

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

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**Statistical overview of asylum applications lodged  
in Europe and selected non-European countries**

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## I. Introduction<sup>1</sup>

This report summarizes patterns and trends in the number of individual asylum claims submitted in Europe and selected non-European countries during the first six months of 2009. The data in this report is based on information available as of 28 September 2009 unless otherwise indicated. It covers the 38 European and six non-European States that currently provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR.

The numbers in this report reflect asylum claims made at the first instance of asylum procedures; applications on appeal or review are not included. Also, this report does not include information on the outcome of asylum procedures, or on the admission of refugees through resettlement programmes, as this information is available in other UNHCR reports.<sup>2</sup>

The group of countries analysed in this report is collectively referred to as “**the 44 industrialized countries**” and has been defined for the purpose of this report only. The 44 countries are: 27 Member States of the European Union, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Turkey, as well as Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America.

To the extent possible, the statistics presented in this document reflect the number of individuals lodging an asylum application for the first time. The available information suggests, however, that a significant number of countries included in this report do not distinguish between new asylum applications, and repeat or reopened applications, in their national statistical systems. As a consequence, some of the figures quoted in this report are likely to include repeat applications and, therefore, may not necessarily reflect the actual number of new asylum-seekers. Also, the number of asylum applications may not necessarily reflect the number of asylum-seekers, as some individuals seek asylum in more than one country during the same year.<sup>3</sup>

All data refer to the number of individuals, with the exception of asylum-seekers in the United States of America. Only the number of cases (which can include several individuals) is available for applications submitted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Applications submitted to the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) are, however, recorded as individuals. To allow comparability across countries of asylum, UNHCR uses a figure of 1.4 individuals per case to estimate the number of people reported by DHS because historical data suggest that, on average, one asylum case contains 1.4 individuals. In the country of origin tables, figures for the United States of America are a combination of the number of cases (DHS) and the number of individuals (EOIR), owing to the large variation in family size by nationality. In the case of Belgium, accompanying children are not included in the figures.

**All figures in this report should be considered as provisional and subject to change.** Due to retroactive changes and adjustments, some of the data included in this publication may differ slightly from those reported in previous UNHCR documents, or from the official figures

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<sup>2</sup> See UNHCR's *2008 Global Trends* report (issued June 2009).

<sup>3</sup> According to EURODAC's Central Unit, the verification of asylum claims in 2008 showed that, 17.5 per cent of all asylum claims registered in the system were multiple claims, i.e. the applicant had submitted at least one previous application in the same or another Member State of the European Union (Source: [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/smartapi/cgi/sga\\_doc?smartapi!celexplus!prod!CELEXnumdoc&lg=en&numdoc=52009DC0494](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/smartapi/cgi/sga_doc?smartapi!celexplus!prod!CELEXnumdoc&lg=en&numdoc=52009DC0494))

published by States. For example, this is true for the figures reported for Germany (see the notes in Table 1 for more information).

## II. Overview of regional trends <sup>4</sup>

The number of individuals requesting refugee or asylum status in the 44 **industrialized countries** included in this report continued the upward trend already observed over the past two years. An estimated 185,500 applications were recorded during the first six months of 2009, 10 per cent more than during the same period in 2008 (168,900). This figure is 10 per cent lower than the 204,500 applications registered during the second half of 2008 and in line with the seasonal pattern mentioned below.

An analysis of semester trends of monthly asylum data available to UNHCR over more than a decade (1999-2009) shows a relatively clear seasonal 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. If recent patterns in asylum applications remain unchanged, the number of asylum claims submitted in the 44 industrialized countries during 2009 may reach the level of 2004 when nearly 400,000 asylum applications were lodged.

The 38 **European** countries included in this report recorded 139,600 asylum applications during the first six months of 2009, 13 per cent more than during the corresponding period of 2008 (123,600) but 11 per cent less than during the second semester of 2008 (157,700 claims). Europe accounted for 75 per cent of all claims lodged in the 44 industrialized countries in the first half of 2009.

**Table 1. Asylum claims lodged in selected regions by semester**

	1 <sup>st</sup> 2008	2 <sup>nd</sup> 2008	1 <sup>st</sup> 2009
Europe	123,600	157,700	139,600
- EU-total	107,800	130,300	119,100
- EU-old	98,200	118,200	108,500
- EU-new	9,700	12,100	10,600
USA/Canada	42,400	43,800	42,400
Japan/ Rep. of Korea	850	1,100	950
Australia/ New Zealand	2,100	2,900	2,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>168,950</b>	<b>205,500</b>	<b>185,550</b>

*See notes in Table 1 for list of countries included.*

The trend is similar for the 27 countries of the **European Union** (EU) which registered a 10 per cent increase in asylum applications during the first half of 2009 (119,100) as compared to January to June 2008 (107,800). The decrease of 9 per cent in new asylum requests between the first half of 2009 and the second half of 2008 may be attributable to the seasonal effect mentioned above.

Among the European regions, the largest relative increase in mid-year asylum levels was reported by the 11 **Central European countries** which received 7,900 asylum requests during the first two quarters of 2009, a 19 per cent increase compared to the first six months of 2008. This increase is mainly due to more individuals requesting international protection in Hungary and Poland.

Similar to Central Europe, the **Nordic region** showed an increase in new asylum claims. Here, a total of 22,700 persons applied for refugee status between January and June 2009, some 2,900 more claims than during the first half of 2008 (19,700). When compared to the second half of 2008 (25,500 claims), the decrease is in line with the one observed for Europe as a whole (-11%). Between the first half of 2009 and the first half of 2008, the significant increases in asylum applications registered in Denmark (+71%), Finland (+160%) and Norway (+51%) were partly offset by a decrease in Sweden (-17%). The latter, however, remained the most important destination for asylum-seekers in the region (10,100 claims in 2009).

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<sup>4</sup> See notes in Table 1 for a list of countries included under each regional grouping.

**Southern Europe** was the only European region to experience a decrease in asylum applications in the first six months of 2009 compared to both the first and second half of 2008 (-10% and -34% respectively). The decrease was across all major receiving countries in Southern Europe with the exception of Malta, which saw an increase in the number of asylum claims lodged during the first six months of the year (+9% compared to first half 2008). Overall, countries in Southern Europe registered 28,600 asylum applications during the first semester of 2009.

The number of asylum claims submitted in **North America** during the first six months of 2009 (42,400) remained stable compared to the corresponding period of the year before. The average figure, however, hides diverging patterns between Canada and the United States of America. While the former registered 11 per cent more asylum claims in the first half of the year compared to the first half of 2008, the latter received 7 per cent fewer during the same period.

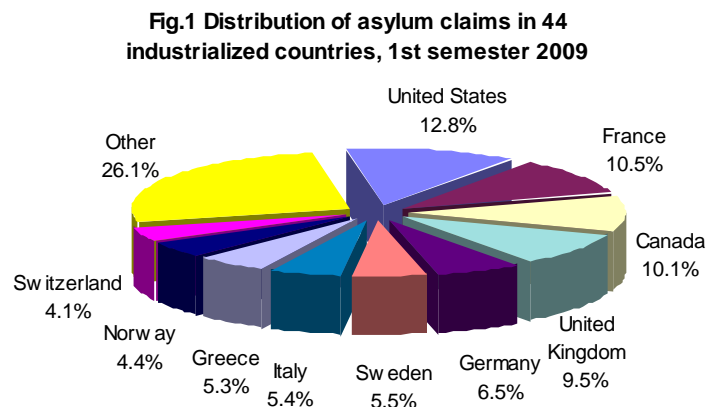
The number of asylum-seekers in **Australia/New Zealand** increased by one quarter during the first half of 2009 (2,600 claims) compared to the first semester of 2008 (2,100). It is primarily Australia that accounts for this increase (+27%). However, despite this relatively recent increase, figures in Australia remain below those observed in 2000 (13,100 claims) and 2001 (12,400 claims). In New Zealand, levels continue to be fairly low and stable (130 claims during the first half of 2009).

In **Japan/Republic of Korea**, some 950 individuals requested refugee status during the first half of 2009, 12 per cent more than during the same period in 2008. Figures for Japan indicate that the number of claims lodged during the first half of 2009 (750) is the second highest level for a semester for which data is available.<sup>5</sup> In the Republic of Korea, less than 200 individuals requested international protection during the first half of 2009, practically the same level as the two previous semesters.

### III. Countries of asylum

The **United States of America** continued to be the largest single recipient of new asylum claims during the first six months of 2009. During the first half of 2009, the United States of America received 13 per cent of all applications lodged in the 44 industrialized countries covered by this report. Its annual share of the number of asylum claims received among the group of industrialized countries has fluctuated in recent years, ranging between 12 and 19 per cent. An estimated 23,700 individuals submitted an application, virtually the same level as the previous semester, but 1,900 claims less than the first semester of 2008 (-7%).

**France** ranked second among the 44 industrialized countries, with 19,400 asylum applications registered during the first half of 2009. This figure constituted an increase of 21 per cent compared to the corresponding period of 2008 (16,000), and a 32 per cent increase compared to the second half of 2008 (14,700). This



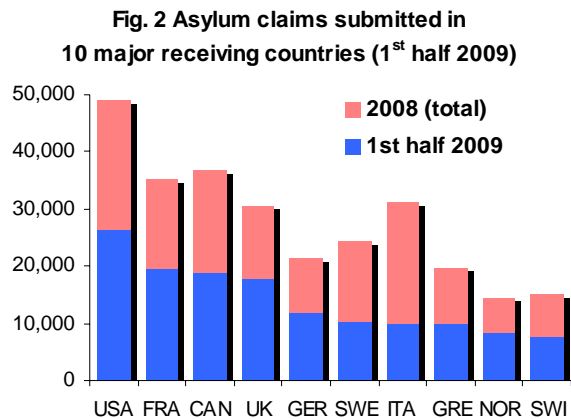
<sup>5</sup> Monthly asylum data for Japan is available from 2002.

increase can partly be attributed to a doubling of asylum claims from Serbia, from 1,200 in the first two quarters of 2008 to more than 2,300 claims a year later. Four out of five applications of Serb citizens are lodged by Kosovars. On average every tenth application in the industrialized world was received by France. Together, the United States (13%) and France (10%) received about one out of four applications in the 44 industrialized countries covered by this report.

Following closely after France, **Canada** was the third largest recipient of applications among the 44 countries, with 18,700 new asylum requests registered during the first two quarters of 2009. This is an 11 per cent increase compared to the second semester of 2008 (16,800 claims), and is 65 per cent higher than during the first half of 2007 (11,400). The last two semesters were the highest levels witnessed in Canada since the second half of 2001 (23,700). The increase can be attributed by and large to more Czechs and Hungarians requesting protection in Canada. The former submitted close to 1,800 asylum applications during the first half of 2009, compared to only 820 during the whole of 2008. Asylum-seekers from Hungary, the third most important source country lodged 800 requests in Canada during 2009, compared to 300 during the whole of 2008.

The **United Kingdom** ranked fourth among the 44 industrialized countries with 17,700 new applications received during the first six months of 2009. This constituted a 21 and 10 per cent increase respectively compared to the first and second semesters of 2008. These figures are, however, far below those of 2002 when some 47,800 individuals requested refugee status in the United Kingdom during the first half of the year. It is primarily Zimbabweans, the main source country of asylum-seekers in the United Kingdom, who account for this increase, with 5,900 asylum claims submitted by its citizens during the first half of 2009, some 1,600 claims more than during the whole of 2008.<sup>6</sup>

**Germany** received the fifth largest number of asylum-seekers during the first half year of 2009 (12,000 claims). One quarter of the asylum-seekers in Germany were Iraqis (3,000), and together with asylum-seekers from Afghanistan (1,100), these two nationalities made up more than one third of Germany's asylum-seekers. Germany was followed by **Sweden** (10,100 claims), **Italy** (10,000 claims), **Greece** (9,800 claims), **Norway** (8,200 claims), and **Switzerland** (7,700 claims).



<sup>6</sup> The sudden rise in UK asylum claims involving Zimbabwean nationals may in part be attributable to the RN [ (Returnees) Zimbabwe v. Secretary of State for the Home Department, CG [2008] UKAIT 00083, United Kingdom: Asylum and Immigration Tribunal 19 November 2008, available at: <http://www.unhcr.org/refworld/docid/49243bcb2.html> ] country guidance case of November 2008 held (para. 258) that “The evidence establishes clearly that those at risk on return to Zimbabwe on account of imputed political opinion are no longer restricted to those who are perceived to be members or supporters of the MDC but include anyone who is unable to demonstrate support for or loyalty to the regime or Zanu-PF.” Consequently, many Zimbabweans whose asylum claims had previously been rejected for lack of actual or sufficient political involvement with the MDC or those who had previously not made any claims, are now lodging applications as they felt the decision in RN would lead to a favourable outcome.

### IV. Origin of asylum-seekers

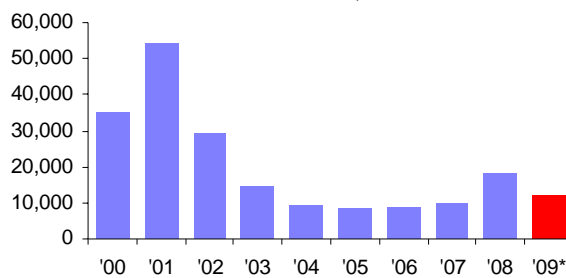
**Iraq** again became the main country of origin of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries in 2006, having previously been the main source country in 2000 and 2002. Iraq also continued to be the leading country of origin of asylum applicants during the first six months of 2009 with 13,200 asylum claims lodged by its citizens. The latest figures, however, show a decreasing trend, with roughly one third fewer Iraqis requesting international protection compared to the previous two semesters. The decrease in Iraqi claims was particularly significant during the second quarter of 2009 when 5,400 applied for asylum in the 44 industrialized countries, the lowest quarterly level since the second quarter of 2006 (3,900).

During the first six months of 2009, Iraqis lodged asylum applications in 38 out of the 44 industrialized countries covered by this report, but the distribution of claims is not equally spread across countries. More than half of all Iraqi claims were submitted in just four countries: Germany (3,000), Turkey<sup>7</sup> (2,600), Sweden (1,000) and the Netherlands (950). The decrease in

Iraqi asylum claims was observed among all major receiving countries, and in particular in Sweden, where figures plummeted, from an average of roughly 9,300 claims per semester during 2007, to 1,000 during the reporting period. Although the levels and trends in asylum flows are often difficult to explain, they can sometimes be related to concrete policy changes. In the case of Sweden, the change in Swedish decision making on Iraqi asylum claims, following the Migration Court's<sup>8</sup> determination that the situation in Iraq is not one of "armed conflict", may have led to a shift in flows to other countries such as Germany, Finland and Norway.

**Afghanistan** was the second largest source country of asylum-seekers among the 44 industrialized countries. With more than 12,000 Afghan asylum claims lodged during the first half of 2009, almost double the figure as for the corresponding period of 2008 (6,600), the

**Fig. 4 Afghan asylum claims lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2000-2009**

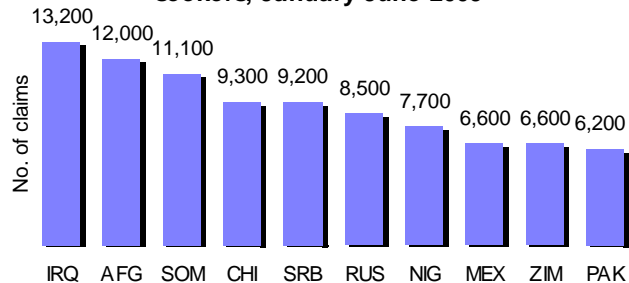


\* 2009 data refers to January-June only.

latest trends show that semester figures are at their highest since the first half of 2002 (15,400 claims). As a result, the share of Afghan asylum-seekers in the total number of asylum claims has increased steadily in past years. Afghans currently constitute 7 per cent of all asylum applications lodged in the 44 industrialized countries.

Afghan citizens lodged asylum applications in 35 out of the 44 industrialized countries covered by this report. One out of three Afghan asylum requests was lodged in either the United Kingdom or Norway (2,000 claims each). The increase was in particular strong in Norway where figures almost sextupled compared to the first half of 2008. Other countries receiving a relatively high number of Afghan asylum-seekers included Greece and Germany (1,100 claims each).

**Fig. 3 Main countries of origin of asylum-seekers, January-June 2009**

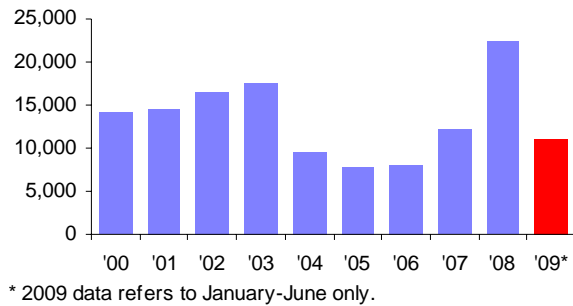


<sup>7</sup> Refers to asylum applications submitted to UNHCR.

<sup>8</sup> Swedish Migration Court of Appeal, caseno. UN23-06, 26 February 2007.

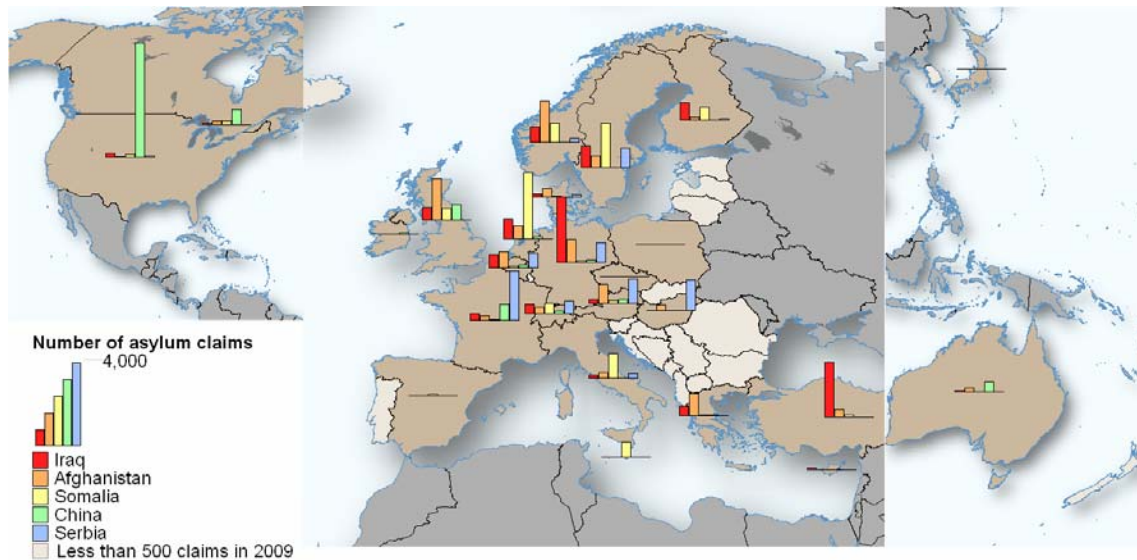
The number of **Somalis** requesting refugee status in the industrialized world also continued to rise during the first half of 2009. More than 11,100 asylum-seekers were registered during this period, some 3,300 more than during the first half of 2008 (+42%). Somalia is now the third largest country of origin of asylum-seekers. The **Netherlands** recorded some 3,100 or almost three out of ten Somali claims between January and June 2009, as compared to 1,400 during the same period of 2008, while **Sweden** and **Italy** recorded 2,100 and 1,200 Somali asylum applications respectively during the first semester of 2009.

**Fig. 5 Somali asylum claims lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2000-2009**



**China** and **Serbia**<sup>9</sup> were the fourth and fifth largest source countries of asylum-seekers with 9,300 and 9,200 asylum applications lodged respectively. Both countries showed an increasing trend during the first half of 2009. The former increased by 8 per cent, compared to the corresponding period of 2008, the highest semester level since the first half of 2005 (9,600 claims). The latter went up by half during the same period to reach its highest level since the second semester of 2005 (11,100 claims).

**Distribution of main five nationalities seeking asylum in the industrialized world, first half 2009**



**Note:** This map is limited to the 44 countries which provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR.

China and Serbia were followed by the **Russian Federation** (8,500 applications in first semester of 2009), **Nigeria** (7,700), **Mexico** (6,600), **Zimbabwe** (6,600), and **Pakistan** (6,200). Other important source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries during the first half of 2009 were **Sri Lanka** (5,200 claims), the **Islamic Republic of Iran** (4,600), **Eritrea** (4,500), **Bangladesh** (3,800), and **Georgia** (3,800).

In total, 28 countries among the top-40 countries of origin reported an increase from the first semester of 2008 to the first semester of 2009. The highest relative increase was recorded for **Czech** citizens whose asylum claims more than quadrupled from 400 to 1,800. Similarly, there

<sup>9</sup> Country of origin figures for Serbia include Kosovo.

was a major increase in asylum applications lodged by **Hungarian** citizens whose numbers reached 900 claims during the first half of 2009 compared to only 350 during the whole of 2008. In both cases, almost all Czech and Hungarian asylum claims were lodged in Canada. **Zimbabwean** applications recorded the third highest relative increase during the first two quarters of 2009 compared to the first six months of 2008 by almost tripling from 2,300 to 6,600 (+181%), with 9 out of 10 claims being lodged in the **United Kingdom** alone (5,900). In addition, **Georgian** (3,800) and **Mongolian** (1,400) asylum claims increased significantly during the reporting period (77 and 60 per cent respectively). While the former were predominantly recorded in **Greece** (1,200) and **Poland** (970), the latter were submitted mainly in **Sweden** (450).

Among the major source countries of asylum-seekers, significant increases were also registered by asylum applicants originating from **Nigeria** (+47%), **Bangladesh** (+38%), **Armenia** (+34%), **Mexico** (+27%), **Guinea** (+27%), **Algeria** (+23%), and **Sri Lanka** (+12%). Conversely, among countries of origin whose nationals lodged 1,000 or more asylum claims during the first semester of 2009, major decreases were recorded among asylum applicants originating from **Colombia**, **Haiti**, and **Côte d'Ivoire** (-32% each), **Cameroon** (-19%), **El Salvador** (-14%), and **Turkey** (-11%).

The distribution of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries as described above reflects general trends. However, these figures hide the fact that certain nationalities tend to cluster in a limited number of countries. For example, almost half of all Somali asylum claims lodged during the first half of 2009 were submitted in Sweden (28%) and the Netherlands (19%). More than half of all **Chinese** asylum applications (57%) lodged during the first semester of 2009 were submitted in the United States of America while virtually all applications lodged by **Mexican** nationals were registered in **Canada** (83%) or the **United States of America** (17%). Similarly, the 8,500 asylum applicants from the **Russian Federation** primarily submitted their claims in **Poland** (25%), **Austria** (20%), and **France** (17%). More than one third of the 7,700 **Nigerian** asylum applications were lodged in Italy (2,800).



## Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries, First Half 2009

**Table 1. Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2007 to second quarter 2009**

See footnotes on next page.

Country/region of asylum	2007				2008				2009		First semester change			'09-'08
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'08-'07	'09-'08	'09-'07	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
Albania	12	11	3	2	5	2	-	-	-	-	-70%	-100%	-100%	..
Australia	912	1,039	1,022	998	942	1,027	1,488	1,293	1,258	1,246	1%	27%	28%	-10%
Austria	3,064	2,645	2,948	3,264	2,812	2,535	3,547	3,947	3,786	3,732	-6%	41%	32%	0%
Belgium	2,802	2,728	2,565	3,020	2,941	2,777	3,158	3,376	3,567	3,611	3%	26%	30%	10%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5	454	55	58	52	16	6	26	27	14	-85%	-40%	-91%	28%
Bulgaria	231	209	232	303	236	181	173	156	228	183	-5%	-1%	-7%	25%
Canada	5,890	5,490	5,587	9,375	8,411	8,424	10,285	9,775	9,254	9,468	48%	11%	65%	-7%
Croatia	31	35	51	78	38	30	31	56	28	29	3%	-16%	-14%	-34%
Cyprus	1,651	1,649	1,381	2,108	1,117	896	981	928	891	716	-39%	-20%	-51%	-16%
Czech Rep.	464	382	471	561	582	349	349	410	366	339	10%	-24%	-17%	-7%
Denmark	603	376	407	486	533	448	592	787	938	735	0%	71%	71%	21%
Estonia	1	5	1	2	3	3	1	7	8	2	0%	67%	67%	25%
Finland	308	296	451	379	395	636	1,227	1,758	1,490	1,189	71%	160%	344%	-10%
France	7,656	7,037	6,774	7,691	7,849	8,175	8,772	10,368	10,041	9,375	9%	21%	32%	1%
Germany	4,430	3,791	5,172	5,140	5,760	4,965	5,417	5,229	6,273	5,706	30%	12%	46%	13%
Greece	7,446	7,148	5,456	5,063	4,916	5,249	4,863	4,856	4,718	5,059	-30%	-4%	-33%	1%
Hungary	509	696	770	1,444	701	517	794	1,106	1,262	1,007	1%	86%	88%	19%
Iceland	10	7	17	8	15	19	28	16	4	8	100%	-65%	-29%	-73%
Ireland	1,065	911	970	1,039	924	929	1,032	980	794	714	-6%	-19%	-24%	-25%
Italy	..	..	..	..	4,966	6,115	10,166	9,917	4,793	5,181	..	-10%	..	-50%
Japan	163	206	201	246	309	365	426	499	426	329	83%	12%	105%	-18%
Latvia	4	9	19	2	4	5	11	31	2	3	-31%	-44%	-62%	-88%
Liechtenstein	4	10	10	8	10	6	6	4	18	12	14%	88%	114%	200%
Lithuania	47	21	15	33	33	33	56	94	40	35	-3%	14%	10%	-50%
Luxembourg	101	97	124	104	99	99	165	100	94	101	0%	-2%	-2%	-26%
Malta	257	140	405	577	478	623	894	612	671	531	177%	9%	203%	-20%
Montenegro	2	-	-	-	3	2	2	-	6	8	150%	180%	600%	600%
Netherlands	1,660	1,373	1,845	2,224	2,656	3,109	4,004	3,630	3,623	3,471	90%	23%	134%	-7%
New Zealand	67	48	60	73	71	63	57	63	65	61	17%	-6%	10%	5%
Norway	1,215	1,233	1,927	2,153	2,478	2,915	4,682	4,356	3,825	4,341	120%	51%	234%	-10%
Poland	717	659	1,526	4,214	1,503	1,507	2,026	2,167	1,162	2,303	119%	15%	152%	-17%
Portugal	67	76	37	41	31	62	35	33	43	43	-35%	-8%	-40%	26%
Rep. of Korea	167	154	122	274	102	70	86	106	97	97	-46%	13%	-40%	1%
Romania	87	115	278	179	189	169	333	392	239	201	77%	23%	118%	-39%
Serbia	6	6	22	30	25	7	32	13	29	80	167%	241%	808%	142%
Slovakia	670	822	769	382	172	247	241	250	167	178	-72%	-18%	-77%	-30%
Slovenia	62	121	140	104	42	72	46	78	61	26	-38%	-24%	-52%	-30%
Spain	2,333	1,849	1,440	1,841	1,150	1,211	990	1,127	898	736	-44%	-31%	-61%	-23%
Sweden	9,228	8,393	9,423	9,163	7,049	5,221	5,978	6,105	5,221	4,908	-30%	-17%	-43%	-16%
Switzerland	2,719	2,117	2,130	2,557	2,429	2,834	4,055	5,860	4,564	3,102	9%	46%	59%	-23%
TFYR Macedonia	4	10	7	12	7	6	35	6	6	57	-7%	385%	350%	54%
Turkey	1,202	2,019	2,476	1,945	2,210	2,629	4,000	4,142	2,463	1,820	50%	-1%	33%	-47%
United Kingdom	6,750	5,920	7,090	8,140	7,705	6,840	7,985	8,015	10,285	7,380	15%	21%	39%	10%
United States (EOIR)	4,142	3,683	2,731	3,522	3,411	3,866	3,232	3,292	3,355	3,418	-7%	-7%	-13%	4%
United States (DHS)	9,344	9,842	8,021	8,308	9,002	9,286	9,100	8,091	7,759	9,146	-5%	-8%	-12%	-2%
<b>Totals including Italy</b>														
EU-old (15)	..	..	..	..	49,786	48,371	57,931	60,228	56,564	51,941	..	11%	..	-8%
EU-new (12)	4,700	4,828	6,007	9,909	5,060	4,602	5,905	6,231	5,097	5,524	1%	10%	11%	-12%
EU-total (27)	..	..	..	..	54,846	52,973	63,836	66,459	61,661	57,465	..	10%	..	-9%
Nordic region (5)	11,364	10,305	12,225	12,189	10,470	9,239	12,507	13,022	11,478	11,181	-9%	15%	5%	-11%
Western Europe (19)	..	..	..	..	54,718	54,145	66,702	70,464	64,975	59,404	..	14%	..	-9%
Central Europe (11)	2,823	3,074	4,272	7,302	3,503	3,113	4,061	4,747	3,563	4,306	12%	19%	33%	-11%
Southern Europe (8)	..	..	..	..	14,873	16,787	21,929	21,615	14,477	14,086	..	-10%	..	-34%
Europe (38)	..	..	..	..	62,118	61,439	76,713	80,938	72,631	66,936	..	13%	..	-11%
Non-Europe (6)	20,685	20,462	19,744	22,796	22,248	23,101	24,674	23,119	22,214	23,765	10%	1%	12%	-4%
North America (2)	19,376	19,015	18,339	21,205	20,824	21,576	22,617	21,158	20,368	22,032	10%	0%	10%	-3%
Australia/New Z. (2)	979	1,087	1,082	1,071	1,013	1,090	1,545	1,356	1,323	1,307	2%	25%	27%	-9%
<b>Total (44)</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>84,366</b>	<b>84,540</b>	<b>101,387</b>	<b>104,057</b>	<b>94,845</b>	<b>90,701</b>	..	<b>10%</b>	..	<b>-10%</b>
<b>Totals excluding Italy</b>														
EU-old (14)	47,513	42,640	44,702	47,595	44,820	42,256	47,765	50,311	51,771	46,760	-3%	13%	9%	0%
EU-total (26)	52,213	47,468	50,709	57,504	49,880	46,858	53,670	56,542	56,868	52,284	-3%	13%	10%	-1%
Western Europe (18)	51,461	46,007	48,786	52,321	49,752	48,030	56,536	60,547	60,182	54,223	0%	17%	17%	-2%
Southern Europe (7)	12,968	12,892	11,198	11,577	9,907	10,672	11,763	11,698	9,684	8,905	-20%	-10%	-28%	-21%
Europe (37)	57,423	53,370	57,407	64,355	57,152	55,324	66,547	71,021	67,838	61,755	2%	15%	17%	-6%
<b>Total (43)</b>	<b>78,108</b>	<b>73,832</b>	<b>77,151</b>	<b>87,151</b>	<b>79,400</b>	<b>78,425</b>	<b>91,221</b>	<b>94,140</b>	<b>90,052</b>	<b>85,520</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>Note</b>														
Source: Governments, UNHCR. See Notes on next page for footnotes and country-specific information.														

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### TABLE 1 NOTES:

All figures are provisional and subject to change.

#### a. Country notes

Belgium: Excludes accompanying children.

Denmark: Asylum claims in Denmark exclude Iraqi interpreters who have worked for the Danish Forces in Iraq.

France: Includes asylum applications of minors.

Germany: The delay of registering people as well as changes in the registration procedures result in discrepancies between the cumulative total of monthly asylum claims and the total number of asylum claims in Germany. Tables 1 to 15 reflect the former and are thus based on monthly totals.

Based on cumulative total annual figures, Germany registered 19,160 asylum claims in 2007 and 22,090 in 2008.

Italy: Monthly statistics are available since January 2008 only.

Netherlands: Figures exclude repeat applications.

Spain: Includes applications lodged at Spanish embassies.

Switzerland: Figures exclude repeat applications.

Turkey: Source: UNHCR.

United Kingdom: data rounded to the closest five.

United States: Figures include (1) statistics from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), based on the number of cases and multiplied by 1.4 to estimate the number of individuals; and (2) the number of new ("defensive") requests lodged with the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), based on the number of individuals.

#### b. Regional classification

EU-"old" (15): Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.

EU-"new" (12): Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Rep., Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic and Slovenia.

EU-Total (27): EU-"old" and EU-"new".

Nordic region (5): Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

Central Europe (11): Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep., Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Western Europe (19): EU-"old" plus Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

Southern Europe (8): Albania, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain and Turkey.

Western Europe (19): EU-old plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

Europe (38): All 38 European countries listed.

Non-Europe (6): All 6 non-European countries listed.

North America (2): Canada and United States of America.

Total (44): All countries listed.

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**Table 2. Asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, first quarter 2007 to second quarter 2009**

Covering all 44 asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2009.

Totals between this table and Table 1 differ because figures for the United States (DHS) by origin reflect the number of cases.

Monthly asylum data for Italy is only available since January 2008.

Origin	Excluding Italy												'09-'08 Q3Q4/ Q1Q2	Incl. Italy 2007	
	2007				2008				2009		First semester change				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'08-'07	'09-'08			'09-'07
Iraq	10,713	10,682	11,722	11,723	10,657	8,840	10,507	10,361	7,726	5,446	-9%	-32%	-38%	-37%	45,029
Afghanistan	2,278	2,265	2,183	2,595	3,274	3,358	5,724	6,097	6,010	6,001	46%	81%	164%	2%	9,984
Somalia	2,560	2,411	3,237	3,338	3,514	4,288	6,712	7,306	5,269	5,838	57%	42%	123%	-21%	12,303
China	4,422	4,191	4,087	4,484	4,104	4,555	4,370	4,367	4,294	5,044	1%	8%	8%	7%	17,197
Serbia *	3,835	3,678	3,709	3,474	3,348	2,909	3,902	4,734	4,816	4,422	-17%	48%	23%	7%	15,809
Russian Federation	3,320	3,266	4,221	7,933	5,180	4,236	5,390	5,634	4,243	4,264	43%	-10%	29%	-23%	18,776
Nigeria	1,633	1,464	1,685	1,893	2,471	2,761	4,014	4,442	3,793	3,890	69%	47%	148%	-9%	8,011
Mexico	2,112	2,318	2,565	2,565	2,517	2,700	3,559	3,401	3,252	3,392	18%	27%	50%	-5%	9,560
Zimbabwe	590	646	786	1,021	1,172	1,167	1,778	1,429	4,248	2,325	89%	181%	432%	105%	3,045
Pakistan	4,004	3,365	3,916	2,987	3,232	3,202	3,358	3,469	3,050	3,150	-13%	-4%	-16%	-9%	14,448
Sri Lanka	1,866	1,734	1,931	1,995	2,355	2,333	2,277	2,647	2,886	2,362	30%	12%	46%	7%	7,750
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,988	1,788	2,258	2,544	2,409	2,206	2,970	3,179	2,567	2,067	22%	0%	23%	-25%	8,647
Eritrea	1,598	1,007	1,737	2,399	2,193	1,953	3,647	4,501	2,527	1,955	59%	8%	72%	-45%	9,001
Bangladesh	2,448	1,262	925	1,103	1,297	1,483	1,411	1,989	2,075	1,760	-25%	38%	3%	13%	6,053
Georgia	824	1,287	946	952	931	1,233	1,565	1,725	1,405	2,427	3%	77%	82%	16%	4,029
Turkey	1,863	1,624	1,486	1,791	2,052	1,686	1,643	1,987	1,786	1,544	7%	-11%	-5%	-8%	7,158
Armenia	947	887	966	1,109	963	1,030	1,194	1,174	1,486	1,185	9%	34%	46%	13%	3,930
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,437	1,427	1,115	1,525	1,167	1,284	1,312	1,061	1,190	1,376	-14%	5%	-10%	8%	5,531
Haiti	1,540	1,418	1,773	1,913	1,787	1,895	1,918	1,523	1,260	1,256	24%	-32%	-15%	-27%	6,644
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,291	1,275	1,049	1,145	1,315	1,273	1,291	1,310	1,309	1,106	1%	-7%	-6%	-7%	4,797
Guinea	738	690	718	737	899	894	1,071	1,129	1,189	1,094	26%	27%	60%	4%	3,100
India	1,402	1,283	1,215	1,061	1,040	1,204	1,401	1,137	1,092	1,115	-16%	-2%	-18%	-13%	5,023
Czech Rep.	26	19	19	158	197	206	180	326	674	1,158	796%	355%	>500%	262%	222
Algeria	692	584	718	810	770	688	1,044	1,046	931	865	14%	23%	41%	-14%	2,873
Colombia	1,177	1,602	1,430	2,366	1,308	1,312	1,162	1,212	928	841	-6%	-32%	-36%	-25%	6,641
Ethiopia	661	619	665	684	762	750	929	966	801	845	18%	9%	29%	-13%	3,028
El Salvador	1,025	955	747	867	796	948	788	781	784	710	-12%	-14%	-25%	-5%	3,611
Stateless	640	595	765	718	625	597	861	709	712	757	-1%	20%	19%	-6%	2,720
Côte d'Ivoire	617	490	522	490	1,061	1,034	1,029	1,024	695	724	89%	-32%	28%	-31%	3,101
Mongolia	441	436	418	381	483	377	456	553	822	552	-2%	60%	57%	36%	1,678
Viet Nam	497	636	554	920	522	460	521	479	649	652	-13%	32%	15%	30%	2,610
Sudan	571	478	460	498	548	572	738	795	605	583	7%	6%	13%	-23%	2,390
Albania	416	355	401	526	447	450	494	531	537	580	16%	25%	45%	9%	1,721
Ghana	230	184	211	343	394	515	1,043	868	521	528	120%	15%	153%	-45%	1,641
Cameroon	544	472	520	521	591	690	667	637	529	509	26%	-19%	2%	-20%	2,177
Azerbaijan	326	328	401	436	458	375	459	536	550	454	27%	21%	54%	1%	1,502
Mauritania	202	191	150	166	224	230	251	407	464	513	16%	115%	149%	48%	738
Guatemala	733	739	430	567	521	565	595	501	484	483	-26%	-11%	-34%	-12%	2,469
Hungary	43	22	16	11	23	77	84	162	217	678	54%	795%	>500%	264%	92
Rep. of Moldova	543	394	524	304	236	386	342	293	283	443	-34%	17%	-23%	14%	1,794
Other	12,647	11,952	11,680	13,724	13,953	15,166	16,130	15,316	13,971	13,196	18%	-7%	10%	-14%	53,317
Total	75,440	71,019	74,861	84,777	81,796	81,888	98,787	101,744	92,630	88,090	12%	10%	23%	-10%	320,150

**Note**

\* Figures may include citizens of Montenegro in the absence of separate statistics available for Serbia and Montenegro.

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**Table 3. Asylum applications lodged in Europe by origin, first quarter 2007 to second quarter 2009**

Covering all European asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2009. Monthly asylum data for Italy is only available since January 2008.

Origin	Excluding Italy												'09-'08 Q1Q2	Incl. Italy 2007	
	2007				2008				2009		First semester change				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'08-'07	'09-'08			
Afghanistan	2,164	2,168	2,082	2,500	3,171	3,238	5,563	5,942	5,783	5,747	48%	80%	166%	0%	9,577
Somalia	2,435	2,321	3,132	3,201	3,335	4,110	6,486	7,114	5,057	5,631	57%	44%	125%	-21%	11,846
Iraq	10,395	10,381	11,373	11,410	10,327	8,491	10,135	10,030	7,494	5,212	-9%	-32%	-39%	-37%	43,748
Serbia *	3,731	3,568	3,621	3,339	3,227	2,806	3,818	4,649	4,750	4,352	-17%	51%	25%	7%	15,372
Russian Federation	3,093	2,921	4,017	7,693	4,958	3,914	5,154	5,414	4,024	3,881	48%	-11%	31%	-25%	17,760
Nigeria	1,390	1,246	1,402	1,575	2,212	2,559	3,744	4,184	3,510	3,700	81%	51%	174%	-9%	6,949
Pakistan	3,766	3,140	3,704	2,704	2,957	2,943	3,038	3,179	2,723	2,838	-15%	-6%	-19%	-11%	13,490
Georgia	800	1,257	923	928	909	1,197	1,501	1,670	1,348	2,382	2%	77%	81%	18%	3,928
Zimbabwe	481	530	643	865	967	987	1,505	1,251	3,983	2,120	93%	212%	504%	121%	2,521
Sri Lanka	1,464	1,352	1,545	1,575	1,867	1,887	1,785	2,096	2,347	1,914	33%	14%	51%	10%	6,160
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,833	1,645	2,084	2,356	2,184	2,044	2,730	2,961	2,334	1,868	22%	-1%	21%	-26%	7,987
Eritrea	1,488	900	1,606	2,270	2,051	1,817	3,489	4,321	2,328	1,794	62%	7%	73%	-47%	8,524
Bangladesh	2,355	1,175	841	1,010	1,191	1,362	1,268	1,886	1,977	1,658	-28%	42%	3%	15%	5,696
China	1,453	1,413	1,602	1,441	993	1,304	1,054	1,247	1,244	1,532	-20%	21%	-3%	21%	5,922
Turkey	1,787	1,556	1,400	1,686	1,908	1,579	1,517	1,851	1,658	1,420	4%	-12%	-8%	-9%	6,823
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,401	1,401	1,087	1,480	1,130	1,253	1,269	1,010	1,163	1,332	-15%	5%	-11%	9%	5,396
Armenia	847	794	900	1,043	888	956	1,098	1,092	1,414	1,121	12%	37%	54%	16%	3,605
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,187	1,176	935	1,004	1,155	1,152	1,141	1,177	1,193	991	-2%	-5%	-8%	-6%	4,339
Guinea	569	526	549	567	755	784	934	1,001	1,051	968	41%	31%	84%	4%	2,428
Algeria	663	563	697	770	740	671	1,005	1,013	897	837	15%	23%	41%	-14%	2,762
India	1,005	794	876	657	659	761	869	680	704	755	-21%	3%	-19%	-6%	3,394
Stateless	598	553	727	663	581	551	812	662	662	716	-2%	22%	20%	-7%	2,543
Côte d'Ivoire	512	396	407	398	988	965	968	944	639	621	115%	-35%	39%	-34%	2,695
Viet Nam	462	606	512	883	476	410	459	450	603	614	-17%	37%	14%	34%	2,466
Sudan	522	418	407	439	486	509	682	753	558	534	6%	10%	16%	-24%	2,169
Mongolia	385	402	372	334	434	334	399	506	775	493	-2%	65%	61%	40%	1,495
Mauritania	178	174	136	152	202	209	239	386	440	490	17%	126%	164%	49%	669
Ghana	201	151	181	228	343	483	1,007	838	487	485	135%	18%	176%	-47%	1,434
Albania	295	246	263	326	242	322	386	397	430	471	4%	60%	67%	15%	1,153
Ethiopia	302	291	326	317	399	353	531	525	443	471	27%	22%	54%	-13%	1,635
Azerbaijan	313	313	387	421	446	357	440	518	536	426	28%	20%	54%	0%	1,445
Haiti	245	153	141	148	203	206	234	298	266	415	3%	67%	71%	28%	687
Mali	86	140	169	321	570	1,130	1,131	612	247	372	652%	-64%	174%	-64%	984
Cameroon	356	306	349	337	402	473	439	427	374	371	32%	-15%	13%	-14%	1,468
Gambia	148	130	143	140	288	303	345	398	558	355	113%	54%	228%	23%	703
Morocco	267	175	173	177	200	274	256	306	276	306	7%	23%	32%	4%	817
Senegal	117	75	135	140	228	265	266	279	322	285	157%	23%	216%	11%	534
Rep. of Moldova	517	360	486	254	184	279	297	221	192	283	-47%	3%	-46%	-8%	1,646
Angola	325	291	242	248	308	328	218	227	261	244	3%	-21%	-18%	13%	1,117
Bosnia and H.	279	221	251	214	222	181	272	287	260	238	-19%	24%	0%	-11%	973
Other	7,010	7,141	6,583	8,141	7,334	7,693	8,229	8,135	7,322	6,695	6%	-7%	-1%	-14%	31,751
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,425</b>	<b>53,369</b>	<b>57,409</b>	<b>64,355</b>	<b>62,120</b>	<b>61,440</b>	<b>76,713</b>	<b>80,937</b>	<b>72,633</b>	<b>66,938</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>246,611</b>

**Note**

\* Figures may include citizens of Montenegro in the absence of separate statistics available for Serbia and Montenegro.

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**Table 4. Asylum applications lodged in the European Union (27) by origin, first quarter 2007 to second quarter 2009**

Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2009.  
Monthly asylum data for Italy is only available since January 2008.

Origin	Excluding Italy												'09-'08			Incl. Italy
	2007				2008				2009		First semester change			Q3Q4/ Q1Q2	2007	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'08-'07	'09-'08	'09-'07			
Somalia	2,110	2,000	2,599	2,636	2,819	3,497	5,326	5,470	4,194	4,918	54%	44%	122%	-16%	10,102	
Afghanistan	1,993	1,924	1,636	2,105	2,837	2,720	3,782	4,175	4,633	4,079	42%	57%	122%	9%	8,321	
Serbia *	3,379	2,824	3,144	2,888	2,714	2,386	3,325	4,208	4,276	3,969	-18%	62%	33%	9%	13,348	
Iraq	9,364	8,836	9,628	10,100	8,264	6,194	6,723	6,422	5,217	3,687	-21%	-38%	-51%	-32%	38,117	
Russian Federation	2,886	2,715	3,721	7,380	4,652	3,654	4,788	5,088	3,792	3,622	48%	-11%	32%	-25%	16,738	
Nigeria	1,313	1,156	1,278	1,426	1,988	2,276	3,371	3,645	2,912	3,122	73%	42%	144%	-14%	6,509	
Pakistan	3,757	3,084	3,681	2,671	2,946	2,916	3,014	3,131	2,671	2,770	-14%	-7%	-20%	-11%	13,369	
Georgia	749	1,209	866	881	840	1,131	1,358	1,517	1,192	2,309	1%	78%	79%	22%	3,725	
Zimbabwe	477	520	638	859	964	963	1,482	1,237	3,968	2,110	93%	215%	510%	124%	2,496	
Bangladesh	2,345	1,168	835	991	1,184	1,352	1,260	1,869	1,959	1,638	-28%	42%	2%	15%	5,654	
Sri Lanka	1,293	1,125	1,317	1,311	1,575	1,527	1,356	1,584	1,817	1,478	28%	6%	36%	12%	5,270	
China	1,323	1,360	1,545	1,393	929	1,236	993	1,123	1,158	1,440	-19%	20%	-3%	23%	5,634	
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,483	1,202	1,432	1,697	1,609	1,300	1,745	2,080	1,713	1,374	8%	6%	15%	-19%	5,883	
Turkey	1,600	1,418	1,253	1,555	1,772	1,432	1,377	1,717	1,528	1,293	6%	-12%	-7%	-9%	6,220	
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,325	1,350	1,021	1,312	1,029	1,112	1,144	877	1,004	1,164	-20%	1%	-19%	7%	5,035	
Armenia	840	787	887	1,033	874	948	1,080	1,058	1,396	1,102	12%	37%	54%	17%	3,568	
Eritrea	771	655	1,120	1,382	1,350	981	2,225	2,418	1,095	936	63%	-13%	42%	-56%	6,188	
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,102	1,110	862	888	1,047	1,058	1,045	1,070	1,105	929	-5%	-3%	-8%	-4%	3,999	
Guinea	538	493	522	531	709	714	879	906	920	900	38%	28%	77%	2%	2,301	
India	978	783	845	613	648	736	837	646	690	746	-21%	4%	-18%	-3%	3,281	
Algeria	630	538	655	726	693	620	921	899	819	730	12%	18%	33%	-15%	2,618	
Viet Nam	453	588	502	869	466	395	457	440	596	605	-17%	39%	15%	34%	2,415	
Côte d'Ivoire	481	344	372	354	953	921	895	904	592	576	127%	-38%	42%	-35%	2,533	
Mauritania	173	173	136	139	196	195	221	354	412	459	13%	123%	152%	51%	650	
Sudan	470	379	376	401	440	412	579	637	428	459	0%	4%	4%	-27%	2,009	
Ghana	197	145	172	215	321	467	987	809	461	457	130%	16%	168%	-49%	1,402	
Mongolia	354	379	340	307	404	297	367	449	658	453	-4%	58%	52%	36%	1,382	
Albania	275	236	236	306	218	304	364	369	407	451	2%	64%	68%	17%	1,076	
Haiti	244	153	141	147	203	205	234	298	266	415	3%	67%	72%	28%	685	
Azerbaijan	306	293	375	413	438	337	418	498	519	411	29%	20%	55%	2%	1,398	
Stateless	482	444	578	520	412	385	458	397	372	397	-14%	-4%	-17%	-10%	2,026	
Mali	86	138	168	315	564	1,126	1,121	604	234	361	654%	-65%	166%	-66%	975	
Cameroon	315	278	305	301	370	446	410	394	347	338	38%	-16%	16%	-15%	1,319	
Gambia	142	117	132	128	258	257	281	299	449	304	99%	46%	191%	30%	661	
Morocco	260	155	154	167	184	252	235	283	254	283	5%	23%	29%	4%	761	
Rep. of Moldova	504	349	470	251	177	274	292	212	189	278	-47%	4%	-45%	-7%	1,603	
Ethiopia	192	180	220	193	311	245	357	364	276	278	49%	0%	49%	-23%	1,184	
Senegal	109	69	126	134	217	256	252	259	284	263	166%	16%	207%	7%	505	
Congo	299	293	243	304	300	294	291	342	284	229	0%	-14%	-13%	-19%	1,236	
Angola	291	257	215	210	270	293	190	202	228	223	3%	-20%	-18%	15%	984	
Other	6,326	6,240	5,965	7,452	6,703	6,860	7,396	7,204	6,348	5,911	8%	-10%	-2%	-16%	28,770	
Total	52,215	47,467	50,711	57,504	54,848	52,974	63,836	66,458	61,663	57,467	8%	10%	20%	-9%	221,950	

**Note**

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**Table 5. Asylum applications lodged in the Nordic region\* by origin, first quarter 2007 to second quarter 2009**

\*See Table 1 for countries included. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2009.

Origin	2007				2008				2009		First semester change			'09-'08
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'08-'07	'09-'08	'09-'07	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
Somalia	828	790	1,002	1,032	1,027	1,208	1,617	2,038	1,684	2,019	38%	66%	129%	1%
Afghanistan	265	218	258	317	372	358	1,049	1,040	1,371	1,791	51%	333%	555%	51%
Iraq	5,438	4,934	5,268	5,154	3,426	2,214	2,580	2,801	1,715	1,097	-46%	-50%	-73%	-48%
Eritrea	312	258	470	634	548	579	776	773	625	818	98%	28%	153%	-7%
Serbia **	764	610	1,012	934	787	527	821	823	735	643	-4%	5%	0%	-16%
Russian Federation	422	382	556	583	618	548	661	578	507	537	45%	-10%	30%	-16%
Stateless	384	397	560	497	445	397	683	505	497	520	8%	21%	30%	-14%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	180	173	253	289	329	289	627	615	503	371	75%	41%	148%	-30%
Nigeria	84	65	79	80	103	128	215	276	302	310	55%	165%	311%	25%
Syrian Arab Rep.	117	103	182	174	164	152	232	248	256	228	44%	53%	120%	1%
Ethiopia	67	86	95	127	91	109	154	146	162	219	31%	91%	149%	27%
Mongolia	118	142	155	126	221	147	193	242	312	142	42%	23%	75%	4%
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	185	112	96	94	127	211	275	123	123	122	14%	-28%	-18%	-38%
Turkey	119	113	90	116	109	95	106	130	137	118	-12%	25%	10%	8%
Uzbekistan	76	163	134	91	152	208	276	257	102	115	51%	-40%	-9%	-59%
Belarus	91	105	121	117	103	101	129	115	85	110	4%	-4%	-1%	-20%
Bulgaria	37	7	10	6	9	64	20	5	9	102	66%	52%	152%	344%
Pakistan	18	54	23	35	25	21	25	50	79	100	-36%	289%	149%	139%
Sri Lanka	60	78	79	110	104	114	135	118	147	92	58%	10%	73%	-6%
Azerbaijan	54	49	76	95	109	89	123	137	101	90	92%	-4%	85%	-27%
Algeria	42	46	71	63	70	72	78	108	103	88	61%	35%	117%	3%
Sudan	30	19	33	38	16	30	78	78	75	74	-6%	224%	204%	-4%
Armenia	48	46	65	74	59	93	69	88	51	68	62%	-22%	27%	-24%
Georgia	90	49	47	32	36	58	83	95	74	62	-32%	45%	-2%	-24%
Ghana	10	12	15	20	28	33	32	66	46	56	177%	67%	364%	4%
China	30	64	42	76	30	38	57	57	34	56	-28%	32%	-4%	-21%
Kazakhstan	22	24	29	38	35	59	80	126	55	53	104%	15%	135%	-48%
Lebanon	217	113	168	106	123	81	73	95	50	51	-38%	-50%	-69%	-40%
Viet Nam	15	16	21	25	41	33	17	25	43	50	139%	26%	200%	121%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	38	35	36	49	67	38	42	60	62	48	44%	5%	51%	8%
Albania	40	27	59	48	46	43	59	59	61	47	33%	21%	61%	-8%
Gambia	13	6	14	17	11	11	20	30	53	46	16%	350%	421%	98%
Morocco	30	24	22	26	29	29	39	40	58	41	7%	71%	83%	25%
Kyrgyzstan	16	23	11	3	22	21	18	66	43	40	10%	93%	113%	-1%
Bosnia and H.	70	55	97	74	58	44	64	39	63	36	-18%	-3%	-21%	-4%
Yemen	14	20	21	7	50	68	50	46	53	36	247%	-25%	162%	-7%
India	55	48	75	62	32	68	55	62	42	35	-3%	-23%	-25%	-34%
Guinea	13	12	14	15	20	12	18	28	64	23	28%	172%	248%	89%
Nepal	13	19	15	31	36	48	68	85	50	21	163%	-15%	122%	-54%
Other	939	808	851	774	792	801	810	749	946	706	-9%	4%	-5%	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,364</b>	<b>10,305</b>	<b>12,225</b>	<b>12,189</b>	<b>10,470</b>	<b>9,239</b>	<b>12,507</b>	<b>13,022</b>	<b>11,478</b>	<b>11,181</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>-11%</b>

**Note**

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**Table 6. Asylum applications lodged in Central Europe\* by origin, first quarter 2007 to second quarter 2009**

\*See Table 1 for countries included. Ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2009.

Origin	2007				2008				2009		First semester change			'09-'08
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'08-'07	'09-'08	'09-'07	Q3Q4/
														Q1Q2
Russian Federation	697	721	1,496	4,162	1,480	1,481	1,982	2,087	1,088	1,191	109%	-23%	61%	-44%
Georgia	68	104	94	87	57	110	145	132	63	1,043	-3%	562%	543%	299%
Serbia **	159	281	581	266	243	228	498	830	956	545	7%	219%	241%	13%
Afghanistan	48	46	65	65	47	57	97	104	156	282	11%	321%	366%	118%
Iraq	220	208	295	411	247	161	154	186	144	96	-5%	-41%	-44%	-29%
Turkey	47	68	54	215	276	94	62	86	64	77	222%	-62%	23%	-5%
Ukraine	95	88	103	101	98	101	111	86	97	76	9%	-13%	-5%	-12%
Viet Nam	165	234	156	518	68	58	66	66	55	73	-68%	2%	-68%	-3%
Rep. of Moldova	69	78	101	66	21	57	63	42	29	72	-47%	29%	-31%	-4%
Kazakhstan	8	13	12	12	26	20	22	31	46	70	119%	152%	452%	119%
Pakistan	152	284	253	65	232	99	192	126	69	65	-24%	-60%	-69%	-58%
China	125	104	114	266	55	54	45	64	44	65	-52%	0%	-52%	0%
Armenia	29	43	53	40	45	32	54	36	39	55	7%	22%	31%	4%
Stateless	58	36	41	34	29	24	29	33	30	47	-44%	45%	-18%	24%
Nigeria	55	39	57	64	42	33	30	54	45	43	-20%	17%	-6%	5%
Indonesia	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	42	..	..	..	2000%
Mongolia	79	57	51	70	58	68	49	50	71	41	-7%	-11%	-18%	13%
Belarus	65	37	69	55	36	29	34	44	29	39	-36%	5%	-33%	-13%
India	233	238	184	54	80	63	91	37	45	37	-70%	-43%	-83%	-36%
Syrian Arab Rep.	21	31	47	47	10	15	22	87	44	30	-52%	196%	42%	-32%
Bangladesh	53	50	55	34	41	25	22	171	39	26	-36%	-2%	-37%	-66%
TfYR Macedonia	25	12	23	19	13	12	28	19	26	22	-32%	92%	30%	2%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	17	24	15	26	14	16	21	16	39	21	-27%	100%	46%	62%
Sri Lanka	26	27	53	34	24	23	13	29	18	20	-11%	-19%	-28%	-10%
Somalia	23	39	13	78	50	69	22	72	38	17	92%	-54%	-11%	-41%
Algeria	11	13	32	21	16	14	11	14	12	16	25%	-7%	17%	12%
Egypt	10	4	5	33	37	9	14	7	10	15	229%	-46%	79%	19%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	20	8	8	4	6	7	1	8	22	13	-54%	169%	25%	289%
Bosnia and H.	8	10	9	8	12	4	4	11	40	12	-11%	225%	189%	247%
Cameroon	12	4	11	8	3	2	9	34	14	9	-69%	360%	44%	-47%
Other	225	173	222	439	137	148	168	185	191	146	-28%	18%	-15%	-5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>3,074</b>	<b>4,272</b>	<b>7,302</b>	<b>3,503</b>	<b>3,113</b>	<b>4,061</b>	<b>4,747</b>	<b>3,563</b>	<b>4,306</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>-11%</b>

**Note**

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**Table 7. Asylum applications lodged in Southern Europe\* by origin, first quarter 2007 to second quarter 2009**

\*See Table 1 for countries included. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2009.  
Monthly asylum data for Italy is only available since January 2008.

Origin	Excluding Italy												'09-'08 Q1Q2	Incl. Italy 2007	
	2007				2008				2009		First semester change				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'08-'07	'09-'08			'09-'07
Nigeria	269	255	329	442	1,023	1,291	2,352	2,552	1,814	1,979	342%	64%	624%	-23%	2,631
Pakistan	2,834	2,134	2,695	1,856	1,969	2,080	1,998	2,071	1,610	1,643	-18%	-20%	-35%	-20%	9,695
Iraq	2,896	3,742	2,289	1,789	2,208	2,225	2,676	2,598	1,896	1,458	-33%	-24%	-49%	-36%	10,905
Somalia	313	360	665	724	595	1,317	2,514	2,125	1,007	1,262	184%	19%	237%	-51%	2,819
Bangladesh	1,830	656	355	427	702	859	734	1,027	1,318	1,027	-37%	50%	-6%	33%	3,583
Afghanistan	508	562	569	670	1,187	1,323	2,209	2,299	1,000	800	135%	-28%	68%	-60%	2,972
Georgia	239	757	430	498	473	662	630	715	625	720	14%	19%	35%	0%	1,944
Syrian Arab Rep.	874	993	545	704	515	621	535	256	399	541	-39%	-17%	-50%	19%	3,143
Islamic Rep. of Iran	496	594	710	743	653	741	722	731	662	467	28%	-19%	4%	-22%	2,612
Côte d'Ivoire	126	78	133	111	693	675	619	649	359	378	571%	-46%	261%	-42%	1,430
Ghana	25	17	26	46	161	301	841	631	279	285	1000%	22%	1243%	-62%	787
Sri Lanka	265	207	199	212	312	289	164	124	188	188	27%	-37%	-20%	31%	1,107
Guinea	46	30	49	48	154	159	226	222	136	188	312%	4%	326%	-28%	390
Mali	17	11	18	12	43	55	402	213	39	176	250%	119%	668%	-65%	326
Senegal	64	37	77	97	147	114	136	155	191	175	158%	40%	262%	26%	342
Serbia	2	17	2	5	240	246	132	249	106	155	2458%	-46%	1274%	-31%	1,139
Morocco	110	77	57	44	68	127	96	118	90	151	4%	24%	29%	13%	313
Eritrea	80	54	100	202	518	196	1,214	1,158	201	149	433%	-51%	161%	-85%	2,696
Sudan	92	102	61	92	226	207	284	309	142	130	123%	-37%	40%	-54%	730
Albania	12	20	10	17	21	76	73	69	46	127	203%	78%	441%	22%	82
India	285	153	163	137	163	184	187	120	124	123	-21%	-29%	-44%	-20%	800
Cameroon	30	31	37	45	102	149	133	128	79	111	311%	-24%	211%	-27%	263
Turkey	79	56	21	46	230	175	222	284	161	105	200%	-34%	97%	-47%	596
Burkina Faso	16	7	18	24	125	283	172	146	83	104	1674%	-54%	713%	-41%	257
China	70	46	68	90	58	50	53	63	50	99	-7%	38%	28%	28%	287
Ethiopia	81	60	73	31	155	119	180	185	98	88	94%	-32%	32%	-49%	644
Algeria	58	40	80	100	62	75	286	182	64	82	40%	7%	49%	-69%	347
Occup. Palest. Territory	96	206	266	675	161	68	161	324	255	82	-24%	47%	12%	-31%	1,324
Indonesia	14	20	11	10	9	17	14	11	39	78	-24%	350%	244%	368%	55
Gambia	20	36	25	23	128	116	126	123	235	74	336%	27%	452%	24%	246
Russian Federation	51	56	51	44	42	63	61	63	57	68	-2%	19%	17%	1%	238
Colombia	324	828	427	944	292	271	125	151	81	66	-51%	-74%	-87%	-47%	2,589
Sierra Leone	35	13	24	16	60	41	57	32	19	63	110%	-19%	71%	-8%	139
Egypt	53	57	52	89	104	122	104	100	93	56	105%	-34%	35%	-27%	304
Mauritania	37	40	29	28	35	32	23	34	34	52	-13%	28%	12%	51%	163
Philippines	29	20	19	26	24	38	48	32	33	47	27%	29%	63%	0%	94
Cuba	20	25	22	20	47	49	28	26	30	44	113%	-23%	64%	37%	117
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	85	44	39	70	69	85	57	64	45	44	19%	-42%	-31%	-26%	275
Rep. of Moldova	30	43	28	20	35	61	32	28	29	42	32%	-26%	-3%	18%	150
Myanmar	6	1	1	1	6	9	9	15	25	42	114%	347%	857%	179%	9
Other	451	407	425	399	1,058	1,216	1,294	1,233	735	617	165%	-41%	58%	-46%	4,145
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,968</b>	<b>12,892</b>	<b>11,198</b>	<b>11,577</b>	<b>14,873</b>	<b>16,787</b>	<b>21,929</b>	<b>21,615</b>	<b>14,477</b>	<b>14,086</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>-34%</b>	<b>62,688</b>



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**Table 8. Asylum applications lodged in Canada and the United States by origin, first quarter 2007 to second quarter 2009**

Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2009.

Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because figures for the United States (DHS) by origin reflect the number of cases.

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

Origin	2007				2008				2009		First semester change			'09-'08
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'08-'07	'09-'08	'09-'07	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
Mexico	2,108	2,316	2,558	2,562	2,513	2,696	3,557	3,394	3,247	3,381	18%	27%	50%	-5%
China	2,688	2,506	2,151	2,645	2,828	2,956	2,933	2,783	2,791	3,237	11%	4%	16%	5%
Czech Rep.	8	5	*	112	171	192	164	299	651	1,140	>1000%	393%	>1000%	287%
Haiti	1,295	1,265	1,632	1,765	1,584	1,689	1,684	1,225	994	841	28%	-44%	-28%	-37%
Colombia	785	717	936	1,352	951	980	972	970	784	708	29%	-23%	-1%	-23%
El Salvador	1,001	931	729	844	779	923	773	768	761	679	-12%	-15%	-25%	-7%
Hungary	9	14	*	*	12	67	75	159	184	612	243%	908%	3361%	240%
Guatemala	721	730	426	556	513	561	583	499	476	474	-26%	-12%	-35%	-12%
Russian Federation	214	340	194	238	216	318	228	215	215	376	-4%	11%	7%	33%
Ethiopia	351	317	313	345	342	365	381	410	348	366	6%	1%	7%	-10%
India	329	286	294	361	342	361	365	343	334	299	14%	-10%	3%	-11%
Nepal	160	146	147	193	179	218	242	341	260	281	30%	36%	77%	-7%
United States **	256	227	568	773	563	593	691	462	354	275	139%	-46%	30%	-45%
Honduras	337	308	237	309	337	321	327	372	309	258	2%	-14%	-12%	-19%
Sri Lanka	273	229	229	279	356	317	344	356	292	257	34%	-18%	9%	-22%
Slovakia	*	*	*	5	5	49	30	28	59	207	>1000%	393%	>1000%	359%
Pakistan	206	179	155	234	221	195	203	218	234	201	8%	5%	13%	3%
Somalia	121	88	103	133	174	172	222	188	203	201	66%	17%	93%	-1%
Iraq	257	265	252	254	283	298	305	264	172	172	11%	-41%	-34%	-40%
Nigeria	223	188	244	283	249	195	252	230	265	169	8%	-2%	6%	-10%
Rep. of Moldova	26	34	38	50	52	107	45	72	91	160	165%	58%	318%	115%
Eritrea	105	105	126	120	142	135	153	178	198	159	32%	29%	70%	8%
Cuba	160	140	126	190	161	132	132	144	126	158	-2%	-3%	-5%	3%
Afghanistan	106	83	93	89	97	106	148	130	108	150	7%	27%	37%	-7%
Saint Vincent and the Gr.	97	61	81	107	112	131	145	94	144	143	54%	18%	82%	20%
Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)	213	193	226	257	228	228	180	158	152	142	12%	-36%	-28%	-13%
Ukraine	115	122	112	113	126	94	109	88	126	133	-7%	18%	9%	31%
Cameroon	186	159	167	178	183	202	212	196	142	132	12%	-29%	-21%	-33%
Kenya	64	78	70	109	200	178	159	159	142	130	166%	-28%	92%	-14%
Zimbabwe	88	92	115	127	148	144	203	118	149	127	62%	-5%	53%	-14%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	127	112	133	155	176	114	177	147	158	126	21%	-2%	19%	-12%
Guinea	166	164	169	169	142	110	136	127	137	122	-24%	3%	-22%	-2%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	99	95	110	131	153	111	141	123	109	111	36%	-17%	13%	-17%
Egypt	98	121	107	103	108	132	101	133	127	108	10%	-2%	7%	0%
Albania	119	106	136	198	200	123	105	133	105	102	44%	-36%	-8%	-13%
Philippines	73	47	46	47	60	100	70	60	71	98	33%	6%	41%	30%
Jamaica	61	55	57	74	91	104	94	125	111	89	68%	3%	72%	-9%
Turkey	49	43	62	64	97	61	75	87	73	86	72%	1%	73%	-2%
Saint Lucia	32	19	39	40	68	70	49	64	99	83	171%	32%	257%	61%
Indonesia	285	263	232	315	233	197	190	120	107	74	-22%	-58%	-67%	-42%
Other	3,092	3,053	2,623	2,948	2,857	2,878	3,062	2,866	2,743	2,852	-7%	-2%	-9%	-6%
Total	16,706	16,203	16,047	18,831	18,252	18,923	20,017	18,846	18,151	19,419	13%	1%	14%	-3%

**Note**

\*\* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

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**Table 9. Asylum applications lodged in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and the Republic of Korea by origin, first quarter 2007 to second quarter 2009**

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2009.

Origin	2007				2008				2009		First semester change			'09-'08
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'08-'07	'09-'08	'09-'07	Q3Q4/
China	281	272	334	398	283	295	383	337	259	275	5%	-8%	-3%	-26%
Sri Lanka	129	153	157	141	132	129	148	195	247	191	-7%	68%	55%	28%
Myanmar	120	140	136	185	218	240	320	335	231	154	76%	-16%	48%	-41%
Pakistan	32	46	57	49	54	64	117	72	93	111	51%	73%	162%	8%
Afghanistan	8	14	8	6	6	14	13	25	119	104	-9%	1015%	914%	487%
Zimbabwe	21	24	28	29	57	36	70	60	116	78	107%	109%	331%	49%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	28	31	41	33	49	48	63	71	75	73	64%	53%	151%	10%
Iraq	61	36	97	59	47	51	67	67	60	62	1%	24%	26%	-9%
India	68	203	45	43	39	82	167	114	54	61	-55%	-5%	-58%	-59%
Malaysia	26	30	44	44	50	85	60	44	49	61	141%	-19%	96%	6%
Indonesia	48	42	37	56	78	48	55	56	48	53	40%	-20%	12%	-9%
Bangladesh	25	27	43	27	32	53	68	50	32	40	63%	-15%	38%	-39%
Turkey	27	25	24	41	47	46	51	49	55	38	79%	0%	79%	-7%
Fiji	38	22	9	11	19	12	20	36	44	38	-48%	165%	37%	46%
Egypt	17	6	11	12	16	20	50	15	21	35	57%	56%	143%	-14%
Rep. of Korea	11	21	26	23	17	27	52	36	24	34	38%	32%	81%	-34%
Nepal	121	107	40	60	17	15	25	14	8	24	-86%	0%	-86%	-18%
Lebanon	23	10	17	25	17	23	24	26	31	21	21%	30%	58%	4%
Nigeria	20	30	39	35	10	7	18	28	18	21	-66%	129%	-22%	-15%
Uganda	8	13	6	35	10	9	15	21	18	13	-10%	63%	48%	-14%
Other	197	195	206	279	226	221	271	310	244	246	14%	10%	25%	-16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>2,057</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>1,846</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>-11%</b>

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**Table 10. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, first quarter 2009**

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during the first quarter. An asterisk (\*) denotes a value between 1 and 4.

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark**	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Iraq	-	54	111	362	*	96	58	*	78	*	128	*	576	199	1,728
Afghanistan	-	116	499	391	-	27	85	6	12	-	222	-	111	80	608
Somalia	-	8	71	53	-	11	122	-	-	-	29	-	350	22	39
Serbia ***	-	-	562	312	24	-	21	*	*	7	99	-	45	1,180	476
China	-	238	96	85	-	*	416	-	13	*	*	-	*	296	70
Zimbabwe	-	114	*	-	-	-	82	-	-	*	5	-	*	-	32
Russian Federation	-	*	874	322	*	*	62	*	7	9	47	-	66	812	207
Nigeria	-	7	180	20	-	*	221	*	35	16	15	-	30	174	129
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,716	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	-	48	39	45	-	*	114	*	43	*	16	-	*	174	114
Sri Lanka	-	153	*	54	-	5	216	-	68	*	28	-	19	792	159
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	60	69	167	-	14	79	*	77	*	82	-	49	26	177
Eritrea	-	*	*	7	-	-	63	-	-	-	5	-	-	77	54
Bangladesh	-	11	24	23	-	*	30	-	39	-	8	-	*	406	12
Turkey	-	13	140	45	-	5	47	*	25	5	8	-	30	584	329
Armenia	-	-	111	172	-	6	*	-	6	*	-	-	*	845	77
Georgia	-	*	142	36	-	*	20	-	22	10	*	*	*	92	78
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	16	183	-	-	87	-	*	-	5	*	11	648	35
Haiti	-	-	-	*	-	-	592	-	-	-	-	-	-	260	-
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	*	50	57	-	7	10	-	89	29	49	-	5	15	176

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Iraq	189	13	-	27	98	-	*	-	-	5	-	-	616	6	464
Afghanistan	564	71	-	12	195	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	358	*	726
Somalia	33	24	-	21	340	-	-	-	-	*	487	-	1,412	*	415
Serbia ***	12	925	-	*	92	-	-	*	-	34	-	5	18	-	116
China	19	14	-	49	13	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	77	5	12
Zimbabwe	*	-	-	37	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	6
Russian Federation	28	*	-	12	10	-	-	*	22	5	-	-	32	-	141
Nigeria	237	13	-	187	1,357	*	-	-	-	*	27	-	28	-	170
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*
Pakistan	1,169	*	-	80	383	21	-	-	*	*	-	-	*	-	28
Sri Lanka	57	-	-	8	45	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	67	5	83
Islamic Rep. of Iran	117	8	-	13	35	8	-	-	-	10	-	-	96	7	150
Eritrea	7	-	*	11	83	-	-	-	-	*	71	-	80	-	436
Bangladesh	737	11	-	6	535	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*
Turkey	18	26	-	-	115	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	18
Armenia	21	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	64	-	6
Georgia	572	13	-	33	21	-	-	-	6	*	-	-	28	-	6
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	*	-	34	11	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	37
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Rep.	270	5	-	*	17	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	28	7	52

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	TYR Macedonia	Turkey	UK	USA****
Iraq	*	-	-	23	-	5	*	13	547	293	-	1,518	395	114
Afghanistan	*	-	*	38	27	8	-	13	312	173	*	216	1,105	23
Somalia	*	-	*	*	-	*	-	92	890	393	-	55	315	81
Serbia ***	-	-	-	*	-	5	16	-	475	325	-	-	10	45
China	*	-	12	9	-	14	-	*	17	72	-	*	370	2,375
Zimbabwe	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	9	-	-	3,875	67
Russian Federation	1,037	-	-	*	-	9	-	7	253	83	-	5	25	153
Nigeria	*	*	7	*	-	*	-	150	87	418	-	7	210	44
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	531
Pakistan	*	-	24	34	-	24	*	15	32	23	-	-	485	120
Sri Lanka	5	*	14	-	*	6	*	9	17	437	-	8	470	76
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	-	-	5	-	5	*	19	222	56	-	414	515	79
Eritrea	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	14	182	773	-	22	495	135
Bangladesh	-	-	13	19	-	7	-	*	13	9	-	5	110	36
Turkey	*	-	-	19	-	-	*	*	81	108	-	-	70	26
Armenia	19	-	-	-	-	*	-	9	44	12	-	-	-	69
Georgia	8	-	-	5	-	17	-	10	63	150	-	-	25	36
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	-	17	-	*	-	26	9	47	-	*	85	22
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	402
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	150	95	-	12	40	6

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\*\*\*\* 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 2009**

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during the second quarter. An asterisk (\*) denotes a value between 1 and 4.

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark**	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Afghanistan	-	100	424	396	-	13	114	10	17	-	220	-	73	155	481
Somalia	-	5	123	56	-	-	106	-	-	*	30	-	288	46	70
Iraq	-	57	88	287	*	61	58	-	32	*	58	-	275	154	1,304
China	-	265	115	81	-	-	335	-	19	8	8	-	-	486	79
Serbia ***	-	-	614	387	10	-	15	8	*	12	47	-	65	1,162	494
Russian Federation	-	*	798	302	-	*	48	-	9	23	63	-	102	637	187
Nigeria	-	15	209	32	-	5	134	-	18	6	12	-	36	158	189
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,810	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*
Pakistan	-	50	54	76	-	-	78	*	98	-	11	-	*	167	106
Georgia	-	-	150	60	-	8	18	*	17	5	*	-	*	88	108
Sri Lanka	-	105	13	42	-	*	181	-	88	*	9	-	26	659	84
Zimbabwe	-	76	*	*	-	*	80	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	19
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	51	62	171	-	*	50	*	19	-	51	-	29	24	176
Eritrea	-	*	6	22	-	-	36	-	-	-	12	-	6	71	69
Bangladesh	-	22	19	20	-	*	26	-	42	*	-	-	*	373	11
Turkey	-	20	118	74	-	*	55	-	14	21	7	-	27	400	352
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	-	78	95	-	7	27	-	58	*	59	-	11	5	204
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	393	-	-	*	-	-	-	410	*
Armenia	-	-	91	167	-	13	*	-	*	5	6	-	*	590	35
Czech Rep.	-	-	*	7	-	-	1,138	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Afghanistan	497	229	*	23	101	*	-	-	*	*	-	-	286	-	1,228
Somalia	54	15	*	31	837	-	-	-	-	-	273	-	1,658	*	516
Iraq	265	12	*	18	74	-	-	-	*	9	*	-	337	*	277
China	65	17	-	54	10	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	59	*	15
Serbia ***	*	519	-	18	150	-	-	*	-	37	-	*	13	-	98
Russian Federation	33	12	-	6	*	-	-	-	10	5	*	*	27	*	159
Nigeria	287	18	-	156	1,463	*	-	*	-	*	89	-	40	*	177
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-
Pakistan	1,092	10	-	64	441	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	5	42
Georgia	669	30	-	21	18	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	8
Sri Lanka	35	7	*	*	49	69	-	-	*	-	-	-	31	8	39
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	22	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	*	5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	90	8	*	12	23	10	-	*	-	5	-	-	83	5	124
Eritrea	8	-	-	12	69	-	-	-	-	*	47	-	104	-	599
Bangladesh	520	*	-	*	457	8	-	-	-	-	*	-	9	*	*
Turkey	15	19	-	-	73	18	*	-	-	*	-	-	23	-	22
Syrian Arab Rep.	436	7	-	-	35	-	-	5	6	-	-	-	16	*	74
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Armenia	15	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	73	-	-
Czech Rep.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	*

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	TIYR Macedonia	Turkey	UK	USA****
Afghanistan	*	-	*	15	69	5	*	7	269	129	53	178	855	36
Somalia	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,184	100	-	96	250	95
Iraq	6	-	*	6	*	*	*	11	486	168	-	1,075	190	114
China	-	-	5	28	-	12	-	5	33	77	-	-	360	2,902
Serbia ***	*	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	433	262	*	-	5	55
Russian Federation	1,120	0	*	*	*	20	*	23	213	97	-	-	25	328
Nigeria	5	*	*	5	-	*	-	111	85	393	-	7	190	35
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	571
Pakistan	8	*	34	7	-	36	*	10	44	23	-	*	530	123
Georgia	963	*	-	11	-	24	-	15	50	64	-	-	20	27
Sri Lanka	*	*	9	-	-	*	-	5	17	387	-	9	395	76
Zimbabwe	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	5	*	5	-	-	2,035	47
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	-	7	6	*	*	*	10	164	38	-	325	435	76
Eritrea	-	9	-	-	-	-	*	10	201	253	-	6	285	123
Bangladesh	8	-	8	8	-	*	-	*	27	13	-	*	125	36
Turkey	*	-	-	28	-	*	-	*	62	105	-	-	45	31
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	-	-	*	-	*	-	11	84	88	-	*	40	16
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	448
Armenia	33	-	-	-	-	*	-	5	61	18	-	*	-	60
Czech Rep.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	*

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**Table 12. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, second quarter 2009**

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

Albania		Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bosnia and H.	
No applicants		China	265	Russian Fed.	798	Afghanistan	396	Serbia**	10
		Sri Lanka	105	Serbia**	614	Serbia**	387	France	*
		Afghanistan	100	TfYR Macedonia	424	Russian Fed.	302	Germany	*
		Zimbabwe	76	Nigeria	209	Iraq	287	Iraq	*
		Malaysia	60	Georgia	150	Guinea	201	Croatia	*
		Iraq	57	Somalia	123	Islamic Rep. of Iran	171		
		Indonesia	53	Turkey	118	Armenia	167		
		Islamic Rep. of Iran	51	China	115	Dem. Rep. of Congo	140		
		Pakistan	50	India	108	Syrian Arab Rep.	95		
		India	48	Armenia	91	China	81		
Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia		Cyprus		Czech Rep.	
Iraq	61	Mexico	2,810	Afghanistan	10	Pakistan	98	Kazakhstan	67
Stateless	29	Czech Rep.	1,138	Serbia**	8	Sri Lanka	88	Ukraine	51
Afghanistan	13	Hungary	610	TfYR Macedonia	*	Occup. Palest. Terr.	61	Mongolia	34
Armenia	13	Colombia	542	Pakistan	*	India	61	Viet Nam	25
Algeria	8	Haiti	393	Italy	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	58	Belarus	23
Georgia	8	China	335	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Bangladesh	42	Russian Fed.	23
Syrian Arab Rep.	7	United States	275	Albania	*	Iraq	32	Turkey	21
Nigeria	5	Slovakia	205	Ukraine	*	Mongolia	31	Stateless	14
Bosnia and H.	*	Sri Lanka	181	Georgia	*	Egypt	24	Serbia**	12
Ethiopia	*	St. Vincent & Grenada	143	Tunisia	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	19	China	8
Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Afghanistan	220	Ukraine	*	Somalia	288	Serbia**	1,162	Iraq	1,304
Russian Fed.	63	Mongolia	*	Iraq	275	Sri Lanka	659	Serbia**	494
Syrian Arab Rep.	59			Russian Fed.	102	Russian Fed.	637	Afghanistan	481
Iraq ****	58			Bulgaria	94	Armenia	590	Turkey	352
Islamic Rep. of Iran	51			Afghanistan	73	Dem. Rep. of Congo	587	Viet Nam	328
Serbia**	47			Serbia**	65	China	486	Syrian Arab Rep.	204
Somalia	30			Nigeria	36	Haiti	410	Nigeria	189
Occup. Palest. Terr.	19			Islamic Rep. of Iran	29	Turkey	400	Russian Fed.	187
Eritrea	12			Turkey	27	Bangladesh	373	India	185
Nigeria	12			Sri Lanka	26	Mauritania	356	Islamic Rep. of Iran	176
Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Italy	
Pakistan	1,092	Serbia**	519	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Nigeria	156	Nigeria	1,463
Georgia	669	Afghanistan	229	Albania	*	Pakistan	64	Somalia	837
Bangladesh	520	Georgia	30	Somalia	*	China	54	Bangladesh	457
Afghanistan	497	Turkey	19	Iraq	*	Somalia	31	Pakistan	441
Syrian Arab Rep.	436	Nigeria	18	Afghanistan	*	Dem. Rep. of Congo	28	Côte d'Ivoire	268
Nigeria	287	TfYR Macedonia	17	Sri Lanka	*	Afghanistan	23	Ghana	207
Iraq	265	China	17			Zimbabwe	22	Serbia**	150
Senegal	124	Somalia	15			Rep. of Moldova	21	Mali	121
Albania	102	Russian Fed.	12			Georgia	21	Afghanistan	101
Islamic Rep. of Iran	90	Iraq	12			Albania	19	Burkina Faso	82
Japan		Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg	
Myanmar	133	Uzbekistan	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	5	Russian Fed.	10	Serbia**	37
Sri Lanka	69	Turkey	*	Turkmenistan	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	6	Bosnia and H.	13
Pakistan	22	Georgia	*	Germany	*	India	5	Iraq	9
Turkey	18			Ukraine	*	Iraq	*	Russian Fed.	5
India	13			Ethiopia	*	Belarus	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	10			Serbia**	*	Afghanistan	*	Belarus	*
Nepal	10			Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Uzbekistan	*	Azerbaijan	*
Bangladesh	8			Nigeria	*	Stateless	*	Cameroon	*
Congo	7					Sri Lanka	*	Albania	*
Uganda	6							TfYR Macedonia	*
Malta		Montenegro		Netherlands		New Zealand		Norway	
Somalia	273	TfYR Macedonia	*	Somalia	1,658	Sri Lanka	8	Afghanistan	1,228
Nigeria	89	Serbia**	*	Iraq	337	Czech Rep.	6	Eritrea	599
Eritrea	47	Russian Fed.	*	Afghanistan	286	Fiji	5	Somalia	516
Mali	41			Eritrea	104	Islamic Rep. of Iran	5	Stateless	318
Côte d'Ivoire	21			Islamic Rep. of Iran	83	Pakistan	5	Iraq	277
Sudan	12			Mongolia	74	Iraq	*	Nigeria	177
Ethiopia	11			Armenia	73	Saudi Arabia	*	Ethiopia	160
Guinea	9			China	59	Ethiopia	*	Russian Fed.	159
Gambia	5			Guinea	52	Algeria	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	124
Ghana	*			Georgia	46	Zimbabwe	*	Serbia**	98

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\*\*\*\* Asylum claims in Denmark exclude Iraqi interpreters who have worked for the Danish Forces in Iraq.

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<b>Table 12. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, second quarter 2009 (continued)</b>									
Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.									
An asterisk (*) denotes a value between 1 and 4.									
Poland		Portugal		Rep. of Korea		Romania		Serbia (excl. Kosovo)	
Russian Fed.	1,120	Eritrea	9	Pakistan	34	Rep. of Moldova	49	Afghanistan	69
Georgia	963	Mauritania	6	Sri Lanka	9	Turkey	28	Iraq	*
Indonesia	36	Guinea	5	Bangladesh	8	China	28	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*
Armenia	33	Nigeria	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	7	Afghanistan	15	Russian Fed.	*
Viet Nam	15	Bosnia and H.	*	Uganda	5	India	12	Croatia	*
Belarus	11	Dem. Rep. of Congo	*	Myanmar	5	Georgia	11	Occup. Palest. Terr.	*
Ukraine	11	Zimbabwe	*	China	5	Bangladesh	8	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	*
Nepal	9	Sri Lanka	*	Russian Fed.	*	Pakistan	7	Guinea	*
Pakistan	8	Colombia	*	Cameroon	*	Iraq	6		
Bangladesh	8	Guinea-Bissau	*	Nigeria	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	6		
Slovakia		Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland	
Pakistan	36	Bosnia and H.	6	Nigeria	111	Somalia	1,184	Nigeria	393
Georgia	24	Serbia**	*	Côte d'Ivoire	77	Iraq	486	Sri Lanka	387
Viet Nam	20	Afghanistan	*	Colombia	54	Serbia**	433	Serbia**	262
Russian Fed.	20	Albania	*	Algeria	35	Afghanistan	269	Eritrea	253
India	13	Rep. of Moldova	*	Cameroon	33	Russian Fed.	213	Iraq	168
China	12	Pakistan	*	Guinea	32	Eritrea	201	Afghanistan	129
Rep. of Moldova	11	Iraq	*	Cuba	29	Stateless	198	Turkey	105
Afghanistan	5	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Russian Fed.	23	Islamic Rep. of Iran	164	Somalia	100
Bangladesh	*	Algeria	*	Dem. Rep. of Congo	21	Mongolia	137	Russian Fed.	97
Nigeria	*	Russian Fed.	*	Sierra Leone	17	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	87	Syrian Arab Rep.	88
FYR Macedonia		Turkey		United Kingdom		United States***			
Afghanistan	53	Iraq	1,075	Zimbabwe	2,040	China	2,902		
Albania	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	325	Afghanistan	860	Mexico	571		
Serbia**	*	Afghanistan	178	Pakistan	530	El Salvador	569		
		Somalia	96	Islamic Rep. of Iran	435	Haiti	448		
		Myanmar	39	Sri Lanka	400	Guatemala	406		
		Sudan	12	China	360	Russian Fed.	328		
		Dem. Rep. of Congo	11	Eritrea	290	Ethiopia	313		
		Sri Lanka	9	Somalia	250	Nepal	259		
		Guinea	7	Iraq	190	India	205		
		Côte d'Ivoire	7	Nigeria	190	Honduras	195		

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

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**Table 13. Asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, January to June 2009**

See footnotes at the bottom of Table 1.

Country/region of asylum	2009						
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Albania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	376	364	518	444	412	390	2,504
Austria	1,215	1,255	1,316	1,205	1,229	1,298	7,518
Belgium	1,314	1,068	1,185	1,215	1,145	1,251	7,178
Bosnia and Herzegovina	23	3	1	2	4	8	41
Bulgaria	71	66	91	51	57	75	411
Canada	2,873	3,030	3,351	3,277	3,006	3,185	18,722
Croatia	3	5	20	9	4	16	57
Cyprus	303	369	219	208	268	240	1,607
Czech Rep.	123	130	113	134	115	90	705
Denmark	336	257	345	221	304	210	1,673
Estonia	1	4	3	2	-	-	10
Finland	537	478	475	375	373	441	2,679
France	2,821	3,671	3,549	3,382	2,711	3,282	19,416
Germany	2,342	1,936	1,995	1,919	1,835	1,952	11,979
Greece	1,557	1,590	1,571	1,679	1,717	1,663	9,777
Hungary	280	497	485	348	349	310	2,269
Iceland	-	1	3	-	2	6	12
Ireland	254	270	270	241	229	244	1,508
Italy	1,983	1,363	1,447	1,696	2,228	1,257	9,974
Japan	157	139	130	112	110	107	755
Latvia	1	1	-	2	1	-	5
Liechtenstein	1	5	12	2	7	3	30
Lithuania	14	16	10	9	18	8	75
Luxembourg	39	24	31	37	23	41	195
Malta	220	227	224	200	179	152	1,202
Montenegro	-	1	5	7	1	-	14
Netherlands	1,171	1,147	1,305	1,233	1,022	1,216	7,094
New Zealand	21	32	12	21	26	14	126
Norway	1,347	1,189	1,289	1,273	1,512	1,556	8,166
Poland	367	344	451	470	521	1,312	3,465
Portugal	15	12	16	7	12	24	86
Rep. of Korea	22	26	49	23	45	29	194
Romania	80	104	55	58	55	88	440
Serbia	4	4	21	19	35	26	109
Slovakia	53	43	71	39	62	77	345
Slovenia	38	10	13	12	9	5	87
Spain	291	339	268	247	217	272	1,634
Sweden	1,893	1,636	1,692	1,526	1,545	1,837	10,129
Switzerland	2,127	1,263	1,174	1,080	957	1,065	7,666
TfYR Macedonia	1	3	2	5	50	2	63
Turkey	921	668	874	757	532	531	4,283
United Kingdom	3,260	3,215	3,820	2,810	2,275	2,300	17,680
United States (EOIR)	1,039	1,065	1,251	1,217	1,064	1,137	6,773
United States (DHS)	2,601	2,363	2,794	2,726	3,284	3,136	16,905
EU-old (15)	19,028	18,261	19,285	17,793	16,865	17,288	108,520
EU-new (12)	1,551	1,811	1,735	1,533	1,634	2,357	10,621
EU-total (27)	20,579	20,072	21,020	19,326	18,499	19,645	119,141
Nordic region (5)	4,113	3,561	3,804	3,395	3,736	4,050	22,659
Western Europe (19)	22,503	20,719	21,763	20,148	19,343	19,918	124,394
Central Europe (11)	1,031	1,220	1,312	1,134	1,191	1,981	7,869
Southern Europe (8)	5,290	4,568	4,619	4,794	5,153	4,139	28,563
Europe (38)	25,006	23,214	24,421	22,480	21,603	22,858	139,582
Non-Europe (6)	7,089	7,019	8,105	7,820	7,947	7,998	45,979
North America (2)	6,513	6,458	7,396	7,220	7,354	7,458	42,400
Australia/New Z. (2)	397	396	530	465	438	404	2,630
<b>Total (44)</b>	<b>32,095</b>	<b>30,233</b>	<b>32,526</b>	<b>30,300</b>	<b>29,550</b>	<b>30,856</b>	<b>185,561</b>

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**Table 14. Monthly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries by origin, 2009**

Top-40 ranking based on applications lodged during June 2009.

Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because figures for the United States (DHS) by origin reflect the number of cases.

Origin	2009						
	Jan.	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Afghanistan	2,137	1,891	1,982	1,699	2,134	2,168	12,011
Somalia	1,988	1,488	1,793	1,899	2,004	1,935	11,107
Iraq	2,932	2,370	2,424	2,043	1,656	1,747	13,172
China	1,432	1,342	1,520	1,585	1,737	1,722	9,338
Russian Federation	1,415	1,460	1,368	1,315	1,399	1,550	8,507
Serbia *	1,401	1,627	1,788	1,506	1,383	1,533	9,238
Georgia	475	452	478	479	545	1,403	3,832
Mexico	870	1,081	1,301	1,188	1,052	1,152	6,644
Nigeria	1,475	1,174	1,144	1,415	1,332	1,143	7,683
Pakistan	930	1,023	1,097	983	1,074	1,093	6,200
Sri Lanka	910	976	1,000	834	778	750	5,248
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,007	757	803	709	639	719	4,634
Eritrea	1,184	675	668	654	652	649	4,482
Turkey	624	600	562	512	508	524	3,330
Bangladesh	755	697	623	675	571	514	3,835
Zimbabwe	1,114	1,280	1,854	1,227	597	501	6,573
Armenia	463	460	563	371	367	447	2,671
Syrian Arab Rep.	400	416	374	472	465	439	2,566
Haiti	451	316	493	472	366	418	2,516
India	359	344	389	366	363	386	2,207
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	393	448	468	385	342	379	2,415
Guinea	399	419	371	386	337	371	2,283
Algeria	306	312	313	277	240	348	1,796
Czech Rep.	131	255	288	390	447	321	1,832
Stateless	226	197	289	252	215	290	1,469
Ethiopia	249	261	291	268	294	283	1,646
Colombia	294	317	317	332	245	264	1,769
Hungary	55	52	110	190	248	240	895
Albania	187	193	157	160	205	215	1,117
Viet Nam	224	191	234	232	207	213	1,301
Cameroon	186	156	187	152	150	207	1,038
El Salvador	264	228	292	300	213	197	1,494
Sudan	203	203	199	201	192	190	1,188
Mongolia	239	291	292	178	186	188	1,374
Azerbaijan	189	184	177	132	143	179	1,004
Côte d'Ivoire	220	224	251	314	235	175	1,419
Guatemala	144	149	191	158	153	172	967
Rep. of Moldova	70	95	118	114	160	169	726
Ghana	192	158	171	164	196	168	1,049
Mauritania	147	132	185	192	160	161	977
Other	4,709	4,662	4,600	4,340	4,422	4,434	27,167
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,349</b>	<b>29,556</b>	<b>31,725</b>	<b>29,521</b>	<b>28,612</b>	<b>29,957</b>	<b>180,720</b>

**Note**

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**Table 15. Top-40 countries of origin by main asylum region, second quarter 2009**

Sort order based on June data.

Industrialized countries (44 countries)					Europe (38 countries)					European Union (27 countries)				
Origin	April	May	June	Total	Origin	April	May	June	Total	Origin	April	May	June	Total
Afghanistan	1,699	2,134	2,168	6,001	Afghanistan	1,651	2,076	2,020	5,747	Somalia	1,626	1,683	1,609	4,918
Somalia	1,899	2,004	1,935	5,838	Somalia	1,846	1,939	1,846	5,631	Afghanistan	1,249	1,444	1,386	4,079
Iraq	2,043	1,656	1,747	5,446	Iraq	1,944	1,591	1,677	5,212	Serbia *	1,351	1,247	1,371	3,969
China	1,585	1,737	1,722	5,044	Serbia *	1,484	1,361	1,507	4,352	Georgia	441	515	1,353	2,309
Russian Fed.	1,315	1,399	1,550	4,264	Russian Fed.	1,243	1,234	1,404	3,881	Russian Fed.	1,178	1,152	1,292	3,622
Serbia *	1,506	1,383	1,533	4,422	Georgia	467	530	1,385	2,382	Iraq	1,291	1,171	1,225	3,687
Georgia	479	545	1,403	2,427	Nigeria	1,343	1,281	1,076	3,700	Pakistan	875	925	970	2,770
Mexico	1,188	1,052	1,152	3,392	Pakistan	888	953	997	2,838	Nigeria	1,126	1,097	899	3,122
Nigeria	1,415	1,332	1,143	3,890	Islamic Rep. of Iran	646	572	650	1,868	China	487	444	509	1,440
Pakistan	983	1,074	1,093	3,150	Sri Lanka	681	630	603	1,914	Islamic Rep. of Iran	485	409	480	1,374
Sri Lanka	834	778	750	2,362	Eritrea	617	588	589	1,794	Bangladesh	629	533	476	1,638
Islamic Rep. of Iran	709	639	719	2,067	China	515	481	536	1,532	Sri Lanka	533	497	448	1,478
Eritrea	654	652	649	1,955	Bangladesh	636	541	481	1,658	Zimbabwe	1,132	534	444	2,110
Turkey	512	508	524	1,544	Turkey	478	462	480	1,420	Turkey	425	430	438	1,293
Bangladesh	675	571	514	1,760	Zimbabwe	1,137	538	445	2,120	Armenia	343	348	411	1,102
Zimbabwe	1,227	597	501	2,325	Syrian Arab Rep.	458	455	419	1,332	Syrian Arab Rep.	397	405	362	1,164
Armenia	371	367	447	1,185	Armenia	352	351	418	1,121	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	329	292	308	929
Syrian Arab Rep.	472	465	439	1,376	Algeria	269	234	334	837	Guinea	319	277	304	900
Haiti	472	366	418	1,256	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	350	312	329	991	Eritrea	351	284	301	936
India	366	363	386	1,115	Guinea	346	298	324	968	Algeria	240	194	296	730
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	385	342	379	1,106	Stateless	236	203	277	716	India	225	260	261	746
Guinea	386	337	371	1,094	India	226	264	265	755	Viet Nam	218	189	198	605
Algeria	277	240	348	865	Viet Nam	222	190	202	614	Albania	123	148	180	451
Czech Rep.	390	447	321	1,158	Albania	128	158	185	471	Azerbaijan	120	128	163	411
Stateless	252	215	290	757	Ethiopia	136	164	171	471	Stateless	130	110	157	397
Ethiopia	268	294	283	845	Azerbaijan	127	130	169	426	Mongolia	140	163	150	453
Colombia	332	245	264	841	Sudan	188	178	168	534	Mauritania	164	146	149	459
Hungary	190	248	240	678	Mongolia	164	169	160	493	Sudan	168	149	142	459
Albania	160	205	215	580	Mauritania	178	154	158	490	Cameroon	97	100	141	338
Viet Nam	232	207	213	652	Ghana	151	183	151	485	Ghana	142	175	140	457
Cameroon	152	150	207	509	Cameroon	109	111	151	371	Haiti	162	115	138	415
Ei Salvador	300	213	197	710	Haiti	162	115	138	415	Côte d'Ivoire	253	198	125	576
Sudan	201	192	190	583	Côte d'Ivoire	279	207	135	621	Gambia	95	97	112	304
Mongolia	178	186	188	552	Gambia	112	110	133	355	Morocco	77	98	108	283
Azerbaijan	132	143	179	454	Morocco	82	111	113	306	Rep. of Moldova	87	87	104	278
Côte d'Ivoire	314	235	175	724	Rep. of Moldova	90	89	104	283	Ethiopia	90	94	94	278
Guatemala	158	153	172	483	Angola	79	73	92	244	Bulgaria	9	15	93	117
Rep. of Moldova	114	160	169	443	Bosnia and H.	99	53	86	238	Angola	70	68	85	223
Ghana	164	196	168	528	Senegal	101	100	84	285	Congo	77	70	82	229
Mauritania	192	160	161	513	Mali	113	186	73	372	Belarus	80	59	78	217
Other	4,340	4,422	4,434	13,196	Other	2,147	2,228	2,320	6,695	Other	1,992	2,149	2,060	6,201
Total	29,521	28,612	29,957	88,090	Total	22,480	21,603	22,855	66,938	Total	19,326	18,499	19,642	57,467

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