

# Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries 2009

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



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**Cover photo:** A 21-year old Somali outside the hangar of Hal Far, Malta.  
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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 2009. The data in this report is based on information available as of **3 March 2010** unless otherwise indicated. It covers the 38 European and six non-European States that currently provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR and is mostly based on official asylum statistics, reflecting national laws and procedures. In addition, UNHCR conducted refugee status determination under its mandate in a number of countries included in this report.<sup>2</sup> Annex Table 2 provides trends in selected countries neighbouring Europe, based on annual data.

The group of countries analysed in this report is collectively referred to as “**the 44 industrialized countries**” and has been defined as such for the purpose of this report only. The 44 countries are: 27 Member States of the European Union<sup>3</sup>, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia<sup>4</sup>, 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. The group of 44 countries received an estimated 377,200 asylum applications in 2009.

An asylum-seeker is an individual who has sought international protection and whose claim for refugee status has not yet been determined. It is important to note, however, that a person is a refugee if he/she fulfils the criteria set out in the *1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees*. The formal recognition of someone through individual refugee status determination does not establish refugee status, but rather confirms it.

As part of its obligation to protect refugees on its territory, the country of asylum is normally responsible for determining whether an asylum-seeker is a refugee or not. This responsibility is often incorporated in national legislation of the country and, for State Parties, is derived from the 1951 Convention.

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>5</sup>

### The EU Regulation on migration and international protection statistics

In July 2007, the EU Regulation on migration and international protection statistics entered into force.\* It requires EU Member States to provide the European Commission (Eurostat) with a standardized and comparable set of asylum data. This dataset includes all relevant statistics encompassing the asylum procedure (including: asylum claims, decisions, pending cases, sex and age-disaggregated asylum data). The Regulation, however, does not make it mandatory for Member States to differentiate new asylum claims from repeat or reopened applications in their statistical systems. Instead, it was left to the discretion of each Member State to report this type of statistics separately or not.

In the more than two years since its implementation, a number of countries have started to differentiate in their statistics between new and repeat asylum applications. UNHCR hopes that other EU Member States will follow. If not, the number of individuals seeking international protection in the European Union will continue to be overstated.

\* Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007.

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<sup>2</sup> During the period 2005-2009, UNHCR conducted refugee status determination under its mandate in Croatia, Cyprus (northern part of Cyprus only), Montenegro, Serbia, and Turkey (see notes in **Annex Table 1** for more details).

<sup>3</sup> See **Annex Table 1** for a list of countries.

<sup>4</sup> Figures for Serbia exclude Kosovo.

<sup>5</sup> See UNHCR's *2008 Global Trends* report (issued June 2009) at <http://www.unhcr.org/statistics>.

To the extent possible, the statistics presented in this document reflect the number of individuals lodging an asylum application for the first time. Despite the fact that progress has been achieved in Europe in recent years (*see box on page 3*), the available information suggests 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 reflect the actual number of new asylum-seekers. Also, the number of asylum applications may not reflect the number of asylum-seekers as some individuals seek asylum in more than one country during the same year.<sup>6</sup>

All data refer to the number of individuals with the exception of asylum-seekers in the United States of America where only the number of cases (which may include several individuals) is available for applications submitted to the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Applications submitted to the United States Department of Justice, 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. Also, in the case of Belgium, accompanying children are not included in the figures.

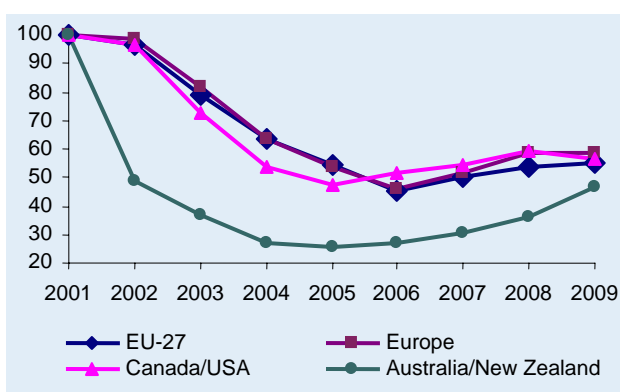
**All figures in this report should be considered as provisional and subject to change.** Due to retroactive changes and adjustments, some of the data included in this publication may differ slightly from that reported in previous UNHCR documents or from the official figures published by States. This is true for the figures reported for Germany and Italy (*see the notes in Annex Table 1 for more information*).

## II. Global and Regional Trends <sup>7</sup>

In 2009, an estimated 377,200 asylum applications were recorded in the 44 European and non-European countries included in this report. This is nearly the same number as in 2008 (377,100 claims). As shown in *Figure 1*, the 2009 level is far below the one reported in 2001, the highest in the past 10 years with almost 620,000 asylum claims.

Out of a total of 377,200 asylum applications registered in 2009, countries in **Europe**<sup>8</sup> received 286,700 claims, a minor increase of one per cent compared to 2008 (283,700 claims). However, the figures show greater variation in asylum levels and trends at the regional and country level. For example, the 27 Member States of the European Union registered 246,200 asylum claims in 2009, a 3 per cent increase compared to 2008 (239,100). The EU-27 together accounted for 86 per cent of all asylum claims in Europe. Within this group, the 15

**Fig 1 Regional asylum trends (2001=100)**



<sup>6</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))

<sup>7</sup> See notes in **Annex Table 1** for a list of countries included under each regional grouping.

<sup>8</sup> When including the countries listed in **Annex Table 2**, the total number of asylum claims in 2009 amounts to 381,800, compared to 385,600 the previous year.

'old' EU Member States remained relatively stable during 2009 (+2%), while the 12 'new' EU Member States registered 3,200 additional claims, an increase of 15 per cent.

Among the European regions, the largest relative decrease in annual asylum levels was reported by the eight **Southern European countries** which received 50,100 asylum requests during 2009, a 33 per cent decrease compared to 2008. This decrease is mainly due to fewer individuals requesting international protection in Italy (-42%), Turkey (-40%), and Greece (-20%).

**TABLE 1 Asylum claims lodged in selected regions**

|                       | 2007           | 2008           | 2009           | Change '09-'08 |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Europe                | 249,600        | 283,700        | 286,700        | 1%             |
| - EU-total            | 223,700        | 239,200        | 246,200        | 3%             |
| - EU-old              | 198,100        | 217,200        | 221,100        | 2%             |
| - EU-new              | 25,600         | 21,900         | 25,100         | 15%            |
| USA/Canada            | 79,100         | 86,500         | 82,300         | -5%            |
| Australia/New Zealand | 4,200          | 5,000          | 6,500          | 30%            |
| Japan/Rep. of Korea   | 1,500          | 2,000          | 1,700          | -15%           |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>334,400</b> | <b>377,200</b> | <b>377,200</b> | <b>0%</b>      |

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

In the **Nordic countries**, on the other hand, the number of newly registered asylum-seekers increased by 13 per cent to 51,100 claims, the highest level since 2003 (55,200). There is a particularly large increase in the number of asylum applications registered in Denmark (+59%), Finland (+47%) and Norway (+19%). In comparison, in Sweden, which remained the most important destination for asylum-seekers in the region, there was almost no change in the number of asylum claims in 2009 (24,200) from 2008 (24,400).

The number of asylum-seekers in **Australia** and **New Zealand** increased by 30 per cent during 2009 (6,500 claims) compared to the previous year (5,000). It is primarily in Australia that the increase occurred with 6,200 claims, up 29 per cent from 2008. However, despite this recent increase, figures in Australia remain not only below those observed in 2000 (13,100 claims) and 2001 (12,400 claims) but also far below those recorded by many other industrialized countries. In New Zealand, levels have remained fairly stable in the past five years (on average 300 new claims per year).

**Japan** and the **Republic of Korea** registered a combined number of 1,700 new asylum claims in 2009, a 13 per cent decrease compared to 2008 (2,000 claims). It is predominantly people from Myanmar who sought international protection in both countries. While Japan has witnessed a near doubling of new asylum-seekers in 2008 (1,600 claims) and 2009 (1,400 claims) compared to previous years (950 and 820 claims in 2006 and 2007 respectively)<sup>9</sup>, figures for the Republic of Korea have halved during 2008 and 2009 (360 and 320 asylum claims respectively) compared to 720 new asylum claims in 2007. The numbers in both countries still remain modest in comparison with other industrialized countries.

In contrast, in **North America**, an estimated 82,300 new asylum applications were submitted in 2009, 4,200 claims or 5 per cent less than in 2008. The United States of America registered approximately 49,000 new applications, virtually the same figure as 2008 (49,600), whereas Canada saw a 10 per cent decrease, linked to a lower number of Mexican and Haitian asylum-seekers. Although this is the second highest level in six years, the 2008 and 2009 levels are nearly half that of 2001, when close to 150,000 applications were lodged in Canada and the United States of America together.

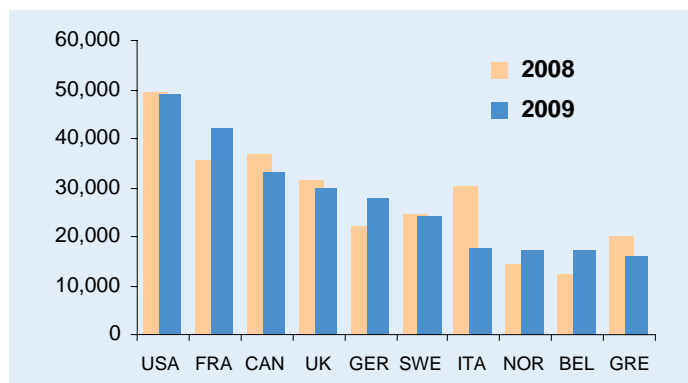
<sup>9</sup> Figures for Japan are UNHCR estimates.

### III. Levels and Patterns in Countries of Asylum

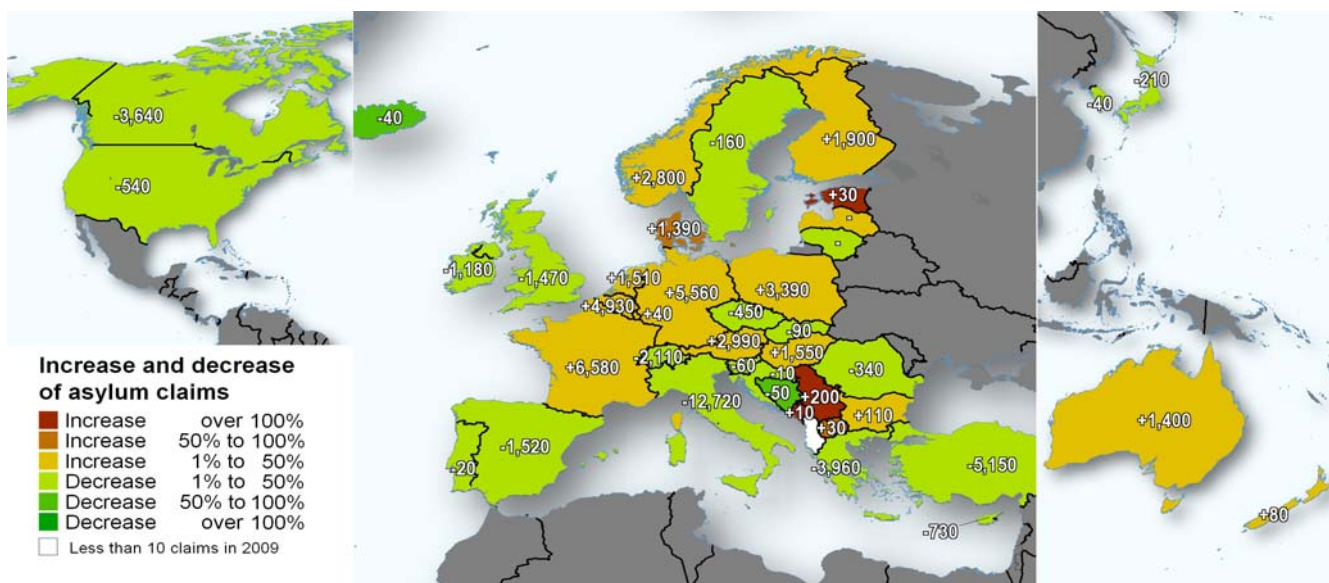
For the fourth year running, the **United States of America** was the largest single recipient of new asylum claims among the group of industrialized countries, accounting for 13 per cent of all claims lodged in the 44 countries included in Table 1. An estimated 49,000<sup>10</sup> individuals submitted an application, 500 claims less than the year before. 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. Almost one third of all claims in the United States of America were lodged by asylum-seekers from China.

**France** has witnessed a steady increase in new asylum-seekers in the past two years and in 2009 was the second largest recipient of applications among the 44 countries, with 42,000 new applications registered during the year. This is a 19 per cent increase over 2008 (35,400 claims) and 43 per cent over 2007 (29,400 claims). The increase in 2009 is partly attributed to a higher number of asylum-seekers from Serbia (+67%) and Armenia (+50%). Nine out of ten 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 of America (13%) and France (11%) received one out of every four applications lodged in the 44 industrialized countries covered by this report.

**Fig 2 Asylum claims submitted in 10 major receiving countries (2009)**



#### Trends in asylum claims lodged in 44 industrialized countries: Absolute and relative increase/decrease 2009 compared to 2008



**Note:** This map is limited to the 44 countries which provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR. All figures are rounded off to the closest ten.

<sup>10</sup> Estimated number of individuals based on the number of new cases (25,500) and multiplied by 1.4 to reflect the average number of individuals per case (Source: US Department of Homeland Security); and the number of new “defensive” asylum requests lodged with the Executive Office of Immigration Review (13,300; reported by individuals).

Following after France, **Canada** was the third largest recipient of applications among the 44 countries, with 33,300 new asylum requests registered during 2009. This is a 10 per cent decrease compared to 2008 (36,900 claims). The increase in Hungarian and Czech asylum claims (2,200 and 1,200 respectively) during 2009 was largely offset by a drop in Mexican (-1,900) and Haitian (-2,800) asylum applications.

The **United Kingdom** ranked fourth among the 44 industrialized countries with 29,800 new applications received during the year. This constituted a 5 per cent decrease compared to 2008 and the third lowest figure in 15 years. The large increase in Zimbabwean<sup>11</sup> asylum-seekers during 2009 (+3,100 claims) was partly offset by the lower number of Eritrean and Iraqi asylum-seekers (around 1,000 each).

**Germany** received the fifth largest number of asylum-seekers during 2009 (27,600 claims). One quarter of the asylum-seekers in Germany were Iraqis (6,300), 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** (24,200 claims), **Italy** (17,600 claims), **Norway** (17,200 claims), **Belgium** (17,200 claims), and **Greece** (15,900 claims).

The **United States of America**, **France**, and **Canada**, the top three receiving countries in 2009, together accounted for one-third of all new asylum claims submitted in industrialized countries. Together with the **United Kingdom** and **Germany**, the top five receiving countries accounted for nearly half of all asylum claims.

## Ranking of countries

A variety of factors influence trends in the number of people requesting international protection in a given country. These include factors related to the political or security situation in the country of origin. For countries of asylum, important factors influencing the decision to apply for asylum may be the quality of the asylum system, the existence of social networks, the knowledge of reception conditions and a belief that some countries are more likely to grant refugee status than others.

These factors are reflected in the current and past ranking of some of the countries included in this report. **Sweden**, for instance, was not only the main receiving country in Europe in 2007 (36,400 claims), but also the largest recipient of Iraqi asylum-seekers. Iraqi asylum applications, however, have dropped from 18,600 in 2007 to 2,300 in 2009. It is believed that a change in Swedish decision-making on Iraqi

TABLE 2 Changes in the ranking of the top-10 receiving countries

|                | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| United States  | 2    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| France         | 1    | 2    | 3    | 3    | 2    |
| Canada         | 6    | 5    | 4    | 2    | 3    |
| United Kingdom | 3    | 3    | 5    | 4    | 4    |
| Germany        | 4    | 6    | 7    | 7    | 5    |
| Sweden         | 7    | 4    | 2    | 6    | 6    |
| Italy          | 11   | 12   | 8    | 5    | 7    |
| Norway         | 15   | 13   | 17   | 10   | 8    |
| Belgium        | 8    | 10   | 10   | 14   | 9    |
| Greece         | 12   | 9    | 6    | 8    | 10   |

<sup>11</sup> The sudden rise in asylum claims in the United Kingdom involving Zimbabwean nationals may in part be attributable to the RN [(Returnees) Zimbabwe vs. 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 (para. 258) held 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, lodged applications as they felt the decision in RN could lead to a favourable outcome.

asylum claims, following the Migration Court's<sup>12</sup> determination that the situation in Iraq is not one of "armed conflict", led to a drop in recognition rates and a potential shift in flows from Sweden to its neighbours. As a consequence, between 2007 and 2009, **Norway** and **Finland** moved up in their ranking as destination countries: the former from 17<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place and the latter from 26<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> place.

**Italy** saw an increase in new asylum applicants in 2008, many of them arriving by sea. In 2008, Italy was the fifth largest recipient of asylum-seekers among the group of 44 industrialized countries. With the number of people requesting international protection during 2009 almost halving, Italy dropped to seventh place.

### Trends over the past five years

Between 2005 and 2009, the **United States of America** received the largest number of new asylum-seekers (250,000 claims), followed by **France** (187,300 claims), the **United Kingdom** (149,600 claims), **Canada** (141,100 claims), and **Sweden** (126,800 claims). Together, the three leading asylum countries received one-third of all asylum requests submitted in the 44 industrialized countries listed in Annex Table 1.

The countries' individual share in the total number of applications received, however, reveals a changing pattern over time. Whereas the share of the **United States of America** as the main recipient over the five year period ranged between 13 to 17 per cent, the share of **France** gradually decreased from 15 per cent in 2005 to 9 per cent in 2008. With asylum levels in France picking up again during 2009, the country's share increased to 11 per cent. Conversely, the shares of **Greece** and **Sweden** stood at 3 and 5 per cent respectively in 2005. Following the introduction of special procedures at the end of 2006 to clear the backlog of asylum-seekers waiting to register asylum claims in Greece, the country's share increased to 8 per cent in 2007.

Two years later, it had again dropped back to 4 per cent, partly due to the slow pace of registration of claims. During the same period, **Sweden's** share had increased to 11 per cent as a result of a major arrival of Iraqi asylum-seekers. However, by the end of 2009, its share was down to 6 per cent.

The trends described above are based on the absolute numbers of reported asylum claims. The analysis changes when comparing the number of asylum-seekers to the size of the national population or the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (PPP)<sup>13</sup>. These measures may allow for a better comparison between countries as they may better indicate the capacity of a country to host asylum-seekers.

Based on the first indicator (national population), between 2005 and 2009 the two Mediterranean islands of **Cyprus** and **Malta** received on average the highest number of asylum-seekers compared to their national population; 30 and 22 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants, respectively. **Sweden** ranked third

TABLE 3

Share of main receiving countries of asylum-seekers in total number of applications

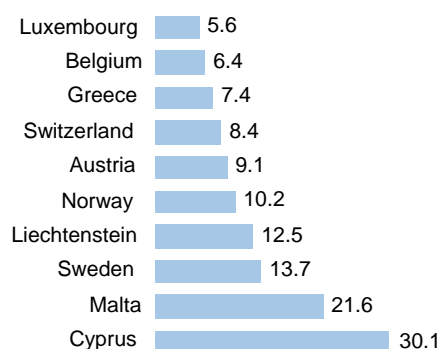
|                | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| United States  | 15%  | 17%  | 15%  | 13%  | 13%  |
| France         | 15%  | 10%  | 9%   | 9%   | 11%  |
| Canada         | 6%   | 8%   | 8%   | 10%  | 9%   |
| United Kingdom | 9%   | 9%   | 8%   | 8%   | 8%   |
| Germany        | 9%   | 7%   | 6%   | 6%   | 7%   |
| Sweden         | 5%   | 8%   | 11%  | 6%   | 6%   |
| Italy          | 3%   | 3%   | 4%   | 8%   | 5%   |
| Norway         | 2%   | 2%   | 2%   | 4%   | 5%   |
| Belgium        | 5%   | 4%   | 3%   | 3%   | 5%   |
| Greece         | 3%   | 4%   | 8%   | 5%   | 4%   |

<sup>12</sup> Swedish Migration Court of Appeal, caseno. UN23-06, 26 February 2007.

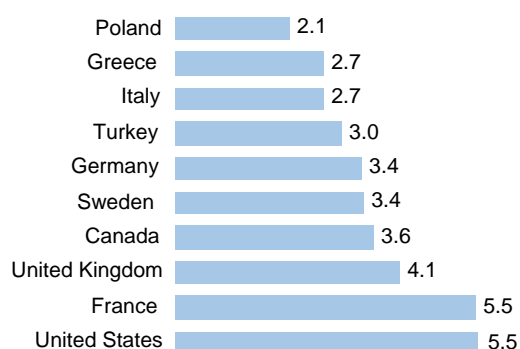
<sup>13</sup> In order to compare countries, the Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) GDP is considered (Source: International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, April 2009). Source for national population: United Nations, Population Division, World Population Prospects: The 2008 Revision, New York, 2009.



**Fig 3** Number of asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants - 2005-2009



**Fig 4** Number of asylum-seekers per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita - 2005-2009



(14 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), followed by **Liechtenstein** (13 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), **Norway** (10 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), and **Austria** (9 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants) (see Figure 3). The **United States of America**, the main recipient of new asylum-seekers during this period, was ranked 27<sup>th</sup> with an average of one asylum-seeker per 1,000 inhabitants.

Comparing the number of asylum-seekers to the Gross Domestic Product (PPP) of a country reveals a slightly different picture. Here, the **United States of America** and **France** are the countries with the highest number of asylum-seekers (5.5 applicants per capita each) compared to its national economy, followed by the **United Kingdom** (4.1 applicants per capita), **Canada** (3.6 applicants per capita), and **Sweden** (3.4 applicants per capita) (see Figure 4).<sup>14</sup>

It is interesting to note that the five main destination countries of asylum-seekers in 2009 (United States of America, France, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Germany) do not feature among the top ten when compared against population size, but they do when compared against GDP (PPP) per capita. This is explained by the relatively large variation in national population size among the industrialized countries. The top five destination countries have a significantly larger population size compared to Cyprus, Malta, Liechtenstein, or Luxembourg. In the case of the GDP (PPP) per capita ratio, the countries included can be considered as all having highly developed economies, and the variation in GDP figures between them is not that significant. With this important difference in mind, the GDP indicator might be more meaningful and interesting when comparing asylum rates between these 44 countries.

**TABLE 4** Distribution of asylum claims by region of origin

|           | 2006* | 2007* | 2008  | 2009  |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Africa    | 25.0% | 23.1% | 29.9% | 28.7% |
| Americas  | 11.7% | 12.0% | 10.9% | 8.8%  |
| Asia      | 44.1% | 48.3% | 44.8% | 45.3% |
| Europe    | 17.1% | 14.6% | 12.7% | 15.5% |
| Oceania   | 0.1%  | 0.1%  | 0.1%  | 0.1%  |
| Unknown** | 2.0%  | 1.9%  | 1.6%  | 1.6%  |

\* Includes annual asylum data for Italy for comparative purposes.

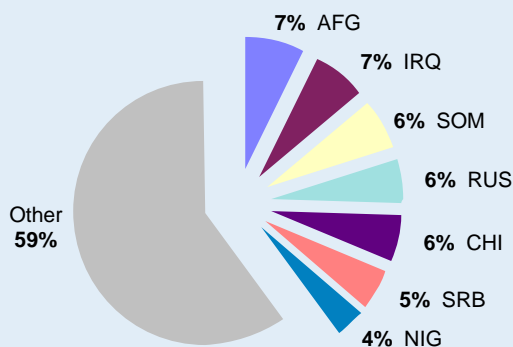
\*\* Includes stateless asylum-seekers.

## IV. Origin of Asylum-Seekers

People from nearly 190 different countries or territories submitted at least one asylum claim in 2009 in one of the 44 countries presented in this report. Slightly less than half of all asylum applications were submitted by individuals from **Asia** (45%). **Africa** was the second most important source continent (29% of all claims), followed by **Europe** (15.5%), and the **Americas**

<sup>14</sup> Among the 44 countries included in this report, the number of asylum-seekers per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita appears as rather modest when compared to the ‘burden’ developing countries shoulder in hosting refugees. For instance, Pakistan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, two major refugee-hosting countries, hosted 733 and 496 refugees respectively per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita at the end of 2008 (Source: 2008 Statistical Yearbook, UNHCR, Geneva).

**Fig 5 Main nationalities of asylum-seekers 2009**



(9%).<sup>15</sup> The country of origin of some 2,700 asylum-seekers was unknown. Europe was the only continent showing a significant increase as a source of asylum applications in 2009, with more people from Hungary and Serbia requesting refugee status.

Out of the 40 main asylum-seeker nationalities, 23 registered a rise during 2009. Among the major countries of origin of asylum-seekers, significant increases were registered from **Hungary** (+697%), the **Czech Republic** (+134%), **Georgia** (+102%), **Mauritania** (+57%), **Zimbabwe** (+54%), and **Afghanistan** (+45%). Conversely, of the 17 nationalities that recorded a decrease in 2009 as compared to 2008, five registered a drop of more than 20 per cent: **Côte d'Ivoire** (-43%), **Iraq** (-40%), **Haiti** (-35%), **Ghana** (-30%), and **Colombia** (-30%).

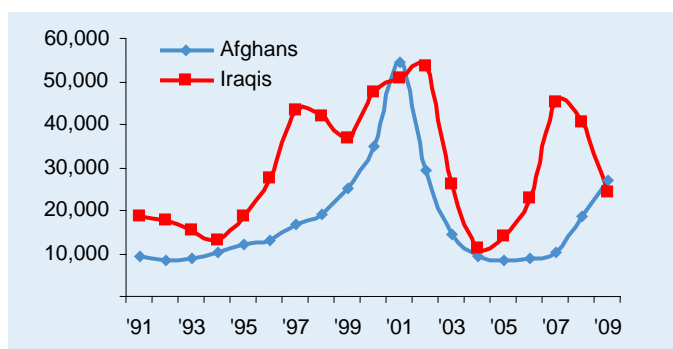
**Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, the Russian Federation and China** remained the five most important source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries. Their relative ranking, however, shifted in 2009 as compared to 2008.

**Afghanistan** again became the main country of origin of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries in 2009. The last time Afghanistan was at the top of the list was in 2001 when 54,000 Afghans sought asylum. Some 26,800 Afghans requested refugee status in 2009. This was 45 per cent more than in 2008 (18,500 claims). 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.

Afghans sought international protection in 39 out of the 44 industrialized countries. The levels were highest in Norway (3,900 claims), the United Kingdom (3,500 claims) and Germany (3,300 claims). In some cases, figures almost tripled (Norway) or quintupled (Germany) in 2009. Other important destination countries of Afghan asylum-seekers were Austria (2,200 claims; +62%), Sweden (1,700 claims; +112%), and Belgium (1,700 claims; +89%). The only country reporting a decrease was the United Kingdom, where Afghan claims dropped by 5 per cent during the year.

For the first time since 2006, **Iraq** was not the principal source country of asylum-seekers among the 44 industrialized countries. In 2009, Iraqis dropped to second place with more than 24,000 claims lodged during the year. This constituted a decrease of 16,000 claims or 40 per cent when compared to 2008. The decrease in Iraqi claims was particularly significant during the fourth quarter of 2009 when 5,300 applied for asylum among the group of 44 countries, the lowest quarterly level since the second quarter of 2006 (3,900). However,

**Fig 6 Afghan and Iraqi asylum requests 1991-2009**

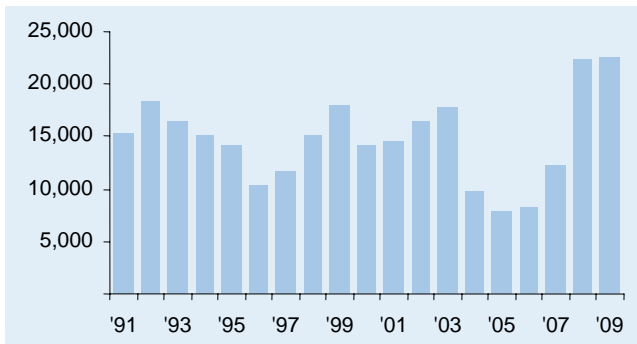


<sup>15</sup> The geographical regions used are those of the UN Statistics Division (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49.htm>).

Iraqis still lodged asylum applications in 39 out of the 44 industrialized countries covered by this report. One quarter of all Iraqi claims were lodged in Germany (6,300), with another quarter being submitted in Turkey (3,800; UNHCR procedure) and Sweden (2,300). In particular, the latter experienced a rather dramatic decrease in Iraqi claims in the past two years, with figures having fallen from as high as 18,600 in 2006.

The number of **Somalis** requesting refugee status in the industrialized world continued to rise during 2009, albeit at a much slower pace than during the past two years. More than 22,600 asylum-seekers were registered during the year, some 700 claims more than during 2008 (+3%). More than half of all

**Fig 7 Somali asylum claims lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 1991-2009**



Somali asylum requests were recorded in the Netherlands and Sweden alone (5,900 claims each). Whereas the number of asylum requests lodged by Somalis in these two countries increased significantly during the year (+53% and +75% respectively), the contrary is true for Italy, the main destination country in 2008. Here, figures fell from 4,500 to 1,400 asylum requests.

The number of asylum-seekers originating from the **Russian Federation** remained fairly stable. Some 20,400 asylum-seekers were registered in 2009, virtually the same number as the preceding year. Poland remained the prime destination with three out of every ten asylum requests being

lodged in that country. Austria and France also received a significant number of Russian asylum-seekers with 3,600 and 3,400 claims respectively.

With 20,100 asylum applications submitted by **Chinese** asylum-seekers in 2009, the figure is the highest since 2004 (20,400 claims). The number increased by 16 per cent compared to 2008 (17,400 claims). This made China the fifth most important source country of asylum-seekers in the industrialized world. Similar to previous years, the United States of America registered more than half of all Chinese asylum applications (11,600). France was the second largest recipient with 1,600 Chinese asylum requests, double the figure the year earlier (820 claims).

Citizens of **Serbia** submitted 18,600 asylum claims in 2009, 3,700 more than the year before (14,900 claims). France remained the prime destination with 5,200 claims registered, followed by Hungary (2,300), Belgium (2,100), Austria (2,000), and Germany (1,900). It is noteworthy that asylum claims from Serbia increased in all five countries, ranging from 20 per cent in Austria to 96 per cent in Belgium. About half the countries reporting monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR distinguish applicants originating from Kosovo in their data. The available evidence shows that in these countries, on average, 74 per cent of applicants from Serbia come from Kosovo. This compares to roughly 60 per cent the year earlier. Among the main receiving countries, the proportion of Kosovars is highest in France (86%), followed by Hungary (77%) and Belgium (75%).

Other important source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries in 2009 were **Nigeria** (13,300), the **Islamic Republic of Iran** (11,500), **Pakistan** (11,200), **Georgia** (11,000), and **Eritrea** (10,200). In the case of Georgia, the number of asylum claims has doubled compared to 2008.

Over the last five years, some changes have occurred in the ranking of the main countries of origin of asylum applicants. From 2005 to 2009, Afghans moved up the list from the 9<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> position. Somalia

was the 3<sup>rd</sup> most important source country in 2009 as compared to 11<sup>th</sup> place in 2005, while Serbia moved down from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> place during the same period. Georgia also saw a significant change, moving from 21<sup>st</sup> in 2006 to 10<sup>th</sup> place only four years later.

In total, 23 countries among the top 40 countries of origin showed an increase between 2008 and 2009. The highest relative increase was recorded for **Hungarian** citizens whose asylum claims went up seven-fold from 350 to 2,800. Similarly, there was a major increase in asylum applications lodged by **Czech** citizens whose numbers reached 2,100 claims during 2009, compared to only 900 the year earlier. In both cases, almost all Czech and Hungarian asylum claims were lodged in Canada by persons claiming to be of Roma origin. Since Canada imposed visa requirements for Czech citizens in July 2009, the number of Czech asylum requests dropped to a total of 60 claims between August and December 2009.

Among the major source countries of asylum-seekers, significant increases were also registered by asylum applicants originating from **Georgia** (+102%), **Mauritania** (+57%), **Zimbabwe** (+54%), **Afghanistan** (+45%), **Armenia** (+43%), and **Azerbaijan** (+36%). Conversely, among countries of origin whose nationals lodged 2,000 or more asylum claims during 2009, major decreases were recorded among asylum applicants originating from **Côte d'Ivoire** (-43%), **Iraq** (-40%), **Haiti** (-35%), and **Colombia** (-30%).

TABLE 5

Changes in the ranking of the top-10 countries of origin

|                      | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Afghanistan          | 9    | 6    | 8    | 4    | 1    |
| Iraq                 | 4    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 2    |
| Somalia              | 11   | 8    | 6    | 2    | 3    |
| Russian Federation   | 2    | 3    | 2    | 3    | 4    |
| China                | 3    | 2    | 3    | 5    | 5    |
| Serbia*              | 1    | 4    | 4    | 6    | 6    |
| Nigeria              | 8    | 13   | 13   | 7    | 7    |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 6    | 5    | 9    | 11   | 8    |
| Pakistan             | 10   | 9    | 5    | 8    | 9    |
| Georgia              | 14   | 21   | 20   | 17   | 10   |

\* Statistics prior to 2007 refer to Serbia and Montenegro.



## TABLE 1. NOTES

### a. Country notes

**Belgium.** Figures exclude accompanying children. Data include repeat applications (2,360 in 2005; 2,190 in 2006; 2,800 in 2007; 3,330 in 2008; and 4,260 in 2009).

**Canada.** Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

**Croatia.** In addition, UNHCR registered 7 applications for refugee status in 2005.

**Cyprus.** In addition, UNHCR registered asylum applications in the northern part of Cyprus in 2005 (25), 2006 (12), 2007 (44), and 2008 (19).

**Denmark.** Figures for 2007-2008 exclude Iraqi interpreters who worked for the Danish Forces in Iraq. Data for December 2009 has been extrapolated based on figures from Jan. to Nov.

**France.** Includes asylum applications of minors.

**Germany.** The delay in registering people and changes in the registration procedures have resulted in discrepancies between the cumulative total of monthly asylum claims and the total number of asylum claims. As such, Table 1 reflects the total number of asylum claims (28,910 in 2005; 21,030 in 2006; 19,160 in 2007; 22,085 in 2008; 27,650 in 2009) whereas all other tables in this report reflect the monthly totals (27,210 in 2005; 20,610 in 2006; 18,530 in 2007; 21,370 in 2008; and 26,840 in 2009).

**Italy.** The delay in registering people has resulted in discrepancies between the cumulative total of monthly asylum claims and the total number of asylum claims in Italy. As such, Table 1 reflects the total number of asylum claims (17,600) whereas all other tables in this report reflect the monthly total (15,440).

**Japan.** Figures are UNHCR estimates.

**Montenegro.** Prior to 2005, data for Montenegro is included in the Serbian data (Source: UNHCR). Data for 2008 and 2009 are Government figures.

**Netherlands.** Data prior to 2007 includes a significant number of repeat applications. The 2007-2009 figures are thus not comparable to previous years.

**Poland.** Data excludes a significant number of repeat applications.

**Serbia.** Data for 2005-2008 includes Kosovo. Source: UNHCR.

**Spain.** Includes applications lodged at Spanish embassies.

**Switzerland.** Figures exclude repeat applications.

**Turkey.** Source: UNHCR.

**United States.** Figures include (1) statistics from the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), based on the number of cases and multiplied by 1.4 to reflect the estimated number of individuals; and (2) the number of new ("defensive") requests lodged with the Department of Justice, 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 Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

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

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

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

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

Former Yugoslavia (6). Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, and TFYR Macedonia.

Total Europe (38). All European countries listed.

Source for national population: United Nations, Population Division, "World Population Prospects: The 2008 Revision", New York, 2009.

Source for Gross Domestic Product (PPP): International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, April 2009.

**Table 2. Asylum applications submitted in selected countries in Eastern Europe, 2005-2009**

All figures are based on annual data.

| Country of asylum  | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         | Total         | Annual change '09-'08 | Share |         | Rank |         | Per 1,000 inhabitants |            | Per 1 USD/GDP per capita |         |     |     |   |   |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------|-----|-----|---|---|
|                    |              |              |              |              |              |               |                       | 2009  | '05-'09 | 2009 | '05-'09 | 2009                  | '05-'09    | 2009                     | '05-'09 |     |     |   |   |
|                    |              |              |              |              |              |               |                       | 2009  | '05-'09 | 2009 | '05-'09 | 2009                  | '05-'09    | 2009                     | '05-'09 |     |     |   |   |
| Armenia            | 160          | 620          | 300          | 210          | 70           | 1,360         | -67%                  | 1%    | 5%      | 6    | 4       | 0.0                   | 0.4        | 4                        | 1       | 0.0 | 0.2 | 6 | 4 |
| Azerbaijan         | 1,050        | 670          | 540          | 380          | 250          | 2,890         | -34%                  | 5%    | 10%     | 3    | 3       | 0.0                   | 0.3        | 2                        | 2       | 0.0 | 0.3 | 4 | 3 |
| Belarus            | 210          | 90           | 50           | 90           | 160          | 600           | 78%                   | 3%    | 2%      | 4    | 5       | 0.0                   | 0.1        | 6                        | 6       | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5 | 6 |
| Georgia            | 20           | 30           | 20           | 40           | 40           | 150           | 0%                    | 1%    | 1%      | 7    | 7       | 0.0                   | 0.0        | 7                        | 7       | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7 | 7 |
| Rep. of Moldova    | 110          | 70           | 80           | 60           | 90           | 410           | 50%                   | 2%    | 1%      | 5    | 6       | 0.0                   | 0.1        | 3                        | 4       | 0.0 | 0.1 | 3 | 5 |
| Russian Federation | 960          | 1,170        | 3,370        | 5,420        | 2,710        | 13,630        | -50%                  | 58%   | 47%     | 1    | 1       | 0.0                   | 0.1        | 5                        | 5       | 0.2 | 0.8 | 2 | 2 |
| Ukraine            | 1,770        | 2,080        | 2,270        | 2,240        | 1,360        | 9,720         | -39%                  | 29%   | 34%     | 2    | 2       | 0.0                   | 0.2        | 1                        | 3       | 0.2 | 1.3 | 1 | 1 |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>4,280</b> | <b>4,730</b> | <b>6,630</b> | <b>8,440</b> | <b>4,680</b> | <b>28,760</b> | <b>-45%</b>           |       |         |      |         | <b>0.0</b>            | <b>0.1</b> |                          |         |     |     |   |   |

#### Notes

Source: Governments, UNHCR

All figures in this table have been rounded to the closest ten.

**Azerbaijan.** Source: Government and UNHCR.

**Russian Federation.** In addition, 2,990 persons applied for temporary asylum in 2009.

Source for national population: United Nations, Population Division, "World Population Prospects: The 2008 Revision", New York, 2009.

Source for Gross Domestic Product (PPP): International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, April 2009.

**Table 3. Origin of asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2008 and 2009**

Covering all 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

| Origin                 | 2008    | 2009    | Total   | Annual change | Share |       | Rank |      |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|-------|-------|------|------|
|                        |         |         |         |               | 2008  | 2009  | 2008 | 2009 |
| Iraq                   | 40,366  | 24,341  | 64,707  | -40%          | 11.1  | 6.7   | 1    | 2    |
| Afghanistan            | 18,453  | 26,803  | 45,256  | 45%           | 5.1   | 7.4   | 4    | 1    |
| Somalia                | 21,820  | 22,558  | 44,378  | 3%            | 6.0   | 6.2   | 2    | 3    |
| Russian Federation     | 20,443  | 20,367  | 40,810  | 0%            | 5.6   | 5.6   | 3    | 4    |
| China                  | 17,401  | 20,100  | 37,501  | 16%           | 4.8   | 5.5   | 5    | 5    |
| Serbia*                | 14,894  | 18,597  | 33,491  | 25%           | 4.1   | 5.1   | 6    | 6    |
| Nigeria                | 13,688  | 13,310  | 26,998  | -3%           | 3.8   | 3.7   | 7    | 7    |
| Pakistan               | 13,262  | 11,184  | 24,446  | -16%          | 3.6   | 3.1   | 8    | 9    |
| Eritrea                | 12,294  | 10,164  | 22,458  | -17%          | 3.4   | 2.8   | 9    | 11   |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | 10,765  | 11,479  | 22,244  | 7%            | 3.0   | 3.2   | 11   | 8    |
| Mexico                 | 12,181  | 9,987   | 22,168  | -18%          | 3.3   | 2.7   | 10   | 12   |
| Sri Lanka              | 9,612   | 9,979   | 19,591  | 4%            | 2.6   | 2.7   | 12   | 13   |
| Georgia                | 5,454   | 10,994  | 16,448  | 102%          | 1.5   | 3.0   | 17   | 10   |
| Turkey                 | 7,368   | 6,943   | 14,311  | -6%           | 2.0   | 1.9   | 13   | 15   |
| Zimbabwe               | 5,546   | 8,527   | 14,073  | 54%           | 1.5   | 2.3   | 16   | 14   |
| Bangladesh             | 6,180   | 6,189   | 12,369  | 0%            | 1.7   | 1.7   | 15   | 17   |
| Haiti                  | 7,122   | 4,620   | 11,742  | -35%          | 2.0   | 1.3   | 14   | 21   |
| Armenia                | 4,361   | 6,226   | 10,587  | 43%           | 1.2   | 1.7   | 22   | 16   |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 5,191   | 5,189   | 10,380  | 0%            | 1.4   | 1.4   | 18   | 18   |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | 4,824   | 5,029   | 9,853   | 4%            | 1.3   | 1.4   | 20   | 19   |
| India                  | 4,782   | 4,570   | 9,352   | -4%           | 1.3   | 1.3   | 21   | 22   |
| Guinea                 | 3,993   | 4,969   | 8,962   | 24%           | 1.1   | 1.4   | 24   | 20   |
| Colombia               | 4,994   | 3,517   | 8,511   | -30%          | 1.4   | 1.0   | 19   | 24   |
| Algeria                | 3,548   | 3,771   | 7,319   | 6%            | 1.0   | 1.0   | 26   | 23   |
| Ethiopia               | 3,413   | 3,515   | 6,928   | 3%            | 0.9   | 1.0   | 27   | 25   |
| Côte d'Ivoire          | 4,148   | 2,373   | 6,521   | -43%          | 1.1   | 0.7   | 23   | 33   |
| El Salvador            | 3,314   | 2,935   | 6,249   | -11%          | 0.9   | 0.8   | 28   | 27   |
| Stateless              | 2,793   | 3,264   | 6,057   | 17%           | 0.8   | 0.9   | 30   | 26   |
| Sudan                  | 2,652   | 2,520   | 5,172   | -5%           | 0.7   | 0.7   | 31   | 28   |
| Mali                   | 3,667   | 1,390   | 5,057   | -62%          | 1.0   | 0.4   | 25   | 39   |
| Ghana                  | 2,820   | 1,979   | 4,799   | -30%          | 0.8   | 0.5   | 29   | 36   |
| Cameroon               | 2,584   | 2,087   | 4,671   | -19%          | 0.7   | 0.6   | 32   | 35   |
| Viet Nam               | 1,982   | 2,420   | 4,402   | 22%           | 0.5   | 0.7   | 36   | 32   |
| Albania                | 1,923   | 2,451   | 4,374   | 27%           | 0.5   | 0.7   | 37   | 31   |
| Mongolia               | 1,869   | 2,471   | 4,340   | 32%           | 0.5   | 0.7   | 38   | 30   |
| Azerbaijan             | 1,828   | 2,477   | 4,305   | 36%           | 0.5   | 0.7   | 39   | 29   |
| Guatemala              | 2,189   | 2,095   | 4,284   | -4%           | 0.6   | 0.6   | 34   | 34   |
| Myanmar                | 1,992   | 1,587   | 3,579   | -20%          | 0.5   | 0.4   | 35   | 38   |
| United States          | 2,367   | 1,204   | 3,571   | -49%          | 0.6   | 0.3   | 33   | 40   |
| Nepal                  | 1,637   | 1,708   | 3,345   | 4%            | 0.4   | 0.5   | 40   | 37   |
| Other                  | 54,542  | 57,774  | 112,316 | 6%            | 15.0  | 15.9  |      |      |
| Total                  | 364,262 | 363,663 | 579,815 |               | 100.0 | 100.0 |      |      |

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

**Table 4. Origin of asylum applications lodged in Europe, 2008 and 2009**

Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

| Origin                 | 2008    | 2009    | Total   | Annual change | Share |       |       | Rank |      |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
|                        |         |         |         |               | 2008  | 2009  | Total | 2008 | 2009 |
| Iraq                   | 38,983  | 23,332  | 62,315  | -40%          | 13.9  | 8.2   | 11.0  | 1    | 2    |
| Afghanistan            | 17,914  | 25,310  | 43,224  | 41%           | 6.4   | 8.9   | 7.7   | 4    | 1    |
| Somalia                | 21,045  | 21,697  | 42,742  | 3%            | 7.5   | 7.7   | 7.6   | 2    | 3    |
| Russian Federation     | 19,440  | 19,194  | 38,634  | -1%           | 6.9   | 6.8   | 6.8   | 3    | 4    |
| Serbia*                | 14,500  | 18,304  | 32,804  | 26%           | 5.2   | 6.5   | 5.8   | 5    | 5    |
| Nigeria                | 12,699  | 12,307  | 25,006  | -3%           | 4.5   | 4.3   | 4.4   | 6    | 6    |
| Pakistan               | 12,117  | 9,843   | 21,960  | -19%          | 4.3   | 3.5   | 3.9   | 7    | 9    |
| Eritrea                | 11,678  | 9,498   | 21,176  | -19%          | 4.2   | 3.4   | 3.8   | 8    | 10   |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | 9,919   | 10,398  | 20,317  | 5%            | 3.5   | 3.7   | 3.6   | 9    | 8    |
| Georgia                | 5,277   | 10,812  | 16,089  | 105%          | 1.9   | 3.8   | 2.8   | 13   | 7    |
| Sri Lanka              | 7,635   | 8,004   | 15,639  | 5%            | 2.7   | 2.8   | 2.8   | 10   | 11   |
| Turkey                 | 6,855   | 6,434   | 13,289  | -6%           | 2.4   | 2.3   | 2.4   | 11   | 13   |
| Zimbabwe               | 4,710   | 7,766   | 12,476  | 65%           | 1.7   | 2.7   | 2.2   | 14   | 12   |
| Bangladesh             | 5,707   | 5,747   | 11,454  | 1%            | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 12   | 16   |
| China                  | 4,598   | 5,822   | 10,420  | 27%           | 1.6   | 2.1   | 1.8   | 17   | 15   |
| Armenia                | 4,034   | 5,963   | 9,997   | 48%           | 1.4   | 2.1   | 1.8   | 18   | 14   |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | 4,662   | 4,870   | 9,532   | 4%            | 1.7   | 1.7   | 1.7   | 15   | 17   |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 4,625   | 4,734   | 9,359   | 2%            | 1.6   | 1.7   | 1.7   | 16   | 18   |
| Guinea                 | 3,474   | 4,389   | 7,863   | 26%           | 1.2   | 1.5   | 1.4   | 20   | 19   |
| Algeria                | 3,429   | 3,619   | 7,048   | 6%            | 1.2   | 1.3   | 1.2   | 22   | 20   |
| Côte d'Ivoire          | 3,865   | 2,067   | 5,932   | -47%          | 1.4   | 0.7   | 1.1   | 19   | 27   |
| India                  | 2,969   | 2,932   | 5,901   | -1%           | 1.1   | 1.0   | 1.0   | 23   | 22   |
| Stateless              | 2,606   | 3,071   | 5,677   | 18%           | 0.9   | 1.1   | 1.0   | 25   | 21   |
| Sudan                  | 2,430   | 2,326   | 4,756   | -4%           | 0.9   | 0.8   | 0.8   | 26   | 24   |
| Mali                   | 3,443   | 1,144   | 4,587   | -67%          | 1.2   | 0.4   | 0.8   | 21   | 37   |
| Ghana                  | 2,671   | 1,794   | 4,465   | -33%          | 0.9   | 0.6   | 0.8   | 24   | 30   |
| Azerbaijan             | 1,761   | 2,400   | 4,161   | 36%           | 0.6   | 0.8   | 0.7   | 29   | 23   |
| Viet Nam               | 1,795   | 2,246   | 4,041   | 25%           | 0.6   | 0.8   | 0.7   | 28   | 26   |
| Mongolia               | 1,673   | 2,259   | 3,932   | 35%           | 0.6   | 0.8   | 0.7   | 31   | 25   |
| Ethiopia               | 1,808   | 2,002   | 3,810   | 11%           | 0.6   | 0.7   | 0.7   | 27   | 29   |
| Albania                | 1,347   | 2,027   | 3,374   | 50%           | 0.5   | 0.7   | 0.6   | 34   | 28   |
| Cameroon               | 1,741   | 1,488   | 3,229   | -15%          | 0.6   | 0.5   | 0.6   | 30   | 33   |
| Gambia                 | 1,334   | 1,517   | 2,851   | 14%           | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   | 35   | 32   |
| Mauritania             | 1,036   | 1,654   | 2,690   | 60%           | 0.4   | 0.6   | 0.5   | 37   | 31   |
| Lebanon                | 1,428   | 1,050   | 2,478   | -26%          | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.4   | 33   | 39   |
| Haiti                  | 941     | 1,464   | 2,405   | 56%           | 0.3   | 0.5   | 0.4   | 40   | 34   |
| Congo                  | 1,255   | 1,075   | 2,330   | -14%          | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.4   | 36   | 38   |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 962     | 1,340   | 2,302   | 39%           | 0.3   | 0.5   | 0.4   | 39   | 35   |
| Morocco                | 1,036   | 1,194   | 2,230   | 15%           | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.4   | 37   | 36   |
| Togo                   | 1,483   | 661     | 2,144   | -55%          | 0.5   | 0.2   | 0.4   | 32   | 40   |
| Other                  | 30,325  | 29,624  | 59,949  | -2%           | 10.8  | 10.5  | 10.6  |      |      |
| Total                  | 281,210 | 283,378 | 564,588 |               | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |      |      |

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



**Table 5. Origin of asylum applications lodged in the European Union (27), 2008 and 2009**

Covering 27 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

| Origin                 | 2008    | 2009    | Total   | Annual change | Share |       |       | Rank |      |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
|                        |         |         |         |               | 2008  | 2009  | Total | 2008 | 2009 |
| Iraq                   | 27,603  | 17,544  | 45,147  | -36%          | 11.6  | 7.2   | 9.4   | 1    | 4    |
| Russian Federation     | 18,182  | 17,887  | 36,069  | -2%           | 7.6   | 7.4   | 7.5   | 2    | 3    |
| Somalia                | 17,112  | 18,653  | 35,765  | 9%            | 7.2   | 7.7   | 7.4   | 3    | 2    |
| Afghanistan            | 13,514  | 19,393  | 32,907  | 44%           | 5.7   | 8.0   | 6.8   | 4    | 1    |
| Serbia*                | 12,633  | 16,791  | 29,424  | 33%           | 5.3   | 6.9   | 6.1   | 5    | 5    |
| Pakistan               | 12,007  | 9,562   | 21,569  | -20%          | 5.0   | 3.9   | 4.5   | 6    | 8    |
| Nigeria                | 11,280  | 9,971   | 21,251  | -12%          | 4.7   | 4.1   | 4.4   | 7    | 7    |
| Georgia                | 4,846   | 10,222  | 15,068  | 111%          | 2.0   | 4.2   | 3.1   | 13   | 6    |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | 6,734   | 7,588   | 14,322  | 13%           | 2.8   | 3.1   | 3.0   | 9    | 10   |
| Sri Lanka              | 6,042   | 6,382   | 12,424  | 6%            | 2.5   | 2.6   | 2.6   | 11   | 11   |
| Zimbabwe               | 4,646   | 7,712   | 12,358  | 66%           | 2.0   | 3.2   | 2.6   | 14   | 9    |
| Turkey                 | 6,298   | 5,868   | 12,166  | -7%           | 2.6   | 2.4   | 2.5   | 10   | 12   |
| Eritrea                | 6,974   | 5,027   | 12,001  | -28%          | 2.9   | 2.1   | 2.5   | 8    | 16   |
| Bangladesh             | 5,665   | 5,663   | 11,328  | 0%            | 2.4   | 2.3   | 2.4   | 12   | 14   |
| Armenia                | 3,960   | 5,858   | 9,818   | 48%           | 1.7   | 2.4   | 2.0   | 18   | 13   |
| China                  | 4,281   | 5,410   | 9,691   | 26%           | 1.8   | 2.2   | 2.0   | 15   | 15   |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 4,220   | 4,418   | 8,638   | 5%            | 1.8   | 1.8   | 1.8   | 16   | 17   |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | 4,162   | 4,167   | 8,329   | 0%            | 1.7   | 1.7   | 1.7   | 17   | 18   |
| Guinea                 | 3,208   | 4,015   | 7,223   | 25%           | 1.3   | 1.7   | 1.5   | 21   | 19   |
| Algeria                | 3,133   | 3,195   | 6,328   | 2%            | 1.3   | 1.3   | 1.3   | 22   | 20   |
| India                  | 2,867   | 2,874   | 5,741   | 0%            | 1.2   | 1.2   | 1.2   | 23   | 21   |
| Côte d'Ivoire          | 3,673   | 1,906   | 5,579   | -48%          | 1.5   | 0.8   | 1.2   | 19   | 26   |
| Mali                   | 3,415   | 1,104   | 4,519   | -68%          | 1.4   | 0.5   | 0.9   | 20   | 35   |
| Ghana                  | 2,584   | 1,688   | 4,272   | -35%          | 1.1   | 0.7   | 0.9   | 24   | 29   |
| Azerbaijan             | 1,691   | 2,319   | 4,010   | 37%           | 0.7   | 1.0   | 0.8   | 27   | 22   |
| Viet Nam               | 1,758   | 2,218   | 3,976   | 26%           | 0.7   | 0.9   | 0.8   | 26   | 23   |
| Sudan                  | 2,068   | 1,891   | 3,959   | -9%           | 0.9   | 0.8   | 0.8   | 25   | 27   |
| Mongolia               | 1,517   | 1,977   | 3,494   | 30%           | 0.6   | 0.8   | 0.7   | 30   | 24   |
| Stateless              | 1,652   | 1,772   | 3,424   | 7%            | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.7   | 28   | 28   |
| Albania                | 1,255   | 1,966   | 3,221   | 57%           | 0.5   | 0.8   | 0.7   | 34   | 25   |
| Cameroon               | 1,620   | 1,372   | 2,992   | -15%          | 0.7   | 0.6   | 0.6   | 29   | 32   |
| Mauritania             | 966     | 1,552   | 2,518   | 61%           | 0.4   | 0.6   | 0.5   | 37   | 30   |
| Ethiopia               | 1,277   | 1,134   | 2,411   | -11%          | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   | 33   | 34   |
| Haiti                  | 940     | 1,463   | 2,403   | 56%           | 0.4   | 0.6   | 0.5   | 40   | 31   |
| Gambia                 | 1,095   | 1,275   | 2,370   | 16%           | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   | 36   | 33   |
| Lebanon                | 1,346   | 985     | 2,331   | -27%          | 0.6   | 0.4   | 0.5   | 32   | 39   |
| Congo                  | 1,227   | 1,060   | 2,287   | -14%          | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.5   | 35   | 38   |
| Republic of Moldova    | 955     | 1,086   | 2,041   | 14%           | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.4   | 38   | 36   |
| Morocco                | 954     | 1,082   | 2,036   | 13%           | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.4   | 39   | 37   |
| Togo                   | 1,379   | 543     | 1,922   | -61%          | 0.6   | 0.2   | 0.4   | 31   | 40   |
| Other                  | 27,377  | 26,325  | 53,702  | -4%           | 11.5  | 10.8  | 11.2  |      |      |
| Total                  | 238,116 | 242,918 | 481,034 | 2%            | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |      |      |

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**Table 6. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, 2008**

Covering the 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

| Origin                 | Albania | Australia | Austria | Belgium | Bosnia and H. | Bulgaria | Canada | Croatia | Cyprus | Czech Rep. | Denmark** | Estonia | Finland | France | Germany |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| Iraq                   | -       | 193       | 490     | 1,070   | -             | 350      | 310    | -       | 170    | 27         | 543       | *       | 1,253   | 627    | 6,697   |
| Somalia                | -       | 15        | 411     | 163     | -             | 14       | 441    | *       | *      | *          | 58        | -       | 1,176   | 92     | 166     |
| Russian Federation     | -       | 21        | 3,435   | 1,615   | -             | 7        | 280    | 8       | 27     | 80         | 183       | *       | 208     | 3,579  | 768     |
| Afghanistan            | -       | 52        | 1,382   | 879     | -             | 55       | 408    | *       | 33     | 28         | 418       | -       | 249     | 263    | 650     |
| China                  | -       | 1,226     | 236     | 189     | -             | 10       | 1,476  | -       | 91     | 32         | 19        | -       | 6       | 821    | 285     |
| Serbia***              | 5       | *         | 1,702   | 1,050   | 82            | *        | 41     | 62      | -      | 27         | 118       | -       | 159     | 3,129  | 1,511   |
| Nigeria                | -       | 25        | 535     | 59      | -             | 18       | 765    | *       | 100    | 42         | 29        | *       | 76      | 459    | 500     |
| Pakistan               | -       | 220       | 106     | 150     | *             | *        | 368    | 16      | 221    | 13         | 14        | -       | 8       | 325    | 309     |
| Eritrea                | -       | 6         | 19      | 35      | -             | -        | 178    | -       | -      | -          | 15        | -       | *       | 120    | 247     |
| Mexico                 | -       | -         | -       | -       | -             | -        | 9,413  | -       | -      | -          | -         | -       | *       | -      | -       |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | -       | 158       | 250     | 614     | -             | 19       | 284    | 7       | 213    | *          | 196       | -       | 143     | 147    | 804     |
| Sri Lanka              | *       | 417       | 14      | 148     | -             | 17       | 1,000  | 8       | 408    | 6          | 53        | -       | 36      | 2,304  | 459     |
| Turkey                 | -       | 36        | 417     | 284     | *             | 7        | 230    | 10      | 72     | 251        | 39        | *       | 65      | 2,196  | 1,320   |
| Haiti                  | -       | -         | -       | *       | -             | -        | 4,247  | -       | -      | -          | *         | -       | -       | 925    | *       |
| Bangladesh             | -       | 131       | 52      | 79      | -             | *        | 96     | -       | 178    | -          | 14        | -       | 9       | 1,242  | 41      |
| Zimbabwe               | -       | 214       | 12      | 8       | -             | -        | 348    | -       | *      | -          | 5         | -       | *       | 15     | 69      |
| Georgia                | -       | *         | 511     | 222     | -             | *        | 92     | -       | 122    | 39         | 25        | *       | 13      | 376    | 233     |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | -       | 8         | 65      | 579     | -             | *        | 437    | -       | 5      | 11         | 9         | -       | 31      | 2,485  | 166     |
| Colombia               | -       | 23        | -       | *       | -             | -        | 3,069  | -       | -      | -          | -         | -       | -       | 116    | 8       |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | -       | 16        | 140     | 281     | -             | 20       | 76     | -       | 963    | 63         | 105       | -       | 24      | 32     | 744     |

| Origin                 | Greece | Hungary | Iceland | Ireland | Italy | Japan | Latvia | Liechtenstein | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Malta | Montenegro | Netherlands | New Zealand | Norway |
|------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|--------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Iraq                   | 1,760  | 125     | 5       | 203     | 803   | *     | -      | -             | *         | 29         | 5     | -          | 5,027       | 33          | 3,137  |
| Somalia                | 149    | 185     | *       | 141     | 4,473 | -     | -      | -             | -         | 10         | 1,081 | -          | 3,842       | *           | 1,293  |
| Russian Federation     | 125    | 21      | *       | 30      | 14    | -     | 5      | *             | 138       | 13         | -     | -          | 95          | *           | 1,078  |
| Afghanistan            | 2,287  | 116     | 5       | 79      | 2,005 | *     | 10     | -             | *         | *          | -     | *          | 395         | *           | 1,363  |
| China                  | 55     | 55      | *       | 180     | 44    | 18    | -      | -             | *         | *          | -     | -          | 563         | 24          | 81     |
| Serbia***              | 6      | 1,593   | 15      | 41      | 851   | -     | -      | *             | *         | 219        | -     | *          | 28          | -           | 675    |
| Nigeria                | 746    | 56      | 5       | 1,008   | 5,333 | 10    | *      | -             | *         | 5          | 223   | -          | 97          | *           | 436    |
| Pakistan               | 6,914  | 246     | *       | 237     | 920   | 37    | *      | -             | 6         | -          | *     | -          | 46          | *           | 38     |
| Eritrea                | 47     | -       | *       | 78      | 2,739 | -     | -      | -             | -         | 11         | 176   | -          | 236         | *           | 1,799  |
| Mexico                 | -      | -       | -       | -       | -     | -     | -      | -             | -         | -          | -     | -          | -           | *           | *      |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | 312    | 10      | *       | 65      | 141   | 38    | -      | *             | *         | 18         | -     | -          | 322         | 28          | 720    |
| Sri Lanka              | 123    | 12      | 5       | 11      | 221   | 90    | *      | -             | 6         | -          | 5     | -          | 216         | 26          | 342    |
| Turkey                 | 53     | 70      | -       | 5       | 759   | 156   | *      | *             | *         | *          | *     | -          | 71          | *           | 82     |
| Haiti                  | -      | -       | -       | -       | -     | -     | -      | -             | -         | -          | -     | -          | -           | -           | -      |
| Bangladesh             | 1,778  | 35      | -       | 47      | 1,322 | 33    | *      | -             | -         | -          | -     | -          | 9           | 9           | 8      |
| Zimbabwe               | -      | *       | -       | 114     | 42    | *     | -      | -             | *         | -          | *     | -          | 10          | 8           | 17     |
| Georgia                | 2,241  | 165     | *       | 180     | 46    | -     | 17     | *             | 7         | *          | *     | *          | 64          | -           | 19     |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 12     | -       | -       | 172     | 63    | 14    | -      | -             | *         | 6          | *     | -          | 40          | *           | 107    |
| Colombia               | -      | -       | -       | 62      | 7     | -     | -      | -             | -         | -          | -     | -          | 34          | *           | 9      |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | 808    | 16      | *       | 17      | 36    | -     | *      | -             | 5         | -          | *     | -          | 48          | *           | 115    |

| Origin                 | Poland | Portugal | Rep. of Korea | Romania | Serbia | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain | Sweden | Switzerland | TYR Macedonia | Turkey | United Kingdom | United States**** |
|------------------------|--------|----------|---------------|---------|--------|----------|----------|-------|--------|-------------|---------------|--------|----------------|-------------------|
| Iraq                   | 66     | *        | *             | 133     | 12     | 45       | -        | 61    | 6,083  | 1,321       | *             | 6,904  | 2,030          | 841               |
| Somalia                | *      | *        | -             | 8       | *      | -        | -        | 195   | 3,361  | 1,988       | *             | 647    | 1,575          | 315               |
| Russian Federation     | 6,647  | -        | *             | 11      | -      | 107      | *        | 63    | 933    | 166         | -             | -      | 70             | 700               |
| Afghanistan            | *      | *        | -             | 5       | -      | 75       | 10       | 50    | 784    | 382         | 6             | 2,642  | 3,730          | 73                |
| China                  | 20     | *        | 30            | 53      | -      | 44       | *        | 6     | 75     | 208         | -             | 27     | 1,490          | 10,029            |
| Serbia***              | *      | *        | -             | 25      | -      | 16       | 69       | *     | 1,989  | 991         | 34            | -      | 80             | 99                |
| Nigeria                | 19     | 8        | 27            | 7       | *      | *        | 7        | 801   | 176    | 964         | *             | 7      | 970            | 161               |
| Pakistan               | 15     | -        | 47            | 252     | -      | 95       | *        | 52    | 59     | 44          | -             | 9      | 2,010          | 470               |
| Eritrea                | -      | 5        | -             | -       | -      | -        | -        | 43    | 857    | 2,827       | -             | 76     | 2,345          | 430               |
| Mexico                 | -      | -        | -             | -       | -      | -        | -        | 8     | -      | *           | -             | -      | -              | 2,751             |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | *      | *        | 7             | 8       | -      | 5        | 11       | 64    | 799    | 338         | *             | 2,116  | 2,585          | 331               |
| Sri Lanka              | 17     | 27       | 71            | 7       | -      | 13       | *        | 61    | 35     | 1,194       | -             | 42     | 1,840          | 373               |
| Turkey                 | 17     | -        | -             | 79      | -      | 7        | 72       | 26    | 254    | 461         | *             | -      | 225            | 90                |
| Haiti                  | *      | -        | -             | -       | -      | -        | -        | 5     | *      | *           | -             | -      | -              | 1,934             |
| Bangladesh             | *      | -        | 30            | 172     | -      | 42       | -        | 38    | 93     | 31          | -             | *      | 500            | 174               |
| Zimbabwe               | -      | -        | -             | *       | -      | -        | -        | 15    | 15     | 47          | -             | -      | 4,330          | 265               |
| Georgia                | 54     | 5        | -             | 43      | 17     | 112      | *        | 62    | 211    | 389         | -             | -      | 85             | 84                |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | *      | 17       | 11            | *       | -      | *        | *        | 103   | 60     | 226         | -             | 72     | 380            | 93                |
| Colombia               | -      | 24       | -             | -       | -      | -        | -        | 753   | 10     | 43          | -             | -      | 25             | 804               |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | 8      | -        | -             | 11      | 5      | 8        | -        | 97    | 551    | 357         | -             | 22     | 180            | 68                |

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

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

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

**Table 7. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, 2009**

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

| Origin                 | Albania | Australia | Austria | Belgium | Bosnia and H. | Bulgaria | Canada | Croatia | Cyprus | Czech Rep. | Denmark** | Estonia | Finland | France | Germany |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| Afghanistan            | -       | 940       | 2,233   | 1,659   | -             | 58       | 410    | 25      | 49     | *          | 915       | 9       | 445     | 688    | 3,302   |
| Iraq                   | -       | 288       | 399     | 1,386   | *             | 307      | 244    | *       | 189    | 11         | 297       | *       | 1,183   | 588    | 6,349   |
| Somalia                | -       | 19        | 347     | 216     | -             | 12       | 474    | -       | -      | *          | 159       | -       | 1,169   | 278    | 340     |
| Russian Federation     | -       | 7         | 3,560   | 1,605   | *             | 12       | 297    | *       | 25     | 57         | 285       | 5       | 599     | 3,383  | 925     |
| China                  | *       | 1,186     | 397     | 329     | -             | 5        | 1,484  | -       | 88     | 17         | 17        | -       | 6       | 1,602  | 357     |
| Serbia***              | *       | *         | 2,036   | 2,053   | 34            | *        | 99     | 31      | *      | 29         | 237       | -       | 336     | 5,236  | 1,910   |
| Nigeria                | -       | 37        | 838     | 101     | *             | 15       | 768    | *       | 97     | 41         | 52        | *       | 130     | 685    | 708     |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | *       | 303       | 339     | 732     | -             | 50       | 305    | 10      | 171    | 5          | 306       | -       | 159     | 194    | 1,154   |
| Pakistan               | -       | 256       | 183     | 233     | -             | 8        | 397    | 13      | 212    | *          | 48        | -       | 11      | 633    | 462     |
| Georgia                | -       | *         | 976     | 327     | *             | 16       | 66     | *       | 73     | 33         | 11        | 6       | 22      | 471    | 544     |
| Eritrea                | -       | 12        | 21      | 69      | -             | -        | 174    | *       | -      | *          | 35        | -       | 12      | 420    | 331     |
| Mexico                 | -       | -         | -       | *       | -             | -        | 7,561  | -       | -      | -          | -         | -       | -       | 7      | *       |
| Sri Lanka              | -       | 553       | 24      | 216     | -             | 13       | 825    | -       | 248    | 9          | 57        | *       | 100     | 3,097  | 523     |
| Zimbabwe               | -       | 344       | 12      | *       | -             | -        | 211    | -       | *      | *          | 9         | -       | *       | 22     | 75      |
| Turkey                 | -       | 60        | 554     | 260     | *             | 23       | 231    | 6       | 76     | 66         | 28        | -       | 140     | 2,045  | 1,355   |
| Armenia                | -       | -         | 439     | 1,099   | -             | 39       | 18     | *       | 14     | 19         | 16        | *       | 11      | 3,114  | 241     |
| Bangladesh             | -       | 68        | 95      | 75      | -             | *        | 112    | *       | 165    | 6          | 14        | -       | 13      | 1,441  | 47      |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | -       | *         | 60      | 667     | -             | -        | 326    | -       | 8      | 18         | 22        | *       | 56      | 2,784  | 143     |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | -       | 12        | 274     | 347     | *             | 30       | 89     | -       | 224    | 46         | 327       | 5       | 36      | 61     | 798     |
| Guinea                 | -       | *         | 57      | 1,052   | -             | *        | 101    | -       | 13     | 9          | 8         | -       | 20      | 1,665  | 231     |

| Origin                 | Greece | Hungary | Iceland | Ireland | Italy | Japan**** | Latvia | Liechtenstein | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Malta | Montenegro | Netherlands | New Zealand | Norway |
|------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-----------|--------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Afghanistan            | 1,510  | 1,194   | *       | 68      | 506   | 5         | 18     | *             | 8         | 13         | -     | -          | 1,281       | *           | 3,871  |
| Iraq                   | 886    | 57      | *       | 76      | 311   | -         | *      | -             | 10        | 65         | *     | -          | 1,991       | 26          | 1,214  |
| Somalia                | 140    | 75      | *       | 84      | 1,415 | -         | -      | 118           | -         | 8          | 1,445 | -          | 5,889       | *           | 1,901  |
| Russian Federation     | 97     | 27      | -       | 33      | 21    | -         | *      | 19            | 46        | 27         | *     | *          | 151         | *           | 867    |
| China                  | 354    | 45      | -       | 194     | 44    | 18        | -      | *             | -         | -          | -     | -          | 304         | 20          | 71     |
| Serbia***              | 18     | 2,322   | -       | 35      | 425   | -         | -      | 8             | -         | 149        | -     | 8          | 75          | -           | 406    |
| Nigeria                | 780    | 66      | *       | 569     | 3,786 | 17        | -      | *             | *         | 6          | 280   | -          | 151         | *           | 582    |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | 303    | 87      | 7       | 38      | 160   | 40        | *      | *             | *         | 24         | -     | -          | 502         | 24          | 574    |
| Pakistan               | 3,716  | 41      | -       | 258     | 1,187 | 91        | -      | *             | 8         | *          | -     | -          | 42          | 18          | 139    |
| Georgia                | 2,170  | 116     | -       | 88      | 82    | -         | *      | -             | 74        | *          | -     | -          | 412         | -           | 47     |
| Eritrea                | 47     | -       | *       | 47      | 824   | -         | *      | 110           | -         | 10         | 273   | -          | 475         | -           | 2,667  |
| Mexico                 | -      | *       | -       | -       | *     | -         | -      | -             | -         | 5          | -     | -          | *           | *           | *      |
| Sri Lanka              | 122    | 28      | *       | 16      | 146   | 233       | -      | -             | 17        | -          | -     | -          | 193         | 30          | 212    |
| Zimbabwe               | *      | -       | -       | 91      | 25    | -         | -      | -             | -         | -          | -     | -          | 13          | 9           | 36     |
| Turkey                 | 71     | 114     | *       | * 457   | 94    | *         | *      | *             | *         | *          | *     | -          | 69          | *           | 82     |
| Armenia                | 73     | 12      | -       | 10      | 9     | -         | -      | -             | *         | *          | *     | -          | 349         | -           | 30     |
| Bangladesh             | 1,809  | 26      | -       | 29      | 1,233 | 51        | *      | -             | -         | *          | 23    | -          | 14          | 7           | 20     |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 11     | 7       | *       | 101     | 37    | 18        | *      | -             | -         | *          | *     | -          | 33          | *           | 107    |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | 965    | 19      | *       | * 87    | -     | *         | -      | 5             | 6         | *          | 14    | -          | 101         | 8           | 278    |
| Guinea                 | 117    | *       | -       | 15      | 213   | 5         | -      | -             | -         | 6          | 21    | -          | 235         | -           | 75     |

| Origin                 | Poland | Portugal | Rep. of Korea | Romania | Serbia | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain | Sweden | Switzerland | TMYR Macedonia | Turkey | United Kingdom | United States**** |
|------------------------|--------|----------|---------------|---------|--------|----------|----------|-------|--------|-------------|----------------|--------|----------------|-------------------|
| Afghanistan            | 14     | -        | 8             | 87      | 218    | 51       | 11       | 43    | 1,694  | 719         | 71             | 1,009  | 3,535          | 129               |
| Iraq                   | 21     | -        | *             | 71      | *      | 13       | *        | 36    | 2,297  | 801         | *              | 3,763  | 990            | 450               |
| Somalia                | *      | -        | -             | *       | *      | 13       | -        | 104   | 5,874  | 727         | -              | 295    | 1,080          | 365               |
| Russian Federation     | 5,726  | *        | 5             | 7       | *      | 72       | 5        | 55    | 1,058  | 408         | -              | 5      | 100            | 862               |
| China                  | 16     | -        | 19            | 61      | -      | 39       | *        | 11    | 105    | 327         | -              | 12     | 1,415          | 11,551            |
| Serbia***              | *      | 0        | -             | 19      | -      | 19       | 39       | *     | 1,806  | 1,020       | 5              | -      | 40             | 193               |
| Nigeria                | 23     | 9        | 16            | 12      | *      | 9        | 9        | 459   | 321    | 1,725       | *              | 20     | 820            | 163               |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | 5      | *        | 11            | 16      | 13     | 10       | 9        | 45    | 1,144  | 223         | -              | 1,981  | 2,125          | 398               |
| Pakistan               | 19     | *        | 95            | 92      | *      | 168      | 6        | 57    | 137    | 90          | -              | 36     | 2,035          | 484               |
| Georgia                | 4,182  | *        | -             | 26      | *      | 98       | -        | 36    | 359    | 536         | -              | -      | 95             | 113               |
| Eritrea                | -      | 21       | -             | -       | -      | -        | *        | 33    | 1,000  | 1,625       | -              | 66     | 1,405          | 480               |
| Mexico                 | -      | -        | -             | -       | -      | -        | -        | 26    | *      | *           | -              | -      | 5              | 2,364             |
| Sri Lanka              | 11     | 8        | 26            | 6       | 17     | 18       | 6        | 36    | 58     | 1,363       | -              | 29     | 1,430          | 308               |
| Zimbabwe               | -      | *        | -             | *       | -      | -        | -        | 20    | 9      | 18          | -              | -      | 7,420          | 197               |
| Turkey                 | 11     | -        | -             | 82      | -      | 5        | 12       | 14    | 272    | 475         | -              | -      | 205            | 123               |
| Armenia                | 147    | -        | -             | -       | -      | 21       | -        | 17    | 213    | 73          | -              | *      | 5              | 245               |
| Bangladesh             | 13     | -        | 41            | 40      | -      | 15       | -        | 9     | 98     | 41          | -              | 21     | 490            | 163               |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | *      | 5        | 7             | 23      | -      | *        | -        | 113   | 79     | 166         | -              | 41     | 235            | 100               |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | 7      | -        | -             | 13      | -      | 11       | -        | 30    | 587    | 370         | -              | 46     | 175            | 50                |
| Guinea                 | 5      | 18       | *             | 6       | *      | -        | *        | 130   | 57     | 266         | -              | 29     | 130            | 469               |

\*\* Refers to January to November only (December data not available).

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

\*\*\*\* UNHCR estimate.

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

**Table 8. Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2008-2009**

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

| Asylum country         | 2008   |        |         |         | 2009   |        |        |        | Quarterly change 2009 |       |       |
|------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------|-------|-------|
|                        | Q1     | Q2     | Q3      | Q4      | Q1     | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     | Q2-Q1                 | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 |
| Albania                | 5      | 2      | -       | -       | -      | 1      | 2      | -      | ..                    | 100%  | -100% |
| Australia              | 942    | 1,027  | 1,488   | 1,293   | 1,258  | 1,244  | 1,867  | 1,805  | -1%                   | 50%   | -3%   |
| Austria                | 2,813  | 2,537  | 3,547   | 3,912   | 3,772  | 3,715  | 4,100  | 4,240  | -2%                   | 10%   | 3%    |
| Belgium                | 2,941  | 2,777  | 3,158   | 3,376   | 3,567  | 3,611  | 4,266  | 5,742  | 1%                    | 18%   | 35%   |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 52     | 16     | 6       | 26      | 27     | 14     | 3      | 3      | -48%                  | -79%  | 0%    |
| Bulgaria               | 236    | 181    | 173     | 156     | 228    | 183    | 182    | 260    | -20%                  | -1%   | 43%   |
| Canada                 | 8,411  | 8,424  | 10,285  | 9,775   | 9,256  | 9,467  | 7,648  | 6,880  | 2%                    | -19%  | -10%  |
| Croatia                | 38     | 30     | 31      | 56      | 28     | 29     | 55     | 35     | 4%                    | 90%   | -36%  |
| Cyprus                 | 1,117  | 896    | 981     | 928     | 891    | 716    | 690    | 898    | -20%                  | -4%   | 30%   |
| Czech Rep.             | 582    | 349    | 349     | 410     | 376    | 339    | 276    | 267    | -10%                  | -19%  | -3%   |
| Denmark *              | 533    | 448    | 592     | 787     | 938    | 747    | 942    | 808    | -20%                  | 26%   | -14%  |
| Estonia                | 3      | 3      | 1       | 7       | 8      | 2      | 16     | 14     | -75%                  | 700%  | -13%  |
| Finland                | 395    | 636    | 1,227   | 1,758   | 1,518  | 1,265  | 1,609  | 1,519  | -17%                  | 27%   | -6%   |
| France                 | 7,849  | 8,175  | 8,772   | 10,368  | 10,315 | 9,786  | 10,184 | 11,696 | -5%                   | 4%    | 15%   |
| Germany                | 5,760  | 4,965  | 5,417   | 5,229   | 6,273  | 5,706  | 7,596  | 7,261  | -9%                   | 33%   | -4%   |
| Greece                 | 4,916  | 5,249  | 4,863   | 4,856   | 4,718  | 5,059  | 3,166  | 2,985  | 7%                    | -37%  | -6%   |
| Hungary                | 701    | 517    | 794     | 1,106   | 1,262  | 1,007  | 1,387  | 1,016  | -20%                  | 38%   | -27%  |
| Iceland                | 15     | 19     | 28      | 16      | 4      | 8      | 15     | 8      | 100%                  | 88%   | -47%  |
| Ireland                | 924    | 929    | 1,032   | 980     | 794    | 714    | 641    | 540    | -10%                  | -10%  | -16%  |
| Italy                  | 4,966  | 6,115  | 10,166  | 9,917   | 4,793  | 5,181  | 2,777  | 2,693  | 8%                    | -46%  | -3%   |
| Japan **               | 309    | 365    | 426     | 499     | 426    | 329    | 364    | 265    | -23%                  | 11%   | -27%  |
| Latvia                 | 4      | 5      | 11      | 31      | 2      | 3      | 19     | 28     | 50%                   | 533%  | 47%   |
| Liechtenstein          | 10     | 6      | 6       | 4       | 18     | 12     | 95     | 169    | -33%                  | 692%  | 78%   |
| Lithuania              | 33     | 33     | 56      | 94      | 40     | 35     | 76     | 60     | -13%                  | 117%  | -21%  |
| Luxembourg             | 99     | 99     | 165     | 100     | 94     | 101    | 154    | 156    | 7%                    | 52%   | 1%    |
| Malta                  | 478    | 623    | 894     | 612     | 671    | 531    | 500    | 687    | -21%                  | -6%   | 37%   |
| Montenegro             | 3      | 2      | 2       | -       | 6      | 8      | 2      | 5      | 33%                   | -75%  | 150%  |
| Netherlands            | 2,656  | 3,109  | 4,004   | 3,630   | 3,623  | 3,471  | 3,531  | 4,280  | -4%                   | 2%    | 21%   |
| New Zealand            | 71     | 63     | 57      | 63      | 65     | 61     | 115    | 95     | -6%                   | 89%   | -17%  |
| Norway                 | 2,478  | 2,915  | 4,682   | 4,356   | 3,828  | 4,333  | 5,231  | 3,834  | 13%                   | 21%   | -27%  |
| Poland                 | 1,503  | 1,507  | 2,026   | 2,167   | 1,162  | 2,303  | 4,635  | 2,492  | 98%                   | 101%  | -46%  |
| Portugal               | 31     | 62     | 35      | 33      | 43     | 43     | 24     | 29     | 0%                    | -44%  | 21%   |
| Republic of Korea      | 102    | 70     | 86      | 106     | 71     | 97     | 77     | 79     | 37%                   | -21%  | 3%    |
| Romania                | 189    | 169    | 333     | 392     | 239    | 201    | 228    | 166    | -16%                  | 13%   | -27%  |
| Serbia                 | 25     | 7      | 32      | 13      | 29     | 80     | 82     | 84     | 176%                  | 3%    | 2%    |
| Slovakia               | 172    | 247    | 241     | 250     | 167    | 179    | 259    | 217    | 7%                    | 45%   | -16%  |
| Slovenia               | 42     | 72     | 46      | 78      | 61     | 26     | 49     | 45     | -57%                  | 88%   | -8%   |
| Spain                  | 1,150  | 1,211  | 990     | 1,127   | 898    | 736    | 680    | 685    | -18%                  | -8%   | 1%    |
| Sweden                 | 7,049  | 5,221  | 5,978   | 6,105   | 5,332  | 5,025  | 6,645  | 7,192  | -6%                   | 32%   | 8%    |
| Switzerland            | 2,786  | 3,159  | 4,406   | 6,255   | 4,564  | 3,102  | 3,379  | 3,447  | -32%                  | 9%    | 2%    |
| TYR Macedonia          | 7      | 6      | 35      | 6       | 6      | 57     | 13     | 10     | 850%                  | -77%  | -23%  |
| Turkey                 | 2,210  | 2,629  | 4,000   | 4,142   | 2,463  | 1,820  | 1,903  | 1,648  | -26%                  | 5%    | -13%  |
| United Kingdom         | 7,705  | 6,840  | 7,985   | 8,015   | 10,285 | 7,380  | 6,275  | 5,895  | -28%                  | -15%  | -6%   |
| United States          | 12,413 | 13,152 | 12,332  | 11,118  | 11,187 | 12,663 | 12,735 | 12,438 | 13%                   | 1%    | -2%   |
| EU-"Old" (15)          | 49,787 | 48,373 | 57,931  | 60,193  | 56,963 | 52,540 | 52,590 | 55,721 | -8%                   | 0%    | 6%    |
| EU-"New" (12)          | 5,060  | 4,602  | 5,905   | 6,231   | 5,107  | 5,525  | 8,317  | 6,150  | 8%                    | 51%   | -26%  |
| EU-Total (27)          | 54,847 | 52,975 | 63,836  | 66,424  | 62,070 | 58,065 | 60,907 | 61,871 | -6%                   | 5%    | 2%    |
| Nordic countries (5)   | 10,470 | 9,239  | 12,507  | 13,022  | 11,620 | 11,378 | 14,442 | 13,361 | -2%                   | 27%   | -7%   |
| Western Europe (19)    | 55,076 | 54,472 | 67,053  | 70,824  | 65,377 | 59,995 | 61,310 | 63,179 | -8%                   | 2%    | 3%    |
| Southern Europe (8)    | 12,663 | 14,158 | 17,929  | 17,473  | 12,014 | 12,267 | 7,839  | 7,977  | 2%                    | -36%  | 2%    |
| Total Europe (38)      | 62,476 | 61,766 | 77,064  | 81,298  | 73,043 | 67,529 | 71,687 | 71,114 | -8%                   | 6%    | -1%   |
| Canada/USA             | 20,824 | 21,576 | 22,617  | 20,893  | 20,443 | 22,130 | 20,383 | 19,318 | 8%                    | -8%   | -5%   |
| Australia/New Zealand  | 1,013  | 1,090  | 1,545   | 1,356   | 1,323  | 1,305  | 1,982  | 1,900  | -1%                   | 52%   | -4%   |
| Total non-Europe (6)   | 22,248 | 23,101 | 24,674  | 22,854  | 22,263 | 23,861 | 22,806 | 21,562 | 7%                    | -4%   | -5%   |
| Total (44)             | 84,724 | 84,867 | 101,738 | 104,152 | 95,306 | 91,390 | 94,493 | 92,676 | -4%                   | 3%    | -2%   |

\* Denmark: Figure for December 2009 extrapolated based on figures from January to November.

\*\* Japan: UNHCR estimate.

**Table 9. Origin of asylum applicants in 44 industrialized countries by quarter, 2008**

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

| Origin                 | No. of applications |        |        |         |         | Change (%) |       |       | Share (%) |       |       |       |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
|                        | Q1                  | Q2     | Q3     | Q4      | Total   | Q2-Q1      | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1        | Q2    | Q3    | Q4    |
| Iraq                   | 10,657              | 8,840  | 10,507 | 10,362  | 40,366  | -17%       | 19%   | -1%   | 13.0      | 10.8  | 10.6  | 10.2  |
| Somalia                | 3,514               | 4,288  | 6,712  | 7,306   | 21,820  | 22%        | 57%   | 9%    | 4.3       | 5.2   | 6.8   | 7.2   |
| Russian Federation     | 5,180               | 4,236  | 5,390  | 5,637   | 20,443  | -18%       | 27%   | 5%    | 6.3       | 5.2   | 5.5   | 5.5   |
| Afghanistan            | 3,274               | 3,358  | 5,724  | 6,097   | 18,453  | 3%         | 70%   | 7%    | 4.0       | 4.1   | 5.8   | 6.0   |
| China                  | 4,104               | 4,555  | 4,370  | 4,372   | 17,401  | 11%        | -4%   | 0%    | 5.0       | 5.6   | 4.4   | 4.3   |
| Serbia*                | 3,348               | 2,909  | 3,902  | 4,735   | 14,894  | -13%       | 34%   | 21%   | 4.1       | 3.6   | 3.9   | 4.7   |
| Nigeria                | 2,471               | 2,761  | 4,014  | 4,442   | 13,688  | 12%        | 45%   | 11%   | 3.0       | 3.4   | 4.1   | 4.4   |
| Pakistan               | 3,232               | 3,202  | 3,358  | 3,470   | 13,262  | -1%        | 5%    | 3%    | 4.0       | 3.9   | 3.4   | 3.4   |
| Eritrea                | 2,193               | 1,953  | 3,647  | 4,501   | 12,294  | -11%       | 87%   | 23%   | 2.7       | 2.4   | 3.7   | 4.4   |
| Mexico                 | 2,517               | 2,700  | 3,559  | 3,405   | 12,181  | 7%         | 32%   | -4%   | 3.1       | 3.3   | 3.6   | 3.3   |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | 2,409               | 2,206  | 2,970  | 3,180   | 10,765  | -8%        | 35%   | 7%    | 2.9       | 2.7   | 3.0   | 3.1   |
| Sri Lanka              | 2,355               | 2,333  | 2,277  | 2,647   | 9,612   | -1%        | -2%   | 16%   | 2.9       | 2.8   | 2.3   | 2.6   |
| Turkey                 | 2,052               | 1,686  | 1,643  | 1,987   | 7,368   | -18%       | -3%   | 21%   | 2.5       | 2.1   | 1.7   | 2.0   |
| Haiti                  | 1,787               | 1,895  | 1,918  | 1,522   | 7,122   | 6%         | 1%    | -21%  | 2.2       | 2.3   | 1.9   | 1.5   |
| Bangladesh             | 1,297               | 1,483  | 1,411  | 1,989   | 6,180   | 14%        | -5%   | 41%   | 1.6       | 1.8   | 1.4   | 2.0   |
| Zimbabwe               | 1,172               | 1,167  | 1,778  | 1,429   | 5,546   | 0%         | 52%   | -20%  | 1.4       | 1.4   | 1.8   | 1.4   |
| Georgia                | 931                 | 1,233  | 1,565  | 1,725   | 5,454   | 32%        | 27%   | 10%   | 1.1       | 1.5   | 1.6   | 1.7   |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 1,315               | 1,273  | 1,291  | 1,312   | 5,191   | -3%        | 1%    | 2%    | 1.6       | 1.6   | 1.3   | 1.3   |
| Colombia               | 1,308               | 1,312  | 1,162  | 1,212   | 4,994   | 0%         | -11%  | 4%    | 1.6       | 1.6   | 1.2   | 1.2   |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | 1,167               | 1,284  | 1,312  | 1,061   | 4,824   | 10%        | 2%    | -19%  | 1.4       | 1.6   | 1.3   | 1.0   |
| India                  | 1,040               | 1,204  | 1,401  | 1,137   | 4,782   | 16%        | 16%   | -19%  | 1.3       | 1.5   | 1.4   | 1.1   |
| Armenia                | 963                 | 1,030  | 1,194  | 1,174   | 4,361   | 7%         | 16%   | -2%   | 1.2       | 1.3   | 1.2   | 1.2   |
| Côte d'Ivoire          | 1,061               | 1,034  | 1,029  | 1,024   | 4,148   | -3%        | 0%    | 0%    | 1.3       | 1.3   | 1.0   | 1.0   |
| Guinea                 | 899                 | 894    | 1,071  | 1,129   | 3,993   | -1%        | 20%   | 5%    | 1.1       | 1.1   | 1.1   | 1.1   |
| Mali                   | 635                 | 1,173  | 1,195  | 664     | 3,667   | 85%        | 2%    | -44%  | 0.8       | 1.4   | 1.2   | 0.7   |
| Algeria                | 770                 | 688    | 1,044  | 1,046   | 3,548   | -11%       | 52%   | 0%    | 0.9       | 0.8   | 1.1   | 1.0   |
| Ethiopia               | 762                 | 750    | 929    | 972     | 3,413   | -2%        | 24%   | 5%    | 0.9       | 0.9   | 0.9   | 1.0   |
| El Salvador            | 796                 | 948    | 788    | 782     | 3,314   | 19%        | -17%  | -1%   | 1.0       | 1.2   | 0.8   | 0.8   |
| Ghana                  | 394                 | 515    | 1,043  | 868     | 2,820   | 31%        | 103%  | -17%  | 0.5       | 0.6   | 1.1   | 0.9   |
| Stateless              | 625                 | 597    | 861    | 710     | 2,793   | -4%        | 44%   | -18%  | 0.8       | 0.7   | 0.9   | 0.7   |
| Sudan                  | 548                 | 572    | 738    | 794     | 2,652   | 4%         | 29%   | 8%    | 0.7       | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.8   |
| Cameroon               | 591                 | 690    | 667    | 636     | 2,584   | 17%        | -3%   | -5%   | 0.7       | 0.8   | 0.7   | 0.6   |
| United States          | 576                 | 605    | 702    | 484     | 2,367   | 5%         | 16%   | -31%  | 0.7       | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.5   |
| Guatemala              | 521                 | 565    | 595    | 508     | 2,189   | 8%         | 5%    | -15%  | 0.6       | 0.7   | 0.6   | 0.5   |
| Myanmar                | 439                 | 460    | 546    | 547     | 1,992   | 5%         | 19%   | 0%    | 0.5       | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.5   |
| Viet Nam               | 522                 | 460    | 521    | 479     | 1,982   | -12%       | 13%   | -8%   | 0.6       | 0.6   | 0.5   | 0.5   |
| Albania                | 447                 | 450    | 494    | 532     | 1,923   | 1%         | 10%   | 8%    | 0.5       | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   |
| Mongolia               | 483                 | 377    | 456    | 553     | 1,869   | -22%       | 21%   | 21%   | 0.6       | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   |
| Azerbaijan             | 458                 | 375    | 459    | 536     | 1,828   | -18%       | 22%   | 17%   | 0.6       | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   |
| Lebanon                | 609                 | 407    | 334    | 436     | 1,786   | -33%       | -18%  | 31%   | 0.7       | 0.5   | 0.3   | 0.4   |
| Other                  | 12,374              | 13,420 | 14,210 | 14,389  | 54,393  | 8%         | 6%    | 1%    | 15.1      | 16.4  | 14.4  | 14.1  |
| Total                  | 81,796              | 81,888 | 98,787 | 101,791 | 364,262 | 0%         | 21%   | 3%    | 100.0     | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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

**Table 10. Origin of asylum applicants in 44 industrialized countries by quarter, 2009**

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

| Origin                 | No. of applications |        |        |        |         | Change (%) |       |       | Share (%) |       |       |       |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
|                        | Q1                  | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     | Total   | Q2-Q1      | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1        | Q2    | Q3    | Q4    |
| Afghanistan            | 6,025               | 6,059  | 7,342  | 7,377  | 26,803  | 1%         | 21%   | 0%    | 6.5       | 6.8   | 8.0   | 8.2   |
| Iraq                   | 7,814               | 5,521  | 5,702  | 5,304  | 24,341  | -29%       | 3%    | -7%   | 8.4       | 6.2   | 6.2   | 5.9   |
| Somalia                | 5,263               | 5,823  | 5,771  | 5,701  | 22,558  | 11%        | -1%   | -1%   | 5.7       | 6.6   | 6.3   | 6.3   |
| Russian Federation     | 4,303               | 4,307  | 5,567  | 6,190  | 20,367  | 0%         | 29%   | 11%   | 4.6       | 4.9   | 6.1   | 6.9   |
| China                  | 4,297               | 5,042  | 5,431  | 5,330  | 20,100  | 17%        | 8%    | -2%   | 4.6       | 5.7   | 5.9   | 5.9   |
| Serbia*                | 4,846               | 4,457  | 4,502  | 4,792  | 18,597  | -8%        | 1%    | 6%    | 5.2       | 5.0   | 4.9   | 5.3   |
| Nigeria                | 3,799               | 3,903  | 2,831  | 2,777  | 13,310  | 3%         | -27%  | -2%   | 4.1       | 4.4   | 3.1   | 3.1   |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | 2,565               | 2,072  | 3,456  | 3,386  | 11,479  | -19%       | 67%   | -2%   | 2.8       | 2.3   | 3.8   | 3.8   |
| Pakistan               | 3,046               | 3,154  | 2,567  | 2,417  | 11,184  | 4%         | -19%  | -6%   | 3.3       | 3.6   | 2.8   | 2.7   |
| Georgia                | 1,402               | 2,423  | 4,686  | 2,483  | 10,994  | 73%        | 93%   | -47%  | 1.5       | 2.7   | 5.1   | 2.8   |
| Eritrea                | 2,505               | 1,944  | 2,786  | 2,929  | 10,164  | -22%       | 43%   | 5%    | 2.7       | 2.2   | 3.0   | 3.3   |
| Mexico                 | 3,256               | 3,399  | 2,136  | 1,196  | 9,987   | 4%         | -37%  | -44%  | 3.5       | 3.8   | 2.3   | 1.3   |
| Sri Lanka              | 2,930               | 2,422  | 2,196  | 2,431  | 9,979   | -17%       | -9%   | 11%   | 3.1       | 2.7   | 2.4   | 2.7   |
| Zimbabwe               | 4,251               | 2,326  | 980    | 970    | 8,527   | -45%       | -58%  | -1%   | 4.6       | 2.6   | 1.1   | 1.1   |
| Turkey                 | 1,796               | 1,560  | 1,688  | 1,899  | 6,943   | -13%       | 8%    | 13%   | 1.9       | 1.8   | 1.8   | 2.1   |
| Armenia                | 1,475               | 1,198  | 1,433  | 2,120  | 6,226   | -19%       | 20%   | 48%   | 1.6       | 1.3   | 1.6   | 2.4   |
| Bangladesh             | 2,070               | 1,766  | 1,191  | 1,162  | 6,189   | -15%       | -33%  | -2%   | 2.2       | 2.0   | 1.3   | 1.3   |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 1,362               | 1,165  | 1,364  | 1,298  | 5,189   | -14%       | 17%   | -5%   | 1.5       | 1.3   | 1.5   | 1.4   |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | 1,180               | 1,378  | 1,183  | 1,288  | 5,029   | 17%        | -14%  | 9%    | 1.3       | 1.6   | 1.3   | 1.4   |
| Guinea                 | 1,202               | 1,124  | 1,085  | 1,558  | 4,969   | -6%        | -3%   | 44%   | 1.3       | 1.3   | 1.2   | 1.7   |
| Haiti                  | 1,272               | 1,300  | 1,130  | 918    | 4,620   | 2%         | -13%  | -19%  | 1.4       | 1.5   | 1.2   | 1.0   |
| India                  | 1,097               | 1,113  | 1,256  | 1,104  | 4,570   | 1%         | 13%   | -12%  | 1.2       | 1.3   | 1.4   | 1.2   |
| Algeria                | 935                 | 873    | 976    | 987    | 3,771   | -7%        | 12%   | 1%    | 1.0       | 1.0   | 1.1   | 1.1   |
| Colombia               | 928                 | 846    | 903    | 840    | 3,517   | -9%        | 7%    | -7%   | 1.0       | 1.0   | 1.0   | 0.9   |
| Ethiopia               | 815                 | 858    | 929    | 913    | 3,515   | 5%         | 8%    | -2%   | 0.9       | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   |
| Stateless              | 726                 | 751    | 953    | 834    | 3,264   | 3%         | 27%   | -12%  | 0.8       | 0.8   | 1.0   | 0.9   |
| El Salvador            | 788                 | 724    | 736    | 687    | 2,935   | -8%        | 2%    | -7%   | 0.8       | 0.8   | 0.8   | 0.8   |
| Hungary                | 216                 | 678    | 693    | 1,172  | 2,759   | 214%       | 2%    | 69%   | 0.2       | 0.8   | 0.8   | 1.3   |
| Sudan                  | 605                 | 583    | 667    | 665    | 2,520   | -4%        | 14%   | 0%    | 0.6       | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.7   |
| Azerbaijan             | 530                 | 454    | 723    | 770    | 2,477   | -14%       | 59%   | 7%    | 0.6       | 0.5   | 0.8   | 0.9   |
| Mongolia               | 830                 | 573    | 537    | 531    | 2,471   | -31%       | -6%   | -1%   | 0.9       | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.6   |
| Albania                | 538                 | 581    | 651    | 681    | 2,451   | 8%         | 12%   | 5%    | 0.6       | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.8   |
| Viet Nam               | 648                 | 648    | 613    | 511    | 2,420   | 0%         | -5%   | -17%  | 0.7       | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.6   |
| Côte d'Ivoire          | 702                 | 730    | 506    | 435    | 2,373   | 4%         | -31%  | -14%  | 0.8       | 0.8   | 0.6   | 0.5   |
| Czech Rep.             | 674                 | 1,157  | 230    | 64     | 2,125   | 72%        | -80%  | -72%  | 0.7       | 1.3   | 0.3   | 0.1   |
| Guatemala              | 489                 | 489    | 548    | 569    | 2,095   | 0%         | 12%   | 4%    | 0.5       | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.6   |
| Cameroon               | 530                 | 512    | 464    | 581    | 2,087   | -3%        | -9%   | 25%   | 0.6       | 0.6   | 0.5   | 0.6   |
| Ghana                  | 521                 | 528    | 552    | 378    | 1,979   | 1%         | 5%    | -32%  | 0.6       | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.4   |
| Mauritania             | 468                 | 527    | 393    | 357    | 1,745   | 13%        | -25%  | -9%   | 0.5       | 0.6   | 0.4   | 0.4   |
| Nepal                  | 412                 | 429    | 468    | 399    | 1,708   | 4%         | 9%    | -15%  | 0.4       | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.4   |
| Other                  | 13,980              | 13,382 | 13,956 | 14,008 | 55,326  | -4%        | 4%    | 0%    | 15.0      | 15.1  | 15.2  | 15.6  |
| Total                  | 93,091              | 88,779 | 91,781 | 90,012 | 363,663 | -5%        | 3%    | -2%   | 100.0     | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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**Table 11. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe by quarter, 2008**

Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

| Origin                 | No. of applications |        |        |        |         | Change (%) |       |       | Share (%) |       |       |       |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
|                        | Q1                  | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     | Total   | Q2-Q1      | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1        | Q2    | Q3    | Q4    |
| Iraq                   | 10,327              | 8,491  | 10,135 | 10,030 | 38,983  | -18%       | 19%   | -1%   | 16.6      | 13.8  | 13.2  | 12.4  |
| Somalia                | 3,335               | 4,110  | 6,486  | 7,114  | 21,045  | 23%        | 58%   | 10%   | 5.4       | 6.7   | 8.5   | 8.8   |
| Russian Federation     | 4,958               | 3,914  | 5,154  | 5,414  | 19,440  | -21%       | 32%   | 5%    | 8.0       | 6.4   | 6.7   | 6.7   |
| Afghanistan            | 3,171               | 3,238  | 5,563  | 5,942  | 17,914  | 2%         | 72%   | 7%    | 5.1       | 5.3   | 7.3   | 7.3   |
| Serbia*                | 3,227               | 2,806  | 3,818  | 4,649  | 14,500  | -13%       | 36%   | 22%   | 5.2       | 4.6   | 5.0   | 5.7   |
| Nigeria                | 2,212               | 2,559  | 3,744  | 4,184  | 12,699  | 16%        | 46%   | 12%   | 3.6       | 4.2   | 4.9   | 5.2   |
| Pakistan               | 2,957               | 2,943  | 3,038  | 3,179  | 12,117  | 0%         | 3%    | 5%    | 4.8       | 4.8   | 4.0   | 3.9   |
| Eritrea                | 2,051               | 1,817  | 3,489  | 4,321  | 11,678  | -11%       | 92%   | 24%   | 3.3       | 3.0   | 4.5   | 5.3   |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | 2,184               | 2,044  | 2,730  | 2,961  | 9,919   | -6%        | 34%   | 8%    | 3.5       | 3.3   | 3.6   | 3.7   |
| Sri Lanka              | 1,867               | 1,887  | 1,785  | 2,096  | 7,635   | 1%         | -5%   | 17%   | 3.0       | 3.1   | 2.3   | 2.6   |
| Turkey                 | 1,908               | 1,579  | 1,517  | 1,851  | 6,855   | -17%       | -4%   | 22%   | 3.1       | 2.6   | 2.0   | 2.3   |
| Bangladesh             | 1,191               | 1,362  | 1,268  | 1,886  | 5,707   | 14%        | -7%   | 49%   | 1.9       | 2.2   | 1.7   | 2.3   |
| Georgia                | 909                 | 1,197  | 1,501  | 1,670  | 5,277   | 32%        | 25%   | 11%   | 1.5       | 1.9   | 2.0   | 2.1   |
| Zimbabwe               | 967                 | 987    | 1,505  | 1,251  | 4,710   | 2%         | 52%   | -17%  | 1.6       | 1.6   | 2.0   | 1.5   |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | 1,130               | 1,253  | 1,269  | 1,010  | 4,662   | 11%        | 1%    | -20%  | 1.8       | 2.0   | 1.7   | 1.2   |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 1,155               | 1,152  | 1,141  | 1,177  | 4,625   | 0%         | -1%   | 3%    | 1.9       | 1.9   | 1.5   | 1.5   |
| China                  | 993                 | 1,304  | 1,054  | 1,247  | 4,598   | 31%        | -19%  | 18%   | 1.6       | 2.1   | 1.4   | 1.5   |
| Armenia                | 888                 | 956    | 1,098  | 1,092  | 4,034   | 8%         | 15%   | -1%   | 1.4       | 1.6   | 1.4   | 1.3   |
| Côte d'Ivoire          | 988                 | 965    | 968    | 944    | 3,865   | -2%        | 0%    | -2%   | 1.6       | 1.6   | 1.3   | 1.2   |
| Guinea                 | 755                 | 784    | 934    | 1,001  | 3,474   | 4%         | 19%   | 7%    | 1.2       | 1.3   | 1.2   | 1.2   |
| Mali                   | 570                 | 1,130  | 1,131  | 612    | 3,443   | 98%        | 0%    | -46%  | 0.9       | 1.8   | 1.5   | 0.8   |
| Algeria                | 740                 | 671    | 1,005  | 1,013  | 3,429   | -9%        | 50%   | 1%    | 1.2       | 1.1   | 1.3   | 1.3   |
| India                  | 659                 | 761    | 869    | 680    | 2,969   | 15%        | 14%   | -22%  | 1.1       | 1.2   | 1.1   | 0.8   |
| Ghana                  | 343                 | 483    | 1,007  | 838    | 2,671   | 41%        | 108%  | -17%  | 0.6       | 0.8   | 1.3   | 1.0   |
| Stateless              | 581                 | 551    | 812    | 662    | 2,606   | -5%        | 47%   | -18%  | 0.9       | 0.9   | 1.1   | 0.8   |
| Sudan                  | 486                 | 509    | 682    | 753    | 2,430   | 5%         | 34%   | 10%   | 0.8       | 0.8   | 0.9   | 0.9   |
| Ethiopia               | 399                 | 353    | 531    | 525    | 1,808   | -12%       | 50%   | -1%   | 0.6       | 0.6   | 0.7   | 0.6   |
| Viet Nam               | 476                 | 410    | 459    | 450    | 1,795   | -14%       | 12%   | -2%   | 0.8       | 0.7   | 0.6   | 0.6   |
| Azerbaijan             | 446                 | 357    | 440    | 518    | 1,761   | -20%       | 23%   | 18%   | 0.7       | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.6   |
| Cameroon               | 402                 | 473    | 439    | 427    | 1,741   | 18%        | -7%   | -3%   | 0.6       | 0.8   | 0.6   | 0.5   |
| Mongolia               | 434                 | 334    | 399    | 506    | 1,673   | -23%       | 19%   | 27%   | 0.7       | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.6   |
| Togo                   | 324                 | 345    | 450    | 364    | 1,483   | 6%         | 30%   | -19%  | 0.5       | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.4   |
| Lebanon                | 512                 | 319    | 251    | 346    | 1,428   | -38%       | -21%  | 38%   | 0.8       | 0.5   | 0.3   | 0.4   |
| Albania                | 242                 | 322    | 386    | 397    | 1,347   | 33%        | 20%   | 3%    | 0.4       | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   |
| Gambia                 | 288                 | 303    | 345    | 398    | 1,334   | 5%         | 14%   | 15%   | 0.5       | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.5   |
| Congo                  | 305                 | 296    | 299    | 355    | 1,255   | -3%        | 1%    | 19%   | 0.5       | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.4   |
| Uzbekistan             | 226                 | 289    | 341    | 322    | 1,178   | 28%        | 18%   | -6%   | 0.4       | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.4   |
| Comoros                | 60                  | 217    | 379    | 435    | 1,091   | 262%       | 75%   | 15%   | 0.1       | 0.4   | 0.5   | 0.5   |
| Colombia               | 352                 | 325    | 179    | 233    | 1,089   | -8%        | -45%  | 30%   | 0.6       | 0.5   | 0.2   | 0.3   |
| Angola                 | 308                 | 328    | 218    | 227    | 1,081   | 6%         | -34%  | 4%    | 0.5       | 0.5   | 0.3   | 0.3   |
| Other                  | 6,794               | 7,316  | 7,894  | 7,857  | 29,861  | 8%         | 8%    | 0%    | 10.9      | 11.9  | 10.3  | 9.7   |
| Total                  | 62,120              | 61,440 | 76,713 | 80,937 | 281,210 | -1%        | 25%   | 6%    | 100.0     | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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**Table 12. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe by quarter, 2009**

Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

| Origin                   | No. of applications |        |        |        |         | Change (%) |       |       | Share (%) |       |       |       |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
|                          | Q1                  | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     | Total   | Q2-Q1      | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1        | Q2    | Q3    | Q4    |
| Afghanistan              | 5,798               | 5,805  | 6,815  | 6,892  | 25,310  | 0%         | 17%   | 1%    | 7.9       | 8.6   | 9.5   | 9.7   |
| Iraq                     | 7,581               | 5,286  | 5,398  | 5,067  | 23,332  | -30%       | 2%    | -6%   | 10.4      | 7.8   | 7.5   | 7.1   |
| Somalia                  | 5,051               | 5,614  | 5,543  | 5,489  | 21,697  | 11%        | -1%   | -1%   | 6.9       | 8.3   | 7.7   | 7.7   |
| Russian Federation       | 4,081               | 3,922  | 5,299  | 5,892  | 19,194  | -4%        | 35%   | 11%   | 5.6       | 5.8   | 7.4   | 8.3   |
| Serbia*                  | 4,780               | 4,387  | 4,410  | 4,727  | 18,304  | -8%        | 1%    | 7%    | 6.5       | 6.5   | 6.2   | 6.6   |
| Nigeria                  | 3,518               | 3,713  | 2,579  | 2,497  | 12,307  | 6%         | -31%  | -3%   | 4.8       | 5.5   | 3.6   | 3.5   |
| Georgia                  | 1,345               | 2,377  | 4,657  | 2,433  | 10,812  | 77%        | 96%   | -48%  | 1.8       | 3.5   | 6.5   | 3.4   |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran     | 2,333               | 1,872  | 3,155  | 3,038  | 10,398  | -20%       | 69%   | -4%   | 3.2       | 2.8   | 4.4   | 4.3   |
| Pakistan                 | 2,724               | 2,841  | 2,191  | 2,087  | 9,843   | 4%         | -23%  | -5%   | 3.7       | 4.2   | 3.1   | 2.9   |
| Eritrea                  | 2,305               | 1,781  | 2,612  | 2,800  | 9,498   | -23%       | 47%   | 7%    | 3.2       | 2.6   | 3.6   | 3.9   |
| Sri Lanka                | 2,394               | 1,974  | 1,745  | 1,891  | 8,004   | -18%       | -12%  | 8%    | 3.3       | 2.9   | 2.4   | 2.7   |
| Zimbabwe                 | 3,985               | 2,123  | 824    | 834    | 7,766   | -47%       | -61%  | 1%    | 5.5       | 3.1   | 1.1   | 1.2   |
| Turkey                   | 1,668               | 1,437  | 1,575  | 1,754  | 6,434   | -14%       | 10%   | 11%   | 2.3       | 2.1   | 2.2   | 2.5   |
| Armenia                  | 1,402               | 1,132  | 1,371  | 2,058  | 5,963   | -19%       | 21%   | 50%   | 1.9       | 1.7   | 1.9   | 2.9   |
| China                    | 1,238               | 1,511  | 1,572  | 1,501  | 5,822   | 22%        | 4%    | -5%   | 1.7       | 2.2   | 2.2   | 2.1   |
| Bangladesh               | 1,977               | 1,665  | 1,059  | 1,046  | 5,747   | -16%       | -36%  | -1%   | 2.7       | 2.5   | 1.5   | 1.5   |
| Syrian Arab Rep.         | 1,153               | 1,331  | 1,145  | 1,241  | 4,870   | 15%        | -14%  | 8%    | 1.6       | 2.0   | 1.6   | 1.7   |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo   | 1,246               | 1,050  | 1,246  | 1,192  | 4,734   | -16%       | 19%   | -4%   | 1.7       | 1.6   | 1.7   | 1.7   |
| Guinea                   | 1,063               | 994    | 963    | 1,369  | 4,389   | -6%        | -3%   | 42%   | 1.5       | 1.5   | 1.3   | 1.9   |
| Algeria                  | 901                 | 845    | 933    | 940    | 3,619   | -6%        | 10%   | 1%    | 1.2       | 1.3   | 1.3   | 1.3   |
| Stateless                | 674                 | 708    | 900    | 789    | 3,071   | 5%         | 27%   | -12%  | 0.9       | 1.0   | 1.3   | 1.1   |
| India                    | 709                 | 755    | 760    | 708    | 2,932   | 6%         | 1%    | -7%   | 1.0       | 1.1   | 1.1   | 1.0   |
| Azerbaijan               | 516                 | 426    | 700    | 758    | 2,400   | -17%       | 64%   | 8%    | 0.7       | 0.6   | 1.0   | 1.1   |
| Sudan                    | 557                 | 533    | 623    | 613    | 2,326   | -4%        | 17%   | -2%   | 0.8       | 0.8   | 0.9   | 0.9   |
| Mongolia                 | 782                 | 512    | 472    | 493    | 2,259   | -35%       | -8%   | 4%    | 1.1       | 0.8   | 0.7   | 0.7   |
| Viet Nam                 | 603                 | 612    | 556    | 475    | 2,246   | 1%         | -9%   | -15%  | 0.8       | 0.9   | 0.8   | 0.7   |
| Côte d'Ivoire            | 646                 | 627    | 434    | 360    | 2,067   | -3%        | -31%  | -17%  | 0.9       | 0.9   | 0.6   | 0.5   |
| Albania                  | 430                 | 471    | 540    | 586    | 2,027   | 10%        | 15%   | 9%    | 0.6       | 0.7   | 0.8   | 0.8   |
| Ethiopia                 | 454                 | 481    | 537    | 530    | 2,002   | 6%         | 12%   | -1%   | 0.6       | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.7   |
| Ghana                    | 487                 | 485    | 486    | 336    | 1,794   | 0%         | 0%    | -31%  | 0.7       | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.5   |
| Mauritania               | 444                 | 505    | 379    | 326    | 1,654   | 14%        | -25%  | -14%  | 0.6       | 0.7   | 0.5   | 0.5   |
| Gambia                   | 559                 | 355    | 280    | 323    | 1,517   | -36%       | -21%  | 15%   | 0.8       | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.5   |
| Cameroon                 | 375                 | 374    | 323    | 416    | 1,488   | 0%         | -14%  | 29%   | 0.5       | 0.6   | 0.5   | 0.6   |
| Haiti                    | 277                 | 452    | 413    | 322    | 1,464   | 63%        | -9%   | -22%  | 0.4       | 0.7   | 0.6   | 0.5   |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina   | 265                 | 259    | 349    | 467    | 1,340   | -2%        | 35%   | 34%   | 0.4       | 0.4   | 0.5   | 0.7   |
| Morocco                  | 277                 | 302    | 312    | 303    | 1,194   | 9%         | 3%    | -3%   | 0.4       | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.4   |
| Mali                     | 258                 | 382    | 255    | 249    | 1,144   | 48%        | -33%  | -2%   | 0.4       | 0.6   | 0.4   | 0.4   |
| Republic of Moldova      | 193                 | 283    | 367    | 276    | 1,119   | 47%        | 30%   | -25%  | 0.3       | 0.4   | 0.5   | 0.4   |
| Occupied Palest. Territ. | 352                 | 166    | 225    | 340    | 1,083   | -53%       | 36%   | 51%   | 0.5       | 0.2   | 0.3   | 0.5   |
| Congo                    | 298                 | 243    | 259    | 275    | 1,075   | -18%       | 7%    | 6%    | 0.4       | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.4   |
| Other                    | 7,346               | 6,940  | 7,424  | 7,423  | 29,133  | -6%        | 7%    | 0%    | 10.1      | 10.3  | 10.4  | 10.4  |
| Total                    | 73,045              | 67,531 | 71,686 | 71,116 | 283,378 | -8%        | 6%    | -1%   | 100.0     | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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**Table 13. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (27) by quarter, 2008**

Covering 27 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

| Origin                 | No. of applications |        |        |        |         | Change (%) |       |       | Share (%) |       |       |       |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
|                        | Q1                  | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     | Total   | Q2-Q1      | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1        | Q2    | Q3    | Q4    |
| Iraq                   | 8,264               | 6,194  | 6,723  | 6,422  | 27,603  | -25%       | 9%    | -4%   | 15.1      | 11.7  | 10.5  | 9.7   |
| Russian Federation     | 4,652               | 3,654  | 4,788  | 5,088  | 18,182  | -21%       | 31%   | 6%    | 8.5       | 6.9   | 7.5   | 7.7   |
| Somalia                | 2,819               | 3,497  | 5,326  | 5,470  | 17,112  | 24%        | 52%   | 3%    | 5.1       | 6.6   | 8.3   | 8.2   |
| Afghanistan            | 2,837               | 2,720  | 3,782  | 4,175  | 13,514  | -4%        | 39%   | 10%   | 5.2       | 5.1   | 5.9   | 6.3   |
| Serbia*                | 2,714               | 2,386  | 3,325  | 4,208  | 12,633  | -12%       | 39%   | 27%   | 4.9       | 4.5   | 5.2   | 6.3   |
| Pakistan               | 2,946               | 2,916  | 3,014  | 3,131  | 12,007  | -1%        | 3%    | 4%    | 5.4       | 5.5   | 4.7   | 4.7   |
| Nigeria                | 1,988               | 2,276  | 3,371  | 3,645  | 11,280  | 14%        | 48%   | 8%    | 3.6       | 4.3   | 5.3   | 5.5   |
| Eritrea                | 1,350               | 981    | 2,225  | 2,418  | 6,974   | -27%       | 127%  | 9%    | 2.5       | 1.9   | 3.5   | 3.6   |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | 1,609               | 1,300  | 1,745  | 2,080  | 6,734   | -19%       | 34%   | 19%   | 2.9       | 2.5   | 2.7   | 3.1   |
| Turkey                 | 1,772               | 1,432  | 1,377  | 1,717  | 6,298   | -19%       | -4%   | 25%   | 3.2       | 2.7   | 2.2   | 2.6   |
| Sri Lanka              | 1,575               | 1,527  | 1,356  | 1,584  | 6,042   | -3%        | -11%  | 17%   | 2.9       | 2.9   | 2.1   | 2.4   |
| Bangladesh             | 1,184               | 1,352  | 1,260  | 1,869  | 5,665   | 14%        | -7%   | 48%   | 2.2       | 2.6   | 2.0   | 2.8   |
| Georgia                | 840                 | 1,131  | 1,358  | 1,517  | 4,846   | 35%        | 20%   | 12%   | 1.5       | 2.1   | 2.1   | 2.3   |
| Zimbabwe               | 964                 | 963    | 1,482  | 1,237  | 4,646   | 0%         | 54%   | -17%  | 1.8       | 1.8   | 2.3   | 1.9   |
| China                  | 929                 | 1,236  | 993    | 1,123  | 4,281   | 33%        | -20%  | 13%   | 1.7       | 2.3   | 1.6   | 1.7   |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 1,047               | 1,058  | 1,045  | 1,070  | 4,220   | 1%         | -1%   | 2%    | 1.9       | 2.0   | 1.6   | 1.6   |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | 1,029               | 1,112  | 1,144  | 877    | 4,162   | 8%         | 3%    | -23%  | 1.9       | 2.1   | 1.8   | 1.3   |
| Armenia                | 874                 | 948    | 1,080  | 1,058  | 3,960   | 8%         | 14%   | -2%   | 1.6       | 1.8   | 1.7   | 1.6   |
| Côte d'Ivoire          | 953                 | 921    | 895    | 904    | 3,673   | -3%        | -3%   | 1%    | 1.7       | 1.7   | 1.4   | 1.4   |
| Mali                   | 564                 | 1,126  | 1,121  | 604    | 3,415   | 100%       | 0%    | -46%  | 1.0       | 2.1   | 1.8   | 0.9   |
| Guinea                 | 709                 | 714    | 879    | 906    | 3,208   | 1%         | 23%   | 3%    | 1.3       | 1.3   | 1.4   | 1.4   |
| Algeria                | 693                 | 620    | 921    | 899    | 3,133   | -11%       | 49%   | -2%   | 1.3       | 1.2   | 1.4   | 1.4   |
| India                  | 648                 | 736    | 837    | 646    | 2,867   | 14%        | 14%   | -23%  | 1.2       | 1.4   | 1.3   | 1.0   |
| Ghana                  | 321                 | 467    | 987    | 809    | 2,584   | 45%        | 111%  | -18%  | 0.6       | 0.9   | 1.5   | 1.2   |
| Sudan                  | 440                 | 412    | 579    | 637    | 2,068   | -6%        | 41%   | 10%   | 0.8       | 0.8   | 0.9   | 1.0   |
| Viet Nam               | 466                 | 395    | 457    | 440    | 1,758   | -15%       | 16%   | -4%   | 0.8       | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.7   |
| Azerbaijan             | 438                 | 337    | 418    | 498    | 1,691   | -23%       | 24%   | 19%   | 0.8       | 0.6   | 0.7   | 0.7   |
| Stateless              | 412                 | 385    | 458    | 397    | 1,652   | -7%        | 19%   | -13%  | 0.8       | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.6   |
| Cameroon               | 370                 | 446    | 410    | 394    | 1,620   | 21%        | -8%   | -4%   | 0.7       | 0.8   | 0.6   | 0.6   |
| Mongolia               | 404                 | 297    | 367    | 449    | 1,517   | -26%       | 24%   | 22%   | 0.7       | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.7   |
| Togo                   | 297                 | 317    | 426    | 339    | 1,379   | 7%         | 34%   | -20%  | 0.5       | 0.6   | 0.7   | 0.5   |
| Lebanon                | 491                 | 296    | 234    | 325    | 1,346   | -40%       | -21%  | 39%   | 0.9       | 0.6   | 0.4   | 0.5   |
| Ethiopia               | 311                 | 245    | 357    | 364    | 1,277   | -21%       | 46%   | 2%    | 0.6       | 0.5   | 0.6   | 0.5   |
| Albania                | 218                 | 304    | 364    | 369    | 1,255   | 39%        | 20%   | 1%    | 0.4       | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.6   |
| Congo                  | 300                 | 294    | 291    | 342    | 1,227   | -2%        | -1%   | 18%   | 0.5       | 0.6   | 0.5   | 0.5   |
| Gambia                 | 258                 | 257    | 281    | 299    | 1,095   | 0%         | 9%    | 6%    | 0.5       | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.4   |
| Comoros                | 60                  | 217    | 379    | 435    | 1,091   | 262%       | 75%   | 15%   | 0.1       | 0.4   | 0.6   | 0.7   |
| Colombia               | 325                 | 315    | 177    | 220    | 1,037   | -3%        | -44%  | 24%   | 0.6       | 0.6   | 0.3   | 0.3   |
| Uzbekistan             | 211                 | 232    | 267    | 277    | 987     | 10%        | 15%   | 4%    | 0.4       | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.4   |
| Senegal                | 217                 | 256    | 252    | 259    | 984     | 18%        | -2%   | 3%    | 0.4       | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.4   |
| Other                  | 6,349               | 6,702  | 7,085  | 6,957  | 27,093  | 6%         | 6%    | -2%   | 11.6      | 12.7  | 11.1  | 10.5  |
| Total                  | 54,848              | 52,974 | 63,836 | 66,458 | 238,116 | -3%        | 21%   | 4%    | 100.0     | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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**Table 14. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (27) by quarter, 2009**

Covering 27 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

| Origin                   | No. of applications |        |        |        |         | Change (%) |       |       | Share (%) |       |       |       |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
|                          | Q1                  | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     | Total   | Q2-Q1      | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1        | Q2    | Q3    | Q4    |
| Afghanistan              | 4,646               | 4,143  | 5,025  | 5,579  | 19,393  | -11%       | 21%   | 11%   | 7.5       | 7.1   | 8.3   | 9.0   |
| Somalia                  | 4,188               | 4,903  | 4,738  | 4,824  | 18,653  | 17%        | -3%   | 2%    | 6.7       | 8.4   | 7.8   | 7.8   |
| Russian Federation       | 3,847               | 3,670  | 4,819  | 5,551  | 17,887  | -5%        | 31%   | 15%   | 6.2       | 6.3   | 7.9   | 9.0   |
| Iraq                     | 5,304               | 3,759  | 4,322  | 4,159  | 17,544  | -29%       | 15%   | -4%   | 8.5       | 6.5   | 7.1   | 6.7   |
| Serbia*                  | 4,306               | 4,003  | 4,048  | 4,434  | 16,791  | -7%        | 1%    | 10%   | 6.9       | 6.9   | 6.6   | 7.2   |
| Georgia                  | 1,189               | 2,304  | 4,459  | 2,270  | 10,222  | 94%        | 94%   | -49%  | 1.9       | 4.0   | 7.3   | 3.7   |
| Nigeria                  | 2,918               | 3,134  | 2,060  | 1,859  | 9,971   | 7%         | -34%  | -10%  | 4.7       | 5.4   | 3.4   | 3.0   |
| Pakistan                 | 2,672               | 2,773  | 2,097  | 2,020  | 9,562   | 4%         | -24%  | -4%   | 4.3       | 4.8   | 3.4   | 3.3   |
| Zimbabwe                 | 3,970               | 2,111  | 813    | 818    | 7,712   | -47%       | -61%  | 1%    | 6.4       | 3.6   | 1.3   | 1.3   |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran     | 1,714               | 1,379  | 2,230  | 2,265  | 7,588   | -20%       | 62%   | 2%    | 2.8       | 2.4   | 3.7   | 3.7   |
| Sri Lanka                | 1,862               | 1,538  | 1,422  | 1,560  | 6,382   | -17%       | -8%   | 10%   | 3.0       | 2.6   | 2.3   | 2.5   |
| Turkey                   | 1,537               | 1,310  | 1,422  | 1,599  | 5,868   | -15%       | 9%    | 12%   | 2.5       | 2.3   | 2.3   | 2.6   |
| Armenia                  | 1,385               | 1,113  | 1,329  | 2,031  | 5,858   | -20%       | 19%   | 53%   | 2.2       | 1.9   | 2.2   | 3.3   |
| Bangladesh               | 1,959               | 1,645  | 1,041  | 1,018  | 5,663   | -16%       | -37%  | -2%   | 3.2       | 2.8   | 1.7   | 1.6   |
| China                    | 1,152               | 1,418  | 1,449  | 1,391  | 5,410   | 23%        | 2%    | -4%   | 1.9       | 2.4   | 2.4   | 2.2   |
| Eritrea                  | 1,082               | 921    | 1,360  | 1,664  | 5,027   | -15%       | 48%   | 22%   | 1.7       | 1.6   | 2.2   | 2.7   |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo   | 1,158               | 988    | 1,141  | 1,131  | 4,418   | -15%       | 15%   | -1%   | 1.9       | 1.7   | 1.9   | 1.8   |
| Syrian Arab Rep.         | 995                 | 1,163  | 960    | 1,049  | 4,167   | 17%        | -17%  | 9%    | 1.6       | 2.0   | 1.6   | 1.7   |
| Guinea                   | 932                 | 926    | 876    | 1,281  | 4,015   | -1%        | -5%   | 46%   | 1.5       | 1.6   | 1.4   | 2.1   |
| Algeria                  | 821                 | 736    | 811    | 827    | 3,195   | -10%       | 10%   | 2%    | 1.3       | 1.3   | 1.3   | 1.3   |
| India                    | 694                 | 746    | 745    | 689    | 2,874   | 7%         | 0%    | -8%   | 1.1       | 1.3   | 1.2   | 1.1   |
| Azerbaijan               | 499                 | 409    | 674    | 737    | 2,319   | -18%       | 65%   | 9%    | 0.8       | 0.7   | 1.1   | 1.2   |
| Viet Nam                 | 596                 | 604    | 552    | 466    | 2,218   | 1%         | -9%   | -16%  | 1.0       | 1.0   | 0.9   | 0.8   |
| Mongolia                 | 665                 | 472    | 418    | 422    | 1,977   | -29%       | -11%  | 1%    | 1.1       | 0.8   | 0.7   | 0.7   |
| Albania                  | 407                 | 451    | 529    | 579    | 1,966   | 11%        | 17%   | 9%    | 0.7       | 0.8   | 0.9   | 0.9   |
| Côte d'Ivoire            | 599                 | 582    | 402    | 323    | 1,906   | -3%        | -31%  | -20%  | 1.0       | 1.0   | 0.7   | 0.5   |
| Sudan                    | 426                 | 457    | 485    | 523    | 1,891   | 7%         | 6%    | 8%    | 0.7       | 0.8   | 0.8   | 0.8   |
| Stateless                | 383                 | 392    | 482    | 515    | 1,772   | 2%         | 23%   | 7%    | 0.6       | 0.7   | 0.8   | 0.8   |
| Ghana                    | 461                 | 457    | 465    | 305    | 1,688   | -1%        | 2%    | -34%  | 0.7       | 0.8   | 0.8   | 0.5   |
| Mauritania               | 416                 | 474    | 351    | 311    | 1,552   | 14%        | -26%  | -11%  | 0.7       | 0.8   | 0.6   | 0.5   |
| Haiti                    | 277                 | 452    | 413    | 321    | 1,463   | 63%        | -9%   | -22%  | 0.4       | 0.8   | 0.7   | 0.5   |
| Cameroon                 | 348                 | 341    | 298    | 385    | 1,372   | -2%        | -13%  | 29%   | 0.6       | 0.6   | 0.5   | 0.6   |
| Gambia                   | 450                 | 304    | 231    | 290    | 1,275   | -32%       | -24%  | 26%   | 0.7       | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.5   |
| Ethiopia                 | 285                 | 286    | 273    | 290    | 1,134   | 0%         | -5%   | 6%    | 0.5       | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.5   |
| Mali                     | 245                 | 371    | 244    | 244    | 1,104   | 51%        | -34%  | 0%    | 0.4       | 0.6   | 0.4   | 0.4   |
| Republic of Moldova      | 190                 | 278    | 354    | 264    | 1,086   | 46%        | 27%   | -25%  | 0.3       | 0.5   | 0.6   | 0.4   |
| Morocco                  | 255                 | 281    | 277    | 269    | 1,082   | 10%        | -1%   | -3%   | 0.4       | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.4   |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina   | 245                 | 222    | 217    | 388    | 1,072   | -9%        | -2%   | 79%   | 0.4       | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.6   |
| Congo                    | 295                 | 241    | 252    | 272    | 1,060   | -18%       | 5%    | 8%    | 0.5       | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.4   |
| Occupied Palest. Territ. | 296                 | 160    | 218    | 335    | 1,009   | -46%       | 36%   | 54%   | 0.5       | 0.3   | 0.4   | 0.5   |
| Other                    | 6,403               | 6,150  | 6,604  | 6,615  | 25,772  | -4%        | 7%    | 0%    | 10.3      | 10.6  | 10.8  | 10.7  |
| Total                    | 62,072              | 58,067 | 60,906 | 61,873 | 242,918 | -6%        | 5%    | 2%    | 100.0     | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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**Table 15. Origin of asylum applicants in Canada and the United States of America, 2008**

| Origin                         | No. of applications |        |        |        |        | Change (%) |       |       | Share (%) |       |       |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                | Q1                  | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     | Total  | Q2-Q1      | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1        | Q2    | Q3    | Q4    |
| Mexico                         | 2,513               | 2,696  | 3,557  | 3,398  | 12,164 | 7%         | 32%   | -4%   | 13.8      | 14.2  | 17.8  | 18.0  |
| China                          | 2,828               | 2,956  | 2,933  | 2,788  | 11,505 | 5%         | -1%   | -5%   | 15.5      | 15.6  | 14.7  | 14.8  |
| Haiti                          | 1,584               | 1,689  | 1,684  | 1,224  | 6,181  | 7%         | 0%    | -27%  | 8.7       | 8.9   | 8.4   | 6.5   |
| Colombia                       | 951                 | 980    | 972    | 970    | 3,873  | 3%         | -1%   | 0%    | 5.2       | 5.2   | 4.9   | 5.1   |
| El Salvador                    | 779                 | 923    | 773    | 769    | 3,244  | 18%        | -16%  | -1%   | 4.3       | 4.9   | 3.9   | 4.1   |
| United States*                 | 563                 | 593    | 691    | 462    | 2,309  | 5%         | 17%   | -33%  | 3.1       | 3.1   | 3.5   | 2.4   |
| Guatemala                      | 513                 | 561    | 583    | 506    | 2,163  | 9%         | 4%    | -13%  | 2.8       | 3.0   | 2.9   | 2.7   |
| Ethiopia                       | 342                 | 365    | 381    | 416    | 1,504  | 7%         | 4%    | 9%    | 1.9       | 1.9   | 1.9   | 2.2   |
| India                          | 342                 | 361    | 365    | 343    | 1,411  | 6%         | 1%    | -6%   | 1.9       | 1.9   | 1.8   | 1.8   |
| Sri Lanka                      | 356                 | 317    | 344    | 356    | 1,373  | -11%       | 9%    | 3%    | 2.0       | 1.7   | 1.7   | 1.9   |
| Honduras                       | 337                 | 321    | 327    | 373    | 1,358  | -5%        | 2%    | 14%   | 1.8       | 1.7   | 1.6   | 2.0   |
| Iraq                           | 283                 | 298    | 305    | 265    | 1,151  | 5%         | 2%    | -13%  | 1.6       | 1.6   | 1.5   | 1.4   |
| Nepal                          | 179                 | 218    | 242    | 342    | 981    | 22%        | 11%   | 41%   | 1.0       | 1.2   | 1.2   | 1.8   |
| Russian Federation             | 216                 | 318    | 228    | 218    | 980    | 47%        | -28%  | -4%   | 1.2       | 1.7   | 1.1   | 1.2   |
| Nigeria                        | 249                 | 195    | 252    | 230    | 926    | -22%       | 29%   | -9%   | 1.4       | 1.0   | 1.3   | 1.2   |
| Pakistan                       | 221                 | 195    | 203    | 219    | 838    | -12%       | 4%    | 8%    | 1.2       | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.2   |
| Czech Rep.                     | 171                 | 192    | 164    | 299    | 826    | 12%        | -15%  | 82%   | 0.9       | 1.0   | 0.8   | 1.6   |
| Venezuela (Boliv. Republic of) | 228                 | 228    | 180    | 158    | 794    | 0%         | -21%  | -12%  | 1.2       | 1.2   | 0.9   | 0.8   |
| Cameroon                       | 183                 | 202    | 212    | 195    | 792    | 10%        | 5%    | -8%   | 1.0       | 1.1   | 1.1   | 1.0   |
| Somalia                        | 174                 | 172    | 222    | 188    | 756    | -1%        | 29%   | -15%  | 1.0       | 0.9   | 1.1   | 1.0   |
| Indonesia                      | 233                 | 197    | 190    | 122    | 742    | -15%       | -4%   | -36%  | 1.3       | 1.0   | 0.9   | 0.6   |
| Kenya                          | 200                 | 178    | 159    | 159    | 696    | -11%       | -11%  | 0%    | 1.1       | 0.9   | 0.8   | 0.8   |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran           | 176                 | 114    | 177    | 148    | 615    | -35%       | 55%   | -16%  | 1.0       | 0.6   | 0.9   | 0.8   |
| Zimbabwe                       | 148                 | 144    | 203    | 118    | 613    | -3%        | 41%   | -42%  | 0.8       | 0.8   | 1.0   | 0.6   |
| Eritrea                        | 142                 | 135    | 153    | 178    | 608    | -5%        | 13%   | 16%   | 0.8       | 0.7   | 0.8   | 0.9   |
| Cuba                           | 161                 | 132    | 132    | 144    | 569    | -18%       | 0%    | 9%    | 0.9       | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.8   |
| Albania                        | 200                 | 123    | 105    | 134    | 562    | -39%       | -15%  | 28%   | 1.1       | 0.7   | 0.5   | 0.7   |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo         | 153                 | 111    | 141    | 125    | 530    | -27%       | 27%   | -11%  | 0.8       | 0.6   | 0.7   | 0.7   |
| Guinea                         | 142                 | 110    | 136    | 127    | 515    | -23%       | 24%   | -7%   | 0.8       | 0.6   | 0.7   | 0.7   |
| Saint Vincent & the Grenadines | 112                 | 131    | 145    | 94     | 482    | 17%        | 11%   | -35%  | 0.6       | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.5   |
| Afghanistan                    | 97                  | 106    | 148    | 130    | 481    | 9%         | 40%   | -12%  | 0.5       | 0.6   | 0.7   | 0.7   |
| Egypt                          | 108                 | 132    | 101    | 133    | 474    | 22%        | -23%  | 32%   | 0.6       | 0.7   | 0.5   | 0.7   |
| Ukraine                        | 126                 | 94     | 109    | 90     | 419    | -25%       | 16%   | -17%  | 0.7       | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   |
| Jamaica                        | 91                  | 104    | 94     | 127    | 416    | 14%        | -10%  | 35%   | 0.5       | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.7   |
| Serbia**                       | 120                 | 102    | 81     | 86     | 389    | -15%       | -21%  | 6%    | 0.7       | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.5   |
| Myanmar                        | 96                  | 79     | 96     | 88     | 359    | -18%       | 22%   | -8%   | 0.5       | 0.4   | 0.5   | 0.5   |
| Peru                           | 67                  | 97     | 101    | 86     | 351    | 45%        | 4%    | -15%  | 0.4       | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.5   |
| Burundi                        | 79                  | 57     | 112    | 81     | 329    | -28%       | 96%   | -28%  | 0.4       | 0.3   | 0.6   | 0.4   |
| Armenia                        | 75                  | 74     | 96     | 82     | 327    | -1%        | 30%   | -15%  | 0.4       | 0.4   | 0.5   | 0.4   |
| Brazil                         | 77                  | 92     | 75     | 80     | 324    | 19%        | -18%  | 7%    | 0.4       | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.4   |
| Other                          | 2,637               | 2,831  | 2,845  | 2,842  | 11,155 | 7%         | 0%    | 0%    | 14.4      | 15.0  | 14.2  | 15.0  |
| Total                          | 18,252              | 18,923 | 20,017 | 18,893 | 76,085 | 4%         | 6%    | -6%   | 100.0     | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

\* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

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**Table 16. Origin of asylum applicants in Canada and the United States of America, 2009**

| Origin                         | No. of applications |        |        |        |        | Change (%) |       |       | Share (%) |       |       |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                | Q1                  | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     | Total  | Q2-Q1      | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1        | Q2    | Q3    | Q4    |
| China                          | 2,802               | 3,254  | 3,514  | 3,465  | 13,035 | 16%        | 8%    | -1%   | 15.4      | 16.7  | 19.9  | 20.8  |
| Mexico                         | 3,249               | 3,388  | 2,113  | 1,175  | 9,925  | 4%         | -38%  | -44%  | 17.8      | 17.4  | 12.0  | 7.1   |
| Haiti                          | 995                 | 848    | 717    | 596    | 3,156  | -15%       | -15%  | -17%  | 5.5       | 4.3   | 4.1   | 3.6   |
| Colombia                       | 785                 | 709    | 727    | 679    | 2,900  | -10%       | 3%    | -7%   | 4.3       | 3.6   | 4.1   | 4.1   |
| El Salvador                    | 765                 | 693    | 713    | 667    | 2,838  | -9%        | 3%    | -6%   | 4.2       | 3.6   | 4.0   | 4.0   |
| Hungary                        | 184                 | 612    | 619    | 1,122  | 2,537  | 233%       | 1%    | 81%   | 1.0       | 3.1   | 3.5   | 6.7   |
| Guatemala                      | 481                 | 480    | 533    | 562    | 2,056  | 0%         | 11%   | 5%    | 2.6       | 2.5   | 3.0   | 3.4   |
| Czech Rep.                     | 651                 | 1,139  | 199    | 35     | 2,024  | 75%        | -83%  | -82%  | 3.6       | 5.8   | 1.1   | 0.2   |
| Ethiopia                       | 351                 | 369    | 386    | 367    | 1,473  | 5%         | 5%    | -5%   | 1.9       | 1.9   | 2.2   | 2.2   |
| India                          | 334                 | 299    | 354    | 354    | 1,341  | -10%       | 18%   | 0%    | 1.8       | 1.5   | 2.0   | 2.1   |
| Honduras                       | 311                 | 261    | 321    | 348    | 1,241  | -16%       | 23%   | 8%    | 1.7       | 1.3   | 1.8   | 2.1   |
| Russian Federation             | 218                 | 378    | 267    | 296    | 1,159  | 73%        | -29%  | 11%   | 1.2       | 1.9   | 1.5   | 1.8   |
| United States*                 | 354                 | 275    | 295    | 210    | 1,134  | -22%       | 7%    | -29%  | 1.9       | 1.4   | 1.7   | 1.3   |
| Sri Lanka                      | 292                 | 258    | 252    | 331    | 1,133  | -12%       | -2%   | 31%   | 1.6       | 1.3   | 1.4   | 2.0   |
| Nepal                          | 262                 | 281    | 301    | 267    | 1,111  | 7%         | 7%    | -11%  | 1.4       | 1.4   | 1.7   | 1.6   |
| Nigeria                        | 265                 | 170    | 236    | 260    | 931    | -36%       | 39%   | 10%   | 1.5       | 0.9   | 1.3   | 1.6   |
| Pakistan                       | 236                 | 202    | 219    | 224    | 881    | -14%       | 8%    | 2%    | 1.3       | 1.0   | 1.2   | 1.3   |
| Somalia                        | 203                 | 203    | 222    | 211    | 839    | 0%         | 9%    | -5%   | 1.1       | 1.0   | 1.3   | 1.3   |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran           | 157                 | 127    | 209    | 210    | 703    | -19%       | 65%   | 0%    | 0.9       | 0.7   | 1.2   | 1.3   |
| Iraq                           | 173                 | 172    | 183    | 166    | 694    | -1%        | 6%    | -9%   | 0.9       | 0.9   | 1.0   | 1.0   |
| Eritrea                        | 199                 | 161    | 172    | 122    | 654    | -19%       | 7%    | -29%  | 1.1       | 0.8   | 1.0   | 0.7   |
| Saint Vincent & the Grenadines | 144                 | 143    | 160    | 190    | 637    | -1%        | 12%   | 19%   | 0.8       | 0.7   | 0.9   | 1.1   |
| Cuba                           | 128                 | 164    | 171    | 136    | 599    | 28%        | 4%    | -20%  | 0.7       | 0.8   | 1.0   | 0.8   |
| Venezuela (Boliv. Republic of) | 155                 | 142    | 135    | 157    | 589    | -8%        | -5%   | 16%   | 0.9       | 0.7   | 0.8   | 0.9   |
| Kenya                          | 143                 | 131    | 167    | 136    | 577    | -8%        | 27%   | -19%  | 0.8       | 0.7   | 0.9   | 0.8   |
| Guinea                         | 138                 | 126    | 119    | 187    | 570    | -9%        | -6%   | 57%   | 0.8       | 0.6   | 0.7   | 1.1   |
| Cameroon                       | 142                 | 131    | 129    | 159    | 561    | -8%        | -2%   | 23%   | 0.8       | 0.7   | 0.7   | 1.0   |
| Afghanistan                    | 108                 | 150    | 155    | 126    | 539    | 39%        | 3%    | -19%  | 0.6       | 0.8   | 0.9   | 0.8   |
| Slovakia                       | 59                  | 207    | 71     | 168    | 505    | 251%       | -66%  | 137%  | 0.3       | 1.1   | 0.4   | 1.0   |
| Jamaica                        | 111                 | 88     | 122    | 137    | 458    | -21%       | 39%   | 12%   | 0.6       | 0.5   | 0.7   | 0.8   |
| Ukraine                        | 132                 | 134    | 107    | 85     | 458    | 2%         | -20%  | -21%  | 0.7       | 0.7   | 0.6   | 0.5   |
| Egypt                          | 128                 | 110    | 83     | 107    | 428    | -14%       | -25%  | 29%   | 0.7       | 0.6   | 0.5   | 0.6   |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo         | 109                 | 111    | 105    | 101    | 426    | 2%         | -5%   | -4%   | 0.6       | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.6   |
| Albania                        | 106                 | 103    | 104    | 95     | 408    | -3%        | 1%    | -9%   | 0.6       | 0.5   | 0.6   | 0.6   |
| Zimbabwe                       | 149                 | 127    | 68     | 64     | 408    | -15%       | -46%  | -6%   | 0.8       | 0.7   | 0.4   | 0.4   |
| Republic of Moldova            | 91                  | 161    | 83     | 67     | 402    | 77%        | -48%  | -19%  | 0.5       | 0.8   | 0.5   | 0.4   |
| Saint Lucia                    | 99                  | 83     | 87     | 94     | 363    | -16%       | 5%    | 8%    | 0.5       | 0.4   | 0.5   | 0.6   |
| Indonesia                      | 108                 | 75     | 96     | 79     | 358    | -31%       | 28%   | -18%  | 0.6       | 0.4   | 0.5   | 0.5   |
| Turkey                         | 73                  | 85     | 81     | 115    | 354    | 16%        | -5%   | 42%   | 0.4       | 0.4   | 0.5   | 0.7   |
| Peru                           | 68                  | 65     | 88     | 84     | 305    | -4%        | 35%   | -5%   | 0.4       | 0.3   | 0.5   | 0.5   |
| Other                          | 5,570               | 6,156  | 6,503  | 6,163  | 24,392 | 11%        | 6%    | -5%   | 30.6      | 31.5  | 36.8  | 37.0  |
| Total                          | 18,226              | 19,517 | 17,672 | 16,652 | 72,067 | 7%         | -9%   | -6%   | 100.0     | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

\* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

**Table 17. Origin of asylum applicants in Australia and New Zealand, 2008**

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

| Origin               | No. of applications |       |       |       |       | Change (%) |       |       | Share (%) |       |       |       |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
|                      | Q1                  | Q2    | Q3    | Q4    | Total | Q2-Q1      | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1        | Q2    | Q3    | Q4    |
| China                | 271                 | 287   | 371   | 321   | 1,250 | 6%         | 29%   | -13%  | 26.8      | 26.3  | 24.0  | 23.7  |
| Sri Lanka            | 103                 | 98    | 111   | 131   | 443   | -5%        | 13%   | 18%   | 10.2      | 9.0   | 7.2   | 9.7   |
| India                | 38                  | 80    | 161   | 106   | 385   | 111%       | 101%  | -34%  | 3.8       | 7.3   | 10.4  | 7.8   |
| Malaysia             | 50                  | 85    | 60    | 44    | 239   | 70%        | -29%  | -27%  | 4.9       | 7.8   | 3.9   | 3.2   |
| Indonesia            | 78                  | 48    | 55    | 56    | 237   | -38%       | 15%   | 2%    | 7.7       | 4.4   | 3.6   | 4.1   |
| Iraq                 | 46                  | 49    | 65    | 66    | 226   | 7%         | 33%   | 2%    | 4.5       | 4.5   | 4.2   | 4.9   |
| Pakistan             | 41                  | 58    | 85    | 39    | 223   | 41%        | 47%   | -54%  | 4.0       | 5.3   | 5.5   | 2.9   |
| Zimbabwe             | 57                  | 36    | 70    | 59    | 222   | -37%       | 94%   | -16%  | 5.6       | 3.3   | 4.5   | 4.4   |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 34                  | 41    | 49    | 62    | 186   | 21%        | 20%   | 27%   | 3.4       | 3.8   | 3.2   | 4.6   |
| Bangladesh           | 23                  | 25    | 61    | 31    | 140   | 9%         | 144%  | -49%  | 2.3       | 2.3   | 3.9   | 2.3   |
| Rep. of Korea        | 17                  | 27    | 51    | 36    | 131   | 59%        | 89%   | -29%  | 1.7       | 2.5   | 3.3   | 2.7   |
| Myanmar              | 28                  | 20    | 27    | 26    | 101   | -29%       | 35%   | -4%   | 2.8       | 1.8   | 1.7   | 1.9   |
| Egypt                | 16                  | 20    | 50    | 14    | 100   | 25%        | 150%  | -72%  | 1.6       | 1.8   | 3.2   | 1.0   |
| Lebanon              | 17                  | 23    | 24    | 26    | 90    | 35%        | 4%    | 8%    | 1.7       | 2.1   | 1.6   | 1.9   |
| Fiji                 | 19                  | 12    | 20    | 36    | 87    | -37%       | 67%   | 80%   | 1.9       | 1.1   | 1.3   | 2.7   |
| Kenya                | 13                  | 8     | 28    | 6     | 55    | -38%       | 250%  | -79%  | 1.3       | 0.7   | 1.8   | 0.4   |
| Afghanistan          | *                   | 13    | 13    | 25    | 54    | 333%       | 0%    | 92%   | 0.3       | 1.2   | 0.8   | 1.8   |
| Viet Nam             | 10                  | 13    | 16    | 13    | 52    | 30%        | 23%   | -19%  | 1.0       | 1.2   | 1.0   | 1.0   |
| Ethiopia             | 5                   | 11    | 11    | 17    | 44    | 120%       | 0%    | 55%   | 0.5       | 1.0   | 0.7   | 1.3   |
| Nepal                | 7                   | 5     | 17    | 10    | 39    | -29%       | 240%  | -41%  | 0.7       | 0.5   | 1.1   | 0.7   |
| Other                | 137                 | 131   | 200   | 232   | 700   | -4%        | 53%   | 16%   | 13.5      | 12.0  | 12.9  | 17.1  |
| Total                | 1,013               | 1,090 | 1,545 | 1,356 | 5,004 | 8%         | 42%   | -12%  | 100.0     | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

**Table 18. Origin of asylum applicants in Australia and New Zealand, 2009**

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

| Origin               | No. of applications |       |       |       |       | Change (%) |       |       | Share (%) |       |       |       |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
|                      | Q1                  | Q2    | Q3    | Q4    | Total | Q2-Q1      | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1        | Q2    | Q3    | Q4    |
| China                | 244                 | 269   | 337   | 356   | 1,206 | 10%        | 25%   | 6%    | 18.4      | 20.6  | 17.0  | 18.7  |
| Afghanistan          | 117                 | 100   | 372   | 352   | 941   | -15%       | 272%  | -5%   | 8.8       | 7.7   | 18.8  | 18.5  |
| Sri Lanka            | 158                 | 112   | 143   | 170   | 583   | -29%       | 28%   | 19%   | 11.9      | 8.6   | 7.2   | 8.9   |
| Zimbabwe             | 117                 | 76    | 88    | 72    | 353   | -35%       | 16%   | -18%  | 8.8       | 5.8   | 4.4   | 3.8   |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 67                  | 56    | 79    | 125   | 327   | -16%       | 41%   | 58%   | 5.1       | 4.3   | 4.0   | 6.6   |
| Iraq                 | 60                  | 62    | 121   | 71    | 314   | 3%         | 95%   | -41%  | 4.5       | 4.8   | 6.1   | 3.7   |
| Fiji                 | 44                  | 39    | 80    | 135   | 298   | -11%       | 105%  | 69%   | 3.3       | 3.0   | 4.0   | 7.1   |
| Pakistan             | 48                  | 55    | 104   | 67    | 274   | 15%        | 89%   | -36%  | 3.6       | 4.2   | 5.2   | 3.5   |
| India                | 48                  | 46    | 110   | 33    | 237   | -4%        | 139%  | -70%  | 3.6       | 3.5   | 5.5   | 1.7   |
| Malaysia             | 49                  | 58    | 58    | 71    | 236   | 18%        | 0%    | 22%   | 3.7       | 4.4   | 2.9   | 3.7   |
| Indonesia            | 48                  | 53    | 54    | 36    | 191   | 10%        | 2%    | -33%  | 3.6       | 4.1   | 2.7   | 1.9   |
| Egypt                | 18                  | 33    | 60    | 27    | 138   | 83%        | 82%   | -55%  | 1.4       | 2.5   | 3.0   | 1.4   |
| Lebanon              | 31                  | 21    | 35    | 27    | 114   | -32%       | 67%   | -23%  | 2.3       | 1.6   | 1.8   | 1.4   |
| Rep. of Korea        | 22                  | 38    | 19    | 17    | 96    | 73%        | -50%  | -11%  | 1.7       | 2.9   | 1.0   | 0.9   |
| Myanmar              | 23                  | 17    | 20    | 17    | 77    | -26%       | 18%   | -15%  | 1.7       | 1.3   | 1.0   | 0.9   |
| Bangladesh           | 12                  | 23    | 23    | 17    | 75    | 92%        | 0%    | -26%  | 0.9       | 1.8   | 1.2   | 0.9   |
| Stateless            | 9                   | 8     | 25    | 23    | 65    | -11%       | 213%  | -8%   | 0.7       | 0.6   | 1.3   | 1.2   |
| Turkey               | 13                  | 20    | 12    | 16    | 61    | 54%        | -40%  | 33%   | 1.0       | 1.5   | 0.6   | 0.8   |
| Nepal                | 5                   | 13    | 10    | 17    | 45    | 160%       | -23%  | 70%   | 0.4       | 1.0   | 0.5   | 0.9   |
| South Africa         | 9                   | 10    | *     | 21    | 43    | 11%        | -70%  | 600%  | 0.7       | 0.8   | 0.2   | 1.1   |
| Other                | 181                 | 196   | 229   | 230   | 836   | 8%         | 17%   | 0%    | 13.7      | 15.0  | 11.6  | 12.1  |
| Total                | 1,323               | 1,305 | 1,982 | 1,900 | 6,510 | -1%        | 52%   | -4%   | 100.0     | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

**Table 19. Origin of asylum applicants in Japan and the Republic of Korea, 2008**

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

| Origin                 | No. of applications |     |     |     |       | Change (%) |       |       | Share (%) |       |       |       |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
|                        | Q1                  | Q2  | Q3  | Q4  | Total | Q2-Q1      | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1        | Q2    | Q3    | Q4    |
| Myanmar                | 190                 | 220 | 293 | 309 | 1,012 | 16%        | 33%   | 5%    | 46.2      | 50.6  | 57.2  | 51.1  |
| Sri Lanka              | 29                  | 31  | 37  | 64  | 161   | 7%         | 19%   | 73%   | 7.1       | 7.1   | 7.2   | 10.6  |
| Turkey                 | 38                  | 35  | 44  | 39  | 156   | -8%        | 26%   | -11%  | 9.2       | 8.0   | 8.6   | 6.4   |
| Pakistan               | 13                  | 6   | 32  | 33  | 84    | -54%       | 433%  | 3%    | 3.2       | 1.4   | 6.3   | 5.5   |
| Bangladesh             | 9                   | 28  | 7   | 19  | 63    | 211%       | -75%  | 171%  | 2.2       | 6.4   | 1.4   | 3.1   |
| Ethiopia               | 16                  | 21  | 6   | 14  | 57    | 31%        | -71%  | 133%  | 3.9       | 4.8   | 1.2   | 2.3   |
| China                  | 12                  | 8   | 12  | 16  | 48    | -33%       | 50%   | 33%   | 2.9       | 1.8   | 2.3   | 2.6   |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | 15                  | 7   | 14  | 9   | 45    | -53%       | 100%  | -36%  | 3.6       | 1.6   | 2.7   | 1.5   |
| Nigeria                | 7                   | 5   | 9   | 16  | 37    | -29%       | 80%   | 78%   | 1.7       | 1.1   | 1.8   | 2.6   |
| Uganda                 | 7                   | 6   | 6   | 18  | 37    | -14%       | 0%    | 200%  | 1.7       | 1.4   | 1.2   | 3.0   |
| Cameroon               | 6                   | 10  | 5   | 13  | 34    | 67%        | -50%  | 160%  | 1.5       | 2.3   | 1.0   | 2.1   |
| Ghana                  | 24                  | *   | *   | 5   | 33    | -88%       | -67%  | 400%  | 5.8       | 0.7   | 0.2   | 0.8   |
| Nepal                  | 10                  | 10  | 8   | *   | 32    | 0%         | -20%  | -50%  | 2.4       | 2.3   | 1.6   | 0.7   |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 5                   | 9   | *   | 7   | 25    | 80%        | -56%  | 75%   | 1.2       | 2.1   | 0.8   | 1.2   |
| Liberia                | 8                   | 5   | 6   | 5   | 24    | -38%       | 20%   | -17%  | 1.9       | 1.1   | 1.2   | 0.8   |
| India                  | *                   | *   | 6   | 8   | 17    | 100%       | 200%  | 33%   | 0.2       | 0.5   | 1.2   | 1.3   |
| Peru                   | -                   | *   | *   | 5   | 8     | ..         | 100%  | 150%  | -         | 0.2   | 0.4   | 0.8   |
| Colombia               | *                   | *   | *   | *   | 7     | -33%       | -50%  | 0%    | 0.7       | 0.5   | 0.2   | 0.2   |
| Côte d'Ivoire          | *                   | *   | *   | *   | 6     | 0%         | -50%  | 0%    | 0.5       | 0.5   | 0.2   | 0.2   |
| Iraq                   | *                   | *   | *   | *   | 6     | 100%       | 0%    | -50%  | 0.2       | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.2   |
| Other                  | 15                  | 22  | 16  | 18  | 71    | 47%        | -27%  | 13%   | 3.6       | 5.1   | 3.1   | 3.0   |
| Total                  | 411                 | 435 | 512 | 605 | 1,963 | 6%         | 18%   | 18%   | 100.0     | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

**Table 20. Origin of asylum applicants in Japan and the Republic of Korea, 2009**

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

| Origin                 | No. of applications |     |     |     |       | Change (%) |       |       | Share (%) |       |       |       |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
|                        | Q1                  | Q2  | Q3  | Q4  | Total | Q2-Q1      | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1        | Q2    | Q3    | Q4    |
| Myanmar                | 208                 | 138 | 138 | 118 | 602   | -34%       | 0%    | -14%  | 41.9      | 32.4  | 31.3  | 34.3  |
| Sri Lanka              | 86                  | 78  | 56  | 39  | 259   | -9%        | -28%  | -30%  | 17.3      | 18.3  | 12.7  | 11.3  |
| Pakistan               | 38                  | 56  | 53  | 39  | 186   | 47%        | -5%   | -26%  | 7.6       | 13.1  | 12.0  | 11.3  |
| Turkey                 | 42                  | 18  | 20  | 14  | 94    | -57%       | 11%   | -30%  | 8.5       | 4.2   | 4.5   | 4.1   |
| Bangladesh             | 15                  | 16  | 43  | 18  | 92    | 7%         | 169%  | -58%  | 3.0       | 3.8   | 9.8   | 5.2   |
| Uganda                 | 16                  | 11  | 18  | 16  | 61    | -31%       | 64%   | -11%  | 3.2       | 2.6   | 4.1   | 4.7   |
| India                  | 6                   | 13  | 32  | 9   | 60    | 117%       | 146%  | -72%  | 1.2       | 3.1   | 7.3   | 2.6   |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | 8                   | 17  | 13  | 13  | 51    | 113%       | -24%  | 0%    | 1.6       | 4.0   | 2.9   | 3.8   |
| China                  | 13                  | 8   | 8   | 8   | 37    | -38%       | 0%    | 0%    | 2.6       | 1.9   | 1.8   | 2.3   |
| Nigeria                | 9                   | 5   | 7   | 12  | 33    | -44%       | 40%   | 71%   | 1.8       | 1.2   | 1.6   | 3.5   |
| Nepal                  | *                   | 11  | 12  | 5   | 31    | 267%       | 9%    | -58%  | 0.6       | 2.6   | 2.7   | 1.5   |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 5                   | *   | 12  | 5   | 25    | -40%       | 300%  | -58%  | 1.0       | 0.7   | 2.7   | 1.5   |
| Cameroon               | *                   | 5   | 9   | *   | 21    | 25%        | 80%   | -67%  | 0.8       | 1.2   | 2.0   | 0.9   |
| Ethiopia               | 5                   | *   | *   | *   | 16    | -20%       | -25%  | 33%   | 1.0       | 0.9   | 0.7   | 1.2   |
| Afghanistan            | *                   | *   | -   | 7   | 13    | 100%       | -100% | ..    | 0.4       | 0.9   | -     | 2.0   |
| Philippines            | 5                   | 6   | *   | -   | 12    | 20%        | -83%  | -100% | 1.0       | 1.4   | 0.2   | -     |
| Ghana                  | *                   | *   | *   | *   | 7     | 0%         | 100%  | 50%   | 0.2       | 0.2   | 0.5   | 0.9   |
| Congo                  | -                   | 7   | -   | -   | 7     | ..         | -100% | ..    | -         | 1.6   | -     | -     |
| Guinea                 | -                   | *   | *   | *   | 6     | ..         | -67%  | 100%  | -         | 0.7   | 0.2   | 0.6   |
| Sudan                  | -                   | *   | *   | *   | 6     | ..         | 100%  | 50%   | -         | 0.2   | 0.5   | 0.9   |
| Other                  | 31                  | 21  | 11  | 26  | 89    | -32%       | -48%  | 136%  | 6.2       | 4.9   | 2.5   | 7.6   |
| Total                  | 497                 | 426 | 441 | 344 | 1,708 | -14%       | 4%    | -22%  | 100.0     | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

**Table 21. Asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries by origin, fourth quarter 2009**

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

| Origin                 | Albania | Australia | Austria | Belgium | Bosnia and H. | Bulgaria | Canada | Croatia | Cyprus | Czech Rep. | Denmark** | Estonia | Finland | France | Germany |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| Afghanistan            | -       | 352       | 744     | 463     | -             | 12       | 85     | 9       | 9      | *          | 206       | 7       | 88      | 255    | 1,135   |
| Russian Federation     | -       | *         | 958     | 584     | -             | 5        | 106    | *       | *      | 14         | 91        | *       | 289     | 971    | 304     |
| Somalia                | -       | -         | 93      | 65      | -             | -        | 117    | -       | -      | -          | 45        | -       | 210     | 88     | 133     |
| China                  | -       | 346       | 85      | 83      | -             | *        | 369    | -       | 34     | 5          | *         | -       | *       | 458    | 93      |
| Iraq                   | -       | 70        | 100     | 398     | *             | 88       | 62     | -       | 49     | 5          | 55        | *       | 175     | 103    | 1,479   |
| Serbia                 | -       | -         | 379     | 830     | -             | *        | 22     | 7       | -      | *          | 54        | -       | 97      | 1,680  | 464     |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | -       | 122       | 96      | 159     | -             | 20       | 86     | *       | 42     | -          | 71        | -       | 33      | 81     | 409     |
| Eritrea                | -       | 7         | 8       | 18      | -             | -        | 26     | *       | -      | -          | 9         | -       | 5       | 133    | 106     |
| Nigeria                | -       | 8         | 235     | 30      | -             | *        | 212    | -       | 27     | 13         | 13        | *       | 26      | 172    | 172     |
| Georgia                | -       | -         | 318     | 128     | -             | *        | 19     | -       | 18     | 9          | 5         | -       | 14      | 150    | 175     |
| Sri Lanka              | -       | 161       | *       | 75      | -             | *        | 264    | -       | 46     | *          | 11        | -       | 21      | 792    | 153     |
| Pakistan               | -       | 65        | 37      | 65      | -             | 5        | 112    | *       | 35     | *          | 12        | -       | -       | 143    | 115     |
| Armenia                | -       | -         | 128     | 564     | -             | 16       | 6      | -       | 6      | *          | 5         | *       | *       | 991    | 56      |
| Turkey                 | -       | 15        | 181     | 76      | *             | *        | 74     | *       | 16     | 15         | 8         | -       | 37      | 585    | 322     |
| Guinea                 | -       | -         | 12      | 398     | -             | -        | 39     | -       | 8      | *          | *         | -       | *       | 545    | 52      |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | -       | -         | 11      | 188     | -             | -        | 73     | -       | -      | 6          | *         | -       | 12      | 735    | 33      |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | -       | *         | 80      | 115     | *             | 12       | 25     | -       | 45     | 9          | 103       | *       | 11      | 22     | 232     |
| Mexico                 | -       | -         | -       | -       | -             | -        | 539    | -       | -      | -          | -         | -       | -       | *      | *       |
| Hungary                | -       | -         | -       | 45      | -             | -        | 1,114  | -       | -      | -          | -         | -       | -       | -      | -       |
| Bangladesh             | -       | 15        | 23      | 17      | -             | -        | 35     | -       | 36     | -          | -         | -       | *       | 344    | 14      |

| Origin                 | Greece | Hungary | Iceland | Ireland | Italy | Japan**** | Latvia | Liechtenstein | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Malta | Montenegro | Netherlands | New Zealand | Norway |
|------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-----------|--------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Afghanistan            | 190    | 457     | -       | 17      | 101   | *         | 18     | -             | *         | 9          | -     | -          | 410         | -           | 691    |
| Russian Federation     | 18     | 7       | -       | 7       | 10    | -         | *      | *             | 8         | 6          | -     | -          | 63          | -           | 260    |
| Somalia                | 25     | 8       | *       | 9       | 121   | -         | -      | 50            | -         | *          | 433   | -          | 1,241       | *           | 430    |
| China                  | 96     | 5       | -       | 43      | 17    | 6         | -      | -             | -         | -          | -     | -          | 106         | 10          | 16     |
| Iraq                   | 193    | 13      | -       | 7       | 83    | -         | -      | -             | -         | 43         | *     | -          | 591         | *           | 231    |
| Serbia                 | *      | 331     | -       | 8       | 85    | -         | -      | *             | -         | 25         | -     | -          | 30          | -           | 97     |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | 31     | 24      | *       | 9       | 54    | 12        | -      | -             | -         | *          | -     | -          | 222         | *           | 119    |
| Eritrea                | 17     | -       | -       | 10      | 516   | -         | -      | 106           | -         | *          | 145   | -          | 149         | -           | 678    |
| Nigeria                | 164    | 17      | *       | 108     | 437   | 6         | -      | -             | *         | *          | 14    | -          | 43          | -           | 101    |
| Georgia                | 488    | 33      | -       | 16      | 13    | -         | *      | -             | 22        | -          | -     | -          | 258         | -           | 20     |
| Sri Lanka              | 19     | *       | -       | *       | 26    | 36        | -      | -             | 16        | -          | -     | -          | 62          | 9           | 41     |
| Pakistan               | 752    | 17      | -       | 54      | 71    | 21        | -      | -             | *         | -          | -     | -          | 20          | *           | 23     |
| Armenia                | 15     | 7       | -       | *       | *     | -         | -      | -             | -         | -          | -     | -          | 123         | -           | 10     |
| Turkey                 | 28     | 21      | *       | *       | 157   | 14        | -      | -             | -         | -          | *     | -          | 14          | *           | 15     |
| Guinea                 | 15     | *       | -       | *       | 39    | *         | -      | -             | -         | *          | -     | -          | 82          | -           | 23     |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | -      | -       | *       | 17      | 14    | *         | *      | -             | -         | *          | -     | -          | 10          | -           | 19     |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | 66     | *       | -       | -       | 18    | -         | -      | -             | -         | *          | 6     | -          | 46          | -           | 68     |
| Mexico                 | -      | -       | -       | -       | *     | -         | -      | -             | -         | -          | -     | -          | *           | -           | -      |
| Hungary                | -      | -       | -       | -       | -     | -         | -      | -             | -         | -          | -     | -          | 5           | -           | -      |
| Bangladesh             | 314    | *       | -       | 14      | 22    | 7         | -      | -             | -         | *          | 21    | -          | 5           | *           | 8      |

| Origin                 | Poland | Portugal | Rep. of Korea | Romania | Serbia | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain | Sweden | Switzerland | TYR Macedonia | Turkey | United Kingdom | United States***** |
|------------------------|--------|----------|---------------|---------|--------|----------|----------|-------|--------|-------------|---------------|--------|----------------|--------------------|
| Afghanistan            | 5      | -        | 6             | 28      | 76     | 25       | 8        | 18    | 646    | 214         | 6             | 317    | 725            | 41                 |
| Russian Federation     | 1,850  | *        | -             | -       | -      | 17       | *        | 12    | 292    | 79          | -             | -      | 35             | 190                |
| Somalia                | -      | -        | -             | -       | -      | *        | -        | 7     | 2,106  | 136         | -             | 48     | 230            | 94                 |
| China                  | 9      | -        | *             | 8       | -      | 9        | -        | -     | 30     | 87          | -             | 7      | 305            | 3,096              |
| Iraq                   | -      | -        | -             | 19      | -      | *        | -        | 8     | 559    | 150         | *             | 525    | 185            | 104                |
| Serbia                 | -      | 0        | -             | -       | -      | 9        | 9        | -     | 413    | 184         | *             | -      | 10             | 43                 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran   | *      | -        | *             | *       | *      | *        | *        | 14    | 436    | 69          | -             | 581    | 550            | 124                |
| Eritrea                | -      | -        | -             | -       | -      | -        | -        | *     | 324    | 329         | -             | 22     | 220            | 96                 |
| Nigeria                | 7      | *        | 6             | -       | -      | *        | *        | 95    | 76     | 533         | *             | *      | 195            | 48                 |
| Georgia                | 485    | -        | -             | -       | *      | 19       | -        | 7     | 86     | 142         | -             | -      | 20             | 31                 |
| Sri Lanka              | *      | *        | *             | *       | -      | *        | 5        | 14    | *      | 283         | -             | 7      | 295            | 67                 |
| Pakistan               | 5      | -        | 18            | 36      | -      | 43       | *        | 12    | 29     | 21          | -             | 19     | 560            | 112                |
| Armenia                | 30     | -        | -             | -       | -      | 8        | -        | *     | 62     | 17          | -             | -      | 5              | 56                 |
| Turkey                 | 5      | -        | -             | 9       | -      | -        | -        | *     | 66     | 136         | -             | -      | 50             | 41                 |
| Guinea                 | *      | 5        | -             | *       | -      | -        | -        | 53    | 17     | 64          | -             | *      | 40             | 148                |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | *      | *        | *             | *       | -      | -        | -        | 24    | 25     | 30          | -             | 11     | 45             | 28                 |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | *      | -        | -             | 6       | -      | 6        | -        | 12    | 203    | 111         | -             | 12     | 50             | 18                 |
| Mexico                 | -      | -        | -             | -       | -      | -        | -        | 10    | -      | *           | -             | -      | 5              | 636                |
| Hungary                | -      | -        | -             | -       | -      | -        | -        | -     | -      | -           | -             | -      | -              | 8                  |
| Bangladesh             | *      | -        | 11            | 7       | -      | *        | -        | *     | 35     | 8           | -             | 12     | 150            | 46                 |

\*\* October and November 2009 only due to unavailability of data for December.

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

\*\*\*\* UNHCR estimates.

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

**Table 22. Top-10 populations of origin of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2008**

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

| Albania               |       | Australia             |       | Austria               |       | Belgium               |       | Bosnia-Herzegovina    |       |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Serbia                | 5     | China                 | 1,226 | Russian Fed.          | 3,435 | Russian Fed.          | 1,615 | Serbia                | 82    |
| Sri Lanka             | *     | Sri Lanka             | 417   | Serbia                | 1,702 | Iraq                  | 1,070 | India                 | 6     |
|                       |       | India                 | 371   | Afghanistan           | 1,382 | Serbia                | 1,050 | TFYR Macedonia        | *     |
|                       |       | Indonesia             | 236   | Nigeria               | 535   | Afghanistan           | 879   | Occupied Palest. Te   | *     |
|                       |       | Malaysia              | 231   | Georgia               | 511   | Guinea                | 661   | Croatia               | *     |
|                       |       | Pakistan              | 220   | Iraq                  | 490   | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 614   | Cameroon              | *     |
|                       |       | Zimbabwe              | 214   | Turkey                | 417   | DR of Congo           | 579   | Turkey                | *     |
|                       |       | Iraq                  | 193   | Somalia               | 411   | Armenia               | 461   | Pakistan              | *     |
|                       |       | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 158   | Armenia               | 360   | Cameroon              | 367   | Montenegro            | *     |
|                       |       | Bangladesh            | 131   | India                 | 355   | Turkey                | 284   | Poland                | *     |
| Bulgaria              |       | Canada                |       | Croatia               |       | Cyprus                |       | Czech Republic        |       |
| Iraq                  | 350   | Mexico                | 9,413 | Serbia                | 62    | Syrian Arab Rep.      | 963   | Ukraine               | 328   |
| Armenia               | 70    | Haiti                 | 4,247 | Pakistan              | 16    | Sri Lanka             | 408   | Turkey                | 251   |
| Stateless             | 67    | Colombia              | 3,069 | Turkey                | 10    | Occupied Palest. Te   | 391   | Mongolia              | 192   |
| Afghanistan           | 55    | United States         | 2,308 | Bosnia-Herzegovina    | 9     | India                 | 232   | Viet Nam              | 107   |
| Syrian Arab Rep.      | 20    | China                 | 1,476 | Sri Lanka             | 8     | Pakistan              | 221   | Russian Fed.          | 80    |
| Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 19    | Sri Lanka             | 1,000 | Russian Fed.          | 8     | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 213   | Belarus               | 80    |
| Nigeria               | 18    | Czech Rep.            | 818   | Czech Rep.            | 7     | Egypt                 | 211   | Kazakhstan            | 78    |
| Sri Lanka             | 17    | Nigeria               | 765   | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 7     | Bangladesh            | 178   | Syrian Arab Rep.      | 63    |
| Somalia               | 14    | India                 | 674   | Tajikistan            | 5     | Iraq                  | 170   | Nigeria               | 42    |
| China                 | 10    | El Salvador           | 603   | TFYR Macedonia        | *     | Georgia               | 122   | Kyrgyzstan            | 41    |
| Denmark**             |       | Estonia               |       | Finland               |       | France                |       | Germany               |       |
| Iraq                  | 543   | Belarus               | *     | Iraq                  | 1,253 | Russian Fed.          | 3,579 | Iraq                  | 6,697 |
| Afghanistan           | 418   | Russian Fed.          | *     | Somalia               | 1,176 | Serbia                | 3,129 | Serbia                | 1,511 |
| Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 196   | Georgia               | *     | Afghanistan           | 249   | Mali                  | 2,664 | Turkey                | 1,320 |
| Russian Fed.          | 183   | Iraq                  | *     | Russian Fed.          | 208   | DR of Congo           | 2,485 | Viet Nam              | 1,042 |
| Serbia                | 118   | Turkey                | *     | Serbia                | 161   | Sri Lanka             | 2,304 | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 804   |
| Syrian Arab Rep.      | 105   | Nigeria               | *     | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 143   | Turkey                | 2,196 | Russian Fed.          | 768   |
| Occupied Palest. Te   | 91    | Ukraine               | *     | Bulgaria              | 82    | Armenia               | 2,081 | Syrian Arab Rep.      | 744   |
| Somalia               | 58    | Senegal               | *     | Nigeria               | 76    | Guinea                | 1,256 | Afghanistan           | 650   |
| Sri Lanka             | 53    |                       |       | Belarus               | 68    | Bangladesh            | 1,242 | Lebanon               | 513   |
| Turkey                | 39    |                       |       | Turkey                | 65    | Comoros               | 1,086 | Nigeria               | 500   |
| Greece                |       | Hungary               |       | Iceland               |       | Ireland               |       | Italy                 |       |
| Pakistan              | 6,914 | Serbia                | 1,593 | Serbia                | 15    | Nigeria               | 1,008 | Nigeria               | 5,333 |
| Afghanistan           | 2,287 | Pakistan              | 246   | Iraq                  | 5     | Pakistan              | 237   | Somalia               | 4,473 |
| Georgia               | 2,241 | Somalia               | 185   | Afghanistan           | 5     | Iraq                  | 203   | Eritrea               | 2,739 |
| Bangladesh            | 1,778 | Georgia               | 165   | Nigeria               | 5     | Georgia               | 180   | Afghanistan           | 2,005 |
| Iraq                  | 1,760 | Iraq                  | 125   | Albania               | 5     | China                 | 180   | Côte d'Ivoire         | 1,844 |
| Syrian Arab Rep.      | 808   | Afghanistan           | 116   | Sri Lanka             | 5     | DR of Congo           | 172   | Ghana                 | 1,674 |
| Nigeria               | 746   | Turkey                | 70    | Georgia               | *     | Rep. of Moldova       | 142   | Bangladesh            | 1,322 |
| Senegal               | 386   | Nigeria               | 56    | Russian Fed.          | *     | Somalia               | 141   | Pakistan              | 920   |
| Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 312   | China                 | 55    | Kenya                 | *     | Sudan                 | 126   | Serbia                | 851   |
| India                 | 227   | Egypt                 | 50    | Azerbaijan            | *     | Zimbabwe              | 114   | Togo                  | 829   |
| Japan                 |       | Latvia                |       | Liechtenstein         |       | Lithuania             |       | Luxembourg            |       |
| Myanmar               | 979   | Georgia               | 17    | Belarus               | *     | Russian Fed.          | 138   | Serbia                | 219   |
| Turkey                | 156   | Afghanistan           | 10    | Angola                | *     | Belarus               | 12    | Bosnia-Herzegovina    | 31    |
| Sri Lanka             | 90    | Russian Fed.          | 5     | Russian Fed.          | *     | Cuba                  | 8     | Iraq                  | 29    |
| Ethiopia              | 51    | Syrian Arab Rep.      | *     | Germany               | *     | Georgia               | 7     | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 18    |
| Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 38    | Sri Lanka             | *     | Turkey                | *     | Sri Lanka             | 6     | Albania               | 14    |
| Pakistan              | 37    | Bangladesh            | *     | Serbia                | *     | Pakistan              | 6     | Montenegro            | 14    |
| Bangladesh            | 33    | Cuba                  | *     | Czech Rep.            | *     | Uzbekistan            | 6     | Russian Fed.          | 13    |
| Cameroon              | 29    | Turkey                | *     | Georgia               | *     | Syrian Arab Rep.      | 5     | Eritrea               | 11    |
| Nepal                 | 20    | Pakistan              | *     | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | *     | Turkey                | *     | Somalia               | 10    |
| China                 | 18    | Cameroon              | *     | Armenia               | *     | Cameroon              | *     | Cameroon              | 8     |

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



**Table 22. Top-10 populations of origin of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2008 (continued)**

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

| Malta                 |       | Montenegro            |       | Netherlands           |       | New Zealand           |        | Norway                |       |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| Somalia               | 1,081 | Albania               | *     | Iraq                  | 5,027 | Iraq                  | 33     | Iraq                  | 3,137 |
| Côte d'Ivoire         | 264   | Georgia               | *     | Somalia               | 3,842 | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 28     | Eritrea               | 1,799 |
| Nigeria               | 223   | Belarus               | *     | China                 | 563   | Sri Lanka             | 26     | Afghanistan           | 1,363 |
| Mali                  | 208   | Serbia                | *     | Afghanistan           | 395   | China                 | 24     | Somalia               | 1,293 |
| Eritrea               | 176   | Afghanistan           | *     | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 322   | India                 | 14     | Russian Fed.          | 1,078 |
| Ghana                 | 111   |                       |       | Eritrea               | 236   | Czech Rep.            | 10     | Stateless             | 940   |
| Ethiopia              | 97    |                       |       | Sri Lanka             | 216   | Bangladesh            | 9      | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 720   |
| Niger                 | 94    |                       |       | Armenia               | 208   | Zimbabwe              | 8      | Serbia                | 675   |
| Togo                  | 71    |                       |       | Guinea                | 154   | Malaysia              | 8      | Nigeria               | 436   |
| Gambia                | 44    |                       |       | Sierra Leone          | 129   | Nepal                 | 6      | Ethiopia              | 354   |
| Poland                |       | Portugal              |       | Rep. of Korea         |       | Romania               |        | Serbia (excl. Kosovo) |       |
| Russian Fed.          | 6,647 | Sri Lanka             | 27    | Sri Lanka             | 71    | Pakistan              | 252    | Côte d'Ivoire         | 19    |
| Iraq                  | 66    | Colombia              | 24    | Pakistan              | 47    | Bangladesh            | 172    | Georgia               | 17    |
| Viet Nam              | 57    | DR of Congo           | 17    | Myanmar               | 33    | India                 | 141    | Iraq                  | 12    |
| Georgia               | 54    | Bosnia-Herzegovina    | 10    | China                 | 30    | Iraq                  | 133    | Syrian Arab Rep.      | 5     |
| Belarus               | 33    | Nigeria               | 8     | Bangladesh            | 30    | Turkey                | 79     | Armenia               | 5     |
| Armenia               | 32    | Guinea                | 8     | Ghana                 | 29    | China                 | 53     | Nigeria               | *     |
| Ukraine               | 25    | Senegal               | 7     | Nigeria               | 27    | Georgia               | 43     | Ethiopia              | *     |
| Uzbekistan            | 22    | Georgia               | 5     | Uganda                | 21    | Cameroon              | 25     | Sierra Leone          | *     |
| China                 | 20    | Congo (Rep. of)       | 5     | Liberia               | 15    | Serbia                | 25     | Chad                  | *     |
| Nigeria               | 19    | Eritrea               | 5     | Nepal                 | 12    | Rep. of Moldova       | 15     | Occupied Palest. Te   | *     |
| Slovakia              |       | Slovenia              |       | Spain                 |       | Sweden                |        | Switzerland           |       |
| Georgia               | 112   | Turkey                | 72    | Nigeria               | 801   | Iraq                  | 6,083  | Eritrea               | 2,827 |
| Rep. of Moldova       | 110   | Serbia                | 69    | Colombia              | 753   | Somalia               | 3,361  | Somalia               | 1,988 |
| Russian Fed.          | 107   | Bosnia-Herzegovina    | 13    | Côte d'Ivoire         | 498   | Serbia                | 1,989  | Iraq                  | 1,321 |
| Pakistan              | 95    | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 11    | Somalia               | 195   | Stateless             | 1,051  | Sri Lanka             | 1,194 |
| India                 | 90    | Afghanistan           | 10    | Algeria               | 151   | Russian Fed.          | 933    | Serbia                | 991   |
| Afghanistan           | 75    | TfYR Macedonia        | 9     | Cuba                  | 119   | Eritrea               | 857    | Nigeria               | 964   |
| Iraq                  | 45    | Nigeria               | 7     | Morocco               | 119   | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 799    | Turkey                | 461   |
| China                 | 44    | Albania               | 7     | Sudan                 | 112   | Mongolia              | 791    | Georgia               | 389   |
| Bangladesh            | 42    | Montenegro            | 5     | DR of Congo           | 103   | Afghanistan           | 784    | Afghanistan           | 382   |
| Viet Nam              | 41    | Pakistan              | *     | Syrian Arab Rep.      | 97    | Uzbekistan            | 741    | Syrian Arab Rep.      | 357   |
| TfYR Macedonia        |       | Turkey                |       | United Kingdom        |       | United States***      |        |                       |       |
| Serbia                | 34    | Iraq                  | 6,904 | Zimbabwe              | 4,330 | China                 | 10,029 |                       |       |
| Afghanistan           | 6     | Afghanistan           | 2,642 | Afghanistan           | 3,730 | Mexico                | 2,751  |                       |       |
| Albania               | 5     | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 2,116 | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 2,585 | El Salvador           | 2,641  |                       |       |
| Occupied Palest. Te   | *     | Somalia               | 647   | Eritrea               | 2,345 | Haiti                 | 1,934  |                       |       |
| Somalia               | *     | Sudan                 | 156   | Iraq                  | 2,030 | Guatemala             | 1,842  |                       |       |
| Iraq                  | *     | Eritrea               | 76    | Pakistan              | 2,010 | Ethiopia              | 1,267  |                       |       |
| Nigeria               | *     | Occupied Palest. Te   | 74    | Sri Lanka             | 1,840 | Honduras              | 885    |                       |       |
| Turkey                | *     | DR of Congo           | 72    | Somalia               | 1,575 | Iraq                  | 841    |                       |       |
| Iran (Islamic Rep. of | *     | Sri Lanka             | 42    | China                 | 1,490 | Nepal                 | 829    |                       |       |
| Stateless             | *     | Uzbekistan            | 35    | Nigeria               | 970   | Colombia              | 804    |                       |       |

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| Albania                |       | Australia                     |       | Austria                |       | Belgium                |       | Bosnia-Herzegovina     |       |
|------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| China                  | *     | China                         | 1,186 | Russian Fed.           | 3,560 | Serbia                 | 2,053 | Serbia                 | 34    |
| Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | *     | Afghanistan                   | 940   | Afghanistan            | 2,233 | Afghanistan            | 1,659 | Iraq                   | *     |
| Serbia                 | *     | Sri Lanka                     | 553   | Serbia                 | 2,036 | Russian Fed.           | 1,605 | Russian Fed.           | *     |
|                        |       | Zimbabwe                      | 344   | Georgia                | 976   | Iraq                   | 1,386 | Syrian Arab Rep.       | *     |
|                        |       | Iran (Islamic Rep. of)        | 303   | Nigeria                | 838   | Armenia                | 1,099 | Georgia                | *     |
|                        |       | Iraq                          | 288   | Turkey                 | 554   | Guinea                 | 1,052 | Algeria                | *     |
|                        |       | Pakistan                      | 256   | Armenia                | 439   | Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | 732   | Turkey                 | *     |
|                        |       | Fiji                          | 253   | India                  | 428   | DR of Congo            | 667   | Nigeria                | *     |
|                        |       | Malaysia                      | 230   | Iraq                   | 399   | Syrian Arab Rep.       | 347   | Tunisia                | *     |
|                        |       | India                         | 213   | China                  | 397   | China                  | 329   | Croatia                | *     |
| Bulgaria               |       | Canada                        |       | Croatia                |       | Cyprus                 |       | Czech Republic         |       |
| Iraq                   | 307   | Mexico                        | 7,561 | Serbia                 | 31    | Occupied Palest. Te    | 493   | Ukraine                | 202   |
| Stateless              | 125   | Hungary                       | 2,518 | Afghanistan            | 25    | India                  | 303   | Kazakhstan             | 183   |
| Afghanistan            | 58    | Colombia                      | 2,292 | Pakistan               | 13    | Sri Lanka              | 248   | Mongolia               | 158   |
| Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | 50    | Czech Rep.                    | 2,016 | Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | 10    | Syrian Arab Rep.       | 224   | Turkey                 | 66    |
| Armenia                | 39    | China                         | 1,484 | Bosnia-Herzegovina     | 10    | Pakistan               | 212   | Viet Nam               | 63    |
| Algeria                | 33    | Haiti                         | 1,436 | Czech Rep.             | 7     | Iraq                   | 189   | Stateless              | 60    |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | 30    | United States                 | 1,134 | TFYR Macedonia         | 7     | Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | 171   | Russian Fed.           | 57    |
| Turkey                 | 23    | Sri Lanka                     | 825   | Turkey                 | 6     | Egypt                  | 168   | Belarus                | 54    |
| Morocco                | 17    | Nigeria                       | 768   | Russian Fed.           | *     | Bangladesh             | 165   | Syrian Arab Rep.       | 46    |
| Georgia                | 16    | St Vincent and the Grenadines | 634   | Ukraine                | *     | Nigeria                | 97    | Nigeria                | 41    |
| Denmark***             |       | Estonia                       |       | Finland                |       | France                 |       | Germany                |       |
| Afghanistan            | 915   | Afghanistan                   | 9     | Iraq                   | 1,183 | Serbia                 | 5,236 | Iraq                   | 6,349 |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | 327   | Georgia                       | 6     | Somalia                | 1,169 | Russian Fed.           | 3,383 | Afghanistan            | 3,302 |
| Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | 306   | Syrian Arab Rep.              | 5     | Bulgaria               | 722   | Armenia                | 3,114 | Serbia                 | 1,910 |
| Iraq                   | 297   | Russian Fed.                  | 5     | Russian Fed.           | 599   | Sri Lanka              | 3,097 | Turkey                 | 1,355 |
| Russian Fed.           | 285   | Iraq                          | *     | Afghanistan            | 445   | DR of Congo            | 2,784 | Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | 1,154 |
| Serbia                 | 237   | Sri Lanka                     | *     | Serbia                 | 336   | Turkey                 | 2,045 | Viet Nam               | 1,136 |
| Somalia                | 159   | DR of Congo                   | *     | Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | 159   | Guinea                 | 1,665 | Russian Fed.           | 925   |
| Occupied Palest. Te    | 87    | Stateless                     | *     | Turkey                 | 140   | China                  | 1,602 | Syrian Arab Rep.       | 798   |
| Sri Lanka              | 57    | Nigeria                       | *     | Nigeria                | 130   | Haiti                  | 1,451 | Nigeria                | 708   |
| Nigeria                | 52    | Uganda                        | *     | Sri Lanka              | 100   | Bangladesh             | 1,441 | India                  | 682   |
| Greece                 |       | Hungary                       |       | Iceland                |       | Ireland                |       | Italy                  |       |
| Pakistan               | 3,716 | Serbia                        | 2,322 | Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | 7     | Nigeria                | 569   | Nigeria                | 3,786 |
| Georgia                | 2,170 | Afghanistan                   | 1,194 | Albania                | *     | Pakistan               | 258   | Somalia                | 1,415 |
| Bangladesh             | 1,809 | Georgia                       | 116   | Syrian Arab Rep.       | *     | China                  | 194   | Bangladesh             | 1,233 |
| Afghanistan            | 1,510 | Turkey                        | 114   | Afghanistan            | *     | DR of Congo            | 101   | Pakistan               | 1,187 |
| Syrian Arab Rep.       | 965   | Iran (Islamic Rep. of)        | 87    | Somalia                | *     | Zimbabwe               | 91    | Eritrea                | 824   |
| Iraq                   | 886   | Somalia                       | 75    | Nigeria                | *     | Georgia                | 88    | Ghana                  | 767   |
| Nigeria                | 780   | Viet Nam                      | 73    | Iraq                   | *     | Rep. of Moldova        | 86    | Côte d'Ivoire          | 641   |
| Albania                | 517   | Nigeria                       | 66    | DR of Congo            | *     | Somalia                | 84    | Afghanistan            | 506   |
| China                  | 354   | Iraq                          | 57    | Libyan Arab Jamah.     | *     | Ghana                  | 82    | Turkey                 | 457   |
| Senegal                | 336   | TFYR Macedonia                | 50    | Eritrea                | *     | Iraq                   | 76    | Serbia                 | 425   |
| Japan****              |       | Latvia                        |       | Liechtenstein          |       | Lithuania              |       | Luxembourg             |       |
| Myanmar                | 570   | Afghanistan                   | 18    | Somalia                | 118   | Georgia                | 74    | Serbia                 | 149   |
| Sri Lanka              | 233   | Uzbekistan                    | 11    | Eritrea                | 110   | Russian Fed.           | 46    | Iraq                   | 65    |
| Turkey                 | 94    | Iran (Islamic Rep. of)        | *     | Russian Fed.           | 19    | Sri Lanka              | 17    | Bosnia-Herzegovina     | 35    |
| Pakistan               | 91    | Occupied Palest. Te           | *     | Serbia                 | 8     | Belarus                | 11    | Russian Fed.           | 27    |
| India                  | 58    | Russian Fed.                  | *     | Syrian Arab Rep.       | 5     | Iraq                   | 10    | Albania                | 26    |
| Bangladesh             | 51    | Turkey                        | *     | Ukraine                | 5     | Afghanistan            | 8     | Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | 24    |
| Uganda                 | 46    | Bangladesh                    | *     | Azerbaijan             | *     | Stateless              | 8     | Belarus                | 14    |
| Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | 40    | DR of Congo                   | *     | Kyrgyzstan             | *     | Pakistan               | 8     | Afghanistan            | 13    |
| Nepal                  | 29    | Syrian Arab Rep.              | *     | Germany                | *     | India                  | 7     | Algeria                | 12    |
| China                  | 18    | Georgia                       | *     | Czech Rep.             | *     | Syrian Arab Rep.       | 6     | Azerbaijan             | 11    |

\*\*\* Refers to January to November only (December data not available).

\*\*\*\* UNHCR estimates.

**Table 23. Top-10 populations of origin of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2009 (continued)**

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

| Malta              |       | Montenegro            |       | Netherlands           |       | New Zealand           |        | Norway                |       |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| Somalia            | 1,445 | Serbia                | 8     | Somalia               | 5,889 | Fiji                  | 45     | Afghanistan           | 3,871 |
| Nigeria            | 280   | TfYR Macedonia        | *     | Iraq                  | 1,991 | Sri Lanka             | 30     | Eritrea               | 2,667 |
| Eritrea            | 273   | Albania               | *     | Afghanistan           | 1,281 | Iraq                  | 26     | Somalia               | 1,901 |
| Mali               | 104   | Viet Nam              | *     | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 502   | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 24     | Stateless             | 1,280 |
| Côte d'Ivoire      | 44    | Kenya                 | *     | Eritrea               | 475   | India                 | 24     | Iraq                  | 1,214 |
| Sudan              | 40    | Russian Fed.          | *     | Georgia               | 412   | Czech Rep.            | 23     | Russian Fed.          | 867   |
| Ethiopia           | 35    | Croatia               | *     | Armenia               | 349   | China                 | 20     | Ethiopia              | 706   |
| Bangladesh         | 23    | Italy                 | *     | China                 | 304   | Pakistan              | 18     | Nigeria               | 582   |
| Guinea             | 21    |                       |       | Mongolia              | 237   | Slovakia              | 13     | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 574   |
| Burkina Faso       | 18    |                       |       | Guinea                | 235   | Zimbabwe              | 9      | Serbia                | 406   |
| Poland             |       | Portugal              |       | Rep. of Korea         |       | Romania               |        | Serbia (excl. Kosovo) |       |
| Russian Fed.       | 5,726 | Eritrea               | 21    | Pakistan              | 95    | Rep. of Moldova       | 136    | Afghanistan           | 218   |
| Georgia            | 4,182 | Guinea                | 18    | Bangladesh            | 41    | Pakistan              | 92     | Sri Lanka             | 17    |
| Armenia            | 147   | Mauritania            | 16    | Myanmar               | 32    | Afghanistan           | 87     | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 13    |
| Viet Nam           | 67    | Colombia              | 15    | Sri Lanka             | 26    | Turkey                | 82     | Guinea                | *     |
| Belarus            | 38    | Nigeria               | 9     | China                 | 19    | Iraq                  | 71     | Iraq                  | *     |
| Ukraine            | 36    | Sri Lanka             | 8     | Nigeria               | 16    | China                 | 61     | Cameroon              | *     |
| Indonesia          | 36    | Ukraine               | 5     | Uganda                | 15    | India                 | 41     | Pakistan              | *     |
| Nigeria            | 23    | DR of Congo           | 5     | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 11    | Bangladesh            | 40     | Georgia               | *     |
| Iraq               | 21    | Guinea-Bissau         | 5     | Cameroon              | 10    | Georgia               | 26     | Russian Fed.          | *     |
| Stateless          | 19    | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | *     | Afghanistan           | 8     | DR of Congo           | 23     | Occupied Palest. Te   | *     |
| Slovakia           |       | Slovenia              |       | Spain                 |       | Sweden                |        | Switzerland           |       |
| Pakistan           | 168   | Bosnia-Herzegovina    | 41    | Nigeria               | 459   | Somalia               | 5,874  | Nigeria               | 1,725 |
| Georgia            | 98    | Serbia                | 39    | Côte d'Ivoire         | 304   | Iraq                  | 2,297  | Eritrea               | 1,625 |
| Rep. of Moldova    | 73    | Turkey                | 12    | Colombia              | 247   | Serbia                | 1,806  | Sri Lanka             | 1,363 |
| Russian Fed.       | 72    | Afghanistan           | 11    | Algeria               | 181   | Afghanistan           | 1,694  | Serbia                | 1,020 |
| India              | 57    | Croatia               | 11    | Guinea                | 130   | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 1,144  | Iraq                  | 801   |
| Viet Nam           | 56    | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 9     | DR of Congo           | 113   | Russian Fed.          | 1,058  | Somalia               | 727   |
| Afghanistan        | 51    | Nigeria               | 9     | Cameroon              | 112   | Eritrea               | 1,000  | Afghanistan           | 719   |
| China              | 39    | Pakistan              | 6     | Somalia               | 104   | Stateless             | 912    | Georgia               | 536   |
| Armenia            | 21    | Sri Lanka             | 6     | Cuba                  | 84    | Mongolia              | 753    | Turkey                | 475   |
| Serbia             | 19    | Albania               | 6     | Morocco               | 72    | Syrian Arab Rep.      | 587    | Russian Fed.          | 408   |
| TfYR Macedonia     |       | Turkey                |       | United Kingdom        |       | United States****     |        |                       |       |
| Afghanistan        | 71    | Iraq                  | 3,763 | Zimbabwe              | 7,420 | China                 | 11,551 |                       |       |
| Serbia             | 5     | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 1,981 | Afghanistan           | 3,535 | Mexico                | 2,364  |                       |       |
| Albania            | *     | Afghanistan           | 1,009 | Iran (Islamic Rep. of | 2,125 | El Salvador           | 2,288  |                       |       |
| Nigeria            | *     | Somalia               | 295   | Pakistan              | 2,035 | Guatemala             | 1,767  |                       |       |
| Iraq               | *     | Myanmar               | 112   | Sri Lanka             | 1,430 | Haiti                 | 1,720  |                       |       |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | *     | Sudan                 | 92    | China                 | 1,415 | Ethiopia              | 1,265  |                       |       |
| Tunisia            | *     | Occupied Palest. Te   | 72    | Eritrea               | 1,405 | Nepal                 | 992    |                       |       |
| Ethiopia           | *     | Eritrea               | 66    | Somalia               | 1,080 | Honduras              | 875    |                       |       |
| India              | *     | Syrian Arab Rep.      | 46    | Iraq                  | 990   | Russian Fed.          | 862    |                       |       |
| Czech Rep.         | *     | DR of Congo           | 41    | Nigeria               | 820   | India                 | 795    |                       |       |

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

**Table 24. Monthly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2009**

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

| Asylum country       | Jan.   | Feb.   | Mar.   | Apr.   | May    | Jun.   | Jul.   | Aug.   | Sep.   | Oct.   | Nov.   | Dec.   | Change Nov-Dec |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|
| Albania              | -      | -      | -      | -      | 1      | -      | 1      | -      | 1      | -      | -      | -      | ..             |
| Australia            | 376    | 364    | 518    | 444    | 410    | 390    | 582    | 589    | 696    | 472    | 680    | 653    | -4%            |
| Austria              | 1,214  | 1,244  | 1,314  | 1,192  | 1,224  | 1,299  | 1,369  | 1,283  | 1,448  | 1,468  | 1,321  | 1,451  | 10%            |
| Belgium              | 1,314  | 1,068  | 1,185  | 1,215  | 1,145  | 1,251  | 1,363  | 1,368  | 1,535  | 1,853  | 1,866  | 2,023  | 8%             |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina   | 23     | 3      | 1      | 2      | 4      | 8      | 2      | -      | 1      | 2      | -      | 1      | ..             |
| Bulgaria             | 71     | 66     | 91     | 51     | 57     | 75     | 61     | 53     | 68     | 75     | 99     | 86     | -13%           |
| Canada               | 2,875  | 3,030  | 3,351  | 3,277  | 3,006  | 3,184  | 2,902  | 2,238  | 2,508  | 2,474  | 2,424  | 1,982  | -18%           |
| Croatia              | 3      | 5      | 20     | 9      | 4      | 16     | 11     | 25     | 19     | 9      | 5      | 21     | 320%           |
| Cyprus               | 303    | 369    | 219    | 208    | 268    | 240    | 245    | 175    | 270    | 315    | 336    | 247    | -26%           |
| Czech Rep.           | 123    | 130    | 123    | 134    | 115    | 90     | 105    | 85     | 86     | 99     | 82     | 86     | 5%             |
| Denmark              | 336    | 257    | 345    | 222    | 310    | 215    | 237    | 323    | 382    | 387    | 421    | ..     | ..             |
| Estonia              | 1      | 4      | 3      | 2      | -      | -      | 6      | 4      | 6      | 6      | 5      | 3      | -40%           |
| Finland              | 543    | 486    | 489    | 387    | 395    | 483    | 492    | 553    | 564    | 528    | 470    | 521    | 11%            |
| France               | 2,905  | 3,767  | 3,643  | 3,486  | 2,839  | 3,461  | 3,548  | 3,173  | 3,463  | 4,113  | 3,698  | 3,885  | 5%             |
| Germany              | 2,342  | 1,936  | 1,995  | 1,919  | 1,835  | 1,952  | 2,539  | 2,448  | 2,609  | 2,637  | 2,454  | 2,170  | -12%           |
| Greece               | 1,557  | 1,590  | 1,571  | 1,679  | 1,717  | 1,663  | 1,086  | 496    | 1,584  | 1,136  | 961    | 888    | -8%            |
| Hungary              | 280    | 497    | 485    | 348    | 349    | 310    | 480    | 431    | 476    | 519    | 253    | 244    | -4%            |
| Iceland              | -      | 1      | 3      | -      | 2      | 6      | 3      | 11     | 1      | 4      | 3      | 1      | -67%           |
| Ireland              | 254    | 270    | 270    | 241    | 229    | 244    | 218    | 226    | 197    | 203    | 176    | 161    | -9%            |
| Italy                | 1,983  | 1,363  | 1,447  | 1,696  | 2,228  | 1,257  | 1,265  | 553    | 959    | 951    | 1,087  | 655    | -40%           |
| Japan*               | 157    | 139    | 130    | 112    | 110    | 107    | 115    | 111    | 138    | 90     | 82     | 93     | 13%            |
| Latvia               | 1      | 1      | -      | 2      | 1      | -      | 8      | 4      | 7      | 19     | 7      | 2      | -71%           |
| Liechtenstein        | 1      | 5      | 12     | 2      | 7      | 3      | -      | 27     | 68     | 98     | 65     | 6      | -91%           |
| Lithuania            | 14     | 16     | 10     | 9      | 18     | 8      | 7      | 19     | 50     | 24     | 14     | 22     | 57%            |
| Luxembourg           | 39     | 24     | 31     | 37     | 23     | 41     | 46     | 47     | 61     | 34     | 58     | 64     | 10%            |
| Malta                | 220    | 227    | 224    | 200    | 179    | 152    | 148    | 207    | 145    | 158    | 279    | 250    | -10%           |
| Montenegro           | -      | 1      | 5      | 7      | 1      | -      | -      | -      | 2      | -      | 3      | 2      | -33%           |
| Netherlands          | 1,171  | 1,147  | 1,305  | 1,233  | 1,022  | 1,216  | 1,171  | 1,033  | 1,327  | 1,573  | 1,468  | 1,239  | -16%           |
| New Zealand          | 21     | 32     | 12     | 21     | 26     | 14     | 36     | 29     | 50     | 38     | 40     | 17     | -58%           |
| Norway               | 1,349  | 1,185  | 1,294  | 1,274  | 1,511  | 1,548  | 1,770  | 1,820  | 1,641  | 1,523  | 1,213  | 1,098  | -9%            |
| Poland               | 367    | 344    | 451    | 470    | 521    | 1,312  | 1,565  | 2,075  | 995    | 890    | 695    | 907    | 31%            |
| Portugal             | 15     | 12     | 16     | 7      | 12     | 24     | 8      | 7      | 9      | 13     | 7      | 9      | 29%            |
| Rep. of Korea        | 22     | 26     | 23     | 23     | 45     | 29     | 39     | 22     | 16     | 17     | 36     | 26     | -28%           |
| Romania              | 80     | 104    | 55     | 58     | 55     | 88     | 57     | 100    | 71     | 51     | 69     | 46     | -33%           |
| Serbia               | 4      | 4      | 21     | 19     | 35     | 26     | 35     | 21     | 26     | 22     | 17     | 45     | 165%           |
| Slovakia             | 53     | 43     | 71     | 40     | 62     | 77     | 94     | 61     | 104    | 79     | 66     | 72     | 9%             |
| Slovenia             | 38     | 10     | 13     | 12     | 9      | 5      | 30     | 10     | 9      | 2      | 12     | 31     | 158%           |
| Spain                | 291    | 339    | 268    | 247    | 217    | 272    | 240    | 174    | 266    | 293    | 216    | 176    | -19%           |
| Sweden               | 1,932  | 1,669  | 1,731  | 1,564  | 1,588  | 1,873  | 2,052  | 2,389  | 2,204  | 2,321  | 2,402  | 2,469  | 3%             |
| Switzerland          | 2,127  | 1,263  | 1,174  | 1,080  | 957    | 1,065  | 1,164  | 1,102  | 1,113  | 1,162  | 1,241  | 1,044  | -16%           |
| TfYR Macedonia       | 1      | 3      | 2      | 5      | 50     | 2      | 1      | 1      | 11     | 2      | 4      | 4      | 0%             |
| Turkey               | 921    | 668    | 874    | 757    | 532    | 531    | 641    | 594    | 668    | 644    | 579    | 425    | -27%           |
| United Kingdom       | 3,255  | 3,215  | 3,815  | 2,810  | 2,275  | 2,295  | 2,250  | 2,005  | 2,020  | 2,230  | 2,100  | 1,570  | -25%           |
| United States        | 3,668  | 3,453  | 4,065  | 3,960  | 4,373  | 4,330  | 4,681  | 3,961  | 4,094  | 4,173  | 4,123  | 4,142  | 0%             |
| EU-"Old" (15)        | 19,151 | 18,387 | 19,425 | 17,935 | 17,059 | 17,546 | 17,884 | 16,078 | 18,628 | 19,740 | 18,705 | 17,281 | -8%            |
| EU-"New" (12)        | 1,551  | 1,811  | 1,745  | 1,534  | 1,634  | 2,357  | 2,806  | 3,224  | 2,287  | 2,237  | 1,917  | 1,996  | 4%             |
| EU-Total (27)        | 20,702 | 20,198 | 21,170 | 19,469 | 18,693 | 19,903 | 20,690 | 19,302 | 20,915 | 21,977 | 20,622 | 19,277 | -7%            |
| Nordic countries (5) | 4,160  | 3,598  | 3,862  | 3,447  | 3,806  | 4,125  | 4,554  | 5,096  | 4,792  | 4,763  | 4,509  | 4,089  | -9%            |
| Western Europe (19)  | 22,628 | 20,841 | 21,908 | 20,291 | 19,536 | 20,168 | 20,821 | 19,038 | 21,451 | 22,527 | 21,227 | 19,430 | -8%            |
| Southern Europe (8)  | 5,290  | 4,568  | 4,619  | 4,794  | 5,154  | 4,139  | 3,634  | 2,206  | 3,902  | 3,510  | 3,465  | 2,650  | -24%           |
| Total Europe (38)    | 25,131 | 23,336 | 24,576 | 22,624 | 21,797 | 23,108 | 24,318 | 22,903 | 24,466 | 25,443 | 23,752 | 21,924 | -8%            |
| Canada/USA           | 6,543  | 6,483  | 7,416  | 7,237  | 7,379  | 7,514  | 7,583  | 6,199  | 6,602  | 6,647  | 6,547  | 6,124  | -6%            |
| Australia/New Z.     | 397    | 396    | 530    | 465    | 436    | 404    | 618    | 618    | 746    | 510    | 720    | 670    | -7%            |
| Japan/Rep. of Korea  | 179    | 165    | 153    | 135    | 155    | 136    | 154    | 133    | 154    | 107    | 118    | 119    | 1%             |
| Total non-Europe (6) | 7,119  | 7,044  | 8,099  | 7,837  | 7,970  | 8,054  | 8,355  | 6,950  | 7,502  | 7,264  | 7,385  | 6,913  | -6%            |
| Total (44)           | 32,250 | 30,380 | 32,675 | 30,461 | 29,767 | 31,162 | 32,673 | 29,853 | 31,968 | 32,707 | 31,137 | 28,837 | -7%            |

**Notes**

See notes in Annex Table 1.

\* Japan. UNHCR estimates.