

Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries

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**Overview of Asylum Applications Lodged
in 31 European and 5 Non-European Countries**



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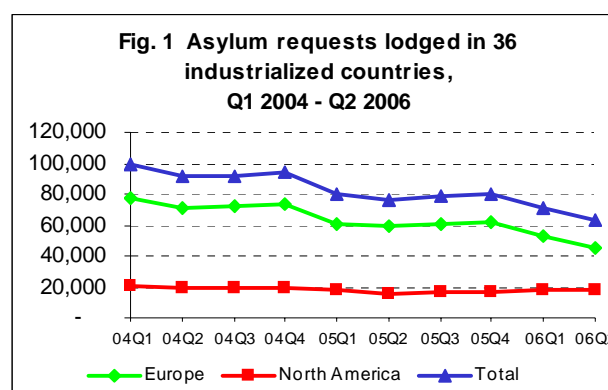
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Introduction

1. This report is based on monthly asylum application data received from national asylum authorities in Europe, North America, Australia, New Zealand and Japan and covers primarily the period 1 January to 30 June 2006. Currently, 36 industrialized countries are providing monthly statistics to UNHCR. Italy is the only major industrialized country for which no monthly data are available.
2. This report analyses the main asylum trends in 36 industrialized countries and does not make specific reference to mixed migration flows. Despite the humanitarian challenge and prominent media coverage posed by this phenomenon, in particular in Southern Europe, most migrants do not claim asylum and are thus not included in UNHCR's asylum statistics.
3. This report is generally limited to new asylum requests. Where possible, re-opened or repeat asylum applications have been excluded. Similarly, applications lodged during the appeal process are not considered. Statistical information on asylum-seekers accepted as refugees, those granted a complementary form of protection (humanitarian status, subsidiary protection etc.) or refugees who have been resettled, particularly by Australia, Canada and the United States, are published in separate UNHCR reports.¹
4. The figures generally refer to the number of persons seeking asylum, including minors. Because the data are reported by national authorities, asylum-seekers submitting a claim in more than one country may have been double-counted. The regional figures in this report are thus likely to overstate the total number of asylum-seekers. Asylum may be requested at the border, from within the country of asylum or at embassies abroad.
5. All data included in this report should be considered as provisional, subject to change. Due to retroactive updates, the figures in this report up to the first quarter of 2006 may differ slightly from those published earlier.
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Regional overview

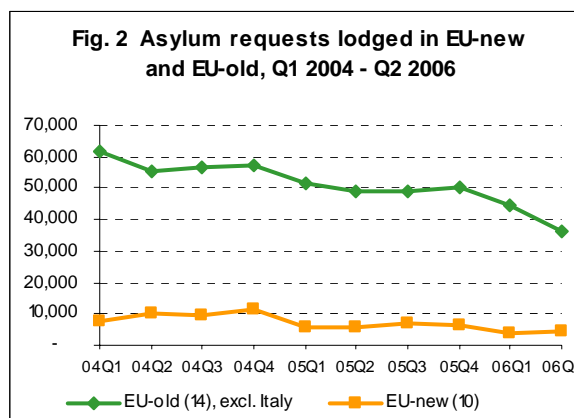
7. The number of asylum-seekers in the **36 industrialized countries** covered by this report continued to decline sharply. During the first six months of 2006, some 134,900 asylum-seekers applied for asylum, 14 per cent fewer than during the same period in 2005 (156,300) and 15 per cent fewer than the second half of 2005 (158,800). However, the decline was smaller than the



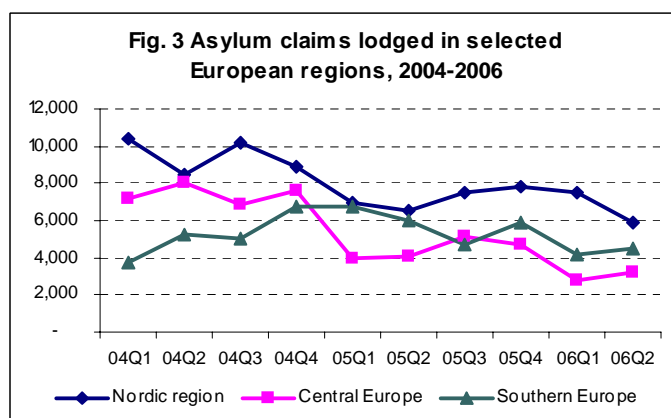
¹ See *2005 Global Refugee Trends*, UNHCR Geneva, June 2006, accessible at www.unhcr.org/statistics.

year before: from the first half of 2004 to the first half of 2005, new asylum applications had dropped by 18 per cent (see Table 1 and Figure 1). In total, the first six months of 2006 witnessed a 29 per cent drop compared to the corresponding period of 2004.

8. In **Europe**, 97,000 new asylum applications were submitted during the first six months of 2006, 19 per cent fewer than during the corresponding period of 2005 (120,200) and 21 per cent lower than the second half of 2005. This number represents a 35 per cent drop compared to the first half of 2004 (148,300). The trend is similar for the 24 countries of the **European Union (EU)** covered by this report.² The latter registered a 21 per cent fall in new asylum applications submitted during the first six months of 2006 as compared to January to June 2005 and 34 per cent fewer requests than during the first half of 2004 (see Figure 2 and Table 1). The largest relative decline in half-yearly asylum levels, however, was reported by the 10 **new EU member countries**. These countries received 8,200 new asylum requests during the first two quarters of 2006, a 30 per cent drop compared to the first six months of 2005 and a 54 per cent decline compared to the first six months of 2004.



9. Countries in **Central Europe** also witnessed a strong decline in the number of asylum-seekers during the first six months of 2006. Central Europe has been an important receiving region only a few years ago, however, fewer people have requested asylum in recent years.



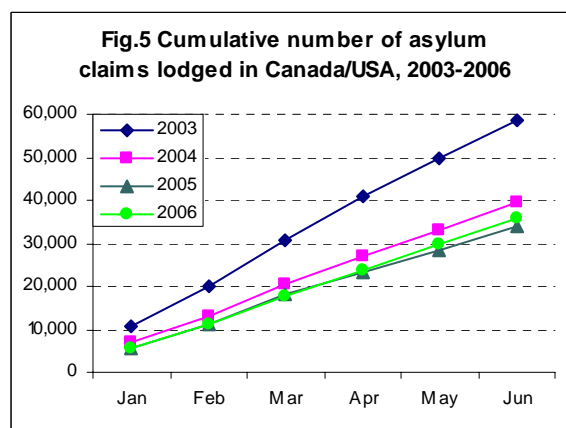
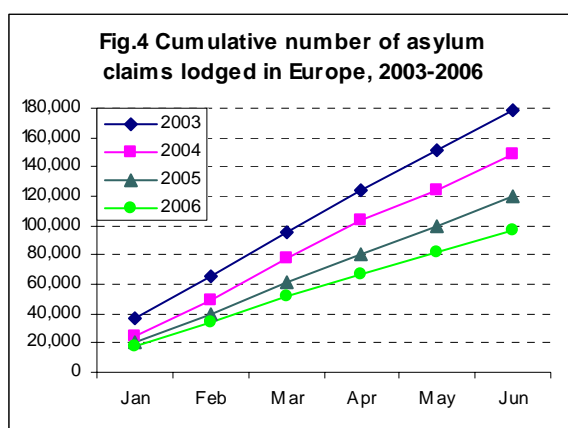
During the first two quarters of 2006, some 6,100 asylum applications were submitted, almost 2,000 fewer than during Q1 and Q2 of 2005 (-24%) and almost 10,000 less than during the corresponding period of 2004 (-60%) (see Figure 3).

10. Following the peak year of 2005 with some 23,400 asylum applications being submitted in **Southern Europe**², the number of asylum claims has started to decline in 2006. Some 8,700 persons applied for asylum between January and June 2006, one third (-32%) or 4,000 persons less than during the corresponding period of 2005.

11. The downward trend observed across many parts of Europe differs slightly from the situation in the **Nordic countries**. Here, a total of 13,300 persons applied for refugee status between January and June 2006, almost the same number of asylum-seekers like in the corresponding period of 2005 (13,500). However, from the first to the second quarter of 2006, the number plummeted from 7,500 to 5,800 reflecting primarily the lower number of asylum applications submitted in Sweden and Norway (see Table 1).

² As noted in the Introduction, Italy is not included in this report due to a lack of data.

12. Over the past few years, **Europe** has received roughly eight out of 10 asylum-seekers in the 36 industrialized countries. During the first two quarters of 2006, however, its share has started to decrease indicating that now roughly seven out of 10 asylum-seekers in the 36 industrialized countries have applied for refugee status on the continent. Simultaneously, **North America's** share increased from about 20 per cent more than two years ago to almost 30 per cent during the first semester of 2006. The share of **Australia and New Zealand** on the other hand has remained fairly stable at about one per cent.

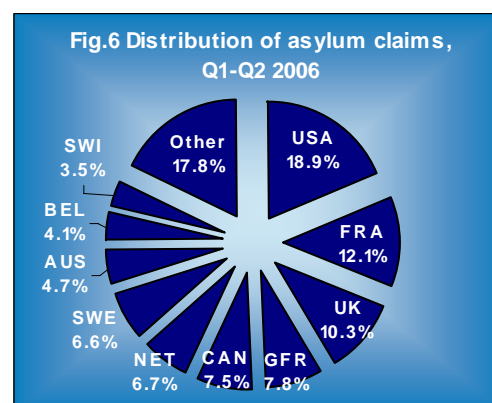


13. The number of asylum requests continued to fall during the most recent quarterly period. From April to June 2006, some 63,600 asylum applications were submitted in the **36 industrialized countries**, 11 per cent fewer than during the first quarter of the year (71,300). The downward trend in asylum applications continues in **Europe** where a 15 per cent decrease was recorded whereas in **North America**, the number of new asylum requests from Q1 to Q2 of 2006 remained stable compared to the same period last year (*see Table 1 and Figures 4 and 5*).

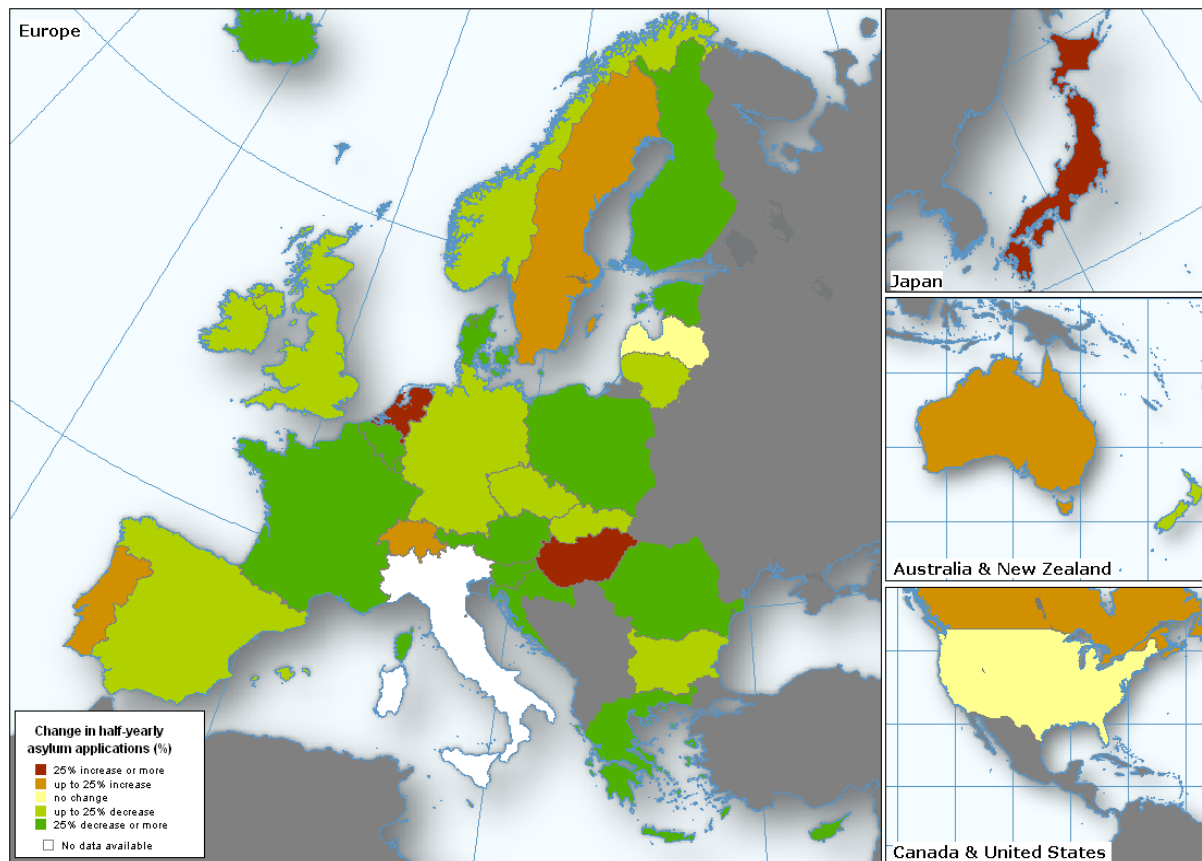
Countries of asylum

14. While **France** has been the leading asylum-seeker receiving country among the group of 36 industrialized countries from Q4 of 2003 to Q2 of 2005, the **United States** has been the top destination since Q3 of 2005 reflecting primarily the continuous decrease of new asylum-seekers in France observed since Q1 of 2005. As such, the United States received 25,500 new asylum requests during the first half of 2006, or one out of five (19%) of the total number of asylum-seekers in the 36 industrialized countries covered by this report. The total number of new applications submitted to the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) during the first half of 2006 remained stable compared to the first semester of 2005.

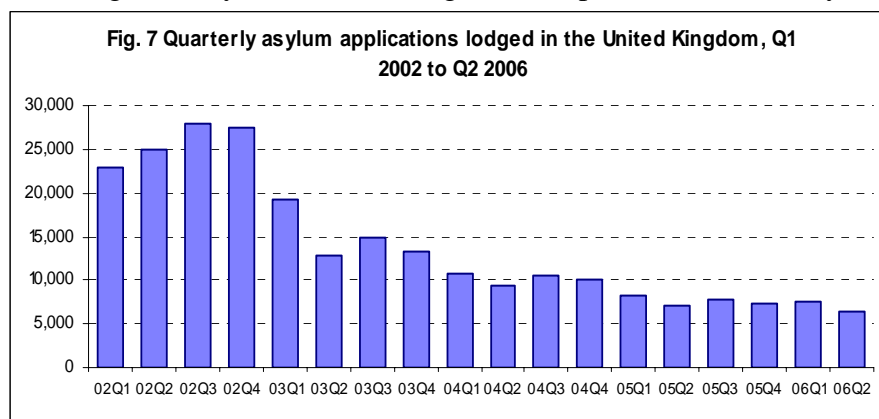
15. During the same period, **France** received 16,400 new applications, 41 per cent less than during the first half of 2005. Together, the United States (19%), and France (12%) received about three out of 10 applications in the 36 industrialized countries covered by this report (*see Figure 6*).



Map 1: Change in asylum applications in 36 industrialized countries, January-June 2005 compared to January-June 2006



16. In the past three years, the **United Kingdom** has witnessed a steady downward trend in the number of persons applying for asylum in the country (see Figure 7). As such, the second quarter of 2006 was the lowest number of quarterly asylum applications submitted (6,400) in the United Kingdom since at least 1999.³ In total, some 13,900 persons applied for asylum in the first six months of 2006 making the United Kingdom the third largest asylum-seeker receiving country and accounting for 10 per cent of all asylum requests lodged in the industrialized world.



Germany received the fourth largest number of asylum-seekers during the same period (10,600), followed by **Canada** (10,100), the **Netherlands** (9,000), **Sweden** (8,900), and **Austria** (6,300).

³ UNHCR's monthly asylum data collection mechanism started in 1999.

17. Two thirds of the countries included in this report experienced a fall in the number of new asylum claims lodged from the first semester of 2005 to the first semester of 2006, including large receiving countries such as **France** (-41%), **Greece** (-38%), **Austria** (-31%), **Belgium** (-29%), **Germany** (-21%), and the **United Kingdom** (-10%). Most of the remaining one third reported an increase, including the **Netherlands**⁴ (+71%), **Canada** (+15%), and **Sweden** (+11%) (see *Map 1 and Table 1*).

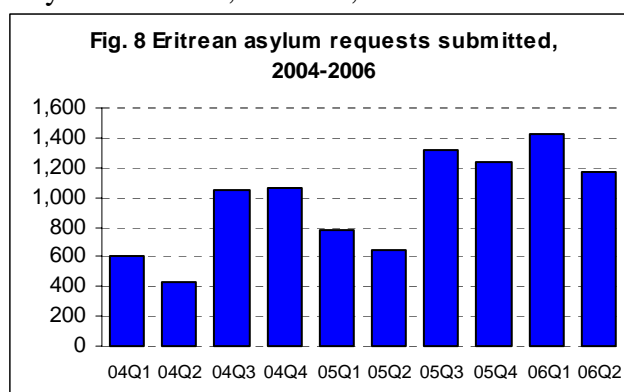
Origin of asylum-seekers

18. **China** was the leading country of origin of asylum applicants during the first six months of 2006 with 8,800 requests lodged by its citizens in the 36 industrialized countries covered by this report, followed by **Iraq** (8,500), **Serbia/Montenegro**⁵ (8,000), the **Russian Federation** (6,900), and **Turkey** (4,600) (see *Table 2*).

19. Among the leading countries of origin, those recording a strong decline in the number of asylum-seekers during the first two quarters of 2006 as compared to the corresponding period of 2005 included the **Russian Federation** (-27%), **Serbia/Montenegro**⁵ (-26%), **Turkey** (-25%), **Haiti** (-19%), **Pakistan** (-24%), and **Nigeria** (-27%). In total, 27 countries of origin reported a decrease during the first two semesters of 2006 compared to the corresponding period of 2005.

20. A few countries of origin recorded a significant decline in the number of asylum-seekers in the second quarter of 2006 compared to the first three months of the year, notably in the case of **Iraq** (-1,000 claims), **Serbia/Montenegro**⁵ (-1,000), **Zimbabwe** (-670), **Turkey** (-500), and **Armenia** (-440).

21. There were some nationalities recording a significant rise in asylum requests in the first half of 2006 as compared to the first half of 2005, most notably asylum claims submitted by **Iraqi** citizens whose applications increased by half from 5,800 to 8,500. The number was particularly high during the first quarter of the year (4,700), the highest value observed within the past three years. Among the major countries of origin, **Eritrean** applications recorded the highest increase during the first two quarters of 2006 compared to the first six months of 2005 by almost doubling from 1,400 to 2,600 (+82%), half of them being lodged in the United Kingdom alone (1,300) (see *Figure 8*). In addition, **Colombian** and **Mexican** asylum claims also increased by eight and 32 per cent respectively. While the former were primarily recorded in Spain (980), the United States (910) and Canada (590), the latter were almost exclusively submitted in North America. In total, 13 countries of origin reported an increase from the first semester of 2005 to the first semester of 2006.



⁴ Data from the Netherlands includes repeat asylum applications which cannot be differentiated from new asylum applications by the Dutch authorities.

⁵ No separate breakdown available for both countries.

22. The highest relative increase among the top-40 countries of origin during Q1 and Q2 of 2006 compared to the first two quarters of 2005 was recorded for asylum-seekers from **Zimbabwe** whose number more than doubled from 840 to 2,000 (+144%). The 1,400 asylum applications submitted during Q1 of 2006 were the highest value recorded since the first quarter of 2003. However, the number dropped again to some 700 during Q2 of 2006. The majority, i.e. two thirds (1,460) of all Zimbabwean asylum applications have been lodged in the United Kingdom. Other countries of origin reporting a relatively high increase include asylum-seekers from the **Rep. of Moldova** (+38%) and **Colombia** (+32%) (*see Table 2*).

23. There was some change in the ranking of the main countries of origin of asylum applicants. From Q3 of 2005 to Q2 of 2006, persons originating from **China** moved up the list from the third to the first position while **Iraq** dropped from first to second. After having been the leading country of origin of asylum-seekers during 2004 and parts of

Box 1: Changes in the rank of the top-10 countries of origin, 2004-2006										
Country of origin	2004				2005				2006	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
China	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	1
Iraq	14	12	9	6	5	5	5	4	1	2
Russian Federation	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	4	3
Serbia/Montenegro*	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	4
Turkey	4	4	4	4	4	4	6	5	5	5
Haiti	15	10	15	14	6	6	4	7	6	6
Afghanistan	12	13	12	11	13	9	10	9	8	7
Islamic Rep. of Iran	11	11	8	5	9	8	7	6	7	8
Colombia	16	17	16	13	18	18	18	14	19	9
Somalia	7	16	10	15	11	14	9	13	11	10

* No separate data available for both countries.

2005, asylum-seekers from the **Russian Federation** dropped to third place during Q2 of 2006. **Colombia** entered as newcomer to the top-10 list as 9th most important source country of origin of asylum-seekers reflecting the continuous deteriorating situation in the country. Conversely, **Nigeria** and the **Dem. Rep. of the Congo** do not feature in the top-10 ranking anymore since less asylum applications have been submitted by persons from these two countries in the second quarter of 2006.

Monthly trends

24. The latest monthly data indicate that the number of new asylum applications submitted in the **36 industrialized countries** covered by this report fell by four per cent in June as compared to May 2006. The **United States** continued to be the main recipient country of asylum-seekers, accounting for 20 per cent of all asylum requests lodged in June 2006, followed by **France** (11%), the **United Kingdom** (10%), **Canada** (8%) and **Germany** (7%).

25. Among the major asylum-seeker nationalities, those recording a rise in June as compared to May 2006 included **Sri Lanka** (+22%), **India** (+14%), and the **Russian Federation** (+12%). Conversely, fewer asylum-seekers were registered originating from **Afghanistan** (-33%), **Sudan** (-29%), **Bangladesh** (-25%), **Haiti** (-23%) and **Ethiopia** (-19%).

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Table 1. Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 36 industrialized countries, 2004 to second quarter 2006

See footnotes at the bottom of the table.

Country/region of asylum	2004				2005				2006		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'04-'05	'05-'06	'04-'06
Australia	763	860	851	727	815	822	798	773	815	912	1%	5%	6%
Austria	5,922	6,538	6,244	5,972	4,203	4,972	6,265	7,031	3,401	2,940	-26%	-31%	-49%
Belgium	3,916	3,482	3,672	4,288	4,037	3,695	4,104	4,121	2,960	2,558	5%	-29%	-25%
Bulgaria	267	250	248	362	210	196	227	189	171	151	-21%	-21%	-38%
Canada	6,353	5,420	6,452	7,274	4,623	4,106	5,179	5,827	5,288	4,794	-26%	16%	-14%
Croatia	39	16	35	71	45	69	35	37	37	20	107%	-50%	4%
Cyprus	1,109	2,112	2,841	3,797	2,054	1,990	1,777	1,947	1,182	904	26%	-48%	-35%
Czech Rep.	2,128	1,339	938	1,055	950	853	1,251	967	760	750	-48%	-16%	-56%
Denmark	919	826	839	638	710	621	501	428	565	381	-24%	-29%	-46%
Estonia	8	4	2	1	1	5	4	-	2	1	-50%	-50%	-75%
Finland	1,050	649	926	1,026	911	877	1,045	730	568	537	5%	-38%	-35%
France	15,804	14,169	13,972	14,632	13,915	13,612	11,214	10,130	9,278	7,096	-8%	-41%	-45%
Germany	10,167	8,519	8,618	8,309	6,662	6,660	7,080	6,808	5,888	4,698	-29%	-21%	-43%
Greece	1,009	1,747	694	1,016	2,816	2,729	1,636	1,869	1,536	1,895	101%	-38%	24%
Hungary	367	378	471	384	403	362	467	377	434	565	3%	31%	34%
Iceland	17	20	22	16	12	19	39	19	7	9	-16%	-48%	-57%
Ireland	1,256	1,104	1,238	1,168	1,259	957	1,045	1,060	1,135	950	-6%	-6%	-12%
Japan	112	145	85	84	89	81	95	119	237	285	-34%	207%	103%
Latvia	3	1	1	2	1	3	13	3	4	-	0%	0%	0%
Liechtenstein	29	15	15	15	16	15	8	14	7	24	-30%	0%	-30%
Lithuania	23	31	58	28	23	33	28	34	24	26	4%	-11%	-7%
Luxembourg	514	404	356	303	234	212	208	145	98	103	-51%	-55%	-78%
Malta	129	141	376	351	411	138	278	340	291	369	103%	20%	144%
Netherlands	2,752	2,080	2,308	2,642	2,696	2,588	2,985	4,078	5,171	3,839	9%	71%	86%
New Zealand	204	159	126	91	77	101	92	78	78	69	-51%	-17%	-60%
Norway	2,184	1,805	2,198	1,758	1,199	1,185	1,499	1,519	1,308	1,072	-40%	0%	-40%
Poland	1,317	1,770	2,145	2,845	1,204	1,117	1,476	1,639	801	871	-25%	-28%	-46%
Portugal	16	30	34	27	30	16	30	37	41	15	0%	22%	22%
Romania	213	134	153	161	165	171	126	132	107	116	-3%	-34%	-36%
Slovakia	2,527	3,839	2,624	2,364	601	771	1,020	1,097	381	649	-78%	-25%	-84%
Slovenia	310	311	228	325	371	487	462	276	97	111	38%	-76%	-67%
Spain	1,480	1,227	1,129	1,533	1,411	1,180	948	1,723	1,153	1,351	-4%	-3%	-7%
Sweden	6,232	5,213	6,210	5,506	4,167	3,813	4,439	5,110	5,023	3,848	-30%	11%	-22%
Switzerland	4,726	3,681	3,161	2,679	2,213	2,459	2,784	2,605	2,453	2,322	-44%	2%	-43%
United Kingdom	10,730	9,305	10,485	10,100	8,260	7,190	7,705	7,305	7,530	6,380	-23%	-10%	-31%
United States (EOIR)	4,504	3,678	3,386	3,370	3,685	3,800	3,585	3,235	3,947	4,242	-9%	9%	0%
United States (DHS)	9,712	9,661	9,087	8,960	9,918	8,033	8,436	8,075	8,532	8,786	-7%	-4%	-11%
EU-old (14)	61,767	55,293	56,725	57,160	51,311	49,122	49,205	50,575	44,347	36,591	-14%	-19%	-31%
EU-new (10)	7,921	9,926	9,684	11,152	6,019	5,759	6,776	6,680	3,976	4,246	-34%	-30%	-54%
EU-total (24)	69,688	65,219	66,409	68,312	57,330	54,881	55,981	57,255	48,323	40,837	-17%	-21%	-34%
Nordic region (5)	10,402	8,513	10,195	8,944	6,999	6,515	7,523	7,806	7,471	5,847	-29%	-1%	-30%
Western Europe (18)	68,723	60,814	62,121	61,628	54,751	52,800	53,535	54,732	48,122	40,018	-17%	-18%	-32%
Central Europe (11)	7,202	8,073	6,903	7,598	3,974	4,067	5,109	4,751	2,818	3,260	-47%	-24%	-60%
Southern Europe (5)	3,743	5,257	5,074	6,724	6,722	6,053	4,669	5,916	4,203	4,534	42%	-32%	-3%
Europe (31)	77,163	71,140	72,241	73,374	61,190	58,995	60,699	61,770	52,413	44,551	-19%	-19%	-35%
Non-Europe (5)	21,648	19,923	19,987	20,506	19,207	16,943	18,185	18,107	18,897	19,088	-13%	5%	-9%
North America (2)	20,569	18,759	18,925	19,604	18,226	15,939	17,200	17,137	17,767	17,822	-13%	4%	-10%
Australia/New Z.	967	1,019	977	818	892	923	890	851	893	981	-9%	3%	-6%
Total	98,811	91,063	92,228	93,880	80,397	75,938	78,884	79,877	71,310	63,639	-18%	-14%	-29%

Notes

All figures are provisional and subject to change.

Germany: new applications only.

United Kingdom: data rounded to the nearest 5.

United States:

- new asylum applications registered by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS): number of cases, multiplied by 1.4 to reflect the number of persons;

- new ("defensive") requests lodged with the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), based on the number of persons.

EU-old: European Union member countries until May 2004, excluding Italy (no data available).

EU-new: 10 new EU member states, which acceded on 1 May 2004.

EU-total: All EU member states, except Italy (no data available).

Nordic region: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

Western Europe: EU-old plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

Central Europe: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep., Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Southern Europe: Cyprus, Greece, Malta, Portugal and Spain.

Europe: All 31 European countries listed.

Non-Europe: All 5 non-European countries listed.

Total: All countries listed.

Source: Governments; compiled by UNHCR (FICSS).

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Table 2. Asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, first quarter 2004 to second quarter 2006

Covering all 36 asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2006. Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because USA (DHS) by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	2004				2005				2006		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'04-'05	'05-'06	'04-'06
China	5,246	4,578	5,090	5,148	4,719	4,733	4,530	4,439	4,460	4,347	-4%	-7%	-10%
Iraq	2,232	2,146	2,486	2,986	2,925	2,832	2,991	3,760	4,718	3,759	31%	47%	94%
Russian Federation	7,715	7,401	6,930	8,525	4,890	4,633	6,122	5,988	3,450	3,491	-37%	-27%	-54%
Serbia/Montenegro*	5,856	5,446	5,735	5,409	5,063	5,743	5,610	5,693	4,534	3,472	-4%	-26%	-29%
Turkey	4,864	3,763	3,466	3,774	3,123	3,009	2,989	2,832	2,533	2,047	-29%	-25%	-47%
Haiti	2,161	2,231	1,792	2,135	2,516	2,742	3,033	2,469	2,325	1,922	20%	-19%	-3%
Afghanistan	2,333	2,130	2,172	2,215	1,698	1,965	1,925	2,158	1,945	1,882	-18%	4%	-14%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,463	2,192	2,721	3,128	2,209	2,075	2,311	2,597	2,130	1,736	-8%	-10%	-17%
Colombia	1,888	1,753	1,777	2,191	1,316	1,255	1,254	1,545	1,166	1,611	-29%	8%	-24%
Somalia	2,821	1,982	2,438	1,944	1,815	1,474	2,021	1,778	1,712	1,606	-32%	1%	-31%
Mexico	1,013	1,018	1,283	1,078	1,031	1,084	1,509	1,494	1,268	1,517	4%	32%	37%
Pakistan	2,691	3,049	2,882	2,392	1,688	2,138	2,055	1,925	1,487	1,434	-33%	-24%	-49%
Nigeria	3,221	3,110	3,039	2,414	2,380	1,922	1,818	1,838	1,742	1,405	-32%	-27%	-50%
India	3,072	3,760	2,954	2,231	1,722	1,652	1,880	2,219	1,319	1,395	-51%	-20%	-60%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,565	2,128	2,133	2,373	2,115	1,828	1,744	1,818	1,736	1,338	-16%	-22%	-34%
Sri Lanka	1,339	1,299	1,578	1,419	1,646	1,399	1,248	1,342	1,385	1,238	15%	-14%	-1%
Eritrea	600	435	1,052	1,056	778	647	1,320	1,232	1,429	1,170	38%	82%	151%
Armenia	1,490	1,240	1,221	1,216	1,214	1,125	1,210	1,422	1,412	976	-14%	2%	-13%
Bangladesh	1,446	2,041	1,583	1,402	887	1,125	1,270	1,233	1,019	973	-42%	-1%	-43%
Syrian Arab Rep.	729	723	927	976	766	978	1,056	1,339	892	866	20%	1%	21%
Georgia	2,238	2,267	2,202	2,193	2,516	1,775	1,482	1,316	929	837	-5%	-59%	-61%
Sudan	669	790	1,011	1,097	799	707	891	830	766	796	3%	4%	7%
Ethiopia	815	687	784	674	529	513	672	678	754	708	-31%	40%	-3%
Zimbabwe	954	811	837	727	445	395	682	952	1,357	691	-52%	144%	16%
Azerbaijan	1,056	1,019	1,198	1,025	758	800	836	902	973	673	-25%	6%	-21%
Algeria	2,722	2,321	1,938	1,678	1,462	1,118	967	852	969	661	-49%	-37%	-68%
Guinea	1,082	915	946	1,091	1,073	822	779	781	652	640	-5%	-32%	-35%
Cameroon	1,172	957	959	1,033	850	709	663	677	696	619	-27%	-16%	-38%
Rep. of Moldova	1,038	1,459	1,522	1,623	1,304	1,432	890	1,120	426	590	10%	-63%	-59%
Côte d'Ivoire	727	713	692	933	823	637	567	813	709	555	1%	-13%	-12%
Belarus	690	693	605	636	550	681	492	499	545	537	-11%	-12%	-22%
Stateless	854	665	918	839	564	573	651	629	480	535	-25%	-11%	-33%
Viet Nam	913	1,016	810	915	785	533	690	672	545	534	-32%	-18%	-44%
Bulgaria	511	464	694	993	875	813	792	732	475	520	73%	-41%	2%
Ukraine	1,384	1,131	1,241	1,542	1,199	1,008	800	737	642	486	-12%	-49%	-55%
Albania	1,009	800	798	833	673	687	599	577	592	452	-25%	-23%	-42%
Mongolia	433	458	603	666	584	451	500	677	667	416	16%	5%	22%
Angola	942	641	554	641	633	459	446	449	464	404	-31%	-21%	-45%
Romania	692	786	644	750	621	558	442	774	541	383	-20%	-22%	-37%
Bosnia and H.	1,195	1,125	1,435	1,597	1,366	1,278	904	713	593	382	14%	-63%	-58%
Other	19,196	16,162	15,980	15,824	14,651	13,337	13,832	13,069	12,437	11,525	-21%	-14%	-32%
Total	96,037	88,305	89,630	91,322	77,561	73,645	76,473	77,570	68,874	61,129	-18%	-14%	-29%

Note

* No separate data available for both countries.

Table 3. Asylum applications lodged in Europe by origin, first quarter 2004 to second quarter 2006

Covering all European asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2006.

Origin	2004				2005				2006		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'04-'05	'05-'06	'04-'06
Iraq	2,138	2,023	2,393	2,861	2,785	2,696	2,851	3,583	4,524	3,578	32%	48%	95%
Serbia/Montenegro*	5,725	5,336	5,606	5,301	4,953	5,664	5,528	5,627	4,435	3,386	-4%	-26%	-29%
Russian Federation	7,456	7,097	6,666	8,273	4,640	4,330	5,895	5,753	3,234	3,178	-38%	-29%	-56%
Turkey	4,739	3,629	3,365	3,648	3,013	2,912	2,861	2,743	2,418	1,920	-29%	-27%	-48%
Afghanistan	2,269	2,084	2,058	2,156	1,640	1,899	1,816	2,072	1,871	1,822	-19%	4%	-15%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,200	1,996	2,483	2,885	1,995	1,881	2,100	2,373	1,939	1,574	-8%	-9%	-16%
Somalia	2,671	1,843	2,270	1,744	1,698	1,373	1,940	1,676	1,592	1,512	-32%	1%	-31%
China	3,120	2,607	3,028	2,920	2,134	2,165	1,807	1,748	1,485	1,359	-25%	-34%	-50%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,457	2,032	1,996	2,209	2,027	1,749	1,617	1,704	1,604	1,238	-16%	-25%	-37%
Nigeria	3,003	2,902	2,846	2,219	2,168	1,735	1,615	1,627	1,541	1,221	-34%	-29%	-53%
Pakistan	2,237	2,662	2,491	1,982	1,343	1,875	1,738	1,663	1,164	1,099	-34%	-30%	-54%
Eritrea	516	367	965	933	699	566	1,203	1,142	1,324	1,063	43%	89%	170%
India	2,476	3,259	2,464	1,657	1,286	1,314	1,442	1,788	902	919	-55%	-30%	-68%
Sri Lanka	930	957	1,173	1,039	1,244	1,014	941	1,026	1,057	910	20%	-13%	4%
Bangladesh	1,265	1,888	1,411	1,197	743	1,021	1,155	1,140	910	876	-44%	1%	-43%
Armenia	1,323	1,066	1,090	1,069	1,035	988	1,091	1,319	1,292	870	-15%	7%	-10%
Syrian Arab Rep.	665	685	895	941	728	934	1,019	1,301	854	846	23%	2%	26%
Colombia	313	339	234	320	365	571	546	828	444	822	44%	35%	94%
Georgia	2,185	2,226	2,158	2,139	2,482	1,743	1,438	1,274	899	786	-4%	-60%	-62%
Sudan	616	742	975	1,050	763	675	844	793	716	750	6%	2%	8%
Azerbaijan	1,014	991	1,176	997	736	780	811	883	957	655	-24%	6%	-20%
Algeria	2,688	2,295	1,920	1,654	1,444	1,100	941	826	953	635	-49%	-38%	-68%
Rep. of Moldova	1,027	1,452	1,514	1,611	1,294	1,420	866	1,095	398	568	9%	-64%	-61%
Zimbabwe	797	696	727	636	339	274	400	575	1,033	536	-59%	156%	5%
Stateless	818	601	871	727	550	560	626	620	456	509	-22%	-13%	-32%
Viet Nam	840	955	767	862	732	485	657	621	494	501	-32%	-18%	-45%
Guinea	921	749	748	862	892	658	623	656	536	493	-7%	-34%	-38%
Côte d'Ivoire	622	600	570	782	697	543	486	720	626	487	1%	-10%	-9%
Bulgaria	447	416	653	942	827	756	743	675	438	456	83%	-44%	4%
Haiti	618	943	730	869	1,062	1,531	1,426	1,045	719	455	66%	-55%	-25%
Cameroon	798	636	632	779	636	549	500	514	532	415	-17%	-20%	-34%
Angola	917	627	540	622	615	437	435	438	455	395	-32%	-19%	-45%
Belarus	610	523	511	568	493	511	441	440	484	383	-11%	-14%	-23%
Mongolia	410	419	580	637	522	422	454	629	628	378	14%	7%	21%
Bosnia and H.	1,181	1,119	1,428	1,585	1,353	1,261	884	692	583	362	14%	-64%	-59%
Ukraine	1,275	1,024	1,130	1,396	1,065	868	698	617	499	361	-16%	-56%	-63%
Romania	626	706	575	686	580	507	374	693	458	318	-18%	-29%	-42%
Congo	560	398	476	574	469	388	351	398	400	281	-11%	-21%	-29%
Albania	689	546	549	582	470	437	405	339	327	266	-27%	-35%	-52%
TfYR Macedonia	644	511	553	571	440	451	452	329	276	258	-23%	-40%	-54%
Other	11,358	9,195	9,022	8,891	8,231	7,954	8,678	7,785	6,958	6,109	-21%	-19%	-36%
Total	77,164	71,142	72,239	73,376	61,188	58,997	60,698	61,770	52,415	44,550	-19%	-19%	-35%

Note

* No separate data available for both countries.

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Table 4. Asylum applications lodged in the European Union* by origin, first quarter 2004 to second quarter 2006

*All current EU members, except Italy for which no data are available.

Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2006.

Origin	2004				2005				2006		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'04-'05	'05-'06	'04-'06
Iraq	1,756	1,779	2,121	2,548	2,517	2,394	2,541	3,169	4,101	3,193	39%	49%	106%
Serbia/Montenegro*	4,916	4,640	4,975	4,752	4,496	5,153	4,942	5,165	3,994	3,007	1%	-27%	-27%
Russian Federation	7,030	6,747	6,264	7,974	4,415	4,128	5,605	5,499	2,994	2,934	-38%	-31%	-57%
Turkey	4,326	3,306	3,016	3,335	2,802	2,656	2,625	2,549	2,233	1,718	-28%	-28%	-48%
Afghanistan	1,721	1,734	1,672	1,745	1,403	1,569	1,529	1,830	1,682	1,604	-14%	11%	-5%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,023	1,856	2,293	2,710	1,886	1,764	1,885	2,187	1,790	1,453	-6%	-11%	-16%
China	3,020	2,553	2,972	2,894	2,093	2,112	1,775	1,680	1,380	1,251	-25%	-37%	-53%
Somalia	2,355	1,429	1,721	1,387	1,444	1,129	1,592	1,317	1,315	1,249	-32%	0%	-32%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,331	1,923	1,914	2,122	1,951	1,668	1,533	1,610	1,541	1,189	-15%	-25%	-36%
Nigeria	2,779	2,693	2,679	2,102	2,066	1,640	1,536	1,558	1,457	1,169	-32%	-29%	-52%
Pakistan	2,146	2,574	2,427	1,905	1,288	1,839	1,698	1,600	1,116	1,070	-34%	-30%	-54%
Eritrea	437	327	864	863	655	538	1,068	1,011	1,221	930	56%	80%	182%
India	2,395	3,212	2,426	1,574	1,214	1,281	1,404	1,774	892	906	-56%	-28%	-68%
Bangladesh	1,191	1,822	1,333	1,127	701	951	1,105	1,119	892	851	-45%	6%	-42%
Sri Lanka	850	871	1,093	965	1,157	953	867	950	970	824	23%	-15%	4%
Armenia	1,147	925	1,008	1,007	980	928	1,037	1,237	1,231	811	-8%	7%	-1%
Colombia	296	323	223	315	339	563	541	818	437	808	46%	38%	101%
Syrian Arab Rep.	600	624	820	895	673	872	958	1,231	779	794	26%	2%	29%
Sudan	560	676	912	997	732	630	773	741	672	723	10%	2%	13%
Georgia	1,922	2,020	1,954	1,978	2,380	1,624	1,310	1,190	804	709	2%	-62%	-62%
Azerbaijan	959	918	1,114	955	697	738	782	846	932	634	-24%	9%	-17%
Algeria	2,416	2,146	1,794	1,560	1,380	1,049	873	764	892	589	-47%	-39%	-68%
Rep. of Moldova	993	1,409	1,457	1,563	1,268	1,400	821	1,072	385	558	11%	-65%	-61%
Zimbabwe	782	686	713	632	332	259	382	553	1,009	524	-60%	159%	4%
Viet Nam	813	926	740	846	711	465	637	606	481	485	-32%	-18%	-44%
Guinea	716	632	681	807	816	601	578	614	510	472	5%	-31%	-27%
Côte d'Ivoire	565	540	532	732	641	499	442	644	579	453	3%	-9%	-7%
Haiti	616	941	730	869	1,062	1,531	1,425	1,042	719	453	67%	-55%	-25%
Stateless	679	525	745	584	480	460	560	556	402	452	-22%	-9%	-29%
Bulgaria	297	320	479	703	724	634	642	512	380	395	120%	-43%	26%
Angola	835	572	501	589	557	414	403	412	428	374	-31%	-17%	-43%
Belarus	522	473	469	533	456	487	423	410	450	364	-5%	-14%	-18%
Cameroon	703	577	571	732	583	495	455	464	474	358	-16%	-23%	-35%
Ukraine	1,219	991	1,092	1,363	1,053	846	679	587	484	352	-14%	-56%	-62%
Mongolia	326	395	569	622	503	410	440	589	564	308	27%	-4%	21%
Romania	570	608	530	657	558	474	325	653	443	304	-12%	-28%	-37%
Burundi	404	304	409	405	320	270	389	248	230	295	-17%	-11%	-26%
Bosnia and H.	1,048	1,014	1,310	1,511	1,300	1,176	795	561	448	293	20%	-70%	-64%
Ethiopia	328	285	378	324	240	247	335	298	350	272	-21%	28%	1%
Congo	544	389	464	562	461	377	343	388	396	270	-10%	-21%	-29%
Other	10,553	8,536	8,442	8,570	7,994	7,659	7,927	7,201	6,268	5,438	-18%	-25%	-39%
Total	69,689	65,221	66,407	68,314	57,328	54,883	55,980	57,255	48,325	40,836	-17%	-21%	-34%

Note

* No separate data available for both countries.

Table 5. Asylum applications lodged in the Nordic region* by origin, first quarter 2004 to second quarter 2006

*See Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2006.

Origin	2004				2005				2006		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'04-'05	'05-'06	'04-'06
Iraq	523	421	555	709	704	706	877	1,267	1,594	1,566	49%	124%	235%
Serbia/Montenegro*	1,724	1,503	1,824	1,386	1,209	1,023	940	1,074	910	482	-31%	-38%	-57%
Somalia	609	501	675	475	415	248	455	371	434	419	-40%	29%	-23%
Russian Federation	705	555	722	619	523	475	488	478	383	281	-21%	-33%	-47%
Bulgaria	107	126	258	343	274	384	452	265	211	275	182%	-26%	109%
Afghanistan	816	607	583	407	305	364	333	315	238	215	-53%	-32%	-68%
Stateless	512	366	595	444	273	254	256	292	194	197	-40%	-26%	-55%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	328	257	319	389	183	241	277	366	224	164	-28%	-8%	-34%
Eritrea	132	77	176	144	86	75	196	256	196	159	-23%	120%	70%
Belarus	182	173	144	152	93	120	124	148	158	130	-40%	35%	-19%
Syrian Arab Rep.	155	135	144	119	117	110	148	153	156	117	-22%	20%	-6%
Bolivia	66	99	92	64	49	85	106	127	279	97	-19%	181%	128%
Uzbekistan	82	69	92	85	50	76	143	146	118	94	-17%	68%	40%
Nigeria	251	190	228	154	104	92	85	96	95	79	-56%	-11%	-61%
Burundi	106	101	184	162	135	107	209	95	80	79	17%	-34%	-23%
Azerbaijan	268	305	380	268	143	172	177	140	102	75	-45%	-44%	-69%
Turkey	234	213	181	182	164	164	172	178	155	64	-27%	-33%	-51%
Mongolia	55	95	106	113	70	60	70	155	206	60	-13%	105%	77%
Romania	122	65	53	136	100	23	57	30	85	60	-34%	18%	-22%
Bosnia and H.	329	284	277	208	159	119	125	158	133	60	-55%	-31%	-69%
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	134	126	188	136	127	99	149	142	81	58	-13%	-38%	-47%
India	36	46	50	26	35	37	48	67	50	57	-12%	49%	30%
Armenia	132	168	146	155	67	82	88	115	111	57	-50%	13%	-44%
Ethiopia	82	67	84	60	43	59	58	63	41	55	-32%	-6%	-36%
Lebanon	146	88	95	93	84	51	88	60	53	48	-42%	-25%	-57%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	64	50	64	45	56	51	47	61	51	43	-6%	-12%	-18%
Albania	127	88	109	99	89	73	83	59	46	43	-25%	-45%	-59%
Bangladesh	53	51	70	59	65	46	42	43	38	41	7%	-29%	-24%
Algeria	127	112	146	102	79	69	64	70	61	41	-38%	-31%	-57%
TfYR Macedonia	197	169	208	252	156	104	90	63	47	38	-29%	-67%	-77%
Sri Lanka	26	27	29	30	19	36	30	37	29	37	4%	20%	25%
China	153	59	65	66	91	57	64	72	55	35	-30%	-39%	-58%
Georgia	167	159	145	138	99	62	62	52	76	35	-51%	-31%	-66%
Pakistan	51	78	38	44	43	32	34	40	25	34	-42%	-21%	-54%
Rep. of Moldova	37	25	48	92	46	45	54	41	19	26	47%	-51%	-27%
Viet Nam	39	53	38	40	25	24	12	18	23	24	-47%	-4%	-49%
Rep. of Korea	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	24	300%	525%	2400%
Angola	43	44	49	30	26	22	17	19	30	23	-45%	10%	-39%
Uganda	9	7	12	7	18	8	22	5	12	21	63%	27%	106%
Cameroon	28	32	37	31	38	31	33	35	24	20	15%	-36%	-27%
Other	1,445	921	986	880	637	625	748	634	647	414	-47%	-16%	-55%
Total	10,402	8,513	10,195	8,944	6,999	6,515	7,523	7,806	7,471	5,847	-29%	-1%	-30%

Note

* No separate data available for both countries.

Table 6. Asylum applications lodged in Central Europe* by origin, first quarter 2004 to second quarter 2006

*See Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2006.

Origin	2004				2005				2006		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'04-'05	'05-'06	'04-'06
Russian Federation	2,499	2,766	2,689	3,285	1,281	1,322	1,896	1,980	830	985	-51%	-30%	-66%
India	921	1,521	645	265	126	186	257	518	138	217	-87%	14%	-85%
Serbia/Montenegro*	98	155	155	257	181	236	269	174	123	183	65%	-27%	21%
Viet Nam	138	224	107	169	230	103	153	172	167	174	-8%	2%	-6%
Ukraine	568	403	377	441	345	267	273	235	236	174	-37%	-33%	-58%
Kazakhstan	19	22	19	20	5	13	17	18	25	164	-56%	950%	361%
China	247	346	519	645	315	120	169	162	112	131	-27%	-44%	-59%
Iraq	108	95	71	108	88	60	70	69	68	115	-27%	24%	-10%
Afghanistan	186	224	228	307	119	111	178	120	103	110	-44%	-7%	-48%
Georgia	406	392	421	358	119	110	135	117	125	105	-71%	0%	-71%
Rep. of Moldova	139	323	210	361	124	158	105	103	45	104	-39%	-47%	-68%
Egypt	7	7	9	3	10	4	6	7	11	64	0%	436%	436%
Turkey	204	177	128	104	56	155	128	101	68	55	-45%	-42%	-68%
Belarus	95	54	82	69	74	100	79	52	86	54	17%	-20%	-6%
Nigeria	75	71	35	47	39	51	84	70	63	54	-38%	30%	-20%
Stateless	88	35	47	93	38	31	51	39	32	48	-44%	16%	-35%
Pakistan	350	312	290	226	78	82	108	137	79	46	-76%	-22%	-81%
Armenia	156	97	56	38	29	50	36	40	45	45	-69%	14%	-64%
Occupied Palest. Territ.	23	31	46	25	13	20	25	48	28	42	-39%	112%	30%
Bangladesh	156	199	181	158	130	237	169	94	61	41	3%	-72%	-71%
Syrian Arab Rep.	39	29	26	24	38	40	18	28	18	27	15%	-42%	-34%
Mongolia	32	24	31	52	34	38	32	32	46	25	29%	-1%	27%
Somalia	27	46	39	31	13	8	30	30	17	23	-71%	90%	-45%
TfYR Macedonia	26	21	27	36	35	30	34	16	10	20	38%	-54%	-36%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	67	55	50	37	24	23	18	28	25	17	-61%	-11%	-66%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	7	6	7	7	1	1	1	4	9	15	-85%	1100%	85%
Algeria	88	27	53	26	26	13	25	21	46	14	-66%	54%	-48%
Bosnia and H.	8	29	33	54	81	76	60	15	11	12	324%	-85%	-38%
Slovakia	102	9	5	34	91	127	435	84	10	12	96%	-90%	-80%
Cameroon	9	12	6	13	7	7	10	6	18	11	-33%	107%	38%
Kyrgyzstan	29	58	52	29	21	18	6	9	28	11	-55%	0%	-55%
Ghana	5	3	1	1	2	2	-	6	3	11	-50%	250%	75%
Uzbekistan	21	13	8	5	3	3	23	26	5	9	-82%	133%	-59%
Albania	41	64	40	61	37	52	40	25	11	9	-15%	-78%	-81%
Sri Lanka	30	36	11	2	4	10	12	8	10	9	-79%	36%	-71%
Bulgaria	25	23	10	12	4	33	16	13	2	8	-23%	-73%	-79%
Romania	33	19	5	19	31	25	28	20	10	8	8%	-68%	-65%
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2	1	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	7	0%	133%	133%
Guinea	1	-	2	3	11	4	7	3	2	7	1400%	-40%	800%
Tunisia	-	3	6	3	11	5	7	6	6	7	433%	-19%	333%
Other	127	141	173	170	98	135	99	115	86	87	-13%	-26%	-35%
Total	7,202	8,073	6,903	7,598	3,974	4,067	5,109	4,751	2,818	3,260	-47%	-24%	-60%

Note

* No separate data available for both countries.

Table 7. Asylum applications lodged in Southern Europe* by origin, first quarter 2004 to second quarter 2006

*See Table 1. Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2006.

Origin	2004				2005				2006		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'04-'05	'05-'06	'04-'06
Colombia	164	145	106	229	247	417	373	645	330	652	115%	48%	218%
Bangladesh	481	1,055	608	502	131	252	325	394	397	464	-75%	125%	-44%
Iraq	210	397	197	350	273	310	256	340	276	409	-4%	17%	13%
Pakistan	254	423	549	402	186	698	438	448	211	295	31%	-43%	-25%
Syrian Arab Rep.	25	93	223	292	123	295	352	538	267	289	254%	33%	371%
Nigeria	357	426	320	280	289	350	239	299	316	223	-18%	-16%	-31%
Georgia	156	276	202	488	1,279	734	440	375	206	183	366%	-81%	-10%
Afghanistan	82	100	66	228	145	137	100	140	174	171	55%	22%	90%
Sudan	41	30	39	66	61	41	117	233	97	164	44%	156%	268%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	139	185	282	329	256	236	153	150	191	142	52%	-32%	3%
Eritrea	3	45	11	53	136	22	66	54	154	137	229%	84%	506%
India	48	131	234	206	84	144	140	147	112	114	27%	-1%	26%
Sri Lanka	27	88	252	195	357	248	109	189	126	86	426%	-65%	84%
Russian Federation	140	151	173	390	384	211	126	124	80	77	104%	-74%	-46%
China	15	50	143	194	66	237	102	117	100	75	366%	-42%	169%
Côte d'Ivoire	70	49	19	90	75	54	36	136	61	66	8%	-2%	7%
Somalia	122	109	274	119	146	51	101	64	37	57	-15%	-52%	-59%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	37	57	76	115	107	46	37	83	52	51	63%	-33%	10%
Ethiopia	13	29	13	30	25	51	39	37	70	51	81%	59%	188%
Turkey	77	66	47	115	142	105	54	62	65	49	73%	-54%	-20%
Algeria	185	234	257	352	281	99	63	25	115	46	-9%	-58%	-62%
Cameroon	12	8	24	34	40	21	24	44	49	37	205%	41%	330%
Ukraine	123	154	236	478	371	236	122	138	60	36	119%	-84%	-65%
Stateless	-	3	6	9	36	20	17	30	26	35	1767%	9%	1933%
Rep. of Moldova	32	53	22	59	115	72	26	63	30	34	120%	-66%	-25%
Niger	11	9	1	4	3	2	3	4	7	34	-75%	720%	105%
Nepal	9	6	17	60	18	23	16	42	20	26	173%	12%	207%
Morocco	9	8	6	16	3	14	8	55	42	24	0%	288%	288%
Romania	29	53	15	19	169	109	32	44	23	23	239%	-83%	-44%
Egypt	6	13	27	94	45	34	74	53	26	22	316%	-39%	153%
Philippines	4	4	3	9	14	33	19	38	11	21	488%	-32%	300%
Ghana	44	32	15	42	13	24	17	45	18	19	-51%	0%	-51%
Cuba	26	26	15	12	12	26	23	23	14	19	-27%	-13%	-37%
Sierra Leone	58	31	23	15	19	23	17	38	26	19	-53%	7%	-49%
Jordan	-	8	8	19	16	16	28	40	18	18	300%	13%	350%
Armenia	46	40	56	103	47	57	65	48	35	17	21%	-50%	-40%
Togo	5	2	4	3	2	6	1	9	5	17	14%	175%	214%
Mauritania	18	14	11	8	10	13	12	8	5	17	-28%	-4%	-31%
Equatorial Guinea	20	11	8	6	8	17	4	5	2	16	-19%	-28%	-42%
Serbia/Montenegro*	4	11	7	20	12	28	10	6	4	15	167%	-53%	27%
Other	127	141	173	170	98	135	99	115	86	87	-13%	-26%	-35%
Total	3,743	5,257	5,074	6,724	6,722	6,053	4,669	5,916	4,203	4,534	42%	-32%	-3%

Note

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Table 8. Asylum applications lodged in Canada and the United States by origin, first quarter 2004 to second quarter 2006

Top-40 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2006.

Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because USA (DHS) by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	2004				2005				2006		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'04-'05	'05-'06	'04-'06
China	1,921	1,724	1,851	2,004	2,273	2,336	2,512	2,441	2,734	2,708	26%	18%	49%
Mexico	1,007	1,015	1,281	1,078	1,031	1,082	1,508	1,491	1,262	1,514	5%	31%	37%
Haiti	1,543	1,288	1,062	1,266	1,454	1,211	1,607	1,424	1,606	1,467	-6%	15%	9%
Colombia	1,570	1,410	1,539	1,871	950	674	694	715	721	780	-46%	-8%	-50%
El Salvador	382	393	413	410	771	495	470	508	598	649	63%	-2%	61%
Guatemala	455	444	394	391	650	395	366	336	393	420	16%	-22%	-10%
Ethiopia	380	324	304	299	252	225	268	300	342	363	-32%	48%	0%
India	499	393	426	513	394	302	375	388	335	346	-22%	-2%	-24%
Russian Federation	253	301	260	237	243	297	222	227	213	306	-3%	-4%	-6%
Pakistan	430	369	373	388	316	250	264	235	286	299	-29%	3%	-27%
Honduras	185	148	270	245	238	240	268	247	251	264	44%	8%	55%
Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)	419	446	402	453	360	319	233	271	275	257	-22%	-22%	-38%
Sri Lanka	372	307	366	328	338	235	242	264	280	250	-16%	-8%	-22%
Indonesia	560	420	337	333	209	169	175	164	217	239	-61%	21%	-53%
Cameroon	370	320	325	247	213	160	163	162	161	192	-46%	-5%	-49%
Albania	315	251	244	250	201	248	194	237	261	184	-21%	-1%	-21%
Nigeria	215	204	187	193	206	181	187	206	192	175	-8%	-5%	-12%
Nepal	78	80	105	120	114	126	115	119	166	172	52%	41%	114%
Cuba	142	142	168	262	201	183	189	158	145	166	35%	-19%	10%
Belarus	79	170	94	68	56	169	51	58	61	154	-10%	-4%	-14%
Zimbabwe	137	107	97	85	102	114	273	363	305	152	-11%	112%	87%
Guinea	160	163	198	229	180	163	154	125	115	147	6%	-24%	-19%
Iraq	71	106	73	107	112	110	117	155	153	141	25%	32%	66%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	206	153	193	211	148	153	181	195	154	138	-16%	-3%	-19%
Egypt	153	125	132	115	107	90	104	102	111	135	-29%	25%	-12%
Ukraine	101	104	110	145	133	140	99	119	141	123	33%	-3%	29%
Eritrea	80	65	85	122	76	79	116	87	101	107	7%	34%	43%
Armenia	167	174	129	147	179	137	119	103	120	106	-7%	-28%	-34%
United States	144	134	196	276	133	89	146	167	161	105	-20%	20%	-4%
Guyana	102	106	92	101	111	62	90	99	86	103	-17%	9%	-9%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	108	95	136	159	88	79	122	112	130	100	-18%	38%	13%
Peru	217	191	176	191	96	99	109	79	78	96	-52%	-11%	-57%
Somalia	143	132	163	197	115	96	80	98	108	92	-23%	-5%	-27%
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	96	74	65	77	113	86	88	111	128	90	17%	10%	28%
Serbia/Montenegro*	120	101	100	106	103	70	77	64	96	85	-22%	5%	-18%
Myanmar	100	73	88	95	67	64	64	88	71	81	-24%	16%	-12%
Turkey	68	60	75	107	89	84	108	67	66	79	35%	-16%	13%
Brazil	252	391	223	69	69	79	69	74	87	79	-77%	12%	-74%
Burundi	20	21	78	48	43	27	65	75	70	78	71%	111%	261%
Jamaica	126	101	73	70	80	68	67	73	72	77	-35%	1%	-34%
Other	4,048	3,374	3,446	3,431	2,778	2,458	2,439	2,523	2,477	2,293	-29%	-9%	-36%
Total	17,794	15,999	16,329	17,044	15,392	13,644	14,790	14,830	15,329	15,312	-14%	6%	-9%

Note

* No separate data available for both countries.

Table 9. Asylum applications lodged in Australia, New Zealand and Japan by origin, first quarter 2004 to second quarter 2006
 Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2005.

Origin	2004				2005				2006		First semester change		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	'04-'05	'05-'06	'04-'06
China	205	247	211	224	312	232	211	250	241	280	20%	-4%	15%
Myanmar	40	50	37	43	45	59	55	90	156	204	16%	246%	300%
India	97	108	64	61	42	36	63	43	82	130	-62%	172%	3%
Indonesia	48	47	53	16	29	41	56	40	100	82	-26%	160%	92%
Sri Lanka	37	35	39	52	64	150	65	52	48	78	197%	-41%	75%
Turkey	57	74	26	19	21	13	20	22	49	48	-74%	185%	-26%
Iraq	23	17	20	18	28	26	23	22	41	40	35%	50%	103%
Pakistan	24	18	18	22	29	13	53	27	37	36	0%	74%	74%
Bangladesh	35	47	49	54	25	32	38	20	26	31	-30%	0%	-30%
Malaysia	22	97	64	40	22	48	48	63	31	31	-41%	-11%	-48%
Philippines	19	22	18	29	28	26	9	11	11	28	32%	-28%	-5%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	57	43	45	32	66	41	30	29	37	24	7%	-43%	-39%
Rep. of Korea	24	22	39	24	20	14	11	32	27	18	-26%	32%	-2%
Nepal	24	10	9	7	21	33	28	17	13	17	59%	-44%	-12%
Sierra Leone	-	-	-	1	2	-	7	-	-	15	..	650%	..
Solomon Islands	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	13
Ethiopia	1	6	8	3	10	7	6	9	7	12	143%	12%	171%
Cameroon	4	1	2	7	1	-	-	1	3	12	-80%	1400%	200%
Colombia	5	4	4	-	1	10	14	2	1	9	22%	-9%	11%
Nigeria	3	4	6	2	6	6	16	5	9	9	71%	50%	157%
Other	354	312	348	248	209	217	231	235	211	150	-36%	-15%	-46%
Total	1,079	1,164	1,062	902	981	1,004	985	970	1,130	1,267	-12%	21%	7%

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Table 10. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, first quarter 2006

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during quarter.

An asterisk (*) indicates a value between 1 and 4.

Origin	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Japan
Iraq	29	41	167	8	38	*	28	*	99	-	37	28	544	242	12	-	19	-
Serbia/Montenegro*	*	789	148	*	32	5	*	*	138	-	82	751	1,010	-	70	-	*	-
China	233	68	47	*	347	-	58	11	10	-	-	309	125	41	70	-	27	*
Russian Federation	*	523	338	9	59	*	30	50	19	-	45	518	296	22	10	-	15	-
Turkey	6	194	132	6	55	*	28	25	17	-	10	862	556	33	5	-	-	43
Haiti	-	-	*	-	160	-	-	-	-	-	-	711	*	-	-	-	-	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	19	50	125	12	62	-	91	*	27	-	20	46	153	97	5	-	105	10
Afghanistan	-	181	67	89	66	-	-	-	37	-	32	21	165	173	*	-	25	-
Nigeria	6	131	21	6	154	*	*	14	16	*	21	132	114	117	29	*	246	*
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	11	242	*	113	-	5	*	*	-	8	760	70	5	-	-	27	*
Somalia	*	31	22	*	52	-	-	8	18	-	32	10	34	20	*	-	52	-
Pakistan	32	30	44	5	188	8	84	29	6	-	-	117	126	119	*	-	21	*
Eritrea	*	-	*	-	30	-	-	-	*	-	*	8	68	13	-	-	11	-
Armenia	-	119	115	16	18	-	10	20	*	-	10	625	99	*	-	-	*	-
Sri Lanka	38	*	14	-	240	-	107	6	*	-	8	569	28	19	-	-	-	*
Zimbabwe	17	*	*	-	245	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	14	-	-	-	21	-
India	82	162	14	-	174	-	46	18	11	-	-	30	150	28	11	-	*	-
Mexico	-	-	-	-	859	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-
Colombia	*	-	*	-	287	-	-	-	*	-	-	38	10	-	-	-	-	-
Bangladesh	17	48	15	*	38	*	138	11	9	-	*	184	14	222	5	-	*	*

Origin	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway	Poland	Portugal	Romania	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	UK	USA (cases)
Iraq	-	-	-	-	*	1,474	12	224	5	*	26	11	*	*	1,234	162	150	115
Serbia/Montenegro*	-	-	-	29	-	293	-	102	-	*	*	*	39	*	588	332	40	64
China	-	-	-	*	-	109	5	15	-	-	13	16	*	*	30	76	455	2,387
Russian Federation	*	*	17	*	-	81	*	93	693	*	9	37	*	24	226	127	40	154
Turkey	-	-	-	*	-	86	-	22	5	*	*	14	9	*	106	153	145	11
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	1,446
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	-	-	7	-	295	8	54	*	-	*	-	*	*	123	79	640	92
Afghanistan	*	-	*	*	-	297	-	63	-	-	*	8	*	*	106	36	565	8
Nigeria	-	-	-	*	13	61	-	18	6	*	*	*	*	179	39	57	300	38
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	-	*	*	115	-	24	*	8	*	*	-	32	18	36	230	17
Somalia	-	*	-	*	15	256	10	204	-	-	7	-	-	*	180	63	635	56
Pakistan	-	-	-	-	-	58	*	5	8	*	5	22	-	7	14	25	430	98
Eritrea	-	-	-	6	140	60	*	65	-	-	-	-	-	*	129	38	780	71
Armenia	-	-	-	*	-	104	-	15	5	-	-	-	*	22	85	30	5	102
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	-	-	70	8	12	-	-	-	*	-	-	6	75	135	40
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	*	22	965	60
India	-	-	-	-	-	29	-	*	-	-	-	108	*	38	37	8	205	161
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	403
Colombia	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	329	5	5	25	434
Bangladesh	-	-	-	-	-	15	5	*	*	-	-	41	-	37	22	11	125	45

* No separate data available for both countries.

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Table 11. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, second quarter 2006

Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged during quarter.

An asterisk (*) indicates a value between 1 and 4.

Origin	Australia	Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria	Canada	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Japan
China	269	30	31	*	364	-	42	7	7	-	-	253	72	32	78	-	17	*
Iraq	35	82	124	*	33	-	12	8	85	-	56	20	406	389	26	-	17	-
Russian Federation	7	423	359	*	58	-	27	37	15	*	39	564	208	18	22	-	17	-
Serbia/Montenegro*	-	592	155	*	22	-	-	*	48	-	39	636	785	-	108	-	*	-
Turkey	7	138	85	*	55	-	21	27	9	-	6	637	466	21	6	-	*	41
Haiti	-	-	-	-	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	453	-	-	-	-	-	-
Afghanistan	*	165	43	91	35	-	*	-	28	-	25	14	125	166	*	-	21	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	14	76	94	*	45	-	30	-	16	-	22	20	126	105	*	-	67	*
Colombia	8	-	*	-	302	-	-	-	-	-	-	67	15	-	-	-	-	-
Somalia	*	29	20	-	52	-	-	*	23	-	16	10	50	41	7	-	46	-
Mexico	-	-	-	-	1,068	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	28	36	41	-	142	-	52	6	11	-	*	71	105	234	*	-	15	*
Nigeria	7	88	23	*	132	-	*	13	16	-	28	91	95	86	32	-	217	*
India	119	121	33	*	211	-	59	26	12	-	6	34	122	52	8	-	5	-
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	7	215	*	82	-	*	10	*	-	14	513	51	*	-	-	27	-
Sri Lanka	63	8	26	-	208	-	67	*	9	-	*	457	41	16	-	-	*	9
Eritrea	-	-	*	-	35	-	*	-	*	-	-	9	55	5	-	-	12	-
Armenia	-	41	102	25	9	-	5	6	8	-	12	425	70	5	*	-	*	-
Bangladesh	18	38	5	*	27	-	67	*	*	-	12	130	24	308	-	-	*	8
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	18	40	*	*	-	255	7	10	-	*	9	144	26	9	-	6	-

Origin	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Netherlands	New Zealand	Norway	Poland	Portugal	Romania	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	UK	USA (cases)
China	-	-	-	-	-	97	7	12	-	-	19	25	-	*	16	75	543	2,344
Iraq	-	-	-	*	*	480	5	184	7	-	18	49	*	5	1,241	180	175	108
Russian Federation	-	6	15	11	*	70	-	101	795	*	-	111	-	30	126	133	44	248
Serbia/Montenegro*	-	*	-	34	-	165	*	65	-	-	-	8	61	15	330	310	24	63
Turkey	-	-	-	*	*	105	-	8	*	-	*	7	8	5	41	189	130	24
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	1,375
Afghanistan	-	-	*	*	-	262	-	52	*	-	-	15	-	*	110	75	619	21
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	*	-	7	-	240	6	49	-	-	12	*	-	7	77	57	563	93
Colombia	-	-	-	-	-	47	*	*	-	*	-	-	-	650	6	13	18	478
Somalia	-	*	-	*	11	299	-	180	*	-	8	*	-	5	200	71	483	40
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	446
Pakistan	-	-	-	*	-	28	*	7	*	-	*	31	*	9	13	21	406	157
Nigeria	-	-	-	*	*	55	*	5	*	-	6	*	-	133	30	40	253	43
India	-	-	-	-	-	21	11	*	-	-	*	181	-	*	37	9	186	135
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	-	-	*	-	106	-	13	*	*	*	-	-	40	15	34	174	18
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	-	-	41	6	19	-	-	-	6	-	*	6	67	136	42
Eritrea	-	-	-	-	130	42	-	55	-	-	-	-	-	*	103	78	568	72
Armenia	-	-	-	*	-	69	-	*	5	-	-	6	-	7	36	33	7	97
Bangladesh	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	8	*	-	-	36	-	89	19	15	112	39
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	-	-	-	-	120	-	17	-	-	8	*	-	8	86	25	51	16

* No separate data available for both countries.

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Table 12. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, second quarter 2006

Covering 36 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

An asterisk (*) indicates a value between 1 and 4.

** No separate data available for both countries.

Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia	
China	269	Serbia/ Montenegro**	592	Russian Fed.	359	Afghanistan	91	Mexico	1,068	Occupied Palest. Terr.	15
India	119	Russian Fed.	423	DR of Congo	215	Armenia	25	China	364	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	*
Indonesia	82	Rep. of Moldova	226	Serbia/ Montenegro**	155	Stateless	5	Colombia	302	Bosnia and H.	*
Sri Lanka	63	Afghanistan	165	Iraq	124	Russian Fed.	*	India	211	Mauritania	*
Iraq	35	Mongolia	140	Armenia	102	Iraq	*	Sri Lanka	208		
Malaysia	31	Turkey	138	Guinea	100	Serbia/ Montenegro**	*	Pakistan	142		
Pakistan	28	Georgia	132	Islamic Rep. of Iran	94	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Nigeria	132		
Philippines	28	India	121	Turkey	85	Syrian Arab Rep.	*	Zimbabwe	105		
Rep. of Korea	18	Nigeria	88	Cameroon	75	China	*	United States	104		
Bangladesh	18	Bosnia and H.	84	Togo	69	Bosnia and H.	*	Haiti	92		
Cyprus		Czech Rep.		Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France	
Syrian Arab Rep.	255	Kazakhstan	163	Iraq	85	Russian Fed.	*	Bulgaria	102	Turkey	637
Georgia	75	Ukraine	143	Serbia/ Montenegro**	48			Iraq	56	Serbia/ Montenegro**	636
Sri Lanka	67	Egypt	58	Afghanistan	28			Russian Fed.	39	Russian Fed.	564
Bangladesh	67	Stateless	41	Somalia	23			Serbia/ Montenegro**	39	DR of Congo	513
India	59	Russian Fed.	37	Nigeria	16			Nigeria	28	Sri Lanka	457
Pakistan	52	Belarus	35	Islamic Rep. of Iran	16			Afghanistan	25	Haiti	453
China	42	Turkey	27	Russian Fed.	15			Belarus	25	Armenia	425
Islamic Rep. of Iran	30	India	26	Occupied Palest. Terr.	13			Islamic Rep. of Iran	22	China	253
Russian Fed.	27	Viet Nam	22	India	12			Somalia	16	Algeria	251
Ukraine	27	Mongolia	19	Pakistan	11			DR of Congo	14	Guinea	243
Germany		Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Japan	
Serbia/ Montenegro**	785	Iraq	389	Viet Nam	137	Romania	5	Nigeria	217	Myanmar	197
Turkey	466	Bangladesh	308	Serbia/ Montenegro**	108	Israel	*	Sudan	95	Turkey	41
Iraq	406	Pakistan	234	China	78	Georgia	*	Romania	76	Sri Lanka	9
Viet Nam	257	Afghanistan	166	Nigeria	32	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	67	Bangladesh	8
Russian Fed.	208	Islamic Rep. of Iran	105	Georgia	31			Somalia	46	Nepal	7
Azerbaijan	150	Georgia	104	Iraq	26			Georgia	36	Islamic Rep. of Iran	*
Syrian Arab Rep.	144	Nigeria	86	Russian Fed.	22			Cameroon	36	China	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	126	India	52	Occupied Palest. Terr.	19			DR of Congo	27	Pakistan	*
Afghanistan	125	Somalia	41	Syrian Arab Rep.	9			Afghanistan	21	Ethiopia	*
India	122	China	32	Ukraine	9			Ghana	18	South Africa	*
Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg		Malta		Netherlands	
No asylum-seekers	---	Russian Fed.	6	Russian Fed.	15	Serbia/ Montenegro**	34	Eritrea	130	Iraq	480
		Somalia	*	Ghana	5	Russian Fed.	11	Sudan	118	Somalia	299
		Kazakhstan	*	Uzbekistan	*	Ukraine	7	Niger	34	Afghanistan	262
		Kyrgyzstan	*	Belarus	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	7	Ethiopia	18	Islamic Rep. of Iran	240
		Belarus	*	Cameroon	*	Iraq	*	Togo	16	Burundi	189
		Serbia/ Montenegro**	*	Afghanistan	*	Albania	*	Somalia	11	Serbia/ Montenegro**	165
		Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Ukraine	*	Nigeria	*	Côte d'Ivoire	8	Syrian Arab Rep.	120
		Mongolia	*			Guinea	*	Stateless	*	Sudan	117
		Bulgaria	*			Occupied Palest. Terr.	*	Iraq	*	DR of Congo	106
		Germany	*			Afghanistan	*	Nigeria	*	Turkey	105
New Zealand		Norway		Poland		Portugal		Romania		Slovak Rep.	
India	11	Iraq	184	Russian Fed.	795	DR of Congo	*	China	19	India	181
China	7	Somalia	180	Belarus	12	Colombia	*	Iraq	18	Russian Fed.	111
Islamic Rep. of Iran	6	Russian Fed.	101	Iraq	7	Bulgaria	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	12	Rep. of Moldova	82
Sri Lanka	6	Serbia/ Montenegro**	65	Algeria	5	Russian Fed.	*	Georgia	8	Iraq	49
Iraq	5	Eritrea	55	Cameroon	5	Belarus	*	Somalia	8	Georgia	48
Bangladesh	5	Afghanistan	52	Armenia	5	Senegal	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	8	Bangladesh	36
Pakistan	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	49	Ukraine	5	Albania	*	Nigeria	6	Pakistan	31
Honduras	*	Stateless	36	DR of Congo	*	Guinea	*	Turkey	*	China	25
Chile	*	Ethiopia	29	Rep. of Moldova	*	Congo	*	Ukraine	*	Afghanistan	15
Nepal	*	Burundi	27	Afghanistan	*	Cuba	*	Egypt	*	Ukraine	13
Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland		United Kingdom		United States (cases)	
Serbia/ Montenegro**	61	Colombia	650	Iraq	1,241	Serbia/ Montenegro**	310	Afghanistan	619	China	2,344
Turkey	8	Nigeria	133	Serbia/ Montenegro**	330	Turkey	189	Eritrea	568	Haiti	1,375
Albania	7	Bangladesh	89	Somalia	200	Iraq	180	Islamic Rep. of Iran	563	El Salvador	594
Bosnia and H.	6	Algeria	43	Bulgaria	169	Russian Fed.	133	China	543	Colombia	478
Georgia	5	Côte d'Ivoire	41	Stateless	160	Eritrea	78	Zimbabwe	490	Mexico	446
Hungary	5	DR of Congo	40	Russian Fed.	126	Afghanistan	75	Somalia	483	Guatemala	383
Iraq	*	Stateless	31	Afghanistan	110	China	75	Pakistan	406	Ethiopia	314
TYR Macedonia	*	Russian Fed.	30	Eritrea	103	Somalia	71	Nigeria	253	Russian Fed.	248
Pakistan	*	Morocco	19	Belarus	97	Sri Lanka	67	Sudan	195	Honduras	244
Occupied Palest. Terr.	*	Cuba	18	Bolivia	97	Mongolia	66	India	186	Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)	243

Table 13. Asylum applications lodged in 36 industrialized countries, January to June 2006

See footnotes at the bottom of Table 1.

Country/region of asylum	2006						
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Australia	262	258	295	270	316	326	1,727
Austria	1,296	972	1,133	945	1,019	976	6,341
Belgium	1,038	934	988	870	854	834	5,518
Bulgaria	38	36	97	81	61	9	322
Canada	2,021	1,532	1,735	1,514	1,655	1,625	10,082
Croatia	8	22	7	1	17	2	57
Cyprus	400	285	497	285	385	234	2,086
Czech Rep.	262	235	263	218	246	286	1,510
Denmark	216	160	189	140	121	120	946
Estonia	2	-	-	-	1	-	3
Finland	226	168	174	186	179	172	1,105
France	3,171	3,110	2,997	2,533	2,247	2,316	16,374
Germany	1,969	1,779	2,140	1,500	1,694	1,504	10,586
Greece	713	492	331	621	551	723	3,431
Hungary	165	113	156	193	181	191	999
Iceland	6	1	-	2	5	2	16
Ireland	400	305	430	275	400	275	2,085
Japan	63	66	108	84	92	109	522
Latvia	3	-	1	-	-	-	4
Liechtenstein	1	6	-	5	9	10	31
Lithuania	6	2	16	6	14	6	50
Luxembourg	42	32	24	32	33	38	201
Malta	117	96	78	46	220	103	660
Netherlands	1,553	1,798	1,820	1,331	1,268	1,240	9,010
New Zealand	25	24	29	11	34	24	147
Norway	544	340	424	335	383	354	2,380
Poland	266	257	278	280	235	356	1,672
Portugal	21	8	12	5	6	4	56
Romania	28	50	29	45	35	36	223
Slovakia	195	88	98	107	275	267	1,030
Slovenia	56	18	23	44	38	29	208
Spain	320	343	490	406	512	433	2,504
Sweden	1,558	1,586	1,879	963	1,483	1,402	8,871
Switzerland	939	738	776	657	933	732	4,775
United Kingdom	2,807	2,277	2,448	2,051	2,210	2,118	13,911
United States (EOIR)	1,178	1,210	1,559	1,395	1,449	1,398	8,189
United States (DHS)	2,594	2,717	3,220	2,930	2,957	2,899	17,318
EU-old (14)	15,330	13,964	15,055	11,858	12,577	12,155	80,939
EU-new (10)	1,472	1,094	1,410	1,179	1,595	1,472	8,222
EU-total (24)	16,802	15,058	16,465	13,037	14,172	13,627	89,161
Nordic region (5)	2,550	2,255	2,666	1,626	2,171	2,050	13,318
Western Europe (18)	16,820	15,049	16,255	12,857	13,907	13,253	88,141
Central Europe (13)	1,029	821	968	975	1,103	1,182	6,078
Southern Europe (5)	1,571	1,224	1,408	1,363	1,674	1,497	8,737
Europe (31)	18,366	16,251	17,798	14,163	15,615	14,772	96,965
Non-Europe (5)	6,143	5,807	6,946	6,204	6,503	6,381	37,985
North America (2)	5,793	5,459	6,514	5,839	6,061	5,922	35,589
Australia/New Z. (2)	287	282	324	281	350	350	1,874
Total	24,509	22,058	24,744	20,367	22,118	21,153	134,950

Table 14. Monthly asylum applications lodged in 36 industrialized countries by origin, 2006

Top-40 ranking based on applications lodged during June 2006.

Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because USA (DHS) by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	2006						Total
	Jan.	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
China	1,498	1,301	1,661	1,397	1,472	1,478	8,807
Iraq	1,445	1,546	1,727	1,085	1,340	1,334	8,477
Russian Federation	1,284	1,047	1,119	1,097	1,130	1,264	6,941
Serbia/Montenegro*	1,617	1,376	1,541	1,168	1,167	1,137	8,006
Turkey	867	798	868	684	703	660	4,580
Somalia	628	497	587	449	560	597	3,318
Mexico	376	368	524	448	513	556	2,785
Colombia	317	366	483	475	582	554	2,777
India	588	363	368	389	469	537	2,714
Islamic Rep. of Iran	742	655	733	581	627	528	3,866
Pakistan	550	437	500	406	501	527	2,921
Haiti	744	833	748	772	650	500	4,247
Afghanistan	710	584	651	648	737	497	3,827
Sri Lanka	509	433	443	372	390	476	2,623
Nigeria	611	519	612	446	512	447	3,147
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	519	551	666	500	406	432	3,074
Eritrea	508	476	445	352	412	406	2,599
Georgia	316	333	280	242	282	313	1,766
Armenia	480	461	471	351	329	296	2,388
Bangladesh	411	265	343	332	367	274	1,992
El Salvador	158	194	253	201	223	247	1,276
Sudan	238	221	307	207	345	244	1,562
Syrian Arab Rep.	272	266	354	319	303	244	1,758
Algeria	323	307	339	236	204	221	1,630
Guinea	237	211	204	207	212	221	1,292
Rep. of Moldova	195	131	100	143	233	214	1,016
Ethiopia	268	243	243	238	260	210	1,462
Zimbabwe	488	435	434	251	234	206	2,048
Belarus	175	152	218	158	184	195	1,082
Cameroon	255	193	248	203	221	195	1,315
Azerbaijan	359	290	324	266	219	188	1,646
Stateless	146	158	176	171	182	182	1,015
Myanmar	86	86	132	108	134	177	723
Viet Nam	164	171	210	179	182	173	1,079
Romania	211	159	171	78	140	165	924
Ukraine	222	205	215	142	188	156	1,128
Bulgaria	187	138	150	175	199	146	995
Angola	163	141	160	120	141	143	868
Mongolia	269	212	186	127	148	141	1,083
Guatemala	92	151	159	131	150	140	823
Other	4,540	4,009	4,471	3,676	4,022	3,705	24,423
Total	23,768	21,282	23,824	19,530	21,273	20,326	130,003

Note

* No separate data available for both countries.

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Table 15. Top-40 countries of origin by main asylum region, second quarter 2006

Sort order based on June data.

Industrialized countries (36 countries)				
Origin	Apr	May	Jun	Total
China	1,397	1,472	1,478	4,347
Iraq	1,085	1,340	1,334	3,759
Russian Fed.	1,097	1,130	1,264	3,491
Serbia/Montenegro*	1,168	1,167	1,137	3,472
Turkey	684	703	660	2,047
Somalia	449	560	597	1,606
Mexico	448	513	556	1,517
Colombia	475	582	554	1,611
India	389	469	537	1,395
Islamic Rep. of Iran	581	627	528	1,736
Pakistan	406	501	527	1,434
Haiti	772	650	500	1,922
Afghanistan	648	737	497	1,882
Sri Lanka	372	390	476	1,238
Nigeria	446	512	447	1,405
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	500	406	432	1,338
Eritrea	352	412	406	1,170
Georgia	242	282	313	837
Armenia	351	329	296	976
Bangladesh	332	367	274	973
El Salvador	201	223	247	671
Sudan	207	345	244	796
Syrian Arab Rep.	319	303	244	866
Algeria	236	204	221	661
Guinea	207	212	221	640
Rep. of Moldova	143	233	214	590
Ethiopia	238	260	210	708
Zimbabwe	251	234	206	691
Belarus	158	184	195	537
Cameroon	203	221	195	619
Azerbaijan	266	219	188	673
Stateless	171	182	182	535
Myanmar	108	134	177	419
Viet Nam	179	182	173	534
Romania	78	140	165	383
Ukraine	142	188	156	486
Bulgaria	175	199	146	520
Angola	120	141	143	404
Mongolia	127	148	141	416
Guatemala	131	150	140	421
Other	3,676	4,022	3,705	11,403
Total	19,530	21,273	20,326	61,129

Europe (31 countries)				
Origin	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Iraq	1,024	1,275	1,279	3,578
Russian Fed.	1,011	1,007	1,160	3,178
Serbia/Montenegro*	1,144	1,134	1,108	3,386
Turkey	654	662	604	1,920
Somalia	417	528	567	1,512
Afghanistan	633	707	482	1,822
Islamic Rep. of Iran	534	564	476	1,574
China	433	465	461	1,359
Pakistan	285	396	418	1,099
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	466	375	397	1,238
Nigeria	395	432	394	1,221
Eritrea	323	373	367	1,063
Sri Lanka	257	299	354	910
India	241	326	352	919
Colombia	218	306	298	822
Georgia	235	261	290	786
Armenia	322	293	255	870
Bangladesh	310	332	234	876
Syrian Arab Rep.	313	299	234	846
Sudan	193	326	231	750
Rep. of Moldova	135	223	210	568
Algeria	230	197	208	635
Azerbaijan	261	213	181	655
Stateless	159	174	176	509
Zimbabwe	203	169	164	536
Guinea	161	169	163	493
Viet Nam	171	169	161	501
Angola	116	138	141	395
Haiti	155	164	136	455
Cameroon	136	143	136	415
Belarus	119	139	125	383
Mongolia	122	131	125	378
Ukraine	102	135	124	361
Bulgaria	157	176	123	456
Romania	69	127	122	318
Côte d'Ivoire	180	189	118	487
Bosnia and H.	124	121	117	362
Ethiopia	84	148	101	333
Kazakhstan	60	70	101	231
Burundi	139	93	93	325
Other	1,872	2,167	1,986	6,025
Total	14,163	15,615	14,772	44,550

European Union (24 countries)				
Origin	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Iraq	901	1,133	1,159	3,193
Russian Fed.	967	897	1,070	2,934
Serbia and Montenegro	1,039	976	992	3,007
Turkey	592	580	546	1,718
Somalia	339	426	484	1,249
Afghanistan	529	630	445	1,604
Islamic Rep. of Iran	499	524	430	1,453
China	397	432	422	1,251
Pakistan	279	384	407	1,070
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	449	356	384	1,189
Nigeria	373	421	375	1,169
India	238	318	350	906
Sri Lanka	236	269	319	824
Eritrea	296	329	305	930
Colombia	213	303	292	808
Georgia	206	236	267	709
Armenia	306	266	239	811
Bangladesh	303	321	227	851
Sudan	184	320	219	723
Syrian Arab Rep.	299	280	215	794
Rep. of Moldova	132	222	204	558
Algeria	220	175	194	589
Azerbaijan	257	206	171	634
Zimbabwe	198	166	160	524
Stateless	143	153	156	452
Guinea	156	160	156	472
Viet Nam	165	165	155	485
Haiti	154	163	136	453
Angola	110	129	135	374
Belarus	107	133	124	364
Cameroon	116	120	122	358
Ukraine	101	133	118	352
Romania	68	119	117	304
Côte d'Ivoire	163	177	113	453
Bulgaria	120	163	112	395
Mongolia	109	96	103	308
Bosnia and H.	109	84	100	293
Kazakhstan	60	69	97	226
Congo	99	84	87	270
Ethiopia	65	122	85	272
Other	1,740	1,932	1,835	5,507
Total	13,037	14,172	13,627	40,836

Note

* No separate data available for both countries.