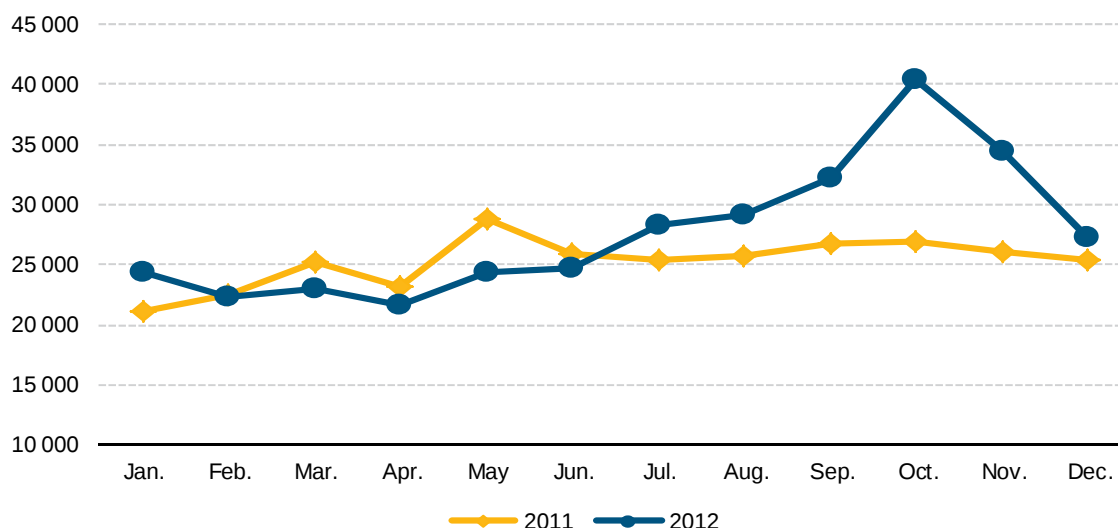


Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications: 2012

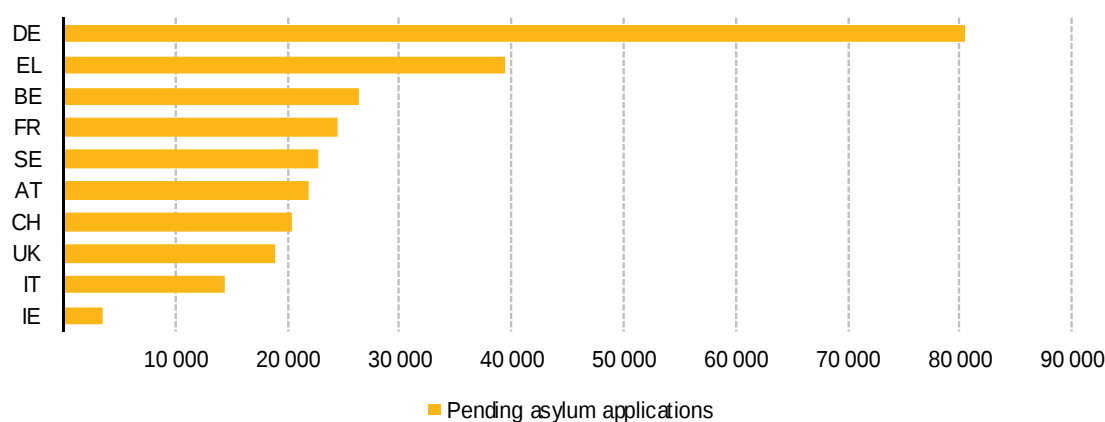
The number of asylum applicants in the EU-27 rose to more than 330 000 in 2012, an increase of around 30 000 compared to 2011

Figure 1: Asylum applicants, EU-27 ⁽¹⁾, January 2011 - December 2012



⁽¹⁾ Data for NL for August to December 2012 estimated by Eurostat see methodological notes
Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

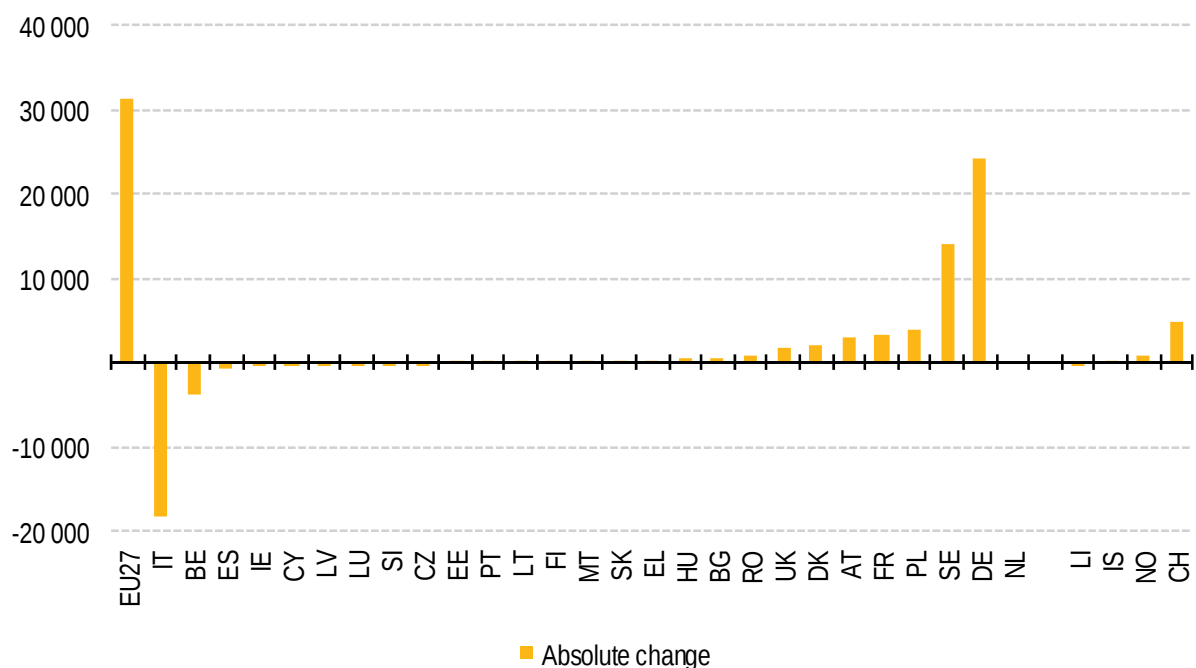
Figure 2: Pending asylum applications on 31st of December 2012 ⁽¹⁾



⁽¹⁾ Countries selected here are those with the highest number of pending applications; for CY and NL data are not available; for FR see methodological notes; EL data do not include first instance pending applications.
Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyapenczm](#))

Germany and Sweden recorded the highest increases of asylum applicants in 2012, more than 24 000 and 14 000 respectively compared to 2011

Figure 3: Asylum applicants, absolute change between 2011 and 2012 ⁽¹⁾

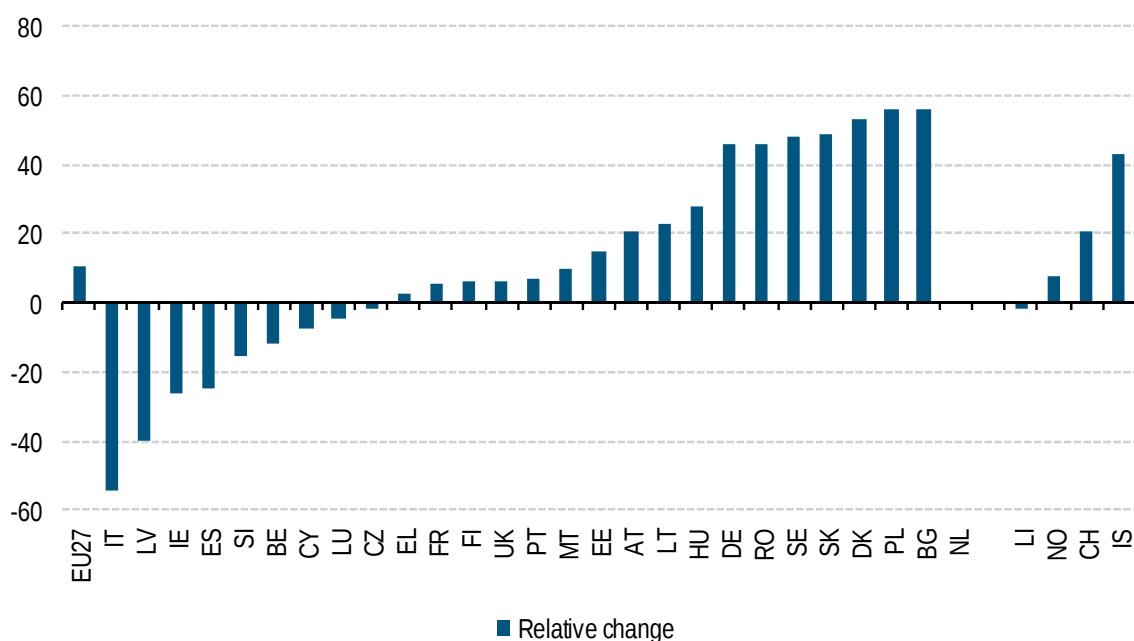


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More than 50% asylum seekers in 2012 in Bulgaria, Poland and Denmark compared to 2011

Figure 4: Asylum applicants, relative change between 2011 and 2012 ⁽¹⁾, %

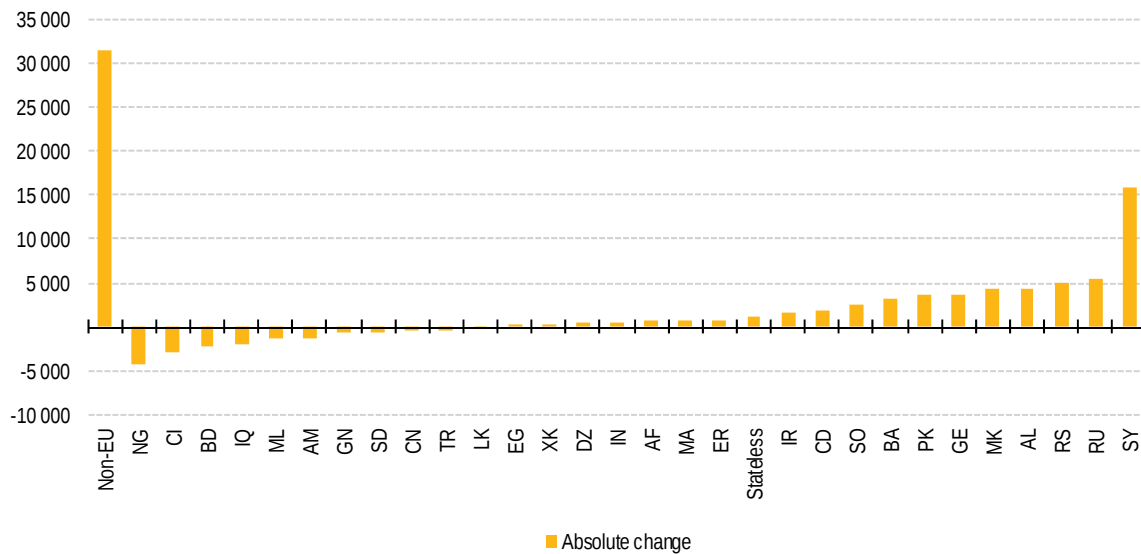


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15 000 more Syrians sought asylum in the EU-27 in 2012 compared to 2011

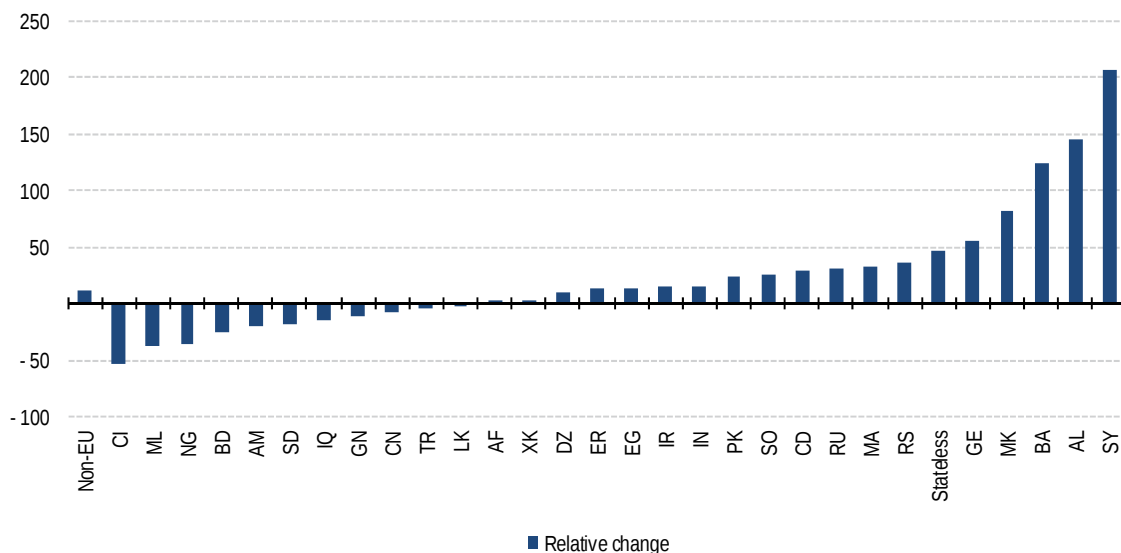
Figure 5: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-27 ⁽¹⁾, absolute change between 2011 and 2012



⁽¹⁾ Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes
Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

Syrian asylum seekers tripled while Albanians and citizens from Bosnia and Herzegovina more than doubled in the EU-27 in 2012

Figure 6: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-27 ⁽¹⁾, relative change between 2011 and 2012, %



⁽¹⁾ Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes
Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

Table 1: Asylum applicants (including new asylum applicants), Q4 2011 – Q4 2012

	Q4 2011			Q1 2012			Q2 2012			Q3 2012			Q4 2012			Q4 2012	2012
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
EU-27 ⁽¹⁾	26 915	26 055	25 370	24 305	22 280	23 070	21 640	24 280	24 660	28 255	29 125	32 165	40 480	34 400	27 320		
Belgium	3 160	2 830	3 065	2 645	2 390	2 195	2 130	2 330	2 330	2 505	2 225	2 380	2 715	2 210	2 055	6 975	28 105
Bulgaria	80	80	40	75	65	65	45	85	85	80	120	120	195	205	260	655	1 385
Czech Republic	65	75	40	60	65	60	40	65	65	45	80	60	85	55	60	200	740
Denmark	430	380	420	395	315	455	440	415	615	560	490	515	610	640	595	1 850	6 045
Germany	5 185	5 880	5 060	5 515	4 710	4 470	4 095	4 390	4 935	5 635	6 830	8 745	12 470	10 165	5 575	28 215	77 540
Estonia	5	5	*	10	5	5	5	25	10	*	5	*	5	*	5	10	75
Ireland	70	115	95	100	85	60	70	75	70	90	85	70	105	70	75	250	955
Greece	740	875	785	555	680	710	885	720	805	590	750	745	1 255	1 030	850	3 135	9 575
Spain	260	205	175	215	215	215	150	210	290	190	205	200	240	255	170	670	2 565
France	5 020	4 390	4 925	4 670	5 180	4 990	4 520	4 370	4 860	5 330	4 875	4 560	6 240	5 180	5 780	17 195	60 560
Italy	1 660	1 055	830	760	615	840	950	1 450	965	1 540	1 560	1 445	2 220	2 075	1 300	5 595	15 715
Cyprus	180	165	85	125	115	140	130	150	120	155	150	165	155	140	90	385	1 635
Latvia	30	25	15	10	25	35	15	25	20	5	10	20	15	15	15	45	205
Lithuania	50	55	75	40	25	45	70	60	55	75	45	55	40	60	75	175	645
Luxembourg	225	180	175	220	135	205	195	265	180	235	135	125	165	120	70	355	2 050
Hungary	170	230	180	185	105	165	95	135	130	200	180	160	320	260	220	800	2 155
Malta	85	35	60	80	25	30	15	400	400	175	180	345	40	335	60	435	2 080
Netherlands	1 280	1 265	1 065	1 335	1 260	1 175	950	905	960	1 020	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Austria	1 575	1 230	1 255	1 310	1 000	1 220	1 240	1 350	1 235	1 650	1 755	1 775	2 120	1 530	1 245	4 895	17 425
Poland	720	660	780	505	570	740	715	600	720	905	1 040	1 365	1 365	1 110	1 120	3 595	10 750
Portugal	25	15	45	35	5	25	30	30	20	30	50	15	10	25	20	50	295
Romania	255	210	120	200	185	300	235	265	275	240	240	260	160	95	60	315	2 510
Slovenia	30	15	35	15	25	15	10	15	30	35	25	30	35	30	50	115	305
Slovakia	75	50	30	35	25	30	35	60	90	115	70	75	80	65	50	195	730
Finland	290	270	265	220	185	215	175	220	255	275	325	345	310	335	235	880	3 095
Sweden	3 035	3 115	3 495	2 720	2 370	2 475	2 450	3 245	3 095	4 110	4 355	4 910	5 490	4 560	4 090	14 140	43 865
United Kingdom	2 215	2 650	2 245	2 280	1 900	2 200	1 950	2 415	2 050	2 460	2 380	2 595	2 880	2 775	2 285	7 940	28 175
Iceland	10	5	10	5	5	*	15	5	5	25	20	10	10	10	*	20	105
Liechtenstein	5	5	*	10	*	5	5	5	5	10	5	10	10	10	5	20	70
Norway	765	670	665	775	635	655	660	665	815	875	950	925	1 000	870	855	2 730	9 685
Switzerland	2 125	2 545	2 435	2 590	2 225	2 240	2 415	2 315	2 525	2 785	2 775	2 240	2 390	2 365	1 580	6 335	28 445

(1) EU27 for August 2012 to December 2012 and annual 2012 figure estimated

(*) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2012 (provisional data)

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period.

: data are not available

Source: Eurostat (online data code: migr.asyappdctzm)

Table 2: Asylum applicants in the EU-27 (*) by citizenship (including new asylum applicants), Q4 2011-Q4 2012 ⁽¹⁾

	Q4 2011				Q1 2012				Q2 2012				Q3 2012				Change in %		Q4 2012	2012
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		Apr.	May	Jun.		Jul.	Aug.	Sep.		between Q3 2012 and Q4 2012	between Q4 2011 and Q4 2012 ^(**)		
Non-EU	26 915	26 055	25 370		22 970	21 015	21 895		20 690	23 375	23 700		27 235	28 160	31 070		15	23	99 070	319 185
Syria - (SY)	910	850	835		895	915	890		1 115	1 340	1 430		2 090	2 750	2 985		16	255	9 105	23 510
Russia - (RU)	1 665	1 620	1 955		1 640	1 495	1 610		1 430	1 285	1 540		1 995	2 080	2 150		31	54	8 155	23 360
Serbia - (RS)	1 780	2 355	2 105		1 505	1 025	875		640	570	715		975	1 465	3 015		49	29	8 110	18 900
Afghanistan - (AF)	2 660	2 420	2 255		2 125	1 825	2 145		1 830	2 110	2 135		2 415	2 375	2 215		1	-13	7 080	26 250
Pakistan - (PK)	1 520	1 650	1 475		1 300	1 225	1 335		1 380	1 475	1 510		1 680	1 815	1 845		7	22	5 725	19 290
Iran - (IR)	1 165	1 180	1 120		1 040	800	770		965	880	835		1 010	1 105	1 155		17	1	3 815	12 375
Somalia - (SO)	1 115	1 025	1 225		975	735	745		795	1 200	1 245		1 155	1 130	1 070		12	-1	3 745	12 795
Kosovo - (XK)	695	725	795		700	560	695		510	730	795		810	755	935		46	65	3 645	10 135
MK - (MK)	420	445	385		445	390	280		340	415	430		670	1 335	1 865		-12	172	3 390	9 560
Georgia - (GE)	695	690	720		590	695	765		780	805	805		965	980	1 230		-7	39	2 950	10 570
Iraq - (IQ)	1 250	1 230	1 070		1 035	880	840		675	940	1 020		1 040	1 035	950		-5	-35	2 855	11 265
Albania - (AL)	785	365	290		275	245	335		435	1 025	620		785	555	670		24	73	2 490	7 435
BA - (BA)	250	270	580		185	190	215		130	175	600		750	505	555		35	124	2 455	5 760
Eritrea - (ER)	465	390	395		310	290	335		260	305	455		500	505	620		43	83	2 315	5 890
Nigeria - (NG)	820	625	460		550	470	535		515	585	535		575	685	615		13	11	2 125	7 185
CD - (CD)	570	585	530		670	780	705		660	660	695		625	650	605		9	22	2 055	8 105
Sri Lanka - (LK)	600	625	635		625	580	665		570	640	580		625	525	430		10	-10	1 730	6 965
Bangladesh - (BD)	580	595	620		515	635	550		525	515	405		400	440	425		36	-5	1 720	6 135
Turkey - (TR)	585	570	545		470	550	495		510	505	480		515	415	440		21	-4	1 660	6 050
Guinea - (GN)	535	525	530		430	405	445		410	445	435		450	405	390		18	-12	1 470	5 285
Armenia - (AM)	610	580	695		500	530	390		360	315	375		490	405	410		9	-36	1 420	5 200
Stateless	210	195	160		185	195	165		170	220	260		300	275	345		42	132	1 305	3 415
China - (CN)	465	435	480		405	370	415		415	455	405		350	425	380		6	-18	1 220	4 835
Algeria - (DZ)	490	365	365		515	370	430		395	400	390		445	295	375		5	-5	1 165	4 770
Mali - (ML)	185	105	85		65	100	115		140	180	145		225	160	235		46	142	910	2 280
India - (IN)	215	255	195		260	220	290		230	280	250		330	235	275		-2	23	825	3 200
Morocco - (MA)	215	220	185		185	200	180		195	235	200		240	200	200		16	19	745	2 585
Ivory Coast - (CI)	255	230	195		165	160	160		180	200	220		235	205	205		4	-5	670	2 405
Sudan - (SD)	265	210	225		190	160	195		150	195	260		220	200	225		-2	-21	625	2 410
Azerbaijan - (AZ)	205	265	250		255	195	170		150	145	160		160	165	160		25	-21	605	2 170
Other	4 720	4 445	4 015		3 980	3 840	4 150		3 835	4 170	3 760		4 225	4 090	4 090		5	95	12 970	49 110

(*) Data for NL are not available since January 2012, see methodological notes

(1) Countries selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2012.

Syria - Syrian Arab Republic; Kosovo - Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; CD - Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK - the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia; BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina

(**) Due to missing data, the calculations of this indicator do not include data for NL for Q4 2011 and Q4 2012

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyapbdczm](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&language=en&plugin=1))

Almost one out of three asylum seekers in the EU-27 in 2012 was aged below 18

Table 3: Asylum applicants by age group ⁽¹⁾, 2012, %

	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
EU-27	319 185	20.7	6.8	51.1	20.3	0.9	0.2
Belgium	28 105	21.2	7.5	50.6	20.1	0.6	0.0
Bulgaria	1 385	11.3	8.0	60.4	19.0	1.3	0.0
Czech Republic	740	17.4	2.2	41.6	37.6	1.2	0.0
Denmark	6 045	17.8	8.5	53.5	19.2	0.9	0.0
Germany	77 540	28.4	7.5	43.0	20.0	1.0	*
Estonia	75	7.8	6.5	50.6	35.1	0.0	0.0
Ireland	955	24.6	4.6	49.3	21.2	0.3	0.0
Greece	9 575	2.9	2.4	82.7	11.9	0.1	0.0
Spain	2 565	13.3	4.4	61.5	20.3	0.5	0.0
France	60 560	19.1	3.1	52.3	24.7	0.9	0.0
Italy	15 715	6.3	5.3	73.4	14.9	0.1	0.0
Cyprus	1 635	9.4	2.9	66.4	20.6	0.4	0.4
Latvia	205	13.1	2.9	55.8	28.2	0.0	0.0
Lithuania	645	9.9	3.4	59.6	26.8	*	0.0
Luxembourg	2 050	29.5	4.9	45.5	19.7	0.4	0.0
Hungary	2 155	18.1	11.4	57.7	12.4	0.3	0.0
Malta	2 080	3.4	8.2	80.0	8.1	*	0.3
Netherlands	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Austria	17 425	22.4	12.1	49.4	15.6	0.5	0.0
Poland	10 750	35.6	4.3	39.1	20.2	0.7	0.0
Portugal	295	8.5	9.9	58.0	23.5	0.0	0.0
Romania	2 510	3.8	5.9	78.2	12.0	0.2	0.0
Slovenia	305	14.8	17.8	46.7	20.4	*	0.0
Slovakia	730	6.3	6.8	71.0	15.9	0.0	0.0
Finland	3 095	18.5	7.1	52.8	20.5	0.7	0.3
Sweden	43 865	22.1	10.6	45.0	20.7	1.6	0.0
United Kingdom	28 175	13.8	5.6	55.3	21.7	1.0	2.5
Iceland	105	9.3	7.5	62.6	19.6	*	0.0
Liechtenstein	70	19.4	0.0	44.4	33.3	*	0.0
Norway	9 685	16.2	9.4	56.6	17.1	0.6	0.0
Switzerland	28 445	20.8	4.7	58.2	15.9	0.3	0.1

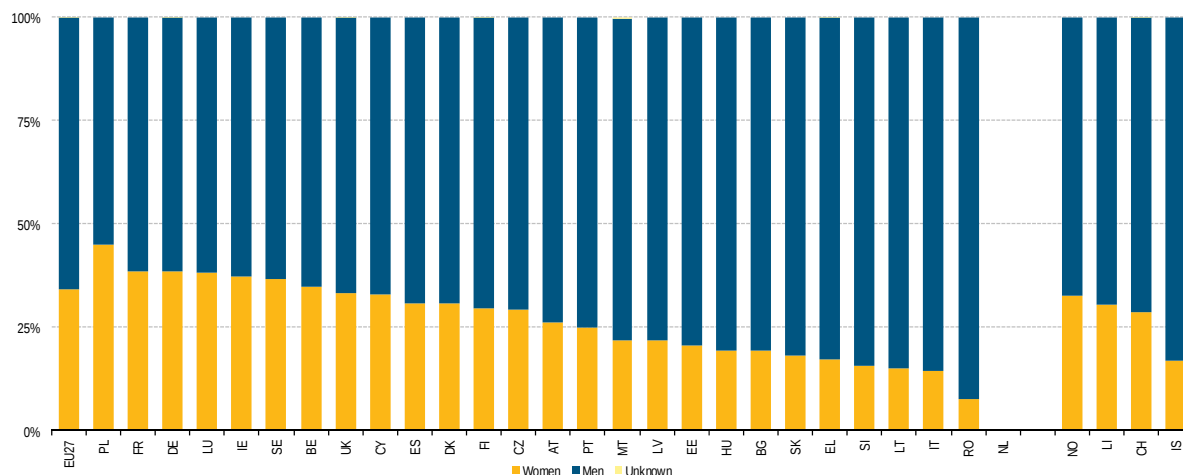
⁽¹⁾ For NL see methodological notes; distribution by age for EU-27 is based on data for those countries for which data are available

: Data are not available

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

Figure 7: Asylum applicants by gender, 2012, %



Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

Two out of three of asylum seekers in the EU-27 in 2012 were men

Table 4: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-27 (*), by age group, 2012, % ⁽¹⁾

	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
Non-EU	319 185	20.7	6.8	51.1	20.3	0.9	0.2
Afghanistan - (AF)	26 250	19.2	23.7	45.6	10.4	1.2	0.1
Syria - (SY)	23 510	24.4	5.7	44.8	23.2	1.8	0.2
Russia - (RU)	23 360	42.0	4.5	31.6	21.0	0.9	*
Pakistan - (PK)	19 290	8.8	3.9	68.2	17.9	0.7	0.5
Serbia - (RS)	18 900	39.3	7.0	30.4	22.7	0.5	*
Somalia - (SO)	12 795	12.0	8.7	66.8	11.0	1.3	0.1
Iran - (IR)	12 375	12.6	4.7	55.1	26.1	0.9	0.7
Iraq - (IQ)	11 265	26.9	6.1	45.3	19.3	2.3	0.1
Georgia - (GE)	10 570	17.0	2.6	52.2	27.5	0.6	*
Kosovo - (XK)	10 135	32.5	5.6	39.9	21.3	0.7	*
MK - (MK)	9 560	35.4	7.1	31.4	25.6	0.6	0.0
CD - (CD)	8 105	19.0	5.2	51.5	23.3	0.8	0.2
Albania - (AL)	7 435	25.6	9.5	45.4	18.9	0.6	0.1
Nigeria - (NG)	7 185	18.9	2.6	60.9	17.0	0.1	0.5
Sri Lanka - (LK)	6 965	11.7	1.6	64.4	20.4	1.1	0.8
Bangladesh - (BD)	6 135	4.0	2.7	75.2	17.2	0.2	0.8
Turkey - (TR)	6 050	12.3	3.5	67.0	16.8	0.4	0.1
Eritrea - (ER)	5 890	11.9	5.1	66.5	15.4	0.7	0.3
BA - (BA)	5 760	39.4	6.7	34.7	18.7	0.6	0.0
Guinea - (GN)	5 285	14.7	8.2	67.7	9.2	0.2	0.0
Armenia - (AM)	5 200	22.9	4.8	38.7	31.6	2.0	*
China - (CN)	4 835	9.2	1.6	47.6	40.7	0.4	0.5
Algeria - (DZ)	4 770	5.7	8.3	67.9	17.5	0.4	0.1
Stateless	3 415	22.4	5.2	43.7	25.3	3.0	0.4
India - (IN)	3 200	3.8	2.4	71.6	20.7	0.2	1.3
Morocco - (MA)	2 585	3.1	11.2	70.8	14.7	0.0	*
Sudan - (SD)	2 410	9.8	3.2	66.1	19.6	0.5	0.9
Ivory Coast - (CI)	2 405	9.5	8.6	64.6	17.1	0.1	*
Egypt - (EG)	2 305	12.6	5.7	62.5	18.4	0.7	0.1
Mali - (ML)	2 280	16.1	9.2	62.0	12.5	0.1	0.0
Other	48 975	15.4	4.4	56.5	22.8	0.5	0.4

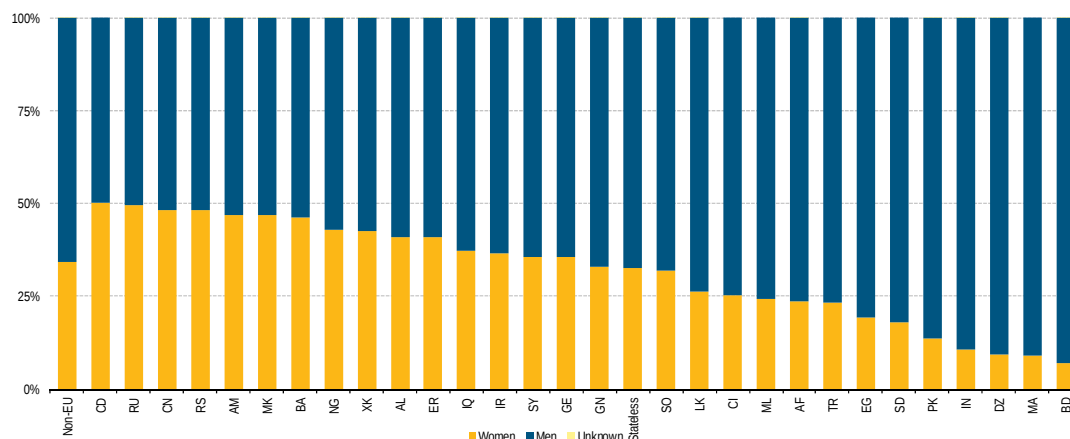
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⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2012 in the EU-27

⁽²⁾ Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

Figure 8: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-27 (*), by gender, 2012, % ⁽¹⁾



(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2012 in the EU-27

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

Afghanis, Syrians and Russians with more than 20 000 applications in the EU-27 in 2012

Table 5: Five main citizenships of asylum applicants, 2012 ⁽¹⁾

EU-27 (*)			EU-27 (*)		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Afghanistan	26 250	8	Afghanistan	26 250	8
Syria	23 510	7	Syria	23 510	7
Russia	23 360	7	Russia	23 360	7
Pakistan	19 290	6	Pakistan	19 290	6
Serbia	18 900	6	Serbia	18 900	6
Other	207 880	65	Other	207 880	65
BELGIUM			BULGARIA		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Afghanistan	3 290	12	Syria	450	32
Russia	2 655	9	Iraq	325	23
Guinea	2 190	8	Stateless	155	11
Kosovo	1 740	6	Afghanistan	110	8
CD	1 590	6	Algeria	75	5
Other	16 640	59	Other	275	20
DENMARK			GERMANY		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Somalia	910	15	Serbia	12 810	17
Syria	875	15	Syria	7 930	10
Afghanistan	565	9	Afghanistan	7 840	10
Serbia	555	9	MK	6 890	9
Iran	550	9	Iraq	5 675	7
Other	2 595	43	Other	36 395	47
IRELAND			GREECE		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Nigeria	160	17	Pakistan	2 340	24
Pakistan	105	11	Bangladesh	1 005	11
CD	60	6	Georgia	895	9
Zimbabwe	50	5	Afghanistan	585	6
Albania	45	5	Albania	385	4
Other	535	56	Other	4 370	46
FRANCE			ITALY		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Russia	5 930	10	Pakistan	2 365	15
CD	5 500	9	Nigeria	1 515	10
Sri Lanka	3 825	6	Afghanistan	1 365	9
Kosovo	3 690	6	Tunisia	850	5
Albania	2 700	4	Ghana	805	5
Other	38 915	64	Other	8 815	56
LATVIA			LITHUANIA		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Georgia	105	51	Georgia	310	48
CD	25	12	Afghanistan	100	15
Syria	20	9	Russia	95	15
Afghanistan	15	7	Vietnam	40	6
Russia	10	4	Belarus	20	3
Other	35	0	Other	80	12
HUNGARY			MALTA		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Afghanistan	880	41	Somalia	1 250	60
Pakistan	325	15	Eritrea	435	21
Kosovo	225	10	Syria	150	7
Syria	145	7	Nigeria	70	3
Somalia	70	3	Libya	60	3
Other	510	24	Other	115	6
AUSTRIA			POLAND		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Afghanistan	4 015	23	Russia	6 085	57
Russia	3 110	18	Georgia	3 235	30
Pakistan	1 825	10	Armenia	415	4
Syria	930	5	Kazakhstan	120	1
Iran	765	4	Syria	105	1
Other	6 780	39	Other	790	7
ROMANIA			SLOVENIA		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Algeria	600	24	Afghanistan	65	21
Morocco	355	14	Syria	30	11
Pakistan	335	13	Turkey	25	9
Syria	245	10	Algeria	25	9
Afghanistan	200	8	Somalia	20	7
Other	770	31	Other	135	44
FINLAND			SWEDEN		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Iraq	830	27	Syria	7 920	18
Russia	225	7	Somalia	5 695	13
Afghanistan	210	7	Afghanistan	4 760	11
Somalia	200	7	Serbia	2 670	6
Syria	185	6	Eritrea	2 405	5
Other	1 440	47	Other	20 415	47
ICELAND			LIECHTENSTEIN		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Nigeria	15	14	BA	15	19
Iran	15	13	Russia	10	17
Afghanistan	10	7	Serbia	10	17
Georgia	10	7	Ukraine	10	13
Albania	5	7	Armenia	5	7
Other	55	51	Other	20	28
CZECH REPUBLIC			SWITZERLAND		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Ukraine	175	24	Eritrea	4 410	16
Syria	70	9	Nigeria	2 745	10
Belarus	55	7	Tunisia	2 240	8
Vietnam	55	7	Serbia	1 890	7
Russia	40	5	Afghanistan	1 385	5
Other	350	47	Other	15 775	55
ESTONIA			NORWAY		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Georgia	35	45	Somalia	2 180	23
Russia	10	10	Eritrea	1 185	12
Armenia	5	6	Afghanistan	985	10
Belarus	5	5	Sudan	470	5
Syria	5	5	Iran	440	5
Other	20	0	Other	4 425	46
SPAIN			CYPRUS		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Syria	255	10	Syria	565	34
Nigeria	205	8	Vietnam	200	12
Algeria	200	8	Bangladesh	190	12
Cameroon	120	5	Egypt	155	10
Ivory Coast	105	4	Pakistan	110	7
Other	1 675	65	Other	415	26
LUXEMBOURG			NETHERLANDS		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Serbia	385	19	:	:	:
Albania	305	15	:	:	:
Montenegro	290	14	:	:	:
BA	285	14	:	:	:
Kosovo	210	10	:	:	:
Other	580	28	:	:	:
PORTUGAL			SLOVAKIA		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Guinea	65	22	Somalia	225	31
Nigeria	30	10	Afghanistan	90	12
Syria	20	7	Georgia	55	8
Guinea-Bissau	20	6	Congo	45	6
CD	15	5	Armenia	35	5
Other	145	50	Other	285	39
UNITED KINGDOM			NORWAY		
	#	(%)		#	(%)
Pakistan	4 880	17	Somalia	2 180	23
Iran	3 250	12	Eritrea	1 185	12
Sri Lanka	2 160	8	Afghanistan	985	10
Nigeria	1 455	5	Sudan	470	5
Afghanistan	1 340	5	Iran	440	5
Other	15 095	54	Other	4 425	46

⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2012 in the EU-27; Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

(*) EU-27 excluding NL data

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period

Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Absolute number of asylum applications

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

Germany, France and Sweden accounted for nearly 60 per cent of all asylum applications in the EU-27 in 2012

Table 6: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants by destination country in the EU-27 (*), 2012 ⁽¹⁾

NON-EU			#	(%)
Germany			77 540	24
France			60 560	19
Sweden			43 865	14
United Kingdom			28 175	9
Belgium			28 105	9
Other			80 940	25

AFGHANISTAN - (AF)			#	(%)
Germany			7 840	30
Sweden			4 760	18
Austria			4 015	15
Belgium			3 290	13
Italy			1 365	5
Other			4 985	19

PAKISTAN - (PK)			#	(%)
United Kingdom			4 880	25
Germany			3 555	18
Italy			2 365	12
Greece			2 340	12
France			2 000	10
Other			4 155	22

IRAN - (IR)			#	(%)
Germany			4 730	38
United Kingdom			3 250	26
Sweden			1 535	12
Austria			765	6
Denmark			550	4
Other			1 550	13

KOSOVO - (XK)			#	(%)
France			3 690	36
Germany			2 535	25
Belgium			1 740	17
Sweden			1 045	10
Austria			310	3
Other			815	8

ALBANIA - (AL)			#	(%)
France			2 700	36
Sweden			1 495	20
Belgium			1 075	14
United Kingdom			1 010	14
Greece			385	5
Other			765	10

BANGLADESH - (BD)			#	(%)
France			1 840	30
United Kingdom			1 175	19
Greece			1 005	16
Belgium			520	8
Italy			500	8
Other			1 090	18

BA - (BA)			#	(%)
Germany			2 370	41
Sweden			1 555	27
France			775	13
Luxembourg			285	5
Italy			275	5
Other			500	9

CHINA - (CN)			#	(%)
France			2 425	50
United Kingdom			900	19
Belgium			440	9
Germany			375	8
Austria			235	5
Other			460	10

INDIA - (IN)			#	(%)
United Kingdom			1 220	38
Germany			940	29
Austria			400	13
Greece			165	5
Belgium			120	4
Other			350	11

IVORY COAST - (CI)			#	(%)
France			1 000	42
Italy			510	21
Belgium			255	11
Greece			245	10
Spain			105	4
Other			285	12

SYRIA - (SY)			#	(%)
Germany			7 930	34
Sweden			7 920	34
United Kingdom			1 300	6
Belgium			1 030	4
Austria			930	4
Other			4 395	19

SERBIA - (RS)			#	(%)
Germany			12 810	68
Sweden			2 670	14
Belgium			1 095	6
France			825	4
Denmark			555	3
Other			940	5

IRAQ - (IQ)			#	(%)
Germany			5 675	50
Sweden			1 345	12
Belgium			975	9
Finland			830	7
Austria			495	4
Other			1 950	17

MK - (MK)			#	(%)
Germany			6 890	72
France			860	9
Belgium			835	9
Sweden			615	6
Luxembourg			170	2
Other			190	2

NIGERIA - (NG)			#	(%)
Italy			1 515	21
United Kingdom			1 455	20
France			1 055	15
Germany			965	13
Sweden			505	7
Other			1 695	24

GUINEA - (GN)			#	(%)
France			2 435	40
Germany			1 760	29
Belgium			465	8
Italy			440	7
Austria			275	5
Other			680	11

ERITREA - (ER)			#	(%)
Belgium			2 190	41
France			2 000	38
Germany			455	9
Greece			160	3
Italy			140	3
Other			345	6

ALGERIA - (DZ)			#	(%)
France			1 200	25
Romania			600	13
Germany			590	12
Austria			575	12
Sweden			375	8
Other			1 435	30

MOROCCO - (MA)			#	(%)
Germany			530	21
Romania			355	14
Austria			350	14
Sweden			350	14
Italy			275	11
Other			725	28

EGYPT - (EG)			#	(%)
France			445	19
Italy			305	13
Germany			265	12
United Kingdom			250	11
Greece			250	11
Other			785	34

RUSSIA - (RU)			#	(%)
Poland			6 085	26
France			5 930	25
Germany			3 415	15
Austria			3 110	13
Belgium			2 655	11
Other			2 170	9

SOMALIA - (SO)			#	(%)
Sweden			5 695	45
Germany			1 295	10
Malta			1 250	10
Denmark			910	7
Italy			780	6
Other			2 870	22

GEORGIA - (GE)			#	(%)
Poland			3 235	31
France			2 670	25
Germany			1 430	14
Greece			895	8
Sweden			750	7
Other			1 590	15

CD - (CD)			#	(%)
France			5 500	68
Belgium			1 590	20
Germany			270	3
United Kingdom			245	3
Sweden			80	1
Other			420	5

SRI LANKA - (LK)			#	(%)
France			3 825	55
United Kingdom			2 160	31
Germany			480	7
Belgium			145	2
Italy			70	1
Other			285	4

ARMENIA - (AM)			#	(%)
Sweden			2 405	41
United Kingdom			780	13
Italy			720	12
Germany			670	11
France			485	8
Other			830	14

ALGERIA - (DZ)			#	(%)
France			2 625	51
Germany			670	13
Belgium			605	12
Poland			415	8
Austria			340	7
Other			545	11

STATELESS			#	(%)
Sweden			2 135	63
United Kingdom			300	9
Germany			270	8
France			180	5
Bulgaria			155	5
Other			375	11

SUDAN - (SD)			#	(%)
France			805	33
United Kingdom			765	32
Sweden			225	9
Germany			200	8
Belgium			100	4
Other			320	13

MALI - (ML)			#	(%)
France			945	41
Italy			700	31
Germany			205	9
Belgium			130	6
Spain			100	4
Other			200	9

(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2012 in the EU-27

Absolute number of asylum applications

Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctza](#))

	Q4 2011				Q1 2012			Q2 2012			Q3 2012			Q4 2012		
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
EU-27	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Belgium	2 655	2 290	2 195	1 845	1 540	1 515	1 395	1 520	1 395	1 550	1 460	1 660	1 725	1 390	1 345	
Bulgaria	70	65	30	60	55	50	30	65	65	55	105	105	190	200	255	
Czech Republic	50	50	30	45	55	40	20	50	50	25	50	30	60	35	45	
Denmark	430	380	420	395	315	455	440	415	615	560	490	515	610	640	595	
Germany	4 185	4 885	4 170	4 655	3 915	3 695	3 285	3 585	4 120	4 745	5 480	6 920	10 195	8 990	4 875	
Estonia	5	5	*	10	5	5	5	25	10	*	5	*	5	*	5	
Ireland	70	115	95	100	85	55	65	75	70	90	85	65	105	70	70	
Greece	740	875	785	555	680	710	885	720	805	590	750	745	1 255	1 030	850	
Spain	235	190	160	200	190	180	145	195	265	170	190	185	230	245	160	
France	4 610	3 960	4 520	4 175	4 660	4 430	3 965	3 850	4 230	4 750	4 410	4 175	5 680	4 650	5 315	
Italy	1 660	1 055	830	760	615	840	950	1 450	965	1 540	1 560	1 445	2 220	2 075	1 300	
Cyprus	175	165	85	120	110	135	130	145	120	155	150	155	150	130	85	
Latvia	30	25	10	10	25	30	15	25	20	5	10	20	10	15	5	
Lithuania	45	50	70	40	20	35	55	50	50	65	35	50	35	50	70	
Luxembourg	60	170	165	220	130	200	195	255	175	225	130	120	165	115	65	
Hungary	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Malta	75	35	55	75	20	30	15	395	400	170	175	345	40	335	60	
Netherlands	1 050	955	790	935	900	835	670	620	660	735	:	:	:	:	:	
Austria	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Poland	560	540	645	390	445	590	610	500	590	805	870	1 255	1 205	945	970	
Portugal	25	15	45	35	5	25	30	30	15	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Romania	255	210	120	195	185	290	230	265	265	220	230	255	155	75	55	
Slovenia	25	10	30	10	20	10	5	10	30	25	20	25	30	25	50	
Slovakia	65	40	20	20	10	15	20	45	65	105	55	60	60	50	45	
Finland	:	:	:	205	170	200	165	200	245	255	300	325	300	320	220	
Sweden	3 030	3 115	3 495	2 720	2 370	2 470	2 450	3 245	3 090	4 110	4 355	4 910	5 490	4 560	4 085	
United Kingdom	2 135	2 560	2 165	2 200	1 835	2 145	1 885	2 340	1 985	2 365	2 305	2 525	2 810	2 685	2 220	
Iceland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Liechtenstein	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Norway	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Switzerland	1 815	2 195	2 090	2 255	1 915	1 900	2 13									

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period
: data are not available

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

More than 70 000 persons received a protection status in the EU-27 in 2012

Table 8: First instance decisions by citizenship and outcome, selected Member States, 2012 ⁽¹⁾

First instance decisions							
Refugee status		Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections		
FRANCE (59 800 decisions)							
Russia	860	Mali	335	Not applicable	CD	4 620	
Sri Lanka	780	Guinea	205		Russia	3 965	
CD	760	Syria	165		Armenia	3 775	
Other	4 720	Other	830		Other	38 790	
SWEDEN (31 520 decisions)							
Syria	1 130	Syria	2 960	Afghanistan	575	Serbia	2 435
Afghanistan	775	Somalia	1 715	Stateless	115	Somalia	2 040
Somalia	320	Afghanistan	1 185	Iraq	45	Afghanistan	1 655
Other	1 520	Other	1 735	Other	330	Other	12 985
ITALY (22 160 decisions)							
Somalia	240	Mali	1 860	Pakistan	375	Nigeria	3 780
Afghanistan	180	Somalia	565	Nigeria	340	Ghana	1 545
Sudan	180	Afghanistan	515	Ivory Coast	240	Pakistan	1 145
Other	1 315	Other	1 475	Other	975	Other	7 430
OTHER (50 005 decisions)							
Syria	1 260	Somalia	1 960	Russia	190	Pakistan	5 510
Russia	875	Afghanistan	1 260	Syria	135	Afghanistan	3 700
Afghanistan	675	Syria	560	Afghanistan	125	Russia	3 500
Other	2 370	Other	1 930	Other	500	Other	25 455

First instance decisions							
Refugee status		Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections		
GERMANY (58 645 decisions)							
Iraq	2 655	Syria	5 475	Afghanistan	860	Serbia	13 070
Syria	1 985	Stateless	225	Iraq	95	MK	6 230
Iran	1 590	Somalia	225	Kosovo	50	Afghanistan	2 690
Other	2 530	Other	1 050	Other	400	Other	19 515
BELGIUM (24 525 decisions)							
Guinea	605	Afghanistan	935	Not applicable		Guinea	2 265
Afghanistan	555	Syria	470			CD	1 455
Russia	375	Somalia	30			Russia	1 445
Other	2 450	Other	130			Other	13 810
UNITED KINGDOM (21 845 decisions)							
Iran	1 335	Syria	35	Afghanistan	145	Pakistan	3 180
Syria	865	Iran	20	Zimbabwe	100	Sri Lanka	1 310
Eritrea	615	Somalia	20	Albania	100	Iran	1 305
Other	3 720	Other	60	Other	725	Other	8 320
EU-27 (268 500 decisions)							
Syria	5 650	Syria	9 765	Afghanistan	1 805	Serbia	18 400
Iran	4 285	Somalia	4 580	Nigeria	465	Pakistan	13 270
Iraq	3 710	Afghanistan	4 200	Pakistan	455	Afghanistan	10 405
Other	23 595	Other	9 380	Other	3 690	Other	154 845

⁽¹⁾ Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during 2012
 CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK - The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Syria – Syrian Arab Republic;
 Kosovo - Kosovo / UNSCR 1244

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstst](#))

Table 9: First instance decisions by outcome, 2012

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
EU-27	268 500	71 580	37 245	27 920	6 415	196 920
Belgium	24 525	5 555	3 985	1 565	-	18 970
Bulgaria	640	170	20	150	-	470
Czech Republic	720	175	50	125	5	545
Denmark	3 715	1 695	1 035	545	120	2 020
Germany	58 645	17 140	8 765	6 975	1 400	41 510
Estonia	65	20	10	5	10	45
Ireland	935	95	65	30	-	840
Greece	11 195	95	30	45	20	11 095
Spain	2 600	525	230	285	10	2 070
France	59 800	8 655	7 120	1 535	-	51 145
Italy ⁽¹⁾	22 160	8 260	1 915	4 410	1 935	13 900
Cyprus	1 335	105	80	10	15	1 230
Latvia	145	25	5	20	-	120
Lithuania	390	55	15	40	-	335
Luxembourg	1 650	40	35	5	-	1 610
Hungary	1 100	350	70	240	40	750
Malta	1 590	1 270	35	1 235	160	155
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-
Austria	15 895	4 455	2 680	1 775	-	11 440
Poland	2 435	475	85	140	250	1 960
Portugal	230	100	15	85	-	130
Romania	1 625	230	145	85	-	1 390
Slovenia	220	35	20	15	-	185
Slovakia	440	190	10	100	80	250
Finland	3 090	1 555	545	775	240	1 535
Sweden	31 520	12 400	3 745	7 595	1 060	19 120
United Kingdom	21 845	7 735	6 535	130	1 070	14 110
Iceland	50	10	5	*	*	40
Liechtenstein	-	-	-	*	-	50
Norway	10 610	5 180	3 675	1 185	325	5 430
Switzerland	16 650	4 280	2 455	505	1 315	12 370

(*) EU-27 is based on data available

(**) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

⁽¹⁾ See country information notes

- data are not applicable

* represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

: data are not available

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstst](#))

Syrians granted around 10 000 first instance decisions of subsidiary protection status in 2012 in the EU-27; the majority of them granted by Germany and Sweden

Table 10: First instance decisions by destination country and outcome in the EU-27 (*), selected citizenships of asylum applicants, 2012 ⁽¹⁾

First instance decisions					
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections	
AFGHANISTAN - AF					
Germany	790	Sweden	1 185	Germany	2 690
Sw eden	775	Belgium	935	Sw eden	2 320
Belgium	555	Austria	755	UK	1 655
Other	1 240	Other	1 325	Other	3 735
SYRIA - SY					
Germany	1 985	Germany	5 475	Malta	115
Sw eden	1 130	Sw eden	2 960	Hungary	15
UK	865	Belgium	470	UK	230
Other	1 665	Other	865	Other	615
RUSSIA - RU					
France	860	Austria	120	Poland	180
Austria	645	Poland	120	Germany	35
Belgium	375	Denmark	50	Sw eden	20
Other	485	Other	110	Other	*
OTHER					
France	5 595	Italy	3 060	Italy	1 440
Germany	5 290	Sw eden	1 700	United Kingdom	835
UK	4 455	France	1 125	Germany	465
Other	7 475	Other	2 860	Other	840

First instance decisions					
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections	
SERBIA - RS					
France	160	Italy	15	Germany	20
Belgium	55	Belgium	*	Sw eden	20
Austria	10	Slovenia	*	Denmark	15
Other	*	Other	0	Other	*
PAKISTAN - PK					
UK	595	Italy	160	Italy	375
Germany	285	Ireland	10	UK	55
Italy	130	Hungary	10	Germany	15
Other	145	Other	40	Other	*
SOMALIA - SO					
UK	360	Sw eden	1 715	Slovakia	40
Sw eden	320	Malta	1 080	Sw eden	20
Germany	280	Italy	565	UK	15
Other	710	Other	1 215	Other	20
NON-EU					
Germany	8 765	Sw eden	7 595	Italy	1 935
France	7 120	Germany	6 975	Germany	1 400
UK	6 535	Italy	4 410	UK	1 070
Other	14 825	Other	8 945	Other	2 010

(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

(1) Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during 2012

* represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfsta](#))

Table 11: First instance decisions by outcome, 30 main citizenships of asylum applicants granted decisions in the EU-27 (*), 2012 ⁽¹⁾

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
Non-EU	268 500	71 580	37 245	27 920	6 415	196 920
Afghanistan - (AF)	19 770	9 365	3 360	4 200	1 805	10 405
Serbia - (RS)	18 705	310	230	15	60	18 400
Syria - (SY)	17 085	15 575	5 650	9 765	165	1 510
Pakistan - (PK)	15 105	1 830	1 155	220	455	13 270
Russia - (RU)	13 405	3 010	2 365	400	245	10 395
Somalia - (SO)	10 085	6 350	1 670	4 580	100	3 735
Iraq - (IQ)	9 295	4 775	3 710	850	215	4 520
Nigeria - (NG)	9 115	955	255	235	465	8 160
Iran - (IR)	8 950	4 635	4 285	210	140	4 320
MK - (MK)	8 420	45	30	5	10	8 375
Bangladesh - (BD)	8 380	265	160	40	65	8 115
Kosovo - (XK)	7 955	500	300	80	115	7 455
CD - (CD)	7 930	1 265	1 105	95	60	6 665
Georgia - (GE)	6 585	160	95	25	35	6 425
Sri Lanka - (LK)	6 395	1 455	1 345	55	55	4 940
Guinea - (GN)	5 870	1 270	940	270	60	4 600
Armenia - (AM)	5 725	405	230	110	70	5 315
BA - (BA)	4 995	220	100	20	95	4 775
China - (CN)	4 750	1 020	910	25	85	3 730
Turkey - (TR)	4 590	665	500	75	85	3 930
Albania - (AL)	4 590	540	365	60	115	4 050
Eritrea - (ER)	4 270	2 730	1 350	1 345	35	1 545
Algeria - (DZ)	4 065	115	70	35	10	3 950
Mali - (ML)	3 725	2 370	125	2 195	50	1 355
Ivory Coast - (CI)	3 235	845	270	320	250	2 395
Ghana - (GH)	2 675	310	40	35	230	2 370
Sudan - (SD)	2 625	1 155	890	240	20	1 470
Stateless	2 460	1 530	730	675	125	930
India - (IN)	2 260	30	15	*	15	2 230
Mauritania - (MR)	2 065	280	230	40	10	1 785
Other	43 405	7 615	4 745	1 710	1 160	35 790

(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

(1) Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during 2012

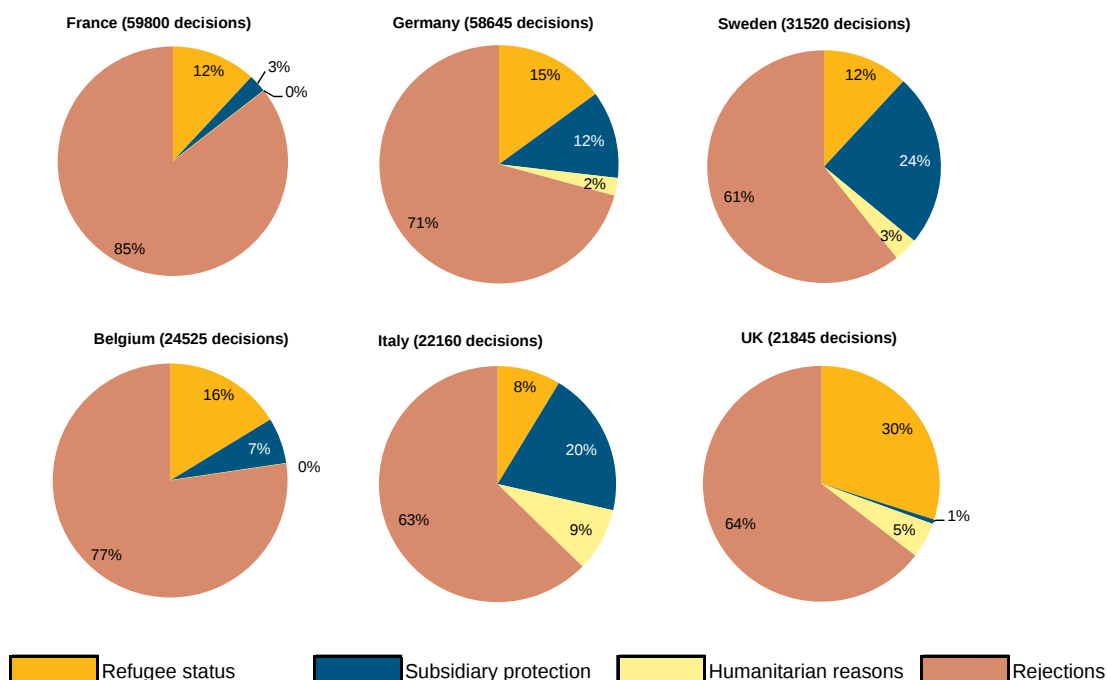
* represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfsta](#))

Nearly 90 per cent of all applicants from Syria were granted positive decisions in EU-27 in 2012

Figure 9: First instance decisions by outcome, selected Member States (¹), 2012



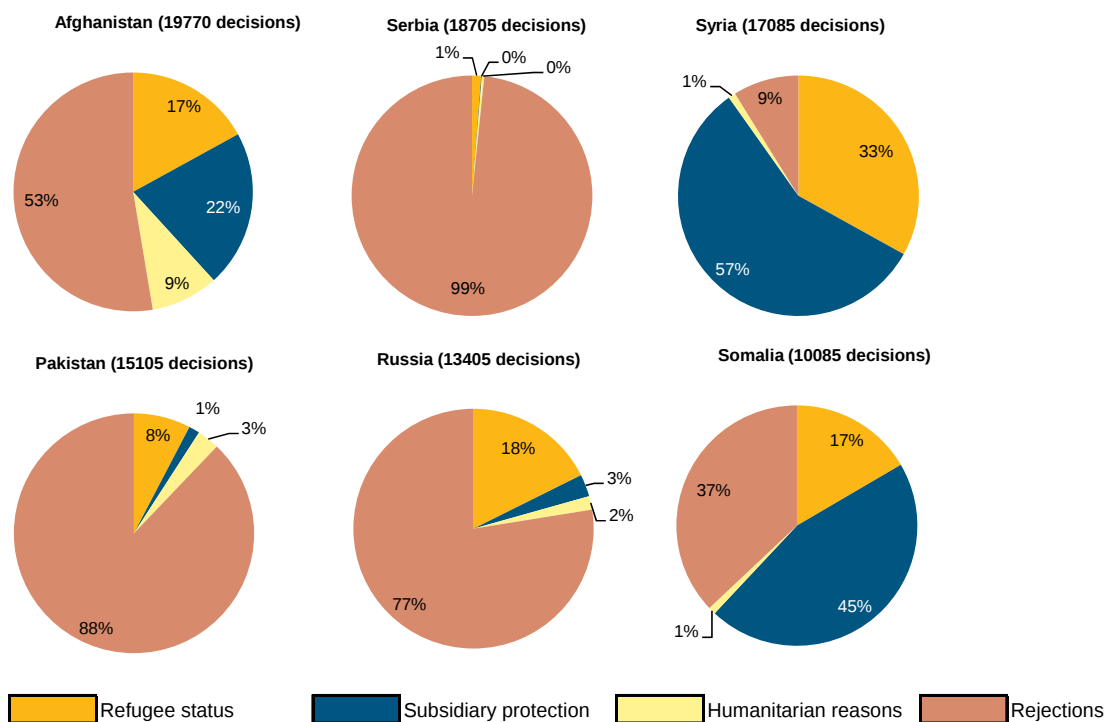
(¹) Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during 2012

UK – The United Kingdom

Humanitarian reasons not applicable for FR and BE

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstg](#))

Figure 10: First instance decisions in the EU-27 (*) by outcome, selected citizenships (¹), 2012



(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

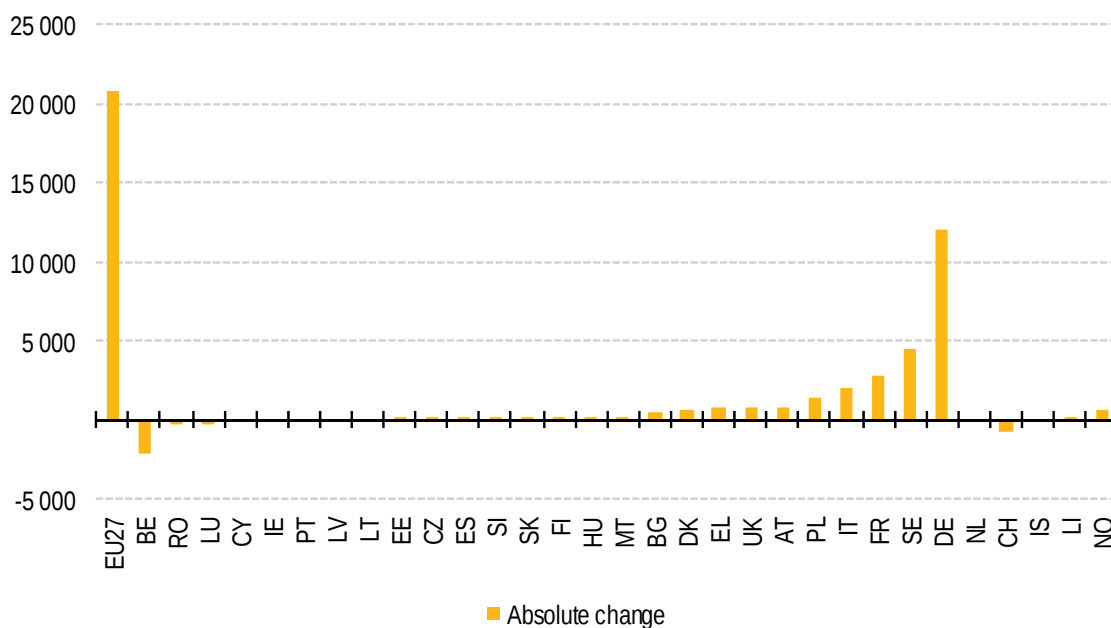
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Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstg](#))

Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications: fourth quarter 2012

With more than 12 000 applicants more, Germany recorded the highest increase of applicants in the EU-27 in Q4 2012 compared to Q4 2011

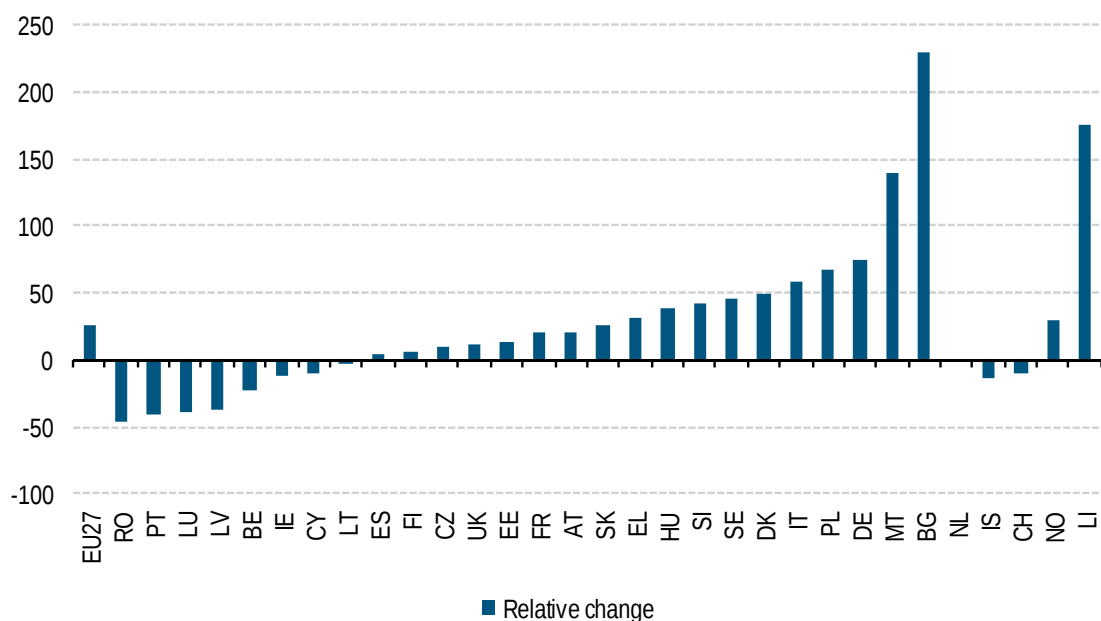
Figure 11: Asylum applicants, absolute change between Q4 2011 and Q4 2012



EU-27 excluding NL; data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 12: Asylum applicants, relative change between Q4 2011 and Q4 2012, %



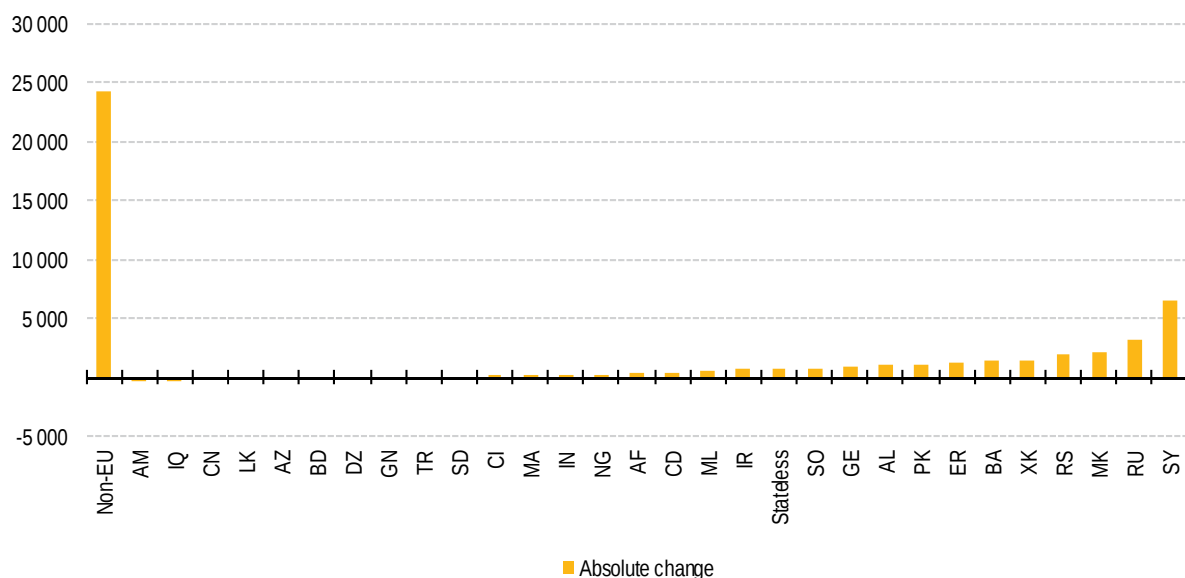
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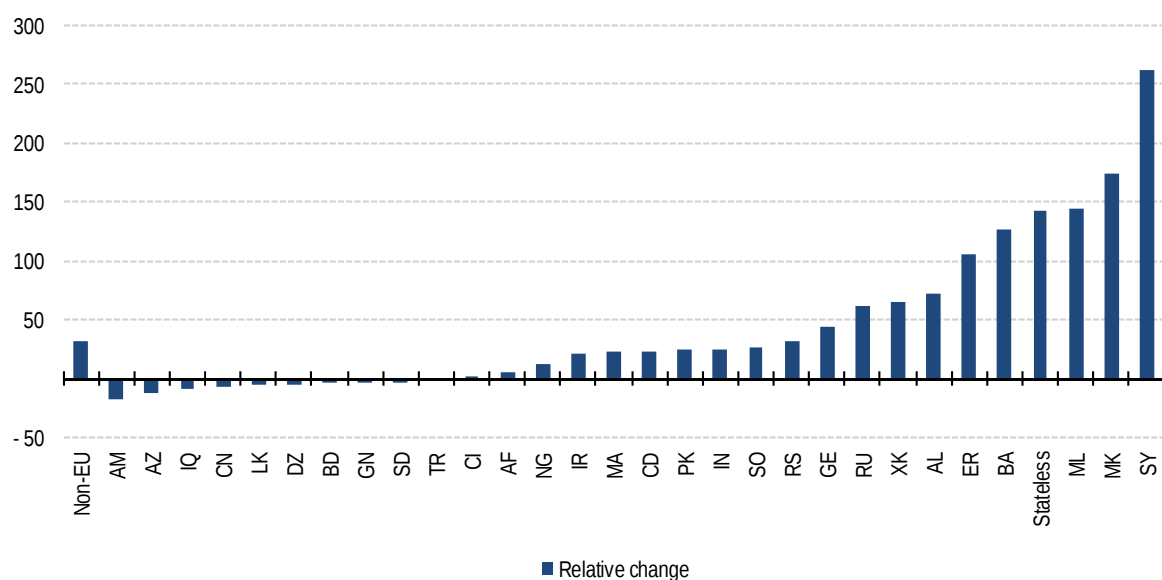
Applicants from Syria with top increase in EU-27 in Q4 2012 compared to Q4 2011 in absolute and relative terms

Figure 13: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-27 ⁽¹⁾, absolute change between Q4 2011 and Q4 2012



⁽¹⁾ EU-27 excluding NL; data for NL are not available, see methodological notes
Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 14: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-27 ⁽¹⁾, relative change between Q4 2011 and Q4 2012, %



⁽¹⁾ EU-27 excluding NL; data for NL are not available, see methodological notes
Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

More than 1 out of 5 asylum applicants in the EU-27 was aged below 13 in Q4 2012

Table 12: Asylum applicants by age group (*), 4th quarter 2012, %

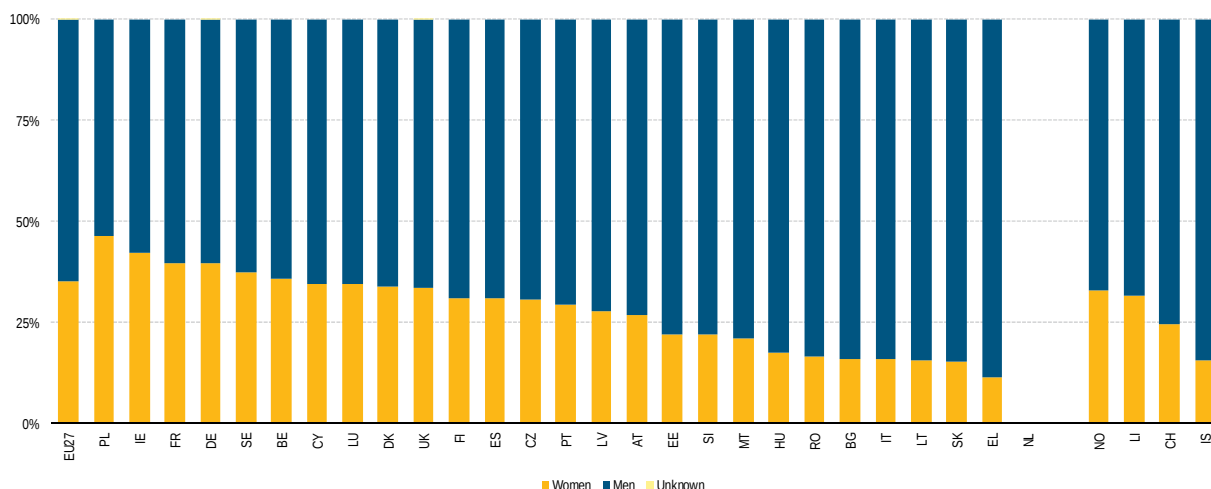
	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
EU-27	99 070	21.9	6.7	50.0	20.2	0.9	0.2
Belgium	6 975	21.3	6.4	50.6	21.1	0.7	0.0
Bulgaria	655	10.7	9.5	63.8	15.7	0.3	0.0
Czech Republic	200	23.6	3.0	39.7	32.2	1.5	0.0
Denmark	1 850	20.7	8.2	51.1	18.7	1.4	0.0
Germany	28 215	29.2	7.6	41.7	20.7	0.9	0.0
Estonia	10	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ireland	250	26.4	0.8	46.8	26.0	0.0	0.0
Greece	3 135	2.2	2.4	86.7	8.6	0.1	0.0
Spain	670	11.5	5.5	59.2	23.0	0.9	0.0
France	17 195	21.1	3.5	50.9	23.6	0.9	0.0
Italy	5 595	6.6	4.1	75.6	13.6	0.2	0.0
Cyprus	385	9.4	4.9	66.4	18.5	0.8	0.0
Latvia	45	27.9	7.0	30.2	34.9	0.0	0.0
Lithuania	175	10.2	7.3	56.5	26.0	0.0	0.0
Luxembourg	355	25.8	5.1	50.6	18.3	0.3	0.0
Hungary	800	16.6	14.9	57.6	10.8	0.1	0.0
Malta	435	8.7	10.1	72.6	8.5	0.0	0.0
Netherlands	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Austria	4 895	22.9	10.5	49.2	16.9	0.6	0.0
Poland	3 595	39.1	4.2	37.4	18.6	0.8	0.0
Portugal	50	11.8	3.9	49.0	35.3	0.0	0.0
Romania	315	9.2	8.0	66.9	15.9	0.0	0.0
Slovenia	115	21.9	14.9	48.2	14.9	0.0	0.0
Slovakia	195	8.7	3.6	71.8	15.9	0.0	0.0
Finland	880	19.0	7.5	50.5	21.9	0.7	0.5
Sweden	14 140	22.1	10.5	43.6	21.9	1.9	0.0
United Kingdom	7 940	13.2	5.4	56.1	21.4	1.3	2.6
Iceland	20	10.5	5.3	57.9	26.3	0.0	0.0
Liechtenstein	20	15.0	9.9	56.2	18.2	0.8	0.0
Norway	2 730	18.7	4.3	60.1	16.5	0.3	0.0
Switzerland	6 335	27.3	0.0	22.7	45.5	4.5	0.0

(*) for NL see methodological notes; distribution by age for EU-27 is based on data for those countries for which data are available
: Data are not available

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 15: Asylum applicants by gender, 4th quarter 2012, %



Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Every 4 out of 10 asylum seekers from Russia and Bosnia and Herzegovina were aged below 13 in the EU-27 in Q4 2012

Table 13: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-27 (*), by age group, 4th quarter 2012, % ⁽¹⁾

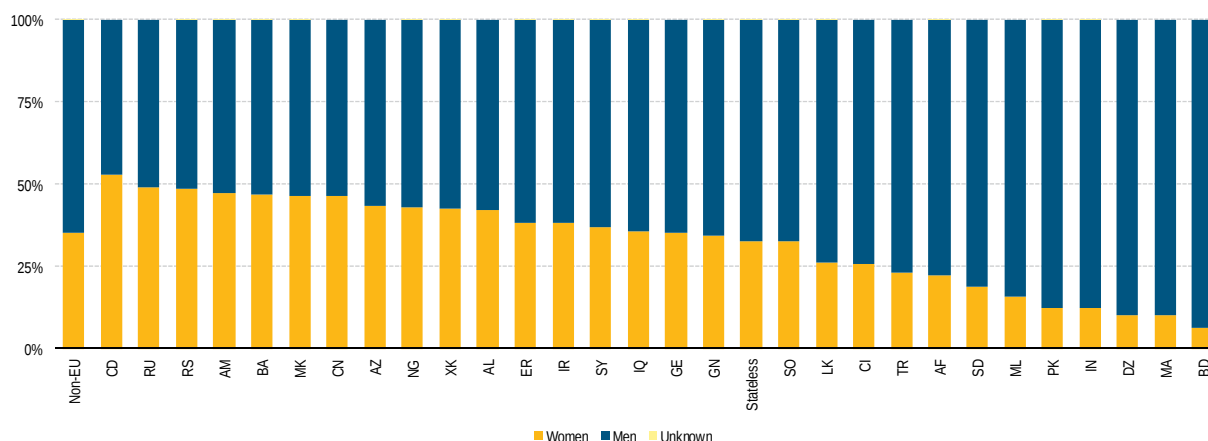
	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
Non-EU	99 070	21.9	6.7	50.0	20.2	0.9	0.2
Syria - (SY)	9 105	23.2	6.5	44.0	23.6	2.6	0.2
Russia - (RU)	8 155	43.7	4.7	30.8	19.9	0.9	0.0
Serbia - (RS)	8 110	38.8	7.2	30.2	23.4	0.5	0.0
Afghanistan - (AF)	7 080	19.1	21.6	47.9	10.5	0.9	0.1
Pakistan - (PK)	5 725	8.0	3.6	70.5	16.5	0.9	0.5
Iran - (IR)	3 815	11.9	4.8	54.7	26.6	1.2	0.8
Somalia - (SO)	3 745	12.7	10.6	64.5	10.5	1.5	0.1
Kosovo - (XK)	3 645	31.7	5.8	40.9	21.0	0.6	0.0
MK - (MK)	3 390	34.6	6.7	31.8	26.3	0.6	0.0
Georgia - (GE)	2 950	18.1	2.7	51.2	27.1	0.8	0.0
Iraq - (IQ)	2 855	24.5	6.2	48.8	18.6	1.8	0.1
Albania - (AL)	2 490	26.6	9.6	43.0	20.0	0.7	0.1
BA - (BA)	2 455	40.8	8.3	29.9	20.5	0.6	0.0
Eritrea - (ER)	2 315	9.9	4.3	71.1	13.8	0.5	0.4
Nigeria - (NG)	2 125	19.5	2.2	60.6	17.0	0.0	0.6
CD - (CD)	2 055	19.5	6.3	49.8	23.3	0.9	0.1
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 730	11.4	1.4	63.5	21.7	1.2	0.7
Bangladesh - (BD)	1 720	3.0	3.2	77.0	15.9	0.1	0.8
Turkey - (TR)	1 660	14.6	3.3	66.1	15.6	0.2	0.2
Guinea - (GN)	1 470	15.1	8.2	66.8	9.9	0.1	0.0
Armenia - (AM)	1 420	26.0	4.9	38.9	29.0	1.2	0.0
Stateless	1 305	23.7	4.7	42.2	26.1	3.3	0.1
China - (CN)	1 220	9.2	1.5	50.0	38.6	0.2	0.5
Algeria - (DZ)	1 165	7.2	10.1	63.5	18.3	0.8	0.1
Mali - (ML)	910	8.8	7.2	70.3	13.7	0.0	0.0
India - (IN)	825	4.0	2.8	73.2	18.6	0.2	1.2
Morocco - (MA)	745	4.4	14.6	66.0	15.0	0.0	0.0
Ivory Coast - (CI)	670	9.4	7.0	66.7	16.7	0.3	0.0
Sudan - (SD)	625	8.6	2.4	65.1	22.1	0.6	1.1
Azerbaijan - (AZ)	605	25.4	4.6	35.3	33.6	1.0	0.2
Other	12 970	14.4	4.5	58.8	21.4	0.5	0.4

(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2012 in the EU-27
 Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 16: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-27 (*), by gender, 4th quarter 2012, % ⁽¹⁾



(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

⁽¹⁾ Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2012 in the EU-27

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Syrians were the main citizenship of persons seeking asylum in the EU-27 in Q4 2012 followed by Russians and Serbians

Table 14: Five main citizenships of asylum applicants, 4th quarter 2012 ⁽¹⁾

EU-27 ⁽²⁾			#	%
Syria			9 105	9
Russia			8 155	8
Serbia			8 110	8
Afghanistan			7 080	7
Pakistan			5 725	6
Other			60 890	61

BELGIUM			#	%
Afghanistan			700	10
Russia			690	10
Guinea			585	8
Syria			435	6
CD			415	6
Other			4 150	59

DENMARK			#	(%)
Serbia			305	17
Somalia			260	14
Syria			230	13
Russia			190	10
Iran			175	10
Other			685	37

IRELAND			#	(%)
Nigeria			45	17
Pakistan			20	9
CD			15	7
Albania			15	6
Iran			15	6
Other			135	54

FRANCE			#	(%)
Russia			1 750	10
Kosovo			1 505	9
CD			1 420	8
Albania			1 225	7
Sri Lanka			960	6
Other			10 335	60

LATVIA			#	(%)
Afghanistan			10	28
Georgia			5	14
Russia			5	9
Turkey			*	*
Algeria			*	*
Other			15	5

HUNGARY			#	(%)
Afghanistan			320	40
Kosovo			120	15
Pakistan			120	15
Syria			65	8
Morocco			25	3
Other			145	18

AUSTRIA			#	(%)
Afghanistan			950	19
Russia			920	19
Pakistan			665	14
Syria			285	6
Iran			270	6
Other			1 805	37

ROMANIA			#	(%)
Syria			85	27
Pakistan			60	19
Algeria			20	6
Egypt			15	5
Morocco			15	5
Other			115	37

FINLAND			#	(%)
Iraq			245	28
Iran			65	8
Russia			65	7
Afghanistan			60	7
Somalia			55	6
Other			395	45

ICELAND			#	(%)
Albania			5	21
Russia			5	16
Iran			5	16
Turkey			*	*
Afghanistan			*	*
Other			5	26

BULGARIA			#	(%)
Syria			265	41
Iraq			90	13
Stateless			75	11
Algeria			65	10
Afghanistan			35	5
Other			130	20

GERMANY			#	(%)
Serbia			6 225	22
MK			2 760	10
Syria			2 660	9
Afghanistan			2 175	8
Bosnia and Herzegovina			1 705	6
Other			12 690	45

GREECE			#	(%)
Pakistan			920	29
Bangladesh			385	12
Afghanistan			240	8
Georgia			210	7
Senegal			120	4
Other			1 255	40

ITALY			#	(%)
Pakistan			690	12
Nigeria			565	10
Eritrea			560	10
Afghanistan			530	9
Somalia			395	7
Other			2 855	51

LITHUANIA			#	(%)
Georgia			60	33
Russia			30	18
Afghanistan			30	18
Vietnam			15	10
Stateless			10	6
Other			30	16

MALTA			#	(%)
Eritrea			235	54
Somalia			90	21
Syria			75	17
Libya			15	3
Serbia			5	1
Other			15	3

POLAND			#	(%)
Russia			2 355	65
Georgia			850	24
Armenia			125	4
Syria			85	2
Vietnam			20	1
Other			155	4

SLOVENIA			#	(%)
Afghanistan			25	21
Syria			20	17
Turkey			15	12
Algeria			15	11
Kosovo			10	8
Other			35	31

SWEDEN			#	(%)
Syria			3 575	25
Somalia			1 845	13
Afghanistan			1 270	9
Serbia			910	6
Stateless			905	6
Other			5 635	40

NORWAY			#	(%)
Somalia			590	22
Eritrea			430	16
Afghanistan			235	9
Sudan			190	7
Russia			130	5
Other			1 155	42

CZECH REPUBLIC			#	(%)
Ukraine			40	21
Syria			35	18
Myanmar			25	13
Russia			10	6
Vietnam			10	5
Other			75	37

ESTONIA			#	(%)
Afghanistan			5	33
Russia			*	*
Egypt			*	*
Albania			*	*
Georgia			*	*
Other			*	0

SPAIN			#	(%)
Algeria			75	11
Syria			75	11
Mali			55	8
Nigeria			45	7
Somalia			40	6
Other			375	56

CYPRUS			#	(%)
Syria			150	39
Egypt			45	11
Bangladesh			40	10
Vietnam			40	10
Iran			20	5
Other			90	24

LUXEMBOURG			#	(%)
Bosnia and Herzegovina			105	30
Kosovo			40	12
Montenegro			35	10
Serbia			35	10
Albania			25	7
Other			110	31

NETHERLANDS			#	(%)
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PORTUGAL			#	(%)
Ivory Coast			5	14
Russia			5	8
Guinea			5	8
Guinea-Bissau			5	8
Morocco			5	6
Other			30	57

SLOVAKIA			#	(%)
Somalia			60	30
Afghanistan			35	18
Eritrea			25	12
Georgia			20	10
Russia			10	5
Other			50	25

UNITED KINGDOM			#	(%)
Pakistan			1 305	16
Iran			1 000	13
Sri Lanka			555	7
Syria			440	6
Nigeria			395	5
Other			4 245	53

SWITZERLAND			#	(%)
Eritrea			860	14
Nigeria			675	11
Tunisia			545	9
Afghanistan			365	6
Syria			345	5
Other			3 550	56

LIECHTENSTEIN			#	(%)
Bosnia and Herzegovina			10	50
Ukraine			5	18
Russia			*	*
Albania			*	*
Kosovo			*	*
Other			5	14

⁽¹⁾ Citizenships selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2012 in the EU-27

⁽²⁾ Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

Absolute number of asylum applications

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period

Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Nearly 30 per cent of all asylum applicants in the EU-27 applied for asylum in Germany in Q4 2012

Table 15: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants by destination country in the EU-27 (*), 4th quarter 2012 (¹)

NON-EU			#	(%)
Germany			28 215	28
France			17 195	17
Sweden			14 140	14
United Kingdom			7 940	8
Belgium			6 975	7
Other			24 600	25

RUSSIA - (RU)			#	(%)
Poland			2 355	29
France			1 750	21
Germany			1 675	21
Austria			920	11
Belgium			690	8
Other			765	9

PAKISTAN - (PK)			#	(%)
United Kingdom			1 305	23
Germany			1 060	19
Greece			920	16
Italy			690	12
Austria			665	12
Other			1 085	19

KOSOVO - (XK)			#	(%)
France			1 505	41
Germany			970	27
Belgium			395	11
Sweden			350	10
Austria			125	3
Other			295	8

IRAQ - (IQ)			#	(%)
Germany			1 430	50
Sweden			355	13
Finland			245	9
Belgium			200	7
Italy			140	5
Other			480	17

ERITREA - (ER)			#	(%)
Sweden			855	37
Italy			560	24
Malta			235	10
Germany			235	10
United Kingdom			225	10
Other			215	9

SRI LANKA - (LK)			#	(%)
France			960	55
United Kingdom			555	32
Germany			105	6
Belgium			40	2
Cyprus			15	1
Other			55	3

GUINEA - (GN)			#	(%)
Belgium			585	40
France			560	38
Germany			150	10
Greece			60	4
Italy			30	2
Other			90	6

ALGERIA - (DZ)			#	(%)
France			315	27
Germany			165	14
Austria			125	11
Sweden			100	8
United Kingdom			95	8
Other			360	31

MOROCCO - (MA)			#	(%)
Germany			180	24
Sweden			135	18
Austria			115	15
Italy			70	9
France			40	5
Other			210	28

AZERBAIJAN - (AZ)			#	(%)
France			240	40
Germany			175	29
Sweden			85	14
Austria			45	7
Belgium			40	6
Other			20	4

SERBIA - (RS)			#	(%)
Germany			6 225	77
Sweden			910	11
Denmark			305	4
France			270	3
Belgium			205	3
Other			200	2

IRAN - (IR)			#	(%)
Germany			1 430	38
United Kingdom			1 000	26
Sweden			460	12
Austria			270	7
Denmark			175	5
Other			475	13

MK - (MK)			#	(%)
Germany			2 760	81
France			230	7
Sweden			180	5
Belgium			170	5
Austria			30	1
Other			25	1

ALBANIA - (AL)			#	(%)
France			1 225	49
United Kingdom			355	14
Belgium			330	13
Sweden			275	11
Germany			110	4
Other			195	8

NIGERIA - (NG)			#	(%)
Italy			565	27
United Kingdom			395	19
France			295	14
Germany			275	13
Sweden			150	7
Other			445	21

BANGLADESH - (BD)			#	(%)
France			460	27
Greece			385	22
United Kingdom			320	19
Italy			150	9
Germany			115	7
Other			290	17

ARMENIA - (AM)			#	(%)
France			665	47
Germany			215	15
Belgium			155	11
Poland			125	9
Austria			100	7
Other			160	11

MALI - (ML)			#	(%)
Italy			350	38
France			300	33
Germany			85	9
Spain			55	6
Belgium			45	5
Other			75	8

IVORY COAST - (CI)			#	(%)
France			265	39
Italy			130	20
Greece			95	14
Belgium			55	8
Germany			30	5
Other			95	14

MAURITANIA - (MR)			#	(%)
France			425	75
Belgium			90	16
Italy			30	5
Greece			10	1
Germany			5	1
Other			10	2

SYRIA - (SY)			#	(%)
Sweden			3 575	39
Germany			2 660	29
United Kingdom			440	5
Belgium			435	5
Austria			285	3
Other			1 710	19

AFGHANISTAN - (AF)			#	(%)
Germany			2 175	31
Sweden			1 270	18
Austria			950	13
Belgium			700	10
Italy			530	7
Other			1 455	21

SOMALIA - (SO)			#	(%)
Sweden			1 845	49
Germany			455	12
Italy			395	11
Denmark			260	7
United Kingdom			185	5
Other			610	16

GEORGIA - (GE)			#	(%)
Poland			850	29
France			735	25
Germany			595	20
Greece			210	7
Sweden			180	6
Other			380	13

BA - (BA)			#	(%)
Germany			1 705	70
France			250	10
Italy			135	6
Sweden			115	5
Luxembourg			105	4
Other			145	6

CD - (CD)			#	(%)
France			1 420	69
Belgium			415	20
United Kingdom			60	3
Germany			55	3
Spain			20	1
Other			90	4

TURKEY - (TR)			#	(%)
France			620	37
Germany			470	28
Belgium			165	10
Italy			150	9
Austria			75	5
Other			180	11

CHINA - (CN)			#	(%)
France			545	45
United Kingdom			240	20
Belgium			145	12
Germany			120	10
Austria			60	5
Other			105	9

INDIA - (IN)			#	(%)
United Kingdom			335	41
Germany			240	29
Austria			90	11
Greece			65	8
Belgium			25	3
Other			70	9

SUDAN - (SD)			#	(%)
United Kingdom			220	36
France			195	31
Germany			60	10
Sweden			60	9
Belgium			25	4
Other			65	11

(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

(¹) Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2012 in the EU-27

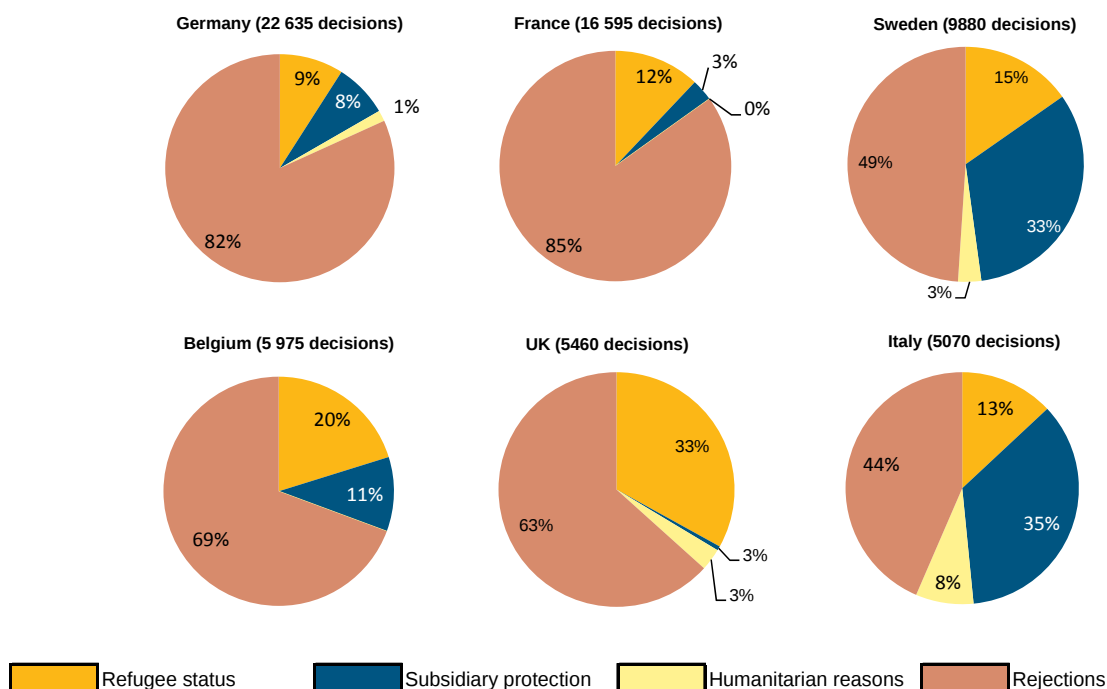
Absolute number of asylum applications

Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Nearly 95 per cent of applicants from Syria with a positive decision in Q4 2012

Figure 17: First instance decisions by outcome, selected Member States ⁽¹⁾, 4th quarter 2012

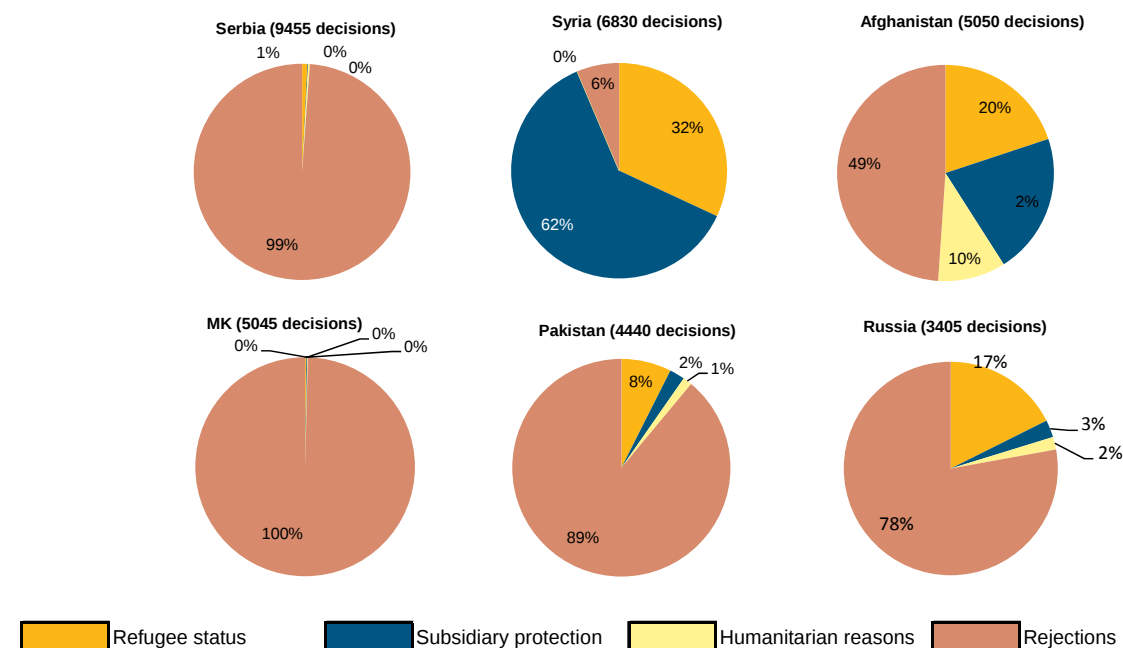


⁽¹⁾ Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q4 2012
UK – The United Kingdom

Humanitarian reasons not applicable for FR and BE

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Figure 18: First instance decisions in the EU-27 (*) by outcome, selected citizenships ⁽¹⁾, 4th quarter 2012



(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

⁽¹⁾ Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q4 2012

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Sweden and Germany were the two countries granted by far the most positive first instance decisions to asylum seekers in the EU-27 in Q4 2012

Table 16: First instance decisions by citizenship and outcome, selected Member States, 4th quarter 2012 ⁽¹⁾

First instance decisions							
Refugee status		Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections			
FRANCE (14 010 decisions)							
Sri Lanka	160	Mali	90	Not applicable	CD	1 050	
Russia	155	Guinea	45		Armenia	1 015	
CD	150	Syria	35		Russia	850	
Other	1 045	Other	150		Other	9 265	
SWEDEN (6 995 decisions)							
Syria	285	Syria	850	Afghanistan	130	BA	585
Afghanistan	145	Somalia	440	Stateless	30	Somalia	420
Somalia	70	Afghanistan	260	Russia	10	Afghanistan	335
Other	310	Other	350	Other	50	Other	2 730
UNITED KINGDOM (5 200 decisions)							
Iran	345	Afghanistan	25	Syria	10	Pakistan	710
Syria	285	Albania	25	Iran	5	Sri Lanka	360
Eritrea	175	Iran	15	Iraq	5	Iran	260
Other	960	Other	85	Other	15	Other	1 910
OTHER (10 495 decisions)							
Syria	195	Mali	605	Pakistan	155	Nigeria	880
Iran	105	Somalia	555	Nigeria	105	Pakistan	715
Afghanistan	65	Afghanistan	195	Russia	65	Bangladesh	475
Other	480	Other	690	Other	395	Other	4 815

First instance decisions							
Refugee status		Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections			
GERMANY (12 185 decisions)							
Iraq	675	Syria	1 380	Afghanistan	250	Serbia	1 355
Iran	485	Stateless	65	Russia	20	MK	840
Syria	340	Somalia	60	Iraq	20	Afghanistan	715
Other	765	Other	350	Other	155	Other	4 705
BELGIUM (5 720 decisions)							
Guinea	185	Afghanistan	235	Not applicable	Guinea	710	
Afghanistan	160	Syria	110		CD	455	
Iraq	70	Somalia	5		Russia	255	
Other	530	Other	35		Other	2 970	
AUSTRIA (3 990 decisions)							
Russia	170	Afghanistan	200	Not applicable	Pakistan	595	
Afghanistan	155	Syria	65		Afghanistan	525	
Syria	110	Iraq	45		Russia	470	
Other	235	Other	135		Other	1 280	
EU-27 (58 600 decisions)							
Syria	1 270	Syria	2 545	Afghanistan	425	Pakistan	2 845
Iran	1 120	Somalia	1 115	Pakistan	155	Afghanistan	2 370
Iraq	915	Afghanistan	995	Nigeria	115	Russia	2 345
Other	5 510	Other	2 445	Other	720	Other	33 705

⁽¹⁾ Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q4 2012
CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK - The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina
Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Table 17: First instance decisions by outcome, 4th quarter 2012

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
EU-27 (*)	79 755	22 155	10 790	9 825	1 540	57 600
Belgium	5 975	1 830	1 205	630	-	4 140
Bulgaria	140	30	5	20	-	110
Czech Republic	170	40	5	30	*	135
Denmark	1 365	630	405	170	50	735
Germany	22 635	4 115	2 040	1 725	345	18 520
Estonia	10	5	*	*	*	5
Ireland	210	35	25	10	-	175
Greece	3 240	65	0	0	15	3 175
Spain	765	150	60	85	5	615
France	16 595	2 505	1 995	510	-	14 090
Italy ⁽¹⁾	5 070	2 865	660	1 800	405	2 210
Cyprus	265	15	5	10	*	250
Latvia	25	5	*	5	-	20
Lithuania	80	15	5	10	-	65
Luxembourg	475	0	0	0	-	460
Hungary	205	80	25	60	*	120
Malta	725	640	5	625	5	90
Netherlands (**)	.	.	.	.	.	.
Austria	4 380	1 215	745	470	-	3 165
Poland	685	120	10	20	90	565
Portugal	65	35	10	25	-	25
Romania	170	100	40	60	*	70
Slovenia	75	10	10	*	-	65
Slovakia	180	85	5	25	55	95
Finland	910	510	185	245	80	400
Sweden	9 880	5 040	1 505	3 225	310	4 835
United Kingdom	5 460	2 005	1 805	30	165	3 455
Iceland	15	*	*	*	*	10
Liechtenstein	.	*	*	*	*	.
Norway	2 755	1 525	1 130	320	75	1 230
Switzerland	3 900	885	485	110	290	3 015

(*) EU-27 is based on data available
(**) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes
⁽¹⁾ See country information notes
- data are not applicable
* represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period
: data are not available
Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

More than one quarter of all first instance decisions in the EU-27 in Q4 2012 were positive and half of them granted either to Syrians, Afghanis and Somalis

Table 18: First instance decisions by destination country and outcome in the EU-27 (*), selected citizenships of asylum applicants, 4th quarter 2012 (¹)

First instance decisions							
Refugee status		Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections	
AFGHANISTAN - AF							
Germany	265	Sweden	260	Germany	250	Germany	715
Belgium	160	Belgium	235	Sweden	130	Austria	525
Austria	155	Austria	200	Italy	30	Sweden	335
Other	320	Other	305	Other	15	Other	795
PAKISTAN - PK							
UK	130	Italy	20	Italy	150	UK	710
Germany	65	UK	10	Estonia	*	Austria	595
Italy	20	Belgium	5	Poland	*	Greece	410
Other	30	Other	*	Other	*	Other	1 130
SOMALIA - SO							
UK	115	Sweden	440	Slovak Republic	10	Sweden	420
Germany	75	Malta	380	Germany	*	France	125
Sweden	70	Germany	60	Finland	*	Germany	70
Other	135	Other	235	Other	*	Other	205
OTHER							
Germany	1 480	Italy	805	Italy	370	France	10 655
France	1 200	Germany	360	Germany	165	Germany	4 715
UK	1 155	Sweden	345	Sweden	75	Belgium	3 610
Other	1 590	Other	775	Other	90	Other	11 480

First instance decisions							
Refugee status		Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections	
SYRIA - SY							
Germany	340	Germany	1 380	UK	10	Germany	70
Sweden	285	Sweden	850	Denmark	5	Sweden	65
UK	285	Belgium	110	Germany	*	UK	40
Other	365	Other	205	Other	0	Other	140
RUSSIA - RU							
Austria	170	Austria	40	Poland	65	France	850
France	155	Poland	40	Germany	20	Austria	470
Belgium	65	Denmark	20	Sweden	10	Germany	330
Other	115	Other	25	Other	*	Other	695
SERBIA - RS							
France	40	Belgium	0	Germany	5	Germany	1 355
Belgium	10	Bulgaria	0	Czech Republic	0	Sweden	305
Austria	5	Czech Republi	0	Denmark	0	Belgium	135
Other	*	Other	*	Other	*	Other	310
NON-EU							
Germany	2 265	Sweden	1 895	Italy	555	France	12 180
UK	1 765	Germany	1 855	Germany	445	Germany	7 615
France	1 510	Italy	935	Sweden	215	Belgium	4 395
Other	3 270	Other	2 410	Other	205	Other	17 080

(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

(¹) Citizenship selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q4 2012

* represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Table 19: First instance decisions by outcome, 30 main citizenships of asylum applicants granted decisions in the EU-27 (*), 4th quarter 2012 (¹)

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
Non-EU	79 755	22 155	10 790	9 825	1 540	57 600
Serbia - (RS)	9 455	110	75	10	25	9 345
Syria - (SY)	6 830	6 395	2 180	4 215	*	435
Afghanistan - (AF)	5 050	2 575	1 005	1 065	510	2 470
MK - (MK)	5 045	20	10	5	5	5 025
Pakistan - (PK)	4 440	485	330	100	60	3 955
Russia - (RU)	3 405	755	600	90	65	2 655
Somalia - (SO)	2 830	1 855	460	1 345	50	975
Kosovo - (XK)	2 550	135	75	25	35	2 415
BA - (BA)	2 455	70	20	5	40	2 390
Iran - (IR)	2 395	1 320	1 220	70	30	1 075
CD - (CD)	2 290	320	290	20	10	1 970
Iraq - (IQ)	2 225	1 175	890	235	50	1 050
Bangladesh - (BD)	2 035	85	40	15	25	1 955
Georgia - (GE)	1 855	45	15	5	25	1 815
Nigeria - (NG)	1 850	205	75	55	75	1 645
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 590	350	315	20	15	1 235
Guinea - (GN)	1 540	440	330	95	20	1 100
Armenia - (AM)	1 360	125	85	30	5	1 240
Eritrea - (ER)	1 320	910	390	515	5	410
Mali - (ML)	1 305	1 055	40	1 015	*	250
China - (CN)	1 270	290	270	5	10	980
Turkey - (TR)	1 115	200	150	30	20	915
Albania - (AL)	1 070	155	110	20	25	915
Algeria - (DZ)	890	20	10	10	0	870
Stateless	810	560	225	280	55	250
Ivory Coast - (CI)	770	210	75	115	20	560
Sudan - (SD)	620	265	210	50	5	350
Mauritania - (MR)	590	85	60	20	*	505
India - (IN)	515	5	5	0	*	510
Haiti - (HT)	500	25	20	5	0	475
Other	9 775	1 910	1 215	350	345	7 865

(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

(¹) Citizenship selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q4 2012

* represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

Syria – Syrian Arab Republic; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo - Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Methodology

COMMENTS

All data presented in this publication are rounded to the nearest 5.

All data presented in this publication are provisional (except as otherwise stated) and may be a subject to change.

Figure 1 and Table 1 include estimated data for **The Netherlands** for months August to December 2012 and for annual 2012 (please see country information notes)

COUNTRY INFORMATION

Due to the implementation of a new computing system, since January 2012 **The Netherlands** is temporarily unable to provide statistics on asylum applications disaggregated by citizenship, age and sex and on first instance decisions. Only the total number of asylum applicants per month is available for this period. For August 2012 onwards no data are yet available. For Figure 1 and Table 1, data for August to December 2012 are estimated with Seasonal ARIMA modelling using the *Demetra+* software.

In **France** data on pending applications do not include accompanied minors aged less than 16 whose application is examined jointly with their parent's application. According to France, these missing pending applications are estimated to be about 20 per cent of the total number of pending applications.

The number of rejections at first instance in **Italy** includes a number of recommendations to issue an authorization to stay for humanitarian reasons. These recommendations are issued by the National Asylum Commission to the Police. Therefore the number of first instance rejections can be overestimated. Indeed, some individuals might be counted twice under the same reference period: first as a person rejected and recommended for an authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons and subsequently as a person granted an authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons.

DATA SOURCES

The data used for this publication are provided to Eurostat by the Ministries of Interior, Justice or immigration agencies of the Member States. Data are based entirely on relevant administrative sources. Apart from statistics on new asylum applicants, these data are supplied by Member States according to the provisions of Article 4 of the [Regulation \(EC\) 862/2007](#) of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection.

DEFINITIONS AND COVERAGE

'Asylum applicant' means a person having submitted an application for international protection or having been included in such application as a family member during the reference period. 'Application for international protection' means an application for international protection as defined in Art.2(g) of [Council Directive 2004/83/EC](#), i.e. including requests for refugee status or for subsidiary protection status, irrespective of whether the application was lodged on arrival at border, or from inside the country, and irrespective of whether the person entered the territory legally (e.g. as a tourist) or illegally. In deciding when to regard an asylum application as having been lodged, the principles expressed in Article 4(1) of Council Regulation 2003/343/EC should be applied, i.e. 'An application for asylum shall be deemed to have been lodged once a form submitted by the applicant for asylum or a report prepared by the authorities has reached the competent authorities of the Member State concerned. Where an application is not made in writing, the time elapsing between the statement of intention and the preparation of a report should be as short as possible'. Applications submitted by persons who are subsequently found to be a subject of a Dublin procedure (Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003) are included in the number of asylum applications. Within the same reference period every person being a subject of asylum application is counted only once, therefore repeat applications are not recorded if the first application has been lodged in the same reference period. However, such a repeat application will be recorded if lodged in a different reference month. It means that the aggregation of the monthly figures may overestimate the number of persons applying for international protection within the aggregated period (quarter or year).

In some Member States (**IT**, **MT** and **DK**) due to restrictions of the asylum procedure (e.g. time limits for lodging repeat application) repeat applications may be very rare. Therefore the number of new asylum applicants may equal or almost equal the number of asylum applicants.

The number of asylum applicants and the number of first instance decisions during the same reference period differs. This is due to the time lag between the date of asylum application and the date of the decision on asylum application. The duration of this time lag may vary considerably depending on the

national asylum procedure and the administrative workload. Asylum application lodged in one reference period may therefore result in a decision in a later period, while some asylum decisions reported for that period may relate to the applications lodged in previous reference periods.

'New asylum applicant' means a person having submitted an application for international protection for the first time. Applications submitted by persons who are subsequently found to be a subject of a Dublin procedure are included in the statistics on new asylum applicants if such persons are also a subject of first asylum application. All Member States are requested to supply these data but their provision is voluntary. As persons are counted once only, statistics on new asylum applicants may be used for preparation of annual aggregates.

Person being a subject of **'a pending application'** means a person who is the subject of application for international protection under consideration by the responsible national authority at the end of the reference period. It includes the number of persons with pending applications at all instances of the administrative and/or judicial procedure.

'Rejected applicant' means a person covered by a first instance decision rejecting an application for international protection, including decisions considering applications as inadmissible or as unfounded and decisions under priority and accelerated procedures, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period.

'Person granted refugee status at first instance' means a person covered by a first instance decision granting refugee status, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. Refugee status means status as defined in Art.2 (d) of Directive 2004/83/EC within the meaning of Art.1 of the Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 28 July 1951, as amended by the New York Protocol of 31 January 1967. According to the Art.2(c) of that Directive refugee means a third country national who, owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership of a particular social group, is outside the country of nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country, or a stateless person, who, being outside of the country of former habitual residence for the same reasons as mentioned above, is unable or, owing to such fear, unwilling to return to it.

'Person granted subsidiary protection status at first instance' means a person covered by a first instance decision granting subsidiary protection status, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. Subsidiary protection status means status as defined in Art.2 (f) of Directive 2004/83/EC. According to the Art.2(e) of that Directive a person eligible for subsidiary protection means a third country national or a stateless person who does not qualify as a refugee but in respect of whom substantial grounds have been shown for believing that the person concerned, if returned to his or her country of origin, or in the case of a stateless person, to his or her country of former habitual residence, would face a real risk of suffering serious harm and is unable, or, owing to such risk, unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country.

'Person granted authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons at first instance' means a person covered by another first instance decision granting authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons under national law concerning international protection, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. It includes persons who are not eligible for international protection as currently defined law but are nonetheless protected against removal under the obligations that are imposed on all Member States by international refugee or human rights instruments or on the basis of principles flowing from such instruments. Examples of such categories include persons who are not removable on ill health grounds and unaccompanied minors.

'Dublin procedure' means a procedure according to the Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003, establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national.

ABBREVIATIONS

Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Ireland (IE), Greece (EL), Spain (ES), France (FR), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Hungary (HU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovenia (SI), Slovakia (SK), Finland (FI), Sweden (SE), the United Kingdom (UK), Iceland (IS), Lichtenstein (LI), Norway (NO) and Switzerland (CH).

EU ASYLUM POLICY

The Directorate-General for Home Affairs (DG HOME) is responsible for developing EU policies on asylum. For more information please see:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/index_en.htm

Further information

Eurostat website: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>

Data on Population and Social conditions, Asylum:

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/population/data/database>
(Select "International Migration and asylum" and "Asylum")

Further information about Population and social conditions:

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/population/introduction>

European Statistical Data Support:

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