

ASYLUM LEVELS AND TRENDS IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES

2008

**Statistical Overview of Asylum Applications Lodged
in Europe and selected Non-European Countries**

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I. INTRODUCTION¹

This report summarizes observed patterns and trends in the number of individual asylum claims submitted in Europe and selected non-European countries during 2008. It covers 38 European and six non-European States that currently provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR.

The numbers in this report reflect asylum claims made at the first instance of asylum procedures; applications at appeal or review instance are not included. Also, this report does not include information on the outcome of asylum procedures or on the admission of refugees through resettlement programmes as this information is available in other UNHCR reports.²

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

The data collection of monthly asylum statistics by UNHCR has expanded in the past two years, including since 2007 figures for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia (excluding Kosovo), the Republic of Korea, Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. In 2008, Italy was added, making it the 44th country to participate in UNHCR’s asylum data monitoring system. In order to ensure comparability over time, monthly asylum statistics for six of the new countries since 2005 have been included in UNHCR’s asylum statistics database. Monthly data for Italy is available from 2008. As a result, earlier reports on monthly asylum trends may differ from future ones in terms of scope and data availability and are not necessarily comparable.

The asylum countries covered in the various tables in this document differ depending on the nature of the analysis and the availability of data. Asylum statistics from countries neighbouring Europe are also important in analyzing trends. Therefore, Table 1 includes not only the abovementioned 44 industrialized countries, but also Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, and Ukraine. Tables 2 through 23 are limited to the 44 industrialized asylum countries which provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR.

Who is an asylum-seeker?

An asylum-seeker is an individual who has sought international protection and whose claim for refugee status has not yet been determined. It is important to note, however, that a person is a refugee from the moment he/she fulfils the criteria set out in the *1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees* (1951 Convention). The formal recognition of someone, for instance through individual refugee status determination, does not establish refugee status, but confirms it.

As part of its obligation to protect refugees on its territory, the country of asylum is normally responsible for determining whether an asylum-seeker is a refugee or not. The responsibility is often incorporated into the national legislation of the country and is in most cases derived from the 1951 Convention.

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

II. DATA SOURCES AND LIMITATIONS

Both the *1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees* and the Statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees refer to the responsibility of States to provide statistical data to UNHCR. This includes statistics on the number and condition of refugees, asylum-seekers and other people of concern to the Office. This report is, therefore, mostly based on official asylum statistics, reflecting national laws and procedures. In addition, during the period 2004-2008, UNHCR conducted refugee status determination under its mandate in a number of countries including Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus³, Montenegro, Serbia, and Turkey (see notes in Table 1 for more details).

To the extent possible, the statistics presented in this document reflect the number of individuals lodging an asylum application for the first time. The available information suggests, however, that a significant number of countries included in this report do not distinguish between new asylum applications and repeat or reopened ones in their national statistical systems. As a consequence, some of the figures quoted in this report are likely to include repeat applications and do not necessarily reflect the actual number of new asylum-seekers. Also, the number of asylum applications may not necessarily reflect the number of asylum-seekers as some individuals seek asylum in more than one country during the same year.⁴

The data in this report is based on information available as at 24 February 2009 unless otherwise indicated. **All figures in this report should be considered as provisional and subject to change.** Due to retroactive changes and adjustments, some of the data included in this publication may differ slightly from those reported in previous UNHCR documents or from the official annual figures published by States. For example, this is the case for the figures reported for Germany (see the notes in Table 1 for more information).

All data refer to the number of individuals, with the exception of the United States of America. Only the number of cases (which can include several individuals) is available for applications submitted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Applications submitted to the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) are, however, recorded as individuals. To allow comparability across countries of asylum, UNHCR uses a figure of 1.4 individuals per case to estimate the number of people reported by DHS as historical data suggest that on average one asylum case contains 1.4 individuals. In the country of origin tables, figures for the United States of America are a combination of the number of cases (DHS) and the number of individuals (EOIR), owing to the large variation in family size by nationality. In the case of Belgium, accompanying children are not included in the figures.

III. GLOBAL AND REGIONAL TRENDS⁵

In 2008, the number of individuals requesting refugee or asylum status in the 51 European and non-European countries included in this report increased by 12 per cent compared to 2007. An estimated 383,000 asylum applications were recorded in the course of the year, 41,600 more than the year before. This is the second consecutive year with an increase following the 20-year low observed in 2006 (307,000 claims). Despite this increase, the 2008 level is still far below the one

³ Refugee status determination is limited to the northern part of Cyprus.

⁴ According to EURODAC's Central Unit, the verification of asylum claims in 2007 showed that, 16 per cent of all asylum claims registered in the system were multiple claims, i.e. the applicant had submitted at least one previous application in the same or another Member State of the European Union.

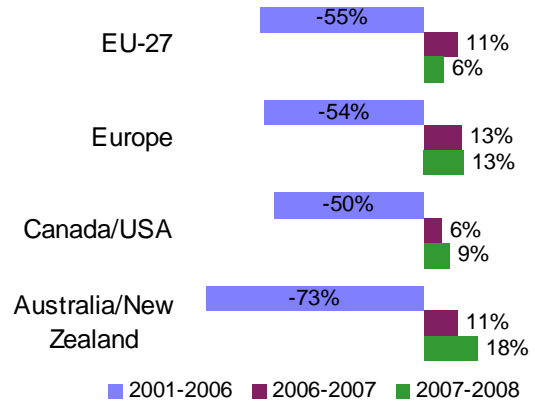
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⁵ See notes in annex Table 1 for a list of countries included under each regional grouping.

reported in 2001 when 623,000⁶ new asylum-seekers sought international protection in these 51 countries (see Figure 1). While the rise in 2007 was primarily attributed to an increase in the asylum applications by people from Iraq, the 2008 increase can partly be attributed to higher numbers of Somali and Afghan asylum-seekers, explained in more detail later in this report.

The increase in 2008 is not evenly distributed among countries or regions. Out of a total of 383,000 asylum applications registered in 2008, countries in **Europe** received close to 290,000 claims, 13 per cent more than the previous year's figure of 256,000. This takes into account the important decreases observed in Greece and Sweden, two of the major receiving countries in 2007. A similar increase was observed among the 27 Member States of the **European Union** where 238,000 asylum applications were lodged in 2008, a 6 per cent more than in 2007 (224,000). The overall figure for the EU-27 countries hides significant differences between the 15 'old' and the 12 'new' Member States⁷. There was a 9 per cent increase from 2007 to 2008 (from 198,000 claims to 216,000) among the 'old' Member States, contrary to a 15 per cent drop (from 25,600 to 21,800) in the 'new' Member States. The 27 EU Member States together accounted for 67 per cent of all asylum claims in Europe.

Fig 1. Change in asylum claims in selected regions (%)



Within Europe, there are differences as well. In **Southern Europe** more than 75,000 individuals applied for international protection, 12,300 more than in 2007 and a 20 per cent increase, with the largest numbers being recorded in Italy (31,200 claims) and Greece (19,900 claims). In Malta and Turkey⁸, figures were the highest on record (2,600 and 13,000 claims, respectively).

In the **Nordic countries**, on the other hand, the number of newly registered asylum-seekers dropped by 2 per cent to 45,200 claims. Here, the sharp increase in newly submitted asylum applications in Norway was offset by the decrease in Sweden. Nevertheless, Sweden remained the principal destination for asylum-seekers, with roughly half of all applications in the Nordic region being lodged in that country.

In **North America**, an estimated 86,000 new asylum applications were submitted in 2008, 6,900 claims or 9 per cent more than in 2007. The United States of America registered approximately 49,000 new applications, a 3 per cent drop compared to 2007, whereas Canada saw a dramatic 30 per cent increase, mainly linked to the higher numbers of Mexican and Haitian asylum-seekers. Despite the overall increase, the 2008 level remains at roughly half the 2001 level when close to 150,000 applications were lodged in Canada and the United States of America together.

Table 1. Asylum claims lodged in selected regions

	2006	2007	2008	Change '08-'07
Europe	227,100	256,300	289,800	13%
- EU-total	201,000	223,700	238,100	6%
- EU-old	181,000	198,100	216,300	9%
- EU-new	20,000	25,600	21,800	-15%
USA/Canada	74,800	79,100	85,900	9%
Australia/New Zealand	3,800	4,200	5,000	19%
Japan/Rep. of Korea	1,200	1,500	2,000	33%
Total	306,900	341,100	382,700	12%

See notes in Table 1 for list of countries included.

⁶ Revised estimate based on new data.

⁷ "New" EU Member States refers to Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. "Old" EU Member States refers to Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.

⁸ Figures for Turkey refer to applications lodged under the UNHCR mandate.

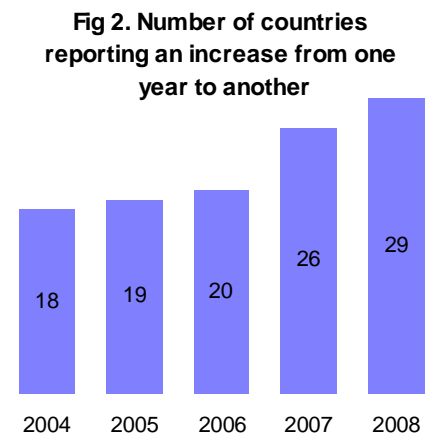
The trend observed in **Australia** and **New Zealand** shows a diverging picture between the two countries. In **New Zealand**, levels have remained fairly stable in the past years (on average 260 new claims per year) whereas in **Australia** figures have increased in the past years. The latter recorded approximately 4,700 asylum claims in 2008, 19 per cent more than the year before. Despite this recent increase, figures in Australia are far below the ones observed in 2000 (13,100 claims) and 2001 (12,400 claims).

Japan and the **Republic of Korea** together registered a record high of almost 2,000 new asylum applications in 2008, predominantly from people from Myanmar. While Japan has witnessed a doubling of new asylum-seekers in 2008 (1,600 claims), in the Republic of Korea the number has halved during the year (360 asylum applications) compared to 720 new asylum claims in the year before. However, the numbers in both countries still remain modest in comparison with other industrialized countries.

IV. LEVELS AND PATTERNS IN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

General overview

From 2006 to 2007, 26 of the 51 asylum countries included in this report registered an increase in asylum requests, in 2008, 29 did. This is the highest number of countries with an increase in asylum applications in the last five years, and is in contrast to earlier years when fewer than 20 countries reported an increase from one year to another. This development is in line with the general increase observed in the overall number of asylum claims lodged in industrialized countries. This suggests not only that the overall number of asylum-seekers is increasing, but also that there is a greater diversity in the countries where people seek international protection, possibly in response to the introduction of new asylum policies. This was observed in Sweden where figures of Iraqi asylum-seekers dropped by 67 per cent between 2007 and 2008 while during the same period they have nearly tripled in Norway and quadrupled in Finland. A 2007 change in Swedish decision-making on Iraqi asylum claims following the Migration Court's determination that the situation in Iraq is not one of "armed conflict" led to a significant fall in recognition rates and therefore potentially to a shift in flows from Sweden to its neighbours.⁹



Fifteen out of the 51 countries received more than 5,000 new asylum requests in 2008. Major asylum-seeker receiving countries reporting a significant relative increase included **Italy** (+122%), **Norway** (+121%), the **Netherlands** (+89%), **Turkey** (+70%, UNHCR asylum procedure), **Switzerland** (+53%), **Canada** (+30%), and **France** (+20%). Conversely, major decreases were recorded by **Cyprus** (-42%), **Spain** (-42%), **Sweden** (-33%), and **Greece** (-21%). (see Table 1 on page 13).

Country-specific trends in 2008

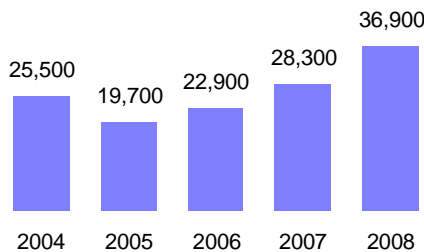
Canada and the United States of America receive roughly one out of five applications among the 51 countries included in this report. For the third year running, the **United States of America** was the largest single recipient of new asylum claims among the group of industrialized countries, accounting for 13 per cent of all claims lodged in the 51 countries included in Table 1.

⁹ Swedish Migration Court of Appeal, case no. UN23-06, 26 February 2007.

An estimated 49,000¹⁰ individuals submitted an application in the United States of America, 1,700 claims less than the year before and a decrease of 3 per cent.¹¹

Canada has witnessed a steady increase in new asylum-seekers in the past years (see Figure 3) and, in 2008, was the second largest recipient of applications among the 51 countries, with 36,900 new applications registered during the year. This is a 30 per cent increase over 2007 and

Fig 3. Asylum applications lodged in Canada



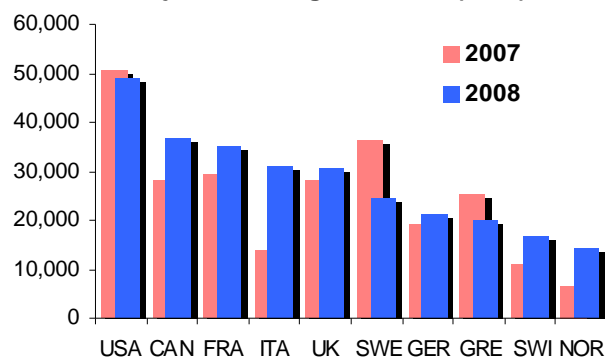
on average every tenth application in the industrialized world was made in Canada. The increase is attributed mainly to the higher number of Mexican (+33%), Haitian (+31%) and Colombian (+19%) citizens who applied for international protection in Canada in 2008.

France was the third largest receiving country among the group with 35,200 new asylum claims submitted for the year, a 20 per cent increase compared to 2007 (29,400 claims) and the first rise in four years. France was the main destination

for asylum-seekers in Europe in 2008. The increase can be partly attributed to additional asylum-seekers from Mali, now the third most important country of origin of asylum-seekers in France, following the Russian Federation and Serbia¹². Claims from Malians more than quadrupled from 600 in 2007 to 2,700 in 2008. Asylum claims from people from the Comoros Islands also increased to nearly 1,100, compared to 60 the year before. These increases come in addition to the rise in numbers observed for the two main countries of origin: an 11 per cent increase in applications from the Russian Federation and a 2 per cent increase in applications from Serbia. Nevertheless, France's share among the 51 countries remained stable at 9 per cent.

Italy recorded 31,200 asylum applications, more than double the figure of the year earlier (14,100 claims). The 2008 numbers made Italy the fourth most important destination in the industrialized world and they are the second highest on record in the country. Only in 1999 did more people apply for asylum in Italy (33,400 claims). Significantly more claims were lodged in 2008 by asylum-seekers from all 20 main nationalities, with the exception of Serbia. Nigeria was the main country of origin of applicants in Italy with 5,300 new claims (+300%), followed by Somalia with 4,500 new claims (+491%), Eritrea with 2,700 new claims (+21%), and Afghanistan with 2,000 new claims (+20%).

Fig 4. Asylum claims submitted in 10 major receiving countries (2008)



The **United Kingdom** ranked fifth among the group with 30,500 applications received during 2008, an increase of 8 per cent. This increase follows the 2007 figure of 28,300 new claims, the lowest number in almost 15 years. The 2008 figure is still far below the peak in 2002 when 103,000 individuals requested refugee status in the United Kingdom.

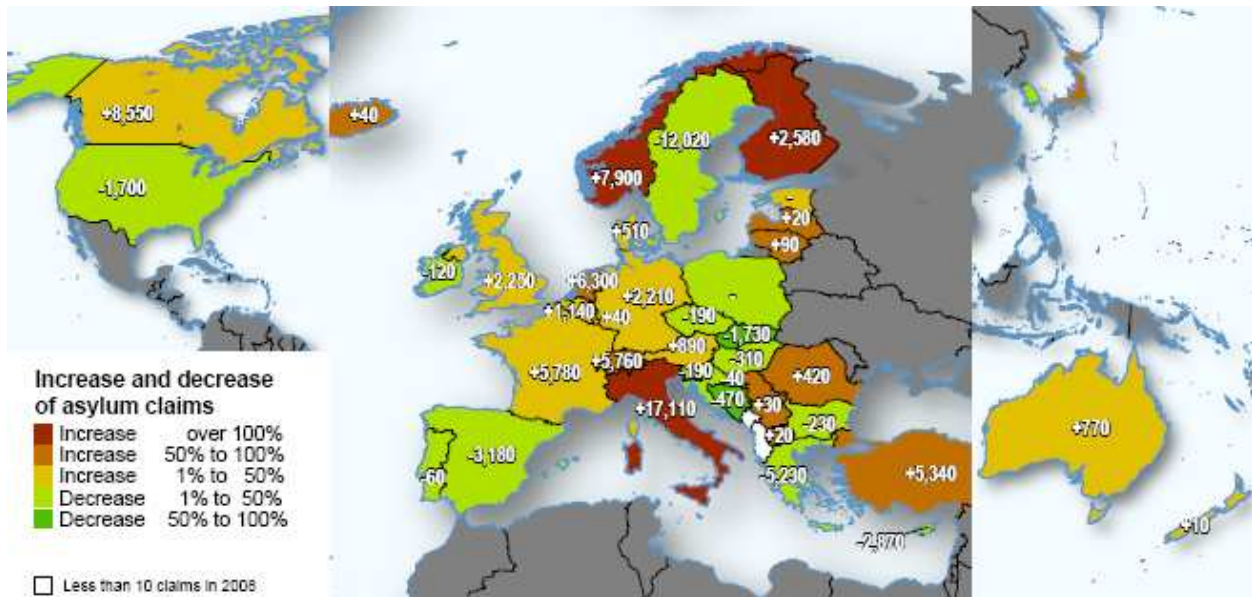
¹⁰ Estimated number of individuals based on the number of new cases (25,300) and multiplied by 1.4 to reflect the average number of individuals per case (Source: Department of Homeland Security); and number of new "defensive" asylum requests lodged with the Executive Office of Immigration Review (13,500; reported by individuals).

¹¹ It should be noted that while the United States of America is the main single destination country for asylum-seekers in the industrialized world, in 2007, UNHCR offices received 80,000 asylum claims making it the largest refugee status determination body in the world.

¹² All country of origin figures for Serbia include Kosovo.

Following a significant decrease in applications, particularly by Iraqis, **Sweden** dropped from the second in 2007 to the sixth largest recipient of new asylum-seekers during 2008. Close to 24,400 individuals lodged an asylum application that year compared to 36,700 claims in 2007, a pronounced 33 per cent decrease. Sweden was followed by **Germany** and **Greece** in the rankings in Table 2, the former reporting a 12 per cent increase compared to 2007 (21,400 claims in 2008) and the latter a 21 per cent decrease (19,900 claims in 2008). One of the main reasons for the trends in both countries can be found in the number of Iraqi asylum claims: in Germany, it went up by almost two-thirds, while in Greece it dropped by two-thirds.

Trends in asylum claims lodged in 44 industrialized countries: absolute and relative increase/decrease 2008 compared to 2007



Note: This map is limited to the 44 countries which provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR. All figures are rounded off to the closest ten.

The **United States of America, Canada and France**, the top three receiving countries in 2008, together accounted for one-third of all new asylum claims submitted in industrialized countries. Together with **Italy** and the **United Kingdom**, the top five receiving countries accounted for half of all asylum claims.

Ranking of countries

The number of people requesting international protection has fluctuated significantly between countries and years, largely depending on political developments in countries of origin or the introduction of stricter asylum policies in receiving countries. However, other factors may also be of relevance such as the existence of social networks of certain communities in destination countries, improved capacity to register asylum-seekers, and that some countries are perceived as being more likely to grant refugee status than others.

Country	2005	2006	2007	2008
United States	2	1	1	1
Canada	6	5	4	2
France	1	2	3	3
Italy	11	12	8	4
United Kingdom	3	3	5	5
Sweden	7	4	2	6
Germany	4	6	7	7
Greece	12	9	6	8
Switzerland	10	11	11	9
Norway	15	13	17	10

These factors are reflected in the current and past ranking of some of the countries included in this report. **Italy**, for instance, saw a sharp increase in new asylum applicants in 2008. Much of this can be attributed to the number of irregular arrivals by sea, primarily on the island of Lampedusa, estimated at 36,000 people in 2008. The

vast majority of the arrivals applied for asylum, and more than half of them were indeed found to be in need of international protection.¹³

Sweden was not only the main receiving country in Europe in 2007 (36,400 claims), but also the largest recipient of Iraqi asylum-seekers. It is believed that the extensive Iraqi community and its strong social network in the country may have been driving forces behind the concentration of Iraqi asylum-seekers in Sweden. **Greece**, on the other hand, introduced special procedures at the end of 2006 to clear the backlog of asylum-seekers waiting to register claims. As a consequence, the number of applicants registered rose sharply in 2007, making Greece the sixth most important receiving country during that year.

Trends over the past five years

During 2004-2008, the **United States of America** received the largest number of new asylum-seekers (253,000 claims), followed by **France** (204,000 claims), the **United Kingdom** (159,000 claims), **Canada** (133,000 claims), and **Germany** (126,000 claims). Together, the three leading asylum countries received one third of all asylum requests submitted in the 51 countries listed in Table 1. The countries' individual share in the total number of applications received, however, reveals a changing pattern over time. Whereas the share of the **United States of America** as the main recipient over the five year period ranged between 13 to 17 per cent, the share of **France** and **Germany** gradually decreased from 15 per cent in 2004 (France) and 9 per cent in 2005 (Germany) to 9 and 6 per cent respectively in 2008. Conversely, the share of **Canada** and in particular **Italy** went up sharply from 6 per cent in 2005 (Canada) and 2 per cent in 2004 (Italy) to 10 and 8 per cent respectively in 2008.

Country	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
United States	13%	14%	17%	15%	13%
France	15%	15%	10%	9%	9%
United Kingdom	10%	9%	9%	8%	8%
Canada	6%	6%	7%	8%	10%
Germany	9%	9%	7%	6%	6%
Sweden	6%	5%	8%	11%	6%
Austria	6%	7%	4%	3%	3%
Italy	2%	3%	3%	4%	8%
Greece	1%	3%	4%	7%	5%
Belgium	4%	5%	4%	3%	3%

* Based on the 51 countries listed in Table 1.

The trends analysed above are based on the absolute numbers of reported asylum claims. The analysis changes when comparing the number of asylum-seekers to the size of the national population or the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (PPP)¹⁴. These measures may allow a better comparison between countries as they could be an indicator of the capacity of countries to host asylum-seekers. Based on the first indicator (national population), the two Mediterranean islands of **Cyprus** and **Malta** received between 2004 and 2008 the highest number of asylum-seekers compared to their national population; 38 and 18 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants, respectively. **Sweden** ranked third (14 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), followed by **Austria** (10 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), **Switzerland** (8.5 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), and **Norway** (8 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants) (*see Figure 5 below*). The **United States of America**, the main recipient of new asylum-seekers during this period, was ranked 27th with an average one asylum-seeker per 1,000 inhabitants.

Comparing the number of asylum-seekers to the Gross Domestic Product (PPP) of a country reveals a slightly different picture. Here, **France** is the country with the highest number of asylum-seekers (6 applicants per capita) compared to its national economy, followed by the

¹³ As part of its strategy to address the phenomenon of mixed migration flows, UNHCR has developed the "10-Point-Plan of Action" which aims at ensuring that protection space continues to be available for people in need of international protection. See <http://www.unhcr.org/protect/PROTECTION/4742a30b4.pdf> for further information.

¹⁴ In order to compare countries, the Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) GDP is considered (Source: International Monetary Fund; accessed 5 November at www.imf.org). Source for national population: United Nations, Population Division, *World Population Prospects: The 2008 Revision*, New York, 2009.

United States of America (5.5 applicants per capita), the **United Kingdom** (4.5 applicants per capita), and **Germany** (3.7 applicants per capita) (see Figure 6).¹⁵

Fig 5. Number of asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants, 2004-2008

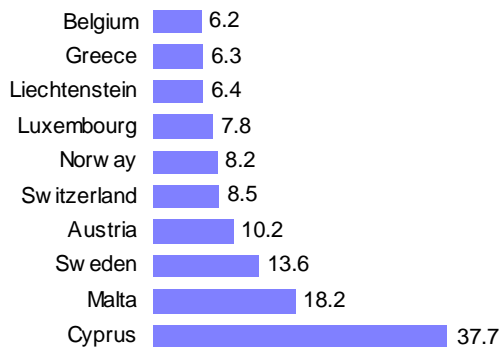
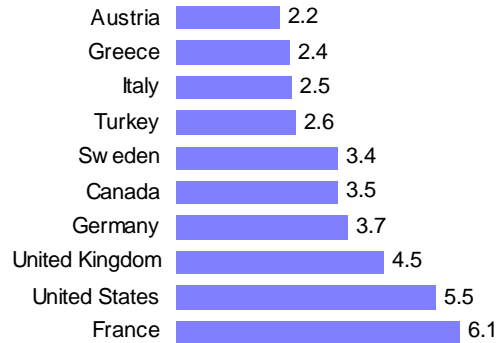


Fig 6. Number of asylum-seekers per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita, 2004-2008



It is interesting to note that the five main destination countries of asylum-seekers in 2008 (United States of America, Canada, France, Italy and the United Kingdom) do not feature among the top ten when compared against population size, but they do when compared against GDP (PPP) per capita. This might be explained by the relatively large variation in national population size among the industrialized countries. The top five destination countries have a significantly larger population size compared to, for instance, Cyprus, Malta, Liechtenstein or Luxembourg. In the case of the GDP (PPP) per capita ratio, the countries included can be considered as having highly developed economies where the variation in GDP figures does not appear to be that significant. With this important difference in mind, the GDP indicator might be more likely to reflect the reality.

V. ORIGIN OF ASYLUM-SEEKERS

The statistics by origin are generally based on the nationality or country of citizenship as recorded by the competent authorities of the host country. This section analyses the origin of asylum-seekers in the **44 industrialized countries** which provided monthly asylum data to UNHCR.

Table 4. Distribution of asylum claims by region of origin

	2006*	2007*	2008
Africa	25.0%	23.1%	29.9%
Americas	11.7%	12.0%	10.8%
Asia	44.1%	48.3%	44.8%
Europe	17.1%	14.6%	12.8%
Oceania	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Unknown**	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%

* Figures include annual asylum data for Italy for comparative purposes.

** Includes stateless asylum-seekers.

People from more than 190 different countries or territories submitted at least one asylum claim in 2008. Slightly less than half of all asylum applications were submitted by individuals from **Asia** (45%). **Africa** was the second most important source continent (30% of all claims), followed by **Europe** (13%), and the **Americas** (11%).¹⁶ The country of origin of some 2,800 asylum-seekers was unknown. Africa was the only continent experiencing an increase in 2008 with more people from Eritrea, Nigeria, Somalia and Zimbabwe requesting refugee status.

Out of the 40 main asylum-seeker nationalities, 31 registered a rise during 2008. Among the major countries of origin of asylum-seekers, significant increases were registered by

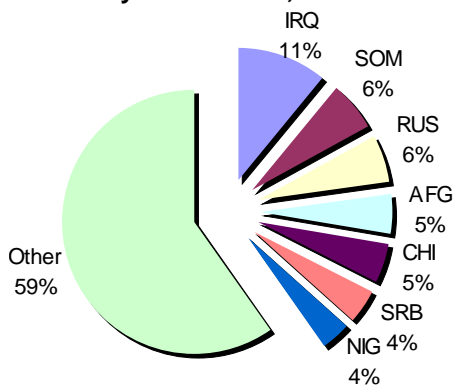
¹⁵ Among the 51 countries included in this report, the number of asylum-seekers per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita appears as rather modest when compared to the 'burden' developing countries shoulder in hosting refugees. For instance, Pakistan and the United Republic of Tanzania, two major refugee-hosting countries, hosted 347 and 785 refugees respectively per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita at the end of 2007 (Source: 2007 Statistical Yearbook, pp. 27-28, UNHCR, Geneva, 2008).

¹⁶ The geographical regions used are those of the UN Statistics Division (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49.htm>).

Afghanistan (+85%), **Zimbabwe** (+82%), **Somalia** (+77%), **Nigeria** (+71%), **Georgia** (+36%), and **Eritrea** (+34%). Conversely, of the 9 nationalities that recorded a decrease in 2008 as compared to 2007, three registered a drop of more than 20 per cent: **Colombia** (-25%), **Viet Nam** (-24%), and **Lebanon** (-23%).

For the third consecutive year, **Iraq** was the leading country of origin. The number of Iraqi claims is almost twice as high as those submitted by **Somali** asylum-seekers, the second most important source country. Other important source countries are the **Russian Federation**, **Afghanistan**, **China**, and **Serbia** (see Figure 7).

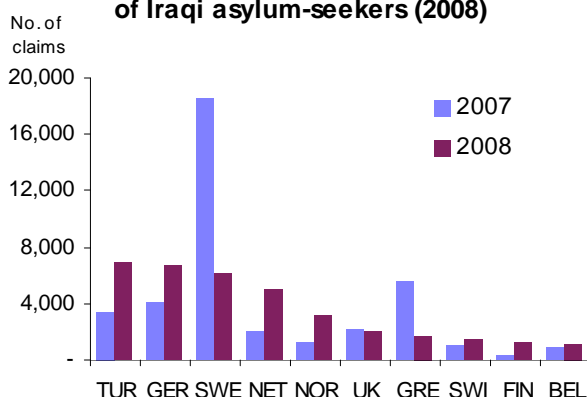
Fig 7. Main nationalities of asylum-seekers, 2008



Iraqis lodged some 40,500 new asylum claims during the year, or roughly every tenth application in the industrialized world. This figure is a 10 per cent decrease compared to 2007 (45,100 claims). The 2007 and 2008 levels are still below the ones witnessed between 2000 and 2002 when, on average, 50,000 Iraqis sought international protection in the industrialized world.

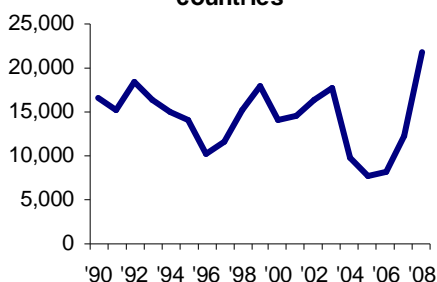
Iraqis lodged asylum claims in 37 out of the 44 industrialized countries, but the distribution of claim is not equally spread among the countries. Half of all Iraqi claims were submitted in just three countries: Turkey (6,900 claims under a UNHCR-managed asylum procedure), Germany (6,700 claims) and Sweden (6,100 claims). The Netherlands (5,000 claims), Norway (3,100 claims), the United Kingdom (2,000 claims) and Greece (1,800 claims) also received a sizeable number of applications from Iraqis in 2008.

Fig 8. Top-10 destination countries of Iraqi asylum-seekers (2008)



In Turkey, the number doubled during the year, in the Netherlands and Norway it tripled, while in Germany it increased by 61 per cent. In Sweden, however, the situation was reversed; as mentioned earlier, the number of Iraqi claims plummeted by almost two-thirds from 18,600 claims to 6,100. Similarly, in Greece the number of Iraqis requesting refugee status decreased from 5,500 to 1,800 claims, a decrease of 68 per cent.

Fig 9. Somali asylum claims lodged in industrialized countries

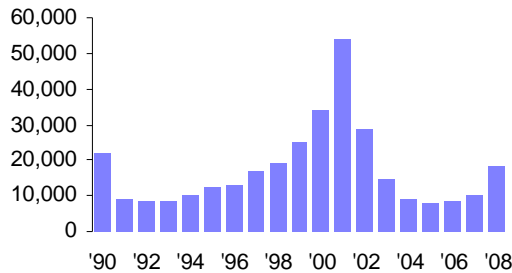


Somalia was the sixth largest source country of asylum-seekers in 2007 with 12,300 claims. One year later, the number stood at 21,800, an increase of 77 per cent and turning this group into the second most important nationality in 2008. This is the highest value on record, a reflection of the deteriorating situation in the country. Somali claims were submitted in 33 out of the 44 industrialized countries, mainly in Italy (4,500), the Netherlands (3,800) Sweden (3,400), and Switzerland (2,000). The numbers were particularly high in the fourth quarter, when one third of all claims were submitted.¹⁷

¹⁷ While industrialized countries have received a significant number of Somali asylum applicants in recent years, the same is true for some of Somalia's neighbouring countries. In Kenya, for instance, more than 71,000 new Somali asylum-seekers were registered between 2004 and 2008. Ethiopia recorded 24,000 Somali asylum claims in 2007 and 2008.

Asylum-seekers originating from the **Russian Federation** constitute the third largest group, with 20,500 new claims recorded during 2008, accounting for 6 per cent of all asylum claims in the 44 industrialized countries. The number went up by 9 per cent in the course of 2008, mainly because figures increased in Austria (+28%) and France (+11%). As in 2007, Poland remained the prime destination for asylum-seekers from the Russian Federation in 2008, with a total of 6,600 new claims.

Fig 10. Afghan asylum requests in 44 industrialized countries, 1990-2008



With 18,500 asylum applications submitted by **Afghans** in 2008, the number is at its highest since 2002 (29,400 claims) and is almost double the figure of the year before (10,000 claims). This made Afghanistan the fourth important source country of asylum-seekers in the industrialized world. As with Somalia, the deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan is likely to be the main reason. The top 15 destination countries of Afghan asylum-seekers in 2008 recorded an increase in numbers compared to

2007, with the highest numbers reported for the United Kingdom (3,700 claims), Turkey (2,600), Greece (2,300), and Italy (2,000).

The number of **Chinese** asylum-seekers remained fairly stable. Some 17,400 Chinese asylum-seekers were registered in 2008, virtually the same number as the preceding year (17,200 claims). Since 2002, the number of Chinese nationals requesting asylum in the 44 industrialized countries has declined by one-third, and in 2008 reached its second lowest level in a decade. China dropped from the third to the fifth most important country of origin in 2008.

More than 15,200 asylum claims were submitted by citizens of **Serbia** in 2008, slightly less than the year before (16,100 claims). France remained the prime destination with 3,100 claims registered, followed by Sweden (2,000), Austria (1,700), and Hungary (1,600). It is noteworthy that asylum claims of Serb citizens decreased in Sweden by 20 per cent, while in Hungary they doubled. About half the countries reporting monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR distinguish applicants originating from Kosovo in their data. The available evidence shows that in these countries, on average, 60 per cent of Serb applicants come from Kosovo. Among the main receiving countries, the proportion of Kosovars is high in Hungary (79%) and France (78%) and relatively low in Italy (8%), Finland (42%), Belgium (46%), and Norway (46%).

Other important source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries during 2008 were **Nigeria** (13,700 claims), **Pakistan** (13,300), **Eritrea** (12,300), **Mexico** (12,200) and the **Islamic Republic of Iran** (10,800).

The distribution of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries as described above reflects general trends. However, it also hides patterns of certain nationalities tending to cluster in a limited number of countries. For instance, two-thirds of **Russian** asylum claims were lodged in Poland (32%), France (17%) and Austria (17%), while more than half (57%) of all **Chinese** asylum applications in 2008 were submitted in the United States of America alone. In addition, more than half of the 21,800 **Somali** asylum applicants were registered in three countries: Italy (20%), the Netherlands (18%), and Sweden (15%). Similarly, 6 out of every 10 **Iraqi** asylum claims were lodged in four countries only: Turkey (17%), Germany (17%), Sweden (15%), and the Netherlands (12%). Four out of every 10 claims by **Nigerians** were submitted in Italy. Virtually all applications lodged by **Mexican** nationals during 2008 were submitted in Canada (77%) or the United States of America (23%), a phenomenon which has been observed for some years now.

Table 5. Changes in the ranking of the top-10 countries of origin, 2005-2008

Country of origin	2005	2006	2007	2008
Iraq	4	1	1	1
Somalia	11	9	6	2
Russian Federation	2	4	2	3
Afghanistan	9	7	7	4
China	3	2	3	5
Serbia*	1	3	4	6
Nigeria	8	11	11	7
Pakistan	10	10	5	8
Eritrea	24	8	9	9
Mexico	17	13	8	10

* Statistics prior to 2007 refer to Serbia and Montenegro.

Over the last four years, some changes have occurred in the ranking of the main countries of origin of asylum applicants. From 2005 to 2008, **Iraqis** have moved up the list from the fourth to the first position. **Somalia** became second most important source country in 2008 as compared to 2005 (11th place) while **Afghanistan** moved from ninth to fourth place. **Eritrea** also saw a significant change from 24th in 2005 to ninth place three years later. In contrast, asylum applicants originating from **Serbia** dropped from the first to the sixth position while those originating from **China** fell from third to fifth place during the same period.

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Table 1. Asylum applications submitted in Europe and selected non-European countries, 2004-2008

For country notes and regional classification, see next page.

Country/ region of asylum	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total	Annual change '08-'07	Share		Rank		Per 1,000 inhabitants		Per 1 USD/GDP per capita*					
								2008	'04-'08	2008	'04-'08	Total	Rank	Total	Rank				
								2008	'04-'08	2008	'04-'08	2008	'04-'08	2008	'04-'08				
Albania	20	30	20	30	10	110	-67%	0%	0%	49	49	0.0	0.0	51	48	0.0	0.0	48	46
Armenia	190	160	620	300	210	1,480	-30%	0%	0%	37	36	0.1	0.5	31	30	0.0	0.3	32	31
Australia	3,200	3,200	3,520	3,980	4,750	18,650	19%	1%	1%	16	20	0.2	0.9	22	25	0.1	0.5	21	24
Austria	24,630	22,460	13,350	11,920	12,810	85,170	7%	3%	5%	13	7	1.5	10.2	7	4	0.3	2.2	14	10
Azerbaijan	1,230	1,050	670	540	560	4,050	4%	0%	0%	31	30	0.1	0.5	32	31	0.1	0.5	26	23
Belarus	170	210	90	50	90	610	80%	0%	0%	41	41	0.0	0.1	46	43	0.0	0.1	41	38
Belgium	15,360	15,960	11,590	11,120	12,250	66,280	10%	3%	4%	14	10	1.2	6.3	8	10	0.3	1.9	12	12
Bosnia and H.	200	150	70	570	100	1,090	-82%	0%	0%	40	37	0.0	0.3	39	34	0.0	0.2	35	32
Bulgaria	1,130	820	640	980	750	4,320	-23%	0%	0%	30	28	0.1	0.6	30	29	0.1	0.4	28	27
Canada	25,500	19,740	22,910	28,340	36,900	133,390	30%	10%	8%	2	4	1.1	4.1	9	12	1.0	3.5	5	5
Croatia	160	190	90	200	160	800	-20%	0%	0%	38	38	0.0	0.2	37	37	0.0	0.1	37	39
Cyprus	9,860	7,750	4,550	6,790	3,920	32,870	-42%	1%	2%	20	16	4.6	38.5	2	1	0.1	1.2	20	16
Czech Rep.	5,460	4,160	3,020	1,880	1,690	16,210	-10%	0%	1%	26	21	0.2	1.6	26	20	0.1	0.7	27	21
Denmark	3,240	2,260	1,920	1,850	2,360	11,630	28%	1%	1%	24	24	0.4	2.1	18	18	0.1	0.3	29	29
Estonia	10	10	10	10	10	50	0%	0%	0%	49	50	0.0	0.0	49	47	0.0	0.0	49	49
Finland	3,860	3,570	2,330	1,430	4,020	15,210	181%	1%	1%	18	22	0.8	2.9	14	16	0.1	0.4	22	26
France	58,550	49,730	30,750	29,390	35,160	203,580	20%	9%	12%	3	2	0.6	3.3	15	15	1.0	6.1	2	1
Georgia	10	20	30	20	40	120	100%	0%	0%	47	47	0.0	0.0	47	51	0.0	0.0	40	45
Germany	35,610	28,910	21,030	19,160	21,370	126,080	12%	6%	7%	7	5	0.3	1.5	21	21	0.6	3.7	9	4
Greece	4,470	9,050	12,270	25,110	19,880	70,780	-21%	5%	4%	8	9	1.8	6.3	6	9	0.7	2.4	7	9
Hungary	1,600	1,610	2,120	3,430	3,120	11,880	-9%	1%	1%	22	23	0.3	1.2	19	23	0.2	0.6	18	22
Iceland	80	90	40	40	80	330	100%	0%	0%	42	43	0.3	1.1	20	24	0.0	0.0	47	47
Ireland	4,770	4,320	4,310	3,990	3,870	21,260	-3%	1%	1%	21	19	0.9	4.9	11	11	0.1	0.5	25	25
Italy	9,720	9,550	10,350	14,050	31,160	74,830	122%	8%	4%	4	8	0.5	1.3	16	22	1.0	2.5	3	8
Japan	430	380	950	820	1,600	4,180	95%	0%	0%	27	29	0.0	0.0	45	49	0.0	0.1	30	35
Latvia	10	20	10	30	50	120	67%	0%	0%	45	47	0.0	0.1	41	44	0.0	0.0	46	48
Liechtenstein	70	50	50	30	30	230	0%	0%	0%	48	46	0.9	6.5	12	8	-	..	50	..
Lithuania	170	120	140	130	220	780	69%	0%	0%	36	39	0.1	0.2	33	35	0.0	0.0	36	41
Luxembourg	1,580	800	520	430	460	3,790	7%	0%	0%	32	32	1.0	8.1	10	7	0.0	0.0	45	40
Malta	1,000	1,170	1,270	1,380	2,610	7,430	89%	1%	0%	23	27	6.4	18.3	1	2	0.1	0.3	23	28
Montenegro	-	-	20	-	10	30	..	0%	0%	49	51	0.0	0.1	42	45	-	..	50	..
Netherlands	9,780	12,350	14,470	7,100	13,400	57,100	89%	4%	3%	11	12	0.8	3.5	13	14	0.3	1.5	13	14
New Zealand	580	350	280	250	250	1,710	0%	0%	0%	34	35	0.1	0.4	34	33	0.0	0.1	38	37
Norway	7,950	5,400	5,320	6,530	14,430	39,630	121%	4%	2%	10	13	3.1	8.4	3	6	0.3	0.7	16	19
Poland	8,080	6,860	4,430	7,210	7,200	33,780	0%	2%	2%	15	14	0.2	0.9	23	26	0.4	2.1	10	11
Portugal	110	110	130	220	160	730	-27%	0%	0%	38	40	0.0	0.1	44	42	0.0	0.0	43	43
Rep. of Korea	150	410	280	720	360	1,920	-50%	0%	0%	33	34	0.0	0.0	50	46	0.0	0.1	34	36
Rep. of Moldova	110	110	70	80	60	430	-25%	0%	0%	44	42	0.0	0.1	43	40	0.0	0.1	33	33
Romania	660	590	460	660	1,080	3,450	64%	0%	0%	28	33	0.1	0.2	35	38	0.1	0.3	24	30
Russian Federation	910	960	1,170	3,370	3,970	10,380	18%	1%	1%	19	25	0.0	0.1	38	41	0.3	0.7	17	20
Serbia	60	90	20	40	80	290	100%	0%	0%	42	45	0.0	0.0	48	50	0.0	0.0	42	44
Slovakia	11,400	3,550	2,870	2,640	910	21,370	-66%	0%	1%	29	18	0.2	4.0	25	13	0.0	1.1	31	17
Slovenia	1,170	1,600	520	430	240	3,960	-44%	0%	0%	35	31	0.1	2.0	28	19	0.0	0.1	39	34
Spain	5,540	5,250	5,300	7,660	4,480	28,230	-42%	1%	2%	17	17	0.1	0.6	29	28	0.1	0.9	19	18
Sweden	23,160	17,530	24,320	36,370	24,350	125,730	-33%	6%	7%	6	6	2.7	13.8	4	3	0.7	3.4	8	6
Switzerland	15,060	10,800	11,170	10,840	16,610	64,480	53%	4%	4%	9	11	2.2	8.6	5	5	0.4	1.6	11	13
TfYR Macedonia	100	70	60	30	50	310	67%	0%	0%	45	44	0.0	0.2	40	39	0.0	0.0	44	42
Turkey	3,910	3,920	4,550	7,650	12,980	33,010	70%	3%	2%	12	15	0.2	0.4	24	32	1.0	2.6	4	7
Ukraine	1,360	1,770	2,080	2,270	2,240	9,720	-1%	1%	1%	25	26	0.0	0.2	36	36	0.3	1.4	15	15
United Kingdom	40,620	30,840	28,320	28,300	30,550	158,630	8%	8%	9%	5	3	0.5	2.6	17	17	0.9	4.5	6	3
United States	52,360	48,770	51,880	50,720	49,020	252,750	-3%	13%	14%	1	1	0.2	0.8	27	27	1.1	5.5	1	2
EU-"Old" (15)	241,000	212,690	180,960	198,100	216,280	1,049,030	9%	57%	59%			0.6	2.7						
EU-"New" (12)	40,550	28,260	20,040	25,570	21,800	136,220	-15%	6%	8%			0.2	1.3						
EU-Total (27)	281,550	240,950	201,000	223,670	238,080	1,185,250	6%	62%	67%			0.5	2.4						
Nordic countries (5)	38,290	28,850	33,930	46,220	45,240	192,530	-2%	12%	11%			1.8	7.8						
Western Europe (19)	264,160	229,030	197,540	215,540	247,430	1,153,700	15%	65%	65%			0.6	2.9						
Southern Europe (8)	34,630	36,830	38,440	62,890	75,200	247,990	20%	20%	14%			0.4	1.2						
Former Yugoslavia (6)	1,690	2,100	780	1,270	640	6,480	-50%	0%	0%			0.0	0.3						
Former USSR (10)	4,170	4,430	4,890	6,800	7,450	27,740	10%	2%	2%			0.0	0.1						
Total Europe (42)	313,140	266,020	227,140	256,260	289,790	1,352,350	13%	76%	77%			0.4	1.6						
Canada/USA	77,860	68,510	74,790	79,060	85,920	386,140	9%	22%	22%			0.3	1.1						
Australia/New Zealand	3,780	3,550	3,800	4,230	5,000	20,360	18%	1%	1%			0.2	0.8						
Japan/Rep. of Korea	580	790	1,230	1,540	1,960	6,100	27%	1%	0%			0.0	0.0						
Total (51)	395,360	338,870	306,960	341,090	382,670	1,764,950	12%					0.3	1.3						

Notes

Source: Governments, UNHCR. See Notes on next page for information on applications registered with UNHCR.

This table includes final data for 2004 to 2007. In the following tables, the 2007 figures are based on the monthly database. This results in some discrepancies.

All figures in this table have been rounded to the closest ten.

* This refers to Purchasing Power Parity (PPP), Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita.

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TABLE 1. NOTES

a. Country notes

Australia. Figures exclude individuals who arrived off-shore and whose claims have been processed on Manus Island, Papua New Guinea or Nauru.

Azerbaijan. Source: Government and UNHCR.

Belgium. Figures exclude accompanying children. Data include repeat applications (2,030 in 2004; 2,360 in 2005; 2,190 in 2006; 2,800 in 2007; and 3,330 in 2008).

Bosnia and Herzegovina. UNHCR figures for 2004; Government figures since 2005.

Canada. Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Croatia. In addition, UNHCR registered applications for refugee status in 2004 (47) and 2005 (7).

Cyprus. In addition, UNHCR registered asylum applications in the northern part of Cyprus in 2004 (74), 2005 (25), 2006 (12), and 2007 (44).

Denmark. Figures for 2007 and 2008 exclude Iraqi interpreters who have worked for the Danish Forces in Iraq.

France. Includes asylum applications of minors.

Germany. The delay in registering people, as well as changes in the registration procedures has resulted in discrepancies between the cumulative total of monthly asylum claims and the total number of asylum claims in Germany. As such, Table 1 reflects the total number of asylum claims (28,910 in 2005; 21,030 in 2006; 19,160 in 2007; and 22,085 in 2008) whereas all other tables in this report reflect the monthly totals (27,210 in 2005; 20,610 in 2006; 18,530 in 2007; and 21,370 in 2008).

Montenegro. Prior to 2005, data for Montenegro is included in the Serbian data (Source: UNHCR). Data for 2008 are Government figures.

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

Poland. Data excludes a significant number of repeat applications.

Serbia. 2004 refers to Serbia (including Kosovo) and Montenegro. 2005-2008 refers to Serbia (including Kosovo). Source: UNHCR.

Spain. Includes applications lodged at Spanish embassies.

Switzerland. Figures differ from previously reported ones due to retroactive revisions.

Turkey. Source: UNHCR.

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

b. Regional classification

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

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

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

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

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

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

Former Yugoslavia (6). Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia (incl. Kosovo), Slovenia and TTYR Macedonia.

Former USSR (10). Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation and Ukraine.

Total Europe (42). All European countries listed.

Source for national population: United Nations, Population Division, "World Population Prospects: The 2008 Revision", New York, 2009.

Source for GDP (PPP)/per capita: International Monetary Fund, accessed at www.imf.org on 5 November 2008.

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Table 2. Origin of asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2007 and 2008

Covering all 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.
(2007 data for Italy is based on annual data; 2008 on monthly data).

Origin	2007	2008	Total	Annual change	Share		Rank	
					2007	2008	2007	2008
Iraq	45,100	40,483	85,583	-10%	14.0	11.1	1	1
Russian Federation	18,805	20,477	39,282	9%	5.8	5.6	2	3
China	17,219	17,428	34,647	1%	5.4	4.8	3	5
Somalia	12,336	21,823	34,159	77%	3.8	6.0	6	2
Serbia*	16,076	15,204	31,280	-5%	5.0	4.2	4	6
Afghanistan	9,992	18,459	28,451	85%	3.1	5.1	7	4
Pakistan	14,450	13,268	27,718	-8%	4.5	3.6	5	8
Mexico	9,560	12,169	21,729	27%	3.0	3.3	8	10
Nigeria	8,019	13,708	21,727	71%	2.5	3.8	11	7
Eritrea	9,160	12,309	21,469	34%	2.8	3.4	9	9
Islamic Rep. of Iran	8,703	10,813	19,516	24%	2.7	3.0	10	11
Sri Lanka	7,792	9,678	17,470	24%	2.4	2.6	12	12
Turkey	7,224	7,427	14,651	3%	2.2	2.0	13	13
Haiti	6,644	7,117	13,761	7%	2.1	1.9	14	14
Bangladesh	6,057	6,182	12,239	2%	1.9	1.7	16	15
Colombia	6,641	4,984	11,625	-25%	2.1	1.4	15	19
Syrian Arab Rep.	5,547	4,855	10,402	-12%	1.7	1.3	17	20
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	4,810	5,209	10,019	8%	1.5	1.4	19	18
India	5,027	4,779	9,806	-5%	1.6	1.3	18	21
Georgia	4,066	5,548	9,614	36%	1.3	1.5	20	16
Zimbabwe	3,045	5,546	8,591	82%	0.9	1.5	26	17
Armenia	3,947	4,368	8,315	11%	1.2	1.2	21	22
Côte d'Ivoire	3,107	4,155	7,262	34%	1.0	1.1	25	23
Guinea	3,117	4,014	7,131	29%	1.0	1.1	24	24
El Salvador	3,611	3,277	6,888	-9%	1.1	0.9	22	28
Ethiopia	3,152	3,480	6,632	10%	1.0	1.0	23	27
Algeria	2,888	3,590	6,478	24%	0.9	1.0	27	26
Stateless	2,720	2,796	5,516	3%	0.8	0.8	28	30
Sudan	2,396	2,660	5,056	11%	0.7	0.7	31	31
Mali	1,330	3,665	4,995	176%	0.4	1.0	40	25
Cameroon	2,190	2,589	4,779	18%	0.7	0.7	33	32
Guatemala	2,469	2,154	4,623	-13%	0.8	0.6	30	34
Viet Nam	2,611	1,982	4,593	-24%	0.8	0.5	29	36
Ghana	1,641	2,821	4,462	72%	0.5	0.8	37	29
United States	1,886	2,366	4,252	25%	0.6	0.6	34	33
Lebanon	2,313	1,791	4,104	-23%	0.7	0.5	32	40
Albania	1,724	1,929	3,653	12%	0.5	0.5	35	37
Mongolia	1,699	1,883	3,582	11%	0.5	0.5	36	38
Myanmar	1,387	1,989	3,376	43%	0.4	0.5	39	35
Azerbaijan	1,506	1,834	3,340	22%	0.5	0.5	38	39
Other	49,504	54,537	104,041	10%	15.4	14.9		
Total	321,471	365,346	579,815	14%	100.0	100.0		

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

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Table 3. Origin of asylum applications lodged in Europe, 2007 and 2008

Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.
(2007 data for Italy is based on annual data; 2008 on monthly data).

Origin	2007	2008	Total	Annual change	Share		Rank	
					2007	2008	2007	2008
Iraq	43,819	39,106	82,925	-11%	17.7	13.8	1	1
Russian Federation	17,789	19,483	37,272	10%	7.2	6.9	2	3
Somalia	11,879	21,052	32,931	77%	4.8	7.4	5	2
Serbia*	15,639	14,810	30,449	-5%	6.3	5.2	3	5
Afghanistan	9,585	17,920	27,505	87%	3.9	6.3	6	4
Pakistan	13,492	12,126	25,618	-10%	5.4	4.3	4	7
Eritrea	8,683	11,700	20,383	35%	3.5	4.1	7	8
Nigeria	6,957	12,723	19,680	83%	2.8	4.5	9	6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	8,043	9,974	18,017	24%	3.2	3.5	8	9
Sri Lanka	6,202	7,701	13,903	24%	2.5	2.7	11	10
Turkey	6,889	6,914	13,803	0%	2.8	2.4	10	11
Bangladesh	5,700	5,714	11,414	0%	2.3	2.0	13	12
China	5,944	4,662	10,606	-22%	2.4	1.6	12	16
Syrian Arab Rep.	5,412	4,693	10,105	-13%	2.2	1.7	14	15
Georgia	3,965	5,372	9,337	35%	1.6	1.9	16	13
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	4,352	4,645	8,997	7%	1.8	1.6	15	17
Armenia	3,622	4,042	7,664	12%	1.5	1.4	17	18
Zimbabwe	2,521	4,711	7,232	87%	1.0	1.7	23	14
Côte d'Ivoire	2,701	3,873	6,574	43%	1.1	1.4	21	19
India	3,398	2,971	6,369	-13%	1.4	1.1	18	23
Algeria	2,777	3,470	6,247	25%	1.1	1.2	20	21
Guinea	2,445	3,496	5,941	43%	1.0	1.2	25	20
Stateless	2,543	2,610	5,153	3%	1.0	0.9	22	25
Sudan	2,175	2,437	4,612	12%	0.9	0.9	26	26
Mali	984	3,444	4,428	250%	0.4	1.2	39	22
Viet Nam	2,467	1,796	4,263	-27%	1.0	0.6	24	28
Ghana	1,434	2,672	4,106	86%	0.6	0.9	34	24
Colombia	2,824	1,089	3,913	-61%	1.1	0.4	19	37
Ethiopia	1,759	1,882	3,641	7%	0.7	0.7	28	27
Lebanon	1,867	1,439	3,306	-23%	0.8	0.5	27	33
Cameroon	1,481	1,748	3,229	18%	0.6	0.6	32	30
Azerbaijan	1,449	1,767	3,216	22%	0.6	0.6	33	29
Mongolia	1,516	1,686	3,202	11%	0.6	0.6	31	31
Rep. of Moldova	1,649	984	2,633	-40%	0.7	0.3	29	40
Occupied Palestinian Territory	1,578	1,043	2,621	-34%	0.6	0.4	30	38
Congo	1,259	1,256	2,515	0%	0.5	0.4	35	35
Albania	1,156	1,353	2,509	17%	0.5	0.5	36	34
Togo	886	1,491	2,377	68%	0.4	0.5	40	32
Angola	1,132	1,095	2,227	-3%	0.5	0.4	37	36
Belarus	1,108	1,021	2,129	-8%	0.4	0.4	38	39
Other	26,851	30,635	57,486	14%	10.8	10.8		
Total	247,932	282,606	530,538	14%	100.0	100.0		

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Table 4. Origin of asylum applications lodged in the European Union (27), 2007 and 2008

Covering 27 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.
(2007 data for Italy is based on annual data; 2008 on monthly data).

Origin	2007	2008	Total	Annual change	Share			Rank	
					2007	2008	Total	2007	2008
Iraq	38,117	27,607	65,724	-28%	17.2	11.6	14.3	1	1
Russian Federation	16,738	18,183	34,921	9%	7.5	7.6	7.6	2	2
Somalia	10,102	17,093	27,195	69%	4.6	7.2	5.9	5	3
Serbia*	13,348	12,633	25,981	-5%	6.0	5.3	5.6	4	5
Pakistan	13,369	12,007	25,376	-10%	6.0	5.0	5.5	3	6
Afghanistan	8,321	13,497	21,818	62%	3.7	5.7	4.7	6	4
Nigeria	6,509	11,280	17,789	73%	2.9	4.7	3.9	7	7
Eritrea	6,188	6,974	13,162	13%	2.8	2.9	2.9	9	8
Islamic Rep. of Iran	5,883	6,734	12,617	14%	2.7	2.8	2.7	10	9
Turkey	6,220	6,299	12,519	1%	2.8	2.6	2.7	8	10
Bangladesh	5,654	5,665	11,319	0%	2.5	2.4	2.5	11	12
Sri Lanka	5,270	6,040	11,310	15%	2.4	2.5	2.5	13	11
China	5,634	4,281	9,915	-24%	2.5	1.8	2.2	12	15
Syrian Arab Rep.	5,035	4,162	9,197	-17%	2.3	1.7	2.0	14	17
Georgia	3,725	4,849	8,574	30%	1.7	2.0	1.9	16	13
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	3,999	4,220	8,219	6%	1.8	1.8	1.8	15	16
Armenia	3,568	3,961	7,529	11%	1.6	1.7	1.6	17	18
Zimbabwe	2,496	4,646	7,142	86%	1.1	2.0	1.6	22	14
Côte d'Ivoire	2,533	3,672	6,205	45%	1.1	1.5	1.3	21	19
India	3,281	2,867	6,148	-13%	1.5	1.2	1.3	18	23
Algeria	2,618	3,133	5,751	20%	1.2	1.3	1.3	20	22
Guinea	2,301	3,209	5,510	39%	1.0	1.3	1.2	24	21
Mali	975	3,415	4,390	250%	0.4	1.4	1.0	39	20
Viet Nam	2,415	1,758	4,173	-27%	1.1	0.7	0.9	23	26
Sudan	2,009	2,068	4,077	3%	0.9	0.9	0.9	26	25
Ghana	1,402	2,584	3,986	84%	0.6	1.1	0.9	30	24
Colombia	2,775	1,037	3,812	-63%	1.3	0.4	0.8	19	36
Stateless	2,026	1,656	3,682	-18%	0.9	0.7	0.8	25	28
Lebanon	1,749	1,347	3,096	-23%	0.8	0.6	0.7	27	32
Azerbaijan	1,398	1,691	3,089	21%	0.6	0.7	0.7	31	27
Cameroon	1,319	1,620	2,939	23%	0.6	0.7	0.6	33	29
Mongolia	1,382	1,518	2,900	10%	0.6	0.6	0.6	32	30
Rep. of Moldova	1,603	955	2,558	-40%	0.7	0.4	0.6	28	38
Congo	1,236	1,226	2,462	-1%	0.6	0.5	0.5	34	35
Ethiopia	1,184	1,277	2,461	8%	0.5	0.5	0.5	35	33
Albania	1,076	1,256	2,332	17%	0.5	0.5	0.5	36	34
Occupied Palestinian Territory	1,419	888	2,307	-37%	0.6	0.4	0.5	29	40
Togo	770	1,379	2,149	79%	0.3	0.6	0.5	40	31
Belarus	1,053	962	2,015	-9%	0.5	0.4	0.4	37	37
Ukraine	1,016	938	1,954	-8%	0.5	0.4	0.4	38	39
Other	24,234	27,497	51,731	13%	10.9	11.5	11.2		
Total	221,950	238,084	460,034	7%	100.0	100.0	100.0		

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Table 5. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, 2007

Covering the 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR (exception: data for Italy is based on annual data).
Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark**	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Iraq	-	216	472	825	-	533	293	6	200	49	700	-	307	144	4,171
Russian Federation	-	21	2,676	1,436	-	8	302	*	62	99	115	*	172	3,222	752
China	-	1,213	223	135	*	7	1,353	-	214	38	41	-	9	1,288	246
Serbia***	10	10	1,760	1,219	555	*	133	86	-	49	92	-	142	3,063	1,871
Pakistan	-	145	103	150	*	*	349	15	339	22	17	-	8	343	293
Somalia	-	6	467	168	-	*	238	-	12	6	35	-	81	47	126
Afghanistan	*	20	761	696	-	77	270	*	24	21	144	-	70	184	329
Mexico	-	*	-	-	-	-	7,057	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eritrea	-	21	14	27	-	*	141	-	-	*	6	-	*	91	335
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	84	248	411	*	33	220	15	475	6	109	-	78	147	616
Nigeria	*	17	394	78	-	18	755	*	182	69	22	-	41	445	439
Sri Lanka	-	445	37	88	*	-	793	*	661	38	42	*	18	2,130	370
Turkey	-	38	659	250	-	13	150	*	46	213	24	-	74	2,223	1,368
Haiti	-	-	*	5	-	-	3,231	-	-	-	*	-	-	673	*
Colombia	-	25	*	10	-	*	2,577	-	-	-	-	-	-	79	25
Bangladesh	-	66	70	61	*	17	73	-	264	17	6	-	13	959	66
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	10	166	199	*	15	68	-	1,752	31	74	-	8	45	604
India	*	349	385	53	-	-	641	*	294	19	56	-	11	63	412
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	37	716	-	*	351	*	5	24	*	-	35	2,126	173
Georgia	-	-	400	156	-	*	59	6	352	45	6	-	6	177	183

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Iraq	5,474	136	*	285	189	*	*	*	-	14	5	-	2,004	30	1,227
Russian Federation	50	51	5	52	36	5	*	6	53	13	-	-	81	*	863
China	36	417	*	259	13	17	-	*	*	*	-	-	243	26	40
Serbia***	*	723	*	29	1,113	*	-	*	-	225	*	-	24	-	585
Pakistan	9,144	15	*	185	176	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	8	43
Somalia	174	99	-	144	757	-	-	*	-	*	585	-	1,874	6	187
Afghanistan	1,556	35	*	78	663	12	-	-	-	*	*	-	143	*	234
Mexico	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*
Eritrea	26	*	-	113	2,260	-	-	-	*	-	339	-	153	-	789
Islamic Rep. of Iran	354	14	*	85	69	19	-	*	-	16	-	-	187	27	222
Nigeria	390	86	*	1,028	1,336	6	*	-	*	7	38	-	179	*	108
Sri Lanka	134	10	*	12	224	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	104	25	238
Turkey	133	56	*	6	394	76	*	-	-	*	*	-	103	*	49
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*
Colombia	-	-	-	-	66	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	*	*
Bangladesh	2,965	10	-	24	315	14	6	-	-	-	-	-	5	18	12
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,311	48	5	7	27	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	36	*	49
India	261	8	-	24	62	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	7	83
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	*	-	149	37	10	-	*	-	*	14	-	15	*	54
Georgia	1,559	131	-	174	20	-	-	*	13	*	-	-	66	-	*

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	TFYR Macedonia	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States****
Iraq	29	*	*	243	35	132	*	1,564	18,559	956	*	3,471	2,075	735
Russian Federation	6,536	6	*	*	-	307	9	82	788	171	-	*	125	684
China	20	-	29	26	-	96	*	8	121	249	-	16	2,185	8,637
Serbia***	*	*	-	183	-	7	234	9	2,500	1,030	22	-	95	292
Pakistan	31	*	*	7	*	650	11	22	61	46	-	12	1,765	425
Somalia	9	15	-	28	-	9	-	152	3,349	464	-	1,124	1,960	207
Afghanistan	9	7	*	*	-	66	12	15	609	322	-	705	2,815	101
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	5	*	-	-	-	2,487
Eritrea	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	24	878	1,661	-	45	1,905	315
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	*	*	6	*	*	*	26	485	231	-	1,687	2,510	307
Nigeria	22	*	100	*	-	9	*	674	136	327	-	6	905	183
Sri Lanka	62	6	67	5	-	20	-	32	27	636	-	50	1,250	217
Turkey	10	*	-	40	-	9	39	18	290	616	-	-	245	68
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	2,726
Colombia	*	86	-	*	-	-	-	2,437	12	48	-	-	40	1,213
Bangladesh	23	-	24	9	-	108	*	37	87	31	-	*	590	162
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	-	*	10	-	39	-	31	440	301	-	21	190	55
India	41	5	*	15	-	619	*	177	90	25	5	-	600	629
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	11	10	*	-	*	*	131	66	217	*	76	440	84
Georgia	14	-	-	*	9	134	*	13	204	221	-	-	60	42

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

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Table 6. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, 2008

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark**	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Iraq	-	193	494	1,070	-	350	310	-	170	27	543	*	1,253	627	6,697
Somalia	-	15	392	163	-	14	441	*	*	*	58	-	1,176	92	166
Russian Federation	-	21	3,436	1,615	-	7	280	8	27	80	183	*	208	3,579	768
Afghanistan	-	52	1,365	879	-	55	408	*	33	28	418	-	249	263	650
China	-	1,226	236	189	-	10	1,476	-	91	32	19	-	6	821	285
Serbia***	5	5	1,702	1,050	82	*	139	62	-	30	118	-	161	3,129	1,511
Nigeria	-	25	535	59	-	18	765	*	100	42	29	*	76	459	500
Pakistan	-	220	106	150	*	*	368	16	221	13	14	-	8	325	309
Eritrea	-	6	19	35	-	-	178	-	-	-	15	-	*	120	247
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,413	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	158	250	614	-	19	284	7	213	*	196	-	143	147	804
Sri Lanka	*	417	12	148	-	17	1,000	8	408	6	53	-	36	2,304	459
Turkey	-	36	418	284	*	7	230	10	72	251	39	*	65	2,196	1,320
Haiti	-	-	-	*	-	-	4,247	-	-	-	*	-	-	925	*
Bangladesh	-	131	52	79	-	*	96	-	178	-	14	-	9	1,242	41
Georgia	-	*	514	222	-	*	92	-	122	39	25	*	13	376	233
Zimbabwe	-	214	12	8	-	-	348	-	*	-	5	-	*	15	69
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	8	65	579	-	*	437	-	5	11	9	-	31	2,485	166
Colombia	-	23	-	*	-	-	3,069	-	-	-	-	-	-	116	8
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	16	140	281	-	20	76	-	963	63	105	-	24	32	744

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Iraq	1,760	125	5	203	803	*	-	-	*	29	5	-	5,027	33	3,137
Somalia	149	185	*	141	4,473	-	-	-	10	1,081	-	-	3,842	*	1,293
Russian Federation	125	21	*	30	14	-	5	*	138	13	-	-	95	*	1,078
Afghanistan	2,287	116	5	79	2,005	*	10	-	*	*	-	*	395	*	1,363
China	55	55	*	180	44	18	-	-	*	*	-	-	563	24	81
Serbia***	6	1,593	15	41	851	-	-	*	*	219	-	*	32	-	675
Nigeria	746	56	5	1,008	5,333	10	*	-	*	5	223	-	97	*	436
Pakistan	6,914	246	*	237	920	37	*	-	6	-	*	-	46	*	38
Eritrea	47	-	*	78	2,739	-	-	-	11	176	-	-	236	*	1,799
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	312	10	*	65	141	38	-	*	*	18	-	-	322	28	720
Sri Lanka	123	12	5	11	221	90	*	-	6	-	5	-	216	26	342
Turkey	53	70	-	5	759	156	*	*	*	*	*	-	71	*	82
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh	1,778	35	-	47	1,322	33	*	-	-	-	*	-	9	9	8
Georgia	2,241	165	*	180	46	-	17	*	7	*	*	*	64	-	19
Zimbabwe	-	*	-	114	42	*	-	-	*	-	*	-	10	8	17
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	12	-	-	172	63	14	-	-	*	6	*	-	40	*	107
Colombia	-	-	-	-	62	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	*	9
Syrian Arab Rep.	808	16	*	17	36	-	*	-	5	-	*	-	48	*	115

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	TYR Macedonia	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States****
Iraq	66	*	*	133	12	45	-	61	6,083	1,440	*	6,904	2,030	835
Somalia	*	*	-	8	*	-	-	195	3,361	2,014	*	647	1,575	311
Russian Federation	6,647	-	*	11	-	107	*	63	933	208	-	-	70	691
Afghanistan	*	*	-	5	-	75	10	50	784	405	6	2,642	3,730	73
China	20	*	30	53	-	44	*	6	75	272	-	27	1,490	9,992
Serbia***	*	*	-	25	-	16	69	*	1,989	1,301	34	-	80	250
Nigeria	19	8	27	7	*	*	7	801	176	988	*	7	970	157
Pakistan	15	-	47	252	-	95	*	52	59	53	-	9	2,010	467
Eritrea	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	43	857	2,849	-	76	2,345	423
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	*	-	-	-	2,739
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	*	7	8	-	5	11	64	799	393	*	2,116	2,585	324
Sri Lanka	17	27	71	7	-	13	*	61	35	1,262	-	42	1,840	373
Turkey	17	-	-	79	-	7	72	26	254	519	*	-	225	90
Haiti	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	*	*	-	-	-	1,929
Bangladesh	*	-	30	172	-	42	-	38	93	38	-	*	500	169
Georgia	54	5	-	43	17	112	*	62	211	481	-	-	85	83
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	15	15	48	-	-	4,330	264
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	17	11	*	-	*	*	103	60	246	-	72	380	91
Colombia	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	753	10	43	-	-	25	794
Syrian Arab Rep.	8	-	-	11	5	8	-	97	551	388	-	22	180	68

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Table 7. Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2007-2008

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Asylum country	2007				2008				Quarterly change 2008		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3
Albania	12	11	3	2	5	2	-	-	-60%	-100%	..
Australia	912	1,039	1,022	998	942	1,027	1,488	1,293	9%	45%	-13%
Austria	3,064	2,645	2,948	3,264	2,813	2,537	3,547	3,912	-10%	40%	10%
Belgium	2,802	2,728	2,565	3,020	2,941	2,777	3,158	3,376	-6%	14%	7%
Bosnia and H.	5	454	55	58	52	16	6	26	-69%	-63%	333%
Bulgaria	231	209	232	303	236	181	173	156	-23%	-4%	-10%
Canada	5,890	5,490	7,587	9,375	8,411	8,424	10,285	9,775	0%	22%	-5%
Croatia	31	35	51	78	38	30	31	56	-21%	3%	81%
Cyprus	1,651	1,649	1,381	2,108	1,117	896	981	928	-20%	9%	-5%
Czech Rep.	464	382	471	561	582	349	349	410	-40%	0%	17%
Denmark	603	376	407	486	533	448	592	787	-16%	32%	33%
Estonia	1	5	1	2	3	3	1	7	0%	-67%	600%
Finland	308	296	451	379	395	636	1,227	1,758	61%	93%	43%
France	7,656	7,037	6,774	7,691	7,849	8,175	8,772	10,368	4%	7%	18%
Germany	4,430	3,791	5,172	5,140	5,760	4,965	5,417	5,229	-14%	9%	-3%
Greece	7,446	7,148	5,456	5,063	4,916	5,249	4,863	4,856	7%	-7%	0%
Hungary	509	696	770	1,444	701	517	794	1,106	-26%	54%	39%
Iceland	10	7	17	8	15	19	28	16	27%	47%	-43%
Ireland	1,065	911	970	1,039	924	929	1,032	980	1%	11%	-5%
Italy	..	..	..	..	4,966	6,115	10,166	9,917	23%	66%	-2%
Japan	163	206	201	246	309	365	426	499	18%	17%	17%
Latvia	4	9	19	2	4	5	11	31	25%	120%	182%
Liechtenstein	4	10	10	8	10	6	6	4	-40%	0%	-33%
Lithuania	47	21	15	33	33	33	56	94	0%	70%	68%
Luxembourg	101	97	124	104	99	99	165	100	0%	67%	-39%
Malta	257	140	405	577	478	623	894	612	30%	43%	-32%
Montenegro	2	-	-	-	3	2	2	-	-33%	0%	-100%
Netherlands	1,660	1,373	1,845	2,224	2,656	3,109	4,004	3,630	17%	29%	-9%
New Zealand	67	48	60	73	71	63	57	63	-11%	-10%	11%
Norway	1,215	1,233	1,927	2,153	2,478	2,915	4,682	4,356	18%	61%	-7%
Poland	717	659	1,526	4,214	1,503	1,507	2,026	2,167	0%	34%	7%
Portugal	67	76	37	41	31	62	35	33	100%	-44%	-6%
Republic of Korea	167	154	122	274	102	70	86	106	-31%	23%	23%
Romania	87	115	278	179	189	169	333	392	-11%	97%	18%
Serbia	6	6	22	30	25	7	32	13	-72%	357%	-59%
Slovakia	670	822	769	382	172	247	241	250	44%	-2%	4%
Slovenia	62	121	140	104	42	72	46	78	71%	-36%	70%
Spain	2,333	1,849	1,440	1,841	1,150	1,211	990	1,127	5%	-18%	14%
Sweden	9,228	8,393	9,423	9,163	7,049	5,221	5,978	6,105	-26%	14%	2%
Switzerland	3,142	2,450	2,408	2,844	2,786	3,159	4,406	6,255	13%	39%	42%
TFYR Macedonia	4	10	7	12	7	6	35	6	-14%	483%	-83%
Turkey	1,202	2,019	2,476	1,945	2,210	2,629	4,000	4,142	19%	52%	4%
United Kingdom	6,750	5,920	7,090	8,140	7,705	6,840	7,985	8,015	-11%	17%	0%
United States	13,486	13,525	10,752	11,830	12,413	13,152	12,332	11,118	6%	-6%	-10%
Totals excluding Italy											
EU-"Old" (14)	47,513	42,640	44,702	47,595	44,821	42,258	47,765	50,276	-6%	13%	5%
EU-"New" (12)	4,700	4,828	6,007	9,909	5,060	4,602	5,905	6,231	-9%	28%	6%
EU-Total (26)	52,213	47,468	50,709	57,504	49,881	46,860	53,670	56,507	-6%	15%	5%
Nordic countries (5)	11,364	10,305	12,225	12,189	10,470	9,239	12,507	13,022	-12%	35%	4%
Western Europe (18)	51,884	46,340	49,064	52,608	50,110	48,357	56,887	60,907	-3%	18%	7%
Southern Europe (7)	11,766	10,873	8,722	9,632	7,697	8,043	7,763	7,556	4%	-3%	-3%
Total Europe (37)	57,846	53,703	57,685	64,642	57,510	55,651	66,898	71,381	-3%	20%	7%
Canada/USA	19,376	19,015	18,339	21,205	20,824	21,576	22,617	20,893	4%	5%	-8%
Australia/New Zealand	979	1,087	1,082	1,071	1,013	1,090	1,545	1,356	8%	42%	-12%
Total non-Europe (6)	20,685	20,462	19,744	22,796	22,248	23,101	24,674	22,854	4%	7%	-7%
Total (43)	78,531	74,165	77,429	87,438	79,758	78,752	91,572	94,235	-1%	16%	3%
Totals including Italy											
EU-"Old" (15)	..	..	..	..	49,787	48,373	57,931	60,193	-3%	20%	4%
EU-Total (27)	..	..	..	..	54,847	52,975	63,836	66,424	-3%	21%	4%
Western Europe (19)	..	..	..	..	55,076	54,472	67,053	70,824	-1%	23%	6%
Southern Europe (8)	..	..	..	..	14,873	16,787	21,929	21,615	13%	31%	-1%
Total Europe (38)	62,476	61,766	77,064	81,298	-1%	25%	5%
Total (44)	84,724	84,867	101,738	104,152	0%	20%	2%

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Table 8. Origin of asylum applicants in 43 industrialized countries by quarter, 2007

Covering 43 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR (excluding Italy).

Origin	No. of applications (excluding Italy)					Change (%)			Share (%)				Total 2007 including Italy
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Iraq	10,732	10,695	11,742	11,742	44,911	0%	10%	0%	14.1	15.0	15.6	13.8	45,100
Russian Federation	3,323	3,273	4,228	7,945	18,769	-2%	29%	88%	4.4	4.6	5.6	9.3	18,805
China	4,430	4,194	4,091	4,491	17,206	-5%	-2%	10%	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.3	17,219
Serbia*	3,936	3,728	3,774	3,525	14,963	-5%	1%	-7%	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.1	16,076
Pakistan	4,004	3,366	3,916	2,988	14,274	-16%	16%	-24%	5.3	4.7	5.2	3.5	14,450
Somalia	2,577	2,413	3,247	3,342	11,579	-6%	35%	3%	3.4	3.4	4.3	3.9	12,336
Mexico	2,112	2,318	2,565	2,565	9,560	10%	11%	0%	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.0	9,560
Afghanistan	2,283	2,265	2,185	2,596	9,329	-1%	-4%	19%	3.0	3.2	2.9	3.1	9,992
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,996	1,809	2,273	2,556	8,634	-9%	26%	12%	2.6	2.5	3.0	3.0	8,703
Sri Lanka	1,875	1,746	1,941	2,006	7,568	-7%	11%	3%	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.4	7,792
Eritrea	1,660	1,060	1,758	2,422	6,900	-36%	66%	38%	2.2	1.5	2.3	2.8	9,160
Turkey	1,889	1,642	1,495	1,804	6,830	-13%	-9%	21%	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.1	7,224
Nigeria	1,634	1,467	1,688	1,894	6,683	-10%	15%	12%	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2	8,019
Haiti	1,540	1,418	1,773	1,913	6,644	-8%	25%	8%	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.2	6,644
Colombia	1,177	1,602	1,430	2,366	6,575	36%	-11%	65%	1.6	2.2	1.9	2.8	6,641
Bangladesh	2,448	1,263	927	1,104	5,742	-48%	-27%	19%	3.2	1.8	1.2	1.3	6,057
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,443	1,429	1,120	1,528	5,520	-1%	-22%	36%	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.8	5,547
India	1,403	1,284	1,217	1,061	4,965	-8%	-5%	-13%	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.2	5,027
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,293	1,277	1,053	1,150	4,773	-1%	-18%	9%	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.4	4,810
Georgia	830	1,299	954	963	4,046	57%	-27%	1%	1.1	1.8	1.3	1.1	4,066
Armenia	949	893	967	1,117	3,926	-6%	8%	16%	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	3,947
El Salvador	1,025	955	747	867	3,594	-7%	-22%	16%	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.0	3,611
Zimbabwe	590	646	786	1,021	3,043	9%	22%	30%	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.2	3,045
Guinea	744	695	719	742	2,900	-7%	3%	3%	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	3,117
Algeria	696	589	720	814	2,819	-15%	22%	13%	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.0	2,888
Ethiopia	715	651	680	707	2,753	-9%	4%	4%	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	3,152
Stateless	640	595	765	718	2,718	-7%	29%	-6%	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.8	2,720
Viet Nam	497	636	555	920	2,608	28%	-13%	66%	0.7	0.9	0.7	1.1	2,611
Guatemala	733	739	430	567	2,469	1%	-42%	32%	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.7	2,469
Lebanon	706	490	538	474	2,208	-31%	10%	-12%	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6	2,313
Côte d'Ivoire	618	493	522	492	2,125	-20%	6%	-6%	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	3,107
Cameroon	545	475	526	524	2,070	-13%	11%	0%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	2,190
Sudan	572	479	462	500	2,013	-16%	-4%	8%	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	2,396
United States	268	239	590	788	1,885	-11%	147%	34%	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.9	1,886
Rep. of Moldova	544	395	524	305	1,768	-27%	33%	-42%	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.4	1,797
Albania	416	355	404	526	1,701	-15%	14%	30%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	1,724
Mongolia	445	443	419	390	1,697	0%	-5%	-7%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	1,699
Occupied Palest. Terr.	182	283	365	775	1,605	55%	29%	112%	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.9	1,686
Azerbaijan	326	330	403	436	1,495	1%	22%	8%	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	1,506
Ukraine	392	380	363	356	1,491	-3%	-4%	-2%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	1,517
Other	11,675	11,043	10,277	12,064	45,059	-5%	-7%	17%	15.4	15.5	13.7	14.2	48,862
Total	75,863	71,352	75,139	85,064	307,418	-6%	5%	13%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	321,471

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

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Table 9. Origin of asylum applicants in 44 industrialized countries by quarter, 2008
Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Iraq	10,698	8,863	10,526	10,396	40,483	-17%	19%	-1%	13.0	10.8	10.6	10.2
Somalia	3,518	4,296	6,720	7,289	21,823	22%	56%	8%	4.3	5.2	6.8	7.2
Russian Federation	5,194	4,242	5,400	5,641	20,477	-18%	27%	4%	6.3	5.2	5.4	5.5
Afghanistan	3,281	3,363	5,729	6,086	18,459	2%	70%	6%	4.0	4.1	5.8	6.0
China	4,109	4,572	4,389	4,358	17,428	11%	-4%	-1%	5.0	5.6	4.4	4.3
Serbia*	3,428	2,976	3,994	4,806	15,204	-13%	34%	20%	4.2	3.6	4.0	4.7
Nigeria	2,472	2,764	4,019	4,453	13,708	12%	45%	11%	3.0	3.4	4.1	4.4
Pakistan	3,234	3,207	3,358	3,469	13,268	-1%	5%	3%	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.4
Eritrea	2,194	1,961	3,650	4,504	12,309	-11%	86%	23%	2.7	2.4	3.7	4.4
Mexico	2,517	2,700	3,559	3,393	12,169	7%	32%	-5%	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.3
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,435	2,223	2,974	3,181	10,813	-9%	34%	7%	3.0	2.7	3.0	3.1
Sri Lanka	2,370	2,348	2,295	2,665	9,678	-1%	-2%	16%	2.9	2.9	2.3	2.6
Turkey	2,066	1,701	1,652	2,008	7,427	-18%	-3%	22%	2.5	2.1	1.7	2.0
Haiti	1,787	1,895	1,918	1,517	7,117	6%	1%	-21%	2.2	2.3	1.9	1.5
Bangladesh	1,300	1,485	1,411	1,986	6,182	14%	-5%	41%	1.6	1.8	1.4	2.0
Georgia	946	1,239	1,604	1,759	5,548	31%	29%	10%	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.7
Zimbabwe	1,172	1,167	1,779	1,428	5,546	0%	52%	-20%	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.4
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,323	1,276	1,296	1,314	5,209	-4%	2%	1%	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.3
Colombia	1,308	1,312	1,162	1,202	4,984	0%	-11%	3%	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.2
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,172	1,299	1,318	1,066	4,855	11%	1%	-19%	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.0
India	1,040	1,204	1,402	1,133	4,779	16%	16%	-19%	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.1
Armenia	964	1,035	1,194	1,175	4,368	7%	15%	-2%	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2
Côte d'Ivoire	1,063	1,035	1,031	1,026	4,155	-3%	0%	0%	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.0
Guinea	903	901	1,078	1,132	4,014	0%	20%	5%	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Mali	635	1,174	1,195	661	3,665	85%	2%	-45%	0.8	1.4	1.2	0.6
Algeria	788	690	1,054	1,058	3,590	-12%	53%	0%	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.0
Ethiopia	783	775	943	979	3,480	-1%	22%	4%	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0
El Salvador	796	948	788	745	3,277	19%	-17%	-5%	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.7
Ghana	395	515	1,043	868	2,821	30%	103%	-17%	0.5	0.6	1.1	0.9
Stateless	627	597	861	711	2,796	-5%	44%	-17%	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.7
Sudan	548	573	740	799	2,660	5%	29%	8%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
Cameroon	592	691	670	636	2,589	17%	-3%	-5%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6
United States	576	605	702	483	2,366	5%	16%	-31%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5
Guatemala	521	565	595	473	2,154	8%	5%	-21%	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5
Myanmar	440	460	546	543	1,989	5%	19%	-1%	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5
Viet Nam	523	460	521	478	1,982	-12%	13%	-8%	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
Albania	449	451	496	533	1,929	0%	10%	7%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Mongolia	486	384	458	555	1,883	-21%	19%	21%	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Azerbaijan	458	379	461	536	1,834	-17%	22%	16%	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Lebanon	611	410	336	434	1,791	-33%	-18%	29%	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.4
Other	12,432	13,474	14,271	14,360	54,537	8%	6%	1%	15.1	16.4	14.4	14.1
Total	82,154	82,215	99,138	101,839	365,346	0%	21%	3%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

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Table 10. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe by quarter, 2007

Covering 37 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR (excluding Italy).

Origin	No. of applications (excluding Italy)					Change (%)			Share (%)				Total 2007 including Italy
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Iraq	10,414	10,394	11,393	11,429	43,630	0%	10%	0%	18.0	19.4	19.7	17.7	43,819
Russian Federation	3,096	2,928	4,024	7,705	17,753	-5%	37%	91%	5.4	5.5	7.0	11.9	17,789
Serbia*	3,832	3,618	3,686	3,390	14,526	-6%	2%	-8%	6.6	6.7	6.4	5.2	15,639
Pakistan	3,766	3,141	3,704	2,705	13,316	-17%	18%	-27%	6.5	5.8	6.4	4.2	13,492
Somalia	2,452	2,323	3,142	3,205	11,122	-5%	35%	2%	4.2	4.3	5.4	5.0	11,879
Afghanistan	2,169	2,168	2,084	2,501	8,922	0%	-4%	20%	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.9	9,585
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,841	1,666	2,099	2,368	7,974	-10%	26%	13%	3.2	3.1	3.6	3.7	8,043
Turkey	1,813	1,574	1,409	1,699	6,495	-13%	-10%	21%	3.1	2.9	2.4	2.6	6,889
Eritrea	1,550	953	1,627	2,293	6,423	-39%	71%	41%	2.7	1.8	2.8	3.5	8,683
Sri Lanka	1,473	1,364	1,555	1,586	5,978	-7%	14%	2%	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.5	6,202
China	1,461	1,416	1,606	1,448	5,931	-3%	13%	-10%	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.2	5,944
Nigeria	1,391	1,249	1,405	1,576	5,621	-10%	12%	12%	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4	6,957
Bangladesh	2,355	1,176	843	1,011	5,385	-50%	-28%	20%	4.1	2.2	1.5	1.6	5,700
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,407	1,403	1,092	1,483	5,385	0%	-22%	36%	2.4	2.6	1.9	2.3	5,412
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,189	1,178	939	1,009	4,315	-1%	-20%	7%	2.1	2.2	1.6	1.6	4,352
Georgia	806	1,269	931	939	3,945	57%	-27%	1%	1.4	2.4	1.6	1.5	3,965
Armenia	849	800	901	1,051	3,601	-6%	13%	17%	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	3,622
India	1,006	795	878	657	3,336	-21%	10%	-25%	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.0	3,398
Colombia	382	876	489	1,011	2,758	129%	-44%	107%	0.7	1.6	0.8	1.6	2,824
Algeria	667	568	699	774	2,708	-15%	23%	11%	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	2,777
Stateless	598	553	727	663	2,541	-8%	31%	-9%	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.0	2,543
Zimbabwe	481	530	643	865	2,519	10%	21%	35%	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.3	2,521
Viet Nam	462	606	513	883	2,464	31%	-15%	72%	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.4	2,467
Guinea	575	531	550	572	2,228	-8%	4%	4%	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	2,445
Sudan	523	419	409	441	1,792	-20%	-2%	8%	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	2,175
Lebanon	576	394	421	371	1,762	-32%	7%	-12%	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.6	1,867
Côte d'Ivoire	513	399	407	400	1,719	-22%	2%	-2%	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6	2,701
Rep. of Moldova	518	361	486	255	1,620	-30%	35%	-48%	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.4	1,649
Mongolia	389	409	373	343	1,514	5%	-9%	-8%	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5	1,516
Occupied Palest. Terr.	157	262	325	753	1,497	67%	24%	132%	0.3	0.5	0.6	1.2	1,578
Azerbaijan	313	315	389	421	1,438	1%	23%	8%	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	1,449
Cameroon	357	309	355	340	1,361	-13%	15%	-4%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	1,481
Ethiopia	356	323	341	340	1,360	-9%	6%	0%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	1,759
Congo	306	295	246	315	1,162	-4%	-17%	28%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	1,259
Albania	295	246	266	326	1,133	-17%	8%	23%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1,156
Angola	328	295	248	250	1,121	-10%	-16%	1%	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	1,132
Belarus	278	242	300	277	1,097	-13%	24%	-8%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	1,108
Ukraine	274	254	250	243	1,021	-7%	-2%	-3%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	1,047
Bosnia and Herzegovina	288	233	259	225	1,005	-19%	11%	-13%	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	1,013
Rwanda	281	189	176	229	875	-33%	-7%	30%	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	880
Other	6,061	5,678	5,497	6,290	23,526	-6%	-3%	14%	10.5	10.6	9.5	9.7	27,215
Total	57,848	53,702	57,687	64,642	233,879	-7%	7%	12%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	247,932

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Table 11. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe by quarter, 2008

Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Iraq	10,368	8,514	10,154	10,070	39,106	-18%	19%	-1%	16.6	13.8	13.2	12.4
Somalia	3,339	4,118	6,494	7,101	21,052	23%	58%	9%	5.3	6.7	8.4	8.7
Russian Federation	4,972	3,920	5,164	5,427	19,483	-21%	32%	5%	8.0	6.3	6.7	6.7
Afghanistan	3,178	3,243	5,568	5,931	17,920	2%	72%	7%	5.1	5.3	7.2	7.3
Serbia*	3,307	2,873	3,910	4,720	14,810	-13%	36%	21%	5.3	4.7	5.1	5.8
Nigeria	2,213	2,562	3,749	4,199	12,723	16%	46%	12%	3.5	4.1	4.9	5.2
Pakistan	2,959	2,948	3,038	3,181	12,126	0%	3%	5%	4.7	4.8	3.9	3.9
Eritrea	2,052	1,825	3,492	4,331	11,700	-11%	91%	24%	3.3	3.0	4.5	5.3
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,210	2,061	2,734	2,969	9,974	-7%	33%	9%	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.7
Sri Lanka	1,882	1,902	1,803	2,114	7,701	1%	-5%	17%	3.0	3.1	2.3	2.6
Turkey	1,922	1,594	1,526	1,872	6,914	-17%	-4%	23%	3.1	2.6	2.0	2.3
Bangladesh	1,194	1,364	1,268	1,888	5,714	14%	-7%	49%	1.9	2.2	1.6	2.3
Georgia	924	1,203	1,540	1,705	5,372	30%	28%	11%	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.1
Zimbabwe	967	987	1,506	1,251	4,711	2%	53%	-17%	1.5	1.6	2.0	1.5
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,135	1,268	1,275	1,015	4,693	12%	1%	-20%	1.8	2.1	1.7	1.2
China	998	1,321	1,073	1,270	4,662	32%	-19%	18%	1.6	2.1	1.4	1.6
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,163	1,155	1,146	1,181	4,645	-1%	-1%	3%	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.5
Armenia	889	961	1,098	1,094	4,042	8%	14%	0%	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.3
Côte d'Ivoire	990	966	970	947	3,873	-2%	0%	-2%	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.2
Guinea	759	791	941	1,005	3,496	4%	19%	7%	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2
Algeria	758	673	1,015	1,024	3,470	-11%	51%	1%	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.3
Mali	570	1,131	1,131	612	3,444	98%	0%	-46%	0.9	1.8	1.5	0.8
India	659	761	870	681	2,971	15%	14%	-22%	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.8
Ghana	344	483	1,007	838	2,672	40%	108%	-17%	0.6	0.8	1.3	1.0
Stateless	583	551	812	664	2,610	-5%	47%	-18%	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.8
Sudan	486	510	684	757	2,437	5%	34%	11%	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9
Ethiopia	420	378	545	539	1,882	-10%	44%	-1%	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
Viet Nam	477	410	459	450	1,796	-14%	12%	-2%	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6
Azerbaijan	446	361	442	518	1,767	-19%	22%	17%	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Cameroon	403	474	442	429	1,748	18%	-7%	-3%	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5
Mongolia	437	341	401	507	1,686	-22%	18%	26%	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6
Togo	326	346	453	366	1,491	6%	31%	-19%	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5
Lebanon	514	322	253	350	1,439	-37%	-21%	38%	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.4
Albania	244	323	388	398	1,353	32%	20%	3%	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Gambia	288	304	345	400	1,337	6%	13%	16%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
Congo	306	296	300	354	1,256	-3%	1%	18%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Uzbekistan	226	289	342	322	1,179	28%	18%	-6%	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Angola	312	332	218	233	1,095	6%	-34%	7%	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3
Comoros	60	217	379	435	1,091	262%	75%	15%	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.5
Colombia	352	325	179	233	1,089	-8%	-45%	30%	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.3
Other	6,846	7,364	7,950	7,916	30,076	8%	8%	0%	11.0	11.9	10.3	9.7
Total	62,478	61,767	77,064	81,297	282,606	-1%	25%	5%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 12. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (26) by quarter, 2007

Covering 26 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR (excluding Italy).

Origin	No. of applications (excluding Italy)					Change (%)			Share (%)				Total 2007 including Italy
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Iraq	9,364	8,836	9,628	10,100	37,928	-6%	9%	5%	17.9	18.6	19.0	17.6	38,117
Russian Federation	2,886	2,715	3,721	7,380	16,702	-6%	37%	98%	5.5	5.7	7.3	12.8	16,738
Pakistan	3,757	3,084	3,681	2,671	13,193	-18%	19%	-27%	7.2	6.5	7.3	4.6	13,369
Serbia*	3,379	2,824	3,144	2,888	12,235	-16%	11%	-8%	6.5	5.9	6.2	5.0	13,348
Somalia	2,110	2,000	2,599	2,636	9,345	-5%	30%	1%	4.0	4.2	5.1	4.6	10,102
Afghanistan	1,993	1,924	1,636	2,105	7,658	-3%	-15%	29%	3.8	4.1	3.2	3.7	8,321
Turkey	1,600	1,418	1,253	1,555	5,826	-11%	-12%	24%	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.7	6,220
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,483	1,202	1,432	1,697	5,814	-19%	19%	19%	2.8	2.5	2.8	3.0	5,883
China	1,323	1,360	1,545	1,393	5,621	3%	14%	-10%	2.5	2.9	3.0	2.4	5,634
Bangladesh	2,345	1,168	835	991	5,339	-50%	-29%	19%	4.5	2.5	1.6	1.7	5,654
Nigeria	1,313	1,156	1,278	1,426	5,173	-12%	11%	12%	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	6,509
Sri Lanka	1,293	1,125	1,317	1,311	5,046	-13%	17%	0%	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.3	5,270
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,325	1,350	1,021	1,312	5,008	2%	-24%	29%	2.5	2.8	2.0	2.3	5,035
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,102	1,110	862	888	3,962	1%	-22%	3%	2.1	2.3	1.7	1.5	3,999
Eritrea	771	655	1,120	1,382	3,928	-15%	71%	23%	1.5	1.4	2.2	2.4	6,188
Georgia	749	1,209	866	881	3,705	61%	-28%	2%	1.4	2.5	1.7	1.5	3,725
Armenia	840	787	887	1,033	3,547	-6%	13%	16%	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	3,568
India	978	783	845	613	3,219	-20%	8%	-27%	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.1	3,281
Colombia	363	864	484	998	2,709	138%	-44%	106%	0.7	1.8	1.0	1.7	2,775
Algeria	630	538	655	726	2,549	-15%	22%	11%	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.3	2,618
Zimbabwe	477	520	638	859	2,494	9%	23%	35%	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.5	2,496
Viet Nam	453	588	502	869	2,412	30%	-15%	73%	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.5	2,415
Guinea	538	493	522	531	2,084	-8%	6%	2%	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	2,301
Stateless	482	444	578	520	2,024	-8%	30%	-10%	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.9	2,026
Lebanon	536	371	399	338	1,644	-31%	8%	-15%	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.6	1,749
Sudan	470	379	376	401	1,626	-19%	-1%	7%	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	2,009
Rep. of Moldova	504	349	470	251	1,574	-31%	35%	-47%	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.4	1,603
Côte d'Ivoire	481	344	372	354	1,551	-28%	8%	-5%	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6	2,533
Azerbaijan	306	293	375	413	1,387	-4%	28%	10%	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	1,398
Mongolia	354	379	340	307	1,380	7%	-10%	-10%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5	1,382
Occupied Palest. Territory	154	245	248	691	1,338	59%	1%	179%	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.2	1,419
Cameroon	315	278	305	301	1,199	-12%	10%	-1%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	1,319
Congo	299	293	243	304	1,139	-2%	-17%	25%	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	1,236
Albania	275	236	236	306	1,053	-14%	0%	30%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1,076
Belarus	263	228	285	266	1,042	-13%	25%	-7%	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	1,053
Ukraine	264	246	242	238	990	-7%	-2%	-2%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	1,016
Angola	291	257	215	210	973	-12%	-16%	-2%	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	984
Rwanda	275	180	166	222	843	-35%	-8%	34%	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	848
Bosnia and Herzegovina	237	198	215	181	831	-16%	9%	-16%	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	839
Ethiopia	192	180	220	193	785	-6%	22%	-12%	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	1,184
Other	5,445	4,858	4,955	5,763	21,021	-11%	2%	16%	10.4	10.2	9.8	10.0	24,710
Total	52,215	47,467	50,711	57,504	207,897	-9%	7%	13%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	221,950

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Table 13. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (27), 2008

Covering 27 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Iraq	8,264	6,196	6,723	6,424	27,607	-25%	9%	-4%	15.1	11.7	10.5	9.7
Russian Federation	4,653	3,654	4,788	5,088	18,183	-21%	31%	6%	8.5	6.9	7.5	7.7
Somalia	2,819	3,497	5,326	5,451	17,093	24%	52%	2%	5.1	6.6	8.3	8.2
Afghanistan	2,837	2,721	3,782	4,157	13,497	-4%	39%	10%	5.2	5.1	5.9	6.3
Serbia*	2,715	2,386	3,325	4,207	12,633	-12%	39%	27%	4.9	4.5	5.2	6.3
Pakistan	2,946	2,916	3,014	3,131	12,007	-1%	3%	4%	5.4	5.5	4.7	4.7
Nigeria	1,988	2,276	3,371	3,645	11,280	14%	48%	8%	3.6	4.3	5.3	5.5
Eritrea	1,350	981	2,225	2,418	6,974	-27%	127%	9%	2.5	1.9	3.5	3.6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,609	1,300	1,745	2,080	6,734	-19%	34%	19%	2.9	2.5	2.7	3.1
Turkey	1,772	1,432	1,377	1,718	6,299	-19%	-4%	25%	3.2	2.7	2.2	2.6
Sri Lanka	1,575	1,527	1,356	1,582	6,040	-3%	-11%	17%	2.9	2.9	2.1	2.4
Bangladesh	1,184	1,352	1,260	1,869	5,665	14%	-7%	48%	2.2	2.6	2.0	2.8
Georgia	841	1,131	1,358	1,519	4,849	34%	20%	12%	1.5	2.1	2.1	2.3
Zimbabwe	964	963	1,482	1,237	4,646	0%	54%	-17%	1.8	1.8	2.3	1.9
China	929	1,236	993	1,123	4,281	33%	-20%	13%	1.7	2.3	1.6	1.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,047	1,058	1,045	1,070	4,220	1%	-1%	2%	1.9	2.0	1.6	1.6
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,029	1,112	1,144	877	4,162	8%	3%	-23%	1.9	2.1	1.8	1.3
Armenia	874	949	1,080	1,058	3,961	9%	14%	-2%	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.6
Côte d'Ivoire	953	921	895	903	3,672	-3%	-3%	1%	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.4
Mali	564	1,126	1,121	604	3,415	100%	0%	-46%	1.0	2.1	1.8	0.9
Guinea	709	714	879	907	3,209	1%	23%	3%	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
Algeria	693	619	921	900	3,133	-11%	49%	-2%	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.4
India	648	736	837	646	2,867	14%	14%	-23%	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.0
Ghana	321	467	987	809	2,584	45%	111%	-18%	0.6	0.9	1.5	1.2
Sudan	440	412	579	637	2,068	-6%	41%	10%	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0
Viet Nam	466	395	457	440	1,758	-15%	16%	-4%	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Azerbaijan	438	337	418	498	1,691	-23%	24%	19%	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.7
Stateless	414	385	458	399	1,656	-7%	19%	-13%	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
Cameroon	370	446	410	394	1,620	21%	-8%	-4%	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6
Mongolia	405	297	367	449	1,518	-27%	24%	22%	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Togo	297	317	426	339	1,379	7%	34%	-20%	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5
Lebanon	491	297	234	325	1,347	-40%	-21%	39%	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.5
Ethiopia	311	245	357	364	1,277	-21%	46%	2%	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
Albania	218	304	364	370	1,256	39%	20%	2%	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6
Congo	300	294	291	341	1,226	-2%	-1%	17%	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Gambia	258	257	281	299	1,095	0%	9%	6%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
Comoros	60	217	379	435	1,091	262%	75%	15%	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.7
Colombia	325	315	177	220	1,037	-3%	-44%	24%	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.3
Uzbekistan	211	232	267	277	987	10%	15%	4%	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Senegal	217	256	252	259	984	18%	-2%	3%	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Other	6,344	6,700	7,085	6,954	27,083	6%	6%	-2%	11.6	12.6	11.1	10.5
Total	54,849	52,976	63,836	66,423	238,084	-3%	20%	4%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 14. Origin of asylum applicants in Canada and the United States of America, 2007

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
China	2,688	2,506	2,151	2,645	9,990	-7%	-14%	23%	16.1	15.5	13.4	14.0
Mexico	2,108	2,316	2,558	2,562	9,544	10%	10%	0%	12.6	14.3	15.9	13.6
Haiti	1,295	1,265	1,632	1,765	5,957	-2%	29%	8%	7.8	7.8	10.2	9.4
Colombia	785	717	936	1,352	3,790	-9%	31%	44%	4.7	4.4	5.8	7.2
El Salvador	1,001	931	729	844	3,505	-7%	-22%	16%	6.0	5.7	4.5	4.5
Guatemala	721	730	426	556	2,433	1%	-42%	31%	4.3	4.5	2.7	3.0
United States*	256	227	568	773	1,824	-11%	150%	36%	1.5	1.4	3.5	4.1
Ethiopia	351	317	313	345	1,326	-10%	-1%	10%	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8
India	329	286	294	361	1,270	-13%	3%	23%	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.9
Honduras	337	308	237	309	1,191	-9%	-23%	30%	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.6
Indonesia	285	263	232	315	1,095	-8%	-12%	36%	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.7
Iraq	257	265	252	254	1,028	3%	-5%	1%	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.3
Sri Lanka	273	229	229	279	1,010	-16%	0%	22%	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.5
Russian Federation	214	340	194	238	986	59%	-43%	23%	1.3	2.1	1.2	1.3
Nigeria	223	188	244	283	938	-16%	30%	16%	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.5
Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)	213	193	226	257	889	-9%	17%	14%	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.4
Pakistan	206	179	155	234	774	-13%	-13%	51%	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.2
Cameroon	186	159	167	178	690	-15%	5%	7%	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9
Guinea	166	164	169	169	668	-1%	3%	0%	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.9
Nepal	160	146	147	193	646	-9%	1%	31%	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0
Cuba	160	140	126	190	616	-13%	-10%	51%	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.0
Albania	119	106	136	198	559	-11%	28%	46%	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.1
Islamic Rep. of Iran	127	112	133	155	527	-12%	19%	17%	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
Ukraine	115	122	112	113	462	6%	-8%	1%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6
Eritrea	105	105	126	120	456	0%	20%	-5%	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.6
Somalia	121	88	103	133	445	-27%	17%	29%	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	99	95	110	131	435	-4%	16%	19%	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Egypt	98	121	107	103	429	23%	-12%	-4%	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5
Serbia**	100	109	86	130	425	9%	-21%	51%	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.7
Zimbabwe	88	92	115	127	422	5%	25%	10%	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7
Brazil	117	183	46	75	421	56%	-75%	63%	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.4
Côte d'Ivoire	104	94	113	86	397	-10%	20%	-24%	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5
Afghanistan	106	83	93	89	371	-22%	12%	-4%	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
Lebanon	107	86	100	78	371	-20%	16%	-22%	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.4
Peru	72	118	62	101	353	64%	-47%	63%	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.5
Nicaragua	84	96	79	87	346	14%	-18%	10%	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	97	61	81	107	346	-37%	33%	32%	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6
Mali	81	95	98	71	345	17%	3%	-28%	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4
Burundi	81	58	98	97	334	-28%	69%	-1%	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5
Armenia	100	93	64	66	323	-7%	-31%	3%	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4
Other	2,571	2,417	2,200	2,662	9,850	-6%	-9%	21%	15.4	14.9	13.7	14.1
Total	16,706	16,203	16,047	18,831	67,787	-3%	-1%	17%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

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

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Table 15. Origin of asylum applicants in Canada and the United States of America, 2008

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Mexico	2,513	2,696	3,557	3,386	12,152	7%	32%	-5%	13.8	14.2	17.8	18.2
China	2,828	2,956	2,933	2,751	11,468	5%	-1%	-6%	15.5	15.6	14.7	14.8
Haiti	1,584	1,689	1,684	1,219	6,176	7%	0%	-28%	8.7	8.9	8.4	6.6
Colombia	951	980	972	960	3,863	3%	-1%	-1%	5.2	5.2	4.9	5.2
El Salvador	779	923	773	732	3,207	18%	-16%	-5%	4.3	4.9	3.9	3.9
United States*	563	593	691	461	2,308	5%	17%	-33%	3.1	3.1	3.5	2.5
Guatemala	513	561	583	471	2,128	9%	4%	-19%	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.5
Ethiopia	342	365	381	409	1,497	7%	4%	7%	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.2
India	342	361	365	338	1,406	6%	1%	-7%	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8
Sri Lanka	356	317	344	356	1,373	-11%	9%	3%	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.9
Honduras	337	321	327	360	1,345	-5%	2%	10%	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.9
Iraq	283	298	305	259	1,145	5%	2%	-15%	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4
Nepal	179	218	242	340	979	22%	11%	40%	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.8
Russian Federation	216	318	228	209	971	47%	-28%	-8%	1.2	1.7	1.1	1.1
Nigeria	249	195	252	226	922	-22%	29%	-10%	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.2
Pakistan	221	195	203	216	835	-12%	4%	6%	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.2
Czech Rep.	171	192	164	298	825	12%	-15%	82%	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.6
Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)	228	228	180	158	794	0%	-21%	-12%	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.9
Cameroon	183	202	212	193	790	10%	5%	-9%	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
Somalia	174	172	222	184	752	-1%	29%	-17%	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.0
Indonesia	233	197	190	117	737	-15%	-4%	-38%	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.6
Kenya	200	178	159	155	692	-11%	-11%	-3%	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.8
Zimbabwe	148	144	203	117	612	-3%	41%	-42%	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	176	114	177	141	608	-35%	55%	-20%	1.0	0.6	0.9	0.8
Eritrea	142	135	153	171	601	-5%	13%	12%	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9
Cuba	161	132	132	141	566	-18%	0%	7%	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.8
Albania	200	123	105	134	562	-39%	-15%	28%	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	153	111	141	123	528	-27%	27%	-13%	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.7
Guinea	142	110	136	126	514	-23%	24%	-7%	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.7
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	112	131	145	94	482	17%	11%	-35%	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5
Afghanistan	97	106	148	130	481	9%	40%	-12%	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7
Egypt	108	132	101	132	473	22%	-23%	31%	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.7
Ukraine	126	94	109	88	417	-25%	16%	-19%	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5
Jamaica	91	104	94	119	408	14%	-10%	27%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Serbia**	120	102	81	86	389	-15%	-21%	6%	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.5
Myanmar	96	79	96	84	355	-18%	22%	-13%	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
Peru	67	97	101	84	349	45%	4%	-17%	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Burundi	79	57	112	81	329	-28%	96%	-28%	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4
Armenia	75	74	96	81	326	-1%	30%	-16%	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Brazil	77	92	75	79	323	19%	-18%	5%	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Other	5,150	5,527	6,402	6,158	23,237	7%	16%	-4%	28.2	29.2	32.0	33.1
Total	18,252	18,923	20,017	18,581	75,773	4%	6%	-7%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

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Table 16. Origin of asylum applicants in Australia and New Zealand, 2007

An asterisk (*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
China	268	265	327	379	1,239	-1%	23%	16%	27.4	24.4	30.2	35.4
Sri Lanka	118	123	133	96	470	4%	8%	-28%	12.1	11.3	12.3	9.0
India	67	203	45	41	356	203%	-78%	-9%	6.8	18.7	4.2	3.8
Iraq	59	33	97	57	246	-44%	194%	-41%	6.0	3.0	9.0	5.3
Indonesia	48	42	37	56	183	-13%	-12%	51%	4.9	3.9	3.4	5.2
Pakistan	26	37	54	36	153	42%	46%	-33%	2.7	3.4	5.0	3.4
Malaysia	26	30	44	44	144	15%	47%	0%	2.7	2.8	4.1	4.1
Islamic Rep. of Iran	24	27	32	28	111	13%	19%	-13%	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.6
Zimbabwe	21	24	28	29	102	14%	17%	4%	2.1	2.2	2.6	2.7
Bangladesh	19	23	29	13	84	21%	26%	-55%	1.9	2.1	2.7	1.2
Rep. of Korea	11	21	26	23	81	91%	24%	-12%	1.1	1.9	2.4	2.1
Fiji	38	22	9	11	80	-42%	-59%	22%	3.9	2.0	0.8	1.0
Lebanon	23	10	17	25	75	-57%	70%	47%	2.3	0.9	1.6	2.3
Myanmar	15	14	6	24	59	-7%	-57%	300%	1.5	1.3	0.6	2.2
Nepal	14	9	11	15	49	-36%	22%	36%	1.4	0.8	1.0	1.4
Egypt	16	6	10	11	43	-63%	67%	10%	1.6	0.6	0.9	1.0
Turkey	9	11	7	14	41	22%	-36%	100%	0.9	1.0	0.6	1.3
Viet Nam	5	7	15	8	35	40%	114%	-47%	0.5	0.6	1.4	0.7
Ethiopia	*	5	19	6	34	25%	280%	-68%	0.4	0.5	1.8	0.6
Philippines	16	7	9	*	34	-56%	29%	-78%	1.6	0.6	0.8	0.2
Other	152	168	127	153	600	11%	-24%	20%	15.5	15.5	11.7	14.3
Total	979	1,087	1,082	1,071	4,219	11%	0%	-1%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 17. Origin of asylum applicants in Australia and New Zealand, 2008

An asterisk (*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
China	271	287	371	321	1,250	6%	29%	-13%	26.8	26.3	24.0	23.7
Sri Lanka	103	98	111	131	443	-5%	13%	18%	10.2	9.0	7.2	9.7
India	38	80	161	106	385	111%	101%	-34%	3.8	7.3	10.4	7.8
Malaysia	50	85	60	44	239	70%	-29%	-27%	4.9	7.8	3.9	3.2
Indonesia	78	48	55	56	237	-38%	15%	2%	7.7	4.4	3.6	4.1
Iraq	46	49	65	66	226	7%	33%	2%	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.9
Pakistan	41	58	85	39	223	41%	47%	-54%	4.0	5.3	5.5	2.9
Zimbabwe	57	36	70	59	222	-37%	94%	-16%	5.6	3.3	4.5	4.4
Islamic Rep. of Iran	34	41	49	62	186	21%	20%	27%	3.4	3.8	3.2	4.6
Bangladesh	23	25	61	31	140	9%	144%	-49%	2.3	2.3	3.9	2.3
Rep. of Korea	17	27	51	36	131	59%	89%	-29%	1.7	2.5	3.3	2.7
Myanmar	28	20	27	26	101	-29%	35%	-4%	2.8	1.8	1.7	1.9
Egypt	16	20	50	14	100	25%	150%	-72%	1.6	1.8	3.2	1.0
Lebanon	17	23	24	26	90	35%	4%	8%	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.9
Fiji	19	12	20	36	87	-37%	67%	80%	1.9	1.1	1.3	2.7
Kenya	13	8	28	6	55	-38%	250%	-79%	1.3	0.7	1.8	0.4
Afghanistan	*	13	13	25	54	333%	0%	92%	0.3	1.2	0.8	1.8
Viet Nam	10	13	16	13	52	30%	23%	-19%	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.0
Ethiopia	5	11	11	17	44	120%	0%	55%	0.5	1.0	0.7	1.3
Nepal	7	5	17	10	39	-29%	240%	-41%	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.7
Other	137	131	200	232	700	-4%	53%	16%	13.5	12.0	12.9	17.1
Total	1,013	1,090	1,545	1,356	5,004	8%	42%	-12%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 18. Origin of asylum applicants in Japan and the Republic of Korea, 2007

An asterisk (*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Myanmar	105	126	130	161	522	20%	3%	24%	31.8	35.0	40.2	31.0
Nepal	107	98	29	45	279	-8%	-70%	55%	32.4	27.2	9.0	8.7
Sri Lanka	11	30	24	45	110	173%	-20%	88%	3.3	8.3	7.4	8.7
Nigeria	17	24	35	30	106	41%	46%	-14%	5.2	6.7	10.8	5.8
Turkey	18	14	17	27	76	-22%	21%	59%	5.5	3.9	5.3	5.2
Ghana	-	-	6	63	69	..	..	950%	-	-	1.9	12.1
Uganda	8	9	5	32	54	13%	-44%	540%	2.4	2.5	1.5	6.2
China	13	7	7	19	46	-46%	0%	171%	3.9	1.9	2.2	3.7
Bangladesh	6	*	14	14	38	-33%	250%	0%	1.8	1.1	4.3	2.7
Ethiopia	*	6	7	16	33	50%	17%	129%	1.2	1.7	2.2	3.1
Pakistan	6	9	*	13	31	50%	-67%	333%	1.8	2.5	0.9	2.5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	*	9	5	22	0%	125%	-44%	1.2	1.1	2.8	1.0
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5	*	*	7	20	-20%	0%	75%	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.3
Liberia	-	*	*	12	18	..	0%	300%	-	0.8	0.9	2.3
Cameroon	*	6	*	*	14	500%	-50%	33%	0.3	1.7	0.9	0.8
Afghanistan	*	*	6	-	13	33%	50%	-100%	0.9	1.1	1.9	-
Côte d'Ivoire	*	-	*	6	9	-100%	..	200%	0.3	-	0.6	1.2
South Africa	5	*	*	*	9	-80%	100%	-50%	1.5	0.3	0.6	0.2
Russian Federation	-	-	6	*	8	..	..	-67%	-	-	1.9	0.4
Iraq	*	*	-	*	7	50%	-100%	..	0.6	0.8	-	0.4
Other	14	8	11	16	49	-43%	38%	45%	4.2	2.2	3.4	3.1
Total	330	360	323	520	1,533	9%	-10%	61%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 19. Origin of asylum applicants in Japan and the Republic of Korea, 2008

An asterisk (*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Myanmar	190	220	293	309	1,012	16%	33%	5%	46.5	50.7	57.2	51.1
Sri Lanka	29	31	37	64	161	7%	19%	73%	7.1	7.1	7.2	10.6
Turkey	36	35	44	39	154	-3%	26%	-11%	8.8	8.1	8.6	6.4
Pakistan	13	6	32	33	84	-54%	433%	3%	3.2	1.4	6.3	5.5
Bangladesh	9	28	7	19	63	211%	-75%	171%	2.2	6.5	1.4	3.1
Ethiopia	16	21	6	14	57	31%	-71%	133%	3.9	4.8	1.2	2.3
China	12	8	12	16	48	-33%	50%	33%	2.9	1.8	2.3	2.6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	15	7	14	9	45	-53%	100%	-36%	3.7	1.6	2.7	1.5
Nigeria	7	5	9	16	37	-29%	80%	78%	1.7	1.2	1.8	2.6
Uganda	7	6	6	18	37	-14%	0%	200%	1.7	1.4	1.2	3.0
Cameroon	6	10	5	13	34	67%	-50%	160%	1.5	2.3	1.0	2.1
Ghana	24	*	*	5	33	-88%	-67%	400%	5.9	0.7	0.2	0.8
Nepal	10	10	8	*	32	0%	-20%	-50%	2.4	2.3	1.6	0.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5	9	*	7	25	80%	-56%	75%	1.2	2.1	0.8	1.2
Liberia	8	5	6	5	24	-38%	20%	-17%	2.0	1.2	1.2	0.8
India	*	*	6	8	17	100%	200%	33%	0.2	0.5	1.2	1.3
Peru	-	*	*	5	8	..	100%	150%	-	0.2	0.4	0.8
Colombia	*	*	*	*	7	-33%	-50%	0%	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.2
Iraq	*	*	*	*	6	100%	0%	-50%	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2
Côte d'Ivoire	*	*	*	*	6	0%	-50%	0%	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2
Other	15	21	16	18	70	40%	-24%	13%	3.7	4.8	3.1	3.0
Total	409	434	512	605	1,960	6%	18%	18%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 20. Asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries by origin, fourth quarter 2008

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark**	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Iraq	-	64	148	320	-	82	66	-	79	12	125	-	616	360	1,519
Somalia	-	*	75	52	-	-	118	-	-	-	21	-	711	36	42
Afghanistan	-	25	460	278	-	13	117	-	6	8	174	-	107	97	252
Russian Federation	-	5	1,041	412	-	*	70	6	*	9	44	*	38	947	170
Serbia***	-	-	563	359	16	-	29	18	-	6	55	-	38	1,120	313
Eritrea	-	*	*	9	-	-	59	-	-	-	8	-	*	55	77
Nigeria	-	12	132	15	-	5	193	*	19	15	14	-	23	157	122
China	-	313	72	61	-	*	356	-	24	9	*	-	-	324	82
Pakistan	-	39	46	50	-	-	103	7	41	*	6	-	*	118	100
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,830	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	54	90	170	-	*	73	*	55	*	85	-	41	65	262
Sri Lanka	-	127	*	45	-	*	273	-	49	-	12	-	13	624	105
Turkey	-	10	127	67	-	-	73	-	31	*	17	*	29	681	299
Bangladesh	-	26	12	29	-	-	19	-	20	-	5	-	*	462	6
Georgia	-	-	172	58	-	-	24	-	37	12	15	*	*	175	100
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	864	-	-	-	-	-	-	296	-
Zimbabwe	-	58	5	-	-	-	63	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	16
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	11	148	-	-	100	-	*	6	*	-	10	635	49
Colombia	-	8	-	*	-	-	782	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	*
Armenia	-	-	91	106	-	10	8	-	-	9	*	-	5	604	42

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Iraq	167	25	*	53	220	*	-	-	-	15	*	-	1,077	*	1,028
Somalia	38	68	-	34	1,566	-	-	-	-	*	288	-	1,221	*	414
Afghanistan	665	30	-	15	453	-	8	-	*	*	-	-	190	-	488
Russian Federation	35	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	59	*	-	-	32	-	258
Serbia***	*	782	5	*	247	-	-	-	*	31	-	-	9	-	88
Eritrea	9	-	*	21	1,091	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	98	*	493
Nigeria	209	15	*	254	2,032	*	-	-	*	*	46	-	21	-	171
China	13	20	-	78	9	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	47	8	30
Pakistan	1,679	6	-	66	328	15	-	-	5	-	-	-	13	-	21
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	76	*	-	13	25	9	-	-	-	7	-	-	165	8	224
Sri Lanka	22	-	-	-	41	42	*	-	6	-	-	-	57	*	82
Turkey	11	29	-	*	238	39	-	-	*	-	-	-	17	-	20
Bangladesh	611	-	-	17	385	13	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	5	*
Georgia	629	40	*	41	20	-	13	*	*	-	*	-	17	-	6
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	-	*	-	35	15	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	5
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	7	-	-	33	20	5	-	-	-	*	-	-	12	*	34
Colombia	-	-	-	-	14	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	*
Armenia	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65	-	12

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	TYR Macedonia	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States***
Iraq	45	*	-	17	-	5	-	*	1,030	491	-	2,125	500	193
Somalia	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	84	892	1,085	*	149	315	66
Afghanistan	*	-	-	-	-	36	7	8	271	119	-	1,167	1,075	13
Russian Federation	1,988	-	-	*	-	19	-	22	237	73	-	-	15	139
Serbia***	-	-	-	*	-	*	16	-	637	386	-	-	20	57
Eritrea	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	24	270	1,409	-	10	730	112
Nigeria	7	-	13	6	-	*	*	245	67	380	-	*	235	33
China	8	-	12	17	-	7	-	*	23	102	-	15	320	2,395
Pakistan	*	-	18	74	-	27	-	19	21	18	-	*	525	113
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	556
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	-	-	*	-	*	*	23	265	109	-	552	725	68
Sri Lanka	6	-	22	-	-	11	*	5	11	443	-	7	570	83
Turkey	*	-	-	19	-	*	26	*	64	134	-	-	45	14
Bangladesh	*	-	6	162	-	8	-	7	23	16	-	*	110	29
Georgia	14	*	-	11	5	40	-	24	72	173	-	-	20	30
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	355
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	*	9	-	-	1,145	54
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	6	*	*	-	-	-	17	12	64	-	13	95	23
Colombia	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	129	*	10	-	-	5	178
Armenia	9	-	-	*	*	7	-	12	70	19	-	*	5	73

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An asterisk (*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.									
Albania		Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bosnia and H.	
Serbia	10	China	1,213	Russian Fed.	2,676	Russian Fed.	1,436	Serbia	555
Nepal	9	Sri Lanka	445	Serbia	1,760	Serbia**	1,219	China	*
Czech Rep.	*	India	349	Afghanistan	761	Iraq	825	Sri Lanka	*
Nigeria	*	Iraq	216	Turkey	659	DR of Congo	716	Islam. Rep. of Iran	*
India	*	Indonesia	183	Rep. of Moldova	545	Afghanistan	696	Pakistan	*
Afghanistan	*	Pakistan	145	Iraq	472	Guinea	526	Montenegro	*
		Malaysia	137	Somalia	467	Islam. Rep. of Iran	411	Syrian Arab Rep.	*
		Zimbabwe	94	Armenia	405	Slovakia	364	Bangladesh	*
		Islam. Rep. of Iran	84	Georgia	400	Armenia	339	TfYR Macedonia	*
		Rep. of Korea	80	Nigeria	394	Rwanda	321	Brazil	*
Bulgaria									
Canada		Croatia		Cyprus		Czech Rep.			
Iraq	533	Mexico	7,057	Serbia	86	Syrian Arab Rep.	1,752	Ukraine	293
Stateless	80	Haiti	3,231	Pakistan	15	Occ. Palest. Terr.	1,018	Turkey	213
Afghanistan	77	Colombia	2,577	Islam. Rep. of Iran	15	Sri Lanka	661	Mongolia	159
Armenia	64	United States	1,824	Albania	13	Islam. Rep. of Iran	475	Belarus	130
Islam. Rep. of Iran	33	China	1,353	TfYR Macedonia	10	Georgia	352	Viet Nam	100
Nigeria	18	Sri Lanka	793	Bosnia and H.	9	Pakistan	339	Russian Fed.	99
Bangladesh	17	Nigeria	755	Iraq	6	India	294	Cuba	94
Syrian Arab Rep.	15	India	641	Georgia	6	Bangladesh	264	Nigeria	69
Turkey	13	DR of Congo	351	Russian Fed.	*	China	214	Stateless	65
Sudan	13	Pakistan	349	Sri Lanka	*	Iraq	200	Kyrgyzstan	63
Denmark***									
Estonia		Finland		France		Germany			
Iraq	700	Belarus	5	Iraq	307	Russian Fed.	3,222	Iraq	4,171
Afghanistan	144	Russian Fed.	*	Russian Fed.	172	Serbia**	3,063	Serbia**	1,871
Russian Fed.	115	Sri Lanka	*	Serbia**	142	Turkey	2,223	Turkey	1,368
Islam. Rep. of Iran	109			Somalia	81	Sri Lanka	2,130	Viet Nam	991
Serbia**	92			Islam. Rep. of Iran	78	DR of Congo	2,126	Russian Fed.	752
Syrian Arab Rep.	74			Turkey	74	Armenia	1,924	Islam. Rep. of Iran	616
India	56			Afghanistan	70	China	1,288	Syrian Arab Rep.	604
Occ. Palest. Terr.	53			Belarus	47	Algeria	965	Lebanon	580
Sri Lanka	42			Nigeria	41	Bangladesh	959	Nigeria	439
China	41			DR of Congo	35	Guinea	946	India	412
Greece									
Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Italy (annual data)			
Pakistan	9,144	Viet Nam	862	Russian Fed.	5	Nigeria	1,028	Eritrea	2,260
Iraq	5,474	Serbia	723	Syrian Arab Rep.	5	Iraq	285	Nigeria	1,336
Bangladesh	2,965	China	417	Albania	5	China	259	Serbia	1,113
Georgia	1,559	Montenegro	188	Belarus	*	Pakistan	185	Côte d'Ivoire	982
Afghanistan	1,556	Iraq	136	Sri Lanka	*	Georgia	174	Somalia	757
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,311	Georgia	131	Lebanon	*	Sudan	157	Ghana	673
Nigeria	390	Russia	99	Malaysia	*	DR of Congo	149	Afghanistan	663
Islam. Rep. of Iran	354	Nigeria	86	Serbia	*	Somalia	144	Ethiopia	399
India	261	Mongolia	79	China	*	Rep. of Moldova	133	Turkey	394
Senegal	219	Turkey	56	Iraq	*	Eritrea	113	Sudan	383
Japan									
Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg			
Myanmar	500	Bangladesh	6	Russian Fed.	6	Russian Fed.	53	Serbia	225
Turkey	76	Armenia	*	Iraq	*	Georgia	13	Bosnia and H.	24
Sri Lanka	43	Azerbaijan	*	DR of Congo	*	Belarus	7	Islam. Rep. of Iran	16
Ethiopia	29	Russian Fed.	*	Serbia	*	Viet Nam	6	Albania	16
Pakistan	27	Iraq	*	Georgia	*	Armenia	5	Montenegro	15
Islam. Rep. of Iran	19	Kenya	*	Somalia	*	Morocco	*	Iraq	14
China	17	Mongolia	*	Israel	*	Uzbekistan	*	Russian Fed.	13
Bangladesh	14	Cuba	*	Poland	*	China	*	Algeria	11
Afghanistan	12	Turkey	*	Occ. Palest. Terr.	*	Cuba	*	Belarus	8
Cameroon	12	Nigeria	*	Islam. Rep. of Iran	*	Kazakhstan	*	Guinea	8
Malta									
Montenegro		Netherlands		New Zealand		Norway			
Somalia	585	Albania	*	Iraq	2,004	Iraq	30	Iraq	1,227
Eritrea	339	TfYR Macedonia	*	Somalia	1,874	Islam. Rep. of Iran	27	Russian Fed.	863
Côte d'Ivoire	77			China	243	China	26	Eritrea	789
Sudan	76			Islam. Rep. of Iran	187	Sri Lanka	25	Serbia	585
Ethiopia	73			Nigeria	179	Bangladesh	18	Stateless	515
Mali	46			Eritrea	153	Fiji	10	Ethiopia	241
Nigeria	38			Afghanistan	143	Pakistan	8	Sri Lanka	238
Niger	25			Sierra Leone	130	Zimbabwe	8	Afghanistan	234
Ghana	15			Burundi	129	Hungary	8	Islam. Rep. of Iran	222
DR of Congo	14			Côte d'Ivoire	110	India	7	Somalia	187

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Poland		Portugal		Rep. of Korea		Romania		Serbia (excl. Kosovo)	
Russian Fed.	6,536	Colombia	86	Nepal	275	Iraq	243	Iraq	35
Belarus	63	Guinea	16	Nigeria	100	Serbia	183	Georgia	9
Sri Lanka	62	Bosnia and H.	16	Ghana	68	Turkey	40	Ethiopia	6
Viet Nam	44	Somalia	15	Sri Lanka	67	Somalia	28	TfYR Macedonia	5
India	41	DR of Congo	11	Uganda	50	China	26	Pakistan	*
Pakistan	31	Afghanistan	7	China	29	Rep. of Moldova	16	Cuba	*
Iraq	29	Russian Fed.	6	Bangladesh	24	India	15	Islam. Rep. of Iran	*
Ukraine	29	Sri Lanka	6	Myanmar	22	Syrian Arab Rep.	10	Tunisia	*
Bangladesh	23	India	5	Liberia	15	Bangladesh	9	Senegal	*
Nigeria	22	Algeria	5	DR of Congo	10	Occ. Palest. Terr.	9		
Slovakia		Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland	
Pakistan	650	Serbia	234	Colombia	2,437	Iraq	18,559	Eritrea	1,661
India	619	Turkey	39	Iraq	1,564	Somalia	3,349	Serbia	1,030
Russian Fed.	307	Bosnia and H.	22	Nigeria	674	Serbia**	2,500	Iraq	956
Rep. of Moldova	208	Albania	21	Côte d'Ivoire	313	Stateless	1,312	Sri Lanka	636
Georgia	134	TfYR Macedonia	20	Morocco	258	Eritrea	878	Turkey	616
Iraq	132	Afghanistan	12	Algeria	243	Russian Fed.	788	Romania	539
Bangladesh	108	Pakistan	11	India	177	Afghanistan	609	Somalia	464
China	96	Russian Fed.	9	Somalia	152	Bolivia	567	Nigeria	327
Afghanistan	66	India	*	DR of Congo	131	Lebanon	523	Afghanistan	322
Viet Nam	58	Iraq	*	Sudan	88	Mongolia	519	Syrian Arab Rep.	301
TfYR Macedonia		Turkey		United Kingdom		United States****			
Serbia	22	Iraq	3,471	Afghanistan	2,815	China	8,637		
India	5	Islam. Rep. of Iran	1,687	Islam. Rep. of Iran	2,510	El Salvador	3,168		
Iraq	*	Somalia	1,124	Zimbabwe	2,300	Haiti	2,726		
DR of Congo	*	Afghanistan	705	China	2,185	Mexico	2,487		
Bulgaria	*	Occ. Palest. Terr.	157	Iraq	2,075	Guatemala	2,221		
Occ. Palest. Terr.	*	DR of Congo	76	Somalia	1,960	Colombia	1,213		
		Sudan	76	Eritrea	1,905	Ethiopia	1,146		
		Ethiopia	54	Pakistan	1,765	Indonesia	1,034		
		Sri Lanka	50	Sri Lanka	1,250	Honduras	950		
		Eritrea	45	Nigeria	905	Venezuela (Bol. Rep.)	745		

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Albania		Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bosnia and H.	
Serbia	5	China	1,226	Russian Fed.	3,436	Russian Fed.	1,615	Serbia	82
Sri Lanka	*	Sri Lanka	417	Serbia	1,702	Iraq	1,070	India	6
		India	371	Afghanistan	1,365	Serbia	1,050	TfYR Macedonia	*
		Indonesia	236	Nigeria	535	Afghanistan	879	Occ. Palest. Terr.	*
		Malaysia	231	Georgia	514	Guinea	661	Croatia	*
		Pakistan	220	Iraq	494	Islam. Rep. of Iran	614	Cameroon	*
		Zimbabwe	214	Turkey	418	DR of Congo	579	Turkey	*
		Iraq	193	Somalia	392	Armenia	461	Pakistan	*
		Islam. Rep. of Iran	158	Armenia	361	Cameroon	367	Montenegro	*
		Bangladesh	131	India	355	Turkey	284	Poland	*
Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia		Cyprus		Czech Rep.	
Iraq	350	Mexico	9,413	Serbia	62	Syrian Arab Rep.	963	Ukraine	328
Armenia	70	Haiti	4,247	Pakistan	16	Sri Lanka	408	Turkey	251
Stateless	67	Colombia	3,069	Turkey	10	Occ. Palest. Terr.	391	Mongolia	192
Afghanistan	55	United States	2,308	Bosnia and H.	9	India	232	Viet Nam	107
Syrian Arab Rep.	20	China	1,476	Sri Lanka	8	Pakistan	221	Belarus	80
Islam. Rep. of Iran	19	Sri Lanka	1,000	Russian Fed.	8	Islam. Rep. of Iran	213	Russian Fed.	80
Nigeria	18	Czech Rep.	818	Czech Rep.	7	Egypt	211	Kazakhstan	78
Sri Lanka	17	Nigeria	765	Islam. Rep. of Iran	7	Bangladesh	178	Syrian Arab Rep.	63
Somalia	14	India	674	Tajikistan	5	Iraq	170	Nigeria	42
China	10	El Salvador	603	TfYR Macedonia	*	Georgia	122	Kyrgyzstan	41
Denmark***		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Iraq	543	Belarus	*	Iraq	1,253	Russian Fed.	3,579	Iraq	6,697
Afghanistan	418	Russian Fed.	*	Somalia	1,176	Serbia	3,129	Serbia	1,511
Islam. Rep. of Iran	196	Georgia	*	Afghanistan	249	Mali	2,664	Turkey	1,320
Russian Fed.	183	Iraq	*	Russian Fed.	208	DR of Congo	2,485	Viet Nam	1,042
Serbia	118	Turkey	*	Serbia**	161	Sri Lanka	2,304	Islam. Rep. of Iran	804
Syrian Arab Rep.	105	Nigeria	*	Islam. Rep. of Iran	143	Turkey	2,196	Russian Fed.	768
Occ. Palest. Terr.	91	Ukraine	*	Bulgaria	82	Armenia	2,081	Syrian Arab Rep.	744
Somalia	58	Senegal	*	Nigeria	76	Guinea	1,256	Afghanistan	650
Sri Lanka	53			Belarus	68	Bangladesh	1,242	Lebanon	513
Turkey	39			Turkey	65	Comoros	1,086	Nigeria	500
Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Italy	
Pakistan	6,914	Serbia	1,593	Serbia	15	Nigeria	1,008	Nigeria	5,333
Afghanistan	2,287	Pakistan	246	Iraq	5	Pakistan	237	Somalia	4,473
Georgia	2,241	Somalia	185	Afghanistan	5	Iraq	203	Eritrea	2,739
Bangladesh	1,778	Georgia	165	Nigeria	5	Georgia	180	Afghanistan	2,005
Iraq	1,760	Iraq	125	Albania	5	China	180	Côte d'Ivoire	1,844
Syrian Arab Rep.	808	Afghanistan	116	Sri Lanka	5	DR of Congo	172	Ghana	1,674
Nigeria	746	Turkey	70	Georgia	*	Rep. of Moldova	142	Bangladesh	1,322
Senegal	386	Nigeria	56	Russian Fed.	*	Somalia	141	Pakistan	920
Islam. Rep. of Iran	312	China	55	Kenya	*	Sudan	126	Serbia	851
India	227	Egypt	50	Azerbaijan	*	Zimbabwe	114	Togo	829
Japan		Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg	
Myanmar	979	Georgia	17	Belarus	*	Russian Fed.	138	Serbia	219
Turkey	154	Afghanistan	10	Angola	*	Belarus	12	Bosnia and H.	31
Sri Lanka	90	Russian Fed.	5	Russian Fed.	*	Cuba	8	Iraq	29
Ethiopia	51	Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Germany	*	Georgia	7	Islam. Rep. of Iran	18
Islam. Rep. of Iran	38	Sri Lanka	*	Turkey	*	Sri Lanka	6	Albania	14
Pakistan	37	Bangladesh	*	Serbia	*	Pakistan	6	Montenegro	14
Bangladesh	33	Cuba	*	Czech Rep.	*	Uzbekistan	6	Russian Fed.	13
Cameroon	29	Turkey	*	Georgia	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	5	Eritrea	11
Nepal	20	Pakistan	*	Islam. Rep. of Iran	*	Turkey	*	Somalia	10
China	18	Cameroon	*	Armenia	*	Cameroon	*	Cameroon	8
Malta		Montenegro		Netherlands		New Zealand		Norway	
Somalia	1,081	Albania	*	Iraq	5,027	Iraq	33	Iraq	3,137
Côte d'Ivoire	264	Georgia	*	Somalia	3,842	Islam. Rep. of Iran	28	Eritrea	1,799
Nigeria	223	Belarus	*	China	563	Sri Lanka	26	Afghanistan	1,363
Mali	208	Serbia	*	Afghanistan	395	China	24	Somalia	1,293
Eritrea	176	Afghanistan	*	Islam. Rep. of Iran	322	India	14	Russian Fed.	1,078
Ghana	111			Eritrea	236	Czech Rep.	10	Stateless	940
Ethiopia	97			Sri Lanka	216	Bangladesh	9	Islam. Rep. of Iran	720
Niger	94			Armenia	208	Zimbabwe	8	Serbia	675
Togo	71			Guinea	154	Malaysia	8	Nigeria	436
Gambia	44			Sierra Leone	129	Nepal	6	Ethiopia	354

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Poland		Portugal		Rep. of Korea		Romania		Serbia (excl. Kosovo)	
Russian Fed.	6,647	Sri Lanka	27	Sri Lanka	71	Pakistan	252	Côte d'Ivoire	19
Iraq	66	Colombia	24	Pakistan	47	Bangladesh	172	Georgia	17
Viet Nam	57	DR of Congo	17	Myanmar	33	India	141	Iraq	12
Georgia	54	Bosnia and H.	10	China	30	Iraq	133	Syrian Arab Rep.	5
Belarus	33	Nigeria	8	Bangladesh	30	Turkey	79	Armenia	5
Armenia	32	Guinea	8	Ghana	29	China	53	Nigeria	*
Ukraine	25	Senegal	7	Nigeria	27	Georgia	43	Ethiopia	*
Uzbekistan	22	Georgia	5	Uganda	21	Cameroon	25	Sierra Leone	*
China	20	Congo	5	Liberia	15	Serbia	25	Chad	*
Nigeria	19	Eritrea	5	Nepal	12	Rep. of Moldova	15	Occ. Palest. Terr.	*
Slovakia		Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland	
Georgia	112	Turkey	72	Nigeria	801	Iraq	6,083	Eritrea	2,849
Rep. of Moldova	110	Serbia	69	Colombia	753	Somalia	3,361	Somalia	2,014
Russian Fed.	107	Bosnia and H.	13	Côte d'Ivoire	498	Serbia	1,989	Iraq	1,440
Pakistan	95	Islam. Rep. of Iran	11	Somalia	195	Stateless	1,051	Serbia	1,301
India	90	Afghanistan	10	Algeria	151	Russian Fed.	933	Sri Lanka	1,262
Afghanistan	75	TfYR Macedonia	9	Cuba	119	Eritrea	857	Nigeria	988
Iraq	45	Nigeria	7	Morocco	119	Islam. Rep. of Iran	799	Turkey	519
China	44	Albania	7	Sudan	112	Mongolia	791	Georgia	481
Bangladesh	42	Montenegro	5	DR of Congo	103	Afghanistan	784	Afghanistan	405
Viet Nam	41	Pakistan	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	97	Uzbekistan	741	Islam. Rep. of Iran	393
TfYR Macedonia		Turkey		United Kingdom		United States****			
Serbia	34	Iraq	6,904	Zimbabwe	4,330	China	9,992		
Afghanistan	6	Afghanistan	2,642	Afghanistan	3,730	Mexico	2,739		
Albania	5	Islam. Rep. of Iran	2,116	Islam. Rep. of Iran	2,585	El Salvador	2,604		
Occ. Palest. Terr.	*	Somalia	647	Eritrea	2,345	Haiti	1,929		
Somalia	*	Sudan	156	Iraq	2,030	Guatemala	1,807		
Iraq	*	Eritrea	76	Pakistan	2,010	Ethiopia	1,260		
Nigeria	*	Occ. Palest. Terr.	74	Sri Lanka	1,840	Honduras	872		
Turkey	*	DR of Congo	72	Somalia	1,575	Iraq	835		
Islam. Rep. of Iran	*	Sri Lanka	42	China	1,490	Nepal	827		
Stateless	*	Uzbekistan	35	Nigeria	970	Colombia	794		

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Table 23. Monthly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2008

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Asylum country	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Change Nov-Dec
Albania	-	5	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	..
Australia	304	315	323	349	343	335	493	569	426	427	341	525	54%
Austria	1,113	888	812	889	833	815	1,089	1,163	1,295	1,412	1,228	1,272	4%
Belgium	1,097	918	926	907	899	971	1,087	1,000	1,071	1,190	1,116	1,070	-4%
Bosnia and H.	1	17	34	10	4	2	5	1	-	12	9	5	-44%
Bulgaria	86	88	62	53	77	51	58	37	78	67	49	40	-18%
Canada	2,986	2,904	2,521	2,959	2,723	2,742	3,241	3,339	3,705	3,716	3,237	2,822	-13%
Croatia	20	13	5	9	14	7	7	10	14	31	15	10	-33%
Cyprus	254	440	423	310	312	274	435	220	326	232	334	362	8%
Czech Rep.	212	188	182	137	98	114	115	113	121	176	117	117	0%
Denmark	237	167	129	149	153	146	131	209	252	252	288	247	-14%
Estonia	2	1	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	4	2	-50%
Finland	165	111	119	145	232	259	289	418	520	650	551	557	1%
France	2,557	2,774	2,518	2,940	2,391	2,844	2,823	2,587	3,362	3,833	3,014	3,521	17%
Germany	2,397	1,818	1,545	1,694	1,599	1,672	1,793	1,659	1,965	1,954	1,730	1,545	-11%
Greece	1,686	1,724	1,506	1,715	1,791	1,743	1,740	1,421	1,702	1,648	1,429	1,779	24%
Hungary	241	233	227	173	196	148	160	240	394	445	340	321	-6%
Iceland	6	7	2	3	7	9	9	6	13	9	6	1	-83%
Ireland	329	296	299	299	301	329	339	333	360	357	324	299	-8%
Italy	1,532	1,591	1,843	1,734	2,125	2,256	3,134	3,413	3,619	3,301	3,414	3,202	-6%
Japan	89	94	126	105	132	128	148	128	150	162	176	161	-9%
Latvia	2	1	1	-	1	4	2	8	1	20	8	3	-63%
Liechtenstein	4	4	2	1	1	4	5	1	-	1	2	1	-50%
Lithuania	11	7	15	15	10	8	15	19	22	26	33	35	6%
Luxembourg	44	26	29	45	21	33	40	55	70	35	38	27	-29%
Malta	218	150	110	202	189	232	365	270	259	189	206	217	5%
Montenegro	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	..
Netherlands	908	862	886	929	1,011	1,169	1,269	1,289	1,446	1,438	1,111	1,081	-3%
New Zealand	22	17	32	21	22	20	30	11	16	21	16	26	63%
Norway	865	783	830	850	996	1,069	1,437	1,699	1,546	1,455	1,450	1,451	0%
Poland	359	634	510	566	462	479	491	586	949	711	644	812	26%
Portugal	7	13	11	16	12	34	6	20	9	15	12	6	-50%
Rep. of Korea	59	19	24	23	22	25	24	31	31	24	47	35	-26%
Romania	42	54	93	39	46	84	144	86	103	117	123	152	24%
Serbia	5	9	11	4	3	-	15	16	1	9	4	-	-100%
Slovakia	45	61	66	75	75	97	76	79	86	120	66	64	-3%
Slovenia	17	14	11	15	45	12	13	10	23	23	37	18	-51%
Spain	372	442	336	444	420	347	357	290	343	433	366	328	-10%
Sweden	3,195	2,209	1,645	1,838	1,754	1,629	1,894	1,938	2,146	2,193	1,848	2,064	12%
Switzerland	1,048	859	879	1,086	902	1,171	1,096	1,607	1,703	2,116	2,056	2,083	1%
TFYR Macedonia	2	1	4	1	2	3	14	6	15	3	1	2	100%
Turkey	666	919	625	812	903	914	1,008	1,250	1,742	1,749	1,427	966	-32%
United Kingdom	2,705	2,510	2,490	2,270	2,185	2,385	2,755	2,385	2,845	2,815	2,565	2,635	3%
United States	4,165	4,156	4,092	4,350	4,684	4,118	4,806	3,759	3,767	4,183	3,405	3,530	4%
EU-"Old" (15)	18,344	16,349	15,094	16,014	15,727	16,632	18,746	18,180	21,005	21,526	19,034	19,633	3%
EU-"New" (12)	1,489	1,871	1,700	1,586	1,513	1,503	1,875	1,668	2,362	2,127	1,961	2,143	9%
EU-Total (27)	19,833	18,220	16,794	17,600	17,240	18,135	20,621	19,848	23,367	23,653	20,995	21,776	4%
Nordic countries (5)	4,468	3,277	2,725	2,985	3,142	3,112	3,760	4,270	4,477	4,559	4,143	4,320	4%
Western Europe (19)	20,267	18,002	16,807	17,954	17,633	18,885	21,293	21,493	24,267	25,107	22,548	23,169	3%
Southern Europe (8)	4,735	5,284	4,854	5,233	5,754	5,800	7,045	6,884	8,000	7,567	7,188	6,860	-5%
Total Europe (38)	22,450	20,840	19,186	20,376	20,075	21,315	24,217	24,446	28,401	29,038	25,965	26,295	1%
Canada/USA	7,151	7,060	6,613	7,309	7,407	6,860	8,047	7,098	7,472	7,899	6,642	6,352	-4%
Australia/New Z.	326	332	355	370	365	355	523	580	442	448	357	551	54%
Japan/Rep. of Korea	148	113	150	128	154	153	172	159	181	186	223	196	-12%
Total non-Europe (6)	7,625	7,505	7,118	7,807	7,926	7,368	8,742	7,837	8,095	8,533	7,222	7,099	-2%
Total (44)	30,075	28,345	26,304	28,183	28,001	28,683	32,959	32,283	36,496	37,571	33,187	33,394	1%

Notes

See notes Table 1.