

Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries

Second Quarter, 2005

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



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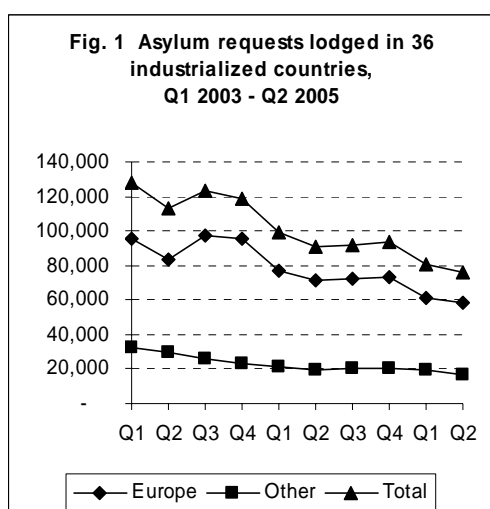
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Introduction

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 countries are providing monthly statistics to UNHCR. Italy is the only major industrialized country for which no monthly data are available.
2. This report is generally limited to new asylum requests. Where possible, re-opened asylum applications have been excluded. Similarly, applications lodged during the appeal process are not considered. Statistical information on asylum-seekers granted Convention refugee status, a complementary form of protection (humanitarian status, temporary protection, etc.) or on rejected cases is published separately. This report does not include refugees who have been resettled from first asylum countries.
3. The figures generally refer to the number of persons seeking asylum, including minors. 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. Asylum may be requested at the border, 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 up to the first quarter of 2005 may differ slightly from those published earlier.¹
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Regional overview

6. The number of asylum requests submitted in the **36 industrialized countries** covered by this report continued to fall. During the first six months of 2005, 156,200 asylum-seekers applied for asylum, 18 per cent fewer than during the same period in 2004 (189,900).

¹ In earlier reports, the French data referring to the period July 2004 to March 2005 erroneously included reopened applications. This has been corrected: all French data now refer to the number of new asylum applications, including those submitted by minors.

However, the decline was smaller than the year before: from the first half of 2003 to the first half of 2004, new asylum applications had dropped by 21 per cent (*see Table 1 and Figure 1*).

7. In **Europe**, 120,100 new asylum applications were submitted during the first six months of 2005, 19 per cent fewer than during the corresponding period of 2004 (148,300) and 33 per cent below the level of the first half of 2003 (179,300). The 24 countries of the **European Union** (EU) covered by this report² registered a 17 per cent fall in new asylum applications submitted during the first six months of 2005 as compared to January to June 2004 and 30 per cent fewer requests than during the first half of 2003 (*see Table 1*). The largest fall in half-yearly asylum levels was reported by the 10 **new EU member countries**. During the first semester of 2005, these countries received 11,800 new asylum requests, a 34 per cent drop compared to the first six months of 2004.

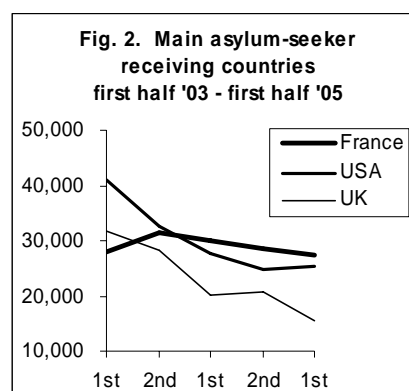
8. The five **Nordic countries** reported a 46 per cent fall in asylum applications from the first semester of 2003 to the first semester of 2005 (*see Table 1*). In **North America**, the number of asylum-seekers fell by 42 per cent during the same period (*see Table 1*).

9. During the first six months of 2005, **Europe** received 77 per cent of all asylum applications submitted in the 36 industrialized countries, **North America** received 22 per cent of the total inflow, while **Australia and New Zealand** accounted for the remaining one per cent of the asylum requests.

10. The number of asylum requests continued to fall during the most recent quarterly period. From April to June 2005, 75,700 asylum applications were submitted in the **36 industrialized countries**, six per cent fewer than during the first quarter of the year (80,400) (*see Table 1 and Figure 1*). In **North America**, the reduction in new asylum requests from Q1 to Q2 of 2005 amounted to 13 per cent.

Countries of asylum

11. During the first half of 2005, **France**, receiving some 27,400 asylum applications or 18 per cent of the total number of asylum-seekers, remains the main country of destination among the 36 industrialized countries. The **United States** continued to be the second leading asylum-seeker receiving country, accounting for 25,400 asylum applications or 16 per cent of all applications submitted. The total number of new applications submitted to the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Executive



² As noted in the Introduction, Italy is not included in this report due to a lack of data.

Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) during the first half of 2005 fell by eight per cent compared to the first semester of 2004 (*see Figure 2*).

12. In the **United Kingdom**, the number of new asylum requests lodged during the first half of 2005 (15,500) fell by 23 per cent compared to the first half of 2004 (20,000) and by half (-51%) compared to the first half of 2003 (31,800). Despite this sharp fall, the country remained the third largest asylum-seeker receiving country during the first half of 2005, accounting for 10 per cent of all asylum requests lodged in the industrialized world. **Germany** received the fourth largest number of asylum-seekers during the same period (13,300), followed by **Austria** (9,200), **Canada** (8,700) and **Sweden** (8,000).

13. From the first semester of 2004 to the first semester of 2005, 22 countries experienced a fall in the number of new asylum claims lodged, 12 countries reported an increase, while two countries reported no change. Countries reporting a significant fall in half-yearly applications included **Austria** (-26%), **Bulgaria** (-21%), **Canada** (-26%), the **Czech Republic** (-48%), **Denmark** (-26%), **Germany** (-29%), **Japan** (-54%), **Luxembourg** (-51%), **Norway** (-41%), **Poland** (-25%), the **Slovak Republic** (-78%), **Sweden** (-30%), **Switzerland** (-44%) and the **United Kingdom** (-23%). A few, particularly smaller, receiving countries reported an increase in half-yearly asylum requests, including **Croatia** (107%), **Cyprus** (26%), **Greece** (101%), **Malta** (103%) and **Slovenia** (38%) (*see Table 1*).

14. The above trends are generally confirmed during second quarter of 2005. From Q1 to Q2 of 2005, the fall in new asylum applications (-6%) was particularly significant in **North America** (-13%), but limited in **Europe** (-4%). The number of asylum applications remained relatively stable in **France** (-2%), but plummeted in the **United Kingdom** (-13%) and the **United States** (-13%) (*see Table 1*).

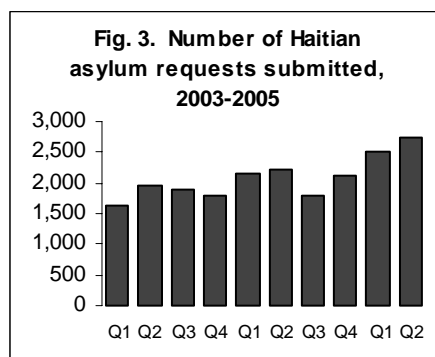
Origin of asylum-seekers

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 half of 2005 (10,800), followed by **China** (9,440), the **Russian Federation** (9,400), **Turkey** (6,100), **Iraq** (5,700), **Haiti** (5,300), **Georgia** (4,300), the **Islamic Republic of Iran** (4,300), **Nigeria** (4,200) and the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** (3,900) (*see Table 2*).

16. Among the leading countries of origin, those recording a strong decline in the number of asylum-seekers during the first half of 2005 as compared to the first half of 2004 included the **Russian Federation** (-38%), **Pakistan** (-33%), **Nigeria** (-33%), **India** (-51%), **Somalia** (-31%), **Bangladesh** (-43%), **Algeria** (-49%) and **Colombia** (-34%) (*see Table 2*).

17. A few countries of origin recorded a rise in asylum requests from the first half of 2004 to the first half of 2005, including **Iraq** (31%), **Haiti** (20%), **Sri Lanka** (15%) and **Bulgaria** (70%) (*see Table 2*). Virtually all Haitian asylum-seekers request asylum in

the **United States** and the French overseas department of **Guadeloupe**. While the number of Haitian asylum requests has remained stable in the US, France has recorded a sharp increase in new applications (see *Figure 3*).



18. There were some changes in the ranking of the main countries of origin of asylum applicants. From the first to the second quarter of 2005, countries which moved up in their ranking included **China** (from 3rd to 2nd position), **Pakistan** (from 13th to 7th), the **Islamic Republic of Iran** (from 9th to 8th), **Afghanistan** (from 12th to 9th) and the **Republic of Moldova** (from 19th to 15th) (see *Table 2*).

19. Main countries of origin of asylum-seekers which dropped in their ranking from Q1 to Q2 of 2005 included the **Russian Federation** (from the 2nd to the 3rd position), **Georgia** (from 7th to 12th), **Nigeria** (from 8th to 10th) and **Somalia** (from 11th to 14th) (see *Table 2*).

20. From the first to the second quarter of 2005, the relative increase in the number of asylum requests was particularly significant for nationals from **Bangladesh** (26%), **Pakistan** (26%), **Syrian Arab Republic** (26%), **Belarus** (24%), **Afghanistan** (15%), **Serbia and Montenegro** (14%) and the **Republic of Moldova** (10%) (see *Table 2*).

21. There were more countries of origin recording a decrease than an increase in asylum requests, however. From Q1 to Q2 of 2005, the number of asylum-seekers dropped significantly from countries such as **El Salvador** (-35%), **Viet Nam** (-32%), **Georgia** (-30%), **Algeria** (-24%), **Côte d'Ivoire** (-24%), **Guinea** (-24%), **Nigeria** (-23%) and **Somalia** (-20%).

Monthly trends

22. The latest monthly data indicate that the number of new asylum applications submitted in the **36 industrialized countries** fell by three per cent in May, but increased by seven per cent in June 2005. **France** continued to be the main recipient country of asylum-seekers, accounting for 18 per cent of all asylum requests lodged in June 2005, followed by the **United States** (17%), the **United Kingdom** (9%) and **Germany** (9%).

23. Among the major asylum-seeker nationalities, those recording a sharp rise in June 2005 included **China** (19%), **Iraq** (22%), **Pakistan** (40%), **Bangladesh** (34%), **Azerbaijan** (39%) and **Belarus** (53%). Conversely, fewer asylum-seekers were registered originating from the **Islamic Republic of Iran** (-21%), the **Republic of Moldova** (-17%), **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (-15%), **Colombia** (-37%) and the **Syrian Arab Republic** (-41%).

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

See footnotes at bottom of table.

Country/region of asylum	2003				2004				2005		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'03-'04	'04-'05	'03-'05
Australia	1,156	1,159	1,107	868	763	860	851	727	809	786	-30%	-2%	-31%
Austria	6,644	8,125	9,798	7,775	5,922	6,538	6,244	5,972	4,212	4,997	-16%	-26%	-38%
Belgium	3,828	3,582	4,613	4,917	3,916	3,482	3,672	4,288	4,037	3,695	0%	5%	4%
Bulgaria	426	256	281	586	267	250	248	362	210	196	-24%	-21%	-40%
Canada	9,761	7,748	7,432	6,915	6,353	5,420	6,452	7,274	4,622	4,097	-33%	-26%	-50%
Croatia	2	9	15	37	39	16	35	71	45	69	400%	107%	936%
Cyprus	349	150	513	3,399	1,109	2,112	2,841	3,797	2,054	1,990	545%	26%	710%
Czech Rep.	1,977	3,048	3,058	3,311	2,128	1,339	938	1,055	951	853	-31%	-48%	-64%
Denmark	1,222	1,103	1,206	1,026	919	826	839	638	710	585	-25%	-26%	-44%
Estonia	6	3	4	1	8	4	2	1	1	5	33%	-50%	-33%
Finland	817	611	714	1,079	1,050	649	926	1,026	985	836	19%	7%	28%
France	14,285	13,591	14,514	16,908	15,804	14,169	13,972	14,632	13,867	13,553	8%	-9%	-2%
Germany	14,939	11,423	12,494	11,589	10,167	8,519	8,618	8,309	6,662	6,660	-29%	-29%	-49%
Greece	2,246	2,592	1,954	1,386	1,009	1,747	694	1,016	2,816	2,729	-43%	101%	15%
Hungary	645	522	737	497	367	378	471	384	403	362	-36%	3%	-34%
Iceland	19	12	31	18	17	20	22	16	12	19	19%	-16%	0%
Ireland	2,818	1,932	1,912	1,238	1,256	1,104	1,238	1,168	1,259	957	-50%	-6%	-53%
Japan	70	74	106	85	112	145	85	84	89	29	78%	-54%	-18%
Latvia	3	2	-	-	3	1	1	2	1	3	-20%	0%	-20%
Liechtenstein	24	29	24	24	29	15	15	15	16	15	-17%	-30%	-42%
Lithuania	45	45	45	45	23	31	58	28	23	33	-40%	4%	-38%
Luxembourg	298	354	362	540	514	404	356	303	234	212	41%	-51%	-32%
Malta	184	120	129	135	129	141	376	351	411	138	-11%	103%	81%
Netherlands	3,674	3,792	3,219	2,717	2,752	2,080	2,308	2,642	2,696	2,588	-35%	9%	-29%
New Zealand	264	227	185	165	204	159	126	91	77	101	-26%	-51%	-64%
Norway	3,709	3,479	5,022	3,750	2,184	1,805	2,198	1,758	1,200	1,165	-45%	-41%	-67%
Poland	1,407	1,314	2,331	1,869	1,317	1,770	2,145	2,845	1,204	1,117	13%	-25%	-15%
Portugal	22	40	16	29	16	30	34	27	30	16	-26%	0%	-26%
Romania	272	384	213	208	213	134	153	161	165	171	-47%	-3%	-49%
Slovakia	1,249	2,125	2,788	4,161	2,527	3,839	2,624	2,364	601	771	89%	-78%	-59%
Slovenia	285	283	307	227	310	311	228	325	371	487	9%	38%	51%
Spain	1,547	1,072	1,506	1,642	1,480	1,227	1,129	1,533	1,411	1,186	3%	-4%	-1%
Sweden	7,942	6,198	8,945	8,270	6,232	5,213	6,210	5,506	4,177	3,816	-19%	-30%	-43%
Switzerland	5,506	4,868	5,592	5,198	4,726	3,681	3,161	2,679	2,213	2,459	-19%	-44%	-55%
United Kingdom	19,130	12,710	14,995	13,210	10,730	9,305	10,485	10,100	8,260	7,190	-37%	-23%	-51%
United States (EOIR)	4,679	5,065	5,148	4,641	4,504	3,678	3,386	3,370	3,685	3,801	-16%	-9%	-23%
United States (DHS)	16,180	15,120	12,330	10,620	9,710	9,660	9,090	8,960	9,920	8,030	-38%	-7%	-43%
EU-old (14)	79,412	67,125	76,248	72,326	61,767	55,293	56,725	57,160	51,356	49,020	-20%	-14%	-32%
EU-new (10)	6,150	7,612	9,912	13,645	7,921	9,926	9,684	11,152	6,020	5,759	30%	-34%	-14%
EU-total (24)	85,562	74,737	86,160	85,971	69,688	65,219	66,409	68,312	57,376	54,779	-16%	-17%	-30%
Nordic region (5)	13,709	11,403	15,918	14,143	10,402	8,513	10,195	8,944	7,084	6,421	-25%	-29%	-46%
Western Europe (18)	88,670	75,513	86,917	81,316	68,723	60,814	62,121	61,628	54,797	52,678	-21%	-17%	-35%
Central Europe (13)	6,850	8,261	10,421	14,476	8,440	10,326	10,120	11,746	6,440	6,195	24%	-33%	-16%
Europe (31)	95,520	83,774	97,338	95,792	77,163	71,140	72,241	73,374	61,237	58,873	-17%	-19%	-33%
Non-Europe (5)	32,110	29,393	26,308	23,294	21,646	19,922	19,990	20,506	19,202	16,844	-32%	-13%	-41%
North America (2)	30,620	27,933	24,910	22,176	20,567	18,758	18,928	19,604	18,227	15,928	-33%	-13%	-42%
Australia/New Z.	1,420	1,386	1,292	1,033	967	1,019	977	818	886	887	-29%	-11%	-37%
Total	127,630	113,167	123,646	119,086	98,809	91,062	92,231	93,880	80,439	75,717	-21%	-18%	-35%

Notes

All figures are provisional and subject to change.

Germany: new applications only.

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

Spain: includes UNHCR estimate for June 2004 (400).

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.

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

Covering all 36 asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second 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		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'03-'04	'04-'05	'03-'05
Serbia and Montenegro	6,480	5,945	7,038	6,872	5,856	5,446	5,735	5,409	5,050	5,735	-9%	-5%	-13%
China	6,100	5,919	6,767	6,846	5,246	4,578	5,090	5,148	4,718	4,721	-18%	-4%	-21%
Russian Federation	5,367	8,071	11,426	10,332	7,715	7,401	6,930	8,525	4,845	4,542	12%	-38%	-30%
Turkey	6,781	5,801	6,196	6,089	4,864	3,763	3,466	3,774	3,131	3,001	-31%	-29%	-51%
Iraq	11,370	6,511	4,250	3,230	2,232	2,146	2,486	2,986	2,924	2,818	-76%	31%	-68%
Haiti	1,622	1,952	1,906	1,808	2,161	2,231	1,792	2,135	2,516	2,735	23%	20%	47%
Pakistan	4,794	2,619	2,751	3,208	2,691	3,049	2,882	2,392	1,698	2,143	-23%	-33%	-48%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,083	2,805	3,607	3,805	2,463	2,192	2,721	3,128	2,208	2,075	-21%	-8%	-27%
Afghanistan	3,481	3,760	3,719	3,271	2,333	2,130	2,172	2,215	1,712	1,971	-38%	-17%	-49%
Nigeria	3,860	3,338	3,198	3,146	3,221	3,110	3,039	2,414	2,379	1,839	-12%	-33%	-41%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	3,232	2,800	2,819	2,761	2,565	2,128	2,133	2,373	2,120	1,801	-22%	-16%	-35%
Georgia	1,786	1,957	2,199	2,622	2,238	2,267	2,202	2,193	2,515	1,769	20%	-5%	14%
India	3,385	3,593	3,548	3,636	3,072	3,760	2,954	2,231	1,693	1,641	-2%	-51%	-52%
Somalia	3,704	3,053	5,414	3,696	2,821	1,982	2,438	1,944	1,833	1,474	-29%	-31%	-51%
Rep. of Moldova	1,019	1,152	1,696	1,552	1,038	1,459	1,522	1,623	1,308	1,433	15%	10%	26%
Sri Lanka	1,505	1,434	1,325	1,376	1,339	1,299	1,578	1,419	1,647	1,394	-10%	15%	3%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,650	1,240	1,451	1,180	1,195	1,125	1,435	1,597	1,362	1,259	-20%	13%	-9%
Armenia	1,232	1,335	1,745	2,333	1,490	1,240	1,221	1,216	1,194	1,126	6%	-15%	-10%
Bangladesh	1,450	1,421	1,399	3,282	1,446	2,041	1,583	1,402	887	1,117	21%	-43%	-30%
Algeria	2,114	1,860	2,181	2,091	2,722	2,321	1,938	1,678	1,459	1,109	27%	-49%	-35%
Colombia	2,271	2,168	2,039	1,875	1,888	1,753	1,777	2,191	1,317	1,093	-18%	-34%	-46%
Mexico	1,847	1,350	1,478	1,172	1,013	1,018	1,283	1,078	1,035	1,084	-36%	4%	-34%
Ukraine	1,488	1,269	1,467	1,613	1,384	1,131	1,241	1,542	1,196	1,001	-9%	-13%	-20%
Syrian Arab Rep.	825	727	977	932	729	723	927	976	766	963	-6%	19%	11%
Guinea	856	985	1,010	1,117	1,082	915	946	1,091	1,075	819	8%	-5%	3%
Azerbaijan	945	812	1,129	1,222	1,056	1,019	1,198	1,025	785	806	18%	-23%	-9%
Bulgaria	1,111	376	505	767	511	464	694	993	875	786	-34%	70%	12%
Cameroon	1,598	1,351	1,302	1,349	1,172	957	959	1,033	850	703	-28%	-27%	-47%
Sudan	772	745	992	993	669	790	1,011	1,097	806	702	-4%	3%	-1%
Albania	1,354	1,275	1,211	1,054	1,009	800	798	833	673	690	-31%	-25%	-48%
Belarus	903	851	970	917	690	693	605	636	550	684	-21%	-11%	-30%
Eritrea	853	614	938	866	600	435	1,052	1,056	780	652	-29%	38%	-2%
Côte d'Ivoire	1,548	1,069	798	875	727	713	692	933	824	624	-45%	1%	-45%
Stateless	794	565	1,133	1,147	854	665	918	839	616	621	12%	-19%	-9%
Romania	1,450	745	852	818	692	786	644	750	621	550	-33%	-21%	-47%
Viet Nam	1,336	1,067	1,218	1,096	913	1,016	810	915	783	532	-20%	-32%	-45%
Togo	622	621	699	661	524	459	416	442	475	522	-21%	1%	-20%
Ethiopia	915	801	1,011	1,010	815	687	784	674	524	503	-12%	-32%	-40%
El Salvador	404	430	391	365	393	396	417	418	776	502	-5%	62%	53%
TfYR Macedonia	736	651	704	754	653	518	570	592	480	489	-16%	-17%	-30%
Other	26,319	23,761	24,623	22,268	19,955	16,699	16,571	16,406	14,598	13,425	-27%	-24%	-44%
Total	122,962	108,799	120,082	116,007	96,037	88,305	89,630	91,322	77,604	73,454	-20%	-18%	-35%

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

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

Origin	2003				2004				2005		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'03-'04	'04-'05	'03-'05
Serbia and Montenegro	6,341	5,813	6,844	6,752	5,725	5,336	5,606	5,301	4,948	5,669	-9%	-4%	-13%
Russian Federation	5,002	7,733	11,161	10,024	7,456	7,097	6,666	8,273	4,609	4,261	14%	-39%	-30%
Turkey	6,614	5,650	6,046	5,949	4,739	3,629	3,365	3,648	3,022	2,905	-32%	-29%	-52%
Iraq	11,088	6,335	4,104	3,088	2,138	2,023	2,393	2,861	2,786	2,684	-76%	31%	-69%
China	3,180	3,386	4,529	4,533	3,120	2,607	3,028	2,920	2,136	2,160	-13%	-25%	-35%
Afghanistan	3,433	3,707	3,662	3,181	2,269	2,084	2,058	2,156	1,652	1,902	-39%	-18%	-50%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,713	2,527	3,329	3,541	2,200	1,996	2,483	2,885	2,000	1,883	-20%	-7%	-26%
Pakistan	1,853	1,690	2,145	2,570	2,237	2,662	2,491	1,982	1,340	1,876	38%	-34%	-9%
Georgia	1,715	1,867	2,105	2,492	2,185	2,226	2,158	2,139	2,484	1,737	23%	-4%	18%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	3,074	2,631	2,678	2,647	2,457	2,032	1,996	2,209	2,030	1,733	-21%	-16%	-34%
Nigeria	3,645	3,123	2,988	2,896	3,003	2,902	2,846	2,219	2,169	1,650	-13%	-35%	-44%
Haiti	208	330	459	494	618	943	730	869	1,062	1,525	190%	66%	381%
Rep. of Moldova	1,006	1,134	1,690	1,550	1,027	1,452	1,514	1,611	1,297	1,418	16%	10%	27%
Somalia	3,579	2,936	5,260	3,551	2,671	1,843	2,270	1,744	1,712	1,369	-31%	-32%	-53%
India	2,539	2,730	2,802	2,905	2,476	3,259	2,464	1,657	1,286	1,314	9%	-55%	-51%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,644	1,231	1,443	1,173	1,181	1,119	1,428	1,585	1,349	1,240	-20%	13%	-10%
Algeria	2,062	1,826	2,138	2,049	2,688	2,295	1,920	1,654	1,443	1,091	28%	-49%	-35%
Bangladesh	1,227	982	1,124	3,041	1,265	1,888	1,411	1,197	743	1,018	43%	-44%	-20%
Sri Lanka	1,157	960	937	1,000	930	957	1,173	1,039	1,244	1,013	-11%	20%	7%
Armenia	939	1,060	1,544	2,152	1,323	1,066	1,090	1,069	1,019	989	20%	-16%	0%
Syrian Arab Rep.	755	646	916	886	665	685	895	941	728	928	-4%	23%	18%
Ukraine	1,339	1,147	1,337	1,496	1,275	1,024	1,130	1,396	1,062	875	-8%	-16%	-22%
Azerbaijan	870	735	1,070	1,170	1,014	991	1,176	997	763	786	25%	-23%	-3%
Bulgaria	1,046	285	445	700	447	416	653	942	827	730	-35%	80%	17%
Sudan	706	674	932	920	616	742	975	1,050	771	671	-2%	6%	4%
Guinea	631	798	797	913	921	749	748	862	892	656	17%	-7%	8%
Stateless	738	523	1,043	1,073	818	601	871	727	548	576	13%	-21%	-11%
Eritrea	765	540	875	779	516	367	965	933	698	564	-32%	43%	-3%
Cameroon	1,099	921	927	981	798	636	632	779	635	543	-29%	-18%	-42%
Côte d'Ivoire	1,343	879	629	761	622	600	570	782	697	531	-45%	0%	-45%
Belarus	844	752	913	834	610	523	511	568	495	516	-29%	-11%	-37%
Romania	1,361	631	714	733	626	706	575	686	580	503	-33%	-19%	-46%
Viet Nam	1,257	998	1,092	1,020	840	955	767	862	732	485	-20%	-32%	-46%
TfYR Macedonia	703	620	667	728	644	511	553	571	445	469	-13%	-21%	-31%
Albania	858	750	740	673	689	546	549	582	468	436	-23%	-27%	-44%
Angola	1,316	1,040	1,171	1,019	917	627	540	622	613	436	-34%	-32%	-55%
Mongolia	551	529	465	524	410	419	580	637	520	422	-23%	14%	-13%
Togo	472	429	529	515	395	324	304	285	346	419	-20%	6%	-15%
Slovakia	789	661	1,098	494	1,052	320	131	340	322	413	-5%	-46%	-49%
Colombia	319	244	262	325	313	339	234	320	365	411	16%	19%	38%
Other	14,693	12,276	13,685	13,616	11,268	9,645	9,790	9,476	8,400	8,095	-22%	-21%	-39%
Total	95,474	83,729	97,295	95,748	77,164	71,142	72,239	73,376	61,238	58,902	-17%	-19%	-33%

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

*All current EU members, except Italy for which no data are available.

Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2005.

Origin	2003				2004				2005		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'03-'04	'04-'05	'03-'05
Serbia and Montenegro	4,984	4,639	5,408	5,475	4,916	4,640	4,975	4,752	4,492	5,157	-1%	1%	0%
Russian Federation	4,537	7,206	10,309	9,395	7,030	6,747	6,264	7,974	4,383	4,060	17%	-39%	-28%
Turkey	6,068	5,202	5,550	5,422	4,326	3,306	3,016	3,335	2,811	2,649	-32%	-28%	-52%
Iraq	9,736	5,691	3,551	2,630	1,756	1,779	2,121	2,548	2,518	2,387	-77%	39%	-68%
China	3,037	3,217	4,398	4,392	3,020	2,553	2,972	2,894	2,095	2,107	-11%	-25%	-33%
Pakistan	1,765	1,606	2,045	2,479	2,146	2,574	2,427	1,905	1,285	1,840	40%	-34%	-7%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,493	2,306	2,988	3,262	2,023	1,856	2,293	2,710	1,891	1,767	-19%	-6%	-24%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,914	2,495	2,517	2,507	2,331	1,923	1,914	2,122	1,954	1,653	-21%	-15%	-33%
Georgia	1,492	1,619	1,886	2,215	1,922	2,020	1,954	1,978	2,382	1,618	27%	1%	29%
Afghanistan	3,008	3,120	2,844	2,209	1,721	1,734	1,672	1,745	1,414	1,571	-44%	-14%	-51%
Nigeria	3,457	2,887	2,809	2,681	2,779	2,693	2,679	2,102	2,067	1,555	-14%	-34%	-43%
Haiti	208	330	458	494	616	941	730	869	1,062	1,525	189%	66%	381%
Rep. of Moldova	959	1,073	1,615	1,469	993	1,409	1,457	1,563	1,271	1,398	18%	11%	31%
India	2,432	2,623	2,701	2,834	2,395	3,212	2,426	1,574	1,214	1,281	11%	-56%	-51%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,102	859	1,111	988	1,048	1,014	1,310	1,511	1,296	1,157	5%	19%	25%
Somalia	3,045	2,385	4,344	3,307	2,355	1,429	1,721	1,387	1,456	1,125	-30%	-32%	-52%
Algeria	1,830	1,538	1,750	1,718	2,416	2,146	1,794	1,560	1,378	1,039	35%	-47%	-28%
Sri Lanka	1,038	852	824	931	850	871	1,093	965	1,157	952	-9%	23%	12%
Bangladesh	1,123	910	1,023	2,950	1,191	1,822	1,333	1,127	701	948	48%	-45%	-19%
Armenia	808	943	1,431	1,881	1,147	925	1,008	1,007	964	929	18%	-9%	8%
Syrian Arab Rep.	700	580	837	800	600	624	820	895	673	866	-4%	26%	20%
Ukraine	1,281	1,072	1,277	1,401	1,219	991	1,092	1,363	1,050	853	-6%	-14%	-19%
Azerbaijan	811	687	1,003	1,101	959	918	1,114	955	724	744	25%	-22%	-2%
Sudan	600	603	855	849	560	676	912	997	739	626	3%	10%	13%
Bulgaria	933	217	335	548	297	320	479	703	724	608	-46%	116%	16%
Guinea	494	604	574	708	716	632	681	807	816	599	23%	5%	29%
Eritrea	653	460	764	648	437	327	864	863	655	534	-31%	56%	7%
Belarus	698	585	757	673	522	473	469	533	458	492	-22%	-5%	-26%
Cameroon	1,008	834	808	863	703	577	571	732	582	489	-31%	-16%	-42%
Côte d'Ivoire	1,218	797	561	701	565	540	532	732	641	487	-45%	2%	-44%
Stateless	599	412	887	923	679	525	745	584	482	473	19%	-21%	-6%
Romania	1,258	546	579	602	570	608	530	657	558	471	-35%	-13%	-43%
Viet Nam	1,234	985	1,059	997	813	926	740	846	711	465	-22%	-32%	-47%
TfYR Macedonia	526	486	553	539	511	444	500	514	387	427	-6%	-15%	-20%
Angola	1,183	947	979	869	835	572	501	589	555	414	-34%	-31%	-55%
Slovakia	766	592	923	481	1,046	252	124	340	321	412	-4%	-44%	-46%
Mongolia	450	435	365	421	326	395	569	622	501	410	-19%	26%	3%
Colombia	301	238	251	316	296	323	223	315	339	403	15%	20%	38%
Mauritania	682	647	710	690	534	496	445	383	386	386	-22%	-25%	-42%
Albania	759	649	642	594	611	509	510	532	441	384	-20%	-26%	-41%
Other	13,326	10,815	11,836	11,964	9,909	8,499	8,827	8,724	7,838	7,533	-24%	-16%	-36%
Total	85,516	74,692	86,117	85,927	69,689	65,221	66,407	68,314	57,372	54,794	-16%	-17%	-30%

Table 5. Asylum applications lodged in the Nordic region* by origin, first quarter 2003 to second quarter 2005

*See Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2005.

Origin	2003				2004				2005		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'03-'04	'04-'05	'03-'05
Serbia and Montenegro	2,085	2,014	2,462	2,349	1,724	1,503	1,824	1,386	1,213	1,029	-21%	-31%	-45%
Iraq	1,957	844	764	698	523	421	555	709	704	695	-66%	48%	-50%
Russian Federation	753	855	1,257	983	705	555	722	619	513	432	-22%	-25%	-41%
Afghanistan	619	720	1,126	1,103	816	607	583	407	316	363	6%	-52%	-49%
Bulgaria	737	103	187	197	107	126	258	343	274	359	-72%	172%	-25%
Stateless	421	312	737	768	512	366	595	444	272	268	20%	-38%	-26%
Somalia	898	1,056	2,122	1,080	609	501	675	475	431	247	-43%	-39%	-65%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	301	316	504	494	328	257	319	389	188	241	-5%	-27%	-30%
Azerbaijan	244	228	364	395	268	305	380	268	149	174	21%	-44%	-32%
Turkey	312	252	344	357	234	213	181	182	172	162	-21%	-25%	-41%
Belarus	291	311	352	305	182	173	144	152	95	125	-41%	-38%	-63%
TfYR Macedonia	209	196	205	266	197	169	208	252	160	122	-10%	-23%	-30%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	732	553	614	477	329	284	277	208	161	112	-52%	-55%	-79%
Syrian Arab Rep.	208	161	263	226	155	135	144	119	117	109	-21%	-22%	-39%
Burundi	55	72	154	112	106	101	184	162	138	109	63%	19%	94%
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	201	151	225	171	134	126	188	136	125	99	-26%	-14%	-36%
Nigeria	142	187	254	244	251	190	228	154	105	89	34%	-56%	-41%
Armenia	79	82	130	135	132	168	146	155	66	85	86%	-50%	-6%
Bolivia	81	66	54	86	66	99	92	64	49	85	12%	-19%	-9%
Uzbekistan	150	132	112	127	82	69	92	85	51	79	-46%	-14%	-54%
Eritrea	226	168	239	216	132	77	176	144	85	77	-47%	-22%	-59%
Algeria	158	143	176	142	127	112	146	102	80	72	-21%	-36%	-50%
Albania	174	172	168	150	127	88	109	99	87	72	-38%	-26%	-54%
Kyrgyzstan	80	60	71	80	43	36	38	28	18	67	-44%	8%	-39%
Georgia	141	191	232	209	167	159	145	138	101	61	-2%	-50%	-51%
Mongolia	142	110	108	110	55	95	106	113	69	60	-40%	-14%	-49%
China	53	62	111	143	153	59	65	66	93	57	84%	-29%	30%
Ethiopia	118	102	145	130	82	67	84	60	40	57	-32%	-35%	-56%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	68	49	74	65	64	50	64	45	63	49	-3%	-2%	-4%
Lebanon	128	122	130	120	146	88	95	93	83	47	-6%	-44%	-48%
Bangladesh	39	60	42	73	53	51	70	59	65	46	5%	7%	12%
Rep. of Moldova	95	61	84	101	37	25	48	92	46	45	-60%	47%	-42%
India	47	36	32	37	36	46	50	26	35	37	-1%	-12%	-13%
Sri Lanka	27	18	47	22	26	27	29	30	19	34	18%	0%	18%
Kazakhstan	91	53	82	92	73	61	70	68	40	34	-7%	-45%	-49%
Pakistan	53	56	62	47	51	78	38	44	42	33	18%	-42%	-31%
Ukraine	183	123	122	95	92	68	86	59	31	30	-48%	-62%	-80%
Cameroon	19	34	38	52	28	32	37	31	37	29	13%	10%	25%
Nepal	23	13	25	27	34	29	34	37	26	28	75%	-14%	50%
Sudan	39	33	51	51	27	32	43	35	37	25	-18%	5%	-14%
Other	1,330	1,126	1,649	1,608	1,389	865	867	866	695	520	-8%	-46%	-51%
Total	13,709	11,403	15,918	14,143	10,402	8,513	10,195	8,944	7,091	6,464	-25%	-28%	-46%

Table 6. Asylum applications lodged in Central Europe* by origin, first quarter 2003 to second quarter 2005

*See Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2005.

Origin	2003				2004				2005		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'03-'04	'04-'05	'03-'05
Russian Federation	1,598	2,945	4,127	4,818	2,573	2,825	2,825	3,636	1,447	1,394	19%	-47%	-37%
Ukraine	478	477	557	799	651	490	604	912	576	410	19%	-14%	3%
Bangladesh	121	216	127	2,233	595	1,193	742	580	189	369	431%	-69%	66%
Syrian Arab Rep.	16	22	40	79	49	110	228	281	138	313	318%	184%	1087%
Georgia	136	234	294	724	476	464	570	826	396	311	154%	-25%	91%
Pakistan	145	166	192	564	549	629	798	553	166	266	279%	-63%	39%
India	408	589	456	832	948	1,637	863	450	184	253	159%	-83%	-56%
Serbia and Montenegro	78	81	135	118	98	157	158	266	181	244	60%	67%	167%
Turkey	137	140	348	172	221	207	153	190	158	216	55%	-13%	35%
Sri Lanka	27	26	29	25	36	114	259	182	351	216	183%	278%	970%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	265	153	269	399	118	181	270	313	233	210	-28%	48%	6%
China	509	612	701	398	248	375	647	826	349	210	-44%	-10%	-50%
Rep. of Moldova	104	193	295	272	147	331	231	418	152	175	61%	-32%	10%
Afghanistan	375	485	587	547	189	243	242	351	129	140	-50%	-38%	-69%
Slovakia	356	227	338	148	102	9	5	34	91	127	-81%	96%	-63%
Iraq	712	431	346	298	153	116	95	178	121	117	-76%	-12%	-79%
Viet Nam	245	182	152	123	138	224	107	171	230	104	-15%	-8%	-22%
Belarus	96	79	87	85	96	58	89	78	77	102	-12%	16%	2%
Territory	81	80	87	111	78	66	115	145	151	86	-11%	65%	47%
Armenia	106	136	298	669	164	106	85	119	44	81	12%	-54%	-48%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	13	17	8	22	8	30	39	56	85	77	27%	326%	440%
Bulgaria	17	25	27	30	26	27	19	21	16	63	26%	49%	88%
Nigeria	59	49	52	88	90	75	39	51	49	58	53%	-35%	-1%
Albania	3	2	7	6	41	64	40	61	37	53	2000%	-14%	1700%
Stateless	43	17	54	71	88	35	47	101	65	40	105%	-15%	75%
Mongolia	41	25	35	18	33	24	31	57	36	39	-14%	32%	14%
Romania	34	20	14	25	35	22	8	30	37	36	6%	28%	35%
Côte d'Ivoire	19	13	7	45	4	-	19	36	48	36	-88%	2000%	163%
TfYR Macedonia	18	21	39	29	26	21	36	36	41	34	21%	60%	92%
Egypt	44	23	18	17	10	10	31	30	23	32	-70%	175%	-18%
Lebanon	32	14	21	52	23	14	13	48	19	31	-20%	35%	9%
Liberia	3	22	80	34	3	16	19	12	15	26	-24%	116%	64%
Kazakhstan	15	18	14	15	20	25	26	34	14	23	36%	-18%	12%
Uzbekistan	41	18	8	24	22	18	8	31	10	21	-32%	-23%	-47%
Somalia	145	205	151	55	99	119	280	137	136	20	-38%	-28%	-55%
Nepal	4	1	1	1	4	9	46	68	13	20	160%	154%	560%
Jordan	4	6	6	3	3	8	10	19	16	20	10%	227%	260%
Eritrea	35	1	2	1	1	38	11	54	131	19	8%	285%	317%
Kyrgyzstan	10	27	25	29	32	58	52	29	21	18	143%	-57%	5%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	16	15	14	44	8	6	36	47	62	15	-55%	450%	148%
Other	216	203	328	408	235	172	224	279	203	170	-3%	-8%	-11%
Total	6,805	8,216	10,376	14,431	8,440	10,326	10,120	11,746	6,440	6,195	25%	-33%	-16%

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Table 7. Asylum applications lodged in Canada and the United States by origin, first quarter 2003 to second quarter 2005

Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second 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		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'03-'04	'04-'05	'03-'05
China	2,643	2,299	2,025	2,146	1,921	1,724	1,851	2,004	2,275	2,342	-26%	27%	-7%
Haiti	1,414	1,622	1,447	1,314	1,543	1,288	1,062	1,266	1,454	1,210	-7%	-6%	-12%
Mexico	1,841	1,349	1,478	1,171	1,007	1,015	1,281	1,078	1,035	1,082	-37%	5%	-34%
Colombia	1,952	1,915	1,766	1,544	1,570	1,410	1,539	1,871	951	672	-23%	-46%	-58%
El Salvador	390	410	377	357	382	393	413	410	771	495	-3%	63%	58%
Guatemala	540	972	1,108	403	455	444	394	391	650	395	-41%	16%	-31%
Venezuela	317	415	547	555	419	446	402	453	362	320	18%	-21%	-7%
India	665	654	585	589	499	393	426	513	366	292	-32%	-26%	-50%
Russian Federation	350	329	256	303	253	301	260	237	229	278	-18%	-8%	-25%
Pakistan	2,922	913	584	613	430	369	373	388	330	253	-79%	-27%	-85%
Albania	488	508	461	373	315	251	244	250	203	253	-43%	-19%	-54%
Honduras	165	218	206	191	185	148	270	245	237	240	-13%	43%	25%
Sri Lanka	293	423	333	343	372	307	366	328	339	237	-5%	-15%	-20%
Ethiopia	313	306	329	372	380	324	304	299	250	218	14%	-34%	-24%
Nigeria	209	211	205	249	215	204	187	193	204	183	0%	-8%	-8%
Cuba	239	202	189	168	142	142	168	262	199	180	-36%	33%	-14%
Indonesia	1,288	1,366	750	618	560	420	337	333	209	169	-63%	-61%	-86%
Belarus	59	97	57	82	79	170	94	68	54	167	60%	-11%	42%
Guinea	225	187	213	204	160	163	198	229	182	162	-22%	7%	-17%
Cameroon	493	429	375	366	370	320	325	247	214	160	-25%	-46%	-59%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	290	224	237	211	206	153	193	211	141	151	-30%	-19%	-43%
Armenia	290	275	199	181	167	174	129	147	175	137	-40%	-9%	-45%
Ukraine	145	115	126	116	101	104	110	145	133	126	-21%	26%	0%
Nepal	91	83	85	109	78	80	105	120	109	118	-9%	44%	30%
Zimbabwe	106	123	110	119	137	107	97	85	104	117	7%	-9%	-3%
Iraq	222	139	120	92	71	106	73	107	111	109	-51%	24%	-39%
Togo	150	192	170	146	129	135	112	157	128	103	-23%	-13%	-32%
Somalia	119	112	150	144	143	132	163	197	119	100	19%	-20%	-5%
Peru	271	226	185	221	217	191	176	191	95	99	-18%	-52%	-61%
Côte d'Ivoire	204	186	169	114	105	112	122	150	127	92	-44%	1%	-44%
Egypt	216	219	169	156	153	125	132	115	106	90	-36%	-29%	-55%
United States	415	258	197	147	144	134	196	276	131	89	-59%	-21%	-67%
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	127	98	107	72	96	74	65	77	112	89	-24%	18%	-11%
Eritrea	88	74	62	86	80	65	85	122	79	86	-10%	14%	2%
Turkey	131	117	121	113	68	60	75	107	88	85	-48%	35%	-30%
Israel	205	110	139	115	128	106	114	84	66	84	-26%	-36%	-52%
Brazil	127	164	128	188	252	391	223	69	66	78	121%	-78%	-51%
Kenya	202	158	159	149	104	101	117	115	83	76	-43%	-22%	-56%
Gambia	14	38	33	49	33	27	59	56	53	73	15%	110%	142%
Bangladesh	187	390	246	198	146	106	123	151	119	72	-56%	-24%	-67%
Other	5,592	5,484	5,186	4,454	3,979	3,284	3,366	3,297	2,732	2,354	-34%	-30%	-54%
Total	25,998	23,610	21,389	19,141	17,794	15,999	16,329	17,044	15,391	13,636	-32%	-14%	-41%

Table 8. Asylum applications lodged in Australia, New Zealand and Japan by origin, first quarter 2003 to second quarter 2005

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second 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		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'03-'04	'04-'05	'03-'05
China	277	234	213	167	205	247	211	224	307	219	-12%	16%	3%
Sri Lanka	55	51	55	33	37	35	39	52	64	144	-32%	189%	96%
Malaysia	39	71	69	46	22	97	64	40	21	46	8%	-44%	-39%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	80	54	41	53	57	43	45	32	67	41	-25%	8%	-19%
India	181	209	161	142	97	108	64	61	41	35	-47%	-63%	-81%
Indonesia	72	66	59	45	48	47	53	16	29	33	-31%	-35%	-55%
Nepal	11	11	9	30	24	10	9	7	21	32	55%	56%	141%
Myanmar	23	19	52	39	40	50	37	43	45	29	114%	-18%	76%
Bangladesh	36	49	29	43	35	47	49	54	25	27	-4%	-37%	-39%
Philippines	7	11	16	22	19	22	18	29	28	26	128%	32%	200%
Iraq	60	37	26	50	23	17	20	18	27	25	-59%	30%	-46%
Fiji	46	49	41	48	33	18	17	18	16	21	-46%	-27%	-61%
Thailand	70	137	62	32	36	20	11	18	11	18	-73%	-48%	-86%
Rep. of Korea	67	77	55	22	24	22	39	24	20	15	-68%	-24%	-76%
Egypt	12	11	21	19	16	14	28	16	14	15	30%	-3%	26%
Pakistan	19	16	22	25	24	18	18	22	28	14	20%	0%	20%
Turkey	36	34	29	27	57	74	26	19	21	11	87%	-76%	-54%
Colombia	-	9	11	6	5	4	4	-	1	10	0%	22%	22%
Lebanon	37	19	20	17	20	9	9	20	21	7	-48%	-3%	-50%
Ethiopia	2	5	5	6	1	6	8	3	10	7	0%	143%	143%
Other	360	291	402	246	256	256	293	186	158	141	-21%	-42%	-54%
Total	1,490	1,460	1,398	1,118	1,079	1,164	1,062	902	975	916	-24%	-16%	-36%

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Table 9. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, first quarter 2005

Top-20 ranking of 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
Serbia and Montenegro	5	826	278	-	19	*	-	7	150	-	150	844	1,118	-	47	-	*	-
Russian Federation	6	629	296	*	33	-	166	63	54	-	67	828	469	186	*	*	11	-
China	300	122	58	*	420	-	34	157	16	-	13	746	156	31	37	-	22	*
Turkey	8	244	95	5	66	-	98	6	10	*	28	1,037	748	38	17	-	*	13
Iraq	21	57	223	20	31	*	28	6	62	-	52	26	325	237	*	-	14	-
Haiti	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,055	*	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	257	74	*	10	-	277	17	*	-	24	292	161	992	21	-	26	-
Nigeria	*	253	32	-	141	-	*	14	14	-	22	369	125	85	12	-	557	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	43	58	120	*	64	-	209	-	26	-	24	22	209	42	6	*	27	5
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	16	374	-	70	-	17	*	*	-	16	847	82	*	-	-	31	-
Somalia	-	15	29	*	78	-	*	*	34	-	128	28	50	19	6	-	88	-
Afghanistan	12	219	54	84	37	-	10	-	42	-	44	31	135	132	5	*	57	-
Pakistan	23	86	52	12	169	5	84	*	19	-	*	120	123	96	10	-	15	*
India	35	280	41	25	207	11	58	*	13	-	*	200	135	21	*	-	*	-
Sri Lanka	61	*	18	-	264	-	347	*	*	-	-	569	53	8	-	-	*	*
Algeria	-	44	80	*	10	-	*	20	11	-	13	665	108	23	*	*	6	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	46	32	-	*	-	*	*	14	-	14	860	91	*	*	-	-	-
Colombia	*	-	5	-	338	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	*	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. of Moldova	*	51	19	5	*	*	28	23	9	-	*	851	23	83	*	-	24	-
Ukraine	*	57	21	*	57	-	231	299	*	-	7	138	49	139	8	-	*	-

Origin	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway	Poland	Portugal	Romania	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	UK	United States
Serbia and Montenegro	-	*	-	57	-	62	-	157	-	*	-	10	113	11	756	294	60	78
Russian Federation	-	*	22	13	-	51	*	128	1,088	*	-	100	*	28	263	92	40	196
China	-	-	-	-	-	108	*	9	*	-	17	100	*	*	55	14	440	1,855
Turkey	-	-	-	*	*	75	-	31	-	-	15	*	11	*	103	160	290	22
Iraq	-	-	-	*	5	374	6	125	*	-	32	17	5	*	465	90	610	80
Haiti	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	1,409
Georgia	-	-	-	*	-	35	-	7	16	*	-	60	*	9	66	94	45	21
Nigeria	-	-	-	17	7	38	*	26	*	-	6	*	*	194	43	70	275	63
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	-	-	7	-	122	19	57	-	-	11	*	*	5	80	37	930	77
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	-	*	44	24	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	45	30	63	420	20
Somalia	-	5	-	16	122	202	*	144	-	*	5	-	-	*	125	101	590	41
Afghanistan	-	*	-	-	-	191	*	92	*	-	-	24	*	*	135	58	330	10
Pakistan	-	-	-	*	*	16	*	9	7	-	10	32	-	*	13	19	600	161
India	-	-	-	-	-	51	6	-	6	-	23	51	5	5	20	13	320	159
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	-	-	21	*	14	-	-	*	-	-	*	*	72	130	75
Algeria	-	-	-	10	7	5	*	13	-	-	-	-	-	248	41	46	90	5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-	9	-	21	-	21	-	-	-	-	76	-	112	32	10	11
Colombia	-	-	-	-	*	16	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	243	5	25	35	613
Rep. of Moldova	*	-	-	*	-	*	-	5	*	*	-	78	9	*	30	14	25	7
Ukraine	-	-	-	9	-	11	-	*	24	-	-	10	*	*	19	7	20	76

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Table 10. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, second quarter 2005

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

An asterisk (*) indicates a value between 1 and 4. ** Data for June not available.

Origin	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Japan
Serbia and Montenegro	*	1,091	320	*	13	15	-	8	125	-	93	1,067	1,324	-	73	-	6	-
Russian Federation	*	806	320	7	33	10	72	68	37	*	45	547	403	107	11	*	11	-
China	210	143	57	-	367	-	89	44	17	-	*	910	123	142	43	-	25	-
Turkey	7	236	102	*	56	*	56	8	15	-	27	966	684	35	14	-	*	*
Iraq	20	62	212	10	20	-	45	8	70	*	58	36	449	235	8	-	8	-
Haiti	-	-	*	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,522	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	243	62	-	12	-	201	10	-	-	15	207	105	518	21	*	31	-
Nigeria	6	208	26	*	127	-	-	27	20	-	13	248	148	133	10	-	227	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	27	77	123	5	72	-	187	-	41	-	24	30	208	43	6	*	20	*
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	11	301	-	60	-	8	-	*	-	10	804	101	*	-	-	32	-
Somalia	*	22	33	-	66	-	-	-	11	-	75	26	36	34	*	-	111	-
Afghanistan	5	179	62	96	51	-	30	-	44	-	50	29	217	104	5	*	33	-
Pakistan	11	106	60	12	143	-	176	*	11	-	-	145	107	514	16	-	15	*
India	33	258	52	11	163	*	63	6	14	-	-	181	138	74	8	-	*	-
Sri Lanka	143	5	9	-	190	-	206	*	*	-	*	499	49	41	*	-	-	-
Algeria	-	53	61	-	9	-	-	8	17	-	9	553	112	16	*	*	11	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	51	20	-	5	-	*	-	12	-	13	808	68	-	-	-	-	-
Colombia	10	*	*	-	213	-	-	*	-	-	-	16	10	-	-	-	-	-
Rep. of Moldova	*	243	5	-	5	8	17	20	-	-	21	787	18	52	6	-	33	-
Ukraine	-	64	25	-	36	*	143	231	*	-	-	162	28	85	8	-	16	-

Origin	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway	Poland	Portugal	Romania	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain**	Sweden	Switzerland	UK	United States
Serbia and Montenegro	-	-	-	59	8	73	-	97	*	-	*	7	126	15	714	395	50	49
Russian Federation	*	5	24	12	-	64	-	95	999	*	-	198	*	27	251	80	50	245
China	-	-	-	-	*	73	9	8	*	-	8	22	-	-	30	37	380	1,975
Turkey	-	-	-	-	5	71	-	30	*	*	16	12	99	*	90	205	220	29
Iraq	-	-	-	*	12	269	5	147	*	-	24	*	-	17	420	116	470	89
Haiti	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	1,179
Georgia	-	-	*	*	-	49	-	5	*	*	7	66	-	13	38	104	30	20
Nigeria	-	-	*	15	5	37	-	28	*	*	6	5	-	128	28	60	270	56
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	-	-	11	-	95	11	57	-	-	12	-	-	5	118	41	780	79
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	-	*	7	54	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	21	22	66	270	8
Somalia	-	*	*	*	12	156	*	83	*	-	*	-	-	*	78	159	520	34
Afghanistan	-	-	-	*	*	238	-	157	-	-	-	8	-	*	110	76	460	13
Pakistan	-	-	-	-	8	20	*	*	11	-	*	37	-	-	19	17	590	110
India	-	-	-	*	*	53	*	*	*	*	*	137	14	*	21	13	250	129
Sri Lanka	-	-	*	-	-	12	*	20	-	-	-	5	-	*	10	41	110	47
Algeria	-	-	-	13	-	12	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	74	41	47	50	9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	*	-	11	-	10	-	14	-	-	-	*	75	5	73	68	10	14
Colombia	-	-	-	-	-	79	-	*	-	5	-	-	-	252	8	7	30	459
Rep. of Moldova	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	*	8	*	*	71	43	*	23	9	40	8
Ukraine	-	-	-	5	-	17	-	7	17	*	-	10	-	6	21	14	10	90

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Table 11. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, second 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	210	Serbia and Montenegro	1,094	Russian Federation	320	Afghanistan	96	Mexico	665	Serbia and Montenegro	15
Sri Lanka	143	Russian Federation	810	Serbia and Montenegro	320	Armenia	15	China	367	Bangladesh	12
Malaysia	39	India	261	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	301	Pakistan	12	Colombia	213	Russian Federation	10
India	33	Rep. of Moldova	244	Slovakia	257	India	11	Sri Lanka	190	Rep. of Moldova	8
Indonesia	33	Georgia	242	Iraq	212	Iraq	10	India	163	Albania	5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	27	Turkey	238	Armenia	160	Russian Federation	7	Pakistan	143	TFYR Macedonia	5
Philippines	26	Nigeria	208	Guinea	144	Syrian Arab Rep.	6	Nigeria	127	India	*
Iraq	20	Afghanistan	179	Cameroon	128	Islamic Rep. of Iran	5	Albania	89	Mongolia	*
Thailand	18	China	145	Islamic Rep. of Iran	123	Turkey	*	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	89	Romania	*
Nepal	18	TFYR Macedonia	141	Rwanda	119	Serbia and Montenegro	*	United States	89	Ethiopia	*
Cyprus		Czech Rep.		Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France	
Syrian Arab Rep.	264	Ukraine	231	Serbia and Montenegro	125	Iraq	*	Bulgaria	164	Haiti	1,522
Sri Lanka	206	Slovakia	123	Iraq	66	Russian Federation	*	Serbia and Montenegro	93	Serbia and Montenegro	1,067
Georgia	201	Belarus	77	Afghanistan	44			Somalia	75	Turkey	966
Islamic Rep. of Iran	187	Russian Federation	68	Islamic Rep. of Iran	38			Iraq	58	China	910
Pakistan	176	China	44	Russian Federation	37			Afghanistan	50	Bosnia and Herzegovina	808
Ukraine	143	Viet Nam	40	Nigeria	19			TFYR Macedonia	47	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	804
Bangladesh	132	Mongolia	35	Algeria	17			Russian Federation	45	Rep. of Moldova	787
China	89	Nigeria	27	Occupied Palestinian Territory	16			Azerbaijan	33	Algeria	553
Russian Federation	72	Armenia	22	Bulgaria	16			Turkey	27	Russian Federation	547
Occupied Palestinian Territory	66	Bulgaria	22	China	16			Islamic Rep. of Iran	24	Sri Lanka	499
Germany		Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Japan	
Serbia and Montenegro	1,324	Georgia	518	Serbia and Montenegro	73	Russian Federation	*	Nigeria	227	Myanmar	14
Turkey	684	Pakistan	514	China	43	Georgia	*	Somalia	111	Turkey	*
Iraq	449	Iraq	235	Viet Nam	41	Afghanistan	*	Romania	110	Bangladesh	*
Russian Federation	403	China	142	Bangladesh	25	Kazakhstan	*	Sudan	42	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*
Viet Nam	222	Nigeria	133	Georgia	21	Liberia	*	Afghanistan	33	Nepal	*
Afghanistan	217	Russian Federation	107	Pakistan	16	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Rep. of Moldova	33	Pakistan	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	208	Bangladesh	106	Turkey	14	Guinea	*	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	32	TFYR Macedonia	*
Syrian Arab Rep.	191	Afghanistan	104	Russian Federation	11	Morocco	*	Georgia	31		
Azerbaijan	172	Romania	94	Romania	10	Eritrea	*	China	25		
Nigeria	148	Ukraine	85	Nigeria	10	Bulgaria	*	Angola	24		
Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg		Malta		Netherlands	
Russian Federation	*	Russian Federation	5	Russian Federation	24	Serbia and Montenegro	59	Côte d'Ivoire	22	Iraq	269
Japan	*	Belarus	*	Belarus	*	Nigeria	15	Eritrea	19	Afghanistan	238
		TFYR Macedonia	*	Georgia	*	Algeria	13	Iraq	12	Somalia	156
		Armenia	*	Nigeria	*	Russian Federation	12	Somalia	12	Islamic Rep. of Iran	95
		Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	Somalia	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	11	Syrian Arab Rep.	9	Burundi	93
		Israel	*	Sri Lanka	*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	11	Stateless	9	Sudan	85
		Kazakhstan	*	Stateless	*	Albania	9	Serbia and Montenegro	8	Colombia	79
		Kyrgyzstan	*			Guinea	9	Pakistan	8	Azerbaijan	78
		Somalia	*			Cameroon	7	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	7	Serbia and Montenegro	73
						Belarus	7	Turkey	5	China	73
New Zealand		Norway		Poland		Portugal		Romania		Slovak Rep.	
Nepal	12	Afghanistan	156	Russian Federation	999	Colombia	5	Bangladesh	33	Russian Federation	198
Islamic Rep. of Iran	11	Iraq	145	Ukraine	145	Burundi	*	Iraq	24	India	137
China	9	Russian Federation	99	Belarus	13	Turkey	*	Turkey	16	Bangladesh	102
Bangladesh	8	Serbia and Montenegro	95	Bulgaria	11	Russian Federation	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	12	Rep. of Moldova	71
Fiji	8	Somalia	80	Pakistan	11	Rep. of Moldova	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	10	Georgia	66
Malaysia	7	Stateless	70	Rep. of Moldova	8	Nigeria	*	Liberia	9	Pakistan	37
Brazil	6	Islamic Rep. of Iran	57	Kyrgyzstan	7	Morocco	*	China	8	China	22
Iraq	5	Turkey	30	Kazakhstan	6	India	*	Georgia	7	Viet Nam	19
Bulgaria	5	Albania	28	Syrian Arab Rep.	5	Guinea-Bissau	*	Sudan	6	Occupied Palestinian Territory	14
Myanmar	*	Nigeria	27	Stateless	*	Georgia	*	Nigeria	6	Syrian Arab Rep.	12
Slovenia		Spain (excl. June)		Sweden		Switzerland		United Kingdom		United States	
Serbia and Montenegro	126	Colombia	252	Serbia and Montenegro	714	Serbia and Montenegro	395	Islamic Rep. of Iran	780	China	1,975
Turkey	99	Nigeria	128	Iraq	420	Turkey	205	Pakistan	595	Haiti	1,179
Bosnia and Herzegovina	75	Algeria	74	Russian Federation	251	Somalia	159	Somalia	520	Colombia	459
Bangladesh	62	Russian Federation	27	Stateless	184	Iraq	116	Iraq	465	El Salvador	457
Albania	46	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	21	Bulgaria	169	Bulgaria	112	Afghanistan	460	Mexico	417
Rep. of Moldova	43	Cuba	18	Islamic Rep. of Iran	118	Georgia	104	China	385	Guatemala	335
TFYR Macedonia	18	Iraq	17	Azerbaijan	111	Russian Federation	80	Eritrea	295	Venezuela	306
India	14	Serbia and Montenegro	15	Afghanistan	110	Afghanistan	76	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	275	Russian Federation	245
Russian Federation	*	Gambia	14	Belarus	104	Bosnia and Herzegovina	68	Nigeria	270	Honduras	192
Occupied Palestinian Territory	*	Cameroon	14	Turkey	90	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	66	India	250	Ethiopia	174

Table 12. Asylum applications lodged in 36 countries, January to June 2005
 See footnotes at bottom of Table 1.

Country/region of asylum	2005						Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
Australia	246	254	309	306	257	223	1,595
Austria	1,357	1,244	1,611	1,703	1,617	1,677	9,209
Belgium	1,285	1,286	1,466	1,255	1,206	1,234	7,732
Bulgaria	81	40	89	47	79	70	406
Canada	1,636	1,572	1,414	1,374	1,290	1,433	8,719
Croatia	5	27	13	48	10	11	114
Cyprus	931	494	629	776	885	329	4,044
Czech Rep.	346	297	308	280	261	312	1,804
Denmark	191	270	249	208	204	173	1,295
Estonia	-	1	-	1	1	3	6
Finland	321	358	306	327	286	223	1,821
France	4,716	4,387	4,764	4,627	4,243	4,683	27,420
Germany	2,338	2,101	2,223	2,266	2,107	2,287	13,322
Greece	443	827	1,546	671	638	1,420	5,545
Hungary	96	109	198	91	110	161	765
Iceland	4	5	3	6	9	4	31
Ireland	393	377	489	320	322	315	2,216
Japan	20	35	34	21	7	1	118
Latvia	-	-	1	-	-	3	4
Liechtenstein	6	1	9	3	4	8	31
Lithuania	9	1	13	7	19	7	56
Luxembourg	56	84	94	75	67	70	446
Malta	112	197	102	49	34	55	549
Netherlands	886	933	877	903	747	938	5,284
New Zealand	25	19	33	40	38	23	178
Norway	473	375	352	394	377	394	2,365
Poland	512	342	350	383	372	362	2,321
Portugal	9	13	8	7	5	4	46
Romania	39	67	59	69	67	35	336
Slovakia	341	127	133	299	217	255	1,372
Slovenia	128	120	123	150	153	184	858
Spain	317	457	637	383	403	400	2,597
Sweden	1,429	1,413	1,335	1,244	1,273	1,299	7,993
Switzerland	771	674	768	815	830	814	4,672
United Kingdom	3,160	2,600	2,500	2,505	2,300	2,385	15,450
United States (EOIR)	1,184	1,064	1,437	1,208	1,223	1,370	7,486
United States (DHS)	2,910	2,930	4,080	2,350	2,680	3,000	17,950
EU-old (14)	16,901	16,350	18,105	16,494	15,418	17,108	100,376
EU-new (10)	2,475	1,688	1,857	2,036	2,052	1,671	11,779
EU-total (24)	19,376	18,038	19,962	18,530	17,470	18,779	112,155
Nordic region (5)	2,418	2,421	2,245	2,179	2,149	2,093	13,505
Western Europe (18)	18,155	17,405	19,237	17,712	16,638	18,328	107,475
Central Europe (13)	2,600	1,822	2,018	2,200	2,208	1,787	12,635
Europe (31)	20,755	19,227	21,255	19,912	18,846	20,115	120,110
Non-Europe (5)	6,021	5,874	7,307	5,299	5,495	6,050	36,046
North America (2)	5,730	5,566	6,931	4,932	5,193	5,803	34,155
Australia/New Z.	271	273	342	346	295	246	1,773
Total	26,776	25,101	28,562	25,211	24,341	26,165	156,156

Table 13. Monthly asylum applications lodged in 36 countries by origin, 2005							
Top-40 ranking based on applications lodged during June 2005.							
Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because USA (DHS) by origin reflect the no. of cases.							
Origin	2005						
	Jan.	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Serbia and Montenegro	1,547	1,670	1,833	2,029	1,863	1,843	10,785
China	1,647	1,383	1,688	1,561	1,446	1,714	9,439
Russian Federation	1,744	1,370	1,731	1,584	1,432	1,526	9,387
Haiti	891	767	858	653	990	1,092	5,251
Iraq	978	987	959	947	844	1,027	5,742
Turkey	1,100	996	1,035	1,014	969	1,018	6,132
Pakistan	644	553	501	504	682	957	3,841
Afghanistan	601	540	571	633	646	692	3,683
Islamic Rep. of Iran	852	723	633	697	770	608	4,283
Nigeria	757	753	869	649	583	607	4,218
India	618	504	571	531	537	573	3,334
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	748	652	720	667	589	545	3,921
Georgia	620	860	1,035	690	535	544	4,284
Somalia	690	552	591	490	472	512	3,307
Sri Lanka	716	502	429	549	394	451	3,041
Rep. of Moldova	404	410	494	536	490	407	2,741
Bangladesh	310	253	324	411	302	404	2,004
Mexico	301	318	416	317	370	397	2,119
Armenia	386	382	426	366	368	392	2,320
Bosnia and Herzegovina	452	440	470	439	444	376	2,621
Ukraine	352	341	503	346	302	353	2,197
Algeria	483	435	541	411	364	334	2,568
Azerbaijan	254	234	297	259	229	318	1,591
Colombia	412	400	505	356	451	286	2,410
Belarus	187	143	220	214	186	284	1,234
Guinea	318	362	395	307	240	272	1,894
Syrian Arab Rep.	250	256	260	255	446	262	1,729
Bulgaria	250	355	270	233	297	256	1,661
Sudan	275	276	255	235	224	243	1,508
Eritrea	293	312	175	205	208	239	1,432
Cameroon	300	254	296	243	229	231	1,553
Stateless	206	198	212	193	209	219	1,237
Albania	232	243	198	247	226	217	1,363
Viet Nam	275	242	266	157	167	208	1,315
Côte d'Ivoire	315	221	288	226	191	207	1,448
Togo	161	126	188	130	193	199	997
Romania	219	156	246	183	172	195	1,171
El Salvador	147	245	384	168	144	190	1,278
Ethiopia	167	158	199	174	146	183	1,027
Slovakia	76	105	148	105	153	163	750
Other	4,761	4,588	5,400	4,628	4,077	4,788	28,242
Total	25,939	24,265	27,400	24,542	23,580	25,332	151,058