



## ASYLUM TRENDS IN 28 INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES

### JANUARY TO MARCH 2001 – JANUARY TO MARCH 2002

**Table 1. Asylum applications lodged in 28 industrialized countries, 2001 - 2002 (first quarter)**

| Country of asylum | 2001    |         |         |         | 2002    | Latest quarterly change | Share        |              | Rank         |              |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                   | First   | Second  | Third   | Fourth  |         |                         | Jan-Dec 2001 | Jan-Mar 2002 | Jan-Dec 2001 | Jan-Mar 2002 |
| Austria           | 7,478   | 7,513   | 7,391   | 7,753   | 8,269   | 6.7%                    | 5.4%         | 6.4%         | 7            | 5            |
| Belgium           | 6,761   | 5,612   | 6,498   | 5,678   | 4,685   | -17.5%                  | 4.4%         | 3.6%         | 8            | 10           |
| Bulgaria          | 571     | 519     | 652     | 685     | 1,091   | 59.3%                   | 0.4%         | 0.8%         | 21           | 20           |
| Czech Rep.        | 4,082   | 4,825   | 4,872   | 4,258   | 2,729   | -35.9%                  | 3.2%         | 2.1%         | 11           | 12           |
| Denmark           | 3,031   | 2,825   | 3,658   | 2,889   | 1,933   | -33.1%                  | 2.2%         | 1.5%         | 13           | 16           |
| Finland           | 400     | 373     | 493     | 385     | 391     | 1.6%                    | 0.3%         | 0.3%         | 23           | 22           |
| France            | 11,331  | 11,927  | 11,189  | 12,816  | 12,629  | -1.5%                   | 8.5%         | 9.7%         | 4            | 4            |
| Germany           | 21,054  | 19,732  | 25,231  | 22,346  | 19,230  | -13.9%                  | 15.9%        | 14.8%        | 1            | 2            |
| Greece            | 468     | 694     | 1,744   | 2,593   | 1,532   | -40.9%                  | 1.0%         | 1.2%         | 19           | 19           |
| Hungary           | 1,855   | 1,987   | 2,870   | 2,842   | 1,675   | -41.1%                  | 1.7%         | 1.3%         | 16           | 17           |
| Ireland           | 2,309   | 2,460   | 2,799   | 2,756   | 2,533   | -8.1%                   | 1.9%         | 1.9%         | 15           | 13           |
| Liechtenstein     | 8       | 31      | 57      | 16      | 16      | 0.0%                    | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 28           | 28           |
| Luxembourg        | 165     | 156     | 196     | 172     | 157     | -8.7%                   | 0.1%         | 0.1%         | 26           | 25           |
| Netherlands       | 9,588   | 7,549   | 7,488   | 7,954   | 6,299   | -20.8%                  | 5.8%         | 4.8%         | 6            | 8            |
| Norway            | 1,542   | 2,508   | 6,095   | 4,639   | 4,375   | -5.7%                   | 2.7%         | 3.4%         | 12           | 11           |
| Poland            | 978     | 1,217   | 993     | 1,345   | 868     | -35.5%                  | 0.8%         | 0.7%         | 20           | 21           |
| Portugal          | 49      | 44      | 52      | 47      | 54      | 14.9%                   | 0.0%         | 0.0%         | 27           | 27           |
| Romania           | 662     | 630     | 634     | 454     | 292     | -35.7%                  | 0.4%         | 0.2%         | 22           | 23           |
| Slovakia          | 572     | 1,845   | 2,617   | 3,117   | 1,958   | -37.2%                  | 1.5%         | 1.5%         | 18           | 15           |
| Slovenia          | 422     | 635     | 280     | 171     | 133     | -22.2%                  | 0.3%         | 0.1%         | 25           | 26           |
| Spain             | 2,388   | 1,954   | 2,196   | 2,681   | 2,531   | -5.6%                   | 1.7%         | 1.9%         | 17           | 14           |
| Sweden            | 4,322   | 4,431   | 7,088   | 7,672   | 7,241   | -5.6%                   | 4.2%         | 5.6%         | 9            | 6            |
| Switzerland       | 4,497   | 4,811   | 5,705   | 5,755   | 5,612   | -2.5%                   | 3.7%         | 4.3%         | 10           | 9            |
| UK (cases)        | 17,705  | 15,580  | 18,855  | 17,995  | 19,530  | 8.5%                    | 12.6%        | 15.0%        | 2            | 1            |
| Canada            | 10,097  | 10,857  | 12,080  | 9,712   | 6,784   | -30.1%                  | 7.7%         | 5.2%         | 5            | 7            |
| USA (cases)       | 15,160  | 16,918  | 15,606  | 14,026  | 15,529  | 10.7%                   | 11.1%        | 12.0%        | 3            | 3            |
| Australia         | 3,424   | 3,714   | 3,231   | 1,997   | 1,580   | -20.9%                  | 2.2%         | 1.2%         | 14           | 18           |
| New Zealand       | 421     | 458     | 313     | 409     | 250     | -38.9%                  | 0.3%         | 0.2%         | 24           | 24           |
| EU                | 87,049  | 80,850  | 94,878  | 93,737  | 87,014  | -7.2%                   | 64.0%        | 67.0%        |              |              |
| Western Europe    | 93,096  | 88,200  | 106,735 | 104,147 | 97,017  | -6.8%                   | 70.4%        | 74.7%        |              |              |
| Central Europe    | 9,142   | 11,658  | 12,918  | 12,872  | 8,746   | -32.1%                  | 8.4%         | 6.7%         |              |              |
| Europe            | 102,238 | 99,858  | 119,653 | 117,019 | 105,763 | -9.6%                   | 78.7%        | 81.4%        |              |              |
| North America     | 25,257  | 27,775  | 27,686  | 23,738  | 22,313  | -6.0%                   | 18.7%        | 17.2%        |              |              |
| Australia/New Z.  | 3,845   | 4,172   | 3,544   | 2,406   | 1,830   | -23.9%                  | 2.5%         | 1.4%         |              |              |
| Total             | 131,340 | 131,805 | 150,883 | 143,163 | 129,906 | -9.3%                   | 100.0%       | 100.0%       |              |              |

#### Notes

Figures are provisional and subject to change.

Figures generally refer to no. of persons.

Germany and USA: new applications only.

EU: Member states of the European Union, except Italy (no data available).

Western Europe: EU countries listed plus Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

Central Europe: Bulgaria, Czech Rep., Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia.

Europe: All European countries included in this Table.

Source: Governments, compiled by UNHCR, Geneva (Population Data Unit/PDGS) Date of compilation: 30 May 2002



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### JANUARY TO MARCH 2001 – JANUARY TO MARCH 2002

**Table 2. Asylum applications lodged in 28 industrialized countries top ten origins, 2001 - 2002 (first quarter)**

See Table 1 for asylum countries included. Selection of origin based on number of applications lodged during January 2001 to March 2002.

| Origin                 | 2001   |        |        |        | 2002   | Latest              | Share   |         | Rank    |         |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                        | First  | Second | Third  | Fourth | First  | quarterly<br>change | Jan-Dec | Jan-Mar | Jan-Dec | Jan-Mar |
|                        |        |        |        |        |        |                     | 2001    | 2002    | 2001    | 2002    |
| Afghanistan            | 11,587 | 13,260 | 14,145 | 13,505 | 8,956  | -33.7%              | 9.4%    | 6.9%    | 1       | 2       |
| Iraq                   | 11,203 | 10,511 | 14,654 | 12,065 | 12,272 | 1.7%                | 8.7%    | 9.4%    | 2       | 1       |
| Turkey                 | 6,814  | 7,340  | 7,624  | 8,540  | 7,312  | -14.4%              | 5.4%    | 5.6%    | 3       | 3       |
| Yugoslavia, FR         | 6,060  | 6,329  | 6,978  | 7,825  | 7,055  | -9.8%               | 4.9%    | 5.4%    | 4       | 4       |
| China                  | 4,906  | 5,525  | 5,277  | 5,481  | 6,216  | 13.4%               | 3.8%    | 4.8%    | 5       | 5       |
| Russian Federation     | 4,163  | 4,324  | 5,527  | 4,118  | 3,992  | -3.1%               | 3.3%    | 3.1%    | 6       | 6       |
| Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | 5,126  | 3,320  | 3,800  | 3,516  | 2,975  | -15.4%              | 2.8%    | 2.3%    | 7       | 10      |
| India                  | 3,469  | 3,687  | 3,864  | 3,743  | 2,981  | -20.4%              | 2.6%    | 2.3%    | 8       | 9       |
| Sri Lanka              | 3,593  | 3,714  | 3,395  | 3,281  | 2,817  | -14.1%              | 2.5%    | 2.2%    | 10      | 12      |
| Somalia                | 3,129  | 3,157  | 4,686  | 3,196  | 2,590  | -19.0%              | 2.5%    | 2.0%    | 9       | 15      |

**Table 3. Asylum applications lodged in 14 EU countries top ten origins, 2001 - 2002 (first quarter)**

See Table 1 for asylum countries included. Selection of origin based on number of applications lodged during January 2001 to March 2002.

| Origin                 | 2001  |        |        |        | 2002  | Latest              | Share   |         | Rank    |         |
|------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                        | First | Second | Third  | Fourth | First | quarterly<br>change | Jan-Dec | Jan-Mar | Jan-Dec | Jan-Mar |
|                        |       |        |        |        |       |                     | 2001    | 2002    | 2001    | 2002    |
| Iraq                   | 9,448 | 8,264  | 11,665 | 9,887  | 9,912 | 0.3%                | 11.0%   | 11.4%   | 1       | 1       |
| Afghanistan            | 8,755 | 9,575  | 9,717  | 9,083  | 6,953 | -23.5%              | 10.4%   | 8.0%    | 2       | 2       |
| Turkey                 | 5,977 | 5,994  | 6,271  | 7,380  | 6,250 | -15.3%              | 7.2%    | 7.2%    | 3       | 3       |
| Yugoslavia, FR         | 4,949 | 4,806  | 5,528  | 6,183  | 5,577 | -9.8%               | 6.0%    | 6.4%    | 4       | 4       |
| Russian Federation     | 3,038 | 3,047  | 3,982  | 2,594  | 2,569 | -1.0%               | 3.6%    | 3.0%    | 5       | 6       |
| Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | 4,063 | 2,378  | 2,725  | 2,667  | 2,300 | -13.8%              | 3.3%    | 2.6%    | 6       | 9       |
| Somalia                | 2,188 | 2,122  | 3,227  | 2,247  | 1,878 | -16.4%              | 2.7%    | 2.2%    | 7       | 13      |
| Sri Lanka              | 2,436 | 2,384  | 2,248  | 2,342  | 2,076 | -11.4%              | 2.6%    | 2.4%    | 8       | 11      |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 2,073 | 1,905  | 1,910  | 2,550  | 2,808 | 10.1%               | 2.4%    | 3.2%    | 12      | 5       |
| Algeria                | 1,901 | 2,153  | 2,580  | 2,253  | 2,295 | 1.9%                | 2.5%    | 2.6%    | 9       | 10      |

**Table 4. Asylum applications lodged in 24 European countries, top ten origins, 2001 - 2002 (first quarter)**

See Table 1 for asylum countries included. Selection of origin based on number of applications lodged during January 2001 to March 2002.

| Origin                 | 2001   |        |        |        | 2002   | Latest              | Share   |         | Rank    |         |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                        | First  | Second | Third  | Fourth | First  | quarterly<br>change | Jan-Dec | Jan-Mar | Jan-Dec | Jan-Mar |
|                        |        |        |        |        |        |                     | 2001    | 2002    | 2001    | 2002    |
| Afghanistan            | 10,555 | 12,193 | 13,573 | 13,291 | 8,892  | -33.1%              | 11.3%   | 8.4%    | 1       | 2       |
| Iraq                   | 10,772 | 9,663  | 13,451 | 11,667 | 12,038 | 3.2%                | 10.4%   | 11.4%   | 2       | 1       |
| Turkey                 | 6,439  | 6,805  | 7,071  | 8,143  | 6,992  | -14.1%              | 6.5%    | 6.6%    | 3       | 3       |
| Yugoslavia, FR         | 5,882  | 6,102  | 6,809  | 7,693  | 6,907  | -10.2%              | 6.0%    | 6.5%    | 4       | 4       |
| Russian Federation     | 3,815  | 3,965  | 5,124  | 3,830  | 3,690  | -3.7%               | 3.8%    | 3.5%    | 5       | 5       |
| Iran (Islamic Rep. of) | 4,443  | 2,695  | 3,165  | 3,070  | 2,620  | -14.7%              | 3.0%    | 2.5%    | 6       | 10      |
| Somalia                | 2,499  | 2,561  | 3,971  | 2,839  | 2,375  | -16.3%              | 2.7%    | 2.2%    | 7       | 11      |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 4,242  | 2,111  | 2,447  | 2,112  | 2,209  | 4.6%                | 2.5%    | 2.1%    | 8       | 14      |
| Algeria                | 2,149  | 2,465  | 3,083  | 2,662  | 2,734  | 2.7%                | 2.4%    | 2.6%    | 11      | 7       |
| India                  | 2,527  | 2,626  | 2,756  | 2,888  | 2,132  | -26.2%              | 2.5%    | 2.0%    | 9       | 16      |