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## I. ASYLUM FIGURES IN 2012

(Source: Immigration department and Office of the Commissioner general for Refugees and Stateless Persons)

### May

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	1.785	
First asylum applications	1.259	70,5%
Multiple asylum applications	526	29,5%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	136	7,6%
Decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
CGRS decisions	1.696	
<b>Recognition of refugee status</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>15,0%</b>
<b>Subsidiary Protection (SP)</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>5,5%</b>
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	1.285	75,8%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	1	0,1%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	5	0,3%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	57	3,4%
<b>Caseload at the CGRS</b>	<b>14.068</b>	

### 2012

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	9.256	
First asylum applications	6.656	71,9%
Multiple asylum applications	2.600	28,1%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	692	7,5%
Decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
CGRS decisions	8.433	
<b>Recognition of refugee status</b>	<b>1.177</b>	<b>14,0%</b>
<b>Subsidiary Protection (SP)</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>4,6%</b>
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	6.603	78,3%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	31	0,4%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	17	0,2%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	219	2,6%
<b>Caseload at the CGRS</b>	<b>14.068</b>	

## II. ASYLUM APPLICATIONS IN BELGIUM

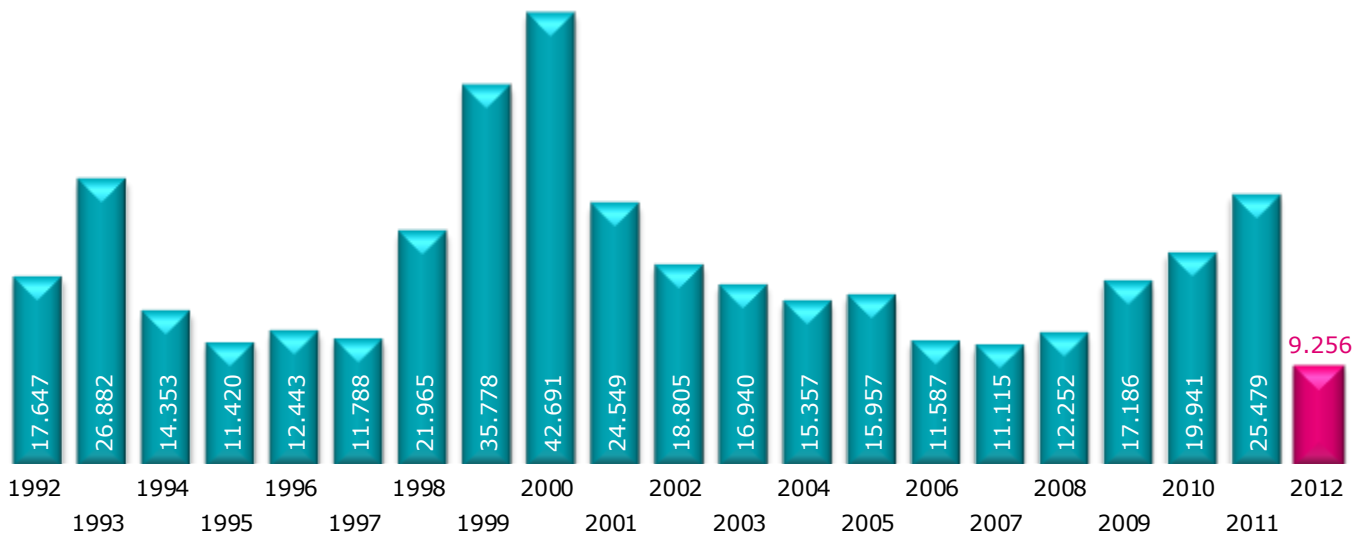
(source: Immigration Department)

### 1. Number of asylum applications (first applications + multiple applications)

#### a. Applications per month (2011-2012)

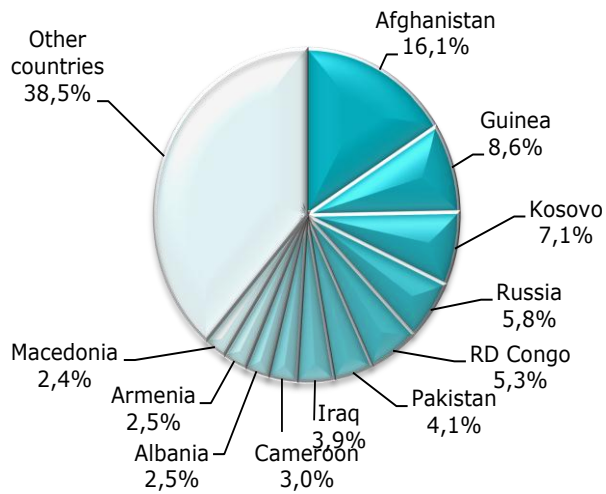
	2011	2012	+/- in % 2012 vs 2011	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.771	2.161	22,0%	-11,3%
February	1.860	1.884	1,3%	-12,8%
March	2.193	1.770	-19,3%	-6,1%
April	1.933	1.656	-14,3%	-6,4%
May	1.944	1.785	-8,2%	7,8%
June	1.873			
July	1.919			
August	2.149			
September	2.480			
October	2.604			
November	2.318			
December	2.435			
<b>Total</b>	<b>25.479</b>	<b>9.256</b>		

#### b. Applications per year (1992-2012)



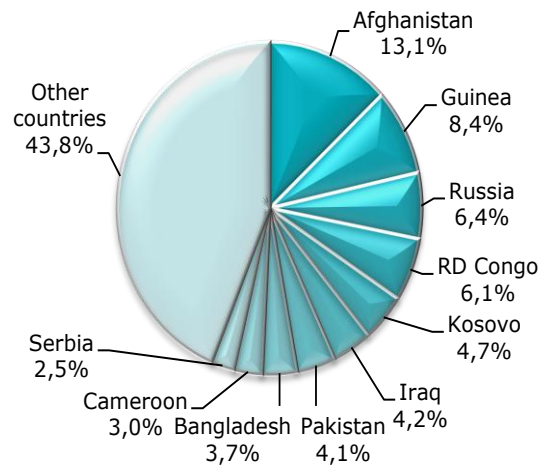
**c. Top 10 of countries of origin in May 2012**

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	287
2 Guinea	154
3 Kosovo	127
4 Russia	104
5 RD Congo	95
6 Pakistan	74
7 Iraq	70
8 Cameroon	54
9 Albania	45
Armenia	45
10 Macedonia	42
Other countries	688
<b>Total May 2012</b>	<b>1.785</b>



**Top 10 of countries of origin in 2012**

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	1.215
2 Guinea	782
3 Russia	592
4 RD Congo	569
5 Kosovo	432
6 Iraq	389
7 Pakistan	380
8 Bangladesh	340
9 Cameroon	275
10 Serbia	230
Other countries	4.052
<b>Total 2012</b>	<b>9.256</b>



**d. Applications in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 according to nationality**  
 (in color and bold: top 10 in 2012)

Country of origin	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Afghanistan</b>	<b>1.659</b>	<b>1.411</b>	<b>2.758</b>	<b>1.215</b>
Albania	256	204	809	194
Algeria	275	287	300	107
Angola	142	153	158	93
Argentina	0	8	1	2
Armenia	1.099	986	691	193
Azerbaijan	54	72	118	27
<b>Bangladesh</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>340</b>
Belorussia	40	53	84	31
Benin	50	56	57	37
Bhutan	24	19	14	4
Bolivia	0	0	1	0
Bosnia-Herzegovina	90	106	286	44
Brasil	2	3	1	0
Bulgaria	101	79	73	23
Burkina-Faso	52	69	96	41
Burundi	120	132	176	53
<b>Cameroon</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>275</b>
Canada	0	0	0	2
Central African Rep.	6	4	4	1
Chad	16	21	14	12
Chili	0	0	4	1
China	329	235	378	139
Colombia	8	13	4	4
<b>Congo RD</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>1.007</b>	<b>569</b>
Congo RP	14	22	23	7
Costa Rica	0	0	0	2
Croatia	16	15	8	3
Cuba	3	2	5	1
Czech Rep.	48	21	22	2
Djibouti	39	31	61	25
Dominican Rep.	9	1	4	0
Ecuador	0	0	1	0
Egypt	29	29	112	34
El Salvador	0	0	17	4
Equatorial Guinea	3	3	1	4
Eritrea	69	110	75	28
Estonia	0	1	0	0
Ethiopia	89	72	47	26
Fidji	0	0	1	0
France	0	0	6	2
Gabon	5	10	4	4
Gambia	41	57	66	39
Georgia	327	323	324	165
Germany	2	0	0	0
Ghana	29	65	104	37
Greece	0	1	0	0
Guatemala	7	1	1	2
<b>Guinea</b>	<b>1.052</b>	<b>1.398</b>	<b>2.134</b>	<b>782</b>
Guinea-Bissau	3	5	11	8
Guyana	1	0	0	1
Haiti	1	9	6	1
Hungary	143	36	7	4
India	123	151	176	55
Indonesia	3	0	0	0
Iran	732	386	425	167
<b>Iraq</b>	<b>1.386</b>	<b>1.769</b>	<b>1.948</b>	<b>389</b>
Israel	8	7	9	3
Italy	0	1	2	0
Ivory Coast	88	173	367	93
Jamaica	1	1	0	0
Japan	0	0	0	1
Jordania	15	10	28	7
Kampuchea	1	0	0	1
Kazakhstan	44	75	124	50
Kenia	42	65	57	23
Kirghizistan	19	117	92	25
<b>Kosovo</b>	<b>1.539</b>	<b>1.848</b>	<b>1.458</b>	<b>432</b>
Kuwait	0	1	0	0
Latvia	3	2	0	0
Libanon	95	70	86	43
Liberia	27	27	42	12

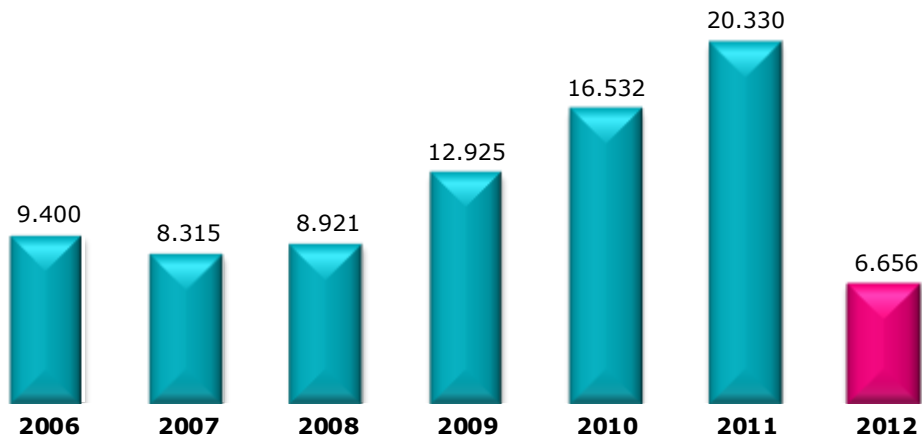
Country of origin	2009	2010	2011	2012
Libya	19	19	56	4
Lithuania	5	1	3	4
Luxemburg	0	0	0	1
Macedonia	201	1.082	819	208
Madagascar	3	2	6	1
Malawi	0	0	1	0
Malaysia	2	0	0	2
Mali	11	25	33	39
Malta	0	2	0	0
Mauretania	187	206	192	96
Mauritius	1	3	8	3
Mexico	1	1	1	1
Moldova	29	14	7	7
Mongolia	85	61	69	23
Montenegro	12	14	30	32
Morocco	53	46	95	54
Mozambique	0	0	1	1
Myanmar	8	14	10	8
Nepal	65	203	403	154
Netherlands	2	1	0	1
Nicaragua	0	0	2	0
Niger	71	78	107	24
Nigeria	101	138	163	83
North Corea	4	16	73	51
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>380</b>
Palestina	9	37	56	5
Panama	2	0	0	0
Peru	1	0	0	0
Philippines	1	0	1	0
Poland	6	0	0	1
Romania	98	56	69	21
<b>Russia</b>	<b>1.605</b>	<b>1.526</b>	<b>1.618</b>	<b>592</b>
Rwanda	308	337	460	194
Saoudi Arabia	0	1	1	1
Senegal	113	252	397	223
<b>Serbia</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>1.233</b>	<b>1.109</b>	<b>230</b>
Sierra Leone	45	65	77	21
Slovakia	261	53	36	7
Slovenia	1	0	0	0
Somalia	216	294	483	158
South Africa	1	0	1	0
South Corea	0	0	2	1
South Sudan	0	0	0	1
Spain	3	1	2	0
Sri Lanka	216	140	178	56
Sudan	89	92	75	29
Surinam	4	5	13	5
Syria	347	388	555	206
Tadzhikistan	5	7	7	3
Tanzania	90	89	150	24
Thailand	1	1	0	0
Togo	130	246	238	100
Tunisia	21	20	106	23
Turkey	259	277	414	134
Turkmenistan	5	3	3	0
Uganda	23	15	23	7
Ukraine	33	62	57	23
United Arabic Emirates	2	0	0	0
USA	0	3	6	3
Uzbekistan	14	20	27	8
Venezuela	0	2	5	0
Vietnam	10	18	4	1
Yemen	8	11	13	2
Zambia	0	0	1	0
Zimbabwe	4	3	4	0
Others	15	10	18	6
Indefinite	199	254	285	102
Stateless Persons	7	7	4	3
Refugees	1	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.186</b>	<b>19.941</b>	<b>25.479</b>	<b>9.256</b>

## 2. First asylum applications

### a. First applications per month (2006-2012)

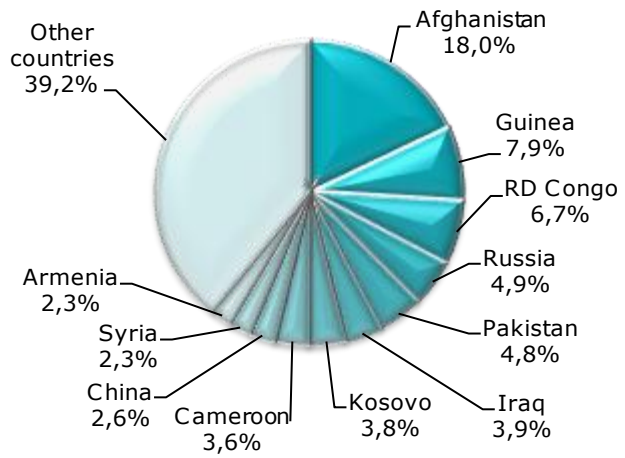
	2011	2012	+/- in % 2012 vs 2011	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.470	1.617	10,0%	-11,6%
February	1.505	1.287	-14,5%	-20,4%
March	1.811	1.311	-27,6%	1,9%
April	1.590	1.182	-25,7%	-9,8%
May	1.506	1.289	-14,4%	9,1%
June	1.405			
July	1.470			
August	1.748			
September	2.021			
October	2.106			
November	1.868			
December	1.830			
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.330</b>	<b>6.686</b>		

### b. First applications per year (2006-2012)



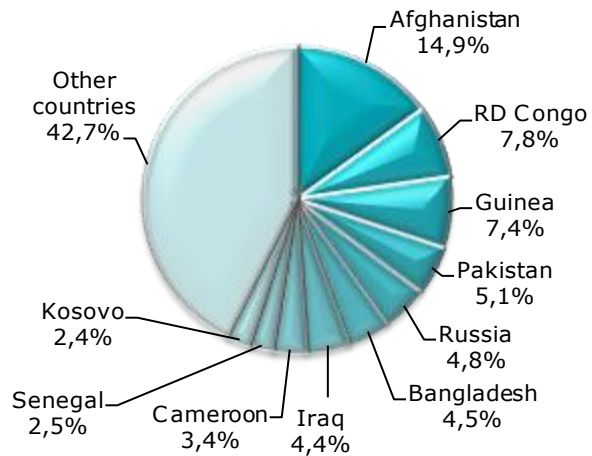
**c. Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in May 2012**

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	227
2 Guinea	100
3 RD Congo	84
4 Russia	62
5 Pakistan	60
6 Iraq	49
7 Kosovo	48
8 Cameroon	45
9 China	33
10 Syria	29
Armenia	29
Other countries	493
<b>Total May 2012</b>	<b>1.259</b>



**Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in 2012**

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	995
2 RD Congo	518
3 Guinea	492
4 Pakistan	341
5 Russia	317
6 Bangladesh	299
7 Iraq	296
8 Cameroon	228
9 Senegal	165
10 Kosovo	163
Other countries	2.842
<b>Total 2012</b>	<b>6.656</b>

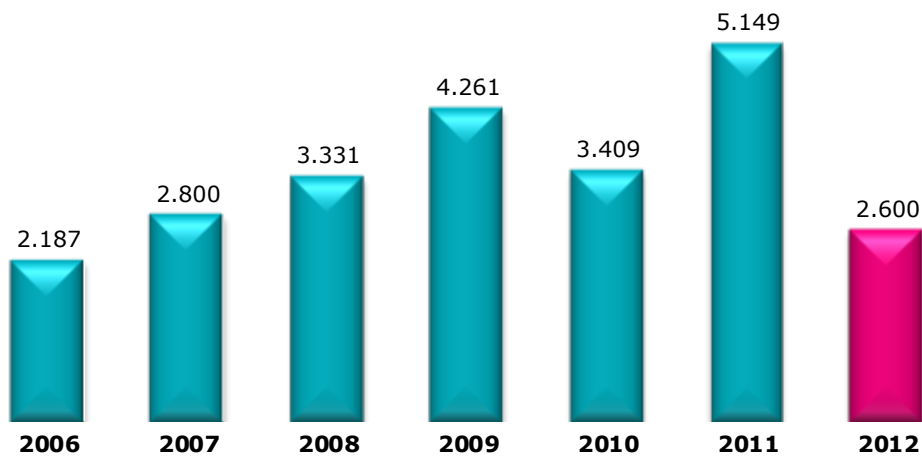


### 3. Multiple asylum applications

#### a. Multiple applications per month (2011-2012)

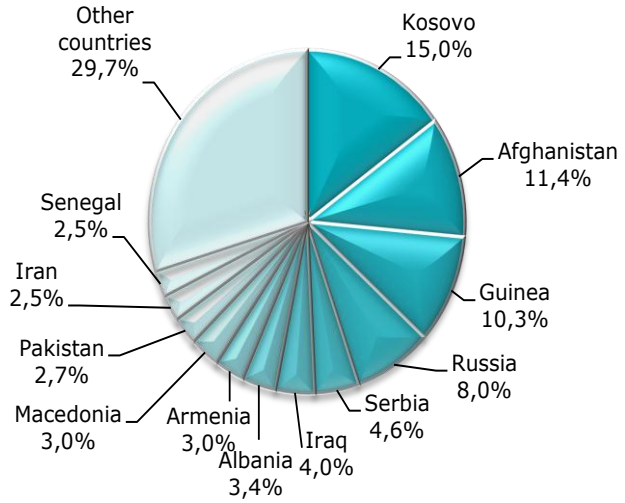
	2011	2012	+/- in % 2012 vs 2011	+/- in % vs last month
January	301	544	80,7%	-10,1%
February	355	597	68,2%	9,7%
March	382	459	20,2%	-23,1%
April	343	474	38,2%	3,3%
May	438	526	20,1%	11,0%
June	468			
July	449			
August	401			
September	459			
October	498			
November	450			
December	605			
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.149</b>	<b>2.600</b>		

#### b. Multiple applications per year (2006-2012)



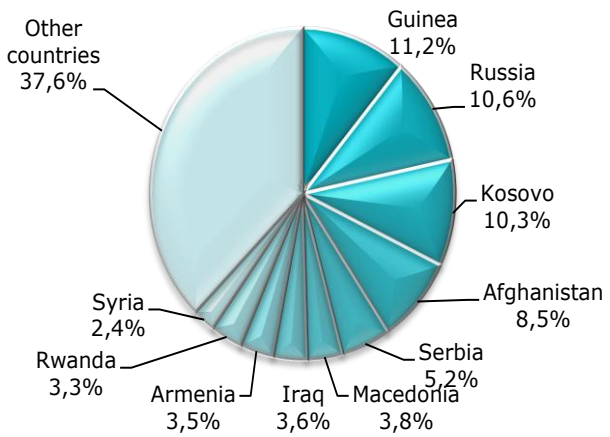
**c. Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in May 2012**

Country of origin	Number
1 Kosovo	79
2 Afghanistan	60
3 Guinea	54
4 Russia	42
5 Serbia	24
6 Iraq	21
7 Albania	18
8 Armenia	16
Macedonia	16
9 Pakistan	14
10 Iran	13
Senegal	13
Other countries	156
<b>Total May 2012</b>	<b>526</b>



**Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in 2012**

Country of origin	Number
1 Guinea	290
2 Russia	275
3 Kosovo	269
4 Afghanistan	220
5 Serbia	136
6 Macedonia	98
7 Iraq	93
8 Armenia	92
9 Rwanda	87
10 Syria	62
Other countries	978
<b>Total 2012</b>	<b>2.600</b>



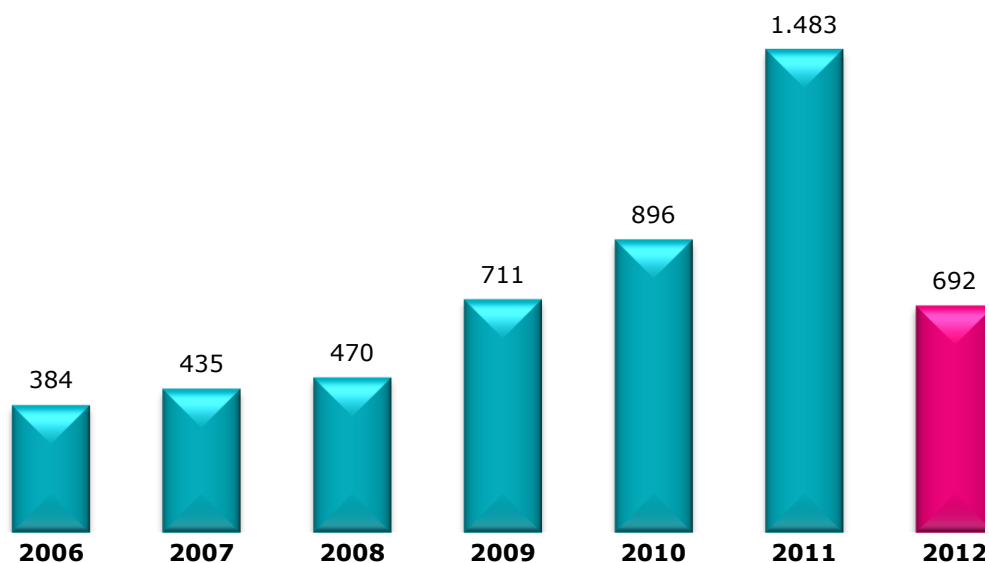
#### 4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

The figures in the following chart are regularly adapted. The original figures relate to the asylum applications of young people who have declared being non-accompanied minors at the start of their asylum procedure. The Immigration Department modifies these figures during the year, after the results of the bone scan, which determines whether the minor is indeed younger than 18, are known.

##### a. Applications from unaccompanied foreign minors per month (2006-2012)

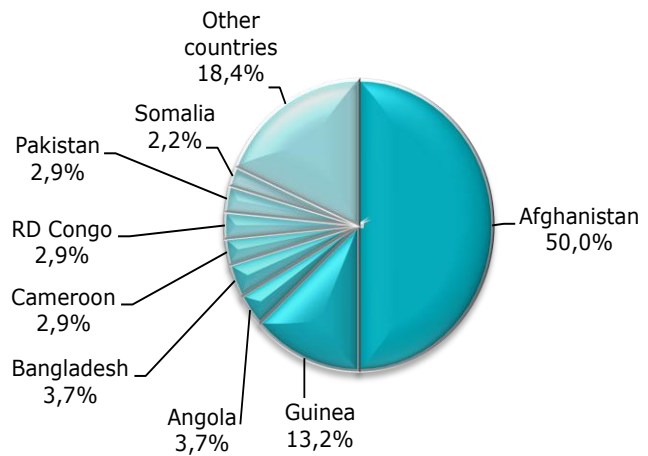
	2011	2012	+/- in % 2012 vs 2011	+/- in % vs last month
January	111	146	31,5%	19,7%
February	107	140	30,8%	-4,1%
March	132	158	19,7%	12,9%
April	111	112	0,9%	-29,1%
May	109	136	24,8%	21,4%
June	115			
July	106			
August	106			
September	152			
October	119			
November	95			
December	122			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.385</b>	<b>692</b>		

##### b. Applications from unaccompanied foreign minors per year (2006-2012)



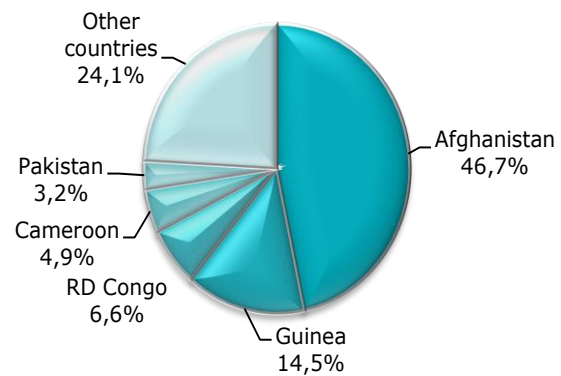
**c. Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in May 2012**

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	68
2 Guinea	18
3 Angola	5
Bangladesh	5
4 Cameroon	4
RD Congo	4
Pakistan	4
5 Somalia	3
Other countries	25
<b>Total May 2012</b>	<b>136</b>



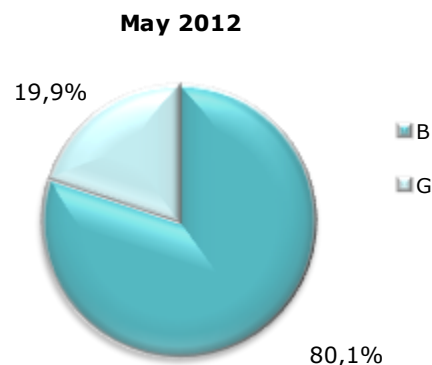
**Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in 2012**

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	323
2 Guinea	100
3 RD Congo	46
4 Cameroon	34
5 Pakistan	22
Other countries	167
<b>Total 2012</b>	<b>692</b>



**Male/female ratio of unaccompanied foreign minors**

	Boys	Girls
2007	68,4%	31,6%
2008	71,4%	28,6%
2009	78,0%	22,0%
2010	72,9%	27,1%
2011	77,9%	22,1%
<b>2012</b>	<b>84,4%</b>	<b>15,6%</b>



### III. ASYLUM DECISIONS IN 2012

(Source: CGRS)

#### 1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

	Jan-April	May	Total
Transfer of files to CGRS	6.662	1.201	7.863
25/26 quater (Dublin)	627	118	745
13 quater	1.456	299	1.755
Renunciation, ...	650	10	660
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.395</b>	<b>1.628</b>	<b>11.023</b>

The Immigration Department has a power of decision with regard to the application of the Dublin Regulation (annexes 25/26 quater), multiple asylum applications without new elements (annex 13 quater), renunciations... If the Immigration Department does not make a decision, the case will be transferred to the CGRS for examination.

#### 2. Decisions by the CGRS

##### a. Number of decisions

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Total
Recognition of refugee status	225	222	228	247	255	<b>1.177</b>
Granting of subsidiary protection (SP)	68	54	84	86	94	<b>386</b>
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	1.206	1.219	1.401	1.167	1.209	<b>6.202</b>
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (FU)		3	6	21	1	<b>31</b>
Technical refusal	93	102	79	50	75	<b>399</b>
Exclusion from refugee status and SP	2	2	1		2	<b>7</b>
Exclusion from refugee status and to grant SP	1	1		5		<b>7</b>
Refusal to grant refugee status and exclusion of SP					3	<b>3</b>
Abolition of refugee status or SP		1			2	<b>3</b>
Withdrawal of refugee status or SP	2	4	4	1	1	<b>12</b>
Renunciation + departure IOM	33	23	56	7	37	<b>156</b>
Application which does not proceed to judgment (regularization under art. 55)	6	4	6	2	14	<b>32</b>
Application which does not proceed to judgment (Belgian nationality, death)	2	1	2	8	3	<b>16</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.638</b>	<b>1.636</b>	<b>1.867</b>	<b>1.594</b>	<b>1.696</b>	<b>8.431</b>

**b. Recognition of refugee status, per nationality**

Country of origin	Number of recognitions	Number of decisions	%
Afghanistan	141	814	17,3%
Albania	56	685	8,2%
Algeria	3	55	5,5%
Angola	2	47	4,3%
Armenia	3	171	1,8%
Belarus	1	30	3,3%
Benin	2	11	18,2%
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	141	0,7%
Burkina Faso	12	68	17,6%
Burundi	14	134	10,4%
Cameroon	40	199	20,1%
Chad	29	108	26,9%
China	117	136	86,0%
Djibouti	7	20	35,0%
Equatorial-Guinea	2	2	100,0%
Eritrea	7	14	50,0%
Gabon	1	1	100,0%
Gambia	4	21	19,0%
Ghana	3	40	7,5%
Guinea	111	834	13,3%
Indefinite	19	55	34,5%
India	2	52	3,8%
Iran	57	103	55,3%
Iraq	121	658	18,4%
Ivory Coast	8	134	6,0%
Kenia	4	23	17,4%
Kirghizistan	2	39	5,1%
Kosovo	39	479	8,1%
Macedonia	4	210	1,9%
Mali	1	11	9,1%
Mauritius	19	116	16,4%
Morokko	3	28	10,7%
Nepal	1	44	2,3%
Niger	1	34	2,9%
Nigeria	1	48	2,1%
North Corea	20	22	90,9%
Pakistan	4	144	2,8%
RD Congo	51	372	13,7%
Russia	73	548	13,3%
Rwanda	41	205	20,0%
Senegal	31	153	20,3%
Serbia	16	316	5,1%
Sierra Leone	1	16	6,3%
Somalia	43	142	30,3%
Sri Lanka	11	32	34,4%
Sudan	7	27	25,9%
Syria	23	28	82,1%
Tanzania	3	40	7,5%
Togo	9	110	8,2%
Turkey	3	5	60,0%
Uganda	1	3	33,3%
Ukraine	1	27	3,7%
Uzbekistan	2	5	40,0%
Other countries	0	673	0,0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1178</b>	<b>8.433</b>	<b>14,0%</b>

**Top 10 decisions of recognition of refugee status in 2012**

Country of origin	Number of recognitions	Number of decisions	%
1 Afghanistan	141	814	17,3%
2 Iraq	121	658	18,4%
3 China	117	136	86,0%
4 Guinea	111	834	13,3%
5 Russia	73	548	13,3%
6 Iran	57	103	55,3%
7 Albania	56	685	8,2%
8 RD Congo	51	392	13,0%
9 Somalia	43	142	30,3%
10 Rwanda	41	205	20,0%
Other countries	366	3.916	9,3%
<b>Total 2012</b>	<b>1.177</b>	<b>8.433</b>	<b>14,0%</b>

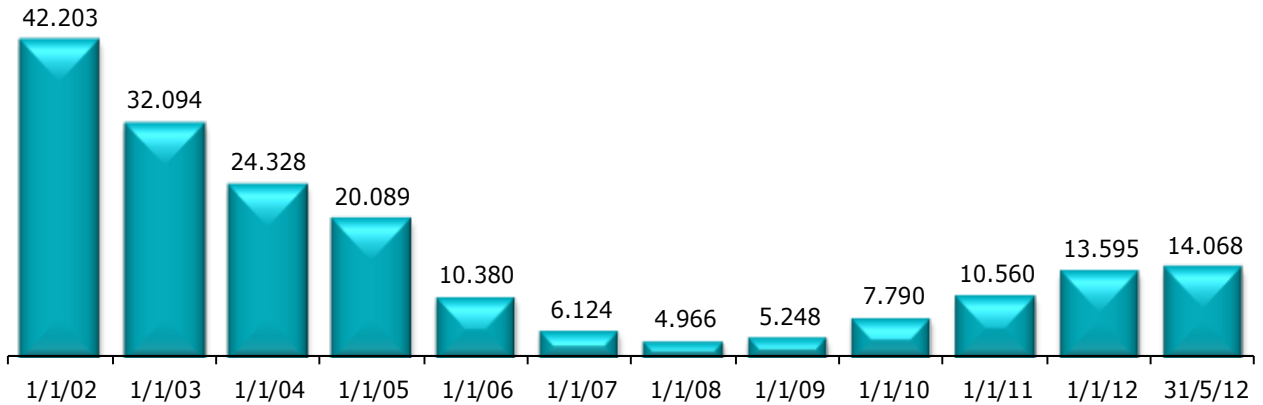
**c. Granting of subsidiary protection, per nationality**

Country of origin	Number of granting	Number of decisions	%
Afghanistan	335	814	41,2%
Somalia	13	142	9,2%
Indefinite	6	55	10,9%
Iraq	5	658	0,8%
RD Congo	4	392	1,0%
Sudan	4	27	14,8%
Georgia	3	200	1,5%
Kosovo	3	479	0,6%
Palestina	3	144	2,1%
Guatemala	2	3	66,7%
Guinea	2	834	0,2%
Albania	2	685	0,3%
Argentina	1	1	100,0%
Armenia	1	171	0,6%
Eritrea	1	14	7,1%
Libanon	1	18	5,6%
Serbia	1	316	0,3%
Other countries	0	3.480	0,0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>8.433</b>	<b>4,6%</b>

#### IV. EVOLUTION OF THE CASELOAD AT THE CGRS

At the end of May 2012, the CGRS had a total caseload of **14,068** dossiers, of which **4,500** dossiers may be considered a normal workload. The backlog as such amounted therefore to **9,568** dossiers.

##### Caseload per year



##### Caseload for the last 12 months

