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# Asylum Levels and Trends: Europe and non-European Industrialized Countries, 2003

*A comparative overview of asylum applications submitted  
in 44 European and 6 non-European countries  
in 2003 and before*

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## INTRODUCTION

1. This document analyzes levels and trends in the number of asylum applications submitted in 44 European and 6 non-European asylum countries in 2003. Only the number of asylum applications is included: data on asylum-seekers being accepted as refugees or allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons will only become available later during the year. With the European Union (EU) extending eastwards during 2004, countries neighbouring the expanded EU are becoming more important from the perspective of asylum capacity building and international responsibility sharing. An extended list of Central and Eastern European countries has therefore been included.

2. Important note. The number of asylum countries covered by the various tables in this document differs, depending on the nature of the analysis and the availability of data. **Table 1** provides information on 50 asylum countries for the period 2001-2003, including 44 countries in Western, Central and Eastern Europe. **Table 2** presents asylum trends for 36, mostly industrialized, countries for which long-term trends are available. The comparative country of origin analysis covers 29 major asylum countries for which monthly data by origin are available (**Table 3 -Table 16**).

## METHODOLOGY AND DATA LIMITATIONS

3. Under the 1951 UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, Governments provide statistics on the number and conditions of refugees to UNHCR. The statistics presented here are thus based on national asylum laws and administrative procedures. In a few cases, UNHCR has made minor adjustments to improve international comparability, which have been clearly indicated in the text. In the absence of an official Governmental procedure or in case the Government has made a limitation to the 1951 UN Convention, applications for refugee status are submitted directly to UNHCR and adjudicated on the basis of its mandate. For these countries (e.g. Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Hungary, Malta, Rep. of Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro), the UNHCR data have been provided separately.

4. The statistics presented in this document reflect the number of 'new' applications: second or appeal applications are not included. However, because the figures are based on national sources, double counts resulting from persons seeking asylum in more than one country cannot be avoided to the extent that these cases have not been detected by the authorities. As a result, the figures presented here are likely to overestimate the actual number of asylum-seekers.

5. Italy is the only EU member state for which no monthly asylum application data are available. At the time this document was prepared, official estimates for the total number of persons applying for asylum in Italy during 2003 in total or by nationality were not yet available. For Luxembourg, the number of asylum applicants in November and December 2003 is not yet available and has been estimated by UNHCR. The total number of applications submitted in France in December 2003 is not yet available and has been estimated by UNHCR. The French data by country of origin in this document are limited to the first 11 months of 2003.

6. Monthly asylum statistics, particularly those concerning 2003, should be considered provisional, subject to change. Many of the monthly figures reported earlier have been updated retroactively by the Governments. Most asylum countries report the number of persons applying for asylum. For the United States, only the

number of applications ("cases") is available. In agreement with the competent authorities, UNHCR has multiplied the number of asylum cases by a factor of 1.4 to estimate the number of persons. Due to the large variation of family size by nationality, the analysis by country of origin in the US is based on the number of cases. In Table 1 and 2, figures refer to the US fiscal year, whereas the subsequent tables analyzing countries of origin are based on calendar years. For the United Kingdom (UK), tables with the total number of applications reflect the official estimate of the number of persons applying for asylum, but the country of origin analysis is based on the number of cases. On average, there are 1.2 asylum-seekers per application in the UK. The French asylum data used in this document exclude children under the age of 16.

### TRENDS BY ASYLUM REGION AND COUNTRY

7. The number of asylum-seekers in Europe and in the non-European industrialized countries continues to fall. In the 50 countries covered by Table 1, 471,600 applications for asylum were submitted in 2003, 20 per cent less than in 2002 (587,400) and 25 per cent below the 2001 level (627,700). The fall in asylum claims in the 44 European countries (-20%) was identical to the decline in the 6 non-European countries (-20%). The decline in the number of asylum claims lodged in 2003 in the 36 industrialized countries listed in Table 2 was also 20 per cent.

8. In the European Union (EU), the number of asylum claims, which had remained stable in 2002 (-2%), fell significantly in 2003 (-22%) to 288,100, the lowest level since 1997. Since 2000, the UK has been the main asylum-seeker receiving country in the EU. In 2003, the level of new claims submitted in the UK (61,050) fell by 41 per cent compared to 2002 (103,100), almost double the average EU decline. It is estimated that in 2003 France will have received more asylum-seekers (51,400) than Germany (50,500) for the first time since 1983. Whereas in Austria, the fourth largest receiving country in the EU, the annual fall in claims (-18%) was close to the EU average, asylum levels in Sweden, the fifth largest recipient country, fell only modestly (-5%). Together, these five countries received 79 per cent of all new asylum claims submitted in the EU in 2003 (see *Table 1*).

9. Denmark, where asylum claims fell by almost two-third in the past two years, received only 2 per cent of all new applications submitted in the EU during 2003. Following a 59 per cent decrease in asylum claims, the EU share of the Netherlands in receiving asylum-seekers fell from 8.5 per cent in 2001 to 5 per cent in 2003. In 2003, Ireland recorded its first significant decrease in annual asylum claims (-32%). The only major increase in the number of asylum applications in 2003 was recorded in two smaller receiving countries, Greece (45%) and Luxembourg (49%) (see *Table 1*).

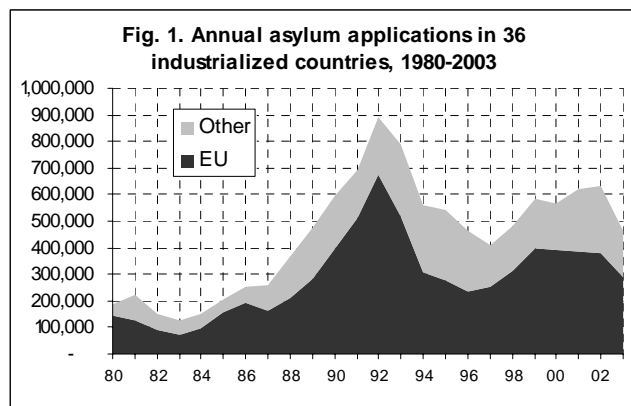
10. The 10 European countries which will accede to the EU on 1 May 2004 received 37,300 asylum applications in 2003, 16 per cent more than in 2002 (32,100), but 15 per cent less than in 2001 (44,000). With these countries joining the EU, the rise in total number of asylum-seekers in the EU will be limited: in 2003, the acceding countries accounted for only 11 per cent of all new asylum claims in the EU. Some of the new EU member states received significantly more asylum claimants in 2003, including Cyprus (364%), Czech Rep. (34%), Malta (63%), Poland (34%) and Slovenia (57%). Conversely, a strong decline in annual claims was recorded in the Baltic States, with Lithuania being the only country receiving a sizeable number of asylum-seekers. In Hungary, the number of asylum-seekers continued to decline in 2003: 63 per cent compared to 2002 and even 75 per cent compared to 2001. During

2001-2003, the 10 accession countries received 1.52 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants<sup>1</sup>, less than half the EU figure (3.22) (see Table 1).

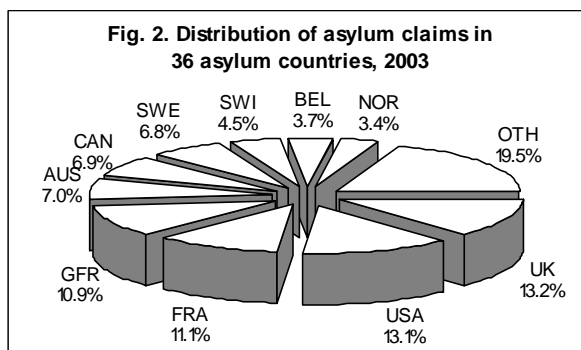
11. In the Nordic countries, a modest increase in annual asylum claims was recorded in 2002 (15%), but a fall was reported for 2003 (-8%). The distribution within the region is changing, however. Denmark continued to reduce the number of asylum-seekers, whereas Sweden and Norway have increased their share. Since 2001, the Nordic region received 6.92 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants, more than double the EU average.

12. The 15 Central European countries listed in Table 1 recorded a slight rise in asylum levels in 2003 (7%). In 2002, the eight Eastern European countries received some 7,300 asylum-seekers. (The 2003 figures for Eastern Europe are not yet complete.) Azerbaijan, one of the larger destination countries for individual asylum-seekers in the region, recorded a 50 per cent decrease in claims in 2003. Some Central and Eastern European countries host significant refugee or internally displaced populations resulting from mass inflows. These populations, although constituting a major concern for the host countries, fall outside the scope of individual screening and refugee status determination and are thus not covered by this document.

13. In the 36 industrialized countries included in Table 2, the 2003 level of asylum claims was the lowest since 1997. Of the 10.6 million asylum applications recorded in these countries since 1980, the EU received some 65 per cent (6.9 million) (see Figure 1).



14. Among these 36 countries, the UK has been the main receiving asylum-seeker country since 2000. In 2003, the number of persons claiming asylum in the UK (61,050) was virtually identical to the estimated number of persons claiming asylum in the USA (60,700). As a result, the UK and the USA each received 13 per cent of all claims submitted in the 36 asylum countries in 2003. Germany and France each received 11 per cent of all new asylum applications, whereas Austria, Canada and Sweden received 7 per cent each (see Figure 2).



15. Since 1990, more than 5 million asylum-seekers were registered in the EU. Germany received by far the largest proportion of asylum applicants (41%), followed by the UK (16%) and France (9%).

16. On a per capita basis, the ranking of the main receiving countries is quite different, however. Between 1990 and 2003, the 15 EU countries

received 14.0 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants. Countries which received more than twice as many asylum-seekers as the EU-average are Sweden (39.4) and

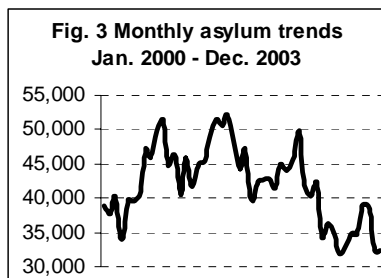
<sup>1</sup> The distribution of asylum claims among the 10 countries is not equal. Excluding Poland, the country with the largest national population, there are 2.70 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants in the acceding asylum countries during 2001-2003.

Austria (30.8)<sup>2</sup>. Like Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands received almost twice as many asylum-seekers per capita as the EU average. Ireland and the UK received about as many asylum-seekers per capita as the EU as a whole. The Southern European countries are receiving significantly fewer asylum-seekers than the EU average: Greece, Spain, Italy and Portugal received fewer than 5 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants. Based on national population size, it is evident that the distribution of asylum claims in the EU is quite imbalanced (see *Table on this page*).

17. In practice, many foreigners who claim asylum are not allowed to remain. The share of recognized asylum-seekers in the total population is therefore significantly smaller than the previous paragraph suggests. Moreover, it is believed that a sizeable number of persons claim asylum in more than one country, which inflates the figures when claims per country are added up.

18. During the fourth quarter of 2003, 107,000 asylum applications were lodged in the 29 countries providing monthly data, 6 per cent fewer than in the third quarter. Apart from the second quarter of 2003, the level of applications has not been as low since, at least, 2000. The USA asylum figures for the fourth quarter of 2003 are more than 50 per cent below those of the first

Asylum claims submitted in the European Union, 1990-2003			
Country	Total	Share	Per 1,000 population
Sweden	349,700	6.6%	39.4
Austria	249,800	4.7%	30.8
Belgium	283,400	5.3%	27.5
Netherlands	433,500	8.1%	27.0
Germany	2,168,000	40.7%	26.3
Denmark	117,900	2.2%	22.0
Luxembourg	9,700	0.2%	21.7
Ireland	59,300	1.1%	15.2
UK	851,930	16.0%	14.4
France	485,700	9.1%	8.1
Finland	29,600	0.6%	5.7
Greece	47,000	0.9%	4.3
Spain	113,100	2.1%	2.8
Italy	118,800	2.2%	2.1
Portugal	6,400	0.1%	0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,323,830</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14.0</b>



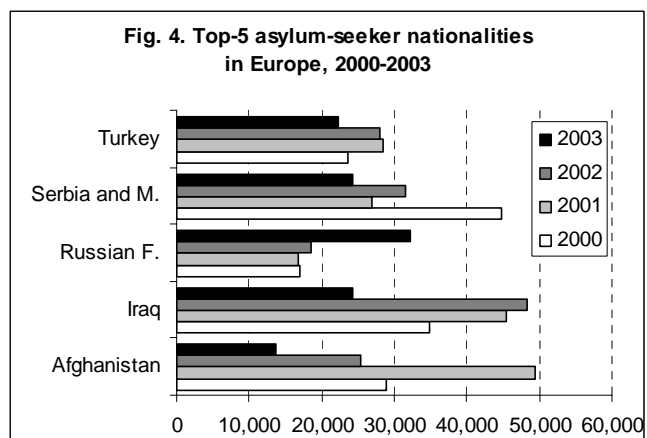
**Fig. 3 Monthly asylum trends  
Jan. 2000 - Dec. 2003**

six months of 2002. As a direct result of the strong decline in asylum requests submitted in the UK and the USA as well as the steady fall in claimants in Germany, it is estimated that France became the largest asylum-seeker receiving country during the fourth quarter of 2003 (see *Table 3*). In December 2003, an estimated 33,500 asylum claims were submitted, one of the lowest levels of the past four years (see *Table 4 and Figure 3*).

### ORIGIN OF ASYLUM-SEEKERS

19. In 2000, Serbia and Montenegro had been the leading country of origin of asylum-seekers in Europe, in 2001 most asylum-seekers came from Afghanistan, whereas Iraq became the biggest source of asylum-seekers in 2002 (see *Figure 4*).

20. Following a 68 per cent increase in the annual level of asylum claims in 29 industrialized countries, the Russian Federation topped the list of major source countries in 2003. Russian asylum-seekers are concentrated in a few countries: in 2003, Austria was the main



**Fig. 4. Top-5 asylum-seeker nationalities  
in Europe, 2000-2003**

<sup>2</sup> Switzerland received 51.3 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants during 1990-2003 (see *Table 2*).

recipient of Russian asylum-seekers (20%), followed by Poland (17%), Czech Rep. (15%), Germany (10%) and Slovakia (8%). It is believed that a sizeable portion of Russian asylum-seekers has applied in more than one asylum country. Since May 2003, Russian asylum-seekers, many of whom are originating from Chechnya, constitute the largest single nationality of asylum-seekers in the industrialized world. While the number of Russians claiming asylum has fallen since September/October 2003, they remained by far the largest asylum-seeker nationality in December (see *Table 14*).

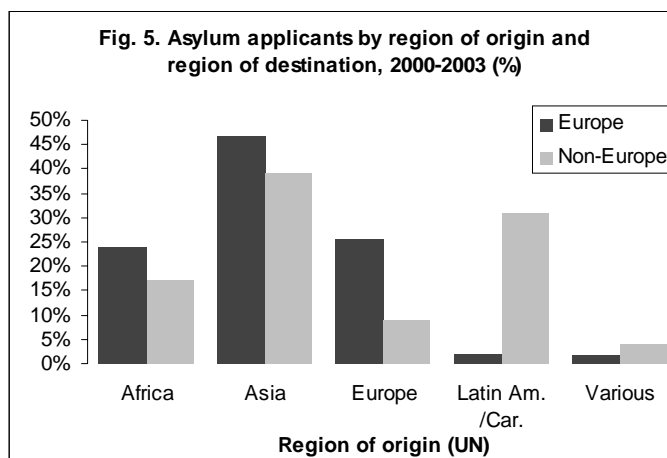
21. Most major asylum-seeker nationalities experienced a significant fall in 2003. Countries of origin whose nationals submitted significantly fewer asylum claims in 2003 included Iraq (-50%), Serbia and Montenegro (-23%), Turkey (-21%), China (-19%) and Afghanistan (-46%) (see *Table 7*).

22. Although the above trends are generally reflected in the EU, there are some exceptions. Most notably, the latest annual increase in the number of Russian asylum-seekers in the EU was only half (34%) the increase in the 29 asylum countries (68%). Similarly, the rise in Chinese asylum-seekers in the EU (23%) coincided with an overall decrease in all 29 countries (-19%). Although the absolute numbers are limited, the number of Liberian asylum-seekers in the EU doubled in 2003 (see *Table 9*).

23. During the fourth quarter of 2003, the number of Iraqi asylum-seekers continued to drop quickly in the 29 asylum countries and reached only 28 per cent of the first quarter level. In contrast, the number of Armenian asylum-seekers doubled during the course of 2003 (see *Table 11*).

24. The latest monthly trends of 2003 should be analyzed with caution, bearing in mind that the origin data from France are not yet available.

25. Since 2000, Asia has been the major region of origin of asylum-seekers in the industrialized world. In Europe, asylum-seekers from Europe and Africa account for some 25 per cent of the total inflow. In the Non-European asylum countries (that is, mostly Canada and the USA), Latin America is the second most important source region. This confirms that proximity is an important determinant of the level and direction of asylum-seeker flows.



**ASYLUM LEVELS AND TRENDS:  
EUROPE AND NON-EUROPEAN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, 2003**

**Table 1. Total number of asylum applications submitted in 50 asylum countries, 2001 - 2003**

For country notes and regional classification, see next page.

Country/ region of asylum	2001	2002	2003	Total			Annual change		Per 1,000 population	
				Absolute	Share	Rank	'01-'02	'02-'03	Total	Rank
Albania	160	110	30	300	0.0%	39	-31%	-73%	0.10	37
Armenia	10	10	80	100	0.0%	44	0%	700%	0.03	42
Australia	12,370	5,780	4,260	22,410	1.3%	16	-53%	-26%	1.15	24
Austria	30,140	39,350	32,340	101,830	6.1%	6	31%	-18%	12.55	1
Azerbaijan	3,540	1,830	880	6,250	0.4%	25	-48%	-52%	0.75	29
Belarus	220	160	140	520	0.0%	36	-27%	-13%	0.05	40
Belgium	24,550	18,810	16,940	60,300	3.6%	10	-23%	-10%	5.86	9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	730	580	740	2,050	0.1%	31	-21%	28%	0.50	31
Bulgaria	2,430	2,890	1,550	6,870	0.4%	24	19%	-46%	0.86	27
Canada	44,730	33,440	31,860	110,030	6.6%	5	-25%	-5%	3.52	15
Croatia	90	100	60	250	0.0%	41	11%	-40%	0.06	39
Cyprus	1,770	950	4,410	7,130	0.4%	23	-46%	364%	8.96	6
Czech Rep.	18,090	8,480	11,390	37,960	2.3%	12	-53%	34%	3.70	14
Denmark	12,510	6,070	4,560	23,140	1.4%	15	-51%	-25%	4.32	12
Estonia	10	10	10	30	0.0%	46	0%	0%	0.02	43
Finland	1,650	3,440	3,080	8,170	0.5%	22	108%	-10%	1.57	22
France	47,290	51,090	51,360	149,740	9.0%	4	8%	1%	2.50	18
FYR Macedonia	200	120	2,280	2,600	0.2%	30	-40%	1800%	1.27	23
Georgia	-	-	-	-	0.0%	47	0%	0%	0.00	47
Germany	88,290	71,130	50,450	209,870	12.6%	3	-19%	-29%	2.55	17
Greece	5,500	5,660	8,180	19,340	1.2%	18	3%	45%	1.76	20
Hungary	9,550	6,410	2,400	18,360	1.1%	19	-33%	-63%	1.85	19
Iceland	50	120	80	250	0.0%	41	140%	-33%	0.87	26
Ireland	10,330	11,630	7,900	29,860	1.8%	13	13%	-32%	7.64	7
Italy	9,620	7,280	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Japan	350	250	340	940	0.1%	33	-29%	36%	0.01	45
Korea, Rep. of	40	40	90	170	0.0%	43	0%	125%	0.00	46
Latvia	10	30	10	50	0.0%	45	200%	-67%	0.02	44
Liechtenstein	110	90	100	300	0.0%	39	-18%	11%	9.01	5
Lithuania	260	290	180	730	0.0%	34	12%	-38%	0.21	33
Luxembourg	690	1,040	1,550	3,280	0.2%	29	51%	49%	7.33	8
Malta	120	350	570	1,040	0.1%	32	192%	63%	2.65	16
Moldova, Rep. of	250	110	90	450	0.0%	37	-56%	-18%	0.11	36
Netherlands	32,580	18,670	13,400	64,650	3.9%	9	-43%	-28%	4.02	13
New Zealand	1,600	1,000	820	3,420	0.2%	27	-38%	-18%	0.89	25
Norway	14,780	17,480	15,960	48,220	2.9%	11	18%	-9%	10.68	2
Poland	4,510	5,150	6,920	16,580	1.0%	20	14%	34%	0.43	32
Portugal	230	250	110	590	0.0%	35	9%	-56%	0.06	38
Romania	2,430	1,150	1,080	4,660	0.3%	26	-53%	-6%	0.21	34
Russian Federation	1,680	880	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Serbia and Montenegro	150	140	140	430	0.0%	38	-7%	0%	0.04	41
Slovakia	8,150	9,700	10,320	28,170	1.7%	14	19%	6%	5.22	10
Slovenia	1,510	700	1,100	3,310	0.2%	28	-54%	57%	1.67	21
Spain	9,490	6,310	5,770	21,570	1.3%	17	-34%	-9%	0.53	30
Sweden	23,520	33,020	31,360	87,900	5.3%	7	40%	-5%	9.91	3
Switzerland	20,630	26,130	21,050	67,810	4.1%	8	27%	-19%	9.46	4
Turkey	5,040	3,800	3,950	12,790	0.8%	21	-25%	4%	0.18	35
Ukraine	920	460	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
United Kingdom	91,600	103,080	61,050	255,730	15.4%	1	13%	-41%	4.33	11
United States	83,200	81,810	60,670	225,680	13.5%	2	-2%	-26%	0.78	28
European Union (14)	378,370	369,550	288,050	1,035,970	62.2%	..	-2%	-22%	3.22	..
European Union (15)	387,990	376,830	..	..	..	..	-3%	..	..	..
Accession countries (10)	43,980	32,070	37,310	113,360	6.8%	..	-27%	16%	1.52	..
European Union (24)	422,350	401,620	325,360	1,149,330	69.0%	..	-5%	-19%	2.90	..
European Union (25)	431,970	408,900	..	..	..	..	-5%	..	..	..
Nordic countries (5)	52,510	60,130	55,040	167,680	10.1%	..	15%	-8%	6.92	..
Central Europe (15)	48,280	35,860	38,210	122,350	7.3%	..	-26%	7%	0.96	..
Eastern Europe (8)	11,660	7,250	..	..	..	..	-38%	..	..	..
Western Europe (18)	413,940	413,370	325,240	1,152,550	69.2%	..	0%	-21%	3.46	..
Total Europe (44)	485,390	465,060	373,570	1,303,180	78.2%	..	-4%	-20%	1.60	..
Non-Europe (6)	142,290	122,320	98,040	362,650	21.8%	..	-14%	-20%	0.70	..
Industrialized countries (36)	614,650	579,040	463,130	1,639,920	98.4%	..	-6%	-20%	1.80	..
Total	627,680	587,380	471,610	1,665,830	100.0%	..	-6%	-20%	1.25	..

**Notes**

Source: Governments, UNHCR. Compiled by UNHCR Geneva (Population Data Unit/PGDS).  
The data provided in this table generally reflect the number of persons seeking asylum for the first time.  
Figures may differ slightly from the totals by origin or month in this document.  
Two dots (..) indicate that the information is not available. All figures rounded to the nearest 10.

**TABLE 1. NOTES**a. Country notes

**Australia.** Figures since September 2001 exclude persons who arrived offshore or are being processed on Manus Island, Papua New Guinea or Nauru.

**Austria.** The 2001 figure includes 5,622 persons who applied for asylum abroad. Few of these, mostly Afghan, asylum-seekers were granted entry.

**Azerbaijan.** Source: UNHCR

**Bosnia and Herzegovina.** Source: UNHCR.

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

**Croatia.** Does not include refugee claims submitted to UNHCR (2001: 132; 2002: 69; 2003: 73)

**Cyprus.** Source: 2001: UNHCR figures. 2002 and 2003: Government. In addition, UNHCR received 392 claims in 2002 and 626 claims in 2003).

**France.** 2003: UNHCR estimate based on official data for the first 11 months.

**FYR Macedonia.** 2003: includes 2,278 persons, mainly from Kosovo, with Temporary Humanitarian Assistance Status who applied for asylum.

**Germany.** Figures refer to "first" applications, excluding "repeat" asylum applications.

**Moldova, Rep. of.** Source: UNHCR (2001 and 2002). Government procedure since 2003.

**Serbia and Montenegro.** 2002: excluding 21 applications under UNHCR mandate.

**Turkey.** Source: UNHCR.

**United Kingdom.** official estimate of the number of persons seeking asylum. Source: Home Office. Country of origin data based on no. of cases.

**USA.** Data refer to Fiscal Year (Oct.-Sept.). Figures estimated by UNHCR on the basis of 1.4 persons per application.

b. Regional classification

**European Union (14).** All current 15 EU member states except Italy.

**European Union (15).** All current 15 EU member states.

**Accession countries (10).** Countries acceding to the EU as per 1 May 2004 (Cyprus, Czech Rep., Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia)

**European Union (24).** EU-14 plus the 10 accession countries.

**European Union (25).** EU-15 plus the 10 accession countries.

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

**Central Europe (15).** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep., Estonia, FYR Macedonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia and Slovenia.

**Eastern Europe (8).** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Rep. of Moldova, Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine.

**Western Europe (18).** EU-14 plus Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

**Total Europe (44).** All 44 European countries listed.

**Non-Europe (6).** Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Rep. of Korea and USA.

**Industrialized countries (36).** Countries covered by Table 2.



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**Table 2. Number of asylum applications submitted in 36, mostly industrialized countries, 1990 - 2003**

Asylum country	Year													Total		
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Abs.	Per 1,000 pop.
Australia	12,130	16,740	6,050	7,200	6,260	7,630	9,760	9,310	8,160	9,450	13,070	12,370	5,780	4,260	128,170	6.56
Austria	22,790	27,310	16,240	4,750	5,080	5,920	6,990	6,720	13,810	20,100	18,280	30,140	39,350	32,340	249,820	30.80
Belgium	12,960	15,170	17,650	26,880	14,350	11,420	12,430	11,790	21,970	35,780	42,690	24,550	18,810	16,940	283,390	27.52
Bulgaria	-	60	150	-	-	520	300	430	830	1,330	1,760	2,430	2,890	1,550	12,250	1.54
Canada	36,740	32,350	37,730	21,190	22,060	25,950	25,740	24,330	25,400	30,880	37,860	44,730	33,440	31,860	430,260	13.76
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	110	100	90	230	790	650	1,770	950	4,410	9,100	11.44
Czech Rep.	1,790	1,980	820	2,190	1,190	1,410	2,160	2,100	4,080	7,290	8,790	18,090	8,480	11,390	71,760	7.00
Denmark	5,290	4,610	13,880	14,350	6,650	5,100	5,890	5,090	9,370	12,330	12,200	12,510	6,070	4,560	117,900	22.03
Estonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	20	-	10	10	10	70	0.05
Finland	2,740	2,130	3,630	2,020	840	850	710	970	1,270	3,110	3,170	1,650	3,440	3,080	29,610	5.70
France	54,810	47,380	28,870	27,560	25,960	20,420	17,410	21,420	22,380	30,910	38,750	47,290	51,090	51,400	485,650	8.11
Germany	193,060	256,110	438,190	322,600	127,210	127,940	116,370	104,350	98,640	95,110	78,560	88,290	71,130	50,450	2,168,010	26.31
Greece	6,170	2,670	1,850	810	1,300	1,310	1,640	4,380	2,950	1,530	3,080	5,500	5,660	8,180	47,030	4.29
Hungary	3,520	920	460	470	210	130	150	210	7,100	11,500	7,800	9,550	6,410	2,400	50,830	5.12
Iceland	10	10	10	-	-	10	-	10	20	20	20	50	120	80	360	1.25
Ireland	-	30	40	90	360	420	1,180	3,880	4,630	7,720	11,100	10,330	11,630	7,900	59,310	15.17
Italy	4,830	23,320	6,040	1,650	1,790	1,730	680	1,860	11,120	33,360	15,560	9,620	7,280	..	118,840	2.07
Japan	30	40	70	50	70	50	150	240	130	220	220	350	250	340	2,210	0.02
Latvia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	20	-	10	30	10	130	0.06
Liechtenstein	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	230	520	10	110	90	100	1,060	31.85
Lithuania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	320	160	130	200	260	290	180	1,540	0.44
Luxembourg	110	-	-	-	-	390	260	430	1,710	2,920	620	690	1,040	1,550	9,720	21.73
Malta	-	60	400	..	..	150	80	70	170	90	70	120	350	570	2,130	5.42
Netherlands	21,210	21,620	20,350	35,400	52,570	29,260	22,170	34,440	45,220	42,730	43,900	32,580	18,670	13,400	433,520	26.98
New Zealand	660	1,160	770	350	430	680	1,320	1,500	1,970	1,530	1,550	1,600	1,000	820	15,340	3.99
Norway	3,960	4,570	5,240	12,880	3,380	1,460	1,780	2,270	8,370	10,160	10,840	14,780	17,480	15,960	113,130	25.06
Poland	-	2,440	590	820	600	840	3,210	3,530	3,370	2,960	4,590	4,510	5,150	6,920	39,530	1.02
Portugal	80	260	690	2,090	770	460	270	300	370	310	220	230	250	110	6,410	0.64
Romania	-	500	800	-	-	-	590	1,430	1,240	1,670	1,370	2,430	1,150	1,080	12,260	0.55
Slovakia	-	-	90	100	140	360	420	650	510	1,320	1,560	8,150	9,700	10,320	33,320	6.17
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	70	500	870	9,240	1,510	700	1,100	14,030	7.06
Spain	8,650	8,140	11,710	12,620	11,990	5,680	4,730	4,980	6,650	8,410	7,930	9,490	6,310	5,770	113,060	2.76
Sweden	29,420	27,350	84,020	37,580	18,640	9,050	5,750	9,660	12,840	11,230	16,300	23,520	33,020	31,360	349,740	39.44
Switzerland	35,840	41,630	17,960	24,740	16,130	17,020	18,000	23,980	41,300	46,070	17,610	20,630	26,130	21,050	368,090	51.33
UK	38,200	73,400	32,300	28,000	42,200	55,000	37,000	41,500	58,500	91,200	98,900	91,600	103,080	61,050	851,930	14.42
USA	106,780	81,650	145,550	200,370	202,410	208,690	149,980	73,080	50,260	45,800	57,210	83,200	81,810	60,670	1,547,460	5.32
Total (36)	601,780	693,610	892,150	786,760	562,590	539,960	447,260	395,390	465,540	569,390	565,680	614,650	579,040	463,170	8,176,970	8.44
EU (14)	395,490	486,180	669,420	514,750	307,920	273,220	232,800	249,910	300,310	363,390	375,700	378,370	369,550	288,090	5,205,100	16.19
EU (15)	400,320	509,500	675,460	516,400	309,710	274,950	233,480	251,770	311,430	396,750	391,260	387,990	376,830	..	..	..
New EU (10)	5,310	5,400	2,360	3,580	2,140	3,000	6,160	7,040	16,200	24,990	32,900	43,980	32,070	37,310	222,440	2.99
EU (24)	400,800	491,580	671,780	518,330	310,060	276,220	238,960	256,950	316,510	388,380	408,600	422,350	401,620	325,400	5,427,540	13.70
EU (25)	405,630	514,900	677,820	519,980	311,850	277,950	239,640	258,810	327,630	421,740	424,160	431,970	408,900	..	..	..
Europe (31)	445,440	561,670	701,980	557,600	331,360	296,960	260,310	286,930	379,620	481,510	455,770	472,400	456,760	365,220	6,053,530	12.21
Non-Europe (5)	156,340	131,940	190,170	229,160	231,230	243,000	186,950	108,460	85,920	87,880	109,910	142,250	122,280	97,950	2,123,440	4.49

**Notes**

See also Table 1.

Source: Governments, UNHCR. Compiled by UNHCR Geneva (Population Data Unit/PGDS).

The data provided in this table generally reflect the number of persons seeking asylum for the first time.

Two dots (..) indicates that the information is not available. All figures have been rounded to the nearest 10.

Cyprus. Refers to applications submitted under the UNHCR mandate (up to 2001) and to the Government of Cyprus (2002-2003).

Denmark. Since 1998, the data include persons who have been returned to a safe third country or processed under the Dublin Convention.

Hungary. Applications submitted under UNHCR Mandate: '90: 450; '91: 380; '92: 400; '93: 260; '94: 230; '95: 460; '96: 520; '97: 890; '98: 270.

Netherlands. Data for 1999 include 3,430 applications submitted by persons from Kosovo under the Humanitarian Evacuation Programme (HEP).

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**Table 3. Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 29 countries, 2002 - 2003**

Countries with monthly data only.

Asylum country	2002				2003				Quarterly change 2003		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4
Australia	1,661	1,517	1,369	1,314	1,155	1,159	1,105	837	0%	-5%	-24%
Austria	7,667	8,757	11,300	9,259	6,644	8,125	9,798	7,775	22%	21%	-21%
Belgium	4,685	4,344	5,003	4,773	3,828	3,582	4,613	4,917	-6%	29%	7%
Bulgaria	1,091	964	412	421	426	256	281	586	-40%	10%	109%
Canada	6,792	8,908	8,040	9,702	9,761	7,748	7,432	6,915	-21%	-4%	-7%
Czech Rep.	2,729	1,893	1,759	2,054	1,977	3,048	3,058	3,311	54%	0%	8%
Denmark	2,090	1,438	1,137	1,282	1,222	1,103	1,206	1,026	-10%	9%	-15%
Finland	397	1,143	904	689	783	585	681	1,033	-25%	16%	52%
France	12,777	12,289	12,170	13,562	12,473	11,917	12,784	14,200	-4%	7%	11%
Germany	19,230	17,029	18,013	16,772	14,939	11,423	12,494	11,589	-24%	9%	-7%
Greece	1,532	751	1,852	1,529	2,246	2,592	1,954	1,386	15%	-25%	-29%
Hungary	1,675	1,445	1,928	1,364	645	522	737	497	-19%	41%	-33%
Ireland	2,533	2,552	3,327	3,222	2,818	1,932	1,912	1,238	-31%	-1%	-35%
Japan	52	65	76	57	70	74	106	85	6%	43%	-20%
Liechtenstein	19	21	33	23	24	29	24	24	21%	-17%	0%
Luxembourg	157	237	278	371	298	354	362	540	19%	2%	49%
Netherlands	6,299	4,836	4,201	3,331	3,674	3,792	3,219	2,717	3%	-15%	-16%
New Zealand	250	291	236	220	250	218	185	166	-13%	-15%	-10%
Norway	4,370	3,792	5,089	4,229	3,709	3,479	5,022	3,750	-6%	44%	-25%
Poland	868	921	1,312	1,565	1,407	1,314	2,331	1,869	-7%	77%	-20%
Portugal	58	59	87	41	22	40	16	29	82%	-60%	81%
Romania	292	317	273	226	272	384	213	208	41%	-45%	-2%
Slovakia	1,958	1,393	2,839	3,549	1,249	2,125	2,788	4,161	70%	31%	49%
Slovenia	133	125	112	268	285	283	307	227	-1%	8%	-26%
Spain	2,483	1,267	1,056	1,373	1,547	1,072	1,506	1,642	-31%	40%	9%
Sweden	7,236	7,378	9,373	9,024	7,942	6,198	8,945	8,270	-22%	44%	-8%
Switzerland	5,612	6,242	7,392	6,971	5,506	4,868	5,592	5,085	-12%	15%	-9%
United Kingdom	22,872	24,888	27,890	27,430	20,621	12,512	14,766	13,152	-39%	18%	-11%
United States	21,741	23,677	18,627	17,095	16,181	15,116	11,199	10,619	-7%	-26%	-5%
EU-14	90,016	86,968	96,591	92,658	79,057	65,227	74,256	69,514	-17%	14%	-6%
Western Europe	100,017	97,023	109,105	103,881	88,296	73,603	84,894	78,373	-17%	15%	-8%
Central Europe	8,746	7,058	8,635	9,447	6,261	7,932	9,715	10,859	27%	22%	12%
Europe	107,102	102,564	116,371	112,014	93,402	80,376	93,504	88,395	-14%	16%	-5%
Non-Europe	30,496	34,458	28,348	28,388	27,417	24,315	20,027	18,622	-11%	-18%	-7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>137,598</b>	<b>137,022</b>	<b>144,719</b>	<b>140,402</b>	<b>120,819</b>	<b>104,691</b>	<b>113,531</b>	<b>107,017</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>-6%</b>

**Notes**

See notes Table 1.

France fourth quarter 2003: UNHCR estimate.

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**Table 4. Monthly asylum applications lodged in 29 asylum countries, 2003**

Countries with monthly data only (see Table 3).

Asylum country	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Change Nov.-Dec
Australia	402	346	407	395	406	358	404	380	321	287	252	298	18%
Austria	2,506	1,867	2,271	2,440	2,787	2,898	3,148	3,194	3,456	3,684	1,989	2,102	6%
Belgium	1,449	1,103	1,276	1,188	1,115	1,279	1,545	1,394	1,674	1,627	1,558	1,732	11%
Bulgaria	167	137	122	69	94	93	139	57	85	149	109	328	201%
Canada	3,769	2,974	3,018	2,955	2,642	2,151	2,470	2,255	2,707	2,528	2,339	2,048	-12%
Czech Rep.	685	704	588	1,188	965	895	926	1,167	965	1,553	997	761	-24%
Denmark	405	422	395	344	383	376	327	458	421	369	349	308	-12%
Finland	281	319	183	167	148	270	185	247	249	340	350	343	-2%
France	3,655	4,399	4,419	4,605	3,100	4,212	4,431	4,081	4,272	5,191	4,719	4,280	-9%
Germany	6,124	4,486	4,329	4,012	3,758	3,653	4,528	3,548	4,418	4,343	3,830	3,416	-11%
Greece	615	871	760	666	1,047	879	390	239	1,325	479	577	330	-43%
Hungary	228	234	183	131	153	238	239	215	283	203	181	113	-38%
Ireland	979	947	892	667	604	661	646	655	611	496	395	347	-12%
Japan	26	24	20	32	20	22	31	37	38	33	31	21	-32%
Liechtenstein	11	5	8	5	7	17	11	7	6	9	11	4	-64%
Luxembourg	79	107	112	127	107	120	138	89	135	151	194	195	1%
Netherlands	1,234	1,042	1,398	1,570	1,391	831	1,127	989	1,103	1,015	931	771	-17%
New Zealand	90	86	74	81	55	82	56	50	79	68	45	53	18%
Norway	1,205	1,203	1,301	1,124	1,126	1,229	1,344	1,828	1,850	1,448	1,076	1,226	14%
Poland	364	337	706	372	527	415	496	615	1,220	634	523	712	36%
Portugal	11	5	6	18	10	12	5	3	8	4	11	14	27%
Romania	80	63	129	170	96	118	69	95	49	75	69	64	-7%
Slovakia	442	386	421	636	679	810	878	895	1,015	1,366	1,427	1,368	-4%
Slovenia	102	122	61	76	91	116	112	92	103	81	85	61	-28%
Spain	764	411	372	332	395	345	456	478	572	547	588	507	-14%
Sweden	3,127	2,500	2,315	2,006	1,936	2,256	2,649	3,138	3,158	3,094	2,465	2,711	10%
Switzerland	2,196	1,648	1,662	1,538	1,767	1,563	1,791	1,899	1,902	1,908	1,690	1,487	-12%
United Kingdom	9,250	5,487	5,884	4,351	3,856	4,305	4,896	4,714	5,156	4,983	3,885	4,284	10%
United States	5,559	4,652	5,970	5,764	4,413	4,939	3,458	3,860	3,881	3,900	3,055	3,664	20%
EU-14	30,479	23,966	24,612	22,493	20,637	22,097	24,471	23,227	26,558	26,323	21,841	21,340	-2%
Western Europe	33,891	26,822	27,583	25,160	23,537	24,906	27,617	26,961	30,316	29,688	24,618	24,057	-2%
Central Europe	2,068	1,983	2,210	2,642	2,605	2,685	2,859	3,136	3,720	4,061	3,391	3,407	0%
Europe	35,959	28,805	29,793	27,802	26,142	27,591	30,476	30,097	34,036	33,749	28,009	27,464	-2%
Non-Europe	9,846	8,082	9,489	9,227	7,536	7,552	6,419	6,582	7,026	6,816	5,722	6,084	6%
Total	45,805	36,887	39,282	37,029	33,678	35,143	36,895	36,679	41,062	40,565	33,731	33,548	-1%

**Notes**

See notes Table 1.

France December 2003: UNHCR estimate.

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**Table 5. Asylum applications lodged in 29 asylum countries by origin, 2002**

Countries with monthly data only (see Table 3).

Values between 1 and 4 have been replaced with an asterisk. UK and USA: cases.

Origin	AUL	AUS	BEL	BUL	CAN	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GBR	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE	JPN
Iraq	151	4,473	461	946	235	201	1,032	107	242	14,565	10,367	2,567	2,006	148	*
Serbia and Montenegro	24	4,729	1,523	*	103	39	1,015	240	1,613	2,260	6,682	*	100	115	-
Turkey	71	3,563	970	47	1,036	32	110	188	6,516	2,830	9,569	211	124	19	53
China	1,089	778	197	-	1,996	499	50	9	2,716	3,675	1,732	70	82	85	24
Afghanistan	50	4,322	326	864	88	26	1,132	25	259	7,200	2,779	1,238	2,160	7	6
Russian Federation	34	2,223	1,156	13	263	671	197	255	1,728	300	4,077	36	44	206	-
India	549	3,366	212	*	1,137	346	95	12	576	1,870	2,237	84	64	42	8
Nigeria	17	1,431	113	169	663	35	62	25	876	1,135	938	184	125	4,049	9
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	50	1,789	19	566	5	11	50	5,244	2,205	1,008	65	*	270	*
Somalia	14	222	125	30	342	14	373	52	115	6,540	205	69	213	77	-
Colombia	37	10	91	-	2,537	*	5	-	156	425	92	-	-	*	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	59	711	743	142	292	9	179	39	118	2,625	2,643	411	160	17	18
Mexico	*	-	*	-	2,091	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	86	358	177	13	3,485	24	62	*	441	2,410	1,082	250	40	120	25
Algeria	*	240	936	9	119	72	97	37	2,839	1,055	1,733	13	34	106	-
Sri Lanka	220	68	103	-	1,600	30	38	9	1,988	3,130	434	8	8	8	9
Zimbabwe	44	5	*	*	112	-	*	-	*	7,655	37	*	*	357	-
Georgia	*	1,919	313	15	36	641	44	11	1,538	185	1,494	8	91	103	-
Armenia	*	2,039	340	364	11	463	37	*	971	60	900	8	26	7	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	213	226	-	22	*	182	226	507	55	990	*	*	9	-
Angola	*	25	406	-	179	*	11	36	1,587	1,420	568	-	*	117	-
Ukraine	35	414	211	9	268	1,658	41	103	719	360	602	5	15	351	-
Romania	17	87	631	-	192	100	22	592	130	1,210	112	*	15	1,676	-
Sierra Leone	-	111	171	5	35	*	10	*	542	1,160	546	70	37	78	-
Haiti	-	-	*	-	237	-	-	-	1,901	-	*	-	-	-	-
Cameroon	-	69	435	*	75	*	17	5	639	620	1,222	*	8	187	15
Bangladesh	144	1,104	45	23	325	41	12	81	661	725	151	34	352	16	12
Rep. of Moldova	10	823	141	8	51	729	7	18	879	835	227	*	12	537	-
Albania	30	116	539	*	478	*	71	20	435	1,155	366	9	5	165	-
Viet Nam	101	62	12	*	65	885	25	*	79	840	2,338	-	182	*	6
Other	3,079	3,452	6,413	212	14,803	1,915	1,010	993	14,783	15,455	15,913	324	509	2,762	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,861</b>	<b>36,983</b>	<b>18,805</b>	<b>2,888</b>	<b>33,442</b>	<b>8,435</b>	<b>5,947</b>	<b>3,133</b>	<b>50,798</b>	<b>83,960</b>	<b>71,044</b>	<b>5,664</b>	<b>6,412</b>	<b>11,634</b>	<b>250</b>

Origin	LIE	LUX	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	POR	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	USA	Total
Iraq	-	34	1,022	1,624	31	136	*	381	82	1,245	131	5,447	1,191	537	49,368
Serbia and Montenegro	20	495	516	2,460	*	-	-	*	24	44	86	5,850	3,772	360	32,078
Turkey	-	8	638	257	*	6	-	42	54	34	73	696	1,932	67	29,150
China	-	*	542	87	25	35	-	90	11	1,764	15	64	398	10,263	26,298
Afghanistan	-	-	1,077	786	*	560	7	35	16	1,669	*	527	242	45	25,453
Russian Federation	5	68	420	1,719	6	2,649	13	*	167	618	23	1,496	517	997	19,904
India	-	*	176	31	75	187	-	127	*	1,611	6	63	156	1,857	14,892
Nigeria	-	6	556	139	11	7	*	14	1,440	57	5	164	1,052	31	13,315
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	26	522	15	*	7	6	-	169	*	-	108	746	181	13,074
Somalia	-	*	538	1,535	19	*	-	34	41	199	9	1,108	403	366	12,650
Colombia	-	-	26	11	12	-	*	-	1,056	-	*	81	50	7,810	12,406
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	13	665	450	101	13	*	53	17	79	54	762	285	918	11,578
Mexico	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	8,610	10,710
Pakistan	-	-	77	216	21	55	-	36	20	168	24	62	269	547	10,070
Algeria	-	30	202	468	8	*	-	*	344	25	67	325	1,031	8	9,804
Sri Lanka	-	*	298	87	52	35	8	*	11	96	*	23	457	104	8,828
Zimbabwe	-	-	11	*	85	-	*	-	-	-	-	7	24	292	8,646
Georgia	*	7	219	284	-	39	*	7	71	55	12	439	686	192	8,413
Armenia	-	8	427	163	-	217	*	*	92	102	*	335	453	1,161	8,195
Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	77	221	810	-	-	-	*	11	*	26	2,884	1,547	-	8,020
Angola	-	*	1,891	24	-	-	46	*	102	5	-	55	835	20	7,337
Ukraine	9	19	156	772	*	92	*	*	67	47	13	785	254	222	7,232
Romania	*	7	60	247	*	38	10	-	131	-	*	534	970	205	6,997
Sierra Leone	-	8	1,620	14	*	5	34	*	274	33	9	41	551	678	6,046
Haiti	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	3,518	5,665
Cameroon	*	7	272	86	*	*	-	*	24	*	*	25	344	1,562	5,630
Bangladesh	-	*	36	43	19	-	*	74	17	1,032	*	154	292	131	5,527
Rep. of Moldova	-	12	31	81	-	157	-	6	25	266	21	381	194	12	5,465
Albania	*	54	108	274	*	-	6	-	24	*	*	240	150	1,158	5,417
Viet Nam	-	*	68	35	*	48	-	-	*	217	-	46	89	-	5,110
Other	62	164	6,272	4,762	532	380	115	209	1,889	373	64	10,309	7,327	16,105	130,021
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>18,667</b>	<b>17,480</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>4,666</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>6,179</b>	<b>9,739</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>33,011</b>	<b>26,217</b>	<b>57,957</b>	<b>523,299</b>

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**Table 6. Asylum applications lodged in 29 asylum countries by origin, 2003**

Countries with monthly data only (see Table 3). Luxembourg: includes UNHCR estimated nationality breakdown for Nov and Dec. (not available). Values between 1 and 4 have been replaced with an asterisk. UK and USA: cases. France: excluding nationality breakdown for December (not available).

Origin	AUL	AUS	BEL	BUL	CAN	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GBR	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE	JPN
Russian Federation	32	6,715	1,680	8	237	4,852	269	287	1,986	287	3,389	52	105	102	*
Serbia and Montenegro	117	2,518	1,280	*	105	20	743	561	1,563	804	4,866	*	112	113	-
Iraq	131	1,433	282	211	102	104	438	149	514	4,047	3,895	2,879	348	129	*
Turkey	47	2,839	618	44	395	9	106	183	6,143	2,395	6,235	218	125	19	77
China	813	661	286	*	1,750	853	77	26	4,587	3,446	2,395	142	67	168	22
Afghanistan	63	2,359	329	525	121	50	653	50	314	2,292	1,467	593	469	24	*
India	601	2,823	202	17	1,114	168	52	6	747	2,276	1,739	106	46	11	12
Somalia	*	192	128	57	336	17	373	90	86	5,098	265	426	113	183	-
Nigeria	-	1,845	194	94	641	35	57	76	1,093	989	944	468	74	3,110	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	69	981	1,153	97	308	7	159	47	129	2,875	2,053	632	170	48	24
Pakistan	61	508	341	17	3,944	11	33	5	656	1,907	1,127	703	53	62	12
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	66	1,778	-	406	5	18	36	4,046	1,526	605	40	*	256	5
Georgia	-	1,520	302	*	52	320	29	26	1,180	179	1,126	59	205	133	-
Algeria	*	222	400	155	71	67	62	38	2,125	537	1,139	6	79	68	-
Colombia	22	9	31	-	2,011	*	*	*	98	224	27	-	-	*	*
Armenia	5	1,113	316	196	24	50	23	32	693	46	756	12	54	15	-
Mexico	-	-	-	-	2,601	-	*	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-
Ukraine	16	471	115	-	205	2,043	18	47	647	293	296	6	15	140	-
Cameroon	*	97	625	-	116	*	8	7	699	495	930	12	7	125	8
Sri Lanka	166	115	40	5	1,239	14	20	14	1,747	704	280	59	-	*	*
Bangladesh	120	887	58	6	676	7	25	12	840	729	122	251	31	6	6
Rep. of Moldova	*	1,175	74	-	28	191	36	45	1,569	377	165	6	15	244	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	214	134	-	15	-	229	71	655	35	594	*	*	13	-
Haiti	-	-	-	-	190	-	-	-	1,256	-	12	-	-	-	-
Viet Nam	96	57	14	*	57	566	28	*	66	1,128	2,101	-	49	-	*
Liberia	*	177	173	5	29	6	16	8	237	741	643	15	19	105	-
Zimbabwe	37	13	7	-	60	-	*	*	11	3,281	100	-	*	88	-
Côte d'Ivoire	-	48	320	-	88	24	10	*	1,250	395	322	13	5	54	5
Angola	-	51	355	-	84	-	6	43	974	858	351	*	6	116	-
Albania	35	108	340	*	396	*	51	51	399	597	252	12	-	142	-
Other	1,825	3,125	5,365	112	14,455	1,975	1,018	1,172	15,050	10,808	12,249	1,468	234	2,426	164
Total	4,256	32,342	16,940	1,549	31,856	11,394	4,557	3,082	51,360	49,369	50,445	8,178	2,401	7,900	335

Origin	LIE	LUX	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	POR	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	USA	Total
Russian Federation	17	60	245	1,923	*	5,581	6	5	138	2,663	15	1,361	528	815	33,364
Serbia and Montenegro	23	541	393	2,216	-	*	*	11	8	65	181	5,305	2,991	208	24,753
Iraq	*	14	3,472	971	39	75	*	330	134	479	190	2,701	1,451	222	24,744
Turkey	-	14	414	240	*	22	*	36	31	64	192	733	1,661	49	22,912
China	-	5	298	118	57	15	*	205	11	1,073	*	148	256	3,774	21,259
Afghanistan	-	*	492	2,050	*	251	-	16	10	629	*	811	223	18	13,820
India	-	*	174	15	72	235	*	158	53	1,636	6	79	200	1,002	13,553
Somalia	-	10	451	1,623	13	15	-	63	128	115	*	3,069	493	151	13,499
Nigeria	-	86	414	241	12	15	*	*	1,685	9	*	451	472	126	13,140
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	31	555	621	134	9	-	65	19	183	88	787	263	400	11,908
Pakistan	-	-	84	95	7	151	*	22	20	304	28	85	235	540	11,012
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	21	193	75	*	*	*	*	268	*	-	125	527	161	10,177
Georgia	*	44	116	180	*	30	6	-	54	578	68	537	750	155	7,654
Algeria	-	81	109	191	*	14	-	*	680	8	66	328	866	25	7,345
Colombia	-	*	34	*	*	-	6	*	524	*	-	40	38	3,729	6,808
Armenia	*	10	204	43	-	104	-	*	98	747	-	327	364	654	5,889
Mexico	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	2,928	5,536
Ukraine	6	30	85	101	-	85	5	*	45	73	*	353	170	170	5,438
Cameroon	-	16	114	75	-	*	-	*	178	*	-	51	340	1,343	5,256
Sri Lanka	-	*	95	65	23	32	-	-	7	51	-	13	349	137	5,183
Bangladesh	-	*	22	30	29	*	-	6	15	556	10	147	329	157	5,083
Rep. of Moldova	-	19	36	99	-	21	-	5	14	573	28	157	164	12	5,055
Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	59	103	676	-	*	-	*	-	*	48	1,396	743	*	5,001
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	*	3,025	4,490
Viet Nam	-	*	16	32	8	25	-	*	*	60	-	103	54	*	4,471
Liberia	-	60	441	52	-	*	5	7	189	13	*	117	580	494	4,137
Zimbabwe	-	*	9	5	72	-	*	-	*	-	-	13	61	349	4,119
Côte d'Ivoire	-	20	263	24	-	*	*	-	240	7	-	58	308	504	3,966
Angola	-	6	370	175	-	-	14	*	31	6	-	84	392	19	3,943
Albania	-	66	53	247	7	-	*	-	6	-	15	297	116	732	3,928
Other	55	361	4,147	3,777	346	241	65	148	1,181	431	167	11,679	6,127	16,040	116,690
Total	101	1,554	13,402	15,960	819	6,921	107	1,077	5,767	10,323	1,102	31,355	21,051	37,939	424,133

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Origin	2002	2003	Total	Change '02-'03	Share			Rank	
					2002	2003	Total	2002	2003
Iraq	49,368	24,744	74,112	-50%	9.4	5.8	7.8	1	3
Serbia and Montenegro	32,078	24,753	56,831	-23%	6.1	5.8	6.0	2	2
Russian Federation	19,904	33,364	53,268	68%	3.8	7.9	5.6	6	1
Turkey	29,150	22,912	52,062	-21%	5.6	5.4	5.5	3	4
China	26,298	21,259	47,557	-19%	5.0	5.0	5.0	4	5
Afghanistan	25,453	13,820	39,273	-46%	4.9	3.3	4.1	5	6
India	14,892	13,553	28,445	-9%	2.8	3.2	3.0	7	7
Nigeria	13,315	13,140	26,455	-1%	2.5	3.1	2.8	8	9
Somalia	12,650	13,499	26,149	7%	2.4	3.2	2.8	10	8
Islamic Rep. of Iran	11,578	11,908	23,486	3%	2.2	2.8	2.5	12	10
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	13,074	10,177	23,251	-22%	2.5	2.4	2.5	9	12
Pakistan	10,070	11,012	21,082	9%	1.9	2.6	2.2	14	11
Colombia	12,406	6,808	19,214	-45%	2.4	1.6	2.0	11	15
Algeria	9,804	7,345	17,149	-25%	1.9	1.7	1.8	15	14
Mexico	10,710	5,536	16,246	-48%	2.0	1.3	1.7	13	17
Georgia	8,413	7,654	16,067	-9%	1.6	1.8	1.7	18	13
Armenia	8,195	5,889	14,084	-28%	1.6	1.4	1.5	19	16
Sri Lanka	8,828	5,183	14,011	-41%	1.7	1.2	1.5	16	20
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8,020	5,001	13,021	-38%	1.5	1.2	1.4	20	23
Zimbabwe	8,646	4,119	12,765	-52%	1.7	1.0	1.3	17	26
Ukraine	7,232	5,438	12,670	-25%	1.4	1.3	1.3	22	18
Angola	7,337	3,943	11,280	-46%	1.4	0.9	1.2	21	27
Cameroon	5,630	5,256	10,886	-7%	1.1	1.2	1.1	26	19
Bangladesh	5,527	5,083	10,610	-8%	1.1	1.2	1.1	27	21
Romania	6,997	3,544	10,541	-49%	1.3	0.8	1.1	23	32
Rep. of Moldova	5,465	5,055	10,520	-8%	1.0	1.2	1.1	28	22
Haiti	5,665	4,490	10,155	-21%	1.1	1.1	1.1	25	24
Viet Nam	5,110	4,471	9,581	-13%	1.0	1.1	1.0	30	25
Albania	5,417	3,928	9,345	-27%	1.0	0.9	1.0	29	28
Sierra Leone	6,046	2,519	8,565	-58%	1.2	0.6	0.9	24	40
Azerbaijan	4,521	3,835	8,356	-15%	0.9	0.9	0.9	33	29
Guinea	4,342	3,713	8,055	-14%	0.8	0.9	0.9	35	31
Mauritania	4,568	3,227	7,795	-29%	0.9	0.8	0.8	31	36
Slovakia	4,219	3,049	7,268	-28%	0.8	0.7	0.8	36	37
Congo	4,436	2,822	7,258	-36%	0.8	0.7	0.8	34	38
FYR Macedonia	4,567	2,663	7,230	-42%	0.9	0.6	0.8	32	39
Belarus	3,694	3,512	7,206	-5%	0.7	0.8	0.8	38	33
Ethiopia	3,675	3,435	7,110	-7%	0.7	0.8	0.8	39	34
Syrian Arab Rep.	3,704	3,267	6,971	-12%	0.7	0.8	0.7	37	35
Stateless	3,133	3,750	6,883	20%	0.6	0.9	0.7	40	30
Other	89,162	85,457	174,619	-4%	17.0	20.1	18.4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>523,299</b>	<b>424,133</b>	<b>947,432</b>	<b>-19%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>		

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Origin	2002	2003	Total	Change '02-'03	Share			Rank	
					2002	2003	Total	2002	2003
Iraq	48,411	24,248	72,659	-50%	11.4	6.9	9.4	1	3
Serbia and Montenegro	31,588	24,323	55,911	-23%	7.4	7.0	7.2	2	2
Russian Federation	18,604	32,274	50,878	73%	4.4	9.2	6.6	5	1
Turkey	27,919	22,343	50,262	-20%	6.6	6.4	6.5	3	4
Afghanistan	25,260	13,611	38,871	-46%	5.9	3.9	5.0	4	6
China	12,901	14,843	27,744	15%	3.0	4.3	3.6	6	5
Nigeria	12,584	12,359	24,943	-2%	3.0	3.5	3.2	7	8
Somalia	11,909	12,996	24,905	9%	2.8	3.7	3.2	9	7
India	11,266	10,752	22,018	-5%	2.7	3.1	2.8	10	10
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	12,320	9,601	21,921	-22%	2.9	2.8	2.8	8	11
Islamic Rep. of Iran	10,190	10,973	21,163	8%	2.4	3.1	2.7	11	9
Algeria	9,668	7,243	16,911	-25%	2.3	2.1	2.2	12	13
Georgia	8,184	7,445	15,629	-9%	1.9	2.1	2.0	13	12
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7,997	4,985	12,982	-38%	1.9	1.4	1.7	15	18
Pakistan	5,906	6,448	12,354	9%	1.4	1.8	1.6	21	14
Armenia	7,020	5,206	12,226	-26%	1.7	1.5	1.6	17	15
Ukraine	6,706	5,047	11,753	-25%	1.6	1.4	1.5	19	16
Zimbabwe	8,113	3,601	11,714	-56%	1.9	1.0	1.5	14	25
Angola	7,135	3,840	10,975	-46%	1.7	1.1	1.4	16	21
Sri Lanka	6,843	3,614	10,457	-47%	1.6	1.0	1.4	18	23
Rep. of Moldova	5,392	5,013	10,405	-7%	1.3	1.4	1.3	22	17
Romania	6,579	3,162	9,741	-52%	1.5	0.9	1.3	20	29
Viet Nam	4,937	4,305	9,242	-13%	1.2	1.2	1.2	24	19
Bangladesh	4,896	4,095	8,991	-16%	1.2	1.2	1.2	25	20
Cameroon	3,977	3,788	7,765	-5%	0.9	1.1	1.0	29	22
Azerbaijan	4,108	3,583	7,691	-13%	1.0	1.0	1.0	28	26
Sierra Leone	5,330	2,193	7,523	-59%	1.3	0.6	1.0	23	40
Slovakia	4,194	3,005	7,199	-28%	1.0	0.9	0.9	27	32
FYR Macedonia	4,474	2,607	7,081	-42%	1.1	0.7	0.9	26	36
Belarus	3,453	3,243	6,696	-6%	0.8	0.9	0.9	34	28
Syrian Arab Rep.	3,580	3,110	6,690	-13%	0.8	0.9	0.9	33	30
Albania	3,750	2,758	6,508	-26%	0.9	0.8	0.8	31	35
Guinea	3,294	2,985	6,279	-9%	0.8	0.9	0.8	36	33
Stateless	2,745	3,493	6,238	27%	0.6	1.0	0.8	38	27
Congo	3,726	2,508	6,234	-33%	0.9	0.7	0.8	32	38
Bulgaria	3,764	2,425	6,189	-36%	0.9	0.7	0.8	30	39
Sudan	3,038	3,008	6,046	-1%	0.7	0.9	0.8	37	31
Mauritania	3,450	2,549	5,999	-26%	0.8	0.7	0.8	35	37
Eritrea	2,508	2,806	5,314	12%	0.6	0.8	0.7	39	34
Liberia	1,694	3,613	5,307	113%	0.4	1.0	0.7	40	24
Other	55,379	48,927	104,306	-12%	13.0	14.0	13.5		
<b>Total</b>	<b>424,792</b>	<b>348,928</b>	<b>773,720</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>		

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<b>Table 9. Origin of asylum applicants in 14 EU countries, 2002 - 2003</b>									
Countries with monthly data only (see Table 3).									
Origin	2002	2003	Total	Change '02-'03	Share			Rank	
					2002	2003	Total	2002	2003
Iraq	40,550	20,088	60,638	-50%	11.7	7.3	9.7	1	1
Turkey	25,372	19,950	45,322	-21%	7.3	7.2	7.3	2	2
Serbia and Montenegro	25,064	18,700	43,764	-25%	7.2	6.7	7.0	3	3
Russian Federation	12,342	16,577	28,919	34%	3.6	6.0	4.6	5	4
Afghanistan	18,915	9,396	28,311	-50%	5.4	3.4	4.5	4	9
Nigeria	10,981	11,414	22,395	4%	3.2	4.1	3.6	7	6
China	9,931	12,251	22,182	23%	2.9	4.4	3.6	8	5
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	11,523	8,981	20,504	-22%	3.3	3.2	3.3	6	10
Somalia	9,469	10,499	19,968	11%	2.7	3.8	3.2	9	7
Islamic Rep. of Iran	8,945	9,469	18,414	6%	2.6	3.4	3.0	10	8
India	8,737	8,271	17,008	-5%	2.5	3.0	2.7	11	11
Algeria	7,957	5,795	13,752	-27%	2.3	2.1	2.2	13	12
Georgia	6,353	5,311	11,664	-16%	1.8	1.9	1.9	14	14
Zimbabwe	8,084	3,534	11,618	-56%	2.3	1.3	1.9	12	17
Pakistan	5,061	5,532	10,593	9%	1.5	2.0	1.7	20	13
Angola	6,266	3,260	9,526	-48%	1.8	1.2	1.5	15	22
Sri Lanka	6,127	3,098	9,225	-49%	1.8	1.1	1.5	16	24
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5,605	3,507	9,112	-37%	1.6	1.3	1.5	17	19
Armenia	5,229	3,645	8,874	-30%	1.5	1.3	1.4	18	16
Rep. of Moldova	3,918	3,917	7,835	0%	1.1	1.4	1.3	22	15
Romania	5,206	2,614	7,820	-50%	1.5	0.9	1.3	19	30
Viet Nam	3,480	3,517	6,997	1%	1.0	1.3	1.1	26	18
Azerbaijan	3,734	3,262	6,996	-13%	1.1	1.2	1.1	24	21
Cameroon	3,526	3,357	6,883	-5%	1.0	1.2	1.1	25	20
Sierra Leone	4,669	1,946	6,615	-58%	1.3	0.7	1.1	21	38
Ukraine	3,836	2,551	6,387	-33%	1.1	0.9	1.0	23	31
Bangladesh	3,038	3,116	6,154	3%	0.9	1.1	1.0	31	23
Syrian Arab Rep.	3,202	2,724	5,926	-15%	0.9	1.0	0.9	30	28
Congo	3,425	2,415	5,840	-29%	1.0	0.9	0.9	27	33
Mauritania	3,320	2,482	5,802	-25%	1.0	0.9	0.9	28	32
Albania	3,308	2,377	5,685	-28%	1.0	0.9	0.9	29	34
Sudan	2,383	2,648	5,031	11%	0.7	1.0	0.8	36	29
Stateless	2,094	2,813	4,907	34%	0.6	1.0	0.8	37	27
FYR Macedonia	2,950	1,903	4,853	-35%	0.8	0.7	0.8	33	39
Guinea	2,510	2,242	4,752	-11%	0.7	0.8	0.8	34	37
Belarus	2,412	2,278	4,690	-6%	0.7	0.8	0.8	35	36
Côte d'Ivoire	1,650	2,998	4,648	82%	0.5	1.1	0.7	39	25
Slovakia	2,955	1,651	4,606	-44%	0.9	0.6	0.7	32	40
Eritrea	2,030	2,366	4,396	17%	0.6	0.9	0.7	38	35
Liberia	1,467	2,927	4,394	100%	0.4	1.1	0.7	40	26
Other	49,489	41,667	91,156	-16%	14.3	15.0	14.6		
<b>Total</b>	<b>347,113</b>	<b>277,049</b>	<b>624,162</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>		



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**Table 10. Origin of asylum applicants in 29 industrialized countries, 2002 (quarterly data)**  
Countries with monthly data only (see Table 3).

Origin	No. of applications				Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Iraq	12,247	10,475	13,285	13,361	-14%	27%	1%	9.5	8.3	9.9	10.1
Serbia and Montenegro	7,074	7,497	9,745	7,762	6%	30%	-20%	5.5	5.9	7.2	5.9
Turkey	7,333	7,264	7,066	7,487	-1%	-3%	6%	5.7	5.7	5.2	5.7
China	6,239	6,765	6,755	6,539	8%	0%	-3%	4.8	5.3	5.0	4.9
Afghanistan	8,410	6,495	5,601	4,947	-23%	-14%	-12%	6.5	5.1	4.2	3.7
Russian Federation	3,999	4,427	5,885	5,593	11%	33%	-5%	3.1	3.5	4.4	4.2
India	2,990	3,058	4,135	4,709	2%	35%	14%	2.3	2.4	3.1	3.6
Nigeria	2,795	3,121	3,599	3,800	12%	15%	6%	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.9
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	3,176	3,210	3,175	3,513	1%	-1%	11%	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.7
Somalia	2,568	2,713	3,946	3,423	6%	45%	-13%	2.0	2.1	2.9	2.6
Colombia	3,450	3,739	2,856	2,361	8%	-24%	-17%	2.7	2.9	2.1	1.8
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,964	2,424	3,076	3,114	-18%	27%	1%	2.3	1.9	2.3	2.4
Mexico	2,717	3,732	2,209	2,052	37%	-41%	-7%	2.1	2.9	1.6	1.6
Pakistan	2,245	2,969	2,457	2,399	32%	-17%	-2%	1.7	2.3	1.8	1.8
Algeria	2,778	2,547	2,319	2,160	-8%	-9%	-7%	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.6
Sri Lanka	2,829	2,364	1,846	1,789	-16%	-22%	-3%	2.2	1.9	1.4	1.4
Zimbabwe	1,801	1,594	2,274	2,977	-11%	43%	31%	1.4	1.3	1.7	2.3
Georgia	2,080	2,183	2,071	2,079	5%	-5%	0%	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.6
Armenia	2,517	2,232	1,890	1,556	-11%	-15%	-18%	1.9	1.8	1.4	1.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2,238	1,728	2,259	1,795	-23%	31%	-21%	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.4
Angola	2,401	2,114	1,419	1,403	-12%	-33%	-1%	1.9	1.7	1.1	1.1
Ukraine	2,008	1,883	1,721	1,620	-6%	-9%	-6%	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2
Romania	972	1,970	2,067	1,988	103%	5%	-4%	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.5
Sierra Leone	2,074	1,681	1,196	1,095	-19%	-29%	-8%	1.6	1.3	0.9	0.8
Haiti	2,018	1,398	1,041	1,208	-31%	-26%	16%	1.6	1.1	0.8	0.9
Cameroon	1,211	1,310	1,471	1,638	8%	12%	11%	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2
Bangladesh	1,079	1,112	1,344	1,992	3%	21%	48%	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.5
Rep. of Moldova	1,256	1,403	1,534	1,272	12%	9%	-17%	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
Albania	1,386	1,444	1,368	1,219	4%	-5%	-11%	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9
Viet Nam	1,363	1,095	1,348	1,304	-20%	23%	-3%	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0
Mauritania	1,217	1,255	1,055	1,041	3%	-16%	-1%	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8
FYR Macedonia	1,351	1,229	1,127	860	-9%	-8%	-24%	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.7
Azerbaijan	1,012	1,093	1,223	1,193	8%	12%	-2%	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
Congo	1,303	1,046	1,100	987	-20%	5%	-10%	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.7
Guinea	1,212	1,084	1,061	985	-11%	-2%	-7%	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7
Slovakia	950	984	1,306	979	4%	33%	-25%	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.7
Bulgaria	722	648	1,442	1,224	-10%	123%	-15%	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.9
Syrian Arab Rep.	871	945	977	911	8%	3%	-7%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Belarus	771	814	1,024	1,085	6%	26%	6%	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8
Ethiopia	891	770	1,076	938	-14%	40%	-13%	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7
Other	33,119	31,611	35,792	37,105	-5%	13%	4%	25.6	24.9	26.5	28.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>129,390</b>	<b>126,951</b>	<b>134,856</b>	<b>132,102</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 11. Origin of asylum applicants in 29 industrialized countries, 2003 (quarterly data)**  
Countries with monthly data only (see Table 3).

Origin	No. of applications				Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Russian Federation	5,019	7,714	10,914	9,717	54%	41%	-11%	4.5	7.7	10.0	9.4
Serbia and Montenegro	6,140	5,562	6,672	6,379	-9%	20%	-4%	5.4	5.6	6.1	6.2
Iraq	11,124	6,397	4,123	3,100	-42%	-36%	-25%	9.9	6.4	3.8	3.0
Turkey	6,477	5,503	5,751	5,181	-15%	5%	-10%	5.7	5.5	5.3	5.0
China	5,038	5,000	5,806	5,415	-1%	16%	-7%	4.5	5.0	5.3	5.2
Afghanistan	3,353	3,667	3,652	3,148	9%	0%	-14%	3.0	3.7	3.4	3.1
India	3,234	3,460	3,449	3,410	7%	0%	-1%	2.9	3.5	3.2	3.3
Somalia	3,058	2,672	4,642	3,127	-13%	74%	-33%	2.7	2.7	4.3	3.0
Nigeria	3,774	3,259	3,176	2,931	-14%	-3%	-8%	3.3	3.3	2.9	2.8
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,806	2,593	3,233	3,276	-8%	25%	1%	2.5	2.6	3.0	3.2
Pakistan	4,320	2,228	2,296	2,168	-48%	3%	-6%	3.8	2.2	2.1	2.1
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,900	2,568	2,559	2,150	-11%	0%	-16%	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.1
Georgia	1,641	1,803	2,041	2,169	10%	13%	6%	1.5	1.8	1.9	2.1
Algeria	1,979	1,706	1,994	1,666	-14%	17%	-16%	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6
Colombia	1,901	1,746	1,530	1,631	-8%	-12%	7%	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.6
Armenia	1,078	1,202	1,555	2,054	12%	29%	32%	1.0	1.2	1.4	2.0
Mexico	1,783	1,278	1,374	1,101	-28%	8%	-20%	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.1
Ukraine	1,420	1,219	1,362	1,437	-14%	12%	6%	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.4
Cameroon	1,551	1,311	1,151	1,243	-15%	-12%	8%	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.2
Sri Lanka	1,402	1,359	1,334	1,088	-3%	-2%	-18%	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.1
Bangladesh	1,380	1,349	1,320	1,034	-2%	-2%	-22%	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.0
Rep. of Moldova	976	1,124	1,647	1,308	15%	47%	-21%	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,532	1,153	1,318	998	-25%	14%	-24%	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.0
Haiti	1,071	1,262	978	1,179	18%	-23%	21%	1.0	1.3	0.9	1.1
Viet Nam	1,267	1,024	1,150	1,030	-19%	12%	-10%	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0
Liberia	587	791	1,525	1,234	35%	93%	-19%	0.5	0.8	1.4	1.2
Zimbabwe	1,344	1,027	859	889	-24%	-16%	3%	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.9
Côte d'Ivoire	1,466	1,004	744	752	-32%	-26%	1%	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.7
Angola	1,150	923	1,030	840	-20%	12%	-18%	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Albania	1,106	1,024	956	842	-7%	-7%	-12%	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8
Azerbaijan	866	762	1,074	1,133	-12%	41%	5%	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.1
Stateless	836	592	1,176	1,146	-29%	99%	-3%	0.7	0.6	1.1	1.1
Guinea	826	955	939	993	16%	-2%	6%	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.0
Romania	1,270	681	802	791	-46%	18%	-1%	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.8
Belarus	873	830	929	880	-5%	12%	-5%	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9
Ethiopia	839	760	892	944	-9%	17%	6%	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9
Syrian Arab Rep.	792	686	920	869	-13%	34%	-6%	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
Sudan	744	698	903	886	-6%	29%	-2%	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9
Mauritania	892	849	849	637	-5%	0%	-25%	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.6
Indonesia	1,356	1,287	248	250	-5%	-81%	1%	1.2	1.3	0.2	0.2
Other	26,576	26,288	30,668	31,867	-1%	17%	4%	23.6	26.4	28.2	30.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,728</b>	<b>99,602</b>	<b>108,627</b>	<b>103,176</b>	<b>-12%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 12. Origin of asylum applicants in 24 European countries, 2003 (quarterly data)**  
Countries with monthly data only (see Table 3).

Origin	No. of applications				Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Russian Federation	4,702	7,400	10,721	9,451	57%	45%	-12%	5.2	9.3	11.7	10.8
Serbia and Montenegro	6,038	5,484	6,513	6,288	-9%	19%	-3%	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.2
Iraq	10,929	6,286	4,045	2,988	-42%	-36%	-26%	12.2	7.9	4.4	3.4
Turkey	6,327	5,375	5,587	5,054	-15%	4%	-10%	7.0	6.8	6.1	5.8
China	3,173	3,362	4,497	3,811	6%	34%	-15%	3.5	4.2	4.9	4.4
Afghanistan	3,317	3,632	3,592	3,070	9%	-1%	-15%	3.7	4.6	3.9	3.5
Somalia	2,948	2,567	4,483	2,998	-13%	75%	-33%	3.3	3.2	4.9	3.4
Nigeria	3,613	3,085	2,936	2,725	-15%	-5%	-7%	4.0	3.9	3.2	3.1
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,486	2,387	3,021	3,079	-4%	27%	2%	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.5
India	2,505	2,685	2,762	2,800	7%	3%	1%	2.8	3.4	3.0	3.2
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,745	2,406	2,409	2,041	-12%	0%	-15%	3.1	3.0	2.6	2.3
Georgia	1,600	1,754	2,001	2,090	10%	14%	4%	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.4
Algeria	1,941	1,690	1,971	1,641	-13%	17%	-17%	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.9
Pakistan	1,459	1,429	1,784	1,776	-2%	25%	0%	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.0
Armenia	865	987	1,453	1,901	14%	47%	31%	1.0	1.2	1.6	2.2
Ukraine	1,310	1,122	1,269	1,346	-14%	13%	6%	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5
Rep. of Moldova	963	1,106	1,638	1,306	15%	48%	-20%	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,531	1,149	1,313	992	-25%	14%	-24%	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.1
Viet Nam	1,237	995	1,071	1,002	-20%	8%	-6%	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1
Bangladesh	1,172	945	1,083	895	-19%	15%	-17%	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.0
Angola	1,122	905	998	815	-19%	10%	-18%	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.9
Cameroon	1,076	900	918	894	-16%	2%	-3%	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0
Sri Lanka	1,083	905	890	736	-16%	-2%	-17%	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.8
Liberia	467	642	1,392	1,112	37%	117%	-20%	0.5	0.8	1.5	1.3
Zimbabwe	1,178	889	765	769	-25%	-14%	1%	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.9
Azerbaijan	799	687	1,013	1,084	-14%	47%	7%	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.2
Stateless	784	551	1,080	1,078	-30%	96%	0%	0.9	0.7	1.2	1.2
Côte d'Ivoire	1,276	833	613	647	-35%	-26%	6%	1.4	1.0	0.7	0.7
Belarus	819	738	886	800	-10%	20%	-10%	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9
Romania	1,193	578	674	717	-52%	17%	6%	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.8
Syrian Arab Rep.	738	633	891	848	-14%	41%	-5%	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0
Sudan	687	638	856	827	-7%	34%	-3%	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9
Slovakia	775	651	1,093	486	-16%	68%	-56%	0.9	0.8	1.2	0.6
Guinea	616	781	787	801	27%	1%	2%	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.9
Eritrea	703	525	821	757	-25%	56%	-8%	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9
Albania	790	703	669	596	-11%	-5%	-11%	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7
FYR Macedonia	667	606	645	689	-9%	6%	7%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8
Mauritania	670	654	722	503	-2%	10%	-30%	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.6
Congo	853	628	533	494	-26%	-15%	-7%	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6
Bulgaria	1,040	283	441	661	-73%	56%	50%	1.2	0.4	0.5	0.8
Other	16,439	17,430	21,685	24,471	6%	24%	13%	18.3	21.9	23.6	27.9
Total	89,934	79,606	91,800	87,588	-11%	15%	-5%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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**Table 13. Origin of asylum applicants in 29 industrialized countries, 2002 (monthly data)**  
Countries with monthly data only (see Table 3).

Origin	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Change Nov-Dec
Iraq	4,627	4,045	3,575	3,336	3,693	3,446	4,059	4,308	4,918	5,414	4,303	3,644	-15%
Serbia and Montenegro	2,290	2,237	2,547	2,596	2,421	2,480	2,848	3,178	3,719	3,237	2,373	2,152	-9%
Turkey	2,667	2,273	2,393	2,504	2,499	2,261	2,500	2,132	2,434	2,778	2,352	2,357	0%
China	2,317	1,686	2,236	2,115	2,352	2,298	2,408	2,238	2,109	2,343	2,022	2,174	8%
Afghanistan	3,388	2,598	2,424	2,734	2,016	1,745	2,074	1,738	1,789	1,771	1,739	1,437	-17%
Russian Federation	1,404	1,171	1,424	1,421	1,544	1,462	2,023	1,831	2,031	2,241	1,692	1,660	-2%
India	1,152	1,039	799	1,020	1,027	1,011	1,313	1,287	1,535	1,384	1,633	1,692	4%
Nigeria	970	808	1,017	1,063	1,100	958	1,186	1,135	1,278	1,325	1,236	1,239	0%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,079	994	1,103	1,086	1,117	1,007	1,136	1,001	1,038	1,184	1,133	1,196	6%
Somalia	1,013	713	842	886	996	831	1,299	1,367	1,280	1,175	1,095	1,153	5%
Colombia	1,231	1,068	1,151	1,200	1,107	1,432	943	1,057	856	884	715	762	7%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,157	938	869	905	797	722	1,016	1,007	1,053	1,140	994	980	-1%
Mexico	738	794	1,185	1,230	1,306	1,196	565	946	698	842	682	528	-23%
Pakistan	819	710	716	800	878	1,291	1,050	714	693	774	763	862	13%
Algeria	1,051	868	859	950	826	771	818	726	775	877	688	595	-14%
Sri Lanka	1,107	868	854	791	887	686	678	587	581	654	585	550	-6%
Zimbabwe	543	689	569	478	586	530	680	714	880	1,532	1,034	411	-60%
Georgia	808	617	655	736	829	618	704	650	717	795	630	654	4%
Armenia	968	706	843	863	708	661	787	574	529	608	469	479	2%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	801	755	682	524	593	611	688	806	765	676	620	499	-20%
Angola	819	802	780	781	762	571	517	441	461	516	432	455	5%
Ukraine	781	624	603	626	664	593	593	564	564	602	530	488	-8%
Romania	274	303	395	413	776	781	643	647	777	1,048	498	442	-11%
Sierra Leone	815	585	674	627	619	435	441	369	386	420	374	301	-20%
Haiti	666	633	719	509	446	443	378	374	289	434	339	435	28%
Cameroon	413	375	423	467	398	445	515	480	476	566	560	512	-9%
Bangladesh	431	305	343	390	368	354	392	476	476	601	484	907	87%
Rep. of Moldova	428	446	382	532	479	392	507	519	508	529	451	292	-35%
Albania	532	433	421	483	492	469	463	439	466	477	385	357	-7%
Viet Nam	541	371	451	401	388	306	464	426	458	469	425	410	-4%
Mauritania	393	351	473	471	393	391	444	342	269	383	312	346	11%
FYR Macedonia	448	418	485	450	402	377	402	340	385	332	288	240	-17%
Azerbaijan	395	286	331	355	355	383	391	468	364	403	395	395	0%
Congo	396	346	561	338	365	343	397	358	345	363	278	346	24%
Guinea	437	397	378	396	367	321	363	384	314	375	324	286	-12%
Slovakia	316	341	293	310	392	282	380	460	466	472	306	201	-34%
Bulgaria	352	219	151	214	196	238	283	420	739	563	286	375	31%
Syrian Arab Rep.	322	267	282	283	257	405	313	319	345	370	272	269	-1%
Belarus	300	236	235	216	311	287	321	331	372	398	343	344	0%
Ethiopia	337	259	295	243	262	265	317	419	340	347	277	314	13%
Other	7,674	6,256	6,942	6,839	6,946	7,351	7,748	7,483	7,276	8,489	7,629	7,626	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,200</b>	<b>39,830</b>	<b>42,360</b>	<b>42,582</b>	<b>42,920</b>	<b>41,449</b>	<b>45,047</b>	<b>44,055</b>	<b>45,754</b>	<b>49,791</b>	<b>41,946</b>	<b>40,365</b>	<b>-4%</b>

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**Table 14. Origin of asylum applicants in 29 industrialized countries, 2003 (monthly data)**  
Countries with monthly data only (see Table 3). Note: December country of origin data for France not available/included.

Origin	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Change Nov-Dec
Russian Federation	1,561	1,437	2,021	2,332	2,510	2,872	2,922	3,332	4,660	4,480	2,623	2,614	0%
Serbia and Montenegro	2,183	2,027	1,930	1,805	1,860	1,897	2,105	2,120	2,447	2,362	2,185	1,832	-16%
Iraq	4,162	3,406	3,556	2,885	2,049	1,463	1,326	1,116	1,681	1,213	1,032	855	-17%
Turkey	2,385	2,044	2,048	1,949	1,685	1,869	1,946	1,798	2,007	2,186	1,760	1,235	-30%
China	1,940	1,502	1,596	1,703	1,571	1,726	1,857	1,917	2,032	2,087	2,134	1,194	-44%
Afghanistan	1,303	1,080	970	1,216	1,225	1,226	1,268	1,159	1,225	1,179	949	1,020	7%
India	1,251	915	1,068	1,104	1,141	1,215	1,287	1,099	1,063	1,277	1,183	950	-20%
Somalia	1,527	749	782	800	873	999	1,543	1,618	1,481	1,113	945	1,069	13%
Nigeria	1,275	1,207	1,292	1,070	1,100	1,089	1,125	956	1,095	1,153	921	857	-7%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,112	807	887	856	894	843	990	1,048	1,195	1,119	1,114	1,043	-6%
Pakistan	1,671	1,447	1,202	848	714	666	816	665	815	808	734	626	-15%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,058	944	898	952	778	838	877	780	902	863	793	494	-38%
Georgia	579	517	545	611	560	632	644	713	684	738	681	750	10%
Algeria	819	597	563	613	557	536	580	623	791	799	500	367	-27%
Colombia	667	524	710	684	570	492	423	533	574	583	506	542	7%
Armenia	380	327	371	342	398	462	464	528	563	795	665	594	-11%
Mexico	624	559	600	421	469	388	456	398	520	469	388	244	-37%
Ukraine	507	423	490	429	365	425	488	447	427	487	564	386	-32%
Cameroon	662	392	497	476	423	412	298	405	448	444	421	378	-10%
Sri Lanka	512	435	455	409	478	472	491	392	451	480	409	199	-51%
Bangladesh	560	395	425	438	476	435	517	369	434	395	396	243	-39%
Rep. of Moldova	345	337	294	356	360	408	515	525	607	519	454	335	-26%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	550	438	544	418	339	396	399	452	467	431	341	226	-34%
Haiti	410	324	337	491	353	418	119	403	456	470	411	298	-27%
Viet Nam	487	375	405	321	388	315	425	347	378	361	371	298	-20%
Liberia	228	153	206	246	213	332	424	588	513	457	419	358	-15%
Zimbabwe	588	380	376	402	305	320	325	231	303	336	274	279	2%
Côte d'Ivoire	520	456	490	391	313	300	236	241	267	293	264	195	-26%
Angola	481	298	371	362	275	286	350	308	372	370	276	194	-30%
Albania	397	334	375	327	344	353	320	322	314	317	280	245	-13%
Azerbaijan	360	256	250	237	244	281	283	400	391	387	357	389	9%
Stateless	356	217	263	179	179	234	345	380	451	437	344	365	6%
Guinea	320	231	275	301	323	331	296	325	318	368	335	290	-13%
Romania	494	443	333	240	152	289	279	275	248	379	264	148	-44%
Belarus	229	315	329	302	232	296	293	298	338	362	300	218	-27%
Ethiopia	303	263	273	255	258	247	238	285	369	347	265	332	25%
Syrian Arab Rep.	316	261	215	224	248	214	314	270	336	372	250	247	-1%
Sudan	332	192	220	234	238	226	283	274	346	350	258	278	8%
Mauritania	308	271	313	354	217	278	245	313	291	258	288	91	-68%
Indonesia	157	491	708	904	214	169	53	97	98	83	83	84	1%
Other	8,224	6,559	6,774	6,238	5,951	6,385	6,791	6,298	6,665	6,569	5,503	10,078	83%
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,143</b>	<b>34,328</b>	<b>36,257</b>	<b>34,725</b>	<b>31,842</b>	<b>33,035</b>	<b>34,956</b>	<b>34,648</b>	<b>39,023</b>	<b>38,496</b>	<b>32,240</b>	<b>32,440</b>	<b>1%</b>

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**Table 15. Origin of asylum applicants in 24 European countries, 2002 (monthly data)**

Countries with monthly data only (see Table 3).

Origin	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Change Nov-Dec
Iraq	4,545	3,972	3,480	3,258	3,609	3,350	3,990	4,200	4,859	5,333	4,220	3,595	-15%
Serbia and Montenegro	2,230	2,195	2,501	2,546	2,372	2,454	2,813	3,146	3,687	3,199	2,338	2,107	-10%
Turkey	2,567	2,167	2,263	2,386	2,385	2,174	2,395	2,030	2,332	2,667	2,284	2,269	-1%
Afghanistan	3,357	2,579	2,403	2,721	1,994	1,733	2,069	1,726	1,775	1,751	1,734	1,418	-18%
Russian Federation	1,303	1,107	1,283	1,311	1,419	1,312	1,937	1,734	1,941	2,119	1,589	1,549	-3%
China	1,033	775	859	763	964	977	1,399	1,220	1,323	1,225	1,031	1,332	29%
Nigeria	895	772	951	1,022	1,037	910	1,123	1,087	1,205	1,222	1,180	1,180	0%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	986	940	1,052	1,050	1,062	951	1,066	939	964	1,105	1,081	1,124	4%
Somalia	925	643	785	832	947	780	1,235	1,278	1,214	1,108	1,044	1,118	7%
India	816	791	519	741	693	711	947	977	1,258	1,069	1,352	1,392	3%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,011	836	750	779	686	615	921	901	949	1,003	871	868	0%
Algeria	1,034	862	850	936	817	759	800	713	766	861	680	590	-13%
Georgia	790	605	634	710	806	595	686	630	704	773	618	633	2%
Zimbabwe	499	644	519	433	558	497	646	666	845	1,481	986	339	-66%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	801	754	682	524	592	609	685	803	757	675	620	495	-20%
Angola	809	766	766	774	748	540	510	414	453	484	425	446	5%
Armenia	852	620	713	760	607	547	706	468	458	501	395	393	-1%
Sri Lanka	880	718	674	590	696	532	562	462	424	476	420	409	-3%
Ukraine	747	592	568	583	612	555	553	516	533	554	456	437	-4%
Romania	250	268	357	382	736	734	606	609	743	1,020	463	411	-11%
Pakistan	567	485	503	505	467	439	609	435	443	464	537	452	-16%
Rep. of Moldova	426	443	380	521	466	389	497	512	502	518	450	288	-36%
Sierra Leone	722	528	604	562	552	369	394	300	339	377	326	257	-21%
Viet Nam	521	359	438	388	372	299	450	411	443	452	404	400	-1%
Bangladesh	377	267	303	332	322	315	322	420	416	543	410	869	112%
FYR Macedonia	426	413	471	446	395	364	395	336	378	329	284	237	-17%
Slovakia	311	340	292	310	391	282	379	460	461	472	302	194	-36%
Azerbaijan	362	251	285	330	326	347	366	430	330	366	363	352	-3%
Cameroon	322	292	317	351	295	281	357	313	320	397	372	360	-3%
Bulgaria	320	208	137	197	169	195	261	405	721	551	255	345	35%
Albania	336	286	282	340	332	334	325	325	331	341	273	245	-10%
Congo	311	300	481	263	298	287	334	292	304	310	249	297	19%
Syrian Arab Rep.	318	262	277	264	250	387	302	316	340	351	255	258	1%
Belarus	271	233	233	202	285	258	301	318	351	367	307	327	7%
Mauritania	280	256	367	355	305	301	356	226	193	301	237	273	15%
Guinea	335	307	301	310	281	229	291	263	213	296	246	222	-10%
Sudan	234	180	220	192	229	212	267	248	307	431	257	261	2%
Togo	280	223	242	278	225	206	232	242	272	244	230	200	-13%
Stateless	195	203	226	219	234	174	247	193	220	288	254	292	15%
Mali	300	242	242	248	192	258	323	227	183	202	158	159	1%
Other	5,007	4,156	4,505	4,037	4,222	4,298	4,671	4,554	4,500	4,910	4,392	4,721	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,551</b>	<b>32,840</b>	<b>33,715</b>	<b>33,751</b>	<b>33,948</b>	<b>31,559</b>	<b>37,328</b>	<b>35,745</b>	<b>38,757</b>	<b>41,136</b>	<b>34,348</b>	<b>33,114</b>	<b>-4%</b>

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**Table 16. Origin of asylum applicants in 24 European countries, 2003 (monthly data)**

Countries with monthly data only (see Table 3). Note: December country of origin data for France not available/included.

Origin	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Change Nov-Dec
Russian Federation	1,441	1,338	1,923	2,237	2,391	2,772	2,898	3,259	4,564	4,391	2,549	2,511	-1%
Serbia and Montenegro	2,152	1,996	1,890	1,770	1,838	1,876	2,060	2,036	2,417	2,326	2,155	1,807	-16%
Iraq	4,108	3,337	3,484	2,844	2,017	1,425	1,308	1,090	1,647	1,187	984	817	-17%
Turkey	2,317	2,001	2,009	1,898	1,641	1,836	1,874	1,768	1,945	2,128	1,714	1,212	-29%
China	1,188	992	993	1,141	1,007	1,214	1,515	1,486	1,496	1,538	1,627	646	-60%
Afghanistan	1,300	1,065	952	1,203	1,210	1,219	1,241	1,142	1,209	1,162	922	986	7%
Somalia	1,469	718	761	769	830	968	1,488	1,563	1,432	1,074	906	1,018	12%
Nigeria	1,205	1,182	1,226	998	1,048	1,039	1,002	902	1,032	1,071	872	782	-10%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	994	723	769	788	822	777	920	976	1,125	1,049	1,061	969	-9%
India	998	695	812	797	895	993	1,020	892	850	1,056	1,003	741	-26%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	998	901	846	884	729	793	833	726	850	827	757	457	-40%
Georgia	567	504	529	588	546	620	632	698	671	713	654	723	11%
Algeria	804	581	556	611	550	529	566	617	788	790	489	362	-26%
Pakistan	598	434	427	415	510	504	568	517	699	655	594	527	-11%
Armenia	298	265	302	278	331	378	462	479	512	741	621	539	-13%
Ukraine	461	394	455	398	335	389	457	409	403	455	537	354	-34%
Rep. of Moldova	341	336	286	355	357	394	509	525	604	519	454	333	-27%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	549	438	544	416	337	396	397	452	464	426	341	225	-34%
Viet Nam	478	372	387	312	378	305	361	341	369	346	363	293	-19%
Bangladesh	499	329	344	310	324	311	415	308	360	339	342	214	-37%
Angola	473	290	359	355	269	281	330	300	368	361	267	187	-30%
Cameroon	485	275	316	334	278	288	282	300	336	322	317	255	-20%
Sri Lanka	384	344	355	280	300	325	303	269	318	350	292	94	-68%
Liberia	195	118	154	196	162	284	420	516	456	394	388	330	-15%
Zimbabwe	530	319	329	357	263	269	308	198	259	290	243	236	-3%
Azerbaijan	335	237	227	208	219	260	265	386	362	369	353	362	3%
Stateless	330	206	248	165	173	213	317	350	413	415	309	354	15%
Côte d'Ivoire	458	399	419	328	263	242	208	194	211	255	236	156	-34%
Belarus	211	297	311	286	205	247	283	286	317	337	268	195	-27%
Romania	457	422	314	207	112	259	223	250	201	357	234	126	-46%
Syrian Arab Rep.	284	250	204	207	226	200	298	264	329	368	240	240	0%
Sudan	311	172	204	214	212	212	270	258	328	315	239	273	14%
Slovakia	201	271	303	204	212	235	341	487	265	222	139	125	-10%
Guinea	233	177	206	241	273	267	264	265	258	292	282	227	-20%
Eritrea	293	184	226	150	173	202	219	249	353	283	237	237	0%
Albania	281	256	253	207	261	235	228	228	213	234	198	164	-17%
FYR Macedonia	257	183	227	224	168	214	222	181	242	237	241	211	-12%
Mauritania	207	220	243	274	171	209	239	244	239	213	243	47	-81%
Congo	300	270	283	243	185	200	183	164	186	208	198	88	-56%
Bulgaria	527	385	128	92	83	108	105	144	192	254	200	207	4%
Other	4,368	3,699	3,670	3,361	3,263	3,406	3,691	3,450	3,823	3,925	3,322	7,773	134%
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,885</b>	<b>27,575</b>	<b>28,474</b>	<b>27,145</b>	<b>25,567</b>	<b>26,894</b>	<b>29,525</b>	<b>29,169</b>	<b>33,106</b>	<b>32,794</b>	<b>27,391</b>	<b>27,403</b>	<b>0%</b>

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**Table 17. 10 major nationalities of asylum applicants by asylum country, 2002**

Values between 1 and 4 have been replaced with an asterisk.

<b>Australia</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Austria</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Belgium</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Bulgaria</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>Total</b>
China	1,089	Serbia and M.	4,729	DR Congo	1,789	Iraq	946	Pakistan	3,485
Indonesia	617	Iraq	4,473	Serbia and M.	1,523	Afghanistan	864	Colombia	2,537
India	549	Afghanistan	4,322	Russian Fed.	1,156	Armenia	364	Mexico	2,091
Fiji	369	Turkey	3,563	Turkey	970	Nigeria	169	China	1,996
Rep. of Korea	337	India	3,366	Algeria	936	Islamic Rep. of Iran	142	Sri Lanka	1,600
Thailand	303	Russian Fed.	2,223	Islamic Rep. of Iran	743	Sudan	133	Costa Rica	1,535
Malaysia	232	Armenia	2,039	Slovakia	635	Turkey	47	India	1,137
Sri Lanka	220	Georgia	1,919	Romania	631	Somalia	30	Turkey	1,036
Iraq	151	Nigeria	1,431	Albania	539	Bangladesh	23	Peru	1,022
Bangladesh	144	Bangladesh	1,104	Guinea	515	Stateless	23	Nigeria	663
<b>Czech Rep.</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Denmark</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Finland</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>France</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Total</b>
Ukraine	1,658	Afghanistan	1,132	Romania	592	Turkey	6,516	Iraq	10,367
Viet Nam	885	Iraq	1,032	Slovakia	381	DR Congo	5,244	Turkey	9,569
Slovakia	822	Serbia and M.	1,015	Russian Fed.	255	Mauritania	2,989	Serbia and M.	6,682
Rep. of Moldova	729	Somalia	373	Bulgaria	248	Algeria	2,839	Russian Fed.	4,077
Russian Fed.	671	Russian Fed.	197	Serbia and M.	240	China	2,716	Afghanistan	2,779
Georgia	641	Bosnia and H.	182	Bosnia and H.	226	Mali	2,413	Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,643
China	499	Islamic Rep. of Iran	179	Turkey	188	Congo	2,281	Viet Nam	2,338
Armenia	463	Occ. Palest. Terr.	162	Iraq	107	Sri Lanka	1,988	India	2,237
India	346	Turkey	110	Ukraine	103	Haiti	1,901	Syrian Arab Rep.	1,842
Belarus	284	Algeria	97	Bangladesh	81	Russian Fed.	1,728	Algeria	1,733
<b>Greece</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Hungary</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Ireland</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Liechtenstein</b>	<b>Total</b>
Iraq	2,567	Afghanistan	2,160	Nigeria	4,049	Turkey	53	FYR Macedonia	44
Afghanistan	1,238	Iraq	2,006	Romania	1,676	Myanmar	38	Serbia and M.	20
Islamic Rep. of Iran	411	Bangladesh	352	Rep. of Moldova	537	Pakistan	25	Ukraine	9
Pakistan	250	Somalia	213	Zimbabwe	357	China	24	Russian Fed.	5
Turkey	211	Congo	192	Ukraine	351	Islamic Rep. of Iran	18	Belarus	*
Nigeria	184	Viet Nam	182	Poland	314	Cameroon	15	Romania	*
India	84	Islamic Rep. of Iran	160	Ghana	293	Bangladesh	12	Mongolia	*
China	70	Sudan	130	Lithuania	284	Sri Lanka	9	Kazakhstan	*
Sierra Leone	70	Nigeria	125	DR Congo	270	Nigeria	9	Cameroon	*
Somalia	69	Turkey	124	Czech Rep.	268	India	8	Georgia	*
<b>Luxembourg</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>New Zealand</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Norway</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Poland</b>	<b>Total</b>
Serbia and M.	495	Angola	1,891	Thailand	236	Serbia and M.	2,460	Russian Fed.	2,649
Bosnia and H.	77	Sierra Leone	1,620	Islamic Rep. of Iran	101	Russian Fed.	1,719	Afghanistan	560
Russian Fed.	68	Afghanistan	1,077	Zimbabwe	85	Iraq	1,624	Armenia	217
Albania	54	Iraq	1,022	Hungary	77	Somalia	1,535	India	187
FYR Macedonia	44	Islamic Rep. of Iran	665	India	75	Bosnia and H.	810	Rep. of Moldova	157
Iraq	34	Turkey	638	Sri Lanka	52	Afghanistan	786	Mongolia	153
Algeria	30	Nigeria	556	Iraq	31	Ukraine	772	Iraq	136
DR Congo	26	China	542	China	25	Algeria	468	Ukraine	92
Ukraine	19	Somalia	538	Fiji	22	Islamic Rep. of Iran	450	Belarus	65
Togo	15	DR Congo	522	Pakistan	21	Belarus	395	Pakistan	55
<b>Portugal</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Romania</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Slovakia</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Slovenia</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Spain</b>	<b>Total</b>
Angola	46	Iraq	381	China	1,764	Iraq	131	Nigeria	1,440
Poland	41	India	127	Afghanistan	1,669	Serbia and M.	86	Cuba	1,164
Sierra Leone	34	China	90	India	1,611	Turkey	73	Colombia	1,056
Russian Fed.	13	Bangladesh	74	Iraq	1,245	Algeria	67	Algeria	344
Cuba	11	Islamic Rep. of Iran	53	Bangladesh	1,032	Islamic Rep. of Iran	54	Sierra Leone	274
Romania	10	Sudan	52	Russian Fed.	618	Bosnia and H.	26	DR Congo	169
Sri Lanka	8	Turkey	42	Rep. of Moldova	266	FYR Macedonia	25	Russian Fed.	167
Kazakhstan	8	Pakistan	36	Viet Nam	217	Pakistan	24	Romania	131
Afghanistan	7	Afghanistan	35	Somalia	199	Russian Fed.	23	Angola	102
Albania	6	Occ. Palest. Terr.	34	Pakistan	168	Rep. of Moldova	21	Armenia	92
<b>Sweden</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>UK (cases)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>USA (cases)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>Total</b>
Serbia and M.	5,850	Serbia and M.	3,772	Iraq	14,565	China	10,263	Islamic Rep. of Iran	388
Iraq	5,447	Turkey	1,932	Zimbabwe	7,655	Mexico	8,610	Occ. Palest. Terr.	167
Bosnia and H.	2,884	Bosnia and H.	1,547	Afghanistan	7,200	Colombia	7,810	Turkey	73
Russian Fed.	1,496	Iraq	1,191	Somalia	6,540	Haiti	3,518	Pakistan	71
Somalia	1,108	FYR Macedonia	1,088	China	3,675	India	1,857	Russian Fed.	37
Stateless	863	Nigeria	1,052	Sri Lanka	3,130	Cameroon	1,562	Serbia and M.	33
Ukraine	785	Algeria	1,031	Turkey	2,830	Indonesia	1,485	Lebanon	23
Slovakia	780	Romania	970	Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,625	Armenia	1,161	Iraq	21
Azerbaijan	778	Angola	835	Pakistan	2,410	Albania	1,158	Georgia	19
Bulgaria	763	Bulgaria	778	Serbia and M.	2,260	Ethiopia	1,146	Ukraine	19
<b>Estonia</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Iceland</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Lithuania</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Latvia</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Malta</b>	<b>Total</b>
Turkey	5	Romania	39	Russian Fed.	242	Russian Fed.	11	Eritrea	99
Ghana	*	Russian Fed.	16	Afghanistan	17	Slovakia	9	Somalia	55
Rep. of Moldova	*	Albania	10	Turkey	11	Belarus	*	Iraq	36
Russian Fed.	*	Mongolia	8	Iraq	6	Ukraine	*	Sudan	30
Ukraine	*	Georgia	6	Georgia	*	Armenia	*	Ethiopia	17
		Slovakia	*	Stateless	*	Iraq	*	Turkey	14
		Ukraine	*	Ukraine	*	Tajikistan	*	Bangladesh	13
		Algeria	*	Nigeria	*			Liberia	12
		Belarus	*	Azerbaijan	*			Occ. Palest. Terr.	9
		Bulgaria	*	Canada	*			Sierra Leone	9
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>Total</b>								
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,505								
Iraq	974								
Afghanistan	47								
China	41								
Uzbekistan	38								
Sri Lanka	30								
DR Congo	24								
Occ. Palest. Terr.	24								
Somalia	23								
Syrian Arab Rep.	14								



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**Table 18. 10 major nationalities of asylum applicants by asylum country, 2003**

Values between 1 and 4 have been replaced with an asterisk.

<b>Australia</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Austria</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Belgium</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Bulgaria</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>Total</b>
China	813	Russian Federation	6,715	DR Congo	1,778	Afghanistan	525	Pakistan	3,944
India	601	Turkey	2,839	Russian Federation	1,680	Iraq	211	Mexico	2,601
Indonesia	230	India	2,823	Serbia and M.	1,280	Armenia	196	Colombia	2,011
Rep. of Korea	215	Serbia and M.	2,518	Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,153	Algeria	155	Costa Rica	1,834
Malaysia	184	Afghanistan	2,359	Cameroon	625	Islamic Rep. of Iran	97	China	1,750
Thailand	179	Nigeria	1,845	Turkey	618	Nigeria	94	Sri Lanka	1,239
Sri Lanka	166	Georgia	1,520	Rwanda	450	Somalia	57	India	1,114
Fiji	164	Iraq	1,433	Algeria	400	Stateless	55	United States	1,017
Iraq	131	Rep. of Moldova	1,175	Slovakia	390	Turkey	44	Bangladesh	676
Bangladesh	120	Armenia	1,113	Togo	365	India	17	Nigeria	641
<b>Czech Rep.</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Denmark</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Finland</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>France (excl. Dec.)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Total</b>
Russian Federation	4,852	Serbia and M.	743	Serbia and M.	561	Turkey	6,143	Turkey	6,235
Ukraine	2,043	Afghanistan	653	Russian Federation	287	China	4,587	Serbia and M.	4,866
Slovakia	1,055	Iraq	438	Bulgaria	286	DR Congo	4,046	Iraq	3,895
China	853	Somalia	373	Turkey	183	Algeria	2,125	Russian Federation	3,389
Viet Nam	566	Russian Federation	269	Croatia	173	Mauritania	2,118	China	2,395
Georgia	320	Bosnia and H.	229	Iraq	149	Russian Federation	1,986	Viet Nam	2,101
Belarus	260	Islamic Rep. of Iran	159	Romania	107	Sri Lanka	1,747	Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,053
Rep. of Moldova	191	Occ. Palest. Terr.	153	Somalia	90	Congo	1,629	India	1,739
India	168	Bulgaria	134	Slovakia	85	Rep. of Moldova	1,569	Afghanistan	1,467
Iraq	104	Turkey	106	FYR Macedonia	79	Serbia and M.	1,563	Azerbaijan	1,302
<b>Greece</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Hungary</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Ireland</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Liechtenstein</b>	<b>Total</b>
Iraq	2,879	Afghanistan	469	Nigeria	3,110	Myanmar	111	FYR Macedonia	25
Pakistan	703	Iraq	348	Romania	691	Turkey	77	Serbia and M.	23
Islamic Rep. of Iran	632	Georgia	205	DR Congo	256	Islamic Rep. of Iran	24	Russian Federation	17
Afghanistan	593	Islamic Rep. of Iran	170	Rep. of Moldova	244	China	22	Ukraine	6
Nigeria	468	Turkey	125	Somalia	183	Pakistan	12	Bosnia and H.	*
Somalia	426	Somalia	113	Ghana	180	India	12	Bulgaria	*
Myanmar	406	Serbia and M.	112	Czech Rep.	169	Cameroon	8	Belarus	*
Bangladesh	251	Russian Federation	105	China	168	Philippines	6	Kazakhstan	*
Sudan	222	Algeria	79	Croatia	164	Bangladesh	6	Czech Rep.	*
Turkey	218	Nigeria	74	Albania	142	Various	5	Azerbaijan	*
<b>Luxembourg</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>New Zealand</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Norway</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Poland</b>	<b>Total</b>
Serbia and M.	541	Iraq	3,472	Islamic Rep. of Iran	134	Serbia and M.	2,216	Russian Federation	5,581
Nigeria	86	Islamic Rep. of Iran	555	Thailand	109	Afghanistan	2,050	Afghanistan	251
Algeria	81	Afghanistan	492	Zimbabwe	72	Russian Federation	1,923	India	235
Albania	66	Somalia	451	India	72	Somalia	1,623	Pakistan	151
Russian Federation	60	Liberia	441	China	57	Iraq	971	Armenia	104
Liberia	60	Turkey	414	Iraq	39	Bosnia and H.	676	Ukraine	85
Bosnia and H.	59	Nigeria	414	Malaysia	36	Islamic Rep. of Iran	621	Iraq	75
Belarus	55	Burundi	402	Hungary	32	Stateless	379	Belarus	58
Georgia	44	Serbia and M.	393	Bangladesh	29	Ethiopia	293	Sri Lanka	32
Islamic Rep. of Iran	31	Angola	370	Chile	25	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	288	Georgia	30
<b>Portugal</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Romania</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Slovakia</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Slovenia</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Spain</b>	<b>Total</b>
Angola	14	Iraq	330	Russian Federation	2,663	Turkey	192	Nigeria	1,685
FYR Macedonia	9	China	205	India	1,636	Iraq	190	Algeria	680
Russian Federation	6	India	158	China	1,073	Serbia and M.	181	Colombia	524
Georgia	6	Islamic Rep. of Iran	65	Armenia	747	Islamic Rep. of Iran	88	DR Congo	268
Colombia	6	Somalia	63	Afghanistan	629	Georgia	68	Côte d'Ivoire	240
Ukraine	5	Turkey	36	Georgia	578	FYR Macedonia	67	Liberia	189
Liberia	5	Occ. Palest. Terr.	26	Rep. of Moldova	573	Algeria	66	Cameroon	178
Zimbabwe	*	Pakistan	22	Bangladesh	556	Bosnia and H.	48	Guinea	170
Cuba	*	Afghanistan	16	Iraq	479	Egypt	34	Russian Federation	138
Bulgaria	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	15	Pakistan	304	Pakistan	28	Iraq	134
<b>Sweden</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>UK (cases)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>USA (cases)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>Total</b>
Serbia and M.	5,305	Serbia and M.	2,991	Somalia	5,098	China	3,774	Bangladesh	2,077
Somalia	3,069	Turkey	1,661	Iraq	4,047	Colombia	3,729	Pakistan	481
Iraq	2,701	Iraq	1,451	China	3,446	Haiti	3,025	Islamic Rep. of Iran	465
Stateless	1,788	Algeria	866	Zimbabwe	3,281	Mexico	2,928	Turkey	294
Bosnia and H.	1,396	Georgia	750	Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,875	Indonesia	2,629	Russian Federation	253
Russian Federation	1,361	Bosnia and H.	743	Turkey	2,395	Guatemala	1,754	Occ. Palest. Terr.	209
Azerbaijan	1,032	Guinea	658	Afghanistan	2,292	Cameroon	1,343	Georgia	178
Belarus	901	Liberia	580	India	2,276	Venezuela	1,105	Ukraine	91
Afghanistan	811	Russian Federation	528	Pakistan	1,907	India	1,002	Armenia	54
Islamic Rep. of Iran	787	DR Congo	527	DR Congo	1,526	Ethiopia	866	Lebanon	52
<b>Estonia</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Iceland</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Lithuania</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Latvia</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Malta</b>	<b>Total</b>
Russian Federation	*	Romania	16	Russian Federation	91	Georgia	*	Somalia	173
Georgia	*	Albania	11	India	25	Russian Federation	*	Liberia	71
Azerbaijan	*	Poland	5	Afghanistan	17			DR Congo	70
Ukraine	*	Uzbekistan	*	Pakistan	14			Côte d'Ivoire	43
South Africa	*	China	*	Occ. Palest. Terr.	9			Ethiopia	41
Iraq	*	Belarus	*	Stateless	6			Eritrea	37
		Iraq	*	Azerbaijan	5			Sudan	28
		Mongolia	*	Ukraine	*			Iraq	14
		Liberia	*	Viet Nam	*			Occ. Palest. Terr.	14
		Afghanistan	*	Sierra Leone	*			Turkey	11
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>Total</b>								
Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,092								
Iraq	342								
Somalia	183								
Afghanistan	77								
Sudan	64								
Ethiopia	48								
Uzbekistan	24								
Eritrea	20								
China	19								
Morocco	9								