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# **ASYLUM LEVELS AND TRENDS IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, 2004**

**OVERVIEW OF ASYLUM APPLICATIONS LODGED IN EUROPE  
AND NON-EUROPEAN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IN 2004**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. This document analyzes levels and trends in the number of asylum applications submitted in Europe and non-European industrialized countries. 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 allowed to remain for humanitarian reasons or refugees who have been resettled, particularly by Australia, Canada and the United States, will be published separately.
2. The list of European countries covered by this report has been extended in order to reflect more fully asylum trends and the development of asylum capacities in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. Table 1 provides annual asylum trends in 50 asylum countries, including 44 European countries and six non-European industrialized countries. Tables 2 through 15 are based on the monthly asylum application database maintained by UNHCR, which covers 36 asylum countries.

## II. SOURCES AND DATA CONSIDERATIONS

3. Under the *1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees*, Governments provide UNHCR with statistics on the number and conditions of refugees, asylum-seekers and other groups of concern to the High Commissioner. This report is based mostly, therefore, on official asylum statistics, reflecting national laws and procedures. During the period 2000-2004, UNHCR has carried out refugee status determination under its mandate in some European countries (Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Malta, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro and Turkey). Details on the responsibility for refugee status determination are included in the notes of Table 1.
4. The statistics presented in this document reflect the number of asylum-seekers lodging an application for the first time. Applications lodged by the same individual for a second time (so-called re-opened, repeat or appeal applications) are generally not included. Although asylum-seekers are counted only once in each country, the total number of asylum-seekers is overestimated because some individuals seek asylum in more than one country. In recent years, countries have put in place measures to prevent double registration.
5. Some statistics provided in this report differ from those reported earlier due to retroactive changes. First, the United States figures for 2000 to 2004 include the new (“defensive”) applications submitted to the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). These data have been added to the number of asylum cases received by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Second, all statistics from the United Kingdom (UK) included in this report refer to the number of persons seeking asylum. In previous UNHCR reports, the UK data by nationality referred to the number of cases. Third, the data for France now include children under the age of 16. Previously, the French data excluded this segment of the asylum-seeker population.
6. 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.
7. At the time this report was prepared, a small amount of data was not yet available. In the case of Italy, the only EU member countries for which no monthly asylum application data are available, UNHCR has estimated the number of requests lodged during 2004, based on previous years and regional trends. For France and Japan, the total number of applications submitted in December 2004 was extrapolated by UNHCR, based on data available for the first 11 months. The country of origin breakdown for November and December 2004 for Malta was not available.

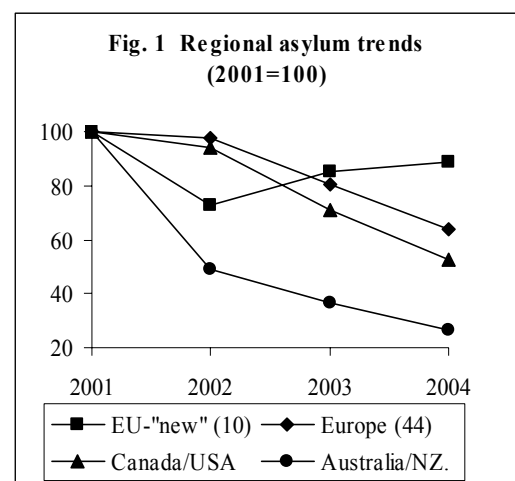
### III. MAIN FINDINGS

- In 50 industrialized countries, the number of asylum requests fell by 22 per cent, from 508,100 in 2003 to 396,400 in 2004. Since 2001, asylum applications have dropped 40 per cent.
- In Europe, asylum application levels decreased by 21 per cent, from 396,800 in 2003 to 314,300 in 2004. The 25 European Union countries recorded 19 per cent fewer asylum requests in 2004. North America reported 26 per cent fewer asylum-seekers in 2004. Australia and New Zealand registered 28 per cent fewer asylum requests in 2004.
- In 38 industrialized countries with historical data, the number of applications submitted in 2004 (368,000) was the lowest since 1988 (347,000). In Europe as well as in the 25 EU countries, the number of asylum-seekers in 2004 was the lowest since 1997. In the six non-European industrialized countries, 2004 asylum levels were the lowest since 1986.
- France, the third largest asylum-seeker receiving country in 2003, became the main destination country for asylum-seekers in 2004.
- The United States, which had been the largest asylum-seeker receiving country in 2003, became the second largest recipient country in 2004. The United Kingdom, the second main destination country for asylum-seekers in 2003, fell to third position in 2004.
- Compared to national population size, Cyprus received the largest number of asylum requests during 2000-2004 (22 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants), followed by Austria (18) and Norway (15). In 2004, Cyprus was the main recipient (12 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants), followed by Luxembourg (3.5) and Malta (3.1).
- The Russian Federation continued to be the leading country of origin of asylum applicants in the industrialized countries in 2004, followed by Serbia and Montenegro and China. In Europe, the three leading nationalities of asylum-seekers in 2004 were Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro and Turkey.
- The number of asylum-seekers from Afghanistan and Iraq continued to drop sharply in 2004. Afghan asylum applications have fallen by 83 per cent since 2001, while Iraqi asylum requests have dropped by 80 per cent since 2002.

### IV. GLOBAL AND REGIONAL TRENDS

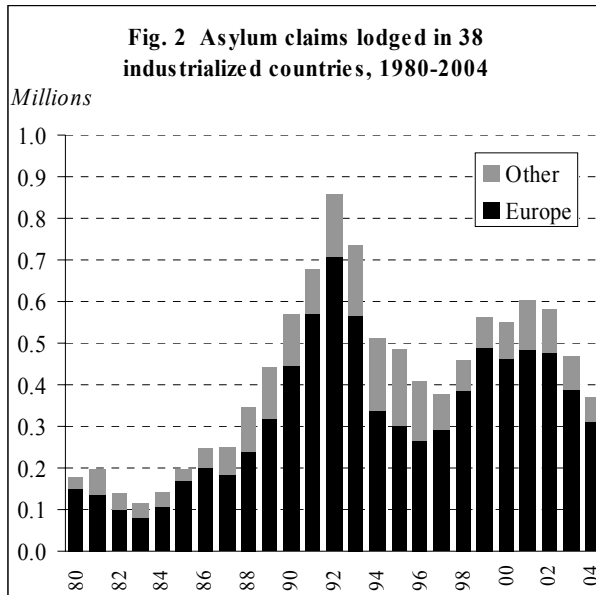
8. The number of asylum applications lodged in Europe and the non-European industrialized countries declined sharply in 2004. In the 50 countries included in Table 1, 396,400 asylum-seekers applied for refugee status in 2004, 22 per cent fewer than in 2003 (508,200).

9. Since the peak in 2001, when 655,100 asylum-seekers were registered by these 50 countries, applications have dropped by 40 per cent. The 25 countries of the **European Union (EU)** received 36 per cent fewer requests in 2004 compared to 2001; the 19 countries



located in Western **Europe** recorded 38 per cent fewer requests, while **Europe** as a whole registered a 36 per cent decline. The fall in asylum requests in the 10 **new EU member countries** was smaller, however (-12%) (see *Figure 1*).

10. The largest fall in asylum requests was reported by the non-European industrialized countries. **Canada** and **the United States** received 48 per cent fewer requests in 2004 than in 2001, while asylum levels in **Australia** and **New Zealand** fell by 74 per cent.



11. In the 38 countries with historical data, the number of applications submitted in 2004 (368,000) was the lowest since 1988 (347,000). In Europe as well as in the 25 EU countries, the number of asylum-seekers in 2004 was the lowest since 1997. In the six non-European industrialized countries, 2004 asylum levels were the lowest since 1986 (see *Figure 2*).

12. Historical asylum trends are determined by a host of factors, both in the region of origin and of destination. Factors which contributed to the trend since the 1980s include the collapse of communism in Central and Eastern Europe (late 1980s), the Bosnian and Croatian wars (early 1990s), the Kosovo crisis (late 1990s) as well as conflicts,

human rights violations and persecution in Afghanistan, Iraq, Liberia and a number of other countries.

13. For a few countries, including **Cyprus**, **Finland**, **the Republic of Korea**, **Malta**, **Poland** and **the Slovak Republic**, the number of asylum-seekers in 2004 was the highest on record. In most asylum countries, however, the 2004 level was the lowest for many years. In **Germany**, the number of asylum requests submitted in 2004 was the lowest since 1984 and in **Switzerland** and **the United States** it was the lowest since 1987. In **the Netherlands**, the number of asylum applications submitted in 2004 was the lowest since 1988.

14. In the 44 **European countries** listed in Table 1, asylum levels dropped by 21 per cent in 2004 compared to 2003. The 19 per cent fall in asylum requests in the 25 **EU countries** was entirely due to a drop in the 15 “old” EU member countries (-21%). The 10 new EU countries recorded a slight increase in asylum-seekers (4%). The fall in annual asylum requests in the five **Nordic countries** (-31%) was significantly above the European average.

15. Asylum levels in the six non-European industrialized countries included in Table 1 fell by 26 per cent in 2004. **North America** recorded 26 per cent fewer asylum-seekers in 2004, while the drop in **Australia** and **New Zealand** was slightly higher (-28%).

## VI. TRENDS IN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

16. From 2003 to 2004, 29 of the 50 asylum countries reported a decrease in asylum requests, 17 reported an increase, while 4 countries reported no change. Countries receiving more than 5,000 asylum requests in 2004 and which reported a fall of more than 25 per cent were **the Czech Republic** (-52%) **Germany** (-30%), **Italy** (-26%, based on UNHCR estimate), **the Netherlands** (-27%), **Norway** (-50%), **Sweden** (-26%), **Switzerland** (-32%), **the United Kingdom** (-33%) and **the United States** (-29%). Only four major receiving countries reported an increase in the number

of requests: **Cyprus** (124%), **France** (3%), **Poland** (17%) and **the Slovak Republic** (10%) (*see Table 1*).

17. **France**, which had been the third main receiving country in 2003, became the main destination country for asylum-seekers in 2004. The **United States**, which had ranked first in 2003, fell to second position in 2004. The **United Kingdom**, which had been the main destination country in 2002, dropped to second place in 2003 and became third in 2004. **Germany**, the leading European destination country for much of the 1980s and 1990s, was in fourth place in 2003 and 2004. **Canada** was fifth in 2004, followed by **Austria** (6<sup>th</sup>), **Sweden** (7<sup>th</sup>), **Belgium** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Switzerland** (9<sup>th</sup>) and **the Slovak Republic** (10<sup>th</sup>).

Asylum applications submitted in EU, 2000-2004: total and per capita			
Asylum country	No. of applications	No. of inhabitants (mln.)	Applications per 1,000 inhabitants
Cyprus	17,640	0.8	22.1
Austria	144,810	8.1	17.9
Sweden	127,350	8.9	14.3
Luxembourg	5,480	0.4	13.7
Ireland	45,730	3.9	11.7
Belgium	118,350	10.3	11.5
Slovak Rep.	41,120	5.4	7.6
Netherlands	118,330	16.1	7.3
Denmark	38,590	5.4	7.1
Slovenia	13,720	2.0	6.9
UK	393,830	59.1	6.7
Malta	2,340	0.4	5.9
Czech Rep.	52,220	10.2	5.1
France	279,190	59.8	4.7
<b>EU average</b>	<b>1,923,640</b>	<b>453.5</b>	<b>4.2</b>
Germany	324,150	82.4	3.9
Finland	15,130	5.2	2.9
Hungary	27,760	9.9	2.8
Greece	26,890	11.0	2.4
Italy	64,660	57.5	1.1
Spain	35,020	41.0	0.9
Poland	29,250	38.6	0.8
Lithuania	1,070	3.5	0.3
Portugal	900	10.0	0.1
Estonia	50	1.3	0.0
Latvia	60	2.3	0.0

18. During the period 2000-2004, the **United States** received the largest number of asylum-seekers (411,700), followed by the **United Kingdom** (393,800), **Germany** (324,200), **France** (279,200), **Canada** (175,200), **Austria** (144,800), **Sweden** (127,400), **Belgium** (118,400), the **Netherlands** (118,300) and **Switzerland** (99,400). Together, the three leading asylum countries received 40 per cent of all asylum requests submitted in the 50 countries listed in Table 1.

19. A different picture emerges when the number of asylum-seekers is compared with the total population, however. During the five-year period 2000-2004, **Cyprus** received 22 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants, the highest level of all 50 asylum countries included in Table 1. **Austria** ranked second (18), followed by **Norway** (15), **Sweden** (14) and **Switzerland** (14) (*see Table 1*).

20. During 2000-2004, the EU received 4.2 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants. **Italy**, the **Baltic countries**, **Poland**, **Portugal** and **Spain** received significantly fewer asylum-seekers on a per capita basis than the EU-average. Compared to national population size, the sharing of asylum responsibilities within the EU is thus far from equitable (*see Table on this page*).

21. The five **Nordic countries** received 10.3 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants during the period 2000-2004, while for **Europe** as a whole this figure amounted to 2.7. **North America** and **Australia/New Zealand** received fewer than 2 asylum-seekers per 1,000 inhabitants (*see Table 1*).

22. 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** and **Serbia and Montenegro**). These displaced populations, although of major concern to the host countries and the international community, fall outside the scope of this analysis, which is limited to individual applications for asylum.

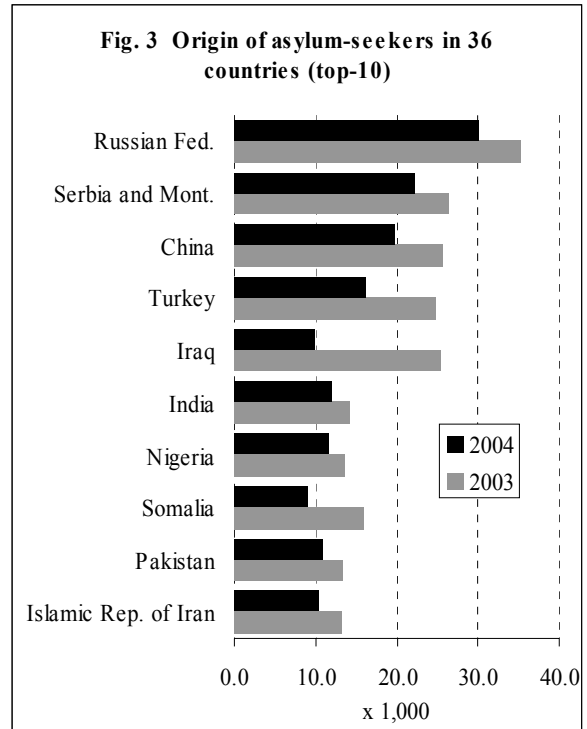
## VII. ORIGIN OF ASYLUM-SEEKERS

23. 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 analyzes the origin of asylum-seekers in the 36 industrialized countries which provided monthly asylum data to UNHCR.

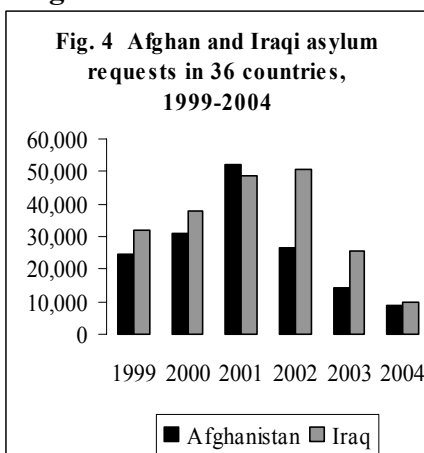
24. The ten leading asylum-seeker nationalities all recorded a significant drop in asylum applications in 2004. The decline ranged from 14 per cent for asylum-seekers from **Nigeria** and the **Russian Federation** to 61 per cent for asylum-seekers from **Iraq** (see Figure 3).

25. Among the 40 main asylum-seeker nationalities, those recording a decrease of over 25 per cent included **Turkey** (-35%), **Iraq** (-61%), **Somalia** (-43%), **Afghanistan** (-38%), **Mexico** (-25%), **Cameroon** (-27%), **Albania** (-31%), **Zimbabwe** (-33%), **Angola** (-38%), **Côte d'Ivoire** (-32%), **Liberia** (-44%), **Romania** (-28%), **Belarus** (-28%) and **Indonesia** (-58%) (see Table 2).

26. Only five of the 40 main asylum-seeker nationalities registered a rise in applications during 2004. The number of asylum-seekers from **Haiti** rose the sharpest, by 9 per cent, followed by **Georgia** (4%), **Azerbaijan** (3%), **Algeria** (2%) and the **Republic of Moldova** (1%) (see Table 2).



27. The top three countries of origin of asylum-seekers remained unchanged from 2003 to 2004. **The Russian Federation** continued to be the leading country of origin in 2004, followed by **Serbia and Montenegro** and **China**. The majority of Russian asylum-seekers are believed to originate from Chechnya. **Iraq**, the 4<sup>th</sup> main country of origin of asylum-seekers in 2003, dropped to 9<sup>th</sup> position in 2004. **Turkey** moved from 5<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place, **Somalia** dropped from 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> place and **Afghanistan** fell from the 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> place. In contrast, **India** moved up from 8<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place, **Nigeria**, ranking 9<sup>th</sup> in 2003, climbed to 6<sup>th</sup> position, while **Pakistan** rose from 10<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> (see Table 2).



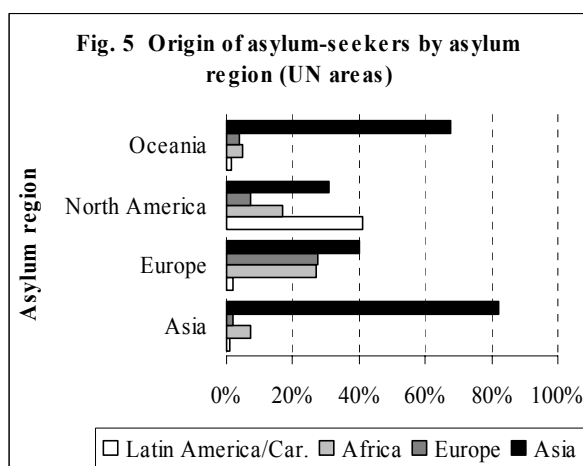
28. Although trends in the 36 industrialized countries generally correspond to those in Europe, the situation of asylum-seekers from **Pakistan** is a major exception. While the annual number of Pakistani asylum-seekers fell by 19 per cent in the 36 industrialized countries in 2004, it rose by 12 per cent in Europe (see Table 3).

29. The number of asylum-seekers from **Afghanistan** and **Iraq**, until recently the main countries of origin of asylum-seekers in the industrialized countries, continued to drop sharply in 2004. Since 2001, the number of Afghan asylum applications has fallen by 83 per cent. Similarly, the number of Iraqi asylum-seekers have decreased by 80 per cent since 2002 (see Figure 4).

30. Regional asylum patterns indicate that geographical proximity, in combination with land borders, is an important determinant of asylum flows. In three out of the four regions, as defined by

the UN Secretariat, most of the asylum-seekers originate from Asia. In **Europe**, 40 per cent of those who applied for asylum in 2004 originated from Asia, while asylum-seekers from Africa and Europe each accounted for 27 per cent of all asylum applications. Only 2 per cent of the asylum-seekers originated from Latin America and the Caribbean (see *Figure 5*).

31. In **North America**, Latin America and the Caribbean accounted for the largest number of asylum applications lodged in 2004 (39%), followed by **Asia** (33%). In **Oceania** (Australia and New Zealand), 68 per cent of all asylum-seekers in 2004 originated from Asia. In **Asia** (Japan and Republic of Korea), 82 per cent of all asylum-seekers originated from Asia.



### VIII. QUARTERLY TRENDS

32. During the fourth quarter of 2004, 94,200 asylum applications were lodged in the 36 countries providing monthly data, 1 per cent more than during the third quarter (93,500). While asylum applications submitted in the 10 **new EU countries** rose by 18 per cent during the fourth quarter, a significant decline was reported by the five **Nordic countries** (-12%) and by **Australia/New Zealand** (-13%) (see *Table 7*).

33. Most major asylum-seeker nationalities recorded decrease during the fourth quarter of 2004. However, the number of asylum-seekers increased from countries such as the **Russian Federation** (15%), the **Islamic Republic of Iran** (14%), **Iraq** (21%), **Colombia** (23%), **Ukraine** (20%) and **Bulgaria** (42%) (see *Table 9*).

**Table 1. Asylum applications submitted in Europe and non-European industrialized countries, 2000-2004**

For country notes and regional classification, see next page.

Country/ region of asylum	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Total	Annual change '03-'04	Share		Rank		Per 1,000 inhabitants			
								2004	'00-'04	2004	'00-'04	Total		Rank	
												2004	'00-'04	2004	'00-'04
Albania	90	160	110	30	30	420	0%	0%	0%	47	43	0.0	0.1	44	38
Armenia	10	10	10	80	190	300	138%	0%	0%	36	47	0.1	0.1	32	41
Australia	13,070	12,370	5,860	4,300	3,100	38,700	-28%	1%	1%	23	16	0.2	2.0	27	23
Austria	18,280	30,140	39,350	32,360	24,680	144,810	-24%	6%	5%	6	6	3.0	17.9	4	2
Azerbaijan	3,530	3,540	1,830	880	870	10,650	-1%	0%	0%	31	26	0.1	1.3	31	27
Belarus	470	220	160	140	170	1,160	21%	0%	0%	37	37	0.0	0.1	41	39
Belgium	42,690	24,550	18,810	16,940	15,360	118,350	-9%	4%	4%	8	8	1.5	11.5	10	9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	260	730	580	740	200	2,510	-73%	0%	0%	35	34	0.0	0.6	35	33
Bulgaria	1,760	2,430	2,890	1,550	1,130	9,760	-52%	0%	0%	28	27	0.1	1.2	29	28
Canada	34,250	44,040	39,500	31,940	25,500	175,230	-20%	6%	6%	5	5	0.8	5.6	13	16
Croatia	20	90	100	60	160	430	167%	0%	0%	38	42	0.0	0.1	37	42
Cyprus	650	1,770	950	4,410	9,860	17,640	124%	2%	1%	12	23	12.4	22.2	1	1
Czech Rep.	8,790	18,090	8,480	11,400	5,460	52,220	-52%	1%	2%	16	13	0.5	5.1	19	17
Denmark	12,200	12,510	6,070	4,590	3,220	38,590	-30%	1%	1%	22	17	0.6	7.2	17	12
Estonia	-	10	10	10	20	50	100%	0%	0%	48	49	0.0	0.0	42	46
Finland	3,170	1,650	3,440	3,220	3,650	15,130	13%	1%	1%	21	24	0.7	2.9	14	20
France	44,560	54,290	58,970	59,770	<b>61,600</b>	279,190	3%	16%	10%	1	4	1.0	4.7	12	18
FYR Macedonia	10	200	120	2,280	100	2,710	-96%	0%	0%	43	33	0.0	1.3	34	26
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	50	50	0.0	0.0	50	50
Germany	78,560	88,290	71,130	50,560	35,610	324,150	-30%	9%	12%	4	3	0.4	3.9	20	19
Greece	3,080	5,500	5,660	8,180	4,470	26,890	-45%	1%	1%	19	21	0.4	2.5	21	22
Hungary	7,800	9,550	6,410	2,400	1,600	27,760	-33%	0%	1%	24	20	0.2	2.8	26	21
Iceland	20	50	120	80	80	350	0%	0%	0%	44	46	0.3	1.2	22	29
Ireland	11,100	10,330	11,630	7,900	4,770	45,730	-40%	1%	2%	18	14	1.2	11.7	11	8
Italy	15,560	9,620	16,020	13,460	<b>10,000</b>	64,660	-26%	3%	2%	11	12	0.2	1.1	25	30
Japan	220	350	250	340	<b>430</b>	1,590	26%	0%	0%	34	36	0.0	0.0	48	48
Korea, Rep. of	40	40	40	90	150	360	67%	0%	0%	39	45	0.0	0.0	49	49
Latvia	-	10	30	10	10	60	0%	0%	0%	49	48	0.0	0.0	47	47
Liechtenstein	10	110	100	100	70	390	-30%	0%	0%	45	44	2.1	11.7	6	7
Lithuania	200	260	290	180	140	1,070	-22%	0%	0%	40	38	0.0	0.3	36	35
Luxembourg	620	690	1,040	1,550	1,580	5,480	2%	0%	0%	25	32	3.5	12.3	2	6
Malta	70	120	350	570	1,230	2,340	116%	0%	0%	26	35	3.1	6.0	3	15
Moldova, Rep. of	340	250	110	90	110	900	22%	0%	0%	41	39	0.0	0.2	39	37
Netherlands	43,900	32,580	18,670	13,400	9,780	118,330	-27%	2%	4%	13	9	0.6	7.4	16	11
New Zealand	1,550	1,600	1,000	840	580	5,570	-31%	0%	0%	33	30	0.2	1.4	28	24
Norway	10,840	14,780	17,480	15,960	7,950	67,010	-50%	2%	2%	15	11	1.8	14.8	9	3
Poland	4,590	4,510	5,150	6,920	8,080	29,250	17%	2%	1%	14	19	0.2	0.8	23	32
Portugal	220	230	250	90	110	900	22%	0%	0%	41	39	0.0	0.1	43	43
Romania	1,370	2,430	1,150	1,080	660	6,690	-39%	0%	0%	32	28	0.0	0.3	38	36
Russian Federation	1,470	1,680	880	740	<b>930</b>	5,700	26%	0%	0%	29	29	0.0	0.0	45	45
Serbia and Montenegro	40	150	170	140	60	560	-57%	0%	0%	46	41	0.0	0.1	46	44
Slovak Republic	1,560	8,150	9,700	10,360	11,350	41,120	10%	3%	1%	10	15	2.1	7.6	7	10
Slovenia	9,240	1,510	700	1,100	1,170	13,720	6%	0%	0%	27	25	0.6	6.9	18	13
Spain	7,930	9,490	6,310	5,920	5,370	35,020	-9%	1%	1%	17	18	0.1	0.9	30	31
Sweden	16,300	23,520	33,020	31,350	23,160	127,350	-26%	6%	5%	7	7	2.6	14.4	5	4
Switzerland	17,610	20,630	26,130	20,810	14,250	99,430	-32%	4%	4%	9	10	2.0	13.9	8	5
Turkey	5,690	5,040	3,800	3,950	3,910	22,390	-1%	1%	1%	20	22	0.1	0.3	33	34
Ukraine	1,890	920	460	1,370	<b>910</b>	5,550	-34%	0%	0%	30	31	0.0	0.1	40	40
United Kingdom	98,900	91,600	103,080	60,050	40,200	393,830	-33%	10%	14%	3	2	0.7	6.7	15	14
United States	80,910	104,340	100,270	73,780	52,360	411,660	-29%	13%	15%	2	1	0.2	1.4	24	25
EU-"Old" (15)	397,070	394,990	393,450	309,340	243,560	1,738,410	-21%	61%	62%			0.6	4.6		
EU-"New" (10)	32,900	43,980	32,070	37,360	38,920	185,230	4%	10%	7%			0.5	2.5		
EU-Total (25)	429,970	438,970	425,520	346,700	282,480	1,923,640	-19%	71%	69%			0.6	4.2		
Nordic countries (5)	42,530	52,510	60,130	55,200	38,060	248,430	-31%	10%	9%			1.6	10.3		
Western Europe (19)	425,550	430,560	437,280	346,290	265,910	1,905,590	-23%	67%	68%			0.7	4.9		
Former Yugoslavia (6)	9,660	2,840	1,780	4,350	1,720	20,350	-60%	0%	1%			0.1	0.8		
Former USSR (7)	7,710	6,620	3,450	3,300	3,180	24,260	-4%	1%	1%			0.0	0.1		
Total Europe (44)	475,400	492,390	481,720	396,780	314,260	2,160,550	-21%	79%	77%			0.4	2.7		
Canada/USA	115,160	148,380	139,770	105,720	77,860	586,890	-26%	20%	21%			0.2	1.8		
Australia/New Zealand	14,620	13,970	6,860	5,140	3,680	44,270	-28%	1%	2%			0.2	1.9		
Total non-Europe (6)	130,040	162,740	146,920	111,290	82,120	633,110	-26%	21%	23%			0.2	1.2		
Total (50)	605,440	655,130	628,640	508,070	396,380	2,793,660	-22%					0.3	2.1		

**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 2000 to 2003. In the following tables, the 2003 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 since September 2001 exclude persons who arrived off-shore or are being processed on Manus Island, Papua New Guinea or Nauru.  
Austria. The 2001 figure includes 5,622 persons who applied for asylum abroad. Few of these, mostly Afghan, asylum-seekers were granted entry.  
Azerbaijan. Source: UNHCR  
Bosnia and Herzegovina. Source: UNHCR.  
Canada. Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada.  
Croatia. In addition, UNHCR registered applications for refugee status in 2001 (132), 2002 (69), 2003 (73) and 2004 (47).  
Cyprus. 2001: UNHCR figures. 2002 to 2004: Government figures. In addition, UNHCR registered applications for refugee status in 2002 (392), 2003 (626) and 2004 (74).  
France. 2000: adjusted to reflect minors (multiplied by 1.15). 2004: UNHCR estimate based on official data for the first 11 months.  
FYR Macedonia. 2003: includes 2,278 persons, mainly from Kosovo, with Temporary Humanitarian Assistance Status who applied for asylum.  
Italy. The 2004 figure (10,000) has been estimated by UNHCR based on previous years and regional trends.  
Japan. The 2004 figure has been estimated by UNHCR based on official data for the first 11 months.  
The Republic of Moldova. UNHCR figures in 2001 and 2002, Government figures since 2003.  
Russian Federation. The 2004 figure has been estimated by UNHCR based on official data for the first 9 months.  
Serbia and Montenegro. In addition, UNHCR registered 21 applications for refugee status in 2002.  
Turkey. Source: UNHCR.  
Ukraine. The 2004 figure has been estimated by UNHCR based on official data for the first 6 months.  
United States. Figures are a combination of US Fiscal Year and calendar years and include:  
- statistics from the Department of Homeland Security, based on the number of cases and multiplied by 1.4 to reflect the number of persons;  
- the number of new ("defensive") requests lodged with the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), based on the number of persons.

b. Regional classification

Nordic countries (5). Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden.  
Eastern Europe (8). Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Rep. of Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine.  
Western Europe (19). EU-"old" plus Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.  
Former Yugoslavia (6). Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia.  
Former USSR (7). Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Rep. of 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.

Origin	2003	2004	Total	Annual change	Share		Rank	
					2003	2004	2003	2004
Russian Federation	35,196	30,139	65,335	-14%	7.5	8.2	1	1
Serbia and Montenegro	26,335	22,292	48,627	-15%	5.6	6.1	2	2
China	25,632	19,696	45,328	-23%	5.5	5.4	3	3
Turkey	24,867	16,228	41,095	-35%	5.3	4.4	5	4
Iraq	25,361	9,894	35,255	-61%	5.4	2.7	4	9
India	14,162	11,923	26,085	-16%	3.0	3.2	8	5
Nigeria	13,542	11,656	25,198	-14%	2.9	3.2	9	6
Somalia	15,867	9,098	24,965	-43%	3.4	2.5	6	11
Pakistan	13,372	10,880	24,252	-19%	2.9	3.0	10	7
Islamic Rep. of Iran	13,300	10,453	23,753	-21%	2.8	2.8	11	8
Afghanistan	14,231	8,795	23,026	-38%	3.0	2.4	7	13
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	11,612	9,312	20,924	-20%	2.5	2.5	12	10
Georgia	8,564	8,941	17,505	4%	1.8	2.4	13	12
Algeria	8,246	8,443	16,689	2%	1.8	2.3	15	14
Colombia	8,353	7,596	15,949	-9%	1.8	2.1	14	16
Haiti	7,288	7,978	15,266	9%	1.6	2.2	17	15
Bangladesh	7,552	6,474	14,026	-14%	1.6	1.8	16	17
Armenia	6,645	5,183	11,828	-22%	1.4	1.4	18	21
Sri Lanka	5,640	5,603	11,243	-1%	1.2	1.5	21	18
Ukraine	5,837	5,296	11,133	-9%	1.2	1.4	20	20
Rep. of Moldova	5,419	5,490	10,909	1%	1.2	1.5	24	19
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5,521	5,039	10,560	-9%	1.2	1.4	23	22
Mexico	5,847	4,392	10,239	-25%	1.2	1.2	19	23
Cameroon	5,600	4,062	9,662	-27%	1.2	1.1	22	25
Azerbaijan	4,108	4,245	8,353	3%	0.9	1.2	32	24
Viet Nam	4,717	3,630	8,347	-23%	1.0	1.0	27	27
Albania	4,894	3,395	8,289	-31%	1.0	0.9	26	29
Zimbabwe	4,901	3,286	8,187	-33%	1.0	0.9	25	31
Guinea	3,968	3,954	7,922	0%	0.8	1.1	33	26
Angola	4,650	2,861	7,511	-38%	1.0	0.8	28	36
Côte d'Ivoire	4,290	2,929	7,219	-32%	0.9	0.8	31	35
Sudan	3,502	3,486	6,988	0%	0.7	0.9	38	28
Stateless	3,639	3,249	6,888	-11%	0.8	0.9	37	32
Liberia	4,409	2,449	6,858	-44%	0.9	0.7	29	39
Syrian Arab Rep.	3,461	3,339	6,800	-4%	0.7	0.9	39	30
Ethiopia	3,737	2,939	6,676	-21%	0.8	0.8	35	34
Romania	3,865	2,793	6,658	-28%	0.8	0.8	34	37
Eritrea	3,271	3,089	6,360	-6%	0.7	0.8	40	33
Belarus	3,641	2,616	6,257	-28%	0.8	0.7	36	38
Indonesia	4,307	1,828	6,135	-58%	0.9	0.5	30	40
Other	88,501	73,072	161,573	-17%	18.9	19.9		
<b>Total</b>	<b>467,850</b>	<b>368,023</b>	<b>835,873</b>	<b>-21%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>		

<b>Table 3. Origin of asylum applications lodged in Europe, 2003 and 2004</b>								
Covering 31 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.								
The 2004 figures are incomplete for France (Jan-Nov only) and Malta (Jan-Oct only).								
Origin	2003	2004	Total	Annual change	Share		Rank	
					2003	2004	2003	2004
Russian Federation	33,920	29,077	62,997	-14%	9.1	9.8	1	1
Serbia and Montenegro	25,750	21,829	47,579	-15%	6.9	7.4	2	2
Turkey	24,259	15,773	40,032	-35%	6.5	5.3	4	3
Iraq	24,615	9,411	34,026	-62%	6.6	3.2	3	8
China	15,628	11,358	26,986	-27%	4.2	3.8	5	4
Somalia	15,326	8,444	23,770	-45%	4.1	2.8	6	13
Nigeria	12,652	10,848	23,500	-14%	3.4	3.7	8	5
Afghanistan	13,983	8,550	22,533	-39%	3.8	2.9	7	12
Islamic Rep. of Iran	12,110	9,544	21,654	-21%	3.3	3.2	9	7
India	10,976	9,774	20,750	-11%	2.9	3.3	11	6
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	11,030	8,810	19,840	-20%	3.0	3.0	10	10
Pakistan	8,258	9,273	17,531	12%	2.2	3.1	12	9
Georgia	8,179	8,749	16,928	7%	2.2	2.9	13	11
Algeria	8,075	8,341	16,416	3%	2.2	2.8	14	14
Bangladesh	6,374	5,790	12,164	-9%	1.7	2.0	15	15
Rep. of Moldova	5,380	5,452	10,832	1%	1.4	1.8	18	16
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5,491	4,999	10,490	-9%	1.5	1.7	17	17
Armenia	5,695	4,566	10,261	-20%	1.5	1.5	16	19
Ukraine	5,319	4,825	10,144	-9%	1.4	1.6	19	18
Sri Lanka	4,054	4,132	8,186	2%	1.1	1.4	23	20
Azerbaijan	3,845	4,125	7,970	7%	1.0	1.4	25	21
Viet Nam	4,367	3,416	7,783	-22%	1.2	1.2	21	22
Angola	4,546	2,789	7,335	-39%	1.2	0.9	20	28
Zimbabwe	4,333	2,828	7,161	-35%	1.2	1.0	22	27
Cameroon	3,928	2,787	6,715	-29%	1.1	0.9	24	29
Sudan	3,232	3,307	6,539	2%	0.9	1.1	31	23
Syrian Arab Rep.	3,203	3,174	6,377	-1%	0.9	1.1	32	25
Stateless	3,377	2,983	6,360	-12%	0.9	1.0	29	26
Guinea	3,139	3,200	6,339	2%	0.8	1.1	33	24
Côte d'Ivoire	3,612	2,438	6,050	-33%	1.0	0.8	27	33
Romania	3,439	2,527	5,966	-27%	0.9	0.9	28	31
Liberia	3,725	2,128	5,853	-43%	1.0	0.7	26	37
Eritrea	2,959	2,730	5,689	-8%	0.8	0.9	36	30
Belarus	3,343	2,204	5,547	-34%	0.9	0.7	30	36
Albania	3,021	2,329	5,350	-23%	0.8	0.8	35	34
FYR Macedonia	2,718	2,262	4,980	-17%	0.7	0.8	39	35
Bulgaria	2,476	2,457	4,933	-1%	0.7	0.8	40	32
Slovakia	3,042	1,842	4,884	-39%	0.8	0.6	34	39
Congo	2,859	1,976	4,835	-31%	0.8	0.7	37	38
Mauritania	2,794	1,816	4,610	-35%	0.8	0.6	38	40
Other	47,214	43,890	91,104	-7%	12.7	14.8		
<b>Total</b>	<b>372,246</b>	<b>296,753</b>	<b>668,999</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>		

Origin	2003	2004	Total	Change '03-'04	Share			Rank	
					2003	2004	Total	2003	2004
Russian Federation	31,447	27,600	59,047	-12%	9.5	10.1	9.8	1	1
Serbia and Montenegro	20,506	19,144	39,650	-7%	6.2	7.0	6.6	4	2
Turkey	22,242	14,375	36,617	-35%	6.7	5.3	6.1	2	3
Iraq	21,608	8,200	29,808	-62%	6.5	3.0	4.9	3	10
China	15,044	11,122	26,166	-26%	4.5	4.1	4.3	5	4
Nigeria	11,834	10,131	21,965	-14%	3.6	3.7	3.6	7	5
India	10,590	9,525	20,115	-10%	3.2	3.5	3.3	10	6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	11,049	8,862	19,911	-20%	3.3	3.3	3.3	9	8
Somalia	13,081	6,808	19,889	-48%	3.9	2.5	3.3	6	14
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	10,433	8,406	18,839	-19%	3.1	3.1	3.1	11	9
Afghanistan	11,181	6,855	18,036	-39%	3.4	2.5	3.0	8	13
Pakistan	7,895	8,953	16,848	13%	2.4	3.3	2.8	12	7
Georgia	7,212	7,915	15,127	10%	2.2	2.9	2.5	13	11
Algeria	6,836	7,700	14,536	13%	2.1	2.8	2.4	14	12
Bangladesh	6,006	5,502	11,508	-8%	1.8	2.0	1.9	15	15
Rep. of Moldova	5,116	5,270	10,386	3%	1.5	1.9	1.7	16	16
Ukraine	5,031	4,665	9,696	-7%	1.5	1.7	1.6	18	17
Armenia	5,063	4,105	9,168	-19%	1.5	1.5	1.5	17	19
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4,060	4,569	8,629	13%	1.2	1.7	1.4	21	18
Viet Nam	4,275	3,317	7,592	-22%	1.3	1.2	1.3	19	22
Azerbaijan	3,602	3,893	7,495	8%	1.1	1.4	1.2	24	20
Sri Lanka	3,645	3,812	7,457	5%	1.1	1.4	1.2	23	21
Zimbabwe	4,273	2,785	7,058	-35%	1.3	1.0	1.2	20	26
Angola	3,978	2,580	6,558	-35%	1.2	0.9	1.1	22	28
Cameroon	3,513	2,525	6,038	-28%	1.1	0.9	1.0	25	29
Sudan	2,907	3,069	5,976	6%	0.9	1.1	1.0	30	23
Syrian Arab Rep.	2,917	2,927	5,844	0%	0.9	1.1	1.0	29	24
Côte d'Ivoire	3,277	2,233	5,510	-32%	1.0	0.8	0.9	26	33
Stateless	2,821	2,499	5,320	-11%	0.8	0.9	0.9	31	30
Romania	2,985	2,299	5,284	-23%	0.9	0.8	0.9	28	32
Guinea	2,380	2,756	5,136	16%	0.7	1.0	0.8	38	27
Liberia	3,112	1,902	5,014	-39%	0.9	0.7	0.8	27	38
Eritrea	2,525	2,440	4,965	-3%	0.8	0.9	0.8	37	31
Albania	2,644	2,125	4,769	-20%	0.8	0.8	0.8	36	34
Congo	2,777	1,927	4,704	-31%	0.8	0.7	0.8	32	37
Belarus	2,713	1,989	4,702	-27%	0.8	0.7	0.8	35	35
Slovakia	2,762	1,761	4,523	-36%	0.8	0.6	0.7	33	39
Mauritania	2,729	1,756	4,485	-36%	0.8	0.6	0.7	34	40
Haiti	1,490	2,815	4,305	89%	0.4	1.0	0.7	40	25
FYR Macedonia	2,104	1,952	4,056	-7%	0.6	0.7	0.7	39	36
Other	42,589	39,394	81,983	-8%	12.8	14.5	13.6		
<b>Total</b>	<b>332,252</b>	<b>272,463</b>	<b>604,715</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>		

**Table 5. Annual asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, 2003**

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
Russian Federation	32	6,715	1,680	8	237	253	4,852	269	292	3,251	410	3,389	52	105	102
Serbia and Montenegro	117	2,518	1,280	*	105	6	20	743	645	2,568	1,135	4,866	*	112	113
China	813	661	286	*	1,750	*	853	77	26	5,322	3,495	2,395	142	67	168
Iraq	132	1,433	282	211	102	29	104	438	150	552	4,290	3,895	2,879	348	129
Turkey	48	2,839	618	44	395	294	9	106	185	7,119	2,990	6,235	218	125	19
Somalia	*	192	128	57	336	*	17	373	91	136	7,195	265	426	113	183
Afghanistan	63	2,359	329	525	121	52	50	653	51	346	2,590	1,467	593	469	24
India	604	2,823	202	17	1,114	19	168	52	6	821	2,410	1,739	106	46	11
Nigeria	*	1,845	194	94	641	6	35	57	77	1,244	1,110	944	468	74	3,110
Pakistan	63	508	341	17	3,944	481	11	33	5	755	3,145	1,127	703	53	62
Islamic Rep. of Iran	69	981	1,153	97	308	465	7	159	47	165	3,495	2,053	632	170	48
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	*	66	1,778	-	406	*	5	18	38	5,016	1,920	605	40	*	256
Georgia	-	1,520	302	*	52	178	320	29	26	1,639	235	1,126	59	205	133
Colombia	22	9	31	-	2,011	-	*	*	*	137	290	27	-	-	*
Algeria	*	222	400	155	71	*	67	62	38	2,730	730	1,139	6	79	68
Bangladesh	122	887	58	6	676	2,077	7	25	12	954	820	122	251	31	6
Haiti	-	-	-	-	190	-	-	-	-	1,472	-	12	-	-	-
Armenia	5	1,113	316	196	24	54	50	23	33	1,085	60	756	12	54	15
Mexico	-	-	-	-	2,601	-	-	*	-	-	*	*	-	-	-
Ukraine	16	471	115	-	205	91	2,043	18	49	772	335	296	6	15	140
Sri Lanka	167	115	40	5	1,239	5	14	20	14	2,086	810	280	59	-	3
Cameroon	*	97	625	-	116	*	*	8	9	802	530	930	12	7	125
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	214	134	-	15	-	-	229	74	1,125	60	594	*	*	13
Rep. of Moldova	*	1,175	74	-	28	30	191	36	49	1,869	415	165	6	15	244
Zimbabwe	37	13	7	-	60	-	-	*	*	12	4,020	100	-	*	88
Albania	36	108	340	*	396	-	*	51	58	554	685	252	12	-	142
Viet Nam	97	57	14	*	57	-	566	28	*	75	1,175	2,101	-	49	-
Angola	-	51	355	-	84	-	-	6	45	1,382	1,155	351	*	6	116
Liberia	*	177	173	5	29	-	6	16	8	270	780	643	15	19	105
Indonesia	231	-	*	-	234	-	-	*	-	-	15	12	*	-	*
Other	1,603	3,173	5,683	100	14,309	363	1,995	1,024	1,188	15,039	13,740	12,558	1,470	232	2,475
Total	4,290	32,342	16,940	1,549	31,856	4,411	11,394	4,557	3,221	59,298	60,045	50,445	8,178	2,401	7,900

Origin	JPN	LUX	MTA	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	USA	Total
Russian Federation	*	60	*	245	1,923	*	5,581	5	138	2,663	15	1,361	517	1,001	35,196
Serbia and Montenegro	-	541	*	393	2,216	-	*	11	8	65	181	5,305	2,980	363	26,299
China	22	5	-	298	118	56	15	205	11	1,073	*	148	257	7,363	25,631
Iraq	*	14	14	3,472	971	39	75	330	134	479	190	2,701	1,485	471	25,349
Turkey	77	14	11	414	240	*	22	36	31	64	192	733	1,696	87	24,864
Somalia	-	10	173	451	1,623	13	15	63	128	115	*	3,069	501	189	15,866
Afghanistan	*	*	-	492	2,050	*	251	16	10	629	*	811	208	57	14,228
India	12	*	-	174	15	77	235	158	53	1,636	6	79	196	1,379	14,161
Nigeria	*	86	*	414	241	12	15	*	1,685	9	*	451	473	233	13,533
Pakistan	12	-	-	84	95	7	151	22	20	304	28	85	229	1,088	13,371
Islamic Rep. of Iran	24	31	-	555	621	135	9	65	19	183	88	787	274	654	13,296
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	5	21	70	193	75	*	*	268	*	*	-	125	520	168	11,609
Georgia	-	44	-	116	180	*	30	-	54	578	68	537	783	331	8,549
Colombia	*	*	-	34	*	*	-	*	524	*	-	40	39	5,166	8,347
Algeria	-	81	7	109	191	*	14	*	680	8	66	328	885	94	8,240
Bangladesh	6	*	-	22	30	29	*	6	15	556	10	147	326	345	7,552
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,607	7,288
Armenia	-	10	*	204	43	-	104	*	98	747	-	327	390	921	6,644
Mexico	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	3,238	5,847
Ukraine	-	30	-	85	101	-	85	*	45	73	*	353	177	297	5,823
Sri Lanka	*	*	-	95	65	23	32	-	7	51	-	13	337	153	5,638
Cameroon	8	16	*	114	75	-	*	*	178	*	-	51	334	1,547	5,598
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	59	-	103	676	-	*	*	-	*	48	1,396	744	15	5,511
Rep. of Moldova	-	19	*	36	99	-	21	5	14	573	28	157	160	9	5,419
Zimbabwe	-	*	-	9	5	73	-	-	*	-	-	13	55	398	4,897
Albania	-	66	-	53	247	7	-	-	6	-	15	297	117	1,434	4,880
Viet Nam	*	*	-	16	32	8	25	*	*	60	-	103	58	187	4,717
Angola	-	6	-	370	175	-	-	*	31	6	-	84	392	20	4,636
Liberia	-	60	71	441	52	-	*	7	189	13	*	117	532	654	4,387
Indonesia	5	-	-	*	*	6	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	3,788	4,306
Other	145	371	209	4,405	3,795	341	227	129	1,412	429	159	11,732	6,498	21,025	125,829
Total	335	1,554	568	13,402	15,960	841	6,921	1,077	5,767	10,323	1,102	31,355	21,164	58,282	467,480

**Table 6. Annual asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, 2004**

Covering 29 major asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. Values between 1 and 4 have been replaced with an asterisk. The 2004 figures are incomplete for France and Japan (Jan-Nov only) and Malta (Jan-Oct only). See Annex I for country codes used.

Origin	AUL	AUS	BEL	BUL	CAN	CYP	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GBR	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE
Russian Federation	6	6,185	1,361	10	167	618	1,499	163	210	2,919	305	2,767	138	41	62
Serbia and Montenegro	35	2,841	1,294	-	119	11	21	778	772	3,692	385	3,878	7	180	46
China	774	663	208	6	1,876	339	325	64	36	3,887	2,405	1,182	52	64	152
Turkey	14	1,111	561	12	253	125	31	84	132	5,172	1,555	4,136	120	125	21
India	231	1,842	204	69	1,064	538	47	39	5	739	1,485	1,120	42	34	10
Nigeria	*	1,825	177	82	554	13	50	88	94	1,485	1,175	1,005	325	73	1,776
Pakistan	27	575	308	16	880	1,327	17	81	5	979	3,000	1,064	247	54	55
Islamic Rep. of Iran	41	347	512	45	342	668	9	140	95	119	3,975	1,374	228	46	72
Iraq	114	231	388	47	81	131	38	217	118	160	1,890	1,290	936	36	38
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	65	1,471	*	375	19	*	13	45	4,018	1,780	339	27	8	140
Somalia	5	45	139	43	409	*	7	154	243	171	3,270	244	119	18	198
Georgia	*	1,744	211	*	45	759	200	32	92	1,607	145	793	323	288	130
Afghanistan	78	757	287	426	128	80	15	285	164	167	1,585	912	382	38	106
Algeria	-	235	357	46	66	*	44	50	31	4,008	595	752	27	57	66
Haiti	-	-	*	-	170	-	-	*	-	2,793	*	6	-	-	-
Colombia	6	10	26	-	3,631	*	-	*	-	97	140	38	*	-	2
Bangladesh	108	331	35	53	308	2,410	8	20	30	995	545	110	208	29	7
Sri Lanka	61	88	57	-	1,128	497	-	16	11	2,302	395	216	35	-	8
Rep. of Moldova	-	1,351	67	*	25	93	94	7	41	2,067	185	118	67	54	100
Ukraine	7	424	82	*	205	868	1,599	20	30	665	135	225	90	45	68
Armenia	-	414	477	86	38	127	75	28	42	1,314	50	544	21	16	9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	195	109	*	20	8	6	102	93	2,600	25	416	-	*	1
Mexico	-	*	-	-	2,818	-	-	-	-	-	*	5	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	-	163	117	*	54	-	6	30	21	722	75	1,412	5	*	14
Cameroon	*	78	506	-	106	*	11	6	7	558	380	639	*	8	62
Guinea	*	74	565	-	*	-	*	16	*	943	325	340	-	-	37
Viet Nam	17	37	18	*	37	*	362	15	-	26	785	1,660	-	105	2
Sudan	*	71	115	5	69	6	11	17	*	239	1,440	490	90	11	145
Albania	*	79	255	5	317	-	*	26	59	562	340	155	23	-	99
Syrian Arab Rep.	10	134	182	21	74	547	*	56	15	39	415	776	44	10	18
Other	1,551	2,760	5,266	137	10,138	666	975	673	1,253	16,555	11,415	7,607	906	256	1,322
Grand Total	3,098	24,676	15,358	1,127	25,499	9,859	5,460	3,222	3,651	61,600	40,200	35,613	4,466	1,600	4,766

Origin	JPN	LUX	MTA	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	USA	Total	
Russian Federation	*	66	*	206	937	*	7,180	8	83	2,402	12	1,288	505	884	30,027	
Serbia and Montenegro	-	362	*	395	859	*	*	7	21	55	379	4,022	1,777	308	22,250	
China	15	*	-	285	67	49	19	91	9	1,250	*	176	70	5,624	19,692	
Turkey	130	*	27	338	149	*	29	49	23	139	187	445	1,154	57	16,183	
India	6	-	8	167	17	81	150	65	31	2,954	15	97	80	767	11,905	
Nigeria	*	330	13	224	205	*	10	5	1,030	5	*	429	418	245	11,646	
Pakistan	11	*	19	66	48	9	211	34	25	801	14	77	211	680	10,844	
Islamic Rep. of Iran	17	59	-	450	394	88	9	34	34	58	6	660	200	421	10,444	
Iraq	-	9	18	1,043	412	12	6	109	57	110	28	1,456	631	276	9,880	
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	22	41	103	49	*	5	7	186	*	-	116	345	123	9,310	
Somalia	*	18	438	792	958	13	19	43	13	12	*	905	592	226	9,098	
Georgia	-	7	-	73	82	-	47	15	38	985	32	403	731	146	8,931	
Afghanistan	-	6	-	689	1,059	-	57	*	14	396	*	903	207	39	8,785	
Algeria	-	69	12	67	103	-	9	-	988	11	18	301	480	36	8,431	
Haiti	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	5	-	-	*	*	4,989	7,978	
Colombia	*	*	*	170	13	*	*	-	632	-	-	-	19	36	2,759	7,588
Bangladesh	28	*	6	27	30	22	*	30	22	548	17	153	168	218	6,467	
Sri Lanka	8	*	-	76	58	29	*	*	14	58	12	21	251	245	5,592	
Rep. of Moldova	-	*	*	30	34	-	13	13	*	824	31	117	127	13	5,483	
Ukraine	-	12	-	17	43	*	72	*	27	64	*	211	102	255	5,281	
Armenia	-	10	-	228	46	-	18	-	91	151	*	485	329	579	5,177	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	34	*	57	118	-	*	*	27	-	106	785	301	19	5,032	
Mexico	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	1,563	4,392	
Azerbaijan	-	*	-	253	129	-	9	-	5	5	-	1,041	101	66	4,238	
Cameroon	10	24	*	91	48	-	5	8	69	*	*	67	201	1,156	4,057	
Guinea	*	53	-	116	30	-	*	*	228	-	-	50	412	748	3,953	
Viet Nam	*	*	-	22	44	9	16	-	5	154	-	109	52	147	3,628	
Sudan	*	29	18	255	33	8	-	15	36	8	-	82	184	99	3,482	
Albania	*	48	-	53	112	*	*	*	6	-	193	221	80	743	3,388	
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	*	*	180	71	16	7	28	39	48	-	411	127	65	3,339	
Other	182	397	614	3,305	1,796	225	170	93	1,605	311	111	8,110	4,372	18,171	100,943	
Grand Total	426	1,577	1,227	9,782	7,945	580	8,077	661	5,369	11,354	1,174	23,161	14,247	41,667	367,444	

**Table 7. Quarterly asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries, 2003-2004**

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Asylum country	2003				2004				Quarterly change 2004		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4
Australia	1,156	1,159	1,107	868	767	840	787	704	10%	-6%	-11%
Austria	6,644	8,125	9,798	7,775	5,922	6,538	6,244	5,972	10%	-4%	-4%
Belgium	3,828	3,582	4,613	4,917	3,916	3,482	3,672	4,288	-11%	5%	17%
Bulgaria	426	256	281	586	267	250	248	362	-6%	-1%	46%
Canada	9,761	7,748	7,432	6,915	6,353	5,420	6,452	7,274	-15%	19%	13%
Croatia	2	9	15	37	39	16	35	71	-59%	119%	103%
Cyprus	349	150	513	3,399	1,109	2,112	2,841	3,797	90%	35%	34%
Czech Rep.	1,977	3,048	3,058	3,311	2,128	1,339	938	1,055	-37%	-30%	12%
Denmark	1,222	1,103	1,206	1,026	919	826	839	638	-10%	2%	-24%
Estonia	6	3	4	1	8	4	2	1	-50%	-50%	-50%
Finland	817	611	714	1,079	1,050	649	926	1,026	-38%	43%	11%
France	14,285	13,591	14,514	16,908	15,764	14,049	16,214	<b>15,573</b>	-11%	15%	-4%
Germany	14,939	11,423	12,494	11,589	10,167	8,519	8,618	8,309	-16%	1%	-4%
Greece	2,246	2,592	1,954	1,386	1,009	1,747	694	1,016	73%	-60%	46%
Hungary	645	522	737	497	367	378	471	384	3%	25%	-18%
Iceland	19	12	31	18	17	20	22	16	18%	10%	-27%
Ireland	2,818	1,932	1,912	1,238	1,256	1,104	1,238	1,168	-12%	12%	-6%
Japan	70	74	106	85	112	145	85	<b>84</b>	29%	-41%	-1%
Latvia	3	2	-	-	3	1	1	2	-67%	0%	100%
Liechtenstein	24	29	24	24	29	15	15	15	-48%	0%	0%
Lithuania	-	-	-	-	23	31	58	28	35%	87%	-52%
Luxembourg	298	354	362	540	514	404	356	303	-21%	-12%	-15%
Malta	184	120	129	135	129	141	376	581	9%	167%	55%
Netherlands	3,674	3,792	3,219	2,717	2,752	2,080	2,308	2,642	-24%	11%	14%
New Zealand	264	227	185	165	204	159	126	91	-22%	-21%	-28%
Norway	3,709	3,479	5,022	3,750	2,184	1,805	2,198	1,758	-17%	22%	-20%
Poland	1,407	1,314	2,331	1,869	1,317	1,770	2,145	2,845	34%	21%	33%
Portugal	22	40	16	29	16	30	34	27	88%	13%	-21%
Romania	272	384	213	208	213	134	153	161	-37%	14%	5%
Slovakia	1,249	2,125	2,788	4,161	2,527	3,839	2,624	2,364	52%	-32%	-10%
Slovenia	285	283	307	227	310	311	228	325	0%	-27%	43%
Spain	1,547	1,072	1,506	1,642	1,480	1,227	1,129	1,533	-17%	-8%	36%
Sweden	7,942	6,198	8,945	8,270	6,232	5,213	6,210	5,506	-16%	19%	-11%
Switzerland	5,506	4,868	5,592	5,198	4,726	3,681	3,161	2,679	-22%	-14%	-15%
United Kingdom	19,130	12,710	14,995	13,210	10,585	9,210	10,385	10,020	-13%	13%	-4%
United States	20,860	20,181	17,481	15,260	14,216	13,339	12,473	12,330	-6%	-6%	-1%
EU-"Old" (14)	79,412	67,125	76,248	72,326	61,582	55,078	58,867	58,021	-11%	7%	-1%
EU-"New" (10)	6,105	7,567	9,867	13,600	7,921	9,926	9,684	11,382	25%	-2%	18%
EU-Total (24)	85,517	74,692	86,115	85,926	69,503	65,004	68,551	69,403	-6%	5%	1%
Nordic countries (5)	13,709	11,403	15,918	14,143	10,402	8,513	10,195	8,944	-18%	20%	-12%
Western Europe (18)	88,670	75,513	86,917	81,316	68,538	60,599	64,263	62,489	-12%	6%	-3%
Total Europe	94,319	82,570	96,186	94,879	76,211	70,085	73,596	73,761	-8%	5%	0%
Canada/USA	30,621	27,929	24,913	22,175	20,569	18,759	18,925	19,604	-9%	1%	4%
Australia/New Zealand	1,420	1,386	1,292	1,033	971	999	913	795	3%	-9%	-13%
Total non-Europe (5)	32,111	29,389	26,311	23,293	21,652	19,903	19,923	20,483	-8%	0%	3%
Total	126,430	111,959	122,497	118,172	97,863	89,988	93,519	94,244	-8%	4%	1%

**Notes**

See notes Table 1.

Fourth quarter 2004 for France and Japan: UNHCR estimate, extrapolated from first 11 months.

Italy is not included due to a lack of data.

**Table 8. Origin of asylum applicants in industrialized countries, 2003**

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications				Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Russian Federation	5,367	8,071	11,426	10,332	50%	42%	-10%	4.4	7.4	9.5	8.9
Serbia and Montenegro	6,480	5,945	7,038	6,872	-8%	18%	-2%	5.3	5.5	5.9	5.9
China	6,100	5,919	6,767	6,846	-3%	14%	1%	5.0	5.4	5.6	5.9
Iraq	11,370	6,511	4,250	3,230	-43%	-35%	-24%	9.2	6.0	3.5	2.8
Turkey	6,781	5,801	6,196	6,089	-14%	7%	-2%	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.2
Somalia	3,704	3,053	5,414	3,696	-18%	77%	-32%	3.0	2.8	4.5	3.2
Afghanistan	3,481	3,760	3,719	3,271	8%	-1%	-12%	2.8	3.5	3.1	2.8
India	3,385	3,593	3,548	3,636	6%	-1%	2%	2.8	3.3	3.0	3.1
Nigeria	3,860	3,338	3,198	3,146	-14%	-4%	-2%	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.7
Pakistan	4,794	2,619	2,751	3,208	-45%	5%	17%	3.9	2.4	2.3	2.8
Islamic Rep. of Iran	3,083	2,805	3,607	3,805	-9%	29%	5%	2.5	2.6	3.0	3.3
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	3,232	2,800	2,819	2,761	-13%	1%	-2%	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.4
Georgia	1,786	1,957	2,199	2,622	10%	12%	19%	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.3
Colombia	2,271	2,168	2,039	1,875	-5%	-6%	-8%	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.6
Algeria	2,114	1,860	2,181	2,091	-12%	17%	-4%	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8
Bangladesh	1,450	1,421	1,399	3,282	-2%	-2%	135%	1.2	1.3	1.2	2.8
Haiti	1,622	1,952	1,906	1,808	20%	-2%	-5%	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.6
Armenia	1,232	1,335	1,745	2,333	8%	31%	34%	1.0	1.2	1.5	2.0
Mexico	1,847	1,350	1,478	1,172	-27%	9%	-21%	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.0
Ukraine	1,488	1,269	1,467	1,613	-15%	16%	10%	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4
Sri Lanka	1,505	1,434	1,325	1,376	-5%	-8%	4%	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.2
Cameroon	1,598	1,351	1,302	1,349	-15%	-4%	4%	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,650	1,240	1,451	1,180	-25%	17%	-19%	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.0
Rep. of Moldova	1,019	1,152	1,696	1,552	13%	47%	-8%	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.3
Zimbabwe	1,603	1,198	1,045	1,055	-25%	-13%	1%	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.9
Albania	1,354	1,275	1,211	1,054	-6%	-5%	-13%	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.9
Viet Nam	1,336	1,067	1,218	1,096	-20%	14%	-10%	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9
Various	883	881	1,007	1,742	0%	14%	73%	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.5
Liberia	625	835	1,691	1,258	34%	103%	-26%	0.5	0.8	1.4	1.1
Indonesia	1,377	1,444	813	673	5%	-44%	-17%	1.1	1.3	0.7	0.6
Côte d'Ivoire	1,548	1,069	798	875	-31%	-25%	10%	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.8
Azerbaijan	945	812	1,129	1,222	-14%	39%	8%	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.1
Guinea	856	985	1,010	1,117	15%	3%	11%	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.0
Romania	1,450	745	852	818	-49%	14%	-4%	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.7
Ethiopia	915	801	1,011	1,010	-12%	26%	0%	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9
Belarus	903	851	970	917	-6%	14%	-5%	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Stateless	794	565	1,133	1,147	-29%	101%	1%	0.6	0.5	0.9	1.0
Mauritania	920	865	917	846	-6%	6%	-8%	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7
Sudan	772	745	992	993	-3%	33%	0%	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
Syrian Arab Rep.	825	727	977	932	-12%	34%	-5%	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
Other	30,004	29,301	33,813	30,439	-2%	15%	-10%	24.4	26.9	28.2	26.2
Total	122,962	108,799	120,082	116,007	-12%	10%	-3%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0



**Table 9. Origin of asylum applicants in industrialized countries, 2004**

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

The 2004 figures are incomplete for France and Japan (Jan-Nov only) and Malta (Jan-Oct only).

Origin	No. of applications				Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Russian Federation	7,708	7,382	6,990	8,059	-4%	-5%	15%	8.0	8.4	7.6	8.7
Serbia and Montenegro	5,840	5,435	5,809	5,208	-7%	7%	-10%	6.1	6.2	6.3	5.6
China	5,246	4,566	5,108	4,776	-13%	12%	-6%	5.5	5.2	5.6	5.2
Turkey	4,848	3,745	4,032	3,603	-23%	8%	-11%	5.1	4.3	4.4	3.9
India	3,074	3,759	2,944	2,146	22%	-22%	-27%	3.2	4.3	3.2	2.3
Nigeria	3,215	3,101	3,052	2,288	-4%	-2%	-25%	3.4	3.5	3.3	2.5
Pakistan	2,686	3,036	2,868	2,290	13%	-6%	-20%	2.8	3.4	3.1	2.5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,463	2,177	2,721	3,092	-12%	25%	14%	2.6	2.5	3.0	3.3
Iraq	2,243	2,176	2,482	2,993	-3%	14%	21%	2.3	2.5	2.7	3.2
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,545	2,116	2,454	2,197	-17%	16%	-10%	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.4
Somalia	2,810	1,971	2,439	1,878	-30%	24%	-23%	2.9	2.2	2.7	2.0
Georgia	2,239	2,253	2,332	2,117	1%	4%	-9%	2.3	2.6	2.5	2.3
Afghanistan	2,316	2,128	2,157	2,194	-8%	1%	2%	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Algeria	2,714	2,307	1,974	1,448	-15%	-14%	-27%	2.8	2.6	2.2	1.6
Haiti	2,160	2,207	1,824	1,787	2%	-17%	-2%	2.3	2.5	2.0	1.9
Colombia	1,887	1,752	1,777	2,180	-7%	1%	23%	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.4
Bangladesh	1,440	2,030	1,631	1,373	41%	-20%	-16%	1.5	2.3	1.8	1.5
Sri Lanka	1,337	1,285	1,676	1,305	-4%	30%	-22%	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.4
Rep. of Moldova	1,036	1,460	1,550	1,444	41%	6%	-7%	1.1	1.7	1.7	1.6
Ukraine	1,380	1,129	1,268	1,519	-18%	12%	20%	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.6
Armenia	1,496	1,227	1,315	1,145	-18%	7%	-13%	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,196	1,116	1,442	1,285	-7%	29%	-11%	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.4
Mexico	1,013	1,018	1,283	1,078	0%	26%	-16%	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.2
Azerbaijan	1,046	1,025	1,231	943	-2%	20%	-23%	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.0
Cameroon	1,173	957	959	973	-18%	0%	1%	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1
Guinea	1,081	914	978	981	-15%	7%	0%	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1
Viet Nam	910	1,007	806	907	11%	-20%	13%	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.0
Sudan	669	787	1,011	1,019	18%	28%	1%	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.1
Albania	1,008	795	817	775	-21%	3%	-5%	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.8
Syrian Arab Rep.	726	723	930	960	0%	29%	3%	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0
Zimbabwe	936	810	831	709	-13%	3%	-15%	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Stateless	862	661	917	809	-23%	39%	-12%	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.9
Eritrea	597	436	1,038	1,018	-27%	138%	-2%	0.6	0.5	1.1	1.1
Ethiopia	816	681	779	663	-17%	14%	-15%	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
Côte d'Ivoire	727	711	701	790	-2%	-1%	13%	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9
Angola	938	638	658	627	-32%	3%	-5%	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
Romania	687	775	642	689	13%	-17%	7%	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7
Bulgaria	511	464	696	987	-9%	50%	42%	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.1
Belarus	692	691	612	621	0%	-11%	1%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7
Liberia	849	635	568	397	-25%	-11%	-30%	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.4
Other	26,444	23,363	23,400	29,174	-12%	0%	25%	27.6	26.5	25.5	31.6
Total	95,856	88,067	91,712	92,388	-8%	4%	1%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Table 10. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe, 2003**

Covering 31 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications				Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Russian Federation	5,002	7,733	11,161	10,024	55%	44%	-10%	5.2	9.2	11.5	10.5
Serbia and Montenegro	6,341	5,813	6,844	6,752	-8%	18%	-1%	6.6	6.9	7.0	7.1
Iraq	11,088	6,335	4,104	3,088	-43%	-35%	-25%	11.6	7.6	4.2	3.2
Turkey	6,614	5,650	6,046	5,949	-15%	7%	-2%	6.9	6.7	6.2	6.2
China	3,180	3,386	4,529	4,533	6%	34%	0%	3.3	4.0	4.7	4.7
Somalia	3,579	2,936	5,260	3,551	-18%	79%	-32%	3.7	3.5	5.4	3.7
Afghanistan	3,433	3,707	3,662	3,181	8%	-1%	-13%	3.6	4.4	3.8	3.3
Nigeria	3,645	3,123	2,988	2,896	-14%	-4%	-3%	3.8	3.7	3.1	3.0
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,713	2,527	3,329	3,541	-7%	32%	6%	2.8	3.0	3.4	3.7
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	3,074	2,631	2,678	2,647	-14%	2%	-1%	3.2	3.1	2.8	2.8
India	2,539	2,730	2,802	2,905	8%	3%	4%	2.7	3.3	2.9	3.0
Pakistan	1,853	1,690	2,145	2,570	-9%	27%	20%	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.7
Georgia	1,715	1,867	2,105	2,492	9%	13%	18%	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.6
Algeria	2,062	1,826	2,138	2,049	-11%	17%	-4%	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1
Bangladesh	1,227	982	1,124	3,041	-20%	14%	171%	1.3	1.2	1.2	3.2
Armenia	939	1,060	1,544	2,152	13%	46%	39%	1.0	1.3	1.6	2.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,644	1,231	1,443	1,173	-25%	17%	-19%	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.2
Rep. of Moldova	1,006	1,134	1,690	1,550	13%	49%	-8%	1.1	1.4	1.7	1.6
Ukraine	1,339	1,147	1,337	1,496	-14%	17%	12%	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6
Angola	1,316	1,040	1,171	1,019	-21%	13%	-13%	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1
Viet Nam	1,257	998	1,092	1,020	-21%	9%	-7%	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1
Zimbabwe	1,429	1,055	921	928	-26%	-13%	1%	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.0
Sri Lanka	1,157	960	937	1,000	-17%	-2%	7%	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0
Cameroon	1,099	921	927	981	-16%	1%	6%	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0
Azerbaijan	870	735	1,070	1,170	-16%	46%	9%	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.2
Liberia	478	663	1,467	1,117	39%	121%	-24%	0.5	0.8	1.5	1.2
Côte d'Ivoire	1,343	879	629	761	-35%	-28%	21%	1.4	1.0	0.6	0.8
Romania	1,361	631	714	733	-54%	13%	3%	1.4	0.8	0.7	0.8
Stateless	738	523	1,043	1,073	-29%	99%	3%	0.8	0.6	1.1	1.1
Belarus	844	752	913	834	-11%	21%	-9%	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Sudan	706	674	932	920	-5%	38%	-1%	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0
Syrian Arab Rep.	755	646	916	886	-14%	42%	-3%	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9
Guinea	631	798	797	913	26%	0%	15%	0.7	1.0	0.8	1.0
Slovakia	789	661	1,098	494	-16%	66%	-55%	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.5
Albania	858	750	740	673	-13%	-1%	-9%	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7
Eritrea	765	540	875	779	-29%	62%	-11%	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.8
Congo	922	700	592	645	-24%	-15%	9%	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.7
Mauritania	698	663	723	710	-5%	9%	-2%	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7
FYR Macedonia	703	620	667	728	-12%	8%	9%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
Bulgaria	1,046	285	445	700	-73%	56%	57%	1.1	0.3	0.5	0.7
Other	17,718	18,460	22,858	22,098	4%	24%	-3%	18.6	22.0	23.5	23.1
Total	95,474	83,729	97,295	95,748	-12%	16%	-2%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Table 11. Origin of asylum applicants in Europe, 2004**

Covering 31 European countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

The 2004 figures are incomplete for France (Jan-Nov only) and Malta (Jan-Oct only).

Origin	No. of applications				Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Russian Federation	7,449	7,079	6,729	7,820	-5%	-5%	16%	9.7	10.0	9.0	10.5
Serbia and Montenegro	5,710	5,326	5,691	5,102	-7%	7%	-10%	7.4	7.5	7.7	6.9
Turkey	4,723	3,615	3,942	3,493	-23%	9%	-11%	6.1	5.1	5.3	4.7
China	3,120	2,605	3,066	2,567	-17%	18%	-16%	4.1	3.7	4.1	3.4
Nigeria	2,997	2,893	2,864	2,094	-3%	-1%	-27%	3.9	4.1	3.9	2.8
India	2,477	3,258	2,464	1,575	32%	-24%	-36%	3.2	4.6	3.3	2.1
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,200	1,991	2,492	2,861	-10%	25%	15%	2.9	2.8	3.4	3.8
Iraq	2,140	2,038	2,395	2,838	-5%	18%	18%	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.8
Pakistan	2,232	2,653	2,490	1,898	19%	-6%	-24%	2.9	3.7	3.3	2.5
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,437	2,020	2,317	2,036	-17%	15%	-12%	3.2	2.8	3.1	2.7
Georgia	2,186	2,212	2,288	2,063	1%	3%	-10%	2.8	3.1	3.1	2.8
Afghanistan	2,252	2,086	2,067	2,145	-7%	-1%	4%	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9
Somalia	2,660	1,832	2,274	1,678	-31%	24%	-26%	3.5	2.6	3.1	2.3
Algeria	2,680	2,281	1,956	1,424	-15%	-14%	-27%	3.5	3.2	2.6	1.9
Bangladesh	1,259	1,885	1,471	1,175	50%	-22%	-20%	1.6	2.7	2.0	1.6
Rep. of Moldova	1,025	1,453	1,542	1,432	42%	6%	-7%	1.3	2.0	2.1	1.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,181	1,110	1,435	1,273	-6%	29%	-11%	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.7
Ukraine	1,271	1,023	1,157	1,374	-20%	13%	19%	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.8
Armenia	1,329	1,053	1,186	998	-21%	13%	-16%	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.3
Sri Lanka	928	953	1,281	970	3%	34%	-24%	1.2	1.3	1.7	1.3
Azerbaijan	1,004	997	1,209	915	-1%	21%	-24%	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.2
Viet Nam	837	955	765	859	14%	-20%	12%	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.2
Sudan	616	739	976	976	20%	32%	0%	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.3
Guinea	920	748	780	752	-19%	4%	-4%	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0
Syrian Arab Rep.	662	686	900	926	4%	31%	3%	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.2
Stateless	818	598	870	697	-27%	45%	-20%	1.1	0.8	1.2	0.9
Zimbabwe	779	697	728	624	-11%	4%	-14%	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8
Haiti	617	919	762	521	49%	-17%	-32%	0.8	1.3	1.0	0.7
Angola	913	624	644	608	-32%	3%	-6%	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.8
Cameroon	799	636	632	720	-20%	-1%	14%	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.0
Eritrea	513	368	953	896	-28%	159%	-6%	0.7	0.5	1.3	1.2
Romania	621	700	574	632	13%	-18%	10%	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.8
Bulgaria	447	416	656	938	-7%	58%	43%	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.3
Côte d'Ivoire	622	598	579	639	-4%	-3%	10%	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9
Albania	688	543	573	525	-21%	6%	-8%	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
FYR Macedonia	643	505	565	549	-21%	12%	-3%	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7
Belarus	612	521	518	553	-15%	-1%	7%	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Liberia	754	570	476	328	-24%	-16%	-31%	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.4
Mongolia	412	418	589	579	1%	41%	-2%	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8
Congo	565	400	554	457	-29%	39%	-18%	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6
Other	18,330	15,999	15,704	21,775	-13%	-2%	39%	23.8	22.6	21.1	29.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,979</b>	<b>70,924</b>	<b>74,385</b>	<b>74,465</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 12. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union, 2003**  
 Covering 24 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

Origin	No. of applications				Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Russian Federation	4,537	7,206	10,309	9,395	59%	43%	-9%	5.3	9.6	12.0	10.9
Turkey	6,068	5,202	5,550	5,422	-14%	7%	-2%	7.1	7.0	6.4	6.3
Iraq	9,736	5,691	3,551	2,630	-42%	-38%	-26%	11.4	7.6	4.1	3.1
Serbia and Montenegro	4,984	4,639	5,408	5,475	-7%	17%	1%	5.8	6.2	6.3	6.4
China	3,037	3,217	4,398	4,392	6%	37%	0%	3.6	4.3	5.1	5.1
Somalia	3,045	2,385	4,344	3,307	-22%	82%	-24%	3.6	3.2	5.0	3.8
Nigeria	3,457	2,887	2,809	2,681	-16%	-3%	-5%	4.0	3.9	3.3	3.1
Afghanistan	3,008	3,120	2,844	2,209	4%	-9%	-22%	3.5	4.2	3.3	2.6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,493	2,306	2,988	3,262	-8%	30%	9%	2.9	3.1	3.5	3.8
India	2,432	2,623	2,701	2,834	8%	3%	5%	2.8	3.5	3.1	3.3
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,914	2,495	2,517	2,507	-14%	1%	0%	3.4	3.3	2.9	2.9
Pakistan	1,765	1,606	2,045	2,479	-9%	27%	21%	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.9
Georgia	1,492	1,619	1,886	2,215	9%	16%	17%	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.6
Algeria	1,830	1,538	1,750	1,718	-16%	14%	-2%	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0
Bangladesh	1,123	910	1,023	2,950	-19%	12%	188%	1.3	1.2	1.2	3.4
Rep. of Moldova	959	1,073	1,615	1,469	12%	51%	-9%	1.1	1.4	1.9	1.7
Armenia	808	943	1,431	1,881	17%	52%	31%	0.9	1.3	1.7	2.2
Ukraine	1,281	1,072	1,277	1,401	-16%	19%	10%	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.6
Viet Nam	1,234	985	1,059	997	-20%	8%	-6%	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2
Zimbabwe	1,416	1,034	910	913	-27%	-12%	0%	1.7	1.4	1.1	1.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,102	859	1,111	988	-22%	29%	-11%	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.1
Angola	1,183	947	979	869	-20%	3%	-11%	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.0
Sri Lanka	1,038	852	824	931	-18%	-3%	13%	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1
Azerbaijan	811	687	1,003	1,101	-15%	46%	10%	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.3
Cameroon	1,008	834	808	863	-17%	-3%	7%	1.2	1.1	0.9	1.0
Côte d'Ivoire	1,218	797	561	701	-35%	-30%	25%	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.8
Liberia	418	541	1,204	949	29%	123%	-21%	0.5	0.7	1.4	1.1
Romania	1,258	546	579	602	-57%	6%	4%	1.5	0.7	0.7	0.7
Syrian Arab Rep.	700	580	837	800	-17%	44%	-4%	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.9
Sudan	600	603	855	849	1%	42%	-1%	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0
Stateless	599	412	887	923	-31%	115%	4%	0.7	0.6	1.0	1.1
Congo	896	687	574	620	-23%	-16%	8%	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.7
Slovakia	766	592	923	481	-23%	56%	-48%	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.6
Mauritania	682	647	710	690	-5%	10%	-3%	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
Belarus	698	585	757	673	-16%	29%	-11%	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8
Albania	759	649	642	594	-14%	-1%	-7%	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7
Eritrea	653	460	764	648	-30%	66%	-15%	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.8
Guinea	494	604	574	708	22%	-5%	23%	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8
FYR Macedonia	526	486	553	539	-8%	14%	-3%	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6
Sierra Leone	752	501	438	347	-33%	-13%	-21%	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.4
Other	16,273	16,478	20,428	20,309	1%	24%	-1%	19.0	22.1	23.7	23.6
Total	85,516	74,692	86,117	85,927	-13%	15%	0%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Table 13. Origin of asylum applicants in the European Union, 2004**

Covering 24 European Union countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

The 2004 figures are incomplete for France (Jan-Nov only) and Malta (Jan-Oct only).

Origin	No. of applications				Change (%)			Share (%)			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1-Q2	Q2-Q3	Q3-Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Russian Federation	7,023	6,729	6,327	7,521	-4%	-6%	19%	10.1	10.4	9.2	10.8
Serbia and Montenegro	4,901	4,630	5,060	4,553	-6%	9%	-10%	7.1	7.1	7.4	6.6
Turkey	4,310	3,292	3,593	3,180	-24%	9%	-11%	6.2	5.1	5.2	4.6
China	3,020	2,551	3,010	2,541	-16%	18%	-16%	4.3	3.9	4.4	3.7
Nigeria	2,773	2,684	2,697	1,977	-3%	0%	-27%	4.0	4.1	3.9	2.8
India	2,396	3,211	2,426	1,492	34%	-24%	-38%	3.4	4.9	3.5	2.1
Pakistan	2,141	2,565	2,426	1,821	20%	-5%	-25%	3.1	3.9	3.5	2.6
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,023	1,851	2,302	2,686	-9%	24%	17%	2.9	2.8	3.4	3.9
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,311	1,911	2,235	1,949	-17%	17%	-13%	3.3	2.9	3.3	2.8
Iraq	1,758	1,794	2,123	2,525	2%	18%	19%	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.6
Georgia	1,923	2,006	2,084	1,902	4%	4%	-9%	2.8	3.1	3.0	2.7
Algeria	2,408	2,132	1,830	1,330	-11%	-14%	-27%	3.5	3.3	2.7	1.9
Afghanistan	1,704	1,736	1,681	1,734	2%	-3%	3%	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.5
Somalia	2,344	1,418	1,725	1,321	-40%	22%	-23%	3.4	2.2	2.5	1.9
Bangladesh	1,185	1,819	1,393	1,105	54%	-23%	-21%	1.7	2.8	2.0	1.6
Rep. of Moldova	991	1,410	1,485	1,384	42%	5%	-7%	1.4	2.2	2.2	2.0
Ukraine	1,215	990	1,119	1,341	-19%	13%	20%	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,048	1,005	1,317	1,199	-4%	31%	-9%	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.7
Armenia	1,153	912	1,104	936	-21%	21%	-15%	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.3
Azerbaijan	949	924	1,147	873	-3%	24%	-24%	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.3
Sri Lanka	848	867	1,201	896	2%	39%	-25%	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.3
Viet Nam	810	926	738	843	14%	-20%	14%	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.2
Sudan	560	673	913	923	20%	36%	1%	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.3
Syrian Arab Rep.	597	625	825	880	5%	32%	7%	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.3
Haiti	615	917	762	521	49%	-17%	-32%	0.9	1.4	1.1	0.8
Zimbabwe	764	687	714	620	-10%	4%	-13%	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9
Guinea	715	631	713	697	-12%	13%	-2%	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Angola	831	569	605	575	-32%	6%	-5%	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.8
Cameroon	704	577	571	673	-18%	-1%	18%	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.0
Stateless	679	522	744	554	-23%	43%	-26%	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.8
Eritrea	434	328	852	826	-24%	160%	-3%	0.6	0.5	1.2	1.2
Romania	565	602	529	603	7%	-12%	14%	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9
Côte d'Ivoire	565	538	541	589	-5%	1%	9%	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Albania	610	506	534	475	-17%	6%	-11%	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
Belarus	524	471	476	518	-10%	1%	9%	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
FYR Macedonia	510	438	512	492	-14%	17%	-4%	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Congo	549	391	542	445	-29%	39%	-18%	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.6
Liberia	682	504	425	291	-26%	-16%	-32%	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.4
Mongolia	328	394	578	564	20%	47%	-2%	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8
Bulgaria	297	320	482	699	8%	51%	45%	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.0
Other	16,764	14,676	14,539	20,870	-12%	-1%	44%	24.1	22.6	21.2	30.1
Total	69,504	65,003	68,553	69,403	-6%	5%	1%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Table 14. Asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, fourth quarter 2004**

Covering 29 major asylum countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR. Values between 1 and 4 have been replaced with an asterisk. The 2004 origin figures are incomplete for France and Japan (Oct-Nov only) and Malta (Oct only). See Annex I for country codes used.

Origin	AUL	AUS	BEL	BUL	CAN	CYP	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GBR	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE
Russian Federation	-	1,515	372	*	38	351	108	38	48	638	70	756	11	13	14
Serbia and Montenegro	-	861	346	-	24	8	6	164	137	638	80	952	-	95	*
China	197	173	51	-	443	181	82	9	5	512	550	256	11	14	26
Turkey	-	289	144	*	84	78	*	22	28	1,008	340	965	26	19	*
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	91	157	6	110	271	*	40	36	27	1,250	336	41	12	32
Iraq	46	61	157	22	20	59	13	41	39	16	570	360	269	*	10
Nigeria	-	323	39	8	131	*	19	15	31	268	300	203	61	11	363
Pakistan	-	76	54	9	242	322	*	14	*	124	730	165	73	12	16
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	18	369	*	132	13	*	*	8	785	525	60	*	*	22
Afghanistan	-	189	86	196	39	44	*	32	30	35	410	213	182	*	52
Colombia	-	-	*	-	1,324	*	-	-	-	16	25	10	-	-	*
India	48	293	60	36	327	185	*	7	-	118	340	203	6	5	*
Georgia	-	397	43	-	26	468	15	*	31	261	15	169	16	78	24
Somalia	-	17	29	-	136	-	-	21	91	33	580	42	11	*	69
Haiti	-	-	-	-	53	-	-	-	-	515	-	*	-	-	-
Ukraine	-	101	26	*	66	471	384	*	8	112	30	78	*	18	20
Algeria	-	51	63	*	22	-	14	9	*	475	120	131	7	*	14
Rep. of Moldova	-	313	13	-	11	57	30	-	39	466	35	22	-	11	31
Bangladesh	34	51	8	10	115	422	-	*	12	204	125	23	74	12	*
Sri Lanka	-	28	19	-	263	165	-	*	*	490	105	42	13	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	47	37	-	9	*	*	13	13	770	-	76	-	-	-
Armenia	-	81	152	11	23	81	17	12	13	238	15	104	*	-	7
Mexico	-	-	-	-	766	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sudan	-	25	20	*	15	*	6	*	*	64	435	165	20	*	37
Eritrea	-	*	7	-	61	*	*	8	-	8	455	157	*	*	14
Bulgaria	-	10	89	-	11	9	11	15	142	23	5	218	*	-	-
Guinea	-	23	165	-	*	-	-	5	-	171	100	96	-	-	6
Cameroon	-	25	177	-	31	*	*	*	*	91	110	160	*	*	9
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	36	34	6	25	255	-	12	7	*	160	186	21	*	*
Azerbaijan	-	63	45	*	*	-	*	7	*	110	15	306	*	*	*
Other	379	814	1,523	45	2,725	347	321	133	291	7,353	2,515	1,854	164	62	388
<b>Total</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>5,972</b>	<b>4,288</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>7,274</b>	<b>3,797</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>15,573</b>	<b>10,020</b>	<b>8,309</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>1,168</b>

Origin	JPN	LUX	MTA	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	USA	Total
Russian Federation	-	20	-	35	190	*	2,657	-	21	480	*	342	105	199	8,026
Serbia and Montenegro	-	106	*	103	189	-	-	*	11	16	130	896	348	82	5,197
China	-	*	-	86	6	8	*	11	*	534	-	46	9	1,561	4,776
Turkey	*	*	*	103	25	-	*	11	*	24	14	107	247	23	3,577
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	28	-	151	121	16	*	7	12	*	*	191	37	101	3,088
Iraq	-	*	-	363	127	*	-	11	11	51	-	501	146	87	2,985
Nigeria	-	20	-	33	41	*	*	*	215	*	-	67	65	62	2,288
Pakistan	*	-	-	25	14	*	41	12	*	140	5	13	39	146	2,287
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	17	26	12	*	*	*	73	-	-	22	72	27	2,197
Afghanistan	-	-	-	169	166	-	9	-	*	93	*	179	49	10	2,193
Colombia	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	225	-	-	5	5	547	2,177
India	*	-	-	37	*	8	15	9	15	182	5	18	27	186	2,136
Georgia	-	5	-	20	7	-	16	6	*	235	*	97	144	28	2,110
Somalia	-	9	54	223	234	*	*	20	*	7	-	129	103	61	1,878
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	1,213	1,787
Ukraine	-	*	-	*	9	-	20	-	*	16	*	38	20	79	1,515
Algeria	-	12	*	12	27	-	*	-	343	*	*	63	64	*	1,447
Rep. of Moldova	-	*	-	14	15	-	*	7	*	305	5	36	24	*	1,441
Bangladesh	9	*	-	*	7	*	*	14	6	107	13	36	39	36	1,373
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	18	20	7	*	-	*	-	-	5	54	65	1,305
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	10	-	12	16	-	-	-	-	-	47	166	55	*	1,282
Armenia	-	*	-	59	8	-	-	-	20	8	*	122	43	124	1,144
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	312	1,078
Sudan	*	*	*	89	7	*	-	8	18	6	-	21	36	26	1,019
Eritrea	-	*	15	46	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	111	45	61	1,018
Bulgaria	-	-	*	9	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	174	227	35	984
Guinea	-	12	-	36	8	-	*	-	71	-	-	7	46	228	980
Cameroon	6	6	-	26	7	-	*	*	32	*	-	21	37	216	972
Syrian Arab Rep.	-	-	-	46	13	*	*	*	14	11	-	87	25	5	960
Azerbaijan	-	*	-	68	21	-	6	-	*	-	-	237	19	27	943
Other	57	56	486	822	433	28	45	35	419	139	95	1,769	549	4,217	28,065
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>2,642</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>2,364</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>5,506</b>	<b>2,679</b>	<b>9,770</b>	<b>92,228</b>

**Table 15. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, 2003**

Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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

Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bulgaria		Canada		Cyprus	
China	813	Russian Fed.	6,715	DR Congo	1,778	Afghanistan	525	Pakistan	3,944	Bangladesh	2,077
India	604	Turkey	2,839	Russian Fed.	1,680	Iraq	211	Mexico	2,601	Pakistan	481
Indonesia	231	India	2,823	Serbia and Mont.	1,280	Armenia	196	Colombia	2,011	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	465
Rep. of Korea	220	Serbia and Mont.	2,518	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	1,153	Algeria	155	Costa Rica	1,834	Turkey	294
Malaysia	184	Afghanistan	2,359	Cameroon	625	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	97	China	1,750	Russian Fed.	253
Thailand	181	Nigeria	1,845	Turkey	618	Nigeria	94	Sri Lanka	1,239	Occ. Pal. Terr.	209
Sri Lanka	167	Georgia	1,520	Rwanda	450	Somalia	57	India	1,114	Georgia	178
Fiji	165	Iraq	1,433	Algeria	400	Stateless	55	United States	1,017	Ukraine	91
Iraq	132	Rep. of Moldova	1,175	Slovakia	390	Turkey	44	Bangladesh	676	Armenia	54
Bangladesh	122	Armenia	1,113	Togo	365	Pakistan	17	Nigeria	641	Lebanon	52
Czech Rep.		Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Russian Fed.	4,852	Serbia and Mont.	743	Georgia	*	Serbia and Mont.	645	Turkey	7,119	Turkey	6,235
Ukraine	2,043	Afghanistan	653	Russian Fed.	*	Russian Fed.	292	China	5,322	Serbia and Mont.	4,866
Slovakia	1,055	Iraq	438	Azerbaijan	*	Bulgaria	287	DR Congo	5,016	Iraq	3,895
China	853	Somalia	373	Iraq	*	Turkey	185	Russian Fed.	3,251	Russian Fed.	3,389
Viet Nam	566	Russian Fed.	269	Stateless	*	Croatia	174	Algeria	2,730	China	2,395
Georgia	320	Bosnia and H.	229	Ukraine	*	Iraq	150	Serbia and Mont.	2,568	Viet Nam	2,101
Belarus	260	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	159	South Africa	*	Romania	109	Mauritania	2,364	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	2,053
Rep. of Moldova	191	Occ. Pal. Terr.	153			Somalia	91	Sri Lanka	2,086	India	1,739
India	168	Bulgaria	134			Slovakia	85	Congo	1,946	Afghanistan	1,467
Iraq	104	Turkey	106			FYR Macedonia	83	Rep. of Moldova	1,869	Azerbaijan	1,302
Greece		Croatia		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Japan	
Iraq	2,879	Liberia	14	Afghanistan	469	Romania	16	Nigeria	3,110	Myanmar	111
Pakistan	703	Serbia and Mont.	10	Iraq	348	Albania	11	Romania	691	Turkey	77
Iran (Islam. Rep.)	632	Occ. Pal. Terr.	8	Georgia	205	Poland	5	DR Congo	256	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	24
Afghanistan	593	Iraq	6	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	170	Belarus	*	Rep. of Moldova	244	China	22
Nigeria	468	Nigeria	6	Turkey	125	Uzbekistan	*	Somalia	183	Pakistan	12
Somalia	426	Algeria	6	Somalia	113	Chile	*	Ghana	180	India	12
Myanmar	406	Bosnia and H.	5	Serbia and Mont.	112	Afghanistan	*	Czech Rep.	169	Cameroon	8
Bangladesh	251	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	*	Russian Fed.	105	Iraq	*	China	168	Bangladesh	6
Sudan	222	Cameroon	*	Algeria	79	Russian Fed.	*	Croatia	164	Philippines	6
Turkey	218	Israel	*	Nigeria	74	Liberia	*	Albania	142	DR Congo	5
Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg		Latvia		Malta		Netherlands	
FYR Macedonia	25			Serbia and Mont.	541	Georgia	*	Somalia	173	Iraq	3,472
Serbia and Mont.	23			Nigeria	86	Russian Fed.	*	Liberia	71	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	555
Russian Fed.	17			Algeria	81			DR Congo	70	Afghanistan	492
Ukraine	6			Albania	66			Côte d'Ivoire	43	Somalia	451
Belarus	*			Russian Fed.	60			Ethiopia	41	Liberia	441
Kazakhstan	*			Liberia	60			Eritrea	37	Turkey	414
Bosnia and H.	*			Bosnia and H.	59			Sudan	28	Nigeria	414
Bulgaria	*			Belarus	55			Iraq	14	Burundi	402
Czech Rep.	*			Georgia	44			Occ. Pal. Terr.	14	Serbia and Mont.	393
Azerbaijan	*			Iran (Islam. Rep.)	31			Turkey	11	Angola	370
Norway		New Zealand		Poland		Portugal		Romania		Spain	
Serbia and Mont.	2,216	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	135	Russian Fed.	5,581	Angola	14	Iraq	330	Nigeria	1,685
Afghanistan	2,050	Thailand	120	Afghanistan	251	FYR Macedonia	9	China	205	Algeria	680
Russian Fed.	1,923	India	77	India	235	Russian Fed.	6	India	158	Colombia	524
Somalia	1,623	Zimbabwe	73	Pakistan	151	Georgia	6	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	65	DR Congo	268
Iraq	971	China	56	Armenia	104	Colombia	6	Somalia	63	Côte d'Ivoire	240
Bosnia and H.	676	Malaysia	41	Ukraine	85	Ukraine	5	Turkey	36	Liberia	189
Iran (Islam. Rep.)	621	Iraq	39	Iraq	75	Liberia	5	Occ. Pal. Terr.	26	Cameroon	178
Stateless	379	Hungary	32	Belarus	58	Bulgaria	*	Pakistan	22	Guinea	170
Ethiopia	293	Bangladesh	29	Sri Lanka	32	Zimbabwe	*	Afghanistan	16	Russian Fed.	138
Libyan Arab Jam.	288	Chile	25	Georgia	30	Cuba	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	15	Iraq	134
Slovakia		Slovenia		Sweden		Switzerland		United Kingdom		USA	
Russian Fed.	2,663	Turkey	192	Serbia and Mont.	5,305	Serbia and Mont.	2,980	Somalia	7,195	China	7,363
India	1,636	Iraq	190	Somalia	3,069	Turkey	1,696	Iraq	4,290	Haiti	5,607
China	1,073	Serbia and Mont.	181	Iraq	2,701	Iraq	1,485	Zimbabwe	4,020	Colombia	5,166
Armenia	747	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	88	Stateless	1,788	Algeria	885	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	3,495	Indonesia	3,788
Afghanistan	629	Georgia	68	Bosnia and H.	1,396	Georgia	783	China	3,495	Mexico	3,238
Georgia	578	FYR Macedonia	67	Russian Fed.	1,361	Bosnia and H.	744	Pakistan	3,145	Guatemala	2,829
Rep. of Moldova	573	Algeria	66	Azerbaijan	1,032	Guinea	681	Turkey	2,990	Cameroon	1,547
Bangladesh	556	Bosnia and H.	48	Belarus	901	Liberia	532	Afghanistan	2,590	Albania	1,434
Iraq	479	Egypt	34	Afghanistan	811	DR Congo	520	India	2,910	India	1,379
Pakistan	304	Rep. of Moldova	28	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	787	Russian Fed.	517	DR Congo	1,920	El Salvador	1,332

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Covering 36 countries which provided monthly data to UNHCR.

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Australia		Austria		Belgium		Bulgaria		Canada		Cyprus	
China	774	Russian Fed.	6,185	DR Congo	1,471	Afghanistan	426	Colombia	3,631	Bangladesh	2,410
India	231	Serbia and Mont.	2,841	Russian Fed.	1,361	Armenia	86	Mexico	2,818	Pakistan	1,327
Malaysia	185	India	1,842	Serbia and Mont.	1,294	Stateless	85	China	1,876	Ukraine	868
Indonesia	144	Nigeria	1,825	Slovakia	730	Nigeria	82	Sri Lanka	1,128	Georgia	759
Iraq	114	Georgia	1,744	Guinea	565	India	69	India	1,064	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	668
Bangladesh	108	Rep. of Moldova	1,351	Turkey	561	Bangladesh	53	Pakistan	880	Russian Fed.	618
Rep. of Korea	86	Turkey	1,111	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	512	Iraq	47	United States	750	Syrian Arab Rep.	547
Afghanistan	78	Afghanistan	757	Cameroon	506	Algeria	46	Costa Rica	683	India	538
Fiji	67	China	663	Armenia	477	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	45	Nigeria	554	Sri Lanka	497
Sri Lanka	61	Pakistan	575	Rwanda	427	Somalia	43	Peru	529	China	339
Czech Rep.		Denmark		Estonia		Finland		France		Germany	
Ukraine	1,599	Serbia and Mont.	778	Turkey	7	Serbia and Mont.	772	Turkey	5,172	Turkey	4,136
Russian Fed.	1,499	Afghanistan	285	Azerbaijan	*	Slovakia	329	DR Congo	4,018	Serbia and Mont.	3,878
Viet Nam	362	Iraq	217	Uzbekistan	*	FYR Macedonia	280	Algeria	4,008	Russian Fed.	2,767
China	325	Russian Fed.	163	Lithuania	*	Somalia	243	China	3,887	Viet Nam	1,660
Belarus	226	Somalia	154	Japan	*	Russian Fed.	210	Serbia and Mont.	3,692	Azerbaijan	1,412
Georgia	200	Occ. Pal. Terr.	145	Iraq	*	Bulgaria	200	Russian Fed.	2,919	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	1,374
Kyrgyzstan	138	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	140	Georgia	*	Afghanistan	164	Haiti	2,793	Iraq	1,290
Slovakia	137	Bosnia and H.	102			Turkey	132	Bosnia and H.	2,600	China	1,182
Mongolia	122	Nigeria	88			Romania	132	Sri Lanka	2,302	India	1,120
Rep. of Moldova	94	Turkey	84			Iraq	118	Rep. of Moldova	2,067	Pakistan	1,064
Greece		Croatia		Hungary		Iceland		Ireland		Japan	
Iraq	936	Turkey	34	Georgia	288	Nigeria	7	Nigeria	1,776	Turkey	130
Afghanistan	382	Serbia and Mont.	22	Serbia and Mont.	180	Bulgaria	7	Romania	286	Myanmar	123
Nigeria	325	India	18	Turkey	125	Serbia and Mont.	6	Somalia	198	Bangladesh	28
Georgia	323	Pakistan	11	Viet Nam	105	Sri Lanka	6	China	152	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	17
Pakistan	247	Algeria	9	Nigeria	73	Albania	5	Sudan	145	China	15
Iran (Islam. Rep.)	228	FYR Macedonia	9	Occ. Pal. Terr.	65	Iraq	5	DR Congo	140	Pakistan	11
Bangladesh	208	Iraq	7	China	64	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	*	Croatia	131	Cameroon	10
Myanmar	141	Bangladesh	7	Algeria	57	Russian Fed.	*	Georgia	130	Sri Lanka	8
Russian Fed.	138	Russian Fed.	5	Pakistan	54	Rep. of Moldova	*	Afghanistan	106	India	6
Turkey	120	Bosnia and H.	5	Rep. of Moldova	54	Occ. Pal. Terr.	*	Rep. of Moldova	100	Congo	*
Liechtenstein		Lithuania		Luxembourg		Latvia		Malta		Netherlands	
Serbia and Mont.	14	Russian Fed.	82	Serbia and Mont.	362	Azerbaijan	*	Somalia	438	Iraq	1,043
Belarus	12	Pakistan	20	Nigeria	330	Romania	*	Eritrea	65	Somalia	792
Russian Fed.	9	Afghanistan	8	Algeria	69	Georgia	*	DR Congo	41	Afghanistan	689
FYR Macedonia	9	Occ. Pal. Terr.	7	Russian Fed.	66	Belarus	*	Occ. Pal. Terr.	38	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	450
Ukraine	8	Stateless	5	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	59	Egypt	*	Turkey	27	Burundi	405
Israel	*	Egypt	5	Liberia	53			Pakistan	19	Serbia and Mont.	395
Iran (Islam. Rep.)	*	Belarus	*	Guinea	53			Ethiopia	19	Turkey	338
Germany	*	Nigeria	*	Albania	48			Sudan	18	China	285
Mongolia	*	Georgia	*	Angola	43			Iraq	18	Sudan	255
Cameroon	*	Uzbekistan	*	Belarus	40			Côte d'Ivoire	14	Azerbaijan	253
Norway		New Zealand		Poland		Portugal		Romania		Spain	
Afghanistan	1,059	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	88	Russian Fed.	7,180	Russian Fed.	13	Iraq	109	Nigeria	1,030
Somalia	958	India	81	Pakistan	211	Colombia	8	China	91	Algeria	988
Russian Fed.	937	China	49	India	150	Angola	8	India	65	Colombia	632
Serbia and Mont.	859	Thailand	31	Ukraine	72	Ukraine	6	Turkey	49	Mali	252
Iraq	412	Sri Lanka	29	Afghanistan	57	Liberia	6	Somalia	43	Guinea	228
Iran (Islam. Rep.)	394	Czech Rep.	29	Belarus	49	Guinea-Bissau	6	Pakistan	34	DR Congo	186
Stateless	298	Chile	26	Georgia	47	Belarus	6	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	34	Guinea-Bissau	114
Nigeria	205	Bangladesh	22	Kazakhstan	30	Armenia	6	Bangladesh	30	Côte d'Ivoire	110
Turkey	149	Zimbabwe	20	Turkey	29	Pakistan	5	Syrian Arab Rep.	28	Ghana	108
Ethiopia	148	Syrian Arab Rep.	16	Somalia	19	Cuba	5	Occ. Pal. Terr.	17	Liberia	102
Slovakia		Slovenia		Sweden		Switzerland		United Kingdom		USA	
India	2,954	Serbia and Mont.	379	Serbia and Mont.	4,022	Serbia and Mont.	1,777	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	3,975	China	5,624
Russian Fed.	2,402	Albania	193	Stateless	1,578	Turkey	1,154	Somalia	3,270	Haiti	4,989
China	1,250	Turkey	187	Iraq	1,456	Georgia	731	Pakistan	3,000	Colombia	2,759
Georgia	985	Bosnia and H.	106	Russian Fed.	1,288	Iraq	631	Zimbabwe	2,500	Mexico	1,563
Rep. of Moldova	824	FYR Macedonia	62	Azerbaijan	1,041	Bulgaria	624	China	2,405	Guatemala	1,508
Pakistan	801	Georgia	32	Somalia	905	Somalia	592	Iraq	1,890	Venezuela	1,444
Bangladesh	548	Rep. of Moldova	31	Afghanistan	903	Russian Fed.	505	DR Congo	1,780	Indonesia	1,441
Afghanistan	396	Iraq	28	Bosnia and H.	785	Algeria	480	Afghanistan	1,585	El Salvador	1,421
Viet Nam	154	Algeria	18	Iran (Islam. Rep.)	660	Nigeria	418	Turkey	1,555	Cameroon	1,156
Armenia	151	Bangladesh	17	Bulgaria	567	Guinea	412	India	1,485	Ethiopia	1,049



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<b>Code</b>	<b>Country name</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Country name</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Country name</b>
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	SEN	Senegal
BLR	Belarus	JOR	Jordan	SEY	Seychelles
BOL	Bolivia	JPN	Japan	SIN	Singapore
BOT	Botswana	KAZ	Kazakhstan	SLE	Sierra Leone
BRA	Brazil	KEN	Kenya	SMA	San Marino
BRU	Brunei Darussalam	KGZ	Kyrgyzstan	SOL	Solomon Islands
BSN	Bosnia and Herzegovina	KIR	Kiribati	SOM	Somalia
BUL	Bulgaria	KOR	Rep. of Korea	SPA	Spain
BZE	Belize	KRN	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	SRV	Viet Nam
CAM	Cambodia	KUW	Kuwait	STK	Saint Kitts and Nevis
CAN	Canada	LAO	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	STP	Sao Tome and Principe
CAR	Central African Republic	LBR	Liberia	SUD	Sudan
CHD	Chad	LBY	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	SUR	Suriname
CHI	China	LCA	Saint Lucia	SVK	Slovakia
CHL	Chile	LEB	Lebanon	SVN	Slovenia
CMR	Cameroon	LES	Lesotho	SWA	Swaziland
COB	Congo	LIE	Liechtenstein	SWE	Sweden
COD	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	LKA	Sri Lanka	SWI	Switzerland
COI	Comoros	LTU	Lithuania	SYR	Syrian Arab Republic
COL	Colombia	LUX	Luxembourg	TAN	United Rep. of Tanzania
COS	Costa Rica	LVA	Latvia	THA	Thailand
CUB	Cuba	MAC	Macau, SAR China	TJK	Tajikistan
CVI	Cape Verde	MAD	Madagascar	TKM	Turkmenistan
CYP	Cyprus	MAU	Mauritania	TMP	Timor-Leste
CZE	Czech Republic	MCD	FYR of Macedonia	TOG	Togo
DEN	Denmark	MCO	Monaco	TON	Tonga
DJB	Djibouti	MDA	Rep. of Moldova	TRT	Trinidad and Tobago
DMA	Dominica	MDV	Maldives (the)	TUN	Tunisia
DOM	Dominican Republic	MEX	Mexico	TUR	Turkey
ECU	Ecuador	MLI	Mali	TUV	Tuvalu
EGU	Equatorial Guinea	MLS	Malaysia	UAE	United Arab Emirates
ERT	Eritrea	MLW	Malawi	UGA	Uganda
EST	Estonia	MNG	Mongolia	UKR	Ukraine
ETH	Ethiopia	MOR	Morocco	URU	Uruguay
FIJ	Fiji	MOZ	Mozambique	USA	United States
FIN	Finland	MTA	Malta	UZB	Uzbekistan
FPO	French Polynesia	MTS	Mauritius	VAN	Vanuatu
FRA	France	MYA	Myanmar	VCT	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
GAB	Gabon	NAM	Namibia	VEN	Venezuela
GAM	Gambia	NEP	Nepal	WES	Samoa
GAZ	Occupied Palestinian Territory	NET	Netherlands	WSA	Western Sahara
GBR	United Kingdom	NGR	Niger	YEM	Yemen
GEO	Georgia	NIC	Nicaragua	YUG	Serbia and Montenegro
GFR	Germany	NIG	Nigeria	ZAM	Zambia
GHA	Ghana	NOR	Norway	ZIM	Zimbabwe
		VAR	Various	STA	Stateless