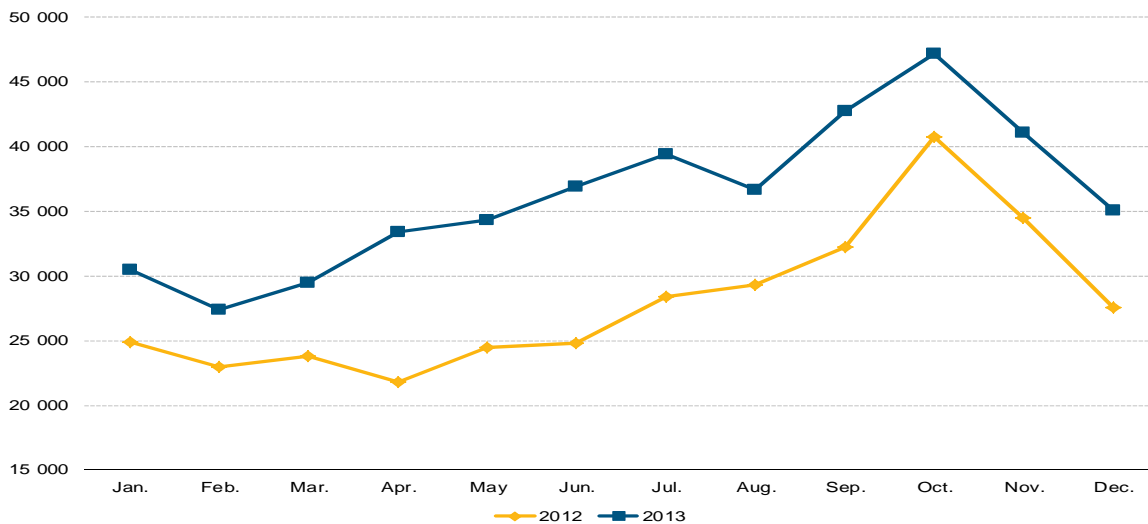


## Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications: 2013

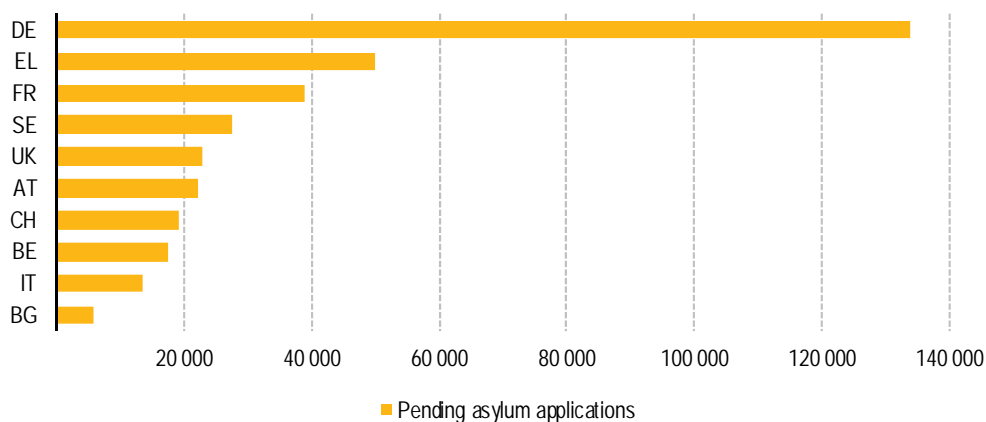
Large increase to almost 435 000 asylum applicants registered in the EU-28 in 2013, nearly 100 000 more compared to 2012; largest group from Syria

Figure 1: Asylum applicants, EU-28, January 2012 – December 2013



Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 2: Pending asylum applications on 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2013 (<sup>1</sup>)

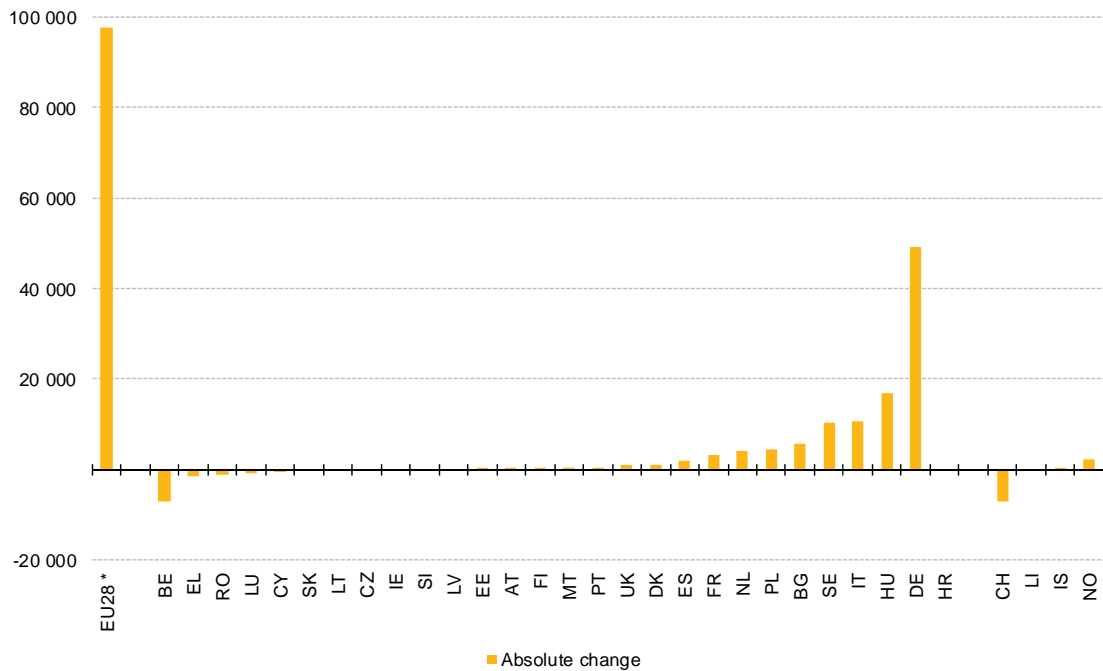


(<sup>1</sup>) Countries selected here are those with the highest number of pending applications; data for CY, NL and RO are not available, for PL November 2013 data are used

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asypenctzm](#))

With 50 000 more asylum applicants, Germany accounts for half of the overall increase of applicants in the EU in 2013 compared to last year.

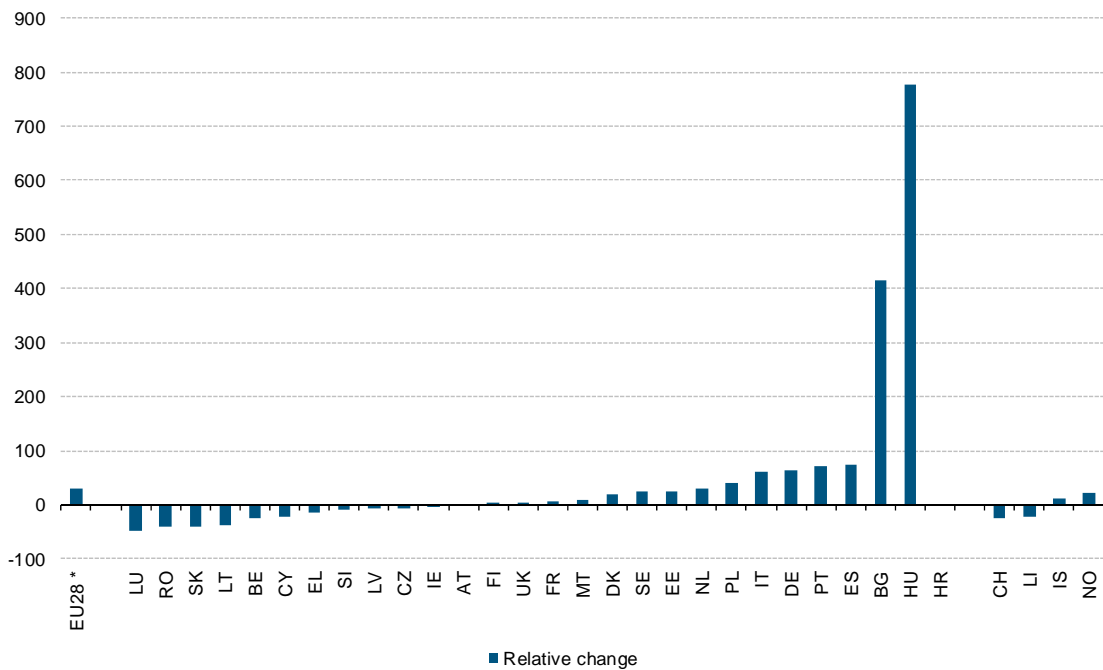
Figure 3: Asylum applicants, absolute change between 2012 and 2013



\* Excluding Croatia due to missing 2012 data; HR cannot be calculated due to missing 2012 data for Croatia  
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

Hungary and Bulgaria have seen a huge increase in asylum applicants in 2013, 9 and 5 times more respectively compared to 2012

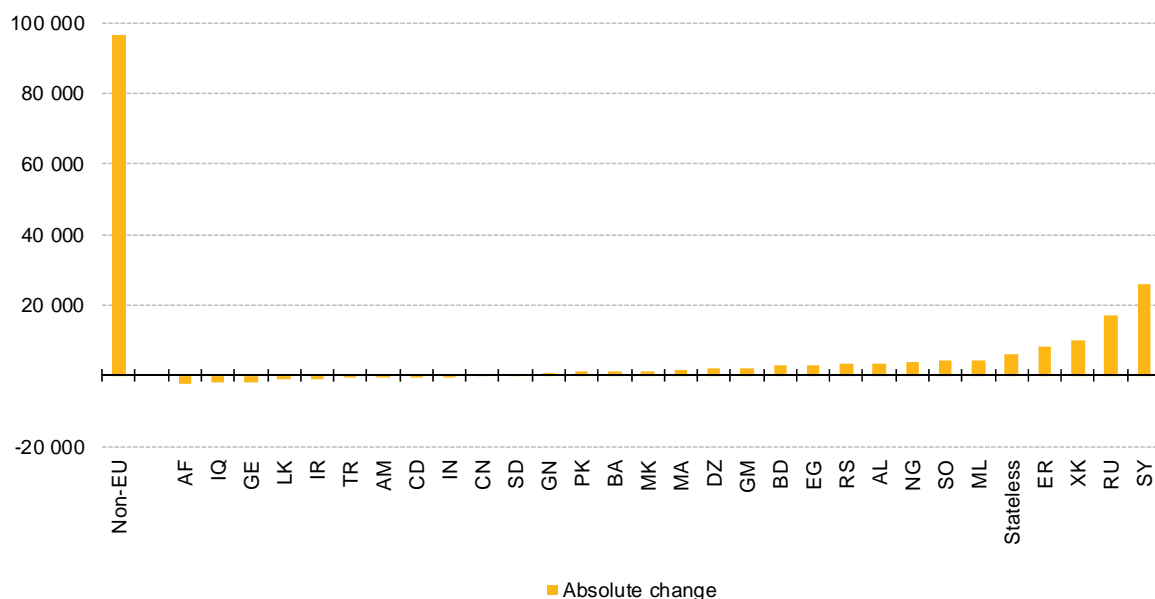
Figure 4: Asylum applicants, relative change between 2012 and 2013, %



\* Excluding Croatia due to missing 2012 data; HR cannot be calculated due to missing 2012 data for Croatia  
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## Syrians, Russians and Kosovars account for half of the overall increase of asylum applicants in the EU-28 in 2013

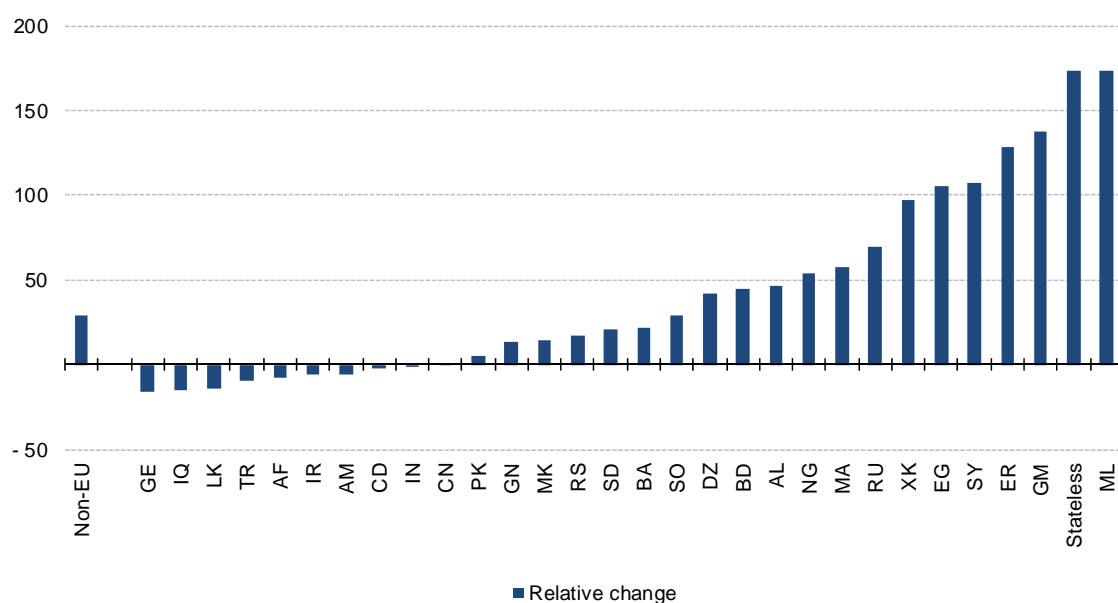
**Figure 5: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-28 (\*), absolute change between 2012 and 2013**



(\*) Excluding Croatia due to missing 2012 data  
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

## Number of applicants from Mali and Stateless nearly tripled, while from Gambia, Eritrea and Syria doubled in the EU-28 in 2013 compared to 2012

**Figure 6: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-28 (\*), relative change between 2012 and 2013, %**



(\*) Excluding Croatia due to missing 2012 data  
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

Sweden by far the country with the highest number of asylum applicants per million inhabitants in 2013, almost 2 000 per million inhabitant

Table 1: Asylum applicants (including new asylum applicants), Q4 2012 – Q4 2013

	Q4 2012			Q1 2013			Q2 2013			Q3 2013			Q4 2013			Applicants per million inhabitants (²) Q4 2013	2013
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
<b>EU-28 (¹)</b>	40 725	34 465	27 545	30 450	27 385	29 450	33 405	34 355	36 925	39 395	36 675	42 775	47 145	41 090	35 110	123 340	434 160
<b>EU-27</b>	40 725	34 465	27 545	30 280	27 240	29 280	33 305	34 260	36 890	39 350	36 630	42 695	47 050	41 030	35 075	123 155	433 085
<b>Belgium</b>	2 715	2 210	2 055	2 225	1 815	1 835	1 730	1 670	1 630	1 860	1 725	1 955	1 760	1 445	1 375	4 585	21 030
<b>Bulgaria</b>	195	205	260	250	230	425	265	280	430	440	695	960	1 255	1 260	650	3 165	7 145
<b>Czech Republic</b>	85	55	60	70	50	65	45	60	45	60	90	45	60	45	60	1 65	695
<b>Denmark</b>	610	640	595	745	545	575	535	475	500	610	670	645	710	635	520	1 865	7 170
<b>Germany</b>	12 470	10 140	5 575	8 370	6 800	6 500	8 735	8 580	9 730	11 365	11 545	14 030	15 625	14 425	11 005	41 050	126 705
<b>Estonia</b>	5	0	5	10	10	5	10	15	0	10	0	5	5	15	5	25	95
<b>Ireland</b>	105	70	75	80	85	65	90	80	75	70	65	80	80	80	70	230	920
<b>Greece</b>	1 255	1 030	850	755	705	610	745	595	535	775	610	675	835	760	630	2 220	8 225
<b>Spain</b>	240	255	170	280	445	435	405	445	450	430	300	350	355	315	270	935	4 485
<b>France</b>	6 285	5 185	5 775	4 910	5 410	5 650	5 820	4 955	5 470	6 020	4 855	4 795	6 240	5 220	5 415	16 880	64 760
<b>Croatia</b>	:	:	:	165	145	170	105	95	40	45	50	80	95	55	35	185	1 075
<b>Italy</b>	2 180	2 005	1 285	1 720	1 255	1 935	1 845	1 825	2 325	2 575	2 610	2 690	3 485	3 260	2 405	9 150	27 930
<b>Cyprus</b>	155	140	90	100	140	80	75	95	70	70	105	120	140	145	120	405	1 255
<b>Latvia</b>	15	15	15	5	5	15	20	15	10	35	30	25	15	10	10	35	195
<b>Lithuania</b>	40	60	75	40	35	25	20	30	30	35	55	20	40	35	40	110	400
<b>Luxembourg</b>	165	120	70	80	70	75	90	80	90	105	75	120	125	100	60	285	1 070
<b>Hungary</b>	320	260	220	300	670	1 350	1 965	3 335	4 115	2 190	1 140	1 075	785	935	1 035	2 755	18 895
<b>Malta</b>	40	335	60	25	20	75	165	125	55	435	740	290	115	130	65	310	2 245
<b>Netherlands</b>	1 360	1 155	1 115	1 625	1 225	1 200	1 260	1 135	1 270	1 445	1 300	1 665	1 830	1 690	1 515	5 035	17 160
<b>Austria</b>	2 120	1 530	1 245	1 210	1 185	1 195	1 405	1 445	1 800	1 800	1 355	1 345	1 695	1 550	1 520	4 765	17 500
<b>Poland</b>	1 365	1 110	1 120	740	850	1 395	2 015	3 010	2 390	1 595	975	815	625	445	295	1 360	15 150
<b>Portugal</b>	10	25	20	25	25	25	70	25	35	40	30	55	45	30	105	180	500
<b>Romania</b>	160	95	60	120	95	120	130	135	105	185	95	185	135	110	80	325	1 495
<b>Slovenia</b>	35	30	50	55	20	30	25	35	20	15	20	20	20	5	10	35	270
<b>Slovakia</b>	80	65	50	30	35	30	35	55	50	30	50	20	40	40	30	105	440
<b>Finland</b>	310	335	235	265	235	245	250	235	240	260	325	340	280	280	255	815	3 210
<b>Sweden</b>	5 490	4 560	4 085	3 790	2 960	2 960	3 045	3 080	2 975	4 120	4 800	7 770	7 910	5 530	5 325	18 765	54 270
<b>United Kingdom</b>	2 920	2 840	2 330	2 455	2 330	2 370	2 505	2 440	2 455	2 760	2 375	2 595	2 840	2 540	2 210	7 590	29 875
<b>Iceland</b>	10	10	5	15	10	10	15	10	5	10	10	15	15	10	10	30	125
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	10	10	5	15	5	0	5	5	0	5	10	5	5	0	0	5	55
<b>Norway</b>	1 000	870	855	990	685	830	810	760	910	1 255	1 620	1 365	1 095	855	760	2 710	11 930
<b>Switzerland</b>	2 385	2 360	1 580	2 120	1 785	1 820	2 050	1 640	1 540	1 800	1 530	1 470	1 830	1 950	1 770	5 545	21 305

(¹) EU aggregates and other indicators are based on available data

(²) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2013

: data are not available

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappozm](http://migr_asyappozm))

# More than 50 000 asylum applicants from Syria in 2013 in the EU-28

**Table 2: Asylum applicants in the EU-28 (\*) by citizenship (including new asylum applicants), Q4 2012 – Q4 2013 (1)**

	Q4 2012			Q1 2013			Q2 2013			Q3 2013			Q4 2013			Q4 2013	Change in %	
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		between Q3 2013 and Q4 2013	between Q4 2012 and Q4 2013
<b>Non-EU</b>	40 725	34 465	27 545	30 450	27 385	29 450	33 405	34 355	36 925	39 395	36 675	42 775	47 145	41 090	35 110	123 340	4	20
Syria - (SY)	3 380	3 300	2 700	3 375	2 575	2 850	2 685	2 720	2 985	3 615	4 055	6 520	7 350	6 680	5 265	19 295	36	106
Serbia - (RS)	4 775	2 345	1 060	1 230	1 175	1 005	1 150	990	1 235	1 965	2 250	2 755	2 885	2 955	2 790	8 630	24	6
Afghanistan - (AF)	2 900	2 440	2 070	2 225	1 900	1 925	1 965	2 135	2 115	2 260	1 910	2 125	2 420	2 555	2 750	7 730	23	4
Eritrea - (ER)	860	995	580	735	520	635	500	505	540	1 385	1 860	1 950	2 175	2 185	1 680	6 040	16	148
Russia - (RU)	2 770	2 745	2 785	2 665	2 610	3 190	4 915	6 390	5 580	4 295	3 250	2 745	2 220	1 835	1 580	5 635	-45	-32
Somalia - (SO)	1 330	1 485	1 260	1 420	930	1 205	1 445	1 285	1 675	1 890	1 790	1 950	1 820	1 825	1 415	5 065	-10	24
Pakistan - (PK)	2 115	2 110	1 550	1 485	1 350	1 515	1 995	1 900	2 105	2 245	1 840	1 700	1 740	1 595	1 415	4 745	-18	-18
MK - (MK)	2 145	925	345	395	445	445	580	570	760	945	1 140	1 785	1 620	1 490	895	4 000	3	17
Stateless	495	435	395	420	310	295	360	335	435	660	1 030	2 000	2 170	890	685	3 750	2	183
Kosovo - (XK)	1 400	1 185	1 085	1 075	1 100	1 160	1 840	2 710	3 610	2 255	1 355	1 435	1 295	1 185	1 160	3 640	-28	-1
Albania - (AL)	865	890	740	660	735	835	905	900	765	915	705	960	1 280	1 170	1 190	3 635	41	46
Nigeria - (NG)	845	720	610	740	705	885	870	795	885	995	1 070	1 170	1 550	1 025	930	3 505	8	61
Iran - (IR)	1 565	1 500	1 090	1 385	955	930	1 250	1 055	975	1 055	960	1 040	1 345	990	850	3 180	4	-23
Iraq - (IQ)	1 365	1 155	850	1 165	820	825	860	730	770	1 025	920	1 065	1 225	980	805	3 015	0	-11
BA - (BA)	1 120	1 015	355	390	290	280	290	365	355	600	555	1 135	1 140	1 025	690	2 855	24	15
Georgia - (GE)	1 270	910	860	835	730	755	740	545	775	845	755	750	910	755	705	2 365	1	-22
Bangladesh - (BD)	595	590	540	560	550	550	820	850	990	940	700	815	920	690	735	2 345	-5	36
CD - (CD)	845	585	645	560	675	720	725	590	625	705	620	610	820	720	720	2 265	17	9
Egypt - (EG)	245	210	185	210	240	220	225	345	340	470	795	720	1 010	605	330	1 945	-2	204
Guinea - (GN)	535	555	455	505	495	575	535	445	500	570	540	540	635	530	525	1 690	2	10
Unknown - (UNK)	315	275	225	330	245	260	245	270	275	345	350	505	850	465	330	1 645	37	102
Algeria - (DZ)	475	375	330	480	550	680	705	700	755	640	555	535	580	510	395	1 485	-14	26
Sri Lanka - (LK)	645	620	550	535	590	585	635	455	585	620	465	400	580	435	445	1 460	-2	-20
Armenia - (AM)	540	495	480	495	470	405	465	400	405	395	360	395	560	445	410	1 415	23	-7
Mali - (ML)	320	340	255	440	625	780	630	520	600	645	545	535	570	380	385	1 335	-23	46
Gambia - (GM)	185	200	125	215	150	180	220	215	290	375	340	285	470	520	330	1 320	32	158
Turkey - (TR)	600	595	495	525	605	555	490	530	430	415	335	450	465	395	420	1 280	6	-24
China - (CN)	490	420	395	410	375	430	470	415	425	505	455	430	460	415	400	1 275	-8	-2
Senegal - (SN)	200	185	175	175	130	155	160	155	215	330	225	310	435	455	250	1 140	32	105
Sudan - (SD)	245	210	210	260	200	240	225	220	290	245	265	270	335	360	325	1 025	32	54
<b>Other</b>	5 300	4 640	4 160	4 560	4 330	4 580	4 510	4 320	4 640	5 235	4 680	4 895	5 315	5 020	4 300	14 630	-11	33

(\*) Aggregates and other indicators are based on available data

(1) Countries selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2013;

Kosovo - see methodological notes; CD - Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK - the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia; BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](http://migr_asyappctzm))

1 out of 4 asylum applicants in the EU-28 was aged less than 18 in 2013 while 1 out of 3 was a female

Table 3: Asylum applicants by age group <sup>(1)</sup>, 2013, %

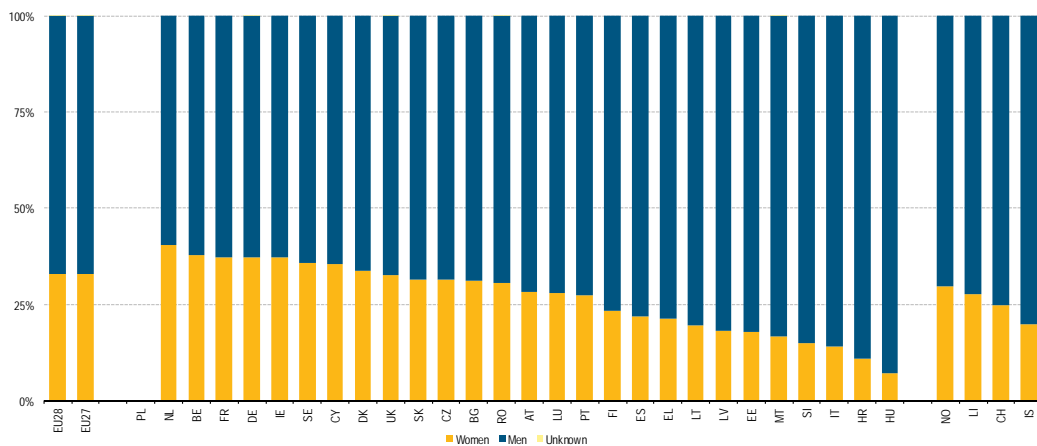
	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
<b>EU-28</b>	434 160	19.6	5.9	50.4	19.5	0.8	0.2
<b>EU-27</b>	433 085	19.6	5.9	50.4	19.5	0.8	0.2
<b>Belgium</b>	21 030	22.5	6.7	48.7	21.3	0.8	0.0
<b>Bulgaria</b>	7 145	23.9	7.8	50.8	16.8	0.7	0.0
<b>Czech Republic</b>	695	16.6	2.3	42.1	37.3	1.7	0.0
<b>Denmark</b>	7 170	20.3	8.4	48.2	21.7	1.4	0.0
<b>Germany</b>	126 705	28.4	6.3	45.5	19.1	0.8	0.0
<b>Estonia</b>	95	8.3	3.1	60.4	28.1	0.0	0.0
<b>Ireland</b>	920	22.8	4.1	49.7	22.5	0.9	0.0
<b>Greece</b>	8 225	7.1	5.5	69.1	18.0	0.2	0.0
<b>Spain</b>	4 485	9.2	2.6	63.7	23.4	1.0	0.0
<b>France</b>	64 760	17.8	2.9	53.2	25.2	0.9	0.0
<b>Croatia</b>	1 075	6.3	6.2	73.1	14.4	0.0	0.0
<b>Italy</b>	27 930	5.5	3.1	79.4	11.8	0.1	0.0
<b>Cyprus</b>	1 255	14.9	6.6	58.2	18.9	0.6	0.8
<b>Latvia</b>	195	10.4	4.1	54.4	31.1	0.0	0.0
<b>Lithuania</b>	400	12.0	2.5	61.2	23.6	0.8	0.0
<b>Luxembourg</b>	1 070	16.6	7.7	52.3	23.0	0.4	0.0
<b>Hungary</b>	18 895	4.2	3.1	79.5	13.1	0.1	0.0
<b>Malta</b>	2 245	5.0	19.3	67.1	7.9	0.3	0.3
<b>Netherlands</b>	17 160	27.2	8.9	41.7	20.5	1.2	0.4
<b>Austria</b>	17 500	23.9	8.7	49.4	17.2	0.7	0.0
<b>Poland</b>	15 150	:	:	:	:	:	:
<b>Portugal</b>	500	12.0	16.5	53.0	18.1	0.4	0.0
<b>Romania</b>	1 495	20.7	5.6	47.9	24.6	1.1	0.1
<b>Slovenia</b>	270	11.4	12.9	55.9	19.9	0.0	0.0
<b>Slovakia</b>	440	13.4	3.9	62.2	20.3	0.2	0.0
<b>Finland</b>	3 210	17.0	6.0	54.8	21.1	0.8	0.2
<b>Sweden</b>	54 270	21.2	9.5	43.7	23.9	1.7	0.0
<b>United Kingdom</b>	29 875	13.2	6.0	54.9	21.8	1.2	2.8
<b>Iceland</b>	125	20.0	5.0	65.0	35.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	55	16.7	0.0	55.6	25.9	1.9	0.0
<b>Norway</b>	11 930	13.5	9.1	59.6	17.2	0.5	0.0
<b>Switzerland</b>	21 305	20.5	4.5	57.3	17.3	0.5	0.0

<sup>(1)</sup> Distribution by age for EU aggregates are based on data for those countries for which data are available

: Data are not available

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 7: Asylum applicants by gender <sup>(1)</sup>, 2013, %



<sup>(1)</sup> Data for PL are not available; EU aggregates and distribution by gender are based on available data

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

## 1 out of 2 asylum applicants from Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and FYROM were minors in the EU-28 in 2013

**Table 4: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-28 (\*), by age group, 2013, % <sup>(1)</sup>**

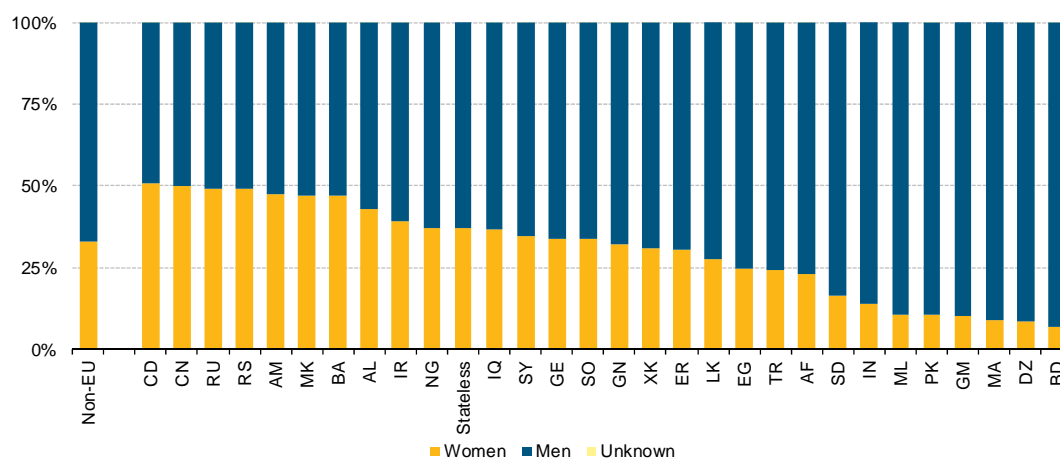
	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
<b>Non-EU</b>	434 160	19.6	5.9	50.4	19.5	0.8	0.2
Syria - (SY)	50 470	23.0	5.9	44.0	24.4	2.0	0.1
Russia - (RU)	41 270	30.8	2.9	21.3	13.6	0.5	0.0
Afghanistan - (AF)	26 290	18.3	16.8	51.2	12.1	1.3	0.1
Serbia - (RS)	22 380	38.4	7.0	30.5	23.5	0.6	0.0
Pakistan - (PK)	20 885	6.4	2.8	71.2	18.2	0.7	0.5
Kosovo - (XK)	20 175	22.9	4.4	52.9	19.3	0.4	0.0
Somalia - (SO)	18 655	18.3	13.1	58.6	8.7	1.0	0.2
Eritrea - (ER)	14 665	7.6	5.8	73.8	12.2	0.3	0.2
Iran - (IR)	12 785	13.9	4.8	51.2	27.8	1.2	0.9
Nigeria - (NG)	11 625	15.7	1.7	66.3	15.6	0.0	0.6
Iraq - (IQ)	11 195	27.7	5.6	43.3	21.0	2.1	0.1
MK - (MK)	11 065	35.8	7.2	30.7	25.9	0.4	0.0
Albania - (AL)	11 020	26.4	9.6	43.4	19.8	0.7	0.1
Stateless	9 590	25.5	6.8	38.6	26.5	2.1	0.1
Bangladesh - (BD)	9 125	3.3	3.1	74.4	18.4	0.1	0.5
Georgia - (GE)	9 095	14.0	2.0	44.4	25.4	0.5	0.0
CD - (CD)	8 100	17.4	4.8	53.4	23.4	0.9	0.1
BA - (BA)	7 110	38.8	7.0	32.6	21.0	0.5	0.0
Algeria - (DZ)	7 080	5.2	6.6	70.9	17.1	0.1	0.1
Mali - (ML)	6 655	4.9	3.4	77.6	14.1	0.0	0.0
Guinea - (GN)	6 395	14.4	6.6	69.8	9.1	0.1	0.0
Sri Lanka - (LK)	6 325	11.3	1.8	63.0	21.4	1.4	1.1
Turkey - (TR)	5 625	12.1	3.8	66.5	16.8	0.4	0.1
Egypt - (EG)	5 505	18.9	4.8	56.0	18.8	0.7	0.2
Armenia - (AM)	5 210	22.2	4.1	37.1	30.4	2.3	0.0
China - (CN)	5 190	8.5	1.8	47.9	40.7	0.5	0.6
Morocco - (MA)	4 255	2.8	12.6	69.0	15.5	0.0	0.0
Gambia - (GM)	3 590	4.7	6.2	80.7	8.0	0.0	0.4
India - (IN)	3 235	4.9	1.9	74.2	17.7	0.1	1.1
Sudan - (SD)	3 235	9.1	2.8	65.7	20.9	0.5	0.9
<b>Other</b>	<b>56 350</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>

(\*) Data for PL on distribution by age are not available for December 2013

<sup>(1)</sup> Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2013 in the EU-28  
MK – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Kosovo – see methodological notes; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

**Figure 8: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-28, by gender, 2013, % <sup>(1)</sup>**



<sup>(1)</sup> Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2013 in the EU-28

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

## Nearly 85 per cent of asylum applicants in Poland were Russians in 2013

Table 5: Five main citizenships of asylum applicants, 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>

EU-28			EU-27		
	#	%		#	%
Syria	50 470	12	Syria	50 275	12
Russia	41 270	10	Russia	41 255	10
Afghanistan	26 290	6	Afghanistan	26 105	6
Serbia	22 380	5	Serbia	22 375	5
Pakistan	20 885	5	Pakistan	20 835	5
Other	272 870	63	Other	272 240	63

BELGIUM			BULGARIA			CZECH REPUBLIC			DENMARK		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Russia	2 150	10	Syria	4 510	63	Ukraine	145	21	Syria	1 685	23
Afghanistan	1 675	8	Stateless	565	8	Syria	70	10	Russia	965	13
Guinea	1 610	8	Algeria	435	6	Russia	50	7	Somalia	920	13
CD	1 540	7	Afghanistan	310	4	Vietnam	50	7	Serbia	465	7
Kosovo	1 270	6	Iraq	255	4	Armenia	40	6	Afghanistan	410	6
Other	12 785	61	Other	1 070	15	Other	335	48	Other	2 720	38

GERMANY			ESTONIA			IRELAND			GREECE		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Serbia	18 000	14	Vietnam	25	27	Nigeria	130	14	Pakistan	1 360	17
Russia	15 475	12	Syria	15	18	Pakistan	95	10	Afghanistan	1 225	15
Syria	12 855	10	Russia	15	15	Zimbabwe	70	8	Bangladesh	730	9
MK	9 415	7	Georgia	10	9	Algeria	60	7	Albania	580	7
Afghanistan	8 240	7	Pakistan	10	8	CD	60	6	Georgia	535	6
Other	62 720	50	Other	20	23	Other	505	55	Other	3 800	46

SPAIN			FRANCE			CROATIA			ITALY		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Mali	1 470	33	Kosovo	5 505	8	Syria	195	18	Nigeria	3 580	13
Syria	725	16	CD	5 325	8	Afghanistan	185	17	Pakistan	3 310	12
Algeria	350	8	Albania	5 045	8	Somalia	135	13	Somalia	2 885	10
Nigeria	180	4	Russia	5 010	8	Algeria	130	12	Eritrea	2 215	8
Somalia	130	3	Bangladesh	4 470	7	Tunisia	70	6	Afghanistan	2 175	8
Other	1 630	36	Other	39 405	61	Other	360	34	Other	13 765	49

CYPRUS			LATVIA			LITHUANIA			LUXEMBOURG		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Syria	570	45	Georgia	145	76	Georgia	120	30	Kosovo	160	15
Egypt	145	12	Syria	15	8	Afghanistan	85	22	BA	145	14
Bangladesh	105	8	Russia	5	3	Russia	75	19	Montenegro	115	11
Vietnam	85	7	Egypt	5	3	Vietnam	25	7	Albania	75	7
Pakistan	55	4	Afghanistan	5	2	Belarus	20	5	Serbia	60	6
Other	295	23	Other	15	9	Other	75	18	Other	515	48

HUNGARY			MALTA			NETHERLANDS			AUSTRIA		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Kosovo	6 210	33	Somalia	1 015	45	Somalia	3 270	19	Russia	2 850	16
Pakistan	3 080	16	Eritrea	475	21	Syria	2 705	16	Afghanistan	2 590	15
Afghanistan	2 330	12	Syria	250	11	Iraq	1 420	8	Syria	2 005	11
Algeria	1 115	6	Libya	110	5	Afghanistan	1 380	8	Pakistan	1 035	6
Syria	975	5	Nigeria	95	4	Iran	1 120	7	Algeria	945	5
Other	5 185	27	Other	300	13	Other	7 265	42	Other	8 070	46

POLAND			PORTUGAL			ROMANIA			SLOVENIA		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Russia	12 760	84	Syria	145	29	Syria	1 010	68	Syria	60	23
Georgia	1 235	8	Guinea	80	16	Iraq	45	3	Kosovo	35	13
Syria	255	2	Nigeria	35	7	Pakistan	40	3	Algeria	20	8
Armenia	205	1	Senegal	35	7	Afghanistan	40	3	Afghanistan	20	7
Kazakhstan	90	1	Mali	25	5	Egypt	30	2	Pakistan	20	7
Other	600	4	Other	180	35	Other	330	22	Other	115	43

SLOVAKIA			FINLAND			SWEDEN			UNITED KINGDOM		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Afghanistan	110	25	Iraq	820	25	Syria	16 540	30	Pakistan	4 645	16
Somalia	55	13	Russia	245	8	Stateless	6 885	13	Iran	3 055	10
Georgia	35	8	Somalia	215	7	Eritrea	4 880	9	Sri Lanka	2 280	8
Eritrea	30	7	Nigeria	205	6	Somalia	3 940	7	Syria	2 040	7
Armenia	25	6	Afghanistan	200	6	Afghanistan	3 025	6	Albania	1 615	5
Other	185	42	Other	1 530	48	Other	19 000	35	Other	16 240	54

ICELAND			LIECHTENSTEIN			NORWAY			SWITZERLAND		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Albania	40	31	Russia	10	17	Eritrea	3 250	27	Eritrea	2 560	12
Russia	10	7	Kosovo	5	11	Somalia	1 695	14	Syria	1 900	9
Syria	5	6	Somalia	5	7	Syria	865	7	Nigeria	1 765	8
Algeria	5	5	Armenia	5	7	Afghanistan	725	6	Tunisia	1 735	8
Nigeria	5	5	China	5	7	Sudan	600	5	Morocco	1 070	5
Other	60	46	Other	25	50	Other	4 795	40	Other	12 275	58

<sup>(1)</sup> Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2013 in the EU-28

# Absolute number of asylum applications

CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – see methodological notes; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))



## About 1 out of 10 asylum applicants in the EU in 2013 lodged their application in Germany

**Table 6: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants by destination country in the EU-28, 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>**

			NON-EU		#	(%)
			Germany	126 705	29	
			France	64 760	15	
			Sweden	54 270	13	
			United Kingdom	29 855	7	
			Italy	27 930	6	
			Other	130 645	30	
			<b>RUSSIA - (RU)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Germany	15 475	37	
			Poland	12 760	31	
			France	5 010	12	
			Austria	2 850	7	
			Belgium	2 150	5	
			Other	3 025	7	
			<b>AFGHANISTAN - (AF)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Germany	8 240	31	
			Sweden	3 025	12	
			Austria	2 590	10	
			Hungary	2 330	9	
			Italy	2 175	8	
			Other	7 935	30	
			<b>KOSOVO - (XK)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Hungary	6 210	31	
			France	5 505	27	
			Germany	4 425	22	
			Sweden	1 270	6	
			Belgium	1 270	6	
			Other	1 500	7	
			<b>IRAN - (IR)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Germany	4 775	37	
			United Kingdom	3 055	24	
			Sweden	1 175	9	
			Netherlands	1 120	9	
			Austria	595	5	
			Other	2 060	16	
			<b>MK - (MK)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Germany	9 415	85	
			Sweden	455	4	
			Belgium	425	4	
			France	345	3	
			Austria	170	2	
			Other	250	2	
			<b>BANGLADESH - (BD)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			France	4 470	49	
			United Kingdom	1 270	14	
			Greece	730	8	
			Germany	685	8	
			Hungary	500	5	
			Other	1 465	16	
			<b>BA - (BA)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Germany	4 845	68	
			France	905	13	
			Sweden	520	7	
			Italy	240	3	
			Belgium	170	2	
			Other	430	6	
			<b>GUINEA - (GN)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			France	2 480	39	
			Belgium	1 610	25	
			Germany	1 290	20	
			Netherlands	215	3	
			Italy	180	3	
			Other	625	10	
			<b>EGYPT - (EG)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Germany	2 145	39	
			Italy	975	18	
			France	440	8	
			Greece	310	6	
			Sweden	295	5	
			Other	1 340	24	
			<b>MOROCCO - (MA)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Germany	1 230	29	
			Sweden	615	14	
			Austria	515	12	
			Hungary	450	11	
			Italy	315	7	
			Other	1 130	27	
			<b>SUDAN - (SD)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			France	885	27	
			United Kingdom	840	26	
			Germany	400	12	
			Sweden	225	7	
			Netherlands	170	5	
			Other	715	22	
			<b>SYRIA - (SY)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Sweden	16 540	33	
			Germany	12 855	25	
			Bulgaria	4 510	9	
			Netherlands	2 705	5	
			United Kingdom	2 040	4	
			Other	11 820	23	
			<b>SERBIA - (RS)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Germany	18 000	80	
			Sweden	1 670	7	
			Belgium	685	3	
			France	660	3	
			Denmark	465	2	
			Other	895	4	
			<b>SOMALIA - (SO)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Sweden	3 940	21	
			Germany	3 875	21	
			Netherlands	3 270	18	
			Italy	2 885	15	
			Malta	1 015	5	
			Other	3 670	20	
			<b>NIGERIA - (NG)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Italy	3 580	31	
			Germany	1 975	17	
			United Kingdom	1 405	12	
			France	1 375	12	
			Austria	685	6	
			Other	2 600	22	
			<b>ALBANIA - (AL)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			France	5 045	46	
			United Kingdom	1 615	15	
			Germany	1 295	12	
			Sweden	1 160	11	
			Belgium	775	7	
			Other	1 130	10	
			<b>GEORGIA - (GE)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			France	2 685	29	
			Germany	2 485	27	
			Poland	1 235	14	
			Sweden	620	7	
			Greece	535	6	
			Other	1 540	17	
			<b>ALGERIA - (DZ)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			France	1 510	21	
			Germany	1 150	16	
			Hungary	1 115	16	
			Austria	945	13	
			Bulgaria	435	6	
			Other	1 930	27	
			<b>SRI LANKA - (LK)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			France	2 705	43	
			United Kingdom	2 280	36	
			Germany	675	11	
			Netherlands	220	3	
			Belgium	125	2	
			Other	320	5	
			<b>ARMENIA - (AM)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			France	2 035	39	
			Germany	1 295	25	
			Belgium	425	8	
			Sweden	290	6	
			Austria	285	5	
			Other	875	17	
			<b>GAMBIA - (GM)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Italy	1 825	51	
			Germany	680	19	
			United Kingdom	360	10	
			Sweden	140	4	
			France	100	3	
			Other	490	14	
			<b>IRAQ - (IQ)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Germany	4 195	37	
			Sweden	1 480	13	
			Netherlands	1 420	13	
			Belgium	930	8	
			Finland	820	7	
			Other	2 355	21	
			<b>STATELESS</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Sweden	6 885	72	
			Germany	600	6	
			Bulgaria	565	6	
			Denmark	335	3	
			United Kingdom	335	3	
			Other	870	9	
			<b>CD - (CD)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			France	5 325	66	
			Belgium	1 540	19	
			Germany	265	3	
			United Kingdom	220	3	
			Greece	155	2	
			Other	595	7	
			<b>MALI - (ML)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Italy	1 870	28	
			France	1 645	25	
			Spain	1 470	22	
			Germany	655	10	
			Hungary	305	5	
			Other	720	11	
			<b>TURKEY - (TR)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			France	1 900	34	
			Germany	1 770	31	
			Italy	515	9	
			Belgium	320	6	
			Austria	300	5	
			Other	825	15	
			<b>CHINA - (CN)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			France	2 470	48	
			United Kingdom	1 040	20	
			Belgium	455	9	
			Germany	435	8	
			Austria	230	4	
			Other	555	11	
			<b>INDIA - (IN)</b>			<b>(%)</b>
			Germany	1 270	39	
			United Kingdom	1 145	35	
			Austria	340	11	
			Hungary	85	3	
			Greece	80	3	
			Other	315	10	

<sup>(1)</sup> Citizenships selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during 2013 in the EU-28

# Absolute number of asylum applications

Kosovo – see methodological notes; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

Table 7: New asylum applicants, Q4 2012 – Q4 2013

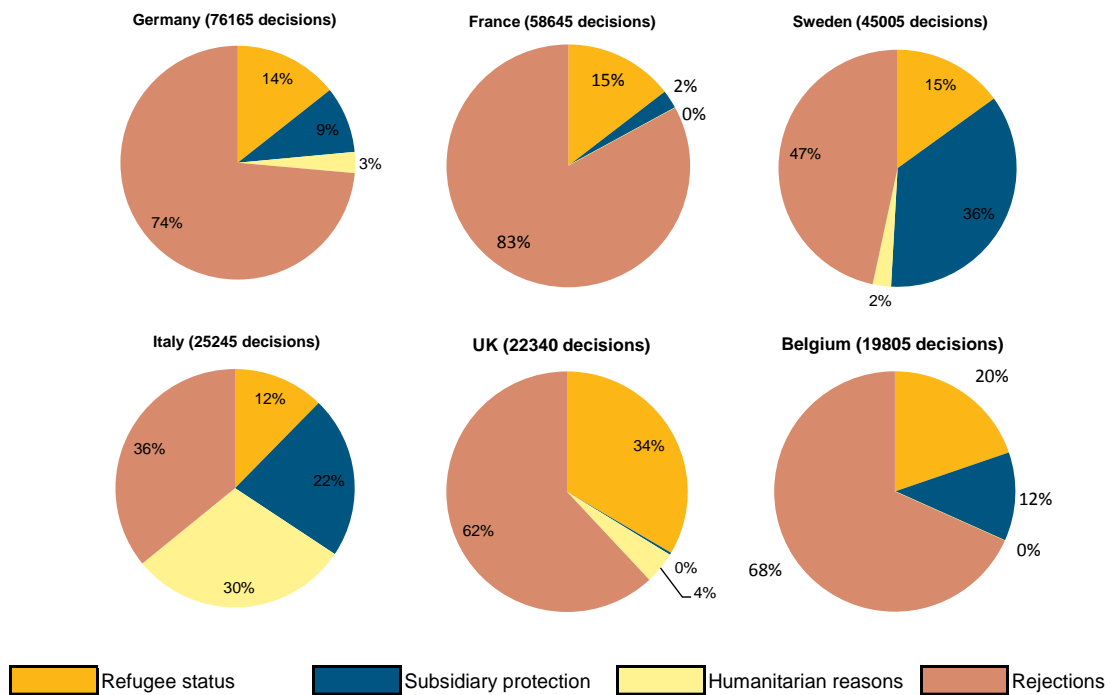
	Q4 2012				Q1 2013				Q2 2013				Q3 2013				Q4 2013				Applicants per million inhabitants (1) Q4 2013	2013
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		Change in % between Q3 2013 and Q4 2013	Change in % between Q4 2012 and Q4 2013			
EU-28	1 725	1 390	1 345	1 185	1 020	950	895	885	860	1 080	975	1 225	1 080	955	855			-12	-35	260	11 965	
EU-27	190	200	255	245	215	410	250	275	410	435	695	940	1 230	1 245	630			50	385	425	6 980	
Bulgaria	60	35	45	45	30	50	35	40	35	40	65	30	40	35	40			-15	-15	10	490	
Czech Republic	610	640	595	745	545	575	535	475	500	610	670	645	710	635	520			-3	1	335	7 170	
Denmark	10 195	8 965	4 870	7 505	5 955	5 770	7 705	7 670	8 590	9 790	9 815	11 720	13 265	12 385	9 210			11	45	435	109 375	
Germany	5	0	5	10	10	5	10	15	0	10	0	5	5	15	5			15	156	15	95	
Estonia	105	70	70	80	80	65	90	80	70	70	65	80	80	80	70			7	-7	50	910	
Ireland	1 255	1 030	850	755	705	610	745	595	530	760	575	630	750	670	540			0	-37	175	7 860	
Greece	230	245	160	270	425	415	385	430	435	410	290	345	335	295	255			-15	40	20	4 285	
Spain	5 680	4 650	5 310	4 470	4 945	5 140	5 210	4 460	4 945	5 480	4 400	4 400	5 760	4 800	4 920			8	-1	235	58 925	
France				165	145	165	100	90	30	40	45	80	95	55	30			8		40	1 045	
Croatia	2 170	1 985	1 270	1 690	1 240	1 920	1 830	1 770	2 210	2 475	2 550	2 485	3 310	3 135	2 305			17	61	145	26 920	
Italy	150	130	85	95	130	75	70	75		70	95		130	130	100					420		
Cyprus	10	15	5	5	5	15	15	10	10	35	30	25	15	10	10			-62	25	15	185	
Latvia	35	50	70	20	25	15	15	10	25	0	45	10	30	25	30			52	-46	30	250	
Lithuania	165	115	65	75	70	70	90	65	85	95	75	110	120	85	50			-9	-25	480	990	
Luxembourg							1 945	3 320	4 075	2 170	1 100	1 035	740	900	1 010			-38		265		
Hungary	40	335	60	25	20	60	160	130	55	435	740	290	115	125	50			-80	-32	700	2 205	
Malta	1 040	905	935	1 305	975	955	1 040	900	1 035	1 185	1 075	1 495	1 555	1 500	1 350			17	53	265	14 375	
Netherlands																						
Austria	1 205	945	970	615	700	1 280	1 915	2 855	2 295	1 485	880	710	535	375								
Poland	10	25	20	25	25	25	70	25	35	40	30	55	45	30	105			48	253	15	500	
Portugal	155	75	55	120	85	115	125	130	100	170	95	170	125	100	75			-30	5	15	1 405	
Romania	30	25	50	50	15	30	20	30	20	15	15	15	20	5	10			-26	-70	15	240	
Slovenia	60	50	45	15	15	15	25	35	35	20	35	5	30	30	25			39	-46	15	290	
Slovakia	300	320	220	250	200	225	225	210	215	250	315	325	265	260	240			-14	-8	140	2 985	
Finland	5 490	4 560	4 080	3 790	2 960	2 960	3 040	3 080	2 975	4 120	4 800	7 770	7 910	5 530	5 325			12	33	1 965	54 255	
Sweden	2 845	2 750	2 250	2 390	2 245	2 290	2 420	2 340	2 355	2 665	2 310	2 540	2 760	2 470	2 165			-2	-6	115	28 950	
United Kingdom																						
Iceland																						
Liechtenstein																						
Norway	955	825	840	935	645	810	760	730	885	1 225	1 560	1 330	1 035	805	715			-38	-2	505	11 430	
Switzerland	2 195	2 185	1 460	1 935	1 625	1 655	1 875	1 500	1 410	1 660	1 400	1 295	1 615	1 745	1 605			14	-15	620	19 315	

(1) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2013

: data are not available

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr.asyappctzm](http://migr.asyappctzm))

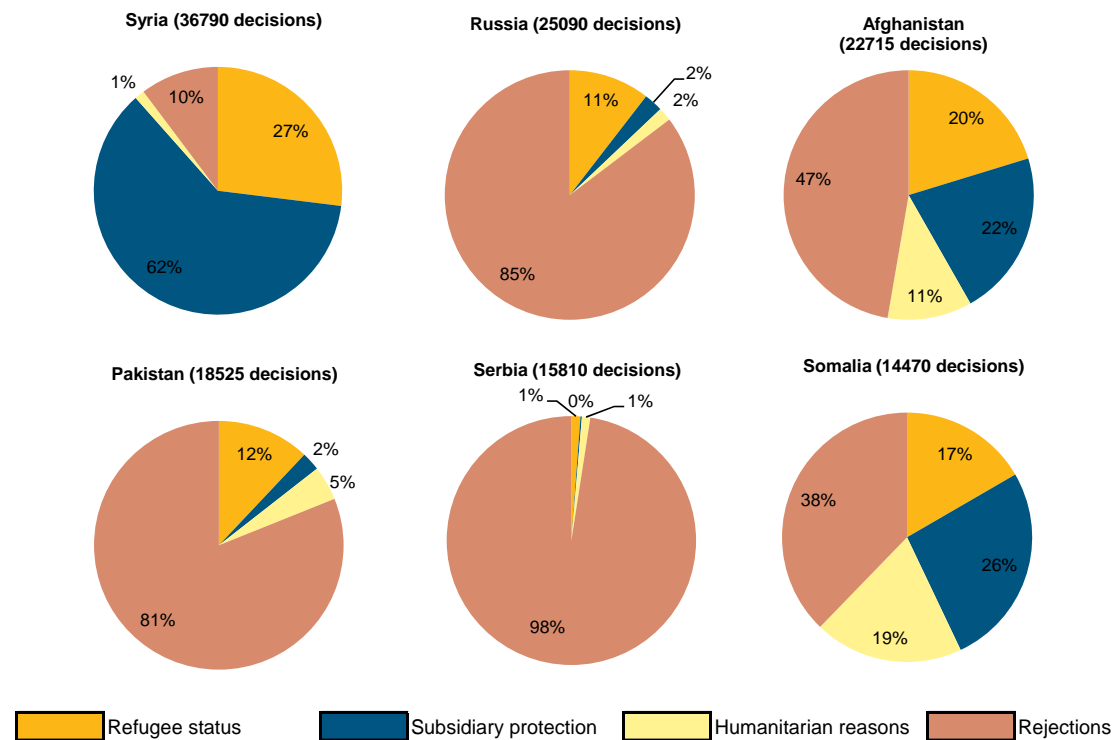
**Figure 9: First instance decisions by outcome, selected Member States (<sup>1</sup>), 2013**



(<sup>1</sup>) Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during 2013  
 Humanitarian reasons not applicable for FR and BE  
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asydcfstq](#))

**90 per cent of asylum applicants from Syria received a positive first instance decision in the EU-28 last year**

**Figure 10: First instance decisions in the EU-28 by outcome, selected citizenships (<sup>1</sup>), 2013**



(<sup>1</sup>) Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during 2013  
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asydcfstq](#))

Almost 113 000 positive first instance decisions issued in the EU-28 in 2013, the highest number granted by Sweden and Germany

**Table 8: First instance decisions by citizenship and outcome, selected Member States, 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>**

First instance decisions				First instance decisions			
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections
<b>GERMANY</b>				<b>FRANCE</b>			
Syria	2 905	Syria	5 795	Afghanistan	1 355	Syria	11 660
Iraq	2 115	Afghanistan	295	Iraq	130	Russia	11 100
Iran	1 850	Somalia	215	Russia	80	MK	6 000
Other	4 040	Other	705	Other	645	Other	27 285
<b>SWEDEN</b>				<b>ITALY</b>			
Syria	1 910	Syria	9 475	Afghanistan	375	Somalia	2 665
Somalia	845	Stateless	3 035	Stateless	125	Syria	1 555
Afghanistan	810	Eritrea	1 810	Somalia	95	Syria	1 480
Other	3 185	Other	1 825	Other	525	Other	15 290
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>				<b>BELGIUM</b>			
Syria	1 440	Afghanistan	10	Albania	170	Pakistan	2 640
Iran	1 255	Iran	10	Afghanistan	135	Sri Lanka	1 295
Pakistan	905	Syria	10	Nigeria	75	Iran	1 040
Other	3 875	Other	40	Other	575	Other	8 865
<b>OTHER</b>				<b>EU - 28</b>			
Syria	2 485	Syria	5 375	Somalia	2 610	Pakistan	6 740
Iran	1 310	Somalia	1 655	Iraq	570	Russia	4 890
Afghanistan	1 005	Afghanistan	1 500	Syria	460	Afghanistan	4 155
Other	3 630	Other	4 325	Other	2 230	Other	33 360
Russia	1 195	Syria	500	Not applicable		Kosovo	4 210
CD	925	Afghanistan	305			Russia	3 935
Sri Lanka	910	Russia	110			CD	3 490
Other	5 895	Other	625			Other	39 345
Eritrea	940	Somalia	1 210	Nigeria	1 425	Nigeria	1 850
Somalia	330	Afghanistan	1 170	Ghana	775	Pakistan	1 345
Afghanistan	285	Mali	1 025	Pakistan	705	Tunisia	740
Other	1 550	Other	2 145	Other	4 620	Other	5 125
Afghanistan	630	Syria	1 320	Not applicable		CD	1 735
Guinea	545	Afghanistan	800			Guinea	1 485
CD	345	Iraq	70			Afghanistan	1 065
Other	2 385	Other	180			Other	9 235
Syria	9 920	Syria	22 625	Somalia	2 790	Russia	21 410
Iran	5 430	Afghanistan	4 890	Afghanistan	2 485	Syria	15 430
Afghanistan	4 600	Somalia	3 810	Nigeria	1 570	Pakistan	15 025
Other	29 560	Other	14 210	Other	10 835	Other	161 715

<sup>(1)</sup> Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during 2013  
 CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK - The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina  
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asydcfstq](#))

**Table 9: First instance decisions by outcome, 2013**

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
<b>EU-28</b>	326 310	112 730	49 510	45 540	17 685	213 580
<b>EU-27</b>	326 125	112 710	49 500	45 525	17 685	213 415
<b>Belgium</b>	19 805	6 280	3 910	2 370	-	13 525
<b>Bulgaria</b>	2 810	2 460	180	2 280	-	355
<b>Czech Republic</b>	900	330	90	240	15	555
<b>Denmark</b>	6 965	2 730	1 600	1 130	80	4 155
<b>Germany</b>	76 165	17 915	10 910	7 005	2 205	56 040
<b>Estonia</b>	55	5	5	0	0	45
<b>Ireland</b>	840	150	130	20	-	690
<b>Greece</b>	13 080	430	255	175	70	12 580
<b>Spain</b>	2 365	530	205	325	5	1 835
<b>France</b>	61 455	10 470	8 925	1 545	-	50 985
<b>Croatia</b>	185	25	5	15	-	165
<b>Italy</b>	25 245	8 660	3 110	5 550	7 525	9 060
<b>Cyprus</b>	800	155	35	125	10	635
<b>Latvia</b>	95	25	5	20	-	65
<b>Lithuania</b>	175	55	15	40	-	120
<b>Luxembourg</b>	1 245	130	110	25	-	1 115
<b>Hungary</b>	4 540	355	175	185	5	4 180
<b>Malta</b>	1 905	1 490	45	1 445	115	300
<b>Netherlands</b>	15 590	4 695	1 235	3 460	4 850	6 045
<b>Austria</b>	16 610	4 920	3 160	1 760	-	11 690
<b>Poland</b>	2 820	355	210	145	390	2 075
<b>Portugal</b>	305	135	20	115	-	170
<b>Romania</b>	1 435	910	385	530	5	515
<b>Slovenia</b>	195	35	25	15	-	160
<b>Slovakia</b>	190	30	5	30	35	125
<b>Finland</b>	3 185	1 325	540	785	295	1 565
<b>Sweden</b>	45 005	22 895	6 750	16 145	1 120	20 990
<b>United Kingdom</b>	22 340	7 545	7 475	70	960	13 840
<b>Iceland</b>	130	10	5	5	0	120
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	45	5	0	5	0	35
<b>Norway</b>	11 785	5 770	4 490	995	280	6 015
<b>Switzerland</b>	16 595	6 390	3 115	870	2 405	10 205

- data are not applicable  
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asydcfstq](#))

## 9 out of 10 first instance decisions issued to Serbians and Russians were negative in 2013

**Table 10: First instance decisions by destination country and outcome in the EU-28, selected citizenships of asylum applicants, 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>**

First instance decisions							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections				
<b>SERBIA - RS</b>							
France	140	Italy	10	130	Germany	11 660	
Belgium	25	Germany	10	Sweden	20	Sweden	1 555
Austria	15	France	5	Germany	15	France	705
Other	0	Other	0	Other	0	Other	1 515
<b>PAKISTAN - PK</b>							
United Kingdom	905	Italy	370	Italy	705	Greece	4 280
Germany	785	France	10	United Kingdom	55	United Kingdom	2 640
Italy	240	Sweden	10	Netherlands	30	Austria	1 780
Other	300	Other	50	Other	35	Other	6 325
<b>RUSSIA - RU</b>							
France	1 195	Austria	150	Poland	290	Germany	11 100
Austria	620	Denmark	140	Germany	80	France	3 935
Belgium	275	France	110	Sweden	30	Austria	2 165
Other	535	Other	215	Other	40	Other	4 210
<b>OTHER</b>							
France	6 485	Italy	2 640	Italy	6 485	France	43 765
Germany	5 325	Netherlands	1 445	Netherlands	1 565	Germany	27 580
United Kingdom	4 520	Germany	660	United Kingdom	750	Belgium	10 370
Other	11 220	Other	8 375	Other	1 695	Other	60 025
<b>SOMALIA - SO</b>							
Sweden	845	Italy	1 210	Netherlands	2 555	Sweden	2 665
Germany	450	Sweden	660	Sweden	95	Germany	650
Italy	330	Malta	655	Germany	55	Denmark	610
Other	770	Other	1 290	Other	80	Other	1 540
<b>SYRIA - SY</b>							
Germany	2 905	Sweden	9 475	Netherlands	365	Sweden	1 480
Sweden	1 910	Germany	5 795	Malta	75	Germany	495
United Kingdom	1 440	Bulgaria	1 860	Slovak Republic	10	Italy	370
Other	3 665	Other	5 495	Other	25	Other	1 425
<b>AFGHANISTAN - AF</b>							
Germany	1 290	Italy	1 170	Germany	1 355	Germany	3 060
Sweden	810	Austria	840	Sweden	375	Austria	1 760
Belgium	630	Sweden	810	Netherlands	300	Sweden	1 265
Other	1 870	Other	2 075	Other	455	Other	4 650
<b>NON-EU</b>							
Germany	10 910	Sweden	16 145	Italy	7 525	Germany	56 040
France	8 925	Germany	7 005	Netherlands	4 850	France	50 985
United Kingdom	7 475	Italy	5 550	Germany	2 205	Sweden	20 990
Other	22 195	Other	16 840	Other	3 105	Other	85 565

<sup>(1)</sup> Citizenship selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during 2013  
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asycdfstq](#))

**Table 11: First instance decisions by outcome, 30 main citizenships of asylum applicants granted decisions in the EU-28, 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>**

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
<b>Non-EU</b>	326 310	112 730	49 510	45 540	17 685	213 580
<b>Syria - (SY)</b>	36 790	33 020	9 920	22 625	475	3 770
<b>Russia - (RU)</b>	25 090	3 680	2 625	615	440	21 410
<b>Afghanistan - (AF)</b>	22 715	11 975	4 600	4 890	2 485	10 740
<b>Pakistan - (PK)</b>	18 525	3 500	2 230	445	830	15 025
<b>Serbia - (RS)</b>	15 810	380	185	30	170	15 430
<b>Somalia - (SO)</b>	14 470	9 005	2 405	3 810	2 790	5 465
<b>Iran - (IR)</b>	11 105	6 115	5 430	335	345	4 990
<b>Kosovo - (XK)</b>	11 055	385	190	75	120	10 670
<b>Iraq - (IQ)</b>	10 105	5 500	3 230	1 425	840	4 605
<b>Nigeria - (NG)</b>	8 905	2 190	335	285	1 570	6 715
<b>Eritrea - (ER)</b>	8 905	6 730	3 090	3 400	235	2 175
<b>Bangladesh - (BD)</b>	8 255	700	245	35	420	7 555
<b>CD - (CD)</b>	7 585	1 655	1 440	115	105	5 930
<b>MK - (MK)</b>	7 480	70	25	10	35	7 410
<b>Albania - (AL)</b>	7 305	625	245	145	235	6 680
<b>Stateless</b>	6 815	5 135	1 315	3 670	150	1 675
<b>Georgia - (GE)</b>	6 280	265	125	40	100	6 015
<b>Sri Lanka - (LK)</b>	5 930	1 645	1 420	85	140	4 285
<b>Guinea - (GN)</b>	5 575	1 485	1 170	125	190	4 090
<b>Armenia - (AM)</b>	5 495	465	210	95	160	5 035
<b>BA - (BA)</b>	5 390	295	100	10	185	5 095
<b>Turkey - (TR)</b>	5 120	995	540	100	355	4 130
<b>Algeria - (DZ)</b>	4 590	195	110	35	50	4 395
<b>China - (CN)</b>	4 525	900	770	50	80	3 625
<b>Mali - (ML)</b>	3 740	1 885	355	1 050	480	1 855
<b>Ivory Coast - (CI)</b>	2 930	875	350	190	335	2 055
<b>Morocco - (MA)</b>	2 730	215	75	20	120	2 515
<b>Sudan - (SD)</b>	2 580	1 010	810	130	70	1 570
<b>Egypt - (EG)</b>	2 485	755	410	110	240	1 730
<b>Senegal - (SN)</b>	2 410	535	210	45	280	1 875
<b>Other</b>	45 620	10 550	5 345	1 550	3 660	35 065

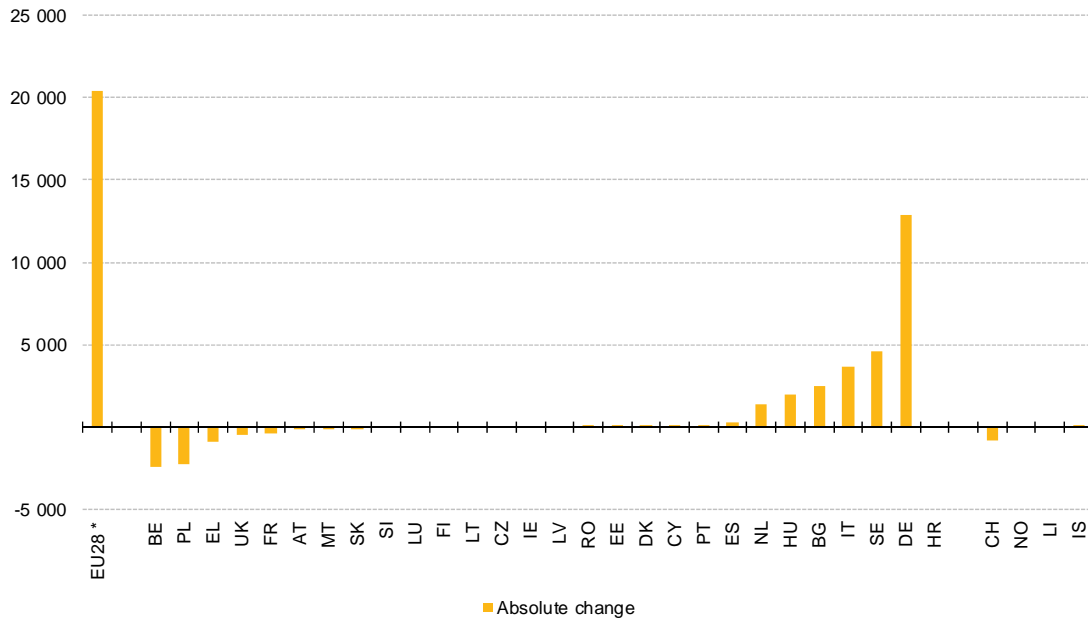
<sup>(1)</sup> Citizenship selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during 2013  
CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – see methodological notes; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asycdfstq](#))

## ANNEX

# Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications: fourth quarter 2013

Around 20 000 more asylum applicants in the EU in Q4 2013 with Germany recording nearly 15 000 more asylum applicants

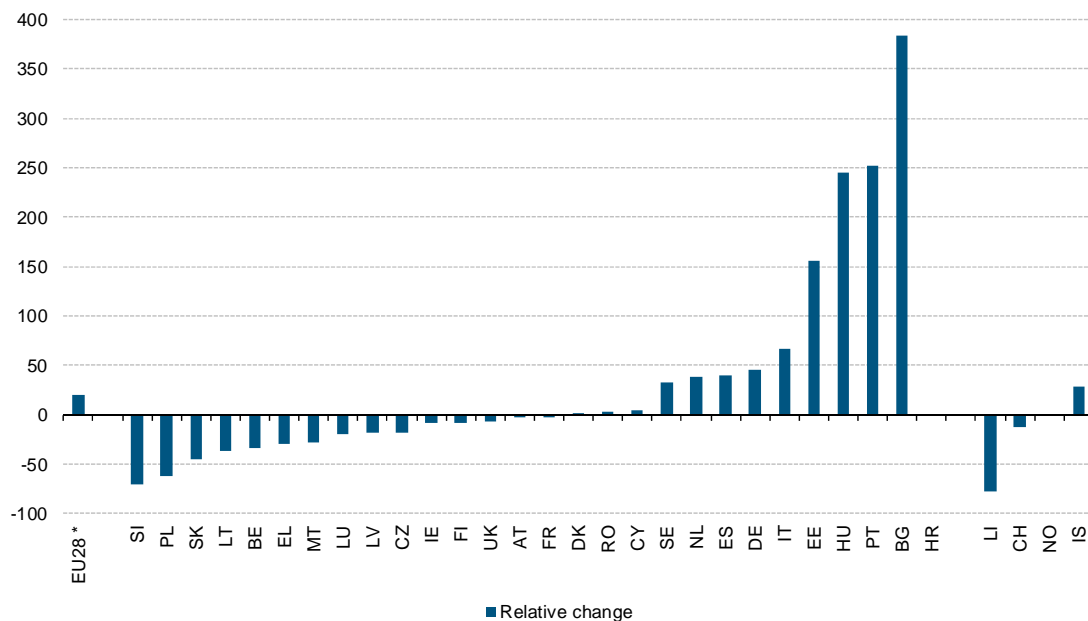
Figure 11: Asylum applicants, absolute change between Q4 2012 and Q4 2013



\* Excluding Croatia due to missing 2012 data; HR cannot be calculated due to missing 2012 data for Croatia  
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## Bulgaria, Portugal and Hungary have seen a high increase in asylum applicants in Q4 2013

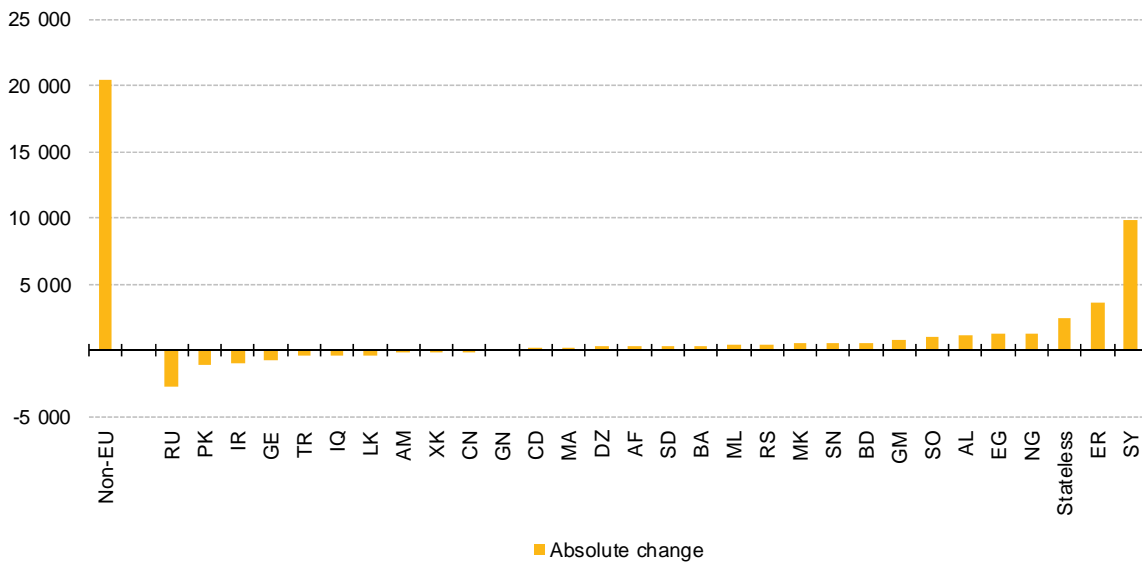
Figure 12: Asylum applicants, relative change between Q4 2012 and Q4 2013, %



\* Excluding Croatia due to missing 2012 data; HR cannot be calculated due to missing 2012 data for Croatia  
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**Syrians account for half of the overall increase of asylum applicants in the EU-28 in Q4 2013, followed by Eritreans and Stateless persons**

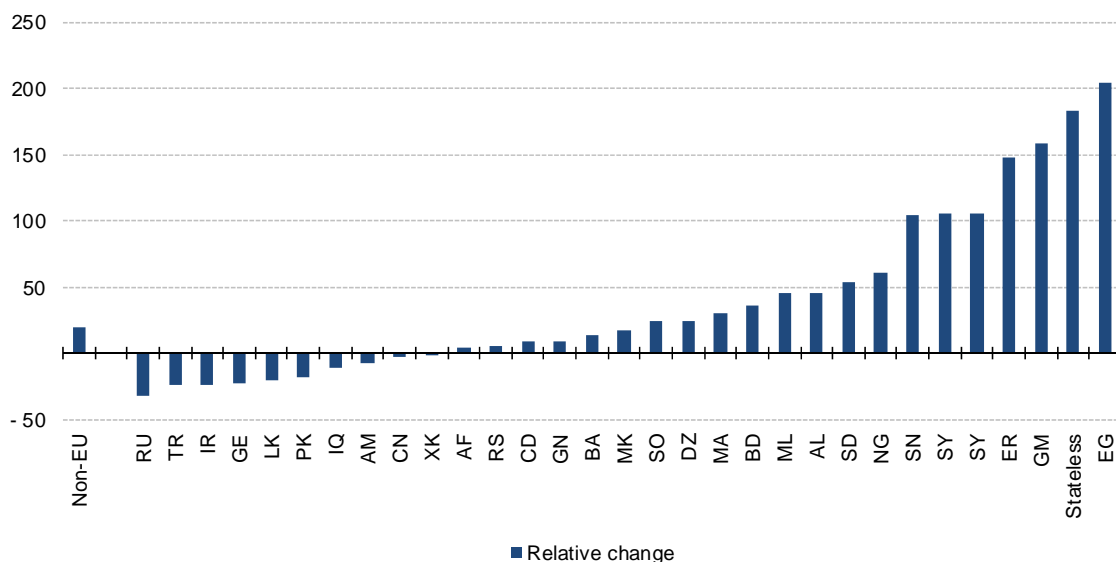
**Figure 13: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-28 (\*), absolute change between Q4 2012 and Q4 2013**



(\* Excluding Croatia due to missing 2012 data  
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

**Egyptians and Stateless asylum applicants tripled in the EU-28 in Q4 2013 compared to Q4 2012**

**Figure 14: Asylum applicants by citizenship, EU-28 (\*), relative change between Q4 2012 and Q4 2013, %**



(\* Excluding Croatia due to missing 2012 data  
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

## 1 out of 4 asylum applicants was aged less than 18 in the EU-28 in Q4 2013

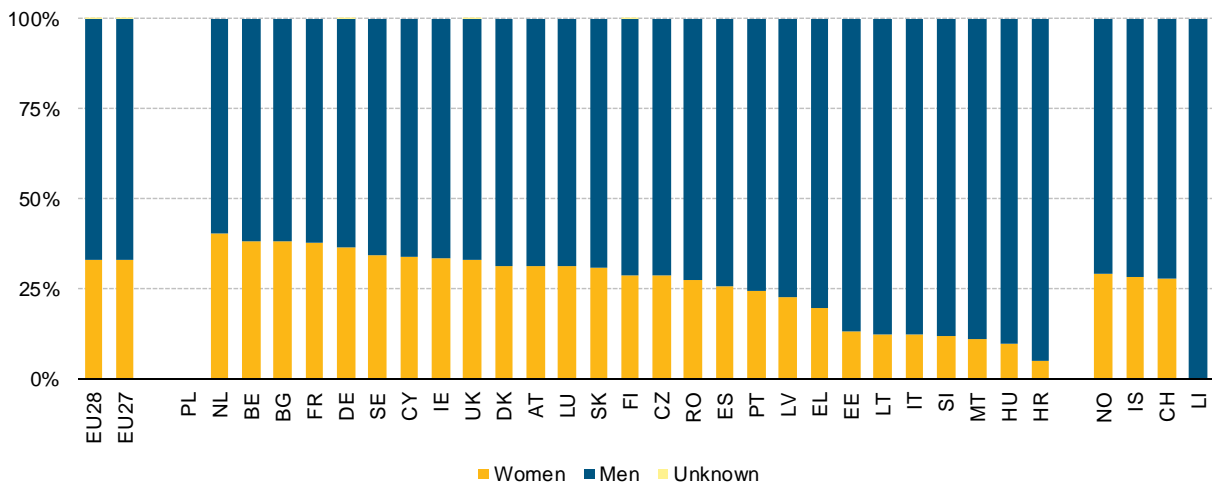
**Table 12: Asylum applicants by age group, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013, %**

	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
<b>EU-28</b>	<b>123 340</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>123 155</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Belgium	4 585	21.5	6.4	47.9	23.4	0.9	0.0
Bulgaria	3 165	30.0	8.1	43.7	17.4	0.9	0.0
Czech Republic	165	12.8	5.5	42.1	38.4	1.2	0.0
Denmark	1 865	20.0	8.9	47.7	22.0	1.3	0.0
Germany	41 050	26.2	6.1	47.0	19.9	0.7	0.0
Estonia	25	8.7	4.3	56.5	30.4	0.0	0.0
Ireland	230	16.9	4.8	54.5	22.9	0.9	0.0
Greece	2 220	6.9	6.3	65.2	21.3	0.3	0.0
Spain	935	10.5	3.3	64.0	20.4	1.8	0.0
France	16 880	18.5	3.1	53.4	24.3	0.8	0.0
Croatia	185	1.1	1.6	85.0	12.3	0.0	0.0
Italy	9 150	4.4	3.4	81.4	10.7	0.1	0.0
Cyprus	405	14.1	12.9	57.7	12.4	0.5	2.5
Latvia	35	17.1	0.0	68.6	14.3	0.0	0.0
Lithuania	110	8.9	2.7	62.5	24.1	1.8	0.0
Luxembourg	285	18.9	8.4	52.8	19.9	0.0	0.0
Hungary	2 755	4.9	5.2	78.4	11.2	0.3	0.0
Malta	310	7.1	11.5	68.9	10.9	1.3	0.3
Netherlands	5 035	27.2	9.1	41.8	20.7	1.0	0.1
Austria	4 765	26.3	9.8	44.2	19.0	0.8	0.0
Poland	1 360	:	:	:	:	:	:
Portugal	180	15.6	17.8	47.2	19.4	0.0	0.0
Romania	325	18.4	6.4	48.2	25.8	1.2	0.0
Slovenia	35	0.0	8.8	64.7	26.5	0.0	0.0
Slovakia	105	17.8	7.5	54.2	20.6	0.0	0.0
Finland	815	16.2	5.4	55.7	21.0	1.7	0.0
Sweden	18 765	19.7	9.3	44.0	25.4	1.5	0.0
United Kingdom	7 590	13.5	6.7	54.7	21.2	1.3	2.7
Iceland	30	13.5	6.7	54.7	21.2	1.3	2.7
Liechtenstein	5	18.8	0.0	50.0	31.3	0.0	0.0
Norway	2 710	13.9	10.4	56.0	19.3	0.4	0.0
Switzerland	5 545	22.4	5.0	53.6	18.2	0.8	0.0

EU aggregates are based on data available; data for PL on distribution by age are not available for December 2013

Source: Eurostat (online data code : [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

**Figure 15: Asylum applicants by gender, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013, %**



EU aggregates are based on data available; data for PL on distribution by gender are not available for December 2013

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))



Russians, Bosnians and persons from FYROM are the citizenships of asylum applicants with the highest proportion of minor asylum seekers in the EU-28 in Q4 2013

Table 13: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-28 (\*), by age group, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013, % (<sup>1</sup>)

	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>123 340</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Syria - (SY)	19 295	23.1	5.8	44.4	24.8	1.7	0.1
Serbia - (RS)	8 630	37.0	7.0	30.7	24.7	0.6	0.0
Afghanistan - (AF)	7 730	16.2	16.5	53.3	13.0	0.9	0.1
Eritrea - (ER)	6 040	7.1	6.2	74.7	11.5	0.2	0.2
Russia - (RU)	5 635	41.8	4.2	29.6	20.4	1.0	0.0
Somalia - (SO)	5 065	19.2	13.8	57.2	8.7	0.9	0.1
Pakistan - (PK)	4 745	7.9	2.9	68.4	19.5	0.7	0.5
MK - (MK)	4 000	34.3	7.3	30.5	27.5	0.4	0.0
Stateless	3 750	24.3	6.2	39.6	28.0	1.6	0.1
Kosovo - (XK)	3 640	31.3	4.9	43.5	19.6	0.7	0.0
Albania - (AL)	3 635	26.1	9.8	44.1	19.4	0.5	0.1
Nigeria - (NG)	3 505	13.6	1.6	71.0	13.5	0.0	0.4
Iran - (IR)	3 180	13.0	4.9	50.3	29.6	1.1	0.9
Iraq - (IQ)	3 015	26.7	5.1	42.8	22.7	2.5	0.0
BA - (BA)	2 855	36.7	7.1	33.1	22.6	0.5	0.0
Georgia - (GE)	2 365	15.7	2.5	48.8	30.2	0.4	0.0
Bangladesh - (BD)	2 345	4.3	3.5	73.1	18.7	0.1	0.3
CD - (CD)	2 265	19.2	5.0	52.6	22.2	0.9	0.1
Egypt - (EG)	1 945	15.5	5.5	62.6	15.9	0.3	0.1
Guinea - (GN)	1 690	14.5	6.0	70.0	9.3	0.1	0.0
Algeria - (DZ)	1 485	6.7	8.0	65.9	19.1	0.2	0.1
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 460	12.5	2.0	62.3	20.7	1.4	1.2
Armenia - (AM)	1 415	23.7	4.6	38.3	30.9	2.1	0.0
Mali - (ML)	1 335	6.3	3.5	79.4	10.8	0.0	0.0
Gambia - (GM)	1 320	4.0	7.2	82.4	6.1	0.0	0.3
Turkey - (TR)	1 280	12.1	4.1	67.3	16.1	0.2	0.1
China - (CN)	1 275	7.8	1.2	48.3	41.7	0.4	0.6
Senegal - (SN)	1 140	2.4	4.6	79.3	13.7	0.0	0.0
Sudan - (SD)	1 025	11.3	1.7	63.4	22.0	0.4	1.2
Morocco - (MA)	1 015	2.9	16.1	65.9	15.2	0.0	0.0
Other	15 265	16.0	4.2	56.6	22.0	0.7	0.4

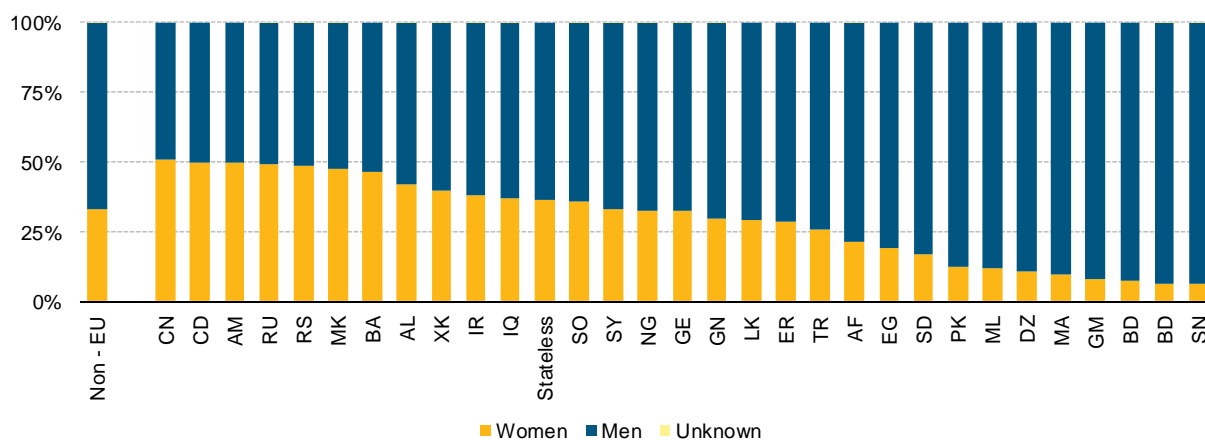
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(<sup>1</sup>) Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2013 in the EU-28

(<sup>2</sup>) MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Kosovo – see methodological notes; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 16: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants in the EU-28 (\*), by gender, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013, % (<sup>1</sup>)



(\*) Data for PL on distribution by gender are not available for December 2013

(<sup>1</sup>) Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2013 in the EU-28

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## Syrians and Serbians represent more than 20 per cent of all asylum seekers in the EU in Q4 2013

Table 14: Five main citizenships of asylum applicants, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>

EU-28			EU-27		
	#	%		#	%
Syria	19 295	16	Syria	19 250	16
Serbia	8 630	7	Serbia	8 630	7
Afghanistan	7 730	6	Afghanistan	7 730	6
Eritrea	6 040	5	Eritrea	6 040	5
Russia	5 635	5	Russia	5 635	5
Other	76 010	62	Other	75 875	62

BELGIUM			BULGARIA			CZECH REPUBLIC			DENMARK		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Russia	450	10	Syria	2 465	78	Ukraine	25	16	Syria	615	33
CD	380	8	Stateless	240	8	Syria	25	14	Russia	280	15
Afghanistan	340	7	Afghanistan	235	7	Russia	20	12	Somalia	165	9
Guinea	325	7	Iraq	60	2	Vietnam	10	7	Afghanistan	105	6
Syria	300	7	Somalia	30	1	Armenia	10	6	Stateless	90	5
Other	2 790	61	Other	140	4	Other	75	45	Other	615	33

GERMANY			ESTONIA			IRELAND			GREECE		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Serbia	7 580	18	Syria	10	43	Nigeria	35	16	Afghanistan	385	17
Syria	4 425	11	Sudan	5	13	Algeria	30	12	Pakistan	315	14
MK	3 630	9	Belarus	0	9	Pakistan	25	10	Egypt	155	7
Eritrea	2 290	6	Georgia	0	9	Zimbabwe	20	9	Albania	155	7
Afghanistan	2 270	6	Vietnam	0	9	Malawi	20	8	Georgia	135	6
Other	20 855	51	Other	5	17	Other	105	45	Other	1 080	49

SPAIN			FRANCE			CROATIA			ITALY		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Syria	180	19	CD	1 575	9	Tunisia	45	24	Nigeria	1 555	17
Mali	150	16	Albania	1 560	9	Syria	45	24	Pakistan	1 130	12
Algeria	90	9	Bangladesh	1 280	8	Nigeria	20	12	Gambia	770	8
Nigeria	45	5	Russia	1 205	7	Algeria	15	8	Afghanistan	690	8
Palestine	35	4	Kosovo	1 130	7	Morocco	15	7	Somalia	620	7
Other	440	47	Other	10 130	60	Other	50	26	Other	4 390	48

CYPRUS			LATVIA			LITHUANIA			LUXEMBOURG		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Syria	195	48	Georgia	30	86	Georgia	30	28	Bosnia and Herzegovina	55	19
Pakistan	40	10	Russia	0	3	Afghanistan	20	20	Kosovo	35	12
Bangladesh	35	8	Turkey	0	3	Russia	20	18	Montenegro	30	11
Egypt	30	7	Egypt	0	3	Vietnam	15	15	Albania	25	8
Somalia	30	7	Nigeria	0	3	India	10	8	Serbia	25	8
Other	80	20	Other	0	3	Other	15	12	Other	120	42

HUNGARY			MALTA			NETHERLANDS			AUSTRIA		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Afghanistan	1 110	40	Gambia	70	22	Syria	1 200	24	Syria	985	21
Syria	320	12	Syria	70	22	Somalia	900	18	Afghanistan	750	16
Kosovo	190	7	Libya	45	14	Eritrea	410	8	Russia	680	14
Palestine	150	5	Senegal	35	11	Iraq	335	7	Kosovo	225	5
Bangladesh	120	4	Somalia	35	11	Afghanistan	290	6	Iraq	160	3
Other	870	32	Other	60	20	Other	1 900	38	Other	1 960	41

POLAND			PORTUGAL			ROMANIA			SLOVENIA		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Russia	835	61	Syria	75	43	Syria	215	66	Russia	5	12
Georgia	255	19	Guinea	15	9	Afghanistan	20	6	Serbia	5	12
Kyrgyzstan	50	4	Senegal	10	6	Iraq	10	3	Pakistan	5	12
Armenia	45	3	Guinea-Bissau	10	6	Pakistan	10	3	CD	5	9
Syria	45	3	Ivory Coast	10	5	Turkey	5	2	Iran	5	9
Other	130	9	Other	55	31	Other	60	19	Other	15	47

SLOVAKIA			FINLAND			SWEDEN			UNITED KINGDOM		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Afghanistan	40	37	Iraq	225	28	Syria	6 800	36	Pakistan	1 180	16
Armenia	15	15	Syria	55	7	Stateless	2 740	15	Iran	755	10
Sri Lanka	10	8	Somalia	50	6	Eritrea	1 825	10	Eritrea	590	8
Somalia	5	7	Iran	50	6	Somalia	1 055	6	Sri Lanka	530	7
Iran	5	5	Nigeria	50	6	Afghanistan	805	4	Syria	525	7
Other	30	28	Other	385	47	Other	5 545	30	Other	4 005	53

ICELAND			LIECHTENSTEIN			NORWAY			SWITZERLAND		
	#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)		#	(%)
Eritrea	5	16	Algeria	0	40	Eritrea	830	31	Syria	1 075	19
Russia	5	13	Russia	0	20	Syria	305	11	Eritrea	710	13
Nigeria	5	13	Tunisia	0	20	Somalia	205	8	Sri Lanka	335	6
Albania	5	9	Bangladesh	0	20	Afghanistan	180	7	Tunisia	295	5
Azerbaijan	5	9	Other	0	0	Stateless	155	6	Morocco	255	5
Other	15	41				Other	1 030	38	Other	2 875	52

<sup>(1)</sup> Citizenship selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2013 in the EU-28

# Absolute number of asylum applications

CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – see methodological notes; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

## Syrians applied for asylum mainly in Sweden, Germany and Bulgaria in Q4 2013

**Table 15: Thirty main citizenships of asylum applicants by destination country in the EU-28, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>**

		NON-EU		# (%)	
		Germany	41 050	33	
		Sweden	18 765	15	
		France	16 880	14	
		Italy	9 150	7	
		United Kingdom	7 585	6	
		Other	29 910	24	
		<b>NON-EU</b>		<b># (%)</b>	
<b>SYRIA - (SY)</b>		<b>SERBIA - (RS)</b>		<b>AFGHANISTAN - (AF)</b>	
	# (%)		# (%)		# (%)
Sweden	6 800 35	Germany	7 580 88	Germany	2 270 29
Germany	4 425 23	Sweden	525 6	Hungary	1 110 14
Bulgaria	2 465 13	France	130 2	Sweden	805 10
Netherlands	1 200 6	Belgium	130 1	Austria	750 10
Austria	985 5	Austria	60 1	Italy	690 9
Other	3 415 18	Other	205 2	Other	2 105 27
<b>ERITREA - (ER)</b>		<b>RUSSIA - (RU)</b>		<b>SOMALIA - (SO)</b>	
	# (%)		# (%)		# (%)
Germany	2 290 38	Germany	1 625 29	Germany	1 560 31
Sweden	1 825 30	France	1 205 21	Sweden	1 055 21
United Kingdom	590 10	Poland	835 15	Netherlands	900 18
Italy	585 10	Austria	680 12	Italy	620 12
Netherlands	410 7	Belgium	450 8	Denmark	165 3
Other	340 6	Other	840 15	Other	765 15
<b>PAKISTAN - (PK)</b>		<b>MK - (MK)</b>		<b>STATELESS</b>	
	# (%)		# (%)		# (%)
United Kingdom	1 180 25	Germany	3 630 91	Sweden	2 740 73
Italy	1 130 24	Sweden	105 3	Germany	290 8
Germany	1 105 23	Belgium	70 2	Bulgaria	240 6
France	445 9	France	65 2	Netherlands	145 4
Greece	315 7	Austria	60 2	Austria	95 3
Other	575 12	Other	70 2	Other	240 6
<b>KOSOVO</b>		<b>ALBANIA - (AL)</b>		<b>NIGERIA - (NG)</b>	
	# (%)		# (%)		# (%)
Germany	1 420 39	France	1 560 43	Italy	1 555 44
France	1 130 31	Germany	715 20	Germany	555 16
Sweden	380 11	United Kingdom	480 13	France	360 10
Austria	225 6	Sweden	390 11	United Kingdom	275 8
Hungary	190 5	Belgium	185 5	Austria	135 4
Other	290 8	Other	305 8	Other	625 18
<b>IRAN - (IR)</b>		<b>IRAQ - (IQ)</b>		<b>BA - (BA)</b>	
	# (%)		# (%)		# (%)
Germany	1 215 38	Germany	1 035 34	Germany	2 050 72
United Kingdom	755 24	Sweden	455 15	France	395 14
Sweden	270 8	Netherlands	335 11	Sweden	165 6
Netherlands	215 7	Belgium	245 8	Luxembourg	55 2
Austria	145 5	Finland	225 8	Italy	50 2
Other	590 19	Other	715 24	Other	140 5
<b>GEORGIA - (GE)</b>		<b>BANGLADESH - (BD)</b>		<b>CD - (CD)</b>	
	# (%)		# (%)		# (%)
Germany	710 30	France	1 280 55	France	1 575 69
France	675 29	United Kingdom	260 11	Belgium	380 17
Poland	255 11	Germany	210 9	Greece	70 3
Sweden	210 9	Italy	150 6	United Kingdom	65 3
Greece	135 6	Hungary	120 5	Germany	55 2
Other	380 16	Other	325 14	Other	120 5
<b>EGYPT - (EG)</b>		<b>GUINEA - (GN)</b>		<b>ALGERIA - (DZ)</b>	
	# (%)		# (%)		# (%)
Germany	975 50	France	730 43	Germany	450 30
Italy	280 14	Germany	430 25	France	385 26
Greece	155 8	Belgium	325 19	Austria	150 10
France	125 6	Italy	65 4	Sweden	125 8
Sweden	105 5	Netherlands	40 2	Spain	90 6
Other	300 15	Other	105 6	Other	290 19
<b>SRI LANKA - (LK)</b>		<b>ARMENIA - (AM)</b>		<b>MALI - (ML)</b>	
	# (%)		# (%)		# (%)
France	590 40	France	460 33	Italy	525 39
United Kingdom	530 36	Germany	440 31	France	400 30
Germany	150 10	Belgium	100 7	Spain	150 11
Netherlands	60 4	Sweden	95 7	Germany	130 10
Belgium	40 3	Austria	85 6	Hungary	40 3
Other	90 6	Other	240 17	Other	90 7
<b>GAMBIA - (GM)</b>		<b>TURKEY - (TR)</b>		<b>CHINA - (CN)</b>	
	# (%)		# (%)		# (%)
Italy	770 58	Germany	440 34	France	615 48
Germany	205 15	France	420 33	United Kingdom	250 20
United Kingdom	105 8	Italy	115 9	Germany	125 10
Malta	70 5	Austria	65 5	Belgium	85 7
Sweden	55 4	Belgium	60 5	Austria	65 5
Other	120 9	Other	180 14	Other	135 11
<b>SENEGAL - (SN)</b>		<b>SUDAN - (SD)</b>		<b>MOROCCO - (MA)</b>	
	# (%)		# (%)		# (%)
Italy	565 49	France	250 25	Germany	380 37
Germany	210 18	United Kingdom	245 24	Sweden	220 22
Belgium	90 8	Germany	155 15	Italy	80 8
France	80 7	Italy	80 8	Austria	75 7
Hungary	80 7	Sweden	60 6	France	55 5
Other	125 11	Other	230 22	Other	210 21

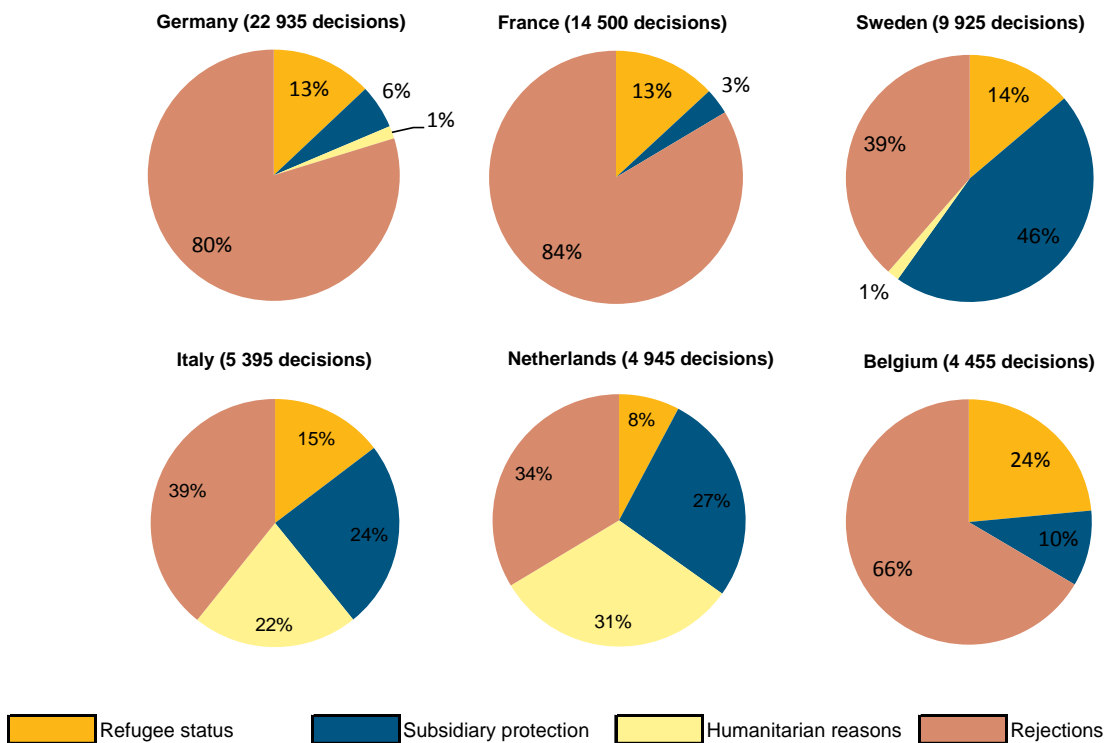
<sup>(1)</sup> Citizenships selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q4 2013 in the EU-28

# Absolute number of asylum applications

Kosovo – see methodological notes; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina

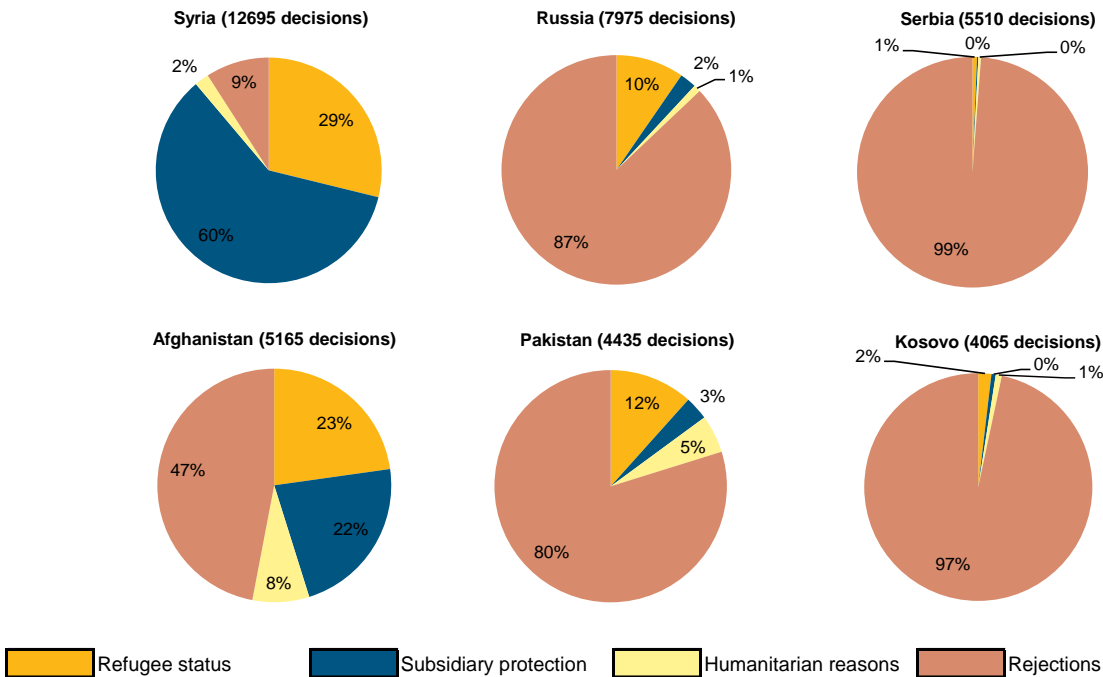
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asyappctzm](#))

**Figure 17: First instance decisions by outcome, selected Member States <sup>(1)</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013**



<sup>(1)</sup> Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q4 2013  
 Humanitarian reasons not applicable for FR and BE  
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asydcfstq](#))

**Figure 18: First instance decisions in the EU-28 by outcome, selected citizenships <sup>(1)</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013**



<sup>(1)</sup> Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q4 2013  
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asydcfstq](#))

**Table 16: First instance decisions by citizenship and outcome, selected Member States, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>**

First instance decisions					First instance decisions									
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections		Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejections						
<b>GERMANY (24 670 decisions)</b>					<b>FRANCE (19 135 decisions)</b>									
Syria	1 345	Syria	1 155	Afghanistan	220	Syria	390	230	Not applicable	Kosovo	2 045			
Iran	415	Afghanistan	35	Iraq	25	Russia	250	Afghanistan	80	Albania	1 715			
Iraq	345	Stateless	35	Russia	15	MK	215	Albania	70	Russia	1 535			
Other	1 090	Other	175	Other	145	Other	1 645	Other	255	Other	10 700			
<b>SWEDEN (14 145 decisions)</b>					<b>ITALY (5 830 decisions)</b>									
Syria	510	Syria	3 615	Afghanistan	70	Somalia	260	Somalia	480	Mali	215	Nigeria	560	
Eritrea	375	Stateless	1 980	Stateless	25	Syria	125	Afghanistan	365	Pakistan	200	Pakistan	420	
Stateless	250	Eritrea	535	Iraq	20	Stateless	85	Pakistan	130	Nigeria	160	Gambia	140	
Other	825	Other	380	Other	110	Other	385	Other	460	Other	680	Other	1 165	
<b>NETHERLANDS (4 720 decisions)</b>					<b>BELGIUM (4 365 decisions)</b>									
Stateless	90	Syria	720	Somalia	765	Afghanistan	140	Syria	180	Not applicable	Guinea	265		
Iran	75	Eritrea	275	Syria	255	Iran	Afghanistan	135	Afghanistan	175	CD	260		
Afghanistan	50	Afghanistan	60	Iraq	115	Iraq	CD	115	Iraq	40	Afghanistan	225		
Other	150	Other	220	Other	350	Other	Other	635	Other	45	Other	2 155		
<b>OTHER (45 030 decisions)</b>					<b>EU-28 (93 215 decisions)</b>									
Syria	2 750	Syria	2 840	Afghanistan	250	Russia	Syria	3 660	Syria	7 620	Somalia	815	Russia	6 950
Iran	860	Somalia	645	Russia	65	Syria	Iran	1 180	Stateless	2 260	Afghanistan	405	Syria	5 440
Afghanistan	665	Afghanistan	335	Iraq	45	MK	Afghanistan	1 175	Somalia	1 285	Syria	265	Kosovo	3 930
Other	2 975	Other	1 130	Other	355	Other	Other	7 935	Other	4 075	Other	2 195	Other	44 020

<sup>(1)</sup> Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q4 2013  
 CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK - The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina  
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asydcfstq](#))

**1 out of 3 first instance decisions issued in the EU-28 in Q4 2013 were positive and most of them were granted by Sweden, Germany and Italy**

**Table 17: First instance decisions by outcome, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013**

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
<b>EU-28</b>	93 215	32 875	13 955	15 245	3 680	60 340
<b>EU-27</b>	93 190	32 875	13 950	15 245	3 680	60 315
<b>Belgium</b>	4 365	1 460	1 025	435	-	2 900
<b>Bulgaria</b>	1 545	1 475	160	1 315	-	70
<b>Czech Republic</b>	320	130	20	105	5	190
<b>Denmark</b>	2 505	1 290	780	495	10	1 215
<b>Germany</b>	24 670	4 995	3 195	1 400	400	19 670
<b>Estonia</b>	10	5	5	0	0	10
<b>Ireland</b>	230	25	25	0	-	205
<b>Greece</b>	3 335	350	220	105	30	2 985
<b>Spain</b>	685	200	95	105	0	485
<b>France</b>	19 135	3 145	2 505	640	-	15 990
<b>Croatia</b>	25	0	0	0	-	25
<b>Italy</b>	5 830	3 540	855	1 430	1 255	2 290
<b>Cyprus</b>	235	80	10	70	0	155
<b>Latvia</b>	25	5	0	0	-	20
<b>Lithuania</b>	30	5	0	5	0	25
<b>Luxembourg</b>	280	25	25	5	-	250
<b>Hungary</b>	1 210	130	70	60	0	1 080
<b>Malta</b>	690	580	15	550	10	110
<b>Netherlands</b>	4 720	3 130	365	1 280	1 485	1 585
<b>Austria</b>	3 525	1 290	955	335	-	2 235
<b>Poland</b>	590	170	65	45	55	420
<b>Portugal</b>	50	5	0	5	-	45
<b>Romania</b>	315	240	75	165	0	70
<b>Slovenia</b>	35	5	5	0	-	30
<b>Slovakia</b>	45	20	0	5	15	25
<b>Finland</b>	725	360	130	160	70	370
<b>Sweden</b>	14 145	8 685	1 955	6 510	220	5 460
<b>United Kingdom</b>	3 955	1 525	1 400	10	115	2 430
<b>Iceland</b>	40	0	0	0	0	40
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	15	0	0	0	0	15
<b>Norway</b>	3 775	2 035	1 615	345	75	1 745
<b>Switzerland</b>	4 285	2 335	960	320	1 060	1 945

- data are not applicable  
 Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asydcfstq](#))

**Table 18: First instance decisions by destination country and outcome in the EU-28, selected citizenships of asylum applicants, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>**

First instance decisions					
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections
<b>SYRIA - SY</b>					
Germany	1 345	Sweden	3 615	Netherlands	255 Sweden 460
Sweden	510	Germany	1 155	Italy	0 Germany 190
Denmark	495	Bulgaria	1 145	Malta	0 Netherlands 115
Other	1 315	Other	1 700	Other	0 Other 385
<b>SERBIA - RS</b>					
France	30	Germany	5	Italy	20 Germany 4 705
Belgium	5	France	5	Denmark	15 UK 365
Austria	5	Italy	5	Germany	0 France 150
Other	0	Other	0	Other	0 Other 220
<b>PAKISTAN - PK</b>					
Germany	170	Italy	130	Italy	200 Greece 980
UK	160	France	5	Netherlands	15 UK 515
Italy	65	Austria	5	UK	10 France 490
Other	120	Other	0	Other	0 Other 1 550
<b>OTHER</b>					
France	1 730	Sweden	2 740	Netherlands	1 150 France 11 680
Germany	1 300	Italy	900	Italy	990 Germany 8 725
Sweden	1 230	Malta	550	Germany	155 Sweden 3 830
Other	3 470	Other	1 905	Other	350 Other 12 680

First instance decisions					
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections
<b>RUSSIA - RU</b>					
France	390	France	60	Poland	45 Germany 3 730
Austria	175	Denmark	40	Germany	15 France 1 535
Belgium	50	Austria	30	Sweden	5 Austria 560
Other	150	Other	60	Other	0 Other 1 125
<b>AFGHANISTAN - AF</b>					
Germany	345	Italy	365	Germany	220 Germany 710
Belgium	180	Austria	175	Sweden	70 Greece 1 145
Sweden	170	Belgium	175	Netherlands	60 Sweden 295
Other	480	Other	440	Other	55 Other 1 105
<b>KOSOVO - XK</b>					
France	60	France	20	Italy	20 France 2 045
Belgium	5	Austria	5	Sweden	10 Germany 1 145
Austria	5	Luxembourg	5	Finland	5 Sweden 265
Other	0	Other	0	Other	0 Other 475
<b>NON-EU</b>					
Germany	3 195	Sweden	6 510	Netherlands	1 485 Germany 19 670
France	2 505	Italy	1 430	Italy	1 255 France 15 990
Sweden	1 955	Germany	1 400	Germany	400 Sweden 5 460
Other	6 300	Other	5 900	Other	535 Other 19 220

<sup>(1)</sup> Citizenship selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q4 2013  
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asydcfstq](#))

**Only 1 out of 10 first instance decisions issued for applications of Syrians were negative in Q4 2013**

**Table 19: First instance decisions by outcome, 30 main citizenships of asylum applicants granted decisions in the EU-28, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>**

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
<b>Non-EU</b>	93 215	32 875	13 955	15 245	3 680	60 340
Syria - (SY)	12 695	11 545	3 660	7 620	265	1 150
Russia - (RU)	7 975	1 030	765	185	80	6 950
Serbia - (RS)	5 510	65	35	10	20	5 440
Afghanistan - (AF)	5 165	2 740	1 175	1 155	405	2 425
Pakistan - (PK)	4 435	895	515	145	235	3 535
Kosovo - (XK)	4 065	135	75	25	35	3 930
Somalia - (SO)	4 030	2 675	580	1 285	815	1 355
Stateless	3 420	2 845	550	2 260	35	575
Eritrea - (ER)	2 980	2 310	1 080	1 160	70	670
Albania - (AL)	2 975	170	60	85	20	2 810
MK - (MK)	2 880	10	5	5	0	2 870
Iran - (IR)	2 410	1 325	1 180	75	70	1 085
BA - (BA)	2 205	70	35	5	35	2 130
Iraq - (IQ)	2 160	1 140	610	345	185	1 020
Nigeria - (NG)	2 110	390	115	80	190	1 720
Georgia - (GE)	2 015	65	25	25	15	1 955
Bangladesh - (BD)	2 015	135	70	15	50	1 880
CD - (CD)	1 565	440	375	35	30	1 125
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 335	400	340	25	35	935
Turkey - (TR)	1 305	240	140	20	75	1 070
Guinea - (GN)	1 225	330	270	20	35	900
China - (CN)	1 220	245	220	5	15	975
Armenia - (AM)	1 220	90	35	25	30	1 125
Algeria - (DZ)	1 170	45	20	15	5	1 125
Mali - (ML)	1 055	370	90	60	215	685
Egypt - (EG)	655	225	125	25	75	430
Ivory Coast - (CI)	640	170	70	35	65	470
Sudan - (SD)	600	200	165	25	10	400
Senegal - (SN)	595	125	50	15	60	475
Morocco - (MA)	585	40	20	0	20	545
<b>Other</b>	11 000	2 420	1 485	450	480	8 580

<sup>(1)</sup> Citizenship selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q4 2013  
CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Kosovo – see methodological notes; MK – The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr\\_asydcfstq](#))

## Methodology

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### COMMENTS

All data presented in this publication are rounded to the nearest 5.

All data presented in this publication are provisional (except as otherwise stated) and may be a subject to change.

### COUNTRY INFORMATION

In **France** data on pending applications do not include accompanied minors aged less than 16 whose application is examined jointly with their parent's application. According to France, these missing pending applications are estimated to be about 20 per cent of the total number of pending applications.

**Kosovo - XK**: this designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

### DATA SOURCES

The data used for this publication are provided to Eurostat by the Ministries of Interior, Justice or immigration agencies of the Member States. Data are based entirely on relevant administrative sources. Apart from statistics on new asylum applicants, these data are supplied by Member States according to the provisions of Article 4 of the [Regulation \(EC\) 862/2007](#) of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection.

### DEFINITIONS AND COVERAGE

'**Asylum applicant**' means a person having submitted an application for international protection or having been included in such application as a family member during the reference period. 'Application for international protection' means an application for international protection as defined in Art.2(g) of [Council Directive 2004/83/EC](#), i.e. including requests for refugee status or for subsidiary protection status, irrespective of whether the application was lodged on arrival at border, or from inside the country, and irrespective of whether the person entered the territory legally (e.g. as a tourist) or illegally. In deciding when to regard an asylum application as having been lodged, the principles expressed in Article 4(1) of Council Regulation 2003/343/EC should be applied, i.e. 'An application for asylum shall be deemed to have been lodged once a form submitted by the applicant for asylum or a report prepared by the authorities has reached the competent authorities of the Member State concerned. Where an application is not made in writing, the time elapsing between the statement of intention and the preparation of a report should be as short as possible'. Applications submitted by persons who are subsequently found to be a subject of a Dublin procedure (Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003) are included in the number of asylum applications. Within the same reference period every person being a subject of asylum application is counted only once, therefore repeat applications are not recorded if the first application has been lodged in the same reference period. However, such a repeat application will be recorded if lodged in a different reference month. It means that the aggregation of the monthly figures may overestimate the number of persons applying for international protection within the aggregated period (quarter or year).

In some Member States (**MT** and **DK**) due to restrictions of the asylum procedure (e.g. time limits for lodging repeat application) repeat applications may be very rare. Therefore the number of new asylum applicants may equal or almost equal the number of asylum applicants.

The number of asylum applicants and the number of first instance decisions during the same reference period differs. This is due to the time lag between the date of asylum application and the date of the decision on asylum application. The duration of this time lag may vary considerably depending on the national asylum procedure and the administrative workload. Asylum application lodged in one reference period may therefore result in a decision in a later period, while some asylum decisions reported for that period may relate to the applications lodged in previous reference periods.

'**New asylum applicant**' means a person having submitted an application for international protection for the first time. Applications submitted by persons who are subsequently found to be a subject of a Dublin procedure are included in the statistics on new asylum applicants if such persons are also a subject of first asylum application. All Member States are requested to supply these data but their provision is voluntary.



As persons are counted once only, statistics on new asylum applicants may be used for preparation of annual aggregates.

Person being a subject of **'a pending application'** means a person who is the subject of application for international protection under consideration by the responsible national authority at the end of the reference period. It includes the number of persons with pending applications at all instances of the administrative and/or judicial procedure.

**'Rejected applicant'** means a person covered by a first instance decision rejecting an application for international protection, including decisions considering applications as inadmissible or as unfounded and decisions under priority and accelerated procedures, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period.

**'Person granted refugee status at first instance'** means a person covered by a first instance decision granting refugee status, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. Refugee status means status as defined in Art.2 (d) of Directive 2004/83/EC within the meaning of Art.1 of the Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 28 July 1951, as amended by the New York Protocol of 31 January 1967. According to the Art.2(c) of that Directive refugee means a third country national who, owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership of a particular social group, is outside the country of nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country, or a stateless person, who, being outside of the country of former habitual residence for the same reasons as mentioned above, is unable or, owing to such fear, unwilling to return to it.

**'Person granted subsidiary protection status at first instance'** means a person covered by a first instance decision granting subsidiary protection status, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. Subsidiary protection status means status as defined in Art.2 (f) of Directive 2004/83/EC. According to the Art.2(e) of that Directive a person eligible for subsidiary protection means a third country national or a stateless person who does not qualify as a refugee but in respect of whom substantial grounds have been shown for believing that the person concerned, if returned to his or her country of origin, or in the case of a stateless person, to his or her country of former habitual residence, would face a real risk of suffering serious harm and is unable, or, owing to such risk, unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country.

**'Person granted authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons at first instance'** means a person covered by another first instance decision granting authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons under national law concerning international protection, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. **It includes persons** who are not eligible for international protection as currently defined law but are nonetheless protected against removal under the obligations that are imposed on all Member States by international refugee or human rights instruments or on the basis of principles flowing from such instruments. Examples of such categories include persons who are not removable on ill health grounds and unaccompanied minors.

**'Dublin procedure'** means a procedure according to the Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003, establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Ireland (IE), Greece (EL), Spain (ES), France (FR), Croatia (HR), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Hungary (HU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovenia (SI), Slovakia (SK), Finland (FI), Sweden (SE), the United Kingdom (UK), Iceland (IS), Lichtenstein (LI), Norway (NO) and Switzerland (CH).

#### EU ASYLUM POLICY

The Directorate-General for Home Affairs (DG HOME) is responsible for developing EU policies on asylum. For more information please see:

[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/index_en.htm)



## Further information

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Eurostat website: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>

Data on Population and Social conditions, Asylum:

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/population/data/database>  
(Select "International Migration and asylum" and "Asylum")

Further information about Population and social conditions:

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/population/introduction>

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