

ASYLUM APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED IN EUROPE, 2000

- ❑ Provisional data provided by Governments to UNHCR indicate that some 452,000 asylum applications were submitted in 25 European countries in 2000, 4% less than in 1999, when 471,000 applications were recorded. In the 15 countries of the European Union, the number of applications rose slightly (+0.5%), from 387,000 in 1999 to almost 390,000 in 2000 (see Table 1).
- ❑ In 2000, the United Kingdom received the largest number of asylum applications (97,900¹ or 22% of the total number of applications lodged in Europe), followed by Germany (78,800 or 17%) and the Netherlands (43,900 or 10%) (see Table 1).
- ❑ When compared to the size of the total national population, Slovenia received the largest number of asylum-seekers in Europe during 2000 (4.7 applications per 1,000 inhabitants), followed by Belgium (4.2) and Ireland (2.9) (see Table 2).
- ❑ The largest number of applications submitted during 2000 was recorded in the months of October and November 2000 (some 43,000 in each month). In December 2000, an estimated 37,200 new applications were lodged, 15% less than during November (see Table 3).
- ❑ In 2000, the main three nationalities of asylum-seekers in Europe remained unchanged compared to 1999: citizens from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia submitted the largest number of applications in Europe (42,300), followed by nationals from Iraq (34,700) and from Afghanistan (28,800). The number of Iranian applications more than doubled, from 12,100 in 1999 to 27,100 in 2000. Significant decreases were reported in the number of applications submitted by citizens from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (-64%) and Somalia (-26%) (see Table 4).
- ❑ Due to the sharp decrease in applications submitted by citizens from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia during 2000, Iraq became the largest country of origin of asylum applicants in Europe in August 2000. In December 2000, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was the fifth largest country of origin of asylum-seekers (see Table 5). The distribution of the main asylum-seeker nationalities by asylum country is provided in Table 6.

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¹ This figure is a UNHCR estimate of the number of asylum applicants, based on the number of applications as provided by the Government (76,450). On average, there are some 1.28 applicants per application in the UK.

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Table 1. Asylum applications lodged in Europe, 1999 and 2000

| Asylum country | No. of applications | | Change (%) | Share (%) | | Ranking | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------|------------|-----------|-------|---------|------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| Austria | 20,100 | 18,280 | -9.1 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 8 | 6 |
| Belgium | 35,780 | 42,690 | 19.3 | 7.6 | 9.4 | 5 | 4 |
| Bulgaria | 1,330 | 1,760 | 32.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 21 | 20 |
| Czech Rep. | 7,290 | 8,770 | 20.3 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 14 | 14 |
| Denmark | 6,470 | 10,080 | 55.8 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 15 | 12 |
| Finland ¹ | 3,110 | 3,320 | 6.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 16 | 18 |
| France | 30,910 | 38,590 | 24.8 | 6.6 | 8.5 | 7 | 5 |
| Germany ² | 95,110 | 78,760 | -17.2 | 20.2 | 17.4 | 1 | 2 |
| Greece | 1,530 | 3,000 | 96.1 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 20 | 19 |
| Hungary | 11,500 | 7,800 | -32.2 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 9 | 15 |
| Ireland | 7,720 | 10,920 | 41.5 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 13 | 10 |
| Italy ³ | 33,360 | 18,000 | -46.0 | 7.1 | 4.0 | 6 | 7 |
| Liechtenstein | 520 | 10 | -98.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 24 | 25 |
| Luxembourg | 2,910 | 590 | -79.7 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 18 | 23 |
| Netherlands | 39,300 | 43,890 | 11.7 | 8.3 | 9.7 | 4 | 3 |
| Norway | 10,160 | 10,320 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 11 | 11 |
| Poland ⁴ | 2,960 | 4,290 | 44.9 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 17 | 17 |
| Portugal | 310 | 200 | -35.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 25 | 24 |
| Romania | 1,670 | 1,360 | -18.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 19 | 22 |
| Slovakia | 1,310 | 1,550 | 18.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 22 | 21 |
| Slovenia | 870 | 9,240 | 962.1 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 23 | 13 |
| Spain | 8,410 | 7,040 | -16.3 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 12 | 16 |
| Sweden | 11,230 | 16,370 | 45.8 | 2.4 | 3.6 | 10 | 9 |
| Switzerland | 46,070 | 17,660 | -61.7 | 9.8 | 3.9 | 3 | 8 |
| United Kingdom ⁵ | 91,080 | 97,860 | 7.4 | 19.3 | 21.6 | 2 | 1 |
| Europe | 471,010 | 452,350 | -4.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | | |
| = EU-15 | 387,330 | 389,590 | 0.6 | 82.2 | 86.1 | | |

Notes

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¹ The 2000 asylum figure has been extrapolated by UNHCR based on data for the first 10 months.

² Excluding "re-opened" asylum applications.

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⁴ The 2000 asylum figure has been extrapolated by UNHCR based on data for the first 11 months.

⁵ The number of persons seeking asylum has been estimated by UNHCR, based on the average no. of persons per case (1.28) in the UK.

Source

Governments; compiled by UNHCR.

Table 2. Asylum applications lodged and total population in Europe, 1999 and 2000

| Asylum country | No. of applications | | National population estimate | | Applications per 1,000 inhabitants | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|------|---------|------|
| | | | | | Total | | Ranking | |
| | 1999 | 2000 | x 1,000 | Share (%) | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| Austria | 20,100 | 18,280 | 8,210.5 | 1.7 | 2.45 | 2.23 | 6 | 7 |
| Belgium | 35,780 | 42,690 | 10,161.2 | 2.1 | 3.52 | 4.20 | 4 | 2 |
| Bulgaria | 1,330 | 1,760 | 8,225.0 | 1.7 | 0.16 | 0.21 | 21 | 21 |
| Czech Rep. | 7,290 | 8,770 | 10,244.2 | 2.1 | 0.71 | 0.86 | 14 | 13 |
| Denmark | 6,470 | 10,080 | 5,293.2 | 1.1 | 1.22 | 1.90 | 11 | 8 |
| Finland ¹ | 3,110 | 3,320 | 5,175.7 | 1.1 | 0.60 | 0.64 | 15 | 16 |
| France | 30,910 | 38,590 | 59,079.7 | 12.2 | 0.52 | 0.65 | 17 | 15 |
| Germany ² | 95,110 | 78,760 | 82,220.5 | 17.0 | 1.16 | 0.96 | 12 | 12 |
| Greece | 1,530 | 3,000 | 10,644.7 | 2.2 | 0.14 | 0.28 | 22 | 20 |
| Hungary | 11,500 | 7,800 | 10,035.6 | 2.1 | 1.15 | 0.78 | 13 | 14 |
| Ireland | 7,720 | 10,920 | 3,730.2 | 0.8 | 2.07 | 2.93 | 8 | 3 |
| Italy ³ | 33,360 | 18,000 | 57,298.4 | 11.8 | 0.58 | 0.31 | 16 | 17 |
| Liechtenstein | 520 | 10 | 32.0 | 0.0 | 16.25 | 0.31 | 1 | 18 |
| Luxembourg | 2,910 | 590 | 430.6 | 0.1 | 6.76 | 1.37 | 2 | 11 |
| Netherlands | 39,300 | 43,890 | 15,785.7 | 3.3 | 2.49 | 2.78 | 5 | 4 |
| Norway | 10,160 | 10,320 | 4,464.7 | 0.9 | 2.28 | 2.31 | 7 | 6 |
| Poland ⁴ | 2,960 | 4,290 | 38,765.1 | 8.0 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 23 | 23 |
| Portugal | 310 | 200 | 9,874.9 | 2.0 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 25 | 25 |
| Romania | 1,670 | 1,360 | 22,326.5 | 4.6 | 0.07 | 0.06 | 24 | 24 |
| Slovakia | 1,310 | 1,550 | 5,387.2 | 1.1 | 0.24 | 0.29 | 19 | 19 |
| Slovenia | 870 | 9,240 | 1,985.6 | 0.4 | 0.44 | 4.65 | 18 | 1 |
| Spain | 8,410 | 7,040 | 39,629.8 | 8.2 | 0.21 | 0.18 | 20 | 22 |
| Sweden | 11,230 | 16,370 | 8,910.2 | 1.8 | 1.26 | 1.84 | 10 | 9 |
| Switzerland | 46,070 | 17,660 | 7,385.7 | 1.5 | 6.24 | 2.39 | 3 | 5 |
| United Kingdom ⁵ | 91,080 | 97,860 | 58,830.2 | 12.2 | 1.55 | 1.66 | 9 | 10 |
| Europe | 471,010 | 452,350 | 484,127.1 | 100.0 | 0.97 | 0.93 | | |
| - EU-15 | 387,330 | 389,590 | 375,275.5 | 77.5 | 1.03 | 1.04 | | |

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Table 3. Monthly number of applications lodged in Europe, 2000

| Asylum country | | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | Jun. | Jul. | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Total |
|-----------------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Name | Code | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Austria | AUS | 1,330 | 1,310 | 1,130 | 1,120 | 1,500 | 1,640 | 1,870 | 1,590 | 1,820 | 1,770 | 1,650 | 1,560 | 18,290 |
| Belgium | BEL | 2,900 | 2,390 | 2,530 | 2,550 | 2,850 | 2,760 | 3,190 | 4,450 | 4,760 | 5,290 | 4,410 | 4,640 | 42,720 |
| Bulgaria | BUL | 130 | 120 | 150 | 110 | 90 | 110 | 110 | 120 | 160 | 250 | 280 | 150 | 1,780 |
| Czech Rep. | CZE | 590 | 380 | 510 | 560 | 540 | 940 | 670 | 690 | 750 | 920 | 1,230 | 990 | 8,770 |
| Denmark | DEN | 740 | 1,080 | 1,290 | 490 | 760 | 820 | 910 | 860 | 790 | 890 | 900 | 550 | 10,080 |
| Finland ¹ | FIN | 450 | 280 | 290 | 300 | 270 | 350 | 450 | 180 | 150 | 140 | 240 | 240 | 3,340 |
| France | FRA | 3,290 | 3,610 | 3,760 | 2,830 | 3,060 | 2,920 | 3,110 | 3,230 | 2,880 | 3,550 | 3,370 | 2,990 | 38,600 |
| Germany ² | GFR | 6,620 | 6,120 | 6,200 | 5,000 | 6,320 | 5,750 | 6,530 | 7,510 | 7,170 | 7,680 | 7,910 | 5,960 | 78,770 |
| Greece | GRE | 160 | 220 | 360 | 90 | 290 | 200 | 440 | 80 | 250 | 130 | 100 | 710 | 3,030 |
| Hungary | HUN | 650 | 480 | 870 | 640 | 790 | 620 | 660 | 570 | 610 | 730 | 660 | 530 | 7,810 |
| Ireland | IRE | 980 | 860 | 970 | 1,040 | 800 | 680 | 770 | 920 | 960 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 740 | 10,920 |
| Liechtenstein | LIE | - | - | 10 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10 |
| Luxembourg | LUX | 50 | 40 | 90 | 60 | - | 70 | 30 | 40 | 70 | 50 | 40 | 50 | 590 |
| Netherlands | NET | 4,130 | 3,840 | 3,570 | 3,100 | 3,050 | 3,470 | 3,700 | 4,000 | 3,450 | 3,980 | 3,930 | 3,670 | 43,890 |
| Norway | NOR | 590 | 580 | 560 | 440 | 1,710 | 1,890 | 890 | 950 | 900 | 730 | 640 | 440 | 10,320 |
| Poland ³ | POL | 160 | 350 | 440 | 310 | 340 | 270 | 330 | 360 | 440 | 450 | 500 | 360 | 4,310 |
| Portugal | POR | 20 | 10 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 30 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 210 |
| Romania | ROM | 130 | 160 | 120 | 90 | 140 | 80 | 60 | 80 | 100 | 110 | 160 | 150 | 1,380 |
| Slovakia | SVK | 200 | 70 | 90 | 200 | 80 | 150 | 110 | 120 | 110 | 130 | 170 | 150 | 1,580 |
| Slovenia | SVN | 100 | 200 | 260 | 150 | 260 | 280 | 350 | 1,390 | 920 | 1,680 | 2,330 | 1,320 | 9,240 |
| Spain | SPA | 560 | 680 | 560 | 580 | 630 | 530 | 590 | 600 | 500 | 610 | 590 | 600 | 7,030 |
| Sweden | SWE | 980 | 950 | 1,090 | 880 | 950 | 880 | 1,110 | 1,400 | 1,470 | 2,000 | 2,140 | 2,520 | 16,370 |
| Switzerland | SWI | 1,350 | 1,400 | 1,550 | 1,130 | 1,540 | 1,180 | 1,270 | 1,540 | 1,650 | 1,810 | 1,840 | 1,400 | 17,660 |
| United Kingdom ⁴ | GBR | 7,780 | 7,810 | 8,560 | 7,560 | 7,920 | 7,560 | 8,010 | 8,460 | 8,490 | 9,000 | 9,270 | 7,440 | 97,860 |
| Europe | | 33,890 | 32,940 | 34,980 | 29,250 | 33,900 | 33,180 | 35,190 | 39,160 | 38,410 | 43,010 | 43,480 | 37,170 | 434,560 |
| EU-14 | | 29,990 | 29,200 | 30,420 | 25,620 | 28,410 | 27,660 | 30,740 | 33,340 | 32,770 | 36,200 | 35,670 | 31,680 | 371,700 |

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Monthly asylum application statistics are not available in Italy. Italy is thus not included in this Table.

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Table 4. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe, 1999 and 2000

The 50 largest nationalities are listed only.

| Nationality | No. of applications | | Change (%) | Share (%) | | Ranking | |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------|------------|-----------|------|---------|------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| Yugoslavia, FR | 115,850 | 42,250 | -63.5 | 27.7 | 10.3 | 1 | 1 |
| Iraq | 30,810 | 34,680 | 12.6 | 7.4 | 8.4 | 2 | 2 |
| Afghanistan | 23,590 | 28,790 | 22.0 | 5.6 | 7.0 | 3 | 3 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 12,100 | 27,060 | 123.6 | 2.9 | 6.6 | 7 | 4 |
| Turkey | 19,220 | 23,540 | 22.5 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 4 | 5 |
| Russian Federation | 11,390 | 15,140 | 32.9 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 8 | 6 |
| China | 11,010 | 13,210 | 20.0 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 9 | 7 |
| Sri Lanka | 12,640 | 12,600 | -0.3 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 6 | 8 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 6,560 | 11,110 | 69.4 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 16 | 9 |
| Somalia | 14,250 | 10,600 | -25.6 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 5 | 10 |
| Romania | 8,600 | 8,740 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 10 | 11 |
| India | 6,510 | 8,710 | 33.8 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 17 | 12 |
| Pakistan | 8,030 | 8,260 | 2.9 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 12 | 13 |
| Sierra Leone | 7,110 | 7,750 | 9.0 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 15 | 14 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 7,150 | 7,730 | 8.1 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 14 | 15 |
| Algeria | 7,990 | 7,670 | -4.0 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 13 | 16 |
| Nigeria | 4,610 | 6,880 | 49.2 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 21 | 17 |
| Armenia | 8,560 | 6,590 | -23.0 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 11 | 18 |
| Ukraine | 3,620 | 5,370 | 48.3 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 25 | 19 |
| Bangladesh | 4,740 | 5,300 | 11.8 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 20 | 20 |
| Albania | 3,450 | 5,210 | 51.0 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 26 | 21 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 4,250 | 4,970 | 16.9 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 23 | 22 |
| Angola | 4,320 | 4,850 | 12.3 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 22 | 23 |
| Slovakia | 4,960 | 4,390 | -11.5 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 19 | 24 |
| Azerbaijan | 6,210 | 3,900 | -37.2 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 18 | 25 |
| Stateless | 3,660 | 3,880 | 6.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 24 | 26 |
| Viet Nam | 2,930 | 3,550 | 21.2 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 28 | 27 |
| Rep. of Moldova | 2,590 | 3,550 | 37.1 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 32 | 27 |
| Georgia | 3,390 | 3,510 | 3.5 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 27 | 29 |
| Poland | 2,900 | 3,260 | 12.4 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 30 | 30 |
| Guinea | 1,750 | 3,140 | 79.4 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 36 | 31 |
| Mali | 1,770 | 3,070 | 73.4 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 35 | 32 |
| Sudan | 2,920 | 2,720 | -6.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 29 | 33 |
| Bulgaria | 1,710 | 2,690 | 57.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 38 | 34 |
| Kazakhstan | 1,150 | 2,660 | 131.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 44 | 35 |
| Congo | 2,240 | 2,460 | 9.8 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 34 | 36 |
| Rwanda | 2,820 | 2,440 | -13.5 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 31 | 37 |
| Cameroon | 1,730 | 2,370 | 37.0 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 37 | 38 |
| Belarus | 1,330 | 2,370 | 78.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 42 | 38 |
| Colombia | 2,300 | 2,230 | -3.0 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 33 | 40 |
| Czech Rep. | 630 | 1,900 | 201.6 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 47 | 41 |
| Haiti | 510 | 1,880 | 268.6 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 50 | 42 |
| Lebanon | 1,530 | 1,740 | 13.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 40 | 43 |
| Mauritania | 1,180 | 1,700 | 44.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 43 | 44 |
| Ethiopia | 1,650 | 1,690 | 2.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 39 | 45 |
| Mongolia | 800 | 1,570 | 96.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 46 | 46 |
| Togo | 1,400 | 1,540 | 10.0 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 41 | 47 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 610 | 1,410 | 131.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 49 | 48 |
| Uzbekistan | 630 | 1,250 | 98.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 47 | 49 |
| Ghana | 960 | 980 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 45 | 50 |

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Table 5. Origin of asylum applicants by month of application in Europe, 2000

The 50 largest nationalities are listed only.

| Nationality | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | Jun | Jul. | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Total |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Yugoslavia, FR | 4,006 | 3,679 | 3,743 | 2,913 | 4,394 | 5,194 | 3,840 | 3,385 | 3,074 | 3,489 | 2,757 | 1,776 | 42,250 |
| Iraq | 2,395 | 2,674 | 2,252 | 1,894 | 2,375 | 2,023 | 2,983 | 3,516 | 3,492 | 3,977 | 3,999 | 3,102 | 34,682 |
| Afghanistan | 2,116 | 2,038 | 2,043 | 1,938 | 2,334 | 2,335 | 2,266 | 2,408 | 2,544 | 2,814 | 3,459 | 2,498 | 28,793 |
| Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | 1,338 | 1,043 | 1,294 | 1,212 | 1,581 | 1,591 | 2,398 | 3,460 | 3,015 | 3,787 | 3,820 | 2,518 | 27,057 |
| Turkey | 1,806 | 1,756 | 1,737 | 1,554 | 1,860 | 1,730 | 1,749 | 1,802 | 1,871 | 2,681 | 2,743 | 2,252 | 23,541 |
| Russian Federation | 1,229 | 1,359 | 1,047 | 1,236 | 1,254 | 1,160 | 1,469 | 1,334 | 1,245 | 1,345 | 1,373 | 1,084 | 15,135 |
| China | 1,160 | 1,228 | 1,268 | 1,199 | 1,459 | 1,105 | 1,074 | 1,217 | 991 | 886 | 981 | 639 | 13,207 |
| Sri Lanka | 1,147 | 1,034 | 1,183 | 1,098 | 1,024 | 1,080 | 942 | 929 | 912 | 1,074 | 1,143 | 1,035 | 12,601 |
| Bosnia and H. | 447 | 509 | 719 | 459 | 565 | 478 | 657 | 886 | 1,111 | 1,458 | 1,781 | 2,037 | 11,107 |
| Somalia | 1,045 | 831 | 816 | 675 | 785 | 814 | 981 | 1,215 | 1,002 | 928 | 821 | 688 | 10,601 |
| Romania | 775 | 760 | 1,001 | 879 | 659 | 620 | 664 | 750 | 570 | 719 | 799 | 541 | 8,737 |
| India | 605 | 524 | 592 | 583 | 895 | 841 | 813 | 863 | 765 | 588 | 944 | 699 | 8,712 |
| Pakistan | 908 | 740 | 867 | 627 | 644 | 599 | 635 | 590 | 608 | 652 | 742 | 645 | 8,257 |
| Sierra Leone | 668 | 671 | 587 | 466 | 560 | 684 | 650 | 596 | 696 | 704 | 759 | 711 | 7,752 |
| DRC | 739 | 751 | 730 | 558 | 596 | 531 | 558 | 590 | 568 | 694 | 694 | 723 | 7,732 |
| Algeria | 628 | 666 | 655 | 578 | 600 | 574 | 675 | 663 | 623 | 783 | 691 | 537 | 7,673 |
| Nigeria | 579 | 528 | 615 | 594 | 555 | 461 | 527 | 566 | 577 | 638 | 724 | 520 | 6,884 |
| Armenia | 681 | 624 | 601 | 475 | 455 | 402 | 398 | 553 | 694 | 644 | 581 | 477 | 6,585 |
| Ukraine | 310 | 304 | 248 | 257 | 258 | 422 | 416 | 532 | 567 | 634 | 704 | 715 | 5,367 |
| Bangladesh | 531 | 416 | 583 | 364 | 491 | 354 | 380 | 496 | 366 | 496 | 451 | 374 | 5,302 |
| Albania | 431 | 310 | 245 | 215 | 316 | 370 | 413 | 533 | 606 | 752 | 582 | 441 | 5,214 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 407 | 430 | 368 | 276 | 305 | 278 | 366 | 606 | 504 | 488 | 561 | 385 | 4,974 |
| Angola | 365 | 418 | 460 | 297 | 393 | 322 | 426 | 417 | 366 | 471 | 395 | 516 | 4,846 |
| Slovakia | 416 | 490 | 335 | 373 | 131 | 419 | 278 | 661 | 693 | 279 | 184 | 128 | 4,387 |
| Azerbaijan | 527 | 380 | 344 | 250 | 263 | 290 | 261 | 335 | 328 | 343 | 324 | 258 | 3,903 |
| Stateless, (ex Pal.) | 400 | 488 | 400 | 304 | 342 | 322 | 277 | 323 | 253 | 314 | 307 | 154 | 3,884 |
| Rep. of Moldova | 194 | 207 | 209 | 223 | 336 | 253 | 268 | 323 | 337 | 441 | 395 | 363 | 3,549 |
| Viet Nam | 172 | 151 | 217 | 196 | 279 | 289 | 347 | 353 | 376 | 346 | 508 | 311 | 3,545 |
| Georgia | 202 | 235 | 250 | 242 | 227 | 212 | 297 | 350 | 307 | 401 | 410 | 376 | 3,509 |
| Poland | 324 | 334 | 303 | 324 | 243 | 275 | 325 | 180 | 230 | 293 | 204 | 226 | 3,261 |
| Guinea | 221 | 229 | 324 | 211 | 203 | 171 | 194 | 229 | 221 | 402 | 384 | 352 | 3,141 |
| Mali | 279 | 333 | 409 | 232 | 233 | 231 | 234 | 268 | 215 | 218 | 196 | 225 | 3,073 |
| Sudan | 240 | 234 | 215 | 186 | 182 | 163 | 181 | 296 | 206 | 279 | 315 | 223 | 2,720 |
| Bulgaria | 138 | 106 | 152 | 173 | 184 | 237 | 178 | 437 | 519 | 317 | 177 | 75 | 2,693 |
| Kazakhstan | 130 | 106 | 165 | 235 | 269 | 169 | 267 | 334 | 294 | 303 | 188 | 199 | 2,659 |
| Congo | 273 | 273 | 264 | 219 | 197 | 178 | 170 | 154 | 164 | 184 | 210 | 172 | 2,458 |
| Rwanda | 221 | 192 | 219 | 186 | 172 | 179 | 198 | 245 | 233 | 238 | 201 | 157 | 2,441 |
| Belarus | 126 | 132 | 157 | 114 | 205 | 150 | 177 | 243 | 214 | 264 | 279 | 309 | 2,370 |
| Cameroon | 201 | 228 | 242 | 189 | 208 | 154 | 191 | 164 | 181 | 214 | 200 | 194 | 2,366 |
| Colombia | 185 | 233 | 217 | 173 | 167 | 217 | 141 | 152 | 178 | 192 | 197 | 182 | 2,234 |
| Czech Rep. | 79 | 69 | 161 | 79 | 75 | 69 | 140 | 242 | 246 | 332 | 233 | 171 | 1,896 |
| Haiti | 72 | 95 | 107 | 106 | 125 | 204 | 136 | 145 | 139 | 299 | 289 | 162 | 1,879 |
| Lebanon | 151 | 196 | 215 | 150 | 147 | 153 | 123 | 137 | 135 | 129 | 112 | 91 | 1,739 |
| Mauritania | 136 | 135 | 148 | 108 | 130 | 125 | 145 | 151 | 115 | 166 | 172 | 172 | 1,703 |
| Ethiopia | 115 | 110 | 103 | 107 | 136 | 116 | 135 | 192 | 199 | 181 | 156 | 143 | 1,693 |
| Mongolia | 48 | 68 | 104 | 84 | 109 | 115 | 130 | 123 | 182 | 231 | 201 | 174 | 1,569 |
| Togo | 92 | 87 | 114 | 81 | 119 | 94 | 117 | 150 | 160 | 194 | 170 | 159 | 1,537 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 111 | 106 | 118 | 81 | 87 | 96 | 124 | 99 | 115 | 154 | 168 | 151 | 1,410 |
| Uzbekistan | 102 | 89 | 87 | 56 | 122 | 92 | 69 | 89 | 102 | 125 | 188 | 129 | 1,250 |
| Ghana | 83 | 75 | 93 | 99 | 74 | 91 | 80 | 63 | 78 | 68 | 96 | 78 | 978 |

Notes

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For the asylum countries included, see Table 5.

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Table 6. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe by country of asylum, 2000

The 30 largest nationalities are listed only.

| Nationality | AUS | BEL | BUL | CZE | DEN | FIN ¹ | FRA | GFR ² | HUN | IRE | LUX | NET | NOR | POL ³ | POR | ROM | SVK | SVN | SPA | SWE | SWI | GBR ⁴ |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|------------------|
| Yugoslavia, FR | 1,486 | 4,921 | * | 165 | 1,517 | 227 | 1,976 | 11,274 | 692 | 253 | 248 | 3,851 | 3,835 | * | - | * | 23 | 397 | 132 | 1,880 | 3,648 | 5,695 |
| Iraq | 2,361 | 569 | 300 | 127 | 2,306 | 61 | 254 | 11,721 | 889 | 89 | * | 2,773 | 759 | 25 | * | 250 | 113 | 447 | 118 | 3,518 | 918 | 7,080 |
| Afghanistan | 4,205 | 861 | 675 | 1,117 | 1,255 | 46 | 240 | 5,399 | 2,185 | * | 14 | 5,055 | 318 | 247 | * | 282 | 624 | 247 | 37 | 316 | 440 | 5,220 |
| Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | 2,559 | 3,183 | 47 | 67 | 359 | 42 | 328 | 4,886 | 55 | 24 | 12 | 2,543 | 318 | * | * | 34 | 11 | 5,924 | 87 | 677 | 727 | 5,170 |
| Turkey | 592 | 838 | 39 | 90 | 63 | 67 | 3,529 | 8,970 | 116 | 22 | * | 2,277 | 164 | * | - | 28 | 12 | 1,119 | 20 | 220 | 1,442 | 3,925 |
| Russian Federation | 291 | 3,594 | 18 | 620 | 233 | 221 | 743 | 2,755 | 52 | 327 | 25 | 1,039 | 463 | 879 | 16 | * | 14 | 34 | 347 | 533 | 265 | 2,665 |
| China | 91 | 79 | - | 259 | 81 | * | 4,961 | 2,072 | 198 | 16 | - | 1,406 | 11 | 21 | - | - | - | 40 | * | 56 | 63 | 3,845 |
| Sri Lanka | 175 | 256 | - | 355 | 86 | 19 | 1,879 | 1,178 | 249 | 13 | - | 975 | 164 | 33 | * | 13 | 87 | 17 | * | 148 | 900 | 6,040 |
| Bosnia and H. | 96 | 751 | - | * | 629 | 20 | 321 | 1,580 | 37 | * | 50 | 1,652 | 265 | - | - | * | - | 48 | 93 | 4,254 | 1,294 | - |
| Somalia | 187 | 252 | * | * | 680 | 22 | 109 | 404 | 152 | 138 | - | 2,110 | 893 | * | - | 39 | * | 12 | 69 | 251 | 476 | 4,795 |
| Romania | 55 | 948 | - | 500 | 34 | 25 | 336 | 179 | 36 | 2,384 | * | 63 | 697 | 864 | * | - | * | 26 | 419 | 63 | 40 | 2,065 |
| India | 2,441 | 442 | * | 647 | 93 | * | 478 | 1,822 | 235 | 21 | * | 70 | 15 | 11 | * | 40 | 380 | 70 | 52 | 43 | 135 | 1,710 |
| Pakistan | 624 | 655 | 36 | 94 | 103 | 15 | 792 | 1,510 | 220 | 47 | * | 161 | 216 | 24 | * | 225 | 161 | 72 | 67 | 172 | 229 | 2,825 |
| Sierra Leone | 208 | 611 | 26 | * | 11 | * | 510 | 1,204 | 147 | 206 | * | 2,023 | 32 | * | 52 | 19 | * | 149 | 786 | 38 | 510 | 1,200 |
| DRC | 92 | 1,421 | * | 18 | 32 | 21 | 2,903 | 695 | * | 358 | * | 539 | * | * | 12 | * | - | - | 70 | 51 | 539 | 955 |
| Algeria | 84 | 807 | 13 | 112 | 22 | 12 | 1,775 | 1,381 | 95 | 296 | * | 422 | 70 | 14 | * | * | * | 172 | 276 | 62 | 492 | 1,545 |
| Nigeria | 390 | 103 | * | 28 | 16 | * | 457 | 383 | 94 | 3,404 | * | 282 | 14 | * | 16 | * | - | * | 735 | 24 | 223 | 690 |
| Armenia | 165 | 1,331 | 418 | 268 | 292 | * | 379 | 882 | 123 | 38 | * | 812 | 65 | 715 | * | - | 15 | 40 | 469 | 201 | 357 | - |
| Ukraine | 90 | 1,588 | * | 1,145 | 60 | 48 | 510 | 514 | 41 | 230 | * | 218 | 131 | 55 | - | - | * | - | 249 | 96 | 95 | 280 |
| Bangladesh | 305 | 295 | 55 | 28 | 20 | 17 | 914 | 207 | 1,656 | * | - | 78 | 37 | 13 | - | 226 | 46 | 270 | 95 | 103 | 215 | 720 |
| Albania | 91 | 2,674 | * | - | 54 | 30 | 390 | 314 | * | 98 | 69 | 216 | 85 | - | * | * | - | - | 15 | 75 | 330 | 760 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 161 | 292 | 16 | 21 | 51 | * | 17 | 2,721 | 41 | 10 | * | 1,077 | 59 | * | - | 15 | * | - | 26 | 294 | 154 | - |
| Angola | 82 | 198 | - | 12 | * | - | 601 | 346 | * | 191 | - | 2,193 | * | - | 12 | - | - | * | 51 | - | 385 | 760 |
| Slovakia | 20 | 1,392 | - | 721 | 10 | 346 | 40 | 189 | * | 37 | 49 | 998 | 460 | - | * | - | - | * | * | 92 | 12 | - |
| Azerbaijan | 24 | 440 | - | 13 | 133 | * | 192 | 1,558 | - | 14 | - | 1,163 | 35 | 126 | - | - | - | * | 61 | 54 | 81 | - |
| Stateless, (excl. Pal.) | 205 | * | 44 | 24 | 252 | 14 | 89 | 1,903 | * | * | - | 766 | 118 | 18 | - | - | * | - | * | 377 | 53 | - |
| Rep. of Moldova | 106 | 649 | * | 780 | 34 | * | 968 | 331 | 30 | 388 | * | 28 | 62 | * | - | - | * | 36 | 51 | 28 | 34 | - |
| Viet Nam | 13 | 15 | - | 585 | 39 | * | 194 | 2,341 | 63 | - | - | 70 | * | 148 | - | - | - | - | * | 12 | 62 | - |
| Georgia | 34 | 1,217 | * | 102 | 128 | * | 359 | 800 | 27 | 55 | * | 291 | 70 | 64 | * | - | - | - | 135 | 36 | 181 | - |
| Poland | * | 166 | - | * | 232 | 1,200 | 14 | 147 | - | 242 | 16 | 58 | 63 | - | - | - | - | - | 13 | * | 116 | 975 |

Notes

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For an explanation of the asylum country codes used, see Table 3.

¹ Excluding November and December figures.

² Excluding "re-opened" applications

³ Excluding December figures.

⁴ The figures presented here concern the number of applications ("cases").

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