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**OVERVIEW OF ASYLUM APPLICATIONS LODGED IN EUROPEAN
AND NON-EUROPEAN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IN 2006**

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This report summarizes the main levels, trends and developments in the number of asylum claims submitted in 50 industrialized countries in 2006 (44 European and six non-European). A limited number of those who apply for asylum are granted refugee status and obtain long-term residence status. Statistics on asylum-seekers accepted as refugees, those granted a complementary form of protection or refugees who have been resettled, particularly by Australia, Canada and the United States, are currently being compiled and will be published separately.

2. 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 borders of the European Union (EU) potentially moving further to the east or south in the future, the perspective of asylum capacity building and international responsibility sharing has become more important in central, eastern and southern Europe. As such, Table 1 provides a comprehensive picture of asylum trends in 50 countries for the period 2002-2006. Tables 2 through 19, on the other hand, are based on the monthly asylum application database maintained by UNHCR, which covers 36 asylum countries.

3. Some central and eastern European countries included in Table 1 host significant refugee or internally displaced populations resulting from mass displacement (e.g. **Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, the Russian Federation, Serbia**, etc.). These displaced populations, although of major concern to the host countries and the international community, fall outside the scope of this analysis, which looks at individual applications for asylum.

4. While asylum and migration, also known as the “asylum-migration-nexus”, are becoming more and more intertwined, the lack of statistical data does not permit an evidence-based analysis of asylum-seeker flows within the broader mixed migration picture. Moreover, despite the humanitarian challenges and prominent media coverage suggesting otherwise, most migrants do not claim asylum and are thus not included in this report or in UNHCR statistics.

II. SOURCES AND DATA CONSIDERATIONS

5. Both the *1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees* and the Statute of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees refer to the responsibility of countries to provide statistical data to UNHCR. Governments provide UNHCR with statistics on the number and conditions of refugees, asylum-seekers and other groups of concern to the Office. This report is, therefore, mostly based on official asylum statistics, reflecting national laws and procedures. During the period 2002-2006, UNHCR conducted refugee status determination under its mandate in a number of countries including Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Malta, Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro, and Turkey. Details on the responsibility for refugee status determination are included in the notes of Table 1.

6. In general, the statistics presented in this document reflect the number of asylum-seekers lodging an application for the first time. However, it is believed that a significant number of countries included in this report do not distinguish new asylum applications from re-opened or repeat claims in their respective statistical systems. As a consequence, some of the numbers of asylum claims reported to UNHCR are believed to be inflated. The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INDIS) of the Netherlands, for example, started reporting separate statistics on new asylum claims and second/repeat applications as from July 2006. A first analysis shows that only 56 per cent out of the total number of claims submitted during August-December 2006 (4,483) were in fact lodged by new asylum-seekers. However, the figures reported in this document include

repeat and second applications for the Netherlands in order to ensure comparability of data with previous years.

7. Although asylum-seekers are counted only once in each country, the total number is overestimated because some individuals seek asylum in more than one country. In January 2003, the EURODAC system was introduced among EU member States in order to facilitate the comparison of fingerprints of asylum applicants, among others. The main purpose of this system was to identify persons who had submitted an asylum application in more than one EU member State. In 2005, EURODAC's Central Unit received some 187,200 requests related to the verification of asylum applicants. Of this number, in 31,600 cases (17%) the asylum applicant had submitted at least one previous application in another EU member State and in 6,200 cases (3%) the person had submitted at least two previous applications.¹

8. All figures based on monthly statistics should be considered as provisional and subject to change. They may differ slightly from the official annual figures published by countries. This is, for instance, the case for 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). Some of the data may also differ from those reported in previous UNHCR documents due to retroactive changes.

9. Most of the data in this report refer to the number of individuals. For the United States, however, 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 therefore multiplied the number of asylum cases by a factor of 1.4 to estimate the number of individuals. Applications submitted to the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) are recorded by individuals. Owing to the large variation of family size by nationality, the analysis by country of origin in the United States is thus based on a combination of the number of cases (DHS) and the number of individuals (EOIR).

10. While an estimate for the total number of asylum requests lodged in Italy during 2006 is available, neither the breakdown by origin nor by the number of monthly asylum applications lodged during the year is available. In fact, Italy is the only EU member country for which no monthly asylum application data are available.

11. With the exception of a few countries, separate statistics for asylum-seekers originating from Serbia or Montenegro are not available. In order to ensure comparability of 2006 data as well as across time, Serbia and Montenegro are referred to as one entity throughout this document. It is hoped that as of 2007, Governments will be able to separate nationals from Serbia and Montenegro in their national asylum statistics.

III. GLOBAL AND REGIONAL TRENDS

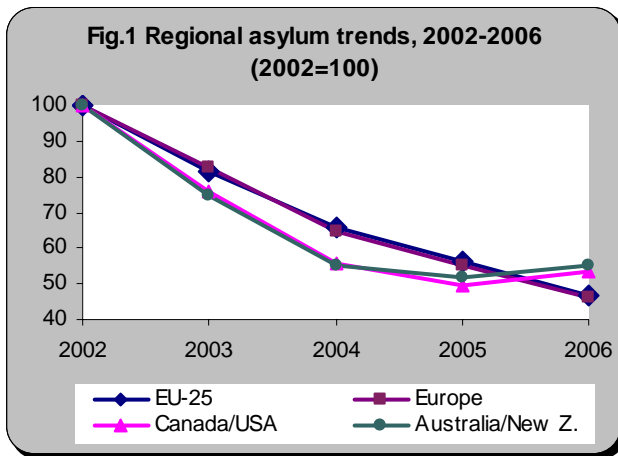
12. The number of asylum-seekers in the 50 European and non-European industrialized countries included in this report continued to decline in 2006, albeit at a slower pace compared to previous years. In the 50 countries included in Table 1, an estimated 303,400 applications for refugee status were submitted in 2006, 10 per cent less than in 2005 (338,300). This is the fifth consecutive year that asylum claims have dropped.

13. Over the last five years, applications have more than halved (-52%) in the 50 countries included in Table 1. The 25 countries of the **European Union**² received 53 per cent fewer requests

¹ Source: European Union website, <http://europa.eu/scadplus/leg/en/1vb/133081.htm>, accessed 13 March 2007.

² Refers to the EU as at the end of 2006, i.e. excluding Bulgaria and Romania which acceded on 1 January 2007.

in 2006 compared to 2002, while **Europe** as a whole registered a 54 per cent decline. With 42 per cent fewer applications, the fall in asylum requests in the 10 **new EU member countries** was only marginally smaller (*see Figure 1*).

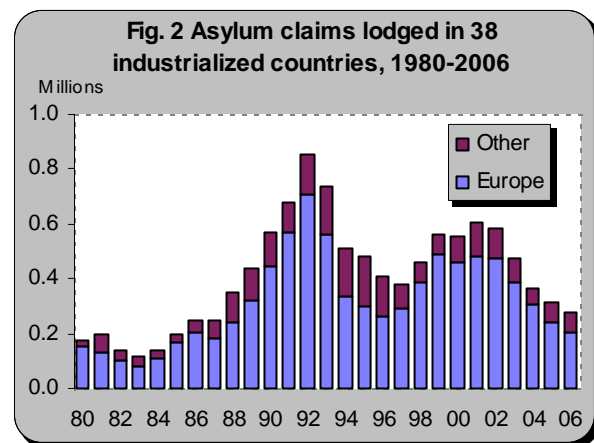


14. From 2002 to 2006, both **Canada/USA** and **Australia/New Zealand** experienced a similar fall in new asylum applications. In both regions the decrease amounted to 47 and 45 per cent respectively.

15. In the 38 countries with historical data³, the number of applications submitted in 2006 (281,000) was the lowest since 1987 (250,000). In **Europe** as well as in the **25 EU countries**, the number of asylum-seekers in 2006 was the lowest in 20 years. The situation in the six non-European⁴ industrialized countries, however, is

slightly different. In 2005, after recording the lowest number of new asylum-seekers for almost a decade, the six non-European industrialized countries recorded a seven per cent increase in 2006 compared to the previous year (*see Figure 1*).

16. The asylum trends as displayed in Figure 2 are determined by a variety of factors, both in the region of origin and destination. Factors which contributed to the trend since the 1980s include the collapse of communism in central and eastern Europe (late 1980s), armed conflicts in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (early-mid 1990s), the Kosovo crisis (late 1990s), as well as conflicts, human rights violations and persecution in a number of countries, including Afghanistan, Iraq, Liberia, the Russian Federation, Somalia, and Sudan. Moreover, it is believed that the more recent introduction of restrictive asylum policies across Europe in combination with improved conditions in some source countries has led to an overall decrease in the number of asylum applications submitted in industrialized countries during the last few years.



17. For a few countries, including **Greece** and **Malta**, the number of asylum-seekers in 2006 was the highest on record. It should be noted, however, that in the case of **Greece**, rather than reflecting a dramatic increase in new arrivals, the Greek authorities have recently introduced special procedures in order to clear the backlog of asylum-seekers who want to register. As a consequence, during the last three months of 2006 alone, some 6,900 asylum claims were registered compared to 'only' 5,400 claims in the first nine months of the year. In most asylum countries, however, the 2006 level was the lowest in many years, in some cases even for decades. **Germany** and **Denmark** for instance recorded the lowest level since 1983, **New Zealand** since 1988 and the **United Kingdom** since 1989. In **Belgium**, the number of asylum applications submitted in 2006 was the lowest since 1995, in **Austria**, **Bulgaria**, the **Czech Republic**, **Ireland** and **Norway** since 1997, and in **France** since 1998.

³ This includes the 25 countries of the EU in 2006, and Bulgaria, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Romania, Switzerland, Turkey as well as Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Rep. of Korea and the United States.

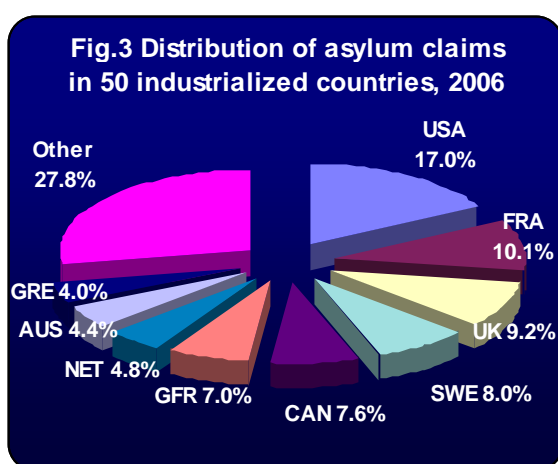
⁴ This includes Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Rep. of Korea and the United States.

18. In the 44 **European countries** listed in Table 1, asylum levels dropped by 16 per cent in 2006 compared to 2005. The decrease was similar in the **25 EU countries** (-17%), albeit reflecting a strong divide between the 15 “old” and 10 “new” EU member States. While the former recorded a 15 per cent fall in the number of asylum-seekers, the latter experienced a rather dramatic 31 per cent decrease during 2006. Conversely, the five **Nordic countries**⁵ recorded an increase of 17 per cent during 2006, primarily due to the arrival of new asylum-seekers in **Sweden** (+39%). The six countries in **southern Europe**⁶ have witnessed a steady increase in the number of new asylum claims lodged over the last few years. Indeed, the 33,600 asylum applications submitted in southern Europe during 2006 was the second highest figure of the past 15 years.

IV. LEVELS AND PATTERNS IN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

19. From 2005 to 2006, 30 of the 50 asylum countries reported a decrease in asylum requests, 18 reported an increase, while two countries reported no change. This trend is similar to the one observed in 2004 and 2005. Fourteen out of the 50 countries in Table 1 received more than 5,000 new asylum requests in 2006, two countries less than in 2005. Major asylum-seeker receiving countries reporting a significant fall included **Austria** (-41%), **Belgium** (-27%), **Cyprus** (-41%), **France** (-38%), and **Germany** (-27%). Conversely, major increases were recorded by **Greece** (+36%), the **Netherlands** (+17%), **Sweden** (+39%), and **Turkey** (+16%, UNHCR procedure) (*see Table 1*).

20. After having been the second largest recipient of new asylum-seekers in 2004 and 2005, the **United States** became the main destination in 2006. With an estimated 51,500 persons applying for asylum in the United States in 2006, some 2,700 more than the year before (+6%), the United States accounted for 17 per cent of all applications received in the 50 industrialized countries included in this report. **France** dropped from being the main receiving country of asylum-seekers (2004 and 2005) to second most important destination by witnessing a sharp decrease of 39 per cent or 19,000 fewer asylum requests during 2006 as compared to the year before. With 30,700 new asylum claims recorded during the year, **France** received 10 per cent of all asylum-seekers (*see Figure 3*). The dramatic drop in 2006 arrives after having recorded on average between 50,000 to 60,000 new asylum claims annually during 2002-2005.



Share of main receiving countries of asylum-seekers in total number of applications*				
Country	Share of asylum claims			Change '05-'06
	2005	2006	'02-'06	
United States	14.4%	17.0%	15.0%	2.6%
France	14.7%	10.1%	11.9%	-4.6%
United Kingdom	9.1%	9.2%	12.1%	0.1%
Sweden	5.2%	8.0%	6.0%	2.8%
Canada	5.8%	7.6%	6.4%	1.7%
Germany	8.5%	7.0%	9.5%	-1.6%
Netherlands	3.7%	4.8%	3.2%	1.1%
Austria	6.6%	4.4%	6.1%	-2.2%
Greece	2.7%	4.0%	1.8%	1.4%
Belgium	4.7%	3.8%	3.6%	-0.9%

* Refers to 50 industrialized countries listed in Table 1.

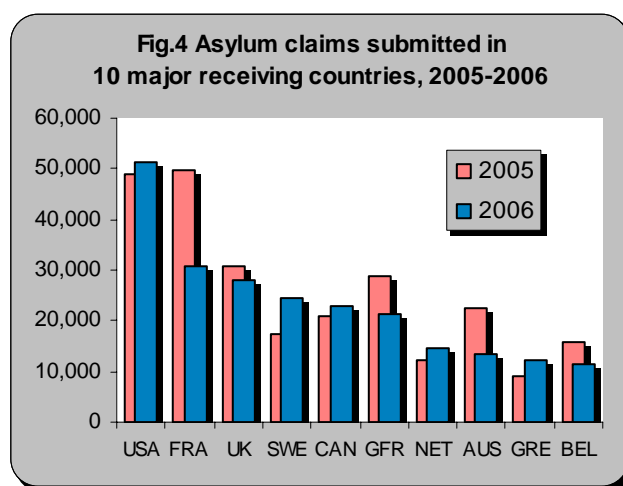
21. In the **United Kingdom**, the number of new asylum requests lodged during 2006 (27,800) fell by 10 per cent compared to 2005, by one third (-31%) compared to 2004, by more than half (-54%) compared to 2003 and by 73 per cent compared to 2002, when the United Kingdom was the main destination for asylum-seekers with more than 103,000 new claims. Despite this sharp fall,

⁵ This includes Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

⁶ This includes Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal and Spain.

the United Kingdom remained the third largest asylum-seeker receiving country in 2006, accounting for nine per cent of all requests lodged in the industrialized world. **Sweden**, on the other hand, moved up from seventh largest recipient of asylum-seekers in 2005 to fourth, due to an almost quadrupling of Iraqi asylum claims in 2006. In total, **Sweden** received 24,300 new asylum applications in 2006, accounting for eight per cent of the total number of asylum-seekers. **Canada** received the fifth largest number of new asylum requests (22,900) whereas **Germany**, the leading European destination country for much of the 1980s and 1990s, continued to experience a steady decrease in the number of new asylum-seekers arriving in the country. With 21,000 new asylum claims lodged in 2006, **Germany** dropped from fourth to sixth most important destination (*see Figure 4*). As such, the top three receiving countries accounted for 36 per cent of all claims lodged in 2006, the top five for 52 per cent and the top ten for 76 per cent of all asylum applications submitted in the 50 industrialized countries.

22. During the period 2002-2006, the **United States** received the largest number of asylum-seekers (326,700), followed by the **United Kingdom** (262,400), **France** (257,700), **Germany** (207,200), and **Canada** (139,600). Together, the three leading asylum countries received one out of four of all asylum requests submitted in the 50 countries listed in Table 1. The countries' individual share in the total number of applications received, however, reveals a changing pattern over time. Whereas the share of the **United States** as the main recipient over the five year period ranged between 13 to 17 per cent, the share of the **United Kingdom** and **Germany** gradually decreased from more than 16 per cent in 2002 (UK) and 14 per cent in 2001 (Germany) to nine and seven per cent respectively in 2006.



23. The above figures are all based on the absolute numbers of asylum claims submitted. The situation is, however, different when comparing the number of asylum-seekers to the size of the national population. The latter is generally considered as an indicator of the capacity of countries to host asylum-seekers. During the period 2002-2006, **Cyprus** received 32 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants, the highest level of all 50 asylum countries included in Table 1. **Austria** ranked second (16), followed by **Sweden** (14), **Luxembourg** (12), **Norway** (11), and **Switzerland** (11) (*see Table 1*). The **United States**, the main recipient of new asylum-seekers during this period, ranked 25th with on average one asylum-seeker per 1,000 inhabitants.

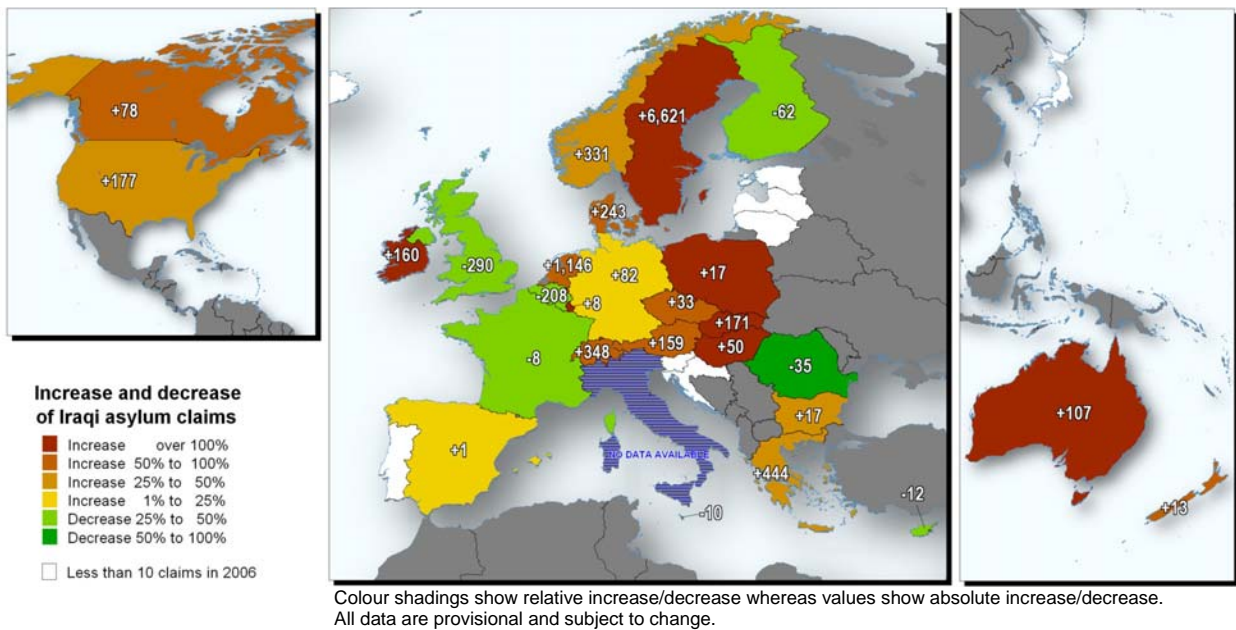
24. During 2002-2006, the **European Union** received on average 3.2 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants. Twelve countries ranked below the EU-25 average, including **Germany**, **Hungary**, **Italy**, **Poland**, **Portugal**, and **Spain**. Compared to national population size, the number of asylum applications within the EU varies considerably. The 44 countries comprising **Europe** in this report received on average 2.0 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants whereas the corresponding figure for **North America** and **Australia/New Zealand** was 1.4 and 0.9 respectively.

V. ORIGIN OF ASYLUM-SEEKERS

25. 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 report analyses the origin of asylum-seekers in the **36 industrialized countries** which provided monthly asylum data to UNHCR.

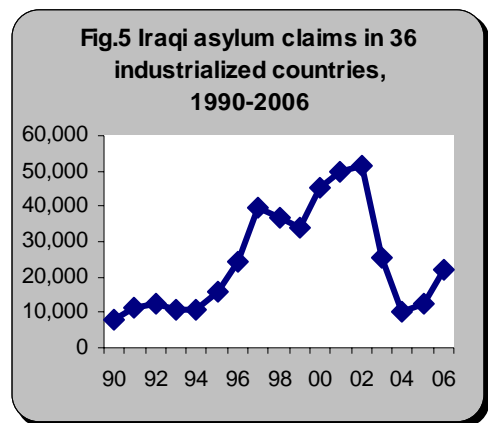
26. After having been the main source country of asylum-seekers in industrialized countries in 2000 and 2002, **Iraq** again became the main country of origin in 2006. With some 22,200 asylum claims lodged by Iraqi citizens during 2006, the number increased by 77 per cent compared to 2005 (12,500). The increase was particularly significant in the last quarter of the year when 8,100 Iraqis applied for asylum in the 36 industrialized countries, reflecting the continuously deteriorating situation in the country. Iraqis lodged asylum applications in all the industrialized countries covered by this report, with the exception of Estonia and Latvia. Some 9,000 applications or almost half of the 22,200 Iraqi applications (47%) were submitted in Sweden. The Netherlands received 2,800 claims, while Germany and Greece recorded 2,100 and 1,400 applications respectively. Sweden witnessed an almost quadrupling of Iraqi asylum requests in 2006 as compared to the year before. The large Iraqi community and the therefore existing strong social network in Sweden might be part of the driving forces behind the high concentration of Iraqi asylum-seekers in that country. The map below illustrates the absolute and relative level of increase and decrease of Iraqi asylum-seekers in the 36 industrialized countries included in this report.

Iraqi asylum claims lodged in 36 industrialized countries: absolute and relative increase and decrease 2006 compared to 2005



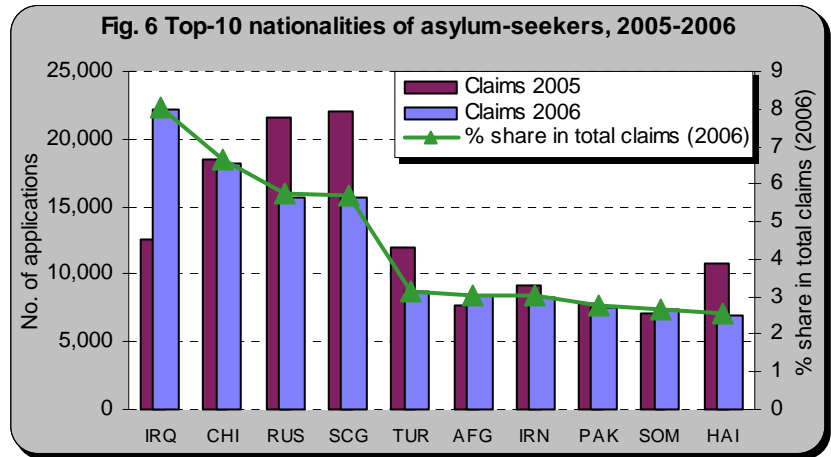
27. While Iraqi asylum applications increased significantly during the year, the 2006 figures were, however, far below the peak levels witnessed during 1997 and 2002 when Iraqi asylum-seekers lodged on average between 34,000 and 51,000 applications annually in the 36 industrialized countries (see Figure 5).

28. While Iraqi asylum applications increased, a rather large drop was recorded for citizens originating from **Serbia and Montenegro** and the **Russian Federation**, the two leading countries of origin of asylum-seekers in 2005. Their figures plummeted by almost one third from roughly 22,000 to some 15,700, making the **Russian Federation** the third largest source of asylum-seekers in 2006 and **Serbia and Montenegro** the fourth largest one. With 18,300 claims lodged by **Chinese** asylum-seekers, the figure remained fairly stable (-1%) compared to 2005. However, due to the significant decrease in the number of asylum-seekers originating from **Serbia and Montenegro** and the **Russian Federation**, **China** moved from the third largest source country in 2005 to second largest in 2006.



Among the 10 leading asylum-seeker nationalities in 2006, only three recorded an increase compared to 2005, namely **Iraq** (+77%), **Afghanistan** (+8%), and **Somalia** (+3%). Levels of decline ranged from one per cent for **Chinese** asylum-seekers to 35 per cent for **Haitian** asylum-seekers (see *Figure 6*).

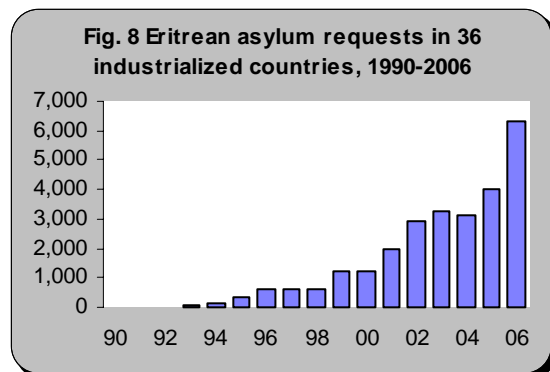
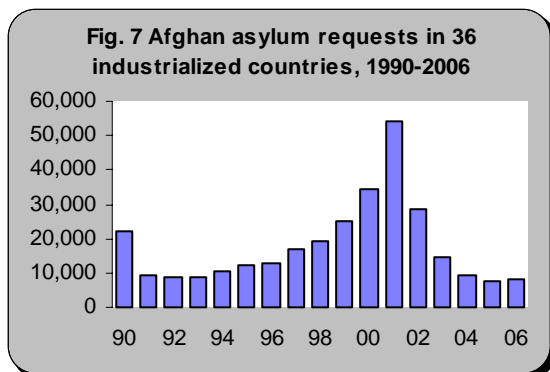
29. **Iraqi** and **Chinese** asylum claims, the two leading countries of origin of asylum-seekers in 2006, accounted for one out of six (15%) of all claims lodged in the 36 industrialized countries. The top five nationalities together accounted for almost one third of all asylum claims lodged (29%) whereas the corresponding figure for the top-10 nationalities was 43 per cent (see *Figure 6*).



30. Only 12 of the 40 main asylum-seeker nationalities registered a rise in applications during 2006. The number of asylum-seekers from **Iraq** rose the sharpest (+77%), followed by **Lebanon** (+66%), **Eritrea** (+59%), **Bangladesh** (+42%), **El Salvador** (+35%), and **Mexico** (+32%). Conversely, 14 nationalities recorded a decrease of more than 25 per cent during 2006 with the highest ones originating predominantly from eastern and southern Europe, including **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (-60%), **Moldova** (-46%), **Ukraine** (-43%), **Georgia** (-40%), and **Bulgaria** (-40%).

31. Although the above trends are generally reflected across many countries analysed in this report, there are also some exceptions. For instance, almost all **Haitian** asylum-seekers requested asylum in the **United States** (64%), **France** (26%), and **Canada** (10%). Moreover, virtually all applications lodged by **Mexican** nationals during 2006 were submitted in **Canada** (73%) and the **United States** (23%), a phenomenon which has been observed for some years now. Likewise, roughly eight out of 10 **Colombian** asylum claims were submitted in three countries, namely **Spain** (36%), the **United States** (29%), and **Canada** (22%). The number of **Eritrean** asylum-seekers has gone up sharply in 2006. However, almost three quarters (72%) were submitted in three countries, namely the **United Kingdom** (2,700), **Switzerland** (1,200), and **Sweden** (610).

32. The number of asylum-seekers from **Afghanistan**, one of the major countries of origin in industrialized countries, increased by eight per cent in 2006, after having witnessed a 85 per cent decrease during 2001-2005 (see *Figure 7*). **Eritrean** asylum requests on the other hand have steadily increased in recent years and peaked in 2006 (6,300 claims), reflecting the deteriorating political situation in the country (see *Figure 8*).



VI. QUARTERLY TRENDS

33. During the fourth quarter of 2006, an estimated 77,800 asylum applications were lodged in the 36 countries providing monthly data; 12 per cent more than during the third quarter (69,200). The last two quarters of 2006 together (147,000) saw a 10 per cent increase compared to the first two quarters of the year (134,000), primarily because of the increasing number of Iraqis applying for asylum and the high number of newly registered asylum-seekers in Greece. Most **European** regions experienced an increase of roughly 20 per cent during the fourth quarter of 2006, with the exception of the 10 new **EU countries** where the figure remained relatively stable (+1%). Among the few regions experiencing a fall in the fourth quarter of 2006, the drop in **Australia/New Zealand** was the most noticeable one (-9%) (see Table 7 and Figure 9).

34. The number of **Iraqi** and **Afghan** asylum applications has increased by 44 and 42 per cent, respectively, in the fourth quarter of 2006 compared to the third quarter of the year. Following a relatively stable development in the first three quarters of the year, the number of asylum-seekers from **Bangladesh** and **Pakistan** has increased drastically in the fourth quarter (+213% and +76% respectively). However, rather than reflecting a mass inflow of new asylum-seekers, it primarily reflects the new registration procedures put in place in Greece. Asylum claims from **Georgian**, **Algerian** and **Bosnian** citizens were at their peak in the first quarter of the year (2,500, 1,500, and 1,400 respectively), but gradually halved in the course of the year reaching their lowest level of the year in the fourth quarter. The number of **Zimbabwean** asylum-seekers has shown a steady decrease in 2006 with the fourth quarter (470 claims) being the lowest of all four quarters (total 2,600 claims). **Lebanese** asylum claims were at their highest in the third quarter of 2006 (1,300) due to the armed conflict in July but have decreased by 36 per cent ever since (800 claims in Q4 of 2006). The fourth quarter of the year witnessed sharp increases of asylum-seekers from **Colombia** (+42%), **Sri Lanka** (+31%), **Eritrea** (+29%), the **Syrian Arab Rep.** (+27%), and the **Islamic Rep. of Iran** (+26%) (see Table 9).

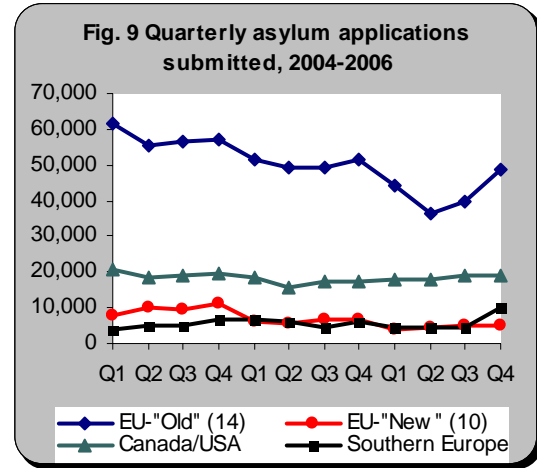


Table 1. Asylum applications submitted in Europe and non-European industrialized countries, 2002-2006

For country notes and regional classification, see next page.

Country/ region of asylum	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Total	Annual change '05-'06	Share		Rank		Per 1,000 inhabitants			
								'02-'06	'05-'06	'02-'06	'05-'06	Total		Rank	
												2006	'02-'06	2006	'02-'06
Albania	110	30	20	30	20	210	-33%	0%	0%	47	47	0.0	0.1	47	42
Armenia	10	80	190	160	620	1,060	288%	0%	0%	30	37	0.2	0.4	23	34
Australia	5,860	4,300	3,200	3,200	3,510	20,070	10%	1%	1%	19	21	0.2	1.0	25	27
Austria	39,350	32,360	24,630	22,460	13,350	132,150	-41%	4%	6%	8	6	1.6	15.8	4	2
Azerbaijan	1,830	880	1,230	1,050	670	5,660	-36%	0%	0%	29	27	0.1	0.7	30	31
Belarus	160	140	170	210	90	770	-57%	0%	0%	39	40	0.0	0.1	42	41
Belgium	18,810	16,940	15,360	15,960	11,590	78,660	-27%	4%	4%	10	9	1.1	7.5	9	10
Bosnia and Herzegovina	580	740	200	150	70	1,740	-53%	0%	0%	41	36	0.0	0.4	38	33
Bulgaria	2,890	1,550	1,130	820	570	6,960	-30%	0%	0%	31	25	0.1	0.9	31	28
Canada	39,500	31,940	25,500	19,740	22,910	139,590	16%	8%	6%	5	5	0.7	4.2	13	13
Croatia	100	60	160	190	90	600	-53%	0%	0%	39	42	0.0	0.1	36	38
Cyprus	950	4,410	9,860	7,750	4,550	27,520	-41%	1%	1%	15	19	5.3	32.2	1	1
Czech Rep.	8,480	11,400	5,460	4,160	3,020	32,520	-27%	1%	1%	20	16	0.3	3.2	19	18
Denmark	6,070	4,590	3,240	2,260	1,920	18,080	-15%	1%	1%	24	22	0.4	3.3	18	17
Estonia	10	10	10	10	10	50	0%	0%	0%	49	50	0.0	0.0	44	45
Finland	3,440	3,220	3,860	3,570	2,290	16,380	-36%	1%	1%	22	23	0.4	3.1	17	19
France	58,970	59,770	58,550	49,730	30,690	257,710	-38%	10%	12%	2	3	0.5	4.2	15	15
Georgia	-	-	10	20	30	60	50%	0%	0%	46	49	0.0	0.0	46	50
Germany	71,130	50,560	35,610	28,910	21,030	207,240	-27%	7%	10%	6	4	0.3	2.5	21	21
Greece	5,660	8,180	4,470	9,050	12,270	39,630	36%	4%	2%	9	13	1.1	3.6	10	16
Hungary	6,410	2,400	1,600	1,610	2,110	14,130	31%	1%	1%	23	24	0.2	1.4	22	22
Iceland	120	80	80	90	40	410	-56%	0%	0%	45	45	0.1	1.4	27	23
Ireland	11,630	7,900	4,770	4,320	4,310	32,930	0%	1%	2%	17	15	1.0	7.7	11	9
Italy	16,020	13,460	9,720	9,550	10,110	58,860	6%	3%	3%	12	11	0.2	1.0	24	26
Japan	250	340	430	380	950	2,350	150%	0%	0%	27	35	0.0	0.0	45	49
Korea, Rep. of	40	90	150	410	280	970	-32%	0%	0%	35	38	0.0	0.0	48	48
Latvia	30	10	10	20	10	80	-50%	0%	0%	49	48	0.0	0.0	49	46
Liechtenstein	100	100	70	50	50	370	0%	0%	0%	44	46	1.4	10.5	5	8
Lithuania	290	180	170	120	160	920	33%	0%	0%	37	39	0.0	0.3	34	35
Luxembourg	1,040	1,550	1,580	800	520	5,490	-35%	0%	0%	32	28	1.1	11.8	8	4
Malta	350	570	1,000	1,170	1,270	4,360	9%	0%	0%	25	31	3.1	10.7	2	7
Moldova	110	90	110	110	70	490	-36%	0%	0%	41	43	0.0	0.1	37	39
Netherlands	18,670	13,400	9,780	12,350	14,470	68,670	17%	5%	3%	7	10	0.9	4.2	12	14
New Zealand	1,000	840	580	350	280	3,050	-20%	0%	0%	35	33	0.1	0.7	32	30
Norway	17,480	15,960	7,950	5,400	5,320	52,110	-1%	2%	2%	13	12	1.1	11.1	7	5
Poland	5,170	6,910	8,080	6,860	4,220	31,240	-38%	1%	1%	18	17	0.1	0.8	29	29
Portugal	250	90	110	110	130	690	18%	0%	0%	38	41	0.0	0.1	41	43
Romania	1,150	1,080	660	590	380	3,860	-36%	0%	0%	34	32	0.0	0.2	39	37
Russian Federation	880	740	910	960	1,170	4,660	22%	0%	0%	26	30	0.0	0.0	43	47
Serbia and Montenegro	170	140	60	90	20	480	-78%	0%	0%	47	44	0.0	0.0	50	44
Slovak Republic	9,700	10,360	11,390	3,550	2,870	37,870	-19%	1%	2%	21	14	0.5	7.0	14	11
Slovenia	700	1,100	1,280	1,830	520	5,430	-72%	0%	0%	32	29	0.3	2.7	20	20
Spain	6,310	5,920	5,540	5,250	5,310	28,330	1%	2%	1%	14	18	0.1	0.6	28	32
Sweden	33,020	31,350	23,160	17,530	24,320	129,380	39%	8%	6%	4	7	2.7	14.2	3	3
Switzerland	26,130	20,810	14,250	10,060	10,540	81,790	5%	3%	4%	11	8	1.4	10.9	6	6
TFYR Macedonia	120	2,280	100	70	60	2,630	-14%	0%	0%	43	34	0.0	1.3	35	24
Turkey	3,800	3,950	3,910	3,910	4,550	20,120	16%	1%	1%	15	20	0.1	0.3	33	36
Ukraine	460	1,370	1,360	1,770	730	5,690	-59%	0%	0%	28	26	0.0	0.1	40	40
United Kingdom	103,080	60,050	40,620	30,840	27,850	262,440	-10%	9%	12%	3	2	0.5	4.3	16	12
United States	100,270	73,780	52,360	48,770	51,510	326,690	6%	17%	15%	1	1	0.2	1.1	26	25
EU-"Old" (15)	393,450	309,340	241,000	212,690	180,160	1,336,640	-15%	59%	62%			0.5	3.4		
EU-"New" (10)	32,090	37,350	38,860	27,080	18,740	154,120	-31%	6%	7%			0.3	2.1		
EU-Total-1 (25)	425,540	346,690	279,860	239,770	198,900	1,490,760	-17%	66%	69%			0.4	3.2		
EU-Total-2 (27)	429,580	349,320	281,650	241,180	199,850	1,501,580	-17%	66%	69%			0.4	2.8		
Nordic countries (5)	60,130	55,200	38,290	28,850	33,890	216,360	17%	11%	10%			1.4	8.7		
Western Europe (19)	437,280	346,290	263,350	228,290	196,110	1,471,320	-14%	65%	68%			0.5	3.7		
Southern Europe (6)	29,540	32,630	30,700	32,880	33,640	159,390	2%	11%	7%			0.3	1.3		
Former Yugoslavia (5)	1,670	4,320	1,800	2,330	760	10,880	-67%	0%	1%			0.0	0.5		
Former USSR (7)	3,450	3,300	3,980	4,280	3,380	18,390	-21%	1%	1%			0.0	0.1		
Total Europe (44)	481,740	396,770	312,430	265,500	223,990	1,680,430	-16%	74%	77%			0.3	2.0		
Canada/USA (2)	139,770	105,720	77,860	68,510	74,420	466,280	9%	25%	21%			0.2	1.4		
Australia/New Z. (2)	6,860	5,140	3,780	3,550	3,790	23,120	7%	1%	1%			0.2	0.9		
Total non-Europe (6)	146,920	111,290	82,220	72,850	79,440	492,720	9%	26%	23%			0.1	0.9		
Total (50)	628,660	508,060	394,650	338,350	303,430	2,173,150	-10%					0.2	1.6		

Notes

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

This table includes final data for 2002 to 2005. In the following tables, the 2005 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 2002-2004; Government figure since 2005.

Canada. Sources: Immigration and Refugee Board (2002-2003); Citizenship and Immigration Canada (2004-2006).

Croatia. In addition, UNHCR registered applications for refugee status in 2002 (69), 2003 (73), 2004 (47) and 2005 (7).

Cyprus. 2001=UNHCR figures. 2002-2006=Gov. figures. In addition, UNHCR registered asylum applications in 2002 (392), 2003 (626), 2004 (74), 2005 (25) and 2006 (12).

Germany. The delay of registering persons 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 and 21,030 in 2006) whereas all other tables in this report reflect the monthly totals (27,210 in 2005 and 20,610 in 2006).

Moldova. UNHCR figures in 2002; Government figures from 2003 to 2006.

Serbia and Montenegro. No separate statistics available for both countries. Out of the 170 applications submitted in both countries in 2002, UNHCR registered 21 applications for refugee status under its mandate.

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

Turkey. Source: UNHCR.

Ukraine. The 2006 figure has been estimated by UNHCR based on official data for the first nine months of the year.

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" (10). Cyprus, Czech Rep., Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovak Republic and Slovenia.

EU-Total-1 (25). EU-"old" plus EU-"new".

EU-Total-2 (27). EU-"old", EU-"new", Bulgaria and Romania.

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

Eastern Europe (8). Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine.

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

Southern Europe (6). Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal and Spain.

Former Yugoslavia (5). Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia and TfYR Macedonia.

Former USSR (7). Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine.

Total Europe (44). All European countries listed.

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

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

Table 2. Origin of asylum applications lodged in 36 industrialized countries, 2005 and 2006

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	2005	2006	Total	Annual change	Share		Rank	
					2005	2006	2005	2006
Serbia and Montenegro	22,096	15,647	37,743	-29%	7.2	5.7	1	4
Russian Federation	21,633	15,730	37,363	-27%	7.1	5.7	2	3
China	18,428	18,257	36,685	-1%	6.0	6.6	3	2
Iraq	12,521	22,150	34,671	77%	4.1	8.1	4	1
Turkey	11,953	8,700	20,653	-27%	3.9	3.2	5	5
Haiti	10,760	7,026	17,786	-35%	3.5	2.6	6	10
Islamic Rep. of Iran	9,184	8,341	17,525	-9%	3.0	3.0	7	7
Afghanistan	7,746	8,398	16,144	8%	2.5	3.1	10	6
Pakistan	7,807	7,605	15,412	-3%	2.6	2.8	9	8
Somalia	7,088	7,325	14,413	3%	2.3	2.7	14	9
Nigeria	7,959	6,278	14,237	-21%	2.6	2.3	8	14
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	7,505	5,510	13,015	-27%	2.5	2.0	11	17
India	7,477	5,372	12,849	-28%	2.4	2.0	12	18
Mexico	5,118	6,757	11,875	32%	1.7	2.5	17	11
Colombia	5,368	6,142	11,510	14%	1.8	2.2	16	15
Sri Lanka	5,637	5,665	11,302	0%	1.8	2.1	15	16
Bangladesh	4,517	6,426	10,943	42%	1.5	2.3	20	12
Georgia	7,089	3,615	10,704	-49%	2.3	1.3	13	21
Eritrea	3,977	6,317	10,294	59%	1.3	2.3	24	13
Armenia	4,972	4,172	9,144	-16%	1.6	1.5	18	19
Syrian Arab Rep.	4,139	3,738	7,877	-10%	1.4	1.4	23	20
Algeria	4,399	3,003	7,402	-32%	1.4	1.1	21	25
Moldova	4,746	2,566	7,312	-46%	1.6	0.9	19	28
Sudan	3,226	2,944	6,170	-9%	1.1	1.1	28	26
Guinea	3,455	2,519	5,974	-27%	1.1	0.9	26	30
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4,261	1,711	5,972	-60%	1.4	0.6	22	40
Ukraine	3,745	2,142	5,887	-43%	1.2	0.8	25	34
Azerbaijan	3,296	2,547	5,843	-23%	1.1	0.9	27	29
Zimbabwe	2,471	3,085	5,556	25%	0.8	1.1	34	23
Ethiopia	2,392	3,094	5,486	29%	0.8	1.1	37	22
Cameroon	2,899	2,489	5,388	-14%	0.9	0.9	30	31
El Salvador	2,275	3,080	5,355	35%	0.7	1.1	38	24
Côte d'Ivoire	2,840	2,427	5,267	-15%	0.9	0.9	31	32
Bulgaria	3,212	1,933	5,145	-40%	1.1	0.7	29	37
Viet Nam	2,680	2,064	4,744	-23%	0.9	0.8	32	35
Stateless	2,418	2,239	4,657	-7%	0.8	0.8	35	33
Albania	2,539	1,896	4,435	-25%	0.8	0.7	33	39
Lebanon	1,649	2,745	4,394	66%	0.5	1.0	40	27
Romania	2,395	1,931	4,326	-19%	0.8	0.7	36	38
Mongolia	2,212	1,951	4,163	-12%	0.7	0.7	39	36
Other	55,155	49,039	104,194	-11%	18.1	17.9		
Total	305,239	274,576	579,815	-10%	100.0	100.0		

Table 3. Origin of asylum applications lodged in Europe, 2005 and 2006

Covering 31 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	2005	2006	Total	Annual change	Share		Rank	
					2005	2006	2005	2006
Serbia and Montenegro	21,772	15,285	37,057	-30%	9.0	7.4	1	2
Russian Federation	20,618	14,718	35,336	-29%	8.5	7.2	2	3
Iraq	11,915	21,200	33,115	78%	4.9	10.3	3	1
Turkey	11,529	8,191	19,720	-29%	4.8	4.0	4	4
Islamic Rep. of Iran	8,349	7,588	15,937	-9%	3.4	3.7	5	6
Afghanistan	7,427	8,071	15,498	9%	3.1	3.9	7	5
China	7,854	5,976	13,830	-24%	3.2	2.9	6	10
Somalia	6,687	6,908	13,595	3%	2.8	3.4	11	7
Pakistan	6,619	6,403	13,022	-3%	2.7	3.1	12	8
Nigeria	7,145	5,419	12,564	-24%	2.9	2.6	8	12
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	7,097	5,007	12,104	-29%	2.9	2.4	9	13
Georgia	6,937	3,464	10,401	-50%	2.9	1.7	10	18
Bangladesh	4,059	6,042	10,101	49%	1.7	2.9	20	9
Eritrea	3,610	5,899	9,509	63%	1.5	2.9	22	11
India	5,830	3,624	9,454	-38%	2.4	1.8	13	16
Sri Lanka	4,225	4,228	8,453	0%	1.7	2.1	18	14
Armenia	4,433	3,718	8,151	-16%	1.8	1.8	16	15
Syrian Arab Rep.	3,982	3,601	7,583	-10%	1.6	1.8	21	17
Algeria	4,311	2,903	7,214	-33%	1.8	1.4	17	20
Moldova	4,675	2,470	7,145	-47%	1.9	1.2	15	22
Haiti	5,064	1,853	6,917	-63%	2.1	0.9	14	30
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4,190	1,624	5,814	-61%	1.7	0.8	19	34
Sudan	3,075	2,729	5,804	-11%	1.3	1.3	25	21
Azerbaijan	3,210	2,464	5,674	-23%	1.3	1.2	24	23
Colombia	2,310	2,957	5,267	28%	1.0	1.4	31	19
Ukraine	3,248	1,592	4,840	-51%	1.3	0.8	23	38
Guinea	2,829	1,949	4,778	-31%	1.2	0.9	27	28
Bulgaria	3,001	1,741	4,742	-42%	1.2	0.8	26	32
Côte d'Ivoire	2,446	2,079	4,525	-15%	1.0	1.0	29	27
Stateless	2,356	2,106	4,462	-11%	1.0	1.0	30	26
Viet Nam	2,495	1,884	4,379	-24%	1.0	0.9	28	29
Cameroon	2,199	1,728	3,927	-21%	0.9	0.8	32	33
Zimbabwe	1,588	2,324	3,912	46%	0.7	1.1	38	24
Mongolia	2,027	1,790	3,817	-12%	0.8	0.9	34	31
Romania	2,154	1,602	3,756	-26%	0.9	0.8	33	37
Lebanon	1,368	2,174	3,542	59%	0.6	1.1	39	25
Belarus	1,885	1,604	3,489	-15%	0.8	0.8	36	36
Angola	1,925	1,552	3,477	-19%	0.8	0.8	35	39
Ethiopia	1,315	1,624	2,939	23%	0.5	0.8	40	34
Congo	1,606	1,231	2,837	-23%	0.7	0.6	37	40
Other	33,288	26,012	59,300	-22%	13.7	12.7		
Total	242,653	205,334	447,987	-15%	100.0	100.0		

Table 4. Origin of asylum applications lodged in the European Union (26), 2005 and 2006

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

Origin	2005	2006	Total	Annual change	Share			Rank	
					2005	2006	Total	2005	2006
Serbia and Montenegro	19,765	13,662	33,427	-31%	8.7	7.2	8.0	1	3
Russian Federation	19,670	13,721	33,391	-30%	8.7	7.2	8.0	2	2
Iraq	10,774	19,375	30,149	80%	4.7	10.2	7.2	3	1
Turkey	10,690	7,427	18,117	-31%	4.7	3.9	4.4	4	5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	7,775	7,065	14,840	-9%	3.4	3.7	3.6	5	6
Afghanistan	6,716	7,612	14,328	13%	3.0	4.0	3.4	9	4
China	7,710	5,450	13,160	-29%	3.4	2.9	3.2	6	10
Pakistan	6,501	6,284	12,785	-3%	2.9	3.3	3.1	11	7
Nigeria	6,829	5,153	11,982	-25%	3.0	2.7	2.9	7	11
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	6,764	4,764	11,528	-30%	3.0	2.5	2.8	8	12
Somalia	5,524	5,996	11,520	9%	2.4	3.2	2.8	13	8
Bangladesh	3,939	5,967	9,906	51%	1.7	3.2	2.4	18	9
Georgia	6,522	3,164	9,686	-51%	2.9	1.7	2.3	10	18
India	5,754	3,557	9,311	-38%	2.5	1.9	2.2	12	16
Armenia	4,242	3,578	7,820	-16%	1.9	1.9	1.9	16	15
Sri Lanka	3,931	3,794	7,725	-3%	1.7	2.0	1.9	19	14
Eritrea	3,272	4,382	7,654	34%	1.4	2.3	1.8	22	13
Syrian Arab Rep.	3,787	3,390	7,177	-10%	1.7	1.8	1.7	21	17
Moldova	4,574	2,417	6,991	-47%	2.0	1.3	1.7	15	22
Haiti	5,060	1,850	6,910	-63%	2.2	1.0	1.7	14	28
Algeria	4,077	2,704	6,781	-34%	1.8	1.4	1.6	17	20
Sudan	2,888	2,590	5,478	-10%	1.3	1.4	1.3	25	21
Azerbaijan	3,064	2,392	5,456	-22%	1.4	1.3	1.3	24	23
Colombia	2,262	2,909	5,171	29%	1.0	1.5	1.2	29	19
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3,832	1,320	5,152	-66%	1.7	0.7	1.2	20	38
Ukraine	3,172	1,549	4,721	-51%	1.4	0.8	1.1	23	33
Guinea	2,613	1,857	4,470	-29%	1.2	1.0	1.1	26	27
Viet Nam	2,427	1,838	4,265	-24%	1.1	1.0	1.0	28	29
Côte d'Ivoire	2,232	1,915	4,147	-14%	1.0	1.0	1.0	30	26
Bulgaria	2,512	1,569	4,081	-38%	1.1	0.8	1.0	27	31
Stateless	2,089	1,816	3,905	-13%	0.9	1.0	0.9	31	30
Zimbabwe	1,528	2,280	3,808	49%	0.7	1.2	0.9	38	24
Cameroon	1,999	1,544	3,543	-23%	0.9	0.8	0.9	33	34
Romania	2,010	1,522	3,532	-24%	0.9	0.8	0.8	32	35
Mongolia	1,942	1,550	3,492	-20%	0.9	0.8	0.8	34	32
Lebanon	1,309	2,047	3,356	56%	0.6	1.1	0.8	40	25
Belarus	1,777	1,513	3,290	-15%	0.8	0.8	0.8	36	36
Angola	1,788	1,445	3,233	-19%	0.8	0.8	0.8	35	37
Congo	1,586	1,195	2,781	-25%	0.7	0.6	0.7	37	39
Albania	1,516	1,054	2,570	-30%	0.7	0.6	0.6	39	40
Other	30,440	24,081	54,521	-21%	13.4	12.7	13.1		
Total	226,862	189,298	416,160	-17%	100.0	100.0	100.0		

Table 5. Annual asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, 2005

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
Serbia and Montenegro	10	4,409	1,203	7	91	*	30	375	457	3,896	190	4,818	*	243	31
Russian Federation	22	4,362	1,438	17	239	357	260	119	233	2,905	195	1,663	343	37	46
China	977	489	304	*	1,630	259	287	71	27	2,590	1,760	595	251	172	96
Iraq	90	221	903	50	112	144	47	264	289	120	1,605	1,895	971	18	55
Turkey	34	1,067	453	16	261	204	33	47	97	3,803	940	2,767	126	65	*
Haiti	-	-	5	-	352	-	-	-	-	5,035	-	9	-	-	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	95	306	497	19	343	569	*	123	79	104	3,480	916	203	25	202
Nigeria	25	881	117	9	579	13	77	55	72	964	1,155	536	406	89	1,276
Pakistan	105	498	222	45	596	596	24	40	6	567	2,260	520	1,154	40	68
Afghanistan	31	928	253	385	238	53	*	173	237	135	1,775	685	458	23	142
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	75	1,272	-	310	29	*	10	39	2,959	1,330	361	13	-	138
India	171	1,530	163	54	888	332	342	72	7	537	1,020	552	166	40	14
Georgia	-	955	256	*	63	886	52	10	64	772	125	480	1,897	114	151
Somalia	*	87	113	16	241	*	7	80	320	86	2,100	165	110	7	367
Sri Lanka	320	34	73	-	851	806	7	22	15	2,044	480	203	87	*	8
Colombia	22	*	27	-	1,117	-	*	-	-	81	85	18	-	*	-
Mexico	*	*	-	-	3,447	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	-
Armenia	*	520	706	60	30	94	53	19	51	1,547	35	502	55	13	14
Moldova	*	1,210	43	6	21	88	59	23	43	2,079	120	84	178	20	100
Bangladesh	61	548	84	13	168	498	*	16	26	851	465	84	550	90	20
Algeria	7	187	245	7	53	*	53	45	36	2,003	305	429	48	18	32
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	184	114	-	19	8	*	50	72	2,273	60	313	*	*	-
Syrian Arab Rep.	7	78	228	15	67	1,205	22	46	11	32	390	878	57	18	22
Eritrea	7	7	20	-	118	*	-	8	*	48	1,890	347	17	-	39
Ukraine	6	278	75	5	213	587	988	9	14	434	65	130	268	26	31
Guinea	*	38	643	-	67	-	6	*	7	1,136	170	212	8	-	31
Azerbaijan	-	126	70	*	28	-	6	24	93	1,080	65	839	8	*	8
Sudan	7	67	60	*	37	*	15	21	9	402	1,000	227	121	10	203
Bulgaria	*	55	434	-	52	70	45	28	569	102	5	267	151	*	*
Cameroon	*	60	530	-	75	26	11	12	40	383	300	335	*	10	57
Other	1,187	3,268	5,406	93	7,429	933	1,580	493	648	9,903	7,095	6,379	1,398	523	1,166
Total	3,198	22,471	15,957	822	19,735	7,768	4,021	2,260	3,563	48,871	30,465	27,210	9,050	1,609	4,321

Origin	JPN	LUX	MTA	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	USA	Total	
Serbia and Montenegro	-	215	8	336	468	-	*	*	44	29	520	2,944	1,506	223	22,060	
Russian Federation	*	54	-	285	545	*	5,015	6	138	1,031	11	1,057	375	750	21,507	
China	16	*	*	356	49	19	7	49	10	243	*	135	87	7,932	18,418	
Iraq	-	8	23	1,620	671	22	12	103	41	28	14	2,330	468	382	12,506	
Turkey	40	*	11	289	111	*	11	42	21	37	230	423	723	87	11,944	
Haiti	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	*	5,344	10,759	
Islamic Rep. of Iran	16	41	-	557	279	47	*	34	23	8	*	582	291	334	9,180	
Nigeria	*	45	31	154	94	7	8	20	726	29	*	154	219	201	7,946	
Pakistan	10	*	13	82	33	8	36	31	7	194	28	70	78	469	7,802	
Afghanistan	*	*	*	902	466	*	*	-	10	109	*	435	238	47	7,739	
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	6	18	54	185	71	*	*	*	170	*	-	95	262	91	7,496	
India	-	*	*	169	8	17	11	27	7	564	34	100	53	571	7,454	
Georgia	-	6	*	213	15	*	40	16	38	244	9	183	397	87	7,079	
Somalia	-	27	226	1,315	667	10	*	26	24	16	-	422	485	148	7,069	
Sri Lanka	7	-	*	93	58	6	5	*	8	5	8	27	233	228	5,635	
Colombia	*	-	*	342	*	*	-	*	1,655	-	-	21	46	1,916	5,342	
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	1,665	5,118
Armenia	-	7	-	197	7	-	10	-	67	19	-	274	182	508	4,971	
Moldova	-	5	-	13	17	-	14	7	6	310	61	98	67	47	4,722	
Bangladesh	33	-	-	25	24	23	5	50	54	270	159	129	56	173	4,479	
Algeria	-	36	8	54	45	*	*	*	406	-	*	153	186	27	4,394	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	36	-	94	52	-	-	-	12	*	222	387	301	52	4,258	
Syrian Arab Rep.	*	-	11	280	79	11	6	38	35	24	*	392	116	71	4,141	
Eritrea	-	*	255	204	177	*	-	-	5	-	-	425	159	240	3,973	
Ukraine	-	16	*	44	20	-	49	*	10	44	*	93	47	278	3,736	
Guinea	-	28	-	105	*	-	13	*	173	*	-	30	211	555	3,451	
Azerbaijan	*	*	-	287	84	-	5	-	11	*	-	431	62	57	3,294	
Sudan	*	12	243	339	45	*	*	11	83	*	*	55	141	102	3,225	
Bulgaria	-	-	-	8	22	6	12	-	*	7	-	751	461	151	3,205	
Cameroon	*	20	*	57	37	-	*	*	99	*	*	47	161	623	2,897	
Other	242	206	271	3,742	1,251	158	165	113	1,365	266	281	5,286	2,447	15,562	78,856	
Total	384	799	1,167	12,347	5,402	348	5,436	594	5,262	3,489	1,596	17,529	10,061	38,921	304,656	

Table 6. 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
Serbia and Montenegro	5	2,522	778	5	113	*	27	246	283	3,042	110	3,133	6	384	27
Russian Federation	14	2,441	1,582	14	299	104	170	61	168	2,251	155	1,038	68	63	61
Turkey	22	668	380	10	267	87	66	39	41	2,752	550	1,891	90	43	7
Afghanistan	22	699	365	277	229	9	*	122	96	82	2,650	525	1,087	13	88
Islamic Rep. of Iran	77	274	631	25	237	305	*	89	87	130	2,675	609	528	20	205
Pakistan	90	110	160	5	578	268	42	31	5	392	1,805	451	2,378	18	167
Somalia	6	183	124	*	200	-	21	57	91	52	2,155	147	150	42	161
Haiti	-	-	*	-	698	-	-	-	-	1,840	-	*	-	-	-
Mexico	-	-	-	-	4,913	-	-	-	-	-	5	*	-	-	-
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	-	*
Dem. Rep. of the 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
Zimbabwe	43	5	6	*	524	-	-	*	*	7	2,095	48	-	*	77
El Salvador	-	-	-	-	278	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-
Algeria	*	138	180	5	67	*	57	15	25	1,125	255	355	17	18	49
Sudan	5	36	67	*	50	*	15	5	*	452	755	122	183	*	308
Lebanon	65	53	173	9	381	86	*	24	9	41	235	584	36	*	15
Moldova	-	902	32	-	32	57	29	*	10	499	50	52	62	42	110
Azerbaijan	*	115	64	*	32	-	*	12	19	928	65	518	14	-	6
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
Grand 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	LUX	MTA	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	USA	Total
Iraq	*	16	13	2,766	1,002	35	32	68	42	206	6	8,951	816	537	22,140
China	13	*	-	318	51	30	*	45	6	164	*	78	475	9,706	18,258
Serbia and Montenegro	-	207	*	607	369	*	*	*	17	15	243	2,000	1,227	243	15,618
Russian Federation	-	43	*	254	548	*	3,772	10	110	463	7	755	426	695	15,577
Turkey	149	*	*	341	69	*	16	22	17	27	62	305	693	67	8,692
Afghanistan	*	8	-	932	224	-	8	5	7	41	*	594	233	73	8,395
Islamic Rep. of Iran	27	31	-	921	218	29	*	12	20	5	*	494	302	383	8,339
Pakistan	12	*	-	117	26	11	39	16	23	182	6	61	85	511	7,590
Somalia	-	7	208	1,462	632	11	6	47	10	*	-	1,066	273	200	7,316
Haiti	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	*	4,475	7,026
Mexico	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	7	-	-	*	-	1,827	6,759
Bangladesh	15	-	*	25	20	16	7	5	137	183	*	69	53	180	6,418
Eritrea	-	6	390	175	316	*	*	*	29	-	-	608	1,201	276	6,311
Nigeria	10	15	57	243	54	*	15	8	632	13	*	104	209	156	6,265
Colombia	*	-	-	86	*	*	-	-	2,239	-	-	20	44	1,791	6,135
Sri Lanka	27	-	-	147	106	28	*	-	8	10	-	20	328	205	5,666
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	20	*	266	83	-	5	5	102	*	-	59	160	68	5,493
India	*	-	-	90	32	18	10	*	43	727	*	143	35	561	5,373
Armenia	-	*	-	280	25	-	32	*	54	14	*	227	111	394	4,163
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	-	*	293	49	*	*	12	15	6	-	433	161	84	3,738
Georgia	-	*	*	156	11	-	16	16	19	209	13	134	287	61	3,610
Ethiopia	14	*	125	209	143	-	*	*	20	-	-	83	255	1,173	3,092
Zimbabwe	-	*	*	8	10	5	-	6	*	-	-	15	34	189	3,082
El Salvador	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	50	7	2,734	3,079
Algeria	-	8	12	57	37	*	7	-	230	*	-	145	161	29	3,002
Sudan	*	*	179	320	36	*	*	*	94	*	*	36	101	154	2,943
Lebanon	-	-	-	73	61	-	-	6	12	*	-	679	65	125	2,740
Moldova	-	-	*	9	5	*	7	8	5	385	13	140	44	63	2,562
Azerbaijan	-	*	-	384	40	*	*	-	9	-	*	247	32	49	2,545
Guinea	*	9	-	116	18	-	-	5	23	-	-	20	74	500	2,515
Other	670	134	270	3,806	1,129	75	235	70	1,363	211	152	6,784	2,642	14,088	69,646
Grand Total	954	524	1,272	14,465	5,320	276	4,223	378	5,307	2,871	518	24,321	10,537	41,597	274,088

Table 7. Quarterly asylum applications lodged in 36 industrialized countries, 2005-2006

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Asylum country	2005				2006				Quarterly change 2006		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4
Australia	807	820	795	776	816	912	926	854	12%	2%	-8%
Austria	4,203	4,972	6,265	7,031	3,399	2,937	3,355	3,658	-14%	14%	9%
Belgium	4,037	3,695	4,104	4,121	2,960	2,558	2,696	3,373	-14%	5%	25%
Bulgaria	210	196	227	189	171	151	85	160	-12%	-44%	88%
Canada	4,623	4,106	5,179	5,827	5,288	4,794	6,601	6,224	-9%	38%	-6%
Croatia	45	69	35	37	37	20	18	19	-46%	-10%	6%
Cyprus	2,054	1,990	1,777	1,947	1,182	904	960	1,499	-24%	6%	56%
Czech Rep.	950	853	1,251	967	760	750	911	595	-1%	21%	-35%
Denmark	710	621	501	428	566	388	454	512	-31%	17%	13%
Estonia	1	5	4	-	2	1	1	9	-50%	0%	800%
Finland	911	877	1,045	730	568	537	652	531	-5%	21%	-19%
France	13,915	13,612	11,214	10,130	9,300	7,147	6,672	7,566	-23%	-7%	13%
Germany	6,662	6,660	7,080	6,808	5,888	4,698	4,920	5,107	-20%	5%	4%
Greece	2,816	2,729	1,636	1,869	1,536	1,895	1,982	6,854	23%	5%	246%
Hungary	403	362	467	377	434	565	612	498	30%	8%	-19%
Iceland	12	19	39	19	7	9	8	14	29%	-11%	75%
Ireland	1,259	957	1,045	1,060	1,156	972	1,067	1,119	-16%	10%	5%
Japan	89	81	95	119	238	285	260	171	20%	-9%	-34%
Latvia	1	3	13	3	4	-	1	3	-100%	..	200%
Liechtenstein	16	15	8	14	7	24	11	5	243%	-54%	-55%
Lithuania	23	33	28	34	24	26	55	56	8%	112%	2%
Luxembourg	234	212	208	145	98	103	171	152	5%	66%	-11%
Malta	411	138	278	340	291	369	302	310	27%	-18%	3%
Netherlands	2,696	2,588	2,985	4,078	5,171	3,839	2,962	2,493	-26%	-23%	-16%
New Zealand	77	101	92	78	78	69	76	53	-12%	10%	-30%
Norway	1,199	1,185	1,499	1,519	1,310	1,075	1,516	1,419	-18%	41%	-6%
Poland	1,204	1,117	1,476	1,639	801	871	1,354	1,197	9%	55%	-12%
Portugal	30	16	30	37	41	15	44	28	-63%	193%	-36%
Romania	165	171	126	132	81	95	78	124	17%	-18%	59%
Slovakia	601	771	1,020	1,097	379	641	898	953	69%	40%	6%
Slovenia	371	487	462	276	97	111	198	112	14%	78%	-43%
Spain	1,411	1,180	948	1,723	1,153	1,351	1,194	1,609	17%	-12%	35%
Sweden	4,167	3,813	4,439	5,110	5,013	3,846	6,620	8,842	-23%	72%	34%
Switzerland	2,213	2,459	2,784	2,605	2,453	2,322	2,704	3,058	-5%	16%	13%
United Kingdom	8,260	7,190	7,705	7,305	7,530	6,380	7,105	6,835	-15%	11%	-4%
United States	13,603	11,833	12,021	11,310	12,899	13,348	12,627	12,638	3%	-5%	0%
EU-"Old" (14)	51,311	49,122	49,205	50,575	44,379	36,666	39,894	48,679	-17%	9%	22%
EU-"New" (10)	6,019	5,759	6,776	6,680	3,974	4,238	5,292	5,232	7%	25%	-1%
EU-Total-1 (24)	57,330	54,881	55,981	57,255	48,353	40,904	45,186	53,911	-15%	10%	19%
EU-Total-2 (26)	57,705	55,248	56,334	57,576	48,605	41,150	45,349	54,195	-15%	10%	20%
Nordic countries (5)	6,999	6,515	7,523	7,806	7,464	5,855	9,250	11,318	-22%	58%	22%
Western Europe (18)	54,751	52,800	53,535	54,732	48,156	40,096	44,133	53,175	-17%	10%	20%
Southern Europe (5)	6,722	6,053	4,669	5,916	4,203	4,534	4,482	10,300	8%	-1%	130%
Total Europe	60,383	58,175	59,904	60,994	51,603	43,688	48,680	57,856	-15%	11%	19%
Canada/USA	18,226	15,939	17,200	17,137	18,187	18,142	19,228	18,862	0%	6%	-2%
Australia/New Zealand	884	921	887	854	894	981	1,002	907	10%	2%	-9%
Total non-Europe (5)	19,199	16,941	18,182	18,110	19,319	19,408	20,490	19,940	0%	6%	-3%
Total	79,582	75,116	78,086	79,104	70,922	63,096	69,170	77,796	-11%	10%	12%

Notes

See notes Table 1.

Italy is not included due to lack of data.

Table 8. Origin of asylum applicants in 36 industrialized countries, 2005

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Serbia and Montenegro	5,061	5,738	5,606	5,691	22,096	13%	-2%	2%	6.5	7.8	7.3	7.3
Russian Federation	4,890	4,633	6,122	5,988	21,633	-5%	32%	-2%	6.3	6.3	8.0	7.7
China	4,719	4,734	4,531	4,444	18,428	0%	-4%	-2%	6.1	6.4	5.9	5.7
Iraq	2,925	2,834	2,991	3,771	12,521	-3%	6%	26%	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.9
Turkey	3,123	3,009	2,989	2,832	11,953	-4%	-1%	-5%	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.7
Haiti	2,516	2,742	3,033	2,469	10,760	9%	11%	-19%	3.2	3.7	4.0	3.2
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,206	2,076	2,310	2,592	9,184	-6%	11%	12%	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.3
Nigeria	2,380	1,921	1,819	1,839	7,959	-19%	-5%	1%	3.1	2.6	2.4	2.4
Pakistan	1,688	2,138	2,055	1,926	7,807	27%	-4%	-6%	2.2	2.9	2.7	2.5
Afghanistan	1,698	1,966	1,925	2,157	7,746	16%	-2%	12%	2.2	2.7	2.5	2.8
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,115	1,828	1,744	1,818	7,505	-14%	-5%	4%	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.3
India	1,722	1,652	1,880	2,223	7,477	-4%	14%	18%	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.9
Georgia	2,516	1,775	1,482	1,316	7,089	-29%	-17%	-11%	3.2	2.4	1.9	1.7
Somalia	1,815	1,474	2,021	1,778	7,088	-19%	37%	-12%	2.3	2.0	2.6	2.3
Sri Lanka	1,646	1,400	1,248	1,343	5,637	-15%	-11%	8%	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.7
Colombia	1,316	1,255	1,254	1,543	5,368	-5%	0%	23%	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.0
Mexico	1,031	1,084	1,509	1,494	5,118	5%	39%	-1%	1.3	1.5	2.0	1.9
Armenia	1,214	1,125	1,210	1,423	4,972	-7%	8%	18%	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.8
Moldova	1,304	1,432	890	1,120	4,746	10%	-38%	26%	1.7	1.9	1.2	1.4
Bangladesh	887	1,125	1,270	1,235	4,517	27%	13%	-3%	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.6
Algeria	1,462	1,118	967	852	4,399	-24%	-14%	-12%	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,366	1,278	904	713	4,261	-6%	-29%	-21%	1.8	1.7	1.2	0.9
Syrian Arab Rep.	766	978	1,056	1,339	4,139	28%	8%	27%	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.7
Eritrea	778	647	1,320	1,232	3,977	-17%	104%	-7%	1.0	0.9	1.7	1.6
Ukraine	1,199	1,008	800	738	3,745	-16%	-21%	-8%	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.0
Guinea	1,073	822	779	781	3,455	-23%	-5%	0%	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.0
Azerbaijan	758	800	836	902	3,296	6%	5%	8%	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
Sudan	798	707	891	830	3,226	-11%	26%	-7%	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.1
Bulgaria	875	813	792	732	3,212	-7%	-3%	-8%	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9
Cameroon	850	709	663	677	2,899	-17%	-6%	2%	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9
Côte d'Ivoire	823	637	567	813	2,840	-23%	-11%	43%	1.1	0.9	0.7	1.0
Viet Nam	785	533	690	672	2,680	-32%	29%	-3%	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.9
Albania	673	687	599	580	2,539	2%	-13%	-3%	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7
Zimbabwe	445	395	682	949	2,471	-11%	73%	39%	0.6	0.5	0.9	1.2
Stateless	564	573	651	630	2,418	2%	14%	-3%	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8
Romania	621	558	442	774	2,395	-10%	-21%	75%	0.8	0.8	0.6	1.0
Ethiopia	529	513	672	678	2,392	-3%	31%	1%	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9
El Salvador	776	502	475	522	2,275	-35%	-5%	10%	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.7
Belarus	550	681	492	499	2,222	24%	-28%	1%	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.6
Mongolia	584	451	500	677	2,212	-23%	11%	35%	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.9
Other	19,567	19,030	19,409	18,672	76,678	-3%	2%	-4%	25.2	25.8	25.4	24.1
Total	77,553	73,643	76,470	77,573	305,239	-5%	4%	1%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 9. Origin of asylum applicants in 36 industrialized countries, 2006

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Iraq	4,729	3,785	5,580	8,056	22,150	-20%	47%	44%	6.8	6.2	8.3	10.6
China	4,561	4,423	4,783	4,490	18,257	-3%	8%	-6%	6.6	7.2	7.1	5.9
Russian Federation	3,526	3,492	4,441	4,271	15,730	-1%	27%	-4%	5.1	5.7	6.6	5.6
Serbia and Montenegro	4,504	3,480	3,687	3,976	15,647	-23%	6%	8%	6.5	5.7	5.5	5.2
Turkey	2,535	2,047	1,965	2,153	8,700	-19%	-4%	10%	3.7	3.3	2.9	2.8
Afghanistan	1,948	1,893	1,884	2,673	8,398	-3%	0%	42%	2.8	3.1	2.8	3.5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,133	1,708	1,988	2,512	8,341	-20%	16%	26%	3.1	2.8	2.9	3.3
Pakistan	1,488	1,477	1,680	2,960	7,605	-1%	14%	76%	2.1	2.4	2.5	3.9
Somalia	1,714	1,614	2,005	1,992	7,325	-6%	24%	-1%	2.5	2.6	3.0	2.6
Haiti	2,361	1,944	1,462	1,259	7,026	-18%	-25%	-14%	3.4	3.2	2.2	1.7
Mexico	1,281	1,524	1,980	1,972	6,757	19%	30%	0%	1.8	2.5	2.9	2.6
Bangladesh	1,023	976	1,072	3,355	6,426	-5%	10%	213%	1.5	1.6	1.6	4.4
Eritrea	1,433	1,170	1,623	2,091	6,317	-18%	39%	29%	2.1	1.9	2.4	2.7
Nigeria	1,750	1,405	1,428	1,695	6,278	-20%	2%	19%	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.2
Colombia	1,174	1,619	1,383	1,966	6,142	38%	-15%	42%	1.7	2.6	2.0	2.6
Sri Lanka	1,388	1,242	1,312	1,723	5,665	-11%	6%	31%	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.3
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,743	1,348	1,209	1,210	5,510	-23%	-10%	0%	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.6
India	1,333	1,397	1,255	1,387	5,372	5%	-10%	11%	1.9	2.3	1.9	1.8
Armenia	1,434	978	879	881	4,172	-32%	-10%	0%	2.1	1.6	1.3	1.2
Syrian Arab Rep.	891	851	879	1,117	3,738	-4%	3%	27%	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.5
Georgia	930	840	960	885	3,615	-10%	14%	-8%	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.2
Ethiopia	760	722	821	791	3,094	-5%	14%	-4%	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.0
Zimbabwe	1,358	690	566	471	3,085	-49%	-18%	-17%	2.0	1.1	0.8	0.6
El Salvador	634	696	809	941	3,080	10%	16%	16%	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.2
Algeria	967	660	640	736	3,003	-32%	-3%	15%	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.0
Sudan	769	806	677	692	2,944	5%	-16%	2%	1.1	1.3	1.0	0.9
Lebanon	398	279	1,259	809	2,745	-30%	351%	-36%	0.6	0.5	1.9	1.1
Moldova	426	587	795	758	2,566	38%	35%	-5%	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.0
Azerbaijan	909	666	538	434	2,547	-27%	-19%	-19%	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.6
Guinea	655	641	593	630	2,519	-2%	-7%	6%	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.8
Cameroon	699	608	587	595	2,489	-13%	-3%	1%	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8
Côte d'Ivoire	710	556	557	604	2,427	-22%	0%	8%	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
Stateless	474	517	630	618	2,239	9%	22%	-2%	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8
Ukraine	643	491	494	514	2,142	-24%	1%	4%	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
Mongolia	667	414	412	458	1,951	-38%	0%	11%	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.6
Bulgaria	477	520	516	420	1,933	9%	-1%	-19%	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.6
Romania	547	407	436	541	1,931	-26%	7%	24%	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7
Belarus	542	532	440	412	1,926	-2%	-17%	-6%	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.5
Guatemala	415	439	476	595	1,925	6%	8%	25%	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8
Other	17,554	15,299	18,000	20,092	70,945	-13%	18%	12%	25.3	24.9	26.6	26.4
Total	69,302	61,497	67,626	76,151	274,576	-11%	10%	13%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 10. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe, 2005

Covering 31 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Serbia and Montenegro	4,953	5,664	5,528	5,627	21,772	14%	-2%	2%	8.1	9.6	9.1	9.1
Russian Federation	4,640	4,330	5,895	5,753	20,618	-7%	36%	-2%	7.6	7.3	9.7	9.3
Iraq	2,785	2,696	2,851	3,583	11,915	-3%	6%	26%	4.6	4.6	4.7	5.8
Turkey	3,013	2,912	2,861	2,743	11,529	-3%	-2%	-4%	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.4
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,995	1,881	2,100	2,373	8,349	-6%	12%	13%	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.8
China	2,134	2,165	1,807	1,748	7,854	1%	-17%	-3%	3.5	3.7	3.0	2.8
Afghanistan	1,640	1,899	1,816	2,072	7,427	16%	-4%	14%	2.7	3.2	3.0	3.4
Nigeria	2,168	1,735	1,615	1,627	7,145	-20%	-7%	1%	3.5	2.9	2.7	2.6
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,027	1,749	1,617	1,704	7,097	-14%	-8%	5%	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.8
Georgia	2,482	1,743	1,438	1,274	6,937	-30%	-17%	-11%	4.1	3.0	2.4	2.1
Somalia	1,698	1,373	1,940	1,676	6,687	-19%	41%	-14%	2.8	2.3	3.2	2.7
Pakistan	1,343	1,875	1,738	1,663	6,619	40%	-7%	-4%	2.2	3.2	2.9	2.7
India	1,286	1,314	1,442	1,788	5,830	2%	10%	24%	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.9
Haiti	1,062	1,531	1,426	1,045	5,064	44%	-7%	-27%	1.7	2.6	2.3	1.7
Moldova	1,294	1,420	866	1,095	4,675	10%	-39%	26%	2.1	2.4	1.4	1.8
Armenia	1,035	988	1,091	1,319	4,433	-5%	10%	21%	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.1
Algeria	1,444	1,100	941	826	4,311	-24%	-14%	-12%	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.3
Sri Lanka	1,244	1,014	941	1,026	4,225	-18%	-7%	9%	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,353	1,261	884	692	4,190	-7%	-30%	-22%	2.2	2.1	1.5	1.1
Bangladesh	743	1,021	1,155	1,140	4,059	37%	13%	-1%	1.2	1.7	1.9	1.8
Syrian Arab Rep.	728	934	1,019	1,301	3,982	28%	9%	28%	1.2	1.6	1.7	2.1
Eritrea	699	566	1,203	1,142	3,610	-19%	113%	-5%	1.1	1.0	2.0	1.8
Ukraine	1,065	868	698	617	3,248	-18%	-20%	-12%	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.0
Azerbaijan	736	780	811	883	3,210	6%	4%	9%	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4
Sudan	763	675	844	793	3,075	-12%	25%	-6%	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.3
Bulgaria	827	756	743	675	3,001	-9%	-2%	-9%	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1
Guinea	892	658	623	656	2,829	-26%	-5%	5%	1.5	1.1	1.0	1.1
Viet Nam	732	485	657	621	2,495	-34%	35%	-5%	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.0
Côte d'Ivoire	697	543	486	720	2,446	-22%	-10%	48%	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.2
Stateless	550	560	626	620	2,356	2%	12%	-1%	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
Colombia	365	571	546	828	2,310	56%	-4%	52%	0.6	1.0	0.9	1.3
Cameroon	636	549	500	514	2,199	-14%	-9%	3%	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
Romania	580	507	374	693	2,154	-13%	-26%	85%	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.1
Mongolia	522	422	454	629	2,027	-19%	8%	39%	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.0
Angola	615	437	435	438	1,925	-29%	0%	1%	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
Belarus	493	511	441	440	1,885	4%	-14%	0%	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7
TfYR Macedonia	440	451	452	329	1,672	3%	0%	-27%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5
Albania	470	437	405	339	1,651	-7%	-7%	-16%	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.5
Slovakia	322	417	719	170	1,628	30%	72%	-76%	0.5	0.7	1.2	0.3
Congo	469	388	351	398	1,606	-17%	-10%	13%	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6
Other	13,201	13,475	13,887	13,817	54,380	2%	3%	-1%	21.6	22.8	22.9	22.4
Total	61,188	58,997	60,698	61,770	242,653	-4%	3%	2%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 11. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe, 2006

Covering 31 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Iraq	4,514	3,601	5,339	7,746	21,200	-20%	48%	45%	8.6	8.1	10.8	13.2
Serbia and Montenegro	4,401	3,392	3,602	3,890	15,285	-23%	6%	8%	8.4	7.6	7.3	6.6
Russian Federation	3,303	3,179	4,182	4,054	14,718	-4%	32%	-3%	6.3	7.1	8.4	6.9
Turkey	2,419	1,920	1,801	2,051	8,191	-21%	-6%	14%	4.6	4.3	3.6	3.5
Afghanistan	1,872	1,833	1,789	2,577	8,071	-2%	-2%	44%	3.6	4.1	3.6	4.4
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,937	1,542	1,787	2,322	7,588	-20%	16%	30%	3.7	3.5	3.6	4.0
Somalia	1,593	1,518	1,894	1,903	6,908	-5%	25%	0%	3.0	3.4	3.8	3.2
Pakistan	1,162	1,138	1,376	2,727	6,403	-2%	21%	98%	2.2	2.6	2.8	4.6
Bangladesh	909	877	983	3,273	6,042	-4%	12%	233%	1.7	2.0	2.0	5.6
China	1,481	1,353	1,690	1,452	5,976	-9%	25%	-14%	2.8	3.0	3.4	2.5
Eritrea	1,324	1,058	1,529	1,988	5,899	-20%	45%	30%	2.5	2.4	3.1	3.4
Nigeria	1,547	1,217	1,213	1,442	5,419	-21%	0%	19%	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.5
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,611	1,248	1,056	1,092	5,007	-23%	-15%	3%	3.1	2.8	2.1	1.9
Sri Lanka	1,058	910	956	1,304	4,228	-14%	5%	36%	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.2
Armenia	1,313	873	748	784	3,718	-34%	-14%	5%	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.3
India	901	915	806	1,002	3,624	2%	-12%	24%	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.7
Syrian Arab Rep.	849	831	850	1,071	3,601	-2%	2%	26%	1.6	1.9	1.7	1.8
Georgia	899	786	918	861	3,464	-13%	17%	-6%	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.5
Colombia	445	823	595	1,094	2,957	85%	-28%	84%	0.8	1.8	1.2	1.9
Algeria	951	634	606	712	2,903	-33%	-4%	17%	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.2
Sudan	719	758	621	631	2,729	5%	-18%	2%	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.1
Moldova	398	565	767	740	2,470	42%	36%	-4%	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.3
Azerbaijan	893	648	513	410	2,464	-27%	-21%	-20%	1.7	1.5	1.0	0.7
Zimbabwe	1,034	535	416	339	2,324	-48%	-22%	-19%	2.0	1.2	0.8	0.6
Lebanon	341	231	961	641	2,174	-32%	316%	-33%	0.7	0.5	1.9	1.1
Stateless	450	490	601	565	2,106	9%	23%	-6%	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.0
Côte d'Ivoire	627	487	452	513	2,079	-22%	-7%	13%	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9
Guinea	537	495	436	481	1,949	-8%	-12%	10%	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	0.8	0.7
Bulgaria	438	456	478	369	1,741	4%	5%	-23%	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.6
Cameroon	531	402	388	407	1,728	-24%	-3%	5%	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	582	362	377	303	1,624	-38%	4%	-20%	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.5
Ethiopia	406	339	418	461	1,624	-17%	23%	10%	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Belarus	479	378	380	367	1,604	-21%	1%	-3%	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.6
Romania	460	335	339	468	1,602	-27%	1%	38%	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8
Ukraine	498	363	349	382	1,592	-27%	-4%	9%	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7
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%	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5
Other	11,352	9,696	11,868	14,296	47,212	-15%	22%	20%	21.7	21.7	23.9	24.4
Total	52,421	44,599	49,604	58,710	205,334	-15%	11%	18%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 12. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (24), 2005

Covering 24 European Union countries (as per 31 December 2006) which provided monthly data to UNHCR (excluding Italy).

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Serbia and Montenegro	4,496	5,153	4,942	5,165	19,756	15%	-4%	5%	7.8	9.4	8.8	9.0
Russian Federation	4,415	4,128	5,605	5,499	19,647	-7%	36%	-2%	7.7	7.5	10.0	9.6
Turkey	2,802	2,656	2,625	2,549	10,632	-5%	-1%	-3%	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.5
Iraq	2,517	2,394	2,541	3,169	10,621	-5%	6%	25%	4.4	4.4	4.5	5.5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,886	1,764	1,885	2,187	7,722	-6%	7%	16%	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.8
China	2,093	2,112	1,775	1,680	7,660	1%	-16%	-5%	3.7	3.8	3.2	2.9
Nigeria	2,066	1,640	1,536	1,558	6,800	-21%	-6%	1%	3.6	3.0	2.7	2.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,951	1,668	1,533	1,610	6,762	-15%	-8%	5%	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.8
Georgia	2,380	1,624	1,310	1,190	6,504	-32%	-19%	-9%	4.2	3.0	2.3	2.1
Pakistan	1,288	1,839	1,698	1,600	6,425	43%	-8%	-6%	2.2	3.4	3.0	2.8
Afghanistan	1,403	1,569	1,529	1,830	6,331	12%	-3%	20%	2.4	2.9	2.7	3.2
India	1,214	1,281	1,404	1,774	5,673	6%	10%	26%	2.1	2.3	2.5	3.1
Somalia	1,444	1,129	1,592	1,317	5,482	-22%	41%	-17%	2.5	2.1	2.8	2.3
Haiti	1,062	1,531	1,425	1,042	5,060	44%	-7%	-27%	1.9	2.8	2.5	1.8
Moldova	1,268	1,400	821	1,072	4,561	10%	-41%	31%	2.2	2.6	1.5	1.9
Armenia	980	928	1,037	1,237	4,182	-5%	12%	19%	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.2
Algeria	1,380	1,049	873	764	4,066	-24%	-17%	-12%	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.3
Sri Lanka	1,157	953	867	950	3,927	-18%	-9%	10%	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.7
Bangladesh	701	951	1,105	1,119	3,876	36%	16%	1%	1.2	1.7	2.0	2.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,300	1,176	795	561	3,832	-10%	-32%	-29%	2.3	2.1	1.4	1.0
Syrian Arab Rep.	673	872	958	1,231	3,734	30%	10%	28%	1.2	1.6	1.7	2.2
Eritrea	655	538	1,068	1,011	3,272	-18%	99%	-5%	1.1	1.0	1.9	1.8
Ukraine	1,053	846	679	587	3,165	-20%	-20%	-14%	1.8	1.5	1.2	1.0
Azerbaijan	697	738	782	846	3,063	6%	6%	8%	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
Sudan	732	630	773	741	2,876	-14%	23%	-4%	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.3
Guinea	816	601	578	614	2,609	-26%	-4%	6%	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.1
Bulgaria	724	634	642	512	2,512	-12%	1%	-20%	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.9
Viet Nam	711	465	637	606	2,419	-35%	37%	-5%	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.1
Colombia	339	563	541	818	2,261	66%	-4%	51%	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.4
Côte d'Ivoire	641	499	442	644	2,226	-22%	-11%	46%	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.1
Stateless	480	460	560	556	2,056	-4%	22%	-1%	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0
Romania	558	474	325	653	2,010	-15%	-31%	101%	1.0	0.9	0.6	1.1
Cameroon	583	495	455	464	1,997	-15%	-8%	2%	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
Mongolia	503	410	440	589	1,942	-18%	7%	34%	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.0
Angola	557	414	403	412	1,786	-26%	-3%	2%	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7
Belarus	456	487	423	410	1,776	7%	-13%	-3%	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7
Slovakia	321	416	717	170	1,624	30%	72%	-76%	0.6	0.8	1.3	0.3
Congo	461	377	343	388	1,569	-18%	-9%	13%	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7
Zimbabwe	332	259	382	553	1,526	-22%	47%	45%	0.6	0.5	0.7	1.0
Albania	442	384	367	318	1,511	-13%	-4%	-13%	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
Other	12,287	12,529	12,509	12,424	49,749	2%	0%	-1%	21.4	22.8	22.3	21.7
Total	57,328	54,883	55,980	57,255	225,446	-4%	2%	2%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 13. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (24), 2006

Covering 24 European Union countries (as per 31 December 2006) which provided monthly data to UNHCR (excluding Italy).

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Iraq	4,092	3,215	4,851	7,082	19,240	-21%	51%	46%	8.5	7.9	10.7	13.1
Russian Federation	3,061	2,936	3,883	3,817	13,697	-4%	32%	-2%	6.3	7.2	8.6	7.1
Serbia and Montenegro	3,964	3,012	3,196	3,483	13,655	-24%	6%	9%	8.2	7.4	7.1	6.5
Turkey	2,235	1,719	1,620	1,821	7,395	-23%	-6%	12%	4.6	4.2	3.6	3.4
Afghanistan	1,683	1,616	1,643	2,388	7,330	-4%	2%	45%	3.5	4.0	3.6	4.4
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,790	1,425	1,629	2,184	7,028	-20%	14%	34%	3.7	3.5	3.6	4.1
Pakistan	1,115	1,109	1,339	2,700	6,263	-1%	21%	102%	2.3	2.7	3.0	5.0
Bangladesh	891	852	965	3,247	5,955	-4%	13%	236%	1.8	2.1	2.1	6.0
Somalia	1,317	1,254	1,652	1,724	5,947	-5%	32%	4%	2.7	3.1	3.7	3.2
China	1,378	1,246	1,452	1,319	5,395	-10%	17%	-9%	2.8	3.0	3.2	2.4
Nigeria	1,463	1,165	1,144	1,364	5,136	-20%	-2%	19%	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.5
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,549	1,199	978	1,031	4,757	-23%	-18%	5%	3.2	2.9	2.2	1.9
Eritrea	1,221	927	1,176	1,055	4,379	-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
India	891	902	781	979	3,553	1%	-13%	25%	1.8	2.2	1.7	1.8
Armenia	1,252	814	696	757	3,519	-35%	-14%	9%	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.4
Syrian Arab Rep.	778	784	793	1,013	3,368	1%	1%	28%	1.6	1.9	1.8	1.9
Georgia	804	709	830	800	3,143	-12%	17%	-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	554	667	2,699	-34%	-6%	20%	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.2
Sudan	675	732	593	585	2,585	8%	-19%	-1%	1.4	1.8	1.3	1.1
Moldova	385	555	751	718	2,409	44%	35%	-4%	0.8	1.4	1.7	1.3
Azerbaijan	868	626	495	400	2,389	-28%	-21%	-19%	1.8	1.5	1.1	0.7
Zimbabwe	1,010	523	404	336	2,273	-48%	-23%	-17%	2.1	1.3	0.9	0.6
Lebanon	322	218	886	606	2,032	-32%	306%	-32%	0.7	0.5	2.0	1.1
Côte d'Ivoire	580	453	395	483	1,911	-22%	-13%	22%	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9
Guinea	511	474	398	469	1,852	-7%	-16%	18%	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	483	486	446	418	1,833	1%	-8%	-6%	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.8
Stateless	398	433	503	469	1,803	9%	16%	-7%	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.9
Bulgaria	380	395	448	345	1,568	4%	13%	-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	355	335	374	1,547	-27%	-6%	12%	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.7
Cameroon	474	345	355	367	1,541	-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	368	339	1,511	-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	293	323	254	1,317	-34%	10%	-21%	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5
Ethiopia	350	275	297	302	1,224	-21%	8%	2%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Congo	395	271	252	264	1,182	-31%	-7%	5%	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5
Other	10,297	8,763	10,824	13,203	43,087	-15%	24%	22%	21.3	21.4	24.0	24.5
Total	48,355	40,903	45,184	53,911	188,353	-15%	10%	19%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 14. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (26), 2005

Covering 26 European Union countries (as per 1 January 2007) which provided monthly data to UNHCR (excluding Italy).

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Serbia and Montenegro	4,496	5,158	4,944	5,167	19,765	15%	-4%	5%	7.8	9.3	8.8	9.0
Russian Federation	4,419	4,135	5,613	5,503	19,670	-6%	36%	-2%	7.7	7.5	10.0	9.6
Iraq	2,569	2,428	2,569	3,208	10,774	-5%	6%	25%	4.5	4.4	4.6	5.6
Turkey	2,822	2,676	2,638	2,554	10,690	-5%	-1%	-3%	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.4
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,900	1,781	1,892	2,202	7,775	-6%	6%	16%	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.8
China	2,111	2,120	1,783	1,696	7,710	0%	-16%	-5%	3.7	3.8	3.2	2.9
Nigeria	2,072	1,647	1,544	1,566	6,829	-21%	-6%	1%	3.6	3.0	2.7	2.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	1,951	1,669	1,534	1,610	6,764	-14%	-8%	5%	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.8
Afghanistan	1,487	1,665	1,654	1,910	6,716	12%	-1%	15%	2.6	3.0	2.9	3.3
Georgia	2,381	1,631	1,317	1,193	6,522	-31%	-19%	-9%	4.1	3.0	2.3	2.1
Pakistan	1,310	1,855	1,711	1,625	6,501	42%	-8%	-5%	2.3	3.4	3.0	2.8
India	1,262	1,295	1,421	1,776	5,754	3%	10%	25%	2.2	2.3	2.5	3.1
Somalia	1,450	1,130	1,600	1,344	5,524	-22%	42%	-16%	2.5	2.0	2.8	2.3
Haiti	1,062	1,531	1,425	1,042	5,060	44%	-7%	-27%	1.8	2.8	2.5	1.8
Moldova	1,273	1,402	825	1,074	4,574	10%	-41%	30%	2.2	2.5	1.5	1.9
Armenia	990	943	1,053	1,256	4,242	-5%	12%	19%	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.2
Algeria	1,384	1,049	877	767	4,077	-24%	-16%	-13%	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.3
Bangladesh	706	987	1,127	1,119	3,939	40%	14%	-1%	1.2	1.8	2.0	1.9
Sri Lanka	1,158	953	867	953	3,931	-18%	-9%	10%	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,300	1,176	795	561	3,832	-10%	-32%	-29%	2.3	2.1	1.4	1.0
Syrian Arab Rep.	693	888	961	1,245	3,787	28%	8%	30%	1.2	1.6	1.7	2.2
Eritrea	655	538	1,068	1,011	3,272	-18%	99%	-5%	1.1	1.0	1.9	1.8
Ukraine	1,055	846	683	588	3,172	-20%	-19%	-14%	1.8	1.5	1.2	1.0
Azerbaijan	698	738	782	846	3,064	6%	6%	8%	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
Sudan	734	636	774	744	2,888	-13%	22%	-4%	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.3
Guinea	817	603	579	614	2,613	-26%	-4%	6%	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.1
Bulgaria	724	634	642	512	2,512	-12%	1%	-20%	1.3	1.1	1.1	0.9
Viet Nam	711	465	638	613	2,427	-35%	37%	-4%	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.1
Colombia	339	563	541	819	2,262	66%	-4%	51%	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.4
Côte d'Ivoire	641	503	442	646	2,232	-22%	-12%	46%	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.1
Stateless	491	464	571	563	2,089	-5%	23%	-1%	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.0
Romania	558	474	325	653	2,010	-15%	-31%	101%	1.0	0.9	0.6	1.1
Cameroon	583	495	457	464	1,999	-15%	-8%	2%	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8
Mongolia	503	410	440	589	1,942	-18%	7%	34%	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.0
Angola	559	414	403	412	1,788	-26%	-3%	2%	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
Belarus	456	488	423	410	1,777	7%	-13%	-3%	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7
Slovakia	321	416	717	170	1,624	30%	72%	-76%	0.6	0.8	1.3	0.3
Congo	465	381	349	391	1,586	-18%	-8%	12%	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7
Zimbabwe	332	259	383	554	1,528	-22%	48%	45%	0.6	0.5	0.7	1.0
Albania	443	385	367	321	1,516	-13%	-5%	-13%	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
Other	12,318	12,577	12,543	12,452	49,890	2%	0%	-1%	21.3	22.8	22.3	21.6
Total	57,703	55,250	56,333	57,576	226,862	-4%	2%	2%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 15. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union (26), 2006

Covering 26 European Union countries (as per 1 January 2007) which provided monthly data to UNHCR (excluding Italy).

Origin	No. of applications					Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	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 and Montenegro	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

Table 16. Asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, fourth quarter 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	82	155	245	44	64	73	54	197	57	39	495	612	502	12	71
China	231	52	18	7	431	43	41	8	5	368	445	112	9	50	62
Russian Federation	-	733	464	-	75	25	47	*	51	621	45	262	14	9	13
Serbia and Montenegro	*	649	324	*	31	-	11	49	79	939	20	586	5	95	18
Bangladesh	6	25	23	*	32	67	6	*	*	144	135	43	2,716	5	*
Pakistan	17	23	43	-	105	83	*	*	*	115	475	116	1,658	5	45
Afghanistan	8	194	181	69	60	*	-	36	21	27	770	108	593	*	20
Islamic Rep. of Iran	27	85	270	8	68	124	-	21	22	34	815	179	241	6	24
Turkey	5	196	83	*	63	15	10	8	16	701	155	438	23	17	-
Eritrea	-	*	6	-	39	-	-	*	*	27	620	97	*	-	13
Somalia	*	75	67	*	49	-	8	6	15	23	480	35	53	9	30
Mexico	-	-	-	-	1,418	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colombia	7	-	*	-	455	-	-	*	-	49	15	199	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	123	25	13	-	209	137	10	5	10	606	190	59	69	-	*
Nigeria	6	105	14	*	211	7	36	8	9	110	190	122	144	19	313
India	42	80	21	*	222	93	*	32	11	31	175	112	53	-	*
Haiti	-	-	-	-	279	-	-	-	-	263	-	-	-	-	-
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	26	205	-	109	*	10	-	11	520	130	41	5	*	28
Syrian Arab Rep.	6	48	36	*	14	457	10	23	*	8	45	141	54	10	*
El Salvador	-	-	-	-	84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	*	144	70	*	11	93	5	6	*	70	15	64	98	53	55
Armenia	-	92	85	7	15	10	14	*	9	339	5	52	12	6	*
Lebanon	23	21	45	*	105	48	-	6	-	17	30	151	20	-	6
Ethiopia	*	5	19	-	67	*	*	*	8	18	25	46	83	*	9
Moldova	-	268	*	-	8	14	*	-	*	129	15	25	19	16	40
Algeria	*	48	54	*	16	-	*	6	10	286	45	102	*	*	13
Sudan	*	11	21	*	14	-	7	*	-	143	145	36	74	-	51
Guinea	-	7	110	-	24	-	5	-	*	192	50	33	22	*	*
Stateless	*	45	-	*	-	-	15	*	*	54	15	13	-	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	-	*	64	-	13	-	-	*	-	174	35	21	30	*	5
Other	263	539	884	*	1,933	203	295	79	182	1,519	1,255	1,302	352	173	287
Total	854	3,658	3,373	160	6,224	1,499	595	512	531	7,566	6,835	5,107	6,854	498	1,119

Origin	JPN	LUX	MTA	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	USA	Total
Iraq	*	6	*	425	324	*	12	21	18	81	-	4,022	272	159	8,051
China	*	*	-	53	8	9	*	10	*	31	-	14	108	2,366	4,488
Russian Federation	-	15	-	40	182	-	1,059	*	41	160	*	165	50	142	4,220
Serbia and Montenegro	-	55	*	36	106	-	-	-	-	*	40	572	288	54	3,965
Bangladesh	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	5	6	49	*	8	18	40	3,349
Pakistan	*	-	-	8	6	-	21	*	*	80	*	11	17	109	2,957
Afghanistan	*	5	-	171	55	-	5	-	*	9	*	236	63	27	2,670
Islamic Rep. of Iran	5	10	-	197	52	10	-	-	5	-	*	151	78	80	2,513
Turkey	16	-	-	66	25	*	5	16	*	*	15	68	187	16	2,153
Eritrea	-	-	71	27	115	-	-	*	*	-	-	181	816	64	2,089
Somalia	-	-	101	472	70	*	*	33	*	-	-	346	75	38	1,991
Mexico	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	553	1,972
Colombia	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	798	-	-	8	15	408	1,962
Sri Lanka	9	-	-	23	43	*	*	-	*	-	-	*	105	76	1,724
Nigeria	*	6	12	42	18	-	*	*	197	7	-	19	56	33	1,691
India	-	-	-	17	15	-	7	-	-	304	-	38	7	121	1,389
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	716	1,259
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	5	-	18	21	-	-	*	16	-	-	13	37	7	1,210
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	-	-	40	14	*	*	-	-	*	-	130	40	25	1,115
El Salvador	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	8	-	847	941
Georgia	-	-	*	31	*	-	*	*	5	49	*	28	54	12	880
Armenia	-	-	-	43	*	-	11	*	12	7	-	52	14	82	876
Lebanon	-	-	-	8	16	-	-	*	5	*	-	246	16	40	807
Ethiopia	*	-	24	22	49	-	-	-	6	-	-	30	110	258	790
Moldova	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	*	*	93	5	83	16	10	757
Algeria	-	*	*	6	11	-	*	-	38	-	-	45	32	7	734
Sudan	*	-	*	48	12	*	*	-	36	*	-	6	32	42	692
Guinea	-	*	-	29	*	-	-	*	6	-	-	5	8	125	628
Stateless	*	-	-	39	76	-	*	-	8	*	-	270	16	50	616
Côte d'Ivoire	-	*	16	28	-	-	-	-	92	-	-	9	30	78	605
Other	121	42	72	598	193	19	56	16	296	72	43	2,074	497	3,554	16,923
Total	171	152	310	2,493	1,419	53	1,197	124	1,609	953	112	8,842	3,058	10,139	76,017

Table 17. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2005

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly asylum data to UNHCR.

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

Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia	
China	977	Serbia and M.	4,409	Russian Fed.	1,438	Afghanistan	385	Mexico	3,447	Bangladesh	39
Sri Lanka	320	Russian Fed.	4,362	DR Congo	1,272	Armenia	60	China	1,630	Serbia and M.	27
India	171	India	1,530	Serbia and M.	1,203	India	54	Colombia	1,117	India	15
Malaysia	171	Moldova	1,210	Iraq	903	Iraq	50	India	888	TFYR Macedonia	14
Indonesia	168	Turkey	1,067	Slovakia	773	Pakistan	45	Sri Lanka	851	Moldova	12
Pakistan	105	Georgia	955	Armenia	706	Stateless	32	Zimbabwe	616	Russian Fed.	10
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	95	Afghanistan	928	Guinea	643	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	19	Pakistan	596	Romania	10
Iraq	90	Nigeria	881	Rwanda	565	Russian Fed.	17	Nigeria	579	Pakistan	7
Rep. of Korea	76	Mongolia	641	Nepal	557	Turkey	16	United States	535	China	6
Nepal	75	Bangladesh	548	Cameroon	530	Somalia	16	Saint Vincent and	398	Albania	6
Cyprus		Czech Rep.		Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France	
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,205	Ukraine	988	Serbia and M.	375	Iraq	*	Bulgaria	569	Haiti	5,035
Georgia	886	Slovakia	711	Iraq	264	Russian Fed.	*	Serbia and M.	457	Serbia and M.	3,896
Sri Lanka	806	India	342	Afghanistan	173	Turkey	*	Somalia	320	Turkey	3,803
Pakistan	596	China	287	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	123	Sierra Leone	*	Iraq	289	DR Congo	2,959
Ukraine	587	Russian Fed.	260	Russian Fed.	119	Zimbabwe	*	Afghanistan	237	Russian Fed.	2,905
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	569	Belarus	216	Somalia	80			Russian Fed.	233	China	2,590
Bangladesh	498	Viet Nam	208	Occ. Palest. Terr.	80			TFYR Macedonia	191	Bosnia and H.	2,273
Russian Fed.	357	Mongolia	119	India	72			Turkey	97	Moldova	2,079
India	332	Nigeria	77	China	71			Azerbaijan	93	Sri Lanka	2,044
China	259	Stateless	73	Nigeria	55			Iran (Islamic Rep.)	79	Algeria	2,003
Germany		Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Japan	
Serbia and M.	4,818	Georgia	1,897	Viet Nam	319	Romania	22	Nigeria	1,276	Myanmar	212
Turkey	2,767	Pakistan	1,154	Serbia and M.	243	Russian Fed.	10	Romania	385	Turkey	40
Iraq	1,895	Iraq	971	China	172	Afghanistan	6	Somalia	367	Bangladesh	33
Russian Fed.	1,663	Bangladesh	550	Georgia	114	Moldova	5	Sudan	203	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	16
Viet Nam	1,212	Afghanistan	458	Bangladesh	90	Bulgaria	5	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	202	China	16
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	916	Nigeria	406	Nigeria	89	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	*	Georgia	151	Pakistan	10
Syrian Arab Rep.	878	Russian Fed.	343	Turkey	65	Georgia	*	Afghanistan	142	Sri Lanka	7
Azerbaijan	839	Romania	316	Pakistan	40	Ukraine	*	DR Congo	138	DR Congo	6
Afghanistan	685	Ukraine	268	India	40	Algeria	*	Moldova	100	Nepal	5
China	595	China	251	Russian Fed.	37	Kazakhstan	*	China	96	Philippines	5
Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg		Malta		Netherlands	
Somalia	7	Somalia	11	Russian Fed.	86	Serbia and M.	215	Eritrea	255	Iraq	1,620
Iraq	7	Russian Fed.	8	Nigeria	10	Russian Fed.	54	Sudan	243	Somalia	1,315
Russian Fed.	*	Belarus	*	Georgia	*	Nigeria	45	Somalia	226	Afghanistan	902
Moldova	*	Serbia and M.	*	Belarus	*	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	41	Côte d'Ivoire	92	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	557
Belarus	*	Kazakhstan	*	Iraq	*	Algeria	36	DR Congo	54	Burundi	419
Japan	*	Mongolia	*	Afghanistan	*	Bosnia and H.	36	Stateless	48	China	356
		Ukraine	*	Kyrgyzstan	*	Albania	33	Nigeria	31	Colombia	342
		Bosnia and H.	*	Liberia	*	Guinea	28	Liberia	29	Sudan	339
		TFYR Macedonia	*	Somalia	*	Somalia	27	Iraq	23	Serbia and M.	336
		Netherlands	*	Sri Lanka	*	Angola	21	Ghana	20	Turkey	289
New Zealand		Norway		Poland		Portugal		Romania		Slovakia	
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	47	Iraq	671	Russian Fed.	5,015	Colombia	26	Iraq	103	Russian Fed.	1,031
Czech Rep.	28	Somalia	667	Belarus	62	Angola	9	Bangladesh	50	India	564
Bangladesh	23	Russian Fed.	545	Ukraine	49	Russian Fed.	7	China	49	Moldova	310
Iraq	22	Serbia and M.	468	Georgia	40	DR Congo	7	Turkey	42	Bangladesh	270
China	19	Afghanistan	466	Pakistan	36	India	6	Syrian Arab Rep.	38	Georgia	244
Nepal	19	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	279	Viet Nam	24	Guinea-Bissau	6	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	34	China	243
India	17	Stateless	209	Kazakhstan	16	Georgia	5	Pakistan	31	Pakistan	194
Fiji	12	Eritrea	177	Kyrgyzstan	15	Nepal	5	India	27	Afghanistan	109
Syrian Arab Rep.	11	Turkey	111	Moldova	14	Cuba	5	Somalia	26	Viet Nam	99
Somalia	10	Nepal	104	Guinea	13	Moldova	*	Nigeria	20	Occ. Palest. Terr.	55
Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland		United Kingdom		USA	
Serbia and M.	520	Colombia	1,655	Serbia and M.	2,944	Serbia and M.	1,506	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	3,480	China	7,932
Turkey	230	Nigeria	726	Iraq	2,330	Turkey	723	Pakistan	2,260	Haiti	5,344
Bosnia and H.	222	Algeria	406	Russian Fed.	1,057	Somalia	485	Somalia	2,100	El Salvador	2,076
Bangladesh	159	Mali	273	Stateless	806	Iraq	468	Eritrea	1,890	Colombia	1,916
Albania	143	Guinea	173	Bulgaria	751	Bulgaria	461	Afghanistan	1,775	Mexico	1,665
TFYR Macedonia	66	DR Congo	170	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	582	Georgia	397	China	1,760	Guatemala	1,590
Moldova	61	Côte d'Ivoire	162	Libyan Arab Jama	451	Russian Fed.	375	Iraq	1,605	Venezuela (Boliv.)	1,094
India	34	Russian Fed.	138	Afghanistan	435	Bosnia and H.	301	Zimbabwe	1,355	Ethiopia	850
Pakistan	28	Guinea-Bissau	114	Azerbaijan	431	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	291	DR Congo	1,330	Honduras	773
Iraq	14	Cameroon	99	Burundi	427	DR Congo	262	Nigeria	1,155	Russian Fed.	750

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Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bulgaria		Canada		Croatia	
China	1,031	Serbia and M.	2,522	Russian Fed.	1,582	Afghanistan	277	Mexico	4,913	Occ. Palest. Terr.	27
Sri Lanka	321	Russian Fed.	2,441	DR Congo	843	Iraq	67	China	1,501	Serbia and M.	18
India	315	Moldova	902	Serbia and M.	778	Armenia	58	Colombia	1,373	Pakistan	8
Indonesia	296	Afghanistan	699	Iraq	695	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	25	Sri Lanka	856	Russian Fed.	7
Iraq	187	Turkey	668	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	631	Russian Fed.	14	India	852	Iraq	5
Malaysia	108	Georgia	564	Guinea	413	Stateless	12	Haiti	698	Armenia	*
Rep. of Korea	93	Mongolia	541	Armenia	381	Turkey	10	United States	667	Moldova	*
Pakistan	90	India	479	Turkey	380	Syrian Arab Rep.	10	Nigeria	664	Bosnia and H.	*
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	77	Nigeria	421	Rwanda	370	China	10	Pakistan	578	Nigeria	*
Philippines	70	Iraq	380	Afghanistan	365	Lebanon	9	Zimbabwe	524	Turkey	*
Cyprus		Czech Rep.		Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France	
Syrian Arab Rep.	1,255	Ukraine	571	Iraq	507	Russian Fed.	6	Bulgaria	445	Serbia and M.	3,042
Sri Lanka	389	Egypt	422	Serbia and M.	246	Nigeria	*	Serbia and M.	283	Turkey	2,752
Georgia	336	Kazakhstan	236	Afghanistan	122	Turkey	*	Iraq	227	DR Congo	2,278
Bangladesh	310	Belarus	175	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	89	TFYR Macedonia	*	Russian Fed.	168	Russian Fed.	2,251
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	305	Russian Fed.	170	India	83	Cameroon	*	Belarus	99	Sri Lanka	2,143
Pakistan	268	Viet Nam	124	Occ. Palest. Terr.	68			Afghanistan	96	Haiti	1,840
India	253	China	114	Russian Fed.	61			Somalia	91	Armenia	1,680
China	174	Stateless	101	Somalia	57			Iran (Islamic Rep.)	87	China	1,214
Ukraine	144	Nigeria	96	Syrian Arab Rep.	55			Nigeria	68	Algeria	1,125
Iraq	132	Mongolia	95	Nigeria	52			Turkey	41	Azerbaijan	928
Germany		Greece		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Japan	
Serbia and M.	3,133	Bangladesh	3,750	Viet Nam	406	Romania	9	Nigeria	1,037	Myanmar	626
Iraq	2,065	Pakistan	2,378	Serbia and M.	384	Russian Fed.	6	Sudan	308	Turkey	149
Turkey	1,891	Iraq	1,415	China	275	Serbia and M.	*	Romania	289	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	27
Russian Fed.	1,038	Afghanistan	1,087	Georgia	175	Georgia	*	Iraq	215	Sri Lanka	27
Viet Nam	985	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	528	Nigeria	109	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	*	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	205	Bangladesh	15
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	609	Georgia	428	Iraq	68	Afghanistan	*	Georgia	171	Ethiopia	14
Syrian Arab Rep.	608	Nigeria	391	Russian Fed.	63	Belarus	*	Pakistan	167	China	13
Lebanon	584	Sudan	183	Mongolia	46	Israel	*	Somalia	161	Pakistan	12
Afghanistan	525	Ethiopia	170	Turkey	43	Nigeria	*	China	139	Nepal	11
Azerbaijan	518	India	162	Somalia	42	Iraq	*	Moldova	110	Nigeria	10
Latvia		Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg		Malta		Netherlands	
Russian Fed.	*	Russian Fed.	10	Russian Fed.	111	Serbia and M.	207	Eritrea	390	Iraq	2,766
Afghanistan	*	Somalia	7	Belarus	7	Russian Fed.	43	Somalia	208	Somalia	1,462
Georgia	*	Serbia and M.	7	Uzbekistan	6	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	31	Sudan	179	Afghanistan	932
Belarus	*	Kazakhstan	6	Ghana	6	DR Congo	20	Ethiopia	125	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	921
Kyrgyzstan	*	Belarus	*	Pakistan	*	Albania	20	Niger	75	Serbia and M.	607
		Kyrgyzstan	*	Georgia	*	Ukraine	19	Nigeria	57	Burundi	455
		Iran (Islamic Rep.)	*	Stateless	*	Bosnia and H.	17	Togo	44	Azerbaijan	384
		Stateless	*	Iraq	*	Iraq	16	Côte d'Ivoire	40	Turkey	341
		Iraq	*	Afghanistan	*	Nigeria	15	Ghana	30	Sudan	320
		Mongolia	*	Bangladesh	*	Occ. Palest. Terr.	10	Stateless	16	China	318
New Zealand		Norway		Poland		Portugal		Romania		Slovakia	
Iraq	35	Iraq	1,002	Russian Fed.	3,772	DR Congo	15	Iraq	68	India	727
China	30	Somalia	632	Belarus	55	Israel	9	Somalia	47	Russian Fed.	463
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	29	Russian Fed.	548	Ukraine	45	Russian Fed.	7	China	45	Moldova	385
Sri Lanka	28	Serbia and M.	369	Pakistan	39	Nigeria	6	Turkey	22	Georgia	209
India	18	Eritrea	316	Iraq	32	Nepal	6	Pakistan	16	Iraq	206
Bangladesh	16	Stateless	237	Armenia	32	Angola	6	Georgia	16	Bangladesh	183
Czech Rep.	12	Afghanistan	224	Cameroon	23	Côte d'Ivoire	6	Occ. Palest. Terr.	13	Pakistan	182
Somalia	11	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	218	Viet Nam	22	Guinea	6	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	12	China	164
Pakistan	11	Ethiopia	143	Turkey	16	Colombia	6	Syrian Arab Rep.	12	Viet Nam	63
Fiji	10	Burundi	126	Georgia	16	Belarus	5	Russian Fed.	10	Occ. Palest. Terr.	56
Slovenia		Spain		Sweden		Switzerland		United Kingdom		USA	
Serbia and M.	243	Colombia	2,239	Iraq	8,951	Serbia and M.	1,227	Eritrea	2,725	China	9,706
Turkey	62	Nigeria	632	Serbia and M.	2,000	Eritrea	1,201	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	2,675	Haiti	4,475
Bosnia and H.	44	Morocco	281	Somalia	1,066	Iraq	816	Afghanistan	2,650	El Salvador	2,734
Albania	32	Côte d'Ivoire	236	Stateless	815	Turkey	693	Somalia	2,155	Mexico	1,827
TFYR Macedonia	26	Algeria	230	Russian Fed.	755	China	475	Zimbabwe	2,095	Colombia	1,791
Moldova	13	Bangladesh	137	Bolivia	747	Russian Fed.	426	China	1,970	Guatemala	1,731
Georgia	13	Stateless	117	Lebanon	679	Sri Lanka	328	Pakistan	1,805	Ethiopia	1,173
Kazakhstan	12	Russian Fed.	110	Bulgaria	639	Iran (Islamic Rep.)	302	Iraq	1,305	Indonesia	1,106
Occ. Palest. Terr.	11	DR Congo	102	Eritrea	608	Georgia	287	Nigeria	940	Honduras	1,076
Russian Fed.	7	Sudan	94	Afghanistan	594	Somalia	273	Sudan	755	Venezuela (Boliv.)	902

Table 19. Monthly asylum applications lodged in 36 industrialized countries, 2006

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Asylum country	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Change Nov-Dec
Australia	263	258	295	271	316	325	265	319	342	246	287	321	12%
Austria	1,295	971	1,133	945	1,019	973	1,069	1,103	1,183	1,274	1,178	1,206	2%
Belgium	1,038	934	988	870	854	834	872	954	870	1,238	1,082	1,053	-3%
Bulgaria	38	36	97	81	61	9	16	33	36	69	40	51	28%
Canada	2,021	1,532	1,735	1,514	1,655	1,625	1,783	2,453	2,365	2,161	2,363	1,700	-28%
Croatia	8	22	7	1	17	2	5	8	5	12	5	2	-60%
Cyprus	400	285	497	285	385	234	471	285	204	394	381	724	90%
Czech Rep.	262	235	263	218	246	286	292	426	193	235	208	152	-27%
Denmark	224	159	183	139	121	128	103	166	185	173	167	172	3%
Estonia	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	7	-	2	..
Finland	226	168	174	186	179	172	194	225	233	192	172	167	-3%
France	3,178	3,116	3,006	2,559	2,253	2,335	2,186	2,024	2,462	2,687	2,459	2,420	-2%
Germany	1,969	1,779	2,140	1,500	1,694	1,504	1,390	1,899	1,631	1,842	1,749	1,516	-13%
Greece	713	492	331	621	551	723	579	410	993	2,379	2,855	1,620	-43%
Hungary	165	113	156	193	181	191	221	205	186	169	174	155	-11%
Iceland	6	1	-	2	5	2	2	1	5	4	3	7	133%
Ireland	405	313	438	282	412	278	313	332	422	394	415	310	-25%
Japan	64	66	108	84	92	109	100	95	65	63	52	56	8%
Latvia	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	100%
Liechtenstein	1	6	-	6	8	10	5	1	5	1	1	3	200%
Lithuania	6	2	16	6	14	6	4	21	30	5	24	27	13%
Luxembourg	42	32	24	32	33	38	58	56	57	57	35	60	71%
Malta	117	96	78	46	220	103	137	87	78	103	152	55	-64%
Netherlands	1,553	1,798	1,820	1,331	1,268	1,240	972	958	1,032	918	910	665	-27%
New Zealand	25	24	29	11	34	24	38	19	19	9	29	15	-48%
Norway	545	339	426	333	384	358	457	587	472	493	476	450	-5%
Poland	266	257	278	280	235	356	327	458	569	436	335	426	27%
Portugal	21	8	12	5	6	4	19	15	10	11	7	10	43%
Romania	23	41	17	41	27	27	20	34	24	36	50	38	-24%
Slovakia	196	88	95	108	268	265	341	331	226	279	332	342	3%
Slovenia	56	18	23	44	38	29	41	57	100	35	21	56	167%
Spain	320	343	490	406	512	433	403	363	428	628	507	474	-7%
Sweden	1,556	1,579	1,878	963	1,483	1,400	1,765	2,338	2,517	2,537	3,181	3,124	-2%
Switzerland	939	738	776	657	933	732	806	866	1,032	1,230	892	936	5%
United Kingdom	2,805	2,275	2,450	2,050	2,210	2,120	2,215	2,430	2,460	2,515	2,410	1,910	-21%
United States	3,934	4,046	4,918	4,440	4,502	4,406	4,122	4,598	3,906	4,327	4,376	3,935	-10%
EU-"Old" (14)	15,345	13,967	15,067	11,889	12,595	12,182	12,138	13,273	14,483	16,845	17,127	14,707	-14%
EU-"New" (10)	1,473	1,094	1,407	1,180	1,588	1,470	1,834	1,870	1,588	1,663	1,628	1,941	19%
EU-Total-1 (24)	16,818	15,061	16,474	13,069	14,183	13,652	13,972	15,143	16,071	18,508	18,755	16,648	-11%
EU-Total-2 (26)	16,879	15,138	16,588	13,191	14,271	13,688	14,008	15,210	16,131	18,613	18,845	16,737	-11%
Nordic countries (5)	2,557	2,246	2,661	1,623	2,172	2,060	2,521	3,317	3,412	3,399	3,999	3,920	-2%
Western Europe (18)	16,836	15,051	16,269	12,887	13,925	13,284	13,408	14,728	15,997	18,573	18,499	16,103	-13%
Southern Europe (5)	1,571	1,224	1,408	1,363	1,674	1,497	1,609	1,160	1,713	3,515	3,902	2,883	-26%
Total Europe	18,115	15,986	17,502	13,919	15,302	14,467	15,018	16,354	17,308	20,107	19,935	17,814	-11%
Canada/USA	5,955	5,578	6,653	5,954	6,157	6,031	5,905	7,051	6,271	6,488	6,739	5,635	-16%
Australia/New Zealand	288	282	324	282	350	349	303	338	361	255	316	336	6%
Total non-Europe (5)	6,307	5,926	7,085	6,320	6,599	6,489	6,308	7,484	6,697	6,806	7,107	6,027	-15%
Total	24,422	21,912	24,587	20,239	21,901	20,956	21,326	23,838	24,005	26,913	27,042	23,841	-12%

Notes

See notes Table 1.

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

Code	Country/territory name	Code	Country/territory name	Code	Country/territory name
AFG	Afghanistan	GNB	Guinea-Bissau	NRU	Nauru
ALB	Albania	GRE	Greece	NZL	New Zealand
ALG	Algeria	GRN	Grenada	OMN	Oman
AND	Andorra	GUA	Guatemala	PAK	Pakistan
ANG	Angola	GUI	Guinea	PAN	Panama
ANT	Antigua and Barbuda	GUY	Guyana	PAR	Paraguay
ARE	Egypt	HAI	Haiti	PER	Peru
ARG	Argentina	HKG	Hong Kong SAR, China	PHI	Philippines
ARM	Armenia	HON	Honduras	PLW	Palau
AUL	Australia	HRV	Croatia	PNG	Papua New Guinea
AUS	Austria	HUN	Hungary	POL	Poland
AZE	Azerbaijan	ICE	Iceland	POR	Portugal
BAH	Bahrain	ICO	Côte d'Ivoire	PUE	Puerto Rico
BAR	Barbados	IND	India	QAT	Qatar
BDI	Burundi	INS	Indonesia	ROM	Romania
BEL	Belgium	IRE	Ireland	RSA	South Africa
BEN	Benin	IRN	Islamic Rep. of Iran	RUS	Russian Federation
BGD	Bangladesh	IRQ	Iraq	RWA	Rwanda
BHS	Bahamas	ISR	Israel	SAL	El Salvador
BHU	Bhutan	ITA	Italy	SAU	Saudi Arabia
BKF	Burkina Faso	JAM	Jamaica	SCG	Serbia and Montenegro
BLR	Belarus	JOR	Jordan	SEN	Senegal
BOL	Bolivia	JPN	Japan	SEY	Seychelles
BOT	Botswana	KAZ	Kazakhstan	SIN	Singapore
BRA	Brazil	KEN	Kenya	SLE	Sierra Leone
BRU	Brunei Darussalam	KGZ	Kyrgyzstan	SMA	San Marino
BSN	Bosnia and Herzegovina	KIR	Kiribati	SOL	Solomon Islands
BUL	Bulgaria	KOR	Rep. of Korea	SOM	Somalia
BZE	Belize	KRN	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	SPA	Spain
CAM	Cambodia	KUW	Kuwait	SRV	Viet Nam
CAN	Canada	LAO	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	STK	Saint Kitts and Nevis
CAR	Central African Republic	LBR	Liberia	STP	Sao Tome and Principe
CHD	Chad	LBY	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	SUD	Sudan
CHI	China	LCA	Saint Lucia	SUR	Suriname
CHL	Chile	LEB	Lebanon	SVK	Slovakia
CMR	Cameroon	LES	Lesotho	SVN	Slovenia
COB	Congo	LIE	Liechtenstein	SWA	Swaziland
COD	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	LKA	Sri Lanka	SWE	Sweden
COI	Comoros	LTU	Lithuania	SWI	Switzerland
COL	Colombia	LUX	Luxembourg	SYR	Syrian Arab Republic
COS	Costa Rica	LVA	Latvia	TAN	United Rep. of Tanzania
CUB	Cuba	MAC	Macau SAR, China	THA	Thailand
CVI	Cape Verde	MAD	Madagascar	TJK	Tajikistan
CYP	Cyprus	MAU	Mauritania	TKM	Turkmenistan
CZE	Czech Republic	MCD	TYR of Macedonia	TMP	Timor-Leste
DEN	Denmark	MCO	Monaco	TOG	Togo
DJB	Djibouti	MDA	Moldova	TON	Tonga
DMA	Dominica	MDV	Maldives (the)	TRT	Trinidad and Tobago
DOM	Dominican Republic	MEX	Mexico	TUN	Tunisia
ECU	Ecuador	MLI	Mali	TUR	Turkey
EGU	Equatorial Guinea	MLS	Malaysia	TUV	Tuvalu
ERT	Eritrea	MLW	Malawi	UAE	United Arab Emirates
EST	Estonia	MNG	Mongolia	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
		VAR	Various	STA	Stateless