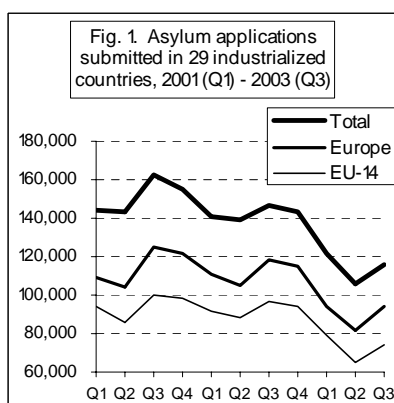


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1. In the 29 industrialized countries covered by this report, 115, 660 asylum applications were submitted during the **third quarter of 2003**, 9 per cent more than during the second quarter, when 105,940 claims were lodged. In the 24 European countries listed, the quarterly increase was 14 per cent, in the Nordic countries, a 37 per cent rise was recorded, and Central Europe witnessed a 22 per cent increase, whereas the 14 European Union (EU) member countries registered a 14 per cent rise in asylum applications. All non-European industrialized countries, except Japan, reported a decrease in quarterly applications.



2. During the first nine months of 2003, the 14 EU countries together received some 64 per cent of all claims lodged in the industrialized world, similar to the year 2002 (65%) and 2001 (62%). When the candidate countries for EU membership are included², the share of the EU in receiving asylum-seekers rises to 70 per cent (see Table 1 and 2).

3. Countries reporting a relatively strong increase in asylum claims submitted during the third quarter of 2003 as compared to the second include Belgium (29%), Hungary (41%), Norway (38%), Poland (77%), Slovakia (31%), Spain (40%), Sweden (44%) and Japan (43%). Conversely, an important decrease in quarterly applications was reported by Greece (-25%), Portugal (-60%) and Romania (-45%) (see Table 2).

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4. During the **first nine months of 2003**, the UK received most of the asylum applications lodged in the 29 countries (14%), followed by the USA (13%), France and Germany (11% each). However, whereas a sharp decrease was reported in the share of the UK (19% in 2002) and Germany (15% in 2001), the share of France in the total number of asylum claims has steadily increased (8% in 2001). During July to September 2003, the UK was still the main asylum-seeker receiving country, although its share fell further, to 13 per cent. The USA, France and Germany each accounted for 11 per cent of the asylum seeker inflow (see Table 1 and 2).

5. Despite the increase during the third quarter of 2003, the level of asylum claims lodged in the 29 asylum countries during the first nine months of 2003 remains well below the level of the first nine months of 2002 (-20%) and 2001 (-24%) (see Table 1).

6. The decrease in applications during January to September 2003 as compared to the same period in 2002, while noticeable across all regions, was the strongest in North America (-22%), Australia/New Zealand (-23%) and EU-14 (-21%). Countries experiencing a significant decrease during this period included Bulgaria (-61%), Denmark (-26%), Germany (-28%), Hungary (-62%), the Netherlands (-30%), Portugal (-62%), The United Kingdom (-39%), the USA (-32%) and Australia (-24%).

¹ This report is a revision of a document issued on 29 October 2003, which did not include the most recent data for the United Kingdom. In addition to including the UK, the current report incorporates retroactive corrections received for a number of other countries since 29 October. All data should be considered provisional, subject to change, however. Italy is not included in this report due to a lack of data.

² The EU candidate countries Cyprus, the Baltic States and Malta are excluded from this report due to a lack of detailed data. However, during 2002, these countries received the following number of asylum claims: Cyprus: 951; Malta: 350; Estonia: 9; Latvia: 30; Lithuania: 294.

However, applications during the first nine months of 2003 rose significantly in Czech Republic (27%), Greece (64%), Luxembourg (51%), Poland (63%), Slovenia (136%) and Japan (30%) (see Table 1).

7. In **September 2003**, the 29 countries together received 40,980 new asylum claims, 12 per cent more than in August (36,620). The rise in monthly applications was the strongest in Central Europe (19%) and the 14 EU countries (14%) (Table 2).

8. Of the 29 countries covered by this report, 21 countries experienced an increase in September 2003, 7 countries reported a decrease, whereas one country reported no change in the level of new applications. A significant increase in monthly applications was reported by Bulgaria (49%), Germany (25%), Greece (454%), Hungary (32%), Luxembourg (52%), Poland (98%) and New Zealand (58%). The more than four-fold increase in claims in Greece is likely due to the registration of a backlog of new cases from July and August, when the level was exceptionally low. An important reduction in monthly asylum flows was reported by Romania (-48%) (Table 2).

9. Concerning the main **countries of origin**, the **third quarter of 2003** witnessed a 36 per cent fall in Iraqi asylum-seekers compared to the second quarter. As a result, Iraq fell from the second to the sixth position in the country of origin ranking. At the same time, asylum claims lodged by Russian citizens, many of whom are from Chechnya, increased with 42 per cent. Since the second quarter of 2003, the Russian Federation has been the leading country of citizenship of asylum-seekers in the 29 industrialized countries.³ Other main asylum-seeker nationalities which recorded an increase in claims included Somalia (73%), the Islamic Rep. of Iran (25%), Armenia (33%) and the Republic of Moldova (47%) (Table 3).

10. The **September data** confirm the continued rise in Russian asylum claims (+40%). The strong increase in Iraqi applications in September (+50%) is mainly due to a reduction in the backlog in registering new claims in Greece (Table 4).

11. Table 5, 6 and 7 provide an overview of asylum applications by **origin and country of asylum**.

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³ It should be stressed that the statistics in this document refer to the number of applications registered in each country, allowing for persons to be counted more than once if an application is lodged in more than one country. For instance, it is believed that a significant number of Russian asylum-seekers who lodge an application in Austria, Czech Republic and Poland do not wait until their claim has been adjudicated, but move further westwards and register for asylum again.

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Table 1. Quarterly asylum applications lodged, 2001-2003
 Two dots (..) indicate that the value is not available.

Country/region of asylum	2001				2002				2003			2001/3		2002/3		Share		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1 - Q3	Q1 - Q3	2001	2002	03YTD		
Austria	7,478	7,513	7,391	7,753	7,667	8,757	11,300	9,259	6,647	8,103	9,793	10%	-11%	5%	6%	7%		
Belgium	6,761	5,612	6,498	5,678	4,685	4,344	5,003	4,773	3,828	3,582	4,613	-36%	-14%	4%	3%	3%		
Bulgaria	571	519	652	685	1,091	964	412	421	426	256	281	-45%	-61%	0%	1%	0%		
Czech Rep.	4,082	4,825	4,872	4,258	2,729	1,893	1,759	2,054	1,977	3,048	3,058	-41%	27%	3%	1%	2%		
Denmark	3,031	2,825	3,658	2,889	2,090	1,438	1,137	1,282	1,199	1,086	1,159	-64%	-26%	2%	1%	1%		
Finland	400	373	493	385	397	1,143	904	689	783	585	681	62%	-16%	0%	1%	1%		
France	11,331	11,927	11,189	12,816	12,777	12,289	12,170	13,562	12,473	11,917	12,784	8%	0%	8%	9%	11%		
Germany	21,054	19,732	25,231	22,346	19,230	17,029	18,013	16,772	14,939	11,423	12,494	-41%	-28%	15%	12%	11%		
Greece	468	694	1,744	2,593	1,532	751	1,852	1,529	2,246	2,592	1,954	134%	64%	1%	1%	2%		
Hungary	1,855	1,987	2,870	2,842	1,675	1,445	1,928	1,364	645	522	737	-72%	-62%	2%	1%	1%		
Ireland	2,309	2,460	2,799	2,756	2,533	2,552	3,327	3,222	2,818	1,932	1,912	-12%	-21%	2%	2%	2%		
Liechtenstein	8	31	57	16	19	21	33	23	24	29	24	-20%	5%	0%	0%	0%		
Luxembourg	165	156	196	172	157	237	278	371	298	354	362	96%	51%	0%	0%	0%		
Netherlands	9,588	7,549	7,488	7,954	6,299	4,836	4,201	3,331	3,674	3,792	3,219	-57%	-30%	5%	3%	3%		
Norway	1,542	2,508	6,095	4,639	4,370	3,792	5,089	4,229	3,705	3,603	4,968	21%	-7%	2%	3%	4%		
Poland	978	1,217	993	1,345	868	921	1,312	1,565	1,407	1,314	2,331	58%	63%	1%	1%	1%		
Portugal	59	57	56	62	58	59	87	41	22	40	16	-55%	-62%	0%	0%	0%		
Romania	662	630	634	454	292	317	273	226	272	384	213	-55%	-1%	0%	0%	0%		
Slovakia	572	1,845	2,617	3,117	1,958	1,393	2,839	3,549	1,249	2,125	2,788	22%	0%	1%	2%	2%		
Slovenia	422	635	280	171	133	125	112	268	285	283	307	-35%	136%	0%	0%	0%		
Spain	2,388	1,954	2,196	2,681	2,483	1,267	1,056	1,373	1,547	1,072	1,506	-37%	-14%	2%	1%	1%		
Sweden	4,322	4,431	7,088	7,672	7,236	7,378	9,373	9,024	7,951	6,205	8,958	46%	-4%	4%	6%	7%		
Switzerland	4,497	4,811	5,705	5,755	5,612	6,242	7,392	6,971	5,506	4,868	5,592	6%	-17%	3%	5%	5%		
UK	24,440	20,190	23,870	22,780	24,770	25,860	28,330	29,260	20,640	12,510	14,765	-30%	-39%	15%	19%	14%		
Canada	10,134	10,893	12,420	11,288	6,792	8,908	8,040	9,702	9,756	7,747	7,430	-25%	5%	7%	6%	7%		
USA	21,220	23,690	21,850	19,640	21,740	23,680	18,630	17,100	16,180	15,120	12,330	-35%	-32%	14%	14%	13%		
Australia	3,424	3,714	3,231	1,997	1,636	1,508	1,344	1,278	1,153	1,154	1,096	-67%	-24%	2%	1%	1%		
New Zealand	421	458	313	409	250	291	236	220	250	218	185	-45%	-16%	0%	0%	0%		
Japan	113	84	102	54	52	65	76	57	70	74	106	-16%	30%	0%	0%	0%		
EU-14	93,794	85,473	99,897	98,537	91,914	87,940	97,031	94,488	79,065	65,193	74,216	-22%	-21%	62%	65%	64%		
EU-enlarged	101,703	95,982	111,529	110,270	99,277	93,717	104,981	103,288	84,628	72,485	83,437	-22%	-19%	69%	70%	70%		
Nordic countries	9,295	10,137	17,334	15,585	14,093	13,751	16,503	15,224	13,638	11,479	15,766	11%	-8%	9%	10%	12%		
Western Europe	99,841	92,823	111,754	108,947	101,915	97,995	109,545	105,711	88,300	73,693	84,800	-19%	-20%	68%	73%	72%		
Central Europe	9,142	11,658	12,918	12,872	8,746	7,058	8,635	9,447	6,261	7,932	9,715	-29%	-2%	8%	6%	7%		
Europe	108,983	104,481	124,672	121,819	110,661	105,053	118,180	115,158	94,561	81,625	94,515	-20%	-19%	76%	79%	79%		
North America	31,354	34,583	34,270	30,928	28,532	32,588	26,670	26,802	25,936	22,867	19,760	-32%	-22%	22%	20%	20%		
Australia/New Z.	3,845	4,172	3,544	2,406	1,886	1,799	1,580	1,498	1,403	1,372	1,281	-65%	-23%	2%	1%	1%		
Total	144,295	143,320	162,588	155,207	141,131	139,505	146,506	143,515	121,970	105,938	115,662	-24%	-20%	100%	100%	100%		

Notes

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 USA: Data reflect no. of persons (no. of cases multiplied with 1.4). Source: INS.
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Table 2. Monthly asylum applications lodged, 2003

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Country/region of asylum											Total	Change Aug/Sep	Change Q1 - Q2	Change Q2 - Q3	Share		
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Jan-Mar					Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	
Austria	2,508	1,867	2,272	2,419	2,787	2,897	3,148	3,187	3,458	24,543	9%	22%	21%	5%	8%	8%	
Belgium	1,449	1,103	1,276	1,188	1,115	1,279	1,545	1,394	1,674	12,023	20%	-6%	29%	3%	3%	4%	
Bulgaria	167	137	122	69	94	93	139	57	85	963	49%	-40%	10%	0%	0%	0%	
Czech Rep.	685	704	588	1,188	965	895	926	1,167	965	8,083	-17%	54%	0%	2%	3%	3%	
Denmark	400	416	383	345	369	372	325	438	396	3,444	-10%	-9%	7%	1%	1%	1%	
Finland	281	319	183	167	148	270	185	247	249	2,049	1%	-25%	16%	1%	1%	1%	
France	3,655	4,399	4,419	4,605	3,100	4,212	4,431	4,081	4,272	37,174	5%	-4%	7%	10%	11%	11%	
Germany	6,124	4,486	4,329	4,012	3,758	3,653	4,528	3,548	4,418	38,856	25%	-24%	9%	12%	11%	11%	
Greece	615	871	760	666	1,047	879	390	239	1,325	6,792	454%	15%	-25%	2%	2%	2%	
Hungary	228	234	183	131	153	238	239	215	283	1,904	32%	-19%	41%	1%	0%	1%	
Ireland	979	947	892	667	604	661	646	655	611	6,662	-7%	-31%	-1%	2%	2%	2%	
Liechtenstein	11	5	8	5	7	17	11	7	6	77	-14%	21%	-17%	0%	0%	0%	
Luxembourg	79	107	112	127	107	120	138	89	135	1,014	52%	19%	2%	0%	0%	0%	
Netherlands	1,234	1,042	1,398	1,570	1,391	831	1,127	989	1,103	10,685	12%	3%	-15%	3%	4%	3%	
Norway	1,201	1,201	1,303	1,203	1,148	1,252	1,381	1,806	1,781	12,276	-1%	-3%	38%	3%	3%	4%	
Poland	364	337	706	372	527	415	496	615	1,220	5,052	98%	-7%	77%	1%	1%	2%	
Portugal	11	5	6	18	10	12	5	3	8	78	167%	82%	-60%	0%	0%	0%	
Romania	80	63	129	170	96	118	69	95	49	869	-48%	41%	-45%	0%	0%	0%	
Slovakia	442	386	421	636	679	810	878	895	1,015	6,162	13%	70%	31%	1%	2%	2%	
Slovenia	102	122	61	76	91	116	112	92	103	875	12%	-1%	8%	0%	0%	0%	
Spain	764	411	372	332	395	345	456	478	572	4,125	20%	-31%	40%	1%	1%	1%	
Sweden	3,128	2,505	2,318	2,006	1,938	2,261	2,654	3,139	3,165	23,114	1%	-22%	44%	7%	6%	8%	
Switzerland	2,196	1,648	1,662	1,538	1,767	1,563	1,791	1,899	1,902	15,966	0%	-12%	15%	5%	5%	5%	
UK	9,270	5,480	5,880	4,350	3,855	4,305	4,896	4,714	5,156	47,906	9%	-39%	18%	17%	12%	13%	
Canada	3,765	2,974	3,017	2,955	2,640	2,152	2,470	2,255	2,705	24,933	20%	-21%	-4%	8%	7%	6%	
USA	5,560	4,650	5,970	5,760	4,410	4,940	4,590	3,860	3,880	43,620	1%	-7%	-18%	13%	14%	11%	
Australia	400	344	409	393	406	355	407	367	322	3,403	-12%	0%	-5%	1%	1%	1%	
New Zealand	90	86	74	81	55	82	56	50	79	653	58%	-13%	-15%	0%	0%	0%	
Japan	26	24	20	32	20	22	31	37	38	250	3%	6%	43%	0%	0%	0%	
EU-14	30,497	23,958	24,600	22,472	20,624	22,097	24,474	23,201	26,542	218,465	14%	-18%	14%	65%	62%	64%	
EU-enlarged	32,318	25,741	26,559	24,875	23,039	24,571	27,125	26,185	30,128	240,541	15%	-14%	15%	69%	68%	72%	
Nordic countries	5,010	4,441	4,187	3,721	3,603	4,155	4,545	5,630	5,591	40,883	-1%	-16%	37%	11%	11%	14%	
Western Europe	33,905	26,812	27,573	25,218	23,546	24,929	27,657	26,913	30,231	246,784	12%	-17%	15%	72%	70%	73%	
Central Europe	2,068	1,983	2,210	2,642	2,605	2,685	2,859	3,136	3,720	23,908	19%	27%	22%	5%	7%	8%	
Europe	35,973	28,795	29,783	27,860	26,151	27,614	30,516	30,049	33,951	270,692	13%	-14%	16%	78%	77%	82%	
North America	9,325	7,624	8,987	8,715	7,050	7,092	7,060	6,115	6,585	68,553	8%	-12%	-14%	21%	22%	17%	
Australia/New Z.	490	430	483	474	461	437	463	417	401	4,056	-4%	-2%	-7%	1%	1%	1%	
Total	45,814	36,873	39,273	37,081	33,682	35,165	38,070	36,618	40,975	343,551	12%	-13%	9%	100%	100%	100%	

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Table 3. Asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, 2002-2003 (quarterly data)
 Covering all 29 asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 countries based on applications lodged during Jan-Sep 2003.
 Totals between this Table and Table 1 and 2 differ because USA and UK data by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	2002	2003			2003	2002/03	2003	Rank				
	Q1 - Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1 - Q3	Q1 - Q3	Q2 to Q3	2002	Q1	Q2	Q3	03YTD
Russian Federation	14,317	5,019	7,711	10,951	23,681	65%	42%	6	5	1	1	1
Iraq	35,987	11,111	6,384	4,115	21,610	-40%	-36%	1	1	2	6	2
Serbia and Montenegro	24,316	6,135	5,568	6,674	18,377	-24%	20%	2	3	3	2	3
Turkey	21,662	6,477	5,504	5,721	17,702	-18%	4%	3	2	4	4	4
China	19,755	5,037	4,998	6,012	16,047	-19%	20%	5	4	5	3	5
Afghanistan	20,488	3,347	3,659	3,629	10,635	-48%	-1%	4	8	6	7	6
Somalia	9,227	3,062	2,663	4,616	10,341	12%	73%	11	10	9	5	7
Nigeria	9,515	3,778	3,281	3,115	10,174	7%	-5%	10	7	8	10	8
India	10,182	3,236	3,461	3,392	10,089	-1%	-2%	7	9	7	8	9
Pakistan	7,672	4,324	2,231	2,195	8,750	14%	-2%	14	6	12	12	10
Islamic Rep. of Iran	8,463	2,807	2,589	3,235	8,631	2%	25%	13	12	10	9	11
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	9,561	2,900	2,569	2,543	8,012	-16%	-1%	9	11	11	11	12
Algeria	7,644	1,979	1,702	1,988	5,669	-26%	17%	15	13	15	14	13
Georgia	6,334	1,591	1,762	2,011	5,364	-15%	14%	18	16	13	13	14
Colombia	10,045	1,903	1,745	1,696	5,344	-47%	-3%	8	14	14	15	15
Mexico	8,658	1,782	1,278	1,408	4,468	-48%	10%	12	15	20	18	16
Sri Lanka	7,036	1,404	1,365	1,256	4,025	-43%	-8%	16	20	16	24	17
Ukraine	5,612	1,419	1,219	1,365	4,003	-29%	12%	22	19	22	19	18
Bangladesh	3,535	1,378	1,348	1,276	4,002	13%	-5%	29	21	17	22	19
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6,225	1,513	1,143	1,312	3,968	-36%	15%	19	17	24	21	20
Cameroon	3,992	1,364	1,309	1,269	3,942	-1%	-3%	27	22	18	23	21
Armenia	6,639	1,074	1,193	1,589	3,856	-42%	33%	17	28	23	17	22
Rep. of Moldova	4,193	793	1,124	1,648	3,565	-15%	47%	26	36	25	16	23
Haiti	4,457	1,071	1,262	1,221	3,554	-20%	-3%	24	29	21	25	24
Zimbabwe	5,668	1,347	1,027	882	3,256	-43%	-14%	21	24	26	37	25
Côte d'Ivoire	1,004	1,469	1,006	764	3,239	223%	-24%	40	18	29	38	26
Albania	4,195	1,106	1,026	976	3,108	-26%	-5%	25	27	27	29	27
Viet Nam	3,806	921	1,023	1,146	3,090	-19%	12%	28	30	28	26	28
Angola	5,934	1,149	925	966	3,040	-49%	4%	20	26	30	31	29
Indonesia	1,793	1,353	1,284	320	2,957	65%	-75%	38	23	19	40	30
Romania	5,008	1,268	676	727	2,671	-47%	8%	23	25	38	39	31
Mauritania	3,527	892	849	907	2,648	-25%	7%	30	31	32	34	32
Azerbaijan	3,328	832	745	1,047	2,624	-21%	41%	32	34	35	28	33
Guinea	3,357	794	907	922	2,623	-22%	2%	31	35	31	32	34
Ethiopia	2,736	838	760	972	2,570	-6%	28%	35	33	34	30	35
Belarus	2,609	843	808	906	2,557	-2%	12%	36	32	33	35	36
Slovakia	3,240	783	661	1,099	2,543	-22%	66%	33	37	40	27	37
Liberia	1,760	437	740	1,346	2,523	43%	82%	39	40	36	20	38
Sudan	2,508	747	694	910	2,351	-6%	31%	37	39	37	33	39
Syrian Arab Rep.	2,793	769	662	891	2,322	-17%	35%	34	38	39	36	40
Other	72,357	22,671	18,819	20,313	61,803	-15%	8%					
Total	391,138	112,723	99,680	109,331	321,734	-18%	10%					

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Table 4. Asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, Jan-Sep 2003 (Top-40)

Covering all 29 asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 countries based on applications lodged during Jan-Sep 2003.

Totals between this Table and Table 1 and 2 differ because USA and UK data by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	Absolute										Total	Change Aug/Sep	Change Q1 - Q2	Change Q2 - Q3	Rank		
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Aug					Sep	03YTD	
Russian Federation	1,565	1,434	2,020	2,327	2,513	2,871	2,967	3,330	4,654	23,681	40%	54%	42%	1	1	1	
Iraq	4,161	3,401	3,549	2,860	2,061	1,463	1,332	1,111	1,672	21,610	50%	-43%	-36%	7	5	2	
Serbia and Montenegro	2,183	2,022	1,930	1,807	1,862	1,899	2,120	2,095	2,459	18,377	17%	-9%	20%	2	2	3	
Turkey	2,384	2,044	2,049	1,948	1,686	1,870	1,915	1,799	2,007	17,702	12%	-15%	4%	4	4	4	
China	1,936	1,504	1,597	1,701	1,569	1,728	2,069	1,915	2,028	16,047	6%	-1%	20%	3	3	5	
Afghanistan	1,300	1,079	968	1,215	1,219	1,225	1,253	1,156	1,220	10,635	6%	9%	-1%	6	7	6	
Somalia	1,528	749	785	798	865	1,000	1,527	1,607	1,482	10,341	-8%	-13%	73%	5	6	7	
Nigeria	1,278	1,208	1,292	1,073	1,106	1,102	1,063	959	1,093	10,174	14%	-13%	-5%	10	9	8	
India	1,249	918	1,069	1,103	1,142	1,216	1,233	1,099	1,060	10,089	-4%	7%	-2%	8	10	9	
Pakistan	1,670	1,451	1,203	850	713	668	715	666	814	8,750	22%	-48%	-2%	13	12	10	
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,111	806	890	854	891	844	983	1,052	1,200	8,631	14%	-8%	25%	9	8	11	
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,057	945	898	951	778	840	861	780	902	8,012	16%	-11%	-1%	11	11	12	
Algeria	820	596	563	611	556	535	575	624	789	5,669	26%	-14%	17%	14	13	13	
Georgia	550	508	533	596	549	617	641	704	666	5,364	-5%	11%	14%	12	14	14	
Colombia	667	525	711	684	571	490	589	532	575	5,344	8%	-8%	-3%	15	16	15	
Mexico	623	559	600	421	469	388	490	398	520	4,468	31%	-28%	10%	24	18	16	
Sri Lanka	512	437	455	410	477	478	407	398	451	4,025	13%	-3%	-8%	24	21	17	
Ukraine	509	422	488	429	363	427	489	451	425	4,003	-6%	-14%	12%	20	24	18	
Bangladesh	560	393	425	440	473	435	475	368	433	4,002	18%	-2%	-5%	27	23	19	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	542	431	540	416	339	388	397	447	468	3,968	5%	-24%	15%	21	19	20	
Cameroon	525	363	476	474	423	412	416	406	447	3,942	10%	-4%	-3%	22	22	21	
Armenia	378	327	369	339	396	458	503	525	561	3,856	7%	11%	33%	17	17	22	
Rep. of Moldova	260	280	253	355	362	407	511	527	610	3,565	16%	42%	47%	16	15	23	
Haiti	410	324	337	491	353	418	362	403	456	3,554	13%	18%	-3%	23	20	24	
Zimbabwe	590	380	377	400	305	322	347	233	302	3,256	30%	-24%	-14%	39	34	25	
Côte d'Ivoire	521	457	491	392	313	301	257	239	268	3,239	12%	-32%	-24%	38	37	26	
Albania	398	332	376	323	346	357	341	319	316	3,108	-1%	-7%	-5%	29	33	27	
Viet Nam	323	283	315	320	387	316	423	346	377	3,090	9%	11%	12%	28	28	28	
Angola	479	298	372	363	275	287	339	306	321	3,040	5%	-19%	4%	32	32	29	
Indonesia	155	490	708	902	213	169	125	97	98	2,957	1%	-5%	-75%	40	40	30	
Romania	496	438	334	240	151	285	269	248	210	2,671	-15%	-47%	8%	37	39	31	
Mauritania	308	271	313	354	217	278	303	313	291	2,648	-7%	-5%	7%	30	36	32	
Azerbaijan	347	242	243	230	237	278	271	391	385	2,624	-2%	-10%	41%	26	26	33	
Guinea	304	221	269	281	312	314	321	308	293	2,623	-5%	14%	2%	31	35	34	
Ethiopia	301	266	271	255	258	247	303	287	382	2,570	33%	-9%	28%	34	27	35	
Belarus	216	307	320	292	225	291	291	289	326	2,557	13%	-4%	12%	33	31	36	
Slovakia	207	273	303	208	213	240	341	491	267	2,543	-46%	-16%	66%	19	38	37	
Liberia	148	119	170	289	168	283	425	497	424	2,523	-15%	69%	82%	18	25	38	
Sudan	334	192	221	233	237	224	289	275	346	2,351	26%	-7%	31%	35	29	39	
Syrian Arab Rep.	305	255	209	218	237	207	302	260	329	2,322	27%	-14%	35%	36	30	40	
Other	8,940	6,771	6,960	6,330	6,009	6,480	6,974	6,340	6,999	61,803	10%	-17%	8%				
Total	42,150	34,321	36,252	34,783	31,839	33,058	35,814	34,591	38,926	321,734	13%	-12%	10%				

Table 5. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, January to September 2003 (Top-20)

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

Origin	AUS	BEL	BUL	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE	LIE	LUX	NET	NOR
Russian Federation	4,907	1,254	5	3,063	215	199	1,625	2,567	31	79	81	14	44	203	1,449
Iraq	1,288	234	183	67	351	125	467	3,514	2,596	289	125	-	12	3,158	839
Serbia and Montenegro	1,893	897	*	18	547	347	1,182	3,584	*	85	102	18	353	280	1,703
Turkey	2,251	433	40	9	62	152	5,001	4,782	161	87	12	-	9	339	173
China	532	252	*	753	55	8	3,025	1,966	88	61	119	-	5	192	75
Afghanistan	2,031	240	322	50	502	39	287	1,168	478	390	17	-	*	345	1,322
Somalia	161	81	52	17	277	63	62	204	270	96	130	-	8	358	1,540
Nigeria	1,318	144	56	28	37	48	892	749	383	53	2,658	-	29	323	179
India	2,114	153	16	149	44	6	584	1,348	89	35	7	-	*	104	12
Pakistan	383	242	11	11	27	5	486	752	588	27	51	-	-	65	79
Islamic Rep. of Iran	672	521	74	5	109	36	109	1,593	543	138	42	-	20	431	449
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	53	1,331	-	*	8	24	3,362	480	36	*	212	-	13	153	60
Algeria	167	301	87	37	42	28	1,678	892	*	51	48	-	51	85	148
Georgia	1,094	223	-	215	24	9	968	892	26	179	83	*	30	97	135
Colombia	7	27	-	*	*	*	78	23	-	-	-	-	*	26	*
Mexico	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
Sri Lanka	99	29	5	11	17	12	1,329	227	42	-	*	-	*	64	73
Ukraine	363	92	-	1,359	21	32	488	237	*	8	127	*	21	56	72
Bangladesh	776	44	5	*	17	7	632	90	197	24	5	-	*	16	21
Bosnia and Herzegovina	175	89	-	-	184	60	521	455	*	*	10	*	28	87	582

Origin	POL	POR	ROM	SVK	SVN	SPA	SWE	SWI	GBR(c)	CAN	USA(c)	AUL	NZL	JPN	TOT
Russian Federation	3,956	6	*	1,441	9	110	984	363	205	181	653	30	*	*	23,681
Iraq	75	*	296	388	160	125	2,235	1,229	3,465	84	182	90	31	*	21,610
Serbia and Montenegro	*	*	*	42	137	6	3,907	2,238	690	58	179	101	-	-	18,377
Turkey	17	-	25	33	151	21	522	1,252	1,760	302	9	40	-	59	17,702
China	10	-	150	844	*	*	86	216	2,585	1,122	3,170	658	51	19	16,047
Afghanistan	200	-	16	452	*	6	572	165	1,910	82	5	29	*	*	10,635
Somalia	8	-	55	108	-	105	2,182	355	3,850	231	113	*	13	-	10,341
Nigeria	12	*	*	5	*	1,239	315	363	790	457	44	32	11	*	10,174
India	232	-	124	892	*	33	53	163	1,790	798	792	484	54	8	10,089
Pakistan	126	*	20	167	26	17	62	166	1,370	3,627	384	42	7	8	8,750
Islamic Rep. of Iran	8	-	52	124	77	14	533	211	2,140	237	320	49	108	16	8,631
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	*	*	*	-	177	99	397	1,140	338	108	*	*	*	8,012
Algeria	13	-	*	5	54	549	258	669	430	48	18	*	*	-	5,669
Georgia	21	5	-	174	48	43	396	555	-	25	121	-	-	-	5,364
Colombia	-	5	-	*	-	318	34	33	190	1,447	3,129	16	*	*	5,344
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	1,939	2,524	-	-	-	4,468
Sri Lanka	32	-	-	32	-	5	6	279	630	918	49	137	21	*	4,025
Ukraine	66	5	*	46	*	36	300	113	255	156	127	15	-	-	4,003
Bangladesh	*	-	*	406	10	15	95	247	575	589	106	96	15	*	4,002
Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	-	*	*	30	-	1,066	657	-	9	-	-	-	-	3,968

Table 6. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, July to September 2003 (Top-20)

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

Origin	AUS	BEL	BUL	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE	LIE	LUX	NET	NOR
Russian Federation	2,643	683	-	1,346	85	61	644	1,033	7	21	29	*	20	82	698
Serbia and Montenegro	756	339	-	8	187	113	441	1,194	*	29	35	5	111	127	675
China	163	45	*	274	30	7	1,562	676	67	9	72	-	*	88	28
Turkey	816	156	6	*	24	63	1,507	1,477	67	56	7	-	*	89	69
Somalia	49	25	12	11	123	32	29	75	188	39	59	-	*	179	750
Iraq	210	43	18	40	77	28	43	502	543	76	*	-	*	550	162
Afghanistan	686	55	87	9	124	17	42	383	87	173	9	-	-	99	674
India	741	54	*	37	10	*	223	449	22	*	*	-	-	47	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	275	181	12	*	58	15	36	593	166	51	17	-	5	123	225
Nigeria	427	53	9	9	14	24	325	195	104	25	742	-	9	73	70
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	19	466	-	*	*	12	948	143	17	-	60	-	*	51	33
Pakistan	132	113	5	7	8	*	195	340	184	8	16	-	-	21	30
Georgia	420	78	-	75	8	8	316	332	15	47	46	-	18	36	45
Algeria	52	119	81	13	12	16	542	283	*	29	19	-	20	30	52
Colombia	5	*	-	-	*	*	23	9	-	-	-	-	*	12	*
Rep. of Moldova	530	23	-	50	11	*	491	35	*	8	52	-	9	7	25
Armenia	365	72	6	14	9	*	204	193	7	32	*	*	*	49	10
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukraine	156	35	-	483	5	11	157	84	*	*	24	*	9	14	18
Liberia	76	78	5	*	6	5	94	201	5	13	53	-	12	193	26

Origin	POL	POR	ROM	SVK	SVN	SPA	SWE	SWI	GBR(c)	CAN	USA(c)	AUL	NZL	JPN	TOT
Russian Federation	1,901	5	*	797	-	46	400	138	70	61	166	6	*	*	10,951
Serbia and Montenegro	-	-	*	21	71	*	1,471	759	170	21	50	87	-	-	6,674
China	7	-	58	350	-	-	44	43	965	423	881	178	27	10	6,012
Turkey	6	-	6	20	80	5	184	415	530	103	-	11	-	18	5,721
Somalia	*	-	18	45	-	54	1,205	135	1,440	102	38	-	*	-	4,616
Iraq	14	-	27	113	48	12	489	340	690	24	33	26	*	-	4,115
Afghanistan	96	-	-	215	-	*	296	56	470	40	-	8	*	*	3,629
India	86	-	40	288	-	26	15	55	655	277	193	138	18	5	3,392
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	-	13	53	26	5	213	97	860	87	77	11	26	*	3,235
Nigeria	7	-	*	-	-	416	143	98	190	159	16	*	*	*	3,115
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	*	*	-	115	27	126	380	101	32	-	*	*	2,543
Pakistan	67	-	11	68	-	6	23	56	495	324	63	18	*	*	2,195
Georgia	10	*	-	127	22	7	171	173	-	9	47	-	-	-	2,011
Algeria	8	-	-	-	7	214	95	253	125	15	-	-	*	-	1,988
Colombia	-	-	-	-	-	125	12	10	40	522	919	10	-	*	1,696
Rep. of Moldova	8	-	*	217	*	*	47	50	70	6	-	-	-	-	1,648
Armenia	18	-	*	223	-	21	108	95	-	*	150	*	-	-	1,589
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	792	616	-	-	-	1,408
Ukraine	24	*	-	23	-	7	87	38	90	42	46	*	-	-	1,365
Liberia	*	*	*	*	-	91	41	234	-	14	187	-	-	-	1,346

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Table 7. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, January to September 2003										
AUS		BEL			BUL		CZE		DEN	
Russian Federation	4907	DR Congo	1331	Afghanistan	322	Russian Federation	3063	Serbia and Montenegro	547	
Turkey	2251	Russian Federation	1254	Iraq	183	Ukraine	1359	Afghanistan	502	
India	2114	Serbia and Montenegro	897	Algeria	87	Slovakia	915	Iraq	351	
Afghanistan	2031	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	521	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	74	China	753	Somalia	277	
Serbia and Montenegro	1893	Cameroon	447	Nigeria	56	Viet Nam	461	Russian Federation	215	
Nigeria	1318	Turkey	433	Somalia	52	Georgia	215	Bosnia and Herzegovina	184	
Iraq	1288	Rwanda	326	Turkey	40	Belarus	202	Palestinians	115	
Georgia	1094	Algeria	301	Armenia	39	India	149	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	109	
Rep. of Moldova	882	Slovakia	294	India	16	Rep. of Moldova	147	Bulgaria	73	
Bangladesh	776	Albania	262	Pakistan	11	Mongolia	70	FYR Macedonia	73	
FIN		FRA			GFR		GRE		HUN	
Serbia and Montenegro	347	Turkey	5001	Turkey	4782	Iraq	2596	Afghanistan	390	
Bulgaria	275	DR Congo	3362	Serbia and Montenegro	3584	Pakistan	588	Iraq	289	
Russian Federation	199	China	3025	Iraq	3514	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	543	Georgia	179	
Turkey	152	Mauritania	1743	Russian Federation	2567	Afghanistan	478	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	138	
Iraq	125	Algeria	1678	China	1966	Nigeria	383	Somalia	96	
Somalia	63	Russian Federation	1625	Viet Nam	1606	Myanmar	378	Turkey	87	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	60	Congo	1362	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	1593	Somalia	270	Serbia and Montenegro	85	
Slovakia	50	Sri Lanka	1329	India	1348	Sudan	201	Russian Federation	79	
Nigeria	48	Serbia and Montenegro	1182	Afghanistan	1168	Bangladesh	197	China	61	
Romania	44	Rep. of Moldova	1142	Azerbaijan	905	Turkey	161	Nigeria	53	
IRE		LIE			LUX		NET		NOR	
Nigeria	2658	Serbia and Montenegro	18	Serbia and Montenegro	353	Iraq	3158	Serbia and Montenegro	1703	
Romania	607	FYR Macedonia	17	Albania	52	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	431	Somalia	1540	
DR Congo	212	Russian Federation	14	Algeria	51	Somalia	358	Russian Federation	1449	
Rep. of Moldova	210	Kazakhstan	*	Russian Federation	44	Afghanistan	345	Afghanistan	1322	
Ghana	159	Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	Belarus	43	Turkey	339	Iraq	839	
Czech Rep.	150	Bulgaria	*	Georgia	30	Nigeria	323	Bosnia and Herzegovina	582	
Croatia	149	Ukraine	*	Nigeria	29	Angola	315	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	449	
Somalia	130	Belarus	*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	28	Liberia	309	Ethiopia	235	
Ukraine	127	Czech Rep.	*	Liberia	27	Burundi	297	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	233	
Iraq	125	Azerbaijan	*	Burundi	23	Serbia and Montenegro	280	Belarus	216	
POL		POR			ROM		SVK		SVN	
Russian Federation	3956	Angola	13	Iraq	296	Russian Federation	1441	Iraq	160	
India	232	Russian Federation	6	China	150	India	892	Turkey	151	
Afghanistan	200	Liberia	5	India	124	China	844	Serbia and Montenegro	137	
Pakistan	126	Georgia	5	Somalia	55	Afghanistan	452	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	77	
Armenia	95	Ukraine	5	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	52	Bangladesh	406	Algeria	54	
Iraq	75	Colombia	5	Turkey	25	Iraq	388	FYR Macedonia	49	
Ukraine	66	Bulgaria	*	Palestinians	23	Rep. of Moldova	382	Georgia	48	
Belarus	36	Côte d'Ivoire	*	Pakistan	20	Armenia	317	Egypt	34	
Sri Lanka	32	Albania	*	Afghanistan	16	Georgia	174	Bosnia and Herzegovina	30	
Mongolia	25	Cuba	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	14	Pakistan	167	Pakistan	26	
SPA		SWE			SWI		GBR (cases)		CAN	
Nigeria	1239	Serbia and Montenegro	3907	Serbia and Montenegro	2238	Somalia	3850	Pakistan	3627	
Algeria	549	Iraq	2235	Turkey	1252	Iraq	3465	Mexico	1939	
Colombia	318	Somalia	2182	Iraq	1229	Zimbabwe	2600	Colombia	1447	
DR Congo	177	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1066	Algeria	669	China	2585	Costa Rica	1387	
Côte d'Ivoire	140	Russian Federation	984	Bosnia and Herzegovina	657	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	2140	China	1122	
Cameroon	137	Azerbaijan	699	Georgia	555	Afghanistan	1910	Sri Lanka	918	
Liberia	132	Belarus	681	Guinea	504	India	1790	United States of America	869	
Iraq	125	Bulgaria	581	Liberia	398	Turkey	1760	India	798	
Russian Federation	110	Afghanistan	572	DR Congo	397	Pakistan	1370	Bangladesh	589	
Guinea	107	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	533	Nigeria	363	DR Congo	1140	Guyana	545	
USA (cases)		AUL			NZL		JPN			
China	3170	China	658	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	108	Myanmar	80			
Colombia	3129	India	484	Thailand	93	Turkey	59			
Indonesia	2550	Rep. of Korea	198	Zimbabwe	69	China	19			
Mexico	2524	Indonesia	187	India	54	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	16			
Haiti	2460	Thailand	165	China	51	India	8			
Guatemala	1979	Malaysia	152	Iraq	31	Pakistan	8			
Cameroon	1139	Sri Lanka	137	Chile	24	Cameroon	6			
India	792	Fiji	121	Hungary	23	Philippines	6			
Venezuela	784	Serbia and Montenegro	101	Malaysia	22	Côte d'Ivoire	5			
Ethiopia	666	Bangladesh	96	Sri Lanka	21	Gambia	5			