

Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries 2009

Statistical overview of asylum applications
lodged in Europe and
selected non-European countries



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Cover photo: A 21-year old Somali outside the hangar of Hal Far, Malta.
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I. Introduction ¹

This report summarizes patterns and trends in the number of individual asylum claims submitted in Europe and selected non-European countries during 2009. The data in this report is based on information available as of **3 March 2010** unless otherwise indicated. It covers the 38 European and six non-European States that currently provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR and is mostly based on official asylum statistics, reflecting national laws and procedures. In addition, UNHCR conducted refugee status determination under its mandate in a number of countries included in this report.² Annex Table 2 provides trends in selected countries neighbouring Europe, based on annual data.

The group of countries analysed in this report is collectively referred to as “**the 44 industrialized countries**” and has been defined as such for the purpose of this report only. The 44 countries are: 27 Member States of the European Union³, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia⁴, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Turkey, as well as Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America. The group of 44 countries received an estimated 377,200 asylum applications in 2009.

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

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

The numbers in this report reflect asylum claims made at the first instance of asylum procedures; applications on appeal or review are not included. Also, this report does not include information on the outcome of asylum procedures or on the admission of refugees through resettlement programmes, as this information is available in other UNHCR reports.⁵

The EU Regulation on migration and international protection statistics

In July 2007, the EU Regulation on migration and international protection statistics entered into force.* It requires EU Member States to provide the European Commission (Eurostat) with a standardized and comparable set of asylum data. This dataset includes all relevant statistics encompassing the asylum procedure (including: asylum claims, decisions, pending cases, sex and age-disaggregated asylum data). The Regulation, however, does not make it mandatory for Member States to differentiate new asylum claims from repeat or reopened applications in their statistical systems. Instead, it was left to the discretion of each Member State to report this type of statistics separately or not.

In the more than two years since its implementation, a number of countries have started to differentiate in their statistics between new and repeat asylum applications. UNHCR hopes that other EU Member States will follow. If not, the number of individuals seeking international protection in the European Union will continue to be overstated.

* Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007.

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² During the period 2005-2009, UNHCR conducted refugee status determination under its mandate in Croatia, Cyprus (northern part of Cyprus only), Montenegro, Serbia, and Turkey (see notes in **Annex Table 1** for more details).

³ See **Annex Table 1** for a list of countries.

⁴ Figures for Serbia exclude Kosovo.

⁵ See UNHCR's *2008 Global Trends* report (issued June 2009) at <http://www.unhcr.org/statistics>.

To the extent possible, the statistics presented in this document reflect the number of individuals lodging an asylum application for the first time. Despite the fact that progress has been achieved in Europe in recent years (*see box on page 3*), the available information suggests that a significant number of countries included in this report do not distinguish between new asylum applications and repeat or reopened applications in their national statistical systems. As a consequence, some of the figures quoted in this report are likely to include repeat applications and, therefore, may not reflect the actual number of new asylum-seekers. Also, the number of asylum applications may not reflect the number of asylum-seekers as some individuals seek asylum in more than one country during the same year.⁶

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

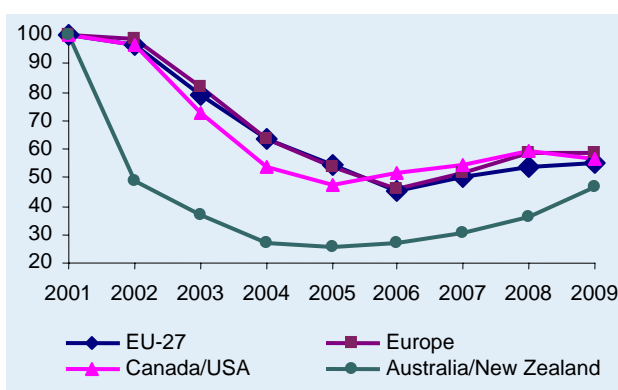
All figures in this report should be considered as provisional and subject to change. Due to retroactive changes and adjustments, some of the data included in this publication may differ slightly from that reported in previous UNHCR documents or from the official figures published by States. This is true for the figures reported for Germany and Italy (*see the notes in Annex Table 1 for more information*).

II. Global and Regional Trends ⁷

In 2009, an estimated 377,200 asylum applications were recorded in the 44 European and non-European countries included in this report. This is nearly the same number as in 2008 (377,100 claims). As shown in *Figure 1*, the 2009 level is far below the one reported in 2001, the highest in the past 10 years with almost 620,000 asylum claims.

Out of a total of 377,200 asylum applications registered in 2009, countries in **Europe**⁸ received 286,700 claims, a minor increase of one per cent compared to 2008 (283,700 claims). However, the figures show greater variation in asylum levels and trends at the regional and country level. For example, the 27 Member States of the European Union registered 246,200 asylum claims in 2009, a 3 per cent increase compared to 2008 (239,100). The EU-27 together accounted for 86 per cent of all asylum claims in Europe. Within this group, the 15

Fig 1 Regional asylum trends (2001=100)



⁶ According to EURODAC's Central Unit, the verification of asylum claims in 2008 showed that 17.5 per cent of all asylum claims registered in the system were multiple claims, i.e. the applicant had submitted at least one previous application in the same or another Member State of the European Union

(Source: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/smartapi/cgi/sga_doc?smartapi!celexplus!prod!CELEXnumdoc&lg=en&numdoc=52009DC0494)

⁷ See notes in **Annex Table 1** for a list of countries included under each regional grouping.

⁸ When including the countries listed in **Annex Table 2**, the total number of asylum claims in 2009 amounts to 381,800, compared to 385,600 the previous year.

'old' EU Member States remained relatively stable during 2009 (+2%), while the 12 'new' EU Member States registered 3,200 additional claims, an increase of 15 per cent.

Among the European regions, the largest relative decrease in annual asylum levels was reported by the eight **Southern European countries** which received 50,100 asylum requests during 2009, a 33 per cent decrease compared to 2008. This decrease is mainly due to fewer individuals requesting international protection in Italy (-42%), Turkey (-40%), and Greece (-20%).

TABLE 1 Asylum claims lodged in selected regions

	2007	2008	2009	Change '09-'08
Europe	249,600	283,700	286,700	1%
- EU-total	223,700	239,200	246,200	3%
- EU-old	198,100	217,200	221,100	2%
- EU-new	25,600	21,900	25,100	15%
USA/Canada	79,100	86,500	82,300	-5%
Australia/New Zealand	4,200	5,000	6,500	30%
Japan/Rep. of Korea	1,500	2,000	1,700	-15%
Total	334,400	377,200	377,200	0%

See notes in **Annex Table 1** for list of countries included.

In the **Nordic countries**, on the other hand, the number of newly registered asylum-seekers increased by 13 per cent to 51,100 claims, the highest level since 2003 (55,200). There is a particularly large increase in the number of asylum applications registered in Denmark (+59%), Finland (+47%) and Norway (+19%). In comparison, in Sweden, which remained the most important destination for asylum-seekers in the region, there was almost no change in the number of asylum claims in 2009 (24,200) from 2008 (24,400).

The number of asylum-seekers in **Australia** and **New Zealand** increased by 30 per cent during 2009 (6,500 claims) compared to the previous year (5,000). It is primarily in Australia that the increase occurred with 6,200 claims, up 29 per cent from 2008. However, despite this recent increase, figures in Australia remain not only below those observed in 2000 (13,100 claims) and 2001 (12,400 claims) but also far below those recorded by many other industrialized countries. In New Zealand, levels have remained fairly stable in the past five years (on average 300 new claims per year).

Japan and the **Republic of Korea** registered a combined number of 1,700 new asylum claims in 2009, a 13 per cent decrease compared to 2008 (2,000 claims). It is predominantly people from Myanmar who sought international protection in both countries. While Japan has witnessed a near doubling of new asylum-seekers in 2008 (1,600 claims) and 2009 (1,400 claims) compared to previous years (950 and 820 claims in 2006 and 2007 respectively)⁹, figures for the Republic of Korea have halved during 2008 and 2009 (360 and 320 asylum claims respectively) compared to 720 new asylum claims in 2007. The numbers in both countries still remain modest in comparison with other industrialized countries.

In contrast, in **North America**, an estimated 82,300 new asylum applications were submitted in 2009, 4,200 claims or 5 per cent less than in 2008. The United States of America registered approximately 49,000 new applications, virtually the same figure as 2008 (49,600), whereas Canada saw a 10 per cent decrease, linked to a lower number of Mexican and Haitian asylum-seekers. Although this is the second highest level in six years, the 2008 and 2009 levels are nearly half that of 2001, when close to 150,000 applications were lodged in Canada and the United States of America together.

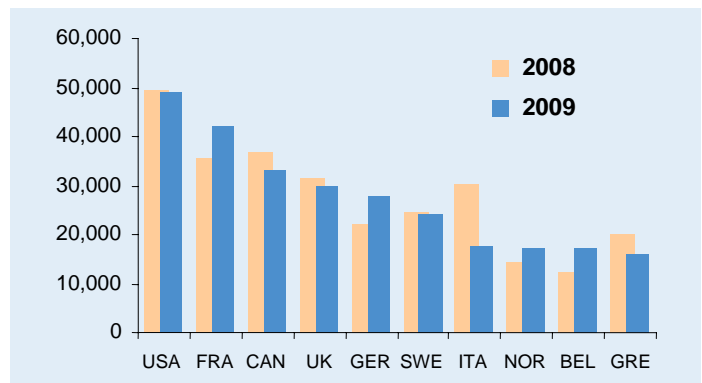
⁹ Figures for Japan are UNHCR estimates.

III. Levels and Patterns in Countries of Asylum

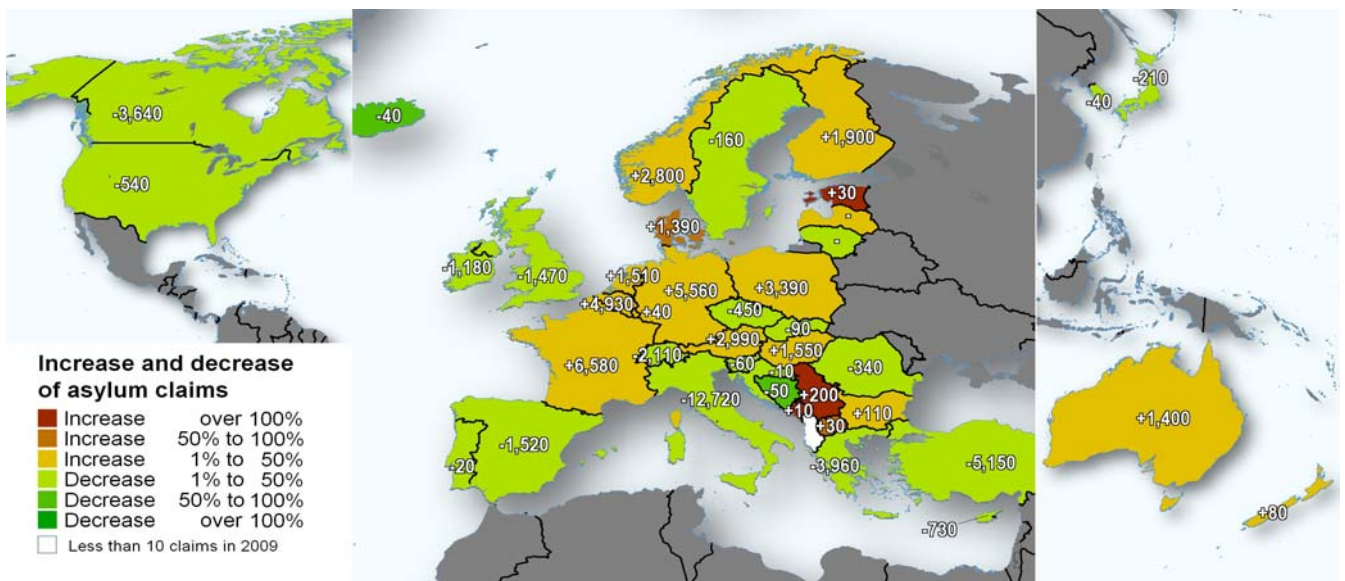
For the fourth year running, the **United States of America** was the largest single recipient of new asylum claims among the group of industrialized countries, accounting for 13 per cent of all claims lodged in the 44 countries included in Table 1. An estimated 49,000¹⁰ individuals submitted an application, 500 claims less than the year before. Its annual share of the number of asylum claims received among the group of industrialized countries has fluctuated in recent years, ranging between 12 and 19 per cent. Almost one third of all claims in the United States of America were lodged by asylum-seekers from China.

France has witnessed a steady increase in new asylum-seekers in the past two years and in 2009 was the second largest recipient of applications among the 44 countries, with 42,000 new applications registered during the year. This is a 19 per cent increase over 2008 (35,400 claims) and 43 per cent over 2007 (29,400 claims). The increase in 2009 is partly attributed to a higher number of asylum-seekers from Serbia (+67%) and Armenia (+50%). Nine out of ten applications of Serb citizens are lodged by Kosovars. On average, every tenth application in the industrialized world was received by France. Together, the United States of America (13%) and France (11%) received one out of every four applications lodged in the 44 industrialized countries covered by this report.

Fig 2 Asylum claims submitted in 10 major receiving countries (2009)



Trends in asylum claims lodged in 44 industrialized countries: Absolute and relative increase/decrease 2009 compared to 2008



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

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

Following after France, **Canada** was the third largest recipient of applications among the 44 countries, with 33,300 new asylum requests registered during 2009. This is a 10 per cent decrease compared to 2008 (36,900 claims). The increase in Hungarian and Czech asylum claims (2,200 and 1,200 respectively) during 2009 was largely offset by a drop in Mexican (-1,900) and Haitian (-2,800) asylum applications.

The **United Kingdom** ranked fourth among the 44 industrialized countries with 29,800 new applications received during the year. This constituted a 5 per cent decrease compared to 2008 and the third lowest figure in 15 years. The large increase in Zimbabwean¹¹ asylum-seekers during 2009 (+3,100 claims) was partly offset by the lower number of Eritrean and Iraqi asylum-seekers (around 1,000 each).

Germany received the fifth largest number of asylum-seekers during 2009 (27,600 claims). One quarter of the asylum-seekers in Germany were Iraqis (6,300), and together with asylum-seekers from Afghanistan (1,100), these two nationalities made up more than one third of Germany's asylum-seekers. Germany was followed by **Sweden** (24,200 claims), **Italy** (17,600 claims), **Norway** (17,200 claims), **Belgium** (17,200 claims), and **Greece** (15,900 claims).

The **United States of America**, **France**, and **Canada**, the top three receiving countries in 2009, together accounted for one-third of all new asylum claims submitted in industrialized countries. Together with the **United Kingdom** and **Germany**, the top five receiving countries accounted for nearly half of all asylum claims.

Ranking of countries

A variety of factors influence trends in the number of people requesting international protection in a given country. These include factors related to the political or security situation in the country of origin. For countries of asylum, important factors influencing the decision to apply for asylum may be the quality of the asylum system, the existence of social networks, the knowledge of reception conditions and a belief that some countries are more likely to grant refugee status than others.

These factors are reflected in the current and past ranking of some of the countries included in this report. **Sweden**, for instance, was not only the main receiving country in Europe in 2007 (36,400 claims), but also the largest recipient of Iraqi asylum-seekers. Iraqi asylum applications, however, have dropped from 18,600 in 2007 to 2,300 in 2009. It is believed that a change in Swedish decision-making on Iraqi

TABLE 2 Changes in the ranking of the top-10 receiving countries

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
United States	2	1	1	1	1
France	1	2	3	3	2
Canada	6	5	4	2	3
United Kingdom	3	3	5	4	4
Germany	4	6	7	7	5
Sweden	7	4	2	6	6
Italy	11	12	8	5	7
Norway	15	13	17	10	8
Belgium	8	10	10	14	9
Greece	12	9	6	8	10

¹¹ The sudden rise in asylum claims in the United Kingdom involving Zimbabwean nationals may in part be attributable to the RN [(Returnees) Zimbabwe vs. Secretary of State for the Home Department, CG [2008] UKAIT 00083, United Kingdom: Asylum and Immigration Tribunal 19 November 2008, available at: <http://www.unhcr.org/refworld/docid/49243bcb2.html>] country guidance case of November 2008 (para. 258) held that, "the evidence establishes clearly that those at risk on return to Zimbabwe on account of imputed political opinion are no longer restricted to those who are perceived to be members or supporters of the MDC but include anyone who is unable to demonstrate support for or loyalty to the regime or Zanu-PF." Consequently, many Zimbabweans whose asylum claims had previously been rejected for lack of actual or sufficient political involvement with the MDC or those who had previously not made any claims, lodged applications as they felt the decision in RN could lead to a favourable outcome.

asylum claims, following the Migration Court's¹² determination that the situation in Iraq is not one of "armed conflict", led to a drop in recognition rates and a potential shift in flows from Sweden to its neighbours. As a consequence, between 2007 and 2009, **Norway** and **Finland** moved up in their ranking as destination countries: the former from 17th to 8th place and the latter from 26th to 17th place.

Italy saw an increase in new asylum applicants in 2008, many of them arriving by sea. In 2008, Italy was the fifth largest recipient of asylum-seekers among the group of 44 industrialized countries. With the number of people requesting international protection during 2009 almost halving, Italy dropped to seventh place.

Trends over the past five years

Between 2005 and 2009, the **United States of America** received the largest number of new asylum-seekers (250,000 claims), followed by **France** (187,300 claims), the **United Kingdom** (149,600 claims), **Canada** (141,100 claims), and **Sweden** (126,800 claims). Together, the three leading asylum countries received one-third of all asylum requests submitted in the 44 industrialized countries listed in Annex Table 1.

The countries' individual share in the total number of applications received, however, reveals a changing pattern over time. Whereas the share of the **United States of America** as the main recipient over the five year period ranged between 13 to 17 per cent, the share of **France** gradually decreased from 15 per cent in 2005 to 9 per cent in 2008. With asylum levels in France picking up again during 2009, the country's share increased to 11 per cent. Conversely, the shares of **Greece** and **Sweden** stood at 3 and 5 per cent respectively in 2005. Following the introduction of special procedures at the end of 2006 to clear the backlog of asylum-seekers waiting to register asylum claims in Greece, the country's share increased to 8 per cent in 2007.

Two years later, it had again dropped back to 4 per cent, partly due to the slow pace of registration of claims. During the same period, **Sweden's** share had increased to 11 per cent as a result of a major arrival of Iraqi asylum-seekers. However, by the end of 2009, its share was down to 6 per cent.

The trends described above are based on the absolute numbers of reported asylum claims. The analysis changes when comparing the number of asylum-seekers to the size of the national population or the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (PPP)¹³. These measures may allow for a better comparison between countries as they may better indicate the capacity of a country to host asylum-seekers.

Based on the first indicator (national population), between 2005 and 2009 the two Mediterranean islands of **Cyprus** and **Malta** received on average the highest number of asylum-seekers compared to their national population; 30 and 22 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants, respectively. **Sweden** ranked third

TABLE 3

Share of main receiving countries of asylum-seekers in total number of applications

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
United States	15%	17%	15%	13%	13%
France	15%	10%	9%	9%	11%
Canada	6%	8%	8%	10%	9%
United Kingdom	9%	9%	8%	8%	8%
Germany	9%	7%	6%	6%	7%
Sweden	5%	8%	11%	6%	6%
Italy	3%	3%	4%	8%	5%
Norway	2%	2%	2%	4%	5%
Belgium	5%	4%	3%	3%	5%
Greece	3%	4%	8%	5%	4%

¹² Swedish Migration Court of Appeal, caseno. UN23-06, 26 February 2007.

¹³ In order to compare countries, the Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) GDP is considered (Source: International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, April 2009). Source for national population: United Nations, Population Division, World Population Prospects: The 2008 Revision, New York, 2009.

Fig 3 Number of asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants - 2005-2009

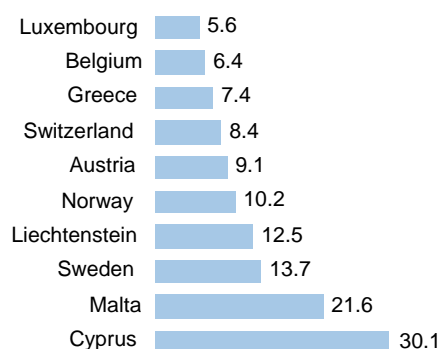
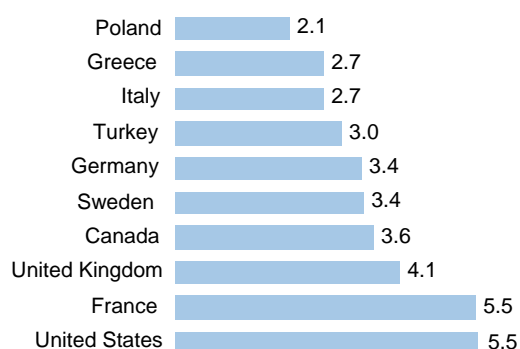


Fig 4 Number of asylum-seekers per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita - 2005-2009



(14 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), followed by **Liechtenstein** (13 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), **Norway** (10 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), and **Austria** (9 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants) (see Figure 3). The **United States of America**, the main recipient of new asylum-seekers during this period, was ranked 27th with an average of one asylum-seeker per 1,000 inhabitants.

Comparing the number of asylum-seekers to the Gross Domestic Product (PPP) of a country reveals a slightly different picture. Here, the **United States of America** and **France** are the countries with the highest number of asylum-seekers (5.5 applicants per capita each) compared to its national economy, followed by the **United Kingdom** (4.1 applicants per capita), **Canada** (3.6 applicants per capita), and **Sweden** (3.4 applicants per capita) (see Figure 4).¹⁴

It is interesting to note that the five main destination countries of asylum-seekers in 2009 (United States of America, France, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Germany) do not feature among the top ten when compared against population size, but they do when compared against GDP (PPP) per capita. This is explained by the relatively large variation in national population size among the industrialized countries. The top five destination countries have a significantly larger population size compared to Cyprus, Malta, Liechtenstein, or Luxembourg. In the case of the GDP (PPP) per capita ratio, the countries included can be considered as all having highly developed economies, and the variation in GDP figures between them is not that significant. With this important difference in mind, the GDP indicator might be more meaningful and interesting when comparing asylum rates between these 44 countries.

TABLE 4 Distribution of asylum claims by region of origin

	2006*	2007*	2008	2009
Africa	25.0%	23.1%	29.9%	28.7%
Americas	11.7%	12.0%	10.9%	8.8%
Asia	44.1%	48.3%	44.8%	45.3%
Europe	17.1%	14.6%	12.7%	15.5%
Oceania	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Unknown**	2.0%	1.9%	1.6%	1.6%

* Includes annual asylum data for Italy for comparative purposes.

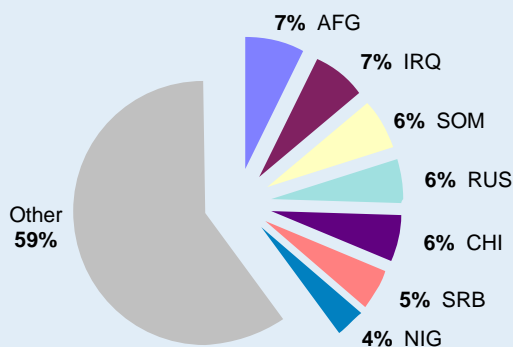
** Includes stateless asylum-seekers.

IV. Origin of Asylum-Seekers

People from nearly 190 different countries or territories submitted at least one asylum claim in 2009 in one of the 44 countries presented in this report. Slightly less than half of all asylum applications were submitted by individuals from **Asia** (45%). **Africa** was the second most important source continent (29% of all claims), followed by **Europe** (15.5%), and the **Americas**

¹⁴ Among the 44 countries included in this report, the number of asylum-seekers per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita appears as rather modest when compared to the ‘burden’ developing countries shoulder in hosting refugees. For instance, Pakistan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, two major refugee-hosting countries, hosted 733 and 496 refugees respectively per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita at the end of 2008 (Source: 2008 Statistical Yearbook, UNHCR, Geneva).

Fig 5 Main nationalities of asylum-seekers 2009



(9%).¹⁵ The country of origin of some 2,700 asylum-seekers was unknown. Europe was the only continent showing a significant increase as a source of asylum applications in 2009, with more people from Hungary and Serbia requesting refugee status.

Out of the 40 main asylum-seeker nationalities, 23 registered a rise during 2009. Among the major countries of origin of asylum-seekers, significant increases were registered from **Hungary** (+697%), the **Czech Republic** (+134%), **Georgia** (+102%), **Mauritania** (+57%), **Zimbabwe** (+54%), and **Afghanistan** (+45%). Conversely, of the 17 nationalities that recorded a decrease in 2009 as compared to 2008, five registered a drop of more than 20 per cent: **Côte d'Ivoire** (-43%), **Iraq** (-40%), **Haiti** (-35%), **Ghana** (-30%), and **Colombia** (-30%).

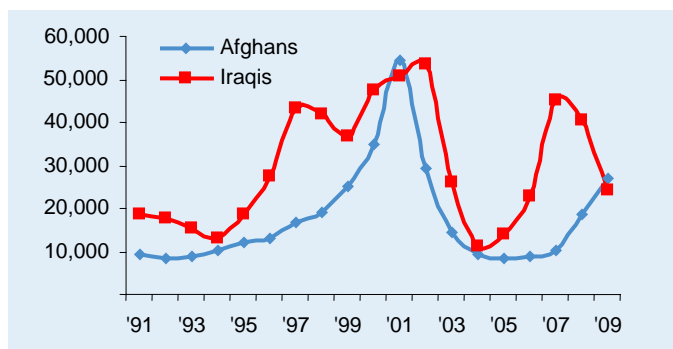
Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, the Russian Federation and China remained the five most important source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries. Their relative ranking, however, shifted in 2009 as compared to 2008.

Afghanistan again became the main country of origin of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries in 2009. The last time Afghanistan was at the top of the list was in 2001 when 54,000 Afghans sought asylum. Some 26,800 Afghans requested refugee status in 2009. This was 45 per cent more than in 2008 (18,500 claims). The share of Afghan asylum-seekers in the total number of asylum claims has increased steadily in past years. Afghans currently constitute 7 per cent of all asylum applications lodged in the 44 industrialized countries.

Afghans sought international protection in 39 out of the 44 industrialized countries. The levels were highest in Norway (3,900 claims), the United Kingdom (3,500 claims) and Germany (3,300 claims). In some cases, figures almost tripled (Norway) or quintupled (Germany) in 2009. Other important destination countries of Afghan asylum-seekers were Austria (2,200 claims; +62%), Sweden (1,700 claims; +112%), and Belgium (1,700 claims; +89%). The only country reporting a decrease was the United Kingdom, where Afghan claims dropped by 5 per cent during the year.

For the first time since 2006, **Iraq** was not the principal source country of asylum-seekers among the 44 industrialized countries. In 2009, Iraqis dropped to second place with more than 24,000 claims lodged during the year. This constituted a decrease of 16,000 claims or 40 per cent when compared to 2008. The decrease in Iraqi claims was particularly significant during the fourth quarter of 2009 when 5,300 applied for asylum among the group of 44 countries, the lowest quarterly level since the second quarter of 2006 (3,900). However,

Fig 6 Afghan and Iraqi asylum requests 1991-2009

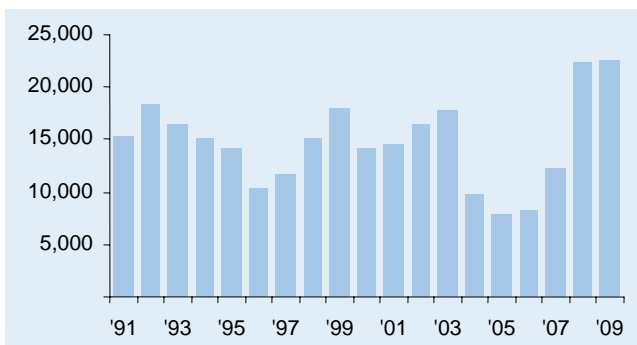


¹⁵ The geographical regions used are those of the UN Statistics Division (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49.htm>).

Iraqis still lodged asylum applications in 39 out of the 44 industrialized countries covered by this report. One quarter of all Iraqi claims were lodged in Germany (6,300), with another quarter being submitted in Turkey (3,800; UNHCR procedure) and Sweden (2,300). In particular, the latter experienced a rather dramatic decrease in Iraqi claims in the past two years, with figures having fallen from as high as 18,600 in 2006.

The number of **Somalis** requesting refugee status in the industrialized world continued to rise during 2009, albeit at a much slower pace than during the past two years. More than 22,600 asylum-seekers were registered during the year, some 700 claims more than during 2008 (+3%). More than half of all

Fig 7 Somali asylum claims lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 1991-2009



Somali asylum requests were recorded in the Netherlands and Sweden alone (5,900 claims each). Whereas the number of asylum requests lodged by Somalis in these two countries increased significantly during the year (+53% and +75% respectively), the contrary is true for Italy, the main destination country in 2008. Here, figures fell from 4,500 to 1,400 asylum requests.

The number of asylum-seekers originating from the **Russian Federation** remained fairly stable. Some 20,400 asylum-seekers were registered in 2009, virtually the same number as the preceding year. Poland remained the prime destination with three out of every ten asylum requests being

lodged in that country. Austria and France also received a significant number of Russian asylum-seekers with 3,600 and 3,400 claims respectively.

With 20,100 asylum applications submitted by **Chinese** asylum-seekers in 2009, the figure is the highest since 2004 (20,400 claims). The number increased by 16 per cent compared to 2008 (17,400 claims). This made China the fifth most important source country of asylum-seekers in the industrialized world. Similar to previous years, the United States of America registered more than half of all Chinese asylum applications (11,600). France was the second largest recipient with 1,600 Chinese asylum requests, double the figure the year earlier (820 claims).

Citizens of **Serbia** submitted 18,600 asylum claims in 2009, 3,700 more than the year before (14,900 claims). France remained the prime destination with 5,200 claims registered, followed by Hungary (2,300), Belgium (2,100), Austria (2,000), and Germany (1,900). It is noteworthy that asylum claims from Serbia increased in all five countries, ranging from 20 per cent in Austria to 96 per cent in Belgium. About half the countries reporting monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR distinguish applicants originating from Kosovo in their data. The available evidence shows that in these countries, on average, 74 per cent of applicants from Serbia come from Kosovo. This compares to roughly 60 per cent the year earlier. Among the main receiving countries, the proportion of Kosovars is highest in France (86%), followed by Hungary (77%) and Belgium (75%).

Other important source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries in 2009 were **Nigeria** (13,300), the **Islamic Republic of Iran** (11,500), **Pakistan** (11,200), **Georgia** (11,000), and **Eritrea** (10,200). In the case of Georgia, the number of asylum claims has doubled compared to 2008.

Over the last five years, some changes have occurred in the ranking of the main countries of origin of asylum applicants. From 2005 to 2009, Afghans moved up the list from the 9th to 1st position. Somalia

was the 3rd most important source country in 2009 as compared to 11th place in 2005, while Serbia moved down from 1st to 6th place during the same period. Georgia also saw a significant change, moving from 21st in 2006 to 10th place only four years later.

In total, 23 countries among the top 40 countries of origin showed an increase between 2008 and 2009. The highest relative increase was recorded for **Hungarian** citizens whose asylum claims went up seven-fold from 350 to 2,800. Similarly, there was a major increase in asylum applications lodged by **Czech** citizens whose numbers reached 2,100 claims during 2009, compared to only 900 the year earlier. In both cases, almost all Czech and Hungarian asylum claims were lodged in Canada by persons claiming to be of Roma origin. Since Canada imposed visa requirements for Czech citizens in July 2009, the number of Czech asylum requests dropped to a total of 60 claims between August and December 2009.

Among the major source countries of asylum-seekers, significant increases were also registered by asylum applicants originating from **Georgia** (+102%), **Mauritania** (+57%), **Zimbabwe** (+54%), **Afghanistan** (+45%), **Armenia** (+43%), and **Azerbaijan** (+36%). Conversely, among countries of origin whose nationals lodged 2,000 or more asylum claims during 2009, major decreases were recorded among asylum applicants originating from **Côte d'Ivoire** (-43%), **Iraq** (-40%), **Haiti** (-35%), and **Colombia** (-30%).

TABLE 5

Changes in the ranking of the top-10 countries of origin

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Afghanistan	9	6	8	4	1
Iraq	4	1	1	1	2
Somalia	11	8	6	2	3
Russian Federation	2	3	2	3	4
China	3	2	3	5	5
Serbia*	1	4	4	6	6
Nigeria	8	13	13	7	7
Islamic Rep. of Iran	6	5	9	11	8
Pakistan	10	9	5	8	9
Georgia	14	21	20	17	10

* Statistics prior to 2007 refer to Serbia and Montenegro.

Table 1. Asylum applications submitted in Europe and selected non-European countries, 2005-2009

For country notes and regional classification, see next page.

Country/ region of asylum	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Total	Annual change '09-'08	Share		Rank		Per 1,000 inhabitants		Per 1 USD/GDP per capita*					
								2009	'05-'09	2009	'05-'09	Total		Rank					
												2009	'05-'09	2009	'05-'09	2009	'05-'09		
Albania	30	20	30	10	-	90	-100%	0%	0%	44	42	0.0	0.0	44	44	-	0.0	43	39
Australia	3,200	3,520	3,980	4,770	6,170	21,640	29%	2%	1%	16	18	0.3	1.0	21	24	0.2	0.6	17	19
Austria	22,460	13,350	11,920	12,840	15,830	76,400	23%	4%	4%	11	9	1.9	9.1	7	6	0.4	1.9	12	11
Belgium	15,960	11,590	11,120	12,250	17,190	68,110	40%	5%	4%	9	10	1.6	6.4	8	9	0.5	1.9	11	12
Bosnia-Herzegovina	150	70	570	100	50	940	-50%	0%	0%	39	33	0.0	0.2	40	32	0.0	0.1	36	29
Bulgaria	820	640	980	750	850	4,040	13%	0%	0%	26	27	0.1	0.5	27	29	0.1	0.3	23	25
Canada	19,740	22,910	28,340	36,900	33,250	141,140	-10%	9%	8%	3	4	1.0	4.2	12	12	0.9	3.6	3	4
Croatia	190	90	200	160	150	790	-6%	0%	0%	36	35	0.0	0.2	35	34	0.0	0.0	34	34
Cyprus	7,750	4,550	6,790	3,920	3,200	26,210	-18%	1%	2%	20	16	3.7	30.1	3	1	0.1	1.0	19	15
Czech Rep.	4,160	3,020	1,880	1,710	1,260	12,030	-26%	0%	1%	25	23	0.1	1.2	26	23	0.0	0.5	26	22
Denmark	2,260	1,920	1,850	2,360	3,750	12,140	59%	1%	1%	19	22	0.7	2.2	14	17	0.1	0.3	20	26
Estonia	10	10	10	10	40	80	300%	0%	0%	41	43	0.0	0.1	37	40	0.0	0.0	40	43
Finland	3,570	2,330	1,430	4,020	5,910	17,260	47%	2%	1%	17	20	1.1	3.2	10	14	0.2	0.5	18	21
France	49,730	30,750	29,390	35,400	41,980	187,250	19%	11%	11%	2	2	0.7	3.0	15	15	1.2	5.5	1	2
Germany	28,910	21,030	19,160	22,090	27,650	118,840	25%	7%	7%	5	6	0.3	1.4	19	21	0.8	3.4	5	6
Greece	9,050	12,270	25,110	19,880	15,930	82,240	-20%	4%	5%	10	7	1.4	7.4	9	8	0.5	2.7	10	9
Hungary	1,610	2,120	3,430	3,120	4,670	14,950	50%	1%	1%	18	21	0.5	1.5	18	19	0.2	0.8	16	18
Iceland	90	40	40	80	40	290	-50%	0%	0%	41	40	0.1	0.9	25	26	0.0	0.0	42	41
Ireland	4,320	4,310	3,990	3,870	2,690	19,180	-30%	1%	1%	22	19	0.6	4.2	16	11	0.1	0.5	25	23
Italy	9,550	10,350	14,050	30,320	17,600	81,870	-42%	5%	5%	7	8	0.3	1.4	20	22	0.6	2.7	9	8
Japan	380	950	820	1,600	1,380	5,130	-14%	0%	0%	24	26	0.0	0.0	42	43	0.0	0.1	27	28
Latvia	20	10	30	50	50	160	0%	0%	0%	39	41	0.0	0.1	39	38	0.0	0.0	39	40
Liechtenstein	50	50	30	30	290	450	867%	0%	0%	32	38	8.1	12.5	1	4
Lithuania	120	140	130	220	210	820	-5%	0%	0%	34	34	0.1	0.2	32	33	0.0	0.0	32	35
Luxembourg	800	520	430	460	510	2,720	11%	0%	0%	29	30	1.0	5.6	11	10	0.0	0.0	37	37
Malta	1,170	1,270	1,380	2,610	2,390	8,820	-8%	1%	1%	23	25	5.8	21.6	2	2	0.1	0.4	21	24
Montenegro	-	20	-	10	20	50	100%	0%	0%	43	44	0.0	0.1	36	37	0.0	0.0	41	42
Netherlands	12,350	14,470	7,100	13,400	14,910	62,230	11%	4%	4%	12	12	0.9	3.8	13	13	0.4	1.5	13	14
New Zealand	350	280	250	250	340	1,470	36%	0%	0%	30	32	0.1	0.3	30	31	0.0	0.1	30	33
Norway	5,400	5,320	6,530	14,430	17,230	48,910	19%	5%	3%	8	13	3.6	10.2	4	5	0.3	0.9	15	16
Poland	6,860	4,430	7,210	7,200	10,590	36,290	47%	3%	2%	14	15	0.3	1.0	22	25	0.6	2.1	8	10
Portugal	110	130	220	160	140	760	-13%	0%	0%	37	36	0.0	0.1	41	39	0.0	0.0	35	36
Rep. of Korea	410	280	720	360	320	2,090	-11%	0%	0%	31	31	0.0	0.0	43	42	0.0	0.1	31	31
Romania	590	460	660	1,170	830	3,710	-29%	0%	0%	27	28	0.0	0.2	34	35	0.1	0.3	24	27
Serbia	90	20	40	80	280	510	250%	0%	0%	33	37	0.0	0.1	38	41	0.0	0.1	29	32
Slovakia	3,550	2,870	2,640	910	820	10,790	-10%	0%	1%	28	24	0.2	2.0	24	18	0.0	0.5	28	20
Slovenia	1,600	520	430	240	180	2,970	-25%	0%	0%	35	29	0.1	1.5	29	20	0.0	0.1	38	30
Spain	5,250	5,300	7,660	4,520	3,000	25,730	-34%	1%	1%	21	17	0.1	0.6	31	28	0.1	0.8	22	17
Sweden	17,530	24,320	36,370	24,350	24,190	126,760	-1%	6%	7%	6	5	2.6	13.7	5	3	0.7	3.4	6	5
Switzerland	10,800	11,170	10,840	16,610	14,490	63,910	-13%	4%	4%	13	11	1.9	8.4	6	7	0.4	1.5	14	13
TfYR Macedonia	70	60	30	50	90	300	80%	0%	0%	38	39	0.0	0.1	33	36	0.0	0.0	33	38
Turkey	3,920	4,550	7,650	12,980	7,830	36,930	-40%	2%	2%	15	14	0.1	0.5	28	30	0.6	3.0	7	7
United Kingdom	30,840	28,320	28,300	31,320	29,840	148,620	-5%	8%	9%	4	3	0.5	2.4	17	16	0.8	4.1	4	3
United States	48,770	51,880	50,720	49,560	49,020	249,950	-1%	13%	14%	1	1	0.2	0.8	23	27	1.1	5.5	2	1
EU-"Old" (15)	212,690	180,960	198,100	217,240	221,120	1,030,110	2%	59%	60%			0.6	2.6						
EU-"New" (12)	28,260	20,040	25,570	21,910	25,090	120,870	15%	7%	7%			0.2	1.2						
EU-Total (27)	240,950	201,000	223,670	239,150	246,210	1,150,980	3%	65%	67%			0.5	2.3						
Nordic countries (5)	28,850	33,930	46,220	45,240	51,120	205,360	13%	14%	12%			2.0	8.2						
Western Europe (19)	229,030	197,540	215,540	248,390	253,170	1,143,670	2%	67%	66%			0.6	2.8						
Southern Europe (8)	36,830	38,440	62,890	74,400	50,090	262,650	-33%	13%	15%			0.2	1.3						
Former Yugoslavia (6)	2,100	780	1,270	640	770	5,560	20%	0%	0%			0.0	0.2						
Total Europe (38)	261,740	222,410	249,630	283,690	286,680	1,304,150	1%	76%	76%			0.5	2.1						
Canada/USA	68,510	74,790	79,060	86,460	82,270	391,090	-5%	22%	23%			0.2	1.1						
Australia/New Zealand	3,550	3,800	4,230	5,020	6,510	23,110	30%	2%	1%			0.3	0.9						
Japan/Rep. of Korea	790	1,230	1,540	1,960	1,700	7,220	-13%	0%	0%			0.0	0.0						
Total (44)	334,590	302,230	334,460	377,130	377,160	1,725,570	0%					0.3	1.5						

Notes

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

This table includes final data for 2005 to 2008. In the following tables, the 2008 figures are based on the monthly database. This results in some discrepancies.

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

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

TABLE 1. NOTES

a. Country notes

Belgium. Figures exclude accompanying children. Data include repeat applications (2,360 in 2005; 2,190 in 2006; 2,800 in 2007; 3,330 in 2008; and 4,260 in 2009).

Canada. Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Croatia. In addition, UNHCR registered 7 applications for refugee status in 2005.

Cyprus. In addition, UNHCR registered asylum applications in the northern part of Cyprus in 2005 (25), 2006 (12), 2007 (44), and 2008 (19).

Denmark. Figures for 2007-2008 exclude Iraqi interpreters who worked for the Danish Forces in Iraq. Data for December 2009 has been extrapolated based on figures from Jan. to Nov.

France. Includes asylum applications of minors.

Germany. The delay in registering people and changes in the registration procedures have resulted in discrepancies between the cumulative total of monthly asylum claims and the total number of asylum claims. As such, Table 1 reflects the total number of asylum claims (28,910 in 2005; 21,030 in 2006; 19,160 in 2007; 22,085 in 2008; 27,650 in 2009) whereas all other tables in this report reflect the monthly totals (27,210 in 2005; 20,610 in 2006; 18,530 in 2007; 21,370 in 2008; and 26,840 in 2009).

Italy. The delay in registering people has resulted in discrepancies between the cumulative total of monthly asylum claims and the total number of asylum claims in Italy. As such, Table 1 reflects the total number of asylum claims (17,600) whereas all other tables in this report reflect the monthly total (15,440).

Japan. Figures are UNHCR estimates.

Montenegro. Prior to 2005, data for Montenegro is included in the Serbian data (Source: UNHCR). Data for 2008 and 2009 are Government figures.

Netherlands. Data prior to 2007 includes a significant number of repeat applications. The 2007-2009 figures are thus not comparable to previous years.

Poland. Data excludes a significant number of repeat applications.

Serbia. Data for 2005-2008 includes Kosovo. Source: UNHCR.

Spain. Includes applications lodged at Spanish embassies.

Switzerland. Figures exclude repeat applications.

Turkey. Source: UNHCR.

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

b. Regional classification

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

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

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

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

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

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

Former Yugoslavia (6). Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, and TFYR Macedonia.

Total Europe (38). All European countries listed.

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

Source for Gross Domestic Product (PPP): International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, April 2009.

Table 2. Asylum applications submitted in selected countries in Eastern Europe, 2005-2009

All figures are based on annual data.

Country of asylum	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Total	Annual change '09-'08	Share		Rank		Per 1,000 inhabitants		Per 1 USD/GDP per capita					
								2009	'05-'09	2009	'05-'09	2009	'05-'09	2009	'05-'09				
								2009	'05-'09	2009	'05-'09	2009	'05-'09	2009	'05-'09				
Armenia	160	620	300	210	70	1,360	-67%	1%	5%	6	4	0.0	0.4	4	1	0.0	0.2	6	4
Azerbaijan	1,050	670	540	380	250	2,890	-34%	5%	10%	3	3	0.0	0.3	2	2	0.0	0.3	4	3
Belarus	210	90	50	90	160	600	78%	3%	2%	4	5	0.0	0.1	6	6	0.0	0.0	5	6
Georgia	20	30	20	40	40	150	0%	1%	1%	7	7	0.0	0.0	7	7	0.0	0.0	7	7
Rep. of Moldova	110	70	80	60	90	410	50%	2%	1%	5	6	0.0	0.1	3	4	0.0	0.1	3	5
Russian Federation	960	1,170	3,370	5,420	2,710	13,630	-50%	58%	47%	1	1	0.0	0.1	5	5	0.2	0.8	2	2
Ukraine	1,770	2,080	2,270	2,240	1,360	9,720	-39%	29%	34%	2	2	0.0	0.2	1	3	0.2	1.3	1	1
Total	4,280	4,730	6,630	8,440	4,680	28,760	-45%					0.0	0.1						

Notes

Source: Governments, UNHCR

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

Azerbaijan. Source: Government and UNHCR.

Russian Federation. In addition, 2,990 persons applied for temporary asylum in 2009.

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

Source for Gross Domestic Product (PPP): International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, April 2009.

Table 3. Origin of asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2008 and 2009

Covering all 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	2008	2009	Total	Annual change	Share		Rank	
					2008	2009	2008	2009
Iraq	40,366	24,341	64,707	-40%	11.1	6.7	1	2
Afghanistan	18,453	26,803	45,256	45%	5.1	7.4	4	1
Somalia	21,820	22,558	44,378	3%	6.0	6.2	2	3
Russian Federation	20,443	20,367	40,810	0%	5.6	5.6	3	4
China	17,401	20,100	37,501	16%	4.8	5.5	5	5
Serbia*	14,894	18,597	33,491	25%	4.1	5.1	6	6
Nigeria	13,688	13,310	26,998	-3%	3.8	3.7	7	7
Pakistan	13,262	11,184	24,446	-16%	3.6	3.1	8	9
Eritrea	12,294	10,164	22,458	-17%	3.4	2.8	9	11
Islamic Rep. of Iran	10,765	11,479	22,244	7%	3.0	3.2	11	8
Mexico	12,181	9,987	22,168	-18%	3.3	2.7	10	12
Sri Lanka	9,612	9,979	19,591	4%	2.6	2.7	12	13
Georgia	5,454	10,994	16,448	102%	1.5	3.0	17	10
Turkey	7,368	6,943	14,311	-6%	2.0	1.9	13	15
Zimbabwe	5,546	8,527	14,073	54%	1.5	2.3	16	14
Bangladesh	6,180	6,189	12,369	0%	1.7	1.7	15	17
Haiti	7,122	4,620	11,742	-35%	2.0	1.3	14	21
Armenia	4,361	6,226	10,587	43%	1.2	1.7	22	16
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5,191	5,189	10,380	0%	1.4	1.4	18	18
Syrian Arab Rep.	4,824	5,029	9,853	4%	1.3	1.4	20	19
India	4,782	4,570	9,352	-4%	1.3	1.3	21	22
Guinea	3,993	4,969	8,962	24%	1.1	1.4	24	20
Colombia	4,994	3,517	8,511	-30%	1.4	1.0	19	24
Algeria	3,548	3,771	7,319	6%	1.0	1.0	26	23
Ethiopia	3,413	3,515	6,928	3%	0.9	1.0	27	25
Côte d'Ivoire	4,148	2,373	6,521	-43%	1.1	0.7	23	33
El Salvador	3,314	2,935	6,249	-11%	0.9	0.8	28	27
Stateless	2,793	3,264	6,057	17%	0.8	0.9	30	26
Sudan	2,652	2,520	5,172	-5%	0.7	0.7	31	28
Mali	3,667	1,390	5,057	-62%	1.0	0.4	25	39
Ghana	2,820	1,979	4,799	-30%	0.8	0.5	29	36
Cameroon	2,584	2,087	4,671	-19%	0.7	0.6	32	35
Viet Nam	1,982	2,420	4,402	22%	0.5	0.7	36	32
Albania	1,923	2,451	4,374	27%	0.5	0.7	37	31
Mongolia	1,869	2,471	4,340	32%	0.5	0.7	38	30
Azerbaijan	1,828	2,477	4,305	36%	0.5	0.7	39	29
Guatemala	2,189	2,095	4,284	-4%	0.6	0.6	34	34
Myanmar	1,992	1,587	3,579	-20%	0.5	0.4	35	38
United States	2,367	1,204	3,571	-49%	0.6	0.3	33	40
Nepal	1,637	1,708	3,345	4%	0.4	0.5	40	37
Other	54,542	57,774	112,316	6%	15.0	15.9		
Total	364,262	363,663	579,815		100.0	100.0		

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

Table 4. Origin of asylum applications lodged in Europe, 2008 and 2009

Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	2008	2009	Total	Annual change	Share			Rank	
					2008	2009	Total	2008	2009
Iraq	38,983	23,332	62,315	-40%	13.9	8.2	11.0	1	2
Afghanistan	17,914	25,310	43,224	41%	6.4	8.9	7.7	4	1
Somalia	21,045	21,697	42,742	3%	7.5	7.7	7.6	2	3
Russian Federation	19,440	19,194	38,634	-1%	6.9	6.8	6.8	3	4
Serbia*	14,500	18,304	32,804	26%	5.2	6.5	5.8	5	5
Nigeria	12,699	12,307	25,006	-3%	4.5	4.3	4.4	6	6
Pakistan	12,117	9,843	21,960	-19%	4.3	3.5	3.9	7	9
Eritrea	11,678	9,498	21,176	-19%	4.2	3.4	3.8	8	10
Islamic Rep. of Iran	9,919	10,398	20,317	5%	3.5	3.7	3.6	9	8
Georgia	5,277	10,812	16,089	105%	1.9	3.8	2.8	13	7
Sri Lanka	7,635	8,004	15,639	5%	2.7	2.8	2.8	10	11
Turkey	6,855	6,434	13,289	-6%	2.4	2.3	2.4	11	13
Zimbabwe	4,710	7,766	12,476	65%	1.7	2.7	2.2	14	12
Bangladesh	5,707	5,747	11,454	1%	2.0	2.0	2.0	12	16
China	4,598	5,822	10,420	27%	1.6	2.1	1.8	17	15
Armenia	4,034	5,963	9,997	48%	1.4	2.1	1.8	18	14
Syrian Arab Rep.	4,662	4,870	9,532	4%	1.7	1.7	1.7	15	17
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	4,625	4,734	9,359	2%	1.6	1.7	1.7	16	18
Guinea	3,474	4,389	7,863	26%	1.2	1.5	1.4	20	19
Algeria	3,429	3,619	7,048	6%	1.2	1.3	1.2	22	20
Côte d'Ivoire	3,865	2,067	5,932	-47%	1.4	0.7	1.1	19	27
India	2,969	2,932	5,901	-1%	1.1	1.0	1.0	23	22
Stateless	2,606	3,071	5,677	18%	0.9	1.1	1.0	25	21
Sudan	2,430	2,326	4,756	-4%	0.9	0.8	0.8	26	24
Mali	3,443	1,144	4,587	-67%	1.2	0.4	0.8	21	37
Ghana	2,671	1,794	4,465	-33%	0.9	0.6	0.8	24	30
Azerbaijan	1,761	2,400	4,161	36%	0.6	0.8	0.7	29	23
Viet Nam	1,795	2,246	4,041	25%	0.6	0.8	0.7	28	26
Mongolia	1,673	2,259	3,932	35%	0.6	0.8	0.7	31	25
Ethiopia	1,808	2,002	3,810	11%	0.6	0.7	0.7	27	29
Albania	1,347	2,027	3,374	50%	0.5	0.7	0.6	34	28
Cameroon	1,741	1,488	3,229	-15%	0.6	0.5	0.6	30	33
Gambia	1,334	1,517	2,851	14%	0.5	0.5	0.5	35	32
Mauritania	1,036	1,654	2,690	60%	0.4	0.6	0.5	37	31
Lebanon	1,428	1,050	2,478	-26%	0.5	0.4	0.4	33	39
Haiti	941	1,464	2,405	56%	0.3	0.5	0.4	40	34
Congo	1,255	1,075	2,330	-14%	0.4	0.4	0.4	36	38
Bosnia and Herzegovina	962	1,340	2,302	39%	0.3	0.5	0.4	39	35
Morocco	1,036	1,194	2,230	15%	0.4	0.4	0.4	37	36
Togo	1,483	661	2,144	-55%	0.5	0.2	0.4	32	40
Other	30,325	29,624	59,949	-2%	10.8	10.5	10.6		
Total	281,210	283,378	564,588		100.0	100.0	100.0		

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

Table 5. Origin of asylum applications lodged in the European Union (27), 2008 and 2009

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

Origin	2008	2009	Total	Annual change	Share			Rank	
					2008	2009	Total	2008	2009
Iraq	27,603	17,544	45,147	-36%	11.6	7.2	9.4	1	4
Russian Federation	18,182	17,887	36,069	-2%	7.6	7.4	7.5	2	3
Somalia	17,112	18,653	35,765	9%	7.2	7.7	7.4	3	2
Afghanistan	13,514	19,393	32,907	44%	5.7	8.0	6.8	4	1
Serbia*	12,633	16,791	29,424	33%	5.3	6.9	6.1	5	5
Pakistan	12,007	9,562	21,569	-20%	5.0	3.9	4.5	6	8
Nigeria	11,280	9,971	21,251	-12%	4.7	4.1	4.4	7	7
Georgia	4,846	10,222	15,068	111%	2.0	4.2	3.1	13	6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	6,734	7,588	14,322	13%	2.8	3.1	3.0	9	10
Sri Lanka	6,042	6,382	12,424	6%	2.5	2.6	2.6	11	11
Zimbabwe	4,646	7,712	12,358	66%	2.0	3.2	2.6	14	9
Turkey	6,298	5,868	12,166	-7%	2.6	2.4	2.5	10	12
Eritrea	6,974	5,027	12,001	-28%	2.9	2.1	2.5	8	16
Bangladesh	5,665	5,663	11,328	0%	2.4	2.3	2.4	12	14
Armenia	3,960	5,858	9,818	48%	1.7	2.4	2.0	18	13
China	4,281	5,410	9,691	26%	1.8	2.2	2.0	15	15
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	4,220	4,418	8,638	5%	1.8	1.8	1.8	16	17
Syrian Arab Rep.	4,162	4,167	8,329	0%	1.7	1.7	1.7	17	18
Guinea	3,208	4,015	7,223	25%	1.3	1.7	1.5	21	19
Algeria	3,133	3,195	6,328	2%	1.3	1.3	1.3	22	20
India	2,867	2,874	5,741	0%	1.2	1.2	1.2	23	21
Côte d'Ivoire	3,673	1,906	5,579	-48%	1.5	0.8	1.2	19	26
Mali	3,415	1,104	4,519	-68%	1.4	0.5	0.9	20	35
Ghana	2,584	1,688	4,272	-35%	1.1	0.7	0.9	24	29
Azerbaijan	1,691	2,319	4,010	37%	0.7	1.0	0.8	27	22
Viet Nam	1,758	2,218	3,976	26%	0.7	0.9	0.8	26	23
Sudan	2,068	1,891	3,959	-9%	0.9	0.8	0.8	25	27
Mongolia	1,517	1,977	3,494	30%	0.6	0.8	0.7	30	24
Stateless	1,652	1,772	3,424	7%	0.7	0.7	0.7	28	28
Albania	1,255	1,966	3,221	57%	0.5	0.8	0.7	34	25
Cameroon	1,620	1,372	2,992	-15%	0.7	0.6	0.6	29	32
Mauritania	966	1,552	2,518	61%	0.4	0.6	0.5	37	30
Ethiopia	1,277	1,134	2,411	-11%	0.5	0.5	0.5	33	34
Haiti	940	1,463	2,403	56%	0.4	0.6	0.5	40	31
Gambia	1,095	1,275	2,370	16%	0.5	0.5	0.5	36	33
Lebanon	1,346	985	2,331	-27%	0.6	0.4	0.5	32	39
Congo	1,227	1,060	2,287	-14%	0.5	0.4	0.5	35	38
Republic of Moldova	955	1,086	2,041	14%	0.4	0.4	0.4	38	36
Morocco	954	1,082	2,036	13%	0.4	0.4	0.4	39	37
Togo	1,379	543	1,922	-61%	0.6	0.2	0.4	31	40
Other	27,377	26,325	53,702	-4%	11.5	10.8	11.2		
Total	238,116	242,918	481,034	2%	100.0	100.0	100.0		

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

Covering the 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark**	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Iraq	-	193	490	1,070	-	350	310	-	170	27	543	*	1,253	627	6,697
Somalia	-	15	411	163	-	14	441	*	*	*	58	-	1,176	92	166
Russian Federation	-	21	3,435	1,615	-	7	280	8	27	80	183	*	208	3,579	768
Afghanistan	-	52	1,382	879	-	55	408	*	33	28	418	-	249	263	650
China	-	1,226	236	189	-	10	1,476	-	91	32	19	-	6	821	285
Serbia***	5	*	1,702	1,050	82	*	41	62	-	27	118	-	159	3,129	1,511
Nigeria	-	25	535	59	-	18	765	*	100	42	29	*	76	459	500
Pakistan	-	220	106	150	*	*	368	16	221	13	14	-	8	325	309
Eritrea	-	6	19	35	-	-	178	-	-	-	15	-	*	120	247
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,413	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	158	250	614	-	19	284	7	213	*	196	-	143	147	804
Sri Lanka	*	417	14	148	-	17	1,000	8	408	6	53	-	36	2,304	459
Turkey	-	36	417	284	*	7	230	10	72	251	39	*	65	2,196	1,320
Haiti	-	-	-	*	-	-	4,247	-	-	-	*	-	-	925	*
Bangladesh	-	131	52	79	-	*	96	-	178	-	14	-	9	1,242	41
Zimbabwe	-	214	12	8	-	-	348	-	*	-	5	-	*	15	69
Georgia	-	*	511	222	-	*	92	-	122	39	25	*	13	376	233
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	8	65	579	-	*	437	-	5	11	9	-	31	2,485	166
Colombia	-	23	-	*	-	-	3,069	-	-	-	-	-	-	116	8
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	16	140	281	-	20	76	-	963	63	105	-	24	32	744

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

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	TYR Macedonia	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States****
Iraq	66	*	*	133	12	45	-	61	6,083	1,321	*	6,904	2,030	841
Somalia	*	*	-	8	*	-	-	195	3,361	1,988	*	647	1,575	315
Russian Federation	6,647	-	*	11	-	107	*	63	933	166	-	-	70	700
Afghanistan	*	*	-	5	-	75	10	50	784	382	6	2,642	3,730	73
China	20	*	30	53	-	44	*	6	75	208	-	27	1,490	10,029
Serbia***	*	*	-	25	-	16	69	*	1,989	991	34	-	80	99
Nigeria	19	8	27	7	*	*	7	801	176	964	*	7	970	161
Pakistan	15	-	47	252	-	95	*	52	59	44	-	9	2,010	470
Eritrea	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	43	857	2,827	-	76	2,345	430
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	*	-	-	-	2,751
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	*	7	8	-	5	11	64	799	338	*	2,116	2,585	331
Sri Lanka	17	27	71	7	-	13	*	61	35	1,194	-	42	1,840	373
Turkey	17	-	-	79	-	7	72	26	254	461	*	-	225	90
Haiti	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	*	*	-	-	-	1,934
Bangladesh	*	-	30	172	-	42	-	38	93	31	-	*	500	174
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	15	15	47	-	-	4,330	265
Georgia	54	5	-	43	17	112	*	62	211	389	-	-	85	84
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	17	11	*	-	*	*	103	60	226	-	72	380	93
Colombia	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	753	10	43	-	-	25	804
Syrian Arab Rep.	8	-	-	11	5	8	-	97	551	357	-	22	180	68

** Asylum claims in Denmark exclude Iraqi interpreters who worked for the Danish Forces in Iraq.

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

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

Table 7. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, 2009

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

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

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark**	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Afghanistan	-	940	2,233	1,659	-	58	410	25	49	*	915	9	445	688	3,302
Iraq	-	288	399	1,386	*	307	244	*	189	11	297	*	1,183	588	6,349
Somalia	-	19	347	216	-	12	474	-	-	*	159	-	1,169	278	340
Russian Federation	-	7	3,560	1,605	*	12	297	*	25	57	285	5	599	3,383	925
China	*	1,186	397	329	-	5	1,484	-	88	17	17	-	6	1,602	357
Serbia***	*	*	2,036	2,053	34	*	99	31	*	29	237	-	336	5,236	1,910
Nigeria	-	37	838	101	*	15	768	*	97	41	52	*	130	685	708
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	303	339	732	-	50	305	10	171	5	306	-	159	194	1,154
Pakistan	-	256	183	233	-	8	397	13	212	*	48	-	11	633	462
Georgia	-	*	976	327	*	16	66	*	73	33	11	6	22	471	544
Eritrea	-	12	21	69	-	-	174	*	-	*	35	-	12	420	331
Mexico	-	-	-	*	-	-	7,561	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	*
Sri Lanka	-	553	24	216	-	13	825	-	248	9	57	*	100	3,097	523
Zimbabwe	-	344	12	*	-	-	211	-	*	*	9	-	*	22	75
Turkey	-	60	554	260	*	23	231	6	76	66	28	-	140	2,045	1,355
Armenia	-	-	439	1,099	-	39	18	*	14	19	16	*	11	3,114	241
Bangladesh	-	68	95	75	-	*	112	*	165	6	14	-	13	1,441	47
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	60	667	-	-	326	-	8	18	22	*	56	2,784	143
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	12	274	347	*	30	89	-	224	46	327	5	36	61	798
Guinea	-	*	57	1,052	-	*	101	-	13	9	8	-	20	1,665	231

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan****	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Afghanistan	1,510	1,194	*	68	506	5	18	*	8	13	-	-	1,281	*	3,871
Iraq	886	57	*	76	311	-	*	-	10	65	*	-	1,991	26	1,214
Somalia	140	75	*	84	1,415	-	-	118	-	8	1,445	-	5,889	*	1,901
Russian Federation	97	27	-	33	21	-	*	19	46	27	*	*	151	*	867
China	354	45	-	194	44	18	-	*	-	-	-	-	304	20	71
Serbia***	18	2,322	-	35	425	-	-	8	-	149	-	8	75	-	406
Nigeria	780	66	*	569	3,786	17	-	*	*	6	280	-	151	*	582
Islamic Rep. of Iran	303	87	7	38	160	40	*	*	*	24	-	-	502	24	574
Pakistan	3,716	41	-	258	1,187	91	-	*	8	*	-	-	42	18	139
Georgia	2,170	116	-	88	82	-	*	-	74	*	-	-	412	-	47
Eritrea	47	-	*	47	824	-	*	110	-	10	273	-	475	-	2,667
Mexico	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	*	*	*
Sri Lanka	122	28	*	16	146	233	-	-	17	-	-	-	193	30	212
Zimbabwe	*	-	-	91	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	9	36
Turkey	71	114	*	*	457	94	*	*	*	*	*	-	69	*	82
Armenia	73	12	-	10	9	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	349	-	30
Bangladesh	1,809	26	-	29	1,233	51	*	-	-	*	23	-	14	7	20
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	11	7	*	101	37	18	*	-	-	*	*	-	33	*	107
Syrian Arab Rep.	965	19	*	*	87	-	*	5	6	*	14	-	101	8	278
Guinea	117	*	-	15	213	5	-	-	-	6	21	-	235	-	75

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	TiYR Macedonia	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States****
Afghanistan	14	-	8	87	218	51	11	43	1,694	719	71	1,009	3,535	129
Iraq	21	-	*	71	*	13	*	36	2,297	801	*	3,763	990	450
Somalia	*	-	-	*	*	13	-	104	5,874	727	-	295	1,080	365
Russian Federation	5,726	*	5	7	*	72	5	55	1,058	408	-	5	100	862
China	16	-	19	61	-	39	*	11	105	327	-	12	1,415	11,551
Serbia***	*	0	-	19	-	19	39	*	1,806	1,020	5	-	40	193
Nigeria	23	9	16	12	*	9	9	459	321	1,725	*	20	820	163
Islamic Rep. of Iran	5	*	11	16	13	10	9	45	1,144	223	-	1,981	2,125	398
Pakistan	19	*	95	92	*	168	6	57	137	90	-	36	2,035	484
Georgia	4,182	*	-	26	*	98	-	36	359	536	-	-	95	113
Eritrea	-	21	-	-	-	-	*	33	1,000	1,625	-	66	1,405	480
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	*	*	-	-	5	2,364
Sri Lanka	11	8	26	6	17	18	6	36	58	1,363	-	29	1,430	308
Zimbabwe	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	20	9	18	-	-	7,420	197
Turkey	11	-	-	82	-	5	12	14	272	475	-	-	205	123
Armenia	147	-	-	-	-	21	-	17	213	73	-	*	5	245
Bangladesh	13	-	41	40	-	15	-	9	98	41	-	21	490	163
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	5	7	23	-	*	-	113	79	166	-	41	235	100
Syrian Arab Rep.	7	-	-	13	-	11	-	30	587	370	-	46	175	50
Guinea	5	18	*	6	*	-	*	130	57	266	-	29	130	469

** Refers to January to November only (December data not available).

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

**** UNHCR estimate.

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

Table 8. Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2008-2009

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Asylum country	2008				2009				Quarterly change 2009		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3
Albania	5	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	..	100%	-100%
Australia	942	1,027	1,488	1,293	1,258	1,244	1,867	1,805	-1%	50%	-3%
Austria	2,813	2,537	3,547	3,912	3,772	3,715	4,100	4,240	-2%	10%	3%
Belgium	2,941	2,777	3,158	3,376	3,567	3,611	4,266	5,742	1%	18%	35%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	52	16	6	26	27	14	3	3	-48%	-79%	0%
Bulgaria	236	181	173	156	228	183	182	260	-20%	-1%	43%
Canada	8,411	8,424	10,285	9,775	9,256	9,467	7,648	6,880	2%	-19%	-10%
Croatia	38	30	31	56	28	29	55	35	4%	90%	-36%
Cyprus	1,117	896	981	928	891	716	690	898	-20%	-4%	30%
Czech Rep.	582	349	349	410	376	339	276	267	-10%	-19%	-3%
Denmark *	533	448	592	787	938	747	942	808	-20%	26%	-14%
Estonia	3	3	1	7	8	2	16	14	-75%	700%	-13%
Finland	395	636	1,227	1,758	1,518	1,265	1,609	1,519	-17%	27%	-6%
France	7,849	8,175	8,772	10,368	10,315	9,786	10,184	11,696	-5%	4%	15%
Germany	5,760	4,965	5,417	5,229	6,273	5,706	7,596	7,261	-9%	33%	-4%
Greece	4,916	5,249	4,863	4,856	4,718	5,059	3,166	2,985	7%	-37%	-6%
Hungary	701	517	794	1,106	1,262	1,007	1,387	1,016	-20%	38%	-27%
Iceland	15	19	28	16	4	8	15	8	100%	88%	-47%
Ireland	924	929	1,032	980	794	714	641	540	-10%	-10%	-16%
Italy	4,966	6,115	10,166	9,917	4,793	5,181	2,777	2,693	8%	-46%	-3%
Japan **	309	365	426	499	426	329	364	265	-23%	11%	-27%
Latvia	4	5	11	31	2	3	19	28	50%	533%	47%
Liechtenstein	10	6	6	4	18	12	95	169	-33%	692%	78%
Lithuania	33	33	56	94	40	35	76	60	-13%	117%	-21%
Luxembourg	99	99	165	100	94	101	154	156	7%	52%	1%
Malta	478	623	894	612	671	531	500	687	-21%	-6%	37%
Montenegro	3	2	2	-	6	8	2	5	33%	-75%	150%
Netherlands	2,656	3,109	4,004	3,630	3,623	3,471	3,531	4,280	-4%	2%	21%
New Zealand	71	63	57	63	65	61	115	95	-6%	89%	-17%
Norway	2,478	2,915	4,682	4,356	3,828	4,333	5,231	3,834	13%	21%	-27%
Poland	1,503	1,507	2,026	2,167	1,162	2,303	4,635	2,492	98%	101%	-46%
Portugal	31	62	35	33	43	43	24	29	0%	-44%	21%
Republic of Korea	102	70	86	106	71	97	77	79	37%	-21%	3%
Romania	189	169	333	392	239	201	228	166	-16%	13%	-27%
Serbia	25	7	32	13	29	80	82	84	176%	3%	2%
Slovakia	172	247	241	250	167	179	259	217	7%	45%	-16%
Slovenia	42	72	46	78	61	26	49	45	-57%	88%	-8%
Spain	1,150	1,211	990	1,127	898	736	680	685	-18%	-8%	1%
Sweden	7,049	5,221	5,978	6,105	5,332	5,025	6,645	7,192	-6%	32%	8%
Switzerland	2,786	3,159	4,406	6,255	4,564	3,102	3,379	3,447	-32%	9%	2%
TYR Macedonia	7	6	35	6	6	57	13	10	850%	-77%	-23%
Turkey	2,210	2,629	4,000	4,142	2,463	1,820	1,903	1,648	-26%	5%	-13%
United Kingdom	7,705	6,840	7,985	8,015	10,285	7,380	6,275	5,895	-28%	-15%	-6%
United States	12,413	13,152	12,332	11,118	11,187	12,663	12,735	12,438	13%	1%	-2%
EU-"Old" (15)	49,787	48,373	57,931	60,193	56,963	52,540	52,590	55,721	-8%	0%	6%
EU-"New" (12)	5,060	4,602	5,905	6,231	5,107	5,525	8,317	6,150	8%	51%	-26%
EU-Total (27)	54,847	52,975	63,836	66,424	62,070	58,065	60,907	61,871	-6%	5%	2%
Nordic countries (5)	10,470	9,239	12,507	13,022	11,620	11,378	14,442	13,361	-2%	27%	-7%
Western Europe (19)	55,076	54,472	67,053	70,824	65,377	59,995	61,310	63,179	-8%	2%	3%
Southern Europe (8)	12,663	14,158	17,929	17,473	12,014	12,267	7,839	7,977	2%	-36%	2%
Total Europe (38)	62,476	61,766	77,064	81,298	73,043	67,529	71,687	71,114	-8%	6%	-1%
Canada/USA	20,824	21,576	22,617	20,893	20,443	22,130	20,383	19,318	8%	-8%	-5%
Australia/New Zealand	1,013	1,090	1,545	1,356	1,323	1,305	1,982	1,900	-1%	52%	-4%
Total non-Europe (6)	22,248	23,101	24,674	22,854	22,263	23,861	22,806	21,562	7%	-4%	-5%
Total (44)	84,724	84,867	101,738	104,152	95,306	91,390	94,493	92,676	-4%	3%	-2%

* Denmark: Figure for December 2009 extrapolated based on figures from January to November.

** Japan: UNHCR estimate.

Table 9. Origin of asylum applicants in 44 industrialized countries by quarter, 2008

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Iraq	10,657	8,840	10,507	10,362	40,366	-17%	19%	-1%	13.0	10.8	10.6	10.2
Somalia	3,514	4,288	6,712	7,306	21,820	22%	57%	9%	4.3	5.2	6.8	7.2
Russian Federation	5,180	4,236	5,390	5,637	20,443	-18%	27%	5%	6.3	5.2	5.5	5.5
Afghanistan	3,274	3,358	5,724	6,097	18,453	3%	70%	7%	4.0	4.1	5.8	6.0
China	4,104	4,555	4,370	4,372	17,401	11%	-4%	0%	5.0	5.6	4.4	4.3
Serbia*	3,348	2,909	3,902	4,735	14,894	-13%	34%	21%	4.1	3.6	3.9	4.7
Nigeria	2,471	2,761	4,014	4,442	13,688	12%	45%	11%	3.0	3.4	4.1	4.4
Pakistan	3,232	3,202	3,358	3,470	13,262	-1%	5%	3%	4.0	3.9	3.4	3.4
Eritrea	2,193	1,953	3,647	4,501	12,294	-11%	87%	23%	2.7	2.4	3.7	4.4
Mexico	2,517	2,700	3,559	3,405	12,181	7%	32%	-4%	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.3
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,409	2,206	2,970	3,180	10,765	-8%	35%	7%	2.9	2.7	3.0	3.1
Sri Lanka	2,355	2,333	2,277	2,647	9,612	-1%	-2%	16%	2.9	2.8	2.3	2.6
Turkey	2,052	1,686	1,643	1,987	7,368	-18%	-3%	21%	2.5	2.1	1.7	2.0
Haiti	1,787	1,895	1,918	1,522	7,122	6%	1%	-21%	2.2	2.3	1.9	1.5
Bangladesh	1,297	1,483	1,411	1,989	6,180	14%	-5%	41%	1.6	1.8	1.4	2.0
Zimbabwe	1,172	1,167	1,778	1,429	5,546	0%	52%	-20%	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.4
Georgia	931	1,233	1,565	1,725	5,454	32%	27%	10%	1.1	1.5	1.6	1.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,315	1,273	1,291	1,312	5,191	-3%	1%	2%	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.3
Colombia	1,308	1,312	1,162	1,212	4,994	0%	-11%	4%	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.2
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,167	1,284	1,312	1,061	4,824	10%	2%	-19%	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.0
India	1,040	1,204	1,401	1,137	4,782	16%	16%	-19%	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.1
Armenia	963	1,030	1,194	1,174	4,361	7%	16%	-2%	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2
Côte d'Ivoire	1,061	1,034	1,029	1,024	4,148	-3%	0%	0%	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.0
Guinea	899	894	1,071	1,129	3,993	-1%	20%	5%	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Mali	635	1,173	1,195	664	3,667	85%	2%	-44%	0.8	1.4	1.2	0.7
Algeria	770	688	1,044	1,046	3,548	-11%	52%	0%	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.0
Ethiopia	762	750	929	972	3,413	-2%	24%	5%	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0
El Salvador	796	948	788	782	3,314	19%	-17%	-1%	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.8
Ghana	394	515	1,043	868	2,820	31%	103%	-17%	0.5	0.6	1.1	0.9
Stateless	625	597	861	710	2,793	-4%	44%	-18%	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.7
Sudan	548	572	738	794	2,652	4%	29%	8%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
Cameroon	591	690	667	636	2,584	17%	-3%	-5%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6
United States	576	605	702	484	2,367	5%	16%	-31%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5
Guatemala	521	565	595	508	2,189	8%	5%	-15%	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5
Myanmar	439	460	546	547	1,992	5%	19%	0%	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5
Viet Nam	522	460	521	479	1,982	-12%	13%	-8%	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
Albania	447	450	494	532	1,923	1%	10%	8%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Mongolia	483	377	456	553	1,869	-22%	21%	21%	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Azerbaijan	458	375	459	536	1,828	-18%	22%	17%	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Lebanon	609	407	334	436	1,786	-33%	-18%	31%	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.4
Other	12,374	13,420	14,210	14,389	54,393	8%	6%	1%	15.1	16.4	14.4	14.1
Total	81,796	81,888	98,787	101,791	364,262	0%	21%	3%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

Table 10. Origin of asylum applicants in 44 industrialized countries by quarter, 2009

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Afghanistan	6,025	6,059	7,342	7,377	26,803	1%	21%	0%	6.5	6.8	8.0	8.2
Iraq	7,814	5,521	5,702	5,304	24,341	-29%	3%	-7%	8.4	6.2	6.2	5.9
Somalia	5,263	5,823	5,771	5,701	22,558	11%	-1%	-1%	5.7	6.6	6.3	6.3
Russian Federation	4,303	4,307	5,567	6,190	20,367	0%	29%	11%	4.6	4.9	6.1	6.9
China	4,297	5,042	5,431	5,330	20,100	17%	8%	-2%	4.6	5.7	5.9	5.9
Serbia*	4,846	4,457	4,502	4,792	18,597	-8%	1%	6%	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.3
Nigeria	3,799	3,903	2,831	2,777	13,310	3%	-27%	-2%	4.1	4.4	3.1	3.1
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,565	2,072	3,456	3,386	11,479	-19%	67%	-2%	2.8	2.3	3.8	3.8
Pakistan	3,046	3,154	2,567	2,417	11,184	4%	-19%	-6%	3.3	3.6	2.8	2.7
Georgia	1,402	2,423	4,686	2,483	10,994	73%	93%	-47%	1.5	2.7	5.1	2.8
Eritrea	2,505	1,944	2,786	2,929	10,164	-22%	43%	5%	2.7	2.2	3.0	3.3
Mexico	3,256	3,399	2,136	1,196	9,987	4%	-37%	-44%	3.5	3.8	2.3	1.3
Sri Lanka	2,930	2,422	2,196	2,431	9,979	-17%	-9%	11%	3.1	2.7	2.4	2.7
Zimbabwe	4,251	2,326	980	970	8,527	-45%	-58%	-1%	4.6	2.6	1.1	1.1
Turkey	1,796	1,560	1,688	1,899	6,943	-13%	8%	13%	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.1
Armenia	1,475	1,198	1,433	2,120	6,226	-19%	20%	48%	1.6	1.3	1.6	2.4
Bangladesh	2,070	1,766	1,191	1,162	6,189	-15%	-33%	-2%	2.2	2.0	1.3	1.3
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,362	1,165	1,364	1,298	5,189	-14%	17%	-5%	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.4
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,180	1,378	1,183	1,288	5,029	17%	-14%	9%	1.3	1.6	1.3	1.4
Guinea	1,202	1,124	1,085	1,558	4,969	-6%	-3%	44%	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.7
Haiti	1,272	1,300	1,130	918	4,620	2%	-13%	-19%	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.0
India	1,097	1,113	1,256	1,104	4,570	1%	13%	-12%	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.2
Algeria	935	873	976	987	3,771	-7%	12%	1%	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
Colombia	928	846	903	840	3,517	-9%	7%	-7%	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
Ethiopia	815	858	929	913	3,515	5%	8%	-2%	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
Stateless	726	751	953	834	3,264	3%	27%	-12%	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.9
El Salvador	788	724	736	687	2,935	-8%	2%	-7%	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Hungary	216	678	693	1,172	2,759	214%	2%	69%	0.2	0.8	0.8	1.3
Sudan	605	583	667	665	2,520	-4%	14%	0%	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Azerbaijan	530	454	723	770	2,477	-14%	59%	7%	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.9
Mongolia	830	573	537	531	2,471	-31%	-6%	-1%	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.6
Albania	538	581	651	681	2,451	8%	12%	5%	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8
Viet Nam	648	648	613	511	2,420	0%	-5%	-17%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Côte d'Ivoire	702	730	506	435	2,373	4%	-31%	-14%	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5
Czech Rep.	674	1,157	230	64	2,125	72%	-80%	-72%	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.1
Guatemala	489	489	548	569	2,095	0%	12%	4%	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
Cameroon	530	512	464	581	2,087	-3%	-9%	25%	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6
Ghana	521	528	552	378	1,979	1%	5%	-32%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4
Mauritania	468	527	393	357	1,745	13%	-25%	-9%	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.4
Nepal	412	429	468	399	1,708	4%	9%	-15%	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
Other	13,980	13,382	13,956	14,008	55,326	-4%	4%	0%	15.0	15.1	15.2	15.6
Total	93,091	88,779	91,781	90,012	363,663	-5%	3%	-2%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

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

Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Iraq	10,327	8,491	10,135	10,030	38,983	-18%	19%	-1%	16.6	13.8	13.2	12.4
Somalia	3,335	4,110	6,486	7,114	21,045	23%	58%	10%	5.4	6.7	8.5	8.8
Russian Federation	4,958	3,914	5,154	5,414	19,440	-21%	32%	5%	8.0	6.4	6.7	6.7
Afghanistan	3,171	3,238	5,563	5,942	17,914	2%	72%	7%	5.1	5.3	7.3	7.3
Serbia*	3,227	2,806	3,818	4,649	14,500	-13%	36%	22%	5.2	4.6	5.0	5.7
Nigeria	2,212	2,559	3,744	4,184	12,699	16%	46%	12%	3.6	4.2	4.9	5.2
Pakistan	2,957	2,943	3,038	3,179	12,117	0%	3%	5%	4.8	4.8	4.0	3.9
Eritrea	2,051	1,817	3,489	4,321	11,678	-11%	92%	24%	3.3	3.0	4.5	5.3
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,184	2,044	2,730	2,961	9,919	-6%	34%	8%	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.7
Sri Lanka	1,867	1,887	1,785	2,096	7,635	1%	-5%	17%	3.0	3.1	2.3	2.6
Turkey	1,908	1,579	1,517	1,851	6,855	-17%	-4%	22%	3.1	2.6	2.0	2.3
Bangladesh	1,191	1,362	1,268	1,886	5,707	14%	-7%	49%	1.9	2.2	1.7	2.3
Georgia	909	1,197	1,501	1,670	5,277	32%	25%	11%	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.1
Zimbabwe	967	987	1,505	1,251	4,710	2%	52%	-17%	1.6	1.6	2.0	1.5
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,130	1,253	1,269	1,010	4,662	11%	1%	-20%	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.2
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,155	1,152	1,141	1,177	4,625	0%	-1%	3%	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.5
China	993	1,304	1,054	1,247	4,598	31%	-19%	18%	1.6	2.1	1.4	1.5
Armenia	888	956	1,098	1,092	4,034	8%	15%	-1%	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.3
Côte d'Ivoire	988	965	968	944	3,865	-2%	0%	-2%	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.2
Guinea	755	784	934	1,001	3,474	4%	19%	7%	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2
Mali	570	1,130	1,131	612	3,443	98%	0%	-46%	0.9	1.8	1.5	0.8
Algeria	740	671	1,005	1,013	3,429	-9%	50%	1%	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.3
India	659	761	869	680	2,969	15%	14%	-22%	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.8
Ghana	343	483	1,007	838	2,671	41%	108%	-17%	0.6	0.8	1.3	1.0
Stateless	581	551	812	662	2,606	-5%	47%	-18%	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.8
Sudan	486	509	682	753	2,430	5%	34%	10%	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9
Ethiopia	399	353	531	525	1,808	-12%	50%	-1%	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6
Viet Nam	476	410	459	450	1,795	-14%	12%	-2%	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6
Azerbaijan	446	357	440	518	1,761	-20%	23%	18%	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Cameroon	402	473	439	427	1,741	18%	-7%	-3%	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5
Mongolia	434	334	399	506	1,673	-23%	19%	27%	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6
Togo	324	345	450	364	1,483	6%	30%	-19%	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4
Lebanon	512	319	251	346	1,428	-38%	-21%	38%	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.4
Albania	242	322	386	397	1,347	33%	20%	3%	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Gambia	288	303	345	398	1,334	5%	14%	15%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
Congo	305	296	299	355	1,255	-3%	1%	19%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Uzbekistan	226	289	341	322	1,178	28%	18%	-6%	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Comoros	60	217	379	435	1,091	262%	75%	15%	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.5
Colombia	352	325	179	233	1,089	-8%	-45%	30%	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.3
Angola	308	328	218	227	1,081	6%	-34%	4%	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3
Other	6,794	7,316	7,894	7,857	29,861	8%	8%	0%	10.9	11.9	10.3	9.7
Total	62,120	61,440	76,713	80,937	281,210	-1%	25%	6%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

Table 12. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe by quarter, 2009

Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Afghanistan	5,798	5,805	6,815	6,892	25,310	0%	17%	1%	7.9	8.6	9.5	9.7
Iraq	7,581	5,286	5,398	5,067	23,332	-30%	2%	-6%	10.4	7.8	7.5	7.1
Somalia	5,051	5,614	5,543	5,489	21,697	11%	-1%	-1%	6.9	8.3	7.7	7.7
Russian Federation	4,081	3,922	5,299	5,892	19,194	-4%	35%	11%	5.6	5.8	7.4	8.3
Serbia*	4,780	4,387	4,410	4,727	18,304	-8%	1%	7%	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.6
Nigeria	3,518	3,713	2,579	2,497	12,307	6%	-31%	-3%	4.8	5.5	3.6	3.5
Georgia	1,345	2,377	4,657	2,433	10,812	77%	96%	-48%	1.8	3.5	6.5	3.4
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,333	1,872	3,155	3,038	10,398	-20%	69%	-4%	3.2	2.8	4.4	4.3
Pakistan	2,724	2,841	2,191	2,087	9,843	4%	-23%	-5%	3.7	4.2	3.1	2.9
Eritrea	2,305	1,781	2,612	2,800	9,498	-23%	47%	7%	3.2	2.6	3.6	3.9
Sri Lanka	2,394	1,974	1,745	1,891	8,004	-18%	-12%	8%	3.3	2.9	2.4	2.7
Zimbabwe	3,985	2,123	824	834	7,766	-47%	-61%	1%	5.5	3.1	1.1	1.2
Turkey	1,668	1,437	1,575	1,754	6,434	-14%	10%	11%	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.5
Armenia	1,402	1,132	1,371	2,058	5,963	-19%	21%	50%	1.9	1.7	1.9	2.9
China	1,238	1,511	1,572	1,501	5,822	22%	4%	-5%	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.1
Bangladesh	1,977	1,665	1,059	1,046	5,747	-16%	-36%	-1%	2.7	2.5	1.5	1.5
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,153	1,331	1,145	1,241	4,870	15%	-14%	8%	1.6	2.0	1.6	1.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,246	1,050	1,246	1,192	4,734	-16%	19%	-4%	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7
Guinea	1,063	994	963	1,369	4,389	-6%	-3%	42%	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.9
Algeria	901	845	933	940	3,619	-6%	10%	1%	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
Stateless	674	708	900	789	3,071	5%	27%	-12%	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.1
India	709	755	760	708	2,932	6%	1%	-7%	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
Azerbaijan	516	426	700	758	2,400	-17%	64%	8%	0.7	0.6	1.0	1.1
Sudan	557	533	623	613	2,326	-4%	17%	-2%	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9
Mongolia	782	512	472	493	2,259	-35%	-8%	4%	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.7
Viet Nam	603	612	556	475	2,246	1%	-9%	-15%	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7
Côte d'Ivoire	646	627	434	360	2,067	-3%	-31%	-17%	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.5
Albania	430	471	540	586	2,027	10%	15%	9%	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8
Ethiopia	454	481	537	530	2,002	6%	12%	-1%	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Ghana	487	485	486	336	1,794	0%	0%	-31%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5
Mauritania	444	505	379	326	1,654	14%	-25%	-14%	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5
Gambia	559	355	280	323	1,517	-36%	-21%	15%	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.5
Cameroon	375	374	323	416	1,488	0%	-14%	29%	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Haiti	277	452	413	322	1,464	63%	-9%	-22%	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	265	259	349	467	1,340	-2%	35%	34%	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7
Morocco	277	302	312	303	1,194	9%	3%	-3%	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Mali	258	382	255	249	1,144	48%	-33%	-2%	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4
Republic of Moldova	193	283	367	276	1,119	47%	30%	-25%	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4
Occupied Palest. Territ.	352	166	225	340	1,083	-53%	36%	51%	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.5
Congo	298	243	259	275	1,075	-18%	7%	6%	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Other	7,346	6,940	7,424	7,423	29,133	-6%	7%	0%	10.1	10.3	10.4	10.4
Total	73,045	67,531	71,686	71,116	283,378	-8%	6%	-1%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

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

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

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Iraq	8,264	6,194	6,723	6,422	27,603	-25%	9%	-4%	15.1	11.7	10.5	9.7
Russian Federation	4,652	3,654	4,788	5,088	18,182	-21%	31%	6%	8.5	6.9	7.5	7.7
Somalia	2,819	3,497	5,326	5,470	17,112	24%	52%	3%	5.1	6.6	8.3	8.2
Afghanistan	2,837	2,720	3,782	4,175	13,514	-4%	39%	10%	5.2	5.1	5.9	6.3
Serbia*	2,714	2,386	3,325	4,208	12,633	-12%	39%	27%	4.9	4.5	5.2	6.3
Pakistan	2,946	2,916	3,014	3,131	12,007	-1%	3%	4%	5.4	5.5	4.7	4.7
Nigeria	1,988	2,276	3,371	3,645	11,280	14%	48%	8%	3.6	4.3	5.3	5.5
Eritrea	1,350	981	2,225	2,418	6,974	-27%	127%	9%	2.5	1.9	3.5	3.6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,609	1,300	1,745	2,080	6,734	-19%	34%	19%	2.9	2.5	2.7	3.1
Turkey	1,772	1,432	1,377	1,717	6,298	-19%	-4%	25%	3.2	2.7	2.2	2.6
Sri Lanka	1,575	1,527	1,356	1,584	6,042	-3%	-11%	17%	2.9	2.9	2.1	2.4
Bangladesh	1,184	1,352	1,260	1,869	5,665	14%	-7%	48%	2.2	2.6	2.0	2.8
Georgia	840	1,131	1,358	1,517	4,846	35%	20%	12%	1.5	2.1	2.1	2.3
Zimbabwe	964	963	1,482	1,237	4,646	0%	54%	-17%	1.8	1.8	2.3	1.9
China	929	1,236	993	1,123	4,281	33%	-20%	13%	1.7	2.3	1.6	1.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,047	1,058	1,045	1,070	4,220	1%	-1%	2%	1.9	2.0	1.6	1.6
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,029	1,112	1,144	877	4,162	8%	3%	-23%	1.9	2.1	1.8	1.3
Armenia	874	948	1,080	1,058	3,960	8%	14%	-2%	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.6
Côte d'Ivoire	953	921	895	904	3,673	-3%	-3%	1%	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.4
Mali	564	1,126	1,121	604	3,415	100%	0%	-46%	1.0	2.1	1.8	0.9
Guinea	709	714	879	906	3,208	1%	23%	3%	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
Algeria	693	620	921	899	3,133	-11%	49%	-2%	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.4
India	648	736	837	646	2,867	14%	14%	-23%	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.0
Ghana	321	467	987	809	2,584	45%	111%	-18%	0.6	0.9	1.5	1.2
Sudan	440	412	579	637	2,068	-6%	41%	10%	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0
Viet Nam	466	395	457	440	1,758	-15%	16%	-4%	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Azerbaijan	438	337	418	498	1,691	-23%	24%	19%	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.7
Stateless	412	385	458	397	1,652	-7%	19%	-13%	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
Cameroon	370	446	410	394	1,620	21%	-8%	-4%	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6
Mongolia	404	297	367	449	1,517	-26%	24%	22%	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Togo	297	317	426	339	1,379	7%	34%	-20%	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5
Lebanon	491	296	234	325	1,346	-40%	-21%	39%	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.5
Ethiopia	311	245	357	364	1,277	-21%	46%	2%	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
Albania	218	304	364	369	1,255	39%	20%	1%	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6
Congo	300	294	291	342	1,227	-2%	-1%	18%	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Gambia	258	257	281	299	1,095	0%	9%	6%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Comoros	60	217	379	435	1,091	262%	75%	15%	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.7
Colombia	325	315	177	220	1,037	-3%	-44%	24%	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.3
Uzbekistan	211	232	267	277	987	10%	15%	4%	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Senegal	217	256	252	259	984	18%	-2%	3%	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Other	6,349	6,702	7,085	6,957	27,093	6%	6%	-2%	11.6	12.7	11.1	10.5
Total	54,848	52,974	63,836	66,458	238,116	-3%	21%	4%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 14. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (27) by quarter, 2009

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

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Afghanistan	4,646	4,143	5,025	5,579	19,393	-11%	21%	11%	7.5	7.1	8.3	9.0
Somalia	4,188	4,903	4,738	4,824	18,653	17%	-3%	2%	6.7	8.4	7.8	7.8
Russian Federation	3,847	3,670	4,819	5,551	17,887	-5%	31%	15%	6.2	6.3	7.9	9.0
Iraq	5,304	3,759	4,322	4,159	17,544	-29%	15%	-4%	8.5	6.5	7.1	6.7
Serbia*	4,306	4,003	4,048	4,434	16,791	-7%	1%	10%	6.9	6.9	6.6	7.2
Georgia	1,189	2,304	4,459	2,270	10,222	94%	94%	-49%	1.9	4.0	7.3	3.7
Nigeria	2,918	3,134	2,060	1,859	9,971	7%	-34%	-10%	4.7	5.4	3.4	3.0
Pakistan	2,672	2,773	2,097	2,020	9,562	4%	-24%	-4%	4.3	4.8	3.4	3.3
Zimbabwe	3,970	2,111	813	818	7,712	-47%	-61%	1%	6.4	3.6	1.3	1.3
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,714	1,379	2,230	2,265	7,588	-20%	62%	2%	2.8	2.4	3.7	3.7
Sri Lanka	1,862	1,538	1,422	1,560	6,382	-17%	-8%	10%	3.0	2.6	2.3	2.5
Turkey	1,537	1,310	1,422	1,599	5,868	-15%	9%	12%	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.6
Armenia	1,385	1,113	1,329	2,031	5,858	-20%	19%	53%	2.2	1.9	2.2	3.3
Bangladesh	1,959	1,645	1,041	1,018	5,663	-16%	-37%	-2%	3.2	2.8	1.7	1.6
China	1,152	1,418	1,449	1,391	5,410	23%	2%	-4%	1.9	2.4	2.4	2.2
Eritrea	1,082	921	1,360	1,664	5,027	-15%	48%	22%	1.7	1.6	2.2	2.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,158	988	1,141	1,131	4,418	-15%	15%	-1%	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.8
Syrian Arab Rep.	995	1,163	960	1,049	4,167	17%	-17%	9%	1.6	2.0	1.6	1.7
Guinea	932	926	876	1,281	4,015	-1%	-5%	46%	1.5	1.6	1.4	2.1
Algeria	821	736	811	827	3,195	-10%	10%	2%	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
India	694	746	745	689	2,874	7%	0%	-8%	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.1
Azerbaijan	499	409	674	737	2,319	-18%	65%	9%	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.2
Viet Nam	596	604	552	466	2,218	1%	-9%	-16%	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8
Mongolia	665	472	418	422	1,977	-29%	-11%	1%	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.7
Albania	407	451	529	579	1,966	11%	17%	9%	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9
Côte d'Ivoire	599	582	402	323	1,906	-3%	-31%	-20%	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.5
Sudan	426	457	485	523	1,891	7%	6%	8%	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Stateless	383	392	482	515	1,772	2%	23%	7%	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8
Ghana	461	457	465	305	1,688	-1%	2%	-34%	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.5
Mauritania	416	474	351	311	1,552	14%	-26%	-11%	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5
Haiti	277	452	413	321	1,463	63%	-9%	-22%	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.5
Cameroon	348	341	298	385	1,372	-2%	-13%	29%	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6
Gambia	450	304	231	290	1,275	-32%	-24%	26%	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.5
Ethiopia	285	286	273	290	1,134	0%	-5%	6%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
Mali	245	371	244	244	1,104	51%	-34%	0%	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4
Republic of Moldova	190	278	354	264	1,086	46%	27%	-25%	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.4
Morocco	255	281	277	269	1,082	10%	-1%	-3%	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	245	222	217	388	1,072	-9%	-2%	79%	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6
Congo	295	241	252	272	1,060	-18%	5%	8%	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Occupied Palest. Territ.	296	160	218	335	1,009	-46%	36%	54%	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5
Other	6,403	6,150	6,604	6,615	25,772	-4%	7%	0%	10.3	10.6	10.8	10.7
Total	62,072	58,067	60,906	61,873	242,918	-6%	5%	2%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Mexico	2,513	2,696	3,557	3,398	12,164	7%	32%	-4%	13.8	14.2	17.8	18.0
China	2,828	2,956	2,933	2,788	11,505	5%	-1%	-5%	15.5	15.6	14.7	14.8
Haiti	1,584	1,689	1,684	1,224	6,181	7%	0%	-27%	8.7	8.9	8.4	6.5
Colombia	951	980	972	970	3,873	3%	-1%	0%	5.2	5.2	4.9	5.1
El Salvador	779	923	773	769	3,244	18%	-16%	-1%	4.3	4.9	3.9	4.1
United States*	563	593	691	462	2,309	5%	17%	-33%	3.1	3.1	3.5	2.4
Guatemala	513	561	583	506	2,163	9%	4%	-13%	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.7
Ethiopia	342	365	381	416	1,504	7%	4%	9%	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.2
India	342	361	365	343	1,411	6%	1%	-6%	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8
Sri Lanka	356	317	344	356	1,373	-11%	9%	3%	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.9
Honduras	337	321	327	373	1,358	-5%	2%	14%	1.8	1.7	1.6	2.0
Iraq	283	298	305	265	1,151	5%	2%	-13%	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4
Nepal	179	218	242	342	981	22%	11%	41%	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.8
Russian Federation	216	318	228	218	980	47%	-28%	-4%	1.2	1.7	1.1	1.2
Nigeria	249	195	252	230	926	-22%	29%	-9%	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.2
Pakistan	221	195	203	219	838	-12%	4%	8%	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.2
Czech Rep.	171	192	164	299	826	12%	-15%	82%	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.6
Venezuela (Boliv. Republic of)	228	228	180	158	794	0%	-21%	-12%	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.8
Cameroon	183	202	212	195	792	10%	5%	-8%	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
Somalia	174	172	222	188	756	-1%	29%	-15%	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.0
Indonesia	233	197	190	122	742	-15%	-4%	-36%	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.6
Kenya	200	178	159	159	696	-11%	-11%	0%	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.8
Islamic Rep. of Iran	176	114	177	148	615	-35%	55%	-16%	1.0	0.6	0.9	0.8
Zimbabwe	148	144	203	118	613	-3%	41%	-42%	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.6
Eritrea	142	135	153	178	608	-5%	13%	16%	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9
Cuba	161	132	132	144	569	-18%	0%	9%	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.8
Albania	200	123	105	134	562	-39%	-15%	28%	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	153	111	141	125	530	-27%	27%	-11%	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.7
Guinea	142	110	136	127	515	-23%	24%	-7%	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.7
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	112	131	145	94	482	17%	11%	-35%	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5
Afghanistan	97	106	148	130	481	9%	40%	-12%	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7
Egypt	108	132	101	133	474	22%	-23%	32%	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.7
Ukraine	126	94	109	90	419	-25%	16%	-17%	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5
Jamaica	91	104	94	127	416	14%	-10%	35%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7
Serbia**	120	102	81	86	389	-15%	-21%	6%	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.5
Myanmar	96	79	96	88	359	-18%	22%	-8%	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
Peru	67	97	101	86	351	45%	4%	-15%	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Burundi	79	57	112	81	329	-28%	96%	-28%	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4
Armenia	75	74	96	82	327	-1%	30%	-15%	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Brazil	77	92	75	80	324	19%	-18%	7%	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Other	2,637	2,831	2,845	2,842	11,155	7%	0%	0%	14.4	15.0	14.2	15.0
Total	18,252	18,923	20,017	18,893	76,085	4%	6%	-6%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

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Table 16. Origin of asylum applicants in Canada and the United States of America, 2009

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
China	2,802	3,254	3,514	3,465	13,035	16%	8%	-1%	15.4	16.7	19.9	20.8
Mexico	3,249	3,388	2,113	1,175	9,925	4%	-38%	-44%	17.8	17.4	12.0	7.1
Haiti	995	848	717	596	3,156	-15%	-15%	-17%	5.5	4.3	4.1	3.6
Colombia	785	709	727	679	2,900	-10%	3%	-7%	4.3	3.6	4.1	4.1
El Salvador	765	693	713	667	2,838	-9%	3%	-6%	4.2	3.6	4.0	4.0
Hungary	184	612	619	1,122	2,537	233%	1%	81%	1.0	3.1	3.5	6.7
Guatemala	481	480	533	562	2,056	0%	11%	5%	2.6	2.5	3.0	3.4
Czech Rep.	651	1,139	199	35	2,024	75%	-83%	-82%	3.6	5.8	1.1	0.2
Ethiopia	351	369	386	367	1,473	5%	5%	-5%	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.2
India	334	299	354	354	1,341	-10%	18%	0%	1.8	1.5	2.0	2.1
Honduras	311	261	321	348	1,241	-16%	23%	8%	1.7	1.3	1.8	2.1
Russian Federation	218	378	267	296	1,159	73%	-29%	11%	1.2	1.9	1.5	1.8
United States*	354	275	295	210	1,134	-22%	7%	-29%	1.9	1.4	1.7	1.3
Sri Lanka	292	258	252	331	1,133	-12%	-2%	31%	1.6	1.3	1.4	2.0
Nepal	262	281	301	267	1,111	7%	7%	-11%	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.6
Nigeria	265	170	236	260	931	-36%	39%	10%	1.5	0.9	1.3	1.6
Pakistan	236	202	219	224	881	-14%	8%	2%	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.3
Somalia	203	203	222	211	839	0%	9%	-5%	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.3
Islamic Rep. of Iran	157	127	209	210	703	-19%	65%	0%	0.9	0.7	1.2	1.3
Iraq	173	172	183	166	694	-1%	6%	-9%	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
Eritrea	199	161	172	122	654	-19%	7%	-29%	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.7
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	144	143	160	190	637	-1%	12%	19%	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.1
Cuba	128	164	171	136	599	28%	4%	-20%	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.8
Venezuela (Boliv. Republic of)	155	142	135	157	589	-8%	-5%	16%	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9
Kenya	143	131	167	136	577	-8%	27%	-19%	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8
Guinea	138	126	119	187	570	-9%	-6%	57%	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.1
Cameroon	142	131	129	159	561	-8%	-2%	23%	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.0
Afghanistan	108	150	155	126	539	39%	3%	-19%	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8
Slovakia	59	207	71	168	505	251%	-66%	137%	0.3	1.1	0.4	1.0
Jamaica	111	88	122	137	458	-21%	39%	12%	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8
Ukraine	132	134	107	85	458	2%	-20%	-21%	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5
Egypt	128	110	83	107	428	-14%	-25%	29%	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	109	111	105	101	426	2%	-5%	-4%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Albania	106	103	104	95	408	-3%	1%	-9%	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6
Zimbabwe	149	127	68	64	408	-15%	-46%	-6%	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.4
Republic of Moldova	91	161	83	67	402	77%	-48%	-19%	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.4
Saint Lucia	99	83	87	94	363	-16%	5%	8%	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6
Indonesia	108	75	96	79	358	-31%	28%	-18%	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5
Turkey	73	85	81	115	354	16%	-5%	42%	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7
Peru	68	65	88	84	305	-4%	35%	-5%	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5
Other	5,570	6,156	6,503	6,163	24,392	11%	6%	-5%	30.6	31.5	36.8	37.0
Total	18,226	19,517	17,672	16,652	72,067	7%	-9%	-6%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

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

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

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

Table 18. Origin of asylum applicants in Australia and New Zealand, 2009

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

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
China	244	269	337	356	1,206	10%	25%	6%	18.4	20.6	17.0	18.7
Afghanistan	117	100	372	352	941	-15%	272%	-5%	8.8	7.7	18.8	18.5
Sri Lanka	158	112	143	170	583	-29%	28%	19%	11.9	8.6	7.2	8.9
Zimbabwe	117	76	88	72	353	-35%	16%	-18%	8.8	5.8	4.4	3.8
Islamic Rep. of Iran	67	56	79	125	327	-16%	41%	58%	5.1	4.3	4.0	6.6
Iraq	60	62	121	71	314	3%	95%	-41%	4.5	4.8	6.1	3.7
Fiji	44	39	80	135	298	-11%	105%	69%	3.3	3.0	4.0	7.1
Pakistan	48	55	104	67	274	15%	89%	-36%	3.6	4.2	5.2	3.5
India	48	46	110	33	237	-4%	139%	-70%	3.6	3.5	5.5	1.7
Malaysia	49	58	58	71	236	18%	0%	22%	3.7	4.4	2.9	3.7
Indonesia	48	53	54	36	191	10%	2%	-33%	3.6	4.1	2.7	1.9
Egypt	18	33	60	27	138	83%	82%	-55%	1.4	2.5	3.0	1.4
Lebanon	31	21	35	27	114	-32%	67%	-23%	2.3	1.6	1.8	1.4
Rep. of Korea	22	38	19	17	96	73%	-50%	-11%	1.7	2.9	1.0	0.9
Myanmar	23	17	20	17	77	-26%	18%	-15%	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.9
Bangladesh	12	23	23	17	75	92%	0%	-26%	0.9	1.8	1.2	0.9
Stateless	9	8	25	23	65	-11%	213%	-8%	0.7	0.6	1.3	1.2
Turkey	13	20	12	16	61	54%	-40%	33%	1.0	1.5	0.6	0.8
Nepal	5	13	10	17	45	160%	-23%	70%	0.4	1.0	0.5	0.9
South Africa	9	10	*	21	43	11%	-70%	600%	0.7	0.8	0.2	1.1
Other	181	196	229	230	836	8%	17%	0%	13.7	15.0	11.6	12.1
Total	1,323	1,305	1,982	1,900	6,510	-1%	52%	-4%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

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

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Myanmar	190	220	293	309	1,012	16%	33%	5%	46.2	50.6	57.2	51.1
Sri Lanka	29	31	37	64	161	7%	19%	73%	7.1	7.1	7.2	10.6
Turkey	38	35	44	39	156	-8%	26%	-11%	9.2	8.0	8.6	6.4
Pakistan	13	6	32	33	84	-54%	433%	3%	3.2	1.4	6.3	5.5
Bangladesh	9	28	7	19	63	211%	-75%	171%	2.2	6.4	1.4	3.1
Ethiopia	16	21	6	14	57	31%	-71%	133%	3.9	4.8	1.2	2.3
China	12	8	12	16	48	-33%	50%	33%	2.9	1.8	2.3	2.6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	15	7	14	9	45	-53%	100%	-36%	3.6	1.6	2.7	1.5
Nigeria	7	5	9	16	37	-29%	80%	78%	1.7	1.1	1.8	2.6
Uganda	7	6	6	18	37	-14%	0%	200%	1.7	1.4	1.2	3.0
Cameroon	6	10	5	13	34	67%	-50%	160%	1.5	2.3	1.0	2.1
Ghana	24	*	*	5	33	-88%	-67%	400%	5.8	0.7	0.2	0.8
Nepal	10	10	8	*	32	0%	-20%	-50%	2.4	2.3	1.6	0.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5	9	*	7	25	80%	-56%	75%	1.2	2.1	0.8	1.2
Liberia	8	5	6	5	24	-38%	20%	-17%	1.9	1.1	1.2	0.8
India	*	*	6	8	17	100%	200%	33%	0.2	0.5	1.2	1.3
Peru	-	*	*	5	8	..	100%	150%	-	0.2	0.4	0.8
Colombia	*	*	*	*	7	-33%	-50%	0%	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.2
Côte d'Ivoire	*	*	*	*	6	0%	-50%	0%	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2
Iraq	*	*	*	*	6	100%	0%	-50%	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2
Other	15	22	16	18	71	47%	-27%	13%	3.6	5.1	3.1	3.0
Total	411	435	512	605	1,963	6%	18%	18%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 20. Origin of asylum applicants in Japan and the Republic of Korea, 2009

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

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Myanmar	208	138	138	118	602	-34%	0%	-14%	41.9	32.4	31.3	34.3
Sri Lanka	86	78	56	39	259	-9%	-28%	-30%	17.3	18.3	12.7	11.3
Pakistan	38	56	53	39	186	47%	-5%	-26%	7.6	13.1	12.0	11.3
Turkey	42	18	20	14	94	-57%	11%	-30%	8.5	4.2	4.5	4.1
Bangladesh	15	16	43	18	92	7%	169%	-58%	3.0	3.8	9.8	5.2
Uganda	16	11	18	16	61	-31%	64%	-11%	3.2	2.6	4.1	4.7
India	6	13	32	9	60	117%	146%	-72%	1.2	3.1	7.3	2.6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	8	17	13	13	51	113%	-24%	0%	1.6	4.0	2.9	3.8
China	13	8	8	8	37	-38%	0%	0%	2.6	1.9	1.8	2.3
Nigeria	9	5	7	12	33	-44%	40%	71%	1.8	1.2	1.6	3.5
Nepal	*	11	12	5	31	267%	9%	-58%	0.6	2.6	2.7	1.5
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5	*	12	5	25	-40%	300%	-58%	1.0	0.7	2.7	1.5
Cameroon	*	5	9	*	21	25%	80%	-67%	0.8	1.2	2.0	0.9
Ethiopia	5	*	*	*	16	-20%	-25%	33%	1.0	0.9	0.7	1.2
Afghanistan	*	*	-	7	13	100%	-100%	..	0.4	0.9	-	2.0
Philippines	5	6	*	-	12	20%	-83%	-100%	1.0	1.4	0.2	-
Ghana	*	*	*	*	7	0%	100%	50%	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.9
Congo	-	7	-	-	7	..	-100%	..	-	1.6	-	-
Guinea	-	*	*	*	6	..	-67%	100%	-	0.7	0.2	0.6
Sudan	-	*	*	*	6	..	100%	50%	-	0.2	0.5	0.9
Other	31	21	11	26	89	-32%	-48%	136%	6.2	4.9	2.5	7.6
Total	497	426	441	344	1,708	-14%	4%	-22%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 21. Asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries by origin, fourth quarter 2009

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

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

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark**	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Afghanistan	-	352	744	463	-	12	85	9	9	*	206	7	88	255	1,135
Russian Federation	-	*	958	584	-	5	106	*	*	14	91	*	289	971	304
Somalia	-	-	93	65	-	-	117	-	-	-	45	-	210	88	133
China	-	346	85	83	-	*	369	-	34	5	*	-	*	458	93
Iraq	-	70	100	398	*	88	62	-	49	5	55	*	175	103	1,479
Serbia	-	-	379	830	-	*	22	7	-	*	54	-	97	1,680	464
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	122	96	159	-	20	86	*	42	-	71	-	33	81	409
Eritrea	-	7	8	18	-	-	26	*	-	-	9	-	5	133	106
Nigeria	-	8	235	30	-	*	212	-	27	13	13	*	26	172	172
Georgia	-	-	318	128	-	*	19	-	18	9	5	-	14	150	175
Sri Lanka	-	161	*	75	-	*	264	-	46	*	11	-	21	792	153
Pakistan	-	65	37	65	-	5	112	*	35	*	12	-	-	143	115
Armenia	-	-	128	564	-	16	6	-	6	*	5	*	*	991	56
Turkey	-	15	181	76	*	*	74	*	16	15	8	-	37	585	322
Guinea	-	-	12	398	-	-	39	-	8	*	*	-	*	545	52
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	11	188	-	-	73	-	-	6	*	-	12	735	33
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	*	80	115	*	12	25	-	45	9	103	*	11	22	232
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	539	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*
Hungary	-	-	-	45	-	-	1,114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh	-	15	23	17	-	-	35	-	36	-	-	-	*	344	14

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan****	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Afghanistan	190	457	-	17	101	*	18	-	*	9	-	-	410	-	691
Russian Federation	18	7	-	7	10	-	*	*	8	6	-	-	63	-	260
Somalia	25	8	*	9	121	-	-	50	-	*	433	-	1,241	*	430
China	96	5	-	43	17	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	106	10	16
Iraq	193	13	-	7	83	-	-	-	-	43	*	-	591	*	231
Serbia	*	331	-	8	85	-	-	*	-	25	-	-	30	-	97
Islamic Rep. of Iran	31	24	*	9	54	12	-	-	-	*	-	-	222	*	119
Eritrea	17	-	-	10	516	-	-	106	-	*	145	-	149	-	678
Nigeria	164	17	*	108	437	6	-	-	*	*	14	-	43	-	101
Georgia	488	33	-	16	13	-	*	-	22	-	-	-	258	-	20
Sri Lanka	19	*	-	*	26	36	-	-	16	-	-	-	62	9	41
Pakistan	752	17	-	54	71	21	-	-	*	-	-	-	20	*	23
Armenia	15	7	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	123	-	10
Turkey	28	21	*	*	157	14	-	-	-	-	*	-	14	*	15
Guinea	15	*	-	*	39	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	82	-	23
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	*	17	14	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	10	-	19
Syrian Arab Rep.	66	*	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	*	6	-	46	-	68
Mexico	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-
Hungary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
Bangladesh	314	*	-	14	22	7	-	-	-	*	21	-	5	*	8

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	TYR Macedonia	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States*****
Afghanistan	5	-	6	28	76	25	8	18	646	214	6	317	725	41
Russian Federation	1,850	*	-	-	-	17	*	12	292	79	-	-	35	190
Somalia	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	7	2,106	136	-	48	230	94
China	9	-	*	8	-	9	-	-	30	87	-	7	305	3,096
Iraq	-	-	-	19	-	*	-	8	559	150	*	525	185	104
Serbia	-	0	-	-	-	9	9	-	413	184	*	-	10	43
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	14	436	69	-	581	550	124
Eritrea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	324	329	-	22	220	96
Nigeria	7	*	6	-	-	*	*	95	76	533	*	*	195	48
Georgia	485	-	-	-	*	19	-	7	86	142	-	-	20	31
Sri Lanka	*	*	*	*	-	*	5	14	*	283	-	7	295	67
Pakistan	5	-	18	36	-	43	*	12	29	21	-	19	560	112
Armenia	30	-	-	-	-	8	-	*	62	17	-	-	5	56
Turkey	5	-	-	9	-	-	-	*	66	136	-	-	50	41
Guinea	*	5	-	*	-	-	-	53	17	64	-	*	40	148
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	*	*	*	-	-	-	24	25	30	-	11	45	28
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	-	-	6	-	6	-	12	203	111	-	12	50	18
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	*	-	-	5	636
Hungary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Bangladesh	*	-	11	7	-	*	-	*	35	8	-	12	150	46

** October and November 2009 only due to unavailability of data for December.

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

**** UNHCR estimates.

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

Table 22. Top-10 populations of origin of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2008

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

Albania		Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bosnia-Herzegovina	
Serbia	5	China	1,226	Russian Fed.	3,435	Russian Fed.	1,615	Serbia	82
Sri Lanka	*	Sri Lanka	417	Serbia	1,702	Iraq	1,070	India	6
		India	371	Afghanistan	1,382	Serbia	1,050	TFYR Macedonia	*
		Indonesia	236	Nigeria	535	Afghanistan	879	Occupied Palest. Te	*
		Malaysia	231	Georgia	511	Guinea	661	Croatia	*
		Pakistan	220	Iraq	490	Iran (Islamic Rep. of	614	Cameroon	*
		Zimbabwe	214	Turkey	417	DR of Congo	579	Turkey	*
		Iraq	193	Somalia	411	Armenia	461	Pakistan	*
		Iran (Islamic Rep. of	158	Armenia	360	Cameroon	367	Montenegro	*
		Bangladesh	131	India	355	Turkey	284	Poland	*
Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia		Cyprus		Czech Republic	
Iraq	350	Mexico	9,413	Serbia	62	Syrian Arab Rep.	963	Ukraine	328
Armenia	70	Haiti	4,247	Pakistan	16	Sri Lanka	408	Turkey	251
Stateless	67	Colombia	3,069	Turkey	10	Occupied Palest. Te	391	Mongolia	192
Afghanistan	55	United States	2,308	Bosnia-Herzegovina	9	India	232	Viet Nam	107
Syrian Arab Rep.	20	China	1,476	Sri Lanka	8	Pakistan	221	Russian Fed.	80
Iran (Islamic Rep. of	19	Sri Lanka	1,000	Russian Fed.	8	Iran (Islamic Rep. of	213	Belarus	80
Nigeria	18	Czech Rep.	818	Czech Rep.	7	Egypt	211	Kazakhstan	78
Sri Lanka	17	Nigeria	765	Iran (Islamic Rep. of	7	Bangladesh	178	Syrian Arab Rep.	63
Somalia	14	India	674	Tajikistan	5	Iraq	170	Nigeria	42
China	10	El Salvador	603	TFYR Macedonia	*	Georgia	122	Kyrgyzstan	41
Denmark**		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Iraq	543	Belarus	*	Iraq	1,253	Russian Fed.	3,579	Iraq	6,697
Afghanistan	418	Russian Fed.	*	Somalia	1,176	Serbia	3,129	Serbia	1,511
Iran (Islamic Rep. of	196	Georgia	*	Afghanistan	249	Mali	2,664	Turkey	1,320
Russian Fed.	183	Iraq	*	Russian Fed.	208	DR of Congo	2,485	Viet Nam	1,042
Serbia	118	Turkey	*	Serbia	161	Sri Lanka	2,304	Iran (Islamic Rep. of	804
Syrian Arab Rep.	105	Nigeria	*	Iran (Islamic Rep. of	143	Turkey	2,196	Russian Fed.	768
Occupied Palest. Te	91	Ukraine	*	Bulgaria	82	Armenia	2,081	Syrian Arab Rep.	744
Somalia	58	Senegal	*	Nigeria	76	Guinea	1,256	Afghanistan	650
Sri Lanka	53			Belarus	68	Bangladesh	1,242	Lebanon	513
Turkey	39			Turkey	65	Comoros	1,086	Nigeria	500
Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Italy	
Pakistan	6,914	Serbia	1,593	Serbia	15	Nigeria	1,008	Nigeria	5,333
Afghanistan	2,287	Pakistan	246	Iraq	5	Pakistan	237	Somalia	4,473
Georgia	2,241	Somalia	185	Afghanistan	5	Iraq	203	Eritrea	2,739
Bangladesh	1,778	Georgia	165	Nigeria	5	Georgia	180	Afghanistan	2,005
Iraq	1,760	Iraq	125	Albania	5	China	180	Côte d'Ivoire	1,844
Syrian Arab Rep.	808	Afghanistan	116	Sri Lanka	5	DR of Congo	172	Ghana	1,674
Nigeria	746	Turkey	70	Georgia	*	Rep. of Moldova	142	Bangladesh	1,322
Senegal	386	Nigeria	56	Russian Fed.	*	Somalia	141	Pakistan	920
Iran (Islamic Rep. of	312	China	55	Kenya	*	Sudan	126	Serbia	851
India	227	Egypt	50	Azerbaijan	*	Zimbabwe	114	Togo	829
Japan		Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg	
Myanmar	979	Georgia	17	Belarus	*	Russian Fed.	138	Serbia	219
Turkey	156	Afghanistan	10	Angola	*	Belarus	12	Bosnia-Herzegovina	31
Sri Lanka	90	Russian Fed.	5	Russian Fed.	*	Cuba	8	Iraq	29
Ethiopia	51	Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Germany	*	Georgia	7	Iran (Islamic Rep. of	18
Iran (Islamic Rep. of	38	Sri Lanka	*	Turkey	*	Sri Lanka	6	Albania	14
Pakistan	37	Bangladesh	*	Serbia	*	Pakistan	6	Montenegro	14
Bangladesh	33	Cuba	*	Czech Rep.	*	Uzbekistan	6	Russian Fed.	13
Cameroon	29	Turkey	*	Georgia	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	5	Eritrea	11
Nepal	20	Pakistan	*	Iran (Islamic Rep. of	*	Turkey	*	Somalia	10
China	18	Cameroon	*	Armenia	*	Cameroon	*	Cameroon	8

** Asylum claims in Denmark exclude Iraqi interpreters who worked for the Danish Forces in Iraq.

Table 22. Top-10 populations of origin of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2008 (continued)

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

Malta		Montenegro		Netherlands		New Zealand		Norway	
Somalia	1,081	Albania	*	Iraq	5,027	Iraq	33	Iraq	3,137
Côte d'Ivoire	264	Georgia	*	Somalia	3,842	Iran (Islamic Rep. of	28	Eritrea	1,799
Nigeria	223	Belarus	*	China	563	Sri Lanka	26	Afghanistan	1,363
Mali	208	Serbia	*	Afghanistan	395	China	24	Somalia	1,293
Eritrea	176	Afghanistan	*	Iran (Islamic Rep. of	322	India	14	Russian Fed.	1,078
Ghana	111			Eritrea	236	Czech Rep.	10	Stateless	940
Ethiopia	97			Sri Lanka	216	Bangladesh	9	Iran (Islamic Rep. of	720
Niger	94			Armenia	208	Zimbabwe	8	Serbia	675
Togo	71			Guinea	154	Malaysia	8	Nigeria	436
Gambia	44			Sierra Leone	129	Nepal	6	Ethiopia	354
Poland		Portugal		Rep. of Korea		Romania		Serbia (excl. Kosovo)	
Russian Fed.	6,647	Sri Lanka	27	Sri Lanka	71	Pakistan	252	Côte d'Ivoire	19
Iraq	66	Colombia	24	Pakistan	47	Bangladesh	172	Georgia	17
Viet Nam	57	DR of Congo	17	Myanmar	33	India	141	Iraq	12
Georgia	54	Bosnia-Herzegovina	10	China	30	Iraq	133	Syrian Arab Rep.	5
Belarus	33	Nigeria	8	Bangladesh	30	Turkey	79	Armenia	5
Armenia	32	Guinea	8	Ghana	29	China	53	Nigeria	*
Ukraine	25	Senegal	7	Nigeria	27	Georgia	43	Ethiopia	*
Uzbekistan	22	Georgia	5	Uganda	21	Cameroon	25	Sierra Leone	*
China	20	Congo (Rep. of)	5	Liberia	15	Serbia	25	Chad	*
Nigeria	19	Eritrea	5	Nepal	12	Rep. of Moldova	15	Occupied Palest. Te	*
Slovakia		Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland	
Georgia	112	Turkey	72	Nigeria	801	Iraq	6,083	Eritrea	2,827
Rep. of Moldova	110	Serbia	69	Colombia	753	Somalia	3,361	Somalia	1,988
Russian Fed.	107	Bosnia-Herzegovina	13	Côte d'Ivoire	498	Serbia	1,989	Iraq	1,321
Pakistan	95	Iran (Islamic Rep. of	11	Somalia	195	Stateless	1,051	Sri Lanka	1,194
India	90	Afghanistan	10	Algeria	151	Russian Fed.	933	Serbia	991
Afghanistan	75	TfYR Macedonia	9	Cuba	119	Eritrea	857	Nigeria	964
Iraq	45	Nigeria	7	Morocco	119	Iran (Islamic Rep. of	799	Turkey	461
China	44	Albania	7	Sudan	112	Mongolia	791	Georgia	389
Bangladesh	42	Montenegro	5	DR of Congo	103	Afghanistan	784	Afghanistan	382
Viet Nam	41	Pakistan	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	97	Uzbekistan	741	Syrian Arab Rep.	357
TfYR Macedonia		Turkey		United Kingdom		United States***			
Serbia	34	Iraq	6,904	Zimbabwe	4,330	China	10,029		
Afghanistan	6	Afghanistan	2,642	Afghanistan	3,730	Mexico	2,751		
Albania	5	Iran (Islamic Rep. of	2,116	Iran (Islamic Rep. of	2,585	El Salvador	2,641		
Occupied Palest. Te	*	Somalia	647	Eritrea	2,345	Haiti	1,934		
Somalia	*	Sudan	156	Iraq	2,030	Guatemala	1,842		
Iraq	*	Eritrea	76	Pakistan	2,010	Ethiopia	1,267		
Nigeria	*	Occupied Palest. Te	74	Sri Lanka	1,840	Honduras	885		
Turkey	*	DR of Congo	72	Somalia	1,575	Iraq	841		
Iran (Islamic Rep. of	*	Sri Lanka	42	China	1,490	Nepal	829		
Stateless	*	Uzbekistan	35	Nigeria	970	Colombia	804		

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

Table 23. Top-10 populations of origin of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2009

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

Albania		Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bosnia-Herzegovina	
China	*	China	1,186	Russian Fed.	3,560	Serbia	2,053	Serbia	34
Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	*	Afghanistan	940	Afghanistan	2,233	Afghanistan	1,659	Iraq	*
Serbia	*	Sri Lanka	553	Serbia	2,036	Russian Fed.	1,605	Russian Fed.	*
		Zimbabwe	344	Georgia	976	Iraq	1,386	Syrian Arab Rep.	*
		Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	303	Nigeria	838	Armenia	1,099	Georgia	*
		Iraq	288	Turkey	554	Guinea	1,052	Algeria	*
		Pakistan	256	Armenia	439	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	732	Turkey	*
		Fiji	253	India	428	DR of Congo	667	Nigeria	*
		Malaysia	230	Iraq	399	Syrian Arab Rep.	347	Tunisia	*
		India	213	China	397	China	329	Croatia	*
Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia		Cyprus		Czech Republic	
Iraq	307	Mexico	7,561	Serbia	31	Occupied Palest. Te	493	Ukraine	202
Stateless	125	Hungary	2,518	Afghanistan	25	India	303	Kazakhstan	183
Afghanistan	58	Colombia	2,292	Pakistan	13	Sri Lanka	248	Mongolia	158
Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	50	Czech Rep.	2,016	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	10	Syrian Arab Rep.	224	Turkey	66
Armenia	39	China	1,484	Bosnia-Herzegovina	10	Pakistan	212	Viet Nam	63
Algeria	33	Haiti	1,436	Czech Rep.	7	Iraq	189	Stateless	60
Syrian Arab Rep.	30	United States	1,134	TFYR Macedonia	7	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	171	Russian Fed.	57
Turkey	23	Sri Lanka	825	Turkey	6	Egypt	168	Belarus	54
Morocco	17	Nigeria	768	Russian Fed.	*	Bangladesh	165	Syrian Arab Rep.	46
Georgia	16	St Vincent and the Grenadines	634	Ukraine	*	Nigeria	97	Nigeria	41
Denmark***		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Afghanistan	915	Afghanistan	9	Iraq	1,183	Serbia	5,236	Iraq	6,349
Syrian Arab Rep.	327	Georgia	6	Somalia	1,169	Russian Fed.	3,383	Afghanistan	3,302
Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	306	Syrian Arab Rep.	5	Bulgaria	722	Armenia	3,114	Serbia	1,910
Iraq	297	Russian Fed.	5	Russian Fed.	599	Sri Lanka	3,097	Turkey	1,355
Russian Fed.	285	Iraq	*	Afghanistan	445	DR of Congo	2,784	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	1,154
Serbia	237	Sri Lanka	*	Serbia	336	Turkey	2,045	Viet Nam	1,136
Somalia	159	DR of Congo	*	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	159	Guinea	1,665	Russian Fed.	925
Occupied Palest. Te	87	Stateless	*	Turkey	140	China	1,602	Syrian Arab Rep.	798
Sri Lanka	57	Nigeria	*	Nigeria	130	Haiti	1,451	Nigeria	708
Nigeria	52	Uganda	*	Sri Lanka	100	Bangladesh	1,441	India	682
Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Italy	
Pakistan	3,716	Serbia	2,322	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	7	Nigeria	569	Nigeria	3,786
Georgia	2,170	Afghanistan	1,194	Albania	*	Pakistan	258	Somalia	1,415
Bangladesh	1,809	Georgia	116	Syrian Arab Rep.	*	China	194	Bangladesh	1,233
Afghanistan	1,510	Turkey	114	Afghanistan	*	DR of Congo	101	Pakistan	1,187
Syrian Arab Rep.	965	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	87	Somalia	*	Zimbabwe	91	Eritrea	824
Iraq	886	Somalia	75	Nigeria	*	Georgia	88	Ghana	767
Nigeria	780	Viet Nam	73	Iraq	*	Rep. of Moldova	86	Côte d'Ivoire	641
Albania	517	Nigeria	66	DR of Congo	*	Somalia	84	Afghanistan	506
China	354	Iraq	57	Libyan Arab Jamah.	*	Ghana	82	Turkey	457
Senegal	336	TFYR Macedonia	50	Eritrea	*	Iraq	76	Serbia	425
Japan****		Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg	
Myanmar	570	Afghanistan	18	Somalia	118	Georgia	74	Serbia	149
Sri Lanka	233	Uzbekistan	11	Eritrea	110	Russian Fed.	46	Iraq	65
Turkey	94	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	*	Russian Fed.	19	Sri Lanka	17	Bosnia-Herzegovina	35
Pakistan	91	Occupied Palest. Te	*	Serbia	8	Belarus	11	Russian Fed.	27
India	58	Russian Fed.	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	5	Iraq	10	Albania	26
Bangladesh	51	Turkey	*	Ukraine	5	Afghanistan	8	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	24
Uganda	46	Bangladesh	*	Azerbaijan	*	Stateless	8	Belarus	14
Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	40	DR of Congo	*	Kyrgyzstan	*	Pakistan	8	Afghanistan	13
Nepal	29	Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Germany	*	India	7	Algeria	12
China	18	Georgia	*	Czech Rep.	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	6	Azerbaijan	11

*** Refers to January to November only (December data not available).

**** UNHCR estimates.

Table 23. Top-10 populations of origin of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2009 (continued)

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

Malta		Montenegro		Netherlands		New Zealand		Norway	
Somalia	1,445	Serbia	8	Somalia	5,889	Fiji	45	Afghanistan	3,871
Nigeria	280	TfYR Macedonia	*	Iraq	1,991	Sri Lanka	30	Eritrea	2,667
Eritrea	273	Albania	*	Afghanistan	1,281	Iraq	26	Somalia	1,901
Mali	104	Viet Nam	*	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	502	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	24	Stateless	1,280
Côte d'Ivoire	44	Kenya	*	Eritrea	475	India	24	Iraq	1,214
Sudan	40	Russian Fed.	*	Georgia	412	Czech Rep.	23	Russian Fed.	867
Ethiopia	35	Croatia	*	Armenia	349	China	20	Ethiopia	706
Bangladesh	23	Italy	*	China	304	Pakistan	18	Nigeria	582
Guinea	21			Mongolia	237	Slovakia	13	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	574
Burkina Faso	18			Guinea	235	Zimbabwe	9	Serbia	406
Poland		Portugal		Rep. of Korea		Romania		Serbia (excl. Kosovo)	
Russian Fed.	5,726	Eritrea	21	Pakistan	95	Rep. of Moldova	136	Afghanistan	218
Georgia	4,182	Guinea	18	Bangladesh	41	Pakistan	92	Sri Lanka	17
Armenia	147	Mauritania	16	Myanmar	32	Afghanistan	87	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	13
Viet Nam	67	Colombia	15	Sri Lanka	26	Turkey	82	Guinea	*
Belarus	38	Nigeria	9	China	19	Iraq	71	Iraq	*
Ukraine	36	Sri Lanka	8	Nigeria	16	China	61	Cameroon	*
Indonesia	36	Ukraine	5	Uganda	15	India	41	Pakistan	*
Nigeria	23	DR of Congo	5	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	11	Bangladesh	40	Georgia	*
Iraq	21	Guinea-Bissau	5	Cameroon	10	Georgia	26	Russian Fed.	*
Stateless	19	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	*	Afghanistan	8	DR of Congo	23	Occupied Palest. Te	*
Slovakia		Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland	
Pakistan	168	Bosnia-Herzegovina	41	Nigeria	459	Somalia	5,874	Nigeria	1,725
Georgia	98	Serbia	39	Côte d'Ivoire	304	Iraq	2,297	Eritrea	1,625
Rep. of Moldova	73	Turkey	12	Colombia	247	Serbia	1,806	Sri Lanka	1,363
Russian Fed.	72	Afghanistan	11	Algeria	181	Afghanistan	1,694	Serbia	1,020
India	57	Croatia	11	Guinea	130	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	1,144	Iraq	801
Viet Nam	56	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	9	DR of Congo	113	Russian Fed.	1,058	Somalia	727
Afghanistan	51	Nigeria	9	Cameroon	112	Eritrea	1,000	Afghanistan	719
China	39	Pakistan	6	Somalia	104	Stateless	912	Georgia	536
Armenia	21	Sri Lanka	6	Cuba	84	Mongolia	753	Turkey	475
Serbia	19	Albania	6	Morocco	72	Syrian Arab Rep.	587	Russian Fed.	408
TfYR Macedonia		Turkey		United Kingdom		United States****			
Afghanistan	71	Iraq	3,763	Zimbabwe	7,420	China	11,551		
Serbia	5	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	1,981	Afghanistan	3,535	Mexico	2,364		
Albania	*	Afghanistan	1,009	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	2,125	El Salvador	2,288		
Nigeria	*	Somalia	295	Pakistan	2,035	Guatemala	1,767		
Iraq	*	Myanmar	112	Sri Lanka	1,430	Haiti	1,720		
Bosnia-Herzegovina	*	Sudan	92	China	1,415	Ethiopia	1,265		
Tunisia	*	Occupied Palest. Te	72	Eritrea	1,405	Nepal	992		
Ethiopia	*	Eritrea	66	Somalia	1,080	Honduras	875		
India	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	46	Iraq	990	Russian Fed.	862		
Czech Rep.	*	DR of Congo	41	Nigeria	820	India	795		

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

Table 24. Monthly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2009

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Asylum country	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Change Nov-Dec
Albania	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	..
Australia	376	364	518	444	410	390	582	589	696	472	680	653	-4%
Austria	1,214	1,244	1,314	1,192	1,224	1,299	1,369	1,283	1,448	1,468	1,321	1,451	10%
Belgium	1,314	1,068	1,185	1,215	1,145	1,251	1,363	1,368	1,535	1,853	1,866	2,023	8%
Bosnia-Herzegovina	23	3	1	2	4	8	2	-	1	2	-	1	..
Bulgaria	71	66	91	51	57	75	61	53	68	75	99	86	-13%
Canada	2,875	3,030	3,351	3,277	3,006	3,184	2,902	2,238	2,508	2,474	2,424	1,982	-18%
Croatia	3	5	20	9	4	16	11	25	19	9	5	21	320%
Cyprus	303	369	219	208	268	240	245	175	270	315	336	247	-26%
Czech Rep.	123	130	123	134	115	90	105	85	86	99	82	86	5%
Denmark	336	257	345	222	310	215	237	323	382	387	421
Estonia	1	4	3	2	-	-	6	4	6	6	5	3	-40%
Finland	543	486	489	387	395	483	492	553	564	528	470	521	11%
France	2,905	3,767	3,643	3,486	2,839	3,461	3,548	3,173	3,463	4,113	3,698	3,885	5%
Germany	2,342	1,936	1,995	1,919	1,835	1,952	2,539	2,448	2,609	2,637	2,454	2,170	-12%
Greece	1,557	1,590	1,571	1,679	1,717	1,663	1,086	496	1,584	1,136	961	888	-8%
Hungary	280	497	485	348	349	310	480	431	476	519	253	244	-4%
Iceland	-	1	3	-	2	6	3	11	1	4	3	1	-67%
Ireland	254	270	270	241	229	244	218	226	197	203	176	161	-9%
Italy	1,983	1,363	1,447	1,696	2,228	1,257	1,265	553	959	951	1,087	655	-40%
Japan*	157	139	130	112	110	107	115	111	138	90	82	93	13%
Latvia	1	1	-	2	1	-	8	4	7	19	7	2	-71%
Liechtenstein	1	5	12	2	7	3	-	27	68	98	65	6	-91%
Lithuania	14	16	10	9	18	8	7	19	50	24	14	22	57%
Luxembourg	39	24	31	37	23	41	46	47	61	34	58	64	10%
Malta	220	227	224	200	179	152	148	207	145	158	279	250	-10%
Montenegro	-	1	5	7	1	-	-	-	2	-	3	2	-33%
Netherlands	1,171	1,147	1,305	1,233	1,022	1,216	1,171	1,033	1,327	1,573	1,468	1,239	-16%
New Zealand	21	32	12	21	26	14	36	29	50	38	40	17	-58%
Norway	1,349	1,185	1,294	1,274	1,511	1,548	1,770	1,820	1,641	1,523	1,213	1,098	-9%
Poland	367	344	451	470	521	1,312	1,565	2,075	995	890	695	907	31%
Portugal	15	12	16	7	12	24	8	7	9	13	7	9	29%
Rep. of Korea	22	26	23	23	45	29	39	22	16	17	36	26	-28%
Romania	80	104	55	58	55	88	57	100	71	51	69	46	-33%
Serbia	4	4	21	19	35	26	35	21	26	22	17	45	165%
Slovakia	53	43	71	40	62	77	94	61	104	79	66	72	9%
Slovenia	38	10	13	12	9	5	30	10	9	2	12	31	158%
Spain	291	339	268	247	217	272	240	174	266	293	216	176	-19%
Sweden	1,932	1,669	1,731	1,564	1,588	1,873	2,052	2,389	2,204	2,321	2,402	2,469	3%
Switzerland	2,127	1,263	1,174	1,080	957	1,065	1,164	1,102	1,113	1,162	1,241	1,044	-16%
TfYR Macedonia	1	3	2	5	50	2	1	1	11	2	4	4	0%
Turkey	921	668	874	757	532	531	641	594	668	644	579	425	-27%
United Kingdom	3,255	3,215	3,815	2,810	2,275	2,295	2,250	2,005	2,020	2,230	2,100	1,570	-25%
United States	3,668	3,453	4,065	3,960	4,373	4,330	4,681	3,961	4,094	4,173	4,123	4,142	0%
EU-"Old" (15)	19,151	18,387	19,425	17,935	17,059	17,546	17,884	16,078	18,628	19,740	18,705	17,281	-8%
EU-"New" (12)	1,551	1,811	1,745	1,534	1,634	2,357	2,806	3,224	2,287	2,237	1,917	1,996	4%
EU-Total (27)	20,702	20,198	21,170	19,469	18,693	19,903	20,690	19,302	20,915	21,977	20,622	19,277	-7%
Nordic countries (5)	4,160	3,598	3,862	3,447	3,806	4,125	4,554	5,096	4,792	4,763	4,509	4,089	-9%
Western Europe (19)	22,628	20,841	21,908	20,291	19,536	20,168	20,821	19,038	21,451	22,527	21,227	19,430	-8%
Southern Europe (8)	5,290	4,568	4,619	4,794	5,154	4,139	3,634	2,206	3,902	3,510	3,465	2,650	-24%
Total Europe (38)	25,131	23,336	24,576	22,624	21,797	23,108	24,318	22,903	24,466	25,443	23,752	21,924	-8%
Canada/USA	6,543	6,483	7,416	7,237	7,379	7,514	7,583	6,199	6,602	6,647	6,547	6,124	-6%
Australia/New Z.	397	396	530	465	436	404	618	618	746	510	720	670	-7%
Japan/Rep. of Korea	179	165	153	135	155	136	154	133	154	107	118	119	1%
Total non-Europe (6)	7,119	7,044	8,099	7,837	7,970	8,054	8,355	6,950	7,502	7,264	7,385	6,913	-6%
Total (44)	32,250	30,380	32,675	30,461	29,767	31,162	32,673	29,853	31,968	32,707	31,137	28,837	-7%

Notes

See notes in Annex Table 1.

* Japan. UNHCR estimates.