



# UNHCR

## Asylum Trends 2012

*Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries*



# Trends at a Glance

## 2012 in review

↗ 38%

355,500

The **38 countries in Europe** received 355,500 claims, an increase of 9 per cent compared to 2011 (327,600 claims).

Among regions in Europe, the largest relative increase in annual asylum levels was reported by the **Nordic countries**. The five countries received 62,900 asylum requests during 2012, a 38 per cent increase over 2011. With a record high of 43,900 asylum applications, Sweden was the main destination country, accounting for 70 per cent of all claims registered by the Nordic States.

↗ 8%

An estimated **479,300 asylum applications** were registered in the 44 industrialized countries in 2012, an increase of 8 per cent over 2011. This is the second highest level in the past decade. Only in 2003 were more asylum claims recorded (505,000).



+9%

↘ 27%

In **Southern Europe**, the number of newly registered asylum-seekers decreased by 27 per cent to 48,600, the second lowest level in six years. This decrease is mainly due to fewer boat arrivals in Italy as a result of a changed situation in North Africa, with 15,700 asylum applications in 2012, less than half the number received in 2011.

83%

The **27 Member States of the European Union** registered 296,700 new asylum claims in 2012, a 7 per cent increase compared to 2011 (277,800). These 27 States together accounted for 83 per cent of all asylum claims in Europe.

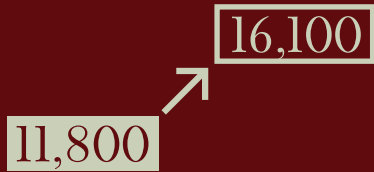


↗ 3%

In **North America**, an estimated 103,900 new asylum applications were submitted in 2012, a marginal increase of 3 per cent compared to 2011 (101,400 claims). Canada registered 20,500 new applications, 19 per cent less than in 2011. The United States of America recorded an estimated 83,400 claims, a 10 per cent increase.

↗ 28%

**Japan** and the **Republic of Korea** registered a combined number of 3,700 new asylum claims in 2012, a 28 per cent increase compared to 2011 (2,900 claims). Although it is the highest level on record in both countries, the number continues to be modest in comparison with other industrialized countries.



The reported number of asylum-seekers in **Australia** increased 37 per cent compared to 2011, with a total of 15,800 applications registered. The total number of claims in **Australia** and **New Zealand** in 2012 was 16,100 claims, compared to 11,800 for the previous year.



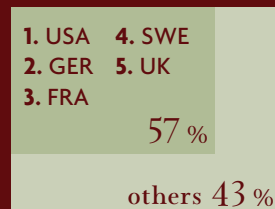
Top 5

1. AFGHANISTAN
2. SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
3. SERBIA (AND KOSOVO: S/RES/1244 (1999))
4. CHINA
5. PAKISTAN

With 36,600 asylum claims lodged in 2012, **Afghanistan** remained the most important source country of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries, followed by the **Syrian Arab Republic** (24,800 claims), **Serbia (and Kosovo: Security Council resolution 1244 (1999))**<sup>(1)</sup> (24,300), **China** (24,100), and **Pakistan** (23,200).

↗ 22,600

For asylum-seekers from the **Syrian Arab Republic**, **Pakistan** and the **former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** levels were at a record high among the industrialized countries. Asylum-seekers originating from these three countries submitted in total 22,600 claims more than in 2011.



With an estimated 83,400 asylum applications, the **United States of America** was the largest single recipient of new asylum claims among the 44 industrialized countries for the seventh consecutive year. Germany was second with 64,500 asylum applications, followed by France (54,900), Sweden (43,900), and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (27,400). The top five receiving countries together accounted for more than half (57%) of all asylum claims received in the countries included in this report.

Slightly less than **half of all asylum claims** were submitted by individuals originating from **Asia** (46%). **Africa** was the second most important source continent (25% of all claims), followed by **Europe** (17%), and the **Americas** (8%).

<sup>1</sup> Henceforth referred to in this document as "Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))".



**Chechen asylum-seekers** in the Biala Podlaska Reception Center in Biala Podlaska, Poland.

# Introduction

*This report summarizes patterns and trends in the number of individual asylum claims<sup>(2)</sup> submitted in Europe and selected non-European countries during 2012. The data presented are based on information available as of 8 March 2013, unless otherwise indicated. The report covers the 38 European and six non-European States that currently provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR. Figures are mostly based on official asylum statistics, reflecting national laws and procedures. In addition, UNHCR conducted refugee status determination under its mandate in a number of countries included in this report.<sup>(3)</sup> Annex Table 2 provides trends in selected Eastern European countries, based on annual data.*

**T**HE GROUP OF COUNTRIES ANALYSED is referred to collectively as “the 44 industrialized countries” and is defined as such for the purposes of this report only. The 44 countries are: the 27 Member States of the European Union<sup>(4)</sup>, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)), Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Turkey, as well as Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, and the United States of America. This group of 44 countries received an estimated 479,300 asylum applications in 2012.

The numbers in this report reflect asylum claims made at the first instance of asylum procedures. Neither applications on appeal or review nor information on the outcome of asylum procedures or on the admission of refugees through resettlement programmes are included, as such details are available in other UNHCR reports.<sup>(5)</sup>

To the extent possible, the statistics presented reflect the number of individuals lodging an asylum application for the first time. However, some of the figures quoted in this report are likely to include repeat applications, and therefore may not reflect the actual number of new asylum-seekers. Also, the number of asylum applications may

not reflect the number of asylum-seekers, as some individuals seek asylum in more than one country during the same year.<sup>(6)</sup>

All data refer to the number of individuals with the exception of asylum-seekers in the United States of America, where figures are available only for the number of cases (which may include several individuals) submitted to the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS). However, applications submitted to the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) of the United States Department of Justice are recorded as individuals. To allow comparability across countries of asylum, UNHCR uses a figure of 1.4 individuals per case to estimate the number of people reported by DHS, because historical data suggest that, on average, one asylum case involves 1.4 individuals. In the country of origin tables, figures for the United States of America are a combination of the number of cases (DHS) and the number of individuals (EOIR), owing to the large variation in family size by nationality.

**All figures in this report should be considered as provisional and subject to change.** Due to retroactive changes and adjustments, some of the data included in this publication may differ slightly from that reported in previous UNHCR documents or from the official figures published by States. ■

A new system for registering asylum-seekers (INDIGO) is currently being implemented in the Netherlands. As a consequence, the information available is limited to the number of new asylum applications lodged between January and July 2012 (5,400).

Data from August to December have been estimated by UNHCR using a statistical model (seasonal ARIMA). Because no information is available on the country of origin of asylum-seekers in the Netherlands, the country of origin analysis should be considered as indicative only. ●

<sup>2</sup> An asylum-seeker is an individual who has sought international protection and whose claim for refugee status has not yet been determined. As part of internationally recognized obligations to protect refugees on their territories, countries are responsible for determining whether an asylum-seeker is a refugee or not. This responsibility is derived from the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and relevant regional instruments, and is often incorporated into national legislation.

<sup>3</sup> During the period 2008-2012, UNHCR conducted refugee status determination under its mandate in Cyprus (northern part of Cyprus only), Serbia, and Turkey (see notes in Annex Table 1 for more details).

<sup>4</sup> See Annex Table 1 for a list of countries.

<sup>5</sup> See UNHCR's 2011 Global Trends at <http://www.unhcr.org/statistics>.

<sup>6</sup> According to EURODAC (an EU-wide fingerprint database), 22.4 per cent of all asylum claims registered in the system in 2011 were multiple claims, i.e. the applicant had submitted at least one previous application in the same or another Member State of the European Union. (Source: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2012:0533:FIN:EN:PDF>)



**An asylum-seeker in his room**  
at the reception centre in Banya,  
Bulgaria. Asylum-seekers in Bulgaria  
are provided with shelter, health  
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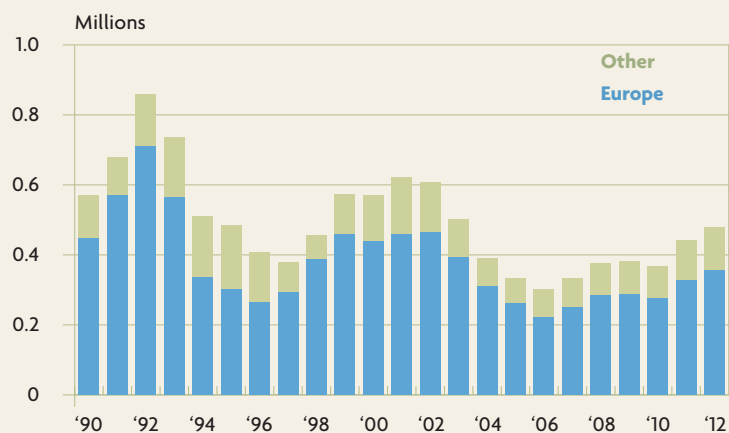
# Global and Regional Trends <sup>(7)</sup>

The reporting period was characterized by a continuation of the trend observed in 2011, when significantly higher numbers of people sought asylum or refugee status from countries experiencing recent or ongoing conflict, civil unrest or security concerns. In 2012, this applied in particular to asylum-seekers originating from the Syrian Arab Republic.

**A**LREADY IN 2011, significant increases in asylum claims over the previous three years were registered. An estimated 443,700 asylum applications were recorded in the 44 industrialized countries, representing some 75,700 claims (+21%) more than in 2010 (368,000). This upward trend continued into 2012. Overall, an estimated 479,300 asylum applications were registered in the 44 industrialized countries in 2012 (+8%). This is the second highest level of the past decade. Only in 2003 were more asylum claims recorded (505,000). Nevertheless, the current level remains below those observed at the turn of the millennia or at the beginning of the 1990s, when hundreds of thousands of people fled war and armed conflict in the former Yugoslavia [see Figure 1].

Out of a total of 479,300 asylum applications registered in the 44 industrialized countries in 2012, the 38 countries in **Europe** received 355,500 claims (74%), an increase of 9 per cent compared to 2011 (327,600 claims). However, the figures show variations in asylum trends at the regional and country level. For example, the 27 Member States of the European Union regis-

Fig. 1 Asylum claims lodged in 44 industrialized countries | 1990-2012



tered 296,700 in 2004, registered 5,900 more claims, a significant increase of 40 per cent. The 'old' EU Member States accounted for 93 per cent of all asylum claims registered within the European Union.

Among the European regions, the largest relative increase in annual asylum levels was reported by the five **Nordic countries**,<sup>(8)</sup> which received

62,900 asylum requests during 2012, a 38 per cent increase compared to 2011. With the exception of Finland, the increase was uniform among all countries. With an all-time high of 43,900 asylum applications, Sweden was the main destination country accounting for 70 per cent of all claims registered in this region. Norway (9,800 claims) and Denmark (6,200 claims) were other important receiving countries.

In **Southern Europe**<sup>(9)</sup>, on the other hand, the number of newly registered

<sup>7</sup> See notes in Annex Table 1 for a list of countries included under each regional grouping.

<sup>8</sup> Refers to Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

<sup>9</sup> Refers to Albania, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain and Turkey.

# Levels and Patterns in Countries of Asylum

**TABLE 1** Asylum claims lodged in selected regions

Regions	2010	2011	2012	Change '12-'11
Europe	274,710	327,640	355,550	9%
- EU-total	240,410	277,800	296,690	7%
- EU-old	224,850	262,840	275,790	5%
- EU-new	15,560	14,960	20,900	40%
USA/Canada	78,690	101,350	103,930	3%
Australia/New Zealand	12,980	11,820	16,110	36%
Japan/Rep. of Korea	1,630	2,880	3,680	28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>368,010</b>	<b>443,690</b>	<b>479,270</b>	<b>8%</b>

See notes in **Annex Table 1** for list of countries included.

asylum-seekers decreased by 27 per cent to 48,600, the second lowest level of the past six years. This decrease is mainly due to fewer boat arrivals in Italy, bringing down the number of asylum applications in 2012 by more than half (15,700 claims). By contrast, the number of asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR in Turkey continued to climb for the third consecutive year; 16,700 new asylum applications were registered in 2012 (+4%).<sup>(10)</sup>

The number of asylum-seekers in **Australia** and **New Zealand** increased by 36 per cent during 2012 (16,100 claims) compared to the previous year (11,800). In Australia, a total of 15,800 claims were registered, up 37 per cent from 2011.<sup>(11)</sup> One third of asylum-seekers in Australia originate from Afghanistan or Sri Lanka. However, by comparison, asylum levels in Australia continue to remain below those recorded by many other industrialized and non-industrialized countries. In New Zealand, levels have remained low and fairly stable in the past seven years (on average 300 new claims per year).

**Japan** and the **Republic of Korea** registered a combined number of 3,700 new

asylum claims in 2012, a 28 per cent increase compared to 2011 (2,900 claims). These are the highest levels on record in both countries. Japan registered an estimated 2,500<sup>(12)</sup> new asylum applications (+36%), and the Republic of Korea registered 1,100 claims (+13%) in 2012. People seeking international protection in Japan were predominantly from Turkey and Myanmar while Sri Lanka and Pakistan were the main countries of origin of asylum-seekers in the Republic of Korea.

In **North America**, an estimated 103,900 new asylum applications were submitted in 2012, a marginal increase of 3 per cent compared to 2011 (101,400 claims). The figures show a divergent trend for Canada and the United States of America. The former registered 20,500 new applications, 19 per cent less than in 2011 (25,400), while the latter recorded approximately 83,400<sup>(13)</sup> claims, a 10 per cent increase from 2011 (76,000). Although 2012 saw the highest level in almost a decade for this region, it is two thirds that of 2001, when close to 150,000 applications in total were lodged in Canada and the United States of America. ■

*With a combined number of 274,200 registered asylum claims in 2012, the **United States of America, Germany, France, Sweden** and the **United Kingdom** were the top five receiving countries, together accounting for more than half (57%) of all new asylum claims submitted in the 44 industrialized countries covered by this report. By comparison, in 2011, some 229,400 claims were registered in these five countries.*

<sup>10</sup> Figures of Syrians registered in refugee camps and urban areas in Turkey are not included in this report. Based on figures provided by the Government of Turkey, the total number of Syrians registered in camps, in urban areas or those awaiting registration as at 8 March 2013 is 258,200. The Government of Turkey estimates that there are 400,000 Syrians in the country (see <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/country.php?id=224>).

<sup>11</sup> These figures, provided by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship in Australia, do not include asylum-seekers arriving by boat after 13 August 2012 who have not yet entered a refugee status determination process, or been able to lodge a formal claim for protection.

<sup>12</sup> Monthly asylum data for Japan is available from 2002. Figures for Japan are UNHCR estimates.

<sup>13</sup> Estimated number of individuals based on the number of new cases (43,100) and multiplied by 1.4 to reflect the average number of individuals per case (Source: US Department of Homeland Security); and the number of new defensive asylum requests lodged with the Executive Office of Immigration Review (23,200 individuals).



**F**OR THE SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, the **United States of America** remained the largest single recipient of new asylum claims, accounting for one out of six claims lodged in the 44 countries listed in Annex Table I. An estimated 83,400 individuals submitted an application for asylum, 7,400 claims more than the year before. Asylum-seekers from Egypt (+102%), Honduras (+38%), Mexico (+35%), and Guatemala (+24%) accounted primarily for this increase. Almost half of all asylum claims in the country were lodged by asylum-seekers from China (24%), Mexico (17%), or El Salvador (7%). Violence generated by transnational organized crime, gang-related violence and drug cartels

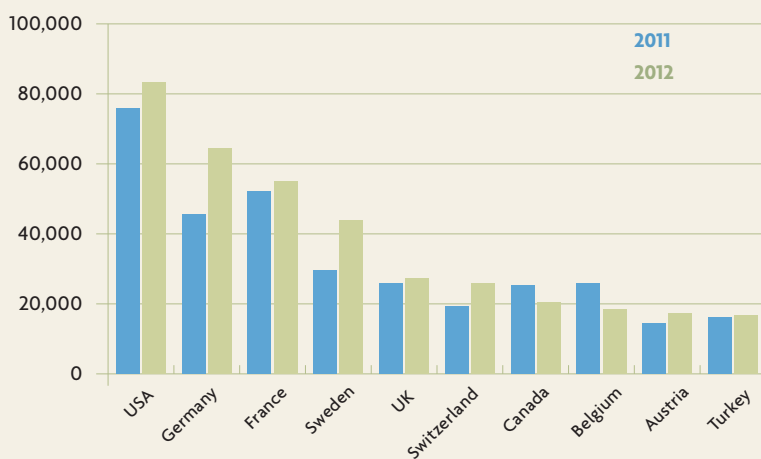
in some parts of Central America may be among the contributing factors leading to the higher number of individuals from this region requesting refugee status in the United States of America. The annual share of the United States of America in the number of asylum claims received among the group of industrialized countries has fluctuated in recent years, ranging between 13 and 17 per cent.

For the first time since 2001, **Germany** was again the main recipient of asylum-seekers in Europe, with 64,500 new asylum claims registered in 2012. As such, it was the second largest recipient among the group of 44 countries. This is not only a 41 per cent increase over 2011 (45,700 claims), but also the fifth con-

secutive rise. The higher level in 2012 is partly attributable to a higher number of people from the Balkans requesting international protection in Germany. On average, every fourth asylum applicant in Germany is from the former Yugoslavia. This applies in particular to people from Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)), where claims increased from 6,000 in 2011 to 10,400 in 2012, people originating from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (increase from 1,100 claims to 4,500) and people from Bosnia and Herzegovina (increase from 300 to 2,000 claims). A sizeable number of applicants are believed to be of Roma origin.<sup>14</sup> Overall, one fifth of all applications in Germany were lodged by people coming from Kosovo (S/RES/1244 (1999)). Similarly, the number of Syrians fleeing conflict and violence in their country more than doubled, from 2,600 applications in 2011 to 6,200 a year later. Overall, Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) was the top country of origin of asylum-seekers in Germany (10,400 claims), followed by Afghanistan (7,500 claims), the Syrian Arab Republic (6,200) and Iraq (5,400 claims). On average, every eighth application in the 44 industrialized countries was received by Germany.

**France** was the third largest recipient of applications among the 44 countries, with 54,900 new asylum requests registered during 2012. This is a 5 per

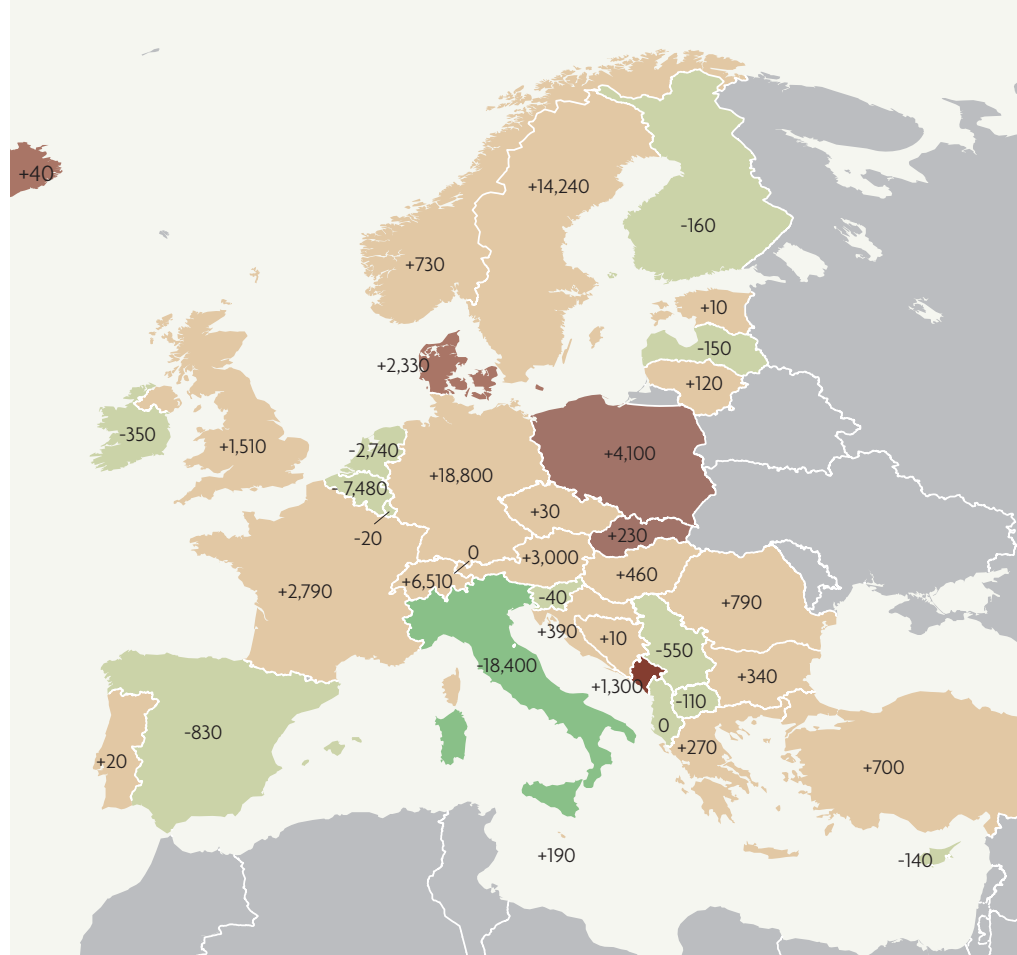
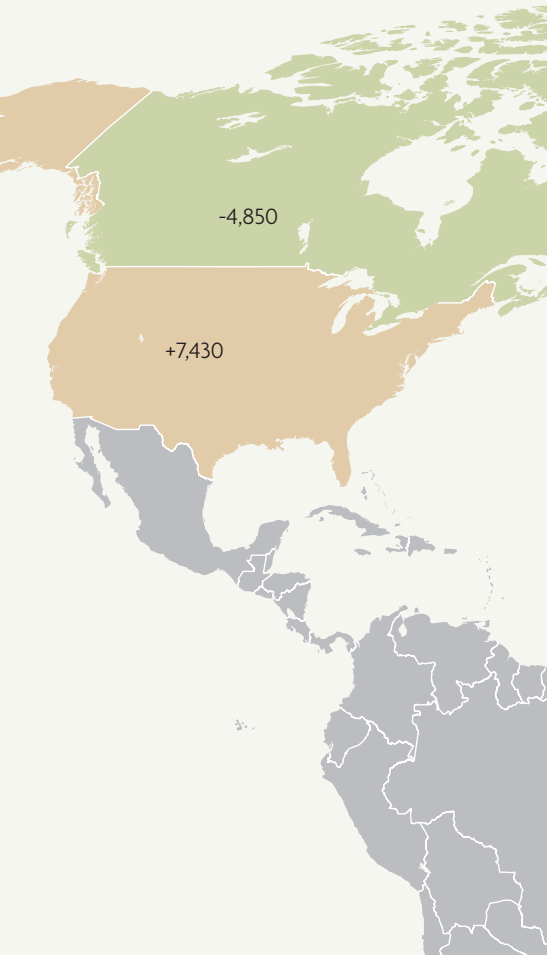
Fig. 2 **Asylum claims submitted in 10 major receiving countries | 2012**



<sup>14</sup> According to the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, 92 per cent of all asylum applicants in Germany originating from Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) are of Roma origin.



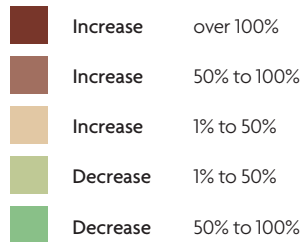
**An Angolan asylum-seeker in France** waiting for her asylum claim to be processed.



cent increase compared to 2011 (52,100 claims) and the highest value since 2004 (58,600 claims). The increase in 2012 is partly attributed to a higher number of asylum-seekers recorded as from the Russian Federation (+32%), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (+39%), and Albania (+456%). Overall, the Russian Federation was the top country of origin of asylum-seekers in France, with more than 5,300 applications, followed by the Democratic Republic of the Congo (5,300 claims) and Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) (3,900 claims). On average, every fifth application in the country was lodged either by Russian or Congolese asylum-seekers.

**Sweden** ranked fourth among the 44 industrialized countries, with 43,900 applications received during the year. In line with the top three receiving countries but with a significantly higher impact, Sweden experienced a 48 per cent increase compared to 2011 (29,600 claims). The year 2012 was the second highest level on record after 1992,

### Increase and decrease of asylum claims



*Note: This map is limited to the 44 countries which provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR. All figures are rounded off to the closest ten. Figures for the Netherlands are UNHCR estimates.*

when more than 84,000 people, many of them fleeing the former Yugoslavia, requested asylum in Sweden. This sharp increase is mainly as a result of a 12-fold increase in applications of asylum-seekers from the Syrian Arab Republic registered in 2012 (7,800 claims) compared to 2011 (650 claims). The number of Somali and Afghan asylum-seekers in the country also increased (+42% and +15% respectively). Afghanistan, Somalia and



the Syrian Arab Republic were the top three source countries of asylum applications in Sweden, accounting together for 41 per cent of all claims registered.

The **United Kingdom** ranked fifth among the 44 industrialized countries, with 27,400 applications received during the year. The United Kingdom experienced an increase in 2012: levels were up by 6 per cent compared to 2011 (25,900 claims). This is mainly as a result of the increase in numbers of asylum-seekers from Pakistan and the Syrian Arab Republic. In the case of Pakistan, figures went up from 4,000 applications to 4,800 a year later (+19%). The number of Syrian asylum-seekers more than doubled from 500 claims in 2011 to almost 1,300 a year later. Pakistan remained the leading country of origin of asylum-seekers in the United Kingdom.

The number of asylum applications (25,900) registered in **Switzerland** in 2012 was at the highest level in a decade. The number increased by one third (+33%) compared to 2011, making Switzerland the sixth largest receiving country during the reporting period. Figures in Switzerland have almost doubled compared to 2010 (13,500 claims). It is mainly Eritrean asylum-seekers who account for this rise, due to a 33 per cent increase of asylum claims, from 3,200 in 2011 to 4,300 one year later. The number of Nigerian asylum-seekers doubled from 1,300 claims in 2011 to 2,600 in 2012. Eritrea has been the leading country of

TABLE 2

### Changes in the ranking of the top-15 receiving countries | 2008-2012

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
United States	1	1	1	1	1
Germany	7	5	3	3	2
France	3	2	2	2	3
Sweden	6	6	4	5	4
United Kingdom	4	4	6	7	5
Switzerland	9	13	8	9	6
Canada	2	3	5	8	7
Belgium	14	9	7	6	8
Austria	13	11	11	11	9
Turkey	12	15	15	10	10
Australia	16	16	10	13	11
Italy	5	7	14	4	12
Norway	10	8	13	15	13
Greece	8	10	12	14	14
Poland	15	14	16	16	15

origin of asylum-seekers in Switzerland for the past three years.

**Canada** was the seventh largest recipient of new asylum-seekers in 2012, with 20,500 claims, a decrease by 19 per cent compared to 2011 and the lowest level since 2005. Canada was followed by **Belgium** (18,500 claims), **Austria** (17,400 claims), and **Turkey** (16,700 claims). While Belgium witnessed a decrease of 29 per cent during the year, Austria and Turkey observed the opposite with 21 and 4 per cent increases respectively.

### RANKING OF COUNTRIES

The numbers of people requesting international protection have fluctuated significantly between countries and years, largely depending on political developments in countries of origin or changes in asylum policies and practices in receiving countries. However, other factors may also be of relevance, including the existence of social networks of certain communities in destination countries, improved capacity to register asylum-seekers, and the fact that some countries are perceived as being more likely to grant refugee status than others.

These factors are reflected in the current and past rankings of some of the countries included in this report. Italy, for instance, saw a sharp increase in new asylum applicants in 2011, many of them arriving by boat. This was the result of the 'Arab Spring' in North Africa in early 2011 which led to a tripling of the number of asylum applications in 2011 (34,100 claims). The all-time-high in 2011 made Italy the fourth largest recipient of asylum-seekers among the group of 44 industrialized countries. In 2012, however, the number of boat arrivals dropped significantly as a result of which the country's ranking dropped to 12<sup>th</sup> place.

In 2008 and 2009, Canada was, respectively, the second and third highest destination country for asylum-seekers among the group of 44 industrialized countries. The relatively high number of Czech asylum applications during this period partly contributed to Canada's high ranking. In the second half of 2009, Canada introduced visa requirements for Czech citizens. As a

TABLE 3

### Share of main receiving countries of asylum-seekers in total number of applications

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
United States	13%	13%	15%	17%	17%
Germany	6%	7%	11%	10%	13%
France	9%	11%	13%	12%	11%
Sweden	6%	6%	9%	7%	9%
United Kingdom	8%	8%	6%	6%	6%
Switzerland	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%
Canada	10%	9%	6%	6%	4%
Belgium	3%	5%	6%	6%	4%
Austria	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%
Turkey	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%
Australia	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Italy	8%	5%	3%	8%	3%
Norway	4%	5%	3%	2%	2%
Greece	5%	4%	3%	2%	2%
Poland	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%

result, the number of asylum-seekers from the Czech Republic dropped from more than 2,000 in 2009, to almost zero in subsequent years. Canada's ranking subsequently dropped.

### TRENDS OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS

Between 2008 and 2012, the **United States of America** received the largest number of new asylum-seekers (313,500 claims), followed by **France** (232,700 claims), **Germany** (201,300 claims), **Sweden** (153,900 claims), and **Canada** (139,200 claims). Together, the three leading asylum countries received more than one-third of all asylum requests submitted in the 44 industrialized countries listed in Annex Table 1.

The countries' individual share in the total number of applications received reveals a changing pattern over time. As a result of significantly more people seeking asylum in the **United States of America**, the country's share as the main recipient over the five-year period from 2008 to 2012 increased from 13 per cent in 2008-2009 to 17 per cent in 2011-2012. A similar trend has been observed for **Germany**, where the country's share has gradually increased from 6 per cent in 2008 to 13 per cent in 2012.

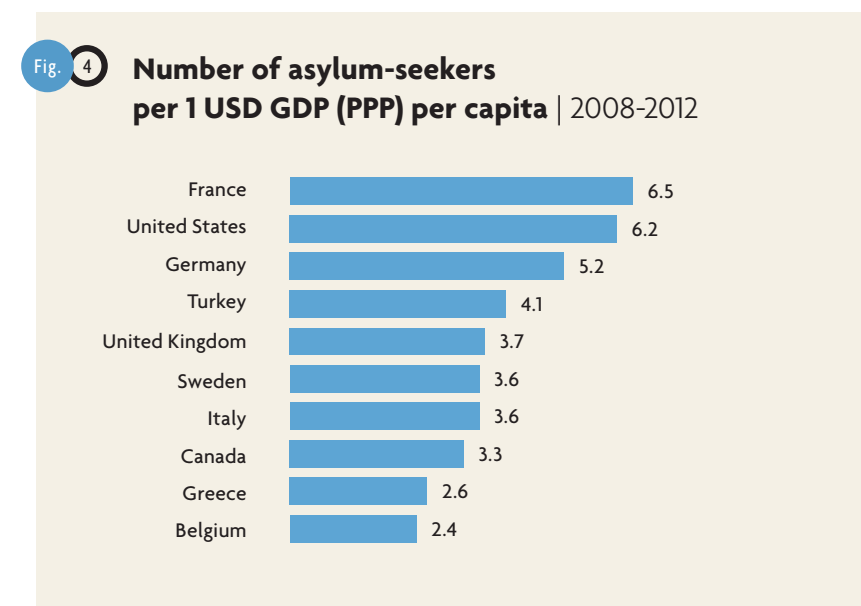
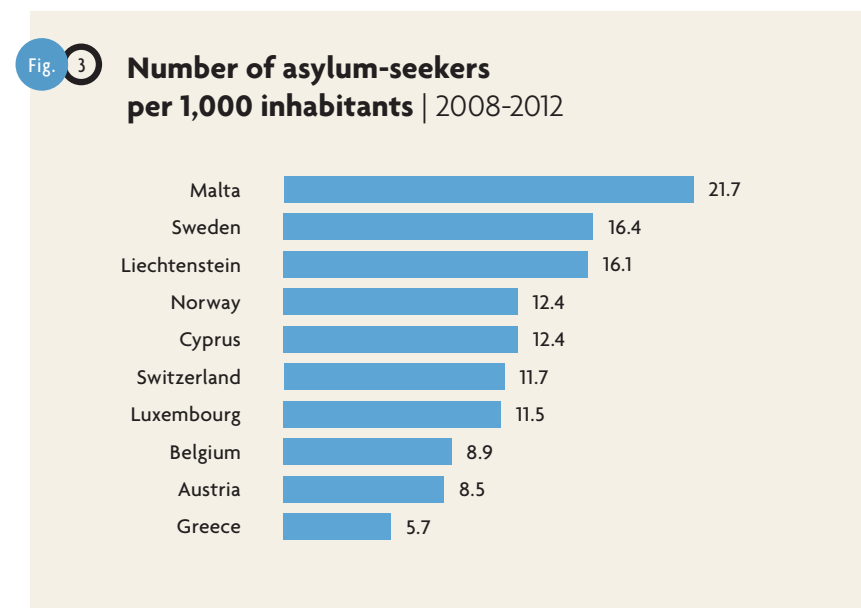
By contrast, **Canada's** share had increased to 10 per cent in 2008 because of the highest number of asylum applicants registered during the decade. With

significantly lower numbers seeking asylum in Canada in subsequent years, the country's share dropped gradually to 4 per cent in 2012. The share of **Italy**, on the other hand, which stood at 8 per cent in 2011 as a result of major arrivals of asylum-seekers by boat, dropped to 3 per cent one year later.

The trends described above are based on the absolute numbers of reported asylum claims. The analysis changes when comparing the number of asylum-seekers to the size of the national population or the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (PPP)<sup>(15)</sup>. These measures may allow for a better comparison among countries as these indicators tend to more accurately reflect the contributions of a country to host asylum-seekers.<sup>(16)</sup>

Based on the first indicator (national population), between 2008 and 2012 **Malta** received, on average, the highest number of asylum-seekers compared to its national population: 21.7 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants. **Sweden** ranked second (16.4 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), followed by **Liechtenstein** (16.1 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), **Norway** (12.4 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), and **Cyprus** (12.4 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants) [see **Figure 3**]. The **United States of America** and **France**, the two main recipients of new asylum-seekers during this period, were ranked respectively 24<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, with an average of one and four asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants.

At the regional level, the 27 Member States of the European Union received on average 2.6 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants during 2008-2012. Sixteen countries ranked below the average of the 27 countries, including 10 of the 12 new Member States. Among the latter, only Cyprus and Malta received on average more asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants than the Member States as a whole. The 38 European countries included in Annex Table 1 received on average 2.5 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants, whereas the cor-



responding figure for North America and Australia/New Zealand was 1.3 and 2.0 respectively. Japan and the Republic of Korea received 0.07 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants given the high national populations (about 175 million together) and comparatively low numbers of asylum-seekers.

Comparing the number of asylum-seekers to the Gross Domestic Product

(PPP) of a country reveals a different picture. Here, **France** and the **United States of America** are the countries with the highest number of asylum-seekers (6.5 and 6.2 applicants per capita each) compared to the national economy, followed by **Germany** (5.2 applicants per capita), **Turkey** (4.1 applicants per capita), and the **United Kingdom** (3.7 applicants per capita) [see **Figure 4**].<sup>(17)</sup> ■

<sup>15</sup> In order to compare countries, the Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) GDP is considered (Source: International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, October 2012; accessed 5 March 2013). Source for national populations: United Nations Population Division, "World Population Prospects: The 2010 Revision", New York, 2011.

<sup>16</sup> For the purposes of this type of analysis, the number of asylum applications registered over a five-year period may account for some extreme fluctuations in the values.

<sup>17</sup> Among the 44 countries included in this report, the number of asylum-seekers per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita appears as rather modest when compared to the 'burden' some developing countries shoulder in receiving asylum-seekers. For instance, Kenya and Rwanda, two major countries receiving asylum-seekers with 20,100 and 17,100 applications respectively registered in 2012, received 11 and 12 asylum-seekers respectively per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita in 2012 only.



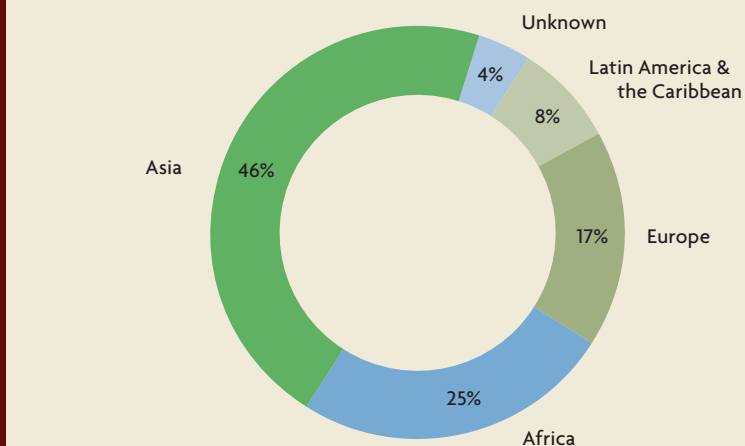
**Asylum-seekers at the federal asylum reception centre in Kapellen, Belgium.** This centre is run by Fedasil, the federal agency for the reception of asylum-seekers.

# Origin of asylum-seekers

The statistics by origin are generally based on the nationality or country of citizenship as recorded by the competent authorities of the host country. This section analyses the origin of asylum-seekers in 43 of the industrialized countries which provided monthly asylum data to UNHCR in 2012: the country of origin of asylum-seekers in the Netherlands is not available. The analysis in this section should therefore be considered as indicative only, pending the release of 2012 asylum statistics by the authorities of the Netherlands.

IN 2012, PEOPLE FROM 200 different countries or territories submitted at least one asylum claim in one of the 44 countries discussed in this report. Slightly less than half of all asylum applications were submitted by individuals from **Asia** (46%), including parts of the Middle East.<sup>18</sup> **Africa** was the second most important source continent (25% of all claims), followed by **Europe** (17%), and the **Americas** (8%). The country of origin of some 15,600 asylum-seekers was unknown, primarily in the Netherlands. The Americas, Asia and Oceania as source regions of asylum applications remained relatively stable in 2012. Because significantly more people from Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia requested refugee status in 2012, Europe was the

Fig. 5 Distribution of asylum claims by region of origins | 2012



18 The geographical regions used are those of the UN Statistics Division (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49.htm>).

only continent to show a significant increase as a source region of asylum applications in 2012 (+9%). By contrast, fewer asylum-seekers from Africa requested international protection in the 44 industrialized countries (-9%).

Out of the 40 main asylum-seeker nationalities, a rise in 25 was registered during 2012 amounting to 58,800 claims. This is less than in 2011 when an increase was recorded for 32 asylum-seeker nationalities. Syrian asylum-seekers accounted for more than one quarter of this rise. A decline was registered for 15 nationalities in 2012, resulting in a total of 24,200 claims less than in 2011. Among the major countries of origin of asylum-seekers, significant increases were registered from the **Syrian Arab Republic** (+191%), **Albania** (+129%), **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (+104%), and **Georgia** (+55%). Conversely, of the 15 nationalities for which a decrease was recorded in 2012 as compared to 2011, a drop of more than 20 per cent was registered, including for asylum-seekers from **Côte d'Ivoire** (-55%), **Tunisia** (-49%), **Ghana** (-43%), and **Armenia** (-26%).

**Afghanistan**, the **Syrian Arab Republic**, **Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))**, **China**, and **Pakistan** were the five top source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries in 2012. This is comparable to 2011, when Afghani-

Despite the fact that Syrians constituted the second largest group of asylum-seekers among industrialized countries in 2012, their number remains modest compared to the number of Syrian refugees hosted by countries in the Middle East. On 6 March 2013, UNHCR reported that a total of one million Syrian refugees had been registered or were awaiting registration in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey. ●

stan, China, Iraq, Serbia and Pakistan were the top-ranking source countries.

In 2012, **Afghanistan** remained the main country of origin of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries. Provisional data indicate that some 36,600 Afghans requested refugee status in 2012. This was virtually unchanged compared to 2011 (36,200 claims). The continued volatile situation in the country may be one reason why Afghans continue to seek asylum abroad. The share of asylum-seekers from Afghanistan in the total number of asylum claims has remained stable at 8 per cent in the past two years [see **Figure 6**].

Afghan asylum-seekers sought international protection in almost all of the 44 industrialized countries. The levels were highest in Germany (7,500 claims) and Sweden (4,800 claims). In Germany, the number of Afghan asylum claims dropped by 3 per cent while in Sweden it went up by 13 per cent. Other important destination countries were Turkey (4,400 claims; UNHCR procedure), Austria (4,000 claims), and Australia (3,100). In all three cases, figures went up, with increases ranging from 11 per

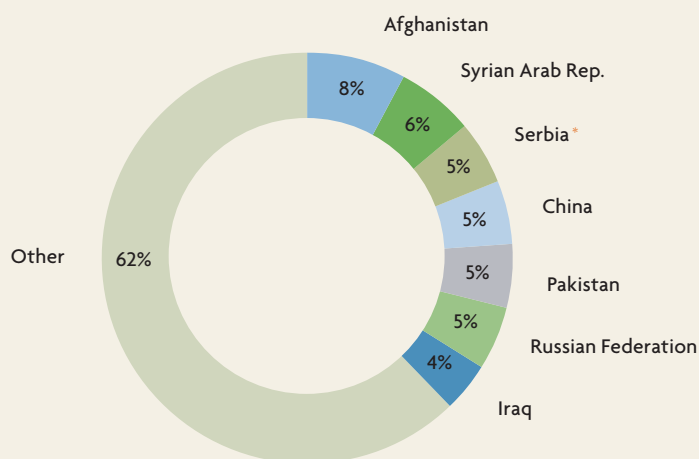
cent (Austria) to 79 per cent (Australia). Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) emerged as a new destination country for Afghan asylum-seekers in 2011: 1,700 asylum claims were lodged during the year. In 2012, this figure was halved.

With 24,800 asylum applications submitted by **Syrians** in 2012, this is the highest figure on record [see **Figure 7**]. The number almost tripled compared to 2011 (8,500 claims). This made the Syrian Arab Republic the second highest-ranking source country of asylum-seekers among the 44 industrialized countries, up from 15<sup>th</sup> place a year earlier.<sup>(19)</sup> In virtually all countries included in this report, the number of Syrian asylum-seekers went up in 2012, with the exception of Greece. A growing number of Syrian nationals were recorded irregularly entering or present in Greece but asylum claim numbers from this group remained low.<sup>(20)</sup> More than half of the Syrian asylum-seekers requested refugee status in Sweden (7,800 claims) and Germany (6,200 claims). In Sweden, the figure increased twelve-fold (650 claims in 2011), while in Germany it more than doubled (2,600 claims in 2011). Other important destination countries were the United Kingdom (1,300 claims), Switzerland (1,400 claims) and Austria (920 claims).

The increase in Syrian asylum-seekers was particularly strong during the second half of the year as the armed conflict in the country intensified dramatically. During the first half of 2012, some 6,500 Syrian claims were registered in the 44 industrialized countries, whereas the second half saw the figure almost triple to more than 18,200.

After having constituted the main group of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries in 2010 (30,600 claims), the number of asylum-seekers originating from **Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))** had dropped by one third in 2011

Fig. 6 Main nationalities of asylum-seekers | 2012



\* Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))

19 See footnote 10.

20 <http://www.frontex.europa.eu/news/situational-update-migratory-situation-at-the-greek-turkish-border-HATxN9>



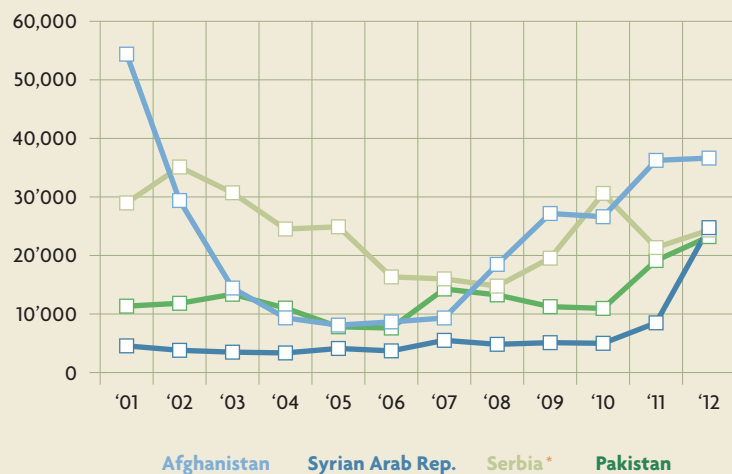


**Bushra, the one millionth Syrian refugee to be registered**, with her son in Tripoli, Lebanon (see <http://www.unhcr.org/513623756.html>).

(21,300 claims). This trend was reversed in 2012 with 24,300 people from the country requesting international protection - 3,000 claims more (+14%) than the year before. Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) thus became the third highest country of origin of asylum-seekers among the group of industrialized countries. The increase was particularly significant in Germany (+74%), the main destination country, with 10,400 applications lodged during 2012. Belgium, on the other hand, experienced a rather dramatic decrease in the number of asylum claims from people originating from Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)), with figures falling from about 3,100 in 2011 to less than 1,000 a year later. Luxembourg experienced a similar development, with figures halved between 2011 (1,100 claims); and 2012 (590 claims). Other important

Fig. 7

**Asylum requests from Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Rep., Serbia and Pakistan | 2001-2012**



\* Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))

# “ With 24,800 asylum applications submitted by Syrians in 2012, this is the highest figure on record ”

destination countries were France (3,900 claims), Sweden (3,600 claims) and Switzerland (2,100 claims).

About four-fifths of the countries reporting monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR distinguish applicants originating from Kosovo (S/RES/1244 (1999)) in their data. The available evidence shows that the proportion of asylum-seekers from Kosovo (S/RES/1244 (1999)) in these countries has decreased over the past four years. In 2009, on average, 74 per cent of applicants from Serbia came from Kosovo. This figure dropped to 45 per cent in 2010 and to a further 41 per cent in 2011. In 2012, it stood at 35 per cent. Among the main receiving countries recording this type of information, the proportion of people originating from Kosovo (S/RES/1244 (1999)) is highest in France (81%), Austria (52%), and Belgium (51%). It is relatively low in Germany (18%), Denmark (19%), Switzerland (24%), and Sweden (26%).

With 24,100 asylum applications submitted by **Chinese** asylum-seekers in 2012, the figure remained relatively stable compared to 2011 (24,600 claims).

TABLE 4

## Changes in the ranking of the top-15 countries of origin \*

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Afghanistan	4	1	2	1	1
Syrian Arab Rep.	20	19	20	15	2
Serbia **	6	6	1	4	3
China	5	5	3	2	4
Pakistan	8	8	8	5	5
Russian Federation	3	4	5	7	6
Iraq	1	2	4	3	7
Islamic Rep. of Iran	11	9	7	6	8
Somalia	2	3	6	8	9
Eritrea	9	12	11	10	10
Mexico	10	13	17	12	11
Nigeria	7	7	9	9	12
Georgia	17	10	12	16	13
Sri Lanka	12	11	10	13	14
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	18	18	16	19	15

\* With country of origin data for the Netherlands in 2012 not being available, the ranking in 2012 should be considered as indicative only.

\*\* Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)).

This made China the fourth highest-ranking source country of asylum-seekers among the 44 industrialized countries. Similar to previous years, the United States of America registered two-thirds of all Chinese asylum applications (15,900). France was the second largest recipient with 2,200 Chinese asylum requests, followed by Canada (1,700 claims) and Australia (1,100 claims) [see **Figure 7**].

With 23,200 applications submitted by asylum-seekers from **Pakistan** in 2012, this figure is the highest on record. The number increased by one-fifth (+21%) compared to 2011 (19,100 claims) and more than doubled compared to 2010 (11,000 claims). This made Pakistan the fifth highest source country of asylum-seekers in the industrialized world in 2012. The increase was particularly significant in the United Kingdom and Germany, the two main destination countries. In the former, close to 4,800 asylum applications were registered, up 19 per cent from 4,000 the year earlier. In the latter, figures went up by 34 per cent from 2,500 claims to more than 3,400 during the same period. Among the 22 countries registering 100 or more asylum claims by Pakistani citizens in 2011, 15 reported an increase.

The number of asylum-seekers recorded as originating from the **Russian Federation** increased by one quarter in 2012 (+26%), the highest since 2004 when some 30,500 claims were lodged. Some 21,900 asylum-seekers were registered during the year in the 44 countries covered by this report. France remained the prime destination with 5,300 asylum claims or one quarter of all requests from the Russian Federation being lodged. Poland and Germany also received a significant number of asylum-seekers from the Russian Federation with 4,900 and 3,200 claims respectively. In both cases, the numbers went up significantly compared to 2011 (+56% and +90% respectively).

The number of requests for asylum or refugee status from **Iraqis** has fluctuated over the past five years. Iraqis were the main group of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries in 2008 (40,400 claims), after which the numbers steadily decreased until end 2010 when the number was nearly half of the 2008 figure (20,600 claims). This trend reversed in 2011 when 23,700 Iraqis requested international protection. However, in 2012, the figure again dropped, falling below the 20,000 mark (19,600 claims). Iraq has shifted from the third to the seventh highest country of origin of asylum-seekers among the group of industrialized countries. The decrease in 2012 was particularly significant in Belgium, where figures dropped from 2,000 claims in 2011 to 640 a year later. Turkey, the main destination country for Iraqi asylum-seekers, registered 6,900 new claims from Iraqis, about 1,000 fewer than in 2011 (-12%). Sweden, on the other hand, experienced a rather dramatic decrease in claims from Iraqis in the past years, with figures having fallen from as high as 18,600 in 2006 to 1,300 in 2012. An increase in security and a reduction in sectarian violence in Iraq may be contributing factors to this trend. Figures for the Netherlands, traditionally an important destination country for Iraqi asylum-seekers, are not available for 2012.

Other significant source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries in 2012 were the **Islamic Republic of Iran** (19,100 claims), **Somalia** (17,800), **Eritrea** (11,900), and **Mexico** (11,500).

Over the last five years, some changes have occurred in the ranking of the main countries of origin of asylum applicants. In 2008, Afghanistan ranked as the 4<sup>th</sup> highest source country. Over the last four years, it has moved up the list, consistently occupying either the first or second position. The Russian Federation was the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest source country in 2008 but fell to 6<sup>th</sup> place in 2012, while the Syrian Arab Republic moved up from 20<sup>th</sup> in 2010 to 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 2012. Somalia saw a significant change, dropping from 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2008 to 9<sup>th</sup> place in 2012. ■



# Annex







## Notes

**Source:** Governments, UNHCR.

This table includes final data for 2008 to 2011. In the following tables, the 2011 figures are based on the monthly database. This results in some discrepancies.

All figures in this table have been rounded to the closest ten.

<sup>(1)</sup> This refers to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Purchasing Power Parity (PPP), per capita.

### a. Country notes

**Australia.** Figures for 2008 are based on the number of applications for protection visas lodged, not asylum applications. The 2012 figures, provided by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship in Australia, do not include asylum-seekers arriving by boat after 13 August 2012 who have not yet entered a refugee status determination process, or been able to lodge a formal claim for protection.

**Belgium.** Figures include accompanying children since 2009. Data include repeat applications in 2008 (3,330), 2009 (4,260) and 2010 (3,410).

**Canada.** Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

**Cyprus.** In addition, UNHCR registered asylum applications in the northern part of Cyprus in 2008 (19), 2011 (31) and 2012 (96).

**Denmark.** Figures for 2008 exclude Iraqi interpreters who worked for the Danish Forces in Iraq.

**France.** Includes asylum applications of minors.

**Ireland.** Data for 2008-2010 include repeat applications.

**Japan.** Figures are UNHCR estimates.

**Netherlands.** January to July 2012 data provided by the Dutch authorities. August to December 2012 estimated by UNHCR using a statistical model (seasonal ARIMA). No information is available on the country of origin of asylum-seekers.

**Poland.** Data excludes a significant number of repeat applications.

**Serbia.** Source: UNHCR (2008-2010).

**Slovakia.** Data for 2008-2010 includes repeat applications.

**Spain.** Includes applications lodged at Spanish embassies.

**Switzerland.** Figures exclude repeat applications.

**Turkey.** Source: UNHCR.

**United States.** Figures include (1) statistics from the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), based on the number of cases and multiplied by 1.4 to reflect the estimated number of individuals; and (2) the number of new ("defensive") requests lodged with the Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), based on the number of individuals.

### b. Regional classification

**EU-"old" (15).** Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.

**EU-"new" (12).** Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

**EU-Total (27).** EU-"old" and EU-"new".

**Nordic countries (5).** Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

**Western Europe (19).** EU-"old" plus Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

**Southern Europe (8).** Albania, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain and Turkey.

**Former Yugoslavia (6).** Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)), Slovenia, and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

**Total Europe (38).** All European countries listed.

**Source for national population:** United Nations, Population Division, "World Population Prospects: The 2010 Revision", New York, 2011.

**Source for Gross Domestic Product (PPP):** International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, October 2012 (accessed 5 March 2013).

**TABLE 2** Asylum applications submitted in selected countries in Eastern Europe | 2008-2012

All figures are based on annual data.

Country of asylum	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	Annual change '12-'11	Share		Rank		Per 1,000 inhabitants				Per 1 USD/GDP per capita			
								2012	'08-'12	2012	'08-'12	Total		Rank		Total		Rank	
												2012	'08-'12	2012	'08-'12	2012	'08-'12	2012	'08-'12
Armenia	210	70	50	70	580	980	729%	19%	4%	3	4	0.2	0.3	1	1	0.1	0.2	2	3
Azerbaijan	380	250	270	150	280	1,330	87%	9%	6%	4	3	0.0	0.1	4	4	0.0	0.1	5	6
Belarus	90	160	150	90	110	600	22%	4%	3%	6	6	0.0	0.1	5	7	0.0	0.0	6	7
Georgia	40	40	70	80	600	830	650%	20%	4%	2	5	0.1	0.2	2	2	0.1	0.1	1	5
Rep. of Moldova	60	90	130	70	180	530	157%	6%	2%	5	7	0.1	0.1	3	3	0.0	0.1	4	4
Russian Federation	5,420	2,710	2,180	1,270	1,240	12,820	-2%	41%	56%	1	1	0.0	0.1	6	6	0.1	0.7	3	2
Ukraine	2,240	1,360	1,500	890	..	5,990	..	..	26%	..	2	..	0.1	..	5	-	0.8	..	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,440</b>	<b>4,680</b>	<b>4,350</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>2,990</b>	<b>23,080</b>	<b>14%</b>					<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>						

## Notes

Source: Governments, UNHCR.

All figures in this table have been rounded to the closest ten.

Azerbaijan. Source: Government and UNHCR.

Russian Federation. In addition, 2,990 persons applied for temporary asylum in 2009; 1,710 in 2010; 1,030 in 2011; and 1,080 in 2012.

Ukraine. Data for 2012 is not available.

Source for national population: United Nations, Population Division, "World Population Prospects: The 2010 Revision", New York, 2011.

Source for Gross Domestic Product (PPP): International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database, October 2012 (accessed 5 March 2013).

**TABLE 3** Origin of asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries | 2011-2012

 Covering all 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. <sup>(1)</sup>

Origin	2011	2012	Total	Annual change	Share			Rank		Total 2011 excluding Netherlands
					2011	2012	Total	2011	2012	
Afghanistan	36,247	36,634	72,881	1%	8.5	7.9	8.2	1	1	34,362
Syrian Arab Rep.	8,495	24,755	33,250	191%	2.0	5.4	3.7	15	2	8,327
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	21,349	24,340	45,689	14%	5.0	5.3	5.1	4	3	21,229
China	24,566	24,109	48,675	-2%	5.8	5.2	5.5	2	4	24,290
Pakistan	19,139	23,229	42,368	21%	4.5	5.0	4.8	5	5	19,045
Russian Federation	17,362	21,856	39,218	26%	4.1	4.7	4.4	7	6	16,911
Iraq	23,743	19,584	43,327	-18%	5.6	4.2	4.9	3	7	22,308
Islamic Rep. of Iran	18,175	19,068	37,243	5%	4.3	4.1	4.2	6	8	17,246
Somalia	16,233	17,794	34,027	10%	3.8	3.9	3.8	8	9	14,818
Eritrea	10,935	11,860	22,795	8%	2.6	2.6	2.6	10	10	10,477
Mexico	8,908	11,477	20,385	29%	2.1	2.5	2.3	12	11	8,907
Nigeria	13,920	11,303	25,223	-19%	3.3	2.4	2.8	9	12	13,791
Georgia	6,902	10,725	17,627	55%	1.6	2.3	2.0	16	13	6,713
Sri Lanka	8,561	10,119	18,680	18%	2.0	2.2	2.1	13	14	8,437
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	6,665	8,571	15,236	29%	1.6	1.9	1.7	19	15	6,647
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	5,630	7,912	13,542	41%	1.3	1.7	1.5	23	16	5,364
Albania	3,356	7,698	11,054	129%	0.8	1.7	1.2	34	17	3,336
India	6,777	6,979	13,756	3%	1.6	1.5	1.5	18	18	6,755
Turkey	6,843	6,802	13,645	-1%	1.6	1.5	1.5	17	19	6,747
Algeria	5,025	6,720	11,745	34%	1.2	1.5	1.3	24	20	5,012
Bangladesh	8,508	6,462	14,970	-24%	2.0	1.4	1.7	14	21	8,485
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2,891	5,908	8,799	104%	0.7	1.3	1.0	36	22	2,866
Egypt	3,881	5,356	9,237	38%	0.9	1.2	1.0	29	23	3,817
El Salvador	4,616	5,125	9,741	11%	1.1	1.1	1.1	26	24	4,612
Guinea	6,365	4,978	11,343	-22%	1.5	1.1	1.3	20	25	6,156
Armenia	6,230	4,622	10,852	-26%	1.5	1.0	1.2	21	26	5,759
Tunisia	8,944	4,543	13,487	-49%	2.1	1.0	1.5	11	27	8,922
Guatemala	3,656	4,303	7,959	18%	0.9	0.9	0.9	31	28	3,651
Stateless	3,369	4,261	7,630	26%	0.8	0.9	0.9	33	29	3,304
Morocco	2,775	3,933	6,708	42%	0.7	0.9	0.8	37	30	2,753
Haiti	3,918	3,653	7,571	-7%	0.9	0.8	0.9	28	31	3,918
Ethiopia	3,385	3,541	6,926	5%	0.8	0.8	0.8	32	32	3,304
Sudan <sup>(2)</sup>	3,669	3,301	6,970	-10%	0.9	0.7	0.8	30	33	3,507
Nepal	2,910	2,864	5,774	-2%	0.7	0.6	0.6	35	34	2,778
Mali	3,945	2,836	6,781	-28%	0.9	0.6	0.8	27	35	3,933
Côte d'Ivoire	6,172	2,799	8,971	-55%	1.4	0.6	1.0	22	36	6,049
Ghana	4,694	2,679	7,373	-43%	1.1	0.6	0.8	25	37	4,658
Senegal	2,243	2,629	4,872	17%	0.5	0.6	0.5	39	38	2,234
Honduras	1,945	2,495	4,440	28%	0.5	0.5	0.5	40	39	1,944
Cameroon	2,384	2,356	4,740	-1%	0.6	0.5	0.5	38	40	2,369
Other	71,272	71,838	143,110	1%	16.7	15.5	16.1			69,272
<b>Total</b>	<b>426,603</b>	<b>462,017</b>	<b>888,620</b>		<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>			<b>415,013</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Netherlands: January to July 2012 data includes information provided by the Dutch authorities. August to December 2012 estimated by UNHCR using a statistical model (seasonal ARIMA). No information is available on the country of origin of asylum-seekers.

<sup>(2)</sup> Figures may include citizens of South Sudan in the absence of separate statistics available for Sudan and South Sudan.

**TABLE 4** Origin of asylum applications lodged in Europe (38) | 2011-2012

 Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. <sup>(1)</sup>

Origin	2011	2012	Total	Annual change	Share			Rank		Total 2011 excluding Netherlands
					2011	2012	Total	2011	2012	
Afghanistan	33,837	32,972	66,809	-3%	10.3	9.3	9.8	1	1	31,952
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	21,013	23,902	44,915	14%	6.4	6.7	6.6	3	2	20,893
Syrian Arab Rep.	7,958	23,389	31,347	194%	2.4	6.6	4.6	11	3	7,790
Russian Federation	16,052	20,522	36,574	28%	4.9	5.8	5.4	5	4	15,601
Pakistan	16,206	19,757	35,963	22%	4.9	5.6	5.3	4	5	16,112
Iraq	22,585	18,047	40,632	-20%	6.9	5.1	5.9	2	6	21,150
Somalia	15,529	17,088	32,617	10%	4.7	4.8	4.8	6	7	14,114
Islamic Rep. of Iran	15,046	16,109	31,155	7%	4.6	4.5	4.6	7	8	14,117
Eritrea	10,058	11,449	21,507	14%	3.1	3.2	3.1	9	9	9,600
Georgia	6,794	10,611	17,405	56%	2.1	3.0	2.5	14	10	6,605
Nigeria	12,828	9,695	22,523	-24%	3.9	2.7	3.3	8	11	12,699
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	6,156	8,010	14,166	30%	1.9	2.3	2.1	15	12	6,138
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	5,585	7,872	13,457	41%	1.7	2.2	2.0	20	13	5,319
Albania	2,941	7,108	10,049	142%	0.9	2.0	1.5	27	14	2,921
Sri Lanka	6,956	6,535	13,491	-6%	2.1	1.8	2.0	13	15	6,832
Algeria	4,827	6,526	11,353	35%	1.5	1.8	1.7	22	16	4,814
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2,674	5,820	8,494	118%	0.8	1.6	1.2	31	17	2,649
Turkey	6,096	5,790	11,886	-5%	1.9	1.6	1.7	16	18	6,000
Bangladesh	7,769	5,671	13,440	-27%	2.4	1.6	2.0	12	19	7,746
China	6,025	5,281	11,306	-12%	1.8	1.5	1.7	18	20	5,749
Guinea	5,964	4,685	10,649	-21%	1.8	1.3	1.6	19	21	5,755
Armenia	6,047	4,450	10,497	-26%	1.8	1.3	1.5	17	22	5,576
Tunisia	8,823	4,446	13,269	-50%	2.7	1.3	1.9	10	23	8,801
Morocco	2,683	3,844	6,527	43%	0.8	1.1	1.0	30	24	2,661
Stateless	2,735	3,647	6,382	33%	0.8	1.0	0.9	28	25	2,670
India	2,735	3,132	5,867	15%	0.8	0.9	0.9	28	26	2,713
Sudan <sup>(2)</sup>	3,374	3,002	6,376	-11%	1.0	0.8	0.9	26	27	3,212
Mali	3,619	2,531	6,150	-30%	1.1	0.7	0.9	24	28	3,607
Egypt	2,157	2,502	4,659	16%	0.7	0.7	0.7	33	29	2,093
Côte d'Ivoire	5,551	2,478	8,029	-55%	1.7	0.7	1.2	21	30	5,428
Senegal	2,025	2,437	4,462	20%	0.6	0.7	0.7	35	31	2,016
Ghana	4,464	2,328	6,792	-48%	1.4	0.7	1.0	23	32	4,428
Ethiopia	2,016	2,070	4,086	3%	0.6	0.6	0.6	36	33	1,935
Azerbaijan	2,299	2,015	4,314	-12%	0.7	0.6	0.6	32	34	2,184
Gambia	1,581	1,990	3,571	26%	0.5	0.6	0.5	38	35	1,557
Mauritania	1,479	1,720	3,199	16%	0.5	0.5	0.5	40	36	1,473
Libya	3,413	1,624	5,037	-52%	1.0	0.5	0.7	25	37	3,277
Haiti	2,051	1,622	3,673	-21%	0.6	0.5	0.5	34	38	2,051
Cameroon	1,701	1,570	3,271	-8%	0.5	0.4	0.5	37	39	1,686
Viet Nam	1,562	1,562	3,124	0%	0.5	0.4	0.5	39	40	1,558
Other	34,196	39,707	73,903	16%	10.4	11.2	10.8			32,338
<b>Total</b>	<b>327,410</b>	<b>355,516</b>	<b>682,926</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>			<b>315,820</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Netherlands: January to July 2012 data includes information provided by the Dutch authorities. August to December 2012 estimated by UNHCR using a statistical model (seasonal ARIMA). No information is available on the country of origin of asylum-seekers.

<sup>(2)</sup> Figures may include citizens of South Sudan in the absence of separate statistics available for Sudan and South Sudan.



**TABLE 5** Origin of asylum applications lodged in the European Union (27) | 2011-2012

 Covering 27 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. <sup>(1)</sup>

Origin	2011	2012	Total	Annual change	Share			Rank		Total 2011 excluding Netherlands
					2011	2012	Total	2011	2012	
Afghanistan	26,679	24,681	51,360	-7%	9.6	8.3	8.9	1	1	24,794
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	19,175	21,538	40,713	12%	6.9	7.3	7.1	2	2	19,055
Syrian Arab Rep.	6,838	21,427	28,265	213%	2.5	7.2	4.9	10	3	6,670
Russian Federation	15,430	19,823	35,253	28%	5.6	6.7	6.1	3	4	14,979
Pakistan	15,380	18,835	34,215	22%	5.5	6.3	6.0	4	5	15,286
Somalia	11,407	12,475	23,882	9%	4.1	4.2	4.2	6	6	9,992
Islamic Rep. of Iran	10,850	11,690	22,540	8%	3.9	3.9	3.9	8	7	9,921
Iraq	13,893	10,464	24,357	-25%	5.0	3.5	4.2	5	8	12,458
Georgia	6,454	9,877	16,331	53%	2.3	3.3	2.8	12	9	6,265
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5,891	7,664	13,555	30%	2.1	2.6	2.4	15	10	5,873
Nigeria	11,246	6,923	18,169	-38%	4.1	2.3	3.2	7	11	11,117
Albania	2,848	6,853	9,701	141%	1.0	2.3	1.7	26	12	2,828
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	4,722	6,807	11,529	44%	1.7	2.3	2.0	21	13	4,456
Sri Lanka	6,470	6,057	12,527	-6%	2.3	2.0	2.2	11	14	6,346
Eritrea	5,527	5,783	11,310	5%	2.0	1.9	2.0	18	15	5,069
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2,434	5,333	7,767	119%	0.9	1.8	1.4	30	16	2,409
Bangladesh	7,651	5,218	12,869	-32%	2.8	1.8	2.2	9	17	7,628
Turkey	5,531	5,211	10,742	-6%	2.0	1.8	1.9	17	18	5,435
Algeria	4,105	4,468	8,573	9%	1.5	1.5	1.5	23	19	4,092
China	5,202	4,391	9,593	-16%	1.9	1.5	1.7	20	20	4,926
Armenia	5,939	4,320	10,259	-27%	2.1	1.5	1.8	14	21	5,468
Guinea	5,592	4,292	9,884	-23%	2.0	1.4	1.7	16	22	5,383
Stateless	2,446	3,354	5,800	37%	0.9	1.1	1.0	29	23	2,381
India	2,615	3,058	5,673	17%	0.9	1.0	1.0	28	24	2,593
Morocco	1,938	2,545	4,483	31%	0.7	0.9	0.8	34	25	1,916
Côte d'Ivoire	5,242	2,304	7,546	-56%	1.9	0.8	1.3	19	26	5,119
Sudan <sup>(2)</sup>	2,991	2,260	5,251	-24%	1.1	0.8	0.9	25	27	2,829
Egypt	2,033	2,257	4,290	11%	0.7	0.8	0.7	33	28	1,969
Mali	3,562	2,255	5,817	-37%	1.3	0.8	1.0	24	29	3,550
Tunisia	6,285	2,144	8,429	-66%	2.3	0.7	1.5	13	30	6,263
Senegal	1,855	2,072	3,927	12%	0.7	0.7	0.7	35	31	1,846
Azerbaijan	2,215	1,956	4,171	-12%	0.8	0.7	0.7	31	32	2,100
Ghana	4,258	1,952	6,210	-54%	1.5	0.7	1.1	22	33	4,222
Mauritania	1,421	1,626	3,047	14%	0.5	0.5	0.5	39	34	1,415
Haiti	2,046	1,614	3,660	-21%	0.7	0.5	0.6	32	35	2,046
Ethiopia	1,504	1,541	3,045	2%	0.5	0.5	0.5	38	36	1,423
Viet Nam	1,529	1,533	3,062	0%	0.6	0.5	0.5	37	37	1,525
Cameroon	1,560	1,463	3,023	-6%	0.6	0.5	0.5	36	38	1,545
Gambia	1,243	1,399	2,642	13%	0.4	0.5	0.5	40	39	1,219
Libya	2,846	1,302	4,148	-54%	1.0	0.4	0.7	27	40	2,710
Other	30,734	35,904	66,638	17%	11.1	12.1	11.6			28,876
<b>Total</b>	<b>277,587</b>	<b>296,669</b>	<b>574,256</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>			<b>265,997</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Netherlands: January to July 2012 data includes information provided by the Dutch authorities. August to December 2012 estimated by UNHCR using a statistical model (seasonal ARIMA). No information is available on the country of origin of asylum-seekers.

<sup>(2)</sup> Figures may include citizens of South Sudan in the absence of separate statistics available for Sudan and South Sudan.

**TABLE 6 Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin | 2011**

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.  
 Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Afghanistan	-	1,719	3,623	2,773	*	80	397	487	16	25	903	8	292	651	7,767
China	*	1,190	238	292	-	*	1,853	-	30	*	26	-	26	2,184	339
Iraq	*	495	484	2,004	-	307	164	7	52	8	115	*	588	252	5,831
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	8	*	541	3,067	8	*	142	5	-	*	325	-	160	3,458	5,974
Pakistan	*	821	952	924	*	26	828	70	148	6	57	-	23	1,432	2,539
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	2,142	457	367	*	26	319	40	68	7	461	-	125	193	3,352
Russian Federation	-	7	2,319	1,747	-	*	433	15	12	25	304	*	294	4,042	1,689
Somalia	*	15	611	454	*	40	409	42	-	-	107	*	365	755	984
Nigeria	-	58	411	165	*	*	685	*	22	16	52	-	105	799	759
Eritrea	-	11	27	83	-	-	100	9	*	10	20	-	7	924	632
Tunisia	-	-	182	100	*	9	76	14	*	*	56	-	25	198	473
Mexico	-	*	*	*	-	-	653	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-
Sri Lanka	-	371	13	129	-	*	629	-	114	-	22	-	25	3,183	521
Bangladesh	*	127	87	493	-	*	115	*	182	-	32	*	20	3,568	143
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	93	423	494	-	67	176	9	187	7	428	-	109	119	2,634
Georgia	-	10	261	347	-	7	26	*	17	6	19	6	70	1,646	471
Turkey	-	91	414	430	-	*	331	9	33	17	25	*	74	1,737	1,578
India	-	767	463	157	-	-	751	*	134	*	32	*	10	42	822
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	7	49	1,084	-	-	370	-	*	6	15	11	39	3,804	190
Guinea	-	*	41	2,046	-	-	99	-	17	-	7	*	16	2,017	281

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Afghanistan	637	649	*	67	1,289	*	*	*	45	21	-	8	1,885	11	979
China	406	8	-	142	34	20	-	*	*	*	*	-	276	20	101
Iraq	257	54	5	18	309	*	*	-	-	43	*	*	1,435	11	357
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	5	238	*	10	194	-	-	31	-	1,097	-	-	120	-	240
Pakistan	2,309	121	*	175	2,058	170	*	-	-	*	45	*	94	22	92
Islamic Rep. of Iran	247	33	*	13	217	48	16	*	-	35	*	7	929	29	355
Russian Federation	69	12	7	17	17	-	18	14	58	49	-	-	451	*	365
Somalia	68	61	*	21	1,205	-	-	*	-	13	454	*	1,415	*	2,216
Nigeria	362	22	6	182	6,208	51	-	*	*	11	246	*	129	*	240
Eritrea	37	*	*	8	498	-	-	-	-	12	306	-	458	-	1,256
Tunisia	23	30	-	-	4,558	5	-	-	-	42	6	31	22	*	76
Mexico	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	8
Sri Lanka	45	*	-	*	75	226	*	-	-	*	-	-	124	19	40
Bangladesh	615	*	*	22	1,595	98	*	-	-	*	33	-	23	8	75
Syrian Arab Rep.	352	91	*	9	288	*	16	-	*	11	122	*	168	*	198
Georgia	1,121	21	*	15	29	-	176	*	202	16	-	*	189	-	49
Turkey	34	25	-	-	612	235	5	-	*	22	-	*	96	*	42
India	179	11	*	9	29	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	*	56
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	11	15	*	70	107	*	39	-	*	10	-	-	18	*	47
Guinea	110	*	-	*	517	6	*	-	*	*	*	-	209	-	54

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**TABLE 6 Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin | 2011 (ctnd)**

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.  
Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	TfYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States <sup>(3)</sup>
Afghanistan	33	*	60	107	1,757	65	57	30	4,120	1,006	427	2,486	1,529	219
China	7	-	8	47	-	7	-	*	101	688	-	32	1,026	15,450
Iraq	25	5	*	59	16	*	7	19	1,634	378	13	7,912	377	480
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	-	0	-	6	-	*	35	-	3,915	1,539	5	-	26	193
Pakistan	9	11	434	144	356	10	26	78	183	97	172	29	4,005	658
Islamic Rep. of Iran	11	11	*	31	37	9	8	62	1,118	326	10	3,411	3,051	590
Russian Federation	3,170	8	*	8	*	19	*	65	930	217	*	-	99	865
Somalia	9	26	-	24	501	77	17	59	3,979	558	53	744	660	279
Nigeria	14	22	39	7	*	-	5	259	340	1,303	-	23	1,105	257
Eritrea	12	-	-	-	11	-	-	12	1,649	3,224	*	27	827	766
Tunisia	*	-	*	218	77	*	24	5	266	2,324	*	13	39	35
Mexico	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	17	8	5	-	-	10	8,186
Sri Lanka	*	*	100	-	6	-	-	36	24	433	*	5	2,142	260
Bangladesh	5	*	38	19	12	*	-	12	116	23	-	5	671	353
Syrian Arab Rep.	10	-	*	36	33	5	10	97	646	688	*	188	508	262
Georgia	1,442	5	-	22	-	32	*	12	280	281	*	-	41	72
Turkey	13	*	-	28	*	11	39	12	139	508	-	-	181	86
India	*	-	15	18	27	*	*	15	45	13	11	7	615	2,457
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5	14	6	-	*	7	*	70	109	139	-	76	213	121
Guinea	-	46	8	*	-	-	-	150	50	295	-	23	65	287

<sup>(1)</sup> Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))

<sup>(2)</sup> The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

<sup>(3)</sup> Combination of number of persons (EOIR) and cases (DHS).

**TABLE 7 Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin | 2012**

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.  
Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Afghanistan	*	3,079	4,003	2,349	-	95	362	365	51	10	576	*	188	520	7,498
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	141	922	798	35	436	336	86	564	57	907	*	180	627	6,201
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	*	*	606	995	*	*	241	10	-	8	689	-	167	3,936	10,383
China	-	1,135	241	345	-	-	1,741	-	7	*	43	-	17	2,225	280
Pakistan	-	1,512	1,827	710	-	26	808	59	108	11	67	*	20	1,941	3,412
Russian Federation	-	19	3,098	1,190	-	7	428	12	12	29	521	8	199	5,324	3,202
Iraq	-	760	491	636	-	283	174	15	*	5	133	-	784	173	5,352
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	1,839	761	347	*	28	264	20	43	*	548	-	121	234	4,348
Somalia	-	12	483	293	-	*	413	295	6	-	914	-	173	507	1,243
Eritrea	-	14	18	65	*	*	92	22	-	*	57	-	5	474	650
Mexico	-	*	-	*	-	-	324	-	-	-	-	-	7	18	11
Nigeria	*	63	400	167	-	*	700	*	12	7	115	-	93	967	892
Georgia	-	8	300	386	-	5	62	*	10	6	75	35	29	2,546	1,298
Sri Lanka	-	2,345	24	87	-	*	414	-	58	-	23	-	29	3,085	430
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5	6	47	1,392	-	*	357	-	6	-	29	*	44	5,269	249
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	*	122	425	-	-	8	*	-	*	13	-	32	845	4,546
Albania	-	23	34	607	-	-	348	*	*	*	39	*	18	2,643	232
India	-	943	401	91	-	*	765	*	64	-	39	-	10	43	885
Turkey	*	108	273	340	-	*	369	17	25	10	54	*	56	2,043	1,457
Algeria	-	5	573	173	*	70	164	145	*	8	134	-	54	1,162	489

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Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.  
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Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan <sup>(1)</sup>	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Afghanistan	584	880	9	31	1,364	*	*	*	73	11	-	119	Not available	9	986
Syrian Arab Rep.	275	145	*	14	335	26	18	*	6	14	147	44		13	327
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	*	246	*	5	181	-	*	14	-	587	6	*		-	246
China	195	5	-	32	26	32	-	-	-	-	-	-		33	84
Pakistan	2,339	327	*	104	2,366	298	*	*	*	*	24	108		24	147
Russian Federation	34	*	*	10	18	*	8	12	38	18	-	*		*	371
Iraq	315	28	*	11	387	*	-	*	*	31	*	-		6	221
Islamic Rep. of Iran	211	45	12	24	154	46	6	-	-	30	-	7		39	441
Somalia	60	69	*	6	778	-	-	-	-	13	1,249	-		5	2,181
Eritrea	138	5	*	7	722	-	-	-	6	7	434	-		-	1,183
Mexico	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		*	9
Nigeria	267	27	17	158	1,513	112	-	*	*	24	66	6		*	355
Georgia	893	12	8	18	65	-	106	*	296	6	-	*		5	109
Sri Lanka	29	10	-	*	69	255	-	-	*	*	-	-		25	32
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	20	*	-	58	50	7	23	-	*	7	*	-		*	51
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	*	*	-	*	11	-	-	*	-	169	-	-		-	30
Albania	384	*	11	46	57	-	-	*	-	302	-	-		-	169
India	165	12	-	6	65	125	-	-	-	*	*	10		9	34
Turkey	32	30	*	*	438	422	*	*	-	10	-	-		9	42
Algeria	105	59	6	29	96	-	*	*	-	33	-	895		*	122

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	TfYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States <sup>(4)</sup>
Afghanistan	88	5	*	200	815	63	50	46	4,755	1,349	243	4,401	1,234	204
Syrian Arab Rep.	107	20	146	256	288	*	32	255	7,814	1,146	5	24	1,289	704
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	*	-	-	14	-	-	28	*	3,639	2,084	*	-	38	195
China	*	-	*	37	-	*	-	5	67	801	-	5	859	15,884
Pakistan	34	9	244	335	247	5	6	88	283	159	174	24	4,783	586
Russian Federation	4,940	6	*	10	-	6	6	36	941	298	*	-	158	881
Iraq	25	*	*	45	19	-	*	20	1,322	382	-	6,942	411	592
Islamic Rep. of Iran	15	5	*	23	29	-	*	59	1,529	315	5	3,589	3,155	767
Somalia	7	10	*	40	505	198	20	98	5,644	762	93	776	663	274
Eritrea	*	*	-	15	128	28	*	20	2,356	4,295	6	27	764	305
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	12	*	-	-	6	11,067
Nigeria	13	27	102	33	*	-	6	204	501	2,353	5	29	1,428	337
Georgia	2,960	*	-	-	-	42	-	9	748	614	-	-	28	39
Sri Lanka	*	14	308	6	-	-	-	35	18	443	*	*	2,128	237
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	18	10	9	*	25	-	78	85	212	-	77	245	180
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	634	1,031	-	-	*	31
Albania	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	6	1,490	73	-	-	987	219
India	6	*	7	17	8	*	-	10	56	20	-	*	1,180	1,998
Turkey	8	*	-	20	*	11	26	22	149	515	-	-	196	104
Algeria	-	-	-	600	183	13	23	202	352	681	19	*	291	24

<sup>(1)</sup> UNHCR estimates.

<sup>(2)</sup> Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)).

<sup>(3)</sup> The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

<sup>(4)</sup> Combination of number of persons (EOIR) and cases (DHS).

**TABLE 8 All asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries | 2011-2012**

Covering all 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.

Asylum country	2011				2012				Quarterly change 2012		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3
Albania	12	1	3	1	-	5	5	6	..	0%	20%
Australia	2,623	2,332	2,757	3,776	3,342	4,537	4,407	3,500	36%	-3%	-21%
Austria	2,757	3,055	4,547	4,067	3,527	3,813	5,184	4,891	8%	36%	-6%
Belgium	6,260	5,719	6,816	7,189	5,092	4,299	4,689	4,444	-16%	9%	-5%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	7	18	9	5	-	13	35	-100%	..	169%
Bulgaria	239	118	183	165	166	155	267	641	-7%	72%	140%
Canada	5,949	5,567	6,368	7,463	5,527	5,091	4,560	5,323	-8%	-10%	17%
Croatia	127	199	170	311	122	291	360	421	139%	24%	17%
Cyprus	458	436	446	425	373	403	470	384	8%	17%	-18%
Czech Republic	110	104	145	133	138	127	110	142	-8%	-13%	29%
Denmark	959	825	873	1,154	1,173	1,492	1,586	1,890	27%	6%	19%
Estonia	15	19	25	8	16	42	10	9	163%	-76%	-10%
Finland	712	662	844	867	578	613	888	843	6%	45%	-5%
France	13,386	13,499	12,065	12,963	13,689	12,215	13,537	15,494	-11%	11%	14%
Germany	10,896	9,787	11,811	13,247	12,300	11,000	17,163	24,076	-11%	56%	40%
Greece	2,529	1,953	2,428	2,401	1,948	2,411	2,084	3,134	24%	-14%	50%
Hungary	341	427	356	569	457	363	537	799	-21%	48%	49%
Iceland	9	23	21	20	13	23	47	32	77%	104%	-32%
Ireland	385	301	319	285	239	210	242	248	-12%	15%	2%
Italy	5,876	15,026	9,667	3,548	2,211	3,368	4,542	5,594	52%	35%	23%
Japan <sup>(1)</sup>	404	466	482	515	514	567	648	814	10%	14%	26%
Latvia	25	80	163	67	64	61	36	28	-5%	-41%	-22%
Liechtenstein	27	18	22	7	14	12	24	24	-14%	100%	0%
Lithuania	66	43	136	161	86	151	153	139	76%	1%	-9%
Luxembourg	500	395	691	576	559	640	497	356	14%	-22%	-28%
Malta	45	1,587	57	164	123	809	693	431	558%	-14%	-38%
Montenegro	23	73	66	73	98	356	499	578	263%	40%	16%
Netherlands <sup>(2)</sup>	2,862	2,848	3,083	2,797	2,670	1,950	2,168	2,064	-27%	11%	-5%
New Zealand	75	90	76	64	85	78	82	79	-8%	5%	-4%
Norway	2,143	2,359	2,436	2,115	2,086	2,176	2,776	2,747	4%	28%	-1%
Poland	716	1,036	1,487	2,021	1,429	1,696	2,935	3,122	19%	73%	6%
Portugal	43	53	92	87	68	84	95	48	24%	13%	-49%
Republic of Korea	158	228	233	392	419	248	242	234	-41%	-2%	-3%
Romania	258	295	579	588	682	775	740	313	14%	-5%	-58%
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	552	973	1,149	646	392	604	841	931	54%	39%	11%
- of which Kosovo	110	42	13	23	14	8	9	14	-43%	13%	56%
Slovakia	51	55	89	124	40	129	220	159	223%	71%	-28%
Slovenia	92	82	65	68	42	48	67	107	14%	40%	60%
Spain	937	1,010	825	642	643	652	600	684	1%	-8%	14%
Sweden	6,214	6,381	7,425	9,628	7,553	8,785	13,380	14,169	16%	52%	6%
Switzerland	3,722	4,758	4,727	6,232	6,157	6,608	7,312	5,871	7%	11%	-20%
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	148	217	213	162	52	249	152	185	379%	-39%	22%
Turkey	2,653	2,528	4,013	6,827	2,862	4,025	4,160	5,678	41%	3%	36%
United Kingdom	6,214	6,225	6,591	6,868	6,192	6,224	7,248	7,746	1%	16%	7%
United States	17,301	19,364	18,912	18,443	20,451	22,439	20,364	20,171	10%	-9%	-1%
EU-"Old" (15)	60,530	67,739	68,077	66,319	58,442	57,756	73,903	85,681	-1%	28%	16%
EU-"New" (12)	2,416	4,282	3,731	4,493	3,616	4,759	6,238	6,274	32%	31%	1%
EU-Total (27)	62,946	72,021	71,808	70,812	62,058	62,515	80,141	91,955	1%	28%	15%
Nordic countries (5)	10,037	10,250	11,599	13,784	11,403	13,089	18,677	19,681	15%	43%	5%
Western Europe (19)	66,431	74,897	75,283	74,693	66,712	66,575	84,062	94,355	-0%	26%	12%
Southern Europe (8)	9,900	20,066	13,518	7,268	5,366	7,732	8,489	10,281	44%	10%	21%
Total Europe (38)	72,372	83,177	84,646	87,215	73,859	76,864	96,330	108,463	4%	25%	13%
Canada/USA	23,250	24,931	25,280	25,906	25,978	27,530	24,924	25,494	6%	-9%	2%
Australia/New Zealand	2,698	2,422	2,833	3,840	3,427	4,615	4,489	3,579	35%	-3%	-20%
Japan/Rep. of Korea	562	694	715	907	933	815	890	1,048	-13%	9%	18%
Total non-Europe (6)	26,510	28,047	28,828	30,653	30,338	32,960	30,303	30,121	9%	-8%	-1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,882</b>	<b>111,224</b>	<b>113,474</b>	<b>117,868</b>	<b>104,197</b>	<b>109,824</b>	<b>126,633</b>	<b>138,584</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>9%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Japan: UNHCR estimate.

<sup>(2)</sup> Netherlands: January to July 2012 data includes information provided by the Dutch authorities. August to December 2012 estimated by UNHCR using a statistical model (seasonal ARIMA). No information is available on the country of origin of asylum-seekers.

**TABLE 9** Origin of asylum applicants in 44 industrialized countries by quarter | 2011

Covering all 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Afghanistan	7,256	8,563	10,619	9,809	36,247	18%	24%	-8%	7.6	8.0	9.7	8.6
China	5,723	6,053	6,521	6,269	24,566	6%	8%	-4%	6.0	5.6	6.0	5.5
Iraq	5,554	4,709	5,905	7,575	23,743	-15%	25%	28%	5.8	4.4	5.4	6.6
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	6,439	4,055	3,339	7,516	21,349	-37%	-18%	125%	6.7	3.8	3.0	6.6
Pakistan	3,755	4,379	5,424	5,581	19,139	17%	24%	3%	3.9	4.1	5.0	4.9
Islamic Rep. of Iran	4,048	3,567	4,648	5,912	18,175	-12%	30%	27%	4.2	3.3	4.2	5.2
Russian Federation	3,820	3,680	4,818	5,044	17,362	-4%	31%	5%	4.0	3.4	4.4	4.4
Somalia	2,935	4,384	4,429	4,485	16,233	49%	1%	1%	3.1	4.1	4.0	3.9
Nigeria	2,254	4,886	4,112	2,668	13,920	117%	-16%	-35%	2.4	4.5	3.8	2.3
Eritrea	2,378	3,643	2,581	2,333	10,935	53%	-29%	-10%	2.5	3.4	2.4	2.0
Tunisia	3,721	1,911	1,769	1,543	8,944	-49%	-7%	-13%	3.9	1.8	1.6	1.4
Mexico	1,936	2,238	2,297	2,437	8,908	16%	3%	6%	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1
Sri Lanka	2,309	2,054	1,972	2,226	8,561	-11%	-4%	13%	2.4	1.9	1.8	2.0
Bangladesh	1,713	2,802	2,148	1,845	8,508	64%	-23%	-14%	1.8	2.6	2.0	1.6
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,400	1,649	2,688	2,758	8,495	18%	63%	3%	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.4
Georgia	1,355	1,456	1,967	2,124	6,902	7%	35%	8%	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.9
Turkey	1,910	1,591	1,466	1,876	6,843	-17%	-8%	28%	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.6
India	1,601	1,671	1,845	1,660	6,777	4%	10%	-10%	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.5
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,611	1,618	1,656	1,780	6,665	0%	2%	7%	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.6
Guinea	1,625	1,552	1,634	1,554	6,365	-4%	5%	-5%	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.4
Armenia	1,335	1,631	1,633	1,631	6,230	22%	0%	-0%	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4
Côte d'Ivoire	1,342	2,683	1,320	827	6,172	100%	-51%	-37%	1.4	2.5	1.2	0.7
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1,545	2,076	829	1,180	5,630	34%	-60%	42%	1.6	1.9	0.8	1.0
Algeria	1,047	1,149	1,380	1,449	5,025	10%	20%	5%	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3
Ghana	420	2,326	1,408	540	4,694	454%	-39%	-62%	0.4	2.2	1.3	0.5
El Salvador	1,181	1,189	1,141	1,105	4,616	1%	-4%	-3%	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0
Hungary	711	904	1,015	1,858	4,488	27%	12%	83%	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.6
Libya	479	1,555	1,351	578	3,963	225%	-13%	-57%	0.5	1.4	1.2	0.5
Mali	323	1,850	1,321	451	3,945	473%	-29%	-66%	0.3	1.7	1.2	0.4
Haiti	1,159	1,093	824	842	3,918	-6%	-25%	2%	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.7
Egypt	788	828	1,021	1,244	3,881	5%	23%	22%	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.1
Sudan <sup>(1)</sup>	689	1,053	1,081	846	3,669	53%	3%	-22%	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.7
Guatemala	819	861	939	1,037	3,656	5%	9%	10%	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9
Ethiopia	760	966	908	751	3,385	27%	-6%	-17%	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7
Stateless	913	781	872	803	3,369	-14%	12%	-8%	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.7
Albania	500	593	786	1,477	3,356	19%	33%	88%	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.3
Nepal	647	649	826	788	2,910	0%	27%	-5%	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	416	529	762	1,184	2,891	27%	44%	55%	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.0
Morocco	503	560	829	883	2,775	11%	48%	7%	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8
Azerbaijan	604	482	617	685	2,388	-20%	28%	11%	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6
Other	16,090	17,186	16,851	16,878	67,005	7%	-2%	0%	16.8	16.0	15.4	14.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,614</b>	<b>107,405</b>	<b>109,552</b>	<b>114,032</b>	<b>426,603</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Figures may include citizens of South Sudan in the absence of separate statistics available for Sudan and South Sudan.

**TABLE 10** Origin of asylum applicants in 44 industrialized countries by quarter | 2012

 Covering all 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.<sup>(1)</sup>

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Afghanistan	7,748	8,761	9,796	10,329	36,634	13%	12%	5%	7.7	8.3	8.0	7.7
Syrian Arab Rep.	2,834	3,671	8,193	10,057	24,755	30%	123%	23%	2.8	3.5	6.7	7.5
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	4,899	3,277	6,695	9,469	24,340	-33%	104%	41%	4.9	3.1	5.5	7.1
China	6,045	6,368	6,043	5,653	24,109	5%	-5%	-6%	6.0	6.1	4.9	4.2
Pakistan	4,712	5,350	6,431	6,736	23,229	14%	20%	5%	4.7	5.1	5.3	5.0
Russian Federation	4,340	3,944	5,831	7,741	21,856	-9%	48%	33%	4.3	3.7	4.8	5.8
Iraq	4,472	4,642	4,973	5,497	19,584	4%	7%	11%	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.1
Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,984	4,380	5,123	5,581	19,068	10%	17%	9%	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2
Somalia	3,406	4,751	4,535	5,102	17,794	39%	-5%	13%	3.4	4.5	3.7	3.8
Eritrea	2,313	2,524	3,202	3,821	11,860	9%	27%	19%	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.8
Mexico	2,662	3,220	2,932	2,663	11,477	21%	-9%	-9%	2.7	3.1	2.4	2.0
Nigeria	2,383	2,510	2,993	3,124	11,010	5%	19%	4%	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3
Georgia	2,039	2,417	3,295	2,974	10,725	19%	36%	-10%	2.0	2.3	2.7	2.2
Sri Lanka	2,347	2,681	2,836	2,255	10,119	14%	6%	-20%	2.3	2.5	2.3	1.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,329	2,106	2,008	2,128	8,571	-10%	-5%	6%	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.6
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1,044	1,109	3,204	2,555	7,912	6%	189%	-20%	1.0	1.1	2.6	1.9
Albania	988	2,124	2,027	2,559	7,698	115%	-5%	26%	1.0	2.0	1.7	1.9
India	1,827	1,821	1,711	1,620	6,979	-0%	-6%	-5%	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.2
Turkey	1,712	1,659	1,577	1,854	6,802	-3%	-5%	18%	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.4
Algeria	1,515	1,704	1,667	1,834	6,720	12%	-2%	10%	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.4
Bangladesh	1,699	1,525	1,433	1,805	6,462	-10%	-6%	26%	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	687	976	1,967	2,278	5,908	42%	102%	16%	0.7	0.9	1.6	1.7
Egypt	1,366	1,254	1,274	1,462	5,356	-8%	2%	15%	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.1
El Salvador	1,362	1,378	1,147	1,238	5,125	1%	-17%	8%	1.4	1.3	0.9	0.9
Guinea	1,238	1,218	1,161	1,361	4,978	-2%	-5%	17%	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.0
Armenia	1,282	866	1,177	1,297	4,622	-32%	36%	10%	1.3	0.8	1.0	1.0
Tunisia	1,176	1,193	1,039	1,135	4,543	1%	-13%	9%	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.8
Guatemala	1,073	1,119	990	1,121	4,303	4%	-12%	13%	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.8
Stateless	683	936	1,214	1,428	4,261	37%	30%	18%	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.1
Morocco	830	980	955	1,168	3,933	18%	-3%	22%	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9
Haiti	1,071	951	746	885	3,653	-11%	-22%	19%	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.7
Ethiopia	736	835	928	1,042	3,541	13%	11%	12%	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Sudan <sup>(2)</sup>	675	775	904	947	3,301	15%	17%	5%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Nepal	749	685	760	670	2,864	-9%	11%	-12%	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5
Mali	376	604	775	1,081	2,836	61%	28%	39%	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.8
Côte d'Ivoire	613	701	730	755	2,799	14%	4%	3%	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6
Ghana	542	633	823	681	2,679	17%	30%	-17%	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5
Senegal	636	821	494	678	2,629	29%	-40%	37%	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.5
Honduras	585	653	622	635	2,495	12%	-5%	2%	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
Cameroon	612	626	522	596	2,356	2%	-17%	14%	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4
Other	18,588	17,501	17,572	18,470	72,131	-6%	0%	5%	18.6	16.6	14.4	13.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,178</b>	<b>105,249</b>	<b>122,305</b>	<b>134,285</b>	<b>462,017</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Netherlands: January to July 2012 data includes information provided by the Dutch authorities. August to December 2012 estimated by UNHCR using a statistical model (seasonal ARIMA). No information is available on the country of origin of asylum-seekers.

<sup>(2)</sup> Figures may include citizens of South Sudan in the absence of separate statistics available for Sudan and South Sudan.

**TABLE 11 Origin of asylum applicants in Europe by quarter | 2011**

Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Afghanistan	6,901	8,083	10,102	8,751	33,837	17%	25%	-13%	9.5	9.7	11.9	10.0
Iraq	5,208	4,467	5,633	7,277	22,585	-14%	26%	29%	7.2	5.4	6.7	8.3
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	6,370	3,966	3,263	7,414	21,013	-38%	-18%	127%	8.8	4.8	3.9	8.5
Pakistan	3,141	3,720	4,668	4,677	16,206	18%	25%	0%	4.3	4.5	5.5	5.4
Russian Federation	3,534	3,260	4,497	4,761	16,052	-8%	38%	6%	4.9	3.9	5.3	5.5
Somalia	2,760	4,230	4,225	4,314	15,529	53%	-0%	2%	3.8	5.1	5.0	4.9
Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,288	2,977	3,865	4,916	15,046	-9%	30%	27%	4.5	3.6	4.6	5.6
Nigeria	1,994	4,638	3,843	2,353	12,828	133%	-17%	-39%	2.8	5.6	4.5	2.7
Eritrea	2,078	3,390	2,381	2,209	10,058	63%	-30%	-7%	2.9	4.1	2.8	2.5
Tunisia	3,683	1,894	1,735	1,511	8,823	-49%	-8%	-13%	5.1	2.3	2.0	1.7
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,340	1,546	2,530	2,542	7,958	15%	64%	0%	1.9	1.9	3.0	2.9
Bangladesh	1,539	2,643	1,920	1,667	7,769	72%	-27%	-13%	2.1	3.2	2.3	1.9
Sri Lanka	1,933	1,660	1,605	1,758	6,956	-14%	-3%	10%	2.7	2.0	1.9	2.0
Georgia	1,323	1,428	1,942	2,101	6,794	8%	36%	8%	1.8	1.7	2.3	2.4
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,470	1,500	1,514	1,672	6,156	2%	1%	10%	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.9
Turkey	1,717	1,431	1,299	1,649	6,096	-17%	-9%	27%	2.4	1.7	1.5	1.9
Armenia	1,281	1,593	1,585	1,588	6,047	24%	-1%	0%	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8
China	1,500	1,429	1,591	1,505	6,025	-5%	11%	-5%	2.1	1.7	1.9	1.7
Guinea	1,517	1,457	1,540	1,450	5,964	-4%	6%	-6%	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.7
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1,530	2,069	823	1,163	5,585	35%	-60%	41%	2.1	2.5	1.0	1.3
Côte d'Ivoire	1,207	2,442	1,176	726	5,551	102%	-52%	-38%	1.7	2.9	1.4	0.8
Algeria	1,001	1,106	1,341	1,379	4,827	10%	21%	3%	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.6
Ghana	363	2,269	1,348	484	4,464	525%	-41%	-64%	0.5	2.7	1.6	0.6
Mali	224	1,751	1,261	383	3,619	682%	-28%	-70%	0.3	2.1	1.5	0.4
Libya	419	1,323	1,147	524	3,413	216%	-13%	-54%	0.6	1.6	1.4	0.6
Sudan <sup>(1)</sup>	620	986	1,005	763	3,374	59%	2%	-24%	0.9	1.2	1.2	0.9
Albania	403	495	677	1,366	2,941	23%	37%	102%	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.6
India	639	693	748	655	2,735	8%	8%	-12%	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8
Stateless	691	728	721	595	2,735	5%	-1%	-17%	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7
Morocco	483	532	801	867	2,683	10%	51%	8%	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	350	454	711	1,159	2,674	30%	57%	63%	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.3
Azerbaijan	583	456	590	670	2,299	-22%	29%	14%	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.8
Egypt	391	447	589	730	2,157	14%	32%	24%	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8
Haiti	576	593	455	427	2,051	3%	-23%	-6%	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5
Senegal	450	537	504	534	2,025	19%	-6%	6%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Ethiopia	386	673	554	403	2,016	74%	-18%	-27%	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5
Cameroon	390	401	407	503	1,701	3%	1%	24%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Gambia	403	411	407	360	1,581	2%	-1%	-12%	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Mongolia	338	357	397	473	1,565	6%	11%	19%	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
Viet Nam	417	394	427	324	1,562	-6%	8%	-24%	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Other	7,931	8,748	8,819	8,612	34,110	10%	1%	-2%	11.0	10.5	10.4	9.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>72,372</b>	<b>83,177</b>	<b>84,646</b>	<b>87,215</b>	<b>327,410</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Figures may include citizens of South Sudan in the absence of separate statistics available for Sudan and South Sudan.



**TABLE 12** Origin of asylum applicants in Europe by quarter | 2012

 Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.<sup>(1)</sup>

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Afghanistan	6,786	7,349	9,093	9,744	32,972	8%	24%	7%	9.2	9.6	9.4	9.0
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	4,792	3,146	6,611	9,353	23,902	-34%	110%	41%	6.5	4.1	6.9	8.6
Syrian Arab Rep.	2,532	3,432	7,873	9,552	23,389	36%	129%	21%	3.4	4.5	8.2	8.8
Russian Federation	4,029	3,554	5,505	7,434	20,522	-12%	55%	35%	5.5	4.6	5.7	6.9
Pakistan	3,852	4,450	5,557	5,898	19,757	16%	25%	6%	5.2	5.8	5.8	5.4
Iraq	4,085	4,302	4,574	5,086	18,047	5%	6%	11%	5.5	5.6	4.7	4.7
Somalia	3,241	4,591	4,362	4,894	17,088	42%	-5%	12%	4.4	6.0	4.5	4.5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,408	3,620	4,307	4,774	16,109	6%	19%	11%	4.6	4.7	4.5	4.4
Eritrea	2,187	2,446	3,106	3,710	11,449	12%	27%	19%	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.4
Georgia	2,011	2,391	3,259	2,950	10,611	19%	36%	-9%	2.7	3.1	3.4	2.7
Nigeria	2,058	2,219	2,630	2,788	9,695	8%	19%	6%	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.6
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,199	1,984	1,856	1,971	8,010	-10%	-6%	6%	3.0	2.6	1.9	1.8
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1,037	1,099	3,194	2,542	7,872	6%	191%	-20%	1.4	1.4	3.3	2.3
Albania	845	1,987	1,891	2,385	7,108	135%	-5%	26%	1.1	2.6	2.0	2.2
Sri Lanka	1,806	1,693	1,513	1,523	6,535	-6%	-11%	1%	2.4	2.2	1.6	1.4
Algeria	1,466	1,663	1,624	1,773	6,526	13%	-2%	9%	2.0	2.2	1.7	1.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	654	949	1,952	2,265	5,820	45%	106%	16%	0.9	1.2	2.0	2.1
Turkey	1,429	1,422	1,337	1,602	5,790	-0%	-6%	20%	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.5
Bangladesh	1,532	1,333	1,225	1,581	5,671	-13%	-8%	29%	2.1	1.7	1.3	1.5
China	1,279	1,399	1,282	1,321	5,281	9%	-8%	3%	1.7	1.8	1.3	1.2
Guinea	1,155	1,152	1,082	1,296	4,685	-0%	-6%	20%	1.6	1.5	1.1	1.2
Armenia	1,229	836	1,141	1,244	4,450	-32%	36%	9%	1.7	1.1	1.2	1.1
Tunisia	1,147	1,173	1,018	1,108	4,446	2%	-13%	9%	1.6	1.5	1.1	1.0
Morocco	808	956	933	1,147	3,844	18%	-2%	23%	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1
Stateless	574	677	1,067	1,329	3,647	18%	58%	25%	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.2
India	752	742	819	819	3,132	-1%	10%	0%	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8
Sudan <sup>(2)</sup>	610	723	801	868	3,002	19%	11%	8%	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
Mali	305	519	693	1,014	2,531	70%	34%	46%	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.9
Egypt	650	607	669	576	2,502	-7%	10%	-14%	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.5
Côte d'Ivoire	519	618	665	676	2,478	19%	8%	2%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6
Senegal	589	771	445	632	2,437	31%	-42%	42%	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.6
Ghana	469	580	703	576	2,328	24%	21%	-18%	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.5
Ethiopia	422	490	538	620	2,070	16%	10%	15%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Azerbaijan	571	412	462	570	2,015	-28%	12%	23%	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5
Gambia	371	451	474	694	1,990	22%	5%	46%	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Mauritania	417	416	429	458	1,720	-0%	3%	7%	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4
Libya	400	405	411	408	1,624	1%	1%	-1%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Haiti	545	454	296	327	1,622	-17%	-35%	10%	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.3
Cameroon	404	401	355	410	1,570	-1%	-11%	15%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Viet Nam	312	388	439	423	1,562	24%	13%	-4%	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
Other	10,382	9,064	10,139	10,122	39,707	-13%	12%	-0%	14.1	11.8	10.5	9.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,859</b>	<b>76,864</b>	<b>96,330</b>	<b>108,463</b>	<b>355,516</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Netherlands: January to July 2012 data includes information provided by the Dutch authorities. August to December 2012 estimated by UNHCR using a statistical model (seasonal ARIMA). No information is available on the country of origin of asylum-seekers.

<sup>(2)</sup> Figures may include citizens of South Sudan in the absence of separate statistics available for Sudan and South Sudan.

**TABLE 13** Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (27) by quarter | 2011

Covering 27 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Afghanistan	5,808	6,348	7,619	6,904	26,679	9%	20%	-9%	9.2	8.8	10.6	9.7
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	6,029	3,674	3,003	6,469	19,175	-39%	-18%	115%	9.6	5.1	4.2	9.1
Russian Federation	3,374	3,141	4,312	4,603	15,430	-7%	37%	7%	5.4	4.4	6.0	6.5
Pakistan	3,022	3,444	4,368	4,546	15,380	14%	27%	4%	4.8	4.8	6.1	6.4
Iraq	3,612	3,173	3,837	3,271	13,893	-12%	21%	-15%	5.7	4.4	5.3	4.6
Somalia	2,146	3,264	2,832	3,165	11,407	52%	-13%	12%	3.4	4.5	3.9	4.5
Nigeria	1,632	4,341	3,436	1,837	11,246	166%	-21%	-47%	2.6	6.0	4.8	2.6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,496	2,210	2,960	3,184	10,850	-11%	34%	8%	4.0	3.1	4.1	4.5
Bangladesh	1,518	2,624	1,898	1,611	7,651	73%	-28%	-15%	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.3
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,128	1,351	2,148	2,211	6,838	20%	59%	3%	1.8	1.9	3.0	3.1
Sri Lanka	1,767	1,577	1,507	1,619	6,470	-11%	-4%	7%	2.8	2.2	2.1	2.3
Georgia	1,254	1,340	1,851	2,009	6,454	7%	38%	9%	2.0	1.9	2.6	2.8
Tunisia	3,417	1,069	1,096	703	6,285	-69%	3%	-36%	5.4	1.5	1.5	1.0
Armenia	1,256	1,570	1,546	1,567	5,939	25%	-2%	1%	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.2
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,391	1,453	1,452	1,595	5,891	4%	-0%	10%	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.3
Guinea	1,412	1,379	1,433	1,368	5,592	-2%	4%	-5%	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.9
Turkey	1,578	1,301	1,164	1,488	5,531	-18%	-11%	28%	2.5	1.8	1.6	2.1
Eritrea	1,088	1,783	1,451	1,205	5,527	64%	-19%	-17%	1.7	2.5	2.0	1.7
Côte d'Ivoire	1,103	2,364	1,114	661	5,242	114%	-53%	-41%	1.8	3.3	1.6	0.9
China	1,364	1,257	1,317	1,264	5,202	-8%	5%	-4%	2.2	1.7	1.8	1.8
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1,354	1,717	707	944	4,722	27%	-59%	34%	2.2	2.4	1.0	1.3
Ghana	332	2,234	1,302	390	4,258	573%	-42%	-70%	0.5	3.1	1.8	0.6
Algeria	875	929	1,138	1,163	4,105	6%	22%	2%	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.6
Mali	214	1,741	1,243	364	3,562	714%	-29%	-71%	0.3	2.4	1.7	0.5
Sudan <sup>(i)</sup>	522	892	912	665	2,991	71%	2%	-27%	0.8	1.2	1.3	0.9
Albania	383	482	644	1,339	2,848	26%	34%	108%	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.9
Libya	386	1,177	905	378	2,846	205%	-23%	-58%	0.6	1.6	1.3	0.5
India	610	673	695	637	2,615	10%	3%	-8%	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9
Stateless	613	663	634	536	2,446	8%	-4%	-15%	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	322	416	655	1,041	2,434	29%	57%	59%	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.5
Azerbaijan	551	440	581	643	2,215	-20%	32%	11%	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.9
Haiti	574	592	453	427	2,046	3%	-23%	-6%	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6
Egypt	349	416	561	707	2,033	19%	35%	26%	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.0
Morocco	337	363	628	610	1,938	8%	73%	-3%	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.9
Senegal	411	497	464	483	1,855	21%	-7%	4%	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
Cameroon	327	374	395	464	1,560	14%	6%	17%	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7
Viet Nam	409	386	421	313	1,529	-6%	9%	-26%	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.4
Ethiopia	262	532	422	288	1,504	103%	-21%	-32%	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.4
Mongolia	323	335	373	431	1,462	4%	11%	16%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Mauritania	328	392	321	380	1,421	20%	-18%	18%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
Other	7,069	8,107	8,010	7,329	30,515	15%	-1%	-9%	11.2	11.3	11.2	10.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,946</b>	<b>72,021</b>	<b>71,808</b>	<b>70,812</b>	<b>277,587</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>-0%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(i)</sup> Figures may include citizens of South Sudan in the absence of separate statistics available for Sudan and South Sudan.

**TABLE 14** Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (27) by quarter | 2012

 Covering 27 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. <sup>(1)</sup>

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Afghanistan	5,753	5,673	6,612	6,643	24,681	-1%	17%	0%	9.3	9.1	8.3	7.2
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	4,042	2,728	5,656	9,112	21,538	-33%	107%	61%	6.5	4.4	7.1	9.9
Syrian Arab Rep.	2,212	3,059	7,334	8,822	21,427	38%	140%	20%	3.6	4.9	9.2	9.6
Russian Federation	3,902	3,412	5,323	7,186	19,823	-13%	56%	35%	6.3	5.5	6.6	7.8
Pakistan	3,746	4,259	5,226	5,604	18,835	14%	23%	7%	6.0	6.8	6.5	6.1
Somalia	2,359	3,154	3,271	3,691	12,475	34%	4%	13%	3.8	5.0	4.1	4.0
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,412	2,512	3,092	3,674	11,690	4%	23%	19%	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.0
Iraq	2,595	2,397	2,802	2,670	10,464	-8%	17%	-5%	4.2	3.8	3.5	2.9
Georgia	1,899	2,234	3,023	2,721	9,877	18%	35%	-10%	3.1	3.6	3.8	3.0
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,109	1,901	1,780	1,874	7,664	-10%	-6%	5%	3.4	3.0	2.2	2.0
Nigeria	1,492	1,553	1,831	2,047	6,923	4%	18%	12%	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.2
Albania	816	1,922	1,824	2,291	6,853	136%	-5%	26%	1.3	3.1	2.3	2.5
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	758	833	2,712	2,504	6,807	10%	226%	-8%	1.2	1.3	3.4	2.7
Sri Lanka	1,680	1,569	1,389	1,419	6,057	-7%	-11%	2%	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.5
Eritrea	896	986	1,596	2,305	5,783	10%	62%	44%	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	552	871	1,724	2,186	5,333	58%	98%	27%	0.9	1.4	2.2	2.4
Bangladesh	1,470	1,210	1,080	1,458	5,218	-18%	-11%	35%	2.4	1.9	1.3	1.6
Turkey	1,290	1,271	1,194	1,456	5,211	-1%	-6%	22%	2.1	2.0	1.5	1.6
Algeria	1,224	1,099	1,037	1,108	4,468	-10%	-6%	7%	2.0	1.8	1.3	1.2
China	1,085	1,159	1,044	1,103	4,391	7%	-10%	6%	1.7	1.9	1.3	1.2
Armenia	1,199	810	1,104	1,207	4,320	-32%	36%	9%	1.9	1.3	1.4	1.3
Guinea	1,068	1,051	975	1,198	4,292	-2%	-7%	23%	1.7	1.7	1.2	1.3
Stateless	507	606	977	1,264	3,354	20%	61%	29%	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.4
India	741	731	799	787	3,058	-1%	9%	-2%	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.9
Morocco	550	625	634	736	2,545	14%	1%	16%	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8
Côte d'Ivoire	475	571	623	635	2,304	20%	9%	2%	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7
Sudan <sup>(2)</sup>	512	557	598	593	2,260	9%	7%	-1%	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6
Egypt	598	535	609	515	2,257	-11%	14%	-15%	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.6
Mali	284	449	622	900	2,255	58%	39%	45%	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.0
Tunisia	557	539	535	513	2,144	-3%	-1%	-4%	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6
Senegal	497	676	375	524	2,072	36%	-45%	40%	0.8	1.1	0.5	0.6
Azerbaijan	558	392	442	564	1,956	-30%	13%	28%	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.6
Ghana	382	474	602	494	1,952	24%	27%	-18%	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.5
Mauritania	395	383	402	446	1,626	-3%	5%	11%	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
Haiti	545	454	292	323	1,614	-17%	-36%	11%	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.4
Ethiopia	299	376	369	497	1,541	26%	-2%	35%	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Viet Nam	303	381	436	413	1,533	26%	14%	-5%	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4
Cameroon	380	379	331	373	1,463	-0%	-13%	13%	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4
Gambia	271	323	316	489	1,399	19%	-2%	55%	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5
Libya	327	307	337	331	1,302	-6%	10%	-2%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Other	9,318	8,094	9,213	9,279	35,904	-13%	14%	1%	15.0	12.9	11.5	10.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,058</b>	<b>62,515</b>	<b>80,141</b>	<b>91,955</b>	<b>296,669</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Netherlands: January to July 2012 data includes information provided by the Dutch authorities. August to December 2012 estimated by UNHCR using a statistical model (seasonal ARIMA). No information is available on the country of origin of asylum-seekers.

<sup>(2)</sup> Figures may include citizens of South Sudan in the absence of separate statistics available for Sudan and South Sudan.

**TABLE 15** Origin of asylum applicants in Canada and the United States of America | 2011

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
China	3,905	4,376	4,607	4,415	17,303	12%	5%	-4%	19.5	20.7	21.6	20.0
Mexico	1,918	2,221	2,279	2,421	8,839	16%	3%	6%	9.6	10.5	10.7	11.0
Hungary	707	893	1,009	1,843	4,452	26%	13%	83%	3.5	4.2	4.7	8.4
El Salvador	1,135	1,149	1,083	1,073	4,440	1%	-6%	-1%	5.7	5.4	5.1	4.9
Guatemala	811	851	929	1,027	3,618	5%	9%	11%	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.7
India	824	773	848	763	3,208	-6%	10%	-10%	4.1	3.7	4.0	3.5
Haiti	583	500	369	415	1,867	-14%	-26%	12%	2.9	2.4	1.7	1.9
Honduras	409	509	473	469	1,860	24%	-7%	-1%	2.0	2.4	2.2	2.1
Colombia	397	415	360	348	1,520	5%	-13%	-3%	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.6
Pakistan	337	328	412	409	1,486	-3%	26%	-1%	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.9
Nepal	338	330	397	365	1,430	-2%	20%	-8%	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.7
Ethiopia	358	288	340	332	1,318	-20%	18%	-2%	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.5
Russian Federation	285	415	317	281	1,298	46%	-24%	-11%	1.4	2.0	1.5	1.3
Egypt	251	292	340	397	1,280	16%	16%	17%	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.8
Nigeria	231	231	232	248	942	0%	0%	7%	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Islamic Rep. of Iran	196	194	255	264	909	-1%	31%	4%	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.2
Sri Lanka	249	197	227	216	889	-21%	15%	-5%	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.0
Eritrea	297	251	194	124	866	-15%	-23%	-36%	1.5	1.2	0.9	0.6
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	223	218	211	210	862	-2%	-3%	-0%	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
Namibia	325	274	134	102	835	-16%	-51%	-24%	1.6	1.3	0.6	0.5
Ecuador	202	212	175	241	830	5%	-17%	38%	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.1
Jamaica	187	196	168	158	709	5%	-14%	-6%	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7
Somalia	173	149	196	170	688	-14%	32%	-13%	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.8
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	181	132	192	152	657	-27%	45%	-21%	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.7
Iraq	216	145	145	138	644	-33%	0%	-5%	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.6
United States <sup>(1)</sup>	138	140	168	176	622	1%	20%	5%	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
Cameroon	172	154	152	144	622	-10%	-1%	-5%	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
Afghanistan	121	149	179	167	616	23%	20%	-7%	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8
Côte d'Ivoire	131	214	143	92	580	63%	-33%	-36%	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.4
Saint Lucia	170	117	131	160	578	-31%	12%	22%	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	138	117	138	98	491	-15%	18%	-29%	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4
Bangladesh	123	112	141	92	468	-9%	26%	-35%	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.4
Syrian Arab Rep.	51	87	118	182	438	71%	36%	54%	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.8
Kenya	104	107	107	109	427	3%	0%	2%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Turkey	95	100	90	132	417	5%	-10%	47%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6
Cuba	118	112	93	94	417	-5%	-17%	1%	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4
Brazil	113	111	98	83	405	-2%	-12%	-15%	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Romania	67	76	113	147	403	13%	49%	30%	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.7
Albania	95	96	103	109	403	1%	7%	6%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	90	94	95	117	396	4%	1%	23%	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5
Other	3,518	3,787	3,597	3,587	14,489	8%	-5%	-0%	17.6	17.9	16.8	16.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,982</b>	<b>21,112</b>	<b>21,358</b>	<b>22,070</b>	<b>84,522</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

**TABLE 16** Origin of asylum applicants in Canada and the United States of America | 2012

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
China	4,435	4,690	4,426	4,074	17,625	6%	-6%	-8%	20.2	20.4	21.5	19.2
Mexico	2,643	3,195	2,912	2,641	11,391	21%	-9%	-9%	12.0	13.9	14.1	12.5
El Salvador	1,316	1,335	1,094	1,204	4,949	1%	-18%	10%	6.0	5.8	5.3	5.7
Guatemala	1,067	1,109	982	1,106	4,264	4%	-11%	13%	4.9	4.8	4.8	5.2
India	833	789	596	545	2,763	-5%	-24%	-9%	3.8	3.4	2.9	2.6
Egypt	601	580	525	747	2,453	-3%	-9%	42%	2.7	2.5	2.5	3.5
Honduras	552	632	607	625	2,416	14%	-4%	3%	2.5	2.8	2.9	2.9
Haiti	526	497	450	558	2,031	-6%	-9%	24%	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.6
Hungary	698	709	119	319	1,845	2%	-83%	168%	3.2	3.1	0.6	1.5
Nepal	427	388	500	403	1,718	-9%	29%	-19%	1.9	1.7	2.4	1.9
Ecuador	271	393	385	374	1,423	45%	-2%	-3%	1.2	1.7	1.9	1.8
Pakistan	283	354	307	450	1,394	25%	-13%	47%	1.3	1.5	1.5	2.1
Ethiopia	302	326	368	395	1,391	8%	13%	7%	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.9
Russian Federation	306	383	316	304	1,309	25%	-17%	-4%	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.4
Colombia	321	359	294	324	1,298	12%	-18%	10%	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.5
Syrian Arab Rep.	236	192	228	384	1,040	-19%	19%	68%	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.8
Nigeria	277	240	253	267	1,037	-13%	5%	6%	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.3
Islamic Rep. of Iran	239	255	246	291	1,031	7%	-4%	18%	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.4
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	186	215	204	217	822	16%	-5%	6%	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0
Iraq	171	169	213	213	766	-1%	26%	0%	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.0
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	176	198	164	167	705	13%	-17%	2%	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
Croatia	149	96	153	302	700	-36%	59%	97%	0.7	0.4	0.7	1.4
Cameroon	193	189	149	163	694	-2%	-21%	9%	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8
Somalia	157	160	166	204	687	2%	4%	23%	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.0
Sri Lanka	168	209	131	143	651	24%	-37%	9%	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.7
Romania	131	167	124	163	585	27%	-26%	31%	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.8
Jamaica	153	150	119	154	576	-2%	-21%	29%	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
Albania	138	131	128	170	567	-5%	-2%	33%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8
Afghanistan	121	121	149	175	566	0%	23%	17%	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	118	122	147	150	537	3%	20%	2%	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7
Kenya	130	137	127	134	528	5%	-7%	6%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Brazil	112	146	133	109	500	30%	-9%	-18%	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5
Turkey	138	118	121	96	473	-14%	3%	-21%	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	107	131	84	114	436	22%	-36%	36%	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5
Ukraine	87	141	103	93	424	62%	-27%	-10%	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4
Bangladesh	109	115	100	99	423	6%	-13%	-1%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Saint Lucia	124	110	113	70	417	-11%	3%	-38%	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.3
Slovakia	274	68	13	55	410	-75%	-81%	323%	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.3
Eritrea	124	76	95	102	397	-39%	25%	7%	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.5
Peru	97	111	100	84	392	14%	-10%	-16%	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
Other	7,898	8,139	7,578	7,081	30,696	3%	-7%	-7%	36.0	35.5	36.8	33.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,959</b>	<b>22,955</b>	<b>20,596</b>	<b>21,195</b>	<b>86,705</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 17** Origin of asylum applicants in Australia and New Zealand | 2011

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Islamic Rep. of Iran	548	389	513	721	2,171	-29%	32%	41%	20.3	16.1	18.1	18.8
Afghanistan	221	316	312	881	1,730	43%	-1%	182%	8.2	13.0	11.0	22.9
China	309	239	318	344	1,210	-23%	33%	8%	11.5	9.9	11.2	9.0
Pakistan	157	204	191	291	843	30%	-6%	52%	5.8	8.4	6.7	7.6
India	132	194	222	220	768	47%	14%	-1%	4.9	8.0	7.8	5.7
Stateless	200	27	118	183	528	-87%	337%	55%	7.4	1.1	4.2	4.8
Iraq	125	96	127	158	506	-23%	32%	24%	4.6	4.0	4.5	4.1
Egypt	146	86	92	114	438	-41%	7%	24%	5.4	3.6	3.2	3.0
Sri Lanka	63	132	46	149	390	110%	-65%	224%	2.3	5.5	1.6	3.9
Fiji	118	44	55	89	306	-63%	25%	62%	4.4	1.8	1.9	2.3
Nepal	75	58	86	55	274	-23%	48%	-36%	2.8	2.4	3.0	1.4
Libya	10	52	118	26	206	420%	127%	-78%	0.4	2.1	4.2	0.7
Malaysia	49	39	42	53	183	-20%	8%	26%	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4
Zimbabwe	71	39	46	27	183	-45%	18%	-41%	2.6	1.6	1.6	0.7
Indonesia	48	50	41	37	176	4%	-18%	-10%	1.8	2.1	1.4	1.0
Lebanon	37	31	39	53	160	-16%	26%	36%	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4
Bangladesh	35	19	33	48	135	-46%	74%	45%	1.3	0.8	1.2	1.3
Viet Nam	36	30	41	24	131	-17%	37%	-41%	1.3	1.2	1.4	0.6
Syrian Arab Rep.	7	16	40	32	95	129%	150%	-20%	0.3	0.7	1.4	0.8
Turkey	30	24	22	19	95	-20%	-8%	-14%	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.5
Other	281	337	331	316	1,265	20%	-2%	-5%	10.4	13.9	11.7	8.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,698</b>	<b>2,422</b>	<b>2,833</b>	<b>3,840</b>	<b>11,793</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 18** Origin of asylum applicants in Australia and New Zealand | 2012

An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Afghanistan	838	1,288	553	409	3,088	54%	-57%	-26%	24.5	27.9	12.3	11.4
Sri Lanka	153	632	1,099	486	2,370	313%	74%	-56%	4.5	13.7	24.5	13.6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	324	491	563	500	1,878	52%	15%	-11%	9.5	10.6	12.5	14.0
Pakistan	388	440	442	266	1,536	13%	0%	-40%	11.3	9.5	9.8	7.4
China	324	269	322	253	1,168	-17%	20%	-21%	9.5	5.8	7.2	7.1
India	207	260	256	229	952	26%	-2%	-11%	6.0	5.6	5.7	6.4
Iraq	216	171	184	195	766	-21%	8%	6%	6.3	3.7	4.1	5.4
Stateless	94	241	131	78	544	156%	-46%	-40%	2.7	5.2	2.9	2.2
Egypt	107	63	80	139	389	-41%	27%	74%	3.1	1.4	1.8	3.9
Lebanon	27	64	129	107	327	137%	102%	-17%	0.8	1.4	2.9	3.0
Fiji	98	63	41	55	257	-36%	-35%	34%	2.9	1.4	0.9	1.5
Nepal	46	58	51	38	193	26%	-12%	-25%	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.1
Palestinian	36	57	41	44	178	58%	-28%	7%	1.1	1.2	0.9	1.2
Malaysia	31	71	47	26	175	129%	-34%	-45%	0.9	1.5	1.0	0.7
Libya	18	*	26	126	174	-78%	550%	385%	0.5	0.1	0.6	3.5
Bangladesh	26	23	59	59	167	-12%	157%	0%	0.8	0.5	1.3	1.6
Syrian Arab Rep.	60	28	29	37	154	-53%	4%	28%	1.8	0.6	0.6	1.0
Indonesia	27	31	32	39	129	15%	3%	22%	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.1
Zimbabwe	42	33	29	21	125	-21%	-12%	-28%	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.6
Turkey	26	20	36	35	117	-23%	80%	-3%	0.8	0.4	0.8	1.0
Other	339	308	339	437	1,423	-9%	10%	29%	9.9	6.7	7.6	12.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,427</b>	<b>4,615</b>	<b>4,489</b>	<b>3,579</b>	<b>16,110</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 19** Origin of asylum applicants in Japan and the Republic of Korea | 2011

An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Pakistan	120	127	153	204	604	6%	20%	33%	21.4	18.3	21.4	22.5
Myanmar	123	191	104	135	553	55%	-46%	30%	21.9	27.5	14.5	14.9
Sri Lanka	64	65	94	103	326	2%	45%	10%	11.4	9.4	13.1	11.4
Nepal	37	78	70	79	264	111%	-10%	13%	6.6	11.2	9.8	8.7
Turkey	68	36	55	76	235	-47%	53%	38%	12.1	5.2	7.7	8.4
Bangladesh	16	28	54	38	136	75%	93%	-30%	2.8	4.0	7.6	4.2
Uganda	9	16	22	61	108	78%	38%	177%	1.6	2.3	3.1	6.7
Nigeria	19	11	19	41	90	-42%	73%	116%	3.4	1.6	2.7	4.5
India	6	11	27	22	66	83%	145%	-19%	1.1	1.6	3.8	2.4
Afghanistan	13	15	26	10	64	15%	73%	-62%	2.3	2.2	3.6	1.1
Cameroon	*	7	24	21	54	250%	243%	-13%	0.4	1.0	3.4	2.3
Islamic Rep. of Iran	16	7	15	11	49	-56%	114%	-27%	2.8	1.0	2.1	1.2
Côte d'Ivoire	*	27	*	9	41	575%	-96%	800%	0.7	3.9	0.1	1.0
Kyrgyzstan	*	17	*	6	29	750%	-76%	50%	0.4	2.4	0.6	0.7
China	9	9	5	5	28	0%	-44%	0%	1.6	1.3	0.7	0.6
Liberia	*	6	5	9	22	200%	-17%	80%	0.4	0.9	0.7	1.0
Ethiopia	8	*	6	*	17	-88%	500%	-67%	1.4	0.1	0.8	0.2
Philippines	8	*	5	*	16	-88%	400%	-60%	1.4	0.1	0.7	0.2
Ghana	*	*	*	8	15	-33%	0%	300%	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.9
Guinea	*	*	*	6	14	-67%	300%	50%	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.7
Other	30	38	20	59	147	27%	-47%	195%	5.3	5.5	2.8	6.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>2,878</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 20** Origin of asylum applicants in Japan and the Republic of Korea | 2012

An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sri Lanka	220	147	93	103	563	-33%	-37%	11%	23.6	18.0	10.4	9.8
Pakistan	189	106	125	122	542	-44%	18%	-2%	20.3	13.0	14.0	11.6
Turkey	119	99	83	121	422	-17%	-16%	46%	12.8	12.1	9.3	11.5
Myanmar	83	72	84	161	400	-13%	17%	92%	8.9	8.8	9.4	15.4
Nepal	76	88	89	110	363	16%	1%	24%	8.1	10.8	10.0	10.5
Nigeria	29	43	84	58	214	48%	95%	-31%	3.1	5.3	9.4	5.5
Bangladesh	32	54	49	66	201	69%	-9%	35%	3.4	6.6	5.5	6.3
Syrian Arab Rep.	6	19	63	84	172	217%	232%	33%	0.6	2.3	7.1	8.0
India	35	30	40	27	132	-14%	33%	-33%	3.8	3.7	4.5	2.6
Ghana	*	*	62	44	113	-25%	1967%	-29%	0.4	0.4	7.0	4.2
Cameroon	15	34	18	21	88	127%	-47%	17%	1.6	4.2	2.0	2.0
Uganda	11	27	19	23	80	145%	-30%	21%	1.2	3.3	2.1	2.2
Islamic Rep. of Iran	13	14	7	16	50	8%	-50%	129%	1.4	1.7	0.8	1.5
China	7	10	13	5	35	43%	30%	-62%	0.8	1.2	1.5	0.5
Ethiopia	*	10	8	11	32	233%	-20%	38%	0.3	1.2	0.9	1.0
Liberia	8	10	*	7	29	25%	-60%	75%	0.9	1.2	0.4	0.7
Philippines	10	*	*	6	20	-70%	-67%	500%	1.1	0.4	0.1	0.6
South Africa	*	*	*	9	19	0%	-50%	350%	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.9
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	11	-	-	6	17	-100%	..	..	1.2	-	-	0.6
Indonesia	*	*	7	6	16	100%	250%	-14%	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.6
Other	57	40	39	42	178	-30%	-3%	8%	6.1	4.9	4.4	4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>3,686</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 21** Asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries by origin, fourth quarter | 2012

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.  
Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	Albania	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bosnia and H.	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany
Afghanistan	-	406	947	437	-	35	128	121	6	-	135	*	59	151	2,075
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	33	285	340	23	263	115	46	152	29	232	-	44	268	2,493
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	*	*	225	201	-	*	68	-	-	5	360	-	33	1,628	5,111
Russian Federation	-	*	918	307	-	5	110	*	-	10	198	*	55	1,590	1,620
Pakistan	-	264	662	137	-	10	282	12	15	*	19	-	5	535	1,016
China	-	249	62	123	-	-	505	-	*	*	17	-	8	495	89
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	494	271	93	*	9	78	5	19	-	178	-	64	89	1,359
Iraq	-	195	92	105	-	85	54	*	*	*	22	-	232	26	1,367
Somalia	-	-	74	68	-	*	130	96	*	-	269	-	50	123	438
Eritrea	-	9	5	21	-	*	31	12	-	-	21	-	-	92	232
Nigeria	-	11	91	39	-	*	199	*	*	*	37	-	41	263	260
Georgia	-	-	72	108	-	-	19	-	*	*	17	*	*	689	550
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	*	9	*
Albania	-	*	10	158	-	-	108	-	-	*	9	*	11	1,210	104
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	-	29	92	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	8	228	1,952
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	64	19	-	-	5	*	-	*	12	-	22	244	1,461
Sri Lanka	-	480	5	30	-	-	92	-	15	-	*	-	7	678	95
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	8	333	-	*	106	-	*	-	*	-	14	1,321	51
Turkey	*	32	75	120	-	-	66	*	*	*	13	-	17	525	410
Algeria	-	*	128	39	*	63	53	60	-	*	36	-	9	310	141

Origin	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Japan <sup>II</sup>	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Montenegro	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway
Afghanistan	238	322	*	11	531	*	*	-	20	*	-	18	Not available	*	233
Syrian Arab Rep.	118	67	-	*	165	12	11	-	5	*	72	25		*	127
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	*	126	*	*	69	-	-	*	-	71	6	-		-	60
Russian Federation	11	*	*	*	5	*	*	*	18	8	-	*		-	128
Pakistan	921	120	*	22	691	82	-	-	-	*	*	46		*	34
China	26	-	-	14	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-		*	25
Islamic Rep. of Iran	32	9	*	16	48	15	*	-	-	12	-	*		6	102
Iraq	105	7	-	*	141	*	-	-	-	5	*	-		-	56
Somalia	29	8	-	*	394	-	-	-	-	*	91	-		*	591
Eritrea	35	*	*	*	558	-	-	-	*	*	235	-		-	430
Nigeria	78	11	*	42	564	47	-	-	-	13	-	*		-	111
Georgia	212	5	*	8	18	-	6	*	51	-	-	-		-	17
Mexico	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Albania	94	*	8	16	20	-	-	*	-	26	-	-		-	59
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-		-	*
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	*	*	-	135	-	-	11	-	108	-	-		-	*
Sri Lanka	8	9	-	*	9	82	-	-	-	-	-	-		6	7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	-	-	17	12	*	-	-	*	-	-	-		-	16
Turkey	7	10	*	-	152	121	*	-	-	-	-	-		*	12
Algeria	27	18	-	9	25	-	-	*	-	5	-	359		-	33

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**TABLE 21 Asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries by origin, fourth quarter | 2012 (ctnd)**

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Origin	Poland	Portugal	Rep. of Korea	Romania	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	TfYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States <sup>(4)</sup>
Afghanistan	*	-	-	*	151	31	20	12	1,272	358	26	2,192	330	47
Syrian Arab Rep.	87	6	72	84	171	*	19	74	3,569	321	*	12	433	269
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	*	1,261	177	*	-	*	46
Russian Federation	2,013	*	*	9	-	*	5	16	348	108	*	-	32	194
Pakistan	11	*	40	62	55	*	-	18	74	72	70	*	1,275	168
China	*	0	-	6	-	-	-	-	17	193	-	-	233	3,569
Islamic Rep. of Iran	6	*	*	8	12	-	-	17	462	72	-	903	980	213
Iraq	*	-	-	8	*	-	-	6	353	89	-	2,268	108	159
Somalia	*	-	*	*	232	53	-	49	1,843	102	51	131	184	74
Eritrea	*	*	-	-	112	22	-	-	851	848	-	*	221	71
Nigeria	*	*	11	5	-	-	5	47	149	623	*	*	392	68
Georgia	762	-	-	-	-	21	-	*	178	209	-	-	12	5
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	5	-	-	-	*	2,591
Albania	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	277	26	-	-	351	62
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	181	35	-	-	-	10
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	113	64	-	-	-	8
Sri Lanka	*	*	21	6	-	-	-	*	*	95	-	*	546	51
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	*	7	*	-	-	20	20	63	-	17	59	44
Turkey	*	-	-	9	*	5	14	9	35	128	-	-	50	30
Algeria	-	-	-	18	5	*	13	74	99	199	6	-	91	6

<sup>(1)</sup> UNHCR estimates.

<sup>(2)</sup> Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)).

<sup>(3)</sup> The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

<sup>(4)</sup> Combination of number of persons (EOIR) and cases (DHS).

**TABLE 22 Top-10 populations of origin of asylum applicants by country of asylum | 2011**

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.

An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Albania		Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bosnia and Herzegovina	
Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	8	Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,142	Afghanistan	3,623	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	3,067	Algeria	9
Somalia	*	Afghanistan	1,719	Russian Fed.	2,319	Afghanistan	2,773	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	8
Iraq	*	China	1,190	Pakistan	952	Guinea	2,046	Morocco	6
Algeria	*	Pakistan	821	Somalia	611	Iraq	2,004	Pakistan	*
China	*	India	767	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	541	Russian Fed.	1,747	Palestinian	*
Bangladesh	*	Stateless	527	Iraq	484	Albania	1,152	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*
Pakistan	*	Iraq	495	India	463	TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	1,117	Tunisia	*
		Egypt	418	Islamic Rep. of Iran	457	Dem. Rep. of Congo	1,084	Cameroon	*
		Sri Lanka	371	Algeria	446	Pakistan	924	Afghanistan	*
		Fiji	277	Syrian Arab Rep.	423	Armenia	556	Nigeria	*
Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia		Cyprus		Czech Republic	
Iraq	307	Hungary	4,409	Afghanistan	487	Viet Nam	212	Ukraine	101
Afghanistan	80	China	1,853	Pakistan	70	Syrian Arab Rep.	187	Belarus	38
Syrian Arab Rep.	67	Colombia	892	Somalia	42	Egypt	184	Viet Nam	27
Stateless	44	Namibia	831	Islamic Rep. of Iran	40	Bangladesh	182	Russian Fed.	25
Somalia	40	Pakistan	828	Palestinian	19	Pakistan	148	Afghanistan	25
Islamic Rep. of Iran	26	India	751	Russian Fed.	15	India	134	Uzbekistan	24
Pakistan	26	Nigeria	685	Tunisia	14	Sri Lanka	114	Myanmar	23
Algeria	21	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	654	Libya	14	Nepal	102	Kyrgyzstan	21
Morocco	19	Mexico	653	Morocco	13	Philippines	84	Cuba	20
Tunisia	9	Sri Lanka	629	Sudan	9	Islamic Rep. of Iran	68	Turkey	17
Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Afghanistan	903	Dem. Rep. of Congo	11	Iraq	588	Russian Fed.	4,042	Afghanistan	7,767
Islamic Rep. of Iran	461	Afghanistan	8	Somalia	365	Dem. Rep. of Congo	3,804	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	5,974
Syrian Arab Rep.	428	Armenia	7	Russian Fed.	294	Armenia	3,638	Iraq	5,831
Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	325	Georgia	6	Afghanistan	292	Bangladesh	3,568	Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,352
Russian Fed.	304	Russian Fed.	*	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	160	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	3,458	Syrian Arab Rep.	2,634
Iraq	115	Belarus	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	125	Sri Lanka	3,183	Pakistan	2,539
Somalia	107	Uzbekistan	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	109	China	2,184	Russian Fed.	1,689
Algeria	103	Somalia	*	Nigeria	105	Guinea	2,017	Turkey	1,578
Palestinian	68	Stateless	*	Belarus	83	Haiti	2,010	TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	1,131
Libya	67	Cameroon	*	Turkey	74	Turkey	1,737	Somalia	984
Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Italy	
Pakistan	2,309	Afghanistan	649	Russian Fed.	7	Nigeria	182	Nigeria	6,208
Georgia	1,121	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	238	Nigeria	6	Pakistan	175	Tunisia	4,558
Afghanistan	637	Pakistan	121	Algeria	5	China	142	Ghana	3,128
Bangladesh	615	Syrian Arab Rep.	91	Iraq	5	Dem. Rep. of Congo	70	Mali	2,582
China	406	Somalia	61	India	*	Zimbabwe	67	Pakistan	2,058
Senegal	375	Algeria	56	Belarus	*	Afghanistan	67	Côte d'Ivoire	1,938
Nigeria	362	Iraq	54	Ethiopia	*	Algeria	48	Bangladesh	1,595
Syrian Arab Rep.	352	Palestinian	36	Georgia	*	South Africa	45	Afghanistan	1,289
Egypt	306	Islamic Rep. of Iran	33	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Albania	34	Somalia	1,205
Albania	276	Tunisia	30	Afghanistan	*	Rep. of Moldova	28	Senegal	775
Japan		Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg	
Myanmar	489	Georgia	176	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	31	Georgia	202	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	1,097
Nepal	250	Dem. Rep. of Congo	39	Russian Fed.	14	Russian Fed.	58	TFYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	446
Turkey	235	Russian Fed.	18	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Afghanistan	45	Montenegro	103
Sri Lanka	226	Syrian Arab Rep.	16	Nigeria	*	Kyrgyzstan	30	Bosnia-Herzegovina	51
Pakistan	170	Islamic Rep. of Iran	16	Kyrgyzstan	*	Armenia	28	Russian Fed.	49
Bangladesh	98	Cameroon	10	Afghanistan	*	Belarus	12	Iraq	43
Nigeria	51	Lebanon	10	Georgia	*	Uzbekistan	7	Tunisia	42
India	51	Côte d'Ivoire	5	Turkmenistan	*	Tajikistan	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	35
Cameroon	48	Turkey	5	Stateless	*	Stateless	*	Algeria	30
Islamic Rep. of Iran	48	Libya	5	Poland	*	Rep. of Moldova	*	Albania	27

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**TABLE 22 Top-10 populations of origin of asylum applicants by country of asylum | 2011 (ctnd)**

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An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Malta		Montenegro		Netherlands		New Zealand		Norway	
Somalia	454	Morocco	84	Afghanistan	1,885	Islamic Rep. of Iran	29	Somalia	2,216
Eritrea	306	Algeria	65	Iraq	1,435	Fiji	29	Eritrea	1,256
Nigeria	246	Tunisia	31	Somalia	1,415	Bahrain	22	Afghanistan	979
Syrian Arab Rep.	122	Palestinian	21	Islamic Rep. of Iran	929	Pakistan	22	Russian Fed.	365
Ethiopia	113	Afghanistan	8	Armenia	471	China	20	Iraq	357
Côte d'Ivoire	110	Islamic Rep. of Iran	7	Eritrea	458	Egypt	20	Islamic Rep. of Iran	355
Mali	92	Libya	*	Russian Fed.	451	Sri Lanka	19	Ethiopia	293
Ghana	76	Pakistan	*	China	276	South Africa	14	Stateless	262
Libya	66	Turkey	*	TfYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	266	Iraq	11	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	240
Sudan	58	Iraq	*	Belarus	256	Afghanistan	11	Nigeria	240

Poland		Portugal		Rep. of Korea		Romania		Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	
Russian Fed.	3,170	Guinea	46	Pakistan	434	Algeria	456	Afghanistan	1,757
Georgia	1,442	Somalia	26	Sri Lanka	100	Morocco	219	Somalia	501
Armenia	179	Nigeria	22	Uganda	78	Tunisia	218	Pakistan	356
Belarus	65	Côte d'Ivoire	18	Myanmar	64	Pakistan	144	Libya	145
Ukraine	46	Dem. Rep. of Congo	14	Afghanistan	60	Afghanistan	107	Palestinian	129
Kyrgyzstan	40	Colombia	13	Nigeria	39	Rep. of Moldova	61	Morocco	95
Afghanistan	33	Pakistan	11	Bangladesh	38	Iraq	59	Tunisia	77
Viet Nam	26	Islamic Rep. of Iran	11	Côte d'Ivoire	36	China	47	Algeria	65
Iraq	25	Guinea-Bissau	11	Kyrgyzstan	28	Palestinian	43	Islamic Rep. of Iran	37
Kazakhstan	17	Russian Fed.	8	Liberia	20	Syrian Arab Rep.	36	Syrian Arab Rep.	33

Slovakia		Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland	
Somalia	77	Afghanistan	57	Côte d'Ivoire	550	Afghanistan	4,120	Eritrea	3,224
Afghanistan	65	Turkey	39	Cuba	440	Somalia	3,979	Tunisia	2,324
Georgia	32	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	35	Nigeria	259	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	3,915	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	1,539
Rep. of Moldova	31	Pakistan	26	Guinea	150	Eritrea	1,649	Nigeria	1,303
Russian Fed.	19	Tunisia	24	Western Sahara	131	Iraq	1,634	Afghanistan	1,006
Turkey	11	Somalia	17	Palestinian	131	Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,118	TfYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	838
Pakistan	10	Syrian Arab Rep.	10	Cameroon	129	Stateless	1,105	Syrian Arab Rep.	688
Islamic Rep. of Iran	9	Morocco	9	Algeria	122	Bosnia-Herzegovina	981	China	688
Dem. Rep. of Congo	7	Islamic Rep. of Iran	8	Colombia	104	Russian Fed.	930	Somalia	558
China	7	Algeria	8	Syrian Arab Rep.	97	TfYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	885	Turkey	508

TfYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>		Turkey		United Kingdom		United States <sup>(1)</sup>	
Afghanistan	427	Iraq	7,912	Pakistan	4,005	China	15,450
Pakistan	172	Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,411	Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,051	Mexico	8,186
Somalia	53	Afghanistan	2,486	Sri Lanka	2,142	El Salvador	4,011
Palestinian	15	Somalia	744	Afghanistan	1,529	Guatemala	3,363
Iraq	13	Syrian Arab Rep.	188	Libya	1,204	India	2,457
India	11	Kyrgyzstan	169	Nigeria	1,105	Honduras	1,528
Islamic Rep. of Iran	10	Palestinian	157	China	1,026	Nepal	1,384
Morocco	8	Uzbekistan	147	Eritrea	827	Haiti	1,348
Sudan	6	Dem. Rep. of Congo	76	Sudan	793	Egypt	1,131
Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	5	Yemen	72	Zimbabwe	757	Ethiopia	1,056

<sup>(1)</sup> Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)).

<sup>(2)</sup> The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

<sup>(3)</sup> Combination of cases (DHS) and persons (EOIR).

**TABLE 23 Top-10 populations of origin of asylum applicants by country of asylum | 2012**

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.

An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Albania		Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bosnia and Herzegovina	
Dem. Rep. of Congo	5	Afghanistan	3,079	Afghanistan	4,003	Afghanistan	2,349	Syrian Arab Rep.	35
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Sri Lanka	2,345	Russian Fed.	3,098	Dem. Rep. of Congo	1,392	Serbia (1)	*
Serbia (1)	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,839	Pakistan	1,827	Guinea	1,370	Eritrea	*
Gambia	*	Pakistan	1,512	Syrian Arab Rep.	922	Russian Fed.	1,190	Morocco	*
Nigeria	*	China	1,135	Islamic Rep. of Iran	761	Serbia (1)	995	Algeria	*
Turkey	*	India	943	Serbia (1)	606	Syrian Arab Rep.	798	Palestinian	*
Barbados	*	Iraq	760	Algeria	573	Pakistan	710	Libya	*
Afghanistan	*	Stateless	544	Iraq	491	Iraq	636	Rep. of Moldova	*
		Egypt	385	Somalia	483	Albania	607	Myanmar	*
		Lebanon	327	India	401	Cameroon	457	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*
Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia		Cyprus		Czech Republic	
Syrian Arab Rep.	436	Hungary	1,823	Afghanistan	365	Syrian Arab Rep.	564	Ukraine	101
Iraq	283	China	1,741	Somalia	295	Viet Nam	198	Syrian Arab Rep.	57
Stateless	137	Pakistan	808	Algeria	145	Bangladesh	188	Viet Nam	35
Afghanistan	95	India	765	Syrian Arab Rep.	86	Egypt	156	Belarus	33
Algeria	70	Colombia	724	Pakistan	59	Pakistan	108	Myanmar	30
Morocco	32	Nigeria	700	Morocco	27	India	64	Russian Fed.	29
Islamic Rep. of Iran	28	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	700	Eritrea	22	Sri Lanka	58	Armenia	19
Pakistan	26	Croatia	693	Islamic Rep. of Iran	20	Afghanistan	51	Kazakhstan	18
Rwanda	14	Russian Fed.	428	Tunisia	19	Islamic Rep. of Iran	43	Stateless	14
Cameroon	13	Haiti	419	Sudan	18	Philippines	36	Cuba	14
Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Somalia	914	Georgia	35	Iraq	784	Russian Fed.	5,324	Serbia (1)	10,383
Syrian Arab Rep.	907	Russian Fed.	8	Russian Fed.	199	Dem. Rep. of Congo	5,269	Afghanistan	7,498
Serbia (1)	689	Armenia	5	Afghanistan	188	Serbia (1)	3,936	Syrian Arab Rep.	6,201
Afghanistan	576	Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	180	Sri Lanka	3,085	Iraq	5,352
Islamic Rep. of Iran	548	Belarus	*	Somalia	173	Albania	2,643	TfYR Macedonia (2)	4,546
Russian Fed.	521	Viet Nam	*	Serbia (1)	167	Georgia	2,546	Islamic Rep. of Iran	4,348
Belarus	148	Turkey	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	121	China	2,225	Pakistan	3,412
Algeria	134	Pakistan	*	Nigeria	93	Armenia	2,184	Russian Fed.	3,202
Iraq	133	Afghanistan	*	Bosnia-Herzegovina	90	Turkey	2,043	Bosnia-Herzegovina	2,025
Nigeria	115	Egypt	*	Turkey	56	Pakistan	1,941	Turkey	1,457
Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Italy	
Pakistan	2,339	Afghanistan	880	Nigeria	17	Nigeria	158	Pakistan	2,366
Bangladesh	1,007	Pakistan	327	Islamic Rep. of Iran	12	Pakistan	104	Nigeria	1,513
Georgia	893	Serbia (1)	246	Albania	11	Dem. Rep. of Congo	58	Afghanistan	1,364
Afghanistan	584	Syrian Arab Rep.	145	Afghanistan	9	Zimbabwe	48	Tunisia	852
Albania	384	Somalia	69	Georgia	8	Albania	46	Ghana	803
Senegal	373	Algeria	59	Algeria	6	South Africa	33	Somalia	778
Iraq	315	Morocco	47	Croatia	6	China	32	Senegal	746
Syrian Arab Rep.	275	Islamic Rep. of Iran	45	Pakistan	*	Afghanistan	31	Eritrea	722
Nigeria	267	Turkey	30	Russian Fed.	*	Algeria	29	Mali	702
Dominican Rep.	257	Iraq	28	Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	24	Côte d'Ivoire	509
Japan (1)		Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg	
Turkey	422	Georgia	106	Serbia (1)	14	Georgia	296	Serbia (1)	587
Myanmar	368	Dem. Rep. of Congo	23	Bosnia-Herzegovina	14	Afghanistan	73	Albania	302
Nepal	320	Syrian Arab Rep.	18	Russian Fed.	12	Viet Nam	47	Montenegro	297
Pakistan	298	Russian Fed.	8	Ukraine	9	Russian Fed.	38	Bosnia-Herzegovina	286
Sri Lanka	255	Islamic Rep. of Iran	6	Armenia	5	Belarus	12	TfYR Macedonia (2)	169
Bangladesh	169	Egypt	5	Afghanistan	*	Stateless	8	Tunisia	46
India	125	Palestinian	*	Algeria	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	6	Algeria	33
Nigeria	112	Afghanistan	*	TfYR Macedonia (2)	*	Eritrea	6	Iraq	31
Ghana	104	Kyrgyzstan	*	Croatia	*	Uzbekistan	6	Islamic Rep. of Iran	30
Cameroon	58	Ghana	*	Albania	*	Lebanon	5	Nigeria	24

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**TABLE 23 Top-10 populations of origin of asylum applicants by country of asylum | 2012 (ctnd)**

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. See notes in Annex Table 1.  
An asterisk (\*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

Malta		Montenegro		Netherlands		New Zealand		Norway	
Somalia	1,249	Algeria	895	Not available	Islamic Rep. of Iran	39	Somalia	2,181	
Eritrea	434	Tunisia	174		China	33	Eritrea	1,183	
Syrian Arab Rep.	147	Morocco	129		Sri Lanka	25	Afghanistan	986	
Nigeria	66	Afghanistan	119		Pakistan	24	Sudan	472	
Libya	54	Pakistan	108		Fiji	21	Islamic Rep. of Iran	441	
Ethiopia	38	Syrian Arab Rep.	44		Saudi Arabia	20	Russian Fed.	371	
Pakistan	24	India	10		Syrian Arab Rep.	13	Nigeria	355	
Sudan	6	Bangladesh	8		Czech Rep.	12	Syrian Arab Rep.	327	
Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	6	Islamic Rep. of Iran	7		Turkey	9	Stateless	263	
Niger	5	Palestinian	6		India	9	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	246	
Poland		Portugal		Rep. of Korea		Romania		Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	
Russian Fed.	4,940	Guinea	64	Sri Lanka	308	Algeria	600	Afghanistan	815
Georgia	2,960	Nigeria	27	Pakistan	244	Morocco	350	Somalia	505
Armenia	380	Syrian Arab Rep.	20	Syrian Arab Rep.	146	Pakistan	335	Syrian Arab Rep.	288
Kazakhstan	120	Guinea-Bissau	19	Nigeria	102	Syrian Arab Rep.	256	Pakistan	247
Syrian Arab Rep.	107	Dem. Rep. of Congo	18	Uganda	56	Afghanistan	200	Algeria	183
Egypt	102	Belarus	15	Nepal	43	Tunisia	105	Eritrea	128
Afghanistan	88	Sri Lanka	14	Myanmar	32	Bangladesh	69	Bangladesh	124
Belarus	61	Côte d'Ivoire	11	Bangladesh	32	Palestinian	65	Morocco	87
Ukraine	58	Somalia	10	Cameroon	30	Egypt	55	Sudan	65
Viet Nam	50	Colombia	10	Liberia	28	Iraq	45	Palestinian	61
Slovakia		Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland	
Somalia	198	Afghanistan	50	Syrian Arab Rep.	255	Syrian Arab Rep.	7,814	Eritrea	4,295
Afghanistan	63	Syrian Arab Rep.	32	Nigeria	204	Somalia	5,644	Nigeria	2,353
Georgia	42	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	28	Algeria	202	Afghanistan	4,755	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	2,084
Congo	37	Turkey	26	Cameroon	121	Serbia <sup>(1)</sup>	3,639	Tunisia	1,993
Eritrea	28	Algeria	23	Côte d'Ivoire	106	Eritrea	2,356	Afghanistan	1,349
Armenia	26	Somalia	20	Mali	101	Stateless	2,289	Syrian Arab Rep.	1,146
Dem. Rep. of Congo	25	Tunisia	8	Somalia	98	Bosnia-Herzegovina	1,549	TfYR Macedonia <sup>(2)</sup>	1,031
Rep. of Moldova	24	Bosnia-Herzegovina	7	Pakistan	88	Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,529	Morocco	860
Algeria	13	Cuba	7	Palestinian	78	Albania	1,490	China	801
Turkey	11	Morocco	7	Dem. Rep. of Congo	78	Iraq	1,322	Somalia	762
TfYR Macedonia <sup>(3)</sup>		Turkey		United Kingdom		United States <sup>(4)</sup>			
Afghanistan	243	Iraq	6,942	Pakistan	4,783	China	15,884		
Pakistan	174	Afghanistan	4,401	Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,155	Mexico	11,067		
Somalia	93	Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,589	Sri Lanka	2,128	El Salvador	4,587		
Morocco	34	Somalia	776	Nigeria	1,428	Guatemala	4,152		
Algeria	19	Palestinian	236	Syrian Arab Rep.	1,289	Egypt	2,285		
Palestinian	13	Dem. Rep. of Congo	77	Afghanistan	1,234	Honduras	2,115		
Eritrea	6	Uzbekistan	76	India	1,180	India	1,998		
Bangladesh	5	Yemen	58	Bangladesh	1,155	Nepal	1,666		
Syrian Arab Rep.	5	Ethiopia	51	Albania	987	Haiti	1,612		
Islamic Rep. of Iran	5	Senegal	46	China	859	Ecuador	1,394		

<sup>(1)</sup> Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)).

<sup>(2)</sup> The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

<sup>(3)</sup> UNHCR estimates.

<sup>(4)</sup> Combination of cases (DHS) and persons (EOIR).





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