

# **ASYLUM LEVELS AND TRENDS IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, 2007**

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

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## I. INTRODUCTION <sup>1</sup>

This document analyzes the main levels, patterns and trends in the number of individual asylum applications submitted in Europe and selected non-European countries during 2007 and is based on official Government statistics. Asylum-seekers are individuals who have 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 in the refugee definition. 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 Relating to the Status of Refugees*.

With UNHCR's data collection of monthly asylum statistics having expanded in the course of the year, the number of countries included now stands at 43, as compared to 37 previously. The newly included countries are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia<sup>2</sup>, the Republic of Korea, Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. In order to ensure comparability over time, UNHCR's asylum database has been retroactively updated by incorporating monthly asylum statistics for the six new countries since at least 2005, in the case of Turkey and the Republic of Korea even since 1999. As a result of this expansion, previous UNHCR reports analyzing monthly asylum trends may differ from the current one in terms of scope and data availability and are thus not comparable.

This group of countries is collectively referred to as the "**43 industrialized countries**" and has been defined for the purpose of this report only.<sup>3</sup> The Office's monthly asylum monitoring system now includes virtually all major asylum-seeker receiving countries in Europe with the exception of Italy. However, Italy is expected to be included as of 2008 in view of improved statistical reporting systems that have been put in place in the country.

The number of asylum countries covered by the various tables in this document differs, depending on the nature of the analysis and the availability of data. With the recent expansion of the European Union and potential for future accessions, capacity building in and international responsibility sharing with countries of central, eastern and southern Europe have become increasingly important. This is why Table 1 on page 12 not only includes the 43 industrialized countries but also Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Italy, Georgia, Moldova, the Russian Federation, and Ukraine for which annual but not monthly data are available. Tables 2 through 23 are limited to the 43 industrialized asylum countries which provide monthly asylum statistics to UNHCR.

The statistical information presented in this document refers to "first instance" asylum applications submitted in the 43 industrialized countries. Wherever possible, the data reflects only first time applications. Information on the outcome of asylum procedures, that is, asylum-seekers recognized as refugees, granted a complementary or subsidiary form of protection, as

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<sup>2</sup> The monthly asylum data for Serbia excludes Kosovo.

<sup>3</sup> The 43 countries are: 26 Member States of the European Union (excluding Italy), 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, Republic of Korea and the United States of America.

well as those who have been denied refugee status, is currently being compiled by UNHCR and will be published separately.

## II. SOURCES AND DATA CONSIDERATIONS

Under the *1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees*, States are required to provide UNHCR with statistics on the number and conditions of refugees, asylum-seekers and other groups of concern to the High Commissioner. This report is, therefore, mostly based on official asylum statistics, reflecting national laws and procedures. During the period 2003-2007, UNHCR conducted refugee status determination under its mandate in a number of countries including Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Montenegro, Serbia, and Turkey (see notes in Table 1 for more details).

**All figures based on monthly statistics 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. This is, for instance, the case of Germany where the cumulative total derived from monthly data differs from the annual total provided by the German authorities (see the notes in Table 1 for more information).

To the extent possible, asylum-seekers are counted only once in each country. The totals, however, overestimate the number of new arrivals because some individuals apply for asylum in more than one country. This report thus primarily reflects submissions of asylum applications rather than the number of people submitting a claim. According to the EURODAC Central Unit<sup>4</sup>, the verification of asylum claims in 2005 and 2006 showed that in both years, 17 per cent each of all asylum claims registered in the system were multiple claims, i.e. the asylum applicant had submitted at least one previous application in the same or another member State of the European Union.

The statistics presented in this document reflect the number of applications lodged by asylum-seekers for the first time. However, a significant number of countries included in this report cannot distinguish new asylum applications from reopened or repeat claims in their respective statistical systems. As a consequence, some of the numbers of asylum applicants reported to UNHCR are likely to be inflated.

Since July 2006, asylum statistics reported by the Netherlands distinguish between new asylum claims and second/repeat applications. An analysis of the Dutch asylum figures shows that a significant proportion of asylum claims reported as initial applications are in fact second, repeated, or reopened applications. It can be concluded that the number of

### **The EU regulation on migration and international protection statistics**

In July 2007, the new EU regulation on migration and international protection statistics entered into force. It requires EU member States, among others, to provide the European Commission (Eurostat) with a standardized and comparable set of asylum data. This dataset includes all relevant statistics encompassing the asylum procedure (including: asylum claims, decisions, pending cases, sex and age-disaggregated asylum data). The new regulation, however, does not address the issue of separating new and repeat/reopened applications in national asylum statistics. It is therefore left to the discretion of each member State whether to report this type of statistics separately or not. Given the current practice in some countries, UNHCR expects that the number of individuals seeking international protection in the European Union will continue to be overestimated.

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<sup>4</sup> The EURODAC system was introduced among EU member States in 2003 to facilitate, among others, the comparison of fingerprints of asylum applicants. The main purpose of the system is to identify individuals who have submitted an asylum application in more than one EU member State.

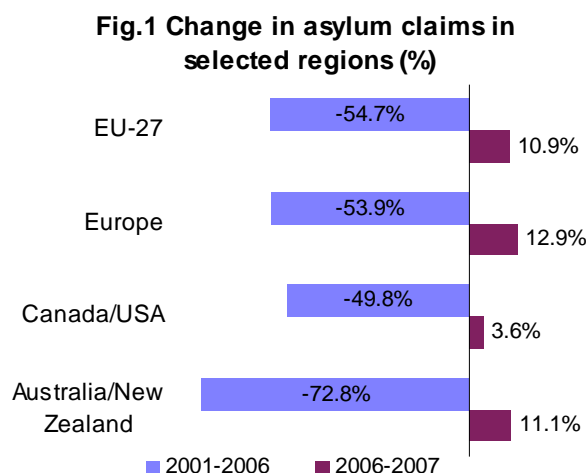
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new asylum-seekers in the Netherlands prior to this date was overestimated. The figures for the Netherlands reported in this document include new, repeat and second applications up to the end of 2006. From January 2007 onwards, all data refer to new applications only and are thus not comparable with earlier figures.

All the data in this document 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) rather than individuals is available for applications submitted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). UNHCR has multiplied the total number of asylum cases by a factor of 1.4 to estimate the number of individuals as historical data suggest that on average one case equals 1.4 individuals. Applications submitted to the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR), however, are recorded as individuals. Owing to the large variation of family size by nationality, the analysis by country of origin in the United States of America is based on a combination of the number of cases (DHS) and the number of individuals (EOIR).

### III. GLOBAL AND REGIONAL TRENDS

The number of individuals requesting refugee or asylum status in Europe and the non-European industrialized countries analysed in this report increased by 10 per cent in 2007 in comparison with 2006. An estimated 338,300 new asylum applications were recorded in the course of the year, 32,000 more than the year before. This is the first increase in five years and follows a 20-year low observed in 2006 (306,300 asylum claims). Despite this increase, the 2007 level is only half the level witnessed in 2001 when more than 655,000 asylum-seekers sought international protection in the 51 countries listed in Table 1 (see also Figure 1). The rise in 2007 can by and large be attributed to the sharp increase in Iraqi asylum-seekers, as will be explained later in this report. If the Iraqi asylum claims were to be excluded from the analysis, the increase in 2007 would have been only 2 per cent.

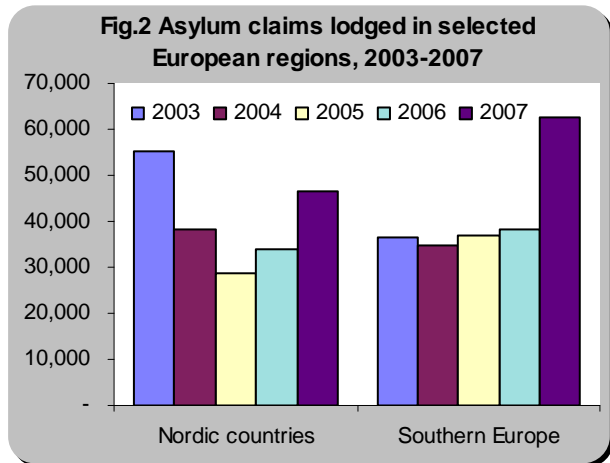


The increase in 2007 compared to the year before was felt unanimously across all major regions. Out of a total of 338,300 asylum applications registered in 2007, **Europe** received 254,200 claims, 13 per cent more than the previous year (225,200). This increase comes despite a few traditional receiving countries recording the lowest numbers in years or even decades (e.g. Germany, France, and the United Kingdom). Simultaneously, other countries have emerged at the top of the list, in particular Greece and Sweden. A similar trend was observed among the 27 Member States of the **European Union** which recorded 222,900 new asylum applications in 2007, 11 per cent more than in 2006 (201,000). The average figure for the EU-27, however, hides significant differences between the 12 “new” and the 15 “old” member States<sup>5</sup>. While the former recorded a 27 per cent increase in 2007 (from 20,000 to 25,500), the latter registered a 9 per cent rise “only” (from 181,000 to 197,500), thus accounting for 78 per cent of all asylum claims in Europe.

Within Europe, both **Southern Europe** and the **Nordic** countries recorded strong increases in 2007 in comparison with the previous year. Close to 63,000 individuals applied for international

<sup>5</sup> “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.

protection in Southern Europe alone, some 24,200 more than in 2006 (+63%), with the largest numbers being recorded in Greece (25,100) and Italy (14,000). The Nordic countries, on the other hand, registered more than 46,400 new asylum-seekers, 12,500 applications or 37 per cent more than during 2006. Sweden was by far the main destination of asylum-seekers (36,200 claims) with on average four out of five applications in the Nordic region being lodged in that country.



In **North America**, an estimated 77,500 new asylum applications were submitted in 2007, some 2,700 claims or 4 per cent more than in 2006. Some 49,200 or 68 per cent of those claims were received by the United States of America. Despite this increase, the 2007 level remains at only half the level witnessed in 2001 when close to 150,000 applications were lodged in Canada and the United States of America together.

While in absolute terms still relatively small, the trend observed in **Australia** and **New Zealand** is quite similar. After the latest peak in 2000-2001 where on average 14,000 individuals submitted an asylum claim annually, the numbers started decreasing sharply and in 2005 reached the lowest level since 1989 (1,600 claims). Levels started to increase again shortly afterwards and by 2007 stood at some 4,200 claims, 11 per cent or 400 claims more than the year before. It is primarily individuals from China, India and Sri Lanka who request refugee status in Australia and New Zealand.

In contrast, **Japan** and the **Republic of Korea** together registered a record high of 1,500 new asylum applications in 2007, predominantly from individuals originating from Myanmar and Nepal. With the exception of 2002 (290 applications), the two countries have in general witnessed a steady increase in new asylum-seekers arriving on their territories. The numbers, however, still remain modest in comparison with other industrialized countries.

#### IV. LEVELS AND PATTERNS IN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

##### *General overview*

From 2006 to 2007, 25 of the 51 asylum countries included in Table 1 reported a decrease in asylum requests while 26 countries reported an increase. This trend does not follow the pattern observed from 2004 to 2006 when, in general, fewer than 20 countries reported an increase from one year to another. Seventeen out of the 51 countries received more than 5,000 new asylum requests in 2007, three more than in 2006. Major asylum-seeker receiving countries reporting a significant fall included **Austria** (-11%), **Germany** (-9%), **France** and the **United States of America** (-5% each).<sup>6</sup> Conversely, major increases were recorded by **Sweden** (+49%), **Greece** (+105%), **Canada** (+24%), **Italy** (+35%), **Turkey** (+68%, UNHCR asylum procedure), **Spain** (+41%), and **Poland** (+61%) (see Table 1 on page 12).

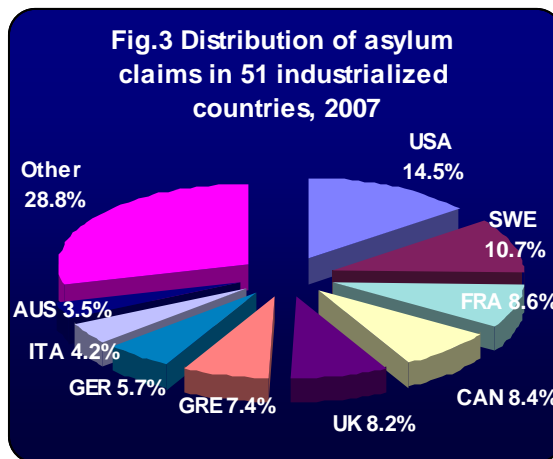
##### *Country-specific trends in 2007*

Until recently, Austria, France, Germany, and the United Kingdom were among the main destinations for asylum-seekers arriving in industrialized countries. During 2007, however, other

<sup>6</sup> The Netherlands would also feature in the list of countries experiencing a significant decrease in the number of new asylum-seekers but owing to the fact that the 2007 figure is not directly comparable with pre-2007 data, the country is not listed.

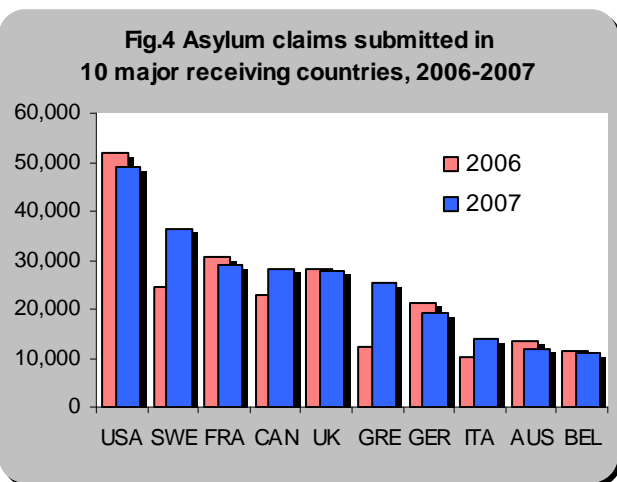
countries started to receive major numbers of asylum-seekers. For a few countries, including **Greece, Malta, and the Republic of Korea**, the number of asylum-seekers in 2007 was the highest on record. In other countries, however, the 2007 level was the lowest in many years, in some cases even for decades. **Germany** for instance recorded the lowest level since 1977, the **Netherlands** since 1988<sup>7</sup> and the **United Kingdom** since 1989. In the **Czech Republic**, the number of new asylum applications submitted was the lowest since 1995, in **Ireland and Slovenia** since 1997, and in **Finland and France** since 1998.

After having been the second largest recipient of new asylum-seekers in 2004 and 2005, the **United States of America** had become the main destination in 2006. More than 49,200 new asylum claims were submitted during 2007, some 2,700 less than the year before (-5%). Despite this decrease, the United States of America remained the top receiving country in 2007. As such, it accounted for 14.5 per cent of all asylum claims submitted in the 51 countries included in Table 1.



In **Sweden**, the number of new asylum requests lodged during 2007 (36,200) increased by half compared to 2006 (24,300), making it the second largest asylum-seeker receiving country. As such, Sweden accounted for almost 11 per cent of all claims received among the industrialized countries as compared to 8 per cent the previous year. This increase has been caused primarily by the continuous arrival of large numbers of Iraqi asylum-seekers. The 2007 level is also the third highest ever witnessed in Sweden after 1992 (84,000 claims)<sup>8</sup> and 1993 (37,600 claims) (see Figure 4).

**France**, which had been the top receiving country in 2004 (58,500 claims) and 2005 (49,700 claims) dropped to second place in 2006 (30,700 claims). The number of individuals requesting refugee status continued to decrease during 2007, with France receiving 29,200 new asylum applications during the year, some 1,600 less than the previous year (-5%). As such, France is now the third largest recipient of asylum-seekers among the group of industrialized countries, accounting for almost 9 per cent of all asylum claims.

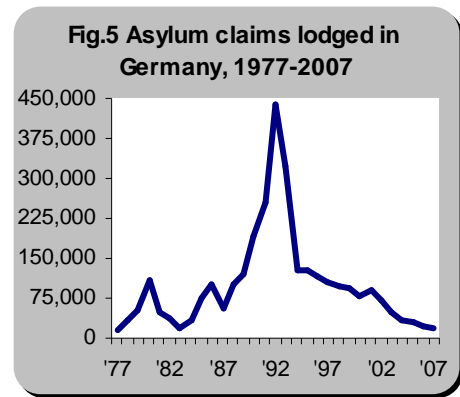


the number of new Colombian asylum applications which has almost doubled in 2007 (from 1,400 in 2006 to 2,600 in 2007) as well as the soaring of asylum applications by citizens of Haiti (from 700 in 2006 to 3,200 in 2007).

<sup>7</sup> Since 2007, the Dutch figures exclude repeat and reopened applications and are therefore not necessarily comparable to previous years.

<sup>8</sup> Out of the 84,000 claims submitted in 1992, more than 69,000 were lodged by citizens of the former Yugoslavia.

With 27,900 asylum applications submitted in 2007, only marginally less than in 2006 (28,300), the **United Kingdom** fell from third to fifth most important destination for asylum-seekers among the industrialized countries. This is the fifth consecutive year in which figures have gone down, albeit at a much slower pace than a few years ago. Similarly, figures in **Germany** have also continued to decline reaching a 30-year low in 2007 with 19,200 individuals applying for asylum (-9%).<sup>9</sup> This comes after it had been the leading European destination country for much of the 1980s and 1990s, in the early 1990s even registering half of all asylum claims in the industrialized world. Among the 51 countries included in Table 1, Germany was the seventh most important destination country for asylum-seekers in 2007.



Country	2004	2005	2006	2007
United States	2	2	1	1
Sweden	7	7	4	2
France	1	1	2	3
Canada	5	6	5	4
United Kingdom	3	3	3	5
Greece	19	12	9	6
Germany	4	4	6	7
Italy	13	11	12	8
Austria	6	5	8	9
Belgium	8	8	10	10

**Greece** has emerged as a major new recipient of asylum-seekers in the industrialized world. In the course of 2007, 25,100 asylum applications were lodged in the country, almost 13,000 more than in 2006, constituting not only the fourth consecutive annual increase, but also five times more applications than in 2004 (4,500 asylum claims). Greece thus moved from being the ninth largest recipient of asylum-seekers in 2006 to sixth most important destination in 2007. This large increase is on the one hand due to new arrivals, particularly from Iraq, and on the other hand to the continuous implementation of improved registration systems allowing a faster recording of asylum claims.

The **United States of America**, **Sweden** and **France**, the top-3 receiving countries in 2007, together accounted for one third of all new asylum claims submitted in industrialized countries. Including **Canada** and the **United Kingdom**, the top-5 accounted for half of all asylum claims.

*Trends over the past five years*

During 2003-2007, the **United States of America** received the largest number of new asylum-seekers (276,000), followed by **France** (228,000), the **United Kingdom** (188,000), **Germany** (155,000), and **Sweden** (133,000). Together, the three leading asylum countries received more than one third (37%) 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.

Country	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
United States	15%	13%	14%	17%	15%
Sweden	6%	6%	5%	8%	11%
France	12%	15%	15%	10%	9%
Canada	6%	6%	6%	7%	8%
United Kingdom	12%	10%	9%	9%	8%
Greece	2%	1%	3%	4%	7%
Germany	10%	9%	9%	7%	6%
Italy	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%
Austria	6%	6%	7%	4%	4%
Belgium	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%

Whereas the share of the **United States of America** as the main recipient over the 5-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 10 per cent in 2003 (Germany) to 9 and 6 per cent respectively in 2007. Conversely, the share of **Greece** and in particular **Sweden** went up sharply from 1 per cent in 2004 (Greece) and 5 per cent in 2005 (Sweden) to 7 and 11 per cent in 2007 respectively.

<sup>9</sup> The German data prior to 1993 includes reopened applications.

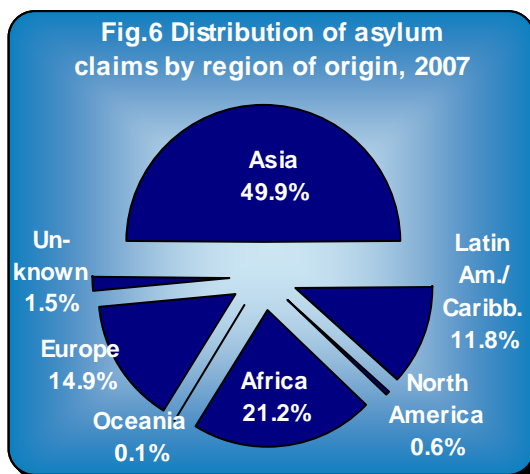
The figures analysed above are all based on the absolute numbers of asylum claims received. The situation changes when using a relative measure such as the number of asylum-seekers compared to the size of the national population, allowing for a better comparison between countries. The latter can be considered as an indicator of the capacity of countries to host asylum-seekers. During the period 2003-2007, **Cyprus** received 39 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants, the highest level of all 51 countries listed in Table 1. **Sweden** ranked second (15), followed by **Malta** (13), **Austria** (13), **Luxembourg** (10), and **Switzerland** (9) (see Table 1 on page 12). The **United States of America**, the main recipient of new asylum-seekers during this period, was ranked 26<sup>th</sup> with on average one asylum-seeker per 1,000 inhabitants.

At the regional level, the 27 member States of the **European Union** received on average 2.6 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants during 2003-2007. Fourteen countries ranked below the “EU-27” average, including 9 of the 12 new member States. Among the latter, only **Cyprus**, **Malta** and **Slovakia** received on average more asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants than the “EU-27” as a whole. The 42 **European** countries included in Table 1 received on average 1.8 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants whereas the corresponding figure for **North America** and **Australia/New Zealand** was 1.2 and 0.8 respectively. **Japan** and **Republic of Korea** received 0.03 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants given the high national population (more than 176 million together) and comparatively low number of asylum-seekers.

### 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 **43 industrialized countries** which provided monthly asylum data to UNHCR.

Individuals originating from almost 200 different countries or territories submitted at least one asylum claim in 2007. Half of all asylum applications were submitted by asylum-seekers from **Asia**. **Africa** was the second most important source continent (21% of all claims), followed by **Europe** (15%), **Latin America and the Caribbean** (12%), and **North America** (1%).<sup>10</sup> The country of origin of 4,700 asylum-seekers, however, was unknown.



Out of the 40 main asylum-seeker nationalities, 17 registered a rise during 2007. Among the major source countries of asylum-seekers, significant increases were registered by: **Iraq** (+98%), **Pakistan** (+87%), the **Syrian Arab Republic** (+47%), **Somalia** (+43%), and **Mexico** (+41%). Conversely, out of the 23 nationalities which recorded a decrease in 2007 as compared to 2006, seven registered a drop of more than 20 per cent. This included asylum applicants originating from **Azerbaijan** (-41%), **Sudan** (-34%), and **Turkey** (-22%).

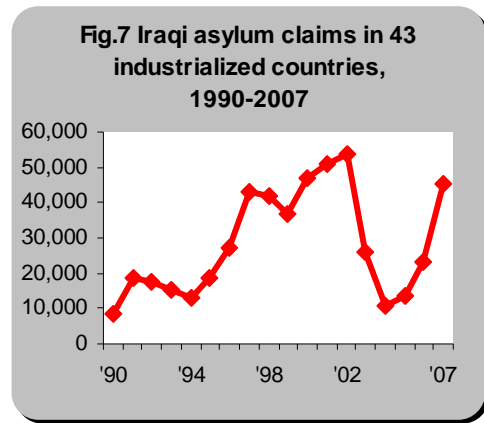
After having been the main source country of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries in 2000 and 2002, **Iraq** again became the main country of origin in 2006. This trend has continued in 2007, with 45,200 Iraqis submitting an asylum claim or roughly 1 out of 6 claims. The **Russian Federation** was the second most important source country of asylum-seekers with 18,800

<sup>10</sup> The geographical regions used are those of the UN Statistics Division (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49.htm>).



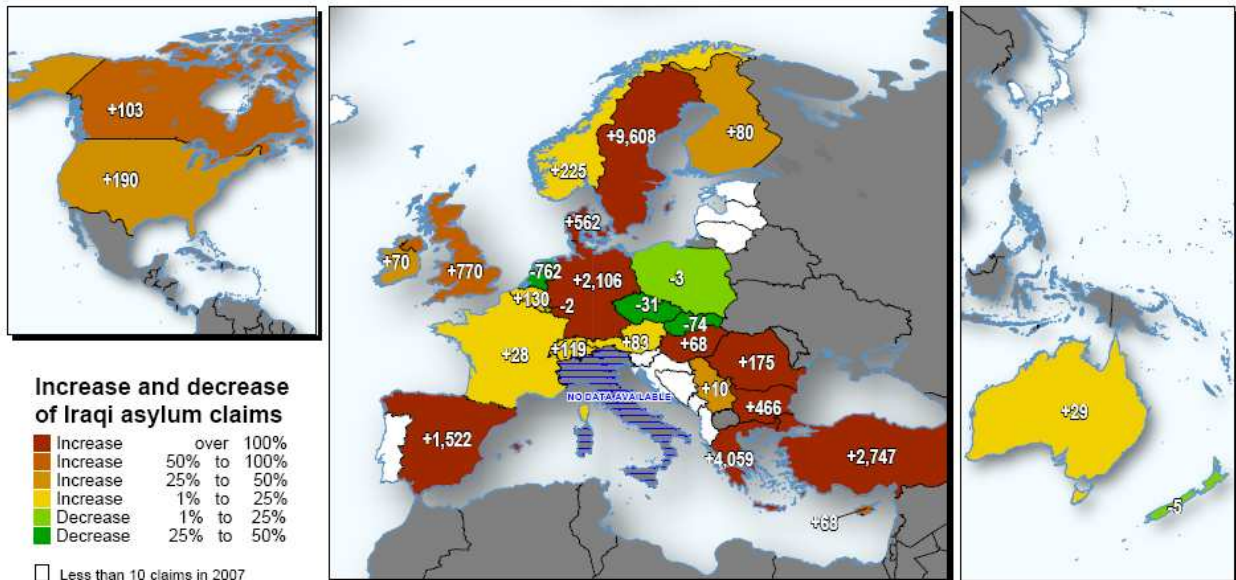
claims, or 6 per cent of all claims, followed by **China** (17,100), **Serbia**<sup>11</sup> (15,400), **Pakistan** (14,300), and **Somalia** (11,500) (see Table 2 on page 14).

The number of **Iraqis** lodging asylum claims in industrialized countries has almost doubled in 2007 compared to 2006 (from 22,900 to 45,200). The 2007 level was at the same time the fourth highest observed in the industrialized countries since 1990. The numbers have remained high throughout the year with quarterly figures ranging between 10,700 and 12,000. If current trends are maintained, the number of Iraqis submitting asylum claims in industrialized countries might reach in the coming years the peak levels seen between 2000 and 2002.



Iraqis lodged asylum applications in 37 out of the 43 industrialized countries, but their share is not equally distributed between countries. Out of the 45,200 Iraqi claims lodged in 2007, 18,600 were submitted in Sweden (41%). The number has more than doubled compared to 2006 (9,000) and was seven times higher than in 2005 (2,300). According to OECD statistics<sup>12</sup>, Iraqis are the third largest foreign-born population in Sweden. The extensive Iraqi community and the therefore existing strong social national network in the country might be part of the driving forces behind the high concentration of Iraqi asylum-seekers.

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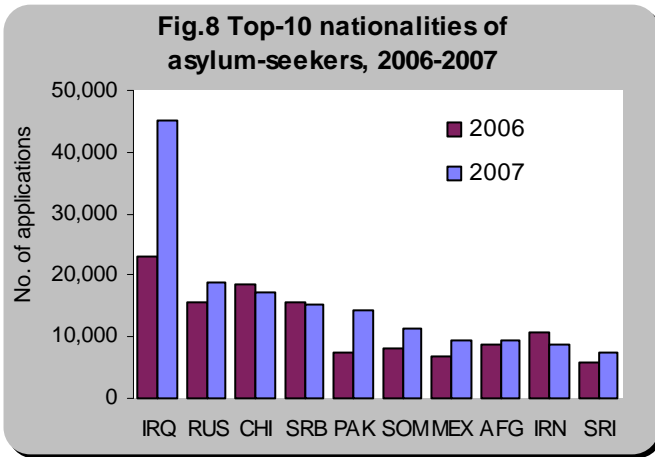


**Note:** Figures for the **Netherlands** prior to 2007 include repeat and reopened applications and are thus not comparable with 2007. The vast majority (94%) of Iraqi asylum claims lodged in **Spain** in 2007 were submitted at the Spanish embassy in Cairo.

Greece received 5,500 Iraqi asylum claims, while Germany and Turkey recorded 4,200 and 3,500 applications respectively. A significant number of Iraqis also applied for asylum in the United Kingdom (2,100), the Netherlands (2,000), and Spain (1,600). It should be noted that 94 per cent of all Iraqi claims recorded in Spain were submitted at the Spanish embassy in Cairo. The map above illustrates the absolute and relative level of increase and decrease of Iraqi asylum-seekers in the 43 industrialized countries included in this report.

<sup>11</sup> Data for Serbia might include Montenegro in a few countries where no separate statistics are available for both countries.  
<sup>12</sup> OECD, International Migration Outlook, Sopemi 2006, p.271

While Iraqi asylum applications almost doubled from 2006 to 2007, a smaller increase was recorded for asylum-seekers originating from the **Russian Federation**. Some 18,800 asylum claims submitted by citizens of the Russian Federation (most being from Chechnya) were registered in the 43 industrialized countries in 2007, 3,000 claims or 19 per cent more than in 2006. As a result, the Russian Federation moved up from being the fourth largest country of origin in 2006 to second in 2007. In particular the fourth quarter of 2007 saw more than 7,900 originating from the Russian Federation submitting asylum requests as compared to 10,800 requests lodged during the first three quarters. Despite this increase, the 2007 level remained at about half the number observed in 2003 (35,000 asylum-seekers from the Russian Federation).



2006 (-9%), accounting for 6 per cent of all asylum claims in 2007. Since 2002, the number of Chinese nationals requesting asylum in the 43 industrialized countries has declined by one third, reaching in 2007 its lowest level in a decade. The number of asylum claims submitted by individuals originating from **Serbia** remained fairly stable in 2007 with 15,400 new applications being submitted (-2%). As such, it was the fourth most important country of origin in 2007.

New asylum applications submitted by citizens from **Pakistan**, the fifth most important source country of asylum-seekers (14,300 claims), has almost doubled during the year (+87%). This is primarily the result of new registration procedures implemented in Greece. Here, the number of registered Pakistani asylum-seekers went up from 250 claims in 2004, to 2,400 in 2006 and 9,100 in 2007. With the political situation in **Somalia** deteriorating in the course of 2007, 11,500 Somali asylum applications were recorded in the 43 industrialized countries, 3,500 or 43 per cent more than in 2006. Somalia was sixth most important source country of asylum-seekers.

The distribution of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries as described above reflects general trends. However, it also hides clear patterns of certain nationalities tending to cluster in a limited number of countries. For instance, half of all Chinese asylum applications in 2007 were submitted in the **United States of America** (50%) alone. Similarly, two thirds of Pakistani asylum claims were lodged in **Greece** (64%) while more than half of the 18,800 Russian asylum applicants were registered in **Poland** (35%) and **France** (17%). In addition, 7 out of 10 Iraqi asylum claims were lodged in four countries only, namely **Sweden** (41%), **Greece** (12%), **Germany** (9%), and **Turkey** (8%). Virtually all applications lodged by **Mexican** nationals during 2007 were submitted in **Canada** (74%) or the **United States of America** (24%), a phenomenon which has been observed for some years now.

**Chinese** asylum-seekers were the third largest group with 17,100 new claims recorded during the year, 1,300 less than in

**Table C. Changes in the ranking of the top-10 countries of origin, 2004-2007**

Country of origin	2004	2005	2006	2007
Iraq	9	4	1	1
Russian Federation	1	2	4	2
China	3	3	2	3
Serbia*	2	1	3	4
Pakistan	8	10	9	5
Somalia	10	11	8	6
Mexico	21	17	11	7
Afghanistan	12	8	7	8
Islamic Rep. of Iran	5	6	5	9
Sri Lanka	19	15	16	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 2004 to 2007, **Iraqis** have moved up the list from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 1<sup>st</sup> position. Similarly, **Mexico** became 7<sup>th</sup> most important source country in 2007 as compared to 2004 (21<sup>st</sup> place). In contrast, asylum applicants from the **Islamic Republic of Iran** dropped from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> position during the same period. Conversely, **Turkey** and **Nigeria** are no longer present in the top-10 ranking, since fewer asylum applications have been submitted by people from these two countries in 2007.

## VI. QUARTERLY TRENDS

Some 162,500 asylum applications were lodged in the second half of the year, 12,000 or 8 per cent more than during the first two quarters (150,500). This trend is fully in line with the one observed in most of the previous years, namely that between July and December more people request refugee or asylum status than between January and June.

During the fourth quarter of 2007, an estimated 85,900 asylum applications were lodged in the 43 countries providing monthly asylum data to UNHCR; 12 per cent more than during the third quarter (76,700). The fourth quarter of 2007 was thus the highest one since the fourth quarter of 2004. The main explanations for this increase are to be found in Canada, Poland and the United Kingdom. Asylum-seekers originating from Mexico, Haiti and Colombia registered in Canada more claims between July and December (total of 8,200) than during the six preceding months (4,700). The Polish authorities reported a sharp increase of Russian asylum requests during the second half of the year (total of 5,400) compared to the first half of the year (1,100). The most likely reason for the recent increase in new arrivals in Poland is its accession to the Schengen Zone in late December 2007, combined with fears that this will lead to stricter border controls. The United Kingdom experienced a significant increase in the second half of the year when 15,200 individuals requested asylum, compared to 12,700 between January and June 2007 (+20%). The main nationalities accounting for the increase in the United Kingdom were Iraqi and Eritrean asylum-seekers whose numbers doubled during this period.

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**Table 1. Asylum applications submitted in Europe and non-European industrialized countries, 2003-2007**

For country notes and regional classification, see next page.

Country/ region of asylum	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total	Annual change '07-'06	Share		Rank		Per 1,000 inhabitants			
								2007	'03-'07	2007	'03-'07	Total		Rank	
												2007	'03-'07	2007	'03-'07
Albania	30	20	30	20	30	130	50%	0%	0%	45	47	0.0	0.0	45	44
Armenia	80	190	160	620	300	1,350	-52%	0%	0%	36	38	0.1	0.4	32	33
Australia	4,300	3,200	3,200	3,520	3,970	18,190	13%	1%	1%	19	21	0.2	0.9	23	28
Austria	32,360	24,630	22,460	13,350	11,880	104,680	-11%	4%	6%	9	7	1.4	12.5	5	4
Azerbaijan	880	1,230	1,050	670	540	4,370	-19%	0%	0%	33	31	0.1	0.5	33	32
Belarus	140	170	210	90	50	660	-44%	0%	0%	43	41	0.0	0.1	49	41
Belgium	16,940	15,360	15,960	11,590	11,120	70,970	-4%	3%	4%	10	8	1.1	6.8	8	9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	740	200	150	70	570	1,730	714%	0%	0%	32	36	0.1	0.4	28	34
Bulgaria	1,550	1,130	820	640	980	5,120	53%	0%	0%	28	28	0.1	0.7	30	29
Canada	31,940	25,500	19,740	22,910	28,340	128,430	24%	8%	7%	4	6	0.9	3.9	11	13
Croatia	60	160	190	90	200	700	122%	0%	0%	39	40	0.0	0.2	36	39
Cyprus	4,410	9,860	7,750	4,550	6,790	33,360	49%	2%	2%	16	15	7.9	39.0	1	1
Czech Rep.	11,400	5,460	4,160	3,020	1,880	25,920	-38%	1%	1%	25	18	0.2	2.5	25	19
Denmark	4,590	3,240	2,260	1,920	2,230	14,240	16%	1%	1%	24	23	0.4	2.6	17	18
Estonia	10	10	10	10	10	50	0%	0%	0%	50	50	0.0	0.0	47	46
Finland	3,220	3,860	3,570	2,330	1,430	14,410	-39%	0%	1%	26	22	0.3	2.7	19	17
France	59,770	58,550	49,730	30,750	29,160	227,960	-5%	9%	12%	3	2	0.5	3.7	14	14
Georgia	-	10	20	30	20	80	-33%	0%	0%	49	48	0.0	0.0	50	51
Germany	50,560	35,610	28,910	21,030	19,160	155,270	-9%	6%	8%	7	4	0.2	1.9	21	21
Greece	8,180	4,470	9,050	12,270	25,110	59,080	105%	7%	3%	6	10	2.3	5.3	4	12
Hungary	2,400	1,600	1,610	2,120	3,420	11,150	61%	1%	1%	20	24	0.3	1.1	18	23
Iceland	80	80	90	40	40	330	0%	0%	0%	44	45	0.1	1.1	29	24
Ireland	7,900	4,770	4,320	4,310	3,990	25,290	-7%	1%	1%	18	19	0.9	5.9	9	10
Italy	13,460	9,720	9,550	10,350	14,050	57,130	36%	4%	3%	8	11	0.2	1.0	20	25
Japan	340	430	380	950	820	2,920	-14%	0%	0%	29	33	0.0	0.0	48	50
Korea, Rep. of	90	150	410	280	720	1,650	157%	0%	0%	30	37	0.0	0.0	42	48
Latvia	10	10	20	10	30	80	200%	0%	0%	45	48	0.0	0.0	44	47
Liechtenstein	100	70	50	50	30	300	-40%	0%	0%	45	46	0.9	8.5	12	8
Lithuania	180	170	120	140	120	730	-14%	0%	0%	40	39	0.0	0.2	37	36
Luxembourg	1,550	1,580	800	520	430	4,880	-17%	0%	0%	34	29	0.9	10.5	10	5
Malta	570	1,000	1,170	1,270	1,380	5,390	9%	0%	0%	27	27	3.4	13.3	3	3
Moldova	90	110	110	70	80	460	14%	0%	0%	41	43	0.0	0.1	40	40
Montenegro	-	-	-	20	-	20	-100%	0%	0%	51	51	0.0	0.0	51	49
Netherlands	13,400	9,780	12,350	14,470	7,100	57,100	-51%	2%	3%	15	12	0.4	3.5	16	15
New Zealand	840	580	350	280	250	2,300	-11%	0%	0%	37	35	0.1	0.6	34	31
Norway	15,960	7,950	5,400	5,320	6,530	41,160	23%	2%	2%	17	13	1.4	8.8	6	7
Poland	6,910	8,080	6,860	4,430	7,120	33,400	61%	2%	2%	14	14	0.2	0.9	24	27
Portugal	90	110	110	130	220	660	69%	0%	0%	38	41	0.0	0.1	41	42
Romania	1,080	660	590	460	660	3,450	43%	0%	0%	31	32	0.0	0.2	38	38
Russian Federation	740	910	960	1,170	3,370	7,150	188%	1%	0%	21	26	0.0	0.1	39	43
Serbia	140	60	90	20	80	390	300%	0%	0%	41	44	0.0	0.0	46	45
Slovak Republic	10,360	11,400	3,550	2,870	2,640	30,820	-8%	1%	2%	22	16	0.5	5.7	13	11
Slovenia	1,100	1,170	1,600	520	430	4,820	-17%	0%	0%	34	30	0.2	2.4	22	20
Spain	5,920	5,540	5,250	5,300	7,460	29,470	41%	2%	2%	13	17	0.2	0.7	26	30
Sweden	31,350	23,160	17,530	24,320	36,210	132,570	49%	11%	7%	2	5	4.0	14.5	2	2
Switzerland	20,810	14,250	10,060	10,540	10,390	66,050	-1%	3%	4%	11	9	1.4	8.8	7	6
TFYR Macedonia	2,280	100	70	60	30	2,540	-50%	0%	0%	45	34	0.0	1.2	43	22
Turkey	3,950	3,910	3,920	4,550	7,640	23,970	68%	2%	1%	12	20	0.1	0.3	31	35
Ukraine	1,370	1,360	1,770	2,080	2,270	8,850	9%	1%	0%	23	25	0.0	0.2	35	37
United Kingdom	60,050	40,620	30,840	28,320	27,900	187,730	-1%	8%	10%	5	3	0.5	3.1	15	16
United States	73,780	52,360	48,770	51,880	49,170	275,960	-5%	15%	15%	1	1	0.2	0.9	27	26
EU-"Old" (15)	309,340	241,000	212,690	180,960	197,450	1,141,440	9%	58%	61%			0.5	2.9		
EU-"New" (12)	39,980	40,550	28,260	20,040	25,460	154,290	27%	8%	8%			0.2	1.5		
EU-Total (27)	349,320	281,550	240,950	201,000	222,910	1,295,730	11%	66%	69%			0.5	2.6		
Nordic countries (5)	55,200	38,290	28,850	33,930	46,440	202,710	37%	14%	11%			1.9	8.2		
Western Europe (19)	346,290	263,350	228,290	196,910	214,440	1,249,280	9%	63%	66%			0.5	3.1		
Southern Europe (8)	36,610	34,630	36,830	38,440	62,680	209,190	63%	19%	11%			0.3	1.0		
Former Yugoslavia (6)	4,320	1,690	2,100	780	1,310	10,200	68%	0%	1%			0.1	0.4		
Former USSR (10)	3,500	4,170	4,430	4,890	6,790	23,780	39%	2%	1%			0.0	0.1		
Total Europe (42)	395,810	310,900	264,050	225,190	254,220	1,450,170	13%	75%	77%			0.3	1.8		
Canada/USA	105,720	77,860	68,510	74,790	77,510	404,390	4%	23%	21%			0.2	1.2		
Australia/New Zealand	5,140	3,780	3,550	3,800	4,220	20,490	11%	1%	1%			0.2	0.8		
Japan/Rep. of Korea	430	580	790	1,230	1,540	4,570	25%	0%	0%			0.0	0.0		
Total (51)	508,060	394,550	338,130	306,330	338,350	1,885,420	10%					0.2	1.4		

**Notes**

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

This table includes final data for 2003 to 2006. In the following tables, the 2006 figures are based on the monthly database. This results in some discrepancies.

All figures have been rounded to the nearest 10.

**TABLE 1. NOTES**

**a. Country notes**

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

**Azerbaijan.** Source: Government and UNHCR.

**Bosnia and Herzegovina.** UNHCR figures in 2003-2004; Government figures since 2005.

**Canada.** Sources: Immigration and Refugee Board (2003); Citizenship and Immigration Canada (2004-2007).

**Croatia.** In addition, UNHCR registered applications for refugee status in 2003 (73), 2004 (47) and 2005 (7).

**Cyprus.** In addition, UNHCR registered asylum applications in 2003 (626), 2004 (74), 2005 (25) and 2006 (12).

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

**Germany.** The delay of registering people as well as changes in the registration procedures result 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 and 19,160 in 2007) whereas all other tables in this report reflect the monthly totals (20,610 in 2006 and 18,530 in 2007).

**Montenegro.** Prior to 2005, data for Montenegro is included in the Serbian data. Source: UNHCR.

**Netherlands.** Data prior to 2007 include a significant number of repeat applications. The 2007 figure is thus not comparable to previous years.

**Russian Federation.** The 2007 figure refers to January-November only.

**Serbia.** 2003-2004 refers to Serbia (including Kosovo) and Montenegro. 2005-2007 refers to Serbia, including Kosovo. Source: UNHCR.

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

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

**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 UK.

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

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

Total Europe (42). All European countries listed.

Source for national population: United Nations, Population Division, "World Population Prospects: The 2006 Revision", New York, 2007.

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**Table 2. Origin of asylum applications lodged in 43 industrialized countries, 2006 and 2007**

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

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Origin	2006	2007	Total	Annual change	Share		Rank	
					2006	2007	2006	2007
Iraq	22,908	45,247	68,155	98%	8.2	14.7	1	1
China	18,400	17,141	35,541	-7%	6.6	5.6	2	3
Russian Federation	15,734	18,781	34,515	19%	5.6	6.1	4	2
Serbia*	15,744	15,366	31,110	-2%	5.6	5.0	3	4
Pakistan	7,620	14,262	21,882	87%	2.7	4.6	9	5
Somalia	8,007	11,487	19,494	43%	2.9	3.7	8	6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	10,649	8,627	19,276	-19%	3.8	2.8	5	9
Afghanistan	8,657	9,309	17,966	8%	3.1	3.0	7	8
Mexico	6,760	9,545	16,305	41%	2.4	3.1	11	7
Turkey	8,702	6,814	15,516	-22%	3.1	2.2	6	12
Haiti	7,041	6,619	13,660	-6%	2.5	2.2	10	14
Sri Lanka	5,754	7,548	13,302	31%	2.1	2.5	16	10
Eritrea	6,376	6,896	13,272	8%	2.3	2.2	13	11
Nigeria	6,303	6,659	12,962	6%	2.3	2.2	14	13
Colombia	6,150	6,561	12,711	7%	2.2	2.1	15	15
Bangladesh	6,441	5,735	12,176	-11%	2.3	1.9	12	16
India	5,379	4,961	10,340	-8%	1.9	1.6	18	18
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5,554	4,711	10,265	-15%	2.0	1.5	17	19
Syrian Arab Rep.	3,745	5,504	9,249	47%	1.3	1.8	20	17
Armenia	4,171	3,925	8,096	-6%	1.5	1.3	19	21
Georgia	3,617	4,023	7,640	11%	1.3	1.3	21	20
El Salvador	3,147	3,528	6,675	12%	1.1	1.1	23	22
Zimbabwe	3,088	3,051	6,139	-1%	1.1	1.0	24	23
Ethiopia	3,179	2,719	5,898	-14%	1.1	0.9	22	27
Algeria	3,009	2,818	5,827	-6%	1.1	0.9	26	25
Guinea	2,525	2,893	5,418	15%	0.9	0.9	30	24
Sudan	3,057	2,029	5,086	-34%	1.1	0.7	25	33
Stateless	2,240	2,725	4,965	22%	0.8	0.9	33	26
Lebanon	2,746	2,199	4,945	-20%	1.0	0.7	27	30
Viet Nam	2,064	2,606	4,670	26%	0.7	0.8	35	28
Côte d'Ivoire	2,469	2,127	4,596	-14%	0.9	0.7	32	31
Cameroon	2,493	2,046	4,539	-18%	0.9	0.7	31	32
Guatemala	1,952	2,433	4,385	25%	0.7	0.8	36	29
Moldova	2,572	1,766	4,338	-31%	0.9	0.6	28	34
Azerbaijan	2,550	1,493	4,043	-41%	0.9	0.5	29	37
Ukraine	2,149	1,490	3,639	-31%	0.8	0.5	34	38
Mongolia	1,951	1,682	3,633	-14%	0.7	0.5	37	36
Albania	1,918	1,697	3,615	-12%	0.7	0.6	40	35
Belarus	1,927	1,345	3,272	-30%	0.7	0.4	39	39
Romania	1,934	1,008	2,942	-48%	0.7	0.3	38	40
Other	49,261	45,481	94,742	-8%	17.6	14.8		
<b>Total</b>	<b>279,943</b>	<b>306,857</b>	<b>579,815</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>		

\* Statistics for Serbia prior to 2007 refer to Serbia and Montenegro.

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**Table 3. Origin of asylum applications lodged in Europe, 2006 and 2007**

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

Origin	2006	2007	Total	Annual change	Share		Rank	
					2006	2007	2006	2007
Iraq	21,950	43,967	65,917	100%	10.4	18.8	1	1
Russian Federation	14,718	17,773	32,491	21%	7.0	7.6	3	2
Serbia*	15,373	14,927	30,300	-3%	7.3	6.4	2	3
Pakistan	6,406	13,314	19,720	108%	3.0	5.7	8	4
Somalia	7,588	11,035	18,623	45%	3.6	4.7	7	5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	9,886	7,973	17,859	-19%	4.7	3.4	4	7
Afghanistan	8,330	8,902	17,232	7%	4.0	3.8	5	6
Turkey	8,192	6,491	14,683	-21%	3.9	2.8	6	8
Eritrea	5,956	6,424	12,380	8%	2.8	2.7	11	9
China	6,016	5,933	11,949	-1%	2.9	2.5	10	11
Bangladesh	6,043	5,385	11,428	-11%	2.9	2.3	9	13
Nigeria	5,425	5,605	11,030	3%	2.6	2.4	12	12
Sri Lanka	4,289	5,960	10,249	39%	2.0	2.5	14	10
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5,035	4,255	9,290	-15%	2.4	1.8	13	15
Syrian Arab Rep.	3,608	5,369	8,977	49%	1.7	2.3	17	14
Georgia	3,465	3,922	7,387	13%	1.6	1.7	18	16
Armenia	3,718	3,601	7,319	-3%	1.8	1.5	15	17
India	3,629	3,336	6,965	-8%	1.7	1.4	16	18
Colombia	2,957	2,758	5,715	-7%	1.4	1.2	19	19
Algeria	2,909	2,710	5,619	-7%	1.4	1.2	20	20
Zimbabwe	2,324	2,529	4,853	9%	1.1	1.1	24	22
Stateless	2,107	2,619	4,726	24%	1.0	1.1	27	21
Sudan	2,842	1,808	4,650	-36%	1.4	0.8	21	25
Viet Nam	1,884	2,464	4,348	31%	0.9	1.1	29	23
Guinea	1,953	2,224	4,177	14%	0.9	1.0	28	24
Moldova	2,476	1,618	4,094	-35%	1.2	0.7	22	28
Lebanon	2,175	1,753	3,928	-19%	1.0	0.7	25	26
Azerbaijan	2,466	1,436	3,902	-42%	1.2	0.6	23	31
Côte d'Ivoire	2,111	1,723	3,834	-18%	1.0	0.7	26	27
Mongolia	1,790	1,500	3,290	-16%	0.9	0.6	31	29
Cameroon	1,729	1,343	3,072	-22%	0.8	0.6	32	32
Ethiopia	1,684	1,333	3,017	-21%	0.8	0.6	33	33
Belarus	1,604	1,098	2,702	-32%	0.8	0.5	35	35
Ukraine	1,594	1,021	2,615	-36%	0.8	0.4	37	37
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,625	985	2,610	-39%	0.8	0.4	34	38
Angola	1,552	1,057	2,609	-32%	0.7	0.5	38	36
Haiti	1,853	687	2,540	-63%	0.9	0.3	30	40
Romania	1,604	824	2,428	-49%	0.8	0.4	35	39
Congo	1,231	1,162	2,393	-6%	0.6	0.5	39	34
Occupied Palestinian Territory	800	1,497	2,297	87%	0.4	0.6	40	30
Other	27,157	23,415	50,572	-14%	12.9	10.0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>210,054</b>	<b>233,736</b>	<b>443,790</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>		

\* Statistics for Serbia prior to 2007 refer to Serbia and Montenegro.

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**Table 4. Origin of asylum applications lodged in the European Union (26), 2006 and 2007**

Covering 26 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR (no data for Italy).

Origin	2006	2007	Total	Annual change	Share		Rank	
					2006	2007	2006	2007
Iraq	19,375	38,286	57,661	98%	10.2	18.4	1	1
Russian Federation	13,721	16,698	30,419	22%	7.2	8.0	2	2
Serbia*	13,662	12,668	26,330	-7%	7.2	6.1	3	4
Pakistan	6,284	13,193	19,477	110%	3.3	6.3	7	3
Somalia	5,996	9,327	15,323	56%	3.2	4.5	8	5
Afghanistan	7,612	7,653	15,265	1%	4.0	3.7	4	6
Turkey	7,427	5,817	13,244	-22%	3.9	2.8	5	7
Islamic Rep. of Iran	7,065	5,812	12,877	-18%	3.7	2.8	6	8
Bangladesh	5,967	5,339	11,306	-11%	3.2	2.6	9	10
China	5,450	5,621	11,071	3%	2.9	2.7	10	9
Nigeria	5,153	5,174	10,327	0%	2.7	2.5	11	11
Sri Lanka	3,794	5,046	8,840	33%	2.0	2.4	14	12
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	4,764	3,962	8,726	-17%	2.5	1.9	12	14
Syrian Arab Rep.	3,390	5,003	8,393	48%	1.8	2.4	17	13
Eritrea	4,382	3,928	8,310	-10%	2.3	1.9	13	15
Armenia	3,578	3,547	7,125	-1%	1.9	1.7	15	17
Georgia	3,164	3,704	6,868	17%	1.7	1.8	18	16
India	3,557	3,219	6,776	-10%	1.9	1.5	16	18
Colombia	2,909	2,709	5,618	-7%	1.5	1.3	19	19
Algeria	2,704	2,548	5,252	-6%	1.4	1.2	20	20
Zimbabwe	2,280	2,494	4,774	9%	1.2	1.2	24	21
Viet Nam	1,838	2,412	4,250	31%	1.0	1.2	29	22
Sudan	2,590	1,626	4,216	-37%	1.4	0.8	21	26
Moldova	2,417	1,574	3,991	-35%	1.3	0.8	22	27
Guinea	1,857	2,082	3,939	12%	1.0	1.0	27	23
Stateless	1,816	2,032	3,848	12%	1.0	1.0	30	24
Azerbaijan	2,392	1,384	3,776	-42%	1.3	0.7	23	29
Lebanon	2,047	1,644	3,691	-20%	1.1	0.8	25	25
Côte d'Ivoire	1,915	1,551	3,466	-19%	1.0	0.7	26	28
Mongolia	1,550	1,379	2,929	-11%	0.8	0.7	31	30
Cameroon	1,544	1,199	2,743	-22%	0.8	0.6	33	32
Belarus	1,513	1,042	2,555	-31%	0.8	0.5	34	35
Ukraine	1,549	990	2,539	-36%	0.8	0.5	32	36
Haiti	1,850	685	2,535	-63%	1.0	0.3	28	40
Angola	1,445	973	2,418	-33%	0.8	0.5	35	37
Congo	1,195	1,139	2,334	-5%	0.6	0.5	38	33
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,320	831	2,151	-37%	0.7	0.4	36	38
Albania	1,054	1,053	2,107	0%	0.6	0.5	39	34
Occupied Palestinian Territory	720	1,338	2,058	86%	0.4	0.6	40	31
Ethiopia	1,226	785	2,011	-36%	0.6	0.4	37	39
Other	25,226	20,744	45,970	-18%	13.3	10.0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>189,298</b>	<b>208,211</b>	<b>397,509</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>		

\* Statistics for Serbia prior to 2007 refer to Serbia and Montenegro.



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**Table 5. Annual asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, 2006**

Covering 29 major asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. Values between 1 and 4 have been replaced with an asterisk. See Annex I for country codes used.

Origin	AUL	AUS	BEL	BUL	CAN	CYP	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GBR	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE
Iraq	187	380	695	67	190	132	80	507	227	116	1,305	2,065	1,415	68	215
China	1,031	212	155	10	1,501	174	114	34	8	1,214	1,970	431	97	275	139
Russian Fed.	14	2,441	1,582	14	299	104	170	61	168	2,251	155	1,038	68	63	61
Serbia**	5	2,522	778	5	113	*	27	246	283	3,042	110	3,133	6	384	27
Islamic Rep. of Iran	77	274	631	25	237	305	*	89	87	130	2,675	609	528	20	205
Afghanistan	22	699	365	277	229	9	*	122	96	82	2,650	525	1,087	13	88
Turkey	22	668	380	10	267	87	66	39	41	2,752	550	1,891	90	43	7
Somalia	6	183	124	*	200	-	21	57	91	52	2,155	147	150	42	161
Pakistan	90	110	160	5	578	268	42	31	5	392	1,805	451	2,378	18	167
Haiti	-	-	*	-	698	-	-	-	-	1,840	-	*	-	-	-
Mexico	-	-	-	-	4,913	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-
Bangladesh	57	140	46	7	116	310	20	14	29	607	485	105	3,750	15	5
Eritrea	*	*	20	-	136	*	-	5	*	55	2,725	278	28	-	45
Nigeria	28	421	71	9	664	15	96	52	68	432	940	414	391	109	1,037
Colombia	18	*	12	-	1,373	-	-	*	-	228	70	244	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	321	46	62	-	856	389	22	31	30	2,143	600	165	118	-	*
DR of Congo	-	47	843	*	431	13	30	7	39	2,278	685	218	15	*	109
India	315	479	79	*	852	253	55	83	34	110	735	514	162	19	16
Armenia	-	350	381	58	60	27	53	17	34	1,680	25	278	32	15	7
Syrian Arab Rep.	7	88	167	10	45	1,255	20	55	21	21	180	608	143	32	25
Georgia	*	564	232	5	88	336	41	16	30	283	80	235	428	175	171
Ethiopia	26	21	68	-	257	*	*	8	21	66	215	172	170	6	30
El Salvador	-	-	-	-	278	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	43	5	6	*	524	-	-	*	*	7	2,095	48	-	*	77
Sudan	5	36	67	*	50	*	15	5	*	452	755	122	183	*	308
Algeria	*	138	180	5	67	*	57	15	25	1,125	255	355	17	18	49
Lebanon	65	53	173	9	381	86	*	24	9	41	235	584	36	*	15
Azerbaijan	*	115	64	*	32	-	*	12	19	928	65	518	14	-	6
Moldova	-	902	32	-	32	57	29	*	10	499	50	52	62	42	110
Guinea	-	26	413	-	69	-	13	*	*	858	190	108	25	5	34
Other	1,158	2,424	3,798	38	7,371	716	2,035	379	900	7,001	4,085	5,301	874	740	1,197
Total	3,508	13,349	11,587	567	22,907	4,545	3,016	1,920	2,288	30,685	27,850	20,613	12,267	2,109	4,314

Origin	JPN	KOR	LUX	MTA	NET	NOR	POL	ROM	SPA	SVK	SWE	SWI	TUR	USA	Total
Iraq	*	*	16	13	2,766	1,002	32	68	42	206	8,951	816	724	544	22,830
China	13	28	*	-	318	51	*	45	6	164	78	475	31	9,781	18,359
Russian Fed.	-	*	43	*	254	548	3,772	10	110	463	755	426	-	698	15,572
Serbia**	-	-	207	*	607	369	*	*	17	15	2,000	1,227	-	252	15,384
Islamic Rep. of Iran	27	5	31	-	921	218	*	12	20	5	494	302	2,297	388	10,612
Afghanistan	*	-	8	-	932	224	8	5	7	41	594	233	259	73	8,650
Turkey	149	-	*	*	341	69	16	22	17	27	305	693	-	68	8,627
Somalia	-	-	7	208	1,462	632	6	47	10	*	1,066	273	680	202	7,989
Pakistan	12	5	*	-	117	26	39	16	23	182	61	85	*	518	7,590
Haiti	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	5	-	-	*	-	4,490	7,041
Mexico	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	7	-	*	-	-	1,830	6,760
Bangladesh	15	8	-	*	25	20	7	5	137	183	69	53	-	186	6,417
Eritrea	-	-	6	390	175	316	*	*	29	-	608	1,201	57	278	6,370
Nigeria	10	16	15	57	243	54	15	8	632	13	104	209	5	159	6,287
Colombia	*	-	-	-	86	*	-	-	2,239	-	20	44	-	1,799	6,143
Sri Lanka	27	27	-	-	147	106	*	-	8	10	20	328	61	206	5,726
DR of Congo	*	14	20	*	266	83	5	5	102	*	59	160	28	70	5,539
India	*	-	-	-	90	32	10	*	43	727	143	35	*	563	5,355
Armenia	-	-	*	-	280	25	32	*	54	14	227	111	-	393	4,157
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	-	-	*	293	49	*	12	15	6	433	161	7	84	3,743
Georgia	-	-	*	*	156	11	16	16	19	209	134	287	*	62	3,597
Ethiopia	14	21	*	125	209	143	*	*	20	-	83	255	57	1,177	3,174
El Salvador	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	8	-	50	7	-	2,801	3,147
Zimbabwe	-	-	*	*	8	10	-	6	*	-	15	34	-	192	3,082
Sudan	*	-	*	179	320	36	*	*	94	*	36	101	113	154	3,051
Algeria	-	-	8	12	57	37	7	-	230	*	145	161	5	29	3,005
Lebanon	-	-	-	-	73	61	-	6	12	*	679	65	*	125	2,743
Azerbaijan	-	-	*	-	384	40	*	-	9	-	247	32	*	50	2,549
Moldova	-	-	-	*	9	5	7	8	5	385	140	44	-	63	2,546
Guinea	*	-	9	-	116	18	-	5	23	-	20	74	*	502	2,519
Other	670	152	134	270	3,806	1,129	235	70	1,363	211	6,784	2,642	212	14,229	69,924
Total	954	278	524	1,272	14,465	5,320	4,223	378	5,307	2,871	24,321	10,537	4,548	41,966	278,488

\*\* Statistics refer to Serbia and Montenegro (no separate data available for both countries).

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**Table 6. Annual asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, 2007**

Covering 29 major asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. Values between 1 and 4 have been replaced with an asterisk. See Annex I for country codes used.

Origin	AUL	AUS	BEL	BUL	CAN	CYP	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GBR	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE
Iraq	216	463	825	533	293	200	49	1,069	307	144	2,075	4,171	5,474	136	285
Russian Fed.	21	2,673	1,436	8	302	62	99	114	172	3,222	125	752	50	51	52
China	1,213	223	135	7	1,353	214	38	41	9	1,288	2,185	246	36	417	259
Serbia**	10	1,774	1,223	5	133	-	49	95	143	3,110	95	1,923	8	911	29
Pakistan	145	103	150	*	349	339	22	17	8	343	1,765	293	9,144	15	185
Somalia	6	443	168	*	238	12	6	35	81	47	1,960	126	174	99	144
Mexico	*	-	-	-	7,057	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*
Afghanistan	20	762	696	77	270	24	21	138	70	184	2,815	329	1,556	35	78
Islamic Rep. of Iran	84	248	411	33	220	475	6	106	78	147	2,510	616	354	14	85
Sri Lanka	445	37	88	-	793	661	38	42	18	2,130	1,250	370	134	10	12
Eritrea	21	14	27	*	141	-	*	6	*	91	1,905	335	26	*	113
Turkey	38	651	250	13	150	46	213	23	74	2,223	245	1,368	133	56	6
Nigeria	17	395	78	18	755	182	69	22	41	445	905	439	390	86	1,028
Haiti	-	*	5	-	3,231	-	-	*	-	673	-	*	-	-	-
Colombia	25	*	10	*	2,577	-	-	-	-	79	40	25	-	-	-
Bangladesh	66	70	61	17	73	264	17	6	13	959	590	66	2,965	10	24
Syrian Arab Rep.	10	164	199	15	68	1,752	31	71	8	45	190	604	1,311	48	7
India	349	385	53	-	641	294	19	56	11	63	600	412	261	8	24
DR of Congo	*	37	716	*	351	5	24	*	35	2,126	440	173	*	*	149
Georgia	-	399	156	*	59	352	45	6	6	177	60	183	1,559	131	174
Armenia	*	405	339	64	25	24	37	*	5	1,924	25	207	40	5	15
El Salvador	*	-	-	-	337	-	-	-	-	-	5	*	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	94	*	5	-	214	-	-	*	*	14	2,300	40	-	*	87
Guinea	-	26	526	*	91	-	*	*	*	946	125	126	48	6	14
Algeria	*	109	176	6	77	5	13	16	25	965	295	371	19	48	47
Stateless	13	191	5	80	-	-	65	6	6	201	30	28	-	8	*
Ethiopia	32	10	80	*	180	*	*	*	18	48	90	152	102	5	20
Viet Nam	34	9	13	*	13	39	100	6	-	26	185	991	-	862	10
Guatemala	-	5	*	-	212	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-
Lebanon	75	63	138	12	221	63	-	17	*	48	85	580	76	5	*
Other	1,026	2,217	3,144	63	7,918	1,772	910	315	297	7,490	5,005	3,604	1,252	446	1,130
Grand Total	3,971	11,879	11,115	975	28,342	6,789	1,878	2,226	1,434	29,158	27,905	18,533	25,113	3,419	3,985

Origin	JPN	KOR	LUX	MTA	NET	NOR	POL	ROM	SPA	SVK	SWE	SWI	TUR	USA	Total
Iraq	*	*	14	5	2,004	1,227	29	243	1,564	132	18,559	935	3,471	734	45,164
Russian Fed.	5	*	13	-	81	863	6,536	*	82	307	788	195	*	676	18,694
China	15	29	*	-	243	40	20	26	8	96	121	251	16	8,572	17,103
Serbia**	*	-	240	*	24	592	*	183	9	7	2,601	989	-	294	14,451
Pakistan	22	*	-	-	22	43	31	7	22	650	61	44	12	420	14,219
Somalia	-	-	*	585	1,874	187	9	28	152	9	3,349	395	1,124	202	11,456
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	5	*	-	2,472	9,543
Afghanistan	12	*	*	*	143	234	9	*	15	66	609	307	705	101	9,284
Islamic Rep. of Iran	17	*	16	-	187	222	*	6	26	*	485	232	1,687	303	8,577
Sri Lanka	41	67	-	-	104	238	62	5	32	20	27	618	50	217	7,509
Eritrea	-	-	-	339	153	789	*	-	24	-	878	1,662	45	310	6,889
Turkey	64	-	*	*	103	49	10	40	18	9	290	621	-	68	6,768
Nigeria	5	100	7	38	179	108	22	*	674	9	136	310	6	176	6,642
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	2,701	6,618
Colombia	*	-	-	-	15	*	*	*	2,437	-	12	48	-	1,199	6,476
Bangladesh	10	24	-	-	5	12	23	9	37	108	87	31	*	159	5,708
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	*	-	*	36	49	*	10	31	39	440	290	21	55	5,499
India	*	*	-	-	80	83	41	15	177	619	90	25	-	625	4,934
DR of Congo	10	10	*	14	15	54	*	*	131	*	66	157	76	82	4,690
Georgia	-	-	*	-	66	*	14	*	13	134	204	199	-	42	3,989
Armenia	-	-	*	*	97	6	22	-	77	28	217	47	-	297	3,914
El Salvador	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	19	-	58	-	-	3,102	3,529
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	*	14	9	-	*	6	-	13	26	-	206	3,041
Guinea	*	-	8	*	102	16	7	5	81	-	32	102	24	574	2,880
Algeria	-	-	11	*	28	27	6	*	243	*	152	132	*	26	2,810
Stateless	*	-	-	-	70	515	10	-	11	*	1,312	-	-	162	2,722
Ethiopia	28	*	*	73	42	241	*	*	11	-	113	245	54	1,140	2,706
Viet Nam	*	*	-	-	8	19	44	-	*	58	52	33	-	90	2,601
Guatemala	-	-	-	-	*	5	-	-	12	-	*	*	-	2,185	2,431
Lebanon	-	-	-	*	18	58	-	*	6	-	523	48	*	150	2,198
Other	570	465	102	307	1,383	837	201	61	1,539	340	4,924	2,440	344	11,687	61,787
Grand Total	816	717	426	1,379	7,102	6,528	7,116	659	7,463	2,643	36,207	10,387	7,642	39,027	304,832

\*\* Data for Serbia might include Montenegro in a few cases where no separate statistics are available for both countries.

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**Table 7. Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 43 industrialized countries, 2006-2007**

Covering 43 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Asylum country	2006				2007				Quarterly change 2007		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3
Albania	5	7	4	5	12	11	3	2	-8%	-73%	-33%
Australia	816	912	926	854	912	1,039	1,022	998	14%	-2%	-2%
Austria	3,399	2,937	3,355	3,658	3,060	2,648	2,944	3,227	-13%	11%	10%
Belgium	2,960	2,558	2,696	3,373	2,802	2,728	2,565	3,020	-3%	-6%	18%
Bosnia and H.	28	9	18	13	5	454	55	58	>400%	-88%	5%
Bulgaria	171	151	85	160	231	209	232	303	-10%	11%	31%
Canada	5,288	4,794	6,601	6,224	5,890	5,490	7,587	9,375	-7%	38%	24%
Croatia	37	20	18	19	31	35	51	78	13%	46%	53%
Cyprus	1,182	904	960	1,499	1,651	1,649	1,381	2,108	0%	-16%	53%
Czech Rep.	760	750	911	595	464	382	471	561	-18%	23%	19%
Denmark	566	388	454	512	604	377	719	526	-38%	91%	-27%
Estonia	2	1	1	9	1	5	1	2	>400%	-80%	100%
Finland	568	537	652	531	308	296	451	379	-4%	52%	-16%
France	9,300	7,147	6,672	7,566	7,656	7,037	6,774	7,691	-8%	-4%	14%
Germany	5,888	4,698	4,920	5,107	4,430	3,791	5,172	5,140	-14%	36%	-1%
Greece	1,536	1,895	1,982	6,854	7,446	7,148	5,456	5,063	-4%	-24%	-7%
Hungary	434	565	612	498	509	696	770	1,444	37%	11%	88%
Iceland	7	9	8	14	10	7	17	8	-30%	143%	-53%
Ireland	1,156	972	1,067	1,119	1,065	911	970	1,039	-14%	6%	7%
Japan	238	285	260	171	163	206	201	246	26%	-2%	22%
Latvia	4	-	1	3	4	9	19	2	125%	111%	-89%
Liechtenstein	7	24	11	5	4	10	10	8	150%	0%	-20%
Lithuania	24	26	55	56	47	21	15	33	-55%	-29%	120%
Luxembourg	98	103	171	152	101	97	124	104	-4%	28%	-16%
Malta	291	369	302	310	257	140	405	577	-46%	189%	42%
Montenegro	-	-	5	12	2	-	-	-	-100%	..	..
Netherlands	5,171	3,839	2,962	2,493	1,660	1,373	1,845	2,224	-17%	34%	21%
New Zealand	78	69	76	53	67	48	60	73	-28%	25%	22%
Norway	1,310	1,075	1,516	1,419	1,215	1,233	1,927	2,153	1%	56%	12%
Poland	801	871	1,354	1,197	717	659	1,526	4,214	-8%	132%	176%
Portugal	41	15	44	28	67	76	37	43	13%	-51%	16%
Republic of Korea	42	53	79	104	167	154	122	274	-8%	-21%	125%
Romania	81	95	78	124	87	115	278	179	32%	142%	-36%
Serbia	3	7	22	12	6	6	22	30	0%	267%	36%
Slovakia	379	641	898	953	670	822	769	382	23%	-6%	-50%
Slovenia	97	111	198	112	62	121	140	104	95%	16%	-26%
Spain	1,153	1,351	1,194	1,609	2,333	1,849	1,440	1,841	-21%	-22%	28%
Sweden	5,013	3,846	6,620	8,842	9,228	8,393	9,423	9,163	-9%	12%	-3%
Switzerland	2,453	2,322	2,704	3,058	3,019	2,353	2,270	2,745	-22%	-4%	21%
TfYR Macedonia	7	4	7	4	4	10	7	12	150%	-30%	71%
Turkey	796	1,052	1,427	1,273	1,202	2,019	2,476	1,945	68%	23%	-21%
United Kingdom	7,530	6,380	7,105	6,835	6,750	5,920	7,090	8,140	-12%	20%	15%
United States	12,899	13,348	12,627	13,007	13,486	13,525	10,752	11,412	0%	-21%	6%
EU-"Old" (14)	44,379	36,666	39,894	48,679	47,510	42,644	45,010	47,600	-10%	6%	6%
EU-"New" (12)	4,226	4,484	5,455	5,516	4,700	4,828	6,007	9,909	3%	24%	65%
EU-Total-2 (26)	48,605	41,150	45,349	54,195	52,210	47,472	51,017	57,509	-9%	7%	13%
Nordic countries (5)	7,464	5,855	9,250	11,318	11,365	10,306	12,537	12,229	-9%	22%	-2%
Western Europe (18)	48,156	40,096	44,133	53,175	51,758	46,247	49,234	52,514	-11%	6%	7%
Southern Europe (7)	5,004	5,593	5,913	11,578	12,968	12,892	11,198	11,579	-1%	-13%	3%
Total Europe (37)	52,437	44,760	50,159	59,170	56,796	52,560	56,830	63,548	-7%	8%	12%
Canada/USA	18,187	18,142	19,228	19,231	19,376	19,015	18,339	20,787	-2%	-4%	13%
Australia/New Zealand	894	981	1,002	907	979	1,087	1,082	1,071	11%	0%	-1%
Japan/Rep. of Korea	280	338	339	275	330	360	323	520	9%	-10%	61%
Total	71,798	64,221	70,728	79,583	77,481	73,022	76,574	85,926	-6%	5%	12%

**Notes**

See notes Table 1.

Italy is not included due to lack of data.

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**Table 8. Origin of asylum applicants in 43 industrialized countries, 2006**

Covering 43 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	4,851	3,888	5,784	8,385	22,908	-20%	49%	45%	6.9	6.2	8.4	10.8
China	4,589	4,440	4,787	4,584	18,400	-3%	8%	-4%	6.5	7.1	6.9	5.9
Serbia*	4,534	3,485	3,716	4,009	15,744	-23%	7%	8%	6.5	5.6	5.4	5.1
Russian Federation	3,527	3,492	4,441	4,274	15,734	-1%	27%	-4%	5.0	5.6	6.4	5.5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,512	2,393	2,783	2,961	10,649	-5%	16%	6%	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.8
Turkey	2,536	2,047	1,965	2,154	8,702	-19%	-4%	10%	3.6	3.3	2.8	2.8
Afghanistan	1,997	1,915	1,952	2,793	8,657	-4%	2%	43%	2.8	3.1	2.8	3.6
Somalia	1,862	1,740	2,237	2,168	8,007	-7%	29%	-3%	2.7	2.8	3.2	2.8
Pakistan	1,490	1,479	1,683	2,968	7,620	-1%	14%	76%	2.1	2.4	2.4	3.8
Haiti	2,361	1,944	1,462	1,274	7,041	-18%	-25%	-13%	3.4	3.1	2.1	1.6
Mexico	1,281	1,524	1,980	1,975	6,760	19%	30%	0%	1.8	2.4	2.9	2.5
Bangladesh	1,028	977	1,072	3,364	6,441	-5%	10%	214%	1.5	1.6	1.5	4.3
Eritrea	1,439	1,172	1,636	2,129	6,376	-19%	40%	30%	2.1	1.9	2.4	2.7
Nigeria	1,755	1,411	1,430	1,707	6,303	-20%	1%	19%	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.2
Colombia	1,174	1,619	1,383	1,974	6,150	38%	-15%	43%	1.7	2.6	2.0	2.5
Sri Lanka	1,389	1,243	1,332	1,790	5,754	-11%	7%	34%	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.3
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,751	1,351	1,224	1,228	5,554	-23%	-9%	0%	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.6
India	1,333	1,400	1,257	1,389	5,379	5%	-10%	11%	1.9	2.2	1.8	1.8
Armenia	1,434	978	879	880	4,171	-32%	-10%	0%	2.0	1.6	1.3	1.1
Syrian Arab Rep.	893	851	881	1,120	3,745	-5%	4%	27%	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Georgia	930	841	960	886	3,617	-10%	14%	-8%	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.1
Ethiopia	765	736	861	817	3,179	-4%	17%	-5%	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.0
El Salvador	634	696	809	1,008	3,147	10%	16%	25%	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.3
Zimbabwe	1,358	690	566	474	3,088	-49%	-18%	-16%	1.9	1.1	0.8	0.6
Sudan	783	839	702	733	3,057	7%	-16%	4%	1.1	1.3	1.0	0.9
Algeria	969	661	642	737	3,009	-32%	-3%	15%	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.9
Lebanon	398	279	1,260	809	2,746	-30%	352%	-36%	0.6	0.4	1.8	1.0
Moldova	429	590	795	758	2,572	38%	35%	-5%	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.0
Azerbaijan	909	668	538	435	2,550	-27%	-19%	-19%	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.6
Guinea	657	642	593	633	2,525	-2%	-8%	7%	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.8
Cameroon	700	608	587	598	2,493	-13%	-3%	2%	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8
Côte d'Ivoire	714	563	573	619	2,469	-21%	2%	8%	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
Stateless	474	517	630	619	2,240	9%	22%	-2%	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8
Ukraine	643	493	494	519	2,149	-23%	0%	5%	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
Viet Nam	548	539	505	472	2,064	-2%	-6%	-7%	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6
Guatemala	415	439	476	622	1,952	6%	8%	31%	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8
Mongolia	667	414	412	458	1,951	-38%	0%	11%	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.6
Bulgaria	477	520	516	421	1,934	9%	-1%	-18%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5
Romania	548	408	436	542	1,934	-26%	7%	24%	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7
Belarus	542	532	440	413	1,927	-2%	-17%	-6%	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5
Other	17,738	15,493	18,293	20,629	72,153	-13%	18%	13%	25.3	24.7	26.4	26.5
Total	70,183	62,629	69,188	77,943	279,943	-11%	10%	13%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

\* Statistics refer to Serbia and Montenegro (no separate data available for both countries).

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**Table 9. Origin of asylum applicants in 43 industrialized countries, 2007**

Covering 43 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	10,720	10,693	12,050	11,784	45,247	0%	13%	-2%	14.2	15.0	16.0	13.9
Russian Federation	3,330	3,284	4,230	7,937	18,781	-1%	29%	88%	4.4	4.6	5.6	9.4
China	4,429	4,194	4,094	4,424	17,141	-5%	-2%	8%	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.2
Serbia*	4,000	3,765	3,787	3,814	15,366	-6%	1%	1%	5.3	5.3	5.0	4.5
Pakistan	4,003	3,365	3,916	2,978	14,262	-16%	16%	-24%	5.3	4.7	5.2	3.5
Somalia	2,550	2,403	3,228	3,306	11,487	-6%	34%	2%	3.4	3.4	4.3	3.9
Mexico	2,112	2,318	2,565	2,550	9,545	10%	11%	-1%	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.0
Afghanistan	2,280	2,265	2,178	2,586	9,309	-1%	-4%	19%	3.0	3.2	2.9	3.1
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,995	1,809	2,277	2,546	8,627	-9%	26%	12%	2.6	2.5	3.0	3.0
Sri Lanka	1,866	1,739	1,940	2,003	7,548	-7%	12%	3%	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.4
Eritrea	1,660	1,061	1,754	2,421	6,896	-36%	65%	38%	2.2	1.5	2.3	2.9
Turkey	1,890	1,644	1,496	1,784	6,814	-13%	-9%	19%	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.1
Nigeria	1,630	1,461	1,685	1,883	6,659	-10%	15%	12%	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2
Haiti	1,540	1,418	1,773	1,888	6,619	-8%	25%	6%	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.2
Colombia	1,177	1,602	1,430	2,352	6,561	36%	-11%	64%	1.6	2.2	1.9	2.8
Bangladesh	2,448	1,263	927	1,097	5,735	-48%	-27%	18%	3.2	1.8	1.2	1.3
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,437	1,426	1,117	1,524	5,504	-1%	-22%	36%	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.8
India	1,403	1,284	1,217	1,057	4,961	-8%	-5%	-13%	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.3
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,283	1,261	1,037	1,130	4,711	-2%	-18%	9%	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.3
Georgia	820	1,295	947	961	4,023	58%	-27%	1%	1.1	1.8	1.3	1.1
Armenia	946	893	966	1,120	3,925	-6%	8%	16%	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
El Salvador	1,025	955	747	801	3,528	-7%	-22%	7%	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.9
Zimbabwe	591	648	790	1,022	3,051	10%	22%	29%	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.2
Guinea	743	696	718	736	2,893	-6%	3%	3%	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
Algeria	696	595	720	807	2,818	-15%	21%	12%	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.0
Stateless	655	610	790	741	2,796	-7%	30%	-6%	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9
Ethiopia	710	646	670	693	2,719	-9%	4%	3%	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Viet Nam	497	636	555	918	2,606	28%	-13%	65%	0.7	0.9	0.7	1.1
Guatemala	733	739	430	531	2,433	1%	-42%	23%	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.6
Lebanon	703	490	537	469	2,199	-30%	10%	-13%	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6
Côte d'Ivoire	618	495	524	490	2,127	-20%	6%	-6%	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
Cameroon	538	473	522	513	2,046	-12%	10%	-2%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Sudan	578	483	467	501	2,029	-16%	-3%	7%	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6
United States	268	239	590	787	1,884	-11%	147%	33%	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.9
Moldova	542	395	524	305	1,766	-27%	33%	-42%	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.4
Albania	417	354	403	523	1,697	-15%	14%	30%	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6
Mongolia	442	438	415	387	1,682	-1%	-5%	-7%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Occupied Palest. Territ.	182	283	365	775	1,605	55%	29%	112%	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.9
Azerbaijan	328	330	403	432	1,493	1%	22%	7%	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Ukraine	391	380	364	355	1,490	-3%	-4%	-2%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
Other	22,281	21,624	22,211	23,405	89,521	-3%	3%	5%	29.4	30.3	29.5	27.7
Total	75,737	71,259	75,309	84,552	306,857	-6%	6%	12%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

\* Data for Serbia might include Montenegro in a few cases where no separate statistics are available for both countries.

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**Table 10. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe, 2006**

Covering 37 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	4,636	3,704	5,543	8,067	21,950	-20%	50%	46%	8.7	8.1	10.9	13.4
Serbia*	4,431	3,397	3,631	3,914	15,373	-23%	7%	8%	8.3	7.4	7.1	6.5
Russian Federation	3,303	3,179	4,182	4,054	14,718	-4%	32%	-3%	6.2	7.0	8.2	6.8
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,316	2,227	2,580	2,763	9,886	-4%	16%	7%	4.3	4.9	5.1	4.6
Afghanistan	1,921	1,855	1,857	2,697	8,330	-3%	0%	45%	3.6	4.1	3.6	4.5
Turkey	2,420	1,920	1,801	2,051	8,192	-21%	-6%	14%	4.5	4.2	3.5	3.4
Somalia	1,741	1,644	2,126	2,077	7,588	-6%	29%	-2%	3.3	3.6	4.2	3.5
Pakistan	1,162	1,138	1,379	2,727	6,406	-2%	21%	98%	2.2	2.5	2.7	4.5
Bangladesh	910	877	983	3,273	6,043	-4%	12%	233%	1.7	1.9	1.9	5.5
China	1,496	1,370	1,693	1,457	6,016	-8%	24%	-14%	2.8	3.0	3.3	2.4
Eritrea	1,330	1,060	1,542	2,024	5,956	-20%	45%	31%	2.5	2.3	3.0	3.4
Nigeria	1,549	1,220	1,213	1,443	5,425	-21%	-1%	19%	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.4
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,615	1,249	1,063	1,108	5,035	-23%	-15%	4%	3.0	2.7	2.1	1.8
Sri Lanka	1,059	910	965	1,355	4,289	-14%	6%	40%	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.3
Armenia	1,313	873	748	784	3,718	-34%	-14%	5%	2.5	1.9	1.5	1.3
India	901	918	808	1,002	3,629	2%	-12%	24%	1.7	2.0	1.6	1.7
Syrian Arab Rep.	851	831	852	1,074	3,608	-2%	3%	26%	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.8
Georgia	899	787	918	861	3,465	-12%	17%	-6%	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.4
Colombia	445	823	595	1,094	2,957	85%	-28%	84%	0.8	1.8	1.2	1.8
Algeria	953	635	608	713	2,909	-33%	-4%	17%	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.2
Sudan	733	791	646	672	2,842	8%	-18%	4%	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.1
Moldova	401	568	767	740	2,476	42%	35%	-4%	0.8	1.2	1.5	1.2
Azerbaijan	893	650	513	410	2,466	-27%	-21%	-20%	1.7	1.4	1.0	0.7
Zimbabwe	1,034	535	416	339	2,324	-48%	-22%	-19%	1.9	1.2	0.8	0.6
Lebanon	341	231	962	641	2,175	-32%	316%	-33%	0.6	0.5	1.9	1.1
Côte d'Ivoire	631	494	465	521	2,111	-22%	-6%	12%	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9
Stateless	450	490	601	566	2,107	9%	23%	-6%	0.8	1.1	1.2	0.9
Guinea	539	496	436	482	1,953	-8%	-12%	11%	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.8
Viet Nam	496	502	455	431	1,884	1%	-9%	-5%	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.7
Haiti	720	457	412	264	1,853	-37%	-10%	-36%	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.4
Mongolia	627	375	375	413	1,790	-40%	0%	10%	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.7
Bulgaria	438	456	478	369	1,741	4%	5%	-23%	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.6
Cameroon	531	402	388	408	1,729	-24%	-3%	5%	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7
Ethiopia	411	352	440	481	1,684	-14%	25%	9%	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	582	362	377	304	1,625	-38%	4%	-19%	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.5
Belarus	479	378	380	367	1,604	-21%	1%	-3%	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
Romania	461	336	339	468	1,604	-27%	1%	38%	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.8
Ukraine	498	365	349	382	1,594	-27%	-4%	9%	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
Angola	461	396	347	348	1,552	-14%	-12%	0%	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6
Congo	397	282	270	282	1,231	-29%	-4%	4%	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5
Other	11,522	9,847	12,127	14,670	48,166	-15%	23%	21%	21.6	21.6	23.7	24.4
Total	53,260	45,678	51,087	60,029	210,054	-14%	12%	18%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

\* Statistics refer to Serbia and Montenegro (no separate data available for both countries).

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**Table 11. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe, 2007**

Covering 37 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	10,402	10,392	11,701	11,472	43,967	0%	13%	-2%	18.0	19.4	20.2	17.8
Russian Federation	3,103	2,939	4,026	7,705	17,773	-5%	37%	91%	5.4	5.5	7.0	11.9
Serbia*	3,896	3,654	3,699	3,678	14,927	-6%	1%	-1%	6.7	6.8	6.4	5.7
Pakistan	3,765	3,140	3,704	2,705	13,314	-17%	18%	-27%	6.5	5.9	6.4	4.2
Somalia	2,425	2,313	3,123	3,174	11,035	-5%	35%	2%	4.2	4.3	5.4	4.9
Afghanistan	2,166	2,168	2,077	2,491	8,902	0%	-4%	20%	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.9
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,840	1,666	2,103	2,364	7,973	-9%	26%	12%	3.2	3.1	3.6	3.7
Turkey	1,814	1,576	1,410	1,691	6,491	-13%	-11%	20%	3.1	2.9	2.4	2.6
Eritrea	1,550	954	1,623	2,297	6,424	-38%	70%	42%	2.7	1.8	2.8	3.6
Sri Lanka	1,464	1,357	1,554	1,585	5,960	-7%	15%	2%	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.5
China	1,460	1,416	1,609	1,448	5,933	-3%	14%	-10%	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.2
Nigeria	1,387	1,243	1,402	1,573	5,605	-10%	13%	12%	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4
Bangladesh	2,355	1,176	843	1,011	5,385	-50%	-28%	20%	4.1	2.2	1.5	1.6
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,401	1,400	1,089	1,479	5,369	0%	-22%	36%	2.4	2.6	1.9	2.3
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,179	1,162	923	991	4,255	-1%	-21%	7%	2.0	2.2	1.6	1.5
Georgia	796	1,265	924	937	3,922	59%	-27%	1%	1.4	2.4	1.6	1.5
Armenia	846	800	900	1,055	3,601	-5%	13%	17%	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6
India	1,006	795	878	657	3,336	-21%	10%	-25%	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.0
Colombia	382	876	489	1,011	2,758	129%	-44%	107%	0.7	1.6	0.8	1.6
Algeria	667	574	699	770	2,710	-14%	22%	10%	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2
Stateless	598	555	728	667	2,548	-7%	31%	-8%	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.0
Zimbabwe	482	532	647	868	2,529	10%	22%	34%	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.3
Viet Nam	462	606	513	883	2,464	31%	-15%	72%	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.4
Guinea	574	532	549	569	2,224	-7%	3%	4%	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
Sudan	529	423	414	442	1,808	-20%	-2%	7%	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
Lebanon	573	394	420	366	1,753	-31%	7%	-13%	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.6
Côte d'Ivoire	513	401	409	400	1,723	-22%	2%	-2%	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6
Moldova	516	361	486	255	1,618	-30%	35%	-48%	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.4
Mongolia	386	404	369	341	1,500	5%	-9%	-8%	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5
Occupied Palest. Territ.	157	262	325	753	1,497	67%	24%	132%	0.3	0.5	0.6	1.2
Azerbaijan	315	315	389	417	1,436	0%	23%	7%	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6
Cameroon	350	307	351	335	1,343	-12%	14%	-5%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Ethiopia	351	318	331	333	1,333	-9%	4%	1%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Congo	306	296	245	315	1,162	-3%	-17%	29%	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5
Albania	296	245	265	325	1,131	-17%	8%	23%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Belarus	280	242	299	277	1,098	-14%	24%	-7%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
Angola	317	277	230	233	1,057	-13%	-17%	1%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Ukraine	273	254	251	243	1,021	-7%	-1%	-3%	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	282	226	253	224	985	-20%	12%	-11%	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Rwanda	281	189	176	229	875	-33%	-7%	30%	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4
Other	16,379	15,996	17,132	17,451	66,958	-2%	7%	2%	28.4	29.8	29.6	27.0
Total	57,722	53,609	57,857	64,548	233,736	-7%	8%	12%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

\* Data for Serbia might include Montenegro in a few cases where no separate statistics are available for both countries.

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**Table 12. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (26), 2006**  
 Covering 26 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR (excluding Italy).

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Iraq	4,123	3,234	4,871	7,147	19,375	-22%	51%	47%	8.5	7.9	10.7	13.2
Russian Federation	3,079	2,940	3,884	3,818	13,721	-5%	32%	-2%	6.3	7.1	8.6	7.0
Serbia*	3,965	3,014	3,198	3,485	13,662	-24%	6%	9%	8.2	7.3	7.1	6.4
Afghanistan	1,773	1,707	1,675	2,457	7,612	-4%	-2%	47%	3.6	4.1	3.7	4.5
Turkey	2,243	1,723	1,622	1,839	7,427	-23%	-6%	13%	4.6	4.2	3.6	3.4
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,804	1,435	1,634	2,192	7,065	-20%	14%	34%	3.7	3.5	3.6	4.0
Pakistan	1,124	1,110	1,346	2,704	6,284	-1%	21%	101%	2.3	2.7	3.0	5.0
Somalia	1,324	1,262	1,652	1,758	5,996	-5%	31%	6%	2.7	3.1	3.6	3.2
Bangladesh	892	854	968	3,253	5,967	-4%	13%	236%	1.8	2.1	2.1	6.0
China	1,390	1,266	1,458	1,336	5,450	-9%	15%	-8%	2.9	3.1	3.2	2.5
Nigeria	1,470	1,172	1,144	1,367	5,153	-20%	-2%	19%	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.5
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,551	1,201	978	1,034	4,764	-23%	-19%	6%	3.2	2.9	2.2	1.9
Eritrea	1,221	927	1,177	1,057	4,382	-24%	27%	-10%	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.0
Sri Lanka	970	824	844	1,156	3,794	-15%	2%	37%	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.1
Armenia	1,268	839	706	765	3,578	-34%	-16%	8%	2.6	2.0	1.6	1.4
India	891	904	782	980	3,557	1%	-13%	25%	1.8	2.2	1.7	1.8
Syrian Arab Rep.	786	789	798	1,017	3,390	0%	1%	27%	1.6	1.9	1.8	1.9
Georgia	807	717	835	805	3,164	-11%	16%	-4%	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.5
Colombia	438	809	583	1,079	2,909	85%	-28%	85%	0.9	2.0	1.3	2.0
Algeria	890	588	557	669	2,704	-34%	-5%	20%	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.2
Sudan	677	733	594	586	2,590	8%	-19%	-1%	1.4	1.8	1.3	1.1
Moldova	386	556	753	722	2,417	44%	35%	-4%	0.8	1.4	1.7	1.3
Azerbaijan	869	627	496	400	2,392	-28%	-21%	-19%	1.8	1.5	1.1	0.7
Zimbabwe	1,011	525	407	337	2,280	-48%	-22%	-17%	2.1	1.3	0.9	0.6
Lebanon	323	219	896	609	2,047	-32%	309%	-32%	0.7	0.5	2.0	1.1
Côte d'Ivoire	580	454	398	483	1,915	-22%	-12%	21%	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9
Guinea	512	474	401	470	1,857	-7%	-15%	17%	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.9
Haiti	720	455	412	263	1,850	-37%	-9%	-36%	1.5	1.1	0.9	0.5
Viet Nam	486	486	447	419	1,838	0%	-8%	-6%	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.8
Stateless	400	438	506	472	1,816	10%	16%	-7%	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.9
Bulgaria	380	395	449	345	1,569	4%	14%	-23%	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.6
Mongolia	563	306	312	369	1,550	-46%	2%	18%	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.7
Ukraine	483	356	336	374	1,549	-26%	-6%	11%	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.7
Cameroon	475	345	357	367	1,544	-27%	3%	3%	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.7
Romania	445	321	313	443	1,522	-28%	-2%	42%	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8
Belarus	445	359	369	340	1,513	-19%	3%	-8%	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.6
Angola	434	375	316	320	1,445	-14%	-16%	1%	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	447	296	323	254	1,320	-34%	9%	-21%	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5
Ethiopia	350	277	297	302	1,226	-21%	7%	2%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Congo	395	274	259	267	1,195	-31%	-5%	3%	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5
Other	10,340	8,797	10,865	13,282	43,284	-15%	24%	22%	21.3	21.4	24.0	24.5
Total	48,607	41,149	45,347	54,195	189,298	-15%	10%	20%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

\* Statistics refer to Serbia and Montenegro (no separate data available for both countries).



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**Table 13. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (26), 2007**  
Covering 26 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR (excluding Italy).

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Iraq	9,361	8,838	9,938	10,149	38,286	-6%	12%	2%	17.9	18.6	19.5	17.6
Russian Federation	2,886	2,716	3,720	7,376	16,698	-6%	37%	98%	5.5	5.7	7.3	12.8
Pakistan	3,757	3,084	3,681	2,671	13,193	-18%	19%	-27%	7.2	6.5	7.2	4.6
Serbia*	3,433	2,877	3,180	3,178	12,668	-16%	11%	0%	6.6	6.1	6.2	5.5
Somalia	2,108	2,000	2,599	2,620	9,327	-5%	30%	1%	4.0	4.2	5.1	4.6
Afghanistan	1,994	1,925	1,635	2,099	7,653	-3%	-15%	28%	3.8	4.1	3.2	3.6
Turkey	1,600	1,418	1,253	1,546	5,817	-11%	-12%	23%	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.7
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,483	1,202	1,432	1,695	5,812	-19%	19%	18%	2.8	2.5	2.8	2.9
China	1,323	1,360	1,545	1,393	5,621	3%	14%	-10%	2.5	2.9	3.0	2.4
Bangladesh	2,345	1,168	835	991	5,339	-50%	-29%	19%	4.5	2.5	1.6	1.7
Nigeria	1,313	1,156	1,278	1,427	5,174	-12%	11%	12%	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5
Sri Lanka	1,293	1,125	1,317	1,311	5,046	-13%	17%	0%	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.3
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,325	1,348	1,021	1,309	5,003	2%	-24%	28%	2.5	2.8	2.0	2.3
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,102	1,110	862	888	3,962	1%	-22%	3%	2.1	2.3	1.7	1.5
Eritrea	771	655	1,120	1,382	3,928	-15%	71%	23%	1.5	1.4	2.2	2.4
Georgia	749	1,209	865	881	3,704	61%	-28%	2%	1.4	2.5	1.7	1.5
Armenia	839	787	887	1,034	3,547	-6%	13%	17%	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8
India	978	783	845	613	3,219	-20%	8%	-27%	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.1
Colombia	363	864	484	998	2,709	138%	-44%	106%	0.7	1.8	0.9	1.7
Algeria	630	538	655	725	2,548	-15%	22%	11%	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.3
Zimbabwe	477	520	638	859	2,494	9%	23%	35%	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.5
Viet Nam	453	588	502	869	2,412	30%	-15%	73%	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.5
Guinea	538	493	522	529	2,082	-8%	6%	1%	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
Stateless	483	446	579	524	2,032	-8%	30%	-9%	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.9
Lebanon	536	371	399	338	1,644	-31%	8%	-15%	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.6
Sudan	470	379	376	401	1,626	-19%	-1%	7%	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
Moldova	504	349	470	251	1,574	-31%	35%	-47%	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.4
Côte d'Ivoire	481	344	372	354	1,551	-28%	8%	-5%	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6
Azerbaijan	307	293	375	409	1,384	-5%	28%	9%	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Mongolia	354	379	340	306	1,379	7%	-10%	-10%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5
Occupied Palest. Territ.	154	245	248	691	1,338	59%	1%	179%	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.2
Cameroon	315	278	305	301	1,199	-12%	10%	-1%	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Congo	299	293	243	304	1,139	-2%	-17%	25%	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
Albania	275	236	236	306	1,053	-14%	0%	30%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Belarus	263	228	285	266	1,042	-13%	25%	-7%	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Ukraine	264	246	242	238	990	-7%	-2%	-2%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
Angola	291	257	215	210	973	-12%	-16%	-2%	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4
Rwanda	275	180	166	222	843	-35%	-8%	34%	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	237	198	215	181	831	-16%	9%	-16%	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Ethiopia	192	180	220	193	785	-6%	22%	-12%	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Other	14,752	13,643	14,857	15,620	58,872	-8%	9%	5%	28.3	28.7	29.1	27.2
Total	52,212	47,471	51,019	57,509	208,211	-9%	7%	13%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

\* Data for Serbia might include Montenegro in a few cases where no separate statistics are available for both countries.

**Table 14. Origin of asylum applicants in Canada and the United States of America, 2006**

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
China	2,838	2,787	2,785	2,872	11,282	-2%	0%	3%	18.0	17.8	16.6	17.2
Mexico	1,275	1,521	1,973	1,974	6,743	19%	30%	0%	8.1	9.7	11.8	11.8
Haiti	1,641	1,487	1,050	1,010	5,188	-9%	-29%	-4%	10.4	9.5	6.3	6.0
Colombia	728	787	786	871	3,172	8%	0%	11%	4.6	5.0	4.7	5.2
El Salvador	627	674	780	998	3,079	7%	16%	28%	4.0	4.3	4.7	6.0
Guatemala	406	438	470	617	1,931	8%	7%	31%	2.6	2.8	2.8	3.7
Ethiopia	347	371	387	329	1,434	7%	4%	-15%	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.0
India	350	352	368	345	1,415	1%	5%	-6%	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.1
Honduras	270	277	337	390	1,274	3%	22%	16%	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.3
Indonesia	224	246	381	328	1,179	10%	55%	-14%	1.4	1.6	2.3	2.0
Pakistan	290	302	283	221	1,096	4%	-6%	-22%	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.3
Sri Lanka	282	251	243	286	1,062	-11%	-3%	18%	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.7
Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)	275	261	246	217	999	-5%	-6%	-12%	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.3
Russian Federation	220	306	251	220	997	39%	-18%	-12%	1.4	2.0	1.5	1.3
Nigeria	194	179	203	247	823	-8%	13%	22%	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.5
Albania	277	192	160	146	775	-31%	-17%	-9%	1.8	1.2	1.0	0.9
Cameroon	165	194	197	186	742	18%	2%	-6%	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.1
Iraq	174	144	186	230	734	-17%	29%	24%	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.4
Zimbabwe	305	152	139	120	716	-50%	-9%	-14%	1.9	1.0	0.8	0.7
Nepal	166	172	184	189	711	4%	7%	3%	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Cuba	153	178	165	176	672	16%	-7%	7%	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1
United States of America*	161	105	187	215	668	-35%	78%	15%	1.0	0.7	1.1	1.3
Islamic Rep. of Iran	158	142	172	153	625	-10%	21%	-11%	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9
Guinea	117	146	157	151	571	25%	8%	-4%	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9
Ukraine	143	126	140	134	543	-12%	11%	-4%	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Lebanon	51	42	268	145	506	-18%	538%	-46%	0.3	0.3	1.6	0.9
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	130	100	153	118	501	-23%	53%	-23%	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.7
Burundi	70	78	216	133	497	11%	177%	-38%	0.4	0.5	1.3	0.8
Armenia	121	105	131	96	453	-13%	25%	-27%	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6
Egypt	114	137	108	92	451	20%	-21%	-15%	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.5
Eritrea	105	112	92	105	414	7%	-18%	14%	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6
Somalia	109	93	111	89	402	-15%	19%	-20%	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.5
Guyana	86	105	110	95	396	22%	5%	-14%	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6
Peru	79	100	91	103	373	27%	-9%	13%	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6
Serbia**	100	87	84	94	365	-13%	-3%	12%	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6
Saint Vincent & the Gren.	128	90	76	69	363	-30%	-16%	-9%	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4
Côte d'Ivoire	82	68	105	90	345	-17%	54%	-14%	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5
Turkey	67	80	108	80	335	19%	35%	-26%	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5
Uzbekistan	79	77	92	86	334	-3%	19%	-7%	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Belarus	63	154	60	46	323	144%	-61%	-23%	0.4	1.0	0.4	0.3
Other	5,417	5,201	5,510	5,538	21,666	-4%	6%	1%	34.4	33.3	32.9	33.1
Total	15,749	15,632	16,760	16,732	64,873	-1%	7%	0%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

\* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

\*\* Statistics refer to Serbia and Montenegro (no separate data available for both countries).

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**Table 15. 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	2,580	9,925	-7%	-14%	20%	16.1	15.5	13.4	14.0
Mexico	2,108	2,316	2,558	2,547	9,529	10%	10%	0%	12.6	14.3	15.9	13.8
Haiti	1,295	1,265	1,632	1,740	5,932	-2%	29%	7%	7.8	7.8	10.2	9.4
Colombia	785	717	936	1,338	3,776	-9%	31%	43%	4.7	4.4	5.8	7.3
El Salvador	1,001	931	729	778	3,439	-7%	-22%	7%	6.0	5.7	4.5	4.2
Guatemala	721	730	426	520	2,397	1%	-42%	22%	4.3	4.5	2.7	2.8
United States of America*	256	227	568	773	1,824	-11%	150%	36%	1.5	1.4	3.5	4.2
Ethiopia	351	317	313	339	1,320	-10%	-1%	8%	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8
India	329	286	294	357	1,266	-13%	3%	21%	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.9
Honduras	337	308	237	292	1,174	-9%	-23%	23%	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.6
Indonesia	285	263	232	299	1,079	-8%	-12%	29%	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.6
Iraq	257	265	252	253	1,027	3%	-5%	0%	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.4
Sri Lanka	273	229	229	279	1,010	-16%	0%	22%	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.5
Russian Federation	214	340	194	230	978	59%	-43%	19%	1.3	2.1	1.2	1.2
Nigeria	223	188	244	276	931	-16%	30%	13%	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.5
Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)	213	193	226	245	877	-9%	17%	8%	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.3
Pakistan	206	179	155	229	769	-13%	-13%	48%	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.2
Cameroon	186	159	167	174	686	-15%	5%	4%	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9
Guinea	166	164	169	166	665	-1%	3%	-2%	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.9
Nepal	160	146	147	191	644	-9%	1%	30%	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0
Cuba	160	140	126	188	614	-13%	-10%	49%	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.0
Albania	119	106	136	196	557	-11%	28%	44%	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.1
Islamic Rep. of Iran	127	112	133	151	523	-12%	19%	14%	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
Ukraine	115	122	112	112	461	6%	-8%	0%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6
Eritrea	105	105	126	115	451	0%	20%	-9%	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.6
Somalia	121	88	103	128	440	-27%	17%	24%	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	99	95	110	129	433	-4%	16%	17%	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Serbia**	100	110	86	131	427	10%	-22%	52%	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.7
Egypt	98	121	107	100	426	23%	-12%	-7%	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5
Brazil	117	183	46	74	420	56%	-75%	61%	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.4
Zimbabwe	88	92	115	125	420	5%	25%	9%	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7
Côte d'Ivoire	104	94	113	84	395	-10%	20%	-26%	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	100	352	64%	-47%	61%	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.5
Saint Vincent & the Gren.	97	61	81	107	346	-37%	33%	32%	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6
Mali	81	95	98	70	344	17%	3%	-29%	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4
Nicaragua	84	96	79	77	336	14%	-18%	-3%	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4
Burundi	81	58	98	93	330	-28%	69%	-5%	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5
Armenia	100	93	64	65	322	-7%	-31%	2%	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4
Other	5,259	4,922	4,351	5,175	19,707	-6%	-12%	19%	31.5	30.4	27.1	28.1
Total	16,706	16,203	16,047	18,413	67,369	-3%	-1%	15%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

\* Refers to applications lodged in Canada.

\*\* Data for Serbia might include Montenegro in a few cases where no separate statistics are available for both countries.

**Table 16. Origin of asylum applicants in Australia and New Zealand, 2006**

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

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
China	239	279	303	240	1,061	17%	9%	-21%	26.7	28.4	30.2	26.5
Sri Lanka	46	72	106	125	349	57%	47%	18%	5.1	7.3	10.6	13.8
India	82	130	79	42	333	59%	-39%	-47%	9.2	13.3	7.9	4.6
Indonesia	100	79	83	34	296	-21%	5%	-59%	11.2	8.1	8.3	3.7
Iraq	41	40	55	86	222	-2%	38%	56%	4.6	4.1	5.5	9.5
Malaysia	31	30	26	21	108	-3%	-13%	-19%	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.3
Islamic Rep. of Iran	28	20	21	37	106	-29%	5%	76%	3.1	2.0	2.1	4.1
Pakistan	32	33	19	17	101	3%	-42%	-11%	3.6	3.4	1.9	1.9
Rep. of Korea	27	17	20	29	93	-37%	18%	45%	3.0	1.7	2.0	3.2
Bangladesh	22	23	18	10	73	5%	-22%	-44%	2.5	2.3	1.8	1.1
Philippines	8	28	20	14	70	250%	-29%	-30%	0.9	2.9	2.0	1.5
Lebanon	6	6	30	23	65	0%	400%	-23%	0.7	0.6	3.0	2.5
Egypt	16	7	12	13	48	-56%	71%	8%	1.8	0.7	1.2	1.4
Zimbabwe	19	*	11	15	48	-84%	267%	36%	2.1	0.3	1.1	1.7
Fiji	12	6	6	19	43	-50%	0%	217%	1.3	0.6	0.6	2.1
Nepal	10	10	5	16	41	0%	-50%	220%	1.1	1.0	0.5	1.8
Thailand	12	*	12	10	38	-67%	200%	-17%	1.3	0.4	1.2	1.1
Myanmar	8	8	8	9	33	0%	0%	13%	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.0
Nigeria	6	8	9	6	29	33%	13%	-33%	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.7
Israel	5	*	13	6	28	-20%	225%	-54%	0.6	0.4	1.3	0.7
Other	144	174	146	135	599	21%	-16%	-8%	16.1	17.7	14.6	14.9
Total	894	981	1,002	907	3,784	10%	2%	-9%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Table 17. Origin of asylum applicants in Australia and New Zealand, 2007**

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

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 18. Origin of asylum applicants in Japan and the Republic of Korea, 2006**

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

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q2-Q1	Q3-Q2	Q4-Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Myanmar	148	200	170	120	638	35%	-15%	-29%	52.9	59.2	50.1	43.6
Turkey	43	41	49	16	149	-5%	20%	-67%	15.4	12.1	14.5	5.8
Nepal	10	33	21	25	89	230%	-36%	19%	3.6	9.8	6.2	9.1
Sri Lanka	*	10	18	24	54	400%	80%	33%	0.7	3.0	5.3	8.7
China	16	*	6	15	41	-75%	50%	150%	5.7	1.2	1.8	5.5
Ethiopia	*	5	21	6	35	67%	320%	-71%	1.1	1.5	6.2	2.2
Islamic Rep. of Iran	10	*	10	8	32	-60%	150%	-20%	3.6	1.2	2.9	2.9
Nigeria	6	*	5	11	26	-33%	25%	120%	2.1	1.2	1.5	4.0
Bangladesh	8	9	*	*	23	13%	-67%	0%	2.9	2.7	0.9	1.1
Uganda	*	*	7	8	22	33%	75%	14%	1.1	1.2	2.1	2.9
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	6	*	8	*	18	-67%	300%	-75%	2.1	0.6	2.4	0.7
Pakistan	6	6	*	*	17	0%	-67%	50%	2.1	1.8	0.6	1.1
Côte d'Ivoire	-	-	*	8	11	..	..	167%	-	-	0.9	2.9
Liberia	*	*	*	-	8	-67%	300%	-100%	1.1	0.3	1.2	-
Cameroon	*	*	*	*	7	0%	100%	50%	0.4	0.3	0.6	1.1
Kenya	-	5	-	*	7	..	-100%	..	-	1.5	-	0.7
Egypt	-	*	*	*	*	..	-50%	0%	-	0.6	0.3	0.4
Ghana	*	-	*	*	*	-100%	..	100%	0.4	-	0.3	0.7
Sudan	*	-	-	*	*	-100%	..	..	0.7	-	-	0.7
Afghanistan	-	*	*	*	*	..	0%	0%	-	0.3	0.3	0.4
Other	12	6	7	15	40	-50%	17%	114%	4.3	1.8	2.1	5.5
Total	280	338	339	275	1,232	21%	0%	-19%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Table 19. Origin of asylum applicants in Japan and the Republic of Korea, 2007**

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

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	119	480	20%	3%	-8%	31.8	35.0	40.2	22.9
Nepal	107	98	29	45	279	-8%	-70%	55%	32.4	27.2	9.0	8.7
Sri Lanka	11	30	24	43	108	173%	-20%	79%	3.3	8.3	7.4	8.3
Nigeria	17	24	35	29	105	41%	46%	-17%	5.2	6.7	10.8	5.6
Ghana	-	-	6	63	69	..	..	950%	-	-	1.9	12.1
Turkey	18	14	17	15	64	-22%	21%	-12%	5.5	3.9	5.3	2.9
Uganda	8	9	5	31	53	13%	-44%	520%	2.4	2.5	1.5	6.0
China	13	7	7	17	44	-46%	0%	143%	3.9	1.9	2.2	3.3
Bangladesh	6	*	14	10	34	-33%	250%	-29%	1.8	1.1	4.3	1.9
Ethiopia	*	6	7	15	32	50%	17%	114%	1.2	1.7	2.2	2.9
Pakistan	6	9	*	8	26	50%	-67%	167%	1.8	2.5	0.9	1.5
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5	*	*	7	20	-20%	0%	75%	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.3
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	*	9	*	20	0%	125%	-67%	1.2	1.1	2.8	0.6
Liberia	-	*	*	11	17	..	0%	267%	-	0.8	0.9	2.1
Afghanistan	*	*	6	-	13	33%	50%	-100%	0.9	1.1	1.9	-
Cameroon	*	6	*	*	12	500%	-50%	-33%	0.3	1.7	0.9	0.4
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	91	124	-43%	38%	727%	4.2	2.2	3.4	17.5
Total	330	360	323	520	1,533	9%	-10%	61%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

\* The country of origin breakdown in December is not available for Japan.

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**Table 20. Asylum applications lodged in 43 industrialized countries by origin, fourth quarter 2007**

Covering 29 major asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. Values between 1 and 4 have been replaced with an asterisk. See Annex I for country codes used.

Origin	AUL	AUS	BEL	BUL	CAN	CYP	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GBR	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE
Iraq	46	124	218	221	93	58	8	166	107	37	815	1,607	991	38	81
Russian Fed.	-	1,016	455	-	85	18	18	69	22	1,200	25	142	9	5	8
China	377	49	32	*	362	76	14	24	6	190	515	41	12	198	78
Somalia	*	118	40	-	68	6	-	10	27	15	470	27	33	71	25
Pakistan	36	12	35	-	115	84	*	8	*	102	475	68	1,766	5	43
Afghanistan	*	249	142	15	64	5	9	41	23	70	745	97	460	26	22
Mexico	-	-	-	-	2,025	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*
Serbia**	*	405	283	*	50	-	18	21	37	718	15	465	*	325	9
Islamic Rep. of Iran	24	69	111	7	64	122	*	40	22	48	790	168	78	*	26
Eritrea	9	8	9	-	48	-	-	*	-	26	675	86	*	*	27
Colombia	*	-	5	-	1,091	-	-	-	-	31	5	*	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	85	14	30	-	236	169	5	13	*	559	305	116	31	*	*
Haiti	-	-	-	-	1,295	-	-	-	-	145	-	*	-	-	-
Nigeria	5	108	17	*	233	127	20	5	6	87	230	98	126	34	301
Turkey	13	140	59	6	37	18	169	*	17	538	65	341	18	17	*
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	55	60	*	19	322	*	30	*	9	50	218	357	22	*
DR of Congo	*	5	167	-	109	*	*	*	16	438	105	48	-	*	34
Armenia	-	94	99	15	8	*	11	*	*	588	10	62	13	*	*
Bangladesh	11	22	23	*	14	56	7	-	*	295	150	*	364	*	8
India	39	63	20	-	182	86	*	9	*	11	190	97	37	*	*
Zimbabwe	26	-	*	-	78	-	-	*	*	*	810	10	-	*	20
Georgia	-	87	51	*	12	105	8	*	-	29	5	45	391	31	38
Viet Nam	8	*	6	-	*	20	21	*	-	8	55	239	-	456	*
Algeria	*	37	56	*	27	*	*	6	6	256	65	120	*	15	8
El Salvador	-	-	-	-	104	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-
United States	-	-	-	-	773	-	-	-	-	*	5	-	-	-	*
Occupied Palest. Territ.	*	-	*	-	13	580	-	11	-	11	-	-	-	35	11
Stateless	8	54	*	13	-	-	17	-	-	55	10	*	-	*	-
Guinea	-	7	133	-	33	-	-	*	-	235	25	24	24	*	*
Ethiopia	6	*	24	-	62	*	-	-	*	14	25	41	12	-	10
Other	283	488	942	10	2,073	248	222	55	72	1,973	1,495	968	333	148	276
Total	998	3,227	3,020	303	9,375	2,108	561	526	379	7,691	8,130	5,140	5,063	1,444	1,039

Origin	JPN	KOR	LUX	MTA	NET	NOR	POL	ROM	SPA	SVK	SWE	SWI	TUR	USA	Total
Iraq	-	*	*	*	936	354	*	103	16	32	4,583	227	721	160	11,749
Russian Fed.	*	-	6	-	18	276	4,045	-	15	77	213	47	*	145	7,918
China	7	10	*	-	60	6	*	12	*	31	40	48	*	2,218	4,418
Somalia	-	-	-	325	478	59	6	-	15	*	936	163	332	60	3,287
Pakistan	5	*	-	-	30	11	*	*	*	44	14	9	*	114	2,965
Afghanistan	-	-	-	-	30	101	-	*	*	12	146	88	202	25	2,581
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	522	2,549
Serbia**	*	-	51	-	7	194	-	*	*	-	741	-	-	81	3,436
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	-	7	-	40	76	-	*	13	-	148	51	530	87	2,530
Eritrea	-	-	-	181	59	343	-	-	11	-	289	567	5	67	2,417
Colombia	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	*	936	-	*	13	-	247	2,342
Sri Lanka	5	38	-	-	18	82	22	*	7	*	12	184	5	43	1,991
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	445	1,887
Nigeria	*	28	*	5	30	30	*	*	183	*	39	114	*	43	1,881
Turkey	15	-	*	-	35	10	*	12	10	6	84	133	-	27	1,779
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	-	-	*	11	10	*	*	17	18	127	151	7	23	1,519
DR of Congo	*	5	-	-	7	14	*	*	40	-	17	62	27	20	1,125
Armenia	-	-	-	-	37	-	10	-	14	*	70	21	-	57	1,121
Bangladesh	*	7	-	-	*	10	*	9	7	12	24	9	-	49	1,093
India	*	*	-	-	17	40	8	*	14	35	11	*	-	175	1,053
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	-	7	7	-	47	1,021
Georgia	-	-	-	-	12	-	*	*	*	34	29	49	-	12	948
Viet Nam	*	-	-	-	*	9	27	-	-	8	14	5	-	24	910
Algeria	-	-	5	-	*	10	*	-	93	*	40	34	*	8	805
El Salvador	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	19	-	-	674	801
United States	*	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	787
Occupied Palest. Territ.	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	7	32	*	-	-	62	5	775
Stateless	*	-	-	-	15	143	*	-	-	*	354	-	-	46	723
Guinea	*	-	-	-	46	6	*	*	16	-	8	34	-	133	732
Ethiopia	13	*	-	11	5	86	*	-	*	*	37	46	*	277	687
Other	183	178	30	49	345	279	68	14	378	64	1,158	678	45	3,204	16,269
Total	246	274	104	577	2,224	2,153	4,214	179	1,841	382	9,163	2,745	1,945	9,038	84,099

\*\* Data for Serbia might include Montenegro in a few cases where no separate statistics are available for both countries.



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**Table 21. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2006**

Covering 43 countries which provided monthly asylum data to UNHCR. An asterisk (\*) indicates that the value is between 1 and 4.

Albania		Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bosnia and H.	
China	8	China	1,031	Serbia	2,515	Russian Fed.	1,582	Serbia**	51
TfYR Macedonia	*	Sri Lanka	321	Russian Fed.	2,441	DR of Congo	843	Croatia	*
India	*	India	315	Moldova	902	Serbia**	778	Moldova	*
Serbia	*	Indonesia	296	Afghanistan	699	Iraq	695	Poland	*
Algeria	*	Iraq	187	Turkey	668	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	631	Romania	*
Bangladesh	*	Malaysia	108	Georgia	564	Guinea	413	Slovenia	*
Egypt	*	Rep. of Korea	93	Mongolia	541	Armenia	381	China	*
Turkey	*	Pakistan	90	India	479	Turkey	380	Germany	*
Uzbekistan	*	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	77	Nigeria	421	Rwanda	370	Iraq	*
		Philippines	70	Iraq	380	Afghanistan	365	Jordan	*
Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia		Cyprus		Czech Rep.	
Afghanistan	277	Mexico	4,913	Occ. Palest. Terr.	27	Syrian Arab Rep.	1,255	Ukraine	571
Iraq	67	China	1,501	Serbia**	18	Sri Lanka	389	Egypt	422
Armenia	58	Colombia	1,373	Pakistan	8	Georgia	336	Kazakhstan	236
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	25	Sri Lanka	856	Russian Fed.	7	Bangladesh	310	Belarus	175
Russian Fed.	14	India	852	Iraq	5	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	305	Russian Fed.	170
Stateless	12	Haiti	698	Armenia	*	Pakistan	268	Viet Nam	124
China	10	United States	667	Moldova	*	India	253	China	114
Syrian Arab Rep.	10	Nigeria	664	Bosnia and H.	*	China	174	Stateless	101
Turkey	10	Pakistan	578	Nigeria	*	Ukraine	144	Nigeria	96
Lebanon	9	Zimbabwe	524	Turkey	*	Iraq	132	Mongolia	95
Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Iraq	507	Russian Fed.	6	Bulgaria	445	Serbia**	3,042	Serbia**	3,133
Serbia**	246	Nigeria	*	Serbia**	283	Turkey	2,752	Iraq	2,065
Afghanistan	122	Turkey	*	Iraq	227	DR of Congo	2,278	Turkey	1,891
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	89	Cameroon	*	Russian Fed.	168	Russian Fed.	2,251	Russian Fed.	1,038
India	83	TfYR Macedonia	*	Belarus	99	Sri Lanka	2,143	Viet Nam	985
Occ. Palest. Terr.	68	Unknown	*	Afghanistan	96	Haiti	1,840	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	609
Russian Fed.	61			Somalia	91	Armenia	1,680	Syrian Arab Rep.	608
Somalia	57			Iran (Islamic Rep.)	87	China	1,214	Lebanon	584
Syrian Arab Rep.	55			Nigeria	68	Algeria	1,125	Afghanistan	525
Nigeria	52			Turkey	41	Azerbaijan	928	Azerbaijan	518
Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Japan	
Bangladesh	3,750	Viet Nam	406	Romania	9	Nigeria	1,037	Myanmar	626
Pakistan	2,378	Serbia**	384	Russian Fed.	6	Sudan	308	Turkey	149
Iraq	1,415	China	275	Afghanistan	*	Romania	289	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	27
Afghanistan	1,087	Georgia	175	Belarus	*	Iraq	215	Sri Lanka	27
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	528	Nigeria	109	Georgia	*	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	205	Bangladesh	15
Georgia	428	Iraq	68	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	*	Georgia	171	Ethiopia	14
Nigeria	391	Russian Fed.	63	Israel	*	Pakistan	167	China	13
Sudan	183	Mongolia	46	Serbia**	*	Somalia	161	Pakistan	12
Ethiopia	170	Turkey	43	Albania	*	China	139	Nepal	11
India	162	Somalia	42	Algeria	*	Moldova	110	Nigeria	10
Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg		Malta	
Russian Fed.	*	Russian Fed.	10	Russian Fed.	111	Serbia**	207	Eritrea	390
Afghanistan	*	Somalia	7	Belarus	7	Russian Fed.	43	Somalia	208
Georgia	*	Serbia**	7	Uzbekistan	6	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	31	Sudan	179
Belarus	*	Kazakhstan	6	Ghana	6	DR of Congo	20	Ethiopia	125
Kyrgyzstan	*	Belarus	*	Pakistan	*	Albania	20	Niger	75
		Kyrgyzstan	*	Georgia	*	Ukraine	19	Nigeria	57
		Iran (Islamic Rep.)	*	Stateless	*	Bosnia and H.	17	Togo	44
		Stateless	*	Iraq	*	Iraq	16	Côte d'Ivoire	40
		Iraq	*	Afghanistan	*	Nigeria	15	Ghana	30
		Mongolia	*	Bangladesh	*	Occ. Palest. Terr.	10	Stateless	16
Montenegro		Netherlands		New Zealand		Norway		Poland	
Serbia	14	Iraq	2,766	Iraq	35	Iraq	1,002	Russian Fed.	3,772
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	*	Somalia	1,462	China	30	Somalia	632	Belarus	55
Albania	*	Afghanistan	932	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	29	Russian Fed.	548	Ukraine	45
Bosnia and H.	*	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	921	Sri Lanka	28	Serbia**	369	Pakistan	39
		Serbia**	607	India	18	Eritrea	316	Armenia	32
		Burundi	455	Bangladesh	16	Stateless	237	Iraq	32
		Azerbaijan	384	Czech Rep.	12	Afghanistan	224	Cameroon	23
		Turkey	341	Pakistan	11	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	218	Viet Nam	22
		Sudan	320	Somalia	11	Ethiopia	143	Georgia	16
		China	318	Fiji	10	Burundi	126	Turkey	16

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**Table 21. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2006 (continued)**

Covering 43 countries which provided monthly asylum data to UNHCR. An asterisk (\*) indicates that the value is between 1 and 4.

Portugal		Rep. of Korea		Romania		Serbia (excl. Kosovo)		Slovakia	
DR of Congo	15	Nepal	78	Iraq	68	Iraq	25	India	727
Israel	9	China	28	Somalia	47	Moldova	*	Russian Fed.	463
Russian Fed.	7	Sri Lanka	27	China	45	Egypt	*	Moldova	385
Nigeria	6	Ethiopia	21	Turkey	22	Ethiopia	*	Georgia	209
Nepal	6	Uganda	20	Pakistan	16	Cuba	*	Iraq	206
Angola	6	Nigeria	16	Georgia	16	India	*	Bangladesh	183
Côte d'Ivoire	6	DR of Congo	14	Occ. Palest. Terr.	13	Ghana	*	Pakistan	182
Colombia	6	Myanmar	12	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	12	Occ. Palest. Terr.	*	China	164
Guinea	6	Côte d'Ivoire	11	Syrian Arab Rep.	12	Nigeria	*	Viet Nam	63
Belarus	5	Bangladesh	8	Russian Fed.	10			Occ. Palest. Terr.	56
Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland		TfYR Macedonia	
Serbia**	243	Colombia	2,239	Iraq	8,951	Serbia**	1,227	Serbia**	21
Turkey	62	Nigeria	632	Serbia**	2,000	Eritrea	1,201	Albania	*
Bosnia and H.	44	Morocco	281	Somalia	1,066	Iraq	816		
Albania	32	Côte d'Ivoire	236	Stateless	815	Turkey	693		
TfYR Macedonia	26	Algeria	230	Russian Fed.	755	China	475		
Georgia	13	Bangladesh	137	Bolivia	747	Russian Fed.	426		
Moldova	13	Stateless	117	Lebanon	679	Sri Lanka	328		
Kazakhstan	12	Russian Fed.	110	Bulgaria	639	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	302		
Occ. Palest. Terr.	11	DR of Congo	102	Eritrea	608	Georgia	287		
Russian Fed.	7	Sudan	94	Afghanistan	594	Somalia	273		
Turkey		United Kingdom		United States***					
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	2,297	Eritrea	2,725	China	9,781				
Iraq	724	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	2,675	Haiti	4,490				
Somalia	680	Afghanistan	2,650	El Salvador	2,801				
Afghanistan	259	Somalia	2,155	Mexico	1,830				
Sudan	113	Zimbabwe	2,095	Colombia	1,799				
Sri Lanka	61	China	1,970	Guatemala	1,758				
Eritrea	57	Pakistan	1,805	Ethiopia	1,177				
Ethiopia	57	Iraq	1,305	Indonesia	1,110				
Occ. Palest. Terr.	51	Nigeria	940	Honduras	1,094				
Mauritania	43	Sudan	755	Venezuela (Boliv. R)	903				

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

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**Table 22. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2007**

Covering 43 countries which provided monthly asylum data to UNHCR. An asterisk (\*) indicates that the value is between 1 and 4.

Albania		Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bosnia and H.	
Serbia	10	China	1,213	Russian Fed.	2,673	Russian Fed.	1,436	Serbia	555
Nepal	9	Sri Lanka	445	Serbia	1,762	Serbia**	1,223	China	*
Czech Rep.	*	India	349	Afghanistan	762	Iraq	825	Sri Lanka	*
Nigeria	*	Iraq	216	Turkey	651	DR of Congo	716	Montenegro	*
India	*	Indonesia	183	Moldova	545	Afghanistan	696	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	*
Afghanistan	*	Pakistan	145	Iraq	463	Guinea	526	Pakistan	*
		Malaysia	137	Somalia	443	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	411	Bangladesh	*
		Zimbabwe	94	Armenia	405	Slovakia	364	Brazil	*
		Iran (Islamic Rep.)	84	Georgia	399	Armenia	339	Lithuania	*
		Rep. of Korea	80	Nigeria	395	Rwanda	321	Syrian Arab Rep.	*
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	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	15	Sri Lanka	661	Mongolia	159
Armenia	64	United States	1,824	Albania	13	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	475	Belarus	130
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	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
Sudan	13	DR of Congo	351	Russian Fed.	*	China	214	Stateless	65
Turkey	13	Pakistan	349	Sri Lanka	*	Iraq	200	Kyrgyzstan	63
Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Iraq	1,069	Belarus	5	Iraq	307	Russian Fed.	3,222	Iraq	4,171
Afghanistan	138	Russian Fed.	*	Russian Fed.	172	Serbia**	3,110	Serbia**	1,923
Russian Fed.	114	Sri Lanka	*	Serbia**	143	Turkey	2,223	Turkey	1,368
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	106			Somalia	81	Sri Lanka	2,130	Viet Nam	991
Serbia**	95			Iran (Islamic Rep.)	78	DR of Congo	2,126	Russian Fed.	752
Syrian Arab Rep.	71			Turkey	74	Armenia	1,924	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	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		Japan***	
Pakistan	9,144	Serbia**	911	Russian Fed.	5	Nigeria	1,028	Myanmar	458
Iraq	5,474	Viet Nam	862	Syrian Arab Rep.	5	Iraq	285	Turkey	64
Bangladesh	2,965	China	417	Albania	5	China	259	Sri Lanka	41
Georgia	1,559	Iraq	136	Belarus	*	Pakistan	185	Ethiopia	28
Afghanistan	1,556	Georgia	131	Sri Lanka	*	Georgia	174	Pakistan	22
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,311	Somalia	99	Lebanon	*	Sudan	157	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	17
Nigeria	390	Nigeria	86	Malaysia	*	DR of Congo	149	China	15
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	354	Mongolia	79	Serbia	*	Somalia	144	Afghanistan	12
India	261	Turkey	56	China	*	Moldova	133	DR of Congo	10
Senegal	219	Occ. Palest. Terr.	52	Iraq	*	Eritrea	113	Cameroon	10
Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg		Malta	
Bangladesh	6	Russian Fed.	6	Russian Fed.	53	Serbia	225	Somalia	585
Armenia	*	Iraq	*	Georgia	13	Bosnia and H.	24	Eritrea	339
Azerbaijan	*	DR of Congo	*	Belarus	7	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	16	Côte d'Ivoire	77
Russian Fed.	*	Serbia	*	Viet Nam	6	Albania	16	Sudan	76
Iraq	*	Georgia	*	Armenia	5	Iraq	14	Ethiopia	73
Kenya	*	Somalia	*	Morocco	*	Russian Fed.	13	Mali	46
Mongolia	*	Israel	*	Uzbekistan	*	Algeria	11	Nigeria	38
Cuba	*	Poland	*	China	*	Belarus	8	Niger	25
Turkey	*	Occ. Palest. Terr.	*	Cuba	*	Guinea	8	Ghana	15
Nigeria	*	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	*	Kazakhstan	*	Nigeria	7	DR of Congo	14
Montenegro		Netherlands		New Zealand		Norway		Poland	
Albania	*	Iraq	2,004	Iraq	30	Iraq	1,227	Russian Fed.	6,536
TFYR Macedonia	*	Somalia	1,874	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	27	Russian Fed.	863	Belarus	63
		China	243	China	26	Eritrea	789	Sri Lanka	62
		Iran (Islamic Rep.)	187	Sri Lanka	25	Serbia	585	Viet Nam	44
		Nigeria	179	Bangladesh	18	Stateless	515	India	41
		Eritrea	153	Fiji	10	Ethiopia	241	Pakistan	31
		Afghanistan	143	Pakistan	8	Sri Lanka	238	Iraq	29
		Sierra Leone	130	Zimbabwe	8	Afghanistan	234	Ukraine	29
		Burundi	129	Hungary	8	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	222	Bangladesh	23
		Côte d'Ivoire	110	India	7	Somalia	187	Armenia	22

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\*\*\* The origin of asylum-seekers applying in December 2007 is not yet available.

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**Table 22. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2007 (continued)**

Covering 43 countries which provided monthly asylum data to UNHCR. An asterisk (\*) indicates that the value is between 1 and 4.

Portugal		Rep. of Korea		Romania		Serbia (excl. Kosovo)		Slovakia	
Colombia	86	Nepal	275	Iraq	243	Iraq	35	Pakistan	650
Somalia	21	Nigeria	100	Serbia	183	Georgia	9	India	619
Bosnia and H.	16	Ghana	68	Turkey	40	Ethiopia	6	Russian Fed.	307
Guinea	14	Sri Lanka	67	Somalia	28	TfYR Macedonia	5	Moldova	208
DR of Congo	11	Uganda	50	China	26	Pakistan	*	Georgia	134
Afghanistan	7	China	29	Moldova	16	Cuba	*	Iraq	132
Russian Fed.	6	Bangladesh	24	India	15	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	*	Bangladesh	108
Sri Lanka	6	Myanmar	22	Syrian Arab Rep.	10	Tunisia	*	China	96
India	5	Liberia	15	Bangladesh	9	Senegal	*	Afghanistan	66
Algeria	5	DR of Congo	10	Occ. Palest. Terr.	9			Viet Nam	58
Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland		TfYR Macedonia	
Serbia	234	Colombia	2,437	Iraq	18,559	Eritrea	1,662	Serbia	22
Turkey	39	Iraq	1,564	Somalia	3,349	Serbia	953	India	5
Bosnia and H.	22	Nigeria	674	Serbia**	2,601	Iraq	935	Iraq	*
Albania	21	Côte d'Ivoire	313	Stateless	1,312	Turkey	621	Bulgaria	*
TfYR Macedonia	20	Morocco	258	Eritrea	878	Sri Lanka	618	DR of Congo	*
Afghanistan	12	Algeria	243	Russian Fed.	788	Romania	538	Occ. Palest. Terr.	*
Pakistan	11	India	177	Afghanistan	609	Somalia	395		
Russian Fed.	9	Somalia	152	Bolivia	567	Nigeria	310		
India	*	DR of Congo	131	Lebanon	523	Afghanistan	307		
Iraq	*	Sudan	88	Mongolia	519	Syrian Arab Rep.	290		
Turkey		United Kingdom		United States****					
Iraq	3,471	Afghanistan	2,815	China	8,572				
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	1,687	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	2,510	El Salvador	3,102				
Somalia	1,124	Zimbabwe	2,300	Haiti	2,701				
Afghanistan	705	China	2,185	Mexico	2,472				
Occ. Palest. Terr.	157	Iraq	2,075	Guatemala	2,185				
DR of Congo	76	Somalia	1,960	Colombia	1,199				
Sudan	76	Eritrea	1,905	Ethiopia	1,140				
Ethiopia	54	Pakistan	1,765	Indonesia	1,018				
Sri Lanka	50	Sri Lanka	1,250	Honduras	933				
Eritrea	45	Nigeria	905	Iraq	734				

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

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**Table 23. Monthly asylum applications lodged in 43 industrialized countries, 2007**

Covering 43 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Country	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Change Nov-Dec
Albania	-	8	4	4	6	1	-	1	2	-	1	1	0%
Australia	271	303	338	400	382	257	311	365	346	335	340	323	-5%
Austria	1,079	1,008	973	861	859	928	970	988	986	1,081	926	1,220	32%
Belgium	934	787	1,081	908	995	825	822	856	887	1,094	990	936	-5%
Bosnia and H.	1	1	3	1	7	446	38	10	7	42	12	4	-67%
Bulgaria	90	49	92	37	57	115	81	86	65	125	97	81	-16%
Canada	2,026	1,905	1,959	1,769	1,943	1,778	2,122	2,612	2,853	3,407	3,409	2,559	-25%
Croatia	9	11	11	2	10	23	18	12	21	25	28	25	-11%
Cyprus	419	703	529	813	489	347	521	498	362	703	566	839	48%
Czech Rep.	153	130	181	130	114	138	148	172	151	142	216	203	-6%
Denmark	226	186	192	123	121	133	297	250	172	192	137	197	44%
Estonia	-	-	1	2	3	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-100%
Finland	155	68	85	93	89	114	153	155	143	133	116	130	12%
France	2,334	2,617	2,705	2,417	2,366	2,254	2,520	2,135	2,119	3,017	2,211	2,463	11%
Germany	1,663	1,299	1,468	1,203	1,347	1,241	1,483	1,918	1,771	1,922	1,953	1,265	-35%
Greece	2,407	2,298	2,741	2,850	2,099	2,199	1,803	1,535	2,118	1,764	1,852	1,447	-22%
Hungary	197	149	163	165	240	291	269	273	228	395	444	605	36%
Iceland	5	3	2	-	3	4	7	6	4	2	3	3	0%
Ireland	385	333	347	277	318	316	358	294	318	356	343	340	-1%
Japan	63	45	55	51	97	58	62	76	63	74	96	76	-21%
Latvia	-	1	3	4	4	1	3	5	11	-	1	1	0%
Liechtenstein	1	3	-	5	1	4	2	4	4	5	2	1	-50%
Lithuania	23	14	10	7	8	6	4	3	8	4	8	21	163%
Luxembourg	50	30	21	37	18	42	31	48	45	48	22	34	55%
Malta	93	96	68	46	37	57	130	140	135	210	233	134	-42%
Montenegro	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	..
Netherlands	614	503	543	506	392	475	456	664	725	850	788	586	-26%
New Zealand	18	24	25	17	17	14	17	30	13	39	12	22	83%
Norway	461	373	381	386	369	478	492	743	692	678	641	834	30%
Poland	232	246	239	185	225	249	246	476	804	792	1,147	2,275	98%
Portugal	8	9	50	52	14	10	9	11	17	20	7	16	129%
Rep. of Korea	66	57	44	75	45	34	42	40	40	81	97	96	-1%
Romania	33	18	36	41	29	45	111	127	40	45	82	52	-37%
Serbia	1	4	1	5	1	-	5	17	-	7	11	12	9%
Slovakia	220	218	232	327	280	215	229	325	215	216	115	51	-56%
Slovenia	29	16	17	36	35	50	48	40	52	35	32	37	16%
Spain	707	824	802	745	580	524	536	452	452	669	726	446	-39%
Sweden	3,362	2,897	2,969	2,894	2,705	2,794	2,919	3,350	3,154	3,472	2,842	2,849	0%
Switzerland	1,122	969	928	716	949	688	820	733	717	1,064	932	749	-20%
TFYR Macedonia	1	1	2	-	4	6	2	5	-	-	5	7	40%
Turkey	311	315	576	546	718	755	808	840	828	781	736	428	-42%
United Kingdom	2,360	2,145	2,245	1,845	2,150	1,920	2,180	2,350	2,560	2,915	2,840	2,390	-16%
United States	4,426	4,225	4,835	4,254	5,035	4,236	3,484	3,774	3,494	4,105	3,837	3,470	-10%
EU-"Old" (14)	16,284	15,004	16,222	14,811	14,053	13,775	14,537	15,006	15,467	17,533	15,753	14,319	-9%
EU-"New" (12)	1,489	1,640	1,571	1,793	1,521	1,514	1,790	2,146	2,071	2,668	2,942	4,299	46%
EU-Total (26)	17,773	16,644	17,793	16,604	15,574	15,289	16,327	17,152	17,538	20,201	18,695	18,618	0%
Nordic countries (5)	4,209	3,527	3,629	3,496	3,287	3,523	3,868	4,504	4,165	4,477	3,739	4,013	7%
Western Europe (18)	17,873	16,352	17,533	15,918	15,375	14,949	15,858	16,492	16,884	19,282	17,331	15,906	-8%
Southern Europe (7)	3,945	4,253	4,770	5,056	3,943	3,893	3,807	3,477	3,914	4,147	4,121	3,311	-20%
Total Europe (37)	19,687	18,332	19,701	18,269	17,642	17,694	18,519	19,523	19,813	22,805	21,066	20,682	-2%
Canada/USA	6,452	6,130	6,794	6,023	6,978	6,014	5,606	6,386	6,347	7,512	7,246	6,029	-17%
Australia/New Z.	289	327	363	417	399	271	328	395	359	374	352	345	-2%
Japan/Rep. of Korea	129	102	99	126	142	92	104	116	103	155	193	172	-11%
Total	26,557	24,891	26,957	24,835	25,161	24,071	24,557	26,420	26,622	30,846	28,857	27,228	-6%

**Notes**

See notes in Table 1.

**Annex I. UNHCR country/territory codes (for administrative purposes only)**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Country/territory name</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Country/territory name</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Country/territory name</b>
AFG	Afghanistan	GRE	Greece	NRU	Nauru
ALB	Albania	GRN	Grenada	NZL	New Zealand
ALG	Algeria	GUA	Guatemala	OMN	Oman
AND	Andorra	GUI	Guinea	PAK	Pakistan
ANG	Angola	GUY	Guyana	PAN	Panama
ANT	Antigua and Barbuda	HAI	Haiti	PAR	Paraguay
ARE	Egypt	HKG	Hong Kong SAR, China	PER	Peru
ARG	Argentina	HON	Honduras	PHI	Philippines
ARM	Armenia	HRV	Croatia	PLW	Palau
AUL	Australia	HUN	Hungary	PNG	Papua New Guinea
AUS	Austria	ICE	Iceland	POL	Poland
AZE	Azerbaijan	ICO	Côte d'Ivoire	POR	Portugal
BAH	Bahrain	IND	India	PUE	Puerto Rico
BAR	Barbados	INS	Indonesia	QAT	Qatar
BDI	Burundi	IRE	Ireland	ROM	Romania
BEL	Belgium	IRN	Islamic Rep. of Iran	RSA	South Africa
BEN	Benin	IRQ	Iraq	RUS	Russian Federation
BGD	Bangladesh	ISR	Israel	RWA	Rwanda
BHS	Bahamas	ITA	Italy	SAL	El Salvador
BHU	Bhutan	JAM	Jamaica	SAU	Saudi Arabia
BKF	Burkina Faso	JOR	Jordan	SEN	Senegal
BLR	Belarus	JPN	Japan	SEY	Seychelles
BOL	Bolivia	KAZ	Kazakhstan	SIN	Singapore
BOT	Botswana	KEN	Kenya	SLE	Sierra Leone
BRA	Brazil	KGZ	Kyrgyzstan	SMA	San Marino
BRU	Brunei Darussalam	KIR	Kiribati	SOL	Solomon Islands
BSN	Bosnia and Herzegovina	KOR	Rep. of Korea	SOM	Somalia
BUL	Bulgaria	KRN	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	SPA	Spain
BZE	Belize	KUW	Kuwait	SRB	Serbia
CAM	Cambodia	LAO	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	SRV	Viet Nam
CAN	Canada	LBR	Liberia	STK	Saint Kitts and Nevis
CAR	Central African Republic	LBY	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	STP	Sao Tome and Principe
CHD	Chad	LCA	Saint Lucia	SUD	Sudan
CHI	China	LEB	Lebanon	SUR	Suriname
CHL	Chile	LES	Lesotho	SVK	Slovakia
CMR	Cameroon	LIE	Liechtenstein	SVN	Slovenia
COB	Congo	LKA	Sri Lanka	SWA	Swaziland
COD	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	LTU	Lithuania	SWE	Sweden
COI	Comoros	LUX	Luxembourg	SWI	Switzerland
COL	Colombia	LVA	Latvia	SYR	Syrian Arab Republic
COS	Costa Rica	MAC	Macau SAR, China	TAN	United Rep. of Tanzania
CUB	Cuba	MAD	Madagascar	THA	Thailand
CVI	Cape Verde	MAU	Mauritania	TJK	Tajikistan
CYP	Cyprus	MCD	TYR of Macedonia	TKM	Turkmenistan
CZE	Czech Republic	MCO	Monaco	TMP	Timor-Leste
DEN	Denmark	MDA	Moldova	TOG	Togo
DJB	Djibouti	MDV	Maldives (the)	TON	Tonga
DMA	Dominica	MEX	Mexico	TRT	Trinidad and Tobago
DOM	Dominican Republic	MLI	Mali	TUN	Tunisia
ECU	Ecuador	MLS	Malaysia	TUR	Turkey
EGU	Equatorial Guinea	MLW	Malawi	TUV	Tuvalu
ERT	Eritrea	MNG	Mongolia	UAE	United Arab Emirates
EST	Estonia	MNE	Montenegro	UGA	Uganda
ETH	Ethiopia	MOR	Morocco	UKR	Ukraine
FIJ	Fiji	MOZ	Mozambique	URU	Uruguay
FIN	Finland	MTA	Malta	USA	United States
FPO	French Polynesia	MTS	Mauritius	UZB	Uzbekistan
FRA	France	MYA	Myanmar	VAN	Vanuatu
GAB	Gabon	NAM	Namibia	VCT	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
GAM	Gambia	NEP	Nepal	VEN	Venezuela (Boliv. Rep. of)
GAZ	Occupied Palestinian Territory	NET	Netherlands	WES	Samoa
GBR	United Kingdom	NGR	Niger	WSH	Western Sahara
GEO	Georgia	NIC	Nicaragua	YEM	Yemen
GFR	Germany	NIG	Nigeria	ZAM	Zambia
GHA	Ghana	NOR	Norway	ZIM	Zimbabwe
GNB	Guinea-Bissau	VAR	Various	STA	Stateless