

ASYLUM LEVELS AND TRENDS IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES

2008

**Statistical Overview of Asylum Applications Lodged
in Europe and selected Non-European Countries**

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I. INTRODUCTION¹

This report summarizes observed patterns and trends in the number of individual asylum claims submitted in Europe and selected non-European countries during 2008. It covers 38 European and six non-European States that currently provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR.

The numbers in this report reflect asylum claims made at the first instance of asylum procedures; applications at appeal or review instance are not included. Also, this report does not include information on the outcome of asylum procedures or on the admission of refugees through resettlement programmes as this information is available in other UNHCR reports.²

Currently, 44 countries provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR. These are the 27 Member States of the European Union, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, as well as Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America. This group of countries is collectively referred to as the “**44 industrialized countries**” in the report, and has been defined for the purpose of this report only.

The data collection of monthly asylum statistics by UNHCR has expanded in the past two years, including since 2007 figures for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia (excluding Kosovo), the Republic of Korea, Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. In 2008, Italy was added, making it the 44th country to participate in UNHCR’s asylum data monitoring system. In order to ensure comparability over time, monthly asylum statistics for six of the new countries since 2005 have been included in UNHCR’s asylum statistics database. Monthly data for Italy is available from 2008. As a result, earlier reports on monthly asylum trends may differ from future ones in terms of scope and data availability and are not necessarily comparable.

The asylum countries covered in the various tables in this document differ depending on the nature of the analysis and the availability of data. Asylum statistics from countries neighbouring Europe are also important in analyzing trends. Therefore, Table 1 includes not only the abovementioned 44 industrialized countries, but also Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, and Ukraine. Tables 2 through 23 are limited to the 44 industrialized asylum countries which provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR.

Who is an asylum-seeker?

An asylum-seeker is an individual who has sought international protection and whose claim for refugee status has not yet been determined. It is important to note, however, that a person is a refugee from the moment he/she fulfils the criteria set out the *1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees* (1951 Convention). The formal recognition of someone, for instance through individual refugee status determination, does not establish refugee status, but confirms it.

As part of its obligation to protect refugees on its territory, the country of asylum is normally responsible for determining whether an asylum-seeker is a refugee or not. The responsibility is often incorporated into the national legislation of the country and is in most cases derived from the 1951 Convention.

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² See UNHCR’s 2007 *Global Trends* report (issued June 2008).

II. DATA SOURCES AND LIMITATIONS

Both the *1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees* and the Statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees refer to the responsibility of States to provide statistical data to UNHCR. This includes statistics on the number and condition of refugees, asylum-seekers and other people of concern to the Office. This report is, therefore, mostly based on official asylum statistics, reflecting national laws and procedures. In addition, during the period 2004-2008, UNHCR conducted refugee status determination under its mandate in a number of countries including Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus³, Montenegro, Serbia, and Turkey (see notes in Table 1 for more details).

To the extent possible, the statistics presented in this document reflect the number of individuals lodging an asylum application for the first time. The available information suggests, however, that a significant number of countries included in this report do not distinguish between new asylum applications and repeat or reopened ones in their national statistical systems. As a consequence, some of the figures quoted in this report are likely to include repeat applications and do not necessarily reflect the actual number of new asylum-seekers. Also, the number of asylum applications may not necessarily reflect the number of asylum-seekers as some individuals seek asylum in more than one country during the same year.⁴

The data in this report is based on information available as at 24 February 2009 unless otherwise indicated. **All figures in this report should be considered as provisional and subject to change.** Due to retroactive changes and adjustments, some of the data included in this publication may differ slightly from those reported in previous UNHCR documents or from the official annual figures published by States. For example, this is the case for the figures reported for Germany (see the notes in Table 1 for more information).

All data refer to the number of individuals, with the exception of the United States of America. Only the number of cases (which can include several individuals) is available for applications submitted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Applications submitted to the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) are, however, recorded as individuals. To allow comparability across countries of asylum, UNHCR uses a figure of 1.4 individuals per case to estimate the number of people reported by DHS as historical data suggest that on average one asylum case contains 1.4 individuals. In the country of origin tables, figures for the United States of America are a combination of the number of cases (DHS) and the number of individuals (EOIR), owing to the large variation in family size by nationality. In the case of Belgium, accompanying children are not included in the figures.

III. GLOBAL AND REGIONAL TRENDS⁵

In 2008, the number of individuals requesting refugee or asylum status in the 51 European and non-European countries included in this report increased by 12 per cent compared to 2007. An estimated 383,000 asylum applications were recorded in the course of the year, 41,600 more than the year before. This is the second consecutive year with an increase following the 20-year low observed in 2006 (307,000 claims). Despite this increase, the 2008 level is still far below the one

³ Refugee status determination is limited to the northern part of Cyprus.

⁴ According to EURODAC's Central Unit, the verification of asylum claims in 2007 showed that, 16 per cent of all asylum claims registered in the system were multiple claims, i.e. the applicant had submitted at least one previous application in the same or another Member State of the European Union.

Source: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52009DC0013:EN:HTML>

⁵ See notes in annex Table 1 for a list of countries included under each regional grouping.

reported in 2001 when 623,000⁶ new asylum-seekers sought international protection in these 51 countries (see Figure 1). While the rise in 2007 was primarily attributed to an increase in the asylum applications by people from Iraq, the 2008 increase can partly be attributed to higher numbers of Somali and Afghan asylum-seekers, explained in more detail later in this report.

The increase in 2008 is not evenly distributed among countries or regions. Out of a total of 383,000 asylum applications registered in 2008, countries in **Europe** received close to 290,000 claims, 13 per cent more than the previous year's figure of 256,000. This takes into account the important decreases observed in Greece and Sweden, two of the major receiving countries in 2007. A similar increase was observed among the 27 Member States of the **European Union** where 238,000 asylum applications were lodged in 2008, a 6 per cent more than in 2007 (224,000). The overall figure for the EU-27 countries hides significant differences between the 15 'old' and the 12 'new' Member States⁷. There was a 9 per cent increase from 2007 to 2008 (from 198,000 claims to 216,000) among the 'old' Member States, contrary to a 15 per cent drop (from 25,600 to 21,800) in the 'new' Member States. The 27 EU Member States together accounted for 67 per cent of all asylum claims in Europe.

Within Europe, there are differences as well. In **Southern Europe** more than 75,000 individuals applied for international protection, 12,300 more than in 2007 and a 20 per cent increase, with the largest numbers being recorded in Italy (31,200 claims) and Greece (19,900 claims). In Malta and Turkey⁸, figures were the highest on record (2,600 and 13,000 claims, respectively).

In the **Nordic countries**, on the other hand, the number of newly registered asylum-seekers dropped by 2 per cent to 45,200 claims. Here, the sharp increase in newly submitted asylum applications in Norway was offset by the decrease in Sweden. Nevertheless, Sweden remained the principal destination for asylum-seekers, with roughly half of all applications in the Nordic region being lodged in that country.

In **North America**, an estimated 86,000 new asylum applications were submitted in 2008, 6,900 claims or 9 per cent more than in 2007. The United States of America registered approximately 49,000 new applications, a 3 per cent drop compared to 2007, whereas Canada saw a dramatic 30 per cent increase, mainly linked to the higher numbers of Mexican and Haitian asylum-seekers. Despite the overall increase, the 2008 level remains at roughly half the 2001 level when close to 150,000 applications were lodged in Canada and the United States of America together.

Fig 1. Change in asylum claims in selected regions (%)

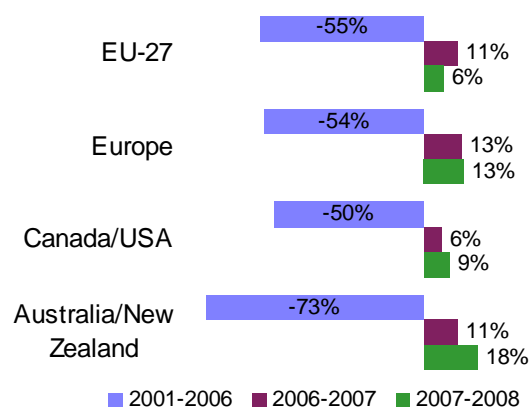


Table 1. Asylum claims lodged in selected regions

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | Change '08-'07 |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Europe | 227,100 | 256,300 | 289,800 | 13% |
| - EU-total | 201,000 | 223,700 | 238,100 | 6% |
| - EU-old | 181,000 | 198,100 | 216,300 | 9% |
| - EU-new | 20,000 | 25,600 | 21,800 | -15% |
| USA/Canada | 74,800 | 79,100 | 85,900 | 9% |
| Australia/New Zealand | 3,800 | 4,200 | 5,000 | 19% |
| Japan/Rep. of Korea | 1,200 | 1,500 | 2,000 | 33% |
| Total | 306,900 | 341,100 | 382,700 | 12% |

See notes in Table 1 for list of countries included.

⁶ Revised estimate based on new data.

⁷ "New" EU Member States refers to Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. "Old" EU Member States refers to Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.

⁸ Figures for Turkey refer to applications lodged under the UNHCR mandate.

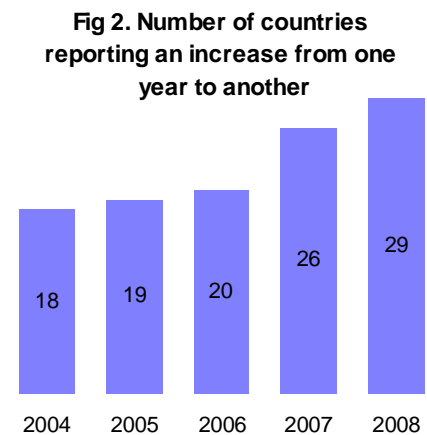
The trend observed in **Australia** and **New Zealand** shows a diverging picture between the two countries. In **New Zealand**, levels have remained fairly stable in the past years (on average 260 new claims per year) whereas in **Australia** figures have increased in the past years. The latter recorded approximately 4,700 asylum claims in 2008, 19 per cent more than the year before. Despite this recent increase, figures in Australia are far below the ones observed in 2000 (13,100 claims) and 2001 (12,400 claims).

Japan and the **Republic of Korea** together registered a record high of almost 2,000 new asylum applications in 2008, predominantly from people from Myanmar. While Japan has witnessed a doubling of new asylum-seekers in 2008 (1,600 claims), in the Republic of Korea the number has halved during the year (360 asylum applications) compared to 720 new asylum claims in the year before. However, the numbers in both countries still remain modest in comparison with other industrialized countries.

IV. LEVELS AND PATTERNS IN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

General overview

From 2006 to 2007, 26 of the 51 asylum countries included in this report registered an increase in asylum requests, in 2008, 29 did. This is the highest number of countries with an increase in asylum applications in the last five years, and is in contrast to earlier years when fewer than 20 countries reported an increase from one year to another. This development is in line with the general increase observed in the overall number of asylum claims lodged in industrialized countries. This suggests not only that the overall number of asylum-seekers is increasing, but also that there is a greater diversity in the countries where people seek international protection, possibly in response to the introduction of new asylum policies. This was observed in Sweden where figures of Iraqi asylum-seekers dropped by 67 per cent between 2007 and 2008 while during the same period they have nearly tripled in Norway and quadrupled in Finland. A 2007 change in Swedish decision-making on Iraqi asylum claims following the Migration Court's determination that the situation in Iraq is not one of "armed conflict" led to a significant fall in recognition rates and therefore potentially to a shift in flows from Sweden to its neighbours.⁹



Fifteen out of the 51 countries received more than 5,000 new asylum requests in 2008. Major asylum-seeker receiving countries reporting a significant relative increase included **Italy** (+122%), **Norway** (+121%), the **Netherlands** (+89%), **Turkey** (+70%, UNHCR asylum procedure), **Switzerland** (+53%), **Canada** (+30%), and **France** (+20%). Conversely, major decreases were recorded by **Cyprus** (-42%), **Spain** (-42%), **Sweden** (-33%), and **Greece** (-21%). (see Table 1 on page 13).

Country-specific trends in 2008

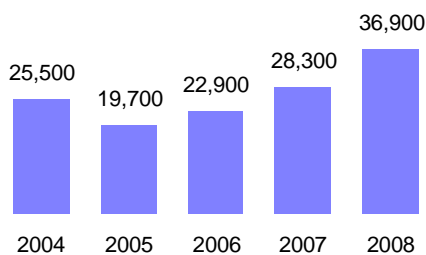
Canada and the United States of America receive roughly one out of five applications among the 51 countries included in this report. For the third year running, the **United States of America** was the largest single recipient of new asylum claims among the group of industrialized countries, accounting for 13 per cent of all claims lodged in the 51 countries included in Table 1.

⁹ Swedish Migration Court of Appeal, case no. UN23-06, 26 February 2007.

An estimated 49,000¹⁰ individuals submitted an application in the United States of America, 1,700 claims less than the year before and a decrease of 3 per cent.¹¹

Canada has witnessed a steady increase in new asylum-seekers in the past years (see Figure 3) and, in 2008, was the second largest recipient of applications among the 51 countries, with 36,900 new applications registered during the year. This is a 30 per cent increase over 2007 and

Fig 3. Asylum applications lodged in Canada



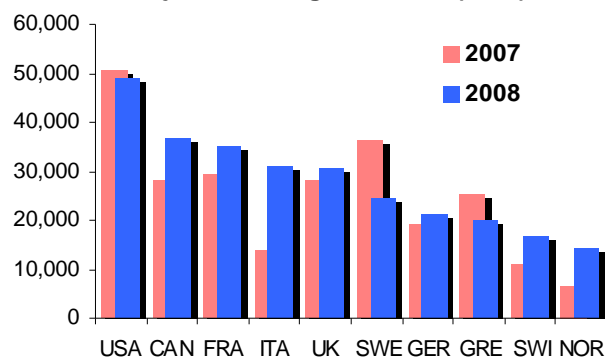
on average every tenth application in the industrialized world was made in Canada. The increase is attributed mainly to the higher number of Mexican (+33%), Haitian (+31%) and Colombian (+19%) citizens who applied for international protection in Canada in 2008.

France was the third largest receiving country among the group with 35,200 new asylum claims submitted for the year, a 20 per cent increase compared to 2007 (29,400 claims) and the first rise in four years. France was the main destination

for asylum-seekers in Europe in 2008. The increase can be partly attributed to additional asylum-seekers from Mali, now the third most important country of origin of asylum-seekers in France, following the Russian Federation and Serbia¹². Claims from Malians more than quadrupled from 600 in 2007 to 2,700 in 2008. Asylum claims from people from the Comoros Islands also increased to nearly 1,100, compared to 60 the year before. These increases come in addition to the rise in numbers observed for the two main countries of origin: an 11 per cent increase in applications from the Russian Federation and a 2 per cent increase in applications from Serbia. Nevertheless, France's share among the 51 countries remained stable at 9 per cent.

Italy recorded 31,200 asylum applications, more than double the figure of the year earlier (14,100 claims). The 2008 numbers made Italy the fourth most important destination in the industrialized world and they are the second highest on record in the country. Only in 1999 did more people apply for asylum in Italy (33,400 claims). Significantly more claims were lodged in 2008 by asylum-seekers from all 20 main nationalities, with the exception of Serbia. Nigeria was the main country of origin of applicants in Italy with 5,300 new claims (+300%), followed by Somalia with 4,500 new claims (+491%), Eritrea with 2,700 new claims (+21%), and Afghanistan with 2,000 new claims (+202%).

Fig 4. Asylum claims submitted in 10 major receiving countries (2008)



The **United Kingdom** ranked fifth among the group with 30,500 applications received during 2008, an increase of 8 per cent. This increase follows the 2007 figure of 28,300 new claims, the lowest number in almost 15 years. The 2008 figure is still far below the peak in 2002 when 103,000 individuals requested refugee status in the United Kingdom.

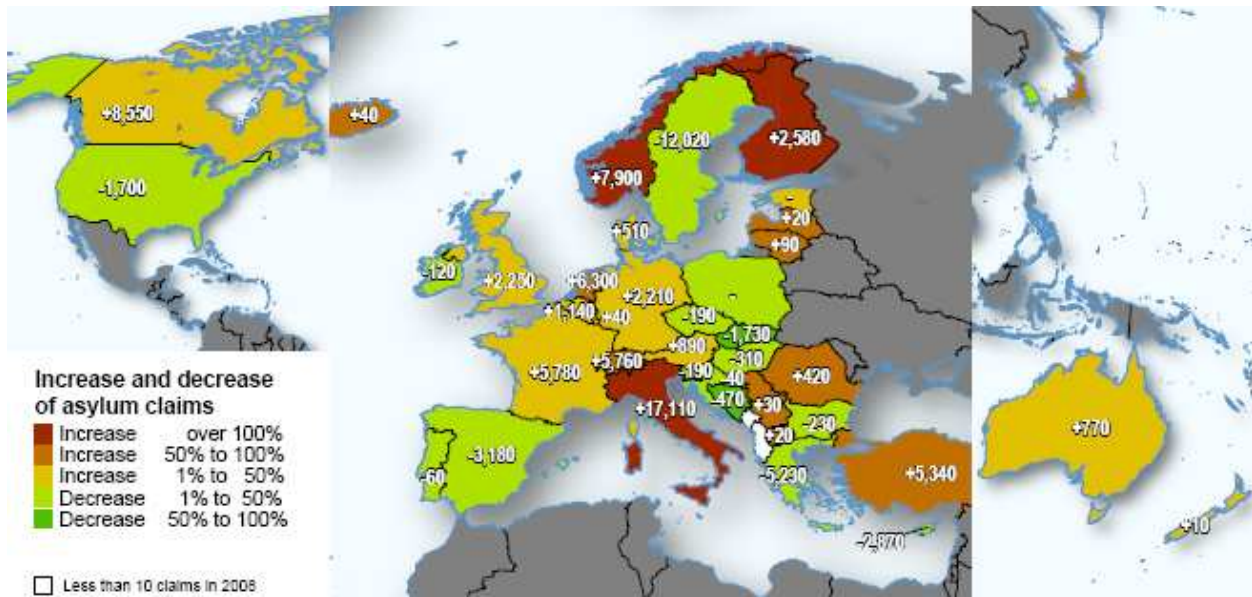
¹⁰ Estimated number of individuals based on the number of new cases (25,300) and multiplied by 1.4 to reflect the average number of individuals per case (Source: Department of Homeland Security); and number of new "defensive" asylum requests lodged with the Executive Office of Immigration Review (13,500; reported by individuals).

¹¹ It should be noted that while the United States of America is the main single destination country for asylum-seekers in the industrialized world, in 2007, UNHCR offices received 80,000 asylum claims making it the largest refugee status determination body in the world.

¹² All country of origin figures for Serbia include Kosovo.

Following a significant decrease in applications, particularly by Iraqis, **Sweden** dropped from the second in 2007 to the sixth largest recipient of new asylum-seekers during 2008. Close to 24,400 individuals lodged an asylum application that year compared to 36,700 claims in 2007, a pronounced 33 per cent decrease. Sweden was followed by **Germany** and **Greece** in the rankings in Table 2, the former reporting a 12 per cent increase compared to 2007 (21,400 claims in 2008) and the latter a 21 per cent decrease (19,900 claims in 2008). One of the main reasons for the trends in both countries can be found in the number of Iraqi asylum claims: in Germany, it went up by almost two-thirds, while in Greece it dropped by two-thirds.

Trends in asylum claims lodged in 44 industrialized countries: absolute and relative increase/decrease 2008 compared to 2007



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

The **United States of America, Canada and France**, the top three receiving countries in 2008, together accounted for one-third of all new asylum claims submitted in industrialized countries. Together with **Italy** and the **United Kingdom**, the top five receiving countries accounted for half of all asylum claims.

Ranking of countries

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

| Country | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|
| United States | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Canada | 6 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| France | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Italy | 11 | 12 | 8 | 4 |
| United Kingdom | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| Sweden | 7 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Germany | 4 | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| Greece | 12 | 9 | 6 | 8 |
| Switzerland | 10 | 11 | 11 | 9 |
| Norway | 15 | 13 | 17 | 10 |

These factors are reflected in the current and past ranking of some of the countries included in this report. **Italy**, for instance, saw a sharp increase in new asylum applicants in 2008. Much of this can be attributed to the number of irregular arrivals by sea, primarily on the island of Lampedusa, estimated at 36,000 people in 2008. The

vast majority of the arrivals applied for asylum, and more than half of them were indeed found to be in need of international protection.¹³

Sweden was not only the main receiving country in Europe in 2007 (36,400 claims), but also the largest recipient of Iraqi asylum-seekers. It is believed that the extensive Iraqi community and its strong social network in the country may have been driving forces behind the concentration of Iraqi asylum-seekers in Sweden. **Greece**, on the other hand, introduced special procedures at the end of 2006 to clear the backlog of asylum-seekers waiting to register claims. As a consequence, the number of applicants registered rose sharply in 2007, making Greece the sixth most important receiving country during that year.

Trends over the past five years

During 2004-2008, the **United States of America** received the largest number of new asylum-seekers (253,000 claims), followed by **France** (204,000 claims), the **United Kingdom** (159,000 claims), **Canada** (133,000 claims), and **Germany** (126,000 claims). Together, the three leading asylum countries received one third of all asylum requests submitted in the 51 countries listed in Table 1. The countries' individual share in the total number of applications received, however, reveals a changing pattern over time. Whereas the share of the **United States of America** as the main recipient over the five year period ranged between 13 to 17 per cent, the share of **France** and **Germany** gradually decreased from 15 per cent in 2004 (France) and 9 per cent in 2005 (Germany) to 9 and 6 per cent respectively in 2008. Conversely, the share of **Canada** and in particular **Italy** went up sharply from 6 per cent in 2005 (Canada) and 2 per cent in 2004 (Italy) to 10 and 8 per cent respectively in 2008.

| Country | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| United States | 13% | 14% | 17% | 15% | 13% |
| France | 15% | 15% | 10% | 9% | 9% |
| United Kingdom | 10% | 9% | 9% | 8% | 8% |
| Canada | 6% | 6% | 7% | 8% | 10% |
| Germany | 9% | 9% | 7% | 6% | 6% |
| Sweden | 6% | 5% | 8% | 11% | 6% |
| Austria | 6% | 7% | 4% | 3% | 3% |
| Italy | 2% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 8% |
| Greece | 1% | 3% | 4% | 7% | 5% |
| Belgium | 4% | 5% | 4% | 3% | 3% |

* Based on the 51 countries listed in Table 1.

The trends analysed above are based on the absolute numbers of reported asylum claims. The analysis changes when comparing the number of asylum-seekers to the size of the national population or the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (PPP)¹⁴. These measures may allow a better comparison between countries as they could be an indicator of the capacity of countries to host asylum-seekers. Based on the first indicator (national population), the two Mediterranean islands of **Cyprus** and **Malta** received between 2004 and 2008 the highest number of asylum-seekers compared to their national population; 38 and 18 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants, respectively. **Sweden** ranked third (14 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), followed by **Austria** (10 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), **Switzerland** (8.5 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants), and **Norway** (8 applicants per 1,000 inhabitants) (see *Figure 5 below*). The **United States of America**, the main recipient of new asylum-seekers during this period, was ranked 27th with an average one asylum-seeker per 1,000 inhabitants.

Comparing the number of asylum-seekers to the Gross Domestic Product (PPP) of a country reveals a slightly different picture. Here, **France** is the country with the highest number of asylum-seekers (6 applicants per capita) compared to its national economy, followed by the

¹³ As part of its strategy to address the phenomenon of mixed migration flows, UNHCR has developed the "10-Point-Plan of Action" which aims at ensuring that protection space continues to be available for people in need of international protection. See <http://www.unhcr.org/protect/PROTECTION/4742a30b4.pdf> for further information.

¹⁴ In order to compare countries, the Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) GDP is considered (Source: International Monetary Fund; accessed 5 November at www.imf.org). Source for national population: United Nations, Population Division, *World Population Prospects: The 2008 Revision*, New York, 2009.

United States of America (5.5 applicants per capita), the **United Kingdom** (4.5 applicants per capita), and **Germany** (3.7 applicants per capita) (see Figure 6).¹⁵

Fig 5. Number of asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants, 2004-2008

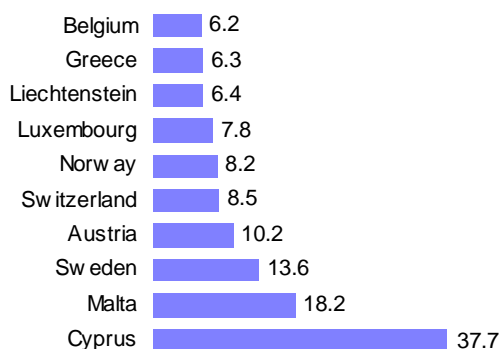
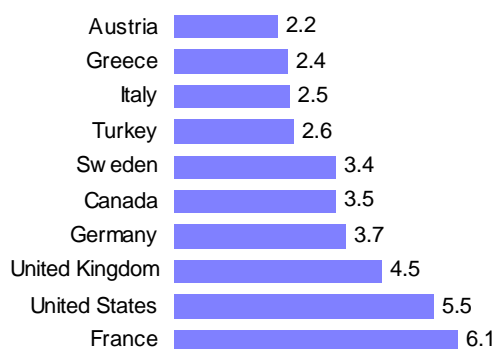


Fig 6. Number of asylum-seekers per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita, 2004-2008



It is interesting to note that the five main destination countries of asylum-seekers in 2008 (United States of America, Canada, France, Italy and the United Kingdom) do not feature among the top ten when compared against population size, but they do when compared against GDP (PPP) per capita. This might be explained by the relatively large variation in national population size among the industrialized countries. The top five destination countries have a significantly larger population size compared to, for instance, Cyprus, Malta, Liechtenstein or Luxembourg. In the case of the GDP (PPP) per capita ratio, the countries included can be considered as having highly developed economies where the variation in GDP figures does not appear to be that significant. With this important difference in mind, the GDP indicator might be more likely to reflect the reality.

V. ORIGIN OF ASYLUM-SEEKERS

The statistics by origin are generally based on the nationality or country of citizenship as recorded by the competent authorities of the host country. This section analyses the origin of asylum-seekers in the **44 industrialized countries** which provided monthly asylum data to UNHCR.

Table 4. Distribution of asylum claims by region of origin

| | 2006* | 2007* | 2008 |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| Africa | 25.0% | 23.1% | 29.9% |
| Americas | 11.7% | 12.0% | 10.8% |
| Asia | 44.1% | 48.3% | 44.8% |
| Europe | 17.1% | 14.6% | 12.8% |
| Oceania | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Unknown** | 2.0% | 1.9% | 1.5% |

* Figures include annual asylum data for Italy for comparative purposes.

** Includes stateless asylum-seekers.

People from more than 190 different countries or territories submitted at least one asylum claim in 2008. Slightly less than half of all asylum applications were submitted by individuals from **Asia** (45%). **Africa** was the second most important source continent (30% of all claims), followed by **Europe** (13%), and the **Americas** (11%).¹⁶ The country of origin of some 2,800 asylum-seekers was unknown. Africa was the only continent experiencing an increase in 2008 with more people from Eritrea, Nigeria, Somalia and Zimbabwe requesting refugee status.

Out of the 40 main asylum-seeker nationalities, 31 registered a rise during 2008. Among the major countries of origin of asylum-seekers, significant increases were registered by

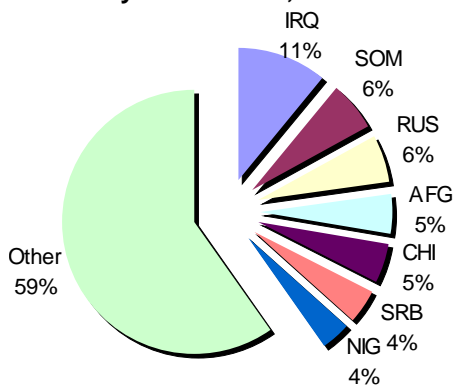
¹⁵ Among the 51 countries included in this report, the number of asylum-seekers per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita appears as rather modest when compared to the 'burden' developing countries shoulder in hosting refugees. For instance, Pakistan and the United Republic of Tanzania, two major refugee-hosting countries, hosted 347 and 785 refugees respectively per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita at the end of 2007 (Source: *2007 Statistical Yearbook*, pp. 27-28, UNHCR, Geneva, 2008).

¹⁶ The geographical regions used are those of the UN Statistics Division (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49.htm>).

Afghanistan (+85%), **Zimbabwe** (+82%), **Somalia** (+77%), **Nigeria** (+71%), **Georgia** (+36%), and **Eritrea** (+34%). Conversely, of the 9 nationalities that recorded a decrease in 2008 as compared to 2007, three registered a drop of more than 20 per cent: **Colombia** (-25%), **Viet Nam** (-24%), and **Lebanon** (-23%).

For the third consecutive year, **Iraq** was the leading country of origin. The number of Iraqi claims is almost twice as high as those submitted by **Somali** asylum-seekers, the second most important source country. Other important source countries are the **Russian Federation**, **Afghanistan**, **China**, and **Serbia** (see Figure 7).

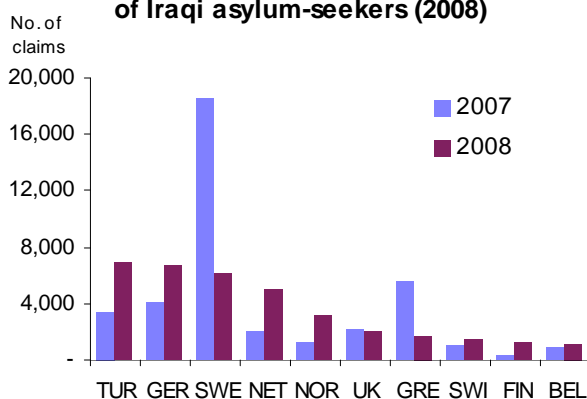
Fig 7. Main nationalities of asylum-seekers, 2008



Iraqis lodged some 40,500 new asylum claims during the year, or roughly every tenth application in the industrialized world. This figure is a 10 per cent decrease compared to 2007 (45,100 claims). The 2007 and 2008 levels are still below the ones witnessed between 2000 and 2002 when, on average, 50,000 Iraqis sought international protection in the industrialized world.

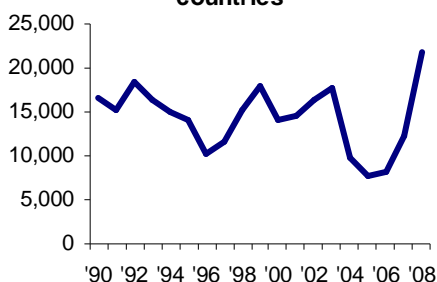
Iraqis lodged asylum claims in 37 out of the 44 industrialized countries, but the distribution of claim is not equally spread among the countries. Half of all Iraqi claims were submitted in just three countries: Turkey (6,900 claims under a UNHCR-managed asylum procedure), Germany (6,700 claims) and Sweden (6,100 claims). The Netherlands (5,000 claims), Norway (3,100 claims), the United Kingdom (2,000 claims) and Greece (1,800 claims) also received a sizeable number of applications from Iraqis in 2008.

Fig 8. Top-10 destination countries of Iraqi asylum-seekers (2008)



In Turkey, the number doubled during the year, in the Netherlands and Norway it tripled, while in Germany it increased by 61 per cent. In Sweden, however, the situation was reversed; as mentioned earlier, the number of Iraqi claims plummeted by almost two-thirds from 18,600 claims to 6,100. Similarly, in Greece the number of Iraqis requesting refugee status decreased from 5,500 to 1,800 claims, a decrease of 68 per cent.

Fig 9. Somali asylum claims lodged in industrialized countries

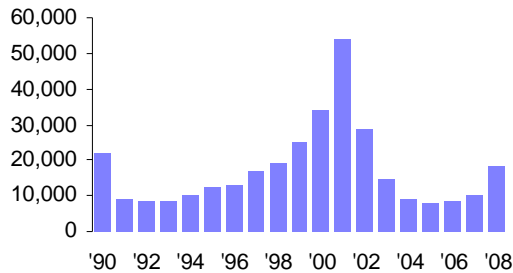


Somalia was the sixth largest source country of asylum-seekers in 2007 with 12,300 claims. One year later, the number stood at 21,800, an increase of 77 per cent and turning this group into the second most important nationality in 2008. This is the highest value on record, a reflection of the deteriorating situation in the country. Somali claims were submitted in 33 out of the 44 industrialized countries, mainly in Italy (4,500), the Netherlands (3,800) Sweden (3,400), and Switzerland (2,000). The numbers were particularly high in the fourth quarter, when one third of all claims were submitted.¹⁷

¹⁷ While industrialized countries have received a significant number of Somali asylum applicants in recent years, the same is true for some of Somalia's neighbouring countries. In Kenya, for instance, more than 71,000 new Somali asylum-seekers were registered between 2004 and 2008. Ethiopia recorded 24,000 Somali asylum claims in 2007 and 2008.

Asylum-seekers originating from the **Russian Federation** constitute the third largest group, with 20,500 new claims recorded during 2008, accounting for 6 per cent of all asylum claims in the 44 industrialized countries. The number went up by 9 per cent in the course of 2008, mainly because figures increased in Austria (+28%) and France (+11%). As in 2007, Poland remained the prime destination for asylum-seekers from the Russian Federation in 2008, with a total of 6,600 new claims.

Fig 10. Afghan asylum requests in 44 industrialized countries, 1990-2008



With 18,500 asylum applications submitted by **Afghans** in 2008, the number is at its highest since 2002 (29,400 claims) and is almost double the figure of the year before (10,000 claims). This made Afghanistan the fourth important source country of asylum-seekers in the industrialized world. As with Somalia, the deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan is likely to be the main reason. The top 15 destination countries of Afghan asylum-seekers in 2008 recorded an increase in numbers compared to

2007, with the highest numbers reported for the United Kingdom (3,700 claims), Turkey (2,600), Greece (2,300), and Italy (2,000).

The number of **Chinese** asylum-seekers remained fairly stable. Some 17,400 Chinese asylum-seekers were registered in 2008, virtually the same number as the preceding year (17,200 claims). Since 2002, the number of Chinese nationals requesting asylum in the 44 industrialized countries has declined by one-third, and in 2008 reached its second lowest level in a decade. China dropped from the third to the fifth most important country of origin in 2008.

More than 15,200 asylum claims were submitted by citizens of **Serbia** in 2008, slightly less than the year before (16,100 claims). France remained the prime destination with 3,100 claims registered, followed by Sweden (2,000), Austria (1,700), and Hungary (1,600). It is noteworthy that asylum claims of Serb citizens decreased in Sweden by 20 per cent, while in Hungary they doubled. About half the countries reporting monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR distinguish applicants originating from Kosovo in their data. The available evidence shows that in these countries, on average, 60 per cent of Serb applicants come from Kosovo. Among the main receiving countries, the proportion of Kosovars is high in Hungary (79%) and France (78%) and relatively low in Italy (8%), Finland (42%), Belgium (46%), and Norway (46%).

Other important source countries of asylum-seekers in the 44 industrialized countries during 2008 were **Nigeria** (13,700 claims), **Pakistan** (13,300), **Eritrea** (12,300), **Mexico** (12,200) and the **Islamic Republic of Iran** (10,800).

The distribution of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries as described above reflects general trends. However, it also hides patterns of certain nationalities tending to cluster in a limited number of countries. For instance, two-thirds of **Russian** asylum claims were lodged in Poland (32%), France (17%) and Austria (17%), while more than half (57%) of all **Chinese** asylum applications in 2008 were submitted in the United States of America alone. In addition, more than half of the 21,800 **Somali** asylum applicants were registered in three countries: Italy (20%), the Netherlands (18%), and Sweden (15%). Similarly, 6 out of every 10 **Iraqi** asylum claims were lodged in four countries only: Turkey (17%), Germany (17%), Sweden (15%), and the Netherlands (12%). Four out of every 10 claims by **Nigerians** were submitted in Italy. Virtually all applications lodged by **Mexican** nationals during 2008 were submitted in Canada (77%) or the United States of America (23%), a phenomenon which has been observed for some years now.

Table 5. Changes in the ranking of the top-10 countries of origin, 2005-2008

| Country of origin | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Iraq | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Somalia | 11 | 9 | 6 | 2 |
| Russian Federation | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Afghanistan | 9 | 7 | 7 | 4 |
| China | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Serbia* | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| Nigeria | 8 | 11 | 11 | 7 |
| Pakistan | 10 | 10 | 5 | 8 |
| Eritrea | 24 | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| Mexico | 17 | 13 | 8 | 10 |

* Statistics prior to 2007 refer to Serbia and Montenegro.

Over the last four years, some changes have occurred in the ranking of the main countries of origin of asylum applicants. From 2005 to 2008, **Iraqis** have moved up the list from the fourth to the first position. **Somalia** became second most important source country in 2008 as compared to 2005 (11th place) while **Afghanistan** moved from ninth to fourth place. **Eritrea** also saw a significant change from 24th in 2005 to ninth place three years later. In contrast, asylum applicants originating from **Serbia** dropped from the first to the sixth position while those originating from **China** fell from third to fifth place during the same period.

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Table 1. Asylum applications submitted in Europe and selected non-European countries, 2004-2008

For country notes and regional classification, see next page.

| Country/ region of asylum | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | Total | Annual change '08-'07 | Share | | Rank | | Per 1,000 inhabitants | | Per 1 USD/GDP per capita* | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|-----|-----|----|----|
| | | | | | | | | 2008 | '04-'08 | 2008 | '04-'08 | Total | Rank | Total | Rank | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 2008 | '04-'08 | 2008 | '04-'08 | 2008 | '04-'08 | 2008 | '04-'08 | | | | |
| Albania | 20 | 30 | 20 | 30 | 10 | 110 | -67% | 0% | 0% | 49 | 49 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 51 | 48 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 48 | 46 |
| Armenia | 190 | 160 | 620 | 300 | 210 | 1,480 | -30% | 0% | 0% | 37 | 36 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 31 | 30 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 32 | 31 |
| Australia | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,520 | 3,980 | 4,750 | 18,650 | 19% | 1% | 1% | 16 | 20 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 22 | 25 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 21 | 24 |
| Austria | 24,630 | 22,460 | 13,350 | 11,920 | 12,810 | 85,170 | 7% | 3% | 5% | 13 | 7 | 1.5 | 10.2 | 7 | 4 | 0.3 | 2.2 | 14 | 10 |
| Azerbaijan | 1,230 | 1,050 | 670 | 540 | 560 | 4,050 | 4% | 0% | 0% | 31 | 30 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 32 | 31 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 26 | 23 |
| Belarus | 170 | 210 | 90 | 50 | 90 | 610 | 80% | 0% | 0% | 41 | 41 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 46 | 43 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 41 | 38 |
| Belgium | 15,360 | 15,960 | 11,590 | 11,120 | 12,250 | 66,280 | 10% | 3% | 4% | 14 | 10 | 1.2 | 6.3 | 8 | 10 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 12 | 12 |
| Bosnia and H. | 200 | 150 | 70 | 570 | 100 | 1,090 | -82% | 0% | 0% | 40 | 37 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 39 | 34 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 35 | 32 |
| Bulgaria | 1,130 | 820 | 640 | 980 | 750 | 4,320 | -23% | 0% | 0% | 30 | 28 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 30 | 29 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 28 | 27 |
| Canada | 25,500 | 19,740 | 22,910 | 28,340 | 36,900 | 133,390 | 30% | 10% | 8% | 2 | 4 | 1.1 | 4.1 | 9 | 12 | 1.0 | 3.5 | 5 | 5 |
| Croatia | 160 | 190 | 90 | 200 | 160 | 800 | -20% | 0% | 0% | 38 | 38 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 37 | 37 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 37 | 39 |
| Cyprus | 9,860 | 7,750 | 4,550 | 6,790 | 3,920 | 32,870 | -42% | 1% | 2% | 20 | 16 | 4.6 | 38.5 | 2 | 1 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 20 | 16 |
| Czech Rep. | 5,460 | 4,160 | 3,020 | 1,880 | 1,690 | 16,210 | -10% | 0% | 1% | 26 | 21 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 26 | 20 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 27 | 21 |
| Denmark | 3,240 | 2,260 | 1,920 | 1,850 | 2,360 | 11,630 | 28% | 1% | 1% | 24 | 24 | 0.4 | 2.1 | 18 | 18 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 29 | 29 |
| Estonia | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 50 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 49 | 50 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 49 | 47 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 49 | 49 |
| Finland | 3,860 | 3,570 | 2,330 | 1,430 | 4,020 | 15,210 | 181% | 1% | 1% | 18 | 22 | 0.8 | 2.9 | 14 | 16 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 22 | 26 |
| France | 58,550 | 49,730 | 30,750 | 29,390 | 35,160 | 203,580 | 20% | 9% | 12% | 3 | 2 | 0.6 | 3.3 | 15 | 15 | 1.0 | 6.1 | 2 | 1 |
| Georgia | 10 | 20 | 30 | 20 | 40 | 120 | 100% | 0% | 0% | 47 | 47 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 47 | 51 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 40 | 45 |
| Germany | 35,610 | 28,910 | 21,030 | 19,160 | 21,370 | 126,080 | 12% | 6% | 7% | 7 | 5 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 21 | 21 | 0.6 | 3.7 | 9 | 4 |
| Greece | 4,470 | 9,050 | 12,270 | 25,110 | 19,880 | 70,780 | -21% | 5% | 4% | 8 | 9 | 1.8 | 6.3 | 6 | 9 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 7 | 9 |
| Hungary | 1,600 | 1,610 | 2,120 | 3,430 | 3,120 | 11,880 | -9% | 1% | 1% | 22 | 23 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 19 | 23 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 18 | 22 |
| Iceland | 80 | 90 | 40 | 40 | 80 | 330 | 100% | 0% | 0% | 42 | 43 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 20 | 24 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 47 | 47 |
| Ireland | 4,770 | 4,320 | 4,310 | 3,990 | 3,870 | 21,260 | -3% | 1% | 1% | 21 | 19 | 0.9 | 4.9 | 11 | 11 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 25 | 25 |
| Italy | 9,720 | 9,550 | 10,350 | 14,050 | 31,160 | 74,830 | 122% | 8% | 4% | 4 | 8 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 16 | 22 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 3 | 8 |
| Japan | 430 | 380 | 950 | 820 | 1,600 | 4,180 | 95% | 0% | 0% | 27 | 29 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 45 | 49 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 30 | 35 |
| Latvia | 10 | 20 | 10 | 30 | 50 | 120 | 67% | 0% | 0% | 45 | 47 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 41 | 44 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 46 | 48 |
| Liechtenstein | 70 | 50 | 50 | 30 | 30 | 230 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 48 | 46 | 0.9 | 6.5 | 12 | 8 | - | .. | 50 | .. |
| Lithuania | 170 | 120 | 140 | 130 | 220 | 780 | 69% | 0% | 0% | 36 | 39 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 33 | 35 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 36 | 41 |
| Luxembourg | 1,580 | 800 | 520 | 430 | 460 | 3,790 | 7% | 0% | 0% | 32 | 32 | 1.0 | 8.1 | 10 | 7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 45 | 40 |
| Malta | 1,000 | 1,170 | 1,270 | 1,380 | 2,610 | 7,430 | 89% | 1% | 0% | 23 | 27 | 6.4 | 18.3 | 1 | 2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 23 | 28 |
| Montenegro | - | - | 20 | - | 10 | 30 | .. | 0% | 0% | 49 | 51 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 42 | 45 | - | .. | 50 | .. |
| Netherlands | 9,780 | 12,350 | 14,470 | 7,100 | 13,400 | 57,100 | 89% | 4% | 3% | 11 | 12 | 0.8 | 3.5 | 13 | 14 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 13 | 14 |
| New Zealand | 580 | 350 | 280 | 250 | 250 | 1,710 | 0% | 0% | 0% | 34 | 35 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 34 | 33 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 38 | 37 |
| Norway | 7,950 | 5,400 | 5,320 | 6,530 | 14,430 | 39,630 | 121% | 4% | 2% | 10 | 13 | 3.1 | 8.4 | 3 | 6 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 16 | 19 |
| Poland | 8,080 | 6,860 | 4,430 | 7,210 | 7,200 | 33,780 | 0% | 2% | 2% | 15 | 14 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 23 | 26 | 0.4 | 2.1 | 10 | 11 |
| Portugal | 110 | 110 | 130 | 220 | 160 | 730 | -27% | 0% | 0% | 38 | 40 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 44 | 42 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 43 | 43 |
| Rep. of Korea | 150 | 410 | 280 | 720 | 360 | 1,920 | -50% | 0% | 0% | 33 | 34 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50 | 46 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 34 | 36 |
| Rep. of Moldova | 110 | 110 | 70 | 80 | 60 | 430 | -25% | 0% | 0% | 44 | 42 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 43 | 40 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 33 | 33 |
| Romania | 660 | 590 | 460 | 660 | 1,080 | 3,450 | 64% | 0% | 0% | 28 | 33 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 35 | 38 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 24 | 30 |
| Russian Federation | 910 | 960 | 1,170 | 3,370 | 3,970 | 10,380 | 18% | 1% | 1% | 19 | 25 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 38 | 41 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 17 | 20 |
| Serbia | 60 | 90 | 20 | 40 | 80 | 290 | 100% | 0% | 0% | 42 | 45 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 48 | 50 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 42 | 44 |
| Slovakia | 11,400 | 3,550 | 2,870 | 2,640 | 910 | 21,370 | -66% | 0% | 1% | 29 | 18 | 0.2 | 4.0 | 25 | 13 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 31 | 17 |
| Slovenia | 1,170 | 1,600 | 520 | 430 | 240 | 3,960 | -44% | 0% | 0% | 35 | 31 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 28 | 19 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 39 | 34 |
| Spain | 5,540 | 5,250 | 5,300 | 7,660 | 4,480 | 28,230 | -42% | 1% | 2% | 17 | 17 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 29 | 28 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 19 | 18 |
| Sweden | 23,160 | 17,530 | 24,320 | 36,370 | 24,350 | 125,730 | -33% | 6% | 7% | 6 | 6 | 2.7 | 13.8 | 4 | 3 | 0.7 | 3.4 | 8 | 6 |
| Switzerland | 15,060 | 10,800 | 11,170 | 10,840 | 16,610 | 64,480 | 53% | 4% | 4% | 9 | 11 | 2.2 | 8.6 | 5 | 5 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 11 | 13 |
| TfYR Macedonia | 100 | 70 | 60 | 30 | 50 | 310 | 67% | 0% | 0% | 45 | 44 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 40 | 39 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 44 | 42 |
| Turkey | 3,910 | 3,920 | 4,550 | 7,650 | 12,980 | 33,010 | 70% | 3% | 2% | 12 | 15 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 24 | 32 | 1.0 | 2.6 | 4 | 7 |
| Ukraine | 1,360 | 1,770 | 2,080 | 2,270 | 2,240 | 9,720 | -1% | 1% | 1% | 25 | 26 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 36 | 36 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 15 | 15 |
| United Kingdom | 40,620 | 30,840 | 28,320 | 28,300 | 30,550 | 158,630 | 8% | 8% | 9% | 5 | 3 | 0.5 | 2.6 | 17 | 17 | 0.9 | 4.5 | 6 | 3 |
| United States | 52,360 | 48,770 | 51,880 | 50,720 | 49,020 | 252,750 | -3% | 13% | 14% | 1 | 1 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 27 | 27 | 1.1 | 5.5 | 1 | 2 |
| EU-"Old" (15) | 241,000 | 212,690 | 180,960 | 198,100 | 216,280 | 1,049,030 | 9% | 57% | 59% | | | 0.6 | 2.7 | | | | | | |
| EU-"New" (12) | 40,550 | 28,260 | 20,040 | 25,570 | 21,800 | 136,220 | -15% | 6% | 8% | | | 0.2 | 1.3 | | | | | | |
| EU-Total (27) | 281,550 | 240,950 | 201,000 | 223,670 | 238,080 | 1,185,250 | 6% | 62% | 67% | | | 0.5 | 2.4 | | | | | | |
| Nordic countries (5) | 38,290 | 28,850 | 33,930 | 46,220 | 45,240 | 192,530 | -2% | 12% | 11% | | | 1.8 | 7.8 | | | | | | |
| Western Europe (19) | 264,160 | 229,030 | 197,540 | 215,540 | 247,430 | 1,153,700 | 15% | 65% | 65% | | | 0.6 | 2.9 | | | | | | |
| Southern Europe (8) | 34,630 | 36,830 | 38,440 | 62,890 | 75,200 | 247,990 | 20% | 20% | 14% | | | 0.4 | 1.2 | | | | | | |
| Former Yugoslavia (6) | 1,690 | 2,100 | 780 | 1,270 | 640 | 6,480 | -50% | 0% | 0% | | | 0.0 | 0.3 | | | | | | |
| Former USSR (10) | 4,170 | 4,430 | 4,890 | 6,800 | 7,450 | 27,740 | 10% | 2% | 2% | | | 0.0 | 0.1 | | | | | | |
| Total Europe (42) | 313,140 | 266,020 | 227,140 | 256,260 | 289,790 | 1,352,350 | 13% | 76% | 77% | | | 0.4 | 1.6 | | | | | | |
| Canada/USA | 77,860 | 68,510 | 74,790 | 79,060 | 85,920 | 386,140 | 9% | 22% | 22% | | | 0.3 | 1.1 | | | | | | |
| Australia/New Zealand | 3,780 | 3,550 | 3,800 | 4,230 | 5,000 | 20,360 | 18% | 1% | 1% | | | 0.2 | 0.8 | | | | | | |
| Japan/Rep. of Korea | 580 | 790 | 1,230 | 1,540 | 1,960 | 6,100 | 27% | 1% | 0% | | | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | | | | |
| Total (51) | 395,360 | 338,870 | 306,960 | 341,090 | 382,670 | 1,764,950 | 12% | | | | | 0.3 | 1.3 | | | | | | |

Notes

Source: Governments, UNHCR. See Notes on next page for information on applications registered with UNHCR.

This table includes final data for 2004 to 2007. In the following tables, the 2007 figures are based on the monthly database. This results in some discrepancies.

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

* This refers to Purchasing Power Parity (PPP), Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita.

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TABLE 1. NOTES

a. Country notes

Australia. Figures exclude individuals who arrived off-shore and whose claims have been processed on Manus Island, Papua New Guinea or Nauru.

Azerbaijan. Source: Government and UNHCR.

Belgium. Figures exclude accompanying children. Data include repeat applications (2,030 in 2004; 2,360 in 2005; 2,190 in 2006; 2,800 in 2007; and 3,330 in 2008).

Bosnia and Herzegovina. UNHCR figures for 2004; Government figures since 2005.

Canada. Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Croatia. In addition, UNHCR registered applications for refugee status in 2004 (47) and 2005 (7).

Cyprus. In addition, UNHCR registered asylum applications in the northern part of Cyprus in 2004 (74), 2005 (25), 2006 (12), and 2007 (44).

Denmark. Figures for 2007 and 2008 exclude Iraqi interpreters who have worked for the Danish Forces in Iraq.

France. Includes asylum applications of minors.

Germany. The delay in registering people, as well as changes in the registration procedures has resulted in discrepancies between the cumulative total of monthly asylum claims and the total number of asylum claims in Germany. As such, Table 1 reflects the total number of asylum claims (28,910 in 2005; 21,030 in 2006; 19,160 in 2007; and 22,085 in 2008) whereas all other tables in this report reflect the monthly totals (27,210 in 2005; 20,610 in 2006; 18,530 in 2007; and 21,370 in 2008).

Montenegro. Prior to 2005, data for Montenegro is included in the Serbian data (Source: UNHCR). Data for 2008 are Government figures.

Netherlands. Data prior to 2007 includes a significant number of repeat applications. The 2007-2008 figures are thus not comparable to previous years.

Poland. Data excludes a significant number of repeat applications.

Serbia. 2004 refers to Serbia (including Kosovo) and Montenegro. 2005-2008 refers to Serbia (including Kosovo). Source: UNHCR.

Spain. Includes applications lodged at Spanish embassies.

Switzerland. Figures differ from previously reported ones due to retroactive revisions.

Turkey. Source: UNHCR.

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

b. Regional classification

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

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

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

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

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

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

Former Yugoslavia (6). Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia (incl. Kosovo), Slovenia and TTYR Macedonia.

Former USSR (10). Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation and Ukraine.

Total Europe (42). All European countries listed.

Source for national population: United Nations, Population Division, "World Population Prospects: The 2008 Revision", New York, 2009.

Source for GDP (PPP)/per capita: International Monetary Fund, accessed at www.imf.org on 5 November 2008.

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Table 2. Origin of asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2007 and 2008

Covering all 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.
(2007 data for Italy is based on annual data; 2008 on monthly data).

| Origin | 2007 | 2008 | Total | Annual change | Share | | Rank | |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------|------|
| | | | | | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Iraq | 45,100 | 40,483 | 85,583 | -10% | 14.0 | 11.1 | 1 | 1 |
| Russian Federation | 18,805 | 20,477 | 39,282 | 9% | 5.8 | 5.6 | 2 | 3 |
| China | 17,219 | 17,428 | 34,647 | 1% | 5.4 | 4.8 | 3 | 5 |
| Somalia | 12,336 | 21,823 | 34,159 | 77% | 3.8 | 6.0 | 6 | 2 |
| Serbia* | 16,076 | 15,204 | 31,280 | -5% | 5.0 | 4.2 | 4 | 6 |
| Afghanistan | 9,992 | 18,459 | 28,451 | 85% | 3.1 | 5.1 | 7 | 4 |
| Pakistan | 14,450 | 13,268 | 27,718 | -8% | 4.5 | 3.6 | 5 | 8 |
| Mexico | 9,560 | 12,169 | 21,729 | 27% | 3.0 | 3.3 | 8 | 10 |
| Nigeria | 8,019 | 13,708 | 21,727 | 71% | 2.5 | 3.8 | 11 | 7 |
| Eritrea | 9,160 | 12,309 | 21,469 | 34% | 2.8 | 3.4 | 9 | 9 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 8,703 | 10,813 | 19,516 | 24% | 2.7 | 3.0 | 10 | 11 |
| Sri Lanka | 7,792 | 9,678 | 17,470 | 24% | 2.4 | 2.6 | 12 | 12 |
| Turkey | 7,224 | 7,427 | 14,651 | 3% | 2.2 | 2.0 | 13 | 13 |
| Haiti | 6,644 | 7,117 | 13,761 | 7% | 2.1 | 1.9 | 14 | 14 |
| Bangladesh | 6,057 | 6,182 | 12,239 | 2% | 1.9 | 1.7 | 16 | 15 |
| Colombia | 6,641 | 4,984 | 11,625 | -25% | 2.1 | 1.4 | 15 | 19 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 5,547 | 4,855 | 10,402 | -12% | 1.7 | 1.3 | 17 | 20 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 4,810 | 5,209 | 10,019 | 8% | 1.5 | 1.4 | 19 | 18 |
| India | 5,027 | 4,779 | 9,806 | -5% | 1.6 | 1.3 | 18 | 21 |
| Georgia | 4,066 | 5,548 | 9,614 | 36% | 1.3 | 1.5 | 20 | 16 |
| Zimbabwe | 3,045 | 5,546 | 8,591 | 82% | 0.9 | 1.5 | 26 | 17 |
| Armenia | 3,947 | 4,368 | 8,315 | 11% | 1.2 | 1.2 | 21 | 22 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 3,107 | 4,155 | 7,262 | 34% | 1.0 | 1.1 | 25 | 23 |
| Guinea | 3,117 | 4,014 | 7,131 | 29% | 1.0 | 1.1 | 24 | 24 |
| El Salvador | 3,611 | 3,277 | 6,888 | -9% | 1.1 | 0.9 | 22 | 28 |
| Ethiopia | 3,152 | 3,480 | 6,632 | 10% | 1.0 | 1.0 | 23 | 27 |
| Algeria | 2,888 | 3,590 | 6,478 | 24% | 0.9 | 1.0 | 27 | 26 |
| Stateless | 2,720 | 2,796 | 5,516 | 3% | 0.8 | 0.8 | 28 | 30 |
| Sudan | 2,396 | 2,660 | 5,056 | 11% | 0.7 | 0.7 | 31 | 31 |
| Mali | 1,330 | 3,665 | 4,995 | 176% | 0.4 | 1.0 | 40 | 25 |
| Cameroon | 2,190 | 2,589 | 4,779 | 18% | 0.7 | 0.7 | 33 | 32 |
| Guatemala | 2,469 | 2,154 | 4,623 | -13% | 0.8 | 0.6 | 30 | 34 |
| Viet Nam | 2,611 | 1,982 | 4,593 | -24% | 0.8 | 0.5 | 29 | 36 |
| Ghana | 1,641 | 2,821 | 4,462 | 72% | 0.5 | 0.8 | 37 | 29 |
| United States | 1,886 | 2,366 | 4,252 | 25% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 34 | 33 |
| Lebanon | 2,313 | 1,791 | 4,104 | -23% | 0.7 | 0.5 | 32 | 40 |
| Albania | 1,724 | 1,929 | 3,653 | 12% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 35 | 37 |
| Mongolia | 1,699 | 1,883 | 3,582 | 11% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 36 | 38 |
| Myanmar | 1,387 | 1,989 | 3,376 | 43% | 0.4 | 0.5 | 39 | 35 |
| Azerbaijan | 1,506 | 1,834 | 3,340 | 22% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 38 | 39 |
| Other | 49,504 | 54,537 | 104,041 | 10% | 15.4 | 14.9 | | |
| Total | 321,471 | 365,346 | 579,815 | 14% | 100.0 | 100.0 | | |

* Figures may include citizens of Montenegro in the absence of separate statistics available for Serbia and Montenegro.

Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries, 2008

Table 3. Origin of asylum applications lodged in Europe, 2007 and 2008

Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.
(2007 data for Italy is based on annual data; 2008 on monthly data).

| Origin | 2007 | 2008 | Total | Annual change | Share | | Rank | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------|------|
| | | | | | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Iraq | 43,819 | 39,106 | 82,925 | -11% | 17.7 | 13.8 | 1 | 1 |
| Russian Federation | 17,789 | 19,483 | 37,272 | 10% | 7.2 | 6.9 | 2 | 3 |
| Somalia | 11,879 | 21,052 | 32,931 | 77% | 4.8 | 7.4 | 5 | 2 |
| Serbia* | 15,639 | 14,810 | 30,449 | -5% | 6.3 | 5.2 | 3 | 5 |
| Afghanistan | 9,585 | 17,920 | 27,505 | 87% | 3.9 | 6.3 | 6 | 4 |
| Pakistan | 13,492 | 12,126 | 25,618 | -10% | 5.4 | 4.3 | 4 | 7 |
| Eritrea | 8,683 | 11,700 | 20,383 | 35% | 3.5 | 4.1 | 7 | 8 |
| Nigeria | 6,957 | 12,723 | 19,680 | 83% | 2.8 | 4.5 | 9 | 6 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 8,043 | 9,974 | 18,017 | 24% | 3.2 | 3.5 | 8 | 9 |
| Sri Lanka | 6,202 | 7,701 | 13,903 | 24% | 2.5 | 2.7 | 11 | 10 |
| Turkey | 6,889 | 6,914 | 13,803 | 0% | 2.8 | 2.4 | 10 | 11 |
| Bangladesh | 5,700 | 5,714 | 11,414 | 0% | 2.3 | 2.0 | 13 | 12 |
| China | 5,944 | 4,662 | 10,606 | -22% | 2.4 | 1.6 | 12 | 16 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 5,412 | 4,693 | 10,105 | -13% | 2.2 | 1.7 | 14 | 15 |
| Georgia | 3,965 | 5,372 | 9,337 | 35% | 1.6 | 1.9 | 16 | 13 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 4,352 | 4,645 | 8,997 | 7% | 1.8 | 1.6 | 15 | 17 |
| Armenia | 3,622 | 4,042 | 7,664 | 12% | 1.5 | 1.4 | 17 | 18 |
| Zimbabwe | 2,521 | 4,711 | 7,232 | 87% | 1.0 | 1.7 | 23 | 14 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 2,701 | 3,873 | 6,574 | 43% | 1.1 | 1.4 | 21 | 19 |
| India | 3,398 | 2,971 | 6,369 | -13% | 1.4 | 1.1 | 18 | 23 |
| Algeria | 2,777 | 3,470 | 6,247 | 25% | 1.1 | 1.2 | 20 | 21 |
| Guinea | 2,445 | 3,496 | 5,941 | 43% | 1.0 | 1.2 | 25 | 20 |
| Stateless | 2,543 | 2,610 | 5,153 | 3% | 1.0 | 0.9 | 22 | 25 |
| Sudan | 2,175 | 2,437 | 4,612 | 12% | 0.9 | 0.9 | 26 | 26 |
| Mali | 984 | 3,444 | 4,428 | 250% | 0.4 | 1.2 | 39 | 22 |
| Viet Nam | 2,467 | 1,796 | 4,263 | -27% | 1.0 | 0.6 | 24 | 28 |
| Ghana | 1,434 | 2,672 | 4,106 | 86% | 0.6 | 0.9 | 34 | 24 |
| Colombia | 2,824 | 1,089 | 3,913 | -61% | 1.1 | 0.4 | 19 | 37 |
| Ethiopia | 1,759 | 1,882 | 3,641 | 7% | 0.7 | 0.7 | 28 | 27 |
| Lebanon | 1,867 | 1,439 | 3,306 | -23% | 0.8 | 0.5 | 27 | 33 |
| Cameroon | 1,481 | 1,748 | 3,229 | 18% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 32 | 30 |
| Azerbaijan | 1,449 | 1,767 | 3,216 | 22% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 33 | 29 |
| Mongolia | 1,516 | 1,686 | 3,202 | 11% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 31 | 31 |
| Rep. of Moldova | 1,649 | 984 | 2,633 | -40% | 0.7 | 0.3 | 29 | 40 |
| Occupied Palestinian Territory | 1,578 | 1,043 | 2,621 | -34% | 0.6 | 0.4 | 30 | 38 |
| Congo | 1,259 | 1,256 | 2,515 | 0% | 0.5 | 0.4 | 35 | 35 |
| Albania | 1,156 | 1,353 | 2,509 | 17% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 36 | 34 |
| Togo | 886 | 1,491 | 2,377 | 68% | 0.4 | 0.5 | 40 | 32 |
| Angola | 1,132 | 1,095 | 2,227 | -3% | 0.5 | 0.4 | 37 | 36 |
| Belarus | 1,108 | 1,021 | 2,129 | -8% | 0.4 | 0.4 | 38 | 39 |
| Other | 26,851 | 30,635 | 57,486 | 14% | 10.8 | 10.8 | | |
| Total | 247,932 | 282,606 | 530,538 | 14% | 100.0 | 100.0 | | |

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Table 4. Origin of asylum applications lodged in the European Union (27), 2007 and 2008

Covering 27 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.
(2007 data for Italy is based on annual data; 2008 on monthly data).

| Origin | 2007 | 2008 | Total | Annual change | Share | | | Rank | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|------|
| | | | | | 2007 | 2008 | Total | 2007 | 2008 |
| Iraq | 38,117 | 27,607 | 65,724 | -28% | 17.2 | 11.6 | 14.3 | 1 | 1 |
| Russian Federation | 16,738 | 18,183 | 34,921 | 9% | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 2 | 2 |
| Somalia | 10,102 | 17,093 | 27,195 | 69% | 4.6 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 5 | 3 |
| Serbia* | 13,348 | 12,633 | 25,981 | -5% | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 4 | 5 |
| Pakistan | 13,369 | 12,007 | 25,376 | -10% | 6.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 3 | 6 |
| Afghanistan | 8,321 | 13,497 | 21,818 | 62% | 3.7 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 6 | 4 |
| Nigeria | 6,509 | 11,280 | 17,789 | 73% | 2.9 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 7 | 7 |
| Eritrea | 6,188 | 6,974 | 13,162 | 13% | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 9 | 8 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 5,883 | 6,734 | 12,617 | 14% | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 10 | 9 |
| Turkey | 6,220 | 6,299 | 12,519 | 1% | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 8 | 10 |
| Bangladesh | 5,654 | 5,665 | 11,319 | 0% | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 11 | 12 |
| Sri Lanka | 5,270 | 6,040 | 11,310 | 15% | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 13 | 11 |
| China | 5,634 | 4,281 | 9,915 | -24% | 2.5 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 12 | 15 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 5,035 | 4,162 | 9,197 | -17% | 2.3 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 14 | 17 |
| Georgia | 3,725 | 4,849 | 8,574 | 30% | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 16 | 13 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 3,999 | 4,220 | 8,219 | 6% | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 15 | 16 |
| Armenia | 3,568 | 3,961 | 7,529 | 11% | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 17 | 18 |
| Zimbabwe | 2,496 | 4,646 | 7,142 | 86% | 1.1 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 22 | 14 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 2,533 | 3,672 | 6,205 | 45% | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 21 | 19 |
| India | 3,281 | 2,867 | 6,148 | -13% | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 18 | 23 |
| Algeria | 2,618 | 3,133 | 5,751 | 20% | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 20 | 22 |
| Guinea | 2,301 | 3,209 | 5,510 | 39% | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 24 | 21 |
| Mali | 975 | 3,415 | 4,390 | 250% | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 39 | 20 |
| Viet Nam | 2,415 | 1,758 | 4,173 | -27% | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 23 | 26 |
| Sudan | 2,009 | 2,068 | 4,077 | 3% | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 26 | 25 |
| Ghana | 1,402 | 2,584 | 3,986 | 84% | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 30 | 24 |
| Colombia | 2,775 | 1,037 | 3,812 | -63% | 1.3 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 19 | 36 |
| Stateless | 2,026 | 1,656 | 3,682 | -18% | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 25 | 28 |
| Lebanon | 1,749 | 1,347 | 3,096 | -23% | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 27 | 32 |
| Azerbaijan | 1,398 | 1,691 | 3,089 | 21% | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 31 | 27 |
| Cameroon | 1,319 | 1,620 | 2,939 | 23% | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 33 | 29 |
| Mongolia | 1,382 | 1,518 | 2,900 | 10% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 32 | 30 |
| Rep. of Moldova | 1,603 | 955 | 2,558 | -40% | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 28 | 38 |
| Congo | 1,236 | 1,226 | 2,462 | -1% | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 34 | 35 |
| Ethiopia | 1,184 | 1,277 | 2,461 | 8% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 35 | 33 |
| Albania | 1,076 | 1,256 | 2,332 | 17% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 36 | 34 |
| Occupied Palestinian Territory | 1,419 | 888 | 2,307 | -37% | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 29 | 40 |
| Togo | 770 | 1,379 | 2,149 | 79% | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 40 | 31 |
| Belarus | 1,053 | 962 | 2,015 | -9% | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 37 | 37 |
| Ukraine | 1,016 | 938 | 1,954 | -8% | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 38 | 39 |
| Other | 24,234 | 27,497 | 51,731 | 13% | 10.9 | 11.5 | 11.2 | | |
| Total | 221,950 | 238,084 | 460,034 | 7% | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | | |

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Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries, 2008

Table 5. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, 2007

Covering the 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR (exception: data for Italy is based on annual data).
Top-20 ranking of countries based on applications lodged in all countries. An asterisk (*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

| Origin | Albania | Australia | Austria | Belgium | Bosnia and H. | Bulgaria | Canada | Croatia | Cyprus | Czech Rep. | Denmark** | Estonia | Finland | France | Germany |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| Iraq | - | 216 | 472 | 825 | - | 533 | 293 | 6 | 200 | 49 | 700 | - | 307 | 144 | 4,171 |
| Russian Federation | - | 21 | 2,676 | 1,436 | - | 8 | 302 | * | 62 | 99 | 115 | * | 172 | 3,222 | 752 |
| China | - | 1,213 | 223 | 135 | * | 7 | 1,353 | - | 214 | 38 | 41 | - | 9 | 1,288 | 246 |
| Serbia*** | 10 | 10 | 1,760 | 1,219 | 555 | * | 133 | 86 | - | 49 | 92 | - | 142 | 3,063 | 1,871 |
| Pakistan | - | 145 | 103 | 150 | * | * | 349 | 15 | 339 | 22 | 17 | - | 8 | 343 | 293 |
| Somalia | - | 6 | 467 | 168 | - | * | 238 | - | 12 | 6 | 35 | - | 81 | 47 | 126 |
| Afghanistan | * | 20 | 761 | 696 | - | 77 | 270 | * | 24 | 21 | 144 | - | 70 | 184 | 329 |
| Mexico | - | * | - | - | - | - | 7,057 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Eritrea | - | 21 | 14 | 27 | - | * | 141 | - | - | * | 6 | - | * | 91 | 335 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | - | 84 | 248 | 411 | * | 33 | 220 | 15 | 475 | 6 | 109 | - | 78 | 147 | 616 |
| Nigeria | * | 17 | 394 | 78 | - | 18 | 755 | * | 182 | 69 | 22 | - | 41 | 445 | 439 |
| Sri Lanka | - | 445 | 37 | 88 | * | - | 793 | * | 661 | 38 | 42 | * | 18 | 2,130 | 370 |
| Turkey | - | 38 | 659 | 250 | - | 13 | 150 | * | 46 | 213 | 24 | - | 74 | 2,223 | 1,368 |
| Haiti | - | - | * | 5 | - | - | 3,231 | - | - | - | * | - | - | 673 | * |
| Colombia | - | 25 | * | 10 | - | * | 2,577 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 79 | 25 |
| Bangladesh | - | 66 | 70 | 61 | * | 17 | 73 | - | 264 | 17 | 6 | - | 13 | 959 | 66 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | - | 10 | 166 | 199 | * | 15 | 68 | - | 1,752 | 31 | 74 | - | 8 | 45 | 604 |
| India | * | 349 | 385 | 53 | - | - | 641 | * | 294 | 19 | 56 | - | 11 | 63 | 412 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | - | * | 37 | 716 | - | * | 351 | * | 5 | 24 | * | - | 35 | 2,126 | 173 |
| Georgia | - | - | 400 | 156 | - | * | 59 | 6 | 352 | 45 | 6 | - | 6 | 177 | 183 |

| Origin | Greece | Hungary | Iceland | Ireland | Italy | Japan | Latvia | Liechtenstein | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Malta | Montenegro | Netherlands | New Zealand | Norway |
|------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|--------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Iraq | 5,474 | 136 | * | 285 | 189 | * | * | * | - | 14 | 5 | - | 2,004 | 30 | 1,227 |
| Russian Federation | 50 | 51 | 5 | 52 | 36 | 5 | * | 6 | 53 | 13 | - | - | 81 | * | 863 |
| China | 36 | 417 | * | 259 | 13 | 17 | - | * | * | * | - | - | 243 | 26 | 40 |
| Serbia*** | * | 723 | * | 29 | 1,113 | * | - | * | - | 225 | * | - | 24 | - | 585 |
| Pakistan | 9,144 | 15 | * | 185 | 176 | 27 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 22 | 8 | 43 |
| Somalia | 174 | 99 | - | 144 | 757 | - | - | * | - | * | 585 | - | 1,874 | 6 | 187 |
| Afghanistan | 1,556 | 35 | * | 78 | 663 | 12 | - | - | - | * | * | - | 143 | * | 234 |
| Mexico | - | - | - | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | * |
| Eritrea | 26 | * | - | 113 | 2,260 | - | - | - | * | - | 339 | - | 153 | - | 789 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 354 | 14 | * | 85 | 69 | 19 | - | * | - | 16 | - | - | 187 | 27 | 222 |
| Nigeria | 390 | 86 | * | 1,028 | 1,336 | 6 | * | - | * | 7 | 38 | - | 179 | * | 108 |
| Sri Lanka | 134 | 10 | * | 12 | 224 | 43 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 104 | 25 | 238 |
| Turkey | 133 | 56 | * | 6 | 394 | 76 | * | - | - | * | * | - | 103 | * | 49 |
| Haiti | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | * |
| Colombia | - | - | - | - | 66 | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15 | * | * |
| Bangladesh | 2,965 | 10 | - | 24 | 315 | 14 | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | 18 | 12 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 1,311 | 48 | 5 | 7 | 27 | - | - | - | - | - | * | - | 36 | * | 49 |
| India | 261 | 8 | - | 24 | 62 | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | 80 | 7 | 83 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | * | * | - | 149 | 37 | 10 | - | * | - | * | 14 | - | 15 | * | 54 |
| Georgia | 1,559 | 131 | - | 174 | 20 | - | - | * | 13 | * | - | - | 66 | - | * |

| Origin | Poland | Portugal | Rep. of Korea | Romania | Serbia | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain | Sweden | Switzerland | TFYR Macedonia | Turkey | United Kingdom | United States**** |
|------------------------|--------|----------|---------------|---------|--------|----------|----------|-------|--------|-------------|----------------|--------|----------------|-------------------|
| Iraq | 29 | * | * | 243 | 35 | 132 | * | 1,564 | 18,559 | 956 | * | 3,471 | 2,075 | 735 |
| Russian Federation | 6,536 | 6 | * | * | - | 307 | 9 | 82 | 788 | 171 | - | * | 125 | 684 |
| China | 20 | - | 29 | 26 | - | 96 | * | 8 | 121 | 249 | - | 16 | 2,185 | 8,637 |
| Serbia*** | * | * | - | 183 | - | 7 | 234 | 9 | 2,500 | 1,030 | 22 | - | 95 | 292 |
| Pakistan | 31 | * | * | 7 | * | 650 | 11 | 22 | 61 | 46 | - | 12 | 1,765 | 425 |
| Somalia | 9 | 15 | - | 28 | - | 9 | - | 152 | 3,349 | 464 | - | 1,124 | 1,960 | 207 |
| Afghanistan | 9 | 7 | * | * | - | 66 | 12 | 15 | 609 | 322 | - | 705 | 2,815 | 101 |
| Mexico | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | * | 5 | * | - | - | - | 2,487 |
| Eritrea | * | * | - | - | - | - | - | 24 | 878 | 1,661 | - | 45 | 1,905 | 315 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | * | * | * | 6 | * | * | * | 26 | 485 | 231 | - | 1,687 | 2,510 | 307 |
| Nigeria | 22 | * | 100 | * | - | 9 | * | 674 | 136 | 327 | - | 6 | 905 | 183 |
| Sri Lanka | 62 | 6 | 67 | 5 | - | 20 | - | 32 | 27 | 636 | - | 50 | 1,250 | 217 |
| Turkey | 10 | * | - | 40 | - | 9 | 39 | 18 | 290 | 616 | - | - | 245 | 68 |
| Haiti | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | * | - | * | - | - | - | 2,726 |
| Colombia | * | 86 | - | * | - | - | - | 2,437 | 12 | 48 | - | - | 40 | 1,213 |
| Bangladesh | 23 | - | 24 | 9 | - | 108 | * | 37 | 87 | 31 | - | * | 590 | 162 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | * | - | * | 10 | - | 39 | - | 31 | 440 | 301 | - | 21 | 190 | 55 |
| India | 41 | 5 | * | 15 | - | 619 | * | 177 | 90 | 25 | 5 | - | 600 | 629 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | * | 11 | 10 | * | - | * | * | 131 | 66 | 217 | * | 76 | 440 | 84 |
| Georgia | 14 | - | - | * | 9 | 134 | * | 13 | 204 | 221 | - | - | 60 | 42 |

** Asylum claims in Denmark exclude Iraqi interpreters who have worked for the Danish Forces in Iraq.

*** Figures may include citizens of Montenegro in the absence of separate statistics available for Serbia and Montenegro.

**** Combination of number of persons (EOIR) and cases (DHS).

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Table 6. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, 2008

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

| Origin | Albania | Australia | Austria | Belgium | Bosnia and H. | Bulgaria | Canada | Croatia | Cyprus | Czech Rep. | Denmark** | Estonia | Finland | France | Germany |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| Iraq | - | 193 | 494 | 1,070 | - | 350 | 310 | - | 170 | 27 | 543 | * | 1,253 | 627 | 6,697 |
| Somalia | - | 15 | 392 | 163 | - | 14 | 441 | * | * | * | 58 | - | 1,176 | 92 | 166 |
| Russian Federation | - | 21 | 3,436 | 1,615 | - | 7 | 280 | 8 | 27 | 80 | 183 | * | 208 | 3,579 | 768 |
| Afghanistan | - | 52 | 1,365 | 879 | - | 55 | 408 | * | 33 | 28 | 418 | - | 249 | 263 | 650 |
| China | - | 1,226 | 236 | 189 | - | 10 | 1,476 | - | 91 | 32 | 19 | - | 6 | 821 | 285 |
| Serbia*** | 5 | 5 | 1,702 | 1,050 | 82 | * | 139 | 62 | - | 30 | 118 | - | 161 | 3,129 | 1,511 |
| Nigeria | - | 25 | 535 | 59 | - | 18 | 765 | * | 100 | 42 | 29 | * | 76 | 459 | 500 |
| Pakistan | - | 220 | 106 | 150 | * | * | 368 | 16 | 221 | 13 | 14 | - | 8 | 325 | 309 |
| Eritrea | - | 6 | 19 | 35 | - | - | 178 | - | - | - | 15 | - | * | 120 | 247 |
| Mexico | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9,413 | - | - | - | - | - | * | - | - |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | - | 158 | 250 | 614 | - | 19 | 284 | 7 | 213 | * | 196 | - | 143 | 147 | 804 |
| Sri Lanka | * | 417 | 12 | 148 | - | 17 | 1,000 | 8 | 408 | 6 | 53 | - | 36 | 2,304 | 459 |
| Turkey | - | 36 | 418 | 284 | * | 7 | 230 | 10 | 72 | 251 | 39 | * | 65 | 2,196 | 1,320 |
| Haiti | - | - | - | * | - | - | 4,247 | - | - | - | * | - | - | 925 | * |
| Bangladesh | - | 131 | 52 | 79 | - | * | 96 | - | 178 | - | 14 | - | 9 | 1,242 | 41 |
| Georgia | - | * | 514 | 222 | - | * | 92 | - | 122 | 39 | 25 | * | 13 | 376 | 233 |
| Zimbabwe | - | 214 | 12 | 8 | - | - | 348 | - | * | - | 5 | - | * | 15 | 69 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | - | 8 | 65 | 579 | - | * | 437 | - | 5 | 11 | 9 | - | 31 | 2,485 | 166 |
| Colombia | - | 23 | - | * | - | - | 3,069 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 116 | 8 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | - | 16 | 140 | 281 | - | 20 | 76 | - | 963 | 63 | 105 | - | 24 | 32 | 744 |

| Origin | Greece | Hungary | Iceland | Ireland | Italy | Japan | Latvia | Liechtenstein | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Malta | Montenegro | Netherlands | New Zealand | Norway |
|------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|--------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Iraq | 1,760 | 125 | 5 | 203 | 803 | * | - | - | * | 29 | 5 | - | 5,027 | 33 | 3,137 |
| Somalia | 149 | 185 | * | 141 | 4,473 | - | - | - | * | 10 | 1,081 | - | 3,842 | * | 1,293 |
| Russian Federation | 125 | 21 | * | 30 | 14 | - | 5 | * | 138 | 13 | - | - | 95 | * | 1,078 |
| Afghanistan | 2,287 | 116 | 5 | 79 | 2,005 | * | 10 | - | * | * | - | * | 395 | * | 1,363 |
| China | 55 | 55 | * | 180 | 44 | 18 | - | - | * | * | - | - | 563 | 24 | 81 |
| Serbia*** | 6 | 1,593 | 15 | 41 | 851 | - | - | * | * | 219 | - | * | 32 | - | 675 |
| Nigeria | 746 | 56 | 5 | 1,008 | 5,333 | 10 | * | - | * | 5 | 223 | - | 97 | * | 436 |
| Pakistan | 6,914 | 246 | * | 237 | 920 | 37 | * | - | 6 | - | * | - | 46 | * | 38 |
| Eritrea | 47 | - | * | 78 | 2,739 | - | - | - | 11 | 176 | - | - | 236 | * | 1,799 |
| Mexico | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | * | * |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 312 | 10 | * | 65 | 141 | 38 | - | * | * | 18 | - | - | 322 | 28 | 720 |
| Sri Lanka | 123 | 12 | 5 | 11 | 221 | 90 | * | - | 6 | - | 5 | - | 216 | 26 | 342 |
| Turkey | 53 | 70 | - | 5 | 759 | 156 | * | * | * | * | * | - | 71 | * | 82 |
| Haiti | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bangladesh | 1,778 | 35 | - | 47 | 1,322 | 33 | * | - | - | - | * | - | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| Georgia | 2,241 | 165 | * | 180 | 46 | - | 17 | * | 7 | * | * | * | 64 | - | 19 |
| Zimbabwe | - | * | - | 114 | 42 | * | - | - | * | - | * | - | 10 | 8 | 17 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 12 | - | - | 172 | 63 | 14 | - | - | * | 6 | * | - | 40 | * | 107 |
| Colombia | - | - | - | - | 62 | 7 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 34 | * | 9 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 808 | 16 | * | 17 | 36 | - | * | - | 5 | - | * | - | 48 | * | 115 |

| Origin | Poland | Portugal | Rep. of Korea | Romania | Serbia | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain | Sweden | Switzerland | TYR Macedonia | Turkey | United Kingdom | United States**** |
|------------------------|--------|----------|---------------|---------|--------|----------|----------|-------|--------|-------------|---------------|--------|----------------|-------------------|
| Iraq | 66 | * | * | 133 | 12 | 45 | - | 61 | 6,083 | 1,440 | * | 6,904 | 2,030 | 835 |
| Somalia | * | * | - | 8 | * | - | - | 195 | 3,361 | 2,014 | * | 647 | 1,575 | 311 |
| Russian Federation | 6,647 | - | * | 11 | - | 107 | * | 63 | 933 | 208 | - | - | 70 | 691 |
| Afghanistan | * | * | - | 5 | - | 75 | 10 | 50 | 784 | 405 | 6 | 2,642 | 3,730 | 73 |
| China | 20 | * | 30 | 53 | - | 44 | * | 6 | 75 | 272 | - | 27 | 1,490 | 9,992 |
| Serbia*** | * | * | - | 25 | - | 16 | 69 | * | 1,989 | 1,301 | 34 | - | 80 | 250 |
| Nigeria | 19 | 8 | 27 | 7 | * | * | 7 | 801 | 176 | 988 | * | 7 | 970 | 157 |
| Pakistan | 15 | - | 47 | 252 | - | 95 | * | 52 | 59 | 53 | - | 9 | 2,010 | 467 |
| Eritrea | - | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | 43 | 857 | 2,849 | - | 76 | 2,345 | 423 |
| Mexico | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 | - | * | - | - | - | 2,739 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | * | * | 7 | 8 | - | 5 | 11 | 64 | 799 | 393 | * | 2,116 | 2,585 | 324 |
| Sri Lanka | 17 | 27 | 71 | 7 | - | 13 | * | 61 | 35 | 1,262 | - | 42 | 1,840 | 373 |
| Turkey | 17 | - | - | 79 | - | 7 | 72 | 26 | 254 | 519 | * | - | 225 | 90 |
| Haiti | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | * | * | - | - | - | 1,929 |
| Bangladesh | * | - | 30 | 172 | - | 42 | - | 38 | 93 | 38 | - | * | 500 | 169 |
| Georgia | 54 | 5 | - | 43 | 17 | 112 | * | 62 | 211 | 481 | - | - | 85 | 83 |
| Zimbabwe | - | - | - | * | - | - | - | 15 | 15 | 48 | - | - | 4,330 | 264 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | * | 17 | 11 | * | - | * | * | 103 | 60 | 246 | - | 72 | 380 | 91 |
| Colombia | - | 24 | - | - | - | - | - | 753 | 10 | 43 | - | - | 25 | 794 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 8 | - | - | 11 | 5 | 8 | - | 97 | 551 | 388 | - | 22 | 180 | 68 |

** Asylum claims in Denmark exclude Iraqi interpreters who have worked for the Danish Forces in Iraq.

*** Figures may include citizens of Montenegro in the absence of separate statistics available for Serbia and Montenegro.

**** Combination of number of persons (EOIR) and cases (DHS).

Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries, 2008

Table 7. Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2007-2008

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

| Asylum country | 2007 | | | | 2008 | | | | Quarterly change 2008 | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q2-Q1 | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 |
| Albania | 12 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 | - | - | -60% | -100% | .. |
| Australia | 912 | 1,039 | 1,022 | 998 | 942 | 1,027 | 1,488 | 1,293 | 9% | 45% | -13% |
| Austria | 3,064 | 2,645 | 2,948 | 3,264 | 2,813 | 2,537 | 3,547 | 3,912 | -10% | 40% | 10% |
| Belgium | 2,802 | 2,728 | 2,565 | 3,020 | 2,941 | 2,777 | 3,158 | 3,376 | -6% | 14% | 7% |
| Bosnia and H. | 5 | 454 | 55 | 58 | 52 | 16 | 6 | 26 | -69% | -63% | 333% |
| Bulgaria | 231 | 209 | 232 | 303 | 236 | 181 | 173 | 156 | -23% | -4% | -10% |
| Canada | 5,890 | 5,490 | 7,587 | 9,375 | 8,411 | 8,424 | 10,285 | 9,775 | 0% | 22% | -5% |
| Croatia | 31 | 35 | 51 | 78 | 38 | 30 | 31 | 56 | -21% | 3% | 81% |
| Cyprus | 1,651 | 1,649 | 1,381 | 2,108 | 1,117 | 896 | 981 | 928 | -20% | 9% | -5% |
| Czech Rep. | 464 | 382 | 471 | 561 | 582 | 349 | 349 | 410 | -40% | 0% | 17% |
| Denmark | 603 | 376 | 407 | 486 | 533 | 448 | 592 | 787 | -16% | 32% | 33% |
| Estonia | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 0% | -67% | 600% |
| Finland | 308 | 296 | 451 | 379 | 395 | 636 | 1,227 | 1,758 | 61% | 93% | 43% |
| France | 7,656 | 7,037 | 6,774 | 7,691 | 7,849 | 8,175 | 8,772 | 10,368 | 4% | 7% | 18% |
| Germany | 4,430 | 3,791 | 5,172 | 5,140 | 5,760 | 4,965 | 5,417 | 5,229 | -14% | 9% | -3% |
| Greece | 7,446 | 7,148 | 5,456 | 5,063 | 4,916 | 5,249 | 4,863 | 4,856 | 7% | -7% | 0% |
| Hungary | 509 | 696 | 770 | 1,444 | 701 | 517 | 794 | 1,106 | -26% | 54% | 39% |
| Iceland | 10 | 7 | 17 | 8 | 15 | 19 | 28 | 16 | 27% | 47% | -43% |
| Ireland | 1,065 | 911 | 970 | 1,039 | 924 | 929 | 1,032 | 980 | 1% | 11% | -5% |
| Italy | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4,966 | 6,115 | 10,166 | 9,917 | 23% | 66% | -2% |
| Japan | 163 | 206 | 201 | 246 | 309 | 365 | 426 | 499 | 18% | 17% | 17% |
| Latvia | 4 | 9 | 19 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 31 | 25% | 120% | 182% |
| Liechtenstein | 4 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 4 | -40% | 0% | -33% |
| Lithuania | 47 | 21 | 15 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 56 | 94 | 0% | 70% | 68% |
| Luxembourg | 101 | 97 | 124 | 104 | 99 | 99 | 165 | 100 | 0% | 67% | -39% |
| Malta | 257 | 140 | 405 | 577 | 478 | 623 | 894 | 612 | 30% | 43% | -32% |
| Montenegro | 2 | - | - | - | 3 | 2 | 2 | - | -33% | 0% | -100% |
| Netherlands | 1,660 | 1,373 | 1,845 | 2,224 | 2,656 | 3,109 | 4,004 | 3,630 | 17% | 29% | -9% |
| New Zealand | 67 | 48 | 60 | 73 | 71 | 63 | 57 | 63 | -11% | -10% | 11% |
| Norway | 1,215 | 1,233 | 1,927 | 2,153 | 2,478 | 2,915 | 4,682 | 4,356 | 18% | 61% | -7% |
| Poland | 717 | 659 | 1,526 | 4,214 | 1,503 | 1,507 | 2,026 | 2,167 | 0% | 34% | 7% |
| Portugal | 67 | 76 | 37 | 41 | 31 | 62 | 35 | 33 | 100% | -44% | -6% |
| Republic of Korea | 167 | 154 | 122 | 274 | 102 | 70 | 86 | 106 | -31% | 23% | 23% |
| Romania | 87 | 115 | 278 | 179 | 189 | 169 | 333 | 392 | -11% | 97% | 18% |
| Serbia | 6 | 6 | 22 | 30 | 25 | 7 | 32 | 13 | -72% | 357% | -59% |
| Slovakia | 670 | 822 | 769 | 382 | 172 | 247 | 241 | 250 | 44% | -2% | 4% |
| Slovenia | 62 | 121 | 140 | 104 | 42 | 72 | 46 | 78 | 71% | -36% | 70% |
| Spain | 2,333 | 1,849 | 1,440 | 1,841 | 1,150 | 1,211 | 990 | 1,127 | 5% | -18% | 14% |
| Sweden | 9,228 | 8,393 | 9,423 | 9,163 | 7,049 | 5,221 | 5,978 | 6,105 | -26% | 14% | 2% |
| Switzerland | 3,142 | 2,450 | 2,408 | 2,844 | 2,786 | 3,159 | 4,406 | 6,255 | 13% | 39% | 42% |
| TFYR Macedonia | 4 | 10 | 7 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 35 | 6 | -14% | 483% | -83% |
| Turkey | 1,202 | 2,019 | 2,476 | 1,945 | 2,210 | 2,629 | 4,000 | 4,142 | 19% | 52% | 4% |
| United Kingdom | 6,750 | 5,920 | 7,090 | 8,140 | 7,705 | 6,840 | 7,985 | 8,015 | -11% | 17% | 0% |
| United States | 13,486 | 13,525 | 10,752 | 11,830 | 12,413 | 13,152 | 12,332 | 11,118 | 6% | -6% | -10% |
| Totals excluding Italy | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EU-"Old" (14) | 47,513 | 42,640 | 44,702 | 47,595 | 44,821 | 42,258 | 47,765 | 50,276 | -6% | 13% | 5% |
| EU-"New" (12) | 4,700 | 4,828 | 6,007 | 9,909 | 5,060 | 4,602 | 5,905 | 6,231 | -9% | 28% | 6% |
| EU-Total (26) | 52,213 | 47,468 | 50,709 | 57,504 | 49,881 | 46,860 | 53,670 | 56,507 | -6% | 15% | 5% |
| Nordic countries (5) | 11,364 | 10,305 | 12,225 | 12,189 | 10,470 | 9,239 | 12,507 | 13,022 | -12% | 35% | 4% |
| Western Europe (18) | 51,884 | 46,340 | 49,064 | 52,608 | 50,110 | 48,357 | 56,887 | 60,907 | -3% | 18% | 7% |
| Southern Europe (7) | 11,766 | 10,873 | 8,722 | 9,632 | 7,697 | 8,043 | 7,763 | 7,556 | 4% | -3% | -3% |
| Total Europe (37) | 57,846 | 53,703 | 57,685 | 64,642 | 57,510 | 55,651 | 66,898 | 71,381 | -3% | 20% | 7% |
| Canada/USA | 19,376 | 19,015 | 18,339 | 21,205 | 20,824 | 21,576 | 22,617 | 20,893 | 4% | 5% | -8% |
| Australia/New Zealand | 979 | 1,087 | 1,082 | 1,071 | 1,013 | 1,090 | 1,545 | 1,356 | 8% | 42% | -12% |
| Total non-Europe (6) | 20,685 | 20,462 | 19,744 | 22,796 | 22,248 | 23,101 | 24,674 | 22,854 | 4% | 7% | -7% |
| Total (43) | 78,531 | 74,165 | 77,429 | 87,438 | 79,758 | 78,752 | 91,572 | 94,235 | -1% | 16% | 3% |
| Totals including Italy | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EU-"Old" (15) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 49,787 | 48,373 | 57,931 | 60,193 | -3% | 20% | 4% |
| EU-Total (27) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 54,847 | 52,975 | 63,836 | 66,424 | -3% | 21% | 4% |
| Western Europe (19) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 55,076 | 54,472 | 67,053 | 70,824 | -1% | 23% | 6% |
| Southern Europe (8) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14,873 | 16,787 | 21,929 | 21,615 | 13% | 31% | -1% |
| Total Europe (38) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 62,476 | 61,766 | 77,064 | 81,298 | -1% | 25% | 5% |
| Total (44) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 84,724 | 84,867 | 101,738 | 104,152 | 0% | 20% | 2% |

Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries, 2008

Table 8. Origin of asylum applicants in 43 industrialized countries by quarter, 2007

Covering 43 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR (excluding Italy).

| Origin | No. of applications (excluding Italy) | | | | | Change (%) | | | Share (%) | | | | Total 2007 including Italy |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | Q2-Q1 | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
| Iraq | 10,732 | 10,695 | 11,742 | 11,742 | 44,911 | 0% | 10% | 0% | 14.1 | 15.0 | 15.6 | 13.8 | 45,100 |
| Russian Federation | 3,323 | 3,273 | 4,228 | 7,945 | 18,769 | -2% | 29% | 88% | 4.4 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 9.3 | 18,805 |
| China | 4,430 | 4,194 | 4,091 | 4,491 | 17,206 | -5% | -2% | 10% | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 17,219 |
| Serbia* | 3,936 | 3,728 | 3,774 | 3,525 | 14,963 | -5% | 1% | -7% | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 16,076 |
| Pakistan | 4,004 | 3,366 | 3,916 | 2,988 | 14,274 | -16% | 16% | -24% | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 14,450 |
| Somalia | 2,577 | 2,413 | 3,247 | 3,342 | 11,579 | -6% | 35% | 3% | 3.4 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 12,336 |
| Mexico | 2,112 | 2,318 | 2,565 | 2,565 | 9,560 | 10% | 11% | 0% | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 9,560 |
| Afghanistan | 2,283 | 2,265 | 2,185 | 2,596 | 9,329 | -1% | -4% | 19% | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 9,992 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 1,996 | 1,809 | 2,273 | 2,556 | 8,634 | -9% | 26% | 12% | 2.6 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 8,703 |
| Sri Lanka | 1,875 | 1,746 | 1,941 | 2,006 | 7,568 | -7% | 11% | 3% | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 7,792 |
| Eritrea | 1,660 | 1,060 | 1,758 | 2,422 | 6,900 | -36% | 66% | 38% | 2.2 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 9,160 |
| Turkey | 1,889 | 1,642 | 1,495 | 1,804 | 6,830 | -13% | -9% | 21% | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 7,224 |
| Nigeria | 1,634 | 1,467 | 1,688 | 1,894 | 6,683 | -10% | 15% | 12% | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 8,019 |
| Haiti | 1,540 | 1,418 | 1,773 | 1,913 | 6,644 | -8% | 25% | 8% | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 6,644 |
| Colombia | 1,177 | 1,602 | 1,430 | 2,366 | 6,575 | 36% | -11% | 65% | 1.6 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 6,641 |
| Bangladesh | 2,448 | 1,263 | 927 | 1,104 | 5,742 | -48% | -27% | 19% | 3.2 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 6,057 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 1,443 | 1,429 | 1,120 | 1,528 | 5,520 | -1% | -22% | 36% | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 5,547 |
| India | 1,403 | 1,284 | 1,217 | 1,061 | 4,965 | -8% | -5% | -13% | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 5,027 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 1,293 | 1,277 | 1,053 | 1,150 | 4,773 | -1% | -18% | 9% | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 4,810 |
| Georgia | 830 | 1,299 | 954 | 963 | 4,046 | 57% | -27% | 1% | 1.1 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 4,066 |
| Armenia | 949 | 893 | 967 | 1,117 | 3,926 | -6% | 8% | 16% | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 3,947 |
| El Salvador | 1,025 | 955 | 747 | 867 | 3,594 | -7% | -22% | 16% | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 3,611 |
| Zimbabwe | 590 | 646 | 786 | 1,021 | 3,043 | 9% | 22% | 30% | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 3,045 |
| Guinea | 744 | 695 | 719 | 742 | 2,900 | -7% | 3% | 3% | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 3,117 |
| Algeria | 696 | 589 | 720 | 814 | 2,819 | -15% | 22% | 13% | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2,888 |
| Ethiopia | 715 | 651 | 680 | 707 | 2,753 | -9% | 4% | 4% | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 3,152 |
| Stateless | 640 | 595 | 765 | 718 | 2,718 | -7% | 29% | -6% | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 2,720 |
| Viet Nam | 497 | 636 | 555 | 920 | 2,608 | 28% | -13% | 66% | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 2,611 |
| Guatemala | 733 | 739 | 430 | 567 | 2,469 | 1% | -42% | 32% | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 2,469 |
| Lebanon | 706 | 490 | 538 | 474 | 2,208 | -31% | 10% | -12% | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 2,313 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 618 | 493 | 522 | 492 | 2,125 | -20% | 6% | -6% | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 3,107 |
| Cameroon | 545 | 475 | 526 | 524 | 2,070 | -13% | 11% | 0% | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 2,190 |
| Sudan | 572 | 479 | 462 | 500 | 2,013 | -16% | -4% | 8% | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 2,396 |
| United States | 268 | 239 | 590 | 788 | 1,885 | -11% | 147% | 34% | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1,886 |
| Rep. of Moldova | 544 | 395 | 524 | 305 | 1,768 | -27% | 33% | -42% | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 1,797 |
| Albania | 416 | 355 | 404 | 526 | 1,701 | -15% | 14% | 30% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1,724 |
| Mongolia | 445 | 443 | 419 | 390 | 1,697 | 0% | -5% | -7% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1,699 |
| Occupied Palest. Terr. | 182 | 283 | 365 | 775 | 1,605 | 55% | 29% | 112% | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 1,686 |
| Azerbaijan | 326 | 330 | 403 | 436 | 1,495 | 1% | 22% | 8% | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1,506 |
| Ukraine | 392 | 380 | 363 | 356 | 1,491 | -3% | -4% | -2% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 1,517 |
| Other | 11,675 | 11,043 | 10,277 | 12,064 | 45,059 | -5% | -7% | 17% | 15.4 | 15.5 | 13.7 | 14.2 | 48,862 |
| Total | 75,863 | 71,352 | 75,139 | 85,064 | 307,418 | -6% | 5% | 13% | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 321,471 |

* Figures may include citizens of Montenegro in the absence of separate statistics available for Serbia and Montenegro.

Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries, 2008

Table 9. Origin of asylum applicants in 44 industrialized countries by quarter, 2008
Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

| Origin | No. of applications | | | | | Change (%) | | | Share (%) | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | Q2-Q1 | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Iraq | 10,698 | 8,863 | 10,526 | 10,396 | 40,483 | -17% | 19% | -1% | 13.0 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 10.2 |
| Somalia | 3,518 | 4,296 | 6,720 | 7,289 | 21,823 | 22% | 56% | 8% | 4.3 | 5.2 | 6.8 | 7.2 |
| Russian Federation | 5,194 | 4,242 | 5,400 | 5,641 | 20,477 | -18% | 27% | 4% | 6.3 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.5 |
| Afghanistan | 3,281 | 3,363 | 5,729 | 6,086 | 18,459 | 2% | 70% | 6% | 4.0 | 4.1 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| China | 4,109 | 4,572 | 4,389 | 4,358 | 17,428 | 11% | -4% | -1% | 5.0 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| Serbia* | 3,428 | 2,976 | 3,994 | 4,806 | 15,204 | -13% | 34% | 20% | 4.2 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.7 |
| Nigeria | 2,472 | 2,764 | 4,019 | 4,453 | 13,708 | 12% | 45% | 11% | 3.0 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 4.4 |
| Pakistan | 3,234 | 3,207 | 3,358 | 3,469 | 13,268 | -1% | 5% | 3% | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| Eritrea | 2,194 | 1,961 | 3,650 | 4,504 | 12,309 | -11% | 86% | 23% | 2.7 | 2.4 | 3.7 | 4.4 |
| Mexico | 2,517 | 2,700 | 3,559 | 3,393 | 12,169 | 7% | 32% | -5% | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.3 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 2,435 | 2,223 | 2,974 | 3,181 | 10,813 | -9% | 34% | 7% | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.1 |
| Sri Lanka | 2,370 | 2,348 | 2,295 | 2,665 | 9,678 | -1% | -2% | 16% | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| Turkey | 2,066 | 1,701 | 1,652 | 2,008 | 7,427 | -18% | -3% | 22% | 2.5 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 2.0 |
| Haiti | 1,787 | 1,895 | 1,918 | 1,517 | 7,117 | 6% | 1% | -21% | 2.2 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 1.5 |
| Bangladesh | 1,300 | 1,485 | 1,411 | 1,986 | 6,182 | 14% | -5% | 41% | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 2.0 |
| Georgia | 946 | 1,239 | 1,604 | 1,759 | 5,548 | 31% | 29% | 10% | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Zimbabwe | 1,172 | 1,167 | 1,779 | 1,428 | 5,546 | 0% | 52% | -20% | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.4 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 1,323 | 1,276 | 1,296 | 1,314 | 5,209 | -4% | 2% | 1% | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Colombia | 1,308 | 1,312 | 1,162 | 1,202 | 4,984 | 0% | -11% | 3% | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 1,172 | 1,299 | 1,318 | 1,066 | 4,855 | 11% | 1% | -19% | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.0 |
| India | 1,040 | 1,204 | 1,402 | 1,133 | 4,779 | 16% | 16% | -19% | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Armenia | 964 | 1,035 | 1,194 | 1,175 | 4,368 | 7% | 15% | -2% | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 1,063 | 1,035 | 1,031 | 1,026 | 4,155 | -3% | 0% | 0% | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Guinea | 903 | 901 | 1,078 | 1,132 | 4,014 | 0% | 20% | 5% | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Mali | 635 | 1,174 | 1,195 | 661 | 3,665 | 85% | 2% | -45% | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 0.6 |
| Algeria | 788 | 690 | 1,054 | 1,058 | 3,590 | -12% | 53% | 0% | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Ethiopia | 783 | 775 | 943 | 979 | 3,480 | -1% | 22% | 4% | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| El Salvador | 796 | 948 | 788 | 745 | 3,277 | 19% | -17% | -5% | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| Ghana | 395 | 515 | 1,043 | 868 | 2,821 | 30% | 103% | -17% | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| Stateless | 627 | 597 | 861 | 711 | 2,796 | -5% | 44% | -17% | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Sudan | 548 | 573 | 740 | 799 | 2,660 | 5% | 29% | 8% | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Cameroon | 592 | 691 | 670 | 636 | 2,589 | 17% | -3% | -5% | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| United States | 576 | 605 | 702 | 483 | 2,366 | 5% | 16% | -31% | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Guatemala | 521 | 565 | 595 | 473 | 2,154 | 8% | 5% | -21% | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Myanmar | 440 | 460 | 546 | 543 | 1,989 | 5% | 19% | -1% | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Viet Nam | 523 | 460 | 521 | 478 | 1,982 | -12% | 13% | -8% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Albania | 449 | 451 | 496 | 533 | 1,929 | 0% | 10% | 7% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Mongolia | 486 | 384 | 458 | 555 | 1,883 | -21% | 19% | 21% | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Azerbaijan | 458 | 379 | 461 | 536 | 1,834 | -17% | 22% | 16% | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Lebanon | 611 | 410 | 336 | 434 | 1,791 | -33% | -18% | 29% | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Other | 12,432 | 13,474 | 14,271 | 14,360 | 54,537 | 8% | 6% | 1% | 15.1 | 16.4 | 14.4 | 14.1 |
| Total | 82,154 | 82,215 | 99,138 | 101,839 | 365,346 | 0% | 21% | 3% | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

* Figures may include citizens of Montenegro in the absence of separate statistics available for Serbia and Montenegro.

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Table 10. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe by quarter, 2007

Covering 37 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR (excluding Italy).

| Origin | No. of applications (excluding Italy) | | | | | Change (%) | | | Share (%) | | | | Total 2007 including Italy |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | Q2-Q1 | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
| Iraq | 10,414 | 10,394 | 11,393 | 11,429 | 43,630 | 0% | 10% | 0% | 18.0 | 19.4 | 19.7 | 17.7 | 43,819 |
| Russian Federation | 3,096 | 2,928 | 4,024 | 7,705 | 17,753 | -5% | 37% | 91% | 5.4 | 5.5 | 7.0 | 11.9 | 17,789 |
| Serbia* | 3,832 | 3,618 | 3,686 | 3,390 | 14,526 | -6% | 2% | -8% | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 15,639 |
| Pakistan | 3,766 | 3,141 | 3,704 | 2,705 | 13,316 | -17% | 18% | -27% | 6.5 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 4.2 | 13,492 |
| Somalia | 2,452 | 2,323 | 3,142 | 3,205 | 11,122 | -5% | 35% | 2% | 4.2 | 4.3 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 11,879 |
| Afghanistan | 2,169 | 2,168 | 2,084 | 2,501 | 8,922 | 0% | -4% | 20% | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 9,585 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 1,841 | 1,666 | 2,099 | 2,368 | 7,974 | -10% | 26% | 13% | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 8,043 |
| Turkey | 1,813 | 1,574 | 1,409 | 1,699 | 6,495 | -13% | -10% | 21% | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 6,889 |
| Eritrea | 1,550 | 953 | 1,627 | 2,293 | 6,423 | -39% | 71% | 41% | 2.7 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 8,683 |
| Sri Lanka | 1,473 | 1,364 | 1,555 | 1,586 | 5,978 | -7% | 14% | 2% | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 6,202 |
| China | 1,461 | 1,416 | 1,606 | 1,448 | 5,931 | -3% | 13% | -10% | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 5,944 |
| Nigeria | 1,391 | 1,249 | 1,405 | 1,576 | 5,621 | -10% | 12% | 12% | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 6,957 |
| Bangladesh | 2,355 | 1,176 | 843 | 1,011 | 5,385 | -50% | -28% | 20% | 4.1 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 5,700 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 1,407 | 1,403 | 1,092 | 1,483 | 5,385 | 0% | -22% | 36% | 2.4 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 5,412 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 1,189 | 1,178 | 939 | 1,009 | 4,315 | -1% | -20% | 7% | 2.1 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 4,352 |
| Georgia | 806 | 1,269 | 931 | 939 | 3,945 | 57% | -27% | 1% | 1.4 | 2.4 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 3,965 |
| Armenia | 849 | 800 | 901 | 1,051 | 3,601 | -6% | 13% | 17% | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 3,622 |
| India | 1,006 | 795 | 878 | 657 | 3,336 | -21% | 10% | -25% | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 3,398 |
| Colombia | 382 | 876 | 489 | 1,011 | 2,758 | 129% | -44% | 107% | 0.7 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 2,824 |
| Algeria | 667 | 568 | 699 | 774 | 2,708 | -15% | 23% | 11% | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2,777 |
| Stateless | 598 | 553 | 727 | 663 | 2,541 | -8% | 31% | -9% | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 2,543 |
| Zimbabwe | 481 | 530 | 643 | 865 | 2,519 | 10% | 21% | 35% | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 2,521 |
| Viet Nam | 462 | 606 | 513 | 883 | 2,464 | 31% | -15% | 72% | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 2,467 |
| Guinea | 575 | 531 | 550 | 572 | 2,228 | -8% | 4% | 4% | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 2,445 |
| Sudan | 523 | 419 | 409 | 441 | 1,792 | -20% | -2% | 8% | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 2,175 |
| Lebanon | 576 | 394 | 421 | 371 | 1,762 | -32% | 7% | -12% | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1,867 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 513 | 399 | 407 | 400 | 1,719 | -22% | 2% | -2% | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 2,701 |
| Rep. of Moldova | 518 | 361 | 486 | 255 | 1,620 | -30% | 35% | -48% | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1,649 |
| Mongolia | 389 | 409 | 373 | 343 | 1,514 | 5% | -9% | -8% | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1,516 |
| Occupied Palest. Terr. | 157 | 262 | 325 | 753 | 1,497 | 67% | 24% | 132% | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 1,578 |
| Azerbaijan | 313 | 315 | 389 | 421 | 1,438 | 1% | 23% | 8% | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1,449 |
| Cameroon | 357 | 309 | 355 | 340 | 1,361 | -13% | 15% | -4% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1,481 |
| Ethiopia | 356 | 323 | 341 | 340 | 1,360 | -9% | 6% | 0% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1,759 |
| Congo | 306 | 295 | 246 | 315 | 1,162 | -4% | -17% | 28% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1,259 |
| Albania | 295 | 246 | 266 | 326 | 1,133 | -17% | 8% | 23% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1,156 |
| Angola | 328 | 295 | 248 | 250 | 1,121 | -10% | -16% | 1% | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1,132 |
| Belarus | 278 | 242 | 300 | 277 | 1,097 | -13% | 24% | -8% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 1,108 |
| Ukraine | 274 | 254 | 250 | 243 | 1,021 | -7% | -2% | -3% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1,047 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 288 | 233 | 259 | 225 | 1,005 | -19% | 11% | -13% | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 1,013 |
| Rwanda | 281 | 189 | 176 | 229 | 875 | -33% | -7% | 30% | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 880 |
| Other | 6,061 | 5,678 | 5,497 | 6,290 | 23,526 | -6% | -3% | 14% | 10.5 | 10.6 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 27,215 |
| Total | 57,848 | 53,702 | 57,687 | 64,642 | 233,879 | -7% | 7% | 12% | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 247,932 |

* Figures may include citizens of Montenegro in the absence of separate statistics available for Serbia and Montenegro.

Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries, 2008

Table 11. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe by quarter, 2008

Covering 38 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

| Origin | No. of applications | | | | | Change (%) | | | Share (%) | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | Q2-Q1 | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Iraq | 10,368 | 8,514 | 10,154 | 10,070 | 39,106 | -18% | 19% | -1% | 16.6 | 13.8 | 13.2 | 12.4 |
| Somalia | 3,339 | 4,118 | 6,494 | 7,101 | 21,052 | 23% | 58% | 9% | 5.3 | 6.7 | 8.4 | 8.7 |
| Russian Federation | 4,972 | 3,920 | 5,164 | 5,427 | 19,483 | -21% | 32% | 5% | 8.0 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 6.7 |
| Afghanistan | 3,178 | 3,243 | 5,568 | 5,931 | 17,920 | 2% | 72% | 7% | 5.1 | 5.3 | 7.2 | 7.3 |
| Serbia* | 3,307 | 2,873 | 3,910 | 4,720 | 14,810 | -13% | 36% | 21% | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.8 |
| Nigeria | 2,213 | 2,562 | 3,749 | 4,199 | 12,723 | 16% | 46% | 12% | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| Pakistan | 2,959 | 2,948 | 3,038 | 3,181 | 12,126 | 0% | 3% | 5% | 4.7 | 4.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| Eritrea | 2,052 | 1,825 | 3,492 | 4,331 | 11,700 | -11% | 91% | 24% | 3.3 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 5.3 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 2,210 | 2,061 | 2,734 | 2,969 | 9,974 | -7% | 33% | 9% | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| Sri Lanka | 1,882 | 1,902 | 1,803 | 2,114 | 7,701 | 1% | -5% | 17% | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| Turkey | 1,922 | 1,594 | 1,526 | 1,872 | 6,914 | -17% | -4% | 23% | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| Bangladesh | 1,194 | 1,364 | 1,268 | 1,888 | 5,714 | 14% | -7% | 49% | 1.9 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 2.3 |
| Georgia | 924 | 1,203 | 1,540 | 1,705 | 5,372 | 30% | 28% | 11% | 1.5 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.1 |
| Zimbabwe | 967 | 987 | 1,506 | 1,251 | 4,711 | 2% | 53% | -17% | 1.5 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 1.5 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 1,135 | 1,268 | 1,275 | 1,015 | 4,693 | 12% | 1% | -20% | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.2 |
| China | 998 | 1,321 | 1,073 | 1,270 | 4,662 | 32% | -19% | 18% | 1.6 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 1,163 | 1,155 | 1,146 | 1,181 | 4,645 | -1% | -1% | 3% | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Armenia | 889 | 961 | 1,098 | 1,094 | 4,042 | 8% | 14% | 0% | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 990 | 966 | 970 | 947 | 3,873 | -2% | 0% | -2% | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| Guinea | 759 | 791 | 941 | 1,005 | 3,496 | 4% | 19% | 7% | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Algeria | 758 | 673 | 1,015 | 1,024 | 3,470 | -11% | 51% | 1% | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Mali | 570 | 1,131 | 1,131 | 612 | 3,444 | 98% | 0% | -46% | 0.9 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 0.8 |
| India | 659 | 761 | 870 | 681 | 2,971 | 15% | 14% | -22% | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| Ghana | 344 | 483 | 1,007 | 838 | 2,672 | 40% | 108% | -17% | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.0 |
| Stateless | 583 | 551 | 812 | 664 | 2,610 | -5% | 47% | -18% | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| Sudan | 486 | 510 | 684 | 757 | 2,437 | 5% | 34% | 11% | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Ethiopia | 420 | 378 | 545 | 539 | 1,882 | -10% | 44% | -1% | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Viet Nam | 477 | 410 | 459 | 450 | 1,796 | -14% | 12% | -2% | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Azerbaijan | 446 | 361 | 442 | 518 | 1,767 | -19% | 22% | 17% | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Cameroon | 403 | 474 | 442 | 429 | 1,748 | 18% | -7% | -3% | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Mongolia | 437 | 341 | 401 | 507 | 1,686 | -22% | 18% | 26% | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Togo | 326 | 346 | 453 | 366 | 1,491 | 6% | 31% | -19% | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Lebanon | 514 | 322 | 253 | 350 | 1,439 | -37% | -21% | 38% | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Albania | 244 | 323 | 388 | 398 | 1,353 | 32% | 20% | 3% | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Gambia | 288 | 304 | 345 | 400 | 1,337 | 6% | 13% | 16% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Congo | 306 | 296 | 300 | 354 | 1,256 | -3% | 1% | 18% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Uzbekistan | 226 | 289 | 342 | 322 | 1,179 | 28% | 18% | -6% | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Angola | 312 | 332 | 218 | 233 | 1,095 | 6% | -34% | 7% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Comoros | 60 | 217 | 379 | 435 | 1,091 | 262% | 75% | 15% | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Colombia | 352 | 325 | 179 | 233 | 1,089 | -8% | -45% | 30% | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Other | 6,846 | 7,364 | 7,950 | 7,916 | 30,076 | 8% | 8% | 0% | 11.0 | 11.9 | 10.3 | 9.7 |
| Total | 62,478 | 61,767 | 77,064 | 81,297 | 282,606 | -1% | 25% | 5% | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

* Figures may include citizens of Montenegro in the absence of separate statistics available for Serbia and Montenegro.

Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries, 2008

Table 12. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (26) by quarter, 2007

Covering 26 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR (excluding Italy).

| Origin | No. of applications (excluding Italy) | | | | | Change (%) | | | Share (%) | | | | Total 2007 including Italy |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | Q2-Q1 | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
| Iraq | 9,364 | 8,836 | 9,628 | 10,100 | 37,928 | -6% | 9% | 5% | 17.9 | 18.6 | 19.0 | 17.6 | 38,117 |
| Russian Federation | 2,886 | 2,715 | 3,721 | 7,380 | 16,702 | -6% | 37% | 98% | 5.5 | 5.7 | 7.3 | 12.8 | 16,738 |
| Pakistan | 3,757 | 3,084 | 3,681 | 2,671 | 13,193 | -18% | 19% | -27% | 7.2 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 4.6 | 13,369 |
| Serbia* | 3,379 | 2,824 | 3,144 | 2,888 | 12,235 | -16% | 11% | -8% | 6.5 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 13,348 |
| Somalia | 2,110 | 2,000 | 2,599 | 2,636 | 9,345 | -5% | 30% | 1% | 4.0 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 10,102 |
| Afghanistan | 1,993 | 1,924 | 1,636 | 2,105 | 7,658 | -3% | -15% | 29% | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 8,321 |
| Turkey | 1,600 | 1,418 | 1,253 | 1,555 | 5,826 | -11% | -12% | 24% | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 6,220 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 1,483 | 1,202 | 1,432 | 1,697 | 5,814 | -19% | 19% | 19% | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 5,883 |
| China | 1,323 | 1,360 | 1,545 | 1,393 | 5,621 | 3% | 14% | -10% | 2.5 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 5,634 |
| Bangladesh | 2,345 | 1,168 | 835 | 991 | 5,339 | -50% | -29% | 19% | 4.5 | 2.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 5,654 |
| Nigeria | 1,313 | 1,156 | 1,278 | 1,426 | 5,173 | -12% | 11% | 12% | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 6,509 |
| Sri Lanka | 1,293 | 1,125 | 1,317 | 1,311 | 5,046 | -13% | 17% | 0% | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 5,270 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 1,325 | 1,350 | 1,021 | 1,312 | 5,008 | 2% | -24% | 29% | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 5,035 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 1,102 | 1,110 | 862 | 888 | 3,962 | 1% | -22% | 3% | 2.1 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 3,999 |
| Eritrea | 771 | 655 | 1,120 | 1,382 | 3,928 | -15% | 71% | 23% | 1.5 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 6,188 |
| Georgia | 749 | 1,209 | 866 | 881 | 3,705 | 61% | -28% | 2% | 1.4 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 3,725 |
| Armenia | 840 | 787 | 887 | 1,033 | 3,547 | -6% | 13% | 16% | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 3,568 |
| India | 978 | 783 | 845 | 613 | 3,219 | -20% | 8% | -27% | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 3,281 |
| Colombia | 363 | 864 | 484 | 998 | 2,709 | 138% | -44% | 106% | 0.7 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 2,775 |
| Algeria | 630 | 538 | 655 | 726 | 2,549 | -15% | 22% | 11% | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2,618 |
| Zimbabwe | 477 | 520 | 638 | 859 | 2,494 | 9% | 23% | 35% | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2,496 |
| Viet Nam | 453 | 588 | 502 | 869 | 2,412 | 30% | -15% | 73% | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2,415 |
| Guinea | 538 | 493 | 522 | 531 | 2,084 | -8% | 6% | 2% | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 2,301 |
| Stateless | 482 | 444 | 578 | 520 | 2,024 | -8% | 30% | -10% | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 2,026 |
| Lebanon | 536 | 371 | 399 | 338 | 1,644 | -31% | 8% | -15% | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 1,749 |
| Sudan | 470 | 379 | 376 | 401 | 1,626 | -19% | -1% | 7% | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 2,009 |
| Rep. of Moldova | 504 | 349 | 470 | 251 | 1,574 | -31% | 35% | -47% | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 1,603 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 481 | 344 | 372 | 354 | 1,551 | -28% | 8% | -5% | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 2,533 |
| Azerbaijan | 306 | 293 | 375 | 413 | 1,387 | -4% | 28% | 10% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1,398 |
| Mongolia | 354 | 379 | 340 | 307 | 1,380 | 7% | -10% | -10% | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1,382 |
| Occupied Palest. Territory | 154 | 245 | 248 | 691 | 1,338 | 59% | 1% | 179% | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 1,419 |
| Cameroon | 315 | 278 | 305 | 301 | 1,199 | -12% | 10% | -1% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1,319 |
| Congo | 299 | 293 | 243 | 304 | 1,139 | -2% | -17% | 25% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1,236 |
| Albania | 275 | 236 | 236 | 306 | 1,053 | -14% | 0% | 30% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1,076 |
| Belarus | 263 | 228 | 285 | 266 | 1,042 | -13% | 25% | -7% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1,053 |
| Ukraine | 264 | 246 | 242 | 238 | 990 | -7% | -2% | -2% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 1,016 |
| Angola | 291 | 257 | 215 | 210 | 973 | -12% | -16% | -2% | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 984 |
| Rwanda | 275 | 180 | 166 | 222 | 843 | -35% | -8% | 34% | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 848 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 237 | 198 | 215 | 181 | 831 | -16% | 9% | -16% | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 839 |
| Ethiopia | 192 | 180 | 220 | 193 | 785 | -6% | 22% | -12% | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 1,184 |
| Other | 5,445 | 4,858 | 4,955 | 5,763 | 21,021 | -11% | 2% | 16% | 10.4 | 10.2 | 9.8 | 10.0 | 24,710 |
| Total | 52,215 | 47,467 | 50,711 | 57,504 | 207,897 | -9% | 7% | 13% | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 221,950 |

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Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries, 2008

Table 13. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (27), 2008

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

| Origin | No. of applications | | | | | Change (%) | | | Share (%) | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | Q2-Q1 | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Iraq | 8,264 | 6,196 | 6,723 | 6,424 | 27,607 | -25% | 9% | -4% | 15.1 | 11.7 | 10.5 | 9.7 |
| Russian Federation | 4,653 | 3,654 | 4,788 | 5,088 | 18,183 | -21% | 31% | 6% | 8.5 | 6.9 | 7.5 | 7.7 |
| Somalia | 2,819 | 3,497 | 5,326 | 5,451 | 17,093 | 24% | 52% | 2% | 5.1 | 6.6 | 8.3 | 8.2 |
| Afghanistan | 2,837 | 2,721 | 3,782 | 4,157 | 13,497 | -4% | 39% | 10% | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 6.3 |
| Serbia* | 2,715 | 2,386 | 3,325 | 4,207 | 12,633 | -12% | 39% | 27% | 4.9 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 6.3 |
| Pakistan | 2,946 | 2,916 | 3,014 | 3,131 | 12,007 | -1% | 3% | 4% | 5.4 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| Nigeria | 1,988 | 2,276 | 3,371 | 3,645 | 11,280 | 14% | 48% | 8% | 3.6 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 |
| Eritrea | 1,350 | 981 | 2,225 | 2,418 | 6,974 | -27% | 127% | 9% | 2.5 | 1.9 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 1,609 | 1,300 | 1,745 | 2,080 | 6,734 | -19% | 34% | 19% | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 3.1 |
| Turkey | 1,772 | 1,432 | 1,377 | 1,718 | 6,299 | -19% | -4% | 25% | 3.2 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 2.6 |
| Sri Lanka | 1,575 | 1,527 | 1,356 | 1,582 | 6,040 | -3% | -11% | 17% | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 2.4 |
| Bangladesh | 1,184 | 1,352 | 1,260 | 1,869 | 5,665 | 14% | -7% | 48% | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 2.8 |
| Georgia | 841 | 1,131 | 1,358 | 1,519 | 4,849 | 34% | 20% | 12% | 1.5 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| Zimbabwe | 964 | 963 | 1,482 | 1,237 | 4,646 | 0% | 54% | -17% | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| China | 929 | 1,236 | 993 | 1,123 | 4,281 | 33% | -20% | 13% | 1.7 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 1,047 | 1,058 | 1,045 | 1,070 | 4,220 | 1% | -1% | 2% | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 1,029 | 1,112 | 1,144 | 877 | 4,162 | 8% | 3% | -23% | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.3 |
| Armenia | 874 | 949 | 1,080 | 1,058 | 3,961 | 9% | 14% | -2% | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 953 | 921 | 895 | 903 | 3,672 | -3% | -3% | 1% | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Mali | 564 | 1,126 | 1,121 | 604 | 3,415 | 100% | 0% | -46% | 1.0 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 0.9 |
| Guinea | 709 | 714 | 879 | 907 | 3,209 | 1% | 23% | 3% | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Algeria | 693 | 619 | 921 | 900 | 3,133 | -11% | 49% | -2% | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| India | 648 | 736 | 837 | 646 | 2,867 | 14% | 14% | -23% | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.0 |
| Ghana | 321 | 467 | 987 | 809 | 2,584 | 45% | 111% | -18% | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 1.2 |
| Sudan | 440 | 412 | 579 | 637 | 2,068 | -6% | 41% | 10% | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Viet Nam | 466 | 395 | 457 | 440 | 1,758 | -15% | 16% | -4% | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Azerbaijan | 438 | 337 | 418 | 498 | 1,691 | -23% | 24% | 19% | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Stateless | 414 | 385 | 458 | 399 | 1,656 | -7% | 19% | -13% | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Cameroon | 370 | 446 | 410 | 394 | 1,620 | 21% | -8% | -4% | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Mongolia | 405 | 297 | 367 | 449 | 1,518 | -27% | 24% | 22% | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Togo | 297 | 317 | 426 | 339 | 1,379 | 7% | 34% | -20% | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Lebanon | 491 | 297 | 234 | 325 | 1,347 | -40% | -21% | 39% | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Ethiopia | 311 | 245 | 357 | 364 | 1,277 | -21% | 46% | 2% | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Albania | 218 | 304 | 364 | 370 | 1,256 | 39% | 20% | 2% | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Congo | 300 | 294 | 291 | 341 | 1,226 | -2% | -1% | 17% | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Gambia | 258 | 257 | 281 | 299 | 1,095 | 0% | 9% | 6% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Comoros | 60 | 217 | 379 | 435 | 1,091 | 262% | 75% | 15% | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Colombia | 325 | 315 | 177 | 220 | 1,037 | -3% | -44% | 24% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Uzbekistan | 211 | 232 | 267 | 277 | 987 | 10% | 15% | 4% | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Senegal | 217 | 256 | 252 | 259 | 984 | 18% | -2% | 3% | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Other | 6,344 | 6,700 | 7,085 | 6,954 | 27,083 | 6% | 6% | -2% | 11.6 | 12.6 | 11.1 | 10.5 |
| Total | 54,849 | 52,976 | 63,836 | 66,423 | 238,084 | -3% | 20% | 4% | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

* Figures may include citizens of Montenegro in the absence of separate statistics available for Serbia and Montenegro.

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Table 14. Origin of asylum applicants in Canada and the United States of America, 2007

| Origin | No. of applications | | | | | Change (%) | | | Share (%) | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | Q2-Q1 | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| China | 2,688 | 2,506 | 2,151 | 2,645 | 9,990 | -7% | -14% | 23% | 16.1 | 15.5 | 13.4 | 14.0 |
| Mexico | 2,108 | 2,316 | 2,558 | 2,562 | 9,544 | 10% | 10% | 0% | 12.6 | 14.3 | 15.9 | 13.6 |
| Haiti | 1,295 | 1,265 | 1,632 | 1,765 | 5,957 | -2% | 29% | 8% | 7.8 | 7.8 | 10.2 | 9.4 |
| Colombia | 785 | 717 | 936 | 1,352 | 3,790 | -9% | 31% | 44% | 4.7 | 4.4 | 5.8 | 7.2 |
| El Salvador | 1,001 | 931 | 729 | 844 | 3,505 | -7% | -22% | 16% | 6.0 | 5.7 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| Guatemala | 721 | 730 | 426 | 556 | 2,433 | 1% | -42% | 31% | 4.3 | 4.5 | 2.7 | 3.0 |
| United States* | 256 | 227 | 568 | 773 | 1,824 | -11% | 150% | 36% | 1.5 | 1.4 | 3.5 | 4.1 |
| Ethiopia | 351 | 317 | 313 | 345 | 1,326 | -10% | -1% | 10% | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
| India | 329 | 286 | 294 | 361 | 1,270 | -13% | 3% | 23% | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| Honduras | 337 | 308 | 237 | 309 | 1,191 | -9% | -23% | 30% | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| Indonesia | 285 | 263 | 232 | 315 | 1,095 | -8% | -12% | 36% | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.7 |
| Iraq | 257 | 265 | 252 | 254 | 1,028 | 3% | -5% | 1% | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| Sri Lanka | 273 | 229 | 229 | 279 | 1,010 | -16% | 0% | 22% | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| Russian Federation | 214 | 340 | 194 | 238 | 986 | 59% | -43% | 23% | 1.3 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| Nigeria | 223 | 188 | 244 | 283 | 938 | -16% | 30% | 16% | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of) | 213 | 193 | 226 | 257 | 889 | -9% | 17% | 14% | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Pakistan | 206 | 179 | 155 | 234 | 774 | -13% | -13% | 51% | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| Cameroon | 186 | 159 | 167 | 178 | 690 | -15% | 5% | 7% | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| Guinea | 166 | 164 | 169 | 169 | 668 | -1% | 3% | 0% | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| Nepal | 160 | 146 | 147 | 193 | 646 | -9% | 1% | 31% | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Cuba | 160 | 140 | 126 | 190 | 616 | -13% | -10% | 51% | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Albania | 119 | 106 | 136 | 198 | 559 | -11% | 28% | 46% | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 127 | 112 | 133 | 155 | 527 | -12% | 19% | 17% | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Ukraine | 115 | 122 | 112 | 113 | 462 | 6% | -8% | 1% | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Eritrea | 105 | 105 | 126 | 120 | 456 | 0% | 20% | -5% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Somalia | 121 | 88 | 103 | 133 | 445 | -27% | 17% | 29% | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 99 | 95 | 110 | 131 | 435 | -4% | 16% | 19% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Egypt | 98 | 121 | 107 | 103 | 429 | 23% | -12% | -4% | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Serbia** | 100 | 109 | 86 | 130 | 425 | 9% | -21% | 51% | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Zimbabwe | 88 | 92 | 115 | 127 | 422 | 5% | 25% | 10% | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Brazil | 117 | 183 | 46 | 75 | 421 | 56% | -75% | 63% | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 104 | 94 | 113 | 86 | 397 | -10% | 20% | -24% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Afghanistan | 106 | 83 | 93 | 89 | 371 | -22% | 12% | -4% | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Lebanon | 107 | 86 | 100 | 78 | 371 | -20% | 16% | -22% | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Peru | 72 | 118 | 62 | 101 | 353 | 64% | -47% | 63% | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Nicaragua | 84 | 96 | 79 | 87 | 346 | 14% | -18% | 10% | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Saint Vincent & the Grenadines | 97 | 61 | 81 | 107 | 346 | -37% | 33% | 32% | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Mali | 81 | 95 | 98 | 71 | 345 | 17% | 3% | -28% | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Burundi | 81 | 58 | 98 | 97 | 334 | -28% | 69% | -1% | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Armenia | 100 | 93 | 64 | 66 | 323 | -7% | -31% | 3% | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Other | 2,571 | 2,417 | 2,200 | 2,662 | 9,850 | -6% | -9% | 21% | 15.4 | 14.9 | 13.7 | 14.1 |
| Total | 16,706 | 16,203 | 16,047 | 18,831 | 67,787 | -3% | -1% | 17% | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

** Figures may include citizens of Montenegro in the absence of separate statistics available for Serbia and Montenegro.

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Table 15. Origin of asylum applicants in Canada and the United States of America, 2008

| Origin | No. of applications | | | | | Change (%) | | | Share (%) | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | Q2-Q1 | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Mexico | 2,513 | 2,696 | 3,557 | 3,386 | 12,152 | 7% | 32% | -5% | 13.8 | 14.2 | 17.8 | 18.2 |
| China | 2,828 | 2,956 | 2,933 | 2,751 | 11,468 | 5% | -1% | -6% | 15.5 | 15.6 | 14.7 | 14.8 |
| Haiti | 1,584 | 1,689 | 1,684 | 1,219 | 6,176 | 7% | 0% | -28% | 8.7 | 8.9 | 8.4 | 6.6 |
| Colombia | 951 | 980 | 972 | 960 | 3,863 | 3% | -1% | -1% | 5.2 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| El Salvador | 779 | 923 | 773 | 732 | 3,207 | 18% | -16% | -5% | 4.3 | 4.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| United States* | 563 | 593 | 691 | 461 | 2,308 | 5% | 17% | -33% | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 2.5 |
| Guatemala | 513 | 561 | 583 | 471 | 2,128 | 9% | 4% | -19% | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.5 |
| Ethiopia | 342 | 365 | 381 | 409 | 1,497 | 7% | 4% | 7% | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.2 |
| India | 342 | 361 | 365 | 338 | 1,406 | 6% | 1% | -7% | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Sri Lanka | 356 | 317 | 344 | 356 | 1,373 | -11% | 9% | 3% | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| Honduras | 337 | 321 | 327 | 360 | 1,345 | -5% | 2% | 10% | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| Iraq | 283 | 298 | 305 | 259 | 1,145 | 5% | 2% | -15% | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| Nepal | 179 | 218 | 242 | 340 | 979 | 22% | 11% | 40% | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.8 |
| Russian Federation | 216 | 318 | 228 | 209 | 971 | 47% | -28% | -8% | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Nigeria | 249 | 195 | 252 | 226 | 922 | -22% | 29% | -10% | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| Pakistan | 221 | 195 | 203 | 216 | 835 | -12% | 4% | 6% | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| Czech Rep. | 171 | 192 | 164 | 298 | 825 | 12% | -15% | 82% | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of) | 228 | 228 | 180 | 158 | 794 | 0% | -21% | -12% | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Cameroon | 183 | 202 | 212 | 193 | 790 | 10% | 5% | -9% | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Somalia | 174 | 172 | 222 | 184 | 752 | -1% | 29% | -17% | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Indonesia | 233 | 197 | 190 | 117 | 737 | -15% | -4% | -38% | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| Kenya | 200 | 178 | 159 | 155 | 692 | -11% | -11% | -3% | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Zimbabwe | 148 | 144 | 203 | 117 | 612 | -3% | 41% | -42% | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.6 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 176 | 114 | 177 | 141 | 608 | -35% | 55% | -20% | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Eritrea | 142 | 135 | 153 | 171 | 601 | -5% | 13% | 12% | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Cuba | 161 | 132 | 132 | 141 | 566 | -18% | 0% | 7% | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Albania | 200 | 123 | 105 | 134 | 562 | -39% | -15% | 28% | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 153 | 111 | 141 | 123 | 528 | -27% | 27% | -13% | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Guinea | 142 | 110 | 136 | 126 | 514 | -23% | 24% | -7% | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Saint Vincent & the Grenadines | 112 | 131 | 145 | 94 | 482 | 17% | 11% | -35% | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Afghanistan | 97 | 106 | 148 | 130 | 481 | 9% | 40% | -12% | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Egypt | 108 | 132 | 101 | 132 | 473 | 22% | -23% | 31% | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Ukraine | 126 | 94 | 109 | 88 | 417 | -25% | 16% | -19% | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Jamaica | 91 | 104 | 94 | 119 | 408 | 14% | -10% | 27% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Serbia** | 120 | 102 | 81 | 86 | 389 | -15% | -21% | 6% | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Myanmar | 96 | 79 | 96 | 84 | 355 | -18% | 22% | -13% | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Peru | 67 | 97 | 101 | 84 | 349 | 45% | 4% | -17% | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Burundi | 79 | 57 | 112 | 81 | 329 | -28% | 96% | -28% | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Armenia | 75 | 74 | 96 | 81 | 326 | -1% | 30% | -16% | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Brazil | 77 | 92 | 75 | 79 | 323 | 19% | -18% | 5% | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Other | 5,150 | 5,527 | 6,402 | 6,158 | 23,237 | 7% | 16% | -4% | 28.2 | 29.2 | 32.0 | 33.1 |
| Total | 18,252 | 18,923 | 20,017 | 18,581 | 75,773 | 4% | 6% | -7% | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

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Table 16. Origin of asylum applicants in Australia and New Zealand, 2007

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

| Origin | No. of applications | | | | | Change (%) | | | Share (%) | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | Q2-Q1 | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| China | 268 | 265 | 327 | 379 | 1,239 | -1% | 23% | 16% | 27.4 | 24.4 | 30.2 | 35.4 |
| Sri Lanka | 118 | 123 | 133 | 96 | 470 | 4% | 8% | -28% | 12.1 | 11.3 | 12.3 | 9.0 |
| India | 67 | 203 | 45 | 41 | 356 | 203% | -78% | -9% | 6.8 | 18.7 | 4.2 | 3.8 |
| Iraq | 59 | 33 | 97 | 57 | 246 | -44% | 194% | -41% | 6.0 | 3.0 | 9.0 | 5.3 |
| Indonesia | 48 | 42 | 37 | 56 | 183 | -13% | -12% | 51% | 4.9 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 5.2 |
| Pakistan | 26 | 37 | 54 | 36 | 153 | 42% | 46% | -33% | 2.7 | 3.4 | 5.0 | 3.4 |
| Malaysia | 26 | 30 | 44 | 44 | 144 | 15% | 47% | 0% | 2.7 | 2.8 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 24 | 27 | 32 | 28 | 111 | 13% | 19% | -13% | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 2.6 |
| Zimbabwe | 21 | 24 | 28 | 29 | 102 | 14% | 17% | 4% | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Bangladesh | 19 | 23 | 29 | 13 | 84 | 21% | 26% | -55% | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 1.2 |
| Rep. of Korea | 11 | 21 | 26 | 23 | 81 | 91% | 24% | -12% | 1.1 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 2.1 |
| Fiji | 38 | 22 | 9 | 11 | 80 | -42% | -59% | 22% | 3.9 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Lebanon | 23 | 10 | 17 | 25 | 75 | -57% | 70% | 47% | 2.3 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 2.3 |
| Myanmar | 15 | 14 | 6 | 24 | 59 | -7% | -57% | 300% | 1.5 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 2.2 |
| Nepal | 14 | 9 | 11 | 15 | 49 | -36% | 22% | 36% | 1.4 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.4 |
| Egypt | 16 | 6 | 10 | 11 | 43 | -63% | 67% | 10% | 1.6 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Turkey | 9 | 11 | 7 | 14 | 41 | 22% | -36% | 100% | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1.3 |
| Viet Nam | 5 | 7 | 15 | 8 | 35 | 40% | 114% | -47% | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 0.7 |
| Ethiopia | * | 5 | 19 | 6 | 34 | 25% | 280% | -68% | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 0.6 |
| Philippines | 16 | 7 | 9 | * | 34 | -56% | 29% | -78% | 1.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.2 |
| Other | 152 | 168 | 127 | 153 | 600 | 11% | -24% | 20% | 15.5 | 15.5 | 11.7 | 14.3 |
| Total | 979 | 1,087 | 1,082 | 1,071 | 4,219 | 11% | 0% | -1% | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Table 17. Origin of asylum applicants in Australia and New Zealand, 2008

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

| Origin | No. of applications | | | | | Change (%) | | | Share (%) | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | Q2-Q1 | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| China | 271 | 287 | 371 | 321 | 1,250 | 6% | 29% | -13% | 26.8 | 26.3 | 24.0 | 23.7 |
| Sri Lanka | 103 | 98 | 111 | 131 | 443 | -5% | 13% | 18% | 10.2 | 9.0 | 7.2 | 9.7 |
| India | 38 | 80 | 161 | 106 | 385 | 111% | 101% | -34% | 3.8 | 7.3 | 10.4 | 7.8 |
| Malaysia | 50 | 85 | 60 | 44 | 239 | 70% | -29% | -27% | 4.9 | 7.8 | 3.9 | 3.2 |
| Indonesia | 78 | 48 | 55 | 56 | 237 | -38% | 15% | 2% | 7.7 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 4.1 |
| Iraq | 46 | 49 | 65 | 66 | 226 | 7% | 33% | 2% | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.9 |
| Pakistan | 41 | 58 | 85 | 39 | 223 | 41% | 47% | -54% | 4.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 2.9 |
| Zimbabwe | 57 | 36 | 70 | 59 | 222 | -37% | 94% | -16% | 5.6 | 3.3 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 34 | 41 | 49 | 62 | 186 | 21% | 20% | 27% | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 4.6 |
| Bangladesh | 23 | 25 | 61 | 31 | 140 | 9% | 144% | -49% | 2.3 | 2.3 | 3.9 | 2.3 |
| Rep. of Korea | 17 | 27 | 51 | 36 | 131 | 59% | 89% | -29% | 1.7 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 2.7 |
| Myanmar | 28 | 20 | 27 | 26 | 101 | -29% | 35% | -4% | 2.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| Egypt | 16 | 20 | 50 | 14 | 100 | 25% | 150% | -72% | 1.6 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 1.0 |
| Lebanon | 17 | 23 | 24 | 26 | 90 | 35% | 4% | 8% | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| Fiji | 19 | 12 | 20 | 36 | 87 | -37% | 67% | 80% | 1.9 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 2.7 |
| Kenya | 13 | 8 | 28 | 6 | 55 | -38% | 250% | -79% | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 0.4 |
| Afghanistan | * | 13 | 13 | 25 | 54 | 333% | 0% | 92% | 0.3 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.8 |
| Viet Nam | 10 | 13 | 16 | 13 | 52 | 30% | 23% | -19% | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Ethiopia | 5 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 44 | 120% | 0% | 55% | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| Nepal | 7 | 5 | 17 | 10 | 39 | -29% | 240% | -41% | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.7 |
| Other | 137 | 131 | 200 | 232 | 700 | -4% | 53% | 16% | 13.5 | 12.0 | 12.9 | 17.1 |
| Total | 1,013 | 1,090 | 1,545 | 1,356 | 5,004 | 8% | 42% | -12% | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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Table 18. Origin of asylum applicants in Japan and the Republic of Korea, 2007

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

| Origin | No. of applications | | | | | Change (%) | | | Share (%) | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | Q2-Q1 | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Myanmar | 105 | 126 | 130 | 161 | 522 | 20% | 3% | 24% | 31.8 | 35.0 | 40.2 | 31.0 |
| Nepal | 107 | 98 | 29 | 45 | 279 | -8% | -70% | 55% | 32.4 | 27.2 | 9.0 | 8.7 |
| Sri Lanka | 11 | 30 | 24 | 45 | 110 | 173% | -20% | 88% | 3.3 | 8.3 | 7.4 | 8.7 |
| Nigeria | 17 | 24 | 35 | 30 | 106 | 41% | 46% | -14% | 5.2 | 6.7 | 10.8 | 5.8 |
| Turkey | 18 | 14 | 17 | 27 | 76 | -22% | 21% | 59% | 5.5 | 3.9 | 5.3 | 5.2 |
| Ghana | - | - | 6 | 63 | 69 | .. | .. | 950% | - | - | 1.9 | 12.1 |
| Uganda | 8 | 9 | 5 | 32 | 54 | 13% | -44% | 540% | 2.4 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 6.2 |
| China | 13 | 7 | 7 | 19 | 46 | -46% | 0% | 171% | 3.9 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 3.7 |
| Bangladesh | 6 | * | 14 | 14 | 38 | -33% | 250% | 0% | 1.8 | 1.1 | 4.3 | 2.7 |
| Ethiopia | * | 6 | 7 | 16 | 33 | 50% | 17% | 129% | 1.2 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 3.1 |
| Pakistan | 6 | 9 | * | 13 | 31 | 50% | -67% | 333% | 1.8 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 2.5 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | * | * | 9 | 5 | 22 | 0% | 125% | -44% | 1.2 | 1.1 | 2.8 | 1.0 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 5 | * | * | 7 | 20 | -20% | 0% | 75% | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| Liberia | - | * | * | 12 | 18 | .. | 0% | 300% | - | 0.8 | 0.9 | 2.3 |
| Cameroon | * | 6 | * | * | 14 | 500% | -50% | 33% | 0.3 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Afghanistan | * | * | 6 | - | 13 | 33% | 50% | -100% | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.9 | - |
| Côte d'Ivoire | * | - | * | 6 | 9 | -100% | .. | 200% | 0.3 | - | 0.6 | 1.2 |
| South Africa | 5 | * | * | * | 9 | -80% | 100% | -50% | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| Russian Federation | - | - | 6 | * | 8 | .. | .. | -67% | - | - | 1.9 | 0.4 |
| Iraq | * | * | - | * | 7 | 50% | -100% | .. | 0.6 | 0.8 | - | 0.4 |
| Other | 14 | 8 | 11 | 16 | 49 | -43% | 38% | 45% | 4.2 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 3.1 |
| Total | 330 | 360 | 323 | 520 | 1,533 | 9% | -10% | 61% | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Table 19. Origin of asylum applicants in Japan and the Republic of Korea, 2008

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

| Origin | No. of applications | | | | | Change (%) | | | Share (%) | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total | Q2-Q1 | Q3-Q2 | Q4-Q3 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Myanmar | 190 | 220 | 293 | 309 | 1,012 | 16% | 33% | 5% | 46.5 | 50.7 | 57.2 | 51.1 |
| Sri Lanka | 29 | 31 | 37 | 64 | 161 | 7% | 19% | 73% | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 10.6 |
| Turkey | 36 | 35 | 44 | 39 | 154 | -3% | 26% | -11% | 8.8 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 6.4 |
| Pakistan | 13 | 6 | 32 | 33 | 84 | -54% | 433% | 3% | 3.2 | 1.4 | 6.3 | 5.5 |
| Bangladesh | 9 | 28 | 7 | 19 | 63 | 211% | -75% | 171% | 2.2 | 6.5 | 1.4 | 3.1 |
| Ethiopia | 16 | 21 | 6 | 14 | 57 | 31% | -71% | 133% | 3.9 | 4.8 | 1.2 | 2.3 |
| China | 12 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 48 | -33% | 50% | 33% | 2.9 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 15 | 7 | 14 | 9 | 45 | -53% | 100% | -36% | 3.7 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 1.5 |
| Nigeria | 7 | 5 | 9 | 16 | 37 | -29% | 80% | 78% | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 2.6 |
| Uganda | 7 | 6 | 6 | 18 | 37 | -14% | 0% | 200% | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 3.0 |
| Cameroon | 6 | 10 | 5 | 13 | 34 | 67% | -50% | 160% | 1.5 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 2.1 |
| Ghana | 24 | * | * | 5 | 33 | -88% | -67% | 400% | 5.9 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| Nepal | 10 | 10 | 8 | * | 32 | 0% | -20% | -50% | 2.4 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 0.7 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 5 | 9 | * | 7 | 25 | 80% | -56% | 75% | 1.2 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| Liberia | 8 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 24 | -38% | 20% | -17% | 2.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| India | * | * | 6 | 8 | 17 | 100% | 200% | 33% | 0.2 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| Peru | - | * | * | 5 | 8 | .. | 100% | 150% | - | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| Colombia | * | * | * | * | 7 | -33% | -50% | 0% | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Iraq | * | * | * | * | 6 | 100% | 0% | -50% | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | * | * | * | * | 6 | 0% | -50% | 0% | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Other | 15 | 21 | 16 | 18 | 70 | 40% | -24% | 13% | 3.7 | 4.8 | 3.1 | 3.0 |
| Total | 409 | 434 | 512 | 605 | 1,960 | 6% | 18% | 18% | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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Table 20. Asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries by origin, fourth quarter 2008

Covering all 44 asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

| Origin | Albania | Australia | Austria | Belgium | Bosnia and H. | Bulgaria | Canada | Croatia | Cyprus | Czech Rep. | Denmark** | Estonia | Finland | France | Germany |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| Iraq | - | 64 | 148 | 320 | - | 82 | 66 | - | 79 | 12 | 125 | - | 616 | 360 | 1,519 |
| Somalia | - | * | 75 | 52 | - | - | 118 | - | - | - | 21 | - | 711 | 36 | 42 |
| Afghanistan | - | 25 | 460 | 278 | - | 13 | 117 | - | 6 | 8 | 174 | - | 107 | 97 | 252 |
| Russian Federation | - | 5 | 1,041 | 412 | - | * | 70 | 6 | * | 9 | 44 | * | 38 | 947 | 170 |
| Serbia*** | - | - | 563 | 359 | 16 | - | 29 | 18 | - | 6 | 55 | - | 38 | 1,120 | 313 |
| Eritrea | - | * | * | 9 | - | - | 59 | - | - | - | 8 | - | * | 55 | 77 |
| Nigeria | - | 12 | 132 | 15 | - | 5 | 193 | * | 19 | 15 | 14 | - | 23 | 157 | 122 |
| China | - | 313 | 72 | 61 | - | * | 356 | - | 24 | 9 | * | - | - | 324 | 82 |
| Pakistan | - | 39 | 46 | 50 | - | - | 103 | 7 | 41 | * | 6 | - | * | 118 | 100 |
| Mexico | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,830 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | - | 54 | 90 | 170 | - | * | 73 | * | 55 | * | 85 | - | 41 | 65 | 262 |
| Sri Lanka | - | 127 | * | 45 | - | * | 273 | - | 49 | - | 12 | - | 13 | 624 | 105 |
| Turkey | - | 10 | 127 | 67 | - | - | 73 | - | 31 | * | 17 | * | 29 | 681 | 299 |
| Bangladesh | - | 26 | 12 | 29 | - | - | 19 | - | 20 | - | 5 | - | * | 462 | 6 |
| Georgia | - | - | 172 | 58 | - | - | 24 | - | 37 | 12 | 15 | * | * | 175 | 100 |
| Haiti | - | - | - | - | - | - | 864 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 296 | - |
| Zimbabwe | - | 58 | 5 | - | - | - | 63 | - | - | - | * | - | - | * | 16 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | - | * | 11 | 148 | - | - | 100 | - | * | 6 | * | - | 10 | 635 | 49 |
| Colombia | - | 8 | - | * | - | - | 782 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 44 | * |
| Armenia | - | - | 91 | 106 | - | 10 | 8 | - | - | 9 | * | - | 5 | 604 | 42 |

| Origin | Greece | Hungary | Iceland | Ireland | Italy | Japan | Latvia | Liechtenstein | Lithuania | Luxembourg | Malta | Montenegro | Netherlands | New Zealand | Norway |
|------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|--------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Iraq | 167 | 25 | * | 53 | 220 | * | - | - | - | 15 | * | - | 1,077 | * | 1,028 |
| Somalia | 38 | 68 | - | 34 | 1,566 | - | - | - | - | * | 288 | - | 1,221 | * | 414 |
| Afghanistan | 665 | 30 | - | 15 | 453 | - | 8 | - | * | * | - | - | 190 | - | 488 |
| Russian Federation | 35 | * | * | * | * | - | - | * | 59 | * | - | - | 32 | - | 258 |
| Serbia*** | * | 782 | 5 | * | 247 | - | - | - | * | 31 | - | - | 9 | - | 88 |
| Eritrea | 9 | - | * | 21 | 1,091 | - | - | - | - | - | 24 | - | 98 | * | 493 |
| Nigeria | 209 | 15 | * | 254 | 2,032 | * | - | - | * | * | 46 | - | 21 | - | 171 |
| China | 13 | 20 | - | 78 | 9 | * | - | - | * | - | - | - | 47 | 8 | 30 |
| Pakistan | 1,679 | 6 | - | 66 | 328 | 15 | - | - | 5 | - | - | - | 13 | - | 21 |
| Mexico | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | 76 | * | - | 13 | 25 | 9 | - | - | - | 7 | - | - | 165 | 8 | 224 |
| Sri Lanka | 22 | - | - | - | 41 | 42 | * | - | 6 | - | - | - | 57 | * | 82 |
| Turkey | 11 | 29 | - | * | 238 | 39 | - | - | * | - | - | - | 17 | - | 20 |
| Bangladesh | 611 | - | - | 17 | 385 | 13 | - | - | - | - | * | - | * | 5 | * |
| Georgia | 629 | 40 | * | 41 | 20 | - | 13 | * | * | - | * | - | 17 | - | 6 |
| Haiti | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Zimbabwe | - | * | - | 35 | 15 | * | - | - | * | - | - | - | - | * | 5 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 7 | - | - | 33 | 20 | 5 | - | - | - | * | - | - | 12 | * | 34 |
| Colombia | - | - | - | - | 14 | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10 | - | * |
| Armenia | 20 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 65 | - | 12 |

| Origin | Poland | Portugal | Rep. of Korea | Romania | Serbia | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain | Sweden | Switzerland | TYR Macedonia | Turkey | United Kingdom | United States*** |
|------------------------|--------|----------|---------------|---------|--------|----------|----------|-------|--------|-------------|---------------|--------|----------------|------------------|
| Iraq | 45 | * | - | 17 | - | 5 | - | * | 1,030 | 491 | - | 2,125 | 500 | 193 |
| Somalia | - | - | - | * | * | - | - | 84 | 892 | 1,085 | * | 149 | 315 | 66 |
| Afghanistan | * | - | - | - | - | 36 | 7 | 8 | 271 | 119 | - | 1,167 | 1,075 | 13 |
| Russian Federation | 1,988 | - | - | * | - | 19 | - | 22 | 237 | 73 | - | - | 15 | 139 |
| Serbia*** | - | - | - | * | - | * | 16 | - | 637 | 386 | - | - | 20 | 57 |
| Eritrea | - | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | 24 | 270 | 1,409 | - | 10 | 730 | 112 |
| Nigeria | 7 | - | 13 | 6 | - | * | * | 245 | 67 | 380 | - | * | 235 | 33 |
| China | 8 | - | 12 | 17 | - | 7 | - | * | 23 | 102 | - | 15 | 320 | 2,395 |
| Pakistan | * | - | 18 | 74 | - | 27 | - | 19 | 21 | 18 | - | * | 525 | 113 |
| Mexico | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | 556 |
| Islamic Rep. of Iran | - | - | - | * | - | * | * | 23 | 265 | 109 | - | 552 | 725 | 68 |
| Sri Lanka | 6 | - | 22 | - | - | 11 | * | 5 | 11 | 443 | - | 7 | 570 | 83 |
| Turkey | * | - | - | 19 | - | * | 26 | * | 64 | 134 | - | - | 45 | 14 |
| Bangladesh | * | - | 6 | 162 | - | 8 | - | 7 | 23 | 16 | - | * | 110 | 29 |
| Georgia | 14 | * | - | 11 | 5 | 40 | - | 24 | 72 | 173 | - | - | 20 | 30 |
| Haiti | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | * | - | - | - | - | 355 |
| Zimbabwe | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 11 | * | 9 | - | - | 1,145 | 54 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | * | 6 | * | * | - | - | - | 17 | 12 | 64 | - | 13 | 95 | 23 |
| Colombia | - | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | 129 | * | 10 | - | - | 5 | 178 |
| Armenia | 9 | - | - | * | * | 7 | - | 12 | 70 | 19 | - | * | 5 | 73 |

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**** Combination of number of persons (EOIR) and cases (DHS).

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Table 21. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2007

Covering 43 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR and Italy which is based on annual data.

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

| Albania | | Australia | | Austria | | Belgium | | Bosnia and H. | |
|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Serbia | 10 | China | 1,213 | Russian Fed. | 2,676 | Russian Fed. | 1,436 | Serbia | 555 |
| Nepal | 9 | Sri Lanka | 445 | Serbia | 1,760 | Serbia** | 1,219 | China | * |
| Czech Rep. | * | India | 349 | Afghanistan | 761 | Iraq | 825 | Sri Lanka | * |
| Nigeria | * | Iraq | 216 | Turkey | 659 | DR of Congo | 716 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | * |
| India | * | Indonesia | 183 | Rep. of Moldova | 545 | Afghanistan | 696 | Pakistan | * |
| Afghanistan | * | Pakistan | 145 | Iraq | 472 | Guinea | 526 | Montenegro | * |
| | | Malaysia | 137 | Somalia | 467 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 411 | Syrian Arab Rep. | * |
| | | Zimbabwe | 94 | Armenia | 405 | Slovakia | 364 | Bangladesh | * |
| | | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 84 | Georgia | 400 | Armenia | 339 | TfYR Macedonia | * |
| | | Rep. of Korea | 80 | Nigeria | 394 | Rwanda | 321 | Brazil | * |
| Bulgaria | | Canada | | Croatia | | Cyprus | | Czech Rep. | |
| Iraq | 533 | Mexico | 7,057 | Serbia | 86 | Syrian Arab Rep. | 1,752 | Ukraine | 293 |
| Stateless | 80 | Haiti | 3,231 | Pakistan | 15 | Occ. Palest. Terr. | 1,018 | Turkey | 213 |
| Afghanistan | 77 | Colombia | 2,577 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 15 | Sri Lanka | 661 | Mongolia | 159 |
| Armenia | 64 | United States | 1,824 | Albania | 13 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 475 | Belarus | 130 |
| Islam. Rep. of Iran | 33 | China | 1,353 | TfYR Macedonia | 10 | Georgia | 352 | Viet Nam | 100 |
| Nigeria | 18 | Sri Lanka | 793 | Bosnia and H. | 9 | Pakistan | 339 | Russian Fed. | 99 |
| Bangladesh | 17 | Nigeria | 755 | Iraq | 6 | India | 294 | Cuba | 94 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 15 | India | 641 | Georgia | 6 | Bangladesh | 264 | Nigeria | 69 |
| Turkey | 13 | DR of Congo | 351 | Russian Fed. | * | China | 214 | Stateless | 65 |
| Sudan | 13 | Pakistan | 349 | Sri Lanka | * | Iraq | 200 | Kyrgyzstan | 63 |
| Denmark*** | | Estonia | | Finland | | France | | Germany | |
| Iraq | 700 | Belarus | 5 | Iraq | 307 | Russian Fed. | 3,222 | Iraq | 4,171 |
| Afghanistan | 144 | Russian Fed. | * | Russian Fed. | 172 | Serbia** | 3,063 | Serbia** | 1,871 |
| Russian Fed. | 115 | Sri Lanka | * | Serbia** | 142 | Turkey | 2,223 | Turkey | 1,368 |
| Islam. Rep. of Iran | 109 | | | Somalia | 81 | Sri Lanka | 2,130 | Viet Nam | 991 |
| Serbia** | 92 | | | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 78 | DR of Congo | 2,126 | Russian Fed. | 752 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 74 | | | Turkey | 74 | Armenia | 1,924 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 616 |
| India | 56 | | | Afghanistan | 70 | China | 1,288 | Syrian Arab Rep. | 604 |
| Occ. Palest. Terr. | 53 | | | Belarus | 47 | Algeria | 965 | Lebanon | 580 |
| Sri Lanka | 42 | | | Nigeria | 41 | Bangladesh | 959 | Nigeria | 439 |
| China | 41 | | | DR of Congo | 35 | Guinea | 946 | India | 412 |
| Greece | | Hungary | | Iceland | | Ireland | | Italy (annual data) | |
| Pakistan | 9,144 | Viet Nam | 862 | Russian Fed. | 5 | Nigeria | 1,028 | Eritrea | 2,260 |
| Iraq | 5,474 | Serbia | 723 | Syrian Arab Rep. | 5 | Iraq | 285 | Nigeria | 1,336 |
| Bangladesh | 2,965 | China | 417 | Albania | 5 | China | 259 | Serbia | 1,113 |
| Georgia | 1,559 | Montenegro | 188 | Belarus | * | Pakistan | 185 | Côte d'Ivoire | 982 |
| Afghanistan | 1,556 | Iraq | 136 | Sri Lanka | * | Georgia | 174 | Somalia | 757 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 1,311 | Georgia | 131 | Lebanon | * | Sudan | 157 | Ghana | 673 |
| Nigeria | 390 | Russia | 99 | Malaysia | * | DR of Congo | 149 | Afghanistan | 663 |
| Islam. Rep. of Iran | 354 | Nigeria | 86 | Serbia | * | Somalia | 144 | Ethiopia | 399 |
| India | 261 | Mongolia | 79 | China | * | Rep. of Moldova | 133 | Turkey | 394 |
| Senegal | 219 | Turkey | 56 | Iraq | * | Eritrea | 113 | Sudan | 383 |
| Japan | | Latvia | | Liechtenstein | | Lithuania | | Luxembourg | |
| Myanmar | 500 | Bangladesh | 6 | Russian Fed. | 6 | Russian Fed. | 53 | Serbia | 225 |
| Turkey | 76 | Armenia | * | Iraq | * | Georgia | 13 | Bosnia and H. | 24 |
| Sri Lanka | 43 | Azerbaijan | * | DR of Congo | * | Belarus | 7 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 16 |
| Ethiopia | 29 | Russian Fed. | * | Serbia | * | Viet Nam | 6 | Albania | 16 |
| Pakistan | 27 | Iraq | * | Georgia | * | Armenia | 5 | Montenegro | 15 |
| Islam. Rep. of Iran | 19 | Kenya | * | Somalia | * | Morocco | * | Iraq | 14 |
| China | 17 | Mongolia | * | Israel | * | Uzbekistan | * | Russian Fed. | 13 |
| Bangladesh | 14 | Cuba | * | Poland | * | China | * | Algeria | 11 |
| Afghanistan | 12 | Turkey | * | Occ. Palest. Terr. | * | Cuba | * | Belarus | 8 |
| Cameroon | 12 | Nigeria | * | Islam. Rep. of Iran | * | Kazakhstan | * | Guinea | 8 |
| Malta | | Montenegro | | Netherlands | | New Zealand | | Norway | |
| Somalia | 585 | Albania | * | Iraq | 2,004 | Iraq | 30 | Iraq | 1,227 |
| Eritrea | 339 | TfYR Macedonia | * | Somalia | 1,874 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 27 | Russian Fed. | 863 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 77 | | | China | 243 | China | 26 | Eritrea | 789 |
| Sudan | 76 | | | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 187 | Sri Lanka | 25 | Serbia | 585 |
| Ethiopia | 73 | | | Nigeria | 179 | Bangladesh | 18 | Stateless | 515 |
| Mali | 46 | | | Eritrea | 153 | Fiji | 10 | Ethiopia | 241 |
| Nigeria | 38 | | | Afghanistan | 143 | Pakistan | 8 | Sri Lanka | 238 |
| Niger | 25 | | | Sierra Leone | 130 | Zimbabwe | 8 | Afghanistan | 234 |
| Ghana | 15 | | | Burundi | 129 | Hungary | 8 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 222 |
| DR of Congo | 14 | | | Côte d'Ivoire | 110 | India | 7 | Somalia | 187 |

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| Poland | | Portugal | | Rep. of Korea | | Romania | | Serbia (excl. Kosovo) | |
|--------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| Russian Fed. | 6,536 | Colombia | 86 | Nepal | 275 | Iraq | 243 | Iraq | 35 |
| Belarus | 63 | Guinea | 16 | Nigeria | 100 | Serbia | 183 | Georgia | 9 |
| Sri Lanka | 62 | Bosnia and H. | 16 | Ghana | 68 | Turkey | 40 | Ethiopia | 6 |
| Viet Nam | 44 | Somalia | 15 | Sri Lanka | 67 | Somalia | 28 | TfYR Macedonia | 5 |
| India | 41 | DR of Congo | 11 | Uganda | 50 | China | 26 | Pakistan | * |
| Pakistan | 31 | Afghanistan | 7 | China | 29 | Rep. of Moldova | 16 | Cuba | * |
| Iraq | 29 | Russian Fed. | 6 | Bangladesh | 24 | India | 15 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | * |
| Ukraine | 29 | Sri Lanka | 6 | Myanmar | 22 | Syrian Arab Rep. | 10 | Tunisia | * |
| Bangladesh | 23 | India | 5 | Liberia | 15 | Bangladesh | 9 | Senegal | * |
| Nigeria | 22 | Algeria | 5 | DR of Congo | 10 | Occ. Palest. Terr. | 9 | | |
| Slovakia | | Slovenia | | Spain | | Sweden | | Switzerland | |
| Pakistan | 650 | Serbia | 234 | Colombia | 2,437 | Iraq | 18,559 | Eritrea | 1,661 |
| India | 619 | Turkey | 39 | Iraq | 1,564 | Somalia | 3,349 | Serbia | 1,030 |
| Russian Fed. | 307 | Bosnia and H. | 22 | Nigeria | 674 | Serbia** | 2,500 | Iraq | 956 |
| Rep. of Moldova | 208 | Albania | 21 | Côte d'Ivoire | 313 | Stateless | 1,312 | Sri Lanka | 636 |
| Georgia | 134 | TfYR Macedonia | 20 | Morocco | 258 | Eritrea | 878 | Turkey | 616 |
| Iraq | 132 | Afghanistan | 12 | Algeria | 243 | Russian Fed. | 788 | Romania | 539 |
| Bangladesh | 108 | Pakistan | 11 | India | 177 | Afghanistan | 609 | Somalia | 464 |
| China | 96 | Russian Fed. | 9 | Somalia | 152 | Bolivia | 567 | Nigeria | 327 |
| Afghanistan | 66 | India | * | DR of Congo | 131 | Lebanon | 523 | Afghanistan | 322 |
| Viet Nam | 58 | Iraq | * | Sudan | 88 | Mongolia | 519 | Syrian Arab Rep. | 301 |
| TfYR Macedonia | | Turkey | | United Kingdom | | United States**** | | | |
| Serbia | 22 | Iraq | 3,471 | Afghanistan | 2,815 | China | 8,637 | | |
| India | 5 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 1,687 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 2,510 | El Salvador | 3,168 | | |
| Iraq | * | Somalia | 1,124 | Zimbabwe | 2,300 | Haiti | 2,726 | | |
| DR of Congo | * | Afghanistan | 705 | China | 2,185 | Mexico | 2,487 | | |
| Bulgaria | * | Occ. Palest. Terr. | 157 | Iraq | 2,075 | Guatemala | 2,221 | | |
| Occ. Palest. Terr. | * | DR of Congo | 76 | Somalia | 1,960 | Colombia | 1,213 | | |
| | | Sudan | 76 | Eritrea | 1,905 | Ethiopia | 1,146 | | |
| | | Ethiopia | 54 | Pakistan | 1,765 | Indonesia | 1,034 | | |
| | | Sri Lanka | 50 | Sri Lanka | 1,250 | Honduras | 950 | | |
| | | Eritrea | 45 | Nigeria | 905 | Venezuela (Bol. Rep.) | 745 | | |

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 Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.
 An asterisk (*) denotes between 1 and 4 applications.

| Albania | | Australia | | Austria | | Belgium | | Bosnia and H. | |
|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Serbia | 5 | China | 1,226 | Russian Fed. | 3,436 | Russian Fed. | 1,615 | Serbia | 82 |
| Sri Lanka | * | Sri Lanka | 417 | Serbia | 1,702 | Iraq | 1,070 | India | 6 |
| | | India | 371 | Afghanistan | 1,365 | Serbia | 1,050 | TfYR Macedonia | * |
| | | Indonesia | 236 | Nigeria | 535 | Afghanistan | 879 | Occ. Palest. Terr. | * |
| | | Malaysia | 231 | Georgia | 514 | Guinea | 661 | Croatia | * |
| | | Pakistan | 220 | Iraq | 494 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 614 | Cameroon | * |
| | | Zimbabwe | 214 | Turkey | 418 | DR of Congo | 579 | Turkey | * |
| | | Iraq | 193 | Somalia | 392 | Armenia | 461 | Pakistan | * |
| | | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 158 | Armenia | 361 | Cameroon | 367 | Montenegro | * |
| | | Bangladesh | 131 | India | 355 | Turkey | 284 | Poland | * |
| Bulgaria | | Canada | | Croatia | | Cyprus | | Czech Rep. | |
| Iraq | 350 | Mexico | 9,413 | Serbia | 62 | Syrian Arab Rep. | 963 | Ukraine | 328 |
| Armenia | 70 | Haiti | 4,247 | Pakistan | 16 | Sri Lanka | 408 | Turkey | 251 |
| Stateless | 67 | Colombia | 3,069 | Turkey | 10 | Occ. Palest. Terr. | 391 | Mongolia | 192 |
| Afghanistan | 55 | United States | 2,308 | Bosnia and H. | 9 | India | 232 | Viet Nam | 107 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 20 | China | 1,476 | Sri Lanka | 8 | Pakistan | 221 | Belarus | 80 |
| Islam. Rep. of Iran | 19 | Sri Lanka | 1,000 | Russian Fed. | 8 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 213 | Russian Fed. | 80 |
| Nigeria | 18 | Czech Rep. | 818 | Czech Rep. | 7 | Egypt | 211 | Kazakhstan | 78 |
| Sri Lanka | 17 | Nigeria | 765 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 7 | Bangladesh | 178 | Syrian Arab Rep. | 63 |
| Somalia | 14 | India | 674 | Tajikistan | 5 | Iraq | 170 | Nigeria | 42 |
| China | 10 | El Salvador | 603 | TfYR Macedonia | * | Georgia | 122 | Kyrgyzstan | 41 |
| Denmark*** | | Estonia | | Finland | | France | | Germany | |
| Iraq | 543 | Belarus | * | Iraq | 1,253 | Russian Fed. | 3,579 | Iraq | 6,697 |
| Afghanistan | 418 | Russian Fed. | * | Somalia | 1,176 | Serbia | 3,129 | Serbia | 1,511 |
| Islam. Rep. of Iran | 196 | Georgia | * | Afghanistan | 249 | Mali | 2,664 | Turkey | 1,320 |
| Russian Fed. | 183 | Iraq | * | Russian Fed. | 208 | DR of Congo | 2,485 | Viet Nam | 1,042 |
| Serbia | 118 | Turkey | * | Serbia** | 161 | Sri Lanka | 2,304 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 804 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 105 | Nigeria | * | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 143 | Turkey | 2,196 | Russian Fed. | 768 |
| Occ. Palest. Terr. | 91 | Ukraine | * | Bulgaria | 82 | Armenia | 2,081 | Syrian Arab Rep. | 744 |
| Somalia | 58 | Senegal | * | Nigeria | 76 | Guinea | 1,256 | Afghanistan | 650 |
| Sri Lanka | 53 | | | Belarus | 68 | Bangladesh | 1,242 | Lebanon | 513 |
| Turkey | 39 | | | Turkey | 65 | Comoros | 1,086 | Nigeria | 500 |
| Greece | | Hungary | | Iceland | | Ireland | | Italy | |
| Pakistan | 6,914 | Serbia | 1,593 | Serbia | 15 | Nigeria | 1,008 | Nigeria | 5,333 |
| Afghanistan | 2,287 | Pakistan | 246 | Iraq | 5 | Pakistan | 237 | Somalia | 4,473 |
| Georgia | 2,241 | Somalia | 185 | Afghanistan | 5 | Iraq | 203 | Eritrea | 2,739 |
| Bangladesh | 1,778 | Georgia | 165 | Nigeria | 5 | Georgia | 180 | Afghanistan | 2,005 |
| Iraq | 1,760 | Iraq | 125 | Albania | 5 | China | 180 | Côte d'Ivoire | 1,844 |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | 808 | Afghanistan | 116 | Sri Lanka | 5 | DR of Congo | 172 | Ghana | 1,674 |
| Nigeria | 746 | Turkey | 70 | Georgia | * | Rep. of Moldova | 142 | Bangladesh | 1,322 |
| Senegal | 386 | Nigeria | 56 | Russian Fed. | * | Somalia | 141 | Pakistan | 920 |
| Islam. Rep. of Iran | 312 | China | 55 | Kenya | * | Sudan | 126 | Serbia | 851 |
| India | 227 | Egypt | 50 | Azerbaijan | * | Zimbabwe | 114 | Togo | 829 |
| Japan | | Latvia | | Liechtenstein | | Lithuania | | Luxembourg | |
| Myanmar | 979 | Georgia | 17 | Belarus | * | Russian Fed. | 138 | Serbia | 219 |
| Turkey | 154 | Afghanistan | 10 | Angola | * | Belarus | 12 | Bosnia and H. | 31 |
| Sri Lanka | 90 | Russian Fed. | 5 | Russian Fed. | * | Cuba | 8 | Iraq | 29 |
| Ethiopia | 51 | Syrian Arab Rep. | * | Germany | * | Georgia | 7 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 18 |
| Islam. Rep. of Iran | 38 | Sri Lanka | * | Turkey | * | Sri Lanka | 6 | Albania | 14 |
| Pakistan | 37 | Bangladesh | * | Serbia | * | Pakistan | 6 | Montenegro | 14 |
| Bangladesh | 33 | Cuba | * | Czech Rep. | * | Uzbekistan | 6 | Russian Fed. | 13 |
| Cameroon | 29 | Turkey | * | Georgia | * | Syrian Arab Rep. | 5 | Eritrea | 11 |
| Nepal | 20 | Pakistan | * | Islam. Rep. of Iran | * | Turkey | * | Somalia | 10 |
| China | 18 | Cameroon | * | Armenia | * | Cameroon | * | Cameroon | 8 |
| Malta | | Montenegro | | Netherlands | | New Zealand | | Norway | |
| Somalia | 1,081 | Albania | * | Iraq | 5,027 | Iraq | 33 | Iraq | 3,137 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 264 | Georgia | * | Somalia | 3,842 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 28 | Eritrea | 1,799 |
| Nigeria | 223 | Belarus | * | China | 563 | Sri Lanka | 26 | Afghanistan | 1,363 |
| Mali | 208 | Serbia | * | Afghanistan | 395 | China | 24 | Somalia | 1,293 |
| Eritrea | 176 | Afghanistan | * | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 322 | India | 14 | Russian Fed. | 1,078 |
| Ghana | 111 | | | Eritrea | 236 | Czech Rep. | 10 | Stateless | 940 |
| Ethiopia | 97 | | | Sri Lanka | 216 | Bangladesh | 9 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 720 |
| Niger | 94 | | | Armenia | 208 | Zimbabwe | 8 | Serbia | 675 |
| Togo | 71 | | | Guinea | 154 | Malaysia | 8 | Nigeria | 436 |
| Gambia | 44 | | | Sierra Leone | 129 | Nepal | 6 | Ethiopia | 354 |

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 *** Asylum claims in Denmark exclude Iraqi interpreters who have worked for the Danish Forces in Iraq.

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Table 22. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2008 (continued)

Covering 44 industrialized countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

| Poland | | Portugal | | Rep. of Korea | | Romania | | Serbia (excl. Kosovo) | |
|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Russian Fed. | 6,647 | Sri Lanka | 27 | Sri Lanka | 71 | Pakistan | 252 | Côte d'Ivoire | 19 |
| Iraq | 66 | Colombia | 24 | Pakistan | 47 | Bangladesh | 172 | Georgia | 17 |
| Viet Nam | 57 | DR of Congo | 17 | Myanmar | 33 | India | 141 | Iraq | 12 |
| Georgia | 54 | Bosnia and H. | 10 | China | 30 | Iraq | 133 | Syrian Arab Rep. | 5 |
| Belarus | 33 | Nigeria | 8 | Bangladesh | 30 | Turkey | 79 | Armenia | 5 |
| Armenia | 32 | Guinea | 8 | Ghana | 29 | China | 53 | Nigeria | * |
| Ukraine | 25 | Senegal | 7 | Nigeria | 27 | Georgia | 43 | Ethiopia | * |
| Uzbekistan | 22 | Georgia | 5 | Uganda | 21 | Cameroon | 25 | Sierra Leone | * |
| China | 20 | Congo | 5 | Liberia | 15 | Serbia | 25 | Chad | * |
| Nigeria | 19 | Eritrea | 5 | Nepal | 12 | Rep. of Moldova | 15 | Occ. Palest. Terr. | * |
| Slovakia | | Slovenia | | Spain | | Sweden | | Switzerland | |
| Georgia | 112 | Turkey | 72 | Nigeria | 801 | Iraq | 6,083 | Eritrea | 2,849 |
| Rep. of Moldova | 110 | Serbia | 69 | Colombia | 753 | Somalia | 3,361 | Somalia | 2,014 |
| Russian Fed. | 107 | Bosnia and H. | 13 | Côte d'Ivoire | 498 | Serbia | 1,989 | Iraq | 1,440 |
| Pakistan | 95 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 11 | Somalia | 195 | Stateless | 1,051 | Serbia | 1,301 |
| India | 90 | Afghanistan | 10 | Algeria | 151 | Russian Fed. | 933 | Sri Lanka | 1,262 |
| Afghanistan | 75 | TfYR Macedonia | 9 | Cuba | 119 | Eritrea | 857 | Nigeria | 988 |
| Iraq | 45 | Nigeria | 7 | Morocco | 119 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 799 | Turkey | 519 |
| China | 44 | Albania | 7 | Sudan | 112 | Mongolia | 791 | Georgia | 481 |
| Bangladesh | 42 | Montenegro | 5 | DR of Congo | 103 | Afghanistan | 784 | Afghanistan | 405 |
| Viet Nam | 41 | Pakistan | * | Syrian Arab Rep. | 97 | Uzbekistan | 741 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 393 |
| TfYR Macedonia | | Turkey | | United Kingdom | | United States**** | | | |
| Serbia | 34 | Iraq | 6,904 | Zimbabwe | 4,330 | China | 9,992 | | |
| Afghanistan | 6 | Afghanistan | 2,642 | Afghanistan | 3,730 | Mexico | 2,739 | | |
| Albania | 5 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 2,116 | Islam. Rep. of Iran | 2,585 | El Salvador | 2,604 | | |
| Occ. Palest. Terr. | * | Somalia | 647 | Eritrea | 2,345 | Haiti | 1,929 | | |
| Somalia | * | Sudan | 156 | Iraq | 2,030 | Guatemala | 1,807 | | |
| Iraq | * | Eritrea | 76 | Pakistan | 2,010 | Ethiopia | 1,260 | | |
| Nigeria | * | Occ. Palest. Terr. | 74 | Sri Lanka | 1,840 | Honduras | 872 | | |
| Turkey | * | DR of Congo | 72 | Somalia | 1,575 | Iraq | 835 | | |
| Islam. Rep. of Iran | * | Sri Lanka | 42 | China | 1,490 | Nepal | 827 | | |
| Stateless | * | Uzbekistan | 35 | Nigeria | 970 | Colombia | 794 | | |

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**** Combination of cases (DHS) and persons (EOIR).

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Table 23. Monthly asylum applications lodged in 44 industrialized countries, 2008

Covering 44 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

| Asylum country | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | Jun. | Jul. | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Change Nov-Dec |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|
| Albania | - | 5 | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | .. |
| Australia | 304 | 315 | 323 | 349 | 343 | 335 | 493 | 569 | 426 | 427 | 341 | 525 | 54% |
| Austria | 1,113 | 888 | 812 | 889 | 833 | 815 | 1,089 | 1,163 | 1,295 | 1,412 | 1,228 | 1,272 | 4% |
| Belgium | 1,097 | 918 | 926 | 907 | 899 | 971 | 1,087 | 1,000 | 1,071 | 1,190 | 1,116 | 1,070 | -4% |
| Bosnia and H. | 1 | 17 | 34 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 1 | - | 12 | 9 | 5 | -44% |
| Bulgaria | 86 | 88 | 62 | 53 | 77 | 51 | 58 | 37 | 78 | 67 | 49 | 40 | -18% |
| Canada | 2,986 | 2,904 | 2,521 | 2,959 | 2,723 | 2,742 | 3,241 | 3,339 | 3,705 | 3,716 | 3,237 | 2,822 | -13% |
| Croatia | 20 | 13 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 14 | 31 | 15 | 10 | -33% |
| Cyprus | 254 | 440 | 423 | 310 | 312 | 274 | 435 | 220 | 326 | 232 | 334 | 362 | 8% |
| Czech Rep. | 212 | 188 | 182 | 137 | 98 | 114 | 115 | 113 | 121 | 176 | 117 | 117 | 0% |
| Denmark | 237 | 167 | 129 | 149 | 153 | 146 | 131 | 209 | 252 | 252 | 288 | 247 | -14% |
| Estonia | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 4 | 2 | -50% |
| Finland | 165 | 111 | 119 | 145 | 232 | 259 | 289 | 418 | 520 | 650 | 551 | 557 | 1% |
| France | 2,557 | 2,774 | 2,518 | 2,940 | 2,391 | 2,844 | 2,823 | 2,587 | 3,362 | 3,833 | 3,014 | 3,521 | 17% |
| Germany | 2,397 | 1,818 | 1,545 | 1,694 | 1,599 | 1,672 | 1,793 | 1,659 | 1,965 | 1,954 | 1,730 | 1,545 | -11% |
| Greece | 1,686 | 1,724 | 1,506 | 1,715 | 1,791 | 1,743 | 1,740 | 1,421 | 1,702 | 1,648 | 1,429 | 1,779 | 24% |
| Hungary | 241 | 233 | 227 | 173 | 196 | 148 | 160 | 240 | 394 | 445 | 340 | 321 | -6% |
| Iceland | 6 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 13 | 9 | 6 | 1 | -83% |
| Ireland | 329 | 296 | 299 | 299 | 301 | 329 | 339 | 333 | 360 | 357 | 324 | 299 | -8% |
| Italy | 1,532 | 1,591 | 1,843 | 1,734 | 2,125 | 2,256 | 3,134 | 3,413 | 3,619 | 3,301 | 3,414 | 3,202 | -6% |
| Japan | 89 | 94 | 126 | 105 | 132 | 128 | 148 | 128 | 150 | 162 | 176 | 161 | -9% |
| Latvia | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 8 | 3 | -63% |
| Liechtenstein | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | -50% |
| Lithuania | 11 | 7 | 15 | 15 | 10 | 8 | 15 | 19 | 22 | 26 | 33 | 35 | 6% |
| Luxembourg | 44 | 26 | 29 | 45 | 21 | 33 | 40 | 55 | 70 | 35 | 38 | 27 | -29% |
| Malta | 218 | 150 | 110 | 202 | 189 | 232 | 365 | 270 | 259 | 189 | 206 | 217 | 5% |
| Montenegro | - | 3 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | .. |
| Netherlands | 908 | 862 | 886 | 929 | 1,011 | 1,169 | 1,269 | 1,289 | 1,446 | 1,438 | 1,111 | 1,081 | -3% |
| New Zealand | 22 | 17 | 32 | 21 | 22 | 20 | 30 | 11 | 16 | 21 | 16 | 26 | 63% |
| Norway | 865 | 783 | 830 | 850 | 996 | 1,069 | 1,437 | 1,699 | 1,546 | 1,455 | 1,450 | 1,451 | 0% |
| Poland | 359 | 634 | 510 | 566 | 462 | 479 | 491 | 586 | 949 | 711 | 644 | 812 | 26% |
| Portugal | 7 | 13 | 11 | 16 | 12 | 34 | 6 | 20 | 9 | 15 | 12 | 6 | -50% |
| Rep. of Korea | 59 | 19 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 25 | 24 | 31 | 31 | 24 | 47 | 35 | -26% |
| Romania | 42 | 54 | 93 | 39 | 46 | 84 | 144 | 86 | 103 | 117 | 123 | 152 | 24% |
| Serbia | 5 | 9 | 11 | 4 | 3 | - | 15 | 16 | 1 | 9 | 4 | - | -100% |
| Slovakia | 45 | 61 | 66 | 75 | 75 | 97 | 76 | 79 | 86 | 120 | 66 | 64 | -3% |
| Slovenia | 17 | 14 | 11 | 15 | 45 | 12 | 13 | 10 | 23 | 23 | 37 | 18 | -51% |
| Spain | 372 | 442 | 336 | 444 | 420 | 347 | 357 | 290 | 343 | 433 | 366 | 328 | -10% |
| Sweden | 3,195 | 2,209 | 1,645 | 1,838 | 1,754 | 1,629 | 1,894 | 1,938 | 2,146 | 2,193 | 1,848 | 2,064 | 12% |
| Switzerland | 1,048 | 859 | 879 | 1,086 | 902 | 1,171 | 1,096 | 1,607 | 1,703 | 2,116 | 2,056 | 2,083 | 1% |
| TFYR Macedonia | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 6 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 100% |
| Turkey | 666 | 919 | 625 | 812 | 903 | 914 | 1,008 | 1,250 | 1,742 | 1,749 | 1,427 | 966 | -32% |
| United Kingdom | 2,705 | 2,510 | 2,490 | 2,270 | 2,185 | 2,385 | 2,755 | 2,385 | 2,845 | 2,815 | 2,565 | 2,635 | 3% |
| United States | 4,165 | 4,156 | 4,092 | 4,350 | 4,684 | 4,118 | 4,806 | 3,759 | 3,767 | 4,183 | 3,405 | 3,530 | 4% |
| EU-"Old" (15) | 18,344 | 16,349 | 15,094 | 16,014 | 15,727 | 16,632 | 18,746 | 18,180 | 21,005 | 21,526 | 19,034 | 19,633 | 3% |
| EU-"New" (12) | 1,489 | 1,871 | 1,700 | 1,586 | 1,513 | 1,503 | 1,875 | 1,668 | 2,362 | 2,127 | 1,961 | 2,143 | 9% |
| EU-Total (27) | 19,833 | 18,220 | 16,794 | 17,600 | 17,240 | 18,135 | 20,621 | 19,848 | 23,367 | 23,653 | 20,995 | 21,776 | 4% |
| Nordic countries (5) | 4,468 | 3,277 | 2,725 | 2,985 | 3,142 | 3,112 | 3,760 | 4,270 | 4,477 | 4,559 | 4,143 | 4,320 | 4% |
| Western Europe (19) | 20,267 | 18,002 | 16,807 | 17,954 | 17,633 | 18,885 | 21,293 | 21,493 | 24,267 | 25,107 | 22,548 | 23,169 | 3% |
| Southern Europe (8) | 4,735 | 5,284 | 4,854 | 5,233 | 5,754 | 5,800 | 7,045 | 6,884 | 8,000 | 7,567 | 7,188 | 6,860 | -5% |
| Total Europe (38) | 22,450 | 20,840 | 19,186 | 20,376 | 20,075 | 21,315 | 24,217 | 24,446 | 28,401 | 29,038 | 25,965 | 26,295 | 1% |
| Canada/USA | 7,151 | 7,060 | 6,613 | 7,309 | 7,407 | 6,860 | 8,047 | 7,098 | 7,472 | 7,899 | 6,642 | 6,352 | -4% |
| Australia/New Z. | 326 | 332 | 355 | 370 | 365 | 355 | 523 | 580 | 442 | 448 | 357 | 551 | 54% |
| Japan/Rep. of Korea | 148 | 113 | 150 | 128 | 154 | 153 | 172 | 159 | 181 | 186 | 223 | 196 | -12% |
| Total non-Europe (6) | 7,625 | 7,505 | 7,118 | 7,807 | 7,926 | 7,368 | 8,742 | 7,837 | 8,095 | 8,533 | 7,222 | 7,099 | -2% |
| Total (44) | 30,075 | 28,345 | 26,304 | 28,183 | 28,001 | 28,683 | 32,959 | 32,283 | 36,496 | 37,571 | 33,187 | 33,394 | 1% |

Notes

See notes Table 1.