

# Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries

## First Quarter, 2005

Comparative Overview of Asylum Applications Lodged  
in 31 European and 5 Non-European Countries



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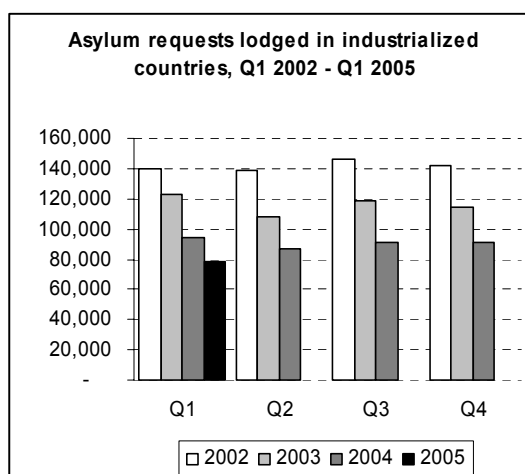
## Introduction

1. This report is based on monthly asylum application data received from national asylum authorities in Europe, North America, Australia, New Zealand and Japan. Currently, 36 industrialized asylum countries are included in this reporting system.
2. This report is limited to new asylum requests only. Information on the number of asylum-seekers granted Convention refugee status, those granted a complementary form of protection (humanitarian reasons, temporary protection, etc.) or those whose request was rejected is published on an annual basis. Moreover, asylum applications which have been re-opened or submitted in appeal are not included.<sup>1</sup>
3. The figures included generally refer to the number of persons seeking asylum. Because the data are reported by national authorities, asylum-seekers submitting a claim in more than one country may have been double-counted. The regional figures in this report are thus likely to overstate the total number of asylum-seekers. It should be stressed that although asylum is generally requested at the border, a submission may also be made from within the country of asylum or at embassies abroad.
4. All data included in this report should be considered as provisional, subject to change. Due to retroactive updates, the figures in this report may differ slightly from those reported earlier.
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## Region of asylum

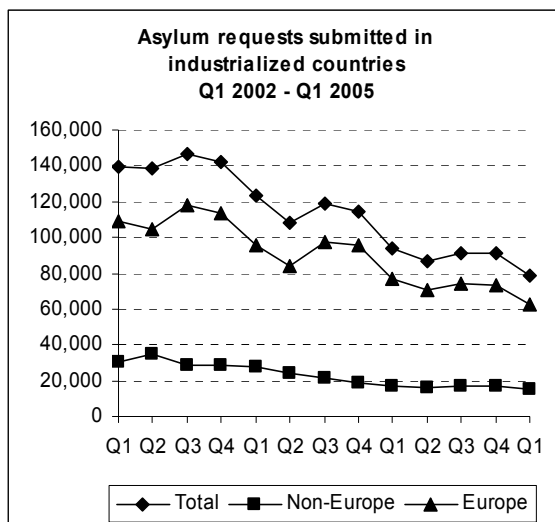
6. During the first quarter (Q1) of 2005, 81,900 asylum applications were submitted in the **36 industrialized countries** covered by this report, 13 per cent fewer than during the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2004 (94,200). Asylum applications dropped by 17 per cent compared to the first quarter of 2004 (98,600) and by 36 per cent compared to the first quarter of 2003 (127,600) (see chart and Table 1).

7. In **31 European countries**, asylum levels dropped by 15 percent from Q4 2004 to Q1 2005, by 18 per cent from Q1 2004 to Q1 2005 and by 34 per cent from Q1 2003 to Q1 2005 (see Table 1).



<sup>1</sup> See 2003 UNHCR Statistical Yearbook (provisional), available at [www.unhcr.org/statistics](http://www.unhcr.org/statistics).

8. The 24 countries of the **European Union (EU)** covered by this report<sup>2</sup> registered a 14 per cent fall in new asylum applications submitted during the first quarter of 2005 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. Compared to the first quarter of 2004, the drop in asylum levels in the EU was 15 per cent, while applications fell by 31 per cent compared to the first quarter of 2003.



9. The largest fall in quarterly asylum levels was reported by the 10 **new EU member countries**. In Q1 of 2005, these countries received 6,000 new asylum requests, a 46 per cent drop compared to Q4 of 2004. In the five **Nordic countries**, the level of asylum applications submitted during Q1 of 2005 dropped by 23 per cent compared to Q4 of 2004 and by 50 per cent compared to Q1 of 2003 (*see Table I*).

10. **North America** reported a relatively modest drop in asylum requests from Q4 of 2004 to Q1 of 2005 (-7%), but a significant decline compared to Q1 of 2003 (-40%). Similarly, there was no change in asylum levels in **Australia and New Zealand** in Q1 of 2005 as compared to Q4 of 2004, but a important drop compared to Q1 of 2003 (-44%) (*see Table I*).

### Countries of asylum

11. Since Q4 of 2003, **France** has been the leading asylum-seeker receiving country among the group of 36 industrialized countries covered by this report. The number of asylum applications lodged in France increased by 4 per cent from Q4 of 2004 (15,000) to Q1 of 2005 (15,700). France received 19 per cent of all asylum applications submitted in the 36 countries during Q1 of 2005 (*see Table I*).

12. During the first quarter of 2005, the **United States** continued to be the second largest asylum country, receiving 13,600 asylum applications or almost 17 per cent of all applications submitted in the 36 countries.<sup>3</sup> The **United Kingdom**, which registered 18 per cent fewer asylum requests compared to Q4 of 2004, remained the third largest asylum-seeker receiving country. During Q1 of 2005, the United Kingdom received 10 per cent of all asylum requests.

13. From Q4 of 2004 to Q1 of 2005, 22 countries experienced a fall in the number of

<sup>2</sup> Because quarterly statistics are not available, Italy is not included in this report.

<sup>3</sup> This includes first or new applications lodged to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as well as to the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) (see notes in Table 1).

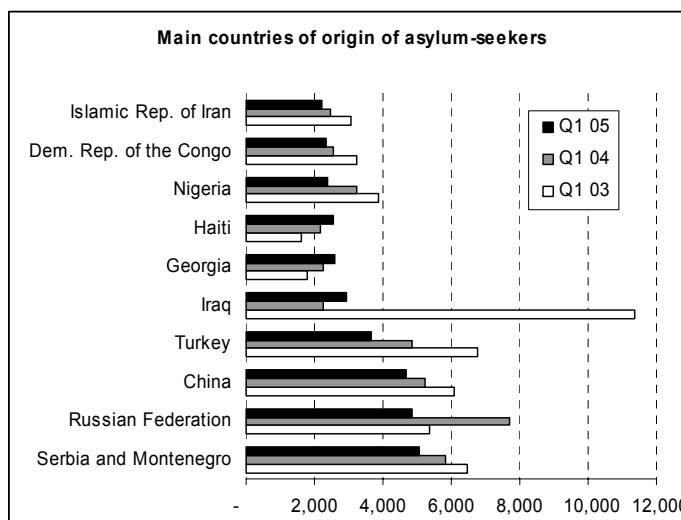
new asylum claims lodged, 13 asylum countries reported an increase, while one country recorded no change in the number of new asylum requests. Among the larger destination countries, those reporting a significant fall in quarterly applications were **Austria** (-29%), **Canada** (-36%), **Cyprus** (-46%), **Norway** (-33%), **Poland** (-58%) and **the Slovak Republic** (-75%) (see Table 1).

14. **Greece** was the only country which reported an important increase in the level of asylum requests during the first three months of 2005 (177%). This increase, which was mostly due to the rise in the number of asylum-seekers from **Georgia** from 16 in Q4 of 2004 to 990 in Q1 of 2005, is believed to be related more to the administrative process in Greece than to the arrival of new asylum-seekers (see below).

### Origin of asylum-seekers

15. In the 36 asylum countries included in this report, **Serbia and Montenegro** was the leading country of origin of asylum-seekers during the first quarter of 2005 (5,100 requests), followed by **the Russian Federation** (4,900), **China** (4,700), **Turkey** (3,700), **Iraq** (2,900), **Georgia** (2,600), **Haiti** (2,600), **Nigeria** (2,400), **the Democratic Republic of the Congo** (2,400) and **the Islamic Republic of Iran** (2,200) (see Table 2).

16. Among the leading countries of origin, those recording a strong decline in the number of asylum applications from Q4 of 2004 to Q1 of 2005 included **the Russian Federation** (-42%), **the Islamic Republic of Iran** (-29%), **India** (-24%), **Afghanistan** (-23%), **Pakistan** (-29%), **Colombia** (-40%), **Bangladesh** (-37%), **Sudan** (-26%) and **Eritrea** (-26%) (see Table 2).



17. There were few nationalities recording a significant rise in asylum requests from Q4 of 2004 to Q1 of 2005. The number of asylum-seekers from **El Salvador** rose by 87 per cent, primarily due to an increase in applications submitted to the US Department of Homeland Security. Although significantly higher than in 2003 and 2004, the current level of applications lodged by nationals from El Salvador in the US is similar to that of 2000. Similarly, the increase in asylum-seekers from **Guatemala** (67%) is limited to the United States, following a particularly low number of applications during 2004 (see Table 2).

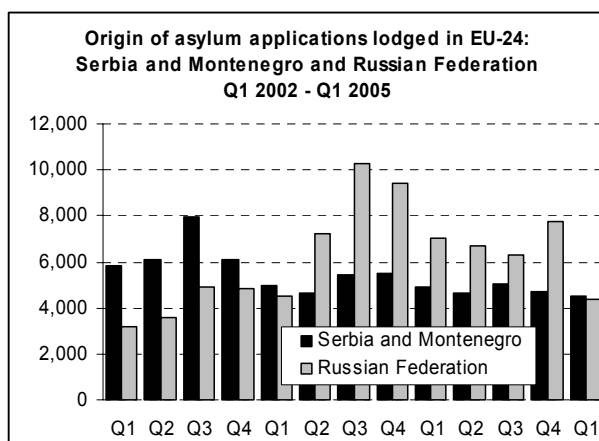
18. There was some change in the ranking of the main countries of origin of asylum

applicants. From Q4 of 2004 to Q1 of 2005, **Serbia and Montenegro** moved from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> position, **Iraq** from 6<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, **Georgia** from 10<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> and **Haiti** from 14<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> place.

19. Countries of origin which dropped in their ranking included **the Russian Federation** (from 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place), **the Democratic Republic of the Congo** (from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>) and **the Islamic Republic of Iran** (from 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>). The ranking for **China** (3<sup>rd</sup>), **Turkey** (4<sup>th</sup>) and **Nigeria** (8<sup>th</sup>) remained unchanged.

20. From the first quarter of 2003 to the first quarter of 2005, the relative increase in the number of asylum requests was particularly significant for nationals from **Georgia** (46%), **Haiti** (58%), **the Republic of Moldova** (30%), **Guinea** (28%) and **El Salvador** (93%) (see Table 2 and chart).

21. There were more countries of origin recording a decrease than an increase in asylum requests, however. From Q1 of 2003 to Q1 of 2005, the number of asylum-seekers dropped significantly from countries such as **Turkey** (-46%), **Iraq** (-74%), **Nigeria** (-38%), **the Democratic Republic of the Congo** (-27%), **the Islamic Republic of Iran** (-29%), **Somalia** (-51%), **India** (-50%), **Afghanistan** (-52%), **Pakistan** (-65%), **Algeria** (-30%) and **Colombia** (-42%).



22. The significant decline in the number of asylum-seekers from the **Russian Federation** is also reflected in the 24 countries of the European Union included here. During Q1 of 2005, asylum-seekers from **Serbia and Montenegro** (4,520) slightly outnumbered those from the Russian Federation (4,410) for the first time since Q1 of 2003. The largest fall in the number of Russians seeking asylum in Q1 of

2005 was reported by Austria and Poland, and, to a lesser extent, by Germany and the Slovak Republic (see chart and Table 4).

23. The increase in asylum-seekers from **Georgia** during Q1 of 2005 is limited to Greece. Other asylum countries, including Austria, Cyprus, Hungary, the Slovak Republic and Switzerland, reported fewer asylum-seekers from Georgia during Q1 of 2005.

24. Only France and the United States receive a significant number of asylum-seekers from **Haiti**. The increase in Haitian asylum applications from Q4 of 2004 to Q1 of 2005 is mostly due to an increase in asylum requests lodged in France.

### **Latest monthly trends**

25. The latest monthly data indicate that the number of new asylum applications submitted in the 36 industrialized countries dropped in February (-7%), but increased in March 2005 (14%). The rise in the number of applications in March 2005 was mainly a reflection of a strong increase in asylum requests in the **United States** (35-39%). The number of new asylum applications registered by the US Department of Homeland Security during March 2005 reached the highest level since July 2003. As a result, **the United States** became, by a small margin, the largest asylum-seeker destination in March 2005, followed by **France, the United Kingdom** and **Germany** (see Table 9).

26. In March 2005, **Serbia and Montenegro** and **the Russian Federation** continued to be the leading countries of origin of asylum applicants in the 36 industrialized countries, in Europe as well as in the European Union. The number of asylum-requests from **China** continues to be significant in the United States, while **Turkey** continues to be the third leading country of origin of asylum-seekers in Europe. Following a sharp rise in asylum applications lodged in Greece, **Georgia** became the 4<sup>th</sup> leading country of origin of asylum-seekers in Europe in March 2005, up from the 9<sup>th</sup> position in January.

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**Table 1. Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 36 countries, first quarter 2003 to first quarter 2005**

See footnotes at bottom of table.

Country/region of asylum	2003				2004				2005 Q1	03Q1-05Q1	04Q1-05Q1	04Q1-05Q1
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
Australia	1,156	1,159	1,107	868	767	840	787	704	717	-38%	-7%	2%
Austria	6,644	8,125	9,798	7,775	5,922	6,538	6,244	5,972	4,222	-36%	-29%	-29%
Belgium	3,828	3,582	4,613	4,917	3,916	3,482	3,672	4,288	4,037	5%	3%	-6%
Bulgaria	426	256	281	586	267	250	248	362	210	-51%	-21%	-42%
Canada	9,761	7,748	7,432	6,915	6,353	5,420	6,452	7,274	4,621	-53%	-27%	-36%
Croatia	2	9	15	37	39	16	35	71	45	2150%	15%	-37%
Cyprus	349	150	513	3,399	1,109	2,112	2,841	3,797	2,054	489%	85%	-46%
Czech Rep.	1,977	3,048	3,058	3,311	2,128	1,339	938	1,055	951	-52%	-55%	-10%
Denmark	1,222	1,103	1,206	1,026	919	826	839	638	598	-51%	-35%	-6%
Estonia	6	3	4	1	8	4	2	1	1	-83%	-88%	0%
Finland	817	611	714	1,079	1,050	649	926	1,026	871	7%	-17%	-15%
France	14,285	13,591	14,514	16,908	15,764	14,049	16,214	15,029	15,698	10%	0%	4%
Germany	14,939	11,423	12,494	11,589	10,167	8,519	8,618	8,309	6,662	-55%	-34%	-20%
Greece	2,246	2,592	1,954	1,386	1,009	1,747	694	1,016	2,816	25%	179%	177%
Hungary	645	522	737	497	367	378	471	384	403	-38%	10%	5%
Iceland	19	12	31	18	17	20	22	16	12	-37%	-29%	-25%
Ireland	2,818	1,932	1,912	1,238	1,256	1,104	1,238	1,168	1,259	-55%	0%	8%
Japan	70	74	106	85	112	145	85	84	89	27%	-21%	6%
Latvia	3	2	-	-	3	1	1	2	1	-67%	-67%	-50%
Liechtenstein	24	29	24	24	29	15	15	15	16	-33%	-45%	7%
Lithuania	45	45	45	45	23	31	58	28	23	-49%	0%	-18%
Luxembourg	298	354	362	540	514	404	356	303	234	-21%	-54%	-23%
Malta	184	120	129	135	129	141	376	351	411	123%	219%	17%
Netherlands	3,674	3,792	3,219	2,717	2,752	2,080	2,308	2,642	2,696	-27%	-2%	2%
New Zealand	264	227	185	165	204	159	126	91	77	-71%	-62%	-15%
Norway	3,709	3,479	5,022	3,750	2,184	1,805	2,198	1,758	1,182	-68%	-46%	-33%
Poland	1,407	1,314	2,331	1,869	1,317	1,770	2,145	2,845	1,204	-14%	-9%	-58%
Portugal	22	40	16	29	16	30	34	27	30	36%	88%	11%
Romania	272	384	213	208	213	134	153	161	165	-39%	-23%	2%
Slovakia	1,249	2,125	2,788	4,161	2,527	3,839	2,624	2,364	601	-52%	-76%	-75%
Slovenia	285	283	307	227	310	311	228	325	371	30%	20%	14%
Spain	1,547	1,072	1,506	1,642	1,480	1,227	1,129	1,533	1,411	-9%	-5%	-8%
Sweden	7,942	6,198	8,945	8,270	6,232	5,213	6,210	5,506	4,181	-47%	-33%	-24%
Switzerland	5,506	4,868	5,592	5,198	4,726	3,681	3,161	2,679	2,213	-60%	-53%	-17%
United Kingdom	19,130	12,710	14,995	13,210	10,585	9,210	10,385	10,020	8,260	-57%	-22%	-18%
United States (EOIR)	4,679	5,065	5,148	4,641	4,504	3,678	3,386	3,370	3,685	-21%	-18%	9%
United States (DHS)	16,180	15,120	12,330	10,620	9,710	9,660	9,090	8,960	9,920	-39%	2%	11%
EU-old (14)	79,412	67,125	76,248	72,326	61,582	55,078	58,867	57,477	52,975	-33%	-14%	-8%
EU-new (10)	6,150	7,612	9,912	13,645	7,921	9,926	9,684	11,152	6,020	-2%	-24%	-46%
EU-total (24)	85,562	74,737	86,160	85,971	69,503	65,004	68,551	68,629	58,995	-31%	-15%	-14%
Nordic region (5)	13,709	11,403	15,918	14,143	10,402	8,513	10,195	8,944	6,844	-50%	-34%	-23%
Western Europe (18)	88,670	75,513	86,917	81,316	68,538	60,599	64,263	61,945	56,398	-36%	-18%	-9%
Central Europe (13)	6,850	8,261	10,421	14,476	8,440	10,326	10,120	11,746	6,440	-6%	-24%	-45%
Europe (31)	95,520	83,774	97,338	95,792	76,978	70,925	74,383	73,691	62,838	-34%	-18%	-15%
Non-Europe (5)	32,110	29,393	26,308	23,294	21,650	19,902	19,926	20,483	19,109	-40%	-12%	-7%
North America (2)	30,620	27,933	24,910	22,176	20,567	18,758	18,928	19,604	18,226	-40%	-11%	-7%
Australia/New Z.	1,420	1,386	1,292	1,033	971	999	913	795	794	-44%	-18%	0%
Total	127,630	113,167	123,646	119,086	98,628	90,827	94,309	94,174	81,947	-36%	-17%	-13%

**Notes**

All figures are provisional and subject to change.

Germany: new applications only.

Lithuania: 2003 quarterly data estimated based on 2003 annual figures.

United Kingdom: data rounded to the nearest 5.

United States:

- new asylum applications registered by the Department of Homeland Security: number of cases, multiplied by 1.4 to reflect the number of persons;

- new ("defensive") requests lodged with the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), based on the number of persons.

EU-old: European Union member countries until May 2004, excluding Italy (no data available).

EU-new: 10 new EU member states, which acceded on 1 May 2004.

EU-total: All EU member states, except Italy (no data available).

Nordic region: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

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

Central Europe: EU-new plus Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania.

Europe: All 31 European countries listed.

Non-Europe: All 5 non-European countries listed.

Total: All countries listed.

Source: Governments, compiled by UNHCR (Population Data Unit/PGDS).

**Table 2. Asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, first quarter 2003 to first quarter 2005**

Covering all 36 asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 countries based on applications lodged during first quarter of 2005.

Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because USA (DHS) by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	2003				2004				2005 Q1	03Q1- 05Q1	04Q1- 05Q1	04Q4- 05Q1
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
Serbia and Montenegro	6,480	5,945	7,038	6,872	5,840	5,435	5,809	5,386	5,078	-22%	-13%	-6%
Russian Federation	5,367	8,071	11,426	10,332	7,708	7,382	6,990	8,322	4,867	-9%	-37%	-42%
China	6,100	5,919	6,767	6,846	5,246	4,566	5,108	5,144	4,695	-23%	-11%	-9%
Turkey	6,781	5,801	6,196	6,089	4,848	3,745	4,032	3,972	3,667	-46%	-24%	-8%
Iraq	11,370	6,511	4,250	3,230	2,243	2,176	2,482	3,012	2,923	-74%	30%	-3%
Georgia	1,786	1,957	2,199	2,622	2,239	2,253	2,332	2,232	2,600	46%	16%	16%
Haiti	1,622	1,952	1,906	1,808	2,160	2,207	1,824	2,156	2,560	58%	19%	19%
Nigeria	3,860	3,338	3,198	3,146	3,215	3,101	3,052	2,431	2,400	-38%	-25%	-1%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	3,232	2,800	2,819	2,761	2,545	2,116	2,454	2,506	2,361	-27%	-7%	-6%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,083	2,805	3,607	3,805	2,463	2,177	2,721	3,107	2,201	-29%	-11%	-29%
Somalia	3,704	3,053	5,414	3,696	2,810	1,971	2,439	1,936	1,802	-51%	-36%	-7%
Sri Lanka	1,505	1,434	1,325	1,376	1,337	1,285	1,676	1,489	1,770	18%	32%	19%
India	3,385	3,593	3,548	3,636	3,074	3,759	2,944	2,228	1,701	-50%	-45%	-24%
Afghanistan	3,481	3,760	3,719	3,271	2,316	2,128	2,157	2,201	1,687	-52%	-27%	-23%
Pakistan	4,794	2,619	2,751	3,208	2,686	3,036	2,868	2,370	1,674	-65%	-38%	-29%
Algeria	2,114	1,860	2,181	2,091	2,714	2,307	1,974	1,659	1,479	-30%	-46%	-11%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,650	1,240	1,451	1,180	1,196	1,116	1,442	1,504	1,359	-18%	14%	-10%
Rep. of Moldova	1,019	1,152	1,696	1,552	1,036	1,460	1,550	1,629	1,325	30%	28%	-19%
Colombia	2,271	2,168	2,039	1,875	1,887	1,752	1,777	2,180	1,315	-42%	-30%	-40%
Armenia	1,232	1,335	1,745	2,333	1,496	1,227	1,315	1,236	1,242	1%	-17%	0%
Ukraine	1,488	1,269	1,467	1,613	1,380	1,129	1,268	1,561	1,220	-18%	-12%	-22%
Guinea	856	985	1,010	1,117	1,081	914	978	1,086	1,095	28%	1%	1%
Mexico	1,847	1,350	1,478	1,172	1,013	1,018	1,283	1,078	1,031	-44%	2%	-4%
Bangladesh	1,450	1,421	1,399	3,282	1,440	2,030	1,631	1,444	914	-37%	-37%	-37%
Cameroon	1,598	1,351	1,302	1,349	1,173	957	959	1,030	854	-47%	-27%	-17%
Côte d'Ivoire	1,548	1,069	798	875	727	711	701	927	832	-46%	14%	-10%
Bulgaria	1,111	376	505	767	511	464	696	987	819	-26%	60%	-17%
Sudan	772	745	992	993	669	787	1,011	1,084	802	4%	20%	-26%
Azerbaijan	945	812	1,129	1,222	1,046	1,025	1,231	1,005	801	-15%	-23%	-20%
Eritrea	853	614	938	866	597	436	1,038	1,053	779	-9%	30%	-26%
Viet Nam	1,336	1,067	1,218	1,096	910	1,007	806	907	777	-42%	-15%	-14%
El Salvador	404	430	391	365	393	396	416	414	776	92%	97%	87%
Syrian Arab Rep.	825	727	977	932	726	723	930	962	759	-8%	5%	-21%
Angola	1,347	1,061	1,196	1,046	938	638	658	689	756	-44%	-19%	10%
Albania	1,354	1,275	1,211	1,054	1,008	795	817	825	699	-48%	-31%	-15%
Guatemala	550	973	1,115	415	463	444	394	391	654	19%	41%	67%
Romania	1,450	745	852	818	687	775	642	729	616	-58%	-10%	-16%
Mauritania	920	865	917	846	682	647	549	621	597	-35%	-12%	-4%
Mongolia	559	534	477	549	435	454	603	662	578	3%	33%	-13%
Congo	1,032	802	692	715	641	473	613	684	570	-45%	-11%	-17%
Other	25,881	23,015	24,743	23,186	20,277	17,045	17,542	16,775	14,474	-44%	-29%	-14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,962</b>	<b>108,799</b>	<b>120,082</b>	<b>116,007</b>	<b>95,856</b>	<b>88,067</b>	<b>91,712</b>	<b>91,614</b>	<b>79,109</b>	<b>-36%</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>-14%</b>



**Table 3. Asylum applications lodged in Europe by origin, first quarter 2003 to first quarter 2005**

Covering all European asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 countries based on applications lodged during first quarter of 2005.

Origin	2003				2004				2005 Q1	03Q1- 05Q1	04Q1- 05Q1	04Q4- 05Q1
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
Serbia and Montenegro	6,341	5,813	6,844	6,752	5,710	5,326	5,691	5,280	4,977	-22%	-13%	-6%
Russian Federation	5,002	7,733	11,161	10,024	7,449	7,079	6,729	8,083	4,630	-7%	-38%	-43%
Turkey	6,614	5,650	6,046	5,949	4,723	3,615	3,942	3,861	3,563	-46%	-25%	-8%
Iraq	11,088	6,335	4,104	3,088	2,140	2,038	2,395	2,857	2,772	-75%	30%	-3%
Georgia	1,715	1,867	2,105	2,492	2,186	2,212	2,288	2,178	2,567	50%	17%	18%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	3,074	2,631	2,678	2,647	2,437	2,020	2,317	2,345	2,272	-26%	-7%	-3%
Nigeria	3,645	3,123	2,988	2,896	2,997	2,893	2,864	2,237	2,190	-40%	-27%	-2%
China	3,180	3,386	4,529	4,533	3,120	2,605	3,066	2,934	2,149	-32%	-31%	-27%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,713	2,527	3,329	3,541	2,200	1,991	2,492	2,875	2,001	-26%	-9%	-30%
Somalia	3,579	2,936	5,260	3,551	2,660	1,832	2,274	1,736	1,682	-53%	-37%	-3%
Afghanistan	3,433	3,707	3,662	3,181	2,252	2,086	2,067	2,152	1,631	-52%	-28%	-24%
Algeria	2,062	1,826	2,138	2,049	2,680	2,281	1,956	1,635	1,462	-29%	-45%	-11%
Sri Lanka	1,157	960	937	1,000	928	953	1,281	1,153	1,400	21%	51%	21%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,644	1,231	1,443	1,173	1,181	1,110	1,435	1,492	1,346	-18%	14%	-10%
Pakistan	1,853	1,690	2,145	2,570	2,232	2,653	2,490	1,977	1,344	-27%	-40%	-32%
Rep. of Moldova	1,006	1,134	1,690	1,550	1,025	1,453	1,542	1,617	1,316	31%	28%	-19%
India	2,539	2,730	2,802	2,905	2,477	3,258	2,464	1,656	1,292	-49%	-48%	-22%
Haiti	208	330	459	494	617	919	762	890	1,106	432%	79%	24%
Ukraine	1,339	1,147	1,337	1,496	1,271	1,023	1,157	1,416	1,085	-19%	-15%	-23%
Armenia	939	1,060	1,544	2,152	1,329	1,053	1,186	1,089	1,064	13%	-20%	-2%
Guinea	631	798	797	913	920	748	780	857	915	45%	-1%	7%
Azerbaijan	870	735	1,070	1,170	1,004	997	1,209	977	779	-10%	-22%	-20%
Bangladesh	1,227	982	1,124	3,041	1,259	1,885	1,471	1,241	773	-37%	-39%	-38%
Bulgaria	1,046	285	445	700	447	416	656	938	771	-26%	72%	-18%
Sudan	706	674	932	920	616	739	976	1,041	767	9%	25%	-26%
Angola	1,316	1,040	1,171	1,019	913	624	644	670	738	-44%	-19%	10%
Viet Nam	1,257	998	1,092	1,020	837	955	765	859	728	-42%	-13%	-15%
Syrian Arab Rep.	755	646	916	886	662	686	900	928	722	-4%	9%	-22%
Côte d'Ivoire	1,343	879	629	761	622	598	579	776	705	-48%	13%	-9%
Eritrea	765	540	875	779	513	368	953	931	698	-9%	36%	-25%
Cameroon	1,099	921	927	981	799	636	632	776	640	-42%	-20%	-18%
Romania	1,361	631	714	733	621	700	574	672	575	-58%	-7%	-14%
Stateless	738	523	1,043	1,073	818	598	870	720	538	-27%	-34%	-25%
Mongolia	551	529	465	524	412	418	589	641	524	-5%	27%	-18%
Congo	922	700	592	645	565	400	554	607	523	-43%	-7%	-14%
Belarus	844	752	913	834	612	521	518	570	509	-40%	-17%	-11%
Mauritania	698	663	723	710	556	516	406	462	509	-27%	-8%	10%
Albania	858	750	740	673	688	543	573	575	496	-42%	-28%	-14%
TfYR Macedonia	703	620	667	728	643	505	565	566	492	-30%	-23%	-13%
Mali	437	300	397	375	355	325	314	368	397	-9%	12%	8%
Other	14,216	11,947	13,862	13,220	11,503	9,346	9,459	9,053	8,188	-42%	-29%	-10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,474</b>	<b>83,729</b>	<b>97,295</b>	<b>95,748</b>	<b>76,979</b>	<b>70,924</b>	<b>74,385</b>	<b>73,691</b>	<b>62,836</b>	<b>-34%</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>-15%</b>

**Table 4. Asylum applications lodged in the European Union\* by origin, first quarter 2003 to first quarter 2005**

\* Excluding Italy for which no data are available. Top-40 countries based on applications lodged during first quarter of 2005.

Origin	2003				2004				2005 Q1	03Q1- 05Q1	04Q1- 05Q1	04Q4- 05Q1
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
Serbia and Montenegro	4,984	4,639	5,408	5,475	4,901	4,630	5,060	4,731	4,521	-9%	-8%	-4%
Russian Federation	4,537	7,206	10,309	9,395	7,023	6,729	6,327	7,784	4,408	-3%	-37%	-43%
Turkey	6,068	5,202	5,550	5,422	4,310	3,292	3,593	3,548	3,352	-45%	-22%	-6%
Iraq	9,736	5,691	3,551	2,630	1,758	1,794	2,123	2,544	2,510	-74%	43%	-1%
Georgia	1,492	1,619	1,886	2,215	1,923	2,006	2,084	2,017	2,466	65%	28%	22%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,914	2,495	2,517	2,507	2,311	1,911	2,235	2,258	2,198	-25%	-5%	-3%
China	3,037	3,217	4,398	4,392	3,020	2,551	3,010	2,908	2,108	-31%	-30%	-28%
Nigeria	3,457	2,887	2,809	2,681	2,773	2,684	2,697	2,120	2,088	-40%	-25%	-2%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,493	2,306	2,988	3,262	2,023	1,851	2,302	2,700	1,893	-24%	-6%	-30%
Somalia	3,045	2,385	4,344	3,307	2,344	1,418	1,725	1,379	1,431	-53%	-39%	4%
Algeria	1,830	1,538	1,750	1,718	2,408	2,132	1,830	1,541	1,397	-24%	-42%	-9%
Afghanistan	3,008	3,120	2,844	2,209	1,704	1,736	1,681	1,741	1,393	-54%	-18%	-20%
Sri Lanka	1,038	852	824	931	848	867	1,201	1,079	1,314	27%	55%	22%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,102	859	1,111	988	1,048	1,005	1,317	1,418	1,293	17%	23%	-9%
Rep. of Moldova	959	1,073	1,615	1,469	991	1,410	1,485	1,569	1,290	35%	30%	-18%
Pakistan	1,765	1,606	2,045	2,479	2,141	2,565	2,426	1,900	1,289	-27%	-40%	-32%
India	2,432	2,623	2,701	2,834	2,396	3,211	2,426	1,573	1,220	-50%	-49%	-22%
Haiti	208	330	458	494	615	917	762	890	1,106	432%	80%	24%
Ukraine	1,281	1,072	1,277	1,401	1,215	990	1,119	1,383	1,073	-16%	-12%	-22%
Armenia	808	943	1,431	1,881	1,153	912	1,104	1,027	1,009	25%	-12%	-2%
Guinea	494	604	574	708	715	631	713	802	839	70%	17%	5%
Azerbaijan	811	687	1,003	1,101	949	924	1,147	935	742	-9%	-22%	-21%
Sudan	600	603	855	849	560	673	913	988	735	23%	31%	-26%
Bangladesh	1,123	910	1,023	2,950	1,185	1,819	1,393	1,171	731	-35%	-38%	-38%
Viet Nam	1,234	985	1,059	997	810	926	738	843	707	-43%	-13%	-16%
Angola	1,183	947	979	869	831	569	605	637	679	-43%	-18%	7%
Bulgaria	933	217	335	548	297	320	482	699	668	-28%	125%	-4%
Syrian Arab Rep.	700	580	837	800	597	625	825	882	667	-5%	12%	-24%
Eritrea	653	460	764	648	434	328	852	861	656	0%	51%	-24%
Côte d'Ivoire	1,218	797	561	701	565	538	541	726	649	-47%	15%	-11%
Cameroon	1,008	834	808	863	704	577	571	729	587	-42%	-17%	-19%
Romania	1,258	546	579	602	565	602	529	643	553	-56%	-2%	-14%
Congo	896	687	574	620	549	391	542	595	513	-43%	-7%	-14%
Mongolia	450	435	365	421	328	394	578	626	506	12%	54%	-19%
Mauritania	682	647	710	690	533	492	401	454	498	-27%	-7%	10%
Belarus	698	585	757	673	524	471	476	535	471	-33%	-10%	-12%
Stateless	599	412	887	923	679	522	744	577	469	-22%	-31%	-19%
Albania	759	649	642	594	610	506	534	525	468	-38%	-23%	-11%
TfYR Macedonia	526	486	553	539	510	438	512	509	433	-18%	-15%	-15%
Mali	402	269	368	341	298	298	302	358	392	-2%	32%	9%
Other	13,095	10,689	12,068	11,800	10,356	8,348	8,648	8,424	7,671	-41%	-26%	-9%
Total	85,516	74,692	86,117	85,927	69,504	65,003	68,553	68,629	58,993	-31%	-15%	-14%

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**Table 5. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, fourth quarter 2004 (Top-20)**

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

Origin	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Japan	Latvia
Russian Federation	-	1,515	372	*	38	*	351	108	38	-	48	901	756	11	13	*	14	-	-
Serbia and Montenegro	-	861	346	-	24	9	8	6	164	-	137	816	952	-	95	-	*	-	-
China	197	173	51	-	443	-	181	82	9	-	5	879	256	11	14	-	26	*	-
Turkey	-	289	144	*	84	26	78	*	22	-	28	1,370	965	26	19	-	*	*	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	91	157	6	110	*	271	*	40	-	36	36	336	41	12	*	32	5	-
Iraq	46	61	157	22	20	6	59	13	41	*	39	24	360	269	*	*	10	-	-
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	18	369	*	132	-	13	*	*	-	8	1,084	60	*	*	-	22	-	-
Nigeria	-	323	39	8	131	-	*	19	15	-	31	410	203	61	11	-	363	-	-
Pakistan	-	76	54	9	242	*	322	*	14	-	*	198	165	73	12	-	16	*	-
Georgia	-	397	43	-	26	*	468	15	*	-	31	376	169	16	78	-	24	-	*
India	48	293	60	36	327	10	185	*	7	-	-	199	203	6	5	-	*	*	-
Afghanistan	-	189	86	196	39	-	44	*	32	-	30	42	213	182	*	-	52	-	-
Colombia	-	-	*	-	1,324	-	*	-	-	-	-	16	10	-	-	-	*	-	-
Haiti	-	-	-	-	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	884	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somalia	-	17	29	-	136	-	-	-	21	-	91	39	42	11	*	-	69	-	-
Algeria	-	51	63	*	22	*	-	14	9	-	*	686	131	7	*	-	14	-	-
Rep. of Moldova	-	313	13	-	11	-	57	30	-	-	39	651	22	-	11	*	31	-	-
Ukraine	-	101	26	*	66	-	471	384	*	-	8	154	78	*	18	-	20	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	47	37	-	9	*	*	*	13	-	13	989	76	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	-	28	19	-	263	-	165	-	*	-	*	658	42	13	-	-	-	*	-

Origin	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway	Poland	Portugal	Romania	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	UK	United States	Total
Russian Federation	-	23	20	-	35	*	190	2,657	7	-	480	*	21	342	105	70	199	8,322
Serbia and Montenegro	*	-	106	*	103	-	189	-	-	*	16	130	11	896	348	80	82	5,386
China	-	-	*	-	86	8	6	*	-	11	534	-	*	46	9	550	1,561	5,144
Turkey	-	-	*	8	103	-	25	*	-	11	24	14	*	107	247	340	23	3,972
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	-	28	5	151	16	121	*	-	7	*	*	12	191	37	1,250	101	3,107
Iraq	-	-	*	11	363	*	127	-	-	11	51	-	11	501	146	570	87	3,012
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	*	27	26	*	12	*	-	*	-	-	73	22	72	525	27	2,506
Nigeria	-	-	20	*	33	*	41	*	-	*	*	-	215	67	65	300	62	2,431
Pakistan	-	-	-	5	25	*	14	41	-	12	140	5	*	13	39	730	146	2,370
Georgia	-	*	5	-	20	-	7	16	*	6	235	*	*	97	144	15	28	2,232
India	-	-	-	-	37	8	*	15	-	9	182	5	15	18	27	340	186	2,228
Afghanistan	-	*	-	-	169	-	166	9	-	-	93	*	*	179	49	410	10	2,201
Colombia	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	225	5	5	25	547	2,180
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	1,213	2,156
Somalia	-	-	9	106	223	*	234	*	-	20	7	-	*	129	103	580	61	1,936
Algeria	-	-	12	*	12	-	27	*	-	-	*	*	343	63	64	120	*	1,659
Rep. of Moldova	-	-	*	-	14	-	15	*	*	7	305	5	*	36	24	35	*	1,629
Ukraine	*	-	*	-	*	-	9	20	*	-	16	*	*	38	20	30	79	1,561
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	10	-	12	-	16	-	-	-	-	47	-	166	55	*	*	1,504
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	-	15	18	7	20	*	-	-	-	*	5	54	105	65	1,489

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**Table 6. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, first quarter 2005 (Top-20)**

Top-20 countries based on applications lodged during quarter.

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

Origin	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Japan	Latvia
Serbia and Montenegro	*	826	278	-	22	*	-	7	131	-	140	892	1,118	-	47	-	*	-	-
Russian Federation	-	631	296	*	40	-	166	63	55	-	54	873	469	186	*	*	11	-	-
China	268	123	58	*	416	-	34	157	12	-	14	760	156	31	37	-	22	*	-
Turkey	*	245	95	5	67	-	98	6	9	*	22	1,584	748	38	17	-	*	13	-
Iraq	34	57	223	20	31	*	28	6	49	-	52	28	325	237	*	-	14	-	-
Georgia	-	258	74	*	12	-	277	17	-	-	24	380	161	992	21	-	26	-	-
Haiti	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,099	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nigeria	*	253	32	-	142	-	*	14	14	-	18	395	125	85	12	-	557	*	-
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	16	374	-	69	-	17	*	*	-	8	1,101	82	*	-	-	31	-	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	29	59	120	*	70	-	209	-	24	-	23	25	209	42	6	*	27	5	-
Somalia	-	15	29	*	77	-	*	*	28	-	106	31	50	19	6	-	88	-	-
Sri Lanka	30	*	18	-	262	-	347	*	*	-	-	727	53	8	-	-	*	*	-
India	15	284	41	25	229	11	58	*	11	-	*	204	135	21	*	-	*	-	-
Afghanistan	9	225	54	84	36	-	10	-	23	-	34	33	135	132	5	*	57	-	-
Pakistan	7	86	52	12	157	5	84	*	19	-	*	122	123	96	10	-	15	*	-
Algeria	-	44	80	*	11	-	*	20	5	-	10	694	108	23	*	*	6	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	45	32	-	*	-	*	*	12	-	14	859	91	*	*	-	-	-	-
Rep. of Moldova	*	46	19	5	*	*	28	23	11	-	*	868	23	83	*	-	24	-	*
Colombia	-	-	5	-	337	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Armenia	-	108	146	10	14	-	15	11	*	-	*	434	126	30	*	-	*	-	-

Origin	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway	Poland	Portugal	Romania	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	UK	United States	Total
Serbia and Montenegro	*	-	57	-	62	-	157	-	*	-	10	113	11	766	294	60	78	5,078
Russian Federation	*	22	13	-	51	*	124	1,088	*	-	100	*	28	253	92	40	196	4,867
China	-	-	-	-	108	*	9	*	-	17	100	*	*	56	14	435	1,855	4,695
Turkey	-	-	*	*	75	-	31	-	-	15	*	11	*	103	160	290	22	3,667
Iraq	-	-	*	5	374	6	119	*	-	32	17	5	*	468	90	610	80	2,923
Georgia	-	-	*	-	35	-	6	16	*	-	60	*	9	65	94	45	21	2,600
Haiti	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	1,409	2,560
Nigeria	-	-	17	7	38	*	26	*	-	6	*	*	194	42	70	275	63	2,400
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	*	44	24	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	45	29	63	420	20	2,361
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	-	7	-	122	19	56	-	-	11	*	*	5	81	37	930	77	2,201
Somalia	5	-	16	122	202	*	139	-	*	5	-	-	*	125	101	590	41	1,802
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	-	21	*	13	-	-	*	-	-	*	*	72	130	75	1,770
India	-	-	-	-	51	6	-	6	-	23	51	5	5	20	13	320	159	1,701
Afghanistan	*	-	-	-	191	*	92	*	-	-	24	*	*	135	58	325	10	1,687
Pakistan	-	-	*	*	16	*	9	7	-	10	32	-	*	14	19	600	161	1,674
Algeria	-	-	10	7	5	*	13	-	-	-	-	-	248	40	46	90	5	1,479
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	9	-	21	-	21	-	-	-	-	76	-	113	32	10	11	1,359
Rep. of Moldova	-	-	*	-	*	-	5	*	*	-	78	9	*	35	14	25	7	1,325
Colombia	-	-	-	*	16	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	243	5	25	35	613	1,315
Armenia	-	-	5	-	51	-	*	*	-	-	5	-	*	59	43	10	164	1,242

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**Table 7. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, fourth quarter 2004**

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia	
China	197	Russian Federation	1,515	Russian Federation	372	Afghanistan	196	Colombia	1,324	Turkey	26
India	48	Serbia and Mont.	861	DR Congo	369	Stateless	36	Mexico	766	India	10
Iraq	46	Georgia	397	Serbia and Mont.	346	India	36	China	443	Serbia and Mont.	9
Malaysia	34	Nigeria	323	Slovakia	256	Iraq	22	India	327	Iraq	6
Bangladesh	34	Rep. of Moldova	313	Cameroon	177	Armenia	11	United States	276	Georgia	*
Philippines	17	India	293	Guinea	165	Bangladesh	10	Sri Lanka	263	Pakistan	*
Rep. of Korea	15	Turkey	289	Islamic Rep. of Iran	157	Pakistan	9	Pakistan	242	Bosnia and Herz.	*
Fiji	10	Afghanistan	189	Iraq	157	Nigeria	8	Peru	142	Stateless	*
		Mongolia	173	Armenia	152	Syrian Arab Rep.	6	Somalia	136	Russian Federation	*
		China	173	Turkey	144	Islamic Rep. of Iran	6	DR Congo	132	Sierra Leone	*
Cyprus		Czech Rep.		Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France	
Ukraine	471	Ukraine	384	Serbia and Mont.	164	Iraq	*	Bulgaria	142	Turkey	1,370
Georgia	468	Russian Federation	108	Iraq	41			Serbia and Mont.	137	DR Congo	1,084
Bangladesh	422	Viet Nam	96	Islamic Rep. of Iran	40			TFYR Macedonia	111	Bosnia and Herz.	989
Russian Federation	351	China	82	Russian Federation	38			Somalia	91	Russian Federation	901
Pakistan	322	Belarus	51	Afghanistan	32			Romania	88	Haiti	884
Islamic Rep. of Iran	271	Mongolia	48	Turkey	22			Russian Federation	48	China	879
Syrian Arab Rep.	255	Slovakia	32	Somalia	21			Rep. of Moldova	39	Serbia and Mont.	816
India	185	Rep. of Moldova	30	Occ. Pal. Terr.	20			Iraq	39	Algeria	686
China	181	Nigeria	19	Nigeria	15			Islamic Rep. of Iran	36	Sri Lanka	658
Sri Lanka	165	Kyrgyzstan	19	Bulgaria	15			Nigeria	31	Rep. of Moldova	651
Germany		Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Japan	
Turkey	965	Iraq	269	Serbia and Mont.	95	Bulgaria	*	Nigeria	363	Myanmar	32
Serbia and Mont.	952	Afghanistan	182	Georgia	78	Rep. of Moldova	*	Romania	126	Bangladesh	14
Russian Federation	756	Bangladesh	74	Turkey	19	Uzbekistan	*	Somalia	69	Cameroon	7
Viet Nam	446	Pakistan	73	Ukraine	18	Tajikistan	*	Afghanistan	52	Islamic Rep. of Iran	5
Iraq	360	Egypt	67	China	14	Russian Federation	*	Croatia	45	Turkey	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	336	Nigeria	61	Russian Federation	13	Angola	*	Sudan	37	Congo	*
Azerbaijan	306	Islamic Rep. of Iran	41	Pakistan	12	Albania	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	32	Pakistan	*
China	256	Turkey	26	Islamic Rep. of Iran	12	Mauritania	*	Rep. of Moldova	31	India	*
Bulgaria	218	Côte d'Ivoire	26	Bangladesh	12	Israel	*	China	26	Guinea-Bissau	*
Afghanistan	213	Syrian Arab Rep.	21	Viet Nam	11	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Georgia	24	Viet Nam	*
Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg		Malta		Netherlands	
Romania	*	Israel	*	Russian Federation	23	Serbia and Mont.	106	Somalia	106	Iraq	363
Georgia	*	Ukraine	*	Belarus	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	28	Eritrea	50	Somalia	223
		Serbia and Mont.	*	Afghanistan	*	Russian Federation	20	Sudan	27	Afghanistan	169
		Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Kyrgyzstan	*	Nigeria	20	DR Congo	27	Islamic Rep. of Iran	151
		Belarus	*	Georgia	*	Algeria	12	Côte d'Ivoire	25	Burundi	107
		Mongolia	*			Albania	12	Ethiopia	23	Turkey	103
		Germany	*			Guinea	12	Sri Lanka	15	Serbia and Mont.	103
						Bosnia and Herz.	10	Iraq	11	Sudan	89
						Somalia	9	Morocco	10	China	86
						Angola	6	Turkey	8	Azerbaijan	68
New Zealand		Norway		Poland		Portugal		Romania		Slovak Rep.	
Islamic Rep. of Iran	16	Somalia	234	Russian Federation	2,657	Russian Federation	7	Somalia	20	China	534
India	8	Russian Federation	190	Pakistan	41	Guinea-Bissau	5	Bangladesh	14	Russian Federation	480
China	8	Serbia and Mont.	189	Ukraine	20	Colombia	*	Pakistan	12	Rep. of Moldova	305
Sri Lanka	7	Afghanistan	166	Georgia	16	Belarus	*	Turkey	11	Georgia	235
Peru	5	Iraq	127	India	15	Ukraine	*	Iraq	11	India	182
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	121	Afghanistan	9	Angola	*	China	11	Pakistan	140
Myanmar	*	Stateless	81	Kyrgyzstan	8	Senegal	*	Liberia	10	Bangladesh	107
Czech Rep.	*	Burundi	48	Belarus	8	Rep. of Moldova	*	India	9	Afghanistan	93
Bangladesh	*	Nigeria	41	Kazakhstan	6	Armenia	*	Sudan	8	Viet Nam	61
Thailand	*	Libyan Arab Jamahiri	30	Azerbaijan	6	Peru	*	Rep. of Moldova	7	Iraq	51
Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland		United Kingdom		United States	
Serbia and Mont.	130	Algeria	343	Serbia and Mont.	896	Serbia and Mont.	348	Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,250	China	1,561
Albania	54	Colombia	225	Iraq	501	Turkey	247	Pakistan	730	Haiti	1,213
Bosnia and Herz.	47	Nigeria	215	Stateless	350	Bulgaria	227	Somalia	580	Colombia	547
TFYR Macedonia	30	Mali	104	Russian Federation	342	Iraq	146	Iraq	570	Venezuela	370
Turkey	14	DR Congo	73	Azerbaijan	237	Georgia	144	Zimbabwe	550	El Salvador	353
Bangladesh	13	Guinea	71	Islamic Rep. of Iran	191	Russian Federation	105	China	550	Guatemala	332
Rep. of Moldova	5	Guinea-Bissau	47	Afghanistan	179	Somalia	103	DR Congo	525	Mexico	312
Pakistan	5	Côte d'Ivoire	37	Bulgaria	174	DR Congo	72	Eritrea	455	Indonesia	240
India	5	Ghana	36	Bosnia and Herz.	166	Nigeria	65	Sudan	435	Ethiopia	230
Ukraine	*	Gambia	36	Belarus	131	Algeria	64	Afghanistan	410	Guinea	228

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**Table 8. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, first quarter 2005**

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia	
China	268	Serbia and Mont.	826	DR Congo	374	Afghanistan	84	Mexico	583	Bangladesh	19
Iraq	34	Russian Federation	631	Russian Federation	296	India	25	China	416	India	11
Sri Lanka	30	India	284	Serbia and Mont.	278	Iraq	20	Colombia	337	Pakistan	5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	29	Georgia	258	Bulgaria	227	Pakistan	12	Sri Lanka	262	Serbia and Mont.	*
Indonesia	20	Nigeria	253	Iraq	223	Stateless	10	India	229	Rep. of Moldova	*
Rep. of Korea	18	Turkey	245	Slovakia	205	Armenia	10	Pakistan	157	Libyan Arab Jama.	*
India	15	Afghanistan	225	Guinea	177	Turkey	5	Nigeria	142	Iraq	*
Mongolia	14	Mongolia	131	Cameroon	165	Syrian Arab Rep.	5	United States	132	Cuba	*
Philippines	9	China	123	Armenia	146	Rep. of Moldova	5	St. Vincent & Gren.	111	Belarus	*
Afghanistan	9	Armenia	108	Rwanda	126	Bangladesh	5	Somalia	77	Zimbabwe	-
Cyprus		Czech Rep.		Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France	
Sri Lanka	347	Ukraine	299	Serbia and Mont.	131	Turkey	*	Serbia and Mont.	140	Turkey	1,584
Georgia	277	China	157	Russian Federation	55			Somalia	106	DR Congo	1,101
Ukraine	231	Slovakia	78	Iraq	49			TFYR Macedonia	91	Haiti	1,099
Islamic Rep. of Iran	209	Russian Federation	63	TFYR Macedonia	29			Bulgaria	61	Serbia and Mont.	892
Russian Federation	166	Belarus	59	Somalia	28			Russian Federation	54	Russian Federation	873
Occ. Pal. Terr.	138	Viet Nam	57	Occ. Pal. Terr.	26			Iraq	52	Rep. of Moldova	868
Syrian Arab Rep.	100	Romania	27	Islamic Rep. of Iran	24			Romania	50	Bosnia and Herz.	859
Turkey	98	Mongolia	26	Afghanistan	23			Afghanistan	34	China	760
Pakistan	84	Rep. of Moldova	23	Pakistan	19			Georgia	24	Sri Lanka	727
Bangladesh	59	Algeria	20	Nigeria	14			Islamic Rep. of Iran	23	Algeria	694
Germany		Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Japan	
Serbia and Mont.	1,118	Georgia	992	Viet Nam	143	Afghanistan	*	Nigeria	557	Myanmar	39
Turkey	748	Iraq	237	Serbia and Mont.	47	Ethiopia	*	Somalia	88	Turkey	13
Russian Federation	469	Russian Federation	186	China	37	Algeria	*	Romania	77	Bangladesh	13
Iraq	325	Romania	158	Georgia	21	Russian Federation	*	Afghanistan	57	Islamic Rep. of Iran	5
Viet Nam	295	Ukraine	139	Bangladesh	20	Romania	*	Sudan	32	China	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	209	Afghanistan	132	Turkey	17	Kazakhstan	*	DR Congo	31	Tunisia	*
Azerbaijan	195	Pakistan	96	Slovakia	12	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	27	Philippines	*
Syrian Arab Rep.	164	Nigeria	85	Nigeria	12	Cameroon	*	Georgia	26	Pakistan	*
Georgia	161	Rep. of Moldova	83	Pakistan	10			Ghana	25	Ethiopia	*
China	156	Bulgaria	71	Ukraine	8			Rep. of Moldova	24	Togo	*
Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg		Malta		Netherlands	
Rep. of Moldova	*	Somalia	5	Russian Federation	22	Serbia and Mont.	57	Eritrea	131	Iraq	374
		Mongolia	*	Azerbaijan	*	Nigeria	17	Somalia	122	Somalia	202
		Kazakhstan	*			Somalia	16	DR Congo	44	Afghanistan	191
		Afghanistan	*			Russian Federation	13	Stateless	27	Islamic Rep. of Iran	122
		Serbia and Mont.	*			Albania	11	Côte d'Ivoire	23	China	108
		Russian Federation	*			Guinea	11	Sudan	21	Burundi	91
		Belarus	*			Algeria	10	Nigeria	7	Sudan	80
						Ukraine	9	Algeria	7	Angola	76
						Bosnia and Herz.	9	Liberia	6	Turkey	75
						Sudan	7	Iraq	5	Serbia and Mont.	62
New Zealand		Norway		Poland		Portugal		Romania		Slovak Rep.	
Islamic Rep. of Iran	19	Serbia and Mont.	157	Russian Federation	1,088	Russian Federation	*	Iraq	32	Russian Federation	100
Czech Rep.	9	Somalia	139	Ukraine	24	Sierra Leone	*	India	23	China	100
Iraq	6	Russian Federation	124	Georgia	16	Nepal	*	China	17	Rep. of Moldova	78
India	6	Iraq	119	Belarus	10	Colombia	*	Turkey	15	Georgia	60
China	*	Afghanistan	92	Guinea	9	Rep. of Moldova	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	15	India	51
Pakistan	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	56	Pakistan	7	Liberia	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	11	Pakistan	32
Myanmar	*	Stateless	48	Kyrgyzstan	6	United States	*	Pakistan	10	Viet Nam	27
Sri Lanka	*	Turkey	31	India	6	Somalia	*	Nigeria	6	Bangladesh	26
Somalia	*	Nigeria	26	Iraq	*	Albania	*	Somalia	5	Afghanistan	24
Nigeria	*	Bosnia and Herz.	21	Viet Nam	*	Serbia and Mont.	*	Occ. Pal. Terr.	5	Stateless	19
Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland		United Kingdom		United States	
Serbia and Mont.	113	Algeria	248	Serbia and Mont.	766	Serbia and Mont.	294	Islamic Rep. of Iran	930	China	1,855
Bosnia and Herz.	76	Colombia	243	Iraq	468	Turkey	160	Iraq	610	Haiti	1,409
Bangladesh	59	Nigeria	194	Russian Federation	253	Somalia	101	Pakistan	600	El Salvador	738
Albania	36	Mali	140	Stateless	207	Bulgaria	101	Somalia	590	Guatemala	618
TFYR Macedonia	22	Guinea	94	Bulgaria	153	Georgia	94	China	435	Colombia	613
Turkey	11	Guinea-Bissau	69	Afghanistan	135	Russian Federation	92	DR Congo	420	Mexico	448
Rep. of Moldova	9	DR Congo	45	Somalia	125	Iraq	90	Afghanistan	325	Venezuela	335
Mongolia	6	Cameroon	38	Bosnia and Herz.	113	Guinea	74	India	320	Ethiopia	208
Iraq	5	Côte d'Ivoire	32	Burundi	105	Sri Lanka	72	Eritrea	295	Cameroon	197
India	5	Russian Federation	28	Turkey	103	Nigeria	70	Sudan	290	Russian Federation	196

**Table 9. Monthly asylum applications lodged in 36 countries, October 2004 to March 2005**

See footnotes at bottom of table.

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

Country/region of asylum	2004			2005			Jan-Feb 2005	Feb-Mar 2005
	Oct.	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
Australia	241	226	237	219	236	262	8%	11%
Austria	2,170	1,891	1,911	1,358	1,244	1,620	-8%	30%
Belgium	1,304	1,398	1,586	1,285	1,286	1,466	0%	14%
Bulgaria	119	141	102	81	40	89	-51%	123%
Canada	1,991	2,243	3,040	1,638	1,571	1,412	-4%	-10%
Croatia	25	29	17	5	27	13	440%	-52%
Cyprus	543	770	2,484	931	494	629	-47%	27%
Czech Rep.	378	370	307	346	297	308	-14%	4%
Denmark	220	200	218	178	227	193	28%	-15%
Estonia	*	-	-	-	*	-	..	-100%
Finland	260	319	447	320	281	270	-12%	-4%
France	5,484	4,989	4,556	5,311	4,983	5,404	-6%	8%
Germany	2,898	2,665	2,746	2,338	2,101	2,223	-10%	6%
Greece	294	391	331	443	827	1,546	87%	87%
Hungary	134	143	107	96	109	198	14%	82%
Iceland	*	*	9	*	5	*	25%	-40%
Ireland	329	409	430	393	377	489	-4%	30%
Japan	22	32	30	20	35	34	75%	-3%
Latvia	-	-	*	-	-	*	..	..
Liechtenstein	*	6	7	6	*	9	-83%	800%
Lithuania	11	11	6	9	*	13	-89%	1200%
Luxembourg	98	95	110	56	84	94	50%	12%
Malta	128	87	136	112	197	102	76%	-48%
Netherlands	904	956	782	886	933	877	5%	-6%
New Zealand	46	26	19	25	19	33	-24%	74%
Norway	626	572	560	469	368	345	-22%	-6%
Poland	852	958	1,035	512	342	350	-33%	2%
Portugal	7	14	6	9	13	8	44%	-38%
Romania	64	43	54	39	67	59	72%	-12%
Slovakia	1,078	637	649	341	127	133	-63%	5%
Slovenia	107	104	114	128	120	123	-6%	3%
Spain	791	405	337	317	457	637	44%	39%
Sweden	1,833	1,773	1,900	1,429	1,413	1,339	-1%	-5%
Switzerland	980	883	816	771	674	768	-13%	14%
United Kingdom	3,350	3,425	3,245	3,160	2,600	2,500	-18%	-4%
United States (EOIR)	1,190	1,100	1,080	1,184	1,064	1,437	-10%	35%
United States (DHS)	2,980	3,060	2,920	2,910	2,930	4,080	1%	39%
EU-old (14)	19,942	18,930	18,605	17,483	16,826	18,666	-4%	11%
EU-new (10)	3,232	3,080	4,840	2,475	1,688	1,857	-32%	10%
EU-total (24)	23,174	22,010	23,445	19,958	18,514	20,523	-7%	11%
Nordic region (5)	2,943	2,867	3,134	2,400	2,294	2,150	-4%	-6%
Western Europe (18)	21,554	20,394	19,997	18,733	17,874	19,791	-5%	11%
Central Europe (13)	3,440	3,293	5,013	2,600	1,822	2,018	-30%	11%
Europe (31)	24,994	23,687	25,010	21,333	19,696	21,809	-8%	11%
Non-Europe (5)	6,470	6,687	7,326	5,996	5,855	7,258	-2%	24%
North America (2)	6,161	6,403	7,040	5,732	5,565	6,929	-3%	25%
Australia/New Z.	287	252	256	244	255	295	5%	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,464</b>	<b>30,374</b>	<b>32,336</b>	<b>27,329</b>	<b>25,551</b>	<b>29,067</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>14%</b>

**Notes**

All figures are provisional and subject to change.

Germany: new applications only.

United Kingdom: data rounded to the nearest 5.

United States:

- new asylum applications registered by the Department of Homeland Security: number of cases, multiplied by 1.4 to reflect the number of persons;

- new ("defensive") requests lodged with the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), based on the number of persons.

EU-old: European Union member countries until May 2004, excluding Italy (no data available).

EU-new: 10 new EU member states, which acceded on 1 May 2004.

EU-total: All EU member states, except Italy (no data available).

Nordic region: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

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

Central Europe: EU-new plus Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania.

Europe: All 31 European countries listed.

Non-Europe: All 5 non-European countries listed.

Total: All countries listed.

Source: Governments, compiled by UNHCR (Population Data Unit/PGDS).

**Table 10. Top-40 countries of origin by main asylum region, first quarter 2005**  
Sort order based on March data.

Industrialized countries (36 countries)				Europe (31 countries)				European Union (24 countries)			
Origin	Jan	Feb	Mar	Origin	Jan	Feb	Mar	Origin	Jan	Feb	Mar
Serbia and Montenegro	1,560	1,684	1,834	Serbia and Montenegro	1,524	1,651	1,802	Serbia and Montenegro	1,370	1,521	1,630
Russian Federation	1,756	1,371	1,740	Russian Federation	1,686	1,310	1,634	Russian Federation	1,606	1,238	1,564
China	1,643	1,376	1,676	Turkey	1,237	1,152	1,174	Turkey	1,174	1,066	1,112
Turkey	1,282	1,181	1,204	Georgia	639	873	1,055	Georgia	609	834	1,023
Georgia	651	884	1,065	Iraq	938	945	889	Iraq	837	858	815
Iraq	986	987	950	Nigeria	700	691	799	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	755	672	771
Nigeria	766	759	875	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	786	691	795	Nigeria	671	662	755
Haiti	899	788	873	China	800	662	687	China	787	646	675
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	823	725	813	Somalia	626	503	553	Islamic Rep. of Iran	756	615	522
Islamic Rep. of Iran	856	713	632	Afghanistan	576	507	548	Algeria	458	419	520
Somalia	681	537	584	Islamic Rep. of Iran	801	656	544	Rep. of Moldova	406	407	477
India	613	517	571	Algeria	483	440	539	Ukraine	310	289	474
Afghanistan	600	522	565	Rep. of Moldova	407	417	492	Afghanistan	474	452	467
Algeria	491	444	544	Ukraine	316	293	476	Somalia	537	438	456
Ukraine	363	344	513	Bosnia and Herzegovina	452	435	459	Bosnia and Herzegovina	434	414	445
Colombia	410	399	506	India	465	380	447	India	450	354	416
Pakistan	633	538	503	Pakistan	521	420	403	Pakistan	506	406	377
Rep. of Moldova	411	419	495	Armenia	345	340	379	Armenia	322	338	349
Bosnia and Herzegovina	453	440	466	Sri Lanka	644	425	331	Sri Lanka	613	389	312
Sri Lanka	762	551	457	Guinea	270	318	327	Haiti	451	349	306
Armenia	403	398	441	Haiti	451	349	306	Guinea	251	287	301
Mexico	298	318	415	Azerbaijan	256	227	296	Azerbaijan	232	222	288
Guinea	328	366	401	Bangladesh	276	208	289	Angola	216	191	272
El Salvador	147	245	384	Angola	239	210	289	Bangladesh	269	191	271
Bangladesh	318	258	338	Viet Nam	252	225	251	Viet Nam	247	216	244
Guatemala	130	204	320	Côte d'Ivoire	273	187	245	Syrian Arab Rep.	212	223	232
Azerbaijan	263	237	301	Syrian Arab Rep.	239	239	244	Côte d'Ivoire	239	178	232
Cameroon	302	255	297	Bulgaria	206	324	241	Sudan	256	253	226
Angola	251	212	293	Sudan	264	263	240	Romania	195	132	226
Côte d'Ivoire	316	226	290	Cameroon	209	195	236	Cameroon	188	180	219
Viet Nam	275	239	263	Romania	202	140	233	Bulgaria	159	294	215
Syrian Arab Rep.	248	252	259	Belarus	176	131	202	Belarus	167	117	187
Sudan	276	270	256	Stateless	193	144	201	Stateless	159	124	186
Bulgaria	218	345	256	Colombia	67	99	199	Colombia	58	99	182
Romania	217	156	243	Mongolia	170	170	184	Mongolia	164	162	180
Belarus	191	150	224	Mali	93	123	181	Mali	90	122	180
Mauritania	206	177	214	Congo	168	175	180	Congo	165	171	177
Albania	236	252	211	Mauritania	182	151	176	Mauritania	177	149	172
Stateless	195	149	210	Occupied Palestinian Territory	117	76	163	Occupied Palestinian Territory	115	75	161
Mongolia	181	195	202	TfYR Macedonia	184	151	157	Albania	162	161	145