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## I. ASYLUM FIGURES IN 2012

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

### November

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	1.669	
First asylum applications	1.159	69,4%
Multiple asylum applications	510	30,6%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	97	5,8%
Decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
CGRS decisions	1.499	
<b>Recognition of refugee status</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>18,3%</b>
<b>Subsidiary Protection (SP)</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>12,2%</b>
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	917	61,2%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	3	0,2%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	89	5,9%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	9	0,6%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	24	1,6%
<b>Caseload at the CGRS</b>	<b>12.010</b>	

### 2012

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	19.872	
First asylum applications	14.083	70,9%
Multiple asylum applications	5.789	29,1%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	968	4,9%
Decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
CGRS decisions	18.339	
<b>Recognition of refugee status</b>	<b>2.798</b>	<b>15,3%</b>
<b>Subsidiary Protection (SP)</b>	<b>1.230</b>	<b>6,7%</b>
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	13.153	71,7%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	67	0,4%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	627	3,4%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	46	0,3%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	418	2,3%
<b>Caseload at the CGRS</b>	<b>12.010</b>	

## II. ASYLUM APPLICATIONS IN BELGIUM

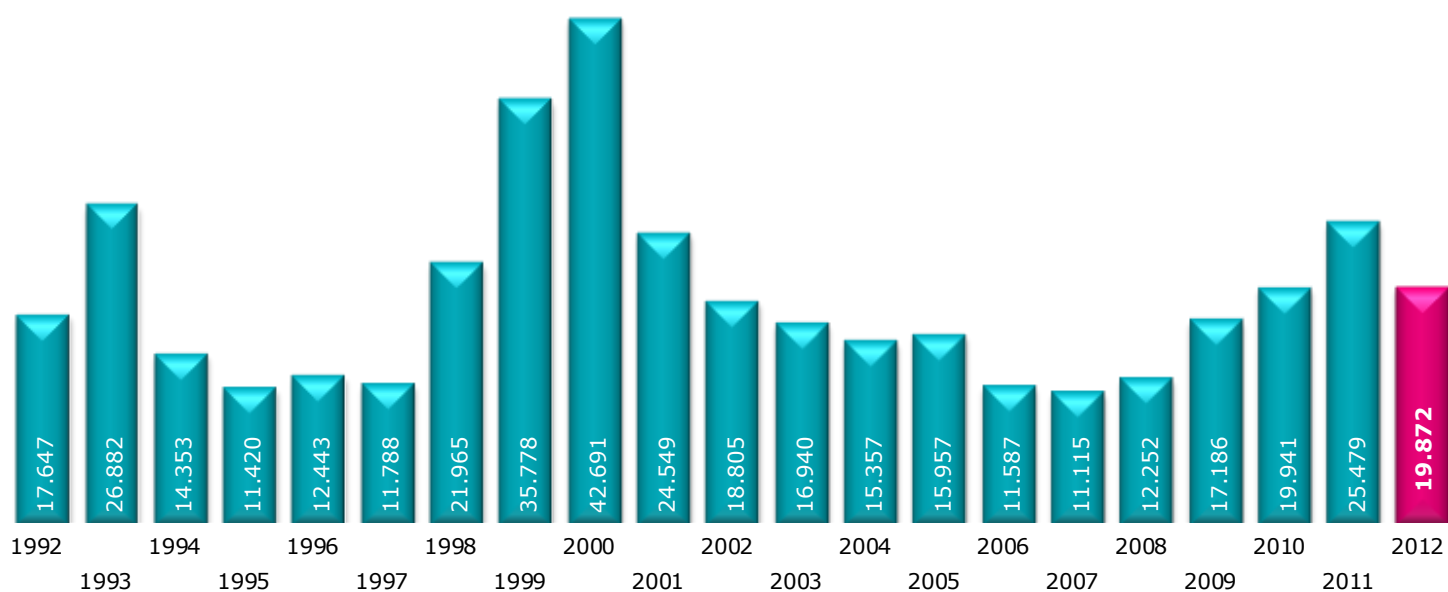
(source: Immigration Department)

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

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

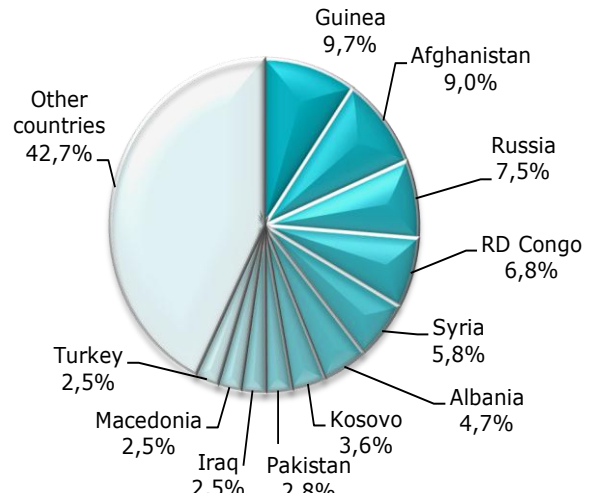
	2011	2012	+/- in % 2012 vs 2011	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.771	2.161	22,0%	-11,3%
February	1.860	1.884	1,3%	-12,8%
March	2.193	1.770	-19,3%	-6,1%
April	1.933	1.656	-14,3%	-6,4%
May	1.944	1.785	-8,2%	7,8%
June	1.873	1.726	-7,8%	-3,3%
July	1.919	1.866	-2,8%	8,1%
August	2.149	1.627	-24,3%	-12,8%
September	2.480	1.702	-31,4%	4,6%
October	2.604	2.026	-22,2%	19,0%
November	2.318	1.669	-28,0%	-17,6%
December	2.435			
<b>Total</b>	<b>25.479</b>	<b>19.872</b>		

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



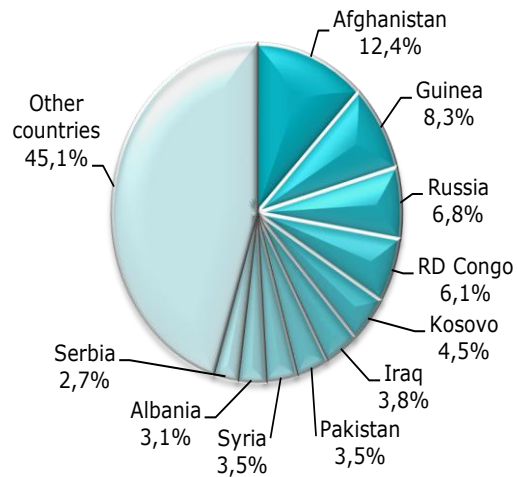
**c. Top 10 of countries of origin in November 2012**

Country of origin	Number
1 Guinea	162
2 Afghanistan	150
3 Russia	126
4 RD Congo	114
5 Syria	97
6 Albania	78
7 Kosovo	60
8 Pakistan	46
9 Iraq	42
10 Macedonia	41
Turkey	41
Other countries	712
<b>Total November 2012</b>	<b>1.669</b>



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

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	2.460
2 Guinea	1.655
3 Russia	1.355
4 RD Congo	1.220
5 Kosovo	893
6 Iraq	760
7 Pakistan	704
8 Syria	691
9 Albania	617
10 Serbia	546
Other countries	8.971
<b>Total 2012</b>	<b>19.872</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>2.460</b>
<b>Albania</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>617</b>
Algeria	275	287	300	215
Angola	142	153	158	167
Argentina	0	8	1	5
Armenia	1.099	986	691	406
Azerbaijan	54	72	118	86
Bangladesh	75	177	520	470
Belorussia	40	53	84	58
Benin	50	56	57	80
Bhutan	24	19	14	7
Bolivia	0	0	1	0
Bosnia-Herzegovina	90	106	286	133
Brasil	2	3	1	0
Bulgaria	101	79	73	38
Burkina-Faso	52	69	96	100
Burundi	120	132	176	120
Cameroon	302	357	561	507
Canada	0	0	0	5
Central African Rep.	6	4	4	5
Chad	16	21	14	22
Chili	0	0	4	1
China	329	235	378	360
Colombia	8	13	4	9
Comores	0	0	0	2
<b>Congo RD</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>1.007</b>	<b>1.220</b>
Congo RP	14	22	23	23
Costa Rica	0	0	0	2
Croatia	16	15	8	12
Cuba	3	2	5	4
Cyprus	0	0	0	1
Czech Rep.	48	21	22	5
Djibouti	39	31	61	69
Dominican Rep.	9	1	4	1
Ecuador	0	0	1	0
Egypt	29	29	112	80
El Salvador	0	0	17	11
Equatorial Guinea	3	3	1	7
Eritrea	69	110	75	63
Estonia	0	1	0	0
Ethiopia	89	72	47	44
Fidji	0	0	1	0
France	0	0	6	4
Gabon	5	10	4	5
Gambia	41	57	66	75
Georgia	327	323	324	382
Germany	2	0	0	0
Ghana	29	65	104	77
Greece	0	1	0	0
Guatemala	7	1	1	8
<b>Guinea</b>	<b>1.052</b>	<b>1.398</b>	<b>2.134</b>	<b>1.655</b>
Guinea-Bissau	3	5	11	22
Guyana	1	0	0	1
Haïti	1	9	6	1
Honduras	0	0	0	1
Hungary	143	36	7	17
India	123	151	176	107
Indonesia	3	0	0	0
Iran	732	386	425	376
<b>Iraq</b>	<b>1.386</b>	<b>1.769</b>	<b>1.948</b>	<b>760</b>
Israel	8	7	9	7
Italy	0	1	2	2
Ivory Coast	88	173	367	229
Jamaica	1	1	0	1
Japan	0	0	0	1
Jordania	15	10	28	18
Kampuchea	1	0	0	1
Kazakhstan	44	75	124	126
Kenia	42	65	57	36
Kirghizistan	19	117	92	48
<b>Kosovo</b>	<b>1.539</b>	<b>1.848</b>	<b>1.458</b>	<b>893</b>
Kuwait	0	1	0	1
Latvia	3	2	0	1
Libanon	95	70	86	96
Liberia	27	27	42	27

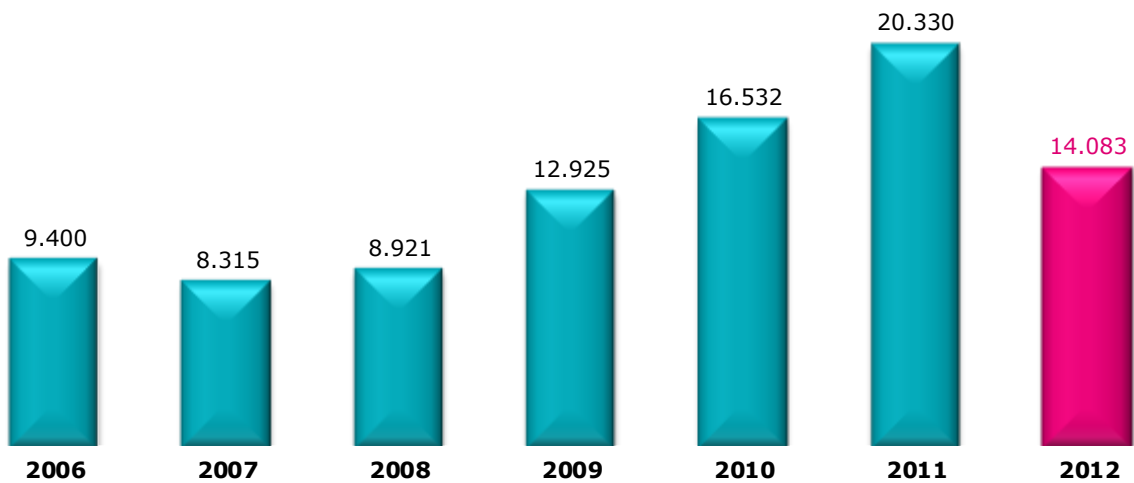
Country of origin	2009	2010	2011	2012
Libya	19	19	56	12
Lithuania	5	1	3	7
Luxemburg	0	0	0	1
Macedonia	201	1.082	819	460
Madagascar	3	2	6	3
Malawi	0	0	1	1
Malaysia	2	0	0	2
Mali	11	25	33	113
Malta	0	2	0	0
Mauretania	187	206	192	210
Mauritius	1	3	8	6
Mexico	1	1	1	1
Moldova	29	14	7	14
Mongolia	85	61	69	39
Montenegro	12	14	30	51
Morocco	53	46	95	99
Mozambique	0	0	1	1
Myanmar	8	14	10	17
Namibia	0	0	0	1
Nepal	65	203	403	209
Netherlands	2	1	0	4
Nicaragua	0	0	2	0
Niger	71	78	107	82
Nigeria	101	138	163	159
North Korea	4	16	73	81
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>704</b>
Palestina	9	37	56	22
Panama	2	0	0	0
Paraguay	0	0	0	1
Peru	1	0	0	0
Philippines	1	0	1	0
Poland	6	0	0	1
Romania	98	56	69	43
<b>Russia</b>	<b>1.605</b>	<b>1.526</b>	<b>1.618</b>	<b>1.355</b>
Rwanda	308	337	460	371
Saudi Arabia	0	1	1	1
Senegal	113	252	397	475
<b>Serbia</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>1.233</b>	<b>1.109</b>	<b>546</b>
Sierra Leone	45	65	77	74
Slovakia	261	53	36	13
Slovenia	1	0	0	0
Somalia	216	294	483	338
South Africa	1	0	1	1
South Korea	0	0	2	1
South Sudan	0	0	0	1
Spain	3	1	2	1
Sri Lanka	216	140	178	108
Sudan	89	92	75	76
Surinam	4	5	13	12
<b>Syria</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>691</b>
Tadzhikistan	5	7	7	9
Tanzania	90	89	150	67
Thailand	1	1	0	0
Togo	130	246	238	225
Tunisia	21	20	106	67
Turkey	259	277	414	332
Turkmenistan	5	3	3	0
Uganda	23	15	23	19
Ukraine	33	62	57	71
United Arabic Emirates	2	0	0	2
USA	0	3	6	6
Uruguay	0	0	0	1
Uzbekistan	14	20	27	11
Venezuela	0	2	5	0
Vietnam	10	18	4	4
Western Sahara	0	0	0	1
Yemen	8	11	13	8
Zambia	0	0	1	0
Zimbabwe	4	3	4	0
Others	15	10	18	21
Indefinite	199	254	285	219
Stateless Persons	7	7	4	8
Refugees	1	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.186</b>	<b>19.941</b>	<b>25.479</b>	<b>19.872</b>

## 2. First asylum applications

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

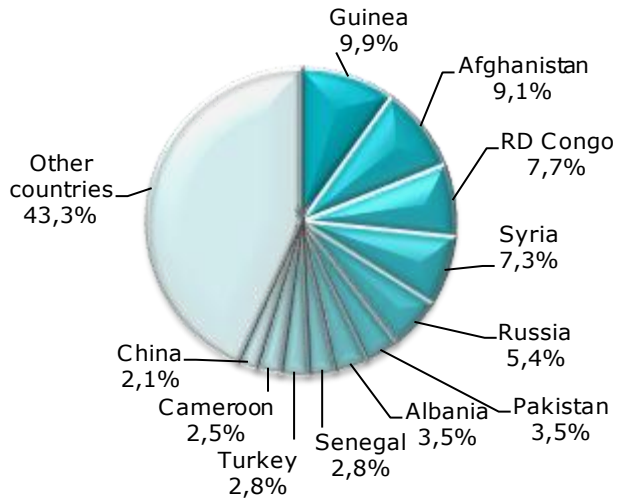
	2011	2012	+/- in % 2012 vs 2011	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.470	1.617	10,0%	-11,6%
February	1.505	1.287	-14,5%	-20,4%
March	1.811	1.311	-27,6%	1,9%
April	1.590	1.182	-25,7%	-9,8%
May	1.506	1.259	-16,4%	6,5%
June	1.405	1.160	-17,4%	-7,9%
July	1.470	1.277	-13,1%	10,1%
August	1.748	1.123	-35,8%	-12,1%
September	2.021	1.275	-36,9%	13,5%
October	2.106	1.433	-32,0%	12,4%
November	1.868	1.159	-38,0%	-19,1%
December	1.830			
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.330</b>	<b>14.083</b>		

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



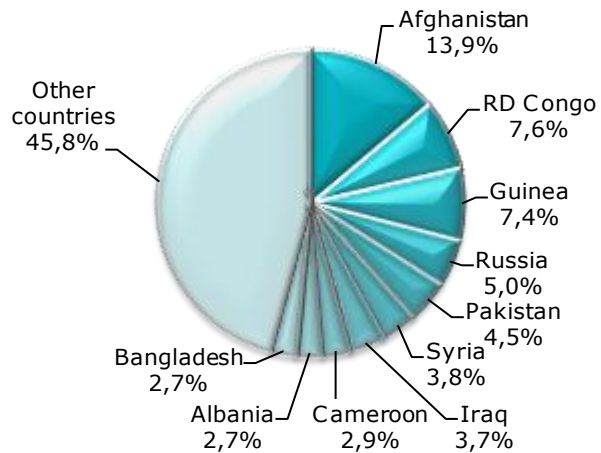
**c. Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in November 2012**

Country of origin	Number
1 Guinea	115
2 Afghanistan	105
3 RD Congo	89
4 Syria	85
5 Russia	63
6 Pakistan	41
7 Albania	40
8 Senegal	33
Turkey	33
9 Cameroon	29
10 China	24
Other countries	502
<b>Total November 2012</b>	<b>1.159</b>



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

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	1.958
2 RD Congo	1.069
3 Guinea	1.048
4 Russia	702
5 Pakistan	628
6 Syria	529
7 Iraq	519
8 Cameroon	410
9 Albania	385
10 Bangladesh	379
Other countries	6.456
<b>Total 2012</b>	<b>14.083</b>

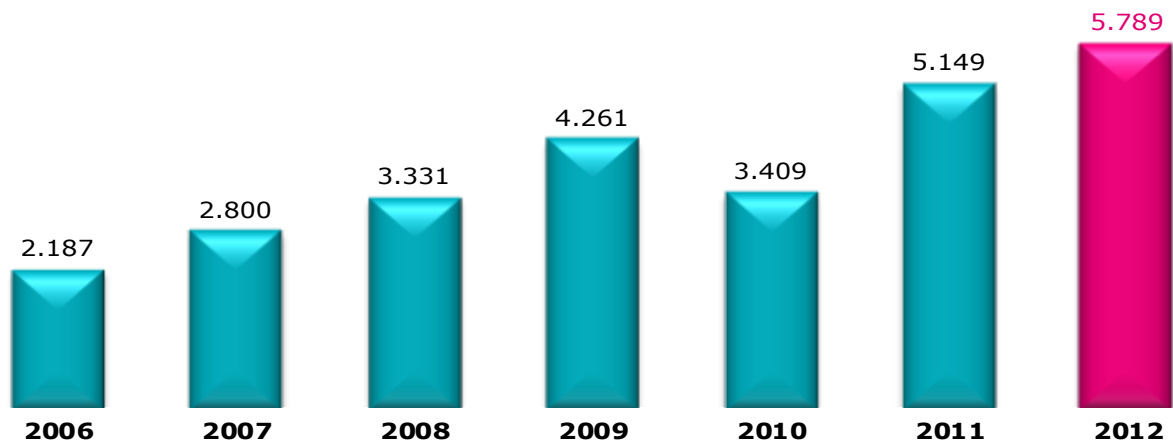


### 3. Multiple asylum applications

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

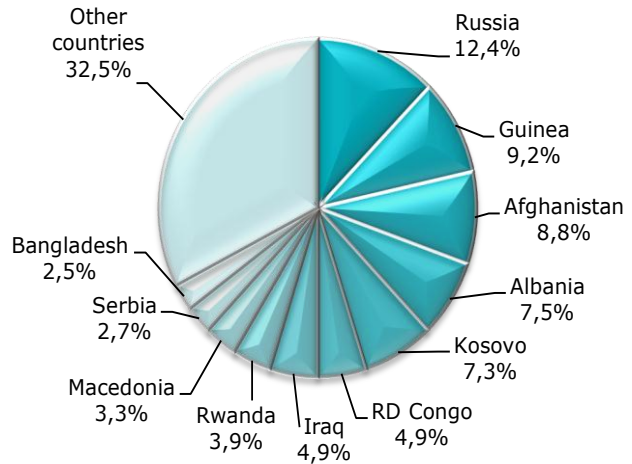
	2011	2012	+/- in % 2012 vs 2011	+/- in % vs last month
January	301	544	80,7%	-10,1%
February	355	597	68,2%	9,7%
March	382	459	20,2%	-23,1%
April	343	474	38,2%	3,3%
May	438	526	20,1%	11,0%
June	468	566	20,9%	7,6%
July	449	589	31,2%	4,1%
August	401	504	25,7%	-14,4%
September	459	427	-7,0%	-15,3%
October	498	593	19,1%	38,9%
November	450	510	13,3%	-14,0%
December	605			
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.149</b>	<b>5.789</b>		

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



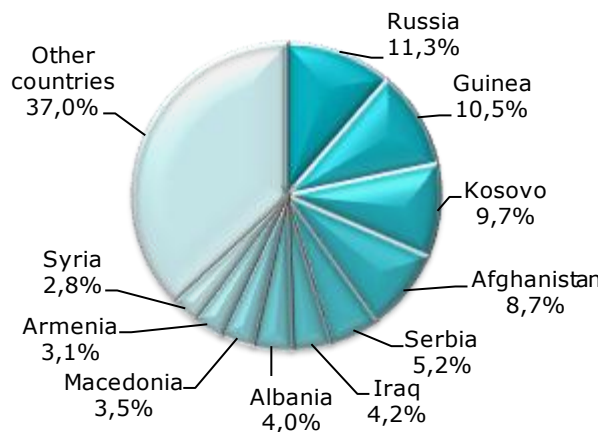
**c. Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in November 2012**

Country of origin	Number
1 Russia	63
2 Guinea	47
3 Afghanistan	45
4 Albania	38
5 Kosovo	37
6 RD Congo	25
7 Iraq	25
8 Rwanda	20
9 Macedonia	17
10 Serbia	14
10 Bangladesh	13
Other countries	166
<b>Total November 2012</b>	<b>510</b>



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

Country of origin	Number
1 Russia	653
2 Guinea	607
3 Kosovo	563
4 Afghanistan	502
5 Serbia	300
6 Iraq	241
7 Albania	232
8 Macedonia	205
9 Armenia	181
10 Syria	162
Other countries	2.143
<b>Total 2012</b>	<b>5.789</b>



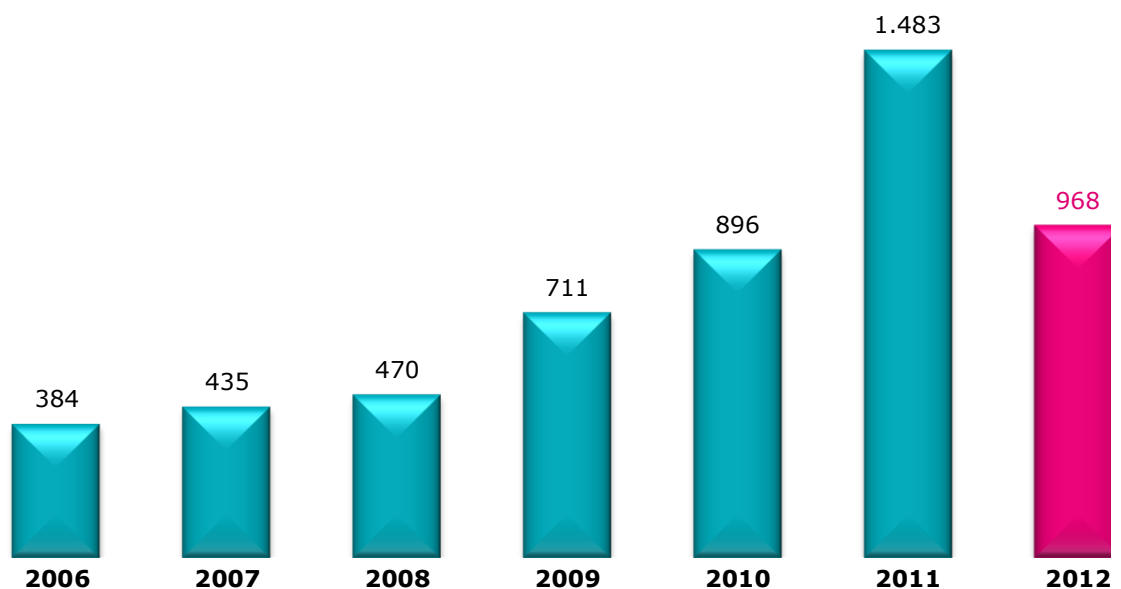
#### 4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

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)

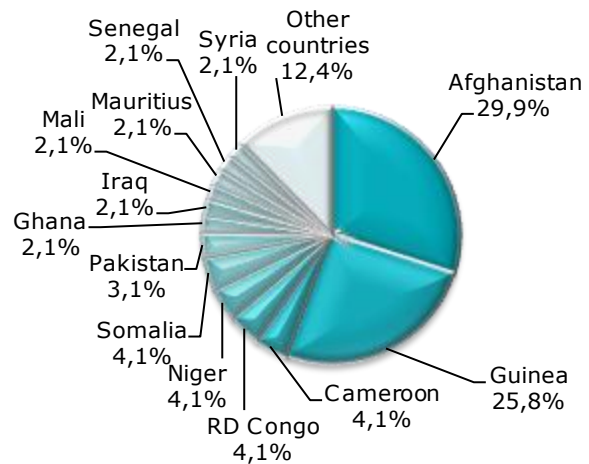
	2011	2012	+/- in % 2012 vs 2011	+/- in % vs last month
January	111	121	9,0%	-0,8%
February	107	88	-17,8%	-27,3%
March	132	93	-29,5%	5,7%
April	111	57	-48,6%	-38,7%
May	109	93	-14,7%	63,2%
June	115	78	-32,2%	-16,1%
July	106	81	-23,6%	3,8%
August	106	77	-27,4%	-4,9%
September	152	99	-34,9%	28,6%
October	119	84	-29,4%	-15,2%
November	95	97	2,1%	15,5%
December	122			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.385</b>	<b>968</b>		

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



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

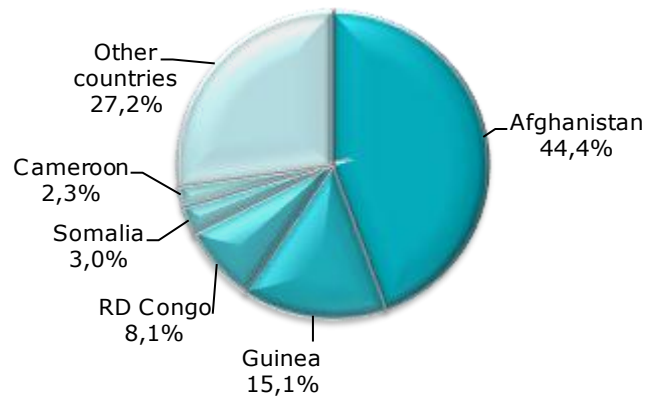
Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	29
2 Guinea	25
3 Cameroon	4
RD Congo	4
Niger	4
Somalia	4
4 Pakistan	3
5 Ghana	2
Iraq	2
Mali	2
Mauritius	2
Senegal	2
Syria	2
Other countries	12
<b>Total November 2012</b>	<b>97</b>



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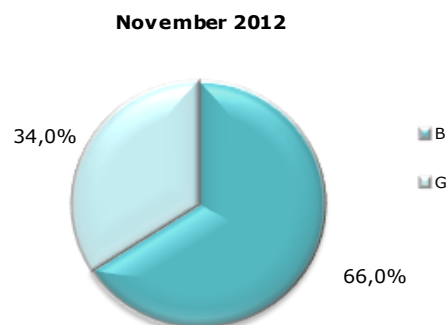
**Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in 2012**

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	430
2 Guinea	146
3 RD Congo	78
4 Somalia	29
5 Cameroon	22
Other countries	263
<b>Total 2012</b>	<b>968</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>75,4%</b>	<b>24,6%</b>



### III. ASYLUM DECISIONS IN 2012

(Source: CGRS)

#### 1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

	Jan-Oct	November	Total
Transfer of files to CGRS	14.109	1.102	15.211
25/26 quater (Dublin)	1.468	110	1.578
13 quater	3.453	283	3.736
Renunciation, ...	1.507	7	1.514
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.537</b>	<b>1.502</b>	<b>22.039</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	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total
Recognition of refugee status	225	222	228	247	255	274	241	275	220	337	274	<b>2.798</b>
Granting of subsidiary protection (SP)	69	54	84	86	94	118	97	94	149	202	183	<b>1.230</b>
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	1.206	1.219	1.401	1.169	1.210	1.135	1.052	992	981	1.116	879	<b>12.360</b>
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)		3	6	21	1	3	17	7	1	5	3	<b>67</b>
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)						125	84	81	138	110	89	<b>627</b>
Technical refusal	93	102	79	50	75	80	74	75	80	47	38	<b>793</b>
Exclusion from refugee status and SP	2	2	1		2	2	2		2	1		<b>14</b>
Exclusion from refugee status and to grant SP	1	1		5		1	5	2	1	1	9	<b>26</b>
Refusal to grant refugee status and exclusion of SP					3			1		2		<b>6</b>
Abolition of refugee status or SP			1		2	2	2					<b>7</b>
Withdrawal of refugee status or SP	2	4	4	1	1	4	9	4	7	3	3	<b>42</b>
Renunciation + departure IOM	33	23	56	7	37	20	29	8	42	29	20	<b>304</b>
Application which does not proceed to judgment (regularization under art. 55)	6	4	6	2	14	5	4			1	1	<b>43</b>
Application which does not proceed to judgment (Belgian nationality, death)	1	1	2	8	3	3	1		1	2		<b>22</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.638</b>	<b>1.636</b>	<b>1.867</b>	<b>1.596</b>	<b>1.697</b>	<b>1.772</b>	<b>1.617</b>	<b>1.539</b>	<b>1.622</b>	<b>1.856</b>	<b>1.499</b>	<b>18.339</b>

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

Country of origin	Number of recognitions	Number of decisions	%
1 Afghanistan	442	2.052	21,5%
2 Guinea	368	2.254	16,3%
3 Iraq	243	1.102	22,1%
4 China	237	264	89,8%
5 Russia	186	1.033	18,0%
6 Iraq	119	242	49,2%
7 RD Congo	116	1.213	9,6%
8 Rwanda	103	430	24,0%
9 Albania	97	1.017	9,5%
10 Somalia	83	252	32,9%
Other countries	804	8.480	9,5%
<b>Total 2012</b>	<b>2.798</b>	<b>18.339</b>	<b>15,3%</b>

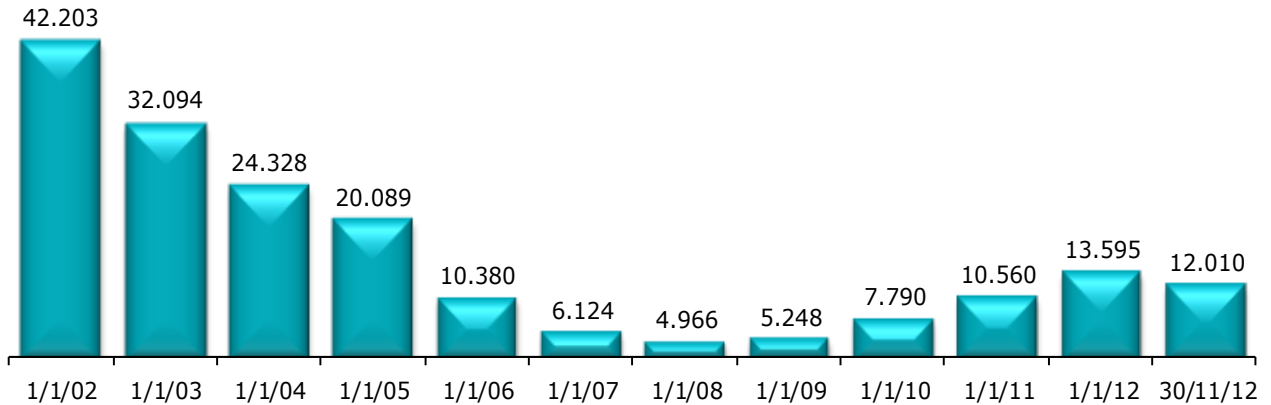
**c. Top 5 decisions of granting of subsidiary protection in 2012**

Country of origin	Number of granting	Number of decisions	%
1 Afghanistan	824	2.052	40,2%
2 Syria	294	405	72,6%
3 Somalie	23	252	9,1%
4 Indefinite	18	139	12,9%
5 RD Congo	11	1.213	0,9%
Iraq	11	1.102	1,0%
Other countries	49	13.176	0,4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.230</b>	<b>18.339</b>	<b>6,7%</b>

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

At the end of September 2012, the CGRS had a total caseload of **12,010** dossiers, of which **4,500** dossiers may be considered a normal workload. The backlog as such amounted therefore to **7,510** dossiers.

##### Caseload per year



##### Caseload for the last 12 months

