



ASYLUM STATISTICS

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I. ASYLUM FIGURES IN 2014

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

August

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	1.580	
First asylum applications	1.151	72,8%
Multiple asylum applications	429	27,2%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	85	5,4%

CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	107	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	208	
Final decisions	890	
Recognition of refugee status	314	35,3%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	101	11,3%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	428	48,1%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	2	0,2%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	30	3,4%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	0	0,0%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	3	0,3%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	12	1,3%
Total of CGRS decisions	1.205	
Caseload at the CGRS	5.500	

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2014

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	10.550	
First asylum applications	6.474	61,4%
Multiple asylum applications	4.076	38,6%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	311	2,9%

CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	1.620	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	1.982	
Final decisions	8.594	
Recognition of refugee status	2.690	31,3%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	979	11,4%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	4.512	52,5%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	16	0,2%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	183	2,1%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	7	0,1%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	31	0,4%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	176	2,0%
Total of CGRS decisions	12.196	
Caseload at the CGRS	5.500	

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II. ASYLUM APPLICATIONS IN BELGIUM

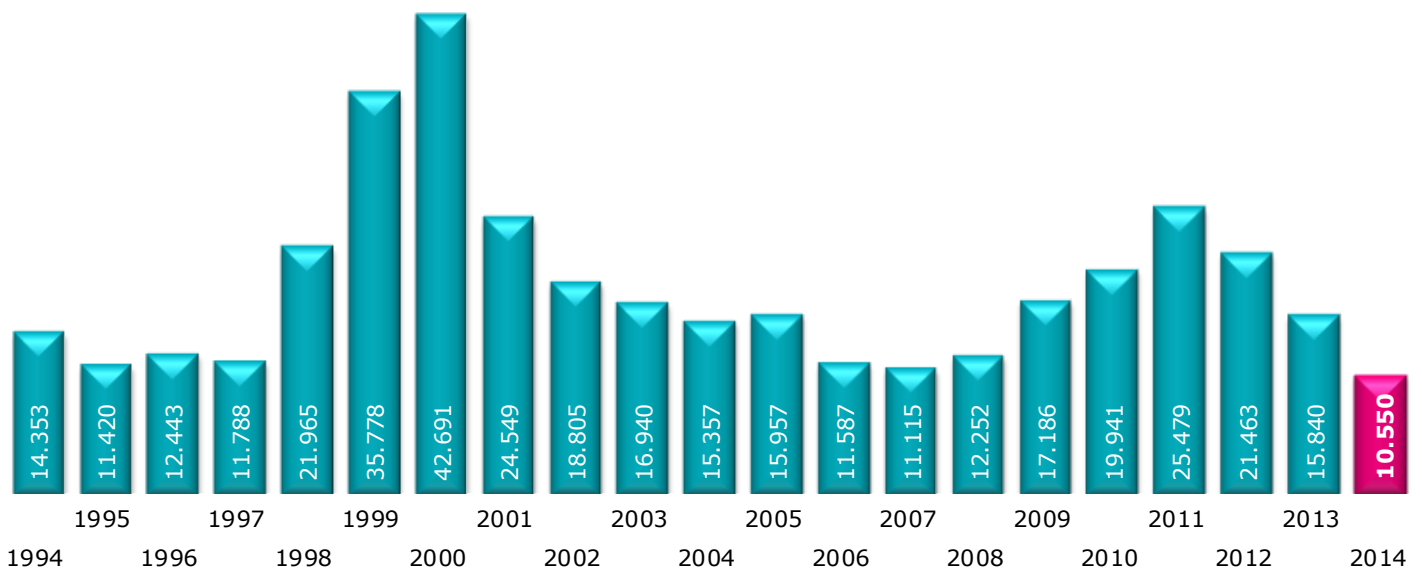
(source: Immigration Department)

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

a. Applications per month (2013-2014)

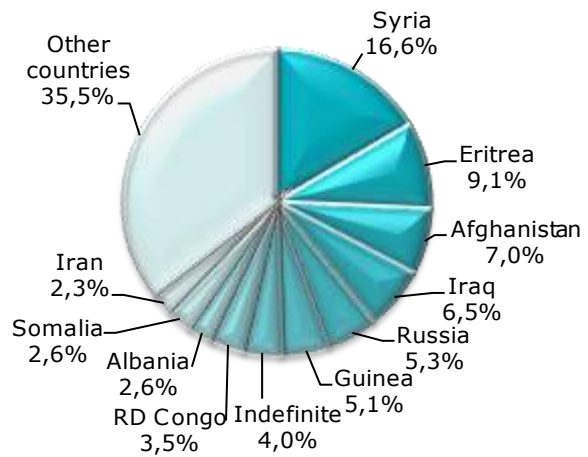
	2013	2014	+/- in % 2014 vs 2013	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.644	1.376	-16,3%	29,1%
February	1.392	1.209	-13,1%	-12,1%
March	1.447	1.177	-18,7%	-2,6%
April	1.346	1.193	-11,4%	1,4%
May	1.202	1.122	-6,7%	-6,0%
June	1.214	1.403	15,6%	25,0%
July	1.311	1.490	13,7%	6,2%
August	1.294	1.580	22,1%	6,0%
September	1.485			
October	1.336			
November	1.103			
December	1.066			
Total	15.840	10.550		

b. Applications per year (1994-2014)



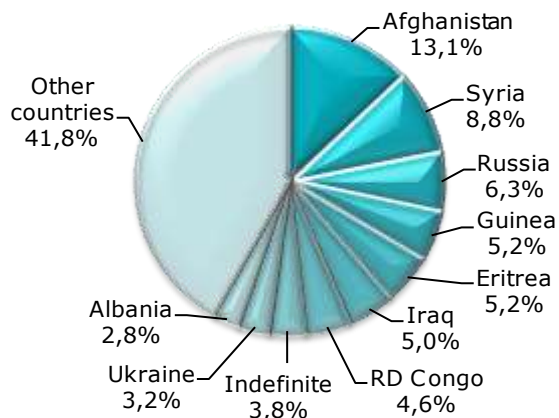
c. Top 10 of countries of origin in August 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	262
2 Eritrea	144
3 Afghanistan	111
4 Iraq	102
5 Russia	83
6 Guinea	80
7 Indefinite	63
8 RD Congo	55
9 Albania	41
Somalia	41
10 Iran	37
Other countries	561
Total August 2014	1.580



Top 10 of countries of origin in 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	1.382
2 Syria	932
3 Russia	666
4 Guinea	551
5 Eritrea	548
6 Iraq	531
7 RD Congo	487
8 Indefinite	404
9 Ukraine	338
10 Albania	296
Other countries	4.415
Total 2014	10.550



d. Applications in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 according to nationality
 (in color and bold: top 10 in 2014)

Country of origin	2011	2012	2013	2014
Afghanistan	2.758	2.635	1.327	1.382
Albania	809	667	487	296
Algeria	300	229	135	95
Angola	158	171	112	54
Argentina	1	6	0	0
Armenia	691	445	318	130
Australia	0	0	2	0
Azerbaijan	118	94	91	45
Bahrein	0	0	1	0
Bangladesh	520	496	208	112
Belorussia	84	60	50	30
Benin	57	83	59	21
Bhutan	14	7	9	1
Bolivia	1	0	0	0
Bosnia-Herzegovina	286	139	100	60
Brasil	1	0	3	2
British Nationals	0	0	1	0
Bulgaria	73	39	23	14
Burkina-Faso	96	107	103	44
Burundi	176	129	153	56
Cameroon	561	543	417	235
Canada	0	5	3	0
Central African Rep.	4	7	16	47
Chad	14	25	24	10
Chili	4	2	0	0
China	378	395	397	85
Colombia	4	11	11	5
Comores	0	2	0	0
Congo RD	1.007	1.334	1.225	487
Congo RP	23	23	23	11
Costa Rica	0	2	0	0
Croatia	8	12	12	4
Cuba	5	6	8	4
Cyprus	0	1	0	1
Czech Rep.	22	5	5	1
Djibouti	61	76	122	53
Dominican Rep.	4	1	7	2
Ecuador	1	0	0	1
Egypt	112	84	120	66
El Salvador	17	13	14	17
Equatorial Guinea	1	7	2	1
Eritrea	75	67	66	548
Ethiopia	47	49	28	25
Fidji	1	0	0	0
France	6	4	1	1
Gabon	4	5	4	0
Gambia	66	81	78	34
Georgia	324	410	302	245
Ghana	104	86	63	27
Guatemala	1	8	2	0
Guinea	2.134	1.808	1.247	551
Guinea-Bissau	11	24	13	10
Guyana	0	1	0	0
Haiti	6	1	2	2
Honduras	0	1	0	1
Hungary	7	17	10	6
India	176	109	67	59
Iran	425	410	350	246
Iraq	1.948	803	787	531
Israel	9	7	4	0
Italy	2	2	2	1
Ivory Coast	367	241	161	78
Jamaica	0	1	0	4
Japan	0	1	0	0
Jordania	28	25	20	19
Kampuchea	0	1	0	0
Kazakhstan	124	134	70	25
Kenia	57	36	29	12
Kirghizistan	92	53	57	23
Kosovo	1.458	983	754	270
Kuwait	0	1	0	0
Laos	0	0	1	0
Latvia	0	1	1	3
Libanon	86	99	73	51
Liberia	42	27	25	8

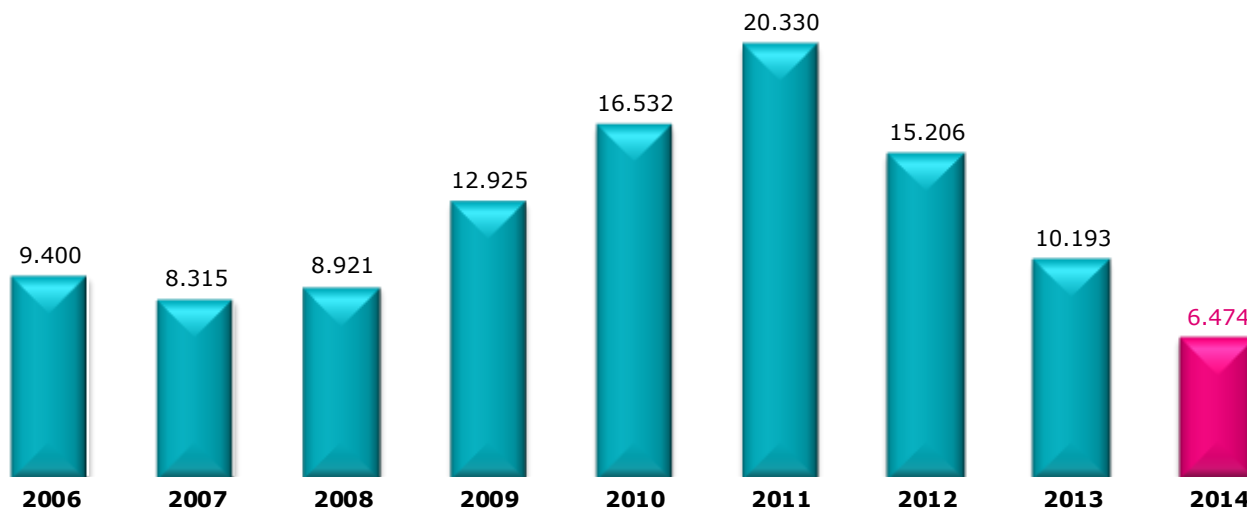
Country of origin	2011	2012	2013	2014
Libya	56	16	20	27
Lithuania	3	7	3	3
Luxemburg	0	1	0	0
Macedonia	819	476	248	128
Madagascar	6	3	2	0
Malawi	1	1	0	0
Malaysia	0	2	0	0
Mali	33	122	138	47
Mauretania	192	230	222	97
Mauritius	8	6	4	1
Mexico	1	1	7	2
Moldova	7	16	12	13
Mongolia	69	43	27	9
Montenegro	30	53	13	10
Morocco	95	113	130	101
Mozambique	1	1	0	0
Myanmar	10	23	12	5
Namibia	0	1	0	1
Nepal	403	222	53	11
Netherlands	0	7	4	1
Nicaragua	2	0	0	0
Niger	107	91	89	64
Nigeria	163	167	154	76
North Corea	73	83	28	2
Pakistan	933	760	361	200
Palestina	56	26	27	13
Paraguay	0	1	1	0
Peru	0	0	1	0
Philippines	1	0	2	1
Poland	0	1	1	3
Portugal	0	1	0	0
Romania	69	44	52	21
Russia	1.618	1.470	1.166	666
Rwanda	460	391	292	168
Saoudi Arabia	1	1	2	0
Sao Tomé & Principe	0	0	0	1
Senegal	397	534	344	168
Serbia	1.109	571	336	176
Sierra Leone	77	78	47	28
Slovakia	36	15	12	8
Slovenia	0	0	1	0
Somalia	483	360	212	186
South Africa	1	1	5	1
South Corea	2	1	0	0
South Sudan	0	1	5	3
Spain	2	1	0	0
Sri Lanka	178	118	106	70
Sudan	75	83	65	77
Surinam	13	12	3	1
Syria	555	793	877	932
Tadzhikistan	7	9	2	2
Tanzania	150	73	52	18
Thailand	0	0	0	1
Togo	238	247	219	101
Tunisia	106	69	56	38
Turkey	414	368	242	141
Turkmenistan	3	0	1	0
Uganda	23	20	25	11
Ukraine	57	74	55	338
United Arabic Emirates	0	2	0	0
USA	6	6	2	0
Uruguay	0	1	0	0
Uzbekistan	27	12	15	1
Venezuela	5	0	2	9
Vietnam	4	4	15	2
Western Sahara	0	1	0	0
Yemen	13	8	7	6
Zambia	1	0	0	2
Zimbabwe	4	0	2	1
Others	18	22	27	0
Indefinite	285	231	217	404
Stateless Persons	4	11	9	2
Refugees	0	0	3	0
Total	25.479	21.463	15.840	10.550

2. First asylum applications

a. First applications per month (2013-2014)

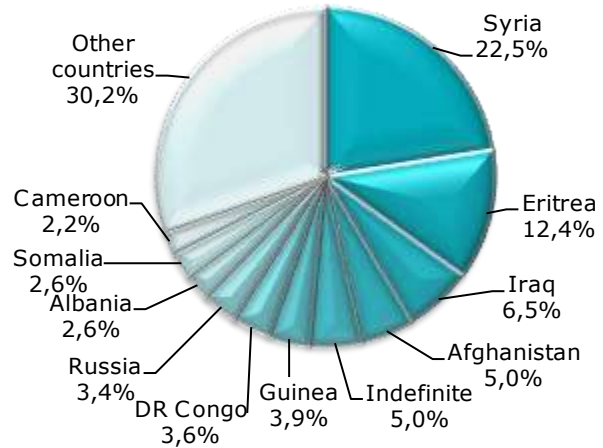
	2013	2014	+/- in % 2014 vs 2013	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.014	754	-25,6%	5,3%
February	867	602	-30,6%	-20,2%
March	938	696	-25,8%	15,6%
April	832	712	-14,4%	2,3%
May	782	694	-11,3%	-2,5%
June	767	871	13,6%	25,5%
July	842	994	18,1%	14,1%
August	824	1.151	39,7%	15,8%
September	990			
October	870			
November	751			
December	716			
Total	10.193	6.474		

b. First applications per year (2006-2014)



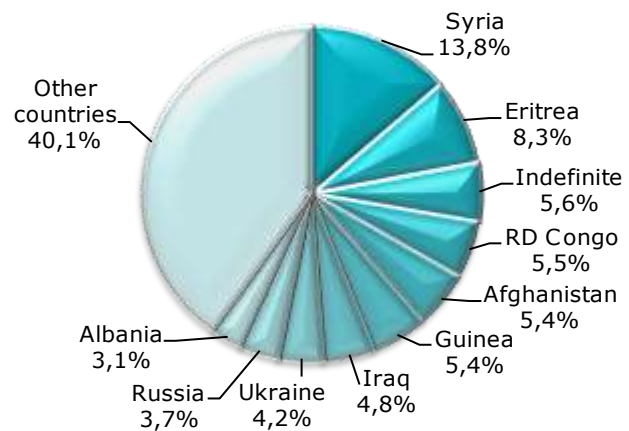
c. Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in August 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	259
2 Eritrea	143
3 Iraq	75
4 Afghanistan	58
5 Indefinite	57
6 Guinea	45
7 DR Congo	42
8 Russia	39
9 Albania	30
Somalia	30
10 Cameroon	25
Other countries	348
Total August 2014	1.151



Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	891
2 Eritrea	540
3 Indefinite	362
4 RD Congo	359
5 Afghanistan	350
6 Guinea	347
7 Iraq	311
8 Ukraine	275
9 Russia	242
10 Albania	198
Other countries	2.599
Total 2014	6.474

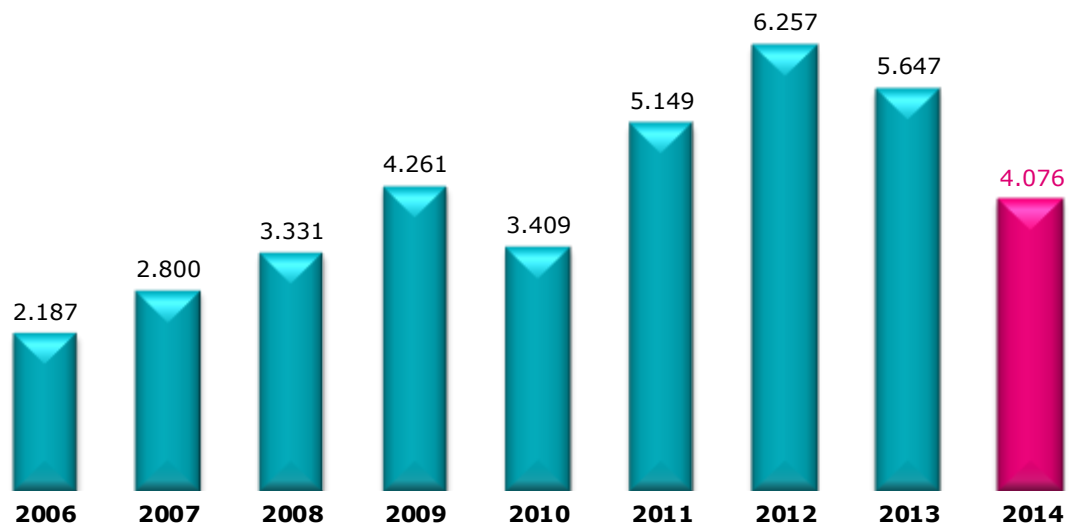


3. Multiple asylum applications

a. Multiple applications per month (2013-2014)

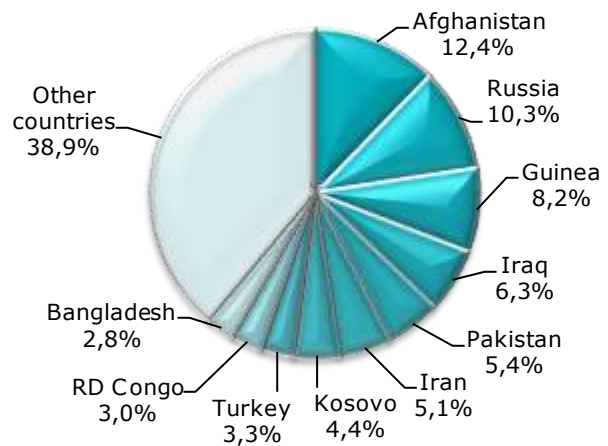
	2013	2014	+/- in % 2014 vs 2013	+/- in % vs last month
January	630	622	-1,3%	77,7%
February	525	607	15,6%	-2,4%
March	509	481	-5,5%	-20,8%
April	514	481	-6,4%	0,0%
May	420	428	1,9%	-11,0%
June	447	532	19,0%	24,3%
July	469	496	5,8%	-6,8%
August	470	429	-8,7%	-13,5%
September	495			
October	466			
November	352			
December	350			
Total	5.647	4.076		

b. Multiple applications per year (2006-2014)



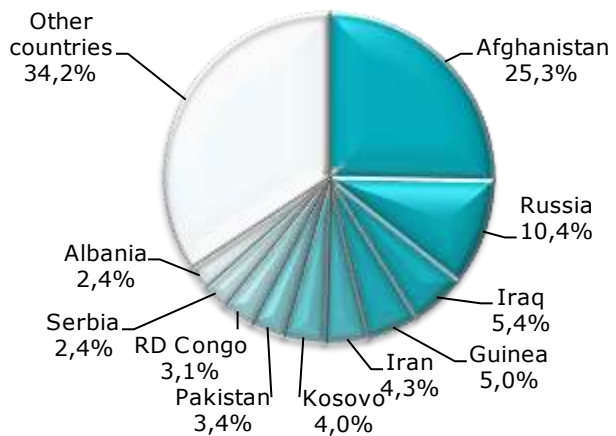
c. Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in August 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	53
2 Russia	44
3 Guinea	35
4 Iraq	27
5 Pakistan	23
6 Iran	22
7 Kosovo	19
8 Turkey	14
9 RD Congo	13
10 Bangladesh	12
Other countries	167
Total August 2014	429



Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	1.032
2 Russia	424
3 Iraq	220
4 Guinea	204
5 Iran	175
6 Kosovo	163
7 Pakistan	138
8 RD Congo	128
9 Serbia	99
10 Albania	98
Other countries	1.395
Total 2014	4.076



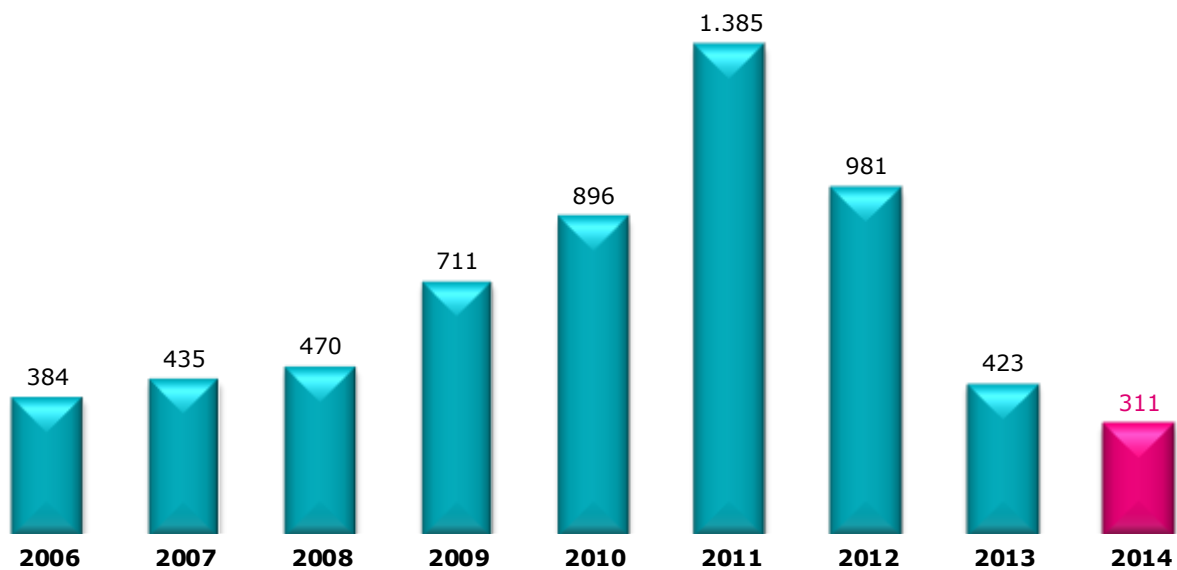
4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

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 (2013-2014)

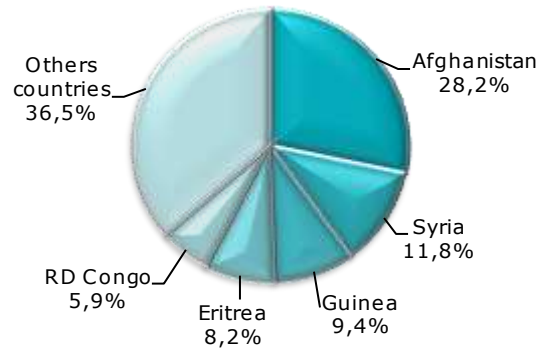
	2013	2014	+/- in % 2014 vs 2013	+/- in % vs last month
January	58	36	-37,9%	16,1%
February	37	24	-35,1%	-33,3%
March	44	21	-52,3%	-12,5%
April	28	32	14,3%	52,4%
May	30	31	3,3%	-3,1%
June	14	32	128,6%	3,2%
July	39	50	28,2%	56,3%
August	38	85	123,7%	70,0%
September	52			
October	33			
November	19			
December	31			
Total	423	311		

b. Applications from unaccompanied foreign minors per year (2006-2014)



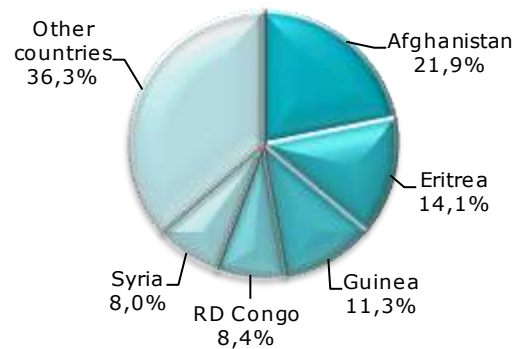
c. Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in August 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	24
2 Syria	10
3 Guinea	8
4 Eritrea	7
5 RD Congo	5
Others countries	31
Total August 2014	85



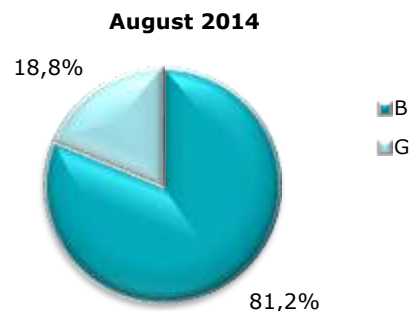
Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	68
2 Eritrea	44
3 Guinea	35
4 RD Congo	26
5 Syria	25
Other countries	113
Total 2014	311



d. 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%
2012	74,7%	25,3%
2013	70,9%	29,1%
2014	70,1%	29,9%



III. ASYLUM DECISIONS IN 2014

(Source: CGRS)

1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

	January-July	August	Total
Transfer of files to CGRS	7.474	856	8.330
25/26 quater (Dublin)	610	51	661
Renunciation, ...	633	6	639
Total	8.717	913	9.630

The Immigration Department has a power of decision with regard to the application of the Dublin Regulation (annexes 25/26 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	June	July	Aug	Total
Recognition of refugee status	300	291	373	359	341	284	428	314	2.690
Granting of subsidiary protection (SP)	114	123	125	144	103	123	146	101	979
Taking an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum application)	230	231	325	205	157	197	168	107	1.620
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum application)	272	259	248	278	231	214	272	208	1.982
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	535	631	601	633	437	403	525	390	4.155
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	3	3	4			1	3	2	16
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Safe countries of origin)	50	33				24	46	30	183
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Refugee in other country)	1	1	5						7
Technical refusal	47	55	52	60	25	36	44	38	357
Exclusion from refugee status and SP	1				1		2		4
Exclusion from refugee status and to grant SP	1			3	3	8	4	3	22
Refusal to grant refugee status and exclusion of SP	2		1		1		1		5
Abolition of refugee status or SP						2	2		4
Withdrawal of refugee status or SP		2	1	3	3	3	4	3	19
Renunciation + departure IOM	17	16	24	9	11	10	25	8	120
Application which does not proceed to judgment (regularization under art. 55)	4	4	3	1	4	3	2		21
Application which does not proceed to judgment (Belgian nationality, death)	2	1	4	2	1		1	1	12
Total	1.579	1.650	1.766	1.697	1.318	1.308	1.673	1.205	12.196

b. Top 10 decisions of recognition of refugee status in 2014

Country of origin	Number of recognitions	Number of decisions	%
1 Afghanistan	331	804	41,2%
2 Syria	319	622	51,3%
3 Guinea	255	607	42,0%
4 Iran	176	346	50,9%
5 Iraq	149	577	25,8%
6 RD Congo	148	574	25,8%
7 Russia	146	350	41,7%
8 China	127	369	34,4%
9 Indefinite	118	235	50,2%
10 Rwanda	84	225	37,3%
Other countries	837	3.885	21,5%
Total 2014	2.690	8.594	31,3%

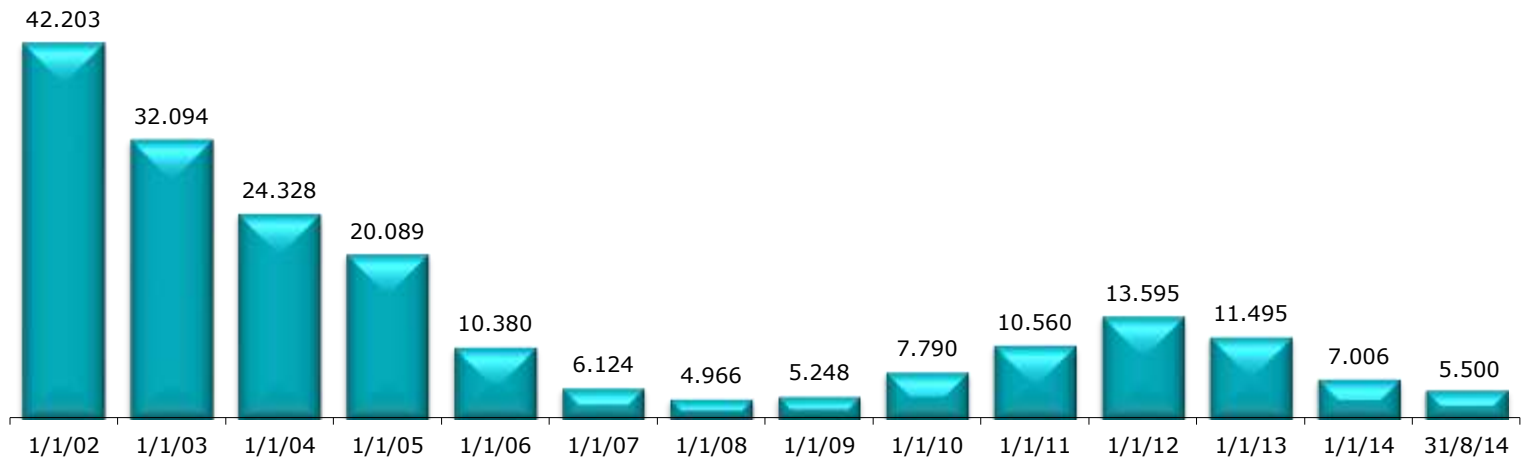
c. Top 5 decisions of granting of subsidiary protection in 2014

Country of origin	Number of granting	Number of decisions	%
1 Iraq	295	577	51,1%
2 Afghanistan	294	804	36,6%
3 Syria	284	622	45,7%
4 Indefinite	29	235	12,3%
5 Somalia	13	98	13,3%
Other countries	64	6.258	1,0%
Total 2014	979	8.594	11,4%

IV. EVOLUTION OF THE CASELOAD AT THE CGRS

At the end of August 2014, the CGRS had a total caseload of **5,500** dossiers, of which **3,900** dossiers may be considered a normal workload. The backlog as such amounted therefore to **1,600** dossiers.

Caseload per year



Caseload for the last 12 months

