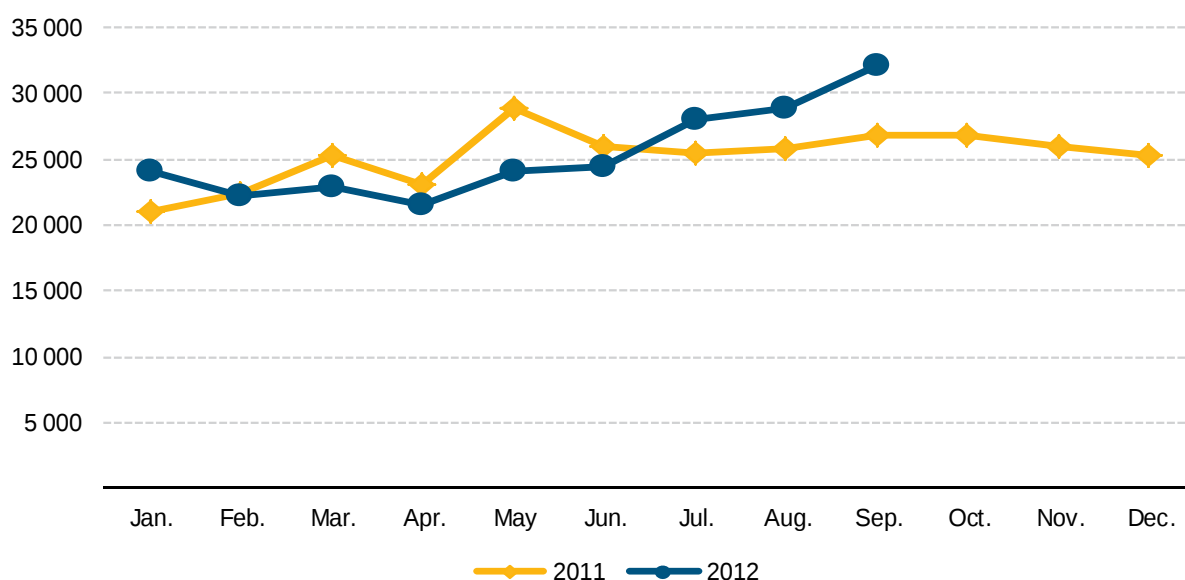


Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications: third quarter 2012

Nearly 12 000 more asylum seekers in the EU-27 in Q3 2012 compared to the same quarter of 2011

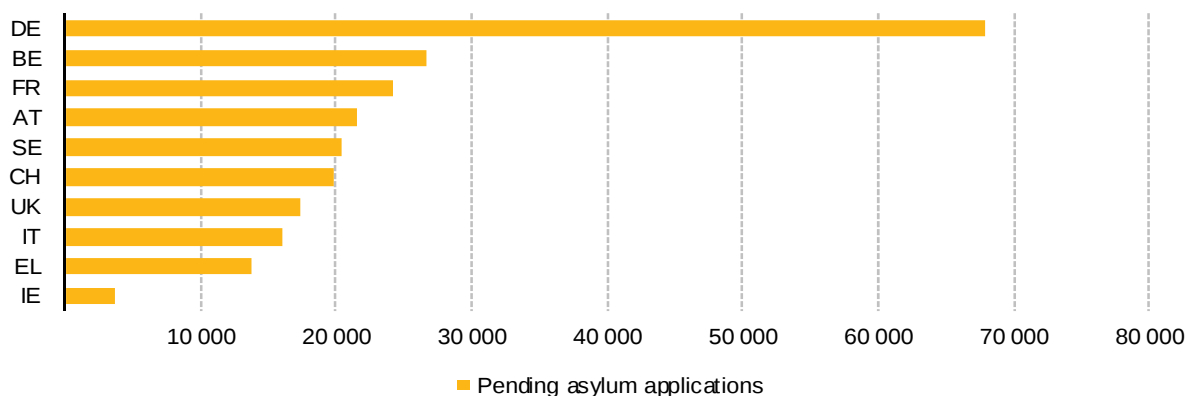
Figure 1: Asylum applicants, EU-27, January 2011 - September 2012



* Data for NL for August – September 2012 estimated by Eurostat, see methodological notes

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

Figure 2: Pending asylum applications on 30th September 2012 ⁽¹⁾

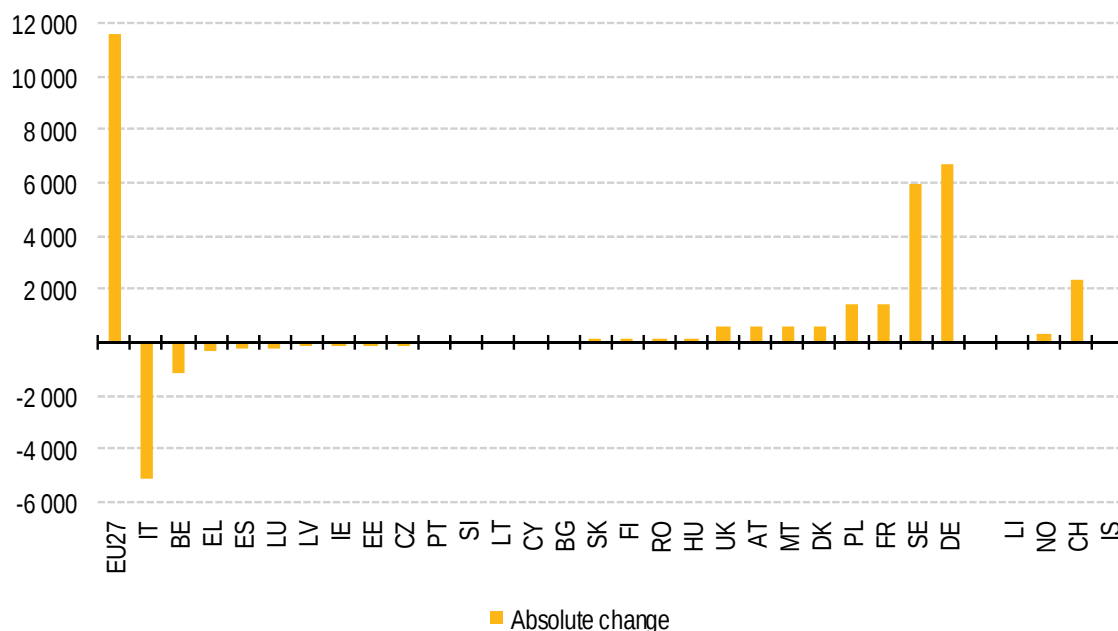


⁽¹⁾ Countries selected here are those with the highest number of pending applications
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About 6 000 more asylum seekers in Germany and Sweden in Q3 2012 compared to the same quarter of 2011

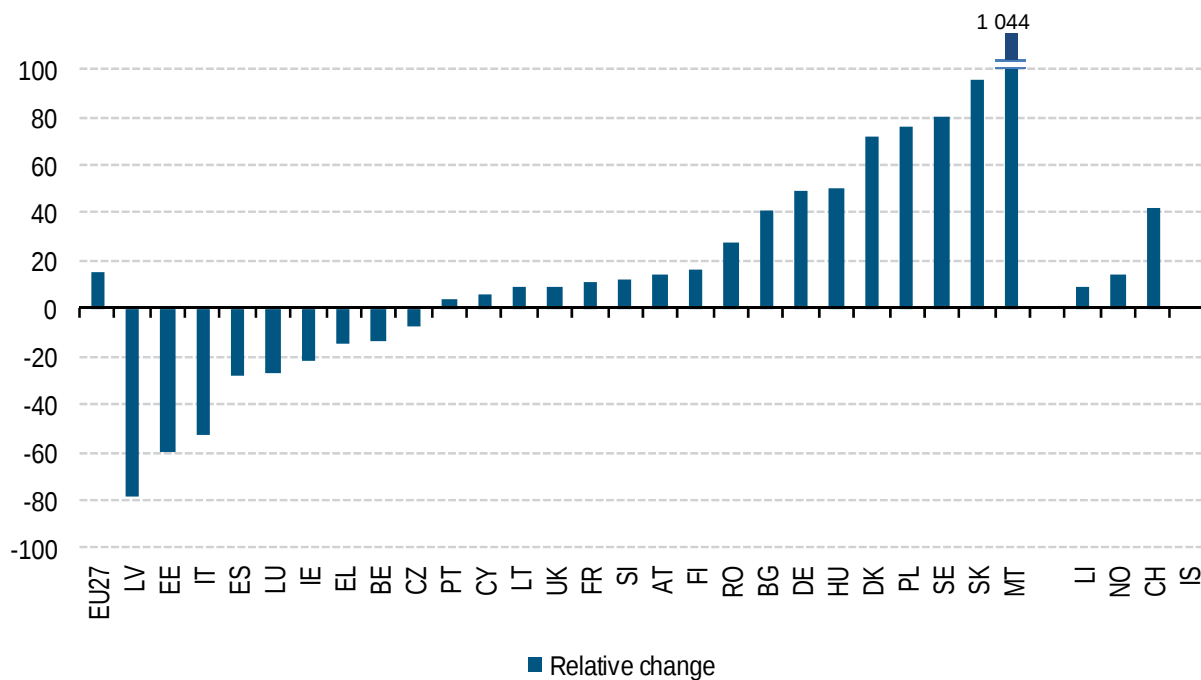
Figure 3: Asylum applicants, absolute change between Q3 2011 and Q3 2012



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Over 10 times more asylum seekers registered in Malta in Q3 2012 compared to Q3 2011

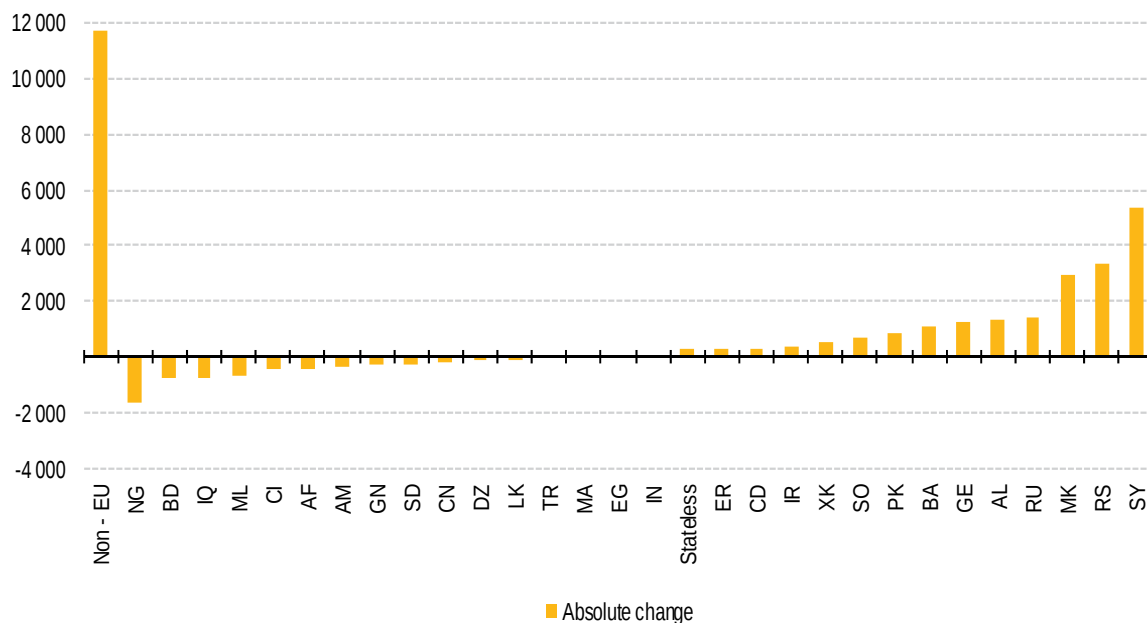
Figure 4: Asylum applicants, relative change between Q3 2011 and Q3 2012, %



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More than 5 000 Syrian asylum applicants in Q3 2012 compared to Q3 2011 in the EU-27; 3 000 more applicants from Serbia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

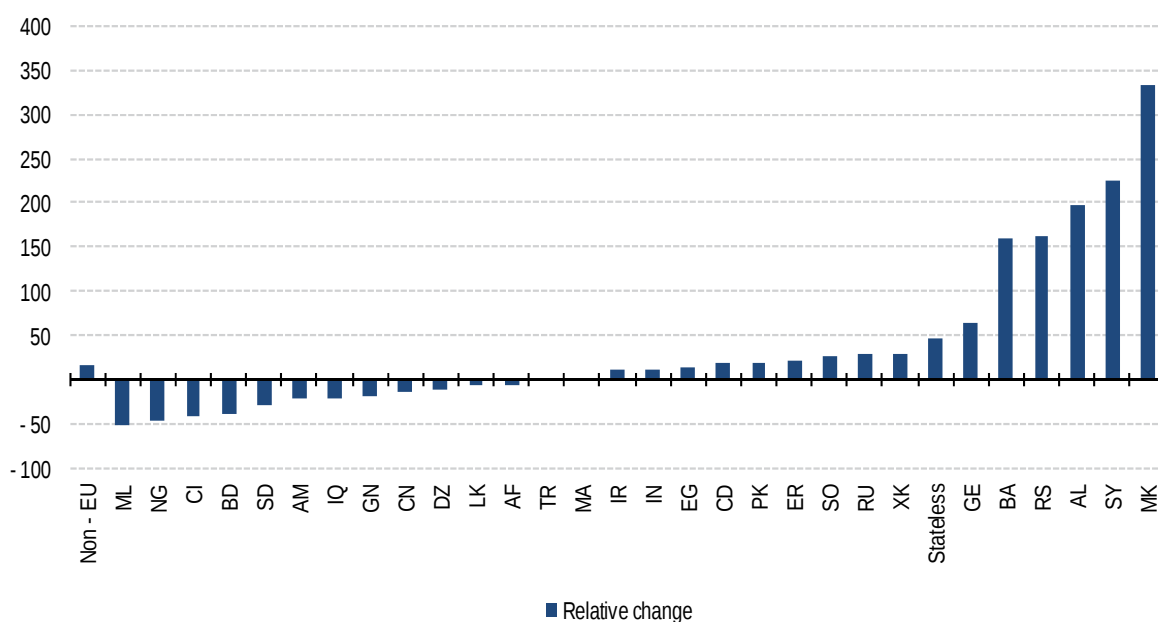
Figure 5: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-27 (*), absolute change between Q3 2011 and Q3 2012



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

Asylum applicants from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia more than quadrupled, while Syrians and Albanians nearly tripled in Q3 2012 in the EU-27

Figure 6: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-27 (*), relative change between Q3 2011 and Q3 2012, %



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

Malta, Sweden and Luxembourg by far the countries with the highest number of asylum applicants relative to population in the EU-27 in Q3 2012

Table 1: Asylum applicants (including new asylum applicants), Q3 2011 – Q3 2012

	Q3 2011			Q4 2011			Q1 2012			Q2 2012			Q3 2012			Last 12 months
	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	
EU-27	25 435	25 745	26 775	26 915	26 055	25 370	24 160	22 155	22 935	21 490	24 085	24 385	27 990	28 935**	32 050**	306 520
Belgium	2 365	2 805	3 080	3 160	2 830	3 065	2 645	2 390	2 195	2 130	2 330	2 330	2 505	2 225	2 380	30 180
Bulgaria	70	85	65	80	80	40	75	65	65	45	85	85	80	120	120	930
Czech Republic	60	60	75	65	75	40	60	65	60	40	65	65	45	80	60	720
Denmark	260	300	355	430	380	420	395	315	455	440	415	615	560	490	515	5 430
Germany	4 020	4 615	4 985	5 185	5 880	5 060	5 365	4 580	4 335	3 945	4 195	4 660	5 370	6 525	8 480	63 585
Estonia	10	5	10	5	5	*	10	5	5	5	25	10	*	5	*	75
Ireland	110	115	95	70	115	95	100	85	60	70	75	70	90	85	70	990
Greece	990	650	790	740	875	785	555	680	710	885	720	805	590	750	745	8 845
Spain	175	280	370	260	205	175	215	215	215	150	210	290	190	205	200	2 535
France	4 645	4 085	4 590	5 020	4 390	4 925	4 670	5 180	4 990	4 520	4 370	4 860	5 330	4 875	4 560	57 700
Italy	3 925	3 220	2 525	1 660	1 055	830	760	615	840	950	1 450	965	1 540	1 560	1 445	13 670
Cyprus	130	120	195	180	165	85	125	115	140	130	150	120	160	155	165	1 685
Latvia	60	50	55	30	25	15	10	25	35	15	25	20	5	10	20	230
Lithuania	35	75	55	50	55	75	40	25	45	70	60	55	75	45	55	650
Luxembourg	155	210	310	225	180	175	220	135	205	195	265	180	235	135	125	2 275
Hungary	105	130	120	170	230	180	185	105	165	95	135	130	200	180	160	1 935
Malta	25	15	25	85	35	60	80	25	30	15	400	400	175	180	345	1 825
Netherlands	1 240	1 345	1 295	1 280	1 265	1 065	1 335	1 260	1 175	950	905	960	1 020	1 755	1 775	13 535
Austria	1 500	1 595	1 460	1 575	1 230	1 255	1 310	1 000	1 220	1 240	1 350	1 235	1 650	1 755	1 775	16 585
Poland	490	735	665	720	660	780	505	570	740	715	600	720	905	1 040	1 365	9 310
Portugal	30	20	40	25	15	45	35	5	25	30	30	20	30	50	15	330
Romania	255	190	135	255	210	120	200	185	300	235	265	275	240	240	260	2 780
Slovenia	30	15	30	30	15	35	15	25	15	10	15	30	35	25	30	270
Slovakia	45	40	50	75	50	30	35	25	30	35	60	90	115	70	75	690
Finland	220	270	320	290	270	265	220	185	215	175	220	255	275	325	345	3 040
Sweden	2 065	2 570	2 800	3 035	3 115	3 495	2 720	2 370	2 475	2 450	3 245	3 095	4 110	4 355	4 910	39 370
United Kingdom	2 425	2 135	2 280	2 215	2 650	2 245	2 280	1 900	2 200	1 950	2 415	2 050	2 460	2 380	2 595	27 340
Iceland	5	10	10	10	5	10	5	5	5	5	:	:	:	:	:	:
Liechtenstein	*	20	*	5	5	*	10	*	5	5	5	5	10	5	10	60
Norway	715	820	875	765	670	665	780	640	650	660	660	815	880	950	925	9 060
Switzerland	1 735	1 725	2 015	2 125	2 545	2 435	2 590	2 225	2 240	2 415	2 315	2 525	2 785	2 775	2 240	29 215

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

** includes Eurostat estimates

* 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), Q3 2011-Q3 2012 ⁽¹⁾

	Q3 2011			Q4 2011			Q1 2012			Q2 2012			Q3 2012			Change in %		Q3 2012	Last 12 months
	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	between Q2 2012 and Q3 2012	between Q3 2011 and Q3 2012		
Non-EU	25 435	25 745	26 775	26 915	26 055	25 370	22 820	20 890	21 765	20 540	23 180	23 425	26 970	27 855	30 805			85 630	298 595
Syria - (SY)	695	835	935	910	850	835	880	920	880	1 090	1 315	1 400	2 055	2 730	2 975		218	7 760	16 845
Afghanistan - (AF)	2 550	2 765	2 720	2 660	2 420	2 255	2 110	1 790	2 095	1 815	2 080	2 095	2 380	2 345	2 180		-26	6 905	26 225
Russia - (RU)	1 515	1 825	1 620	1 665	1 620	1 955	1 645	1 495	1 605	1 430	1 270	1 530	1 980	2 075	2 145		23	6 200	20 415
Serbia - (RS)	425	600	1 045	1 780	2 355	2 105	1 510	1 020	855	625	565	705	960	1 425	2 985		160	5 370	16 895
Pakistan - (PK)	1 450	1 475	1 550	1 520	1 650	1 475	1 300	1 220	1 330	1 375	1 475	1 500	1 670	1 810	1 835		18	5 315	18 160
MK - (MK)	170	330	410	420	445	385	440	390	280	340	420	425	665	1 325	1 870		329	3 860	7 405
Somalia - (SO)	970	1 025	1 025	1 115	1 025	1 225	960	720	735	780	1 185	1 245	1 130	1 115	1 065		-4	3 310	12 290
Iran - (IR)	970	1 030	1 240	1 165	1 180	1 120	1 035	800	765	960	880	835	1 005	1 100	1 155		-10	3 265	12 005
Georgia - (GE)	640	665	705	695	690	720	590	695	765	780	805	805	960	980	1 230		56	3 170	9 710
Iraq - (IQ)	1 260	1 420	1 460	1 250	1 230	1 070	1 005	850	830	645	895	950	995	965	915		-51	2 860	11 585
Kosovo - (XK)	545	670	730	695	725	795	670	560	740	505	720	790	815	755	930		28	2 500	8 700
Albania - (AL)	175	220	295	785	365	290	275	245	335	435	1 025	620	785	555	670		193	2 010	6 390
CD - (CD)	495	490	590	570	585	530	670	775	705	660	660	695	620	645	600		-7	1 865	7 710
Nigeria - (NG)	1 145	1 205	1 160	820	625	460	545	465	530	510	585	525	570	685	610		-49	1 860	6 920
BA - (BA)	115	230	350	250	270	580	185	190	210	130	180	595	750	505	540		158	1 800	4 390
Eritrea - (ER)	425	520	535	465	390	395	310	285	320	255	305	445	490	500	620		-3	1 605	4 780
Sri Lanka - (LK)	635	505	580	600	625	635	620	580	660	565	635	580	625	520	425		-11	1 570	7 080
Turkey - (TR)	505	445	430	585	570	545	465	550	495	510	500	475	515	405	430		-4	1 350	6 045
Armenia - (AM)	640	600	580	610	580	695	495	530	390	365	310	375	490	405	405		-41	1 295	5 640
Bangladesh - (BD)	825	595	615	580	595	620	510	635	550	525	515	405	400	440	425		-38	1 270	6 210
Guinea - (GN)	550	515	515	535	525	530	430	400	445	410	445	435	445	405	390		-26	1 235	5 390
China - (CN)	465	450	495	465	435	480	405	370	415	415	455	405	345	425	380		-26	1 145	4 980
Algeria - (DZ)	475	345	415	490	365	365	505	370	425	390	400	390	445	290	375		-11	1 110	4 805
Stateless	215	235	190	210	195	160	185	195	160	165	215	255	300	265	335		39	900	2 640
India - (IN)	270	220	260	215	255	195	260	220	290	230	275	250	330	235	270		10	835	3 025
Ivory Coast - (CI)	480	330	320	255	230	195	165	165	165	185	200	220	235	205	205		-47	645	2 420
Sudan - (SD)	340	265	355	265	210	225	190	160	195	150	195	260	220	200	225		6	640	2 495
Morocco - (MA)	245	205	185	215	220	185	185	195	180	195	235	195	235	200	200		1	635	2 440
Egypt - (EG)	175	205	195	230	270	225	230	180	190	180	160	200	210	230	190		18	630	2 495
Mali - (ML)	540	375	340	185	105	85	65	100	115	140	180	145	225	160	235		34	620	1 745
Other	5 525	5 160	4 930	4 695	4 440	4 040	3 970	3 835	4 105	3 790	4 115	3 680	4 120	3 975	3 990		41	12 090	48 755

⁽¹⁾ Countries selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q3 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^(*) Data for NL are not available since January 2012. - see methodological notes^(**) Due to missing data the calculations of these indicators do not include data for NL for Q3 2011, Q2 2012 and Q3 2012Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyapbdczm](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&language=en&plugin=1))

Almost 1 out of 3 asylum applicants in the EU-27 was aged under 18 in Q3 2012

Table 3: Asylum applicants by age group ⁽¹⁾, 3rd 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	85 630	21.6	6.8	50.0	20.5	0.8	0.2
Belgium	7 110	24.1	8.0	46.1	21.2	0.6	0.0
Bulgaria	315	14.9	6.3	56.2	22.2	0.3	0.0
Czech Republic	180	12.6	2.7	40.7	43.4	0.5	0.0
Denmark	1 565	19.7	9.0	50.7	19.7	0.8	0.0
Germany	20 375	28.7	6.6	42.6	21.1	1.0	0.0
Estonia	10	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ireland	250	23.0	7.3	49.6	19.4	0.8	0.0
Greece	2 085	3.6	2.0	82.0	12.3	0.1	0.0
Spain	595	14.7	5.0	61.3	18.3	0.7	0.0
France	14 765	20.1	3.3	51.3	24.5	0.8	0.0
Italy	4 540	7.6	4.0	73.6	14.6	0.1	0.0
Cyprus	475	16.2	3.2	61.0	18.8	0.8	0.0
Latvia	35	13.9	2.8	41.7	41.7	0.0	0.0
Lithuania	175	6.3	2.3	62.3	28.6	0.6	0.0
Luxembourg	495	29.8	4.2	45.0	20.8	0.2	0.0
Hungary	540	16.7	8.7	65.1	8.9	0.6	0.0
Malta	700	1.3	9.2	81.1	7.3	0.1	1.0
Netherlands	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Austria	5 175	21.6	12.9	50.1	14.7	0.6	0.0
Poland	3 310	33.3	4.3	40.5	21.2	0.6	0.0
Portugal	95	14.6	12.5	51.0	21.9	0.0	0.0
Romania	740	4.9	6.9	74.6	13.2	0.4	0.0
Slovenia	85	9.3	20.9	46.5	22.1	1.2	0.0
Slovakia	260	3.5	8.8	75.4	12.3	0.0	0.0
Finland	950	19.7	8.4	49.8	21.1	0.8	0.1
Sweden	13 375	23.9	10.7	42.8	21.2	1.4	0.0
United Kingdom	7 435	13.7	5.9	56.0	21.0	0.9	2.5
Iceland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Liechtenstein	25	17.8	9.6	55.6	16.2	0.7	0.0
Norway	2 755	23.2	5.3	53.6	17.3	0.4	0.2
Switzerland	7 800	16.7	0.0	58.3	25.0	0.0	0.0

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

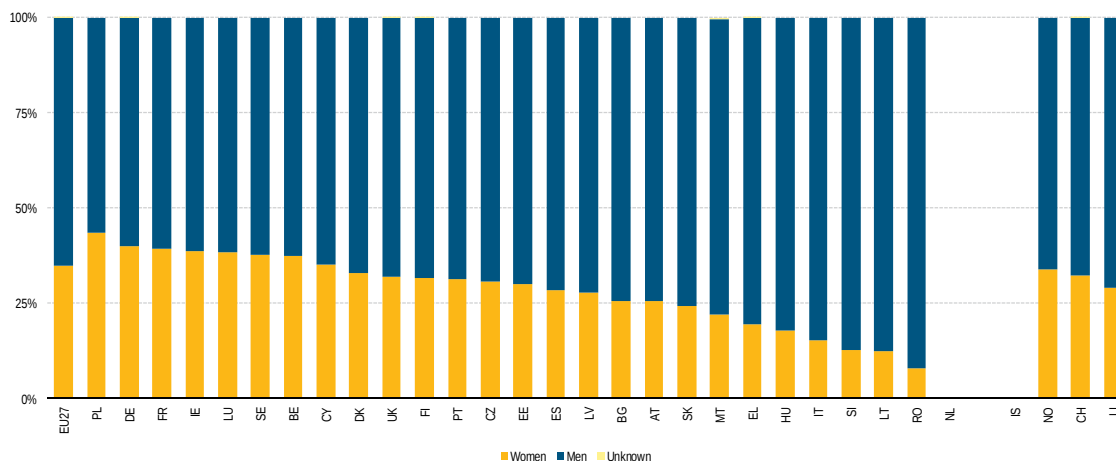
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Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asyappctzm](#))

One third of all asylum applicants in the EU-27 in Q3 2012 were women

Figure 7: Asylum applicants by gender, 3rd quarter 2012, %



Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes; data for IS are not available

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

Nearly 1 out of 2 Russian and Serbian asylum applicants was aged under 18 in the EU-27 in Q3 2012

Table 4: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-27 (*), by age group, 3rd 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	85 630	21.6	6.8	50.0	20.5	0.8	0.2
Syria - (SY)	7 760	25.6	5.0	44.9	23.1	1.1	0.2
Afghanistan - (AF)	6 905	19.7	23.3	45.2	10.3	1.4	0.1
Russia - (RU)	6 200	43.0	5.0	29.6	21.4	0.9	0.0
Serbia - (RS)	5 370	39.9	7.3	30.1	22.1	0.6	0.0
Pakistan - (PK)	5 315	7.7	4.0	70.2	16.8	0.6	0.6
MK - (MK)	3 860	36.0	7.3	30.1	26.2	0.5	0.0
Somalia - (SO)	3 310	11.1	8.6	69.1	10.1	1.0	0.1
Iran - (IR)	3 265	14.2	5.6	52.5	26.5	0.6	0.5
Georgia - (GE)	3 170	17.7	2.9	51.2	27.8	0.4	0.0
Iraq - (IQ)	2 860	22.5	6.1	47.7	20.9	2.8	0.1
Kosovo - (XK)	2 500	31.9	5.5	39.3	22.3	0.9	0.0
Albania - (AL)	2 010	27.1	10.6	41.7	20.0	0.4	0.0
CD - (CD)	1 865	19.1	4.3	51.5	24.0	0.9	0.2
Nigeria - (NG)	1 860	17.3	2.3	63.3	16.5	0.0	0.6
BA - (BA)	1 800	38.7	5.1	38.8	17.1	0.4	0.0
Eritrea - (ER)	1 605	13.3	5.9	62.2	17.2	1.0	0.4
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 570	12.2	1.8	65.0	18.7	1.3	1.0
Turkey - (TR)	1 350	13.6	3.3	65.3	17.4	0.4	0.1
Armenia - (AM)	1 295	23.7	5.4	37.5	31.1	2.2	0.0
Bangladesh - (BD)	1 270	3.6	2.3	75.7	17.0	0.4	1.0
Guinea - (GN)	1 235	16.4	7.1	67.7	8.6	0.2	0.0
China - (CN)	1 145	7.5	1.2	49.8	40.4	0.6	0.4
Algeria - (DZ)	1 110	6.4	11.3	63.5	18.2	0.2	0.5
Stateless	900	25.4	5.5	40.4	25.5	2.4	0.7
India - (IN)	835	5.2	1.8	68.7	23.3	0.2	0.8
Ivory Coast - (CI)	645	9.2	6.5	67.5	16.6	0.0	0.2
Sudan - (SD)	640	11.2	3.0	64.2	20.4	0.8	0.5
Morocco - (MA)	635	3.2	12.2	71.2	13.4	0.0	0.0
Egypt - (EG)	630	10.1	6.0	64.6	17.9	1.1	0.3
Mali - (ML)	620	14.7	9.3	63.3	12.4	0.3	0.0
Other	12 090	16.0	4.7	55.5	23.1	0.5	0.3

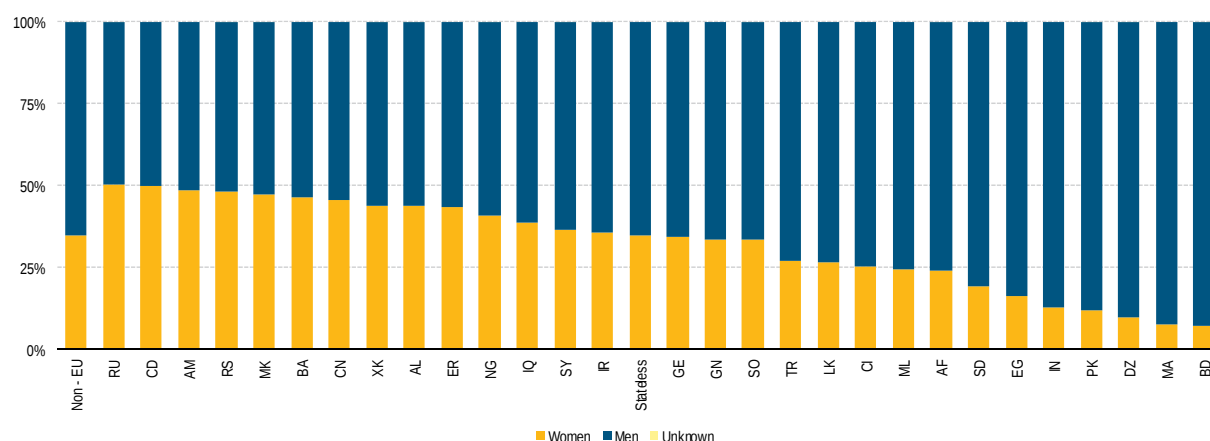
(*) Data for NL are not available, see methodological notes

(¹) Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q3 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_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 8: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-27 (*), by gender, 3rd 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 Q3 2012 in the EU-27

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

Syrians were among the five main citizenships of persons seeking protection in 15 Member States in Q3 2012

Table 5: Five main citizenships of asylum applicants, 3rd quarter 2012 (¹)

		EU-27 (²)		#	%
		Syria		7 760	9
		Afghanistan		6 905	8
		Russia		6 200	7
		Serbia		5 370	6
		Pakistan		5 315	6
		Other		54 080	63
BELGIUM		#	%		
Afghanistan		795	11		
Russia		720	10		
Guinea		545	8		
Kosovo		420	6		
CD		395	6		
Other		4 235	60		
DENMARK		#	(%)		
Syria		270	17		
Somalia		180	11		
Serbia		155	10		
Iran		145	9		
Afghanistan		145	9		
Other		675	43		
IRELAND		#	(%)		
Nigeria		35	15		
CD		25	9		
Pakistan		25	9		
Zimbabwe		20	9		
Albania		15	6		
Other		130	52		
FRANCE		#	(%)		
Russia		1 555	11		
CD		1 240	8		
Kosovo		1 005	7		
Albania		850	6		
Sri Lanka		770	5		
Other		9 345	63		
LATVIA		#	(%)		
Georgia		25	72		
Syria		5	11		
Azerbaijan		*	*		
Iran		*	*		
Afghanistan		*	*		
Other		*	*		
HUNGARY		#	(%)		
Afghanistan		180	33		
Pakistan		140	26		
Syria		40	8		
Somalia		35	7		
Kosovo		20	4		
Other		120	22		
AUSTRIA		#	(%)		
Afghanistan		1 155	22		
Russia		1 005	19		
Pakistan		700	14		
Syria		270	5		
Iran		190	4		
Other		1 850	36		
ROMANIA		#	(%)		
Pakistan		155	21		
Algeria		145	20		
Syria		95	13		
Morocco		85	12		
Afghanistan		65	9		
Other		190	26		
FINLAND		#	(%)		
Iraq		270	28		
Somalia		75	8		
Afghanistan		70	7		
Russia		65	7		
Bosnia and Herzegovina		60	6		
Other		410	43		
LIECHTENSTEIN		#	(%)		
Russia		5	21		
Serbia		5	21		
Bosnia and Herzegovina		5	13		
Croatia		*	*		
Ukraine		*	*		
Other		10	38		

BULGARIA		#	(%)		
Syria		115	36		
Iraq		80	25		
Afghanistan		35	10		
Stateless		30	10		
Iran		10	3		
Other		245	15		
GERMANY		#	(%)		
Serbia		3 715	18		
MK		2 920	14		
Syria		2 380	12		
Afghanistan		1 820	9		
Iraq		1 290	6		
Other		8 245	40		
GREECE		#	(%)		
Pakistan		465	22		
Bangladesh		190	9		
Georgia		185	9		
Ivory Coast		125	6		
Albania		95	5		
Other		1 025	49		
ITALY		#	(%)		
Pakistan		800	18		
Nigeria		440	10		
Afghanistan		420	9		
Ghana		330	7		
Somalia		265	6		
Other		2 290	50		
LITHUANIA		#	(%)		
Afghanistan		25	15		
Russia		20	10		
Eritrea		*	1		
Moldova		*	*		
Ukraine		*	*		
Other		125	72		
MALTA		#	(%)		
Somalia		420	60		
Eritrea		135	19		
Nigeria		60	8		
Ethiopia		30	4		
Syria		25	3		
Other		35	5		
POLAND		#	(%)		
Russia		1 625	49		
Georgia		1 205	36		
Armenia		185	6		
Egypt		75	2		
Vietnam		25	1		
Other		195	6		
SLOVENIA		#	(%)		
Afghanistan		25	31		
Croatia		10	9		
Syria		10	9		
Kosovo		5	8		
Algeria		5	8		
Other		30	34		
SWEDEN		#	(%)		
Syria		3 115	23		
Afghanistan		1 465	11		
Somalia		1 330	10		
Eritrea		770	6		
Serbia		740	6		
Other		5 955	45		
NORWAY		#	(%)		
Somalia		520	19		
Eritrea		405	15		
Afghanistan		290	11		
Iran		165	6		
Sudan		135	5		
Other		1 235	45		

CZECH REPUBLIC		#	(%)		
Ukraine		50	27		
Vietnam		20	11		
Belarus		20	10		
Syria		15	7		
Armenia		10	4		
Other		75	40		
ESTONIA		#	(%)		
Syria		5	40		
Georgia		5	30		
Belarus		*	*		
Russia		*	*		
Turkey		*	*		
Other			0		
SPAIN		#	(%)		
Syria		80	14		
Nigeria		45	7		
Algeria		40	7		
Cameroon		35	6		
Palestinian territory		30	5		
Other		370	62		
CYPRUS		#	(%)		
Syria		205	44		
Vietnam		50	11		
Bangladesh		45	9		
Egypt		40	9		
India		20	4		
Other		110	24		
LUXEMBOURG		#	(%)		
Bosnia and Herzegovina		130	26		
Montenegro		95	19		
Serbia		75	15		
Kosovo		45	9		
Albania		30	6		
Other		120	25		
NETHERLANDS		#	(%)		

(¹) Citizenships selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q3 2012 in the EU-27

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

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](#))

Almost half of all asylum applicants in the EU-27 in Q3 2012 were registered in Germany, France and Sweden

Table 6: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants by destination country in the EU-27 (*), 3rd quarter 2012 (¹)

			NON-EU		# (%)
			Germany	20 375	24
			France	14 765	17
			Sweden	13 375	16
			United Kingdom	7 435	9
			Belgium	7 110	8
			Other	22 575	26
SYRIA - (SY)			AFGHANISTAN - (AF)		# (%)
Sweden	3 115	40	Germany	1 820	26
Germany	2 380	31	Sweden	1 465	21
United Kingdom	455	6	Austria	1 155	17
Denmark	270	4	Belgium	795	11
Austria	270	4	Italy	420	6
Other	1 265	16	Other	1 250	18
SERBIA - (RS)			PAKISTAN - (PK)		# (%)
Germany	3 715	69	United Kingdom	1 255	24
Sweden	740	14	Germany	855	16
Belgium	320	6	Italy	800	15
France	200	4	Austria	700	13
Denmark	155	3	France	515	10
Other	240	4	Other	1 185	22
SOMALIA - (SO)			IRAN - (IR)		# (%)
Sweden	1 330	40	Germany	1 240	38
Malta	420	13	United Kingdom	815	25
Italy	265	8	Sweden	505	15
Germany	240	7	Austria	190	6
United Kingdom	190	6	Denmark	145	4
Other	870	26	Other	375	12
IRAQ - (IQ)			KOSOVO - (XK)		# (%)
Germany	1 290	45	France	1 005	40
Sweden	360	13	Germany	580	23
Finland	270	9	Belgium	420	17
Belgium	230	8	Sweden	295	12
Austria	160	6	Austria	45	2
Other	545	19	Other	160	6
CD - (CD)			NIGERIA - (NG)		# (%)
France	1 240	67	Italy	440	24
Belgium	395	21	United Kingdom	405	22
United Kingdom	50	3	France	265	14
Germany	45	3	Germany	210	11
Ireland	25	1	Sweden	130	7
Other	110	6	Other	410	22
ERITREA - (ER)			SRI LANKA - (LK)		# (%)
Sweden	770	48	France	770	49
United Kingdom	245	15	United Kingdom	565	36
Germany	145	9	Germany	100	6
Malta	135	8	Belgium	30	2
France	115	7	Italy	20	1
Other	200	12	Other	80	5
ARMENIA - (AM)			BANGLADESH - (BD)		# (%)
France	535	41	France	320	25
Poland	185	14	United Kingdom	280	22
Belgium	170	13	Greece	190	15
Germany	170	13	Italy	165	13
Austria	95	7	Germany	65	5
Other	145	11	Other	245	19
CHINA - (CN)			ALGERIA - (DZ)		# (%)
France	595	52	France	250	22
United Kingdom	225	20	Austria	155	14
Belgium	110	9	Germany	150	13
Germany	60	5	Romania	145	13
Austria	50	4	Sweden	90	8
Other	105	9	Other	320	29
INDIA - (IN)			IVORY COAST - (CI)		# (%)
United Kingdom	345	42	France	245	38
Germany	245	29	Greece	125	19
Austria	100	12	Italy	115	18
Belgium	30	4	Belgium	85	13
Greece	25	3	Germany	20	3
Other	90	11	Other	55	9
MOROCCO - (MA)			EGYPT - (EG)		# (%)
Austria	110	17	France	95	15
Germany	105	17	Italy	85	13
Italy	90	15	Poland	75	12
Romania	85	14	Germany	65	11
Sweden	85	13	Greece	65	10
Other	155	25	Other	250	39
			RUSSIA - (RU)		# (%)
			Poland	1 625	26
			France	1 555	25
			Austria	1 005	16
			Belgium	720	12
			Germany	715	12
			Other	585	9
			MK - (MK)		# (%)
			Germany	2 920	76
			France	415	11
			Belgium	220	6
			Sweden	215	6
			Luxembourg	30	1
			Other	60	2
			GEORGIA - (GE)		# (%)
			Poland	1 205	38
			France	705	22
			Germany	390	12
			Sweden	245	8
			Greece	185	6
			Other	435	14
			ALBANIA - (AL)		# (%)
			France	850	42
			Belgium	365	18
			Sweden	290	14
			United Kingdom	265	13
			Greece	95	5
			Other	145	7
			BA - (BA)		# (%)
			Sweden	625	35
			Germany	445	25
			France	315	17
			Luxembourg	130	7
			Italy	100	6
			Other	190	10
			TURKEY - (TR)		# (%)
			France	535	40
			Germany	360	27
			Belgium	115	8
			Italy	100	8
			United Kingdom	60	5
			Other	175	13
			GUINEA - (GN)		# (%)
			Belgium	545	44
			France	465	37
			Germany	105	8
			Greece	30	2
			Italy	20	2
			Other	70	6
			STATELESS		# (%)
			Sweden	640	71
			Germany	65	7
			Austria	45	5
			United Kingdom	40	4
			France	35	4
			Other	80	9
			SUDAN - (SD)		# (%)
			France	205	32
			United Kingdom	170	27
			Sweden	95	15
			Germany	55	9
			Belgium	35	5
			Other	80	12
			MALI - (ML)		# (%)
			France	245	40
			Italy	180	29
			Germany	65	11
			Belgium	40	6
			Greece	30	5
			Other	60	10

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

(¹) Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q3 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](#))

Table 7: New asylum applicants, Q3 2011 – Q3 2012

	Q3 2011			Q4 2011			Q1 2012			Q2 2012			Q3 2012			Q3 2012	Change in %		Applicants per million inhabitants ⁽¹⁾ Q3 2012	Last 12 months
	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.		between Q2 2012 and Q3 2012	between Q3 2011 and Q3 2012		
EU-27	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Belgium	1 795	2 310	2 545	2 655	2 290	2 195	1 845	1 540	1 515	1 395	1 520	1 395	1 550	1 460	1 660	4 675	9	-30	425	21 010
Bulgaria	60	70	55	70	65	30	60	55	50	30	65	65	55	105	105	265	72	46	35	750
Czech Republic	45	40	60	50	50	30	45	55	40	20	50	50	25	50	30	105	-15	-26	10	495
Denmark	260	300	355	430	380	420	395	315	455	440	415	615	560	490	515	1 565	7	71	280	5 430
Germany	3 550	4 060	4 185	4 185	4 885	4 170	4 560	3 800	3 595	3 180	3 420	3 900	4 490	5 235	6 690	16 415	56	39	200	52 115
Estonia	10	5	10	5	5	*	10	5	5	5	25	10	*	5	*	10	-76	-60	5	75
Ireland	110	110	95	70	115	95	100	85	55	65	75	70	90	85	65	240	15	-23	55	975
Greece	990	650	790	740	875	785	555	680	710	885	720	805	590	750	745	2 085	-14	-14	185	8 845
Spain	155	265	355	235	190	160	200	190	180	145	195	265	170	190	185	550	-9	-29	10	2 305
France	4 220	3 695	4 205	4 610	3 960	4 520	4 175	4 660	4 430	3 965	3 850	4 230	4 750	4 410	4 175	13 335	11	10	205	51 730
Italy	3 925	3 220	2 525	1 660	1 055	830	760	615	840	950	1 450	965	1 540	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Cyprus	130	115	190	175	165	85	120	115	135	130	145	120	155	150	155	460	15	5	535	1 655
Latvia	60	50	55	30	25	10	10	25	30	15	25	20	5	10	20	35	-41	-78	20	230
Lithuania	25	70	40	45	50	70	40	20	35	55	50	50	65	35	50	150	-1	11	50	565
Luxembourg	150	210	310	60	170	165	220	130	200	195	255	175	225	130	120	475	-24	-29	905	2 050
Hungary	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Malta	25	15	20	75	35	55	75	20	30	15	395	400	170	175	345	690	-14	1.158	1 665	1 795
Netherlands	1 010	1 050	1 015	1 050	955	790	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Austria	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Poland	375	590	525	560	540	645	390	445	590	610	500	590	805	870	1 255	2 930	73	97	75	7 800
Portugal	30	20	40	25	15	45	35	5	25	30	30	15	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Romania	250	190	135	255	210	120	195	185	290	230	265	265	220	230	255	705	-7	23	35	2 720
Slovenia	20	15	30	25	10	30	10	20	10	5	10	30	25	20	25	65	40	3	35	225
Slovakia	25	25	40	65	40	20	20	10	15	20	45	65	105	55	60	220	73	148	40	515
Finland	:	:	:	:	:	:	205	170	200	165	200	245	255	300	325	880	44	:	165	:
Sweden	2 060	2 570	2 800	3 030	3 115	3 495	2 720	2 370	2 470	2 450	3 245	3 090	4 110	4 355	4 910	13 375	52	80	1 410	39 355
United Kingdom	2 345	2 040	2 205	2 135	2 560	2 165	2 200	1 835	2 145	1 885	2 340	1 985	2 385	2 305	2 525	7 220	16	10	115	26 475
Iceland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Liechtenstein	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Norway	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Switzerland	1 465	1 485	1 755	1 815	2 195	2 090	2 255	1 915	1 900	2 130	2 115	2 355	2 610	2 600	2 080	7 290	10	55	915	26 060

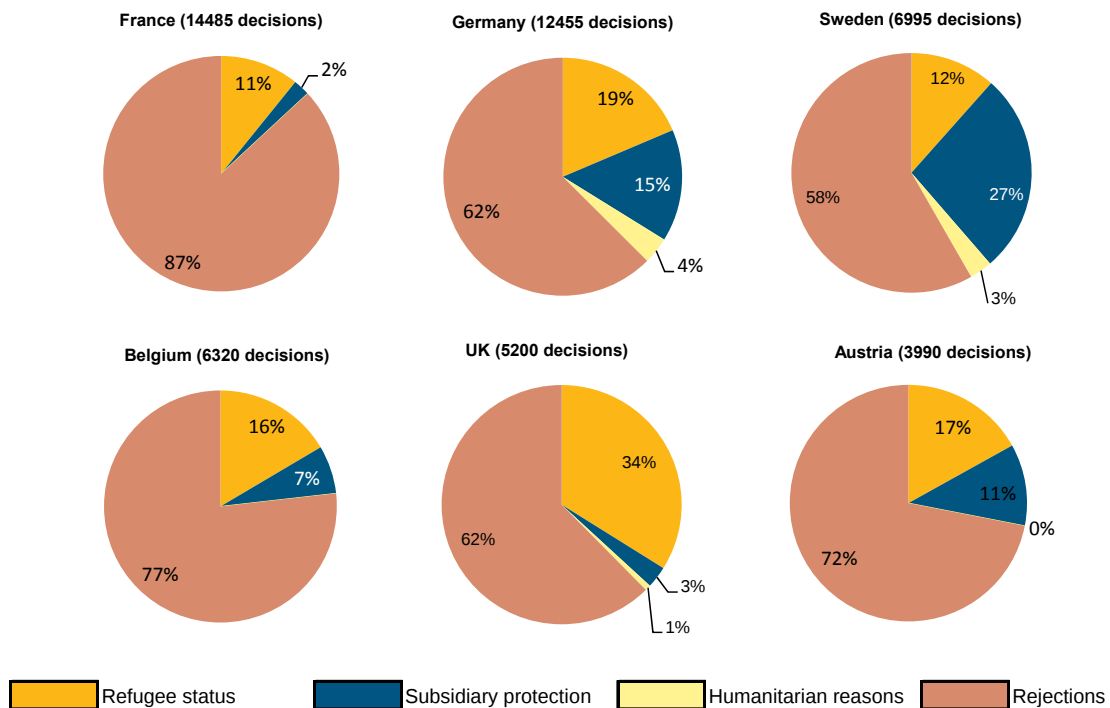
(1) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2012 (provisional data)

* 2 or fewer asylum applicants recorded in the reference period

: data are not available

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

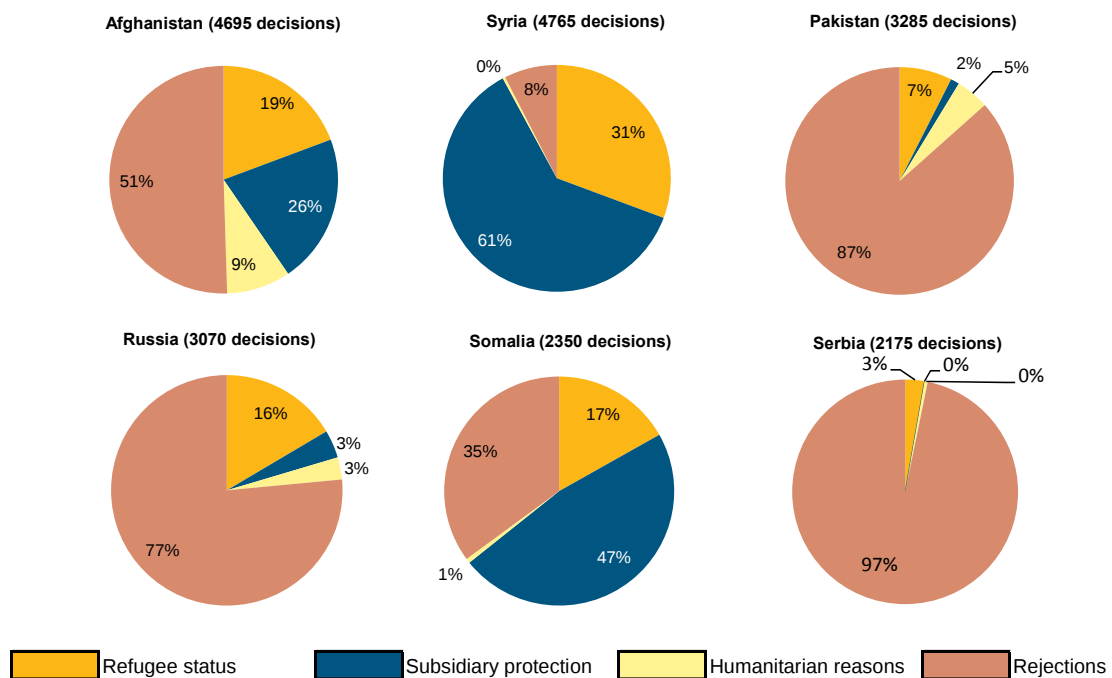
Figure 9: First instance decisions by outcome, selected Member States (¹), 3rd quarter 2012



(¹) Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q3 2012
 UK – The United Kingdom
 Humanitarian reasons not applicable for FR and BE
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Around 9 out of 10 first instance decisions granted to Syrians were positive while nearly all decisions granted to Serbians were negative in Q3 2012 in the EU-27

Figure 10: First instance decisions in the EU-27 (*) by outcome, selected citizenships (¹), 3rd 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 Q3 2012
 Source: Eurostat (online data code [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Table 8: First instance decisions by citizenship and outcome, selected Member States, 3rd 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 Q3 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](#))

Germany and Sweden were the two countries granted by far the most positive first instance decisions to asylum seekers in the EU-27 in Q3 2012

Table 9: First instance decisions by outcome, 3rd quarter 2012

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
EU-27 (*)	58 600	17 330	8 810	7 105	1 415	41 265
Belgium	5 720	1 325	945	385	-	4 395
Bulgaria	175	40	*	40	-	135
Czech Republic	160	35	20	20	*	125
Denmark	775	365	230	115	20	410
Germany	12 185	4 565	2 265	1 855	445	7 615
Estonia	20	5	*	5	*	15
Ireland	225	25	15	10	-	200
Greece	1 525	*	0	0	*	1 525
Spain	585	150	40	110	*	435
France	14 010	1 830	1 510	320	-	12 180
Italy ⁽¹⁾	3 490	1 735	245	935	555	1 750
Cyprus	370	30	25	*	*	340
Latvia	30	5	*	*	-	25
Lithuania	100	15	5	10	-	80
Luxembourg	190	0	0	0	-	190
Hungary	230	80	10	65	*	150
Malta	510	475	15	455	5	35
Netherlands (**)	:	:	:	:	:	:
Austria	3 990	1 120	675	445	-	2 870
Poland	595	125	10	40	70	475
Portugal	50	10	*	10	-	40
Romania	515	65	50	20	*	445
Slovenia	60	5	5	*	-	50
Slovakia	110	50	*	35	15	60
Finland	790	390	170	175	45	400
Sweden	6 995	2 920	810	1 895	215	4 075
United Kingdom	5 200	1 955	1 765	155	40	3 245
Iceland	:	:	:	:	:	:
Liechtenstein	20	5	5	-	*	20
Norway	2 525	1 165	700	365	100	1 360
Switzerland	3 815	705	410	75	215	3 110

(*) 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](#))

Table 10: First instance decisions by destination country and outcome in the EU-27 (*), selected citizenships of asylum applicants, 3rd quarter 2012 (¹)

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

First instance decisions					
Refugee status		Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons	Rejections
SYRIA - SY					
Germany	340	Germany	1 380	UK	10
Sweden	285	Sweden	850	Denmark	5
UK	285	Belgium	110	Germany	*
Other	365	Other	205	Other	0
RUSSIA - RU					
Austria	170	Austria	40	Poland	65
France	155	Poland	40	Germany	20
Belgium	65	Denmark	20	Sweden	10
Other	115	Other	25	Other	*
SERBIA - RS					
France	40	Belgium	0	Germany	5
Belgium	10	Bulgaria	0	Czech Republic	0
Austria	5	Czech Republic	0	Denmark	0
Other	*	Other	*	Other	*
NON-EU					
Germany	2 265	Sweden	1 895	Italy	555
UK	1 765	Germany	1 855	Germany	445
France	1 510	Italy	935	Sweden	215
Other	3 270	Other	2 410	Other	205

(*) 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 Q3 2012

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

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

Almost one quarter of all positive first instance decisions in the EU-27 in Q3 2012 was granted to Syrians

Table 11: First instance decisions by outcome, 30 main citizenships of asylum applicants granted decisions in the EU-27 (*), 3rd quarter 2012 (¹)

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
Non-EU	58 600	17 330	8 810	7 105	1 415	41 265
Afghanistan - (AF)	4 695	2 325	905	995	425	2 370
Syria - (SY)	4 145	3 830	1 270	2 545	15	310
Pakistan - (PK)	3 285	440	245	40	155	2 845
Russia - (RU)	3 070	725	505	120	95	2 345
Somalia - (SO)	2 350	1 525	395	1 115	15	825
Serbia - (RS)	2 175	70	60	*	10	2 105
Iran - (IR)	2 130	1 190	1 120	50	20	940
Iraq - (IQ)	2 060	1 125	915	170	40	935
Nigeria - (NG)	1 940	255	60	75	115	1 685
CD - (CD)	1 870	260	225	20	10	1 610
Georgia - (GE)	1 710	45	25	10	5	1 665
Bangladesh - (BD)	1 670	65	40	5	15	1 605
Guinea - (GN)	1 605	320	250	60	10	1 285
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 555	345	320	10	15	1 210
Armenia - (AM)	1 480	100	55	20	25	1 380
MK - (MK)	1 410	10	10	0	*	1 400
Kosovo - (XK)	1 365	85	60	5	20	1 280
China - (CN)	1 125	215	200	15	*	910
BA - (BA)	1 100	55	20	5	30	1 045
Eritrea - (ER)	1 045	700	350	340	10	345
Albania - (AL)	1 000	115	75	30	5	885
Turkey - (TR)	955	130	100	10	25	825
Algeria - (DZ)	915	30	20	5	5	890
Mali - (ML)	870	730	25	695	10	140
Sudan - (SD)	655	275	200	65	5	380
Ivory Coast - (CI)	645	165	70	45	45	485
India - (IN)	515	*	*	0	*	515
Ghana - (GH)	515	50	5	5	40	465
Morocco - (MA)	505	20	10	*	5	485
Stateless	495	310	135	145	30	185
Other	9 735	1 825	1 140	490	195	7 910

(*) 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 Q3 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

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.

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.

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.

COUNTRY INFORMATION

Due to the implementation of a new registration system, from January to July 2012 **The Netherlands** provided data only on the total number of asylum applicants. No data are yet available for August 2012 onwards. For figure 1, data for August and September were 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.

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:

Contact details for this support network can be found on the Eurostat website
at: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/>.