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I. Asylum figures in 2011

(source: Immigration department)

1. Annually

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	25.479	
First asylum applications	20.330	79,79%
Multiple asylum applications	5.149	20,21%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	1.649	6,47%
Decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
CGRS decisions	16.828	
Recognition of refugee status	2.857	16,98%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	1.094	6,50%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	11.297	67,13%
Other	1.580	9,39%
Caseload at the CGRA	13.595	

2. December 2011

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	2.435	
First asylum applications	1.830	75,15%
Multiple asylum applications	605	24,85%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	171	7,02%
Decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
CGRS decisions	1.689	
Recognition of refugee status	267	15,81%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	133	7,87%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	1.138	67,38%
Other	151	8,94%
Caseload at the CGRA	13.595	

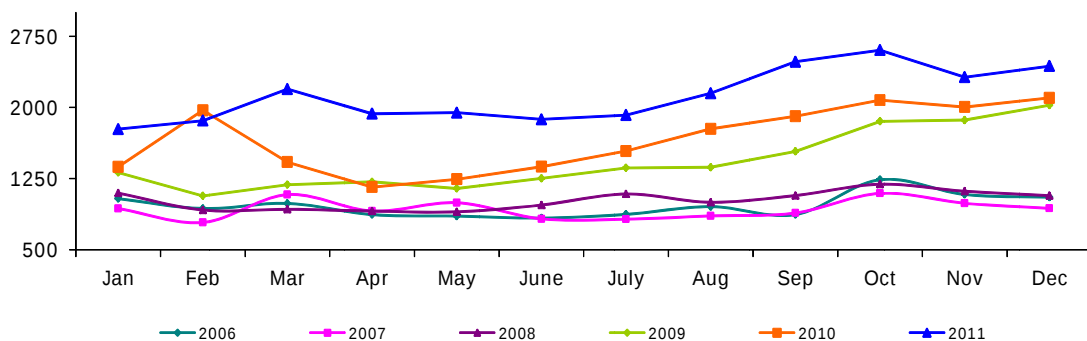
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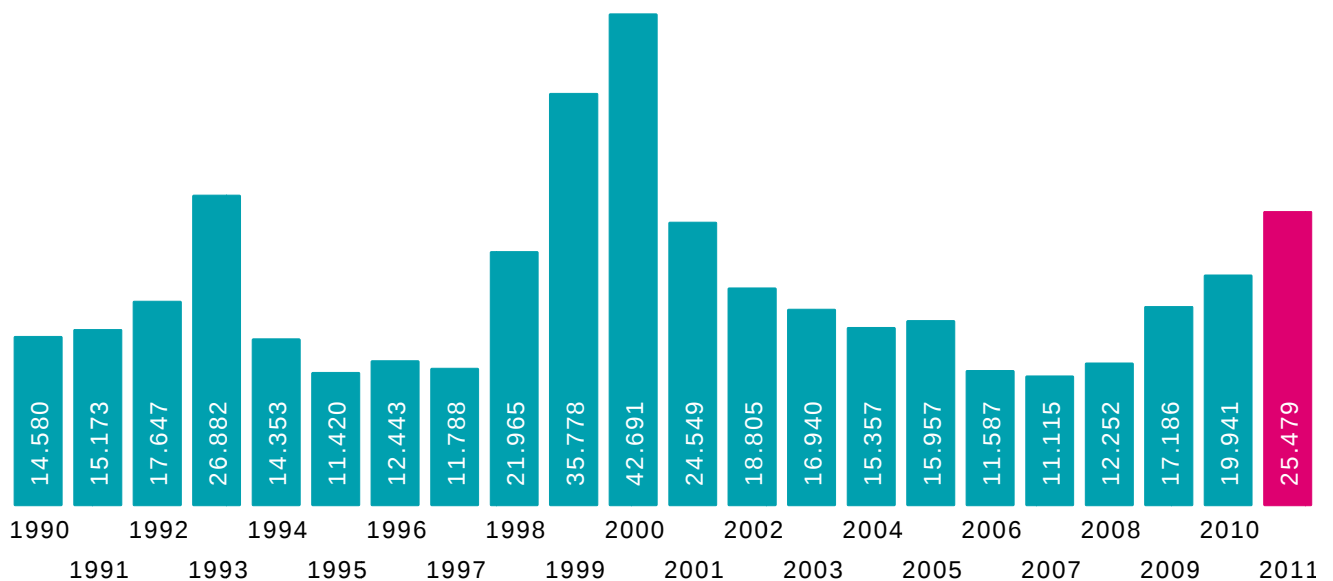
1. Number of asylum applications (first applications + multiple applications)

a. Applications per month (2006-2011)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	+/- in % 2011 vs 2010	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.038	934	1.097	1.314	1.373	1.771	28,99%	-15,67%
February	934	787	918	1.068	1.968	1.860	-5,49%	5,03%
March	988	1.081	926	1.185	1.424	2.193	54,00%	17,90%
April	870	908	907	1.215	1.160	1.933	66,64%	-11,86%
May	854	995	899	1.145	1.243	1.944	56,40%	0,57%
June	834	825	971	1.251	1.375	1.873	36,22%	-3,65%
July	872	822	1.087	1.363	1.539	1.919	24,69%	2,46%
August	954	856	1.000	1.368	1.773	2.149	21,21%	11,99%
September	870	887	1.071	1.535	1.906	2.480	30,12%	15,40%
October	1.238	1.094	1.190	1.853	2.076	2.604	25,43%	5,00%
November	1.082	990	1.116	1.866	2.004	2.318	15,67%	-10,98%
December	1.053	936	1.070	2.023	2.100	2.435	15,95%	5,05%
Total	11.587	11.115	12.252	17.186	19.941	25.479	27,77%	



b. Applications per year (1990-2011)



c. Top 10 of countries of origin in December 2011

Country of origin	Number	%
1 Russia	207	8,5%
2 Guinea	204	8,4%
3 Afghanistan	196	8,0%
4 Iraq	150	6,2%
5 Kosovo	119	4,9%
6 Bangladesh	114	4,7%
7 Congo RD	110	4,5%
8 Pakistan	99	4,1%
9 Cameroon	84	3,4%
10 Serbia	82	3,4%
Other countries	1.070	43,9%
Total December 2011	2.435	100 %
Percentage top 10	56,1%	

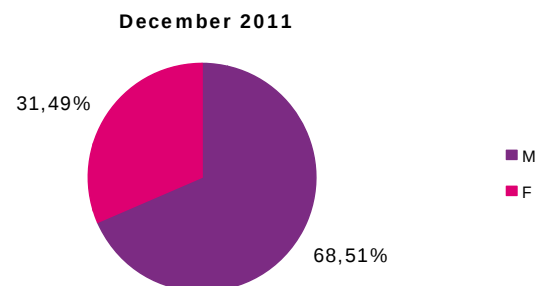
d. Top 10 of countries of origin in 2011

Country of origin	Number	%
1 Afghanistan	2.758	10,8%
2 Guinea	2.134	8,4%
3 Iraq	1.948	7,6%
4 Russia	1.618	6,4%
5 Kosovo	1.458	5,7%
6 Serbia	1.109	4,4%
7 Congo RD	1.007	4,0%
8 Pakistan	933	3,7%
9 Macedonia	819	3,2%
10 Albania	809	3,2%
Other countries	10.886	42,7%
Total 2011	25.479	100 %
Percentage top 10	57,3 %	

e. Asylum applications : male / female ratio of applicants from 2007 until 2011

(source: CGRS)

	Male	Female
2007	67,14%	32,86%
2008	69,27%	30,73%
2009	69,17%	30,83%
2010	68,22%	31,78%
2011	69,34%	30,66%



f. Applications in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 according to nationality
(in color and bold : top 10 in 2011)

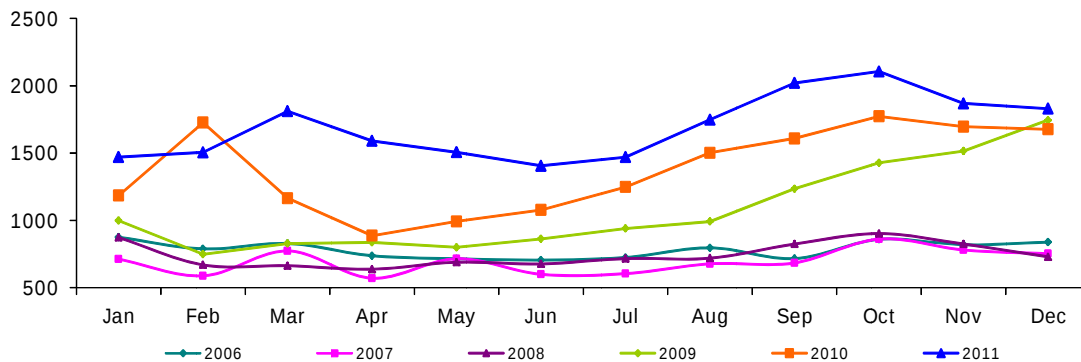
Country of origin	2008	2009	2010	2011
Afghanistan	879	1.659	1.411	2.758
Albania	172	256	204	809
Algeria	206	275	287	300
Angola	133	142	153	158
Argentina	0	0	8	1
Armenia	461	1.099	986	691
Azerbaijan	53	54	72	118
Bangladesh	79	75	177	520
Belorussia	58	40	53	84
Benin	16	50	56	57
Bhutan	34	24	19	14
Bolivia	0	0	0	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	71	90	106	286
Brasil	1	2	3	1
Bulgaria	46	101	79	73
Burkina-Faso	32	52	69	96
Burundi	106	120	132	176
Cameroon	367	302	357	561
Canada	1	0	0	0
Cape Verde	1	0	0	0
Central African Rep.	7	6	4	4
Chad	16	16	21	14
Chili	0	0	0	4
China	189	329	235	378
Colombia	4	8	13	4
Congo RD	579	670	786	1.007
Congo RP	30	14	22	23
Croatia	3	16	15	8
Cuba	2	3	2	5
Czech Rep.	45	48	21	22
Djibouti	26	39	31	61
Dominican Rep.	1	9	1	4
Ecuador	2	0	0	1
Egypt	24	29	29	112
Equatorial Guinea	0	3	3	1
Eritrea	35	69	110	75
Estonia	0	0	1	0
Ethiopia	71	89	72	47
Fidji	0	0	0	1
France	0	0	0	6
Gabon	4	5	10	4
Gambia	35	41	57	66
Georgia	222	327	323	324
Germany	0	2	0	0
Ghana	20	29	65	104
Greece	0	0	1	0
Guatemala	0	7	1	1
Guinea	661	1.052	1.398	2.134
Guinea-Bissau	1	3	5	11
Guyana	0	1	0	0
Haiti	1	1	9	6
Hungary	16	143	36	7
India	84	123	151	176
Indonesia	1	3	0	0
Iran	614	732	386	425
Iraq	1.070	1.386	1.769	1.948
Israel	18	8	7	9
Italy	0	0	1	2
Ivory Coast	91	88	173	367
Jamaica	4	1	1	0
Jordania	21	15	10	28
Kampuchea	0	1	0	0
Kazakhstan	16	44	75	124
Kenia	55	42	65	57
Kirghizistan	14	19	117	92
Kosovo	478	1.539	1.848	1.458
Kuwait	1	0	1	0
Latvia	5	3	2	0
Libanon	85	95	70	86
Liberia	23	27	27	42
Libya	15	19	19	56

Country of origin	2008	2009	2010	2011
Lithuania	1	5	1	3
Macedonia	122	201	1.082	819
Madagascar	1	3	2	6
Malawi	0	0	0	1
Malaysia	0	2	0	0
Mali	5	11	25	33
Malta	0	0	2	0
Mauretania	128	187	206	192
Mauritius	0	1	3	8
Mexico	0	1	1	1
Moldova	14	29	14	7
Mongolia	43	85	61	69
Montenegro	7	12	14	30
Morocco	36	53	46	95
Mozambique	0	0	0	1
Myanmar	9	8	14	10
Nepal	39	65	203	403
Netherlands	0	2	1	0
Nicaragua	0	0	0	2
Niger	57	71	78	107
Nigeria	59	101	138	163
North Corea	2	4	16	73
Pakistan	150	233	340	933
Palestina	5	9	37	56
Panama	0	2	0	0
Peru	0	1	0	0
Philippines	0	1	0	1
Poland	2	6	0	0
Romania	43	98	56	69
Russia	1.620	1.605	1.526	1.618
Rwanda	273	308	337	460
Salvador	0	0	0	17
Saoudi Arabia	0	0	1	1
Senegal	50	113	252	397
Serbia	572	514	1.233	1.109
Sierra Leone	42	45	65	77
Slovakia	239	261	53	36
Slovenia	0	1	0	0
Somalia	163	216	294	483
South Africa	1	1	0	1
South Corea	0	0	0	2
Spain	0	3	1	2
Sri Lanka	148	216	140	178
Sudan	62	89	92	75
Surinam	0	4	5	13
Syria	281	347	388	555
Tadzhikistan	1	5	7	7
Tanzania	49	90	89	150
Thailand	0	1	1	0
Timor-Leste	2	0	0	0
Togo	171	130	246	238
Tunisia	6	21	20	106
Turkey	284	259	277	414
Turkmenistan	0	5	3	3
Uganda	13	23	15	23
Ukraine	61	33	62	57
United Arabic Emirates	0	2	0	0
USA	0	0	3	6
Uzbekistan	15	14	20	27
Venezuela	1	0	2	5
Vietnam	9	10	18	4
Yemen	7	8	11	13
Zambia	0	0	0	1
Zimbabwe	8	4	3	4
Others	14	15	10	18
Indefinite	126	199	254	285
Stateless Persons	6	7	7	4
Refugees	0	1	1	0
Total	12.252	17.186	19.941	25.479

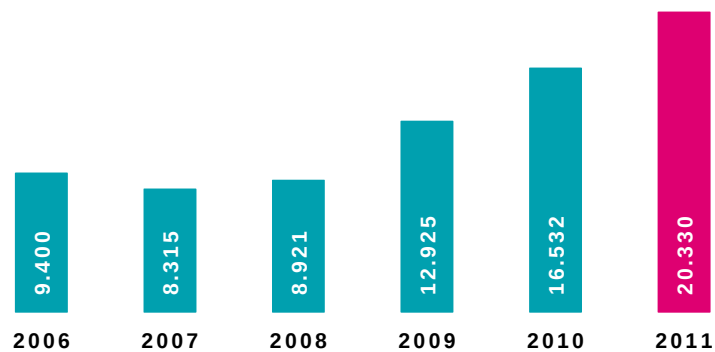
2. First asylum applications

a. First applications per month (2006-2011)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	+/- in % 2011 vs 2010	+/- en % vs last month
January	875	712	873	998	1.184	1.470	24,16%	-12,29%
February	788	588	669	749	1.726	1.505	-12,80%	2,38%
March	828	773	663	828	1.164	1.811	55,58%	20,33%
April	737	570	637	836	886	1.590	79,46%	-12,20%
May	715	715	689	799	992	1.506	51,81%	-5,28%
June	705	599	676	862	1.077	1.405	30,45%	-6,71%
July	724	604	716	940	1.248	1.470	17,79%	4,63%
August	796	677	719	991	1.502	1.748	16,38%	18,91%
September	716	684	824	1.235	1.608	2.021	25,68%	15,62%
October	859	861	902	1.428	1.773	2.106	18,78%	4,21%
November	819	780	824	1.515	1.696	1.868	10,14%	-11,30%
December	838	752	729	1.744	1.676	1.830	9,19%	-2,03%
Total	9.400	8.315	8.921	12.925	16.532	20.330	22,97%	



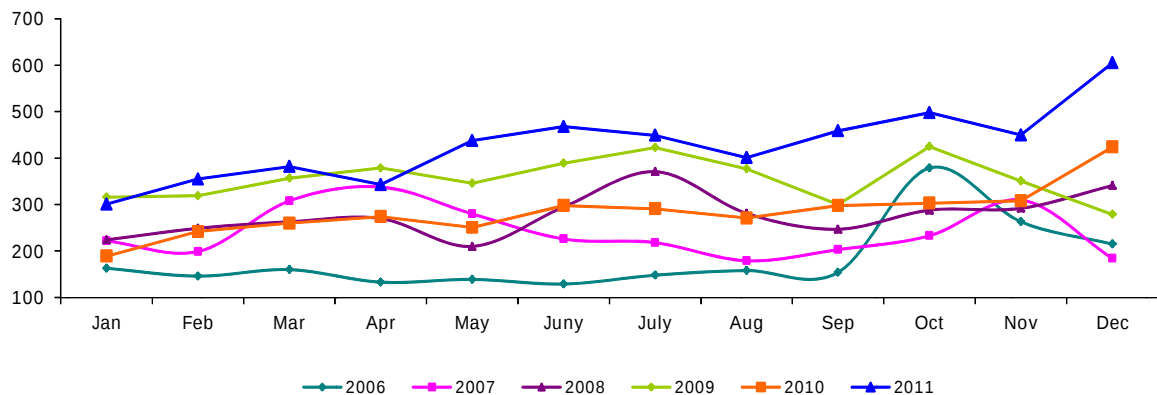
b. First applications per year (2006-2011)



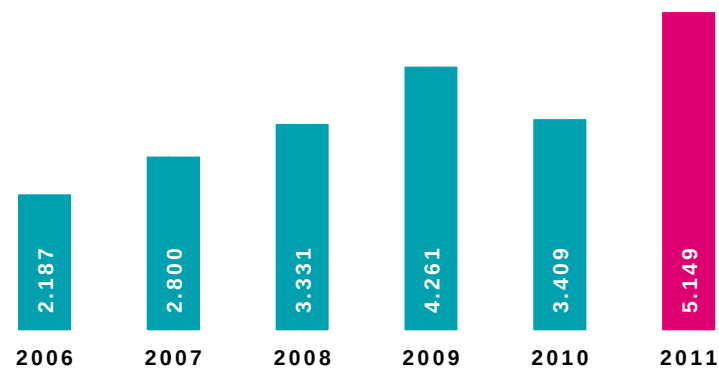
3. Multiple asylum applications

a. Multiple applications per month (2006-2011)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	+/- in % 2011 vs 2010	+/- in % vs last month
January	163	222	224	316	189	301	59,26%	-29,01%
February	146	199	249	319	242	355	46,69%	17,94%
March	160	308	263	357	260	382	46,92%	7,61%
April	133	338	270	379	274	343	25,18%	-10,21%
May	139	280	210	346	251	438	74,50%	27,70%
June	129	226	295	389	298	468	57,05%	6,85%
July	148	218	371	423	291	449	54,30%	-4,06%
August	158	179	281	377	271	401	47,97%	-10,69%
September	154	203	247	300	298	459	54,03%	14,46%
October	379	233	288	425	303	498	64,36%	8,50%
November	263	210	292	351	308	450	46,10%	-9,64%
December	215	184	341	279	424	605	42,69%	34,44%
Total	2.187	2.800	3.331	4.261	3.409	5.149	51,04%	



b. Multiple applications per year (2006-2011)



c. Top 10 of countries of origin for multiple applications in December 2011

Country of origin	Number	%
1 Russia	89	14,7%
2 Kosovo	72	11,9%
3 Guinea	59	9,8%
4 Serbia	57	9,4%
5 Afghanistan	30	5,0%
6 Armenia	28	4,6%
7 Macedonia	21	3,5%
8 Iraq	19	3,1%
9 Rwanda	18	3,0%
10 Cameroon	17	2,8%
Other countries	195	32,2%
Total December 2011	605	100 %
Percentage top 10	67,8 %	

d. Top 10 of countries of origin for multiple applications in 2011

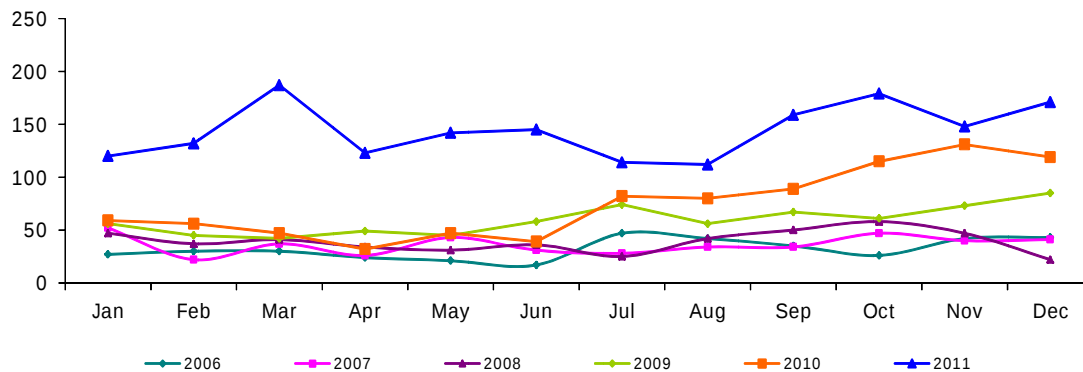
Country of origin	Number	%
1 Russia	569	11,1%
2 Kosovo	469	9,1%
3 Guinea	421	8,2%
4 Afghanistan	369	7,2%
5 Serbia	302	5,9%
6 Armenia	290	5,6%
7 Iraq	204	4,0%
8 Macedonia	178	3,5%
9 Rwanda	152	3,0%
10 Syria	144	2,8%
Other countries	2.051	39,8%
Total 2011	5.149	100 %
Percentage top 10	60,2 %	

4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

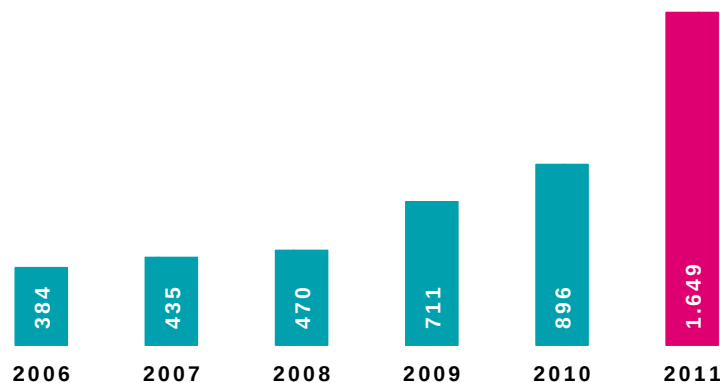
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a. Applications from unaccompanied foreign minors per month (2006-2011)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	+/- in % 2011 vs 2010	+/- in % vs last month
January	27	52	47	56	59	120	103,39%	0,84%
February	30	22	37	45	56	132	135,71%	10,00%
March	30	37	41	42	47	187	297,87%	41,67%
April	24	26	34	49	32	123	284,38%	-34,22%
May	21	43	31	45	47	142	202,13%	15,45%
June	17	31	36	58	39	145	271,79%	2,11%
July	47	28	25	74	82	114	39,02%	-21,38%
August	42	34	42	56	80	112	40,00%	-1,75%
September	35	34	50	67	89	159	78,65%	41,96%
October	26	47	58	61	115	123	6,96%	-22,64%
November	42	40	47	73	131	121	-7,63%	-1,63%
December	43	41	22	85	119	171	43,70%	41,32%
Total	384	435	470	711	896	1.649	84,04%	



b. Applications from unaccompanied foreign minors per year (2006-2011)



c. Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied minors in November 2011

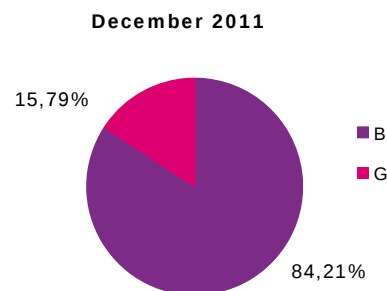
Country of origin	Number	%
1 Afghanistan	80	46,8%
2 Guinea	26	15,2%
3 Congo DR	8	4,7%
4 Bangladesh	5	2,9%
Somalia	5	2,9%
5 Cameroon	4	2,3%
Ivory Coast	4	2,3%
Iraq	4	2,3%
Pakistan	4	2,3%
Other countries	31	18,1%
Total December 2011	171	100 %
Percentage top 5	81,9 %	

d. Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied minors in 2011

Country of origin	Number	%
1 Afghanistan	762	46,2%
2 Guinea	284	17,2%
3 Congo RD	55	3,3%
4 Iraq	50	3,0%
5 Somalia	38	2,3%
Other countries	460	27,9%
Total 2011	1.649	100 %
Percentage top 5	72,1 %	

e. Male/female ratio of unaccompanied minor applicants

	Boys	Girls
2007	68,40%	31,60%
2008	71,40%	28,60%
2009	77,98%	22,02%
2010	72,88%	27,12%
2011	80,84%	19,16%



III. Asylum decisions in 2011

(source: CGRS)

1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

	Jan-Nov	December	Total
Transfer of files to CGRS	17.836	1.532	19.368
25/26 quater (Dublin)	1.712	93	1.805
13 quater	1.843	210	2.053
Renunciation, ...	1.489	109	1.598
Total	22.880	1.944	24.824

The Immigration Department decides on certain kinds of applications: applications falling under the Dublin Regulation, multiple applications, renunciations etc. Applications not who de not fall within to these categories are transferred to the CGRS.

2. Decisions by the CGRS

a. Number of decisions

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Recognition of refugee status	167	234	220	202	248	208	188	253	383	259	228	267	2.857
Granting of subsidiary protection	53	62	75	84	66	58	76	111	104	133	139	133	1.094
Refusal to grant refugee status and subsidiary protection	598	745	911	890	1.119	906	939	908	1.099	1.069	975	1.138	11.297
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU nationals)	3	10	16	9	7	5	14	17	6	12	13	7	119
Technical refusal	44	77	91	75	68	79	52	65	95	57	84	99	886
Exclusion from refugee status and from subsidiary protection	1	2	1		3		3	1	4	3	3	4	25
Exclusion from refugee status and refusal to grant subsidiary protection		1	1	3	1					3	2	5	16
Refusal to grant refugee status and exclusion form subsidiary protection		2	4					3	2	1	1		13
Abolition of refugee status and/or subsidiary protection						2	4			1			7
Withdrawal of refugee status and/or subsidiary protection	6	2	2	2	1	4	2	4	3		2		28
Renunciation + closing of the case + departure IOM	19	40	23	24	30	30	27	29	44	37	46	28	377
Application which does not proceed to judgment: regularization under art 55	4	5	9	3	2	5	5	4	9	6	23	8	83
Application which does not proceed to judgment: (naturalization, death, administrative reasons)	3	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	2	6	4		26
Total	898	1.182	1.356	1.293	1.547	1.298	1.311	1.396	1.751	1.587	1.520	1.689	16.828

b. Recognition of refugee status, per nationality

(in color and bold : countries in the top 10 of asylum applications in 2011)

Country of origin	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Afghanistan	20	17	18	12	21	13	13	20	34	36	42	28	274
Albania		3		4	2	3		4	4		1		21
Algeria		1			1				1	2			5
Angola	1			1	1		2		1				6
Armenia	1						2		1				4
Azerbaijan		2							1				3
Bangladesh	1												1
Belorussia	1			1									2
Benin					1					1	2		4
Burkina Faso					1				1		1		3
Burundi	1	2	3	3	1	2	4	6	6	2	3	3	36
Cameroon	1	14	10	5	8	8	6	6	9	3	4	7	81
Chad		1		1	2							1	5
China	14	7	19	18	9	10	2		27	18	16	26	166
Colombia	1		3		1						1		6
Congo Brazzaville						1							1
Congo RD	7	10	2	1	4	4	6	6	16	5	5	13	79
Djibouti		2		1	1	1	4	1	2	1	1	2	16
Egypt					1		1	1					3
Eritrea	1	1		1	4	3	15	3	1		1	1	31
Ethiopia								1	1	1			3
Gabon		1	1		3						1		6
Gambia	1		1			1	1	2		1		1	8
Georgia												1	1
Ghana					1				1				2
Guinea	27	47	32	31	45	49	30	39	96	61	46	66	569
Indefinite	6	5	5	3	5	7	4	4	2	4	1	3	49
India			1										1
Iran	1	3	3	4	9	2	2	1	2	9	5	2	43
Iraq	27	36	49	35	38	26	24	42	43	37	28	25	410
Ivory Coast	1			1	1	3			1	2	1	3	13
Jordan			1						2				3
Kazakhstan						1							1
Kenia		2	2						1	1	2		8
Kosovo	11	13	10	18	9	1	20	21	16	9	6	6	140
Kuwait	1												1
Libanon	1			2	2	1	1	2					9
Liberia					1				1		1	1	4
Macedonia		1						2				1	4
Madagascar						1	1						2
Mali						2			1	1		1	5
Mauretania		1	2	1	1	2	1	1		4	2	4	19
Mauritius					1								1
Morocco	1	1							1				3
Myanmar			1	2		1		4	1				9
Niger	2	3	1	6						1			13
Nigeria		1						1				4	6
North Corea	2	4	3	1	1	3		1	5	1	4	9	34
Pakistan					1	2	1			1		1	6
Palestina				1		2		1	1				5
Russia	9	5	9	12	15	16	12	23	42	27	10	11	191
Rwanda	2	14	11	4	14	7	5	19	10	1	17	13	117
Senegal	5	6	7	7	10	10	6	15	17	7	7	8	105
Serbia	4	9		4	5	5	5	6	11		2	6	57
Sierra Leone		4				2						1	7
Somalia	3	1	6	4	12	10	8	7	8	9	5	9	82
Sri Lanka	2	4		4	8	4	4	6	4	4	5	2	47
Sudan			1				3	1				1	6
Syria	8	4	12	8			1	1	2	2	2	1	41
Tanzania	2	2	1					3		2	3		13
Togo		2	4		4	2	4	1	1	3	2	2	25
Turkey	2	4	2	5	3	2		2	9	3	1	2	35
Turkmenistan		1											1
Uganda				1	1							2	4
Zimbabwe						1							1
Total	167	234	220	202	248	208	188	253	383	259	228	267	2.857

c. Granting of subsidiary protection, per nationality

(in color and bold : countries in the top 10 of asylum applications in 2011)

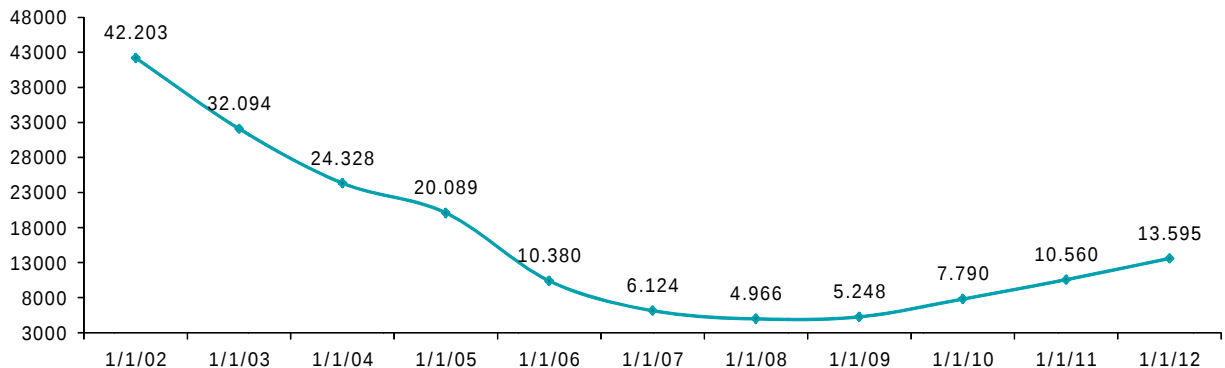
Country of origin	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Afghanistan	27	31	22	30	19	19	21	29	32	60	46	48	384
Angola					1								1
Armenia												2	2
Burundi			1						1	1			3
Cameroon			1				1						2
Congo (RD)	1		2				1		1				5
El Salvador							2				6		8
Erytrea								1		1			2
Guinea	1					1	1	2	2	1		3	11
Indefinite		4	1			1	3	2		2	4	3	20
Iraq	21	22	44	53	41	32	41	69	63	62	75	65	588
Ivory Coast									1				1
Macedonia											2		2
Palestina	1						1	2	2	2		4	12
Russia								2			1		3
Somalia	2	4	1	1	4	5	5	1		2	2		27
Sudan			1		1			2	2	1	2	2	11
Tanzania			2									6	8
Togo								1		1	1		3
Yemen		1											1
Total	53	62	75	84	66	58	76	111	104	133	139	133	1.094

IV. Evolution of the caseload at the CGRS

(Caseload in assessing asylum applications at the CGRS)

At the end of December 2011, the CGRA had a total caseload of **13,595** dossiers, of which **4,500** dossiers may be considered a normal workload. The backlog as such amounted therefore to **9,095** dossiers.

Caseload per year



Caseload per month in 2010-2011

