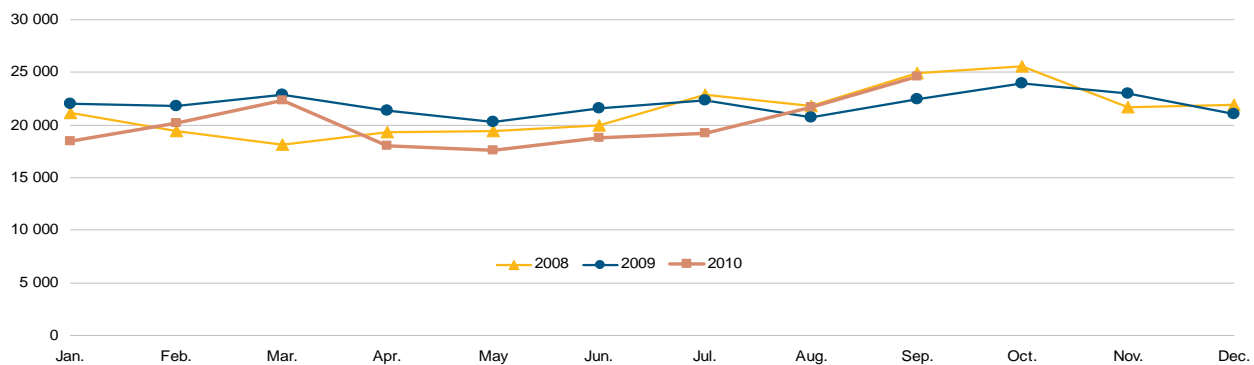


Asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications in third quarter 2010

Around 15 000 fewer asylum applicants registered in the EU-27 during the first nine months of 2010 compared to the same period in 2009

Figure 1: Asylum applicants, EU-27¹⁾, January 2008 – September 2010

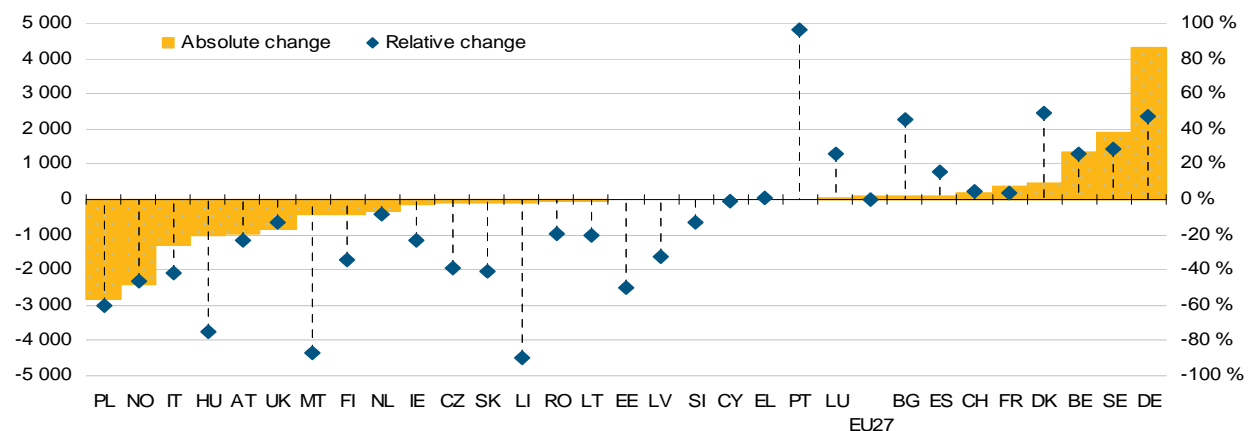


1) EU-27 aggregate includes data for CY relating to applications instead of applicants from January 2008 to December 2009, and data for UK referring only to new asylum applicants from January to December 2008.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Number of applicants in Q3 2010 remained stable in the EU-27 compared to Q3 2009 in spite of significant changes at Member State level

Figure 2: Asylum applicants, absolute and relative change between Q3 2009 and Q3 2010



1) EU-27 aggregate includes data for CY relating to applications instead of applicants for Q3 2009.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Further to a 53% increase from Q2 to Q3 2010, Germany was the main receiving country in the EU-27 in Q3 2010 with more than 13 400 applicants registered

Table 1a: Asylum applicants by Member States (including new asylum applicants), Q3/09-Q3/10 (rounded figures)

	Q3 2009			Q4 2009			Q1 2010			Q2 2010			Q3 2010			Last 12 months			
	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Jul.- Sep. 2010		Q2 to Q3 2010 change in %	Applicants per million inhabitants ¹⁾	
EU-27²⁾	22 320	20 690	22 425	23 995	22 985	21 065	18 445	20 180	22 330	17 985	17 620	18 740	19 175	21 705	24 635	65 510	21	130	248 855
Belgium	1 705	1 700	1 835	2 425	2 445	2 665	1 660	2 835	1 840	1 510	1 595	1 800	1 955	2 330	2 300	6 585	34	610	25 355
Bulgaria	60	55	70	75	100	85	100	85	100	75	55	85	95	95	75	265	24	35	1 020
Czech Republic	105	80	85	95	80	85	65	75	105	75	80	65	45	70	50	165	-24	15	890
Denmark	225	315	380	360	410	385	405	420	390	370	390	320	370	535	455	1 365	26	245	4 815
Germany	3 095	2 920	3 135	3 105	2 945	2 510	3 005	2 775	3 280	2 850	2 660	3 260	3 695	4 450	5 300	13 440	53	165	39 830
Estonia	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	5	5	5	0	5	5	0	10	-43	5	40
Ireland	220	225	195	205	175	160	190	175	165	160	180	155	160	175	155	490	-1	110	2 055
Greece ³⁾	1 085	495	1 585	1 135	960	890	650	745	800	660	840	1 010	990	885	1 310	3 185	27	280	10 870
Spain	240	175	265	290	215	175	175	230	225	200	180	200	250	255	285	790	37	15	2 680
France	4 070	3 610	3 990	4 640	4 125	4 240	3 530	4 560	4 835	4 125	3 985	4 075	4 090	3 850	4 120	12 055	-1	185	50 175
Italy	1 420	590	1 080	1 305	1 865	655	955	595	875	555	615	440	645	470	700	1 815	13	30	9 675
Cyprus	:	:	:	:	:	:	215	210	190	175	210	235	215	170	190	575	-8	720	:
Latvia	10	5	10	20	5	0	0	5	0	10	5	5	5	5	5	15	-15	10	75
Lithuania	25	30	75	55	25	35	35	30	35	15	50	30	30	40	35	105	11	30	405
Luxembourg	45	45	55	30	55	60	50	55	55	45	45	45	45	50	90	185	35	370	630
Hungary	480	430	475	520	250	240	275	250	230	240	220	185	120	110	115	345	-47	35	2 760
Malta ³⁾	145	205	145	160	280	250	25	5	5	10	15	0	40	15	10	65	129	155	815
Netherlands	1 265	1 145	1 425	1 655	1 565	1 340	1 430	1 260	1 495	1 120	890	1 085	870	1 185	1 450	3 505	13	210	15 340
Austria	1 345	1 280	1 435	1 465	1 315	1 450	805	795	875	760	915	910	905	1 240	960	3 110	20	370	12 400
Poland	1 565	2 075	995	890	695	905	390	410	605	500	485	530	450	700	675	1 825	20	50	7 240
Portugal	10	5	10	15	5	10	10	20	10	10	15	15	15	20	15	45	15	5	155
Romania	75	120	75	50	70	45	50	55	125	70	115	60	45	100	70	215	-13	10	860
Slovenia	30	10	10	0	15	30	15	10	15	5	25	20	10	15	20	45	-10	20	180
Slovakia	95	60	105	80	65	70	55	20	45	50	70	55	55	55	45	150	-14	30	665
Finland	365	440	420	485	395	345	275	270	335	225	200	205	235	270	295	800	27	150	3 540
Sweden	2 045	2 385	2 185	2 325	2 400	2 470	2 230	2 330	3 570	2 155	1 875	1 910	1 910	2 745	3 880	8 540	44	915	29 805
United Kingdom	2 370	2 140	2 155	2 355	2 235	1 755	1 840	1 975	2 120	2 005	1 890	2 035	1 925	1 860	2 035	5 820	-2	95	24 020
Iceland	5	10	0	5	5	0	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Liechtenstein	0	20	70	100	65	5	5	20	35	5	5	5	0	0	5	10	-44	250	250
Norway	1 765	1 810	1 630	1 520	1 210	1 095	835	740	920	565	670	715	870	965	945	2 780	43	570	11 045
Switzerland	1 275	1 200	1 225	1 305	1 345	1 200	1 190	1 165	1 300	1 175	1 080	1 260	1 145	1 370	1 380	3 890	11	500	14 910

1) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2010 (provisional data).

2) EU-27 aggregate includes data for Cyprus relating to applications instead of applicants from July to December 2009.

3) Greece, Malta see country information notes.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: migr.asyappctzm)

Sharp increase in the numbers of asylum applicants from Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Table 1b: Asylum applicants in the EU-27¹⁾ by citizenship of applicants (including new asylum applicants), Q3/09-Q3/10 (rounded figures)

	Q3 2009			Q4 2009			Q1 2010			Q2 2010			Q3 2010			Last 12 months		
	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.		Jul.-Sep. 2010	Q2 to Q3 2010 change in %
Non-EU	22 320	20 690	22 425	23 995	22 985	21 065	18 445	20 180	22 330	17 985	17 620	18 740	19 175	21 705	24 635	65 510	21	248 855
Afghanistan - (AF)	1 600	1 725	1 875	2 070	2 025	1 890	2 020	1 725	1 620	1 395	1 310	1 460	1 575	1 770	1 790	5 135	23	20 655
Russia - (RU)	1 700	1 870	1 830	2 115	1 920	2 285	1 350	1 425	1 620	1 275	1 410	1 485	1 430	1 820	1 725	4 975	19	19 860
Serbia - (RS)	425	360	440	450	500	370	320	2 230	1 715	755	510	420	560	1 145	2 885	4 585	173	10 850
Somalia - (SO)	1 590	1 695	1 560	1 760	1 690	1 450	1 150	1 060	1 415	1 140	965	1 185	1 300	1 790	1 205	4 295	31	16 110
Iraq - (IQ)	1 620	1 385	1 620	1 715	1 675	1 160	1 475	1 300	1 255	1 045	1 145	1 215	1 260	1 405	1 285	3 950	16	15 925
Kosovo - (XK)	1 170	1 105	1 245	1 570	1 375	1 210	870	1 055	1 275	1 095	940	955	940	1 165	1 360	3 465	16	13 815
Iran - (IR)	775	775	930	905	830	770	800	745	750	660	660	715	795	925	1 145	2 870	41	9 710
Pakistan - (PK)	710	565	880	730	735	650	490	530	670	585	585	845	770	740	1 105	2 615	30	8 435
MK - (MK)	65	90	65	80	65	110	65	750	420	235	155	230	275	615	1 260	2 155	248	4 265
Georgia - (GE)	1 530	1 960	1 030	935	700	725	570	575	760	625	535	550	550	535	560	1 650	-4	7 625
Turkey - (TR)	615	515	555	720	625	510	435	450	570	500	435	475	525	425	610	1 560	11	6 280
Bangladesh - (BD)	510	275	350	360	360	395	315	445	455	475	505	585	580	495	480	1 550	-1	5 445
China - (CN)	545	495	495	525	560	430	375	410	480	425	435	450	450	455	595	1 500	15	5 585
Nigeria - (NG)	755	655	680	665	690	640	525	600	610	540	530	480	505	460	525	1 490	-4	6 775
Sri Lanka - (LK)	645	485	490	620	565	580	475	525	530	490	435	470	505	415	505	1 420	2	6 110
Armenia - (AM)	495	475	580	695	755	960	505	480	420	320	315	345	415	455	520	1 390	42	6 180
CD - (CD)	420	385	475	475	345	425	360	440	475	425	395	485	440	505	410	1 355	4	5 185
Eritrea - (ER)	475	380	540	555	705	495	310	285	360	325	305	335	435	420	420	1 275	32	4 960
Syria - (SY)	425	320	385	455	415	285	375	465	450	380	365	390	340	465	400	1 205	6	4 780
Guinea - (GN)	345	300	320	395	520	540	380	450	445	320	320	350	350	390	430	1 165	18	4 885
Algeria - (DZ)	310	285	260	325	285	265	335	260	315	295	265	270	325	265	240	830	0	3 440
India - (IN)	305	215	260	270	250	220	190	220	245	200	260	295	250	290	265	805	7	2 955
Sudan - (SD)	170	175	150	180	205	165	175	220	195	175	175	170	215	180	225	625	19	2 285
Vietnam - (VN)	200	190	210	190	165	170	210	170	190	195	200	240	195	230	165	590	-7	2 320
Stateless	160	135	185	175	205	155	165	185	190	165	140	160	165	185	190	540	17	2 080
Haiti - (HT)	155	150	215	160	170	90	140	160	165	155	250	300	185	155	170	510	-27	2 110
Zimbabwe - (ZW)	340	245	255	370	290	230	250	290	365	310	285	210	170	170	140	485	-40	3 090
Azerbaijan - (AZ)	205	230	315	280	245	300	285	150	200	140	135	150	135	155	160	450	6	2 335
Albania - (AL)	165	135	250	260	185	175	155	160	180	150	205	160	140	125	175	435	-16	2 070
Cameroon - (CM)	105	95	115	145	115	135	115	135	125	105	110	120	160	140	120	415	25	1 515
Other	3 785	3 020	3 860	3 830	3 810	3 290	3 250	3 300	3 850	3 080	3 345	3 245	3 235	3 425	3 560	10 225	6	41 225

1) Data includes data for Cyprus relating to applications instead of applicants from July to December 2009.

Notes:

Countries selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q3 2010
Kosovo - Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; MK - the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia; CD - Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; Syria - Syrian Arab Republic

Source: Eurostat (online data code: migr_asylapctzm)

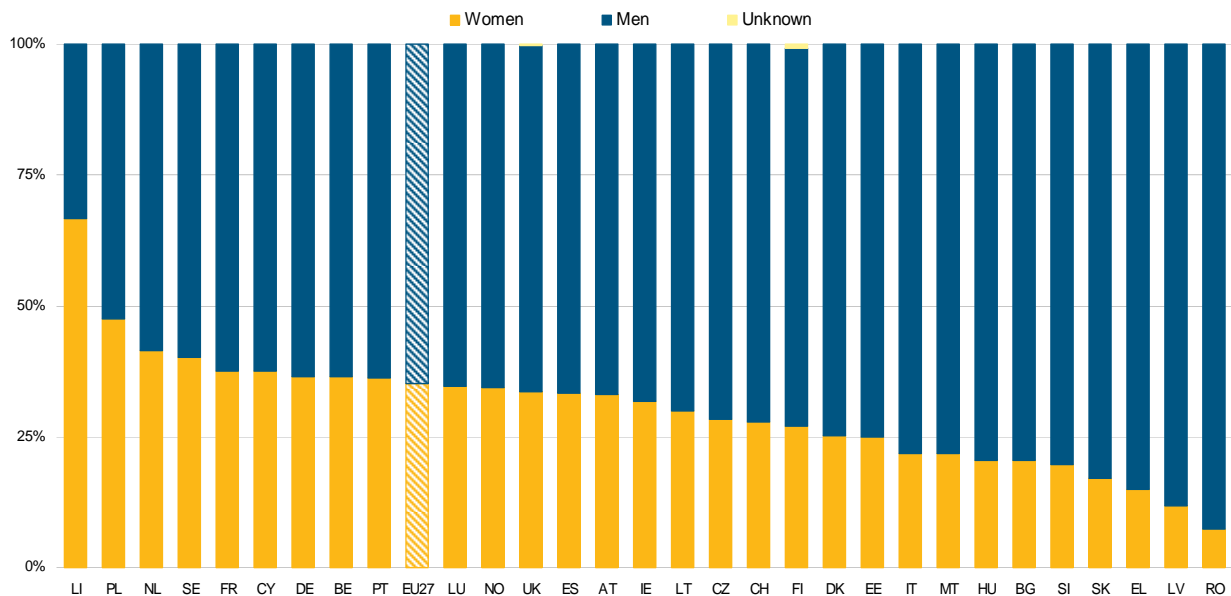
During Q3 2010, around two out of ten asylum applicants registered in the EU-27 were minors aged below 14

Table 2a: Age distribution of asylum applicants across EU Members, 3rd quarter 2010 (in %)

	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
EU-27	65 510	20.4	7.4	51.1	20.1	0.8	0.3
Belgium	6 585	22.8	7.7	49.2	19.7	0.6	0.0
Bulgaria	265	6.1	5.7	58.3	26.1	3.8	0.0
Czech Republic	165	16.9	3.0	41.0	38.6	0.6	0.0
Denmark	1 365	15.8	13.5	52.9	17.3	0.4	0.1
Germany	13 440	23.5	9.2	48.4	18.0	0.9	0.0
Estonia	10	25.0	0.0	62.5	12.5	0.0	0.0
Ireland	490	27.1	3.3	53.2	16.5	0.0	0.0
Greece	3 185	1.8	3.0	78.6	16.6	0.0	0.0
Spain	790	11.3	3.0	56.7	26.7	2.3	0.0
France	12 055	18.0	3.4	54.3	23.5	0.8	0.0
Italy	1 815	10.4	5.0	71.1	13.3	0.2	0.1
Cyprus	575	8.0	2.6	63.5	25.3	0.3	0.2
Latvia	15	5.9	23.5	58.8	11.8	0.0	0.0
Lithuania	105	13.5	1.0	53.8	31.7	0.0	0.0
Luxembourg	185	21.6	5.9	48.6	23.2	0.5	0.0
Hungary	345	13.3	12.4	61.3	13.0	0.0	0.0
Malta	65	7.8	6.3	65.6	18.8	0.0	1.6
Netherlands	3 505	28.1	8.4	42.8	19.6	1.1	0.0
Austria	3 110	29.3	9.4	43.9	17.0	0.4	0.0
Poland	1 825	38.1	4.5	34.6	21.8	1.0	0.0
Portugal	45	6.4	4.3	61.7	27.7	0.0	0.0
Romania	215	3.3	5.1	74.4	16.7	0.5	0.0
Slovenia	45	15.2	10.9	39.1	34.8	0.0	0.0
Slovakia	150	8.6	3.9	65.1	22.4	0.0	0.0
Finland	800	15.2	11.7	54.2	18.1	0.0	0.7
Sweden	8 540	25.7	11.1	42.2	20.0	1.0	0.0
United Kingdom	5 820	12.9	7.6	53.0	22.7	0.7	3.0
Iceland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Liechtenstein	10	44.4	0.0	44.4	11.1	0.0	0.0
Norway	2 780	18.9	10.6	51.9	18.2	0.4	0.0
Switzerland	3 890	22.0	3.7	59.4	14.4	0.3	0.1

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 3a: Gender distribution of asylum applicants across EU Members, 3rd quarter 2010 (in %)



Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

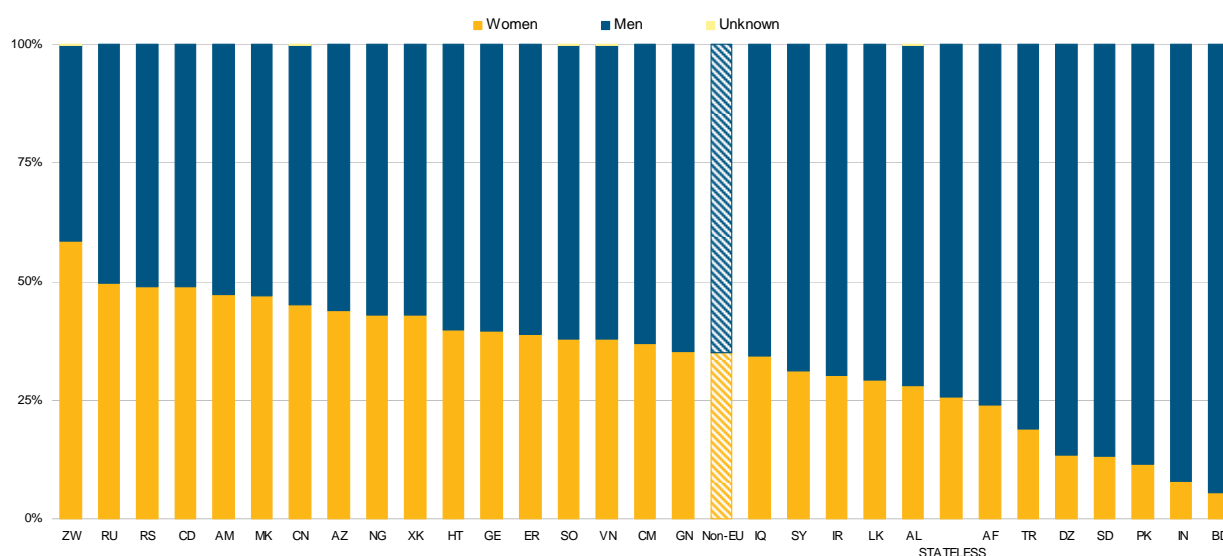
During Q3 2010, around four out of ten Russian and Serbian asylum applicants registered in the EU-27 were minors aged below 14

Table 2b: Age distribution of the 30 main groups of asylum applicants in the EU-27, 3rd quarter 2010 (in %)

	Total (absolute value)	Distribution of age groups as a share of total (in %)					
		0-13	14-17	18-34	35-64	65 and over	Unknown
Non-EU	65 510	20.4	7.4	51.1	20.1	0.8	0.3
Afghanistan - (AF)	5 135	17.3	24.5	45.4	11.4	1.2	0.2
Russia - (RU)	4 975	41.7	5.3	31.5	20.6	0.9	0.0
Serbia - (RS)	4 585	39.8	7.5	31.7	20.6	0.5	0.0
Somalia - (SO)	4 295	20.0	11.8	55.3	11.8	1.0	0.0
Iraq - (IQ)	3 950	21.5	6.7	49.8	19.7	2.1	0.2
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244 - (XK)	3 465	33.4	6.2	41.8	17.7	0.9	0.0
Iran - (IR)	2 870	11.3	6.2	58.6	22.5	0.7	0.6
Pakistan - (PK)	2 615	6.9	4.0	70.1	17.8	0.6	0.6
MK - (MK)	2 155	33.2	7.0	33.8	25.8	0.3	0.0
Georgia - (GE)	1 650	15.6	1.8	54.1	27.9	0.5	0.0
Turkey - (TR)	1 560	11.5	3.9	67.6	16.8	0.2	0.1
Bangladesh - (BD)	1 550	3.0	2.1	77.2	17.4	0.0	0.3
China - (CN)	1 500	5.4	1.9	48.5	43.3	0.3	0.7
Nigeria - (NG)	1 490	13.9	5.2	64.8	15.2	0.1	0.9
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 420	13.5	3.0	56.4	25.1	1.3	0.7
Armenia - (AM)	1 390	24.2	5.2	40.9	27.8	1.9	0.0
CD - (CD)	1 355	18.5	6.2	52.9	21.8	0.5	0.1
Eritrea - (ER)	1 275	13.8	8.7	59.0	17.6	0.5	0.4
Syrian Arab Republic - (SY)	1 205	24.3	5.5	52.9	16.5	0.8	0.1
Guinea - (GN)	1 165	14.1	12.0	65.6	8.3	0.1	0.0
Algeria - (DZ)	830	8.9	6.2	66.2	18.2	0.2	0.2
India - (IN)	805	3.6	2.7	73.7	19.3	0.1	0.5
Sudan - (SD)	625	9.8	3.4	70.6	15.6	0.0	0.6
Vietnam - (VN)	590	6.4	7.6	64.8	20.1	0.3	0.7
Stateless	540	20.4	5.4	53.0	20.2	0.9	0.2
Haiti - (HT)	510	11.4	2.9	52.4	32.7	0.6	0.0
Zimbabwe - (ZW)	485	11.6	2.7	45.3	35.4	0.4	4.6
Azerbaijan - (AZ)	450	23.5	4.7	33.7	36.4	1.8	0.0
Albania - (AL)	435	11.5	4.6	63.4	18.6	1.4	0.5
Cameroon - (CM)	415	9.7	4.1	64.7	21.0	0.0	0.5
Other	10 225	16.8	5.4	54.4	22.5	0.5	0.5

1) MK – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Figure 3b: Gender distribution of the 30 main groups of asylum applicants in the EU-27, 3rd quarter 2010 (in %)



Note: Countries selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q3 2010.
Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Table 3a: Five main groups of asylum applicants in the EU-27+EFTA countries, 3rd quarter 2010 (rounded figures)

			EU-27			
					(%)	
			Afghanistan	5 135	8	
			Russia	4 975	8	
			Serbia	4 585	7	
			Somalia	4 295	7	
			Iraq	3 950	6	
			Other	42 570	65	
BELGIUM					(%)	
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244			890	14		
Russia			720	11		
Iraq			515	8		
Guinea			425	6		
Armenia			415	6		
Other			3 615	55		
DENMARK					(%)	
Afghanistan			395	29		
Iran			210	15		
Syrian Arab Republic			180	13		
Russia			155	11		
Serbia			60	5		
Other			365	27		
IRELAND					(%)	
Nigeria			80	17		
Pakistan			65	13		
China			55	11		
CD			30	6		
Cameroon			20	4		
Other			240	49		
FRANCE					(%)	
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244			1 250	10		
Russia			980	8		
CD			870	7		
Bangladesh			795	7		
Sri Lanka			685	6		
Other			7 475	62		
LATVIA					(%)	
Afghanistan			5	35		
Russia			5	29		
Ghana			*	*		
Guinea			*	*		
Morocco			*	*		
Other			*	*		
HUNGARY					(%)	
Afghanistan			95	27		
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244			65	18		
Algeria			15	4		
Georgia			10	3		
Iran			10	3		
Other			150	44		
AUSTRIA					(%)	
Russia			705	23		
Afghanistan			345	11		
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244			160	5		
Iran			140	5		
MK			135	4		
Other			1 620	52		
ROMANIA					(%)	
Iraq			30	13		
Afghanistan			25	12		
Moldova			20	10		
Turkey			15	7		
Iran			15	6		
Other			110	51		
FINLAND					(%)	
Russia			130	16		
Somalia			130	16		
Iraq			115	15		
Afghanistan			55	7		
Iran			45	5		
Other			320	40		
LIECHTENSTEIN					(%)	
Russia			5	67		
Somalia			*	*		
Egypt			*	*		
Other			0	0		
EU-27					(%)	
Iraq			115	44		
Afghanistan			25	10		
Syrian Arab Republic			20	8		
Stateless			20	7		
Iran			15	6		
Other			70	26		
BULGARIA					(%)	
Afghanistan			1 720	13		
Serbia			1 630	12		
Iraq			1 565	12		
Somalia			1 365	10		
MK			1 160	9		
Other			6 000	45		
GERMANY					(%)	
Pakistan			1 020	32		
Bangladesh			340	11		
Georgia			320	10		
China			165	5		
India			160	5		
Other			1 185	37		
GREECE					(%)	
Turkey			230	13		
Nigeria			215	12		
Pakistan			200	11		
Afghanistan			175	10		
Iraq			110	6		
Other			875	48		
ITALY					(%)	
Georgia			65	62		
Russia			25	25		
Afghanistan			5	4		
Armenia			5	3		
Tajikistan			5	3		
Other			5	4		
LITHUANIA					(%)	
Somalia			30	45		
Sudan			5	8		
Iraq			*	*		
China			*	*		
Eritrea			*	*		
Other			20	31		
MALTA					(%)	
Russia			1 400	77		
Georgia			260	14		
Armenia			30	2		
Belarus			15	1		
Iraq			15	1		
Other			105	6		
POLAND					(%)	
Turkey			15	28		
Bosnia and Herzegovina			5	13		
Russia			5	11		
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244			5	9		
Nigeria			*	*		
Other			15	33		
SLOVENIA					(%)	
Serbia			2 075	24		
Somalia			1 220	14		
Afghanistan			720	8		
Iraq			480	6		
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244			465	5		
Other			3 580	42		
SWEDEN					(%)	
Eritrea			590	21		
Somalia			380	14		
Afghanistan			260	9		
Russia			170	6		
Ethiopia			140	5		
Other			1 245	45		
CZECH REPUBLIC					(%)	
Mongolia			30	17		
Ukraine			25	15		
Russia			15	8		
Stateless			10	7		
Kazakhstan			10	7		
Other			75	46		
ESTONIA					(%)	
Russia			5	38		
Nigeria			5	38		
Tajikistan			*	*		
Stateless			*	*		
Other			0	0		
SPAIN					(%)	
Cuba			240	31		
Nigeria			60	8		
Cameroon			55	7		
Guinea			40	5		
Algeria			35	4		
Other			360	46		
CYPRUS					(%)	
Iraq			65	11		
India			55	10		
Vietnam			40	7		
Nepal			40	7		
Sri Lanka			40	7		
Other			335	59		
LUXEMBOURG					(%)	
Kosovo / UNSCR 1244			45	23		
Serbia			20	12		
Albania			20	10		
Iraq			15	8		
Somalia			15	7		
Other			75	40		
NETHERLANDS					(%)	
Somalia			980	28		
Iraq			395	11		
Afghanistan			340	10		
MK			210	6		
Iran			170	5		
Other			1 410	40		
PORTUGAL					(%)	
Guinea			15	28		
Russia			5	9		
Guinea-Bissau			5	9		
Colombia			*	*		
Iran			*	*		
Other			20	38		
SLOVAK REPUBLIC					(%)	
Georgia			30	19		
Russia			25	16		
Afghanistan			20	14		
Moldova			10	7		
Somalia			10	7		
Other			55	38		
UNITED KINGDOM					(%)	
Iran			735	13		
Pakistan			470	8		
Zimbabwe			440	8		
Sri Lanka			410	7		
Afghanistan			400	7		
Other			3 365	58		
SWITZERLAND					(%)	
Eritrea			535	14		
Nigeria			515	13		
Serbia			220	6		
Sri Lanka			220	6		
Afghanistan			205	5		
Other			2 195	56		

Notes:

'*' – represents 2 or fewer applicants recorded in the reference period

CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyvppctzm](#))

Table 3b: Distribution of the main groups of asylum applicants in the EU-27, 3rd quarter 2010 (rounded figures)

NON-EU		(%)
Germany	13 440	21
France	12 055	18
Sweden	8 540	13
Belgium	6 585	10
United Kingdom	5 820	9
Other	19 070	29
AFGHANISTAN - (AF)		(%)
Germany	1 720	33
Sweden	720	14
Belgium	405	8
United Kingdom	400	8
Denmark	395	8
Other	1 495	29
SOMALIA - (SO)		(%)
Germany	1 365	32
Sweden	1 220	28
Netherlands	980	23
United Kingdom	170	4
France	140	3
Other	425	10
IRAN - (IR)		(%)
Germany	880	31
United Kingdom	735	26
Sweden	300	10
Denmark	210	7
Netherlands	170	6
Other	575	20
GEORGIA - (GE)		(%)
France	365	22
Greece	320	20
Poland	260	16
Germany	165	10
Belgium	95	6
Other	445	27
CHINA - (CN)		(%)
France	605	41
United Kingdom	295	20
Greece	165	11
Germany	105	7
Belgium	75	5
Other	250	17
ARMENIA - (AM)		(%)
Belgium	415	30
France	405	29
Netherlands	145	11
Germany	120	9
Sweden	95	7
Other	210	15
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC - (SY)		(%)
Germany	545	45
Denmark	180	15
Belgium	100	8
Sweden	80	7
Austria	70	6
Other	225	19
INDIA - (IN)		(%)
Germany	195	24
United Kingdom	180	22
Greece	160	20
Austria	100	13
Cyprus	55	7
Other	115	14
STATELESS		(%)
Sweden	275	51
Germany	70	13
Austria	40	8
United Kingdom	40	7
France	35	6
Other	80	15
AZERBAIJAN - (AZ)		(%)
France	170	38
Germany	120	26
Sweden	60	13
Austria	40	9
Belgium	20	5
Other	45	10
RUSSIA - (RU)		(%)
Poland	1 400	28
France	980	20
Belgium	720	14
Austria	705	14
Germany	390	8
Other	780	16
IRAQ - (IQ)		(%)
Germany	1 565	40
Belgium	515	13
Sweden	480	12
Netherlands	395	10
United Kingdom	165	4
Other	825	21
PAKISTAN - (PK)		(%)
Greece	1 020	39
United Kingdom	470	18
Germany	305	12
France	235	9
Italy	200	8
Other	390	15
TURKEY - (TR)		(%)
France	450	29
Germany	390	25
Italy	230	15
Austria	105	7
Belgium	90	6
Other	295	19
NIGERIA - (NG)		(%)
United Kingdom	290	19
Italy	215	15
France	195	13
Germany	170	11
Austria	130	9
Other	485	33
CD - (CD)		(%)
France	870	64
Belgium	230	17
United Kingdom	80	6
Germany	40	3
Ireland	30	2
Other	100	7
GUINEA - (GN)		(%)
France	495	42
Belgium	425	37
Germany	65	6
Netherlands	50	4
Spain	40	3
Other	95	8
SUDAN - (SD)		(%)
France	220	35
United Kingdom	200	32
Netherlands	35	5
Sweden	35	5
Germany	30	5
Other	105	17
HAITI - (HT)		(%)
France	500	98
Denmark	5	1
Spain	*	*
Latvia	*	*
Sweden	*	*
Other	0	0
ALBANIA - (AL)		(%)
Greece	160	37
France	115	26
Belgium	55	13
United Kingdom	55	12
Luxembourg	20	4
Other	35	8
SERBIA - (RS)		(%)
Sweden	2 075	45
Germany	1 630	36
Belgium	395	9
France	185	4
Austria	115	2
Other	185	4
KOSOVO / UNSCR 1244 - (XK)		(%)
France	1 250	36
Belgium	890	26
Sweden	465	13
Germany	455	13
Austria	160	5
Other	245	7
MK - (MK)		(%)
Germany	1 160	54
Belgium	265	12
Netherlands	210	10
Sweden	200	9
France	165	8
Other	150	7
BANGLADESH - (BD)		(%)
France	795	51
Greece	340	22
United Kingdom	135	9
Italy	55	4
Belgium	55	3
Other	170	11
SRI LANKA - (LK)		(%)
France	685	48
United Kingdom	410	29
Germany	120	8
Belgium	55	4
Cyprus	40	3
Other	115	8
ERITREA - (ER)		(%)
Sweden	425	33
United Kingdom	240	19
France	190	15
Germany	185	14
Netherlands	110	8
Other	130	10
ALGERIA - (DZ)		(%)
France	290	35
Germany	120	15
Belgium	85	10
Austria	65	8
United Kingdom	55	7
Other	210	25
VIETNAM - (VN)		(%)
Germany	315	54
United Kingdom	130	22
Sweden	45	8
Cyprus	40	7
Poland	10	2
Other	45	7
ZIMBABWE - (ZW)		(%)
United Kingdom	440	92
Ireland	15	3
Germany	10	2
Austria	10	2
Netherlands	5	1
Other	5	1
CAMEROON - (CM)		(%)
Belgium	95	23
France	65	16
Germany	60	14
Spain	55	13
Cyprus	25	6
Other	115	28

Notes:

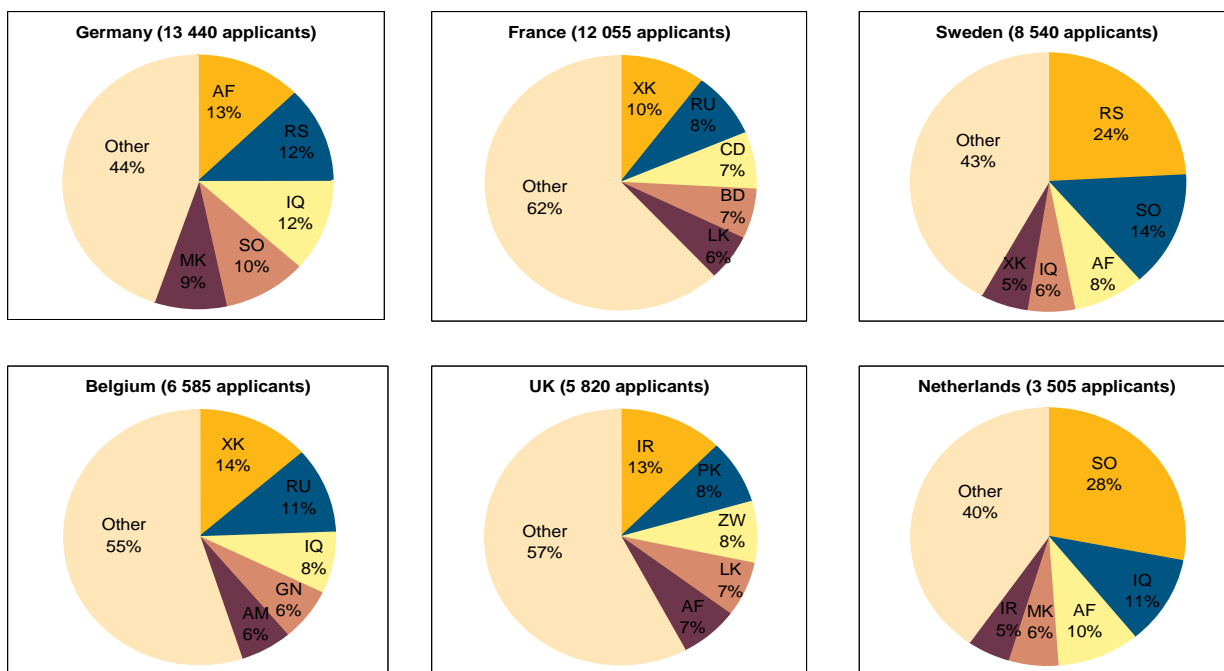
*1 – represents 2 or fewer applicants recorded in the reference period

CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Source: Eurostat (online data code: migr_asyappctzm)

In Q3 2010 Germany received the highest number of asylum applicants in the EU-27 followed by France, Sweden, Belgium and the United Kingdom

Figure 4a: Main groups of asylum applicants in the top 6 receiving countries¹⁾, 3rd quarter 2010

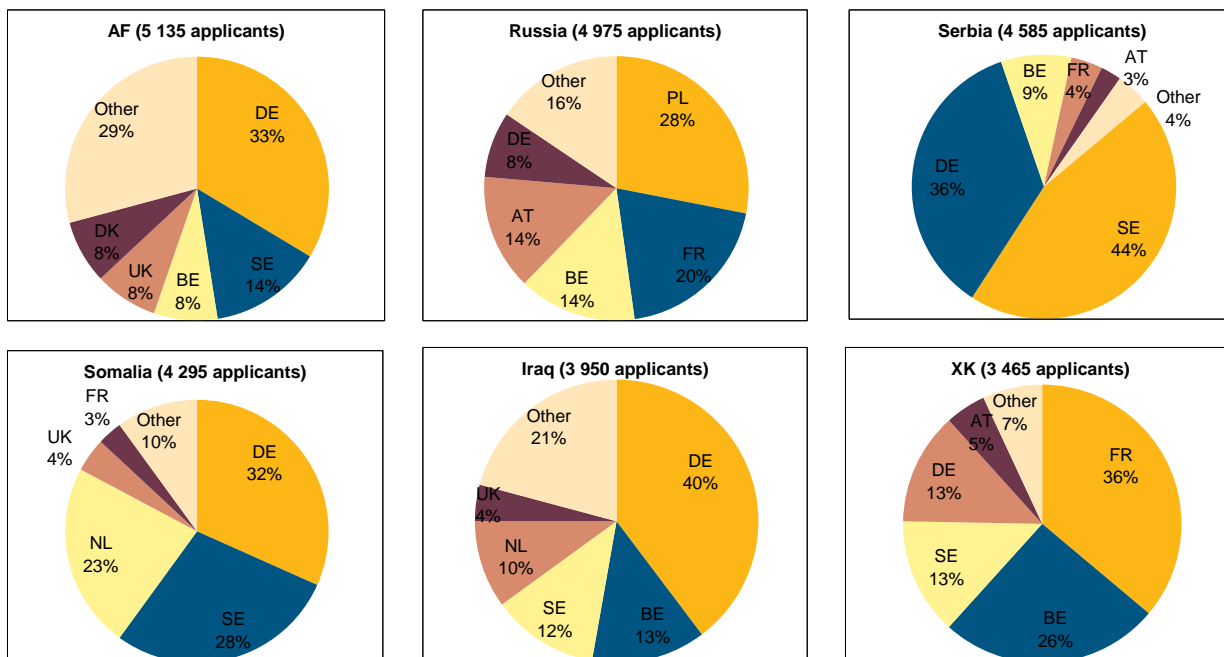


1) Member States selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q3 2010.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

During Q3 2010, eight out of ten Serbian applicants applied for asylum in Germany or Sweden

Figure 4b: Distribution of the 6 main groups of asylum applicants in the EU-27 by receiving country, 3rd quarter 2010



1) Countries selected here are those with the highest number of asylum applicants registered during Q3 2010.

Note: AF – Afghanistan; RS – Serbia; IQ – Iraq; SO – Somalia; MK – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; XK – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; RU – Russia; CD – Congo, the democratic republic of; BD – Bangladesh; LK – Sri Lanka; GN – Guinea; AM – Armenia; IR - Iran; PK – Pakistan; ZW - Zimbabwe

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asyappctzm](#))

Table 4: New asylum applicants by Member States, Q3/09-Q3/10 (rounded figures)

	Q3 2009			Q4 2009				Q1 2010				Q2 2010				Q3 2010				Last 12 months
	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Jul.-Sep. 2010	Q2 to Q3 2010 change in %	Applicants per million inhabitants ¹⁾		
EU-27²⁾	1 210	1 275	1 550	1 915	2 060	2 355	1 240	2 480	1 520	1 155	1 260	1 325	1 550	1 965	2 250	5 765	54	530	21 075	
Belgium	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Bulgaria	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Czech Republic	45	35	40	50	45	55	30	35	55	40	35	35	20	35	25	80	-25	10	450	
Denmark	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Germany	2 605	2 525	2 690	2 685	2 515	2 170	2 655	2 355	2 660	2 395	2 340	2 795	3 265	3 925	4 535	11 720	56	145	34 300	
Estonia	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	5	5	5	0	5	5	0	10	-33	5	40	
Ireland	210	225	195	205	175	160	190	175	165	160	180	155	160	170	150	480	-3	105	2 040	
Greece ³⁾	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Spain	:	:	:	:	:	:	165	200	205	185	170	190	245	240	265	750	38	15	:	
France	3 550	3 200	3 480	4 135	3 720	3 905	3 220	4 195	4 435	3 720	3 595	3 640	3 635	3 540	3 770	10 950	0	170	45 520	
Italy	1 420	590	1 080	1 305	1 865	655	955	595	875	555	615	440	645	470	700	1 815	13	30	9 675	
Cyprus	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	175	210	235	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Latvia	10	5	5	20	5	0	0	5	0	10	5	5	5	5	5	15	-15	10	75	
Lithuania	5	20	50	25	15	20	10	25	15	5	35	20	20	35	30	85	45	25	250	
Luxembourg	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	50	45	45	40	40	50	90	175	40	350	:	
Hungary	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Malta ³⁾	145	205	145	160	280	250	25	5	0	10	10	0	40	10	10	60	216	145	795	
Netherlands	1 170	1 030	1 325	1 570	1 465	1 230	1 300	1 155	1 345	950	750	890	830	1 060	1 240	3 130	21	190	13 790	
Austria	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Poland	1 490	1 970	920	805	620	745	310	330	315	285	285	290	280	460	505	1 245	45	35	5 220	
Portugal	10	5	10	15	5	10	10	20	10	10	15	15	15	20	15	45	15	5	155	
Romania	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Slovenia	30	10	10	0	10	30	10	5	10	0	20	15	10	0	20	30	-14	15	140	
Slovakia	:	:	:	:	:	:	25	10	25	40	35	40	20	30	35	85	-25	15	:	
Finland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Sweden	2 020	2 360	2 150	2 280	2 360	2 465	2 225	2 330	3 565	2 150	1 870	1 910	1 895	2 735	3 880	8 510	43	910	29 670	
United Kingdom	2 295	2 060	2 085	2 255	2 135	1 655	1 725	1 800	1 875	1 855	1 740	1 865	1 780	1 755	1 925	5 460	0	90	22 360	
Iceland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Liechtenstein	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Norway	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
Switzerland	1 160	1 080	1 110	1 155	1 235	1 040	1 070	1 020	1 155	1 045	940	1 095	965	1 175	1 205	3 340	8	430	13 095	

1) Relative to population as of 1st of January 2010 (provisional data).

2) Malta see country information notes.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: migr_asyappctzm)

One out of four decisions issued at the first instance during Q3 2010 in the EU-27 was positive

Table 5a: First instance decisions by citizenship in selected Member States¹⁾, 3rd quarter 2010 (rounded figures)

BELGIUM							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
Guinea	85	Afghanistan	95	Not applicable		XK	390
Afghanistan	85	Iraq	90			Armenia	385
Iraq	80	Somalia	5			Russia	370
Other	460	Other	10			Other	1 960
NETHERLANDS							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
Iran	60	Somalia	425	Somalia	380	Afghanistan	410
Iraq	35	Iraq	175	Iraq	70	Somalia	310
Somalia	25	Afghanistan	120	Afghanistan	40	Iraq	215
Other	100	Other	310	Other	150	Other	1 515
SWEDEN							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
Somalia	190	Somalia	1 025	Afghanistan	35	Serbia	640
Iraq	145	Eritrea	190	Stateless	25	Somalia	480
Iran	55	Afghanistan	150	Somalia	15	Iraq	225
Other	205	Other	125	Other	70	Other	2 575
OTHER EU MS							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
Russia	245	Afghanistan	465	Nigeria	55	Russia	1 250
Afghanistan	185	Iraq	235	Russia	35	Nigeria	700
Iran	170	Somalia	220	Afghanistan	35	Afghanistan	565
Other	665	Other	545	Other	345	Other	6 360
FRANCE							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
Sri Lanka	130	Mali	110	Not applicable		XK	885
Eritrea	85	Somalia	60			Bangladesh	645
Russia	60	Guinea	25			Sri Lanka	605
Other	580	Other	115			Other	5 890
GERMANY							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
Iraq	1 010	Afghanistan	50	Afghanistan	375	Serbia	955
Iran	450	Eritrea	15	Iraq	45	Iraq	855
Sri Lanka	175	Iran	15	XK	20	Afghanistan	805
Other	760	Other	40	Other	180	Other	7 280
UNITED KINGDOM							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
Iran	195	Afghanistan	100	Somalia	5	Pakistan	445
Eritrea	150	Zimbabwe	50	Iran	5	Sri Lanka	440
Somalia	130	Sri Lanka	20	Albania	5	Iran	430
Other	660	Other	240	Other	20	Other	3 630
EU-27							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
Iraq	1 400	Somalia	1 755	Afghanistan	485	Russia	2 730
Iran	980	Afghanistan	985	Somalia	410	Afghanistan	2 550
Afghanistan	555	Iraq	555	Iraq	135	XK	2 470
Other	4 240	Other	1 745	Other	880	Other	33 465

1) Member States selected here are those with the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q3 2010.

Notes: XK – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstg](#))

Table 6a: First instance decisions by outcome across EU Members, 3rd quarter 2010 (rounded figures)

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
EU-27	55 345	14 130	7 180	5 040	1 910	41 215
Belgium	4 035	925	715	210	-	3 110
Bulgaria	125	40	10	30	-	85
Czech Republic	120	35	15	15	5	85
Denmark	875	355	180	140	35	520
Germany	13 045	3 145	2 395	125	625	9 900
Estonia	10	5	5	5	-	5
Ireland	375	5	5	0	-	370
Greece	710	20	15	5	*	690
Spain	840	215	65	145	5	625
France	9 190	1 165	855	310	-	8 020
Italy¹⁾	2 305	890	290	320	280	1 415
Cyprus	535	10	5	*	5	525
Latvia	5	*	0	*	-	5
Lithuania	15	5	0	5	-	15
Luxembourg	105	15	10	5	-	90
Hungary	300	70	15	40	15	230
Malta	65	45	20	30	0	15
Netherlands	4 340	1 890	220	1 030	640	2 450
Austria	3 385	935	565	370	-	2 450
Poland	1 080	120	20	40	60	960
Portugal	30	10	5	5	-	20
Romania	85	10	10	0	0	75
Slovenia	25	*	*	0	-	25
Slovakia	40	15	0	5	10	20
Finland	1 045	390	35	300	55	655
Sweden	6 145	2 225	595	1 490	145	3 920
United Kingdom	6 520	1 575	1 135	410	30	4 945
Iceland
Liechtenstein	5	0	0	-	0	5
Norway	3 715	1 140	625	365	155	2 575
Switzerland	4 125	1 570	720	230	620	2 555

1) See country information notes.

'.' – not applicable

'*' – represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstg](#))

Out of 1 400 grants of refugee status to Iraqi applicants at the first instance during Q3 2010 in the EU-27, 1 000 were granted by Germany

Table 5b: First instance decisions by Member States in selected groups of asylum applicants¹⁾, 3rd quarter 2010 (rounded figures)

AFGHANISTAN - (AF)							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
Germany	145	Austria	155	Germany	375	Germany	805
Austria	105	Sweden	150	Netherlands	40	Netherlands	410
Belgium	85	Italy	135	Sweden	35	UK	380
Other	220	Other	550	Other	35	Other	955
SOMALIA - (SO)							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
Sweden	190	Sweden	1 025	Netherlands	380	Sweden	480
UK	130	Netherlands	425	Sweden	15	Netherlands	310
Germany	105	Finland	120	UK	5	UK	110
Other	115	Other	185	Other	10	Other	240
KOSOVO - (XK)							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
Belgium	30	Austria	5	Germany	20	France	885
France	15	France	*	Denmark	15	Germany	680
Austria	10	Denmark	*	Italy	15	Belgium	390
Other	10	Other	*	Other	10	Other	515
OTHER							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
UK	720	Netherlands	285	Italy	250	Germany	6 745
France	640	UK	260	Germany	155	France	6 435
Germany	595	Sweden	245	Netherlands	115	UK	3 790
Other	1 210	Other	685	Other	195	Other	12 030
IRAQ - (IQ)							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
Germany	1 010	Netherlands	175	Netherlands	70	Germany	855
Sweden	145	Finland	135	Germany	45	Sweden	225
Belgium	80	Belgium	90	Finland	10	Netherlands	215
Other	160	Other	155	Other	15	Other	580
RUSSIA - (RU)							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
Austria	225	Austria	80	Poland	30	Poland	685
Germany	85	Poland	35	Germany	15	France	530
France	60	Sweden	25	Italy	5	Austria	425
Other	110	Other	35	Other	5	Other	1 090
IRAN - (IR)							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
Germany	450	Netherlands	25	Netherlands	35	Germany	465
UK	195	UK	20	Germany	10	UK	430
Denmark	65	Germany	15	Italy	5	Sweden	185
Other	270	Other	25	Other	10	Other	365
NON-EU							
Refugee status	Subsidiary protection		Humanitarian reasons		Rejections		
Germany	2 395	Sweden	1 490	Netherlands	640	Germany	9 900
UK	1 135	Netherlands	1 030	Germany	625	France	8 020
France	855	UK	410	Italy	280	UK	4 945
Other	2 795	Other	2 110	Other	370	Other	18 350

1) Countries selected here are those with the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q3 2010.

* – represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period.

Note: UK – United Kingdom

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstg](#))

Table 6b: First instance decisions by outcome across the 30 main groups of asylum applicants¹⁾ countries of citizenship in the EU-27, 3rd quarter 2010 (rounded figures)

	Total decisions	Total positive decisions	Refugee status	Subsidiary protection	Humanitarian reasons	Rejected
EU-27	55 345	14 130	7 180	5 040	1 910	41 215
Afghanistan - (AF)	4 575	2 025	555	985	485	2 550
Iraq - (IQ)	3 975	2 095	1 400	555	135	1 875
Somalia - (SO)	3 845	2 705	545	1 755	410	1 140
Russia - (RU)	3 440	705	480	170	55	2 730
Kosovo - (XK)	2 590	120	55	10	55	2 470
Iran - (IR)	2 575	1 130	980	90	60	1 445
Serbia - (RS)	2 475	100	70	*	25	2 375
Sri Lanka - (LK)	1 770	465	375	55	35	1 305
Nigeria - (NG)	1 715	120	25	25	70	1 595
Turkey - (TR)	1 515	215	150	20	45	1 300
Armenia - (AM)	1 465	90	35	25	25	1 375
Pakistan - (PK)	1 440	185	90	70	25	1 255
Syria - (SY)	1 430	315	255	25	35	1 120
Georgia - (GE)	1 335	40	15	10	15	1 295
China - (CN)	1 235	200	150	40	10	1 035
Eritrea - (ER)	1 110	720	415	300	5	390
Bangladesh - (BD)	985	30	10	15	5	955
MK - (MK)	945	30	20	5	5	920
CD - (CD)	940	145	115	20	10	795
Guinea - (GN)	855	205	120	70	15	650
Algeria - (DZ)	745	20	10	5	*	730
India - (IN)	665	15	10	5	5	650
Azerbaijan - (AZ)	605	80	50	20	10	530
Sudan - (SD)	585	170	130	35	5	420
Zimbabwe - (ZW)	575	180	125	50	5	400
Vietnam - (VN)	565	25	5	15	5	540
Haiti - (HT)	450	30	20	5	*	425
Stateless	450	145	75	35	35	305
Cameroon - (CM)	420	50	40	5	5	370
Ivory Coast - (CI)	390	75	25	40	10	315
Other	9 675	1 700	815	585	300	7 975

1) Countries selected here are those with the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q3 2010.

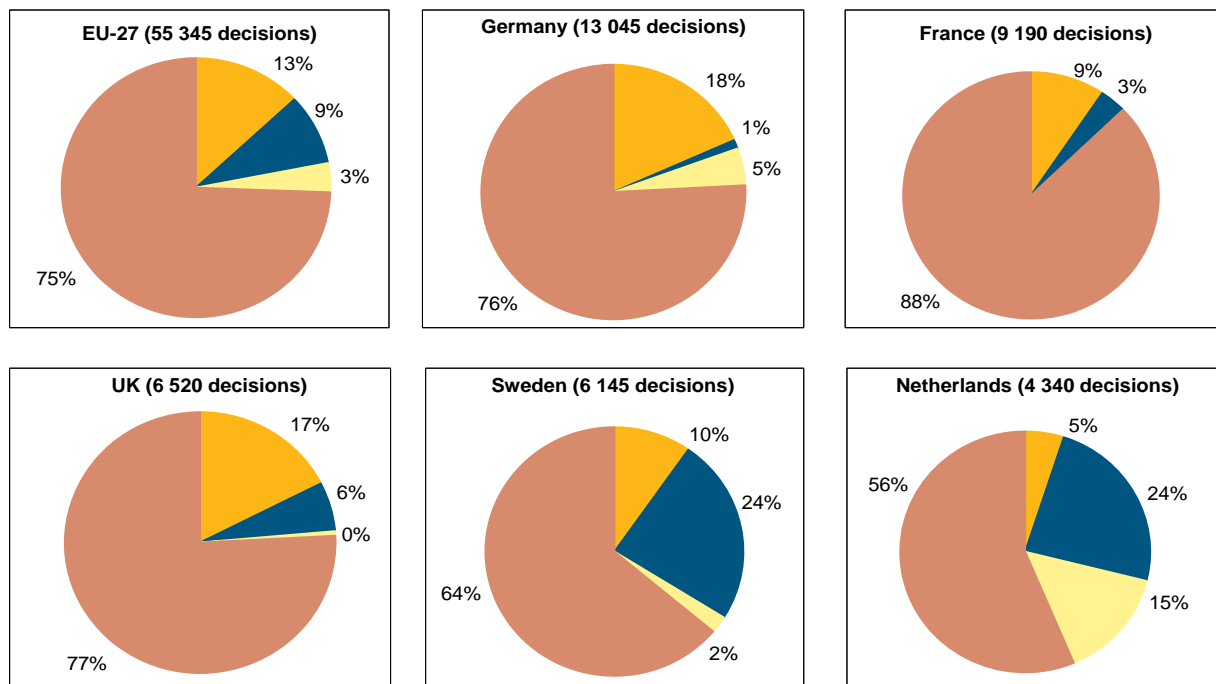
Notes: Kosovo – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244; CD – Congo, the Democratic Republic of the; MK – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Syria – Syrian Arab Republic.

* – represents 2 or fewer first instance decisions recorded in the reference period.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstg](#))

During Q3 2010, of first instance decisions relating to Afghans, Iraqis and Somalis, 45%, 52% and 70% respectively were positive

Figure 5: First instance decisions by outcome, selected Member States and the EU-27¹⁾, 3rd quarter 2010



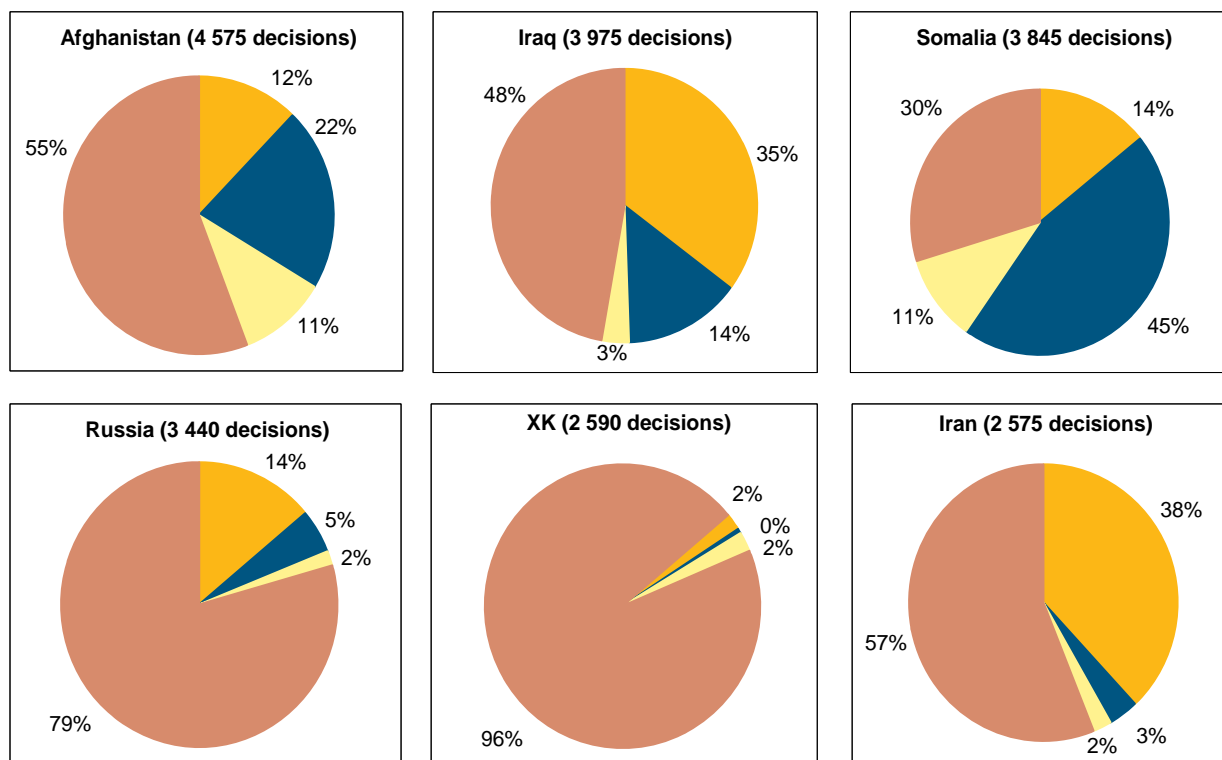
Refugee status
 Subsidiary protection
 Humanitarian reasons
 Rejections

1) Member States selected here are those reporting the highest number of first instance decisions issued during Q3 2010.

Note: UK – United Kingdom

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Figure 6: First instance decisions in the EU-27 by outcome, selected citizenships¹⁾, 3rd quarter 2010



Refugee status
 Subsidiary protection
 Humanitarian reasons
 Rejections

1) Citizenships selected here are those for which the highest number of first instance decisions was issued during Q3 2010.

Note: XK – Kosovo / UNSCR 1244.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [migr_asydcfstq](#))

Methodology

DATA SOURCES

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

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

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

DEFINITIONS AND COVERAGE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'Person granted subsidiary protection status at first instance' means a person covered by a first instance decision granting subsidiary protection status, taken by administrative or judicial bodies during the reference period. Subsidiary protection status means status as defined in Art.2(f) of Directive 2004/83/EC. According to the Art.2(e) of that Directive a person eligible for subsidiary protection means a third country national or a stateless person who does not qualify as a refugee but in respect of whom substantial grounds have been shown for believing that the person

concerned, if returned to his or her country of origin, or in the case of a stateless person, to his or her country of former habitual residence, would face a real risk of suffering serious harm and is unable, or, owing to such risk, unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country.

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

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

COUNTRY INFORMATION

Until December 2009, statistics on asylum applications in **Cyprus** related to the number of administrative cases instead of individuals. This may result in underestimation of the actual number of applications, as one administrative case may cover several family members being a subject of this application.

Following the enforcement of the new asylum law in **Greece**, the examination of asylum applications has been decentralised to regional alien departments. The lower figure reported in August 2009 results from a transitional period inherent to this procedural change.

Due to a technical error, the registered age of accompanied minors for application and decision statistics in **Italy** was the age of the principal applicant (e.g. father or mother) until February 2010 (included). This leads to an underestimation of the share of minor asylum applicants.

The number of rejections at first instance in **Italy** includes a number of recommendations to issue an authorization to stay for humanitarian reasons. These recommendations are issued by the National Asylum Commission to the Police. Such recommendation does not guarantee the grant of an authorization to stay for humanitarian reason, and therefore the number of first instance rejections is overestimated. Indeed, some individuals might be counted twice under the same reference period: first as a person rejected and recommended for an authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons and subsequently as a person granted an authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons.

According to the **Maltese** authorities, the drop in the number of asylum applicants results from the decreasing number of boats arriving from Libya.

ABBREVIATIONS

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

EU ASYLUM POLICY

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

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/index_en.htm

Further information

European Statistical Data Support:

Contact details for this support network can be found on our Internet site:

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

Data

Data on "Population and Social conditions, Asylum":

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

(Select "International Migration and asylum" and "Asylum")

More information about "Population and social conditions":

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