-28%
Congo	465	381	349	391	395	274	259	267	292	278	-21%	-15%	-33%	8%
Cameroon	583	495	457	464	475	345	357	367	313	277	-24%	-28%	-45%	-19%
Bolivia	56	101	124	150	298	106	159	241	272	258	157%	31%	238%	33%
Angola	559	414	403	412	434	375	316	320	274	248	-17%	-35%	-46%	-18%
Ukraine	1,055	846	683	588	483	356	336	374	260	243	-56%	-40%	-74%	-29%
Albania	443	385	367	321	303	245	254	252	276	237	-34%	-6%	-38%	1%
Occupied Palest. Territ.	363	257	225	178	169	137	199	215	143	235	-51%	24%	-39%	-9%
Uzbekistan	131	164	223	243	174	143	237	201	108	230	7%	7%	15%	-23%
Belarus	456	488	423	410	445	359	369	340	268	227	-15%	-38%	-48%	-30%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,300	1,176	795	561	447	296	323	254	216	179	-70%	-47%	-84%	-32%
Other	9,604	9,650	9,803	8,750	7,168	6,380	6,616	6,579	5,436	4,621	-30%	-26%	-48%	-24%
Total	57,703	55,250	56,333	57,576	48,607	41,149	45,347	54,195	51,834	47,149	-21%	10%	-12%	-1%

**Note**

\* No separate data available for both countries.



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**Table 5. Asylum applications lodged in the Nordic region\* by origin, first quarter 2005 to second quarter 2007**

\*See Table 1 for countries included. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2006.

Origin	2005				2006				2007		First semester change			'07-'06
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'06-'05	'07-'06	'07-'05	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
Iraq	704	706	877	1,267	1,589	1,572	2,926	4,601	5,447	4,932	124%	228%	636%	38%
Somalia	415	248	455	371	435	420	554	437	831	789	29%	89%	144%	63%
Serbia and Montenegro*	1,209	1,023	940	1,074	878	480	734	808	790	623	-39%	4%	-37%	-8%
Stateless	273	254	256	292	193	192	342	350	392	427	-27%	113%	55%	18%
Russian Federation	523	475	488	478	392	284	457	405	421	375	-32%	18%	-20%	-8%
Eritrea	86	75	196	256	196	157	280	298	310	265	119%	63%	257%	-1%
Bolivia	49	85	106	127	279	97	143	228	257	243	181%	33%	273%	35%
Afghanistan	305	364	333	315	238	213	237	350	264	214	-33%	6%	-29%	-19%
Uzbekistan	50	76	143	146	108	92	177	141	79	174	59%	27%	101%	-20%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	183	241	277	366	224	165	255	246	177	173	-8%	-10%	-17%	-30%
Mongolia	70	60	70	155	205	60	105	115	120	142	104%	-1%	102%	19%
Lebanon	84	51	88	60	54	48	403	268	217	113	-24%	224%	144%	-51%
Turkey	164	164	172	178	156	64	117	117	123	112	-33%	7%	-28%	0%
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	127	99	149	142	82	58	85	134	182	109	-38%	108%	29%	33%
Belarus	93	120	124	148	153	126	153	133	96	106	31%	-28%	-5%	-29%
Syrian Arab Rep.	117	110	148	153	155	118	116	169	117	100	20%	-21%	-4%	-24%
Sri Lanka	19	36	30	37	30	37	58	62	57	78	22%	101%	145%	13%
Ethiopia	43	59	58	63	42	58	67	88	64	76	-2%	40%	37%	-10%
China	91	57	64	72	55	35	46	35	31	64	-39%	6%	-36%	17%
Nigeria	104	92	85	96	96	80	49	54	82	64	-10%	-17%	-26%	42%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	159	119	125	158	132	60	76	66	70	55	-31%	-35%	-55%	-12%
Pakistan	43	32	34	40	25	34	42	22	18	54	-21%	22%	-4%	13%
Azerbaijan	143	172	177	140	103	74	87	54	55	50	-44%	-41%	-67%	-26%
Burundi	135	107	209	95	80	79	124	87	62	49	-34%	-30%	-54%	-47%
Armenia	67	82	88	115	112	57	68	66	54	48	13%	-40%	-32%	-24%
India	35	37	48	67	49	59	88	96	55	48	50%	-5%	43%	-44%
Algeria	79	69	64	70	59	41	51	72	41	47	-32%	-12%	-41%	-28%
Bangladesh	65	46	42	43	37	41	39	15	15	35	-30%	-36%	-55%	-7%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	56	51	47	61	57	43	43	45	36	35	-7%	-29%	-34%	-19%
Georgia	99	62	62	52	76	35	43	39	53	33	-31%	-23%	-47%	5%
Albania	89	73	83	59	46	43	35	57	41	29	-45%	-21%	-57%	-24%
Egypt	24	25	38	28	18	16	18	46	32	25	-31%	68%	16%	-11%
TfYR Macedonia	156	104	90	63	67	41	68	21	39	24	-58%	-42%	-76%	-29%
Kazakhstan	42	33	55	35	20	16	13	29	21	24	-52%	25%	-40%	7%
Morocco	23	13	24	20	20	17	28	24	30	22	3%	41%	44%	0%
Moldova	46	45	54	41	19	27	28	85	33	21	-49%	17%	-41%	-52%
Kyrgyzstan	18	65	21	21	29	13	15	21	19	21	-49%	-5%	-52%	11%
Sudan	28	25	54	24	19	14	28	20	31	19	-38%	52%	-6%	4%
Nepal	26	28	32	49	45	11	16	12	13	19	4%	-43%	-41%	14%
Yemen	12	9	29	17	9	19	14	11	13	19	33%	14%	52%	28%
Angola	26	22	17	19	30	23	25	22	18	17	10%	-34%	-27%	-26%
Other	919	901	1,071	793	852	736	997	1,369	545	413	-13%	-40%	-47%	-60%
Total	6,999	6,515	7,523	7,806	7,464	5,855	9,250	11,318	11,351	10,286	-1%	62%	60%	5%

**Note**

\* No separate data available for both countries.

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**Table 6. Asylum applications lodged in Central Europe\* by origin, first quarter 2005 to second quarter 2007**

\*See Table 1 for countries included. Ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2007.

Figures between 1 and 4 have been replaced with an asterisk.

Origin	2005				2006				2007		First semester change			'07-'06
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'06-'05	'07-'06	'07-'05	Q3Q4/
Russian Federation	1,281	1,322	1,896	1,980	830	978	1,497	1,322	695	721	-31%	-22%	-46%	-50%
Pakistan	78	82	108	137	77	46	79	118	153	284	-23%	255%	173%	122%
Serbia and Montenegro*	181	236	269	174	122	183	234	157	155	279	-27%	42%	4%	11%
India	126	186	257	518	138	212	152	315	231	236	12%	33%	50%	0%
Viet Nam	230	103	153	172	167	174	148	131	164	234	2%	17%	20%	43%
Iraq	88	60	70	69	65	117	125	227	217	207	23%	133%	186%	20%
China	315	120	169	162	108	130	232	143	125	104	-45%	-4%	-47%	-39%
Georgia	119	110	135	117	125	106	128	120	67	104	1%	-26%	-25%	-31%
Ukraine	345	267	273	235	236	172	147	137	95	88	-33%	-55%	-70%	-36%
Moldova	124	158	105	103	45	104	217	123	68	78	-47%	-2%	-48%	-57%
Turkey	56	155	128	101	67	54	61	69	46	67	-43%	-7%	-46%	-13%
Mongolia	34	38	32	32	46	25	24	55	79	57	-1%	92%	89%	72%
Bangladesh	130	237	169	94	61	41	69	71	53	50	-72%	1%	-72%	-26%
Afghanistan	119	111	178	120	103	110	50	87	48	43	-7%	-57%	-60%	-34%
Armenia	29	50	36	40	45	45	42	50	29	43	14%	-20%	-9%	-22%
Somalia	13	8	30	30	16	23	30	52	23	39	86%	59%	195%	-24%
Nigeria	39	51	84	70	63	54	71	69	55	38	30%	-21%	3%	-34%
Belarus	74	100	79	52	86	54	53	66	65	37	-20%	-27%	-41%	-14%
Stateless	38	31	51	39	32	48	28	25	58	36	16%	18%	36%	77%
Syrian Arab Rep.	38	40	18	28	14	22	20	28	21	31	-54%	44%	-33%	8%
Sri Lanka	*	10	12	8	10	9	*	11	26	27	36%	179%	279%	279%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	24	23	18	28	23	13	16	15	17	24	-23%	14%	-13%	32%
Uzbekistan	*	*	23	26	5	9	13	10	*	23	133%	79%	317%	9%
Occupied Palest. Territ.	13	20	25	48	22	41	40	50	27	14	91%	-35%	24%	-54%
Algeria	26	13	25	21	46	14	21	8	11	13	54%	-60%	-38%	-17%
Kazakhstan	5	13	17	18	25	164	50	22	8	13	950%	-89%	17%	-71%
Cuba	12	9	*	5	13	*	10	13	24	11	-24%	119%	67%	52%
TFYR Macedonia	35	30	34	16	10	20	16	19	25	11	-54%	20%	-45%	3%
Sudan	8	8	9	17	5	5	8	11	6	10	-38%	60%	0%	-16%
Other	387	473	704	291	185	255	627	202	215	137	-49%	-20%	-59%	-58%
Total	3,974	4,067	5,109	4,751	2,790	3,231	4,211	3,726	2,808	3,059	-25%	-3%	-27%	-26%

**Note**

\* No separate data available for both countries.

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**Table 7. Asylum applications lodged in Southern Europe\* by origin, first quarter 2005 to second quarter 2007**

\*See Table 1 for countries included. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2007.

Figures between 1 and 4 have been replaced with an asterisk.

Origin	2005				2006				2007		First semester change			'07-'06
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'06-'05	'07-'06	'07-'05	Q3Q4/
Iraq	274	310	256	341	279	409	321	600	2,419	2,647	18%	636%	767%	450%
Pakistan	191	698	438	450	219	295	420	1,744	2,832	2,134	-42%	866%	459%	129%
Syrian Arab Rep.	123	295	352	538	267	289	351	511	865	992	33%	234%	344%	115%
Colombia	247	417	373	645	330	652	463	800	324	828	48%	17%	73%	-9%
Georgia	1,279	734	440	375	206	183	199	197	238	758	-81%	156%	-51%	152%
Bangladesh	150	264	329	398	399	464	547	2,792	1,822	654	108%	187%	498%	-26%
Afghanistan	145	137	100	140	174	171	158	600	417	380	22%	131%	183%	5%
Nigeria	289	350	239	299	317	223	199	364	270	248	-15%	-4%	-19%	-8%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	256	236	153	150	191	142	150	371	241	214	-32%	37%	-8%	-13%
Occupied Palest. Terr.	139	66	25	20	22	21	6	13	94	190	-79%	560%	39%	1395%
Sri Lanka	357	248	112	189	126	86	93	210	264	176	-65%	108%	-27%	45%
India	95	148	140	147	112	114	86	146	287	153	-7%	95%	81%	90%
Somalia	146	51	101	64	37	57	118	156	117	129	-52%	162%	25%	-10%
Côte d'Ivoire	75	54	36	136	61	66	78	138	121	78	-2%	57%	54%	-8%
Morocco	*	14	9	55	42	24	97	141	110	76	288%	182%	994%	-22%
Sudan	61	41	117	233	97	164	84	115	75	73	156%	-43%	45%	-26%
Egypt	45	34	74	53	26	22	41	40	53	57	-39%	129%	39%	36%
Turkey	142	106	56	63	66	49	47	41	80	55	-54%	17%	-46%	53%
Russian Federation	384	221	126	124	81	77	57	82	51	52	-74%	-35%	-83%	-26%
Lebanon	21	30	45	28	22	8	34	73	42	47	-41%	197%	75%	-17%
China	66	237	102	123	100	75	50	53	55	44	-42%	-43%	-67%	-4%
Eritrea	136	22	66	55	154	137	85	77	59	43	84%	-65%	-35%	-37%
Moldova	117	80	26	65	32	34	27	37	29	43	-66%	9%	-63%	13%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	107	46	37	83	52	51	20	24	47	42	-33%	-14%	-42%	102%
Algeria	281	99	63	25	115	46	60	43	57	40	-58%	-40%	-74%	-6%
Ethiopia	25	53	41	37	70	51	82	114	55	40	55%	-21%	22%	-52%
Mauritania	10	13	12	8	5	18	7	57	32	40	0%	213%	213%	13%
Senegal	7	10	10	5	5	*	21	63	63	37	-47%	1011%	488%	19%
Gambia	27	18	*	24	9	5	11	14	20	36	-69%	300%	24%	124%
Kenya	-	*	6	-	*	10	*	*	5	36	1000%	273%	4000%	720%
Nepal	18	23	16	42	20	26	21	23	26	36	12%	35%	51%	41%
Cameroon	40	21	25	44	49	37	57	40	29	31	41%	-30%	-2%	-38%
Ukraine	371	237	124	138	61	36	33	57	29	30	-84%	-39%	-90%	-34%
Guinea	95	*	14	69	9	8	8	29	27	28	-83%	224%	-44%	49%
Armenia	47	57	65	48	35	17	31	39	29	26	-50%	6%	-47%	-21%
Cuba	13	26	23	23	14	19	14	15	20	25	-15%	36%	15%	55%
Albania	9	11	12	-	*	5	13	11	12	20	-60%	300%	60%	33%
Indonesia	-	9	5	*	5	5	-	*	14	20	11%	240%	278%	3300%
Jordan	16	16	28	40	18	18	9	21	10	20	13%	-17%	-6%	0%
Philippines	14	33	19	38	11	21	19	12	28	20	-32%	50%	2%	55%
Other	946	652	485	634	398	415	381	452	397	284	-49%	-16%	-57%	-18%
Total	6,767	6,122	4,704	5,953	4,240	4,554	4,500	10,319	11,765	10,882	-32%	158%	76%	53%

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**Table 8. Asylum applications lodged in Canada and the United States by origin, first quarter 2005 to second quarter 2007**

Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2007.

Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because USA (DHS) by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	2005				2006				2007		First semester change			'07-'06
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'06-'05	'07-'06	'07-'05	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
China	2,273	2,336	2,512	2,441	2,838	2,787	2,785	2,860	2,676	2,480	22%	-8%	12%	-9%
Mexico	1,031	1,082	1,508	1,491	1,275	1,521	1,973	1,975	2,106	2,305	32%	58%	109%	12%
Haiti	1,454	1,211	1,607	1,424	1,641	1,487	1,050	1,009	1,297	1,264	17%	-18%	-4%	24%
El Salvador	771	495	470	508	627	674	780	989	991	910	3%	46%	50%	7%
Colombia	950	674	694	715	728	787	786	872	780	714	-7%	-1%	-8%	-10%
Guatemala	650	395	366	336	406	438	470	618	722	713	-19%	70%	37%	32%
Russian Federation	243	297	222	227	220	306	251	220	214	335	-3%	4%	2%	17%
Ethiopia	252	225	268	300	347	371	387	328	350	315	51%	-7%	39%	-7%
Honduras	238	240	268	247	270	277	337	391	334	304	14%	17%	33%	-12%
India	394	302	375	388	350	352	368	345	328	285	1%	-13%	-12%	-14%
Indonesia	209	169	175	164	224	246	381	328	285	263	24%	17%	45%	-23%
Iraq	112	110	117	155	174	144	186	230	255	259	43%	62%	132%	24%
Sri Lanka	338	235	242	264	282	251	243	286	274	228	-7%	-6%	-12%	-5%
United States*	133	89	146	167	161	105	187	215	256	226	20%	81%	117%	20%
Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)	360	319	233	271	275	261	246	217	213	193	-21%	-24%	-40%	-12%
Nigeria	206	181	187	206	194	179	203	247	222	188	-4%	10%	6%	-9%
Brazil	69	79	69	74	92	81	55	79	116	183	17%	73%	102%	123%
Pakistan	316	250	264	235	290	302	283	221	206	176	5%	-35%	-33%	-24%
Guinea	180	163	154	125	117	146	157	151	166	163	-23%	25%	-4%	7%
Cameroon	213	160	163	162	165	194	197	186	185	158	-4%	-4%	-8%	-10%
Nepal	114	126	115	119	166	172	184	189	161	145	41%	-9%	28%	-18%
Cuba	201	183	189	158	153	178	165	176	160	139	-14%	-10%	-22%	-12%
Egypt	107	90	104	102	114	137	108	92	97	121	27%	-13%	11%	9%
Ukraine	133	140	99	119	143	126	140	134	115	121	-1%	-12%	-14%	-14%
Peru	96	99	109	79	79	100	91	102	72	116	-8%	5%	-4%	-3%
Belarus	56	169	51	58	63	154	60	46	62	115	-4%	-18%	-21%	67%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	148	153	181	195	158	142	172	152	127	112	0%	-20%	-21%	-26%
Serbia and Montenegro**	201	248	194	237	277	192	160	139	119	104	4%	-52%	-50%	-25%
Albania	201	248	194	237	277	192	160	139	119	104	4%	-52%	-50%	-25%
Eritrea	76	79	116	87	105	112	92	105	104	103	40%	-5%	34%	5%
Mali	40	49	44	52	69	48	64	70	81	95	31%	50%	98%	31%
Nicaragua	52	61	62	52	67	71	56	66	84	95	22%	30%	58%	47%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	88	79	122	112	130	100	153	118	99	94	38%	-16%	16%	-29%
Armenia	179	137	119	103	121	105	131	96	100	93	-28%	-15%	-39%	-15%
Côte d'Ivoire	126	93	81	93	82	68	105	90	104	92	-32%	31%	-11%	1%
Zimbabwe	102	114	273	363	305	152	139	120	88	92	112%	-61%	-17%	-31%
Lebanon	58	63	64	41	51	42	268	145	107	86	-23%	108%	60%	-53%
Somalia	115	96	80	98	109	93	111	89	121	86	-4%	2%	-2%	4%
Rwanda	44	37	34	82	67	64	85	67	66	84	62%	15%	85%	-1%
Afghanistan	46	62	97	80	75	56	84	87	105	83	21%	44%	74%	10%
Other	2,817	2,306	2,422	2,463	2,462	2,419	2,907	2,708	2,594	2,314	-5%	1%	-4%	-13%
Total	15,392	13,644	14,790	14,830	15,749	15,632	16,760	16,697	16,661	16,056	8%	4%	13%	-2%

**Note**

\* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

\*\* No separate data available for both countries.

**Table 9. Asylum applications lodged in Australia, New Zealand and Japan by origin, first quarter 2005 to second quarter 2007**

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2007.

Figures between 1 and 4 have been replaced with an asterisk.

Origin	2005				2006				2007		First semester change			'07-'06
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'06-'05	'07-'06	'07-'05	Q3Q4/
China	312	233	212	255	242	283	308	241	273	264	-4%	2%	-1%	-2%
India	42	36	63	47	82	130	81	42	68	204	172%	28%	249%	121%
Sri Lanka	64	151	65	53	48	81	113	134	119	143	-40%	103%	22%	6%
Myanmar	45	59	55	90	156	205	175	123	116	140	247%	-29%	146%	-14%
Pakistan	29	13	53	28	36	37	21	19	32	45	74%	5%	83%	93%
Indonesia	29	41	56	43	100	79	83	34	49	42	156%	-49%	30%	-22%
Iraq	28	28	23	33	41	40	55	87	60	39	45%	22%	77%	-30%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	63	42	29	24	38	24	29	42	27	31	-41%	-6%	-45%	-18%
Malaysia	22	47	48	62	31	30	26	21	26	30	-12%	-8%	-19%	19%
Zimbabwe	*	7	9	11	19	*	11	15	21	26	100%	114%	327%	81%
Turkey	21	13	20	22	49	47	56	23	27	25	182%	-46%	53%	-34%
Bangladesh	25	32	38	22	26	31	21	10	22	24	0%	-19%	-19%	48%
Fiji	16	22	13	11	12	6	6	19	37	23	-53%	233%	58%	140%
Rep. of Korea	19	16	12	30	27	17	20	29	11	21	26%	-27%	-9%	-35%
French Polynesia	-	-	-	*	-	*	8	-	-	16	..	1500%	..	100%
Afghanistan	12	5	12	5	*	*	11	9	8	14	-71%	340%	29%	10%
Ethiopia	10	7	6	9	7	12	16	5	7	10	12%	-11%	0%	-19%
Lebanon	20	7	9	19	6	6	30	23	23	10	-56%	175%	22%	-38%
Nepal	21	33	28	17	13	17	6	16	16	10	-44%	-13%	-52%	18%
Colombia	*	10	14	-	*	9	*	9	10	9	-9%	90%	73%	73%
Other	190	200	217	191	197	204	184	177	187	174	3%	-10%	-7%	0%
Total	973	1,002	982	973	1,132	1,266	1,262	1,078	1,139	1,300	21%	2%	23%	4%



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**Table 10. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, first quarter 2007**

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during the first quarter.

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

Origin	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Japan
Iraq	55	101	183	88	56	*	40	14	331	-	62	31	443	1,254	28	-	85	*
China	254	58	47	*	402	-	52	12	9	-	*	354	77	*	75	-	34	5
Pakistan	26	26	37	*	90	-	114	7	*	-	*	89	88	2,712	*	-	43	6
Serbia/Montenegro**	*	552	399	-	25	11	-	12	35	-	39	912	566	*	100	-	*	-
Russian Fed.	13	550	343	5	73	-	18	37	10	*	33	632	210	8	11	-	19	-
Bangladesh	14	20	11	14	21	-	60	*	*	-	5	233	37	1,757	*	-	10	*
Somalia	*	69	24	-	57	-	*	*	10	-	7	15	28	35	6	-	44	-
Afghanistan	*	153	115	25	84	-	6	-	24	-	8	40	81	399	*	*	23	*
Mexico	*	-	-	-	1,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey	8	168	74	*	34	*	11	11	7	-	20	622	384	63	14	-	*	18
Sri Lanka	115	9	16	-	213	*	193	*	9	-	*	451	90	45	*	-	*	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	12	67	104	5	57	-	118	*	21	-	10	28	144	119	*	*	20	*
Eritrea	5	*	7	-	33	-	-	-	*	-	-	14	78	7	-	-	18	-
Nigeria	*	115	29	*	177	*	10	13	7	-	12	141	114	90	19	*	258	*
Haiti	-	-	*	-	459	-	-	-	-	-	-	224	*	-	-	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Rep.	5	42	43	*	19	-	579	*	17	-	*	6	158	282	*	-	5	-
India	67	94	15	-	165	*	82	*	14	-	-	22	138	56	*	-	6	*
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	175	-	76	-	-	16	-	-	5	542	45	-	*	-	50	*
Colombia	8	-	*	-	396	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	8	-	-	-	-	*
El Salvador	*	-	-	-	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Origin	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway	Poland	Portugal	Romania	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	UK	USA***
Iraq	-	*	-	8	*	311	*	250	10	-	26	47	*	1,123	4,804	303	375	199
China	-	-	-	-	-	68	14	12	8	-	5	24	-	*	9	115	485	2,274
Pakistan	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	*	15	-	*	123	-	6	10	*	465	116
Serbia/Montenegro**	-	-	-	64	-	14	-	78	-	-	-	*	28	*	638	367	35	74
Russian Fed.	-	*	24	*	-	19	-	171	536	-	*	79	-	25	207	45	40	141
Bangladesh	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	8	-	-	27	-	5	8	10	135	47
Somalia	-	-	-	-	77	527	*	46	*	-	14	-	-	*	768	75	480	64
Afghanistan	-	-	-	*	-	37	*	42	*	7	-	19	-	5	189	40	855	21
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	706
Turkey	-	-	-	*	*	30	*	14	*	*	7	-	8	*	82	199	80	14
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	-	-	24	*	39	17	*	-	-	-	21	7	123	350	61
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	-	-	*	-	50	12	35	*	-	*	*	*	*	110	63	665	70
Eritrea	-	-	*	-	51	29	-	114	-	-	-	-	-	*	195	642	360	71
Nigeria	-	-	-	-	7	51	-	24	11	*	-	6	-	160	38	46	225	45
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	838
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	14	*	-	*	5	-	*	85	54	65	13
India	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	20	18	-	6	198	-	146	21	*	145	163
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	-	-	12	5	-	9	*	*	*	-	-	33	22	29	140	23
Colombia	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	21	-	-	-	303	*	19	10	384
El Salvador	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	13	-	5	923

\*\* No separate data available for both countries.

\*\*\* Combination of number of persons (EOIR) and cases (DHS).

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**Table 11. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, second quarter 2007**

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during the second quarter.

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

Origin	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Japan
Iraq	31	87	189	104	73	-	50	9	128	-	44	38	374	2,229	28	-	56	*
China	258	61	26	*	340	-	41	*	5	-	-	371	69	*	76	-	59	-
Pakistan	36	21	44	*	70	9	72	6	*	-	*	76	55	2,045	-	*	49	8
Serbia/Montenegro**	*	447	297	-	29	16	-	5	17	-	37	739	490	6	200	-	*	-
Russian Fed.	5	517	313	*	78	*	16	29	19	*	45	601	193	11	8	-	11	-
Mexico	-	-	-	-	1,638	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somalia	-	108	50	*	43	-	*	*	*	-	13	10	30	68	14	-	27	-
Afghanistan	10	169	314	18	51	-	8	9	37	-	9	30	76	365	-	-	22	*
Sri Lanka	120	11	17	-	171	-	142	12	7	*	6	435	57	33	*	*	7	21
Turkey	11	185	55	*	27	-	12	8	8	-	17	568	325	38	11	-	-	14
Colombia	9	-	-	-	384	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	9	-	-	-	-	-
Nigeria	5	90	18	*	147	-	10	9	*	-	12	108	124	94	19	-	222	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	22	53	82	11	39	*	121	*	22	-	10	36	138	88	8	-	24	*
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	24	41	*	11	-	550	8	6	-	*	18	108	441	14	-	*	-
Haiti	-	-	-	-	410	-	-	-	-	-	-	144	-	-	-	-	-	-
India	199	102	7	-	141	-	60	8	10	-	5	6	94	85	*	-	5	-
Georgia	-	112	35	*	18	*	93	20	-	-	*	37	42	660	28	-	42	-
Bangladesh	17	17	11	*	26	-	88	9	*	-	-	214	14	557	*	-	6	*
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	17	214	*	76	*	*	5	*	-	9	583	34	*	-	-	44	*
Eritrea	*	*	5	*	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	81	8	-	-	31	-

Origin	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway	Poland	Portugal	Romania	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	UK	USA ***
Iraq	*	-	-	*	-	251	6	235	5	-	31	29	-	368	4,525	210	290	186
China	-	*	-	-	-	48	6	7	6	-	7	7	*	-	52	45	520	2,140
Pakistan	-	-	-	-	-	5	*	21	*	-	*	259	*	8	28	16	395	106
Serbia/Montenegro**	-	-	-	42	*	*	-	87	-	*	11	*	46	5	482	207	25	80
Russian Fed.	*	*	6	*	-	23	-	163	575	*	*	93	*	22	148	56	30	257
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	667
Somalia	-	*	-	-	18	366	*	34	-	*	13	6	-	39	738	51	480	43
Afghanistan	-	-	-	*	-	31	-	21	*	-	-	13	*	7	147	42	655	32
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	-	-	37	*	61	5	-	-	5	-	*	*	139	295	57
Turkey	-	-	-	-	*	14	-	15	5	-	12	*	27	*	72	142	45	16
Colombia	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	*	54	-	-	-	774	-	12	10	330
Nigeria	-	-	*	5	9	61	*	22	*	-	*	*	*	135	26	58	195	41
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	*	-	*	-	30	5	46	-	-	*	-	-	*	95	33	475	73
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	14	-	-	*	*	-	*	78	36	40	13
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	854
India	-	-	-	-	-	27	5	8	6	-	8	213	-	8	25	*	110	144
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	*	*	-	-	47	*	*	30	54	20	12
Bangladesh	-	-	-	-	-	*	6	-	*	-	-	36	-	9	33	6	160	34
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	15	*	5	-	-	-	29	10	33	120	18
Eritrea	-	-	-	-	34	28	-	99	*	-	-	-	-	*	166	190	280	72

\*\* No separate data available for both countries.

\*\*\* Combination of number of persons (EOIR) and cases (DHS).

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**Table 12. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, second quarter 2007**

Covering 36 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

\*\* No separate data available for both countries.

Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia	
China	258	Russian Fed.	517	Afghanistan	314	Iraq	104	Mexico	1,638	Serbia and Montenegro**	16
India	199	Serbia and Montenegro**	447	Russian Fed.	313	Afghanistan	18	Haiti	410	Pakistan	9
Sri Lanka	120	Turkey	185	Serbia and Montenegro**	297	Armenia	16	Colombia	384	Bosnia and H.	*
Indonesia	42	Afghanistan	169	DR of the Congo	214	Stateless	12	China	340	TYR Macedonia	*
Pakistan	36	Georgia	112	Iraq	189	Islamic Rep. of Iran	11	United States	226	Russian Fed.	*
Iraq	31	Somalia	108	Guinea	125	Algeria	*	Sri Lanka	171	DR of the Congo	*
Malaysia	28	India	102	Rwanda	84	Lebanon	*	Nigeria	147	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*
Zimbabwe	25	Moldova	99	Islamic Rep. of Iran	82	Syrian Arab Rep.	*	India	141	Georgia	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	22	Nigeria	90	Armenia	78	Georgia	*	Russian Fed.	78	Italy	*
Rep. of Korea	21	Iraq	87	Cameroon	70	Nigeria	*	DR of the Congo	76		
Cyprus		Czech Rep.		Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France	
Syrian Arab Rep.	550	Ukraine	69	Iraq	128	Sri Lanka	*	Russian Fed.	45	Serbia and Montenegro**	739
Occupied Palest. Terr.	180	Russian Fed.	29	Afghanistan	37	Belarus	*	Iraq	44	Russian Fed.	601
Sri Lanka	142	Viet Nam	28	Islamic Rep. of Iran	22	Russian Fed.	*	Serbia and Montenegro**	37	DR of the Congo	583
Islamic Rep. of Iran	121	Mongolia	27	Russian Fed.	19		*	Turkey	17	Turkey	568
Georgia	93	Belarus	22	Serbia and Montenegro**	17			Belarus	15	Sri Lanka	435
Bangladesh	88	Georgia	20	Slovakia	14			Somalia	13	Armenia	434
Pakistan	72	Stateless	18	Stateless	13			Nigeria	12	China	371
India	60	Uzbekistan	14	India	10			Islamic Rep. of Iran	10	Algeria	231
Iraq	50	Sri Lanka	12	Bosnia and H.	10			Afghanistan	9	Guinea	231
China	41	Armenia	11	Turkey	8			DR of the Congo	9	Congo	228
Germany		Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Japan	
Serbia and Montenegro**	490	Iraq	2,229	Serbia and Montenegro**	200	Belarus	*	Nigeria	222	Myanmar	126
Iraq	374	Pakistan	2,045	Viet Nam	189	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	*	China	59	Sri Lanka	21
Turkey	325	Georgia	660	China	76	Pakistan	*	Iraq	56	Turkey	14
Viet Nam	271	Bangladesh	557	Georgia	28	Sri Lanka	*	Pakistan	49	Pakistan	8
Russian Fed.	193	Syrian Arab Rep.	441	Iraq	28	Ukraine	*	DR of the Congo	44	Cameroon	5
Lebanon	145	Afghanistan	365	Mongolia	27	Western Sahara	*	Georgia	42	Ethiopia	5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	138	Nigeria	94	Nigeria	19	Zambia	*	Eritrea	31	Afghanistan	*
Nigeria	124	Islamic Rep. of Iran	88	Somalia	14			Moldova	28	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*
Syrian Arab Rep.	108	India	85	Syrian Arab Rep.	14			Somalia	27	DR of the Congo	*
Slovakia	99	Somalia	68	Turkey	11			Islamic Rep. of Iran	24	Iraq	*
Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg		Malta		Netherlands	
Azerbaijan	*	Russian Federation	*	Russian Federation	6	Serbia and Montenegro**	42	Eritrea	34	Somalia	366
Russian Fed.	*	Somalia	*	Armenia	5	Bosnia and H.	10	Sudan	23	Iraq	251
Armenia	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Uzbekistan	6	Romania	6	Somalia	18	Nigeria	61
Iraq	*	Brazil	*	Belarus	5	Nigeria	5	Mali	10	China	48
Ukraine	*	China	*	Cuba	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Côte d'Ivoire	10	Sri Lanka	37
		Egypt	*	Israel	*	Albania	*	Nigeria	9	Sierra Leone	37
				Moldova	*	Guinea	*	Ethiopia	6	Afghanistan	31
				Nigeria	*	Moldova	*	Niger	6	Islamic Rep. of Iran	30
						Cameroon	*	Cameroon	*	Mongolia	29
						Iraq	*	Chad	*	Eritrea	28
New Zealand		Norway		Poland		Portugal		Romania		Slovak Rep.	
Bangladesh	6	Iraq	235	Russian Fed.	575	Colombia	54	Iraq	31	Pakistan	259
China	6	Russian Fed.	163	China	6	DR of the Congo	5	Somalia	13	India	213
Iraq	6	Stateless	109	India	6	Guinea	*	Turkey	12	Russian Fed.	93
India	5	Eritrea	99	Belarus	5	Nepal	*	Serbia and Montenegro**	11	Moldova	54
Islamic Rep. of Iran	5	Serbia and Montenegro**	87	Iraq	5	Russian Fed.	*	India	8	Georgia	47
Fiji	*	Sri Lanka	61	Sri Lanka	5	Serbia and Montenegro**	*	China	7	Bangladesh	36
Malaysia	*	Ethiopia	49	Stateless	5	Armenia	*	Moldova	6	Iraq	29
Occupied Palest. Terr.	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	46	Turkey	5	Cuba	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Afghanistan	13
Somalia	*	Somalia	34	Viet Nam	5	Senegal	*	Israel	*	Ukraine	10
Sri Lanka	*	Nigeria	22	Georgia	5	Sierra Leone	*	Pakistan	*	Viet Nam	9
Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland		United Kingdom		United States (cases+persons)	
Serbia and Montenegro**	46	Colombia	774	Iraq	4,525	Romania	399	Afghanistan	655	China	2,140
Turkey	27	Iraq	368	Somalia	738	Iraq	210	China	520	El Salvador	858
Bosnia and H.	6	Nigeria	135	Serbia and Montenegro**	482	Serbia and Montenegro**	207	Zimbabwe	480	Haiti	854
TYR Macedonia	5	Morocco	72	Stateless	304	Eritrea	190	Somalia	480	Guatemala	670
Pakistan	*	Côte d'Ivoire	60	Bolivia	243	Turkey	142	Islamic Rep. of Iran	475	Mexico	667
Albania	*	Somalia	39	Eritrea	166	Sri Lanka	139	Pakistan	395	Colombia	330
Russian Fed.	*	Algeria	37	Uzbekistan	159	Ethiopia	63	Sri Lanka	295	Ethiopia	280
China	*	DR of the Congo	29	Russian Fed.	148	Nigeria	58	Iraq	290	Honduras	259
Croatia	*	Sudan	29	Afghanistan	147	Russian Fed.	56	Eritrea	280	Russian Fed.	257
Kazakhstan	*	Cuba	23	Mongolia	137	Côte d'Ivoire	54	Nigeria	195	Indonesia	249

**Table 13. Asylum applications lodged in 36 industrialized countries, January to June 2007**

See footnotes at the bottom of Table 1.

Country/region of asylum	2007						
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Australia	269	302	338	402	385	259	1,955
Austria	1,079	1,008	973	861	862	928	5,711
Belgium	934	787	1,081	908	995	825	5,530
Bulgaria	90	49	92	37	57	115	440
Canada	2,020	1,905	1,958	1,768	1,943	1,778	11,372
Croatia	9	11	11	2	10	23	66
Cyprus	419	703	529	813	489	347	3,300
Czech Rep.	153	130	181	130	114	138	846
Denmark	223	182	187	124	121	129	966
Estonia	-	-	1	2	3	-	6
Finland	155	67	88	91	87	105	593
France	2,211	2,512	2,589	2,293	2,270	2,177	14,052
Germany	1,663	1,299	1,468	1,203	1,347	1,241	8,221
Greece	2,395	2,297	2,734	2,847	2,090	2,196	14,559
Hungary	197	149	163	165	240	291	1,205
Iceland	5	3	2	-	3	4	17
Ireland	385	333	347	277	318	316	1,976
Japan	63	45	55	51	97	58	369
Latvia	-	1	3	4	4	1	13
Liechtenstein	1	3	-	5	1	4	14
Lithuania	23	14	10	7	8	6	68
Luxembourg	50	30	21	37	18	42	198
Malta	93	96	68	46	37	57	397
Netherlands	614	503	543	506	392	475	3,033
New Zealand	18	24	25	17	17	14	115
Norway	448	372	380	382	359	470	2,411
Poland	232	246	239	185	225	249	1,376
Portugal	8	9	50	52	14	10	143
Romania	33	18	36	40	29	45	201
Slovakia	220	216	226	327	280	212	1,481
Slovenia	22	16	17	33	32	45	165
Spain	707	824	802	745	580	524	4,182
Sweden	3,372	2,896	2,971	2,899	2,716	2,796	17,650
Switzerland	1,122	969	928	716	949	688	5,372
United Kingdom	2,360	2,145	2,245	1,845	2,150	1,920	12,665
United States (EOIR)	1,389	1,256	1,459	1,211	1,242	1,084	7,641
United States (DHS)	3,028	2,960	3,356	2,997	3,752	3,093	19,186
EU-old (14)	16,156	14,892	16,099	14,688	13,960	13,684	89,479
EU-new (12)	1,482	1,638	1,565	1,789	1,518	1,506	9,498
EU-total (24)	17,638	16,530	17,664	16,477	15,478	15,190	98,977
EU-total (26)	17,761	16,597	17,792	16,554	15,564	15,350	99,618
Nordic region (5)	4,203	3,520	3,628	3,496	3,286	3,504	21,637
Western Europe (18)	17,732	16,239	17,409	15,791	15,272	14,850	97,293
Central Europe (13)	979	850	979	932	1,002	1,125	5,867
Southern Europe (5)	3,622	3,929	4,183	4,503	3,210	3,134	22,581
Europe (31)	19,346	17,955	19,113	17,659	16,886	16,539	107,498
Non-Europe (5)	6,787	6,492	7,191	6,446	7,436	6,286	40,638
North America (2)	6,437	6,121	6,773	5,976	6,937	5,955	38,199
Australia/New Z. (2)	287	326	363	419	402	273	2,070
Total	26,010	24,380	26,176	24,028	24,236	22,665	147,495

**Table 14. Monthly asylum applications lodged in 36 industrialized countries by origin, 2007**

Top-40 ranking based on applications lodged during June 2007.

Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because USA (DHS) by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	2007						
	Jan.	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Iraq	3,297	3,268	3,675	3,501	3,081	2,997	19,819
China	1,486	1,448	1,465	1,296	1,480	1,379	8,554
Russian Federation	1,177	1,034	1,045	887	1,118	1,232	6,493
Pakistan	1,043	1,324	1,633	1,174	958	1,215	7,347
Serbia and Montenegro*	1,432	1,243	1,289	1,076	1,038	1,163	7,241
Mexico	622	697	791	756	839	712	4,417
Somalia	776	709	871	778	705	684	4,523
Afghanistan	846	614	728	742	679	655	4,264
Turkey	636	638	609	521	547	569	3,520
Sri Lanka	588	637	578	514	601	534	3,452
Colombia	343	340	489	536	579	484	2,771
Islamic Rep. of Iran	671	558	503	461	498	468	3,159
Nigeria	554	541	513	428	544	456	3,036
Haiti	473	493	561	437	545	427	2,936
Syrian Arab Rep.	366	540	521	511	481	426	2,845
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	421	380	394	414	413	399	2,421
Eritrea	664	549	418	358	346	349	2,684
India	407	538	454	444	487	349	2,679
Bangladesh	1,274	594	566	456	458	340	3,688
Armenia	340	304	306	279	288	319	1,836
Georgia	229	267	282	667	301	306	2,052
El Salvador	349	325	341	326	320	288	1,949
Stateless	244	177	236	195	203	242	1,297
Guinea	204	213	287	221	232	225	1,382
Ethiopia	241	201	237	219	174	219	1,291
Zimbabwe	188	190	205	220	209	219	1,231
Algeria	255	217	217	196	196	202	1,283
Viet Nam	163	172	161	188	250	198	1,132
Guatemala	248	202	284	279	273	170	1,456
Côte d'Ivoire	191	207	206	168	150	166	1,088
Lebanon	258	236	207	153	181	156	1,191
Cameroon	177	183	174	164	153	153	1,004
Sudan	197	188	176	151	151	148	1,011
Mongolia	182	123	136	151	135	143	870
Belarus	133	108	106	95	126	135	703
Moldova	237	180	121	121	139	134	932
Uzbekistan	61	60	77	96	108	132	534
Azerbaijan	128	113	119	90	127	125	702
Myanmar	120	105	91	91	136	114	657
Ukraine	112	142	133	120	143	112	762
Other	3,813	3,475	4,014	3,692	3,774	3,039	21,807
Total	25,146	23,533	25,219	23,172	23,166	21,783	142,019

**Note**

\* No separate data available for both countries.



## Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries, Second Quarter 2007

**Table 15. Top-40 countries of origin by main asylum region, second quarter 2007**

Sort order based on June data.

Industrialized countries (36 countries)				
Origin	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Iraq	3,501	3,081	2,997	9,579
China	1,296	1,480	1,379	4,155
Russian Fed.	887	1,118	1,232	3,237
Pakistan	1,174	958	1,215	3,347
Serbia/ Montenegro*	1,076	1,038	1,163	3,277
Mexico	756	839	712	2,307
Somalia	778	705	684	2,167
Afghanistan	742	679	655	2,076
Turkey	521	547	569	1,637
Sri Lanka	514	601	534	1,649
Colombia	536	579	484	1,599
Islamic Rep. of Iran	461	498	468	1,427
Nigeria	428	544	456	1,428
Haiti	437	545	427	1,409
Syrian Arab Rep.	511	481	426	1,418
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	414	413	399	1,226
Eritrea	358	346	349	1,053
India	444	487	349	1,280
Bangladesh	456	458	340	1,254
Armenia	279	288	319	886
Georgia	667	301	306	1,274
El Salvador	326	320	288	934
Stateless	195	203	242	640
Guinea	221	232	225	678
Ethiopia	219	174	219	612
Zimbabwe	220	209	219	648
Algeria	196	196	202	594
Viet Nam	188	250	198	636
Guatemala	279	273	170	722
Côte d'Ivoire	168	150	166	484
Lebanon	153	181	156	490
Cameroon	164	153	153	470
Sudan	151	151	148	450
Mongolia	151	135	143	429
Belarus	95	126	135	356
Moldova	121	139	134	394
Uzbekistan	96	108	132	336
Azerbaijan	90	127	125	342
Myanmar	91	136	114	341
Ukraine	120	143	112	375
Other	3,692	3,774	3,039	10,505
Total	23,172	23,166	21,783	68,121

Europe (31 countries)				
Origin	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Iraq	3,395	2,985	2,901	9,281
Pakistan	1,104	876	1,146	3,126
Serbia/ Montenegro*	1,037	1,007	1,123	3,167
Russian Fed.	810	977	1,110	2,897
Somalia	742	669	668	2,079
Afghanistan	713	644	622	1,979
Turkey	495	522	552	1,569
China	481	484	446	1,411
Syrian Arab Rep.	500	473	420	1,393
Sri Lanka	403	457	418	1,278
Islamic Rep. of Iran	417	452	415	1,284
Nigeria	363	475	394	1,232
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	378	385	366	1,129
Bangladesh	429	426	315	1,170
Eritrea	320	322	306	948
Georgia	657	294	293	1,244
Armenia	258	254	281	793
Colombia	310	313	253	876
India	285	255	251	791
Stateless	186	189	224	599
Algeria	187	188	198	573
Viet Nam	177	240	189	606
Zimbabwe	179	166	185	530
Guinea	180	168	167	515
Côte d'Ivoire	132	124	136	392
Lebanon	116	147	131	394
Mongolia	145	122	128	395
Sudan	142	123	127	392
Moldova	119	118	123	360
Azerbaijan	85	121	121	327
Ethiopia	90	84	113	287
Uzbekistan	72	77	106	255
Cameroon	112	95	99	306
Belarus	71	90	80	241
Congo	89	112	79	280
Angola	113	77	78	268
Ukraine	85	91	74	250
Albania	82	95	69	246
Rwanda	41	75	66	182
Bosnia and H.	75	73	59	207
Other	2,007	1,957	1,549	5,513
Total	17,582	16,802	16,381	50,765

European Union (26 countries)				
Origin	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Iraq	3,200	2,844	2,792	8,836
Pakistan	1,095	861	1,123	3,079
Russian Fed.	748	908	1,017	2,673
Serbia/ Montenegro*	951	906	1,000	2,857
Somalia	710	636	646	1,992
Afghanistan	691	621	604	1,916
Turkey	452	474	486	1,412
China	466	469	423	1,358
Syrian Arab Rep.	486	449	408	1,343
Islamic Rep. of Iran	394	426	383	1,203
Nigeria	342	441	369	1,152
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	367	374	339	1,080
Sri Lanka	356	388	333	1,077
Bangladesh	426	426	312	1,164
Georgia	628	279	281	1,188
Armenia	253	252	275	780
Colombia	306	309	249	864
India	280	251	248	779
Eritrea	230	234	195	659
Viet Nam	170	231	187	588
Zimbabwe	175	161	182	518
Algeria	176	179	181	536
Stateless	146	158	173	477
Guinea	165	160	154	479
Lebanon	107	139	125	371
Sudan	137	116	124	377
Moldova	112	115	121	348
Côte d'Ivoire	116	105	114	335
Mongolia	138	118	114	370
Azerbaijan	81	118	106	305
Uzbekistan	70	64	96	230
Cameroon	103	87	87	277
Ethiopia	48	49	78	175
Congo	88	112	78	278
Belarus	63	89	75	227
Angola	101	73	74	248
Ukraine	82	88	73	243
Albania	80	90	67	237
Rwanda	38	74	61	173
Mali	33	34	53	120
Other	1,867	1,572	1,386	4,825
Total	16,477	15,480	15,192	47,149

**Note**

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