

ASYLUM LEVELS AND TRENDS IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES

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**Statistical Overview of Asylum Applications Lodged
in 38 European and 6 Non-European Countries**

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I. Introduction¹

This report summarizes the main levels and developments in the number of individual asylum claims submitted in Europe and selected non-European countries during the first six months of 2008. It covers the 38 European and 6 non-European States that currently provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR. The numbers in this report reflect applications made at the first instance of asylum procedures. Applications at appeal instance are not included. This report does not include information on the outcome of asylum claims or on the admission of refugees through resettlement programmes, which is available in other UNHCR reports.²

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

UNHCR’s data collection of monthly asylum statistics has expanded in the course of 2007 with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia³, the Republic of Korea, Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia being included. In view of the introduction of improved statistical reporting systems, Italy has been added in 2008, making it the 44th country to participate in UNHCR’s asylum data monitoring system. In order to ensure comparability over time, UNHCR’s database has been updated retroactively by incorporating monthly asylum statistics for the first six new countries since at least 2005. Monthly data for Italy, however, is available only from 2008. As a result of this expansion, previous UNHCR reports analysing monthly asylum trends may differ from the current one in terms of scope and data availability, and are thus not necessarily comparable.

To the extent possible, the statistics presented in this document reflect the number of asylum-seekers lodging an application for the first time. However, it appears that a significant number of countries included in this report cannot distinguish new asylum applications from reopened or repeat claims in their statistical systems. As a consequence, some of the numbers reported to UNHCR are likely to include repeat applications, and therefore do not necessarily reflect the actual number of new asylum-seekers. Moreover, although asylum-seekers are counted only once in each country, the regional numbers are proportionately higher because some individuals seek asylum in more than one country.

The data in this report is based on information available as at 9 October 2008, unless otherwise indicated. **All figures based on monthly statistics should be considered as provisional and subject to change.** Due to retroactive changes and adjustments, some of the data included in this publication may differ slightly from those reported in previous UNHCR documents, or from the official annual figures published by States. This is the case, for instance, for Germany (see the notes in Table 1 for more information).

All of the data in this document refer to the number of individuals, with the exception of the United States of America and Belgium. Only the number of cases (which can include several

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² See UNHCR’s 2007 *Global Trends* report (issued June 2008).

³ The monthly asylum data for Serbia excludes Kosovo.

individuals) is available for applications submitted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). UNHCR has therefore multiplied the total number of asylum cases by a factor of 1.4 to estimate the number of individuals, as historical data suggest that, on average, one case equals 1.4 individuals. Applications submitted to the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR), however, are recorded as individuals. Owing to the large variation in family size by nationality, the analysis by country of origin in the United States of America is based on a combination of the number of cases (DHS) and the number of individuals (EOIR). In the case of Belgium, accompanying dependents are not included in the figures.

II. Overview of regional trends ⁴

Monthly asylum statistics for Italy are available only from January 2008. This poses difficulties when analysing trends in the 44 industrialized countries over time. As a consequence, all asylum trends provided in this section exclude Italy. The latter is, however, included when data for 2008 only is referred to.

The number of asylum claims submitted in industrialized countries in 2007 rose by 9 per cent compared to 2006. This upward trend has continued during the first half of 2008 with data showing an increase of 3 per cent compared to the first half of 2007. Overall, an estimated 165,100 asylum claims were submitted in the 44 industrialized countries during the first half of 2008.

An analysis of semester trends of monthly asylum data available to UNHCR (1999-2008) shows a relatively clear seasonal pattern. Every year, with the exception of 2004, the number of asylum applications submitted during the first semester was lower than during the second semester. Assuming that current patterns remain unchanged, it may be expected that the number of asylum claims lodged in the 44 industrialized countries during the whole of 2008 could be between 330,000 and 360,000. In other words, the number of asylum claims lodged during 2008 might go up by some 10 per cent, when compared to 2007.

In the 38 **European** countries included in this report, close to 120,000 new asylum applications were submitted during the first six months of 2008, accounting for 73 per cent of all claims lodged in the 44 industrialized countries.

The 27 countries of the **European Union** (EU) registered 103,500 new asylum applications during the first six

months of 2008. Excluding Italy, where no pre-2008 monthly data is available, the EU-26 recorded more than 96,300 new claims during the first semester of 2008, 11 per cent less than during the second half of 2007, and 3 per cent less compared to the first half of 2007.

With 6,600 asylum claims registered during the first half of 2008, countries in **Central Europe** witnessed a 12 per cent increase compared to the corresponding period of 2007. The 2008 figure, however, was 43 per cent below the one registered during the second half of 2007.

Asylum claims lodged in selected regions by semester

	1 st 2006*	2 nd 2006*	1 st 2007*	2 nd 2007*	1 st 2008*	1 st 2008**
Europe	99,300	111,400	111,500	122,300	112,800	120,000
- EU-total	89,800	99,500	99,700	108,200	96,300	103,500
- EU-old	81,000	88,600	90,200	92,300	86,700	93,900
- EU-new	8,700	11,000	9,500	15,900	9,700	9,700
USA/Canada	36,300	38,500	38,400	39,500	42,200	42,200
Japan/ Rep. of Korea	620	610	690	840	840	840
Australia/ New Zealand	1,900	1,900	2,100	2,200	2,100	2,100
Total	138,120	152,410	152,690	164,840	157,940	165,140

* All figures exclude Italy. ** All figures include Italy.

See notes in Table 1 for list of countries included.

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

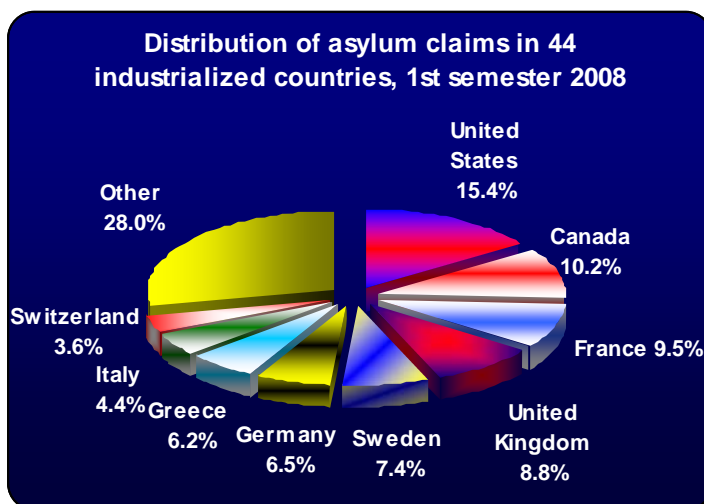
Southern Europe experienced a significant decrease in asylum applications in the first six months of 2008 compared to the last half of 2007 (-10%), and in particular compared to the corresponding period of 2007 (-20%).⁵ This decrease, however, was not uniform across the region. In Malta, for instance, the number of asylum claims lodged during the first six months of the year in fact tripled compared to the first half of 2007 while in Turkey they went up by 50 per cent. It is important to note that the 2007 figures in Southern Europe were exceptionally high because of, among others, new arrivals, particularly from Iraq. Overall, Southern Europe received 27,800 asylum applications during the first semester of 2008.

Similar to Southern Europe, the **Nordic region** accounted for a decrease in new asylum claims, albeit at a lower level. Here, a total of 19,700 persons applied for refugee status between January and June 2008, a striking 19 per cent decrease compared to the last half of 2007 and 9 per cent less compared to the first six months of 2007 (see Table 1). This decrease has been caused primarily by fewer individuals applying for asylum in Sweden. This is in stark contrast to the other Nordic countries which witnessed either increases or remained stable. Indeed, Norway recorded 5,400 applications between January and June 2008, the highest level in one semester since the second half of 2003 (10,000).

The number of asylum claims submitted in **North America** during the first six months of 2008 (42,200) increased by 10 and 7 per cent respectively, compared to the first (38,400) and second (39,500) semesters of 2007, primarily as a result of more individuals requesting refugee status in the United States of America. The number of asylum-seekers in **Australia** remained stable during the first half of 2008 (2,000 claims), compared to both semesters of 2007. In **Japan**, 670 individuals requested refugee status during the first half of 2008: this was the highest level per semester on record since Japan was included in UNHCR's asylum monitoring system,⁶ up from 370 applications in the corresponding period last year.

III. Countries of asylum

The **United States of America** has been the by far largest single recipient of new asylum claims during the first six months of 2008. An estimated 25,400 individuals submitted an application, some 2,900 more than during the second semester of 2007, but 1,600 less than during the first semester of 2007 (27,000). During the first half of 2008, the United States of America received 15 per cent of all applications lodged in the 44 industrialized countries covered by this report. Its annual share in the number of new asylum claims received among the group of industrialized countries remained fairly stable in recent years, ranging between 16 and 19 per cent.



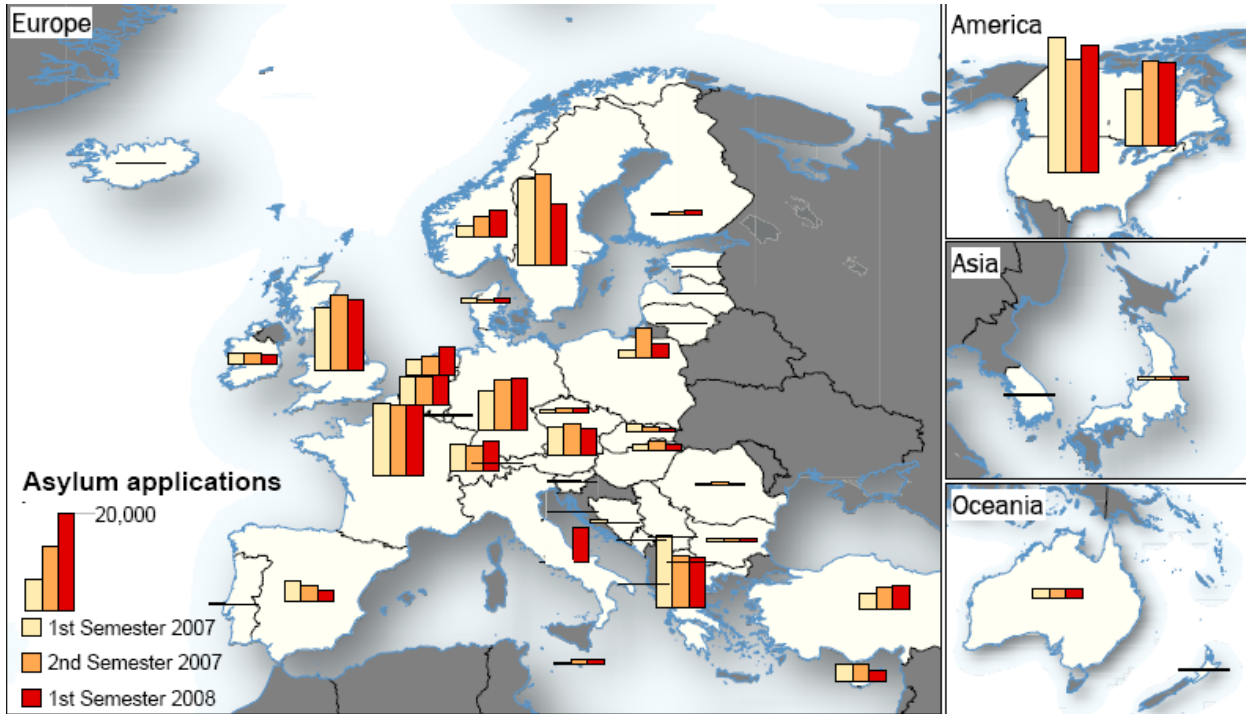
Canada ranked second among the 44 industrialized countries, with 16,800 new applications registered during the first half of 2008. This means that on average every tenth application in the

⁵ Figures exclude Italy.

⁶ Monthly asylum data for Japan is available from 2002.

industrialized world was received by Canada. The figure has remained fairly stable compared to the second semester of 2007 (17,000 claims), but was 48 per cent higher than during the first half of 2007 (11,400). Indeed, the last two semesters were the highest levels witnessed since the second half of 2003.

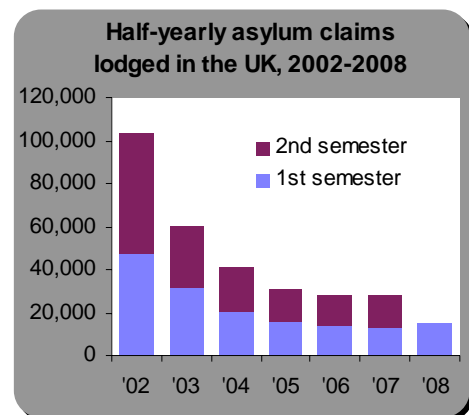
**Trends in asylum claims lodged in 44 industrialized countries:
1st semester 2007 to 1st semester 2008**



Note: Figures for Italy prior to 2008 are not available.

France has been the leading asylum-seeker receiving country among the group of industrialized countries for much of 2003, 2004 and 2005. While figures have decreased sharply ever since, at times by even more than 50 per cent, the latest statistics indicate that the trend is reversing once again. The 15,600 claims submitted between January and June 2008 constituted an increase of 6 per cent compared to the corresponding period of 2007 (14,700), and an 8 per cent increase compared to the second half of 2007 (14,500). Much of the recent development can be attributed to asylum-seekers from Mali who lodged more than 1,600 asylum claims between January and June 2008, compared to a total of 610 during the whole of 2007. France was thus the third largest recipient of asylum-seekers among the industrialized countries during the first half of 2008.

The **United Kingdom** ranked fourth among the 44 industrialized countries with 14,500 new applications received during the first semester of 2008. This constituted a 4 per cent decrease compared to the second half of 2007 (15,200), but a 15 per cent increase compared to the first half of 2007 (12,700). These figures are, however, far below those of the peak year of 2002 when some 103,000 individuals requested refugee status in the United Kingdom.

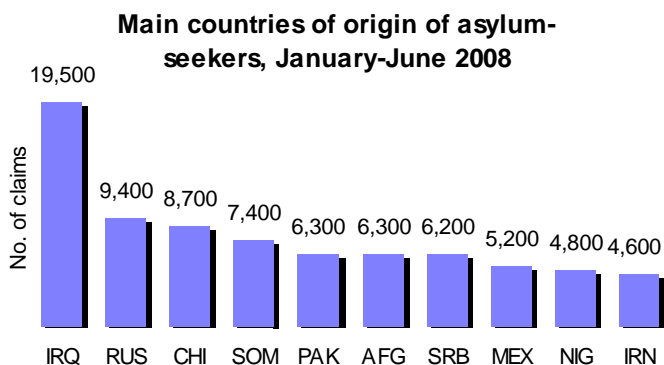


Following a significant decrease in the number of people, particularly Iraqis, requesting refugee status in the country, **Sweden** dropped from the second to the fifth largest recipient of new asylum-seekers during the first semester of 2008. A total of 12,300 people lodged an asylum application during this period, a 34 per cent decrease compared to the 18,600 claims which had

been lodged during the second semester of 2007. Sweden was followed by **Germany** (10,700 claims during January-June 2008), **Greece** (10,200), **Italy** (7,200), and **Switzerland** (5,900).

IV. Origin of asylum-seekers

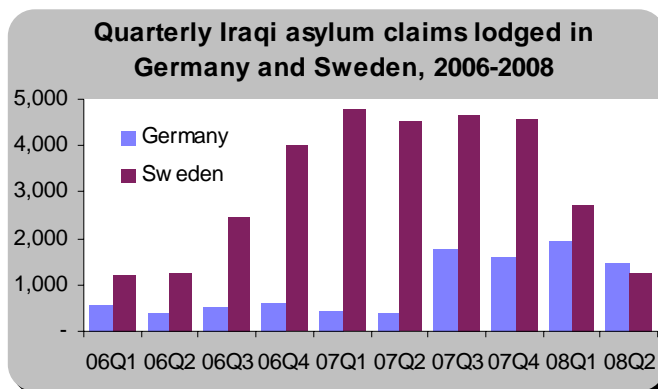
Iraq remained the leading country of origin of asylum applicants during the first six months of 2008. Despite fewer of its citizens lodging asylum claims in the 44 industrialized countries, the number of Iraqi claims was twice higher than of those submitted by asylum-seekers originating from the **Russian Federation**, the second most important source country. Other important source countries of asylum-seekers are **China, Somalia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Serbia**.



Iraq again became the main country of origin of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries in 2006, after having been the main source country previously in 2000 and 2002. This trend has continued into 2007 when more than 45,000 new asylum claims were lodged in the 44 industrialized countries. During the first half of 2008, Iraqis lodged 19,500 asylum claims or 12 per cent of all applications in the 44 industrialized countries.⁷ This constitutes a

significant decrease compared to 2007: 18 per cent compared to the last six months of 2007 (23,500; excluding Italy) and almost 10 per cent compared to the first half of 2007 (21,400; excluding Italy).

The decrease in Iraqi claims was particularly significant between April and June of 2008 when 8,800 Iraqis applied for asylum in the 44 industrialized countries, the lowest quarterly level since the fourth quarter of 2006. During the first six months of 2008, Iraqis lodged asylum applications in 36 out of the 44 industrialized countries covered by this report. One in five of the 19,500 Iraqi applications were submitted in **Sweden** (3,900), the latter having attracted the highest number of Iraqi asylum-seekers for some time. **Germany** registered 3,400 Iraqi asylum claims, the same level as in the preceding six months, but four times more than in the first half of 2007 (820). A change in Swedish decision-making on Iraqi asylum claims following the Migration Court's determination that the situation in Iraq is not one of "armed conflict" led to a significant fall in recognition rates and a shift in flows.⁸ Arrivals in Sweden thus dropped but rose in Germany, the Netherlands and Norway.



Greece recorded some 1,200 Iraqi claims between January and June 2008, as compared to 3,500 during the same period of 2007, while the **Netherlands** and **Turkey**⁹ recorded 2,400 and 2,700 Iraqi applications respectively during the first semester of 2008.

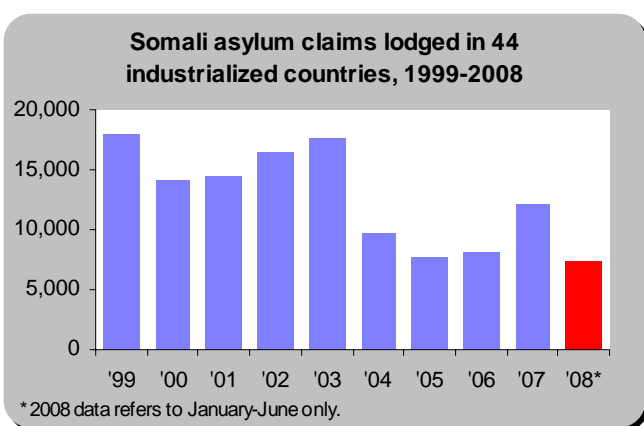
⁷ Some 285 Iraqi asylum claims were submitted in Italy during the first six months of 2008 compared to 190 in 2007. Given the relatively low number of Iraqi claims in Italy, the trend remains unchanged.

⁸ Swedish Migration Court of Appeal, caseno. UN23-06, 26 February 2007.

⁹ Refers to asylum applications submitted to UNHCR.

Similar to the second semester of 2007, asylum-seekers originating from the **Russian Federation** were the second largest group, with 9,400 new claims recorded during the first six months of 2008, thus accounting for 6 per cent of all asylum claims in the 44 industrialized countries. The first half of 2008, however, witnessed a 23 per cent drop in the number of Russian asylum claims compared to the second half of 2007 (12,200 claims).¹⁰ This significant decrease can be attributed primarily to Poland, the main destination for Russian asylum-seekers in 2007 and 2008. Indeed, the Polish authorities registered about half the number of Russian claims between January and June 2008 (2,800) as compared to the period from June to December 2007 (5,400).

The number of new asylum applications submitted by citizens from **China** has remained fairly stable. Some 8,700 Chinese asylum-seekers were registered in the first half of 2008, virtually the same number as in the preceding two semesters (8,600 each). Since 2002, however, the number of Chinese nationals requesting asylum in the 44 industrialized countries has declined by one third, and in 2007 reached its lowest level in a decade.



While the top three source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries showed either a downward or stable trend, the number of **Somali** asylum applications continued to remain high during the first half of 2008, reflecting the deteriorating situation in the country. Indeed, more than 7,400 Somali asylum-seekers were registered in the 44 industrialized countries between January and June 2008. This figure compares to the 5,000 Somali claims in the first half, and 6,600 in the second half of 2007. Both figures, however, exclude data for Italy where no monthly asylum statistics are available.¹¹ The 7,400 Somali asylum applications submitted in the first semester of 2008 are the highest level on record since the second semester of 2003 (9,300 asylum claims, excluding Italy), making it the fourth largest source country of asylum-seekers among the 44 industrialized countries.

With more than 6,300 asylum claims lodged by its citizens during the first semester of 2008, **Pakistan** became the fifth most important source country of asylum-seekers, after having been third only one year ago. This drop comes mainly as a result of fewer Pakistani citizens applying for asylum in Greece (-19%).

As for Somalis, the number of **Afghan** citizens requesting refugee status in the industrialized world continues to increase. With close to 6,300 new applications recorded during the first six months of 2008, Afghanistan is now the sixth most important source country of asylum-seekers. Excluding the 700 Afghan asylum claims lodged in Italy between January and June 2008, the increase amounted to 22 per cent compared to the corresponding period of 2007, and to 42 per cent since the corresponding period of 2006.

Other important source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries during the first half of 2008 were **Serbia** (6,200 claims), **Mexico** (5,200), **Nigeria** (4,800), the **Islamic Republic of Iran** and **Sri Lanka** (4,600 each).

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¹⁰ Italy registered 36 Russian asylum claims in 2007. Given the low number, the trend remains unchanged.

¹¹ Italy registered 760 Somali asylum claims during 2007.

Excluding Italy due to the unavailability of comparable data, applications by half of the 40 main asylum-seeker nationalities increased during the first six months of 2008 as compared to the last six months of 2007. Among the major source countries of asylum-seekers, significant increases were registered by asylum applicants from **Mali** (+174%), **Zimbabwe** (+29%), **Myanmar** (+23%), **Afghanistan** (+16%), **Sri Lanka** (+14%), **Côte d'Ivoire** (+14%), **Georgia** (+13%), and the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (+12%). Conversely, among countries of origin whose nationals lodged 1,000 or more asylum claims during the first semester of 2008, major decreases were recorded among asylum applicants originating from **Colombia** (-32%), the **Russian Federation** (-23%), **Serbia** (-19%), **Iraq** (-18%), **Pakistan** and **Eritrea** (-12% each).

The distribution of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries as described above reflects general trends. However, these figures hide the fact that certain nationalities tend to cluster in a limited number of countries. For instance, virtually all applications lodged by **Mexican** nationals during the first half of 2008 were submitted in Canada (72%) or the United States of America (28%), a phenomenon which has been observed for some years now. More than half of all **Chinese** asylum applications (57%) lodged during the first semester of 2008 were submitted in the United States of America alone, and more than half of the 6,300 asylum applications from individuals originating from **Pakistan** were lodged in Greece (56%).

On average, 6 out of 10 **Iraqi** asylum claims were lodged in four countries: Sweden (20%), Germany (18%), Turkey (14%), and the Netherlands (12%). The same proportion can be observed for the 6,500 asylum applicants from the **Russian Federation** who were registered mainly in Poland (30%), France (18%), and Austria (16%). **Somali** asylum requests, on the other hand, were concentrated in four countries, namely Sweden (23%), the Netherlands (19%), the United Kingdom (12%), and Italy (10%). More than half of the 6,300 **Afghan** asylum claims were lodged in the United Kingdom (26%), Greece (16%), and Italy (11%).

Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries, First Half 2008

Table 1. Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2006 to second quarter 2008

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Country/region of asylum	2006				2007				2008		First semester change			'08-'07
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'07-'06	'08-'07	'08-'06	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
Albania	5	7	4	5	12	11	3	2	5	2	92%	-70%	-42%	40%
Australia	816	912	926	854	912	1,039	1,022	998	940	1,024	13%	1%	14%	-3%
Austria	3,399	2,937	3,355	3,658	3,064	2,645	2,948	3,264	2,815	2,533	-10%	-6%	-16%	-14%
Belgium	2,960	2,558	2,696	3,373	2,802	2,728	2,565	3,020	2,941	2,777	0%	3%	4%	2%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	28	9	18	13	5	454	55	58	52	16	1141%	-85%	84%	-40%
Bulgaria	171	151	85	160	231	209	232	303	236	181	37%	-5%	30%	-22%
Canada	5,288	4,794	6,601	6,224	5,890	5,490	7,587	9,375	8,408	8,411	13%	48%	67%	-1%
Croatia	37	20	18	19	31	35	51	78	38	30	16%	3%	19%	-47%
Cyprus	1,182	904	960	1,499	1,651	1,649	1,381	2,108	1,117	896	58%	-39%	-3%	-42%
Czech Rep.	760	750	911	595	464	382	471	561	582	349	-44%	10%	-38%	-10%
Denmark	566	388	454	512	603	376	407	486	542	454	3%	2%	4%	12%
Estonia	2	1	1	9	1	5	1	2	3	3	100%	0%	100%	100%
Finland	568	537	652	531	308	296	451	379	386	606	-45%	64%	-10%	20%
France	9,300	7,147	6,672	7,566	7,656	7,037	6,774	7,691	7,649	7,981	-11%	6%	-5%	8%
Germany	5,888	4,698	4,920	5,107	4,430	3,791	5,172	5,140	5,760	4,965	-22%	30%	1%	4%
Greece	1,536	1,895	1,982	6,854	7,446	7,148	5,456	5,063	4,916	5,248	325%	-30%	196%	-3%
Hungary	434	565	612	498	509	696	770	1,444	709	517	21%	2%	23%	-45%
Iceland	7	9	8	14	10	7	17	8	13	19	6%	88%	100%	28%
Ireland	1,156	972	1,067	1,119	1,065	911	970	1,039	924	929	-7%	-6%	-13%	-8%
Italy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,037	4,180	..	..	..	..
Japan	238	285	260	171	163	206	201	246	307	364	-29%	82%	28%	50%
Latvia	4	-	1	3	4	9	19	2	4	5	225%	-31%	125%	-57%
Liechtenstein	7	24	11	5	4	10	10	8	10	6	-55%	14%	-48%	-11%
Lithuania	24	26	55	56	47	21	15	33	33	33	36%	-3%	32%	38%
Luxembourg	98	103	171	152	101	97	124	104	99	99	-1%	0%	-1%	-13%
Malta	291	369	302	310	257	140	405	577	478	623	-40%	177%	67%	12%
Montenegro	-	-	5	12	2	-	-	-	3	2	..	150%	..	..
Netherlands	5,171	3,839	2,962	2,493	1,660	1,373	1,845	2,224	2,656	3,109	-66%	90%	-36%	42%
New Zealand	78	69	76	53	67	48	60	73	71	63	-22%	17%	-9%	1%
Norway	1,310	1,075	1,516	1,419	1,215	1,233	1,927	2,153	2,479	2,924	3%	121%	127%	32%
Poland	801	871	1,354	1,197	717	659	1,526	4,214	1,503	1,507	-18%	119%	80%	-48%
Portugal	41	15	44	28	67	76	37	41	31	62	155%	-35%	66%	19%
Rep. of Korea	42	53	79	104	167	154	122	274	102	70	238%	-46%	81%	-57%
Romania	81	95	78	124	87	115	278	179	189	169	15%	77%	103%	-22%
Serbia	3	7	22	12	6	6	22	30	25	7	20%	167%	220%	-38%
Slovakia	379	641	898	953	670	822	769	382	172	247	46%	-72%	-59%	-64%
Slovenia	97	111	198	112	62	121	140	104	42	72	-12%	-38%	-45%	-53%
Spain	1,153	1,351	1,194	1,609	2,333	1,849	1,440	1,841	1,150	1,211	67%	-44%	-6%	-28%
Sweden	5,013	3,846	6,620	8,842	9,228	8,393	9,423	9,163	7,047	5,220	99%	-30%	38%	-34%
Switzerland	2,616	2,497	2,862	3,198	3,142	2,450	2,408	2,844	2,786	3,159	9%	6%	16%	13%
TFYR Macedonia	7	4	7	4	4	10	7	12	7	6	27%	-7%	18%	-32%
Turkey	796	1,052	1,427	1,273	1,202	2,019	2,476	1,945	2,210	2,629	74%	50%	162%	9%
United Kingdom	7,530	6,380	7,105	6,835	6,750	5,920	7,090	8,140	7,705	6,840	-9%	15%	5%	-4%
United States (EOIR)	4,367	4,562	3,990	4,261	4,142	3,683	2,731	3,448	3,338	3,753	-12%	-9%	-21%	15%
United States (DHS)	8,532	8,786	8,637	8,746	9,344	9,842	8,021	8,308	9,002	9,286	11%	-5%	6%	12%
Totals excluding Italy														
EU-old (14)	44,379	36,666	39,894	48,679	47,513	42,640	44,702	47,595	44,621	42,034	11%	-4%	7%	-6%
EU-new (12)	4,226	4,484	5,455	5,516	4,700	4,828	6,007	9,909	5,068	4,602	9%	1%	11%	-39%
EU-total (26)	48,605	41,150	45,349	54,195	52,213	47,468	50,709	57,504	49,689	46,636	11%	-3%	7%	-11%
Nordic region (5)	7,464	5,855	9,250	11,318	11,364	10,305	12,225	12,189	10,467	9,223	63%	-9%	48%	-19%
Western Europe (18)	48,319	40,271	44,291	53,315	51,884	46,340	49,064	52,608	49,909	48,142	11%	0%	11%	-4%
Central Europe (11)	2,790	3,231	4,211	3,726	2,823	3,074	4,272	7,302	3,511	3,113	-2%	12%	10%	-43%
Southern Europe (7)	5,004	5,593	5,913	11,578	12,968	12,892	11,198	11,577	9,907	10,671	144%	-20%	94%	-10%
Europe (37)	53,421	45,854	51,247	60,169	57,846	53,703	57,685	64,642	57,317	55,436	12%	1%	14%	-8%
Non-Europe (6)	19,361	19,461	20,569	20,413	20,685	20,462	19,744	22,722	22,168	22,971	6%	10%	16%	6%
North America (2)	18,187	18,142	19,228	19,231	19,376	19,015	18,339	21,131	20,748	21,450	6%	10%	16%	7%
Australia/New Z. (2)	894	981	1,002	907	979	1,087	1,082	1,071	1,011	1,087	10%	2%	12%	-3%
Total (43)	72,782	65,315	71,816	80,582	78,531	74,165	77,429	87,364	79,485	78,407	11%	3%	14%	-4%
Totals including Italy														
EU-old (15)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47,658	46,214	..	..	..	..
EU-total (27)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52,726	50,816	..	..	..	..
Western Europe (19)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52,946	52,322	..	..	..	..
Southern Europe (8)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12,944	14,851	..	..	..	..
Europe (38)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60,354	59,616	..	..	..	..
Total (44)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	82,522	82,587	..	..	..	..
Note														
Source: Governments, UNHCR. See Notes on next page for footnotes and country-specific information.														

TABLE 1 NOTES:

All figures are provisional and subject to change.

a. Country notes

Belgium: Excludes accompanying children.

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

France. Includes asylum applications of minors.

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

Based on cumulative total annual figures, Germany registered 21,030 asylum claims in 2006 and 19,160 in 2007.

Netherlands. Data prior to 2007 include a significant number of repeat applications. The 2007-2008 figures are thus not comparable with previous years.

Spain. Includes applications lodged at Spanish embassies.

Turkey. Source: UNHCR.

United Kingdom: data rounded to the closest 5.

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

Review (EOIR), based on the number of individuals.

b. Regional classification

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Europe (38): All 38 European countries listed.

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

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

Total (44): All countries listed.

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Table 2. Asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, first quarter 2006 to second quarter 2008

Covering all 44 asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2008 (excluding Italy).

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

Origin	2006				2007				Excluding Italy		First semester change			'08-'07	Including Italy	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2008		'07-'06	'08-'07	'08-'06	Q3Q4/	2008	
									Q1	Q2					Q1	Q2
Iraq	4,862	3,900	5,785	8,389	10,732	10,695	11,742	11,743	10,556	8,627	145%	-10%	119%	-18%	10,665	8,803
China	4,588	4,442	4,789	4,583	4,430	4,194	4,091	4,476	4,089	4,548	-4%	0%	-4%	1%	4,100	4,565
Russian Federation	3,524	3,491	4,433	4,274	3,323	3,273	4,228	7,945	5,174	4,192	-6%	42%	34%	-23%	5,174	4,196
Somalia	1,882	1,755	2,257	2,187	2,577	2,413	3,247	3,342	3,337	3,307	37%	33%	83%	1%	3,460	3,961
Pakistan	1,490	1,480	1,683	2,968	4,004	3,366	3,916	2,984	3,085	3,013	148%	-17%	105%	-12%	3,191	3,143
Afghanistan	2,002	1,921	1,954	2,795	2,283	2,265	2,185	2,597	2,774	2,791	16%	22%	42%	16%	3,058	3,207
Serbia*	4,550	3,515	3,735	4,010	3,936	3,728	3,774	3,525	3,198	2,719	-5%	-23%	-27%	-19%	3,339	2,893
Mexico	1,281	1,524	1,980	1,975	2,112	2,318	2,565	2,565	2,514	2,679	58%	17%	85%	1%	2,514	2,679
Sri Lanka	1,395	1,252	1,337	1,793	1,875	1,746	1,941	2,005	2,239	2,253	37%	24%	70%	14%	2,299	2,292
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,513	2,392	2,783	2,961	1,996	1,809	2,273	2,555	2,375	2,194	-22%	20%	-7%	-5%	2,400	2,209
Nigeria	1,798	1,430	1,445	1,723	1,634	1,467	1,688	1,894	1,881	1,972	-4%	24%	19%	8%	2,262	2,554
Haiti	2,361	1,944	1,462	1,274	1,540	1,418	1,773	1,910	1,773	1,875	-31%	23%	-15%	-1%	1,773	1,875
Eritrea	1,449	1,174	1,637	2,122	1,660	1,060	1,758	2,422	1,841	1,858	4%	36%	41%	-12%	2,114	1,930
Turkey	2,545	2,051	1,965	2,154	1,889	1,642	1,495	1,804	1,859	1,534	-23%	-4%	-26%	3%	1,974	1,596
Colombia	1,174	1,619	1,382	1,972	1,177	1,602	1,430	2,359	1,295	1,297	-1%	-7%	-7%	-32%	1,299	1,304
Syrian Arab Rep.	894	854	884	1,119	1,443	1,429	1,120	1,528	1,153	1,290	64%	-15%	40%	-8%	1,162	1,298
Georgia	937	850	969	893	830	1,299	954	963	943	1,224	19%	2%	21%	13%	947	1,229
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,784	1,374	1,245	1,255	1,293	1,277	1,053	1,149	1,254	1,206	-19%	-4%	-22%	12%	1,257	1,216
Mali	148	109	122	122	168	235	267	392	618	1,189	57%	348%	603%	174%	637	1,213
India	1,335	1,400	1,257	1,392	1,403	1,284	1,217	1,061	996	1,188	-2%	-19%	-20%	-4%	1,009	1,195
Zimbabwe	1,344	689	566	474	590	646	786	1,021	1,161	1,167	-39%	88%	15%	29%	1,163	1,167
Bangladesh	1,028	978	1,073	3,364	2,448	1,263	927	1,101	1,075	1,072	85%	-42%	7%	6%	1,216	1,392
Armenia	1,443	981	878	881	949	893	967	1,116	950	1,010	-24%	6%	-19%	-6%	951	1,025
El Salvador	634	689	809	1,008	1,025	955	747	859	787	925	50%	-14%	29%	7%	788	928
Guinea	663	642	598	636	744	695	719	741	797	803	10%	11%	23%	10%	870	863
Ethiopia	776	746	869	825	715	651	680	706	672	734	-10%	3%	-8%	1%	729	748
Algeria	968	665	645	740	696	589	720	814	775	663	-21%	12%	-12%	-6%	783	683
Stateless	469	501	615	604	640	595	765	715	623	622	27%	1%	28%	-16%	625	623
United States	173	109	192	225	268	239	590	788	574	604	80%	132%	318%	-15%	575	604
Côte d'Ivoire	707	559	561	616	618	493	522	492	568	590	-12%	4%	-9%	14%	872	847
Cameroon	704	606	588	604	545	475	526	523	521	578	-22%	8%	-16%	5%	555	634
Guatemala	415	439	476	622	733	739	430	558	516	551	72%	-28%	25%	8%	519	551
Sudan	771	827	700	728	572	479	462	500	412	511	-34%	-12%	-42%	-4%	508	545
Myanmar	308	427	359	313	323	338	335	389	431	458	-10%	34%	21%	23%	433	460
Viet Nam	548	540	505	472	497	636	555	920	514	455	4%	-14%	-11%	-34%	514	456
Albania	609	459	432	418	416	355	404	525	440	443	-28%	15%	-17%	-5%	445	450
Lebanon	394	281	1,261	811	706	490	538	474	552	394	77%	-21%	40%	-7%	580	406
Azerbaijan	908	665	538	434	326	330	403	436	457	387	-58%	29%	-46%	1%	458	387
Moldova	432	592	795	759	544	395	524	306	230	378	-8%	-35%	-41%	-27%	235	382
Mongolia	669	415	415	461	445	443	419	390	478	376	-18%	-4%	-21%	6%	478	381
Other	13,871	12,517	13,367	13,127	11,758	11,133	10,403	12,397	11,428	12,078	-13%	3%	-11%	3%	12,021	12,021
Total	70,346	62,804	69,346	78,083	75,863	71,352	75,139	84,990	76,915	75,755	11%	4%	15%	-5%	79,952	79,935

Note

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

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Table 3. Asylum applications lodged in Europe by origin, first quarter 2006 to second quarter 2008

Covering all European asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2008 (excluding Italy).

Origin	Excluding Italy												'08-'07		Including Italy	
	2006				2007				2008		First semester change			2008		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'07-'06	'08-'07	'08-'06	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2	Q1	Q2
Iraq	4,647	3,716	5,544	8,071	10,414	10,394	11,393	11,429	10,224	8,280	149%	-11%	121%	-19%	10,333	8,456
Russian Federation	3,300	3,178	4,174	4,054	3,096	2,928	4,024	7,705	4,952	3,870	-7%	46%	36%	-25%	4,952	3,874
Somalia	1,761	1,659	2,146	2,096	2,452	2,323	3,142	3,205	3,159	3,131	40%	32%	84%	-1%	3,282	3,785
Pakistan	1,162	1,139	1,379	2,727	3,766	3,141	3,704	2,705	2,811	2,752	200%	-19%	142%	-13%	2,917	2,882
Afghanistan	1,926	1,861	1,859	2,699	2,169	2,168	2,084	2,501	2,671	2,671	15%	23%	41%	17%	2,955	3,087
Serbia*	4,447	3,427	3,650	3,915	3,832	3,618	3,686	3,390	3,077	2,616	-5%	-24%	-28%	-20%	3,218	2,790
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,317	2,226	2,580	2,763	1,841	1,666	2,099	2,368	2,151	2,035	-23%	19%	-8%	-6%	2,176	2,050
Sri Lanka	1,065	919	970	1,358	1,473	1,364	1,555	1,586	1,752	1,809	43%	26%	79%	13%	1,812	1,848
Nigeria	1,592	1,239	1,228	1,459	1,391	1,249	1,405	1,576	1,623	1,771	-7%	29%	20%	14%	2,004	2,353
Eritrea	1,340	1,062	1,543	2,017	1,550	953	1,627	2,293	1,700	1,720	4%	37%	42%	-13%	1,973	1,792
Turkey	2,429	1,924	1,801	2,051	1,813	1,574	1,409	1,699	1,718	1,427	-22%	-7%	-28%	1%	1,833	1,489
China	1,495	1,372	1,695	1,456	1,461	1,416	1,606	1,448	993	1,305	0%	-20%	-20%	-25%	1,004	1,322
Syrian Arab Rep.	852	834	855	1,073	1,407	1,403	1,092	1,483	1,116	1,260	67%	-15%	41%	-8%	1,125	1,268
Georgia	906	796	927	868	806	1,269	931	939	922	1,188	22%	2%	24%	13%	926	1,193
Mali	79	61	56	52	86	140	169	321	553	1,146	61%	652%	1114%	247%	572	1,170
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,648	1,272	1,084	1,135	1,189	1,178	939	1,009	1,093	1,085	-19%	-8%	-25%	12%	1,096	1,095
Zimbabwe	1,020	534	416	339	481	530	643	865	956	986	-35%	92%	25%	29%	958	986
Bangladesh	910	878	984	3,273	2,355	1,176	843	1,011	970	951	97%	-46%	7%	4%	1,111	1,271
Armenia	1,322	876	747	785	849	800	901	1,051	875	937	-25%	10%	-18%	-7%	876	952
India	903	918	808	1,005	1,006	795	878	657	617	746	-1%	-24%	-25%	-11%	630	753
Guinea	545	496	441	485	575	531	550	572	658	693	6%	22%	30%	20%	731	753
Algeria	952	639	611	716	667	568	699	774	745	646	-22%	13%	-13%	-6%	753	666
Stateless	445	474	586	551	598	553	727	663	578	574	25%	0%	25%	-17%	580	575
Côte d'Ivoire	624	490	453	518	513	399	407	400	496	522	-18%	12%	-9%	26%	800	779
Sudan	721	779	644	667	523	419	409	441	350	449	-37%	-15%	-47%	-6%	446	483
Viet Nam	496	503	455	431	462	606	513	883	469	408	7%	-18%	-12%	-37%	469	409
Azerbaijan	892	647	513	409	313	315	389	421	445	369	-59%	30%	-47%	0%	446	369
Cameroon	535	400	389	414	357	309	355	340	334	365	-29%	5%	-25%	1%	368	421
Ethiopia	422	362	448	489	356	323	341	340	311	347	-13%	-3%	-16%	-3%	368	361
Mongolia	629	376	378	416	389	409	373	343	431	333	-21%	-4%	-24%	7%	431	338
Albania	328	266	269	266	295	246	266	326	235	316	-9%	2%	-7%	-7%	240	323
Colombia	445	823	594	1,092	382	876	489	1,011	342	314	-1%	-48%	-48%	-56%	346	321
Angola	473	417	368	360	328	295	248	250	299	314	-30%	-2%	-31%	23%	301	315
Lebanon	337	233	963	643	576	394	421	371	455	308	70%	-21%	34%	-4%	483	320
Uzbekistan	190	160	264	236	115	248	225	156	222	291	4%	41%	47%	35%	222	291
Moldova	404	570	767	741	518	361	486	255	178	271	-10%	-49%	-54%	-39%	183	275
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	165	142	144	214	233	144	129	148	182	264	23%	18%	45%	61%	182	264
Senegal	38	37	58	106	117	75	135	140	207	260	156%	143%	523%	70%	223	277
Congo	397	281	271	282	306	295	246	315	255	245	-11%	-17%	-26%	-11%	269	267
Ghana	280	247	216	243	201	151	181	228	204	244	-33%	27%	-15%	10%	317	439
Other	8,984	7,620	7,967	7,694	6,587	6,100	5,968	7,024	5,990	6,218	-24%	-4%	-26%	-6%	6,445	6,955
Total	53,423	45,853	51,245	60,169	57,848	53,702	57,687	64,642	57,319	55,437	12%	1%	14%	-8%	60,356	59,617

Note

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

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Table 4. Asylum applications lodged in the European Union* by origin, first quarter 2005 to second quarter 2007

*All current Member States of the EU, except Italy, for which no data is available 2006-2007.

Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2008 (excluding Italy).

Origin	2006				2007				Excluding Italy		First semester change			'08-'07	Including Italy	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2008		'07-'06	'08-'07	'08-'06	Q3Q4/		
									Q1	Q2				Q1Q2	Q1	Q2
Iraq	4,123	3,234	4,871	7,147	9,364	8,836	9,628	10,100	8,119	5,964	147%	-23%	91%	-29%	8,228	6,140
Russian Federation	3,079	2,940	3,884	3,818	2,886	2,715	3,721	7,380	4,633	3,611	-7%	47%	37%	-26%	4,633	3,615
Pakistan	1,124	1,110	1,346	2,704	3,757	3,084	3,681	2,671	2,798	2,720	206%	-19%	147%	-13%	2,904	2,850
Somalia	1,324	1,262	1,652	1,758	2,110	2,000	2,599	2,636	2,639	2,511	59%	25%	99%	-2%	2,762	3,165
Afghanistan	1,773	1,707	1,675	2,457	1,993	1,924	1,636	2,105	2,331	2,147	13%	14%	29%	20%	2,615	2,563
Serbia*	3,964	3,014	3,195	3,455	3,379	2,824	3,144	2,888	2,484	2,128	-11%	-26%	-34%	-24%	2,618	2,302
Nigeria	1,470	1,172	1,144	1,367	1,313	1,156	1,278	1,426	1,397	1,485	-7%	17%	9%	7%	1,778	2,067
Sri Lanka	970	824	844	1,156	1,293	1,125	1,317	1,311	1,448	1,434	35%	19%	61%	10%	1,508	1,473
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,804	1,435	1,634	2,192	1,483	1,202	1,432	1,697	1,550	1,274	-17%	5%	-13%	-10%	1,575	1,289
Turkey	2,243	1,723	1,622	1,839	1,600	1,418	1,253	1,555	1,566	1,266	-24%	-6%	-29%	1%	1,681	1,328
China	1,390	1,266	1,458	1,336	1,323	1,360	1,545	1,393	924	1,220	1%	-20%	-19%	-27%	935	1,237
Mali	69	57	51	50	86	138	168	315	547	1,141	78%	654%	1240%	249%	566	1,165
Georgia	807	717	835	805	749	1,209	866	881	839	1,116	28%	0%	28%	12%	843	1,121
Syrian Arab Rep.	786	789	798	1,017	1,325	1,350	1,021	1,312	1,010	1,102	70%	-21%	34%	-9%	1,020	1,111
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,551	1,201	978	1,034	1,102	1,110	862	888	978	988	-20%	-11%	-29%	12%	981	998
Zimbabwe	1,011	525	407	337	477	520	638	859	953	962	-35%	92%	25%	28%	955	962
Bangladesh	892	854	968	3,253	2,345	1,168	835	991	960	939	101%	-46%	9%	4%	1,101	1,259
Armenia	1,268	839	706	765	840	787	887	1,033	860	924	-23%	10%	-15%	-7%	861	939
Eritrea	1,221	927	1,177	1,057	771	655	1,120	1,382	998	870	-34%	31%	-13%	-25%	1,271	942
India	891	904	782	980	978	783	845	613	606	721	-2%	-25%	-26%	-9%	619	728
Guinea	512	474	401	470	538	493	522	531	608	616	5%	19%	24%	16%	681	676
Algeria	890	588	557	669	630	538	655	726	680	592	-21%	9%	-14%	-8%	688	612
Côte d'Ivoire	580	454	398	483	481	344	372	354	459	477	-20%	13%	-9%	29%	763	734
Viet Nam	486	486	447	419	453	588	502	869	458	393	7%	-18%	-12%	-38%	458	394
Stateless	400	438	506	472	482	444	578	520	407	382	11%	-15%	-6%	-28%	409	383
Sudan	677	733	594	586	470	379	376	401	304	351	-40%	-23%	-54%	-16%	400	385
Azerbaijan	869	627	496	400	306	293	375	413	437	345	-60%	31%	-48%	-1%	438	345
Cameroon	475	345	357	367	315	278	305	301	301	337	-28%	8%	-22%	5%	335	393
Colombia	438	809	583	1,079	363	864	484	998	315	304	-2%	-50%	-50%	-58%	319	311
Albania	303	245	254	252	275	236	236	306	209	297	-7%	-1%	-8%	-7%	214	304
Mongolia	563	306	312	369	354	379	340	307	399	289	-16%	-6%	-21%	6%	399	294
Lebanon	323	219	896	609	536	371	399	338	432	282	67%	-21%	32%	-3%	460	294
Angola	434	375	316	320	291	257	215	210	257	275	-32%	-3%	-34%	25%	259	276
Moldova	386	556	753	722	504	349	470	251	171	262	-9%	-49%	-54%	-40%	176	266
Senegal	35	35	49	98	109	69	126	134	196	251	154%	151%	539%	72%	212	268
Congo	395	274	259	267	299	293	243	304	249	243	-12%	-17%	-26%	-10%	263	265
Uzbekistan	174	143	237	201	107	220	178	143	207	234	3%	35%	39%	37%	207	234
Ghana	274	239	212	236	197	145	172	215	181	228	-33%	20%	-20%	6%	294	423
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	141	130	130	204	215	130	106	126	166	226	27%	14%	45%	69%	166	226
Ethiopia	350	277	297	302	192	180	220	193	205	219	-41%	14%	-32%	3%	262	233
Other	8,142	6,896	7,266	7,143	5,924	5,253	5,361	6,428	5,410	5,511	-26%	-2%	-27%	-7%	5,870	6,250
Total	48,607	41,149	45,347	54,195	52,215	47,467	50,711	57,504	49,691	46,637	11%	-3%	7%	-11%	52,727	50,820

Note

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Table 5. Asylum applications lodged in the Nordic region* by origin, first quarter 2006 to second quarter 2008

*See Table 1 for countries included. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2008.

Origin	2006				2007				2008		First semester change			'08-'07
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'07-'06	'08-'07	'08-'06	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
Iraq	1,589	1,572	2,926	4,601	5,438	4,934	5,268	5,154	3,433	2,213	228%	-46%	79%	-46%
Somalia	435	420	554	437	828	790	1,002	1,032	1,032	1,210	89%	39%	162%	10%
Eritrea	196	157	280	298	312	258	470	634	559	591	61%	102%	226%	4%
Serbia**	878	480	734	808	764	610	1,012	934	792	530	1%	-4%	-3%	-32%
Russian Federation	392	284	457	405	422	382	556	583	613	528	19%	42%	69%	0%
Stateless	193	192	342	350	384	397	560	497	442	402	103%	8%	119%	-20%
Afghanistan	238	213	237	350	265	218	258	317	370	354	7%	50%	61%	26%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	224	165	255	246	180	173	253	289	326	287	-9%	74%	58%	13%
Uzbekistan	108	92	177	141	76	163	134	91	160	212	20%	56%	86%	65%
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	82	58	85	134	185	112	96	94	128	211	112%	14%	142%	78%
Syrian Arab Rep.	155	118	116	169	117	103	182	174	159	155	-19%	43%	15%	-12%
Mongolia	205	60	105	115	118	142	155	126	221	145	-2%	41%	38%	30%
Nigeria	96	80	49	54	84	65	79	80	102	130	-15%	56%	32%	46%
Sri Lanka	30	37	58	62	60	78	79	110	100	115	106%	56%	221%	14%
Belarus	153	126	153	133	91	105	121	117	104	104	-30%	6%	-25%	-13%
Ethiopia	42	58	67	88	67	86	95	127	80	100	53%	18%	80%	-19%
Turkey	156	64	117	117	119	113	90	116	108	95	5%	-13%	-8%	-1%
Armenia	112	57	68	66	48	46	65	74	60	94	-44%	64%	-9%	11%
Azerbaijan	103	74	87	54	54	49	76	95	109	90	-42%	93%	12%	16%
Lebanon	54	48	403	268	217	113	168	106	122	83	224%	-38%	101%	-25%
Algeria	59	41	51	72	42	46	71	63	69	73	-12%	61%	42%	6%
Yemen	9	19	14	11	14	20	21	7	49	68	21%	244%	318%	318%
India	49	59	88	96	55	48	75	62	32	66	-5%	-5%	-9%	-28%
Bulgaria	211	275	389	223	37	7	10	6	8	61	-91%	57%	-86%	331%
Kazakhstan	20	16	13	29	22	24	29	38	35	60	28%	107%	164%	42%
Georgia	76	35	43	39	90	49	47	32	37	57	25%	-32%	-15%	19%
Burundi	80	79	124	87	64	50	81	60	59	57	-28%	2%	-27%	-18%
Nepal	45	11	16	12	13	19	15	31	36	48	-43%	163%	50%	83%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	132	60	76	66	70	55	97	74	58	44	-35%	-18%	-47%	-40%
Albania	46	43	35	57	40	27	59	48	47	43	-25%	34%	1%	-16%
China	55	35	46	35	30	64	42	76	30	38	4%	-28%	-24%	-42%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	57	43	43	45	38	35	36	49	66	37	-27%	41%	3%	21%
Viet Nam	23	24	25	11	15	16	21	25	41	34	-34%	142%	60%	63%
Ghana	13	12	5	8	10	12	15	20	28	32	-12%	173%	140%	71%
Sudan	19	14	28	20	30	19	33	38	16	30	48%	-6%	39%	-35%
Bangladesh	37	41	39	15	13	36	33	36	28	28	-37%	14%	-28%	-19%
Egypt	18	16	18	46	32	25	45	24	16	28	68%	-23%	29%	-36%
Morocco	20	17	28	24	30	24	22	26	29	27	46%	4%	51%	17%
Cameroon	24	20	22	16	19	13	36	17	19	26	-27%	41%	2%	-15%
Tunisia	22	8	15	19	29	15	25	28	34	26	47%	36%	100%	13%
Other	1,008	632	862	1,491	842	764	693	679	710	691	-2%	-13%	-15%	2%
Total	7,464	5,855	9,250	11,318	11,364	10,305	12,225	12,189	10,467	9,223	63%	-9%	48%	-19%

Note

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Table 6. Asylum applications lodged in Central Europe* by origin, first quarter 2006 to second quarter 2008

*See Table 1 for countries included. Ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2008.

Origin	2006				2007				2008		First semester change			'08-'07
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'07-'06	'08-'07	'08-'06	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
Russian Federation	830	978	1,497	1,322	697	721	1,496	4,162	1,480	1,481	-22%	109%	64%	-48%
Serbia**	122	183	234	157	159	281	581	266	243	228	44%	7%	54%	-44%
Iraq	65	117	125	227	220	208	295	411	247	161	135%	-5%	124%	-42%
Georgia	125	106	128	120	68	104	94	87	57	110	-26%	-3%	-28%	-8%
Ukraine	236	172	147	137	95	88	103	101	98	101	-55%	9%	-51%	-2%
Pakistan	77	46	79	118	152	284	253	65	232	99	254%	-24%	169%	4%
Turkey	67	54	61	69	47	68	54	215	276	94	-5%	222%	206%	38%
Somalia	16	23	30	52	23	39	13	78	50	69	59%	92%	205%	31%
Mongolia	46	25	24	55	79	57	51	70	58	68	92%	-7%	77%	4%
India	138	212	152	315	233	238	184	54	80	63	35%	-70%	-59%	-40%
Viet Nam	167	174	148	131	165	234	156	518	68	58	17%	-68%	-63%	-81%
Afghanistan	103	110	50	87	48	46	65	65	47	57	-56%	11%	-51%	-20%
Moldova	45	104	217	123	69	78	101	66	21	57	-1%	-47%	-48%	-53%
China	108	130	232	143	125	104	114	266	55	54	-4%	-52%	-54%	-71%
Nigeria	63	54	71	69	55	39	57	64	42	33	-20%	-20%	-36%	-38%
Armenia	45	45	42	50	29	43	53	40	45	32	-20%	7%	-14%	-17%
Belarus	86	54	53	66	65	37	69	55	36	29	-27%	-36%	-54%	-48%
Bangladesh	61	41	69	71	53	50	55	34	49	25	1%	-28%	-27%	-17%
Cuba	13	3	10	13	24	11	52	54	17	25	119%	20%	163%	-60%
Stateless	32	48	28	25	58	36	41	34	29	24	18%	-44%	-34%	-29%
Sri Lanka	10	9	3	11	26	27	53	34	24	23	179%	-11%	147%	-46%
Kazakhstan	25	164	50	22	8	13	12	12	26	20	-89%	119%	-76%	92%
Kyrgyzstan	28	11	28	28	45	8	7	10	9	18	36%	-49%	-31%	59%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	23	13	16	15	17	24	15	26	14	16	14%	-27%	-17%	-27%
Uzbekistan	5	9	13	10	2	23	8	13	11	15	79%	4%	86%	24%
Syrian Arab Rep.	14	22	20	28	21	31	47	47	10	15	44%	-52%	-31%	-73%
Algeria	46	14	21	8	11	13	32	21	16	14	-60%	25%	-50%	-43%
Occupied Palest. Territ.	22	41	40	50	27	14	14	44	20	13	-35%	-20%	-48%	-43%
TfYR Macedonia	10	20	16	19	25	12	23	19	13	12	23%	-32%	-17%	-40%
Egypt	11	64	380	2	10	4	5	33	37	9	-81%	229%	-39%	21%
Other	151	185	227	183	167	139	169	338	101	90	-9%	-38%	-43%	-62%
Total	2,790	3,231	4,211	3,726	2,823	3,074	4,272	7,302	3,511	3,113	-2%	12%	10%	-43%

Note

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Table 7. Asylum applications lodged in Southern Europe* by origin, first quarter 2006 to second quarter 2008

*See Table 1 for countries included. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2008.

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

Origin	Excluding Italy												'08-'07 Q3Q4/ Q1Q2	Including Italy		
	2006				2007				2008		First semester change			2008		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'07-'06	'08-'07		Q1	Q2	
Iraq	397	510	508	913	2,896	3,742	2,289	1,789	2,058	1,992	18%	636%	767%	450%	2,167	2,168
Pakistan	211	295	423	1,744	2,834	2,134	2,695	1,856	1,822	1,885	-42%	866%	459%	129%	1,928	2,015
Afghanistan	223	193	226	720	508	562	569	670	683	750	33%	234%	344%	115%	967	1,166
Islamic Rep. of Iran	570	827	942	812	496	594	710	743	597	717	48%	17%	73%	-9%	622	732
Georgia	206	184	199	197	239	757	430	498	470	652	-81%	156%	-51%	152%	474	657
Syrian Arab Rep.	269	289	352	514	874	993	545	704	501	610	108%	187%	498%	-26%	510	618
Nigeria	318	226	199	363	269	255	329	442	438	499	22%	131%	183%	5%	819	1,081
Bangladesh	398	464	547	2,792	1,830	656	355	427	472	449	-15%	-4%	-19%	-8%	613	769
Somalia	185	183	350	330	313	360	665	724	409	333	-32%	37%	-8%	-13%	532	987
Colombia	330	652	463	800	324	828	427	944	282	260	-79%	560%	39%	1395%	286	267
Sri Lanka	127	86	102	261	265	207	199	212	217	240	-65%	108%	-27%	45%	277	279
Côte d'Ivoire	65	73	91	146	126	78	133	111	203	229	-7%	95%	81%	90%	507	486
India	112	115	88	146	285	153	163	137	121	171	-52%	162%	25%	-10%	134	178
Sudan	111	197	108	155	92	102	61	92	91	150	-2%	57%	54%	-8%	187	184
Ethiopia	75	64	103	132	81	60	73	31	57	97	288%	182%	994%	-22%	114	111
Senegal	5	*	21	63	64	37	77	97	128	96	156%	-43%	45%	-26%	144	113
Eritrea	160	139	98	113	80	54	100	202	156	83	-39%	129%	39%	36%	429	155
Egypt	26	22	41	41	53	57	52	89	96	82	-54%	17%	-46%	53%	102	115
Burkina Faso	*	8	7	20	16	7	18	24	30	82	-74%	-35%	-83%	-26%	86	162
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	56	52	27	40	85	44	39	70	59	71	-41%	197%	75%	-17%	62	81
Albania	*	5	13	11	12	20	10	17	16	69	-42%	-43%	-67%	-4%	21	76
Guinea	11	9	8	30	46	30	49	48	51	67	84%	-65%	-35%	-37%	124	127
Ghana	18	19	39	60	25	17	26	46	21	63	-66%	9%	-63%	13%	134	258
Russian Federation	80	77	51	82	51	56	51	44	40	57	-33%	-14%	-42%	102%	40	61
Moldova	30	34	27	35	30	43	28	20	28	52	-58%	-40%	-74%	-6%	33	56
Armenia	35	17	31	35	29	26	58	30	23	52	55%	-21%	22%	-52%	24	67
Algeria	117	47	62	44	58	40	80	100	52	50	0%	213%	213%	13%	60	70
Togo	6	17	14	18	*	7	10	*	*	47	-47%	1011%	488%	19%	99	132
Cameroon	49	37	57	41	30	31	37	45	35	41	-69%	300%	24%	124%	69	97
Niger	7	34	12	25	*	6	16	*	8	40	1000%	273%	4000%	720%	15	50
Cuba	14	19	14	15	20	25	22	20	36	37	12%	35%	51%	41%	47	45
Morocco	42	26	101	148	110	77	57	44	44	35	41%	-30%	-2%	-38%	50	87
Philippines	11	21	19	12	29	20	19	26	22	34	-84%	-39%	-90%	-34%	22	36
China	114	92	53	58	70	46	68	90	50	33	-83%	224%	-44%	49%	61	50
Kenya	*	10	*	*	5	36	12	22	37	32	-50%	6%	-47%	-21%	40	50
Mali	7	12	9	*	17	11	18	12	20	31	-15%	36%	15%	55%	39	55
Gambia	10	5	11	14	20	36	25	23	23	31	-60%	300%	60%	33%	72	75
Uzbekistan	15	12	8	40	14	17	51	22	29	29	11%	240%	278%	3300%	29	29
Sierra Leone	31	19	16	26	35	13	24	16	17	26	13%	-17%	-6%	0%	28	36
Ukraine	60	38	33	57	29	30	20	17	16	25	-32%	50%	2%	55%	19	27
Other	496	460	438	518	601	625	588	1,070	446	372	-49%	-16%	-57%	-18%	958	1,043
Total	5,004	5,593	5,913	11,578	12,968	12,892	11,198	11,577	9,907	10,671	-32%	158%	76%	53%	12,944	14,851

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Table 8. Asylum applications lodged in Canada and the United States by origin, first quarter 2006 to second quarter 2008

Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2008.

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

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

Origin	2006				2007				2008		First semester change			'08-'07
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'07-'06	'08-'07	'08-'06	Q3Q4/ Q1Q2
China	2,838	2,787	2,785	2,872	2,688	2,506	2,151	2,630	2,814	2,949	-8%	11%	2%	21%
Mexico	1,275	1,521	1,973	1,974	2,108	2,316	2,558	2,562	2,510	2,675	58%	17%	85%	1%
Haiti	1,641	1,487	1,050	1,010	1,295	1,265	1,632	1,762	1,582	1,680	-18%	27%	4%	-4%
Colombia	728	787	786	871	785	717	936	1,345	948	976	-1%	28%	27%	-16%
El Salvador	627	674	780	998	1,001	931	729	836	771	904	49%	-13%	29%	7%
United States*	161	105	187	215	256	227	568	773	563	591	82%	139%	334%	-14%
Guatemala	406	438	470	617	721	730	426	547	511	547	72%	-27%	25%	9%
India	350	352	368	345	329	286	294	361	340	360	-12%	14%	0%	7%
Ethiopia	347	371	387	329	351	317	313	344	340	355	-7%	4%	-3%	6%
Russian Federation	220	306	251	220	214	340	194	238	216	318	5%	-4%	2%	24%
Honduras	270	277	337	390	337	308	237	302	331	318	18%	1%	19%	20%
Sri Lanka	282	251	243	286	273	229	229	278	355	315	-6%	33%	26%	32%
Iraq	174	144	186	230	257	265	252	255	285	296	64%	11%	83%	15%
Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)	275	261	246	217	213	193	226	254	227	227	-24%	12%	-15%	-5%
Nepal	166	172	184	189	160	146	147	193	179	217	-9%	29%	17%	16%
Cameroon	165	194	197	186	186	159	167	177	181	198	-4%	10%	6%	10%
Pakistan	290	302	283	221	206	179	155	230	220	197	-35%	8%	-30%	8%
Nigeria	194	179	203	247	223	188	244	283	248	194	10%	8%	18%	-16%
Indonesia	224	246	381	328	285	263	232	312	233	193	17%	-22%	-9%	-22%
Czech Rep.	*	5	*	7	8	5	*	112	171	191	63%	2685%	4425%	215%
Kenya	60	64	110	86	64	78	70	109	200	177	15%	165%	204%	111%
Somalia	109	93	111	89	121	88	103	133	173	170	3%	64%	70%	45%
Zimbabwe	305	152	139	120	88	92	115	127	148	145	-61%	63%	-36%	21%
Eritrea	105	112	92	105	105	105	126	120	141	137	-3%	32%	28%	13%
Cuba	153	178	165	176	160	140	126	190	160	132	-9%	-3%	-12%	-8%
Egypt	114	137	108	92	98	121	107	101	108	131	-13%	9%	-5%	15%
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	128	90	76	69	97	61	81	107	112	128	-28%	52%	10%	28%
Albania	277	192	160	146	119	106	136	197	200	122	-52%	43%	-31%	-3%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	158	142	172	153	127	112	133	154	175	112	-20%	20%	-4%	0%
Guinea	117	146	157	151	166	164	169	168	137	110	25%	-25%	-6%	-27%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	130	100	153	118	99	95	110	130	154	110	-16%	36%	15%	10%
Moldova	27	22	28	18	26	34	38	51	52	107	22%	165%	224%	79%
Afghanistan	75	56	84	87	106	83	93	90	97	106	44%	7%	55%	11%
Serbia**	100	87	84	94	100	109	86	130	120	102	12%	6%	19%	3%
Jamaica	75	77	71	74	61	55	57	74	90	102	-24%	66%	26%	47%
Philippines	74	56	61	56	73	47	46	47	60	99	-8%	33%	22%	71%
Peru	79	100	91	103	72	118	62	100	68	96	6%	-14%	-8%	1%
Ukraine	143	126	140	134	115	122	112	113	125	94	-12%	-8%	-19%	-3%
Brazil	92	81	55	80	117	183	46	75	77	92	73%	-44%	-2%	40%
Myanmar	76	84	66	86	88	66	61	101	92	79	-4%	11%	7%	6%
Other	2,716	2,678	3,336	2,943	2,808	2,654	2,477	2,646	2,662	2,745	1%	-1%	0%	6%
Total	15,749	15,632	16,760	16,732	16,706	16,203	16,047	18,757	18,176	18,797	5%	12%	18%	6%

Note

* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

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Table 9. Asylum applications lodged in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and the Republic of Korea by origin, first quarter 2006 to second quarter 2008

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2008.

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

Origin	2006				2007				2008		First semester change			'08-'07
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'07-'06	'08-'07	'08-'06	Q3Q4/
														Q1Q2
China	255	283	309	255	281	272	334	398	282	294	3%	4%	7%	-21%
Myanmar	156	208	178	129	120	140	136	185	218	240	-29%	76%	26%	43%
Sri Lanka	48	82	124	149	129	153	157	141	132	129	117%	-7%	101%	-12%
Malaysia	31	30	26	21	26	30	44	44	50	85	-8%	141%	121%	53%
India	82	130	81	42	68	203	45	43	39	82	28%	-55%	-43%	38%
Pakistan	38	39	21	20	32	46	57	49	54	64	1%	51%	53%	11%
Bangladesh	30	32	21	13	25	27	43	27	32	53	-16%	63%	37%	21%
Iraq	41	40	55	88	61	36	97	59	47	51	20%	1%	21%	-37%
Indonesia	101	79	83	34	48	42	37	56	78	48	-50%	40%	-30%	35%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	38	24	31	45	28	31	41	33	49	47	-5%	63%	55%	30%
Turkey	49	47	56	23	27	25	24	41	45	46	-46%	75%	-5%	40%
Zimbabwe	19	*	11	15	21	24	28	29	57	36	105%	107%	323%	63%
Ethiopia	7	13	34	7	8	11	26	22	21	32	-5%	179%	165%	10%
Rep. of Korea	27	17	20	29	11	21	26	23	17	27	-27%	38%	0%	-10%
Lebanon	6	6	30	23	23	10	17	25	17	23	175%	21%	233%	-5%
Egypt	16	9	13	14	17	6	11	12	16	20	-8%	57%	44%	57%
Nepal	20	43	26	41	121	107	40	60	17	15	262%	-86%	-49%	-68%
Cameroon	*	12	*	*	*	7	*	6	6	15	-44%	133%	31%	110%
Viet Nam	9	*	7	7	6	7	17	9	10	15	8%	92%	108%	-4%
Afghanistan	*	*	11	9	8	14	8	6	6	14	340%	-9%	300%	43%
Other	196	215	202	214	247	235	213	323	227	185	17%	-15%	0%	-23%
Total	1,174	1,319	1,341	1,182	1,309	1,447	1,405	1,591	1,420	1,521	11%	7%	18%	-2%

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Table 10. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, first quarter 2008

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

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark**	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Iraq	-	39	104	246	-	124	84	-	55	9	148	-	92	48	1,961
Russian Federation	-	5	888	478	-	*	81	-	12	20	58	*	36	1,138	225
China	-	265	55	36	-	*	433	-	30	12	8	-	-	153	53
Somalia	-	*	120	33	-	6	99	-	*	*	19	-	34	21	37
Serbia***	5	*	373	213	50	*	52	22	-	8	21	-	32	554	479
Pakistan	-	40	13	38	-	*	102	-	47	*	5	-	*	82	69
Afghanistan	-	*	205	190	-	12	83	-	10	*	62	-	23	43	119
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,757	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	29	65	130	-	6	86	-	53	*	33	-	21	29	179
Sri Lanka	-	93	*	31	-	*	259	*	151	*	12	-	*	552	110
Nigeria	-	*	130	11	-	7	199	-	33	10	6	-	13	108	104
Eritrea	-	-	6	5	-	-	49	-	-	-	*	-	-	14	58
Turkey	-	9	102	74	-	*	64	9	17	212	5	-	15	513	395
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	984	-	-	-	-	-	-	189	-
Colombia	-	*	-	-	-	-	757	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	5
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	12	160	-	*	134	-	-	*	*	-	9	529	38
Bangladesh	-	22	18	14	-	*	22	-	59	-	*	-	*	221	8
Zimbabwe	-	52	-	*	-	-	82	-	-	-	*	-	-	6	6
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	-	27	77	-	*	20	-	278	*	19	-	*	13	194
India	-	38	61	20	-	-	161	-	55	*	6	-	*	17	90

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Iraq	688	50	*	61	109	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	1,006	7	496
Russian Federation	16	6	*	10	-	-	*	*	23	-	-	-	21	*	276
China	14	7	-	34	11	5	-	-	*	*	-	-	119	5	*
Somalia	39	40	-	38	123	-	-	-	-	-	161	-	753	*	140
Serbia***	*	182	*	22	141	-	-	-	-	46	-	*	10	-	247
Pakistan	1,763	193	-	37	106	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	*	*
Afghanistan	534	21	*	22	284	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	56	-	142
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	105	*	-	22	25	11	-	-	-	5	-	-	43	5	83
Sri Lanka	31	10	-	5	60	13	-	-	-	-	*	-	55	10	76
Nigeria	161	20	*	237	381	*	*	-	-	-	54	-	32	*	50
Eritrea	10	-	-	21	273	-	-	-	-	5	121	-	49	-	334
Turkey	8	11	*	115	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	19
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colombia	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	-	44	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	-	7	*	36
Bangladesh	400	30	-	*	141	5	*	-	-	-	-	-	7	*	*
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	26	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	5	*
Syrian Arab Rep.	200	*	-	*	9	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	12	-	19
India	49	-	-	*	13	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	15	-	6

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	TFYR Macedonia	Turkey	UK	USA****
Iraq	*	*	*	49	11	13	-	18	2,696	301	-	1,296	745	201
Russian Federation	1,396	-	-	*	-	29	*	12	242	41	-	-	15	135
China	*	*	7	13	-	14	-	-	18	60	-	5	345	2,381
Somalia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	839	186	-	194	480	74
Serbia***	-	*	-	11	-	6	13	*	488	258	6	-	20	68
Pakistan	5	0	5	12	-	16	*	10	16	9	-	*	475	118
Afghanistan	*	-	-	*	-	7	-	8	142	65	-	131	870	14
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	753
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	9	189	88	-	430	655	89
Sri Lanka	*	*	16	*	-	*	-	9	11	202	-	23	450	96
Nigeria	*	*	5	-	*	*	*	187	32	172	*	-	245	49
Eritrea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	223	347	-	21	480	92
Turkey	10	-	-	24	-	7	7	8	68	123	-	-	75	32
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	598
Colombia	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	275	*	27	-	-	5	191
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	*	-	-	*	*	38	18	61	-	18	110	20
Bangladesh	*	-	*	*	-	11	-	13	22	7	-	-	145	51
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	905	66
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	-	-	*	5	*	-	20	119	80	-	*	35	17
India	5	*	-	47	-	26	-	14	18	5	-	-	175	179

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

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Table 11. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, second quarter 2008

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

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark**	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Iraq	-	30	111	251	-	74	64	-	13	5	167	*	186	47	1,481
China	-	282	58	37	-	*	354	-	13	6	*	-	*	160	67
Russian Federation	-	*	608	360	-	*	62	-	5	22	46	-	49	580	162
Somalia	-	5	86	44	-	5	85	-	-	-	12	-	84	21	41
Afghanistan	-	11	290	166	-	15	92	*	11	12	40	-	17	53	98
Pakistan	-	57	16	33	*	-	72	*	97	7	*	-	*	71	62
Serbia***	-	*	289	228	11	-	26	15	-	*	15	-	26	600	383
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,974	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-
Nigeria	-	*	122	20	-	5	159	-	21	7	*	*	15	80	129
Sri Lanka	*	93	*	41	-	5	216	5	123	*	9	-	10	553	128
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	33	41	144	-	*	38	-	35	*	28	-	20	21	162
Eritrea	-	*	*	7	-	-	31	-	-	-	*	-	*	24	58
Haiti	-	-	-	*	-	-	1,142	-	-	-	*	-	-	186	*
Turkey	-	11	92	80	-	*	35	-	*	26	11	-	8	498	338
Bangladesh	-	24	10	20	-	*	23	-	51	-	5	-	*	254	11
Colombia	-	*	-	*	-	-	727	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	*
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	*	34	72	-	9	10	-	274	*	15	-	*	5	175
Georgia	-	*	104	38	-	*	15	-	22	7	*	-	*	64	38
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	16	134	-	-	92	-	-	*	*	-	*	578	45
Mali	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,097	*

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Iraq	542	31	*	48	176	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	1,345	19	619
China	14	15	-	34	17	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	350	*	19
Russian Federation	34	*	-	6	*	-	-	-	17	*	-	-	22	-	212
Somalia	25	63	-	41	654	-	-	-	-	*	158	-	636	*	272
Afghanistan	452	19	*	24	416	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	61	*	189
Pakistan	1,768	44	*	55	130	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	11	*	6
Serbia***	-	180	5	10	174	-	-	*	-	50	-	-	5	-	200
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nigeria	244	9	*	248	582	*	-	-	-	*	65	-	15	-	70
Sri Lanka	54	*	*	5	39	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	5	89
Islamic Rep. of Iran	70	5	*	11	15	7	-	-	*	-	-	-	58	7	94
Eritrea	17	-	-	12	72	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	40	-	426
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey	15	6	-	*	62	35	*	*	-	*	-	-	18	-	23
Bangladesh	391	*	-	14	320	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
Colombia	-	-	-	-	7	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	*	*
Syrian Arab Rep.	266	*	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	22
Georgia	617	51	*	37	5	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	8	-	*
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	-	-	45	10	*	-	-	*	-	*	-	*	-	15
Mali	-	-	-	-	24	*	-	-	-	-	30	-	*	-	-

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	TfYR Macedonia	Turkey	UK	USA****
Iraq	*	-	-	28	-	18	-	27	1,240	288	-	1,408	340	232
China	*	-	*	9	-	16	*	-	16	60	-	6	415	2,595
Russian Federation	1,382	-	-	8	-	45	*	18	221	47	-	-	20	256
Somalia	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	33	842	232	-	116	415	85
Afghanistan	*	-	-	-	-	9	-	15	105	59	-	272	760	14
Pakistan	*	0	*	23	-	20	-	16	12	18	-	*	480	125
Serbia***	*	-	-	6	-	6	18	*	284	252	*	-	25	76
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	701
Nigeria	8	*	*	-	*	*	*	165	40	211	-	*	280	35
Sri Lanka	9	19	13	*	-	-	-	32	6	268	-	10	395	99
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	16	143	69	-	596	510	74
Eritrea	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	9	162	389	-	35	515	106
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	538
Turkey	*	-	-	18	-	*	33	*	53	136	*	-	50	26
Bangladesh	*	-	16	*	-	17	-	5	22	10	-	*	130	45
Colombia	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	253	*	6	-	-	10	249
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	62	115	128	-	8	45	17
Georgia	12	*	-	14	-	21	*	12	48	67	-	-	10	20
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	*	6	-	-	-	-	30	17	49	-	33	100	18
Mali	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	5	-	-	-	39

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Table 12. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, second quarter 2008

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

Albania		Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bosnia and H.	
Sri Lanka	*	China	282	Russian Fed.	608	Russian Fed.	360	Serbia	11
		Sri Lanka	93	Afghanistan	290	Iraq	251	Occup. Palest. Terr.	*
		Malaysia	83	Serbia	289	Serbia	228	Croatia	*
		India	78	Nigeria	122	Afghanistan	166	Pakistan	*
		Pakistan	57	Iraq	111	Islamic Rep. of Iran	144	TFYR Macedonia	*
		Indonesia	48	Georgia	104	DR of Congo	134		
		Zimbabwe	34	Armenia	93	Armenia	125		
		Islamic Rep. of Iran	33	Turkey	92	Guinea	116		
		Iraq	30	Somalia	86	Cameroon	98		
		Rep. of Korea	27	India	70	Turkey	80		
Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia		Cyprus		Czech Rep.	
Iraq	74	Mexico	1,974	Serbia	15	Syrian Arab Rep.	274	Ukraine	84
Armenia	18	Haiti	1,142	Sri Lanka	5	Sri Lanka	123	Mongolia	56
Stateless	16	Colombia	727	Pakistan	*	Pakistan	97	Turkey	26
Afghanistan	15	United States	591	Belarus	*	India	75	Russian Fed.	22
Syrian Arab Rep.	9	China	354	Afghanistan	*	Egypt	54	Viet Nam	21
Somalia	5	Sri Lanka	216	TFYR Macedonia	*	Bangladesh	51	Kyrgyzstan	17
Sri Lanka	5	Czech Rep.	187	Montenegro	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	35	Kazakhstan	15
Nigeria	5	India	165	Unknown	*	Viet Nam	24	Belarus	14
Russian Fed.	*	Nigeria	159			Georgia	22	Afghanistan	12
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	El Salvador	141			Nigeria	21	Pakistan	7
Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Iraq ****	167	Iraq	*	Iraq	186	Mali	1,097	Iraq	1,481
Russian Fed.	46	Nigeria	*	Somalia	84	Serbia	600	Serbia	383
Afghanistan	40	Senegal	*	Bulgaria	61	Russian Fed.	580	Turkey	338
Islamic Rep. of Iran	28			Russian Fed.	49	DR of Congo	578	Viet Nam	243
Occup. Palest. Terr.	21			Serbia **	26	Sri Lanka	553	Syrian Arab Rep.	175
Serbia **	15			Islamic Rep. of Iran	20	Turkey	498	Russian Fed.	162
Syrian Arab Rep.	15			Afghanistan	17	Armenia	424	Islamic Rep. of Iran	162
Somalia	12			Nigeria	15	Guinea	333	Lebanon	143
Turkey	11			Romania	15	Bangladesh	254	Nigeria	129
Sri Lanka	9			Sri Lanka	10	Comoros	213	Sri Lanka	128
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Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Italy	
Pakistan	1,768	Serbia	180	Serbia	5	Nigeria	248	Somalia	654
Georgia	617	Somalia	63	Afghanistan	*	Pakistan	55	Nigeria	582
Iraq	542	Georgia	51	Georgia	*	Iraq	48	Afghanistan	416
Afghanistan	452	Pakistan	44	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	DR of Congo	45	Bangladesh	320
Bangladesh	391	Iraq	31	Nigeria	*	Moldova	41	Côte d'Ivoire	257
Syrian Arab Rep.	266	Afghanistan	19	Iraq	*	Somalia	41	Ghana	195
Nigeria	244	China	15	Moldova	*	Georgia	37	Iraq	176
India	84	Nigeria	9	Pakistan	*	China	34	Serbia	174
Senegal	82	Mongolia	8	Sri Lanka	*	Sudan	28	Pakistan	130
Islamic Rep. of Iran	70	Cuba	8	Western Sahara	*	Zimbabwe	28	Togo	85
Japan		Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg	
Myanmar	209	Cuba	*	Serbia	*	Russian Fed.	17	Serbia	50
Turkey	35	Georgia	*	Armenia	*	Cuba	*	Belarus	5
Sri Lanka	18	Senegal	*	Germany	*	DR of Congo	*	Cameroon	5
Ethiopia	18	Turkey	*	TFYR Macedonia	*	Belarus	*	Montenegro	5
Bangladesh	12			Turkey	*	Uzbekistan	*	Bosnia and H.	*
Cameroon	10					Georgia	*	Nigeria	*
Nepal	9					Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Albania	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	7					Iraq	*	Turkey	*
China	5					Angola	*	Somalia	*
Liberia	*					Tajikistan	*	Gambia	*

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Table 12. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, second quarter 2008 (continued)

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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Malta		Montenegro		Netherlands		New Zealand		Norway	
Somalia	158	Albania	*	Iraq	1,345	Iraq	19	Iraq	619
Côte d'Ivoire	100	Belarus	*	Somalia	636	Islamic Rep. of Iran	7	Eritrea	426
Nigeria	65			China	350	Sri Lanka	5	Somalia	272
Ethiopia	58			Afghanistan	61	China	*	Russian Fed.	212
Togo	42			Islamic Rep. of Iran	58	Afghanistan	*	Serbia	200
Niger	35			Sri Lanka	41	Myanmar	*	Afghanistan	189
Ghana	32			Eritrea	40	India	*	Stateless	168
Mali	30			Sierra Leone	39	Nepal	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	94
Burkina Faso	18			Armenia	31	Ethiopia	*	Sri Lanka	89
Eritrea	17			Guinea	29	Zimbabwe	*	Nigeria	70
Poland		Portugal		Rep. of Korea		Romania		Serbia (excl. Kosovo)	
Russian Fed.	1,382	Sri Lanka	19	Bangladesh	16	India	35	Ethiopia	*
Viet Nam	19	Colombia	7	Sri Lanka	13	Iraq	28	Chad	*
Georgia	12	Eritrea	5	Myanmar	11	Pakistan	23	Nigeria	*
Sri Lanka	9	Congo	5	DR of Congo	6	Turkey	18		
Nigeria	8	DR of Congo	*	Uganda	5	Georgia	14		
Armenia	8	Nigeria	*	Pakistan	*	China	9		
Belarus	8	Angola	*	Ethiopia	*	Russian Fed.	8		
Ukraine	7	Guinea-Bissau	*	Ethiopia	*	Serbia	6		
Uzbekistan	6	Peru	*	China	*	Israel	*		
Mongolia	*	Georgia	*	Ghana	*	Moldova	*		
Slovakia		Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland	
Russian Fed.	45	Turkey	33	Colombia	253	Iraq	1,240	Eritrea	389
Moldova	40	Serbia	18	Nigeria	165	Somalia	842	Iraq	288
Georgia	21	Cuba	*	Côte d'Ivoire	121	Serbia	284	Sri Lanka	268
Pakistan	20	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	62	Stateless	229	Serbia	252
India	19	TfYR Macedonia	*	Sudan	49	Russian Fed.	221	Somalia	232
Iraq	18	Albania	*	Algeria	41	Libyan Arab Jamah.	179	Nigeria	211
Bangladesh	17	Bosnia and H.	*	Cuba	36	Uzbekistan	171	Turkey	136
China	16	China	*	Somalia	33	Eritrea	162	Syrian Arab Rep.	128
Viet Nam	11	Georgia	*	Sri Lanka	32	Islamic Rep. of Iran	143	Islamic Rep. of Iran	69
Ukraine	9	Russian Fed.	*	DR of Congo	30	Mongolia	139	Georgia	67
TfYR Macedonia		Turkey		United Kingdom		United States***			
Serbia	*	Iraq	1,408	Zimbabwe	900	China	2,595		
Albania	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	596	Afghanistan	760	El Salvador	763		
Stateless	*	Afghanistan	272	Eritrea	515	Mexico	701		
Turkey	*	Somalia	116	Islamic Rep. of Iran	510	Haiti	538		
		Sudan	59	Pakistan	480	Guatemala	466		
		Eritrea	35	Somalia	415	Ethiopia	306		
		DR of Congo	33	China	415	Russian Fed.	256		
		Occup. Palest. Terr.	16	Sri Lanka	395	Colombia	249		
		Uzbekistan	15	Iraq	340	Iraq	232		
		Sri Lanka	10	Nigeria	280	Honduras	207		

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

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Table 13. Asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, January to June 2008

See footnotes at the bottom of Table 1.

Country/region of asylum	2008						
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Albania	-	5	-	-	2	-	7
Australia	302	315	323	349	343	332	1,964
Austria	1,115	888	812	889	834	810	5,348
Belgium	1,097	918	926	907	899	971	5,718
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	17	34	10	4	2	68
Bulgaria	86	88	62	53	77	51	417
Canada	2,983	2,904	2,521	2,957	2,722	2,732	16,819
Croatia	20	13	5	9	14	7	68
Cyprus	254	440	423	310	312	274	2,013
Czech Rep.	212	188	182	137	98	114	931
Denmark	238	176	128	159	153	142	996
Estonia	2	1	-	1	2	-	6
Finland	164	104	118	137	209	260	992
France	2,486	2,714	2,449	2,883	2,319	2,779	15,630
Germany	2,397	1,818	1,545	1,694	1,599	1,672	10,725
Greece	1,686	1,724	1,506	1,714	1,791	1,743	10,164
Hungary	241	241	227	173	196	148	1,226
Iceland	7	4	2	3	7	9	32
Ireland	329	296	299	299	301	329	1,853
Italy	1,007	1,137	893	1,550	1,390	1,240	7,217
Japan	89	92	126	104	132	128	671
Latvia	2	1	1	-	1	4	9
Liechtenstein	4	4	2	1	1	4	16
Lithuania	11	7	15	15	10	8	66
Luxembourg	44	26	29	45	21	33	198
Malta	218	150	110	202	189	232	1,101
Montenegro	-	3	-	-	1	1	5
Netherlands	908	862	886	929	1,011	1,169	5,765
New Zealand	22	17	32	21	22	20	134
Norway	864	783	832	852	999	1,073	5,403
Poland	359	634	510	566	462	479	3,010
Portugal	7	13	11	16	12	34	93
Rep. of Korea	59	19	24	23	22	25	172
Romania	42	54	93	39	46	84	358
Serbia	5	9	11	4	3	-	32
Slovakia	45	61	66	75	75	97	419
Slovenia	17	14	11	15	45	12	114
Spain	372	442	336	444	420	347	2,361
Sweden	3,194	2,209	1,644	1,839	1,752	1,629	12,267
Switzerland	1,048	859	879	1,086	902	1,171	5,945
TfYR Macedonia	2	1	4	1	2	3	13
Turkey	666	919	625	812	903	914	4,839
United Kingdom	2,705	2,510	2,490	2,270	2,185	2,385	14,545
United States (EOIR)	1,126	1,056	1,156	1,381	1,280	1,092	7,091
United States (DHS)	3,018	3,079	2,905	2,948	3,380	2,958	18,288
EU-old (15)	17,749	15,837	14,072	15,775	14,896	15,543	93,872
EU-new (12)	1,489	1,879	1,700	1,586	1,513	1,503	9,670
EU-total (27)	19,238	17,716	15,772	17,361	16,409	17,046	103,542
Nordic region (5)	4,467	3,276	2,724	2,990	3,120	3,113	19,690
Western Europe (19)	19,672	17,487	15,787	17,717	16,805	17,800	105,268
Central Europe (11)	1,037	1,302	1,172	1,083	1,026	1,004	6,624
Southern Europe (8)	4,210	4,830	3,904	5,048	5,019	4,784	27,795
Europe (38)	21,855	20,333	18,166	20,139	19,247	20,230	119,970
Non-Europe (6)	7,599	7,482	7,087	7,783	7,901	7,287	45,139
North America (2)	7,127	7,039	6,582	7,286	7,382	6,782	42,198
Australia/New Z. (2)	324	332	355	370	365	352	2,098
Total (44)	29,454	27,815	25,253	27,922	27,148	27,517	165,109

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Table 14. Monthly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries by origin, 2008

Top-40 ranking based on applications lodged during June 2008.

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

Origin	2008						Total
	Jan.	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
Iraq	4,451	3,500	2,714	2,826	2,951	3,026	19,468
China	1,432	1,258	1,410	1,589	1,564	1,412	8,665
Somalia	1,417	998	1,045	1,203	1,362	1,396	7,421
Russian Federation	1,990	1,812	1,372	1,433	1,449	1,314	9,370
Afghanistan	1,136	1,083	839	1,095	1,009	1,103	6,265
Pakistan	1,039	1,111	1,041	1,086	1,034	1,023	6,334
Serbia*	1,267	1,106	966	1,038	897	958	6,232
Mexico	802	943	769	830	987	862	5,193
Nigeria	749	765	748	947	784	823	4,816
Islamic Rep. of Iran	926	751	723	746	721	742	4,609
Eritrea	789	764	561	599	597	734	4,044
Sri Lanka	696	810	793	851	731	710	4,591
Haiti	592	636	545	687	644	544	3,648
Zimbabwe	339	348	476	289	354	524	2,330
Syrian Arab Rep.	392	397	373	355	432	511	2,460
Turkey	642	672	660	595	491	510	3,570
India	325	315	369	390	361	444	2,204
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	442	425	390	442	349	425	2,473
Georgia	285	347	315	404	413	412	2,176
Colombia	425	458	416	520	387	397	2,603
Mali	211	171	255	447	370	396	1,850
Armenia	341	309	301	328	314	383	1,976
Bangladesh	322	448	446	479	536	377	2,608
Guinea	294	290	286	296	254	313	1,733
Côte d'Ivoire	300	315	257	300	241	306	1,719
El Salvador	266	252	270	365	287	276	1,716
Ethiopia	255	244	230	254	248	246	1,477
Algeria	276	271	236	233	216	234	1,466
Stateless	236	235	154	190	228	205	1,248
Cameroon	175	187	193	230	204	200	1,189
United States	188	205	182	235	185	184	1,179
Sudan	196	171	141	193	174	178	1,053
Ghana	138	98	132	152	158	161	839
Guatemala	153	189	177	193	202	156	1,070
Myanmar	144	145	144	139	170	151	893
Uzbekistan	91	110	93	86	122	142	644
Egypt	146	110	99	110	132	141	738
Viet Nam	186	187	141	171	147	138	970
Albania	148	162	135	157	156	137	895
Burundi	86	68	50	71	69	132	476
Other	4,306	4,268	3,977	4,525	4,253	4,347	25,676
Total	28,594	26,934	24,424	27,079	26,183	26,673	159,887

Note

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

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Table 15. Top-40 countries of origin by main asylum region, second quarter 2008

Sort order based on June data.

Industrialized countries (44 countries)				
Origin	April	May	June	Total
Iraq	2,826	2,951	3,026	8,803
China	1,589	1,564	1,412	4,565
Somalia	1,203	1,362	1,396	3,961
Russian Fed.	1,433	1,449	1,314	4,196
Afghanistan	1,095	1,009	1,103	3,207
Pakistan	1,086	1,034	1,023	3,143
Serbia*	1,038	897	958	2,893
Mexico	830	987	862	2,679
Nigeria	947	784	823	2,554
Islamic Rep. of Iran	746	721	742	2,209
Eritrea	599	597	734	1,930
Sri Lanka	851	731	710	2,292
Haiti	687	644	544	1,875
Zimbabwe	289	354	524	1,167
Syrian Arab Rep.	355	432	511	1,298
Turkey	595	491	510	1,596
India	390	361	444	1,195
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	442	349	425	1,216
Georgia	404	413	412	1,229
Colombia	520	387	397	1,304
Mali	447	370	396	1,213
Armenia	328	314	383	1,025
Bangladesh	479	536	377	1,392
Guinea	296	254	313	863
Côte d'Ivoire	300	241	306	847
El Salvador	365	287	276	928
Ethiopia	254	248	246	748
Algeria	233	216	234	683
Stateless	190	228	205	623
Cameroon	230	204	200	634
United States	235	185	184	604
Sudan	193	174	178	545
Ghana	152	158	161	471
Guatemala	193	202	156	551
Myanmar	139	170	151	460
Uzbekistan	86	122	142	350
Egypt	110	132	141	383
Viet Nam	171	147	138	456
Albania	157	156	137	450
Burundi	71	69	132	272
Other	4,525	4,253	4,347	13,125
Total	27,079	26,183	26,673	79,935

Europe (38 countries)				
Origin	April	May	June	Total
Iraq	2,708	2,829	2,919	8,456
Somalia	1,156	1,292	1,337	3,785
Russian Fed.	1,364	1,314	1,196	3,874
Afghanistan	1,055	964	1,068	3,087
Serbia*	996	857	937	2,790
Pakistan	998	948	936	2,882
Nigeria	866	725	762	2,353
Eritrea	551	550	691	1,792
Islamic Rep. of Iran	692	669	689	2,050
Sri Lanka	676	595	577	1,848
Syrian Arab Rep.	348	419	501	1,268
Turkey	551	466	472	1,489
Zimbabwe	240	302	444	986
Georgia	396	394	403	1,193
Mali	428	350	392	1,170
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	402	313	380	1,095
China	536	409	377	1,322
Armenia	307	290	355	952
Bangladesh	430	507	334	1,271
India	232	221	300	753
Côte d'Ivoire	275	219	285	779
Guinea	258	216	279	753
Algeria	226	214	226	666
Stateless	175	206	194	575
Sudan	171	153	159	483
Ghana	138	148	153	439
Ethiopia	99	125	137	361
Cameroon	158	126	137	421
Viet Nam	154	133	122	409
Uzbekistan	67	105	119	291
Azerbaijan	129	126	114	369
Burundi	51	50	113	214
Albania	110	101	112	323
Congo	79	82	106	267
Senegal	80	92	105	277
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	68	94	102	264
Angola	125	91	99	315
Morocco	64	71	98	233
Lebanon	111	116	93	320
Egypt	67	75	90	232
Other	2,601	2,291	2,318	7,210
Total	20,138	19,248	20,231	59,617

European Union (27 countries)				
Origin	April	May	June	Total
Iraq	2,055	2,014	2,071	6,140
Russian Fed.	1,286	1,207	1,122	3,615
Somalia	990	1,073	1,102	3,165
Pakistan	990	935	925	2,850
Afghanistan	865	819	879	2,563
Serbia*	808	713	781	2,302
Nigeria	774	642	651	2,067
Sri Lanka	567	462	444	1,473
Syrian Arab Rep.	292	381	437	1,110
Islamic Rep. of Iran	431	422	436	1,289
Zimbabwe	232	298	432	962
Turkey	486	423	419	1,328
Mali	427	349	389	1,165
Georgia	377	382	362	1,121
Eritrea	283	299	360	942
Armenia	302	289	348	939
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	378	281	339	998
China	512	389	336	1,237
Bangladesh	427	500	332	1,259
India	220	213	295	728
Côte d'Ivoire	256	211	267	734
Guinea	221	205	250	676
Algeria	210	197	205	612
Ghana	130	144	149	423
Cameroon	145	118	130	393
Stateless	117	145	121	383
Viet Nam	153	125	116	394
Sudan	151	119	115	385
Azerbaijan	120	116	109	345
Burundi	46	44	106	196
Albania	104	96	104	304
Congo	79	82	104	265
Senegal	76	90	102	268
Angola	104	79	93	276
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	60	76	90	226
Morocco	57	65	90	212
Uzbekistan	64	81	89	234
Lebanon	98	107	89	294
Ethiopia	69	76	88	233
Egypt	65	71	83	219
Other	2,333	2,072	2,087	6,492
Total	17,360	16,410	17,047	50,817

Note

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