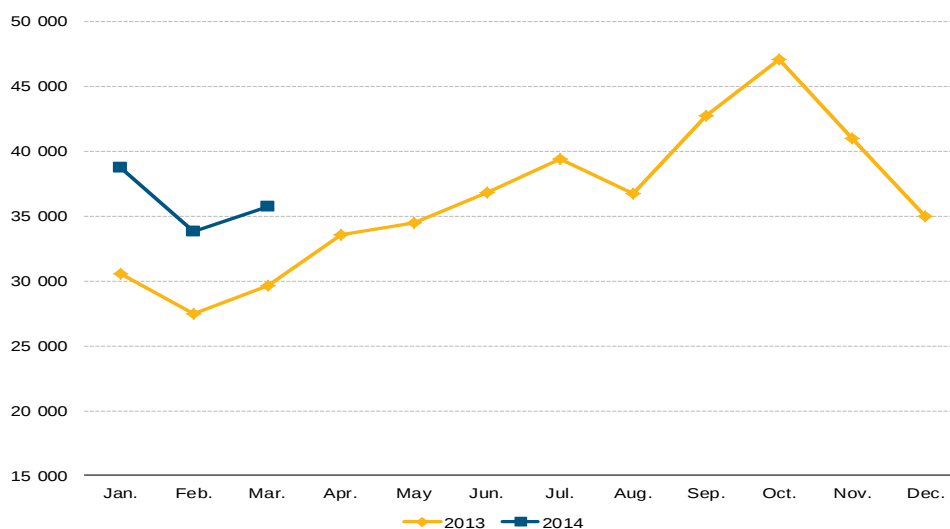


Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications: first quarter 2014

Asylum applicants rose to almost 110 000 in the EU-28 in Q1 2014, nearly 25 000 or 30 per cent more compared to Q1 2013

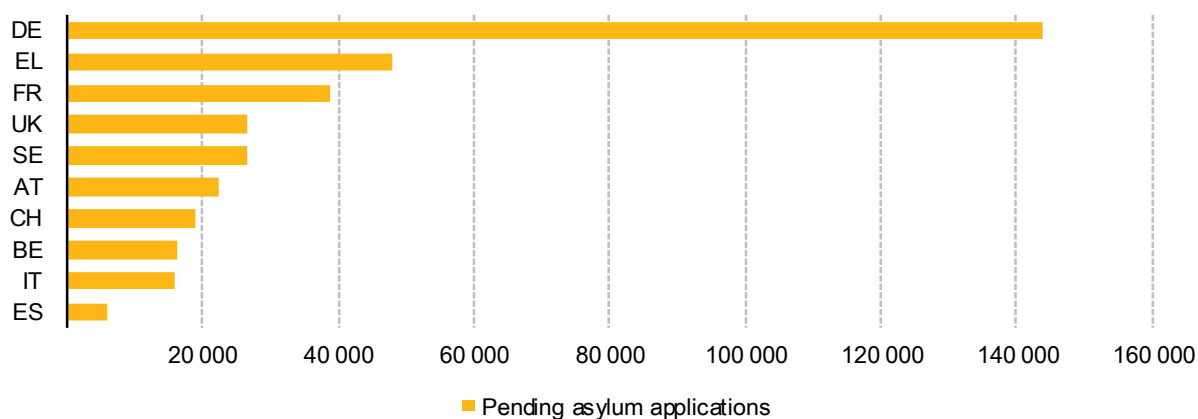
Figure 1: Asylum applicants, EU-28 (*), January 2013 – March 2014



(*) EU-28 aggregate excluding Austria for Q1 2014

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

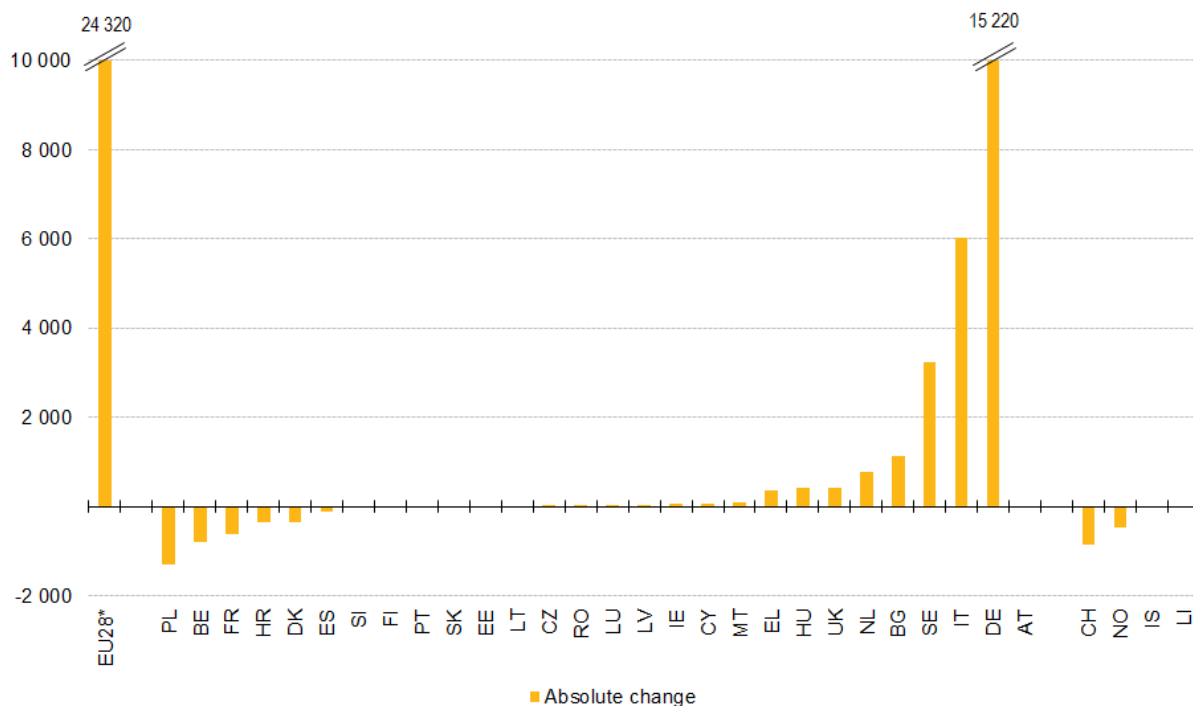


(¹) Countries selected here are those with the highest number of pending applications; data for CY and NL are not available, for AT December 2013 data are used

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With over 15 000 more asylum applicants in Q1 2014, Germany accounts for more than 60 per cent of the overall increase at the EU level compared to Q1 2013

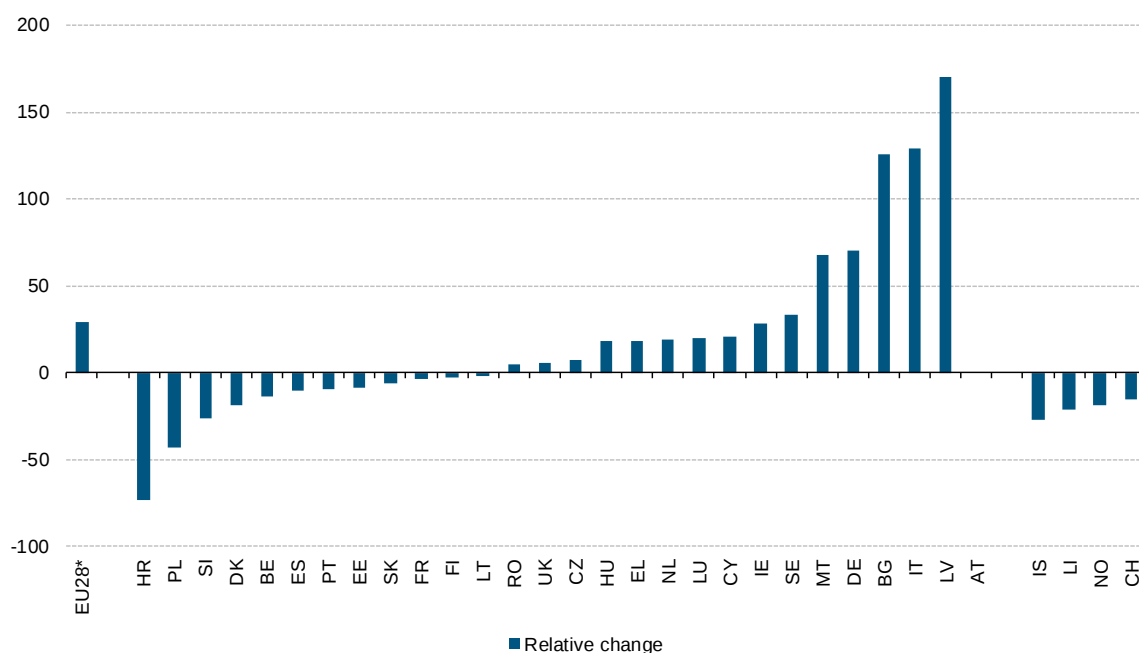
Figure 3: Asylum applicants, absolute change between Q1 2013 and Q1 2014



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Latvia, Italy and Bulgaria have seen the number of asylum applicants more than doubling in Q1 2014 compared to same quarter of last year

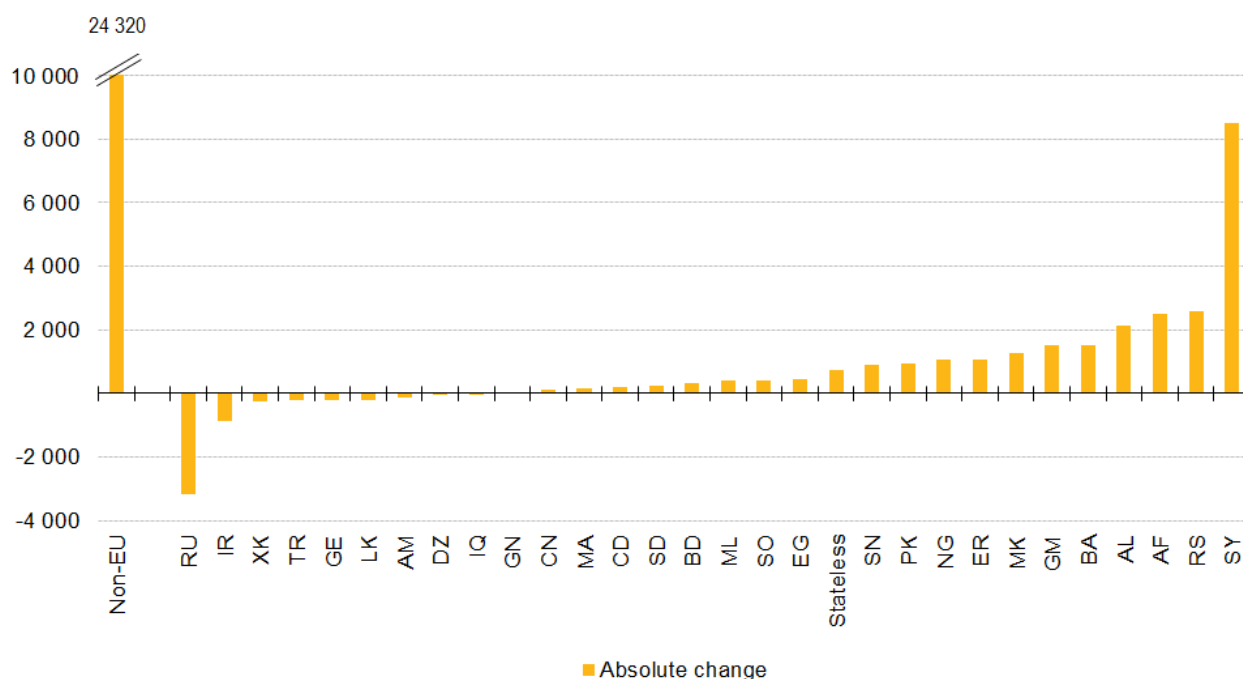
Figure 4: Asylum applicants, relative change between Q1 2013 and Q1 2014, %



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Syrian asylum applicants increased by 8 500 in the EU-28 in Q1 2014, followed by Serbians and Afghanis by 2 500 each

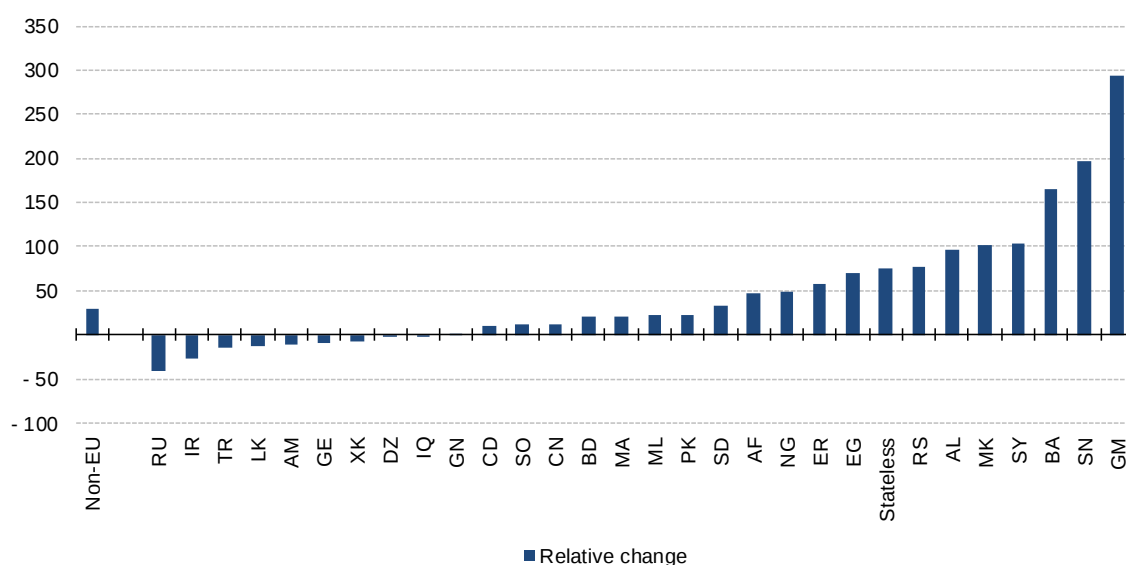
Figure 5: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-28 (*), absolute change between Q1 2013 and Q1 2014



(*) Excluding Austria due to missing Q1 2014 data
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Gambian asylum applicants quadrupled, while Senegalese and Bangladeshi tripled in the EU-28 in Q1 2014 compared to Q1 2013

Figure 6: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-28 (*), relative change between Q1 2013 and Q1 2014, %



(*) Excluding Austria due to missing Q1 2014 data
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Sweden by far the country with the highest number of asylum applicants per million inhabitants in Q1 2014, followed by Switzerland and Luxembourg

Table 1: Asylum applicants (including first time asylum applicants), Q1 2013 – Q1 2014

	Q1 2013			Q2 2013			Q3 2013			Q4 2013			Change in %		Q1 2014	Applicants per million inhabitants ^(*) Q1 2014	Last 12 months
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	between Q4 2013 and Q1 2014	between Q1 2013 and Q1 2014			
EU-28^(*)	30 525	27 440	29 610	33 560	34 465	36 790	39 425	36 720	42 790	47 130	40 975	35 025	-9	29	108 300	215	455 185
Belgium	2 225	1 815	1 835	1 730	1 670	1 630	1 860	1 725	1 955	1 760	1 445	1 375	11	-14	5 065	455	20 220
Bulgaria	250	230	425	265	280	430	440	695	960	1 255	1 260	650	-36	126	2 030	280	8 275
Czech Republic	70	50	65	45	60	45	60	90	45	60	45	60	21	7	200	20	705
Denmark	745	545	575	535	475	500	610	670	645	710	635	520	-19	-19	1 515	270	6 820
Germany	8 370	6 800	6 500	8 735	8 580	9 730	11 365	11 545	14 030	15 625	14 425	11 005	-10	70	36 890	460	141 925
Estonia	10	10	5	10	15	0	10	0	5	5	15	5	-4	-8	20	15	95
Ireland	80	85	65	90	80	75	70	65	80	80	80	70	26	28	290	65	980
Greece	755	705	610	745	595	535	775	610	675	835	760	630	10	18	2 440	220	8 600
Spain	280	445	435	405	445	450	430	300	350	355	315	270	11	-10	1 045	20	4 365
France	5 065	5 555	5 870	6 010	5 145	5 620	6 170	4 985	4 900	6 320	5 235	5 385	-6	-4	15 885	240	65 655
Croatia	165	145	170	105	95	40	45	50	80	95	55	35	-32	-74	125	30	725
Italy	1 640	1 165	1 865	1 810	1 745	2 035	2 455	2 520	2 600	3 390	3 135	2 260	22	129	10 700	180	32 650
Cyprus	100	140	80	75	95	70	70	105	120	140	145	120	-5	21	385	445	1 325
Latvia	5	5	15	20	15	10	35	30	25	15	10	10	109	170	75	35	240
Lithuania	40	35	25	20	30	30	35	55	20	40	35	40	-13	-2	95	35	395
Luxembourg	80	70	75	90	80	90	105	75	120	125	100	60	-6	20	270	500	1 115
Hungary	300	670	1 350	1 965	3 335	4 115	2 190	1 140	1 075	785	935	1 035	-1	18	2 735	275	19 310
Malta	25	20	75	165	125	55	435	740	290	115	130	65	-36	68	200	475	2 325
Netherlands	1 625	1 225	1 200	1 260	1 135	1 270	1 445	1 300	1 665	1 830	1 690	1 515	-4	19	4 815	285	17 930
Austria	1 210	1 185	1 195	1 405	1 445	1 800	1 800	1 355	1 345	1 695	1 550	1 520	.	.	.	.	.
Poland	740	850	1 395	2 015	3 010	2 390	1 595	975	815	625	445	385	17	-43	1 700	45	13 955
Portugal	25	25	25	70	25	35	40	30	55	45	30	105	-64	-10	65	5	495
Romania	120	95	120	130	135	105	185	95	185	135	110	80	7	4	350	15	1 510
Slovenia	55	20	30	25	35	20	15	20	20	20	5	10	126	-26	75	35	245
Slovakia	30	35	30	35	55	50	30	50	20	40	40	30	-19	-6	85	15	435
Finland	265	235	245	250	235	240	260	325	340	280	280	255	-12	-3	720	135	3 185
Sweden	3 790	2 960	2 960	3 045	3 080	2 975	4 120	4 800	7 770	7 910	5 530	5 325	-31	33	12 945	1 355	57 505
United Kingdom	2 455	2 330	2 370	2 505	2 440	2 455	2 760	2 375	2 595	2 840	2 540	2 210	0	6	7 575	120	30 295
Iceland	15	10	10	15	10	5	10	10	15	15	10	10	-25	-27	25	75	120
Liechtenstein	15	5	0	5	5	0	5	10	5	5	0	0	200	-21	15	405	50
Norway	990	685	830	810	760	910	1 255	1 620	1 365	1 095	855	760	-25	-19	2 020	400	11 450
Switzerland	2 120	1 785	1 820	2 050	1 640	1 540	1 800	1 530	1 470	1 830	1 950	1 770	-12	-15	4 855	605	20 440

(*) Data for Austria are not available for Q1 2014; EU aggregates and other indicators are based on available data

(*) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2013

: data are not available

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

Almost 17 000 asylum applicants from Syria in Q1 2014 in the EU-28

Table 2: Asylum applicants in the EU-28 (*) by citizenship (including first time asylum applicants), Q1 2013 – Q1 2014 ⁽¹⁾

	Q1 2013			Q2 2013			Q3 2013			Q4 2013			Change in %		Q1 2014	Last 12 months
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	between Q4 2013 and Q1 2014	between Q1 2013 and Q1 2014		
Non-EU	30 525	27 440	29 610	33 560	34 465	36 790	39 425	36 720	42 790	47 130	40 975	35 025	-9	29	108 300	455 185
Syria - (SY)	3 370	2 555	2 650	2 685	2 720	2 985	3 605	4 055	6 510	7 355	6 680	5 260	-8	103	16 770	58 625
Afghanistan - (AF)	2 220	1 895	1 930	1 960	2 120	2 095	2 260	1 890	2 115	2 420	2 550	2 745	13	47	7 895	28 050
Serbia - (RS)	1 240	1 180	1 005	1 155	990	1 235	1 965	2 240	2 755	2 885	2 940	2 790	-30	77	5 960	24 915
Pakistan - (PK)	1 485	1 350	1 510	1 995	1 900	2 090	2 240	1 825	1 690	1 730	1 590	1 410	10	23	5 055	21 530
Russia - (RU)	2 670	2 620	3 215	4 930	6 405	5 590	4 310	3 260	2 755	2 225	1 840	1 660	-7	-40	4 695	37 675
Albania - (AL)	660	735	830	900	905	765	915	710	960	1 280	1 170	1 190	20	97	4 335	13 130
Somalia - (SO)	1 420	930	1 200	1 445	1 280	1 645	1 880	1 790	1 950	1 810	1 820	1 390	-20	12	3 900	18 910
Nigeria - (NG)	735	705	885	870	795	870	995	1 075	1 170	1 545	1 015	925	-5	49	3 190	12 455
Kosovo - (XK)	1 080	1 100	1 165	1 845	2 720	3 615	2 260	1 360	1 440	1 295	1 185	1 160	-13	-8	2 990	19 865
Eritrea - (ER)	735	520	635	500	505	490	1 370	1 860	1 940	2 170	2 180	1 670	-50	57	2 970	15 655
Iraq - (IQ)	1 165	820	825	860	730	765	1 025	920	1 065	1 225	980	805	-5	-1	2 695	11 075
MK - (MK)	395	445	445	580	570	760	945	1 140	1 785	1 620	1 490	895	-36	101	2 525	12 305
BA - (BA)	380	280	280	290	355	350	600	550	1 130	1 135	1 020	690	-12	166	2 455	8 580
Mali - (ML)	440	625	780	630	520	600	635	545	535	565	375	380	71	22	2 250	7 040
Iran - (IR)	1 385	950	925	1 250	1 050	975	1 055	960	1 035	1 345	990	845	-26	-28	2 245	11 745
CD - (CD)	575	705	775	750	625	655	725	640	625	840	725	715	-1	9	2 235	8 535
Georgia - (GE)	830	730	760	740	545	775	850	755	755	910	755	710	-12	-10	2 030	8 825
Gambia - (GM)	210	145	180	225	215	270	375	340	285	465	520	310	57	295	2 015	5 015
Bangladesh - (BD)	565	550	550	820	855	990	940	705	815	920	680	735	-14	20	1 970	9 435
Stateless	420	310	295	360	335	435	665	1 030	2 005	2 175	890	680	-52	76	1 745	10 320
Guinea - (GN)	520	505	595	550	460	505	585	545	555	640	530	520	-4	1	1 620	6 515
Sri Lanka - (LK)	565	620	610	660	490	610	640	485	415	590	435	445	8	-12	1 575	6 345
Algeria - (DZ)	480	555	680	705	700	755	640	555	535	580	510	395	14	-3	1 525	6 895
Turkey - (TR)	525	610	560	495	535	430	415	335	450	465	395	420	15	-14	1 395	5 340
Senegal - (SN)	175	130	155	160	160	210	330	220	305	430	450	235	21	198	1 350	3 850
China - (CN)	410	370	425	475	405	425	510	455	435	465	415	400	8	12	1 305	5 285
Armenia - (AM)	500	475	405	465	405	410	395	360	395	560	445	410	-11	-10	1 195	5 035
Egypt - (EG)	210	245	220	225	340	300	465	795	710	1 005	600	330	-44	71	1 060	5 830
Morocco - (MA)	260	235	390	385	370	450	420	355	365	360	345	315	3	21	965	4 320
Sudan - (SD)	260	200	250	230	220	290	245	265	270	335	360	325	-7	33	930	3 465
Other	4 645	4 340	4 480	4 420	4 250	4 440	5 160	4 700	5 030	5 785	5 100	4 285	2	15	15 455	58 620

(*) Data for Austria are not available for Q1 2014; aggregates and other indicators are based on available data

(1) Countries selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q1 2014;

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_asvappctzm](#))

1 out of 4 asylum applicants was aged less than 18 in the EU-28 in Q4 2013

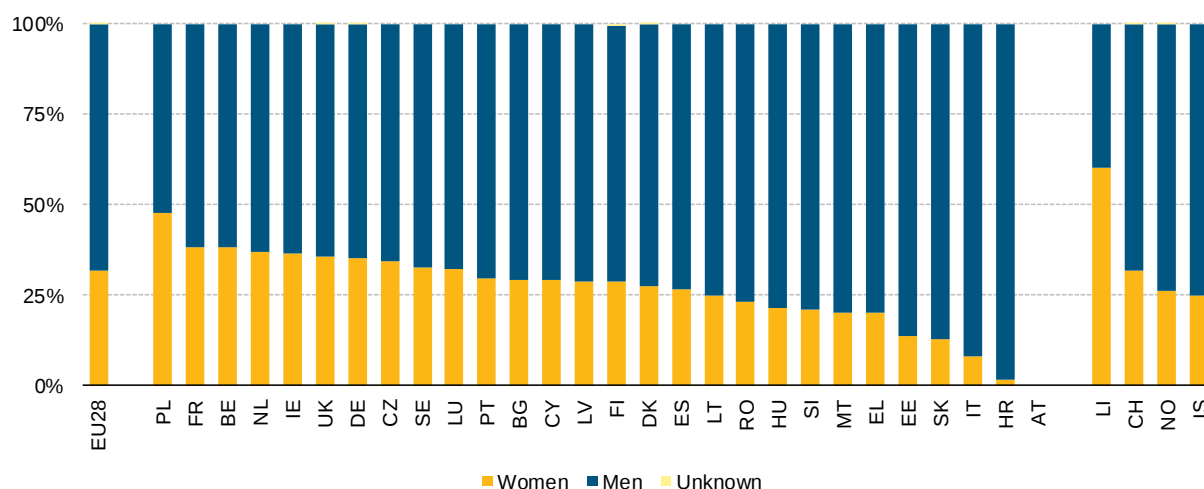
Table 3: Asylum applicants by age group, 1st quarter 2014, %

	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	108 300	19.5	5.9	52.3	21.2	0.9	0.2
Belgium	5 065	24.4	6.2	46.3	22.2	1.0	0.0
Bulgaria	2 030	23.6	7.9	52.7	15.0	0.7	0.0
Czech Republic	200	13.6	1.0	41.2	41.2	3.0	0.0
Denmark	1 515	14.3	8.4	53.0	23.0	1.3	0.0
Germany	36 890	26.0	5.7	47.3	20.3	0.8	0.0
Estonia	20	4.5	0.0	63.6	31.8	0.0	0.0
Ireland	290	15.5	5.5	51.2	27.1	0.7	0.0
Greece	2 440	7.3	7.1	64.4	21.0	0.2	0.0
Spain	1 045	12.0	3.6	62.0	21.4	1.0	0.0
France	15 885	17.4	2.6	52.0	27.0	1.0	0.0
Croatia	125	0.0	0.0	81.9	17.3	0.8	0.0
Italy	10 700	3.3	3.3	82.8	10.6	0.1	0.0
Cyprus	385	10.6	5.5	60.5	23.4	0.0	0.0
Latvia	75	12.3	4.1	54.8	27.4	1.4	0.0
Lithuania	95	18.6	1.0	51.5	27.8	1.0	0.0
Luxembourg	270	26.5	6.0	50.4	16.4	0.7	0.0
Hungary	2 735	14.8	12.8	57.6	14.6	0.1	0.0
Malta	200	20.5	3.0	49.5	26.0	1.0	0.0
Netherlands	4 815	24.1	8.2	43.7	22.6	1.1	0.2
Austria	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Poland	1 700	39.1	3.9	35.5	20.8	0.6	0.0
Portugal	65	4.7	4.7	68.8	21.9	0.0	0.0
Romania	350	15.4	6.3	54.3	22.9	1.1	0.0
Slovenia	75	13.0	23.4	46.8	16.9	0.0	0.0
Slovakia	85	10.3	0.0	75.9	13.8	0.0	0.0
Finland	720	17.1	5.7	53.5	22.8	0.8	0.1
Sweden	12 945	18.2	9.4	44.9	25.8	1.6	0.0
United Kingdom	7 575	14.6	6.9	52.2	21.9	1.5	2.8
Iceland	25	14.6	6.9	52.2	21.9	1.5	2.8
Liechtenstein	15	8.3	8.3	58.3	20.8	0.0	0.0
Norway	2 020	13.4	8.4	57.4	20.3	0.5	0.0
Switzerland	4 855	26.3	5.4	48.7	18.6	0.8	0.3

EU-28 aggregate excluding Austria for Q1 2014

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

Figure 7: Asylum applicants by gender, 1st quarter 2014, %



EU-28 aggregate excluding Austria for Q1 2014

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

Russians, Serbians, Bosnians and persons from FYROM were the asylum applicants with the highest proportion of minor asylum seekers in the EU-28 in Q1 2014

Table 4: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-28 (*), by age group, 1st 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	108 300	19.5	5.9	52.3	21.2	0.9	0.2
Syria - (SY)	16 770	21.5	5.4	45.5	26.0	1.6	0.1
Afghanistan - (AF)	7 895	18.4	14.4	54.0	12.0	1.1	0.1
Serbia - (RS)	5 960	36.2	7.0	31.5	24.9	0.5	0.0
Pakistan - (PK)	5 055	7.9	2.5	66.4	22.0	0.7	0.6
Russia - (RU)	4 695	42.4	3.7	30.8	22.2	0.9	0.0
Albania - (AL)	4 335	25.3	9.1	46.9	18.2	0.3	0.1
Somalia - (SO)	3 900	16.4	10.8	61.9	10.1	0.7	0.1
Nigeria - (NG)	3 190	17.8	1.9	63.7	16.2	0.1	0.4
Kosovo - (XK)	2 990	29.6	5.7	42.8	21.0	0.9	0.0
Eritrea - (ER)	2 970	8.7	8.3	69.7	12.4	0.7	0.3
Iraq - (IQ)	2 695	22.6	4.5	46.8	23.3	2.7	0.1
MK - (MK)	2 525	33.4	7.0	31.0	28.2	0.5	0.0
BA - (BA)	2 455	37.0	5.4	34.8	22.1	0.7	0.0
Mali - (ML)	2 250	3.8	2.4	85.6	8.2	0.0	0.0
Iran - (IR)	2 245	11.8	3.7	52.7	29.7	1.2	0.8
CD - (CD)	2 235	18.5	4.3	50.0	25.8	1.4	0.0
Georgia - (GE)	2 030	15.4	2.3	50.4	31.2	0.5	0.1
Gambia - (GM)	2 015	2.4	6.9	85.9	4.6	0.0	0.1
Bangladesh - (BD)	1 970	6.1	3.2	69.3	20.7	0.2	0.6
Stateless	1 745	21.5	5.7	41.9	28.7	1.8	0.2
Guinea - (GN)	1 620	16.0	6.4	67.0	10.5	0.1	0.0
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 575	16.8	2.0	59.2	19.8	1.5	0.7
Algeria - (DZ)	1 525	6.2	6.2	68.7	18.7	0.1	0.1
Turkey - (TR)	1 395	12.2	3.1	67.0	17.2	0.2	0.2
Senegal - (SN)	1 350	2.4	3.6	81.9	12.1	0.0	0.0
China - (CN)	1 305	10.3	1.7	45.5	41.9	0.2	0.4
Armenia - (AM)	1 195	20.2	4.1	38.1	35.0	2.6	0.0
Egypt - (EG)	1 060	17.0	8.0	52.6	21.1	0.9	0.3
Morocco - (MA)	965	3.3	14.9	65.5	16.3	0.0	0.0
Sudan - (SD)	930	10.2	1.4	65.1	21.7	0.3	1.2
Other	15 455	16.5	4.4	54.2	23.7	0.7	0.4

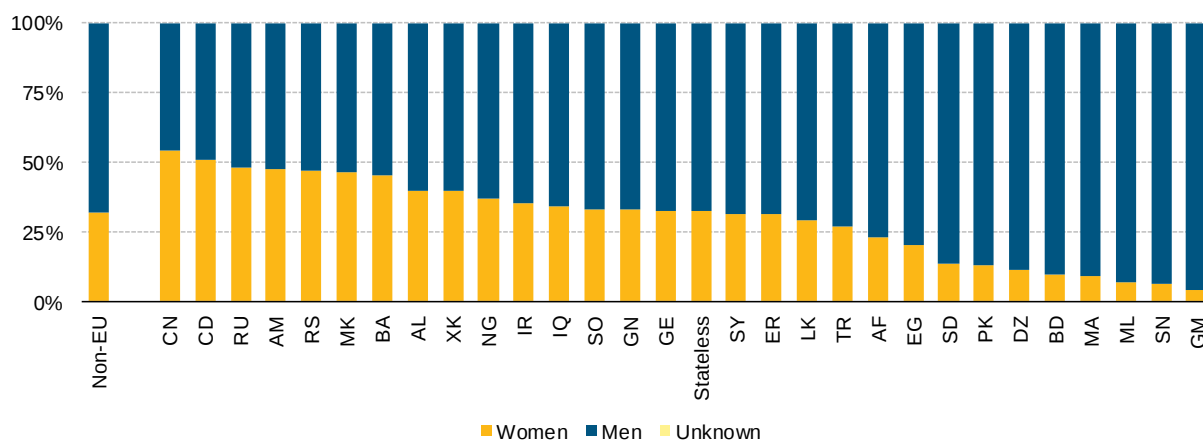
(*) Data for AT are not available for Q1 2014

(¹) Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q1 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 8: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-28 (*), by gender, 1st quarter 2014, % (¹)



(*) Data for AT are not available for Q1 2014

(¹) Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q1 2014 in the EU-28

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

Syrians, Afghanis and Serbians represent almost 30 per cent of all asylum seekers in the EU in Q1 2014

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

		EU-28		#	%		
		Syria	16 770	15			
		Afghanistan	7 895	7			
		Serbia	5 960	6			
		Pakistan	5 055	5			
		Russia	4 695	4			
		Other	67 920	63			
				#	%		
BELGIUM	# (%)	BULGARIA		# (%)	CZECH REPUBLIC	# (%)	
Afghanistan	985 19	Syria	1 325 65	Ukraine	70 35		
Russia	455 9	Afghanistan	280 14	Syria	20 11		
Syria	415 8	Stateless	110 5	Cuba	10 6		
Guinea	295 6	Algeria	50 2	Vietnam	10 5		
CD	260 5	Iraq	45 2	Russia	10 5		
Other	2 660 52	Other	215 11	Other	75 39		
DENMARK	# (%)	GERMANY		# (%)	ESTONIA		# (%)
Syria	540 36	Syria	5 385 15	Russia	5 18		
Russia	165 11	Serbia	5 235 14	Sudan	5 18		
Somalia	150 10	Afghanistan	2 495 7	Egypt	5 14		
Afghanistan	70 4	MK	2 260 6				
Iran	60 4	Albania	1 965 5				
Other	530 35	Other	19 560 53	Other	10 50		
IRELAND	# (%)	GREECE		# (%)	SPAIN		# (%)
Pakistan	35 11	Afghanistan	420 17	Syria	230 22		
Nigeria	30 10	Pakistan	395 16	Mali	160 15		
Zimbabwe	20 8	Albania	245 10	Algeria	85 8		
Albania	20 7	Syria	160 7	Palestine	50 5		
Algeria	15 6	Georgia	130 5	Pakistan	35 4		
Other	170 58	Other	1 085 45	Other	485 46		
FRANCE	# (%)	CROATIA		# (%)	ITALY		# (%)
CD	1 695 11	Syria	20 15	Gambia	1 520 14		
Russia	1 035 7	Algeria	15 12	Mali	1 500 14		
Albania	960 6	Pakistan	10 8	Pakistan	1 440 13		
Bangladesh	955 6	Comoros	10 7	Nigeria	1 250 12		
Kosovo	815 5	Nigeria	10 7	Senegal	930 9		
Other	10 425 66	Other	65 51	Other	4 060 38		
CYPRUS	# (%)	LATVIA		# (%)	LITHUANIA		# (%)
Syria	215 56	Georgia	55 73	Georgia	30 33		
Egypt	25 6	Armenia	5 7	Russia	20 20		
Pakistan	25 6	Russia	5 4	Azerbaijan	15 15		
Bangladesh	20 5	Ukraine	5 4	Ukraine	5 5		
Sri Lanka	20 5	Cuba	5 4	India	5 5		
Other	85 22	Other	5 8	Other	20 22		
LUXEMBOURG	# (%)	HUNGARY		# (%)	MALTA		# (%)
Montenegro	40 15	Afghanistan	1 215 44	Syria	65 32		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	40 14	Syria	630 23	Libya	50 26		
Albania	35 14	Kosovo	165 6	Nigeria	10 6		
Kosovo	35 13	Somalia	60 2	Palestine	10 6		
Algeria	15 6	Pakistan	55 2	Iran	10 6		
Other	100 37	Other	610 22	Other	50 25		
NETHERLANDS	# (%)	AUSTRIA		# (%)	POLAND		# (%)
Syria	1 410 29	:	:	Russia	1 100 65		
Somalia	605 13	:	:	Ukraine	180 11		
Eritrea	370 8	:	:	Georgia	125 7		
Iraq	255 5	:	:	Kazakhstan	40 2		
Afghanistan	215 4	:	:	Kyrgyzstan	35 2		
Other	1 965 41	:	:	Other	215 13		
PORTUGAL	# (%)	ROMANIA (*)		# (%)	SLOVENIA		# (%)
Mali	10 16	Syria	200 57	Afghanistan	20 27		
Morocco	10 14	Afghanistan	30 9	Syria	10 16		
Angola	5 6	Ukraine	15 5	Kosovo	10 14		
Sierra Leone	5 6	Turkey	15 5	Pakistan	10 14		
Iran	5 6	Iraq	15 4	Cuba	5 5		
Other	35 52	Other	75 21	Other	20 23		
SLOVAKIA	# (%)	FINLAND		# (%)	SWEDEN		# (%)
Syria	25 28	Iraq	180 25	Syria	4 860 38		
Afghanistan	20 25	Russia	55 7	Stateless	1 000 8		
Somalia	10 11	Somalia	50 7	Somalia	915 7		
CD	5 5	Nigeria	50 7	Eritrea	830 6		
India	5 5	Syria	45 6	Afghanistan	665 5		
Other	25 26	Other	345 48	Other	4 675 36		
UNITED KINGDOM	# (%)			ICELAND		# (%)	
Pakistan	1 205 16			Russia	5 13		
Sri Lanka	545 7						
Iran	540 7						
Albania	520 7						
Syria	460 6						
Other	4 310 57			Other	20 88		
LIECHTENSTEIN	# (%)	NORWAY		# (%)	SWITZERLAND		# (%)
Albania	5 20	Eritrea	455 23	Syria	1 190 25		
Kosovo	5 20	Syria	295 15	Eritrea	510 11		
		Somalia	200 10	Sri Lanka	260 5		
		Afghanistan	120 6	Nigeria	255 5		
		Stateless	110 5	Tunisia	255 5		
Other	10 60	Other	840 42	Other	2 380 49		

⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q1 2014 in the EU-28; data for Austria are not available for Q1 2014

Absolute number of asylum applications

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](#))

1 out of 3 asylum applicants in the EU-28 registered in Germany in Q1 2014

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

			NON-EU		# (%)
			Germany	36 890	34
			France	15 885	15
			Sweden	12 945	12
			Italy	10 700	10
			United Kingdom	7 575	7
			Other	24 305	22
SYRIA - (SY)			AFGHANISTAN - (AF)		# (%)
Germany	5 385	32	Germany	2 495	32
Sweden	4 860	29	Hungary	1 215	15
Netherlands	1 410	8	Belgium	985	12
Bulgaria	1 325	8	Italy	830	10
Hungary	630	4	Sweden	665	8
Other	3 155	19	Other	1 710	22
PAKISTAN - (PK)			RUSSIA - (RU)		# (%)
Italy	1 440	28	Germany	1 550	33
United Kingdom	1 205	24	Poland	1 100	23
Germany	1 030	20	France	1 035	22
France	515	10	Belgium	455	10
Greece	395	8	Sweden	180	4
Other	475	9	Other	380	8
SOMALIA - (SO)			NIGERIA - (NG)		# (%)
Germany	1 420	36	Italy	1 250	39
Sweden	915	23	Germany	690	22
Netherlands	605	15	United Kingdom	410	13
Italy	285	7	France	330	10
France	160	4	Sweden	110	3
Other	520	13	Other	410	13
ERITREA			IRAQ - (IQ)		# (%)
Germany	895	30	Germany	1 005	37
Sweden	830	28	Sweden	450	17
United Kingdom	390	13	Netherlands	255	9
Netherlands	370	12	Italy	190	7
Italy	190	6	Finland	180	7
Other	295	10	Other	615	23
BA - (BA)			MALI - (ML)		# (%)
Germany	1 895	77	Italy	1 500	67
France	285	12	France	350	15
Sweden	100	4	Spain	160	7
Italy	50	2	Germany	120	5
Netherlands	40	2	Bulgaria	25	1
Other	75	3	Other	95	4
CD - (CD)			GEORGIA - (GE)		# (%)
France	1 695	76	Germany	730	36
Belgium	260	12	France	500	25
United Kingdom	80	4	Sweden	185	9
Germany	70	3	Greece	130	6
Greece	30	1	Poland	125	6
Other	105	5	Other	360	18
BANGLADESH - (BD)			STATELESS		# (%)
France	955	49	Sweden	1 000	57
United Kingdom	285	15	Germany	240	14
Germany	205	10	Netherlands	210	12
Italy	195	10	Bulgaria	110	6
Greece	125	6	United Kingdom	80	5
Other	205	10	Other	100	6
SRI LANKA - (LK)			ALGERIA - (DZ)		# (%)
France	725	46	Germany	635	42
United Kingdom	545	34	France	360	24
Germany	160	10	Sweden	115	8
Netherlands	40	3	Spain	85	6
Belgium	25	2	Bulgaria	50	3
Other	80	5	Other	275	18
SENEGAL - (SN)			CHINA - (CN)		# (%)
Italy	930	69	France	725	56
Germany	145	11	United Kingdom	320	25
France	90	7	Germany	95	7
Belgium	80	6	Netherlands	45	4
Greece	45	3	Belgium	30	2
Other	55	4	Other	85	6
EGYPT - (EG)			MOROCCO - (MA)		# (%)
Germany	225	21	Germany	415	43
Italy	195	19	Sweden	195	20
Sweden	160	15	Italy	85	9
France	120	11	France	55	6
United Kingdom	100	10	Denmark	50	5
Other	260	24	Other	165	17
			SERBIA - (RS)		# (%)
			Germany	5 235	88
			Sweden	280	5
			France	170	3
			Belgium	115	2
			Netherlands	50	1
			Other	110	2
			ALBANIA - (AL)		# (%)
			Germany	1 965	45
			France	960	22
			United Kingdom	520	12
			Sweden	305	7
			Greece	245	6
			Other	345	8
			KOSOVO - (XK)		# (%)
			Germany	1 375	46
			France	815	27
			Sweden	260	9
			Belgium	225	7
			Hungary	165	6
			Other	145	5
			MK - (MK)		# (%)
			Germany	2 260	90
			Sweden	90	4
			Belgium	65	3
			France	45	2
			Netherlands	40	2
			Other	25	1
			IRAN - (IR)		# (%)
			Germany	765	34
			United Kingdom	540	24
			Netherlands	200	9
			Sweden	160	7
			Italy	140	6
			Other	435	19
			GAMBIA - (GM)		# (%)
			Italy	1 520	75
			Germany	280	14
			United Kingdom	85	4
			Sweden	45	2
			France	20	1
			Other	60	3
			GUINEA - (GN)		# (%)
			France	620	38
			Germany	410	25
			Belgium	295	18
			Italy	175	11
			Netherlands	45	3
			Other	80	5
			TURKEY - (TR)		# (%)
			Germany	530	38
			France	430	31
			Italy	145	10
			United Kingdom	65	5
			Belgium	65	5
			Other	160	11
			ARMENIA - (AM)		# (%)
			France	495	42
			Germany	400	34
			Belgium	95	8
			Sweden	60	5
			Netherlands	50	4
			Other	90	8
			SUDAN - (SD)		# (%)
			France	315	34
			United Kingdom	240	26
			Germany	75	8
			Greece	75	8
			Netherlands	55	6
			Other	175	19

⁽¹⁾ Citizenships selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q1 2014 in the EU-28

Absolute number of asylum applications

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](#))

Table 7: First time asylum applicants, Q1 2013 – Q1 2014

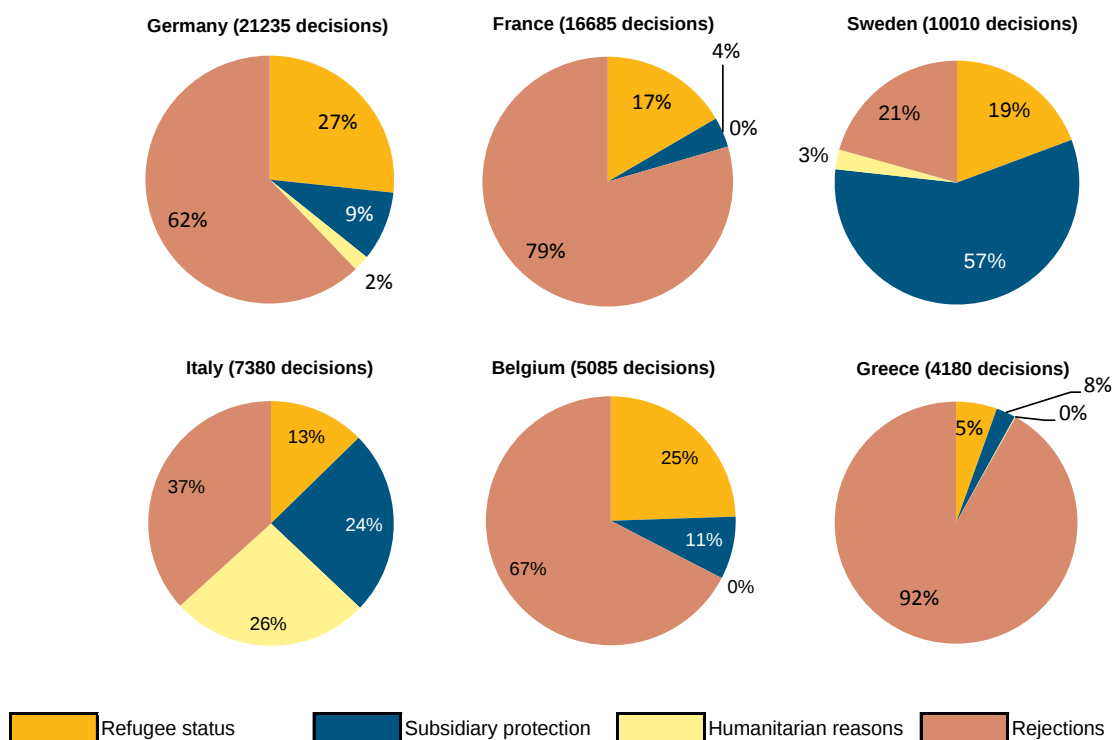
	Q1 2013			Q2 2013			Q3 2013			Q4 2013			Q1 2014			Q1 2014	Change in %		Applicants per million inhabitants ^(*) Q1 2014	Last 12 months
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		between Q4 2013 and Q1 2014	between Q1 2013 and Q1 2014		
EU-28	26 340	23 530	25 700	29 135	30 110	31 860	33 990	31 840	37 280	41 050	35 785	30 080	34 020	29 845	31 575	95 440	-11	26	190	396 575
Belgium	1 185	1 020	950	895	885	860	1 080	975	1 225	1 080	955	855	990	785	850	2 625	-9	-17	235	11 440
Bulgaria	245	215	410	250	275	410	435	695	940	1 230	1 245	630	810	770	395	1 970	-37	127	270	8 080
Czech Republic	45	30	50	35	40	35	40	65	30	40	35	40	40	35	70	145	24	14	15	510
Denmark	745	545	575	535	475	500	610	670	645	710	635	520	555	425	500	1 480	-21	-21	265	6 785
Germany	7 505	5 955	5 770	7 705	7 670	8 590	9 790	9 815	11 720	13 265	12 385	9 210	12 540	9 815	9 835	32 190	-8	67	400	122 335
Estonia	10	10	5	10	15	0	10	0	5	5	15	5	10	5	5	20	-4	-8	15	95
Ireland	80	80	65	90	80	70	70	65	80	80	80	70	100	85	110	290	26	30	65	980
Greece	755	705	610	745	595	530	760	575	630	750	670	540	650	760	630	2 045	4	-1	185	7 835
Spain	270	425	415	385	430	435	410	290	345	335	295	255	280	330	400	1 010	14	-9	20	4 185
France	4 635	5 100	5 370	5 400	4 655	5 095	5 635	4 535	4 510	5 840	4 810	4 890	4 455	4 725	5 360	14 540	-6	-4	220	59 910
Croatia	165	145	165	100	90	30	40	45	80	95	55	30	50	25	35	110	-39	-77	25	685
Italy	1 640	1 165	1 865	1 810	1 685	1 930	2 360	2 475	2 400	3 215	3 015	2 165	3 375	3 175	3 795	10 345	23	122	175	31 395
Cyprus	95	130	75	70	75	65	70	95	105	130	130	100	85	110	120	315	-13	4	365	1 165
Latvia	5	5	15	15	10	10	35	30	25	15	10	10	10	20	40	70	97	188	35	230
Lithuania	20	25	15	15	10	25	0	45	10	30	25	30	20	25	30	75	-14	24	25	265
Luxembourg	75	70	70	90	65	85	95	75	110	120	85	50	90	70	70	230	-10	9	430	1 010
Hungary	285	660	1 320	1 945	3 320	4 075	2 170	1 100	1 035	740	900	1 010	1 240	640	575	2 455	-7	8	250	18 755
Malta	25	20	60	160	130	55	435	740	290	115	125	50	75	40	65	180	-39	72	425	2 280
Netherlands	1 305	975	955	1 040	900	1 035	1 185	1 075	1 495	1 555	1 500	1 350	1 675	1 395	1 365	4 435	1	37	265	15 575
Austria	615	700	1 280	1 915	2 855	2 295	1 485	880	710	535	375	315	260	220	355	835	-32	-68	20	12 210
Poland	25	25	25	70	25	35	40	30	55	45	30	105	20	15	30	65	-64	-10	5	495
Portugal	120	85	115	125	130	100	170	95	170	125	100	75	110	130	100	340	13	6	15	1 425
Romania	50	15	30	20	30	20	15	15	15	20	5	10	15	30	25	70	119	-26	35	215
Slovenia	15	15	15	25	35	35	20	35	5	30	30	25	10	5	40	55	-35	22	10	300
Slovakia	250	200	225	225	210	215	250	315	325	265	260	240	250	215	220	685	-11	1	125	2 995
Finland	3 790	2 960	2 960	3 040	3 080	2 975	4 120	4 800	7 770	7 910	5 530	5 325	3 945	3 660	3 905	11 510	-39	19	1 205	56 055
Sweden	2 390	2 245	2 290	2 420	2 340	2 355	2 665	2 310	2 540	2 760	2 470	2 165	2 370	2 335	2 655	7 355	-1	6	115	29 380
United Kingdom	615	700	1 280	1 915	2 855	2 295	1 485	880	710	535	375	315	260	220	355	835	-32	-68	20	12 210
Iceland	25	25	25	70	25	35	40	30	55	45	30	105	20	15	30	65	-64	-10	5	495
Liechtenstein	120	85	115	125	130	100	170	95	170	125	100	75	110	130	100	340	13	6	15	1 425
Norway	935	645	810	760	730	885	1 225	1 560	1 330	1 035	805	715	700	540	640	1 880	-26	-21	370	10 920
Switzerland	1 935	1 625	1 655	1 875	1 500	1 410	1 660	1 400	1 295	1 615	1 745	1 605	1 695	1 345	1 410	4 455	-10	-15	555	18 555

(*) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2013

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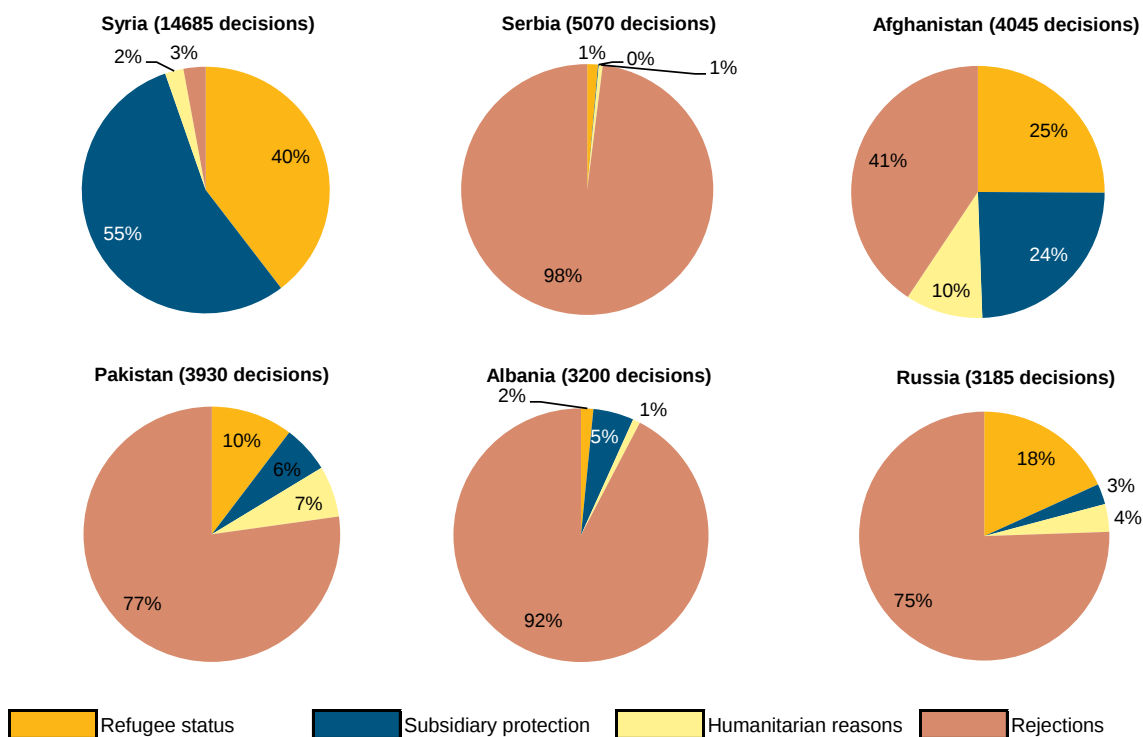
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&language=en&plugin=1))

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



(¹) Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q1 2014
 Humanitarian reasons not applicable for FR and BE
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Figure 10: First instance decisions in the EU-28 (*) by outcome, selected citizenships (¹), 1st 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 Q1 2014
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstq](#))

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

First instance decisions							
Refugee status		Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections	
GERMANY (21 235 decisions)							
Syria	2 830	Syria	1 305	Afghanistan	210	Serbia	4 430
Iraq	640	Stateless	130	Russia	40	MK	1 670
Iran	595	Afghanistan	75	Somalia	35	BA	1 380
Other	1 605	Other	415	Other	160	Other	5 715
SWEDEN (10 010 decisions)							
Eritrea	870	Syria	4 140	Afghanistan	95	Serbia	205
Syria	380	Stateless	1 430	Iraq	35	Albania	145
Somalia	145	Afghanistan	60	Somalia	20	Kosovo	120
Other	540	Other	120	Other	110	Other	1 595
BELGIUM (5 085 decisions)							
Afghanistan	155	Iraq	160	Not applicable		CD	310
Syria	150	Syria	115			Russia	295
Guinea	120	Afghanistan	95			Guinea	225
Other	815	Other	45			Other	2 600
OTHER (29 895 decisions)							
Syria	2 135	Syria	2 345	Somalia	525	Serbia	4 545
Stateless	320	Somalia	390	Syria	340	MK	1 710
Iran	265	Eritrea	365	Russia	60	BA	1 470
Other	1 320	Other	770	Other	550	Other	12 785

First instance decisions							
Refugee status		Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections	
FRANCE (16 685 decisions)							
Russia	345	Albania	155	Not applicable		Kosovo	1 500
Sri Lanka	275	Syria	150			Albania	1 485
CD	210	Afghanistan	90			Russia	1 090
Other	1 930	Other	255			Other	9 200
ITALY (7 380 decisions)							
Eritrea	220	Afghanistan	455	Mali	375	Nigeria	595
Somalia	135	Somalia	375	Nigeria	275	Pakistan	560
Pakistan	85	Nigeria	245	Pakistan	240	Gambia	395
Other	490	Other	725	Other	1 040	Other	1 165
GREECE (4 180 decisions)							
Syria	55	Afghanistan	50	Afghanistan	0	Pakistan	825
Afghanistan	45	Syria	25	Turkey	0	Georgia	515
Eritrea	30	Somalia	10	Madagascar	0	Afghanistan	385
Other	100	Other	25	Other	0	Other	2 115
EU-28* (81 280 decisions)							
Syria	5 815	Syria	8 085	Somalia	595	Serbia	4 970
Eritrea	1 645	Stateless	1 735	Afghanistan	400	Pakistan	3 035
Iran	1 125	Afghanistan	985	Mali	375	Albania	2 960
Other	8 230	Other	3 715	Other	2 755	Other	34 855

⁽¹⁾ Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q1 2014

* Data for Austria are not available; EU aggregates are 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_asydcfstq](#))

40 per cent of all decisions in the EU were positive in Q1 2014

Table 9: First instance decisions by outcome and recognition rates, 1st quarter 2014

	Total decisions	Positive				Rejected	Rate of recognition, %	
		Total	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons		Total	Refugee and subsidiary protection status
EU-28	81 280	35 455	16 815	14 520	4 125	45 820	39	39
Belgium	5 085	1 660	1 245	415	-	3 425	33	33
Bulgaria	2 865	2 795	1 495	1 295	-	70	98	98
Czech Republic	175	50	10	35	5	125	28	26
Denmark	1 640	935	535	390	15	705	57	56
Germany	21 235	8 040	5 670	1 925	450	13 195	38	36
Estonia	10	0	0	0	0	10	9	9
Ireland	260	70	30	40	-	190	26	26
Greece	4 180	340	230	110	5	3 840	8	8
Spain	665	165	55	110	0	500	25	25
France	16 685	3 415	2 765	650	-	13 275	20	20
Croatia	45	5	0	0	-	40	9	9
Italy	7 380	4 670	935	1 805	1 930	2 710	63	37
Cyprus	215	145	5	140	0	70	67	67
Latvia	25	5	0	0	-	20	15	15
Lithuania	45	25	10	20	0	20	58	58
Luxembourg	215	30	25	0	-	190	13	13
Hungary	655	95	45	50	5	560	15	14
Malta	565	380	15	345	15	185	67	64
Netherlands	4 105	2 660	350	1 135	1 180	1 445	65	36
Austria	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Poland	660	200	85	45	75	460	30	19
Portugal	35	5	0	0	-	30	9	9
Romania	295	180	75	105	0	120	60	60
Slovenia	15	5	5	5	-	10	41	41
Slovakia	70	50	0	25	25	20	70	36
Finland	550	305	125	115	70	240	56	43
Sweden	10 010	7 945	1 930	5 750	260	2 065	79	77
United Kingdom	3 590	1 290	1 175	15	100	2 300	36	33
Iceland	25	5	0	0	0	25	11	4
Liechtenstein	5	0	0	0	0	5	17	17
Norway	2 110	1 400	1 085	255	60	715	66	63
Switzerland	5 830	3 875	1 445	655	1 775	1 955	66	36

- 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_asydcfstq](#))

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

First instance decisions					
Refugee status		Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections	
SYRIA - SY (14 685 decisions)					
Germany	2 830	Sweden	4 140	Netherlands	340 Netherlands 120
Bulgaria	1 360	Germany	1 305	Germany	10 Germany 80
Denmark	390	Bulgaria	1 155		Greece 60
Other	1 240	Other	1 490	Other	5 Other 170
AFGHANISTAN - AF (4 045 decisions)					
Germany	460	Italy	455	Germany	210 Germany 475
Belgium	155	Belgium	95	Sweden	95 Greece 385
Sweden	110	France	90	Italy	35 UK 160
Other	295	Other	345	Other	65 Other 625
ALBANIA - AL (3 200 decisions)					
Belgium	20	France	155	Germany	10 France 1 485
France	15	Germany	5	Italy	10 Germany 600
Italy	5	Italy	5	UK	10 Greece 355
Other	5	Other	0	Other	0 Other 525
OTHER (44 205 decisions)					
Germany	2 175	Sweden	1 550	Italy	1 630 France 10 050
France	2 050	Italy	1 120	Netherlands	800 Germany 6 905
Sweden	1 415	Germany	520	Germany	165 Belgium 2 620
Other	3 240	Other	1 770	Other	355 Other 10 800

First instance decisions					
Refugee status		Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections	
SERBIA - RS (5 070 decisions)					
France	60	Germany	5	Italy	15 Germany 4 430
Belgium	5			Germany	10 Sweden 205
					France 125
Other	5	Other	0	Other	0 Other 210
PAKISTAN - PK (3 930 decisions)					
Germany	155	Ireland	5	Italy	240 Greece 825
UK	105	Belgium	5	UK	5 Italy 560
Italy	85	Germany	5	Netherlands	5 UK 500
Other	60	Other	220	Other	0 Other 1 155
RUSSIA - RU (3 185 decisions)					
France	345	Denmark	25	Poland	60 France 1 090
Belgium	90	Poland	20	Germany	40 Germany 390
Germany	45	France	15	Sweden	5 Poland 370
Other	95	Other	30	Other	5 Other 560
NON-EU (81 280 decisions)					
Germany	5 670	Sweden	5 750	Italy	1 930 France 13 275
France	2 765	Germany	1 925	Netherlands	1 180 Germany 13 195
Sweden	1 930	Italy	1 805	Germany	450 Greece 3 840
Other	6 450	Other	5 040	Other	570 Other 15 515

(*) Data for AT are not available

(¹) Citizenship selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q1 2014

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

97 per cent of all decisions issued to Syrian applications were positive in Q1 2014

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

	Total decisions	Positive				Rejected	Rate of recognition, %	
		Total	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons		Total	Refugee and subsidiary protection status
Non-EU	81 280	35 455	16 815	14 520	4 125	45 820	44	39
Syria - (SY)	14 685	14 260	5 815	8 085	355	425	97	95
Serbia - (RS)	5 070	100	70	5	25	4 970	2	2
Afghanistan - (AF)	4 045	2 400	1 015	985	400	1 645	59	49
Pakistan - (PK)	3 930	895	405	235	255	3 035	23	16
Albania - (AL)	3 200	240	50	165	30	2 960	8	7
Russia - (RU)	3 185	775	580	85	115	2 410	24	21
Kosovo - (XK)	2 800	170	95	40	30	2 630	6	5
Somalia - (SO)	2 710	2 040	545	900	595	670	75	53
Stateless	2 625	2 360	565	1 735	60	265	90	88
Eritrea - (ER)	2 565	2 220	1 645	530	50	345	87	85
Iraq - (IQ)	2 320	1 385	870	385	130	935	60	54
Nigeria - (NG)	2 125	665	105	265	295	1 465	31	17
Iran - (IR)	2 115	1 260	1 125	65	70	855	60	56
Bangladesh - (BD)	2 035	155	80	15	55	1 880	8	5
MK - (MK)	1 870	20	5	5	10	1 850	1	1
BA - (BA)	1 815	65	30	10	25	1 750	4	2
Georgia - (GE)	1 685	70	45	5	20	1 620	4	3
CD - (CD)	1 465	380	325	30	25	1 085	26	24
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 200	410	355	30	25	785	34	32
Mali - (ML)	1 135	545	110	60	375	590	48	15
Armenia - (AM)	1 115	125	45	30	50	990	11	7
Guinea - (GN)	1 090	340	255	45	40	750	31	28
Turkey - (TR)	1 055	260	145	50	65	800	24	18
China - (CN)	1 000	240	195	5	35	765	24	20
Algeria - (DZ)	840	75	40	20	15	765	9	7
Egypt - (EG)	830	355	205	20	135	475	43	27
Gambia - (GM)	810	265	55	25	190	545	33	10
Azerbaijan - (AZ)	640	125	110	5	10	515	19	18
Ivory Coast - (CI)	610	185	95	35	60	425	31	21
Sudan - (SD)	595	225	175	25	20	375	38	34
Other	10 105	2 845	1 650	625	570	7 260	24	18

(*) Data for AT are not available

(¹) Citizenship selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q1 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](#))

Methodology

COMMENTS

All data presented in this publication are rounded to the nearest 5.

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 new 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:

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/population/data/database>

(Select "International Migration and asylum" and "Asylum")

Further information about Population and social conditions:

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/population/introduction>

See also Statistics Explained article:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/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:

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