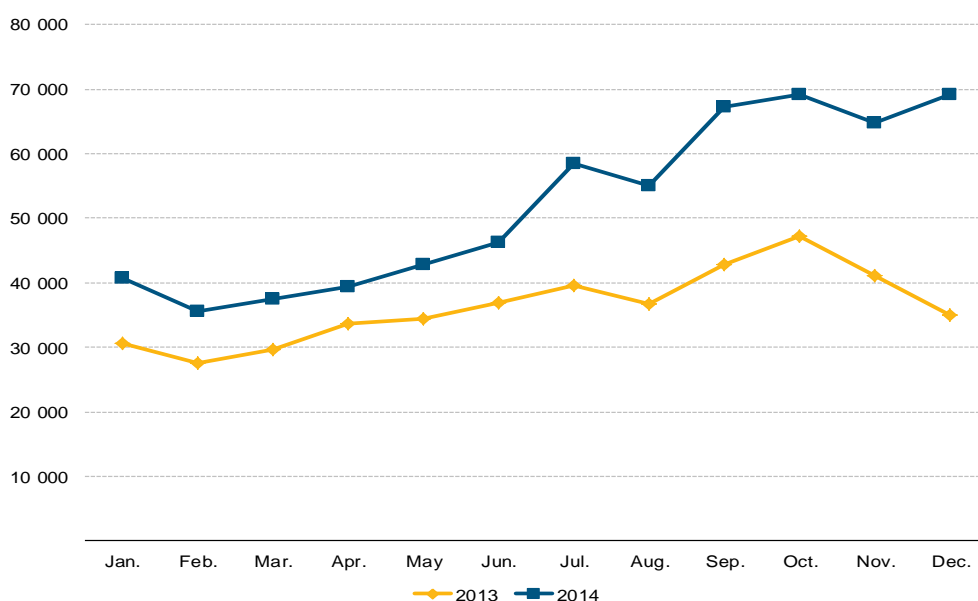


Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications: 2014

Substantial increase of number of asylum applicants during 2014 in the EU-28

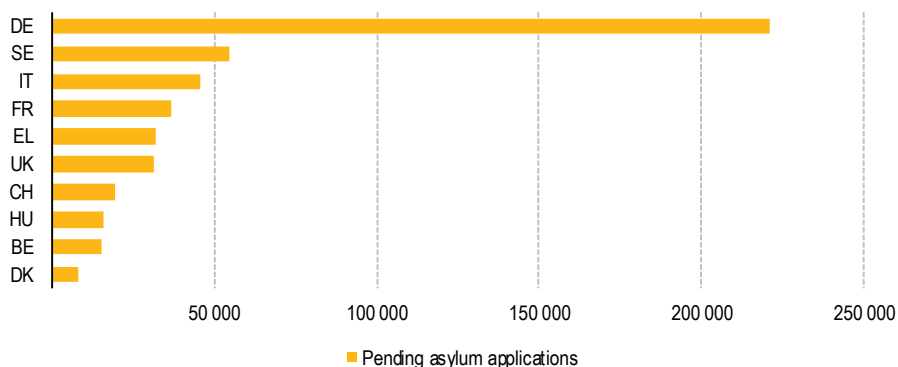
Figure 1: Asylum applicants, EU-28, January 2013 – December 2014



Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

More than 200 000 applications pending in Germany at the end of December 2014

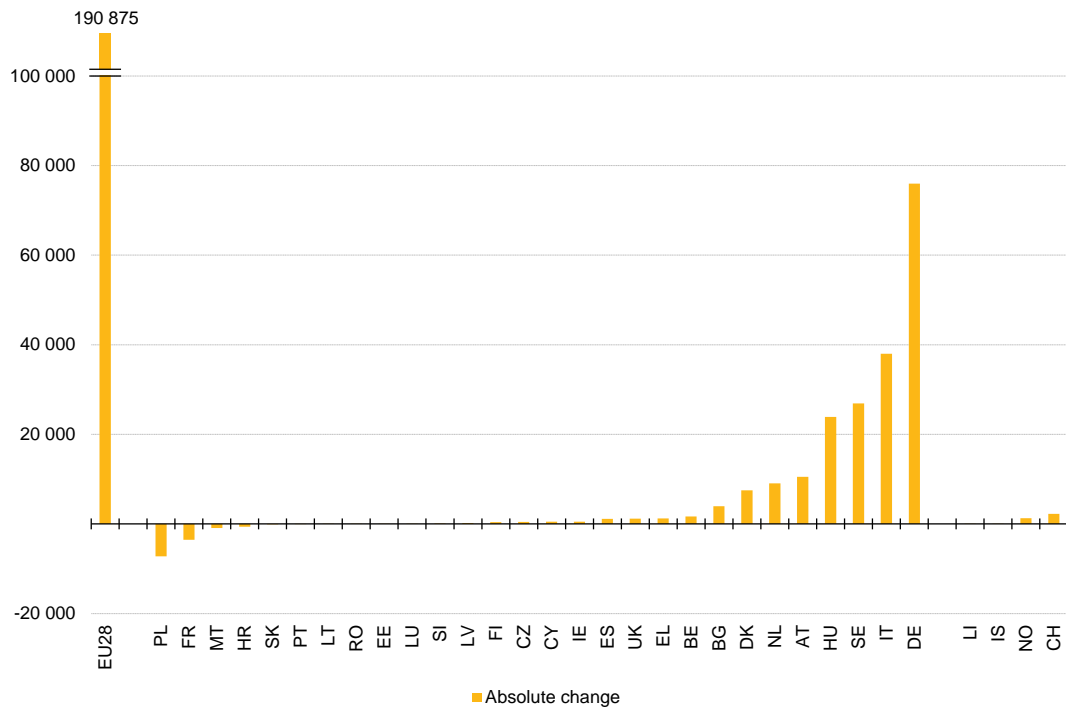
Figure 2: Pending asylum applications on 31st of December 2014 (¹)



(¹) Countries selected here are those with the highest number of pending applications; data for NL, AT and RO are not available
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191 000 more asylum applicants sought protection in the EU-28 in 2014 compared with previous year. Germany recorded by far the largest increase, followed by Italy, Sweden and Hungary

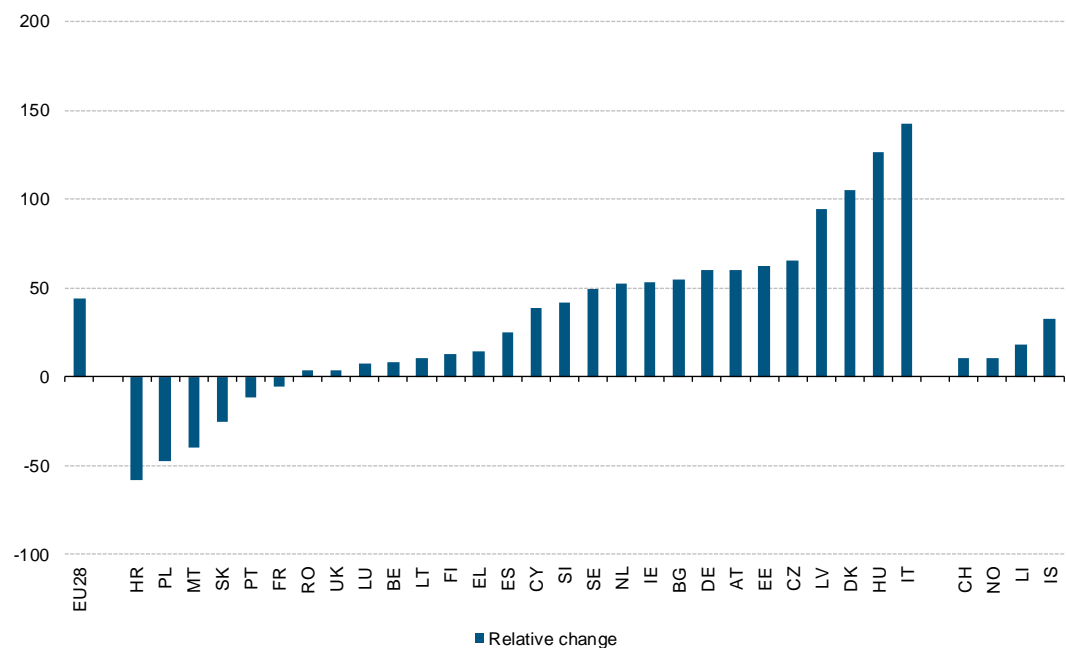
Figure 3: Asylum applicants, absolute change between 2013 and 2014



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44 per cent more asylum applicants in the EU-28 in 2014 compared with 2013; in Italy, Hungary and Denmark asylum seekers more than doubled

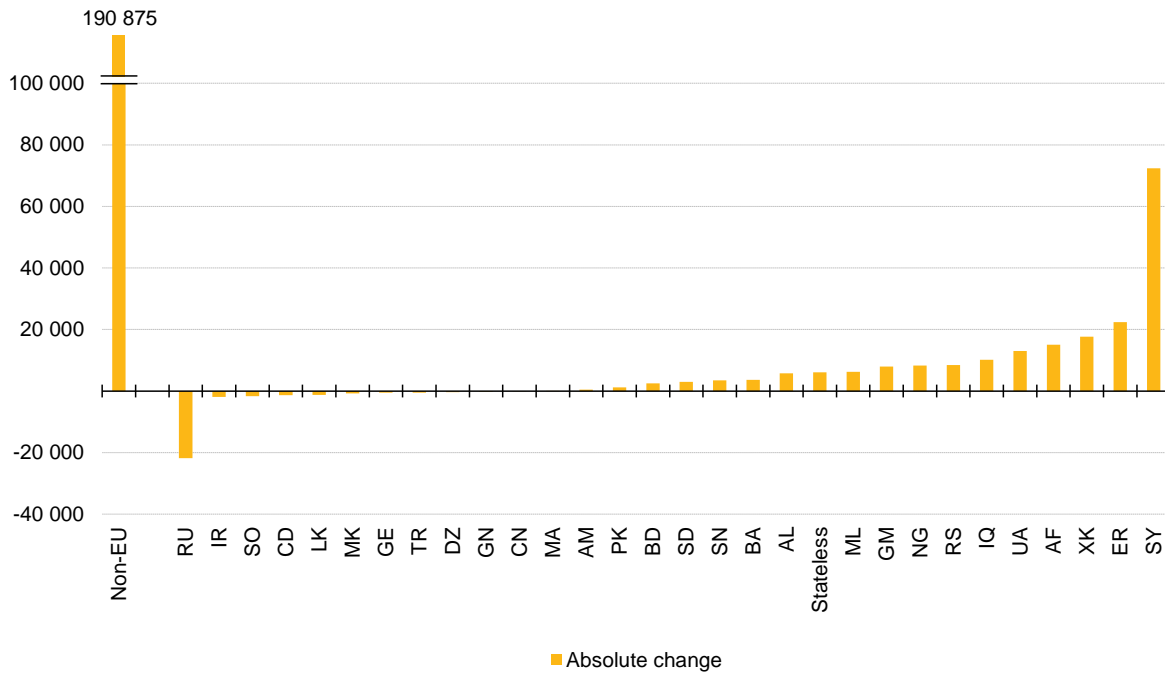
Figure 4: Asylum applicants, relative change between 2013 and 2014, %



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The number of Syrian applicants rose by more than 72 000 in the EU-28 in 2014

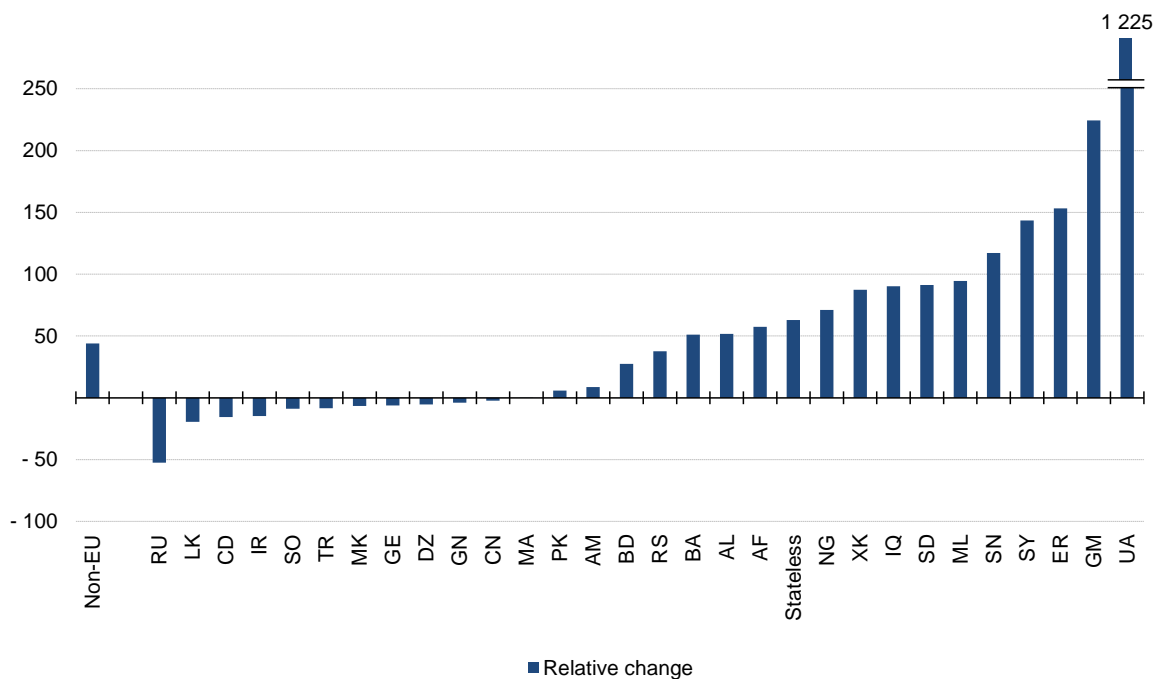
Figure 5: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-28, absolute change between 2013 and 2014



Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctza](#))

13 times more Ukrainians sought asylum in the EU-28 in 2014 compared with 2013

Figure 6: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-28, relative change between 2013 and 2014, %



Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctza](#))

More than 625 000 asylum applicants sought protection in the EU-28 in 2014; Sweden with the highest number of asylum applicants relative to population

Table 1: Asylum applicants (including first time asylum applicants), Q4 2013 – Q4 2014

	Q4 2013			Q1 2014			Q2 2014			Q3 2014			Q4 2014			Applicants per million population ⁽¹⁾ 2014	Last 12 months		
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.				
EU-28	47 195	41 045	35 085	40 735	35 515	37 515	39 475	42 875	46 235	58 395	55 020	67 335	69 070	64 790	69 105	202 960	65	626 065	
Belgium	1 760	1 445	1 375	1 885	1 605	1 575	1 630	1 335	1 805	2 005	2 085	2 410	2 275	1 895	2 205	6 370	-2	2 025	22 710
Bulgaria	1 255	1 260	650	820	775	435	320	545	645	910	1 105	1 220	1 430	1 380	1 500	4 305	33	1 530	11 080
Czech Republic	60	45	60	60	50	90	85	100	70	105	100	140	120	90	130	340	-2	110	1 145
Denmark	710	635	520	570	440	505	610	720	1 005	1 710	2 295	3 085	1 855	1 115	765	3 735	-47	2 610	14 680
Germany	15 625	14 425	11 005	14 920	11 655	11 700	11 890	12 965	14 655	20 930	18 705	20 100	22 250	22 500	20 370	65 125	9	2 510	202 645
Estonia	5	15	5	10	5	5	10	10	15	15	20	15	30	10	10	50	-2	120	155
Ireland	80	110	70	100	85	110	95	105	105	130	125	140	130	155	170	455	15	315	1 450
Greece	835	760	630	760	885	795	840	845	730	880	510	670	890	670	955	2 515	22	860	9 430
Spain	355	315	270	290	345	405	360	350	415	475	450	540	730	640	610	1 980	35	120	5 615
France	6 320	5 235	5 385	4 895	5 165	5 825	5 770	4 655	4 955	5 415	4 160	5 095	6 040	4 930	5 835	16 805	15	955	62 735
Croatia	95	55	35	55	30	45	35	35	35	45	45	35	45	30	25	100	-19	105	450
Italy	3 390	3 135	2 260	3 480	3 265	3 955	4 300	5 465	4 615	5 675	5 110	7 265	8 980	6 865	5 660	21 500	19	1 065	64 625
Cyprus	140	145	120	120	120	145	155	130	130	140	130	180	205	150	140	495	10	2 035	1 745
Latvia	15	10	10	10	20	40	15	20	45	65	35	45	30	15	30	75	-47	117	375
Lithuania	40	35	40	35	25	35	10	20	35	20	30	40	35	70	75	185	99	150	440
Luxembourg	125	100	60	100	90	75	55	90	70	90	100	140	130	120	85	335	1	2 090	1 150
Hungary	785	935	1 035	1 325	725	685	725	765	1 205	1 615	2 200	4 895	5 425	9 130	14 075	28 630	229	4 330	42 775
Malta	115	130	65	75	50	75	135	65	205	125	100	185	135	80	120	335	-19	3 180	1 350
Netherlands	1 830	1 690	1 515	1 745	1 560	1 515	2 790	3 585	1 985	2 285	2 440	3 150	2 265	1 460	1 440	5 165	-34	1 555	26 210
Austria	1 695	1 550	1 520	1 520	1 235	1 330	1 410	1 780	1 765	2 215	2 445	3 290	3 155	3 690	4 200	11 045	39	3 295	28 035
Poland	625	445	385	625	465	605	695	635	695	725	620	810	815	680	645	2 140	-1	210	8 020
Portugal	45	30	105	20	15	30	30	35	35	45	50	40	40	60	40	140	4	40	440
Romania	135	110	80	115	130	105	80	120	115	145	90	270	195	80	100	375	-26	75	1 545
Slovenia	20	5	10	15	35	30	40	35	25	30	30	55	40	15	40	95	-14	185	385
Slovakia	40	40	30	20	15	50	20	20	30	15	20	20	30	40	45	115	102	60	330
Finland	280	280	255	260	230	235	250	235	255	270	350	405	410	325	405	1 140	11	665	3 620
Sweden	7 910	5 530	5 325	4 450	4 100	4 395	4 845	6 010	8 070	9 380	8 855	9 965	8 175	5 995	6 945	21 115	-25	8 415	81 180
United Kingdom	2 905	2 585	2 265	2 450	2 395	2 730	2 275	2 200	2 525	2 930	2 815	3 130	3 215	2 595	2 485	8 295	-7	495	31 745
Iceland	15	10	10	5	10	5	10	10	15	5	15	20	25	5	35	65	47	515	170
Liechtenstein	5	0	0	5	10	5	5	5	5	0	5	15	5	5	10	20	6	1 725	65
Norway	1 095	855	760	915	750	850	940	1 455	1 335	1 115	1 225	1 465	1 265	1 000	880	3 145	-17	2 585	13 205
Switzerland	1 830	1 950	1 770	1 925	1 450	1 485	1 460	1 665	2 225	2 880	2 510	2 390	2 380	1 675	1 510	5 565	-28	2 895	23 555

(1) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2014
: data are not available

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One out of five asylum applicants in the EU-28 was Syrian in 2014

Table 2: Asylum applicants in the EU-28 by citizenship (including first time asylum applicants), Q4 2013 – Q4 2014 ⁽¹⁾

	Q4 2013				Q1 2014				Q2 2014				Q3 2014				Q4 2014				Last 12 months
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Change in %	between Q3 2014 and Q4 2014	between Q4 2013 and Q4 2014		
Non-EU	47 195	41 045	35 085		40 735	35 515	37 515	39 475	42 875	46 235	58 395	55 020	67 335	69 070	64 790	69 105	12	65	626 065		
Syria - (SY)	7 360	6 670	5 260		6 180	5 780	5 810	6 005	7 375	9 140	11 785	12 675	16 795	15 180	13 460	12 610	0	114	122 790		
Afghanistan - (AF)	2 420	2 555	2 745		3 455	2 815	2 435	2 255	2 230	2 705	3 250	3 290	4 135	4 520	4 445	5 775	38	91	41 305		
Kosovo - (XK)	1 295	1 185	1 160		1 140	985	1 005	885	845	895	1 295	1 485	3 460	3 925	8 045	13 905	315	611	37 875		
Eritrea - (ER)	2 170	2 185	1 675		1 355	755	945	2 500	4 635	4 170	6 100	5 075	4 175	3 380	2 325	1 580	-53	21	36 990		
Serbia - (RS)	2 885	2 940	2 790		2 805	1 640	1 700	1 495	1 475	1 845	2 815	2 715	2 900	3 565	3 965	3 905	36	33	30 810		
Pakistan - (PK)	1 735	1 590	1 420		1 725	1 635	1 830	1 615	1 620	1 695	1 945	1 820	2 145	2 240	1 975	1 870	3	28	22 120		
Iraq - (IQ)	1 225	980	805		1 040	1 030	965	1 020	955	1 650	3 345	1 970	2 305	2 540	2 375	2 130	-8	134	21 330		
Nigeria - (NG)	1 550	1 020	930		1 160	950	1 260	1 380	1 670	1 685	2 115	1 725	2 045	2 440	1 750	1 770	1	70	19 950		
Russia - (RU)	2 225	1 840	1 665		2 145	1 595	1 625	1 820	1 475	1 515	1 705	1 460	1 670	1 660	1 475	1 535	-3	-18	19 685		
Somalia - (SO)	1 810	1 820	1 390		1 475	1 360	1 290	1 460	1 410	1 430	1 455	1 460	1 685	1 435	1 220	1 230	-16	-23	16 910		
Albania - (AL)	1 285	1 175	1 200		1 145	1 645	1 570	1 480	1 250	1 265	1 470	1 085	1 120	1 370	1 675	1 720	29	30	16 805		
Stateless	2 180	895	680		645	580	715	800	1 250	1 150	1 400	1 695	2 595	1 980	1 565	1 305	-15	29	15 680		
Ukraine - (UA)	95	100	80		135	235	585	680	835	1 020	1 405	1 610	1 925	2 240	1 875	1 495	14	1 955	14 040		
Mali - (ML)	565	375	380		620	665	970	1 140	1 645	1 255	1 300	1 090	1 350	1 330	875	660	-23	118	12 905		
Bangladesh - (BD)	925	690	735		625	635	740	695	685	560	840	905	1 535	1 935	1 235	1 255	35	88	11 650		
Gambia - (GM)	465	520	310		800	590	645	875	895	890	1 070	930	1 245	1 360	1 020	1 195	10	176	11 515		
Iran - (IR)	1 350	990	845		965	700	740	940	835	775	875	855	1 015	1 230	1 025	935	16	0	10 890		
BA - (BA)	1 135	1 020	690		970	640	895	695	525	700	1 035	910	985	1 150	1 105	1 055	13	16	10 675		
MK - (MK)	1 620	1 490	895		1 150	755	690	630	475	725	975	900	975	1 120	1 055	880	7	-24	10 330		
Georgia - (GE)	910	755	710		760	680	705	710	655	700	775	685	750	825	680	635	-3	-10	8 555		
CD - (CD)	840	740	715		725	710	820	785	520	620	545	435	475	505	430	515	0	-37	7 085		
Algeria - (DZ)	585	500	395		515	520	575	555	585	510	550	540	585	695	560	520	6	20	6 700		
Senegal - (SN)	430	450	235		375	465	525	470	555	490	540	470	495	735	710	610	36	84	6 435		
Guinea - (GN)	640	535	520		575	520	550	545	460	475	500	450	530	540	565	545	12	-2	6 265		
Sudan - (SD)	340	360	325		340	280	325	340	450	635	710	600	710	745	540	540	-10	79	6 225		
Armenia - (AM)	560	445	410		465	395	425	450	380	410	545	465	585	545	440	560	-3	9	5 670		
Sri Lanka - (LK)	595	435	445		485	525	570	510	405	425	430	345	350	470	370	420	12	-14	5 315		
China - (CN)	475	425	410		405	460	495	450	435	415	425	430	420	505	340	415	-1	-4	5 200		
Turkey - (TR)	465	395	420		460	510	485	425	370	435	395	360	350	510	415	450	25	7	5 165		
Morocco - (MA)	360	345	315		400	340	320	320	335	345	340	355	415	395	355	345	-1	7	4 255		
Other (non-EU)	6 700	5 620	4 550		5 700	5 120	5 305	5 540	5 640	5 710	6 465	6 240	7 595	7 990	6 905	6 730	7	28	74 940		

⁽¹⁾ Countries selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2014

Kosovo - see methodological notes; CD - Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK - the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia; BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina

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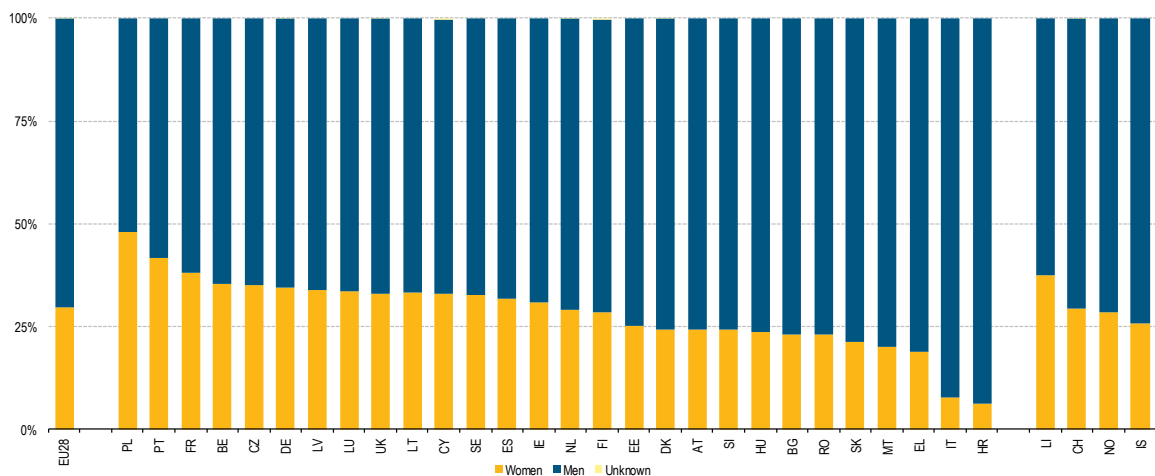
One out of four applicants in the EU-28 was a minor in 2014

Table 3: Asylum applicants by age group, 2014, %

	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
EU-28	626 065	18.8	6.7	53.7	19.9	0.8	0.1
Belgium	22 710	22.7	6.7	47.6	22.1	1.0	0.0
Bulgaria	11 080	17.4	12.8	56.2	13.2	0.4	0.0
Czech Republic	1 145	17.5	2.5	40.9	36.9	2.2	0.0
Denmark	14 680	13.2	7.4	54.7	24.1	0.6	0.0
Germany	202 645	25.5	6.1	48.2	19.4	0.8	0.0
Estonia	155	9.0	1.9	53.8	32.7	2.6	0.0
Ireland	1 450	14.2	3.9	58.4	22.9	0.6	0.0
Greece	9 430	7.4	7.0	64.5	20.9	0.2	0.0
Spain	5 615	16.9	3.5	55.8	22.6	1.3	0.0
France	62 735	17.2	2.6	52.2	26.8	1.3	0.0
Croatia	450	0.9	2.7	75.1	21.1	0.2	0.0
Italy	64 625	2.8	4.0	83.8	9.3	0.1	0.0
Cyprus	1 745	15.8	4.9	55.4	23.4	0.4	0.1
Latvia	375	11.2	4.8	48.9	31.6	3.5	0.0
Lithuania	440	20.0	3.4	50.1	25.9	0.7	0.0
Luxembourg	1 150	25.2	5.6	49.6	19.2	0.5	0.0
Hungary	42 775	19.4	8.2	56.6	15.5	0.2	0.0
Malta	1 350	15.0	8.2	58.7	17.5	0.7	0.0
Netherlands	26 210	16.7	7.4	50.2	24.5	1.1	0.1
Austria	28 035	19.6	10.6	50.9	18.3	0.5	0.0
Poland	8 020	37.2	4.5	33.1	24.2	1.0	0.0
Portugal	440	13.3	4.1	56.8	24.0	1.8	0.0
Romania	1 545	14.9	9.4	53.5	21.2	0.9	0.0
Slovenia	385	12.2	18.7	48.3	20.8	0.0	0.0
Slovakia	330	16.1	3.0	58.7	21.6	0.6	0.0
Finland	3 620	16.3	6.5	54.6	21.2	0.8	0.6
Sweden	81 180	18.5	10.1	46.4	23.5	1.4	0.0
United Kingdom	31 745	13.6	7.8	53.9	20.7	1.3	2.6
Iceland	170	25.0	5.0	85.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
Liechtenstein	65	21.9	6.3	40.6	31.3	0.0	0.0
Norway	13 205	19.9	9.5	53.6	16.6	0.5	0.0
Switzerland	23 555	21.6	6.8	54.5	16.5	0.5	0.1

Source: Eurostat (online data code : [migr_asyappctza](#))

Figure 7: Asylum applicants by sex, 2014, %



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More than 40 per cent of applicants from Russia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the F.Y.R.O.M was aged less than 18 in 2014

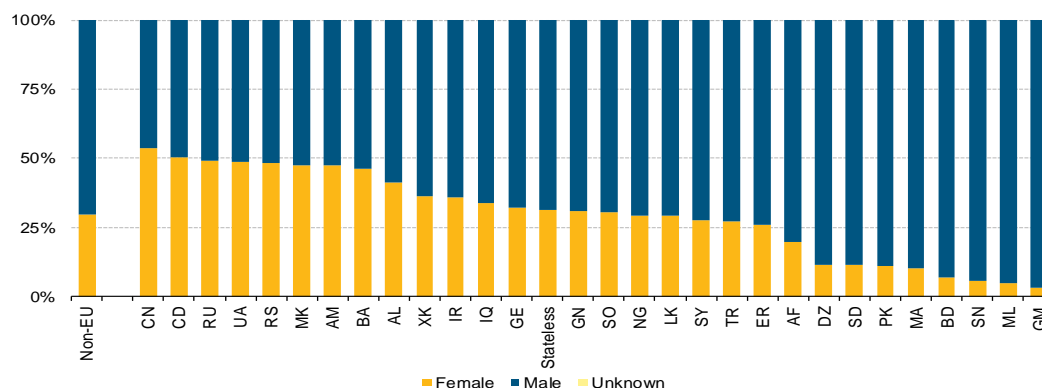
Table 4: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-28, by age group, 2014, %⁽¹⁾

	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
Non-EU	626 065	18.8	6.7	53.7	19.9	0.8	0.1
Syria - (SY)	122 790	19.7	5.6	48.8	24.7	1.2	0.1
Afghanistan - (AF)	41 305	16.6	19.6	52.6	10.2	1.0	0.1
Kosovo - (XK)	37 875	29.6	6.4	44.5	19.1	0.4	0.0
Eritrea - (ER)	36 990	5.9	10.4	73.3	10.1	0.2	0.1
Serbia - (RS)	30 810	38.5	6.6	30.5	23.8	0.6	0.0
Pakistan - (PK)	22 120	7.0	2.1	68.6	21.1	0.6	0.5
Iraq - (IQ)	21 330	22.1	4.8	49.3	21.8	1.9	0.1
Nigeria - (NG)	19 950	13.8	2.4	71.1	12.5	0.1	0.2
Russia - (RU)	19 685	42.8	4.1	28.9	23.0	1.2	0.0
Somalia - (SO)	16 910	13.2	15.3	61.5	9.3	0.7	0.1
Albania - (AL)	16 805	26.6	9.2	44.8	18.7	0.6	0.1
Stateless	15 680	21.4	6.5	43.8	26.6	1.6	0.1
Ukraine - (UA)	14 040	22.5	3.1	41.8	30.2	2.3	0.1
Mali - (ML)	12 905	3.0	3.2	86.9	6.9	0.0	0.0
Bangladesh - (BD)	11 650	3.9	3.1	77.6	14.8	0.2	0.3
Gambia - (GM)	11 515	1.6	9.9	84.7	3.8	0.0	0.1
Iran - (IR)	10 890	12.8	4.7	51.4	29.0	1.2	0.8
BA - (BA)	10 675	37.4	6.5	33.8	21.8	0.5	0.0
MK - (MK)	10 330	35.9	6.4	30.9	26.3	0.5	0.0
Georgia - (GE)	8 555	17.4	2.1	49.7	30.1	0.6	0.1
CD - (CD)	7 085	18.9	4.8	49.4	25.4	1.4	0.1
Algeria - (DZ)	6 700	7.2	5.5	67.9	19.2	0.1	0.1
Senegal - (SN)	6 435	2.5	5.2	82.2	10.1	0.0	0.0
Guinea - (GN)	6 265	16.6	5.6	67.3	10.4	0.1	0.0
Sudan - (SD)	6 225	7.8	2.2	72.3	16.8	0.3	0.6
Armenia - (AM)	5 670	22.8	4.5	36.3	33.5	2.8	0.0
Sri Lanka - (LK)	5 315	14.2	1.9	58.5	22.7	1.8	1.0
China - (CN)	5 200	8.6	1.4	45.5	43.4	0.5	0.6
Turkey - (TR)	5 165	12.9	4.1	63.2	19.1	0.6	0.1
Morocco - (MA)	4 255	4.1	14.6	64.9	16.2	0.0	0.1
Other	74 940	16.4	4.7	56.5	21.5	0.6	0.3

⁽¹⁾ Citizenships selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2014 in the EU-28; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Kosovo – see methodological notes; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctza](#))

Three out of ten asylum seekers in the EU-28 in 2014 were men

Figure 8: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-28, by sex, 2014, %⁽¹⁾



⁽¹⁾ Citizenships selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2014 in the EU-28
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Syrians represented 20 per cent of all asylum applicants in the EU-28 in 2014; in Bulgaria and Cyprus they represented nearly 60 per cent of all applicants

Table 5: Five main citizenships of asylum applicants, 2014 ⁽¹⁾

EU-28		EU-28 (%)	
Syria	122 790	20	
Afghanistan	41 305	7	
Kosovo	37 875	6	
Eritrea	36 990	6	
Serbia	30 810	5	
Other	356 300	57	

BELGIUM		BULGARIA		CZECH REPUBLIC	
#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)
Syria	2 705	12	Syria	6 245	56
Afghanistan	2 330	10	Afghanistan	2 965	27
Russia	1 850	8	Iraq	610	6
Guinea	1 440	6	Stateless	270	2
Iraq	1 395	6	Pakistan	185	2
Other	12 995	57	Other	810	7

DENMARK		GERMANY		ESTONIA	
#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)
Syria	7 210	49	Syria	41 100	20
Eritrea	2 275	16	Serbia	27 145	13
Stateless	1 140	8	Eritrea	13 255	7
Somalia	700	5	Afghanistan	9 675	5
Russia	520	4	Iraq	9 495	5
Other	2 830	19	Other	101 975	50

IRELAND		GREECE		SPAIN	
#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)
Pakistan	290	20	Afghanistan	1 710	18
Nigeria	140	10	Pakistan	1 620	17
Albania	100	7	Syria	785	8
Bangladesh	100	7	Bangladesh	635	7
Zimbabwe	85	6	Albania	570	6
Other	730	50	Other	4 115	44

FRANCE		CROATIA		ITALY	
#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)
CD	5 210	8	Algeria	75	17
Russia	4 050	6	Syria	65	14
Bangladesh	3 775	6	Pakistan	25	5
Albania	2 970	5	Egypt	20	5
Syria	2 815	4	Morocco	20	5
Other	43 910	70	Other	240	54

CYPRUS		LATVIA		LITHUANIA	
#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)
Syria	995	57	Georgia	175	46
Ukraine	95	5	Ukraine	75	20
Egypt	85	5	Syria	35	9
India	80	5	Iraq	20	6
Vietnam	80	5	Afghanistan	15	3
Other	410	24	Other	60	16

LUXEMBOURG		HUNGARY		MALTA	
#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)
BA	170	15	Kosovo	21455	50
Montenegro	145	13	Afghanistan	8795	21
Kosovo	140	12	Syria	6855	16
Albania	120	11	Palestine	875	2
Syria	95	8	Iraq	495	1
Other	480	42	Other	4295	10

NETHERLANDS		AUSTRIA		POLAND	
#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)
Syria	9 485	36	Syria	7 730	28
Eritrea	3 985	15	Afghanistan	5 075	18
Stateless	2 790	11	Russia	1 995	7
Iraq	1 350	5	Kosovo	1 905	7
Somalia	1 075	4	Stateless	1 315	5
Other	7 525	29	Other	10 015	36

PORTUGAL		ROMANIA		SLOVENIA	
#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)
Ukraine	155	36	Syria	615	40
Pakistan	25	6	Afghanistan	280	18
Morocco	25	6	Iraq	210	14
Sierra Leone	25	5	Iran	60	4
Mali	20	5	Pakistan	45	3
Other	190	43	Other	335	22

SLOVAKIA		FINLAND		SWEDEN	
#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)
Afghanistan	95	28	Iraq	820	23
Syria	40	12	Somalia	410	11
Vietnam	25	8	Ukraine	300	8
Ukraine	25	7	Afghanistan	205	6
Somalia	20	6	Russia	200	5
Other	130	39	Other	1 690	47

UK		NORWAY		SWITZERLAND	
#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)
Pakistan	3 990	13	Eritrea	3 295	25
Eritrea	3 280	10	Syria	2 085	16
Iran	2 500	8	Somalia	1 775	13
Syria	2 410	8	Sudan	850	6
Albania	1 890	6	Stateless	830	6
Other	17 670	56	Other	4 370	33

LIECHTENSTEIN		NORWAY		SWITZERLAND	
#	(%)	#	(%)	#	(%)
Serbia	10	19	Eritrea	6 920	29
Somalia	10	16	Syria	3 820	16
Albania	5	11	Sri Lanka	1 275	5
Russia	5	8	Nigeria	910	4
Kosovo	5	8	Somalia	815	3
Other	25	39	Other	9 815	42

⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2014 in the EU-28

Absolute number of asylum applications

% Percentage shares are calculated on rounded figures and may not add up to totals

CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – see methodological notes; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctza](#))

One out of three asylum seekers in the EU-28 applied in Germany in 2014

Table 6: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants by destination country in the EU-28, 2014 ⁽¹⁾

			NON-EU (%)	
			Germany	202 645 32
			Sweden	81 180 13
			Italy	64 625 10
			France	62 735 10
			Hungary	42 775 7
			Other	172 110 27
SYRIA - (SY) (%)			AFGHANISTAN - (AF) (%)	
Germany	41 100	33	Germany	9 675 23
Sweden	30 750	25	Hungary	8 795 21
Netherlands	9 485	8	Austria	5 075 12
Austria	7 730	6	Italy	3 120 8
Denmark	7 210	6	Sweden	3 105 8
Other	26 510	22	Other	11 535 28
ERITREA - (ER) (%)			SERBIA - (RS) (%)	
Germany	13 255	36	Germany	27 145 88
Sweden	11 530	31	Sweden	1 510 5
Netherlands	3 985	11	France	570 2
United Kingdom	3 280	9	Belgium	500 2
Denmark	2 275	6	Austria	360 1
Other	2 660	7	Other	725 2
IRAQ - (IQ) (%)			NIGERIA - (NG) (%)	
Germany	9 495	45	Italy	10 135 51
Sweden	2 665	12	Germany	3 990 20
Belgium	1 395	7	United Kingdom	1 455 7
Netherlands	1 350	6	France	1 415 7
Austria	1 105	5	Austria	675 3
Other	5 315	25	Other	2 290 11
SOMALIA - (SO) (%)			ALBANIA - (AL) (%)	
Germany	5 685	34	Germany	8 110 48
Sweden	4 870	29	France	2 970 18
Austria	1 160	7	United Kingdom	1 890 11
Netherlands	1 075	6	Sweden	1 705 10
Italy	810	5	Belgium	730 4
Other	3 315	20	Other	1 395 8
UKRAINE - (UA) (%)			MALI - (ML) (%)	
Germany	2 705	19	Italy	9 790 76
Poland	2 275	16	France	1 480 11
Italy	2 080	15	Spain	595 5
France	1 415	10	Germany	530 4
Sweden	1 320	9	Hungary	115 1
Other	4 245	30	Other	395 3
GAMBIA - (GM) (%)			IRAN - (IR) (%)	
Italy	8 575	74	Germany	3 535 32
Germany	1 945	17	United Kingdom	2 500 23
United Kingdom	270	2	Sweden	995 9
Sweden	150	1	Austria	745 7
France	95	1	Netherlands	705 6
Other	470	4	Other	2 415 22
MK - (MK) (%)			GEORGIA - (GE) (%)	
Germany	8 905	86	Germany	3 180 37
Sweden	425	4	France	1 590 19
Belgium	405	4	Sweden	805 9
France	235	2	Poland	720 8
Austria	160	2	Belgium	430 5
Other	205	2	Other	1 835 21
ALGERIA - (DZ) (%)			SENEGAL - (SN) (%)	
Germany	2 300	34	Italy	4 675 73
France	1 635	24	Germany	765 12
Austria	565	8	France	365 6
Sweden	515	8	Belgium	275 4
Spain	305	5	Greece	115 2
Other	1 385	21	Other	240 4
SUDAN - (SD) (%)			ARMENIA - (AM) (%)	
France	1 960	31	Germany	2 240 40
United Kingdom	1 615	26	France	1 890 33
Germany	770	12	Austria	330 6
Sweden	495	8	Sweden	290 5
Greece	335	5	Belgium	280 5
Other	1 055	17	Other	640 11
CHINA - (CN) (%)			TURKEY - (TR) (%)	
France	2 795	54	Germany	1 805 35
United Kingdom	985	19	France	1 595 31
Germany	500	10	Italy	410 8
Austria	245	5	United Kingdom	295 6
Belgium	165	3	Belgium	280 5
Other	515	10	Other	775 15
			KOSOVO - (XK) (%)	
			Hungary	21 455 57
			Germany	8 920 24
			France	2 735 7
			Austria	1 905 5
			Sweden	1 480 4
			Other	1 380 4
			PAKISTAN - (PK) (%)	
			Italy	7 150 32
			Germany	4 225 19
			United Kingdom	3 990 18
			France	2 185 10
			Greece	1 620 7
			Other	2 950 13
			RUSSIA - (RU) (%)	
			Germany	5 510 28
			France	4 050 21
			Poland	4 000 20
			Austria	1 995 10
			Belgium	1 850 9
			Other	2 280 12
			STATELESS (%)	
			Sweden	7 820 50
			Netherlands	2 790 18
			Germany	1 495 10
			Austria	1 315 8
			Denmark	1 140 7
			Other	1 120 7
			BANGLADESH - (BD) (%)	
			Italy	4 535 39
			France	3 775 32
			United Kingdom	920 8
			Germany	730 6
			Greece	635 5
			Other	1 055 9
			BA - (BA) (%)	
			Germany	8 475 79
			France	810 8
			Sweden	495 5
			Austria	200 2
			Italy	170 2
			Other	525 5
			CD - (CD) (%)	
			France	5 210 74
			Belgium	825 12
			United Kingdom	230 3
			Germany	220 3
			Greece	90 1
			Other	510 7
			GUINEA - (GN) (%)	
			France	2 220 35
			Belgium	1 440 23
			Germany	1 195 19
			Italy	940 15
			Netherlands	140 2
			Other	330 5
			SRI LANKA - (LK) (%)	
			France	2 490 47
			United Kingdom	1 700 32
			Germany	535 10
			Belgium	140 3
			Netherlands	110 2
			Other	340 6
			MOROCCO - (MA) (%)	
			Germany	1 615 38
			Sweden	830 19
			Italy	315 7
			Austria	295 7
			Denmark	210 5
			Other	990 23

⁽¹⁾ Citizenships selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2014 in the EU-28

Absolute number of asylum applications

% Percentage shares are calculated on rounded figures and may not add up to totals

Kosovo – see methodological notes; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

More than 536 000 asylum applicants in the EU lodged an application for the first time during 2014

Table 7: First time asylum applicants, Q4 2013 – Q4 2014

	Q4 2013				Q1 2014				Q2 2014				Q3 2014				Q4 2014				Change in % between Q3 2014 and Q4 2014	Change in % between Q4 2013 and Q4 2014	Applicants per million population ⁽¹⁾ 2014	Last 12 months
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Q4 2014							
EU-28^(*)	41 120	35 850	30 135		34 390	30 190	31 910	33 745	37 370	39 605	49 270	47 740	58 495	59 870	55 105	58 710	173 685	12	62	1 060	536 400			
Belgium	1 080	955	855		990	785	850	900	845	1 090	1 265	1 510	1 725	1 540	1 145	1 405	4 090	-9	41	1 255	14 045			
Bulgaria	1 230	1 245	630		810	770	395	295	515	610	890	1 090	1 195	1 400	1 355	1 480	4 240	33	36	1 490	10 805			
Czech Republic	40	35	40		40	35	70	65	80	55	75	85	125	100	70	110	280	-1	141	85	905			
Denmark	710	635	520		555	425	500	590	710	1 000	1 700	2 290	3 065	1 840	1 105	755	3 700	-48	98	2 585	14 535			
Germany	13 265	12 385	9 210		12 905	10 160	10 165	10 475	11 555	12 475	16 800	16 025	17 065	19 225	19 030	17 055	55 310	11	59	2 140	172 945			
Estonia	5	15	5		10	5	5	10	10	15	15	20	15	25	10	5	45	-14	87	110	145			
Ireland	80	110	70		100	85	110	95	105	105	130	125	140	130	155	170	455	16	76	310	1 440			
Greece	750	670	540		650	760	630	655	635	535	660	390	555	745	580	790	2 115	32	8	690	7 585			
Spain	335	295	255		280	330	400	345	335	405	450	435	530	720	630	600	1 950	38	120	115	5 460			
France	5 840	4 810	4 890		4 455	4 725	5 360	5 210	4 190	4 515	4 880	3 775	4 680	5 510	4 540	5 390	15 440	16	-1	870	57 230			
Croatia	95	55	30		50	25	35	25	30	30	40	35	30	40	25	15	80	-21	-55	90	380			
Italy	3 215	3 015	2 165		3 375	3 175	3 795	4 215	5 370	4 555	5 605	5 065	7 220	8 890	6 785	5 610	21 285	19	154	1 045	63 655			
Cyprus	130	130	100		85	110	120	90	100	115	125	120	165	185	140	120	445	8	22	1 725	1 480			
Latvia	15	10	10		10	20	40	15	20	45	65	35	45	30	15	30	75	-48	114	180	365			
Lithuania	30	25	30		20	25	30	10	20	35	20	30	35	30	65	65	160	87	89	130	385			
Luxembourg	120	85	50		90	70	70	45	80	65	75	90	125	125	110	85	315	9	23	1 870	1 030			
Hungary	740	900	1 010		1 240	640	575	635	705	1 105	1 510	2 105	4 770	5 250	8 885	13 790	27 925	233	954	4 175	41 215			
Malta	115	125	50		75	40	65	130	60	195	125	95	180	125	75	115	315	-22	6	3 000	1 275			
Netherlands	1 555	1 500	1 350		1 675	1 395	1 365	2 600	3 435	1 755	2 050	2 165	2 905	1 945	1 280	1 265	4 495	-37	2	1 415	23 845			
Austria		
Poland	535	375	315		260	220	355	375	445	505	530	565	695	600	535	520	1 660	-7	35	150	5 610			
Portugal	45	30	105		20	15	30	30	35	35	45	50	40	40	60	40	140	4	-22	40	440			
Romania	125	100	75		110	130	100	75	115	115	145	90	260	185	80	95	360	-27	19	75	1 500			
Slovenia	20	5	10		15	30	25	40	35	25	25	25	50	40	15	35	90	-15	175	175	355			
Slovakia	30	30	25		10	5	40	15	10	20	10	15	10	25	30	35	90	157	5	40	230			
Finland	265	260	240		250	215	220	240	215	250	260	345	390	405	310	385	1 105	11	44	640	3 490			
Sweden	7 910	5 530	5 325		3 945	3 660	3 905	4 375	5 560	7 505	8 885	8 380	9 400	7 545	5 515	6 310	19 365	-27	3	7 775	74 980			
United Kingdom	2 830	2 510	2 220		2 370	2 335	2 655	2 205	2 145	2 460	2 890	2 770	3 080	3 170	2 550	2 435	8 155	-7	8	485	31 070			
Iceland		
Liechtenstein		
Norway	1 035	805	715		860	715	815	905	1 405	1 285	1 075	1 195	1 425	1 230	960	840	3 030	-18	19	2 485	12 705			
Switzerland	1 615	1 745	1 605		1 695	1 345	1 410	1 365	1 560	2 090	2 720	2 380	2 235	2 215	1 545	1 375	5 140	-30	3	2 695	21 940			

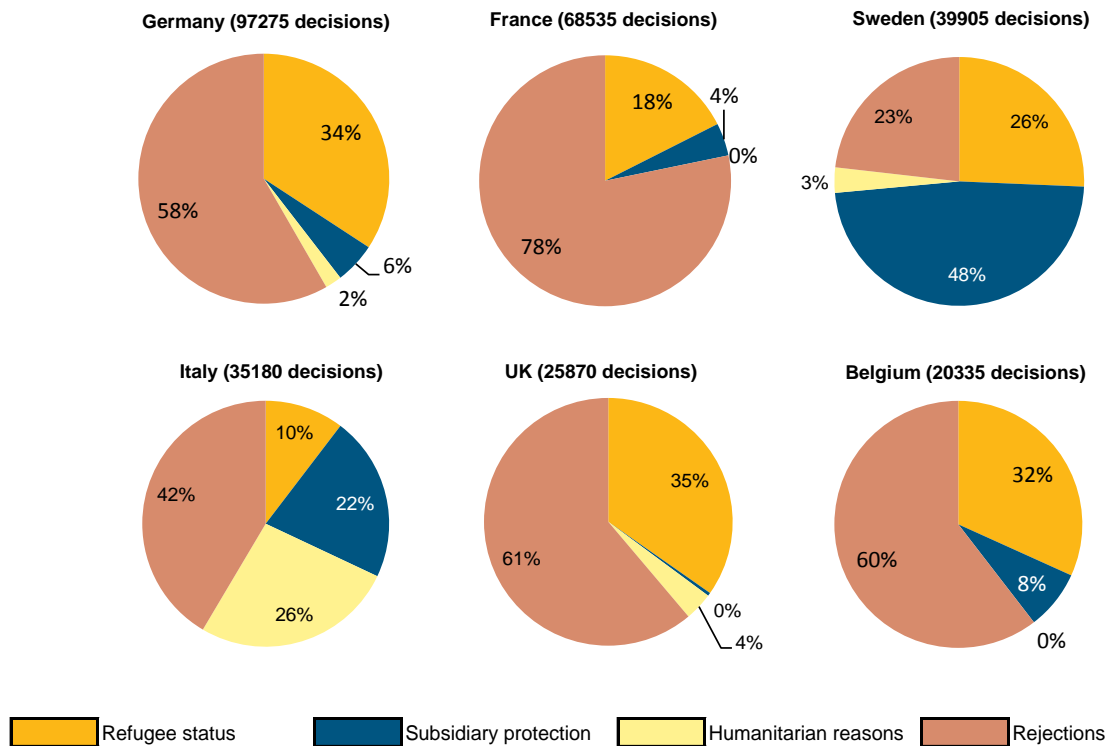
(*) EU aggregate and other indicators are based on available data

(1) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2014

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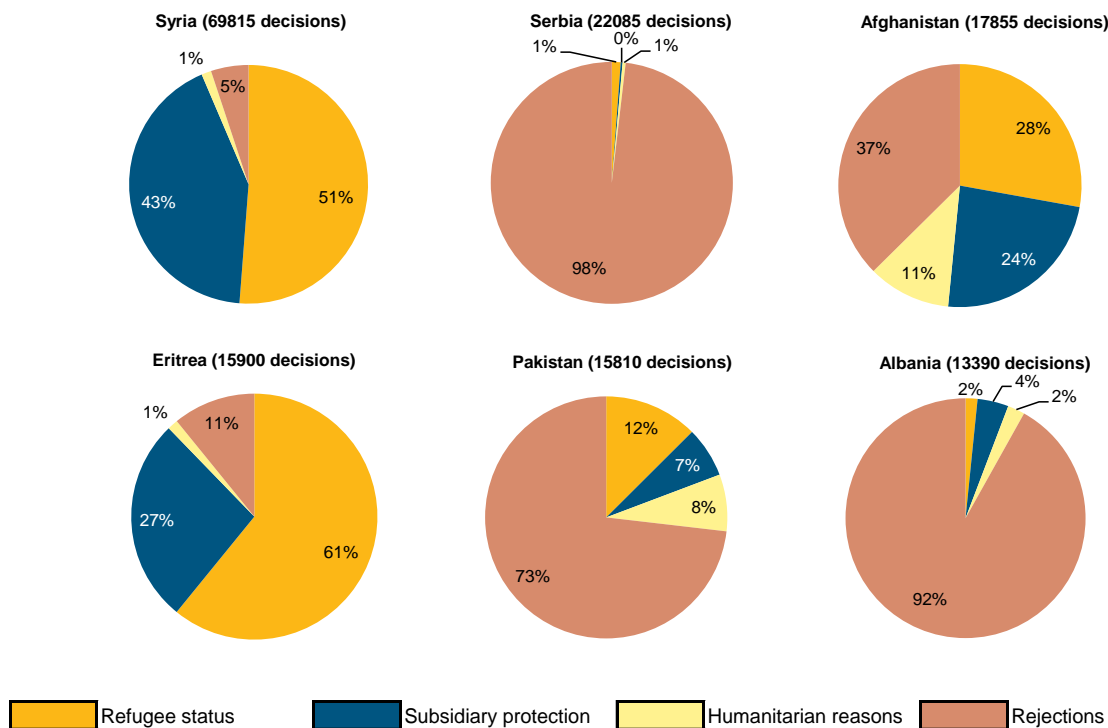
Source: Eurostat (online data code: migr.asvappctzm.demo.gind)

Figure 9: First instance decisions by outcome, selected Member States (¹), 2014



(¹) Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during 2014; data for Austria are not available
 Humanitarian reasons are not applicable in France and Belgium
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfsta](#))

Figure 10: First instance decisions in the EU-28 (*) by outcome, selected citizenships (¹), 2014



(*) Data for Austria are not available
 (¹) Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during 2014
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfsta](#))

Table 8: First instance decisions by citizenship and outcome, selected Member States, 2014 ⁽¹⁾

First instance decisions						First instance decisions									
Refugee status		Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		Refugee status		Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections	
GERMANY						FRANCE									
Syria	20 505	Syria	3 245	Afghanistan	1 020	Syria	1 295	Syria	770	-	-	Albania	5 275		
Iraq	3 220	Afghanistan	355	Russia	130	MK	7 255	Syria	1 210	Albania	445	-	Kosovo	4 975	
Iran	2 035	Somalia	220	Somalia	125	BA	5 415	Sri Lanka	1 015	Afghanistan	295	-	CD	4 535	
Other	7 545	Other	1 350	Other	800	Other	24 455	Other	8 500	Other	1 375	-	Other	38 845	
SWEDEN						ITALY									
Eritrea	5 120	Syria	14 535	Afghanistan	500	Albania	1 060	Eritrea	850	Afghanistan	1 995	Mali	1 685	Nigeria	3 015
Syria	1 760	Stateless	3 625	Iraq	195	Serbia	755	Pakistan	385	Somalia	1 450	Nigeria	1 300	Pakistan	2 260
Somalia	760	Afghanistan	340	Stateless	110	Kosovo	585	Somalia	375	Pakistan	950	Pakistan	1 065	Gambia	2 115
Other	2 605	Other	595	Other	510	Other	6 855	Other	2 030	Other	3 225	Other	5 270	Other	7 210
UNITED KINGDOM						BELGIUM									
Eritrea	2 185	Iran	20	Albania	230	Pakistan	2 650	Syria	1 240	Iraq	480	-	Russia	1 110	
Syria	1 395	Afghanistan	5	Nigeria	95	Sri Lanka	1 415	Afghanistan	800	Afghanistan	455	-	Guinea	895	
Iran	1 220	India	5	Afghanistan	85	Albania	1 085	Guinea	640	Syria	440	-	CD	835	
Other	4 195	Other	75	Other	545	Other	10 675	Other	3 785	Other	210	-	Other	9 450	
OTHER						EU - 28									
Syria	9 425	Syria	10 485	Somalia	820	Kosovo	3 870	Syria	35 760	Syria	29 575	Afghanistan	1 970	Syria	21 685
Stateless	1 925	Eritrea	3 585	Syria	800	Pakistan	2 955	Eritrea	9 675	Stateless	4 355	Mali	1 685	Kosovo	12 315
Afghanistan	505	Somalia	1 100	Russia	230	Afghanistan	2 555	Iraq	4 980	Eritrea	4 275	Nigeria	1 480	Albania	12 305
Other	3 290	Other	4 175	Other	1 640	Other	25 340	Other	39 395	Other	17 605	Other	12 010	Other	150 720

Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during 2014; data for Austria are not available; EU aggregate is based on available data
- Not applicable

CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK - The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asycdfsta](#))

Nearly half of first instance decisions were positive in 2014 in the EU-28, including protection based on national legislations

Table 9: First instance decisions by outcome and recognition rates, 2014

	Total decisions	Of which					Rate of recognition, %	
		Positive	of which			Rejected	Total	of which Refugee and subsidiary protection status
			Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons			
EU-28	359 795	162 770	89 815	55 810	17 145	197 025	45	40
Belgium	20 335	8 045	6 460	1 585	-	12 290	40	40
Bulgaria	7 435	7 000	5 165	1 840	-	430	94	94
Czech Republic	1 000	375	75	285	15	625	37	36
Denmark	8 055	5 480	3 765	1 625	90	2 580	68	67
Germany	97 275	40 560	33 310	5 175	2 075	56 715	42	40
Estonia	55	20	20	0	0	35	36	36
Ireland	1 060	400	130	270	-	660	38	38
Greece	13 305	1 970	1 270	590	115	11 335	15	14
Spain	3 620	1 585	385	1 200	0	2 035	44	44
France	68 535	14 905	12 020	2 885	-	53 630	22	22
Croatia	235	25	15	10	-	210	11	11
Italy	35 180	20 580	3 640	7 625	9 315	14 600	59	32
Cyprus	1 305	995	55	940	0	310	76	76
Latvia	95	25	5	20	-	70	24	24
Lithuania	185	70	15	55	0	110	39	39
Luxembourg	885	120	105	15	-	765	14	14
Hungary	5 445	510	240	250	20	4 935	9	9
Malta	1 735	1 260	190	900	165	475	73	63
Netherlands	20 190	14 225	2 550	9 265	2 410	5 965	70	59
Austria	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Poland	2 700	720	260	165	295	1 980	27	16
Portugal	155	40	20	20	-	115	25	25
Romania	1 585	740	370	370	0	845	47	47
Slovenia	95	45	30	10	-	50	46	46
Slovakia	280	170	0	95	75	110	61	34
Finland	3 280	2 210	490	1 415	300	1 070	67	58
Sweden	39 905	30 650	10 245	19 095	1 310	9 255	77	74
United Kingdom	25 870	10 050	8 990	110	950	15 820	39	35
Iceland	110	30	15	10	5	80	27	24
Liechtenstein	10	0	0	0	0	10	11	11
Norway	7 640	4 905	3 590	1 140	175	2 735	64	62
Switzerland	21 800	15 410	6 140	2 640	6 630	6 390	71	40

- Not applicable

Data for AT are not available; EU aggregates and other indicators are based on data available

Rate of recognition is the share of (first instance) positive decisions in the total number of decisions at first instance. In this calculation, the exact number of decisions has been used instead of the rounded numbers presented in this table. Rates of recognition for humanitarian status are not shown in this table, but are part of the total recognition rate.

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asycdfsta](#))

Table 10: First instance decisions by destination country and outcome in the EU-28 (*), selected citizenships of asylum applicants, 2014 (1)

Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections
SYRIA - SY			
Germany	20 505 Sweden	14 535 Netherlands	775 Germany 1 630
Bulgaria	4 820 Netherlands	4 985 Germany	105 Netherlands 505
Denmark	3 130 Germany	3 245 Italy	10 Greece 390
Other	7305 Other	6805 Other	35 Other 1 025
AFGHANISTAN - AF			
Germany	2 025 Italy	1 995 Germany	1 020 Germany 1 745
Belgium	800 Belgium	455 Sweden	500 Greece 1 295
Sweden	620 Germany	355 Italy	145 United Kingdom 905
Other	1 520 Other	1 425 Other	305 Other 2 735
PAKISTAN - PK			
United Kingdom	720 Italy	950 Italy	1 065 United Kingdom 2 650
Germany	530 France	30 United Kingdom	45 Greece 2 425
Italy	385 Ireland	20 Greece	45 Italy 2 260
Other	340 Other	65 Other	40 Other 4 240
OTHER			
France	9 895 Italy	4 220 Italy	7 920 France 45 600
Germany	9 490 Sweden	4 095 Netherlands	1 420 Germany 29 170
United Kingdom	4 250 France	1 325 Germany	845 Italy 11 735
Other	13 320 Other	6 410 Other	2 250 Other 53 000
SERBIA - RS			
France	210 France	20 Italy	40 Germany 19 590
Belgium	40 Germany	15 Germany	25 Sweden 755
Greece	5 Italy	15 Sweden	20 France 480
Other	5 Other	5 Other	5 Other 860
ERITREA - ER			
Sweden	5 120 Netherlands	3 375 Italy	85 France 440
United Kingdom	2 185 Italy	360 Netherlands	85 Netherlands 355
Italy	850 Germany	210 Germany	35 United Kingdom 345
Other	1 515 Other	330 Other	15 Other 585
ALBANIA - AL			
France	110 France	445 United Kingdom	230 France 5 275
Belgium	70 Germany	45 Italy	45 Germany 2 930
Italy	10 Finland	40 Germany	25 United Kingdom 1 085
Other	25 Other	30 Other	5 Other 3 015
NON-EU			
Germany	33 310 Sweden	19 095 Italy	9 315 Germany 56 715
France	12 020 Netherlands	9 265 Netherlands	2 410 France 53 630
Sweden	10 245 Italy	7 625 Germany	2 075 United Kingdom 15 820
Other	34 240 Other	19 825 Other	3 345 Other 70 860

(*) Data for AT are not available

(1) Citizenship selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during 2014

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Syrians with the highest recognition rate in the EU-28 in 2014, 95 per cent

Table 11: First instance decisions by outcome and recognition rates, 30 main citizenships of asylum applicants granted decisions in the EU-28 (*), 2014 (1)

	Total decisions	Positive	Of which				Rate of recognition, %	
			Refugee status	of which		Rejected	Total	of which
				Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons			
Non-EU	359 795	162 770	89 815	55 810	17 145	197 025	45	40
Syria - (SY)	69 815	66 260	35 760	29 575	925	3 555	95	94
Serbia - (RS)	22 085	400	260	55	90	21 685	2	1
Afghanistan - (AF)	17 855	11 175	4 970	4 235	1 970	6 680	63	52
Eritrea - (ER)	15 900	14 170	9 675	4 275	220	1 725	89	88
Pakistan - (PK)	15 810	4 240	1 980	1 065	1 200	11 570	27	19
Albania - (AL)	13 390	1 085	215	560	310	12 305	8	6
Kosovo - (XK)	13 220	905	440	290	175	12 315	7	6
Russia - (RU)	12 360	3 065	2 275	405	390	9 295	25	22
Iraq - (IQ)	10 590	7 495	4 980	1 960	555	3 090	71	66
Nigeria - (NG)	9 785	2 900	525	895	1 480	6 890	30	14
Somalia - (SO)	9 425	6 430	2 175	3 180	1 075	2 995	68	57
Stateless	8 990	7 920	3 340	4 355	225	1 075	88	86
Iran - (IR)	8 690	5 200	4 730	230	240	3 490	60	57
MK - (MK)	8 195	80	30	15	35	8 115	1	1
CD - (CD)	7 415	1 545	1 350	110	80	5 870	21	20
Bangladesh - (BD)	7 370	770	410	80	280	6 600	10	7
BA - (BA)	7 210	335	155	55	125	6 880	5	3
Mali - (ML)	6 370	2 400	405	310	1 685	3 975	38	11
Georgia - (GE)	6 145	340	180	70	95	5 805	6	4
China - (CN)	5 110	1 210	1 060	60	90	3 900	24	22
Sri Lanka - (LK)	5 110	1 635	1 420	110	105	3 475	32	30
Guinea - (GN)	5 040	1 795	1 355	205	235	3 245	36	31
Turkey - (TR)	4 590	1 010	585	175	255	3 580	22	16
Gambia - (GM)	4 355	1 545	345	125	1 080	2 810	35	11
Armenia - (AM)	3 900	450	200	95	155	3 450	12	8
Sudan - (SD)	3 745	1 770	1 445	265	65	1 975	47	46
Senegal - (SN)	3 065	1 055	210	100	745	2 010	34	10
Ukraine - (UA)	2 985	650	105	365	180	2 335	22	16
Algeria - (DZ)	2 955	235	110	85	45	2 720	8	7
Egypt - (EG)	2 895	1 080	510	85	485	1 815	37	21
Other non-EU	45 420	13 615	8 625	2 430	2 560	31 800	30	24

(*) Data for AT are not available

(1) Citizenship selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during 2014.

Rate of recognition is the share of (first instance) positive decisions in the total number of decisions at first instance. In this calculation, the exact number of decisions has been used instead of the rounded numbers presented in this table. Rates of recognition for humanitarian status are not shown in this table, but are part of the total recognition rate.

CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – see methodological notes; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

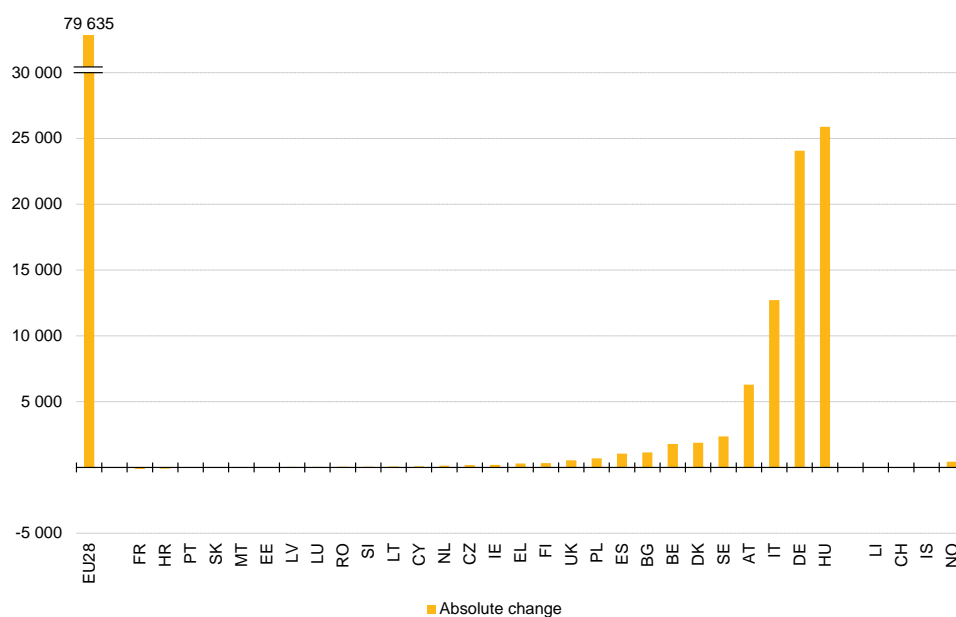
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstq](#))

ANNEX

Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications: fourth quarter 2014

80 000 more asylum applicants in the EU-28 in Q4 2014 compared with the same quarter of previous year; Hungary and Germany recorded around 25 000 more

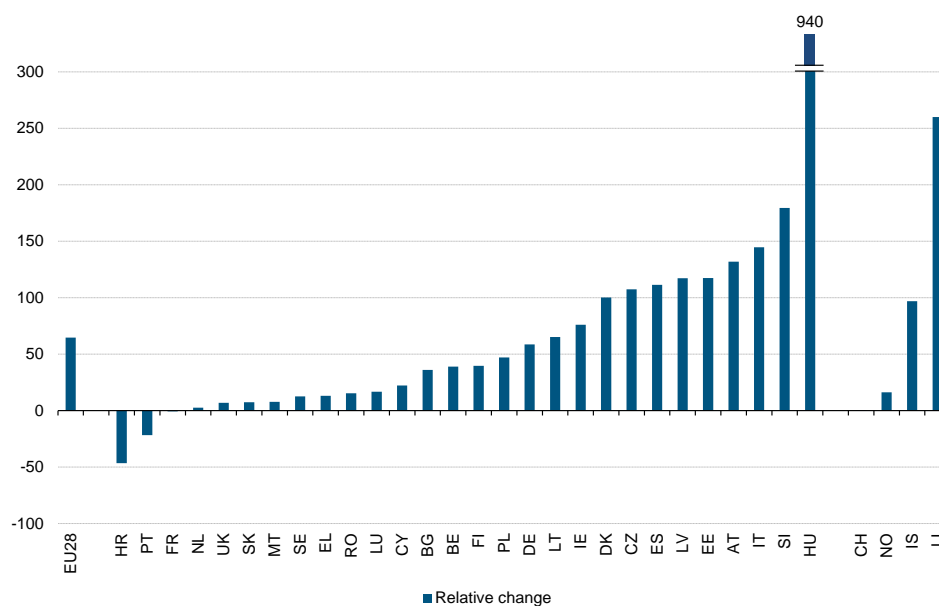
Figure 11: Asylum applicants, absolute change between Q4 2013 and Q4 2014



Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

65 per cent more asylum applicants in the EU-28 in Q4 2014 compared with Q4 2013; in Hungary the number of asylum applicants increased by 10 times more

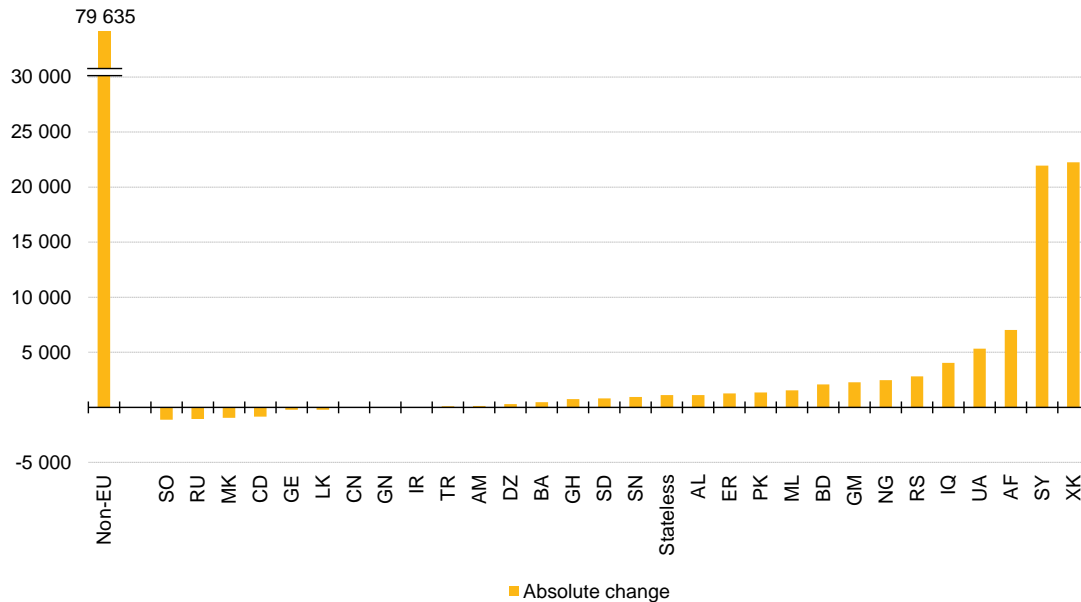
Figure 12: Asylum applicants, relative change between Q4 2013 and Q4 2014, %



Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Over 20 000 more Kosovans and Syrians sought protection in the EU-28 in Q4 2014 compared with the same quarter of 2013

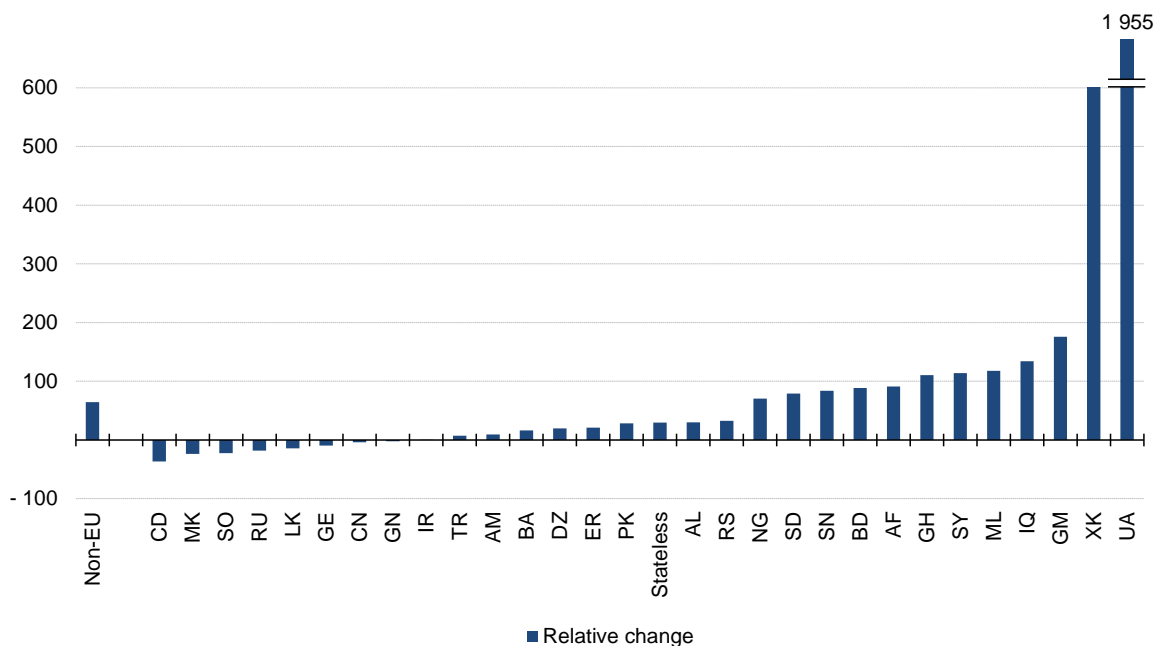
Figure 13: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-28, absolute change between Q4 2013 and Q4 2014



Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Number of Ukrainian asylum seekers increased more than 20 times in the EU-28 in Q4 2014 compared with Q4 2013

Figure 14: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-28, relative change between Q4 2013 and Q4 2014, %



Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

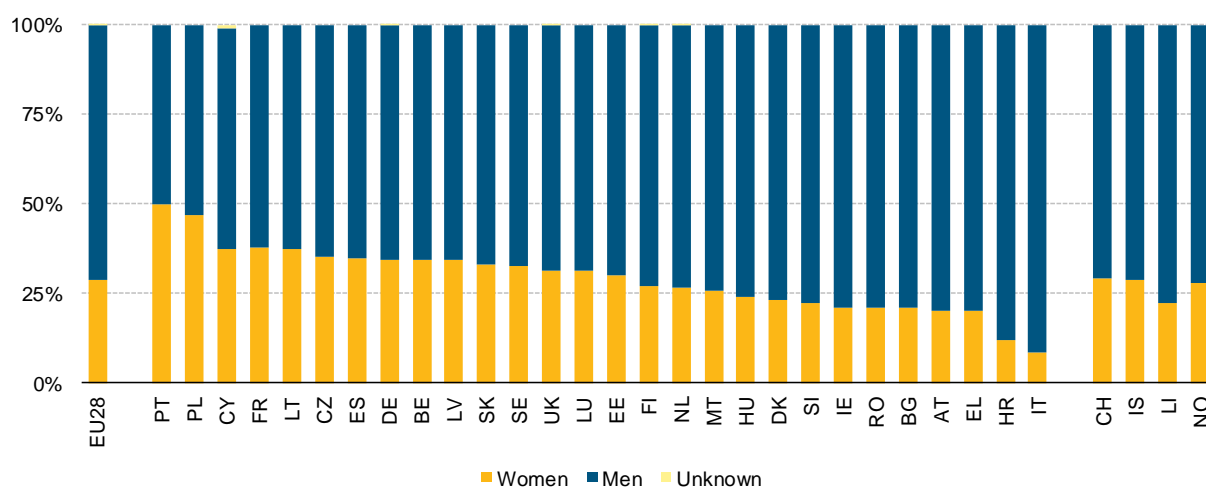
203 000 persons registered an application for international protection in the EU-28 in Q4 2014. One out of four was minor

Table 12: Asylum applicants by age group, 4th quarter 2014, %

	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
EU-28	202 960	18.3	7.1	53.9	19.9	0.8	0.1
Belgium	6 370	21.8	6.9	48.3	22.1	0.9	0.0
Bulgaria	4 305	14.0	14.8	59.3	11.7	0.3	0.0
Czech Republic	340	17.6	3.2	42.1	35.0	2.1	0.0
Denmark	3 735	12.6	7.5	53.1	26.4	0.3	0.0
Germany	65 125	24.5	6.2	47.8	20.8	0.8	0.0
Estonia	50	14.0	4.0	54.0	26.0	2.0	0.0
Ireland	455	9.0	3.9	66.2	20.0	0.9	0.0
Greece	2 515	8.6	7.9	61.9	21.3	0.4	0.0
Spain	1 980	19.2	3.8	53.4	22.3	1.3	0.0
France	16 805	16.5	2.9	52.8	26.3	1.5	0.0
Croatia	100	2.0	4.0	63.0	31.0	0.0	0.0
Italy	21 500	2.9	4.9	82.8	9.3	0.1	0.0
Cyprus	495	17.2	7.7	50.2	24.1	0.6	0.2
Latvia	75	10.5	2.6	44.7	36.8	5.3	0.0
Lithuania	185	25.4	4.9	45.4	23.8	0.5	0.0
Luxembourg	335	19.5	6.0	55.4	19.2	0.0	0.0
Hungary	28 630	19.6	7.5	56.8	16.0	0.2	0.0
Malta	335	19.3	5.1	55.1	19.6	0.9	0.0
Netherlands	5 165	13.1	6.0	48.2	31.1	1.4	0.2
Austria	11 045	15.9	12.8	52.8	18.2	0.4	0.0
Poland	2 140	35.9	4.7	34.0	24.5	0.9	0.0
Portugal	140	14.9	4.3	54.6	24.1	2.1	0.0
Romania	375	12.2	11.2	54.8	19.9	1.9	0.0
Slovenia	95	12.6	20.0	44.2	23.2	0.0	0.0
Slovakia	115	24.3	7.8	42.6	24.3	0.9	0.0
Finland	1 140	17.2	6.6	56.2	18.4	0.6	1.0
Sweden	21 115	19.3	10.8	43.8	24.5	1.6	0.0
United Kingdom	8 295	12.7	8.7	54.9	20.1	1.0	2.5
Iceland	65	12.7	8.7	54.9	20.1	1.0	2.5
Liechtenstein	20	31.7	1.6	39.7	27.0	0.0	0.0
Norway	3 145	19.8	10.7	50.9	18.0	0.5	0.0
Switzerland	5 565	22.7	6.3	54.0	16.7	0.3	0.0

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 15: Asylum applicants by sex, 4th quarter 2014, %



Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

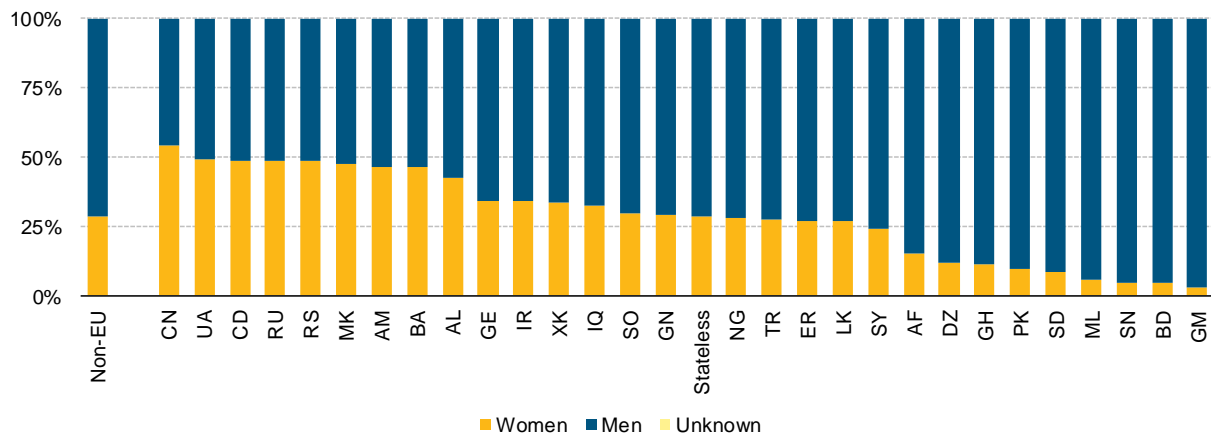
Table 13: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-28, by age group, 4th quarter 2014, % ⁽¹⁾

	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
Non-EU	202 960	18.3	7.1	53.9	19.9	0.8	0.1
Syria - (SY)	41 250	16.4	5.5	52.5	24.4	1.1	0.1
Kosovo - (XK)	25 880	27.2	6.3	47.2	19.0	0.3	0.0
Afghanistan - (AF)	14 740	13.7	23.0	54.6	7.9	0.7	0.0
Serbia - (RS)	11 430	37.6	6.5	31.0	24.3	0.6	0.0
Eritrea - (ER)	7 285	6.5	9.4	71.8	11.8	0.3	0.2
Iraq - (IQ)	7 045	19.2	5.8	51.4	21.7	1.7	0.1
Pakistan - (PK)	6 085	6.1	2.2	70.6	20.2	0.6	0.3
Nigeria - (NG)	5 965	11.8	3.0	73.5	11.5	0.0	0.2
Ukraine - (UA)	5 610	22.7	2.8	43.3	28.6	2.4	0.1
Stateless	4 855	18.6	7.5	43.9	28.1	1.8	0.1
Albania - (AL)	4 765	26.4	9.2	45.0	18.8	0.5	0.1
Russia - (RU)	4 675	42.0	4.1	29.2	23.3	1.3	0.1
Bangladesh - (BD)	4 425	2.4	3.0	83.1	11.1	0.2	0.2
Somalia - (SO)	3 885	10.6	16.6	62.4	9.8	0.6	0.1
Gambia - (GM)	3 575	1.4	13.7	81.7	3.1	0.0	0.1
BA - (BA)	3 310	35.5	7.9	33.6	22.5	0.5	0.0
Iran - (IR)	3 190	12.9	4.6	51.8	28.6	1.2	0.9
MK - (MK)	3 055	34.8	6.3	31.3	27.3	0.3	0.0
Mali - (ML)	2 870	4.2	4.7	84.5	6.6	0.0	0.0
Georgia - (GE)	2 140	19.8	1.8	46.7	30.8	0.9	0.0
Senegal - (SN)	2 055	1.9	6.1	82.9	9.1	0.0	0.0
Sudan - (SD)	1 830	4.6	2.1	77.3	15.4	0.3	0.4
Algeria - (DZ)	1 770	8.0	7.0	65.0	19.8	0.2	0.1
Guinea - (GN)	1 655	16.7	4.0	67.4	11.7	0.2	0.0
Armenia - (AM)	1 550	22.9	4.7	36.3	33.6	2.5	0.0
CD - (CD)	1 450	17.5	5.2	50.6	25.4	1.1	0.2
Ghana - (GH)	1 410	6.5	4.0	77.2	12.3	0.0	0.0
Turkey - (TR)	1 375	14.2	5.1	59.3	20.9	0.5	0.0
China - (CN)	1 265	7.4	0.9	46.0	44.1	1.1	0.5
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 260	10.9	1.8	59.1	25.6	1.8	0.7
Other	21 315	15.0	5.2	57.5	21.4	0.7	0.3

⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2014 in the EU-28
 MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Kosovo – see methodological notes; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 16: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-28, by sex, 4th quarter 2014, % ⁽¹⁾



⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2014 in the EU-28
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

With over 40 000 applicants Syrians represent 20 per cent of all asylum seekers in the EU-28 in Q4 2014

Table 14: Five main citizenships of asylum applicants, 4th quarter 2014 ⁽¹⁾

EU-28		#	(%)
Syria		41 250	20
Kosovo		25 880	13
Afghanistan		14 740	7
Serbia		11 430	6
Eritrea		7 285	4
Other		102 375	50

BELGIUM		#	(%)
Syria		1 080	17
Guinea		565	9
Iraq		520	8
Russia		455	7
Afghanistan		450	7
Other		3 305	52

DENMARK		#	(%)
Syria		1 895	51
Stateless		475	13
Eritrea		385	10
Somalia		105	3
Iran		95	3
Other		780	21

IRELAND		#	(%)
Pakistan		155	34
Albania		40	9
Bangladesh		40	9
Nigeria		35	8
CD		25	5
Other		160	35

FRANCE		#	(%)
Russia		1 010	6
CD		990	6
Bangladesh		950	6
Syria		825	5
Kosovo		800	5
Other		12 230	73

CYPRUS		#	(%)
Syria		265	54
Ukraine		30	6
India		30	6
Vietnam		25	5
Egypt		25	5
Other		120	24

LUXEMBOURG		#	(%)
Bosnia and Herzegovina		60	18
Montenegro		40	12
Kosovo		35	10
Syria		30	9
Albania		25	7
Other		145	43

NETHERLANDS		#	(%)
Syria		1 905	37
Stateless		740	14
Iraq		360	7
Afghanistan		195	4
Eritrea		190	4
Other		1 770	34

PORTUGAL		#	(%)
Ukraine		85	61
Pakistan		10	7
Sierra Leone		5	4
Mali		5	4
Cameroon		5	4
Other		30	21

SLOVAKIA		#	(%)
Afghanistan		30	27
Vietnam		15	14
Ukraine		10	9
Syria		10	9
Mongolia		5	5
Other		40	36

UNITED KINGDOM		#	(%)
Pakistan		905	11
Eritrea		900	11
Syria		810	10
Iran		775	9
Albania		540	7
Other		4 365	53

LIECHTENSTEIN		#	(%)
Serbia		10	50

BULGARIA		#	(%)
Syria		2 110	49
Afghanistan		1 500	35
Iraq		350	8
Pakistan		85	2
Stateless		60	1
Other		205	5

GERMANY		#	(%)
Syria		15 790	24
Serbia		10 135	16
Kosovo		4 750	7
Eritrea		3 505	5
Bosnia and Herzegovina		2 695	4
Other		28 240	43

GREECE		#	(%)
Afghanistan		500	20
Pakistan		430	17
Syria		355	14
Bangladesh		185	7
Sudan		100	4
Other		950	38

CROATIA		#	(%)
Egypt		20	20
Algeria		15	15
Russia		5	5
Afghanistan		5	5
Syria		5	5
Other		50	50

LATVIA		#	(%)
Ukraine		25	36
Vietnam		10	14
Iraq		10	14
Georgia		10	14
Syria		5	7
Other		10	14

HUNGARY		#	(%)
Kosovo		17 880	62
Afghanistan		4 620	16
Syria		3 540	12
Palestine		445	2
Iraq		360	1
Other		1 790	6

AUSTRIA		#	(%)
Syria		3 480	32
Afghanistan		2 065	19
Kosovo		1 350	12
Stateless		630	6
Iraq		560	5
Other		2 955	27

ROMANIA		#	(%)
Syria		160	43
Iraq		70	19
Afghanistan		65	17
Iran		10	3
Pakistan		10	3
Other		60	16

FINLAND		#	(%)
Iraq		275	24
Somalia		165	14
Afghanistan		75	7
Russia		65	6
Ukraine		55	5
Other		505	44

NORWAY		#	(%)
Syria		605	19
Somalia		475	15
Eritrea		445	14
Stateless		255	8
Afghanistan		210	7
Other		1 155	37

CZECH REPUBLIC		#	(%)
Ukraine		135	39
Syria		45	13
Vietnam		25	7
Cuba		15	4
Armenia		15	4
Other		110	32

ESTONIA		#	(%)
Ukraine		20	36
Russia		10	18
Sudan		5	9
Egypt		5	9
Algeria		5	9
Other		10	18

SPAIN		#	(%)
Syria		705	36
Ukraine		425	21
Mali		100	5
Algeria		90	5
Palestine		60	3
Other		605	30

ITALY		#	(%)
Nigeria		3 440	16
Gambia		2 870	13
Bangladesh		2 505	12
Pakistan		2 175	10
Mali		2 155	10
Other		8 355	39

LITHUANIA		#	(%)
Afghanistan		65	35
Georgia		40	22
Ukraine		20	11
Russia		20	11
Vietnam		10	5
Other		30	16

MALTA		#	(%)
Libya		165	49
Syria		95	28
Eritrea		15	4
Palestine		10	3
Ukraine		10	3
Other		45	13

POLAND		#	(%)
Russia		985	46
Ukraine		620	29
Georgia		255	12
Tajikistan		60	3
Armenia		40	2
Other		180	8

SLOVENIA		#	(%)
Afghanistan		30	33
Syria		20	22
Somalia		5	6
Turkey		5	6
Iraq		5	6
Other		25	28

SWEDEN		#	(%)
Syria		7 935	38
Stateless		2 185	10
Eritrea		1 675	8
Somalia		1 285	6
Afghanistan		940	4
Other		7 090	34

ICELAND		#	(%)
Albania		10	18
MK		5	9
Iraq		5	9
Russia		5	9
Ukraine		5	9
Other		25	45

SWITZERLAND		#	(%)
Eritrea		1 200	22
Syria		760	14
Sri Lanka		430	8
Afghanistan		260	5
Nigeria		240	4
Other		2 675	48

⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2014 in the EU-28

Absolute number of asylum applications

% Percentage shares are calculated on rounded figures and may not add up to totals

CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – see methodological notes; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

One out of three asylum seekers applied in Germany in Q4 2014

Table 15: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants by destination country in the EU-28, 4th quarter 2014 ⁽¹⁾

	NON-EU		# (%)	
	Germany	65 125	32	
	Hungary	28 630	14	
	Italy	21 500	11	
	Sweden	21 115	10	
	France	16 805	8	
	Other	49 785	25	
	SYRIA - (SY)			
	Germany	15 790	38	
	Sweden	7 935	19	
	Hungary	3 540	9	
	Austria	3 480	8	
	Bulgaria	2 110	5	
	Other	8 390	20	
	SERBIA - (RS)			
	Germany	10 135	89	
	Sweden	660	6	
	Belgium	140	1	
	France	135	1	
	Austria	105	1	
	Other	255	2	
	PAKISTAN - (PK)			
	Italy	2 175	36	
	Germany	1 015	17	
	United Kingdom	905	15	
	France	545	9	
	Greece	430	7	
	Other	1 020	17	
	STATELESS			
	Sweden	2 185	45	
	Netherlands	740	15	
	Austria	630	13	
	Germany	525	11	
	Denmark	475	10	
	Other	295	6	
	BANGLADESH - (BD)			
	Italy	2 505	57	
	France	950	21	
	United Kingdom	220	5	
	Greece	185	4	
	Germany	175	4	
	Other	390	9	
	BA - (BA)			
	Germany	2 695	81	
	France	170	5	
	Sweden	160	5	
	Austria	90	3	
	Luxembourg	60	2	
	Other	135	4	
	MALI - (ML)			
	Italy	2 155	75	
	France	390	14	
	Germany	120	4	
	Spain	100	3	
	Hungary	20	1	
	Other	85	3	
	SUDAN - (SD)			
	France	745	41	
	United Kingdom	480	26	
	Sweden	170	9	
	Germany	120	7	
	Greece	100	5	
	Other	215	12	
	ARMENIA - (AM)			
	Germany	680	44	
	France	445	29	
	Austria	85	5	
	Sweden	80	5	
	Belgium	75	5	
	Other	190	12	
	TURKEY - (TR)			
	Germany	480	35	
	France	415	30	
	Italy	105	8	
	Belgium	90	7	
	United Kingdom	75	5	
	Other	210	15	
	KOSOVO - (XK)			
	Hungary	17 880	69	
	Germany	4 750	18	
	Austria	1 350	5	
	France	800	3	
	Sweden	640	2	
	Other	455	2	
	ERITREA - (ER)			
	Germany	3 505	48	
	Sweden	1 675	23	
	United Kingdom	900	12	
	Denmark	385	5	
	France	230	3	
	Other	585	8	
	NIGERIA - (NG)			
	Italy	3 440	58	
	Germany	1 005	17	
	France	425	7	
	United Kingdom	335	6	
	Austria	190	3	
	Other	570	10	
	ALBANIA - (AL)			
	Germany	2 455	52	
	France	715	15	
	United Kingdom	540	11	
	Sweden	510	11	
	Belgium	190	4	
	Other	350	7	
	SOMALIA - (SO)			
	Sweden	1 285	33	
	Germany	1 165	30	
	Austria	285	7	
	France	240	6	
	Italy	185	5	
	Other	720	19	
	IRAN - (IR)			
	Germany	985	31	
	United Kingdom	775	24	
	Austria	290	9	
	Sweden	280	9	
	Netherlands	155	5	
	Other	705	22	
	GEORGIA - (GE)			
	Germany	770	36	
	France	385	18	
	Poland	255	12	
	Sweden	205	10	
	Austria	135	6	
	Other	395	18	
	ALGERIA - (DZ)			
	Germany	520	29	
	France	500	28	
	Austria	180	10	
	Sweden	160	9	
	Spain	90	5	
	Other	320	18	
	CD - (CD)			
	France	990	69	
	Belgium	175	12	
	United Kingdom	50	3	
	Greece	35	2	
	Italy	35	2	
	Other	155	11	
	CHINA - (CN)			
	France	715	57	
	United Kingdom	180	14	
	Germany	110	9	
	Austria	70	6	
	Belgium	60	5	
	Other	130	10	
	AFGHANISTAN - (AF)			
	Hungary	4 620	31	
	Germany	2 560	17	
	Austria	2 065	14	
	Bulgaria	1 500	10	
	Italy	960	7	
	Other	3 035	21	
	IRAQ - (IQ)			
	Germany	2 435	35	
	Sweden	810	11	
	France	685	10	
	Austria	560	8	
	Belgium	520	7	
	Other	2 040	29	
	UKRAINE - (UA)			
	Germany	1 620	29	
	Italy	1 020	18	
	Poland	620	11	
	France	580	10	
	Sweden	435	8	
	Other	1 340	24	
	RUSSIA - (RU)			
	Germany	1 180	25	
	France	1 010	22	
	Poland	985	21	
	Austria	480	10	
	Belgium	455	10	
	Other	565	12	
	GAMBIA - (GM)			
	Italy	2 870	80	
	Germany	470	13	
	United Kingdom	45	1	
	Sweden	45	1	
	France	35	1	
	Other	110	3	
	MK - (MK)			
	Germany	2 600	85	
	Sweden	140	5	
	Belgium	135	4	
	Austria	60	2	
	France	55	2	
	Other	55	2	
	SENEGAL - (SN)			
	Italy	1 650	80	
	Germany	175	9	
	France	85	4	
	Belgium	60	3	
	Sweden	15	1	
	Other	70	3	
	GUINEA - (GN)			
	Belgium	565	34	
	France	510	31	
	Italy	275	17	
	Germany	205	12	
	Netherlands	20	1	
	Other	75	5	
	GHANA - (GH)			
	Italy	905	64	
	Germany	330	23	
	Hungary	35	2	
	United Kingdom	25	2	
	Sweden	25	2	
	Other	85	6	
	SRI LANKA - (LK)			
	France	580	46	
	United Kingdom	405	32	
	Germany	105	8	
	Belgium	40	3	
	Italy	30	2	
	Other	100	8	

⁽¹⁾ Citizenships selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2014 in the EU-28

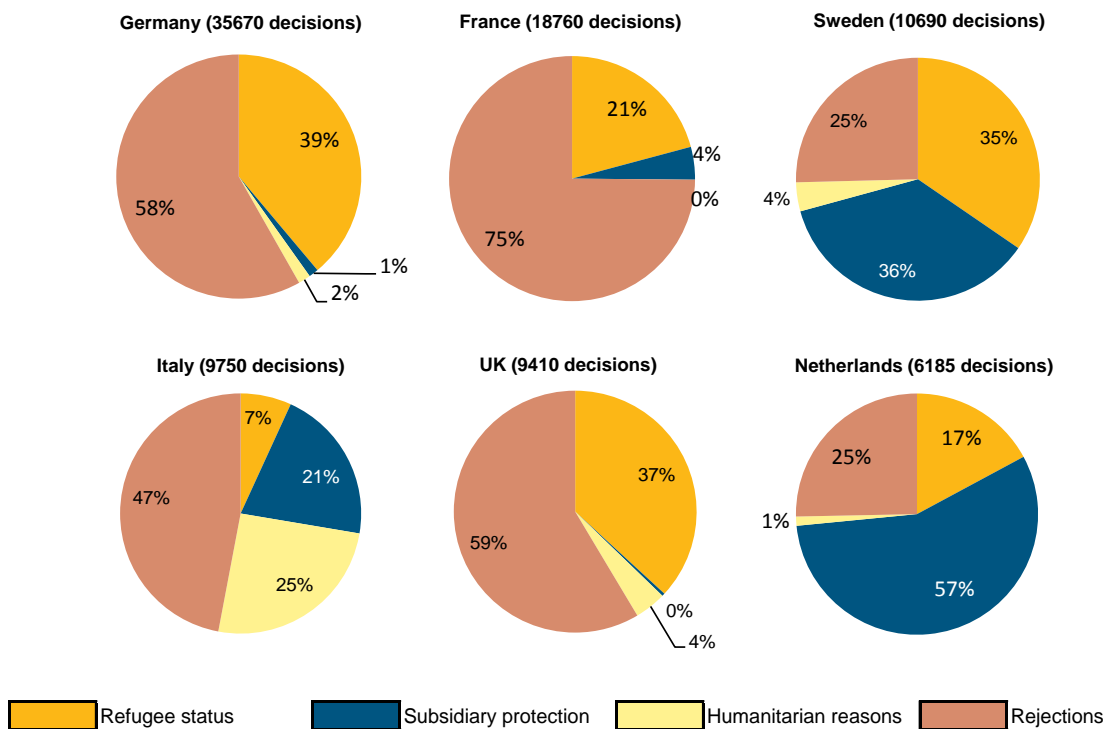
Absolute number of asylum applications

% Percentage shares are calculated on rounded figures and may not add up to totals

Kosovo – see methodological notes; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

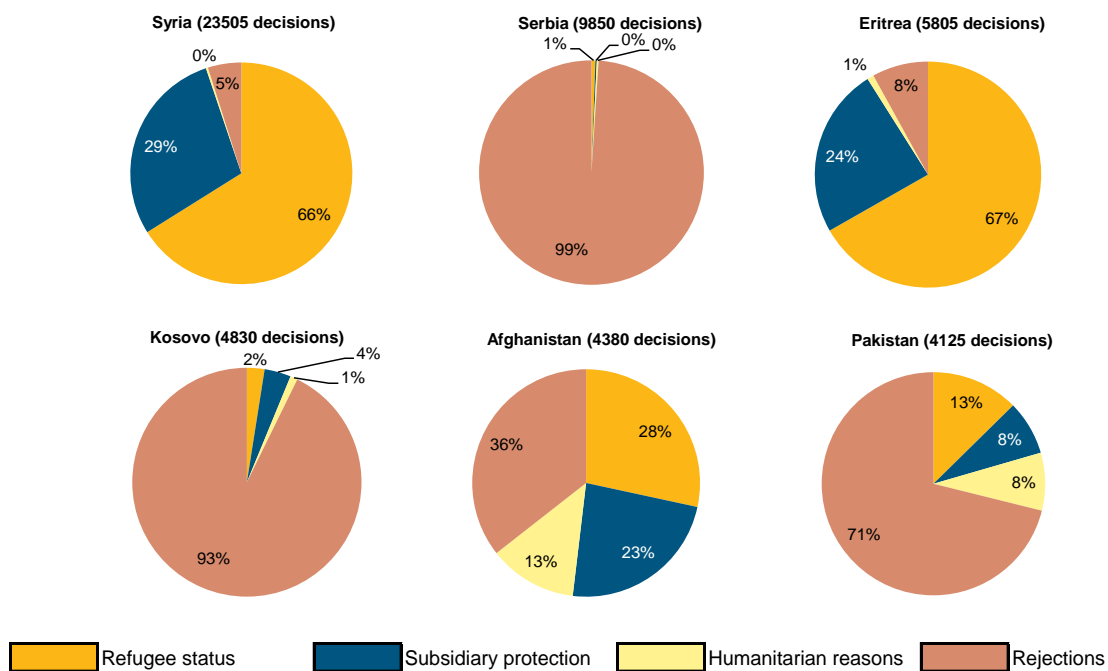
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 17: First instance decisions by outcome, selected Member States ⁽¹⁾, 4th quarter 2014



⁽¹⁾ Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q4 2014
 Humanitarian reasons are not applicable for France
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Figure 18: First instance decisions in the EU-28 (*) by outcome, selected citizenships ⁽¹⁾, 4th quarter 2014



(*) Data for Austria are not available
⁽¹⁾ Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q4 2014
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Table 16: First instance decisions by citizenship and outcome, selected Member States, 4th quarter 2014 ⁽¹⁾

First instance decisions							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections				
GERMANY (35 670 decisions)							
Syria	9 870	Syria	165	Afghanistan	275	Serbia	9 145
Iraq	1 475	Afghanistan	55	Syria	40	MK	3 380
Iran	445	Somalia	55	Somalia	40	BA	2 450
Other	2 090	Other	180	Other	220	Other	5 785
SWEDEN (10 690 decisions)							
Eritrea	2 370	Syria	3 035	Afghanistan	150	Albania	400
Syria	345	Stateless	505	Iraq	60	Serbia	240
Somalia	245	Afghanistan	115	Kosovo	35	Kosovo	185
Other	730	Other	210	Other	165	Other	1 885
UK (9 410 decisions)							
Eritrea	1 030	Iran	5	Albania	115	Pakistan	940
Syria	455	Pakistan	5	Afghanistan	40	Sri Lanka	530
Iran	450	Nigeria	5	Turkey	25	China	385
Other	1 530	Other	20	Other	215	Other	3 655
OTHER (41 885 decisions)							
Syria	4 090	Syria	1 270	Russia	65	Serbia	9 320
Afghanistan	260	Iraq	365	Pakistan	45	Kosovo	3 505
Iraq	255	Ukraine	285	Georgia	35	MK	3 480
Other	2 000	Other	1 410	Other	245	Other	15 260

First instance decisions							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections				
FRANCE (18 760 decisions)							
Iraq	485	Syria	210	-	CD	1 560	
Syria	465	Albania	115	-	Russia	1 235	
Russia	370	Kosovo	85	-	Albania	1 060	
Other	2 585	Other	405	-	Other	10 195	
ITALY (9 750 decisions)							
Eritrea	120	Afghanistan	485	Mali	410	Nigeria	1 010
Pakistan	90	Somalia	335	Nigeria	365	Mali	960
Somalia	60	Pakistan	290	Gambia	285	Gambia	625
Other	400	Other	920	Other	1 410	Other	1 995
NETHERLANDS (6 185 decisions)							
Stateless	605	Syria	2 045	Eritrea	15	Syria	145
Syria	265	Eritrea	1 240	Afghanistan	10	Stateless	125
Iran	35	Stateless	35	Somalia	10	Eritrea	120
Other	155	Other	165	Other	45	Other	1 175
EU-28* (111 590 decisions)							
Syria	15 535	Syria	6 755	Afghanistan	550	Serbia	9 750
Eritrea	3 875	Eritrea	1 410	Nigeria	435	Kosovo	4 475
Iraq	2 365	Afghanistan	1 030	Mali	415	MK	3 585
Other	11 505	Other	4 815	Other	2 920	Other	42 175

⁽¹⁾ Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q4 2014
- Not applicable

* Data for Austria are not available; EU aggregate is based on available data

CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK - The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstg](#))

46 per cent of first instance decisions were positive in 2014 in the EU-28, including protection based on national legislations

Table 17: First instance decisions by outcome and recognition rates, 4th quarter 2014

	Total decisions	Of which					Rate of recognition, %	
		Positive	of which			Rejected	Total	of which Refugee and subsidiary protection status
			Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons			
EU-28	111 590	51 605	33 275	14 010	4 320	59 985	46	42
Belgium	5 715	2 610	2 320	290	-	3 105	46	46
Bulgaria	2 120	1 985	1 840	145	-	135	94	94
Czech Republic	320	155	15	135	0	165	48	47
Denmark	2 125	1 615	1 200	385	30	510	76	75
Germany	35 670	14 910	13 875	455	575	20 760	42	40
Estonia	15	5	5	0	0	10	38	38
Ireland	295	125	50	75	-	170	42	42
Greece	1 890	720	475	135	105	1 170	38	32
Spain	850	370	125	245	0	485	43	43
France	18 760	4 715	3 905	810	-	14 045	25	25
Croatia	65	5	5	0	0	65	5	5
Italy	9 750	5 165	665	2 030	2 470	4 585	53	28
Cyprus	405	340	10	330	0	70	83	83
Latvia	25	15	0	15	-	10	58	58
Lithuania	65	25	0	25	0	40	41	41
Luxembourg	255	50	50	0	-	205	20	20
Hungary	3 290	165	45	115	5	3 130	5	5
Malta	455	380	105	230	45	70	84	74
Netherlands	6 185	4 620	1 060	3 485	75	1 565	75	73
Austria	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Poland	890	195	60	30	105	695	22	10
Portugal	40	20	15	10	-	20	52	52
Romania	605	205	110	95	0	400	34	34
Slovenia	25	15	10	0	-	15	52	52
Slovakia	65	35	0	15	20	30	55	27
Finland	1 605	1 290	160	1 055	75	315	80	76
Sweden	10 690	7 975	3 700	3 865	410	2 715	75	71
United Kingdom	9 410	3 900	3 470	35	395	5 510	41	37
Iceland	30	5	5	0	0	25	23	23
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	0	0	0	:	:
Norway	2 095	1 425	1 035	335	50	675	68	66
Switzerland	5 440	3 880	1 760	670	1 450	1 560	71	45

- Not applicable

Data for AT are not available; EU aggregate is based on data available

Rate of recognition is the share of (first instance) positive decisions in the total number of decisions at first instance. In this calculation, the exact number of decisions has been used instead of the rounded numbers presented in this table. Rates of recognition for humanitarian status are not shown in this table, but are part of the total recognition rate.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstg](#))

Table 18: First instance decisions by destination country and outcome in the EU-28 (*), selected citizenships of asylum applicants, 4th quarter 2014 (1)

First instance decisions							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections				
SYRIA - SY (23 505 decisions)							
Germany	9 870	Sweden	3 035	Germany	40	Germany	720
Bulgaria	1 785	Netherlands	2 045	Italy	10	Netherlands	145
Denmark	1 080	Cyprus	325	Malta	5	Romania	60
Other	2 805	Other	1 350	Other	15	Other	220
ERITREA - ER (5 805 decisions)							
Sweden	2 370	Netherlands	1 240	Italy	30	France	130
UK	1 030	Italy	70	Netherlands	15	Netherlands	120
Germany	170	Germany	35	Germany	10	UK	100
Other	305	Other	65	Other	5	Other	120
AFGHANISTAN - AF (4 380 decisions)							
Germany	435	Italy	485	Germany	275	Germany	385
UK	195	Sweden	115	Sweden	150	UK	325
Sweden	185	Belgium	110	UK	40	Belgium	215
Other	430	Other	320	Other	80	Other	635
OTHER (59 095 decisions)							
Germany	3 290	Italy	1 155	Italy	2 105	France	12 550
France	3 150	Finland	870	UK	335	Germany	9 520
UK	1 570	Sweden	690	Germany	235	UK	4 075
Other	3 920	Other	1 575	Other	550	Other	13 505

First instance decisions							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections				
SERBIA - RS (9 850 decisions)							
France	40	France	5	Germany	10	Germany	9 145
Belgium	5	Finland	5	Sweden	10	Sweden	240
Greece	5	Italy	5	Italy	5	France	110
Other	5	Other	5	Other	0	Other	250
KOSOVO - XK (4 830 decisions)							
France	75	Finland	95	Sweden	35	Hungary	2 780
Finland	25	France	85	Italy	5	France	765
Belgium	15			Germany	5	Germany	515
Other	5	Other	0	Other	5	Other	420
PAKISTAN - PK (4 125 decisions)							
UK	220	Italy	290	Italy	280	UK	940
Germany	110	France	5	Greece	45	Italy	525
Italy	90	Germany	5	UK	15	France	450
Other	100	Other	15	Other	10	Other	1 015
NON-EU (111 590 decisions)							
Germany	13 875	Sweden	3 865	Italy	2 470	Germany	20 760
France	3 905	Netherlands	3 485	Germany	575	France	14 045
Sweden	3 700	Italy	2 030	Sweden	410	UK	5 510
Other	11 795	Other	4 630	Other	860	Other	19 670

(*) Data for AT are not available

(1) Citizenship selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q4 2014

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstq](#))

95 per cent of first instance decisions granted to applicants from Syria were positive in the EU-28 in Q4 2014

Table 19: First instance decisions by outcome and recognition rates, 30 main citizenships of asylum applicants granted decisions in the EU-28 (*), 4th quarter 2014 (1)

	Total decisions	Of which					Rate of recognition, %	
		Positive	of which			Rejected	Total	of which Refugee and subsidiary protection status
			Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons			
Non-EU	111 590	51 605	33 275	14 010	4 320	59 985	46	42
Syria - (SY)	23 505	22 360	15 535	6 755	70	1 145	95	95
Serbia - (RS)	9 850	100	55	20	25	9 750	1	1
Eritrea - (ER)	5 805	5 340	3 875	1 410	55	465	92	91
Kosovo - (XK)	4 830	350	120	180	50	4 475	7	6
Afghanistan - (AF)	4 380	2 820	1 245	1 030	550	1 560	64	52
Pakistan - (PK)	4 125	1 195	520	325	345	2 930	29	21
Iraq - (IQ)	3 790	3 095	2 365	620	115	695	82	79
MK - (MK)	3 610	25	5	10	10	3 585	1	0
Russia - (RU)	3 205	790	610	70	115	2 415	25	21
Albania - (AL)	2 985	365	65	170	130	2 620	12	8
BA - (BA)	2 875	100	40	20	35	2 780	3	2
Nigeria - (NG)	2 850	860	155	275	435	1 990	30	15
Stateless	2 260	1 895	1 205	650	45	365	84	82
Somalia - (SO)	2 235	1 395	570	735	90	840	62	58
CD - (CD)	2 210	400	345	35	20	1 805	18	17
Mali - (ML)	2 140	620	100	105	415	1 520	29	10
Iran - (IR)	2 110	1 300	1 195	65	40	810	62	60
Bangladesh - (BD)	2 025	255	145	30	80	1 770	13	9
Guinea - (GN)	1 645	605	465	55	85	1 040	37	32
Ukraine - (UA)	1 570	425	35	305	80	1 150	27	22
China - (CN)	1 520	400	370	15	15	1 120	26	25
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 430	425	375	30	20	1 005	30	28
Georgia - (GE)	1 345	130	55	35	45	1 215	10	7
Sudan - (SD)	1 295	740	620	100	20	555	57	56
Turkey - (TR)	1 270	295	160	50	90	975	23	16
Gambia - (GM)	1 250	425	90	45	290	825	34	11
Armenia - (AM)	935	115	55	25	35	820	12	9
Algeria - (DZ)	865	85	30	45	5	780	10	9
Senegal - (SN)	795	295	55	40	200	500	37	12
Ivory Coast - (CI)	735	295	90	75	125	440	40	23
Other non-EU	12 145	4 105	2 730	690	690	8 035	34	28

(*) Data for AT are not available

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CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – see methodological notes; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Methodology

COMMENTS

All data presented in this publication are rounded to the nearest 5. Due to rounding, some totals may not correspond with the sum of the separate figures.

All data presented in this publication are provisional (except as otherwise stated) and may be a subject to change.

COUNTRY INFORMATION

In **France** data on pending applications do not include accompanied minors aged less than 16 whose application is examined jointly with their parent's application. According to France, these missing pending applications are estimated to be about 20 per cent of the total number of pending applications.

Kosovo - XK: this designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

DATA SOURCES

The data used for this publication are provided to Eurostat by the Ministries of Interior, Justice or immigration agencies of the Member States. Data are based entirely on relevant administrative sources. Apart from statistics on new asylum applicants, these data are supplied by Member States according to the provisions of Article 4 of the [Regulation \(EC\) 862/2007](#) of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection.

DEFINITIONS AND COVERAGE

'Asylum applicant' means a person having submitted an application for international protection or having been included in such application as a family member during the reference period. 'Application for international protection' means an application for international protection as defined in Art.2(h) of [Directive 2011/95/EU](#), i.e. including requests for refugee status or for subsidiary protection status, irrespective of whether the application was lodged on arrival at border, or from inside the country, and irrespective of whether the person entered the territory legally (e.g. as a tourist) or illegally. Applications submitted by persons who are subsequently found to be a subject of a Dublin procedure ([Regulation \(EU\) No 604/2013](#)) are included in the number of asylum applications. Within the same reference period every person being a subject of asylum application is counted only once, therefore repeat applications are not recorded if the first application has been lodged in the same reference period. However, such a repeat application will be recorded if lodged in a different reference month. It means that the aggregation of the monthly figures may overestimate the number of persons applying for international protection within the aggregated period (quarter or year).

In some Member States (**MT** and **DK**) due to restrictions of the asylum procedure (e.g. time limits for lodging repeat application) repeat applications may be very rare. Therefore the number of first time asylum applicants may equal or almost equal the number of asylum applicants.

The number of asylum applicants and the number of first instance decisions during the same reference period differs. This is due to the time lag between the date of asylum application and the date of the decision on asylum application. The duration of this time lag may vary considerably depending on the national asylum procedure and the administrative workload. Asylum application lodged in one reference period may therefore result in a decision in a later period, while some asylum decisions reported for that period may relate to the applications lodged in previous reference periods.

'First time asylum applicant' means a person having submitted an application for international protection for the first time. Applications submitted by persons who are subsequently found to be a subject of a Dublin procedure are included in the statistics on first time asylum applicants if such persons are also a subject of first asylum application. All Member States are requested to supply these data but their provision is voluntary. As persons are counted once only, statistics on first time asylum applicants may be used for preparation of annual aggregates.

Person being a subject of **'a pending application'** means a person who is the subject of application for international protection under consideration by the responsible national authority at the end of the reference period. It includes the number of persons with pending applications at all instances of the administrative and/or judicial procedure.

'Rejected applicant' means a person covered by a first instance decision rejecting an application for international protection, including decisions considering applications as inadmissible or as unfounded and decisions under priority and accelerated procedures, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period.

'Person granted refugee status at first instance' means a person covered by a first instance decision granting refugee status, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. Refugee status means status as defined in Art.2 (e) of [Directive 2011/95/EU](#) within the meaning of Art.1 of the Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 28 July 1951, as amended by the New York Protocol of 31 January 1967. According to the Art.2(d) of that Directive refugee means a third country national who, owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership of a particular social group, is outside the country of nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country, or a stateless person, who, being outside of the country of former habitual residence for the same reasons as mentioned above, is unable or, owing to such fear, unwilling to return to it.

'Person granted subsidiary protection status at first instance' means a person covered by a first instance decision granting subsidiary protection status, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. Subsidiary protection status means status as defined in Art.2 (g) of [Directive 2011/95/EU](#). According to the Art.2(f) of that Directive a person eligible for subsidiary protection means a third country national or a stateless person who does not qualify as a refugee but in respect of whom substantial grounds have been shown for believing that the person concerned, if returned to his or her country of origin, or in the case of a stateless person, to his or her country of former habitual residence, would face a real risk of suffering serious harm and is unable, or, owing to such risk, unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country.

'Person granted authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons at first instance' means a person covered by another first instance decision granting authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons under national law concerning international protection, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. **It includes persons** who are not eligible for international protection as currently defined law but are nonetheless protected against removal under the obligations that are imposed on all Member States by international refugee or human rights instruments or on the basis of principles flowing from such instruments. Examples of such categories include persons who are not removable on ill health grounds and unaccompanied minors.

'Dublin procedure' means a procedure according to the [Regulation \(EU\) No 604/2013](#), establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national.

ABBREVIATIONS

Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Ireland (IE), Greece (EL), Spain (ES), France (FR), Croatia (HR), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Hungary (HU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovenia (SI), Slovakia (SK), Finland (FI), Sweden (SE), the United Kingdom (UK), Iceland (IS), Lichtenstein (LI), Norway (NO) and Switzerland (CH).

EU ASYLUM POLICY

The Directorate-General for Home Affairs (DG HOME) is responsible for developing EU policies on asylum. For more information please see:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/index_en.htm

Further information

Eurostat website: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>

Data on Population and Social conditions, Asylum:
(Select "Asylum and managed migration" and "Asylum and Dublin statistics")
<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/asylum-and-managed-migration/data/database>

Further information about Asylum and migration:
<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/asylum-and-managed-migration/>

See also Statistics Explained article:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Asylum_quarterly_report

European Statistical Data Support:

Contact details for this support network can be found on the Eurostat website at:
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