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IN 25 EUROPEAN AND 5 NON-EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

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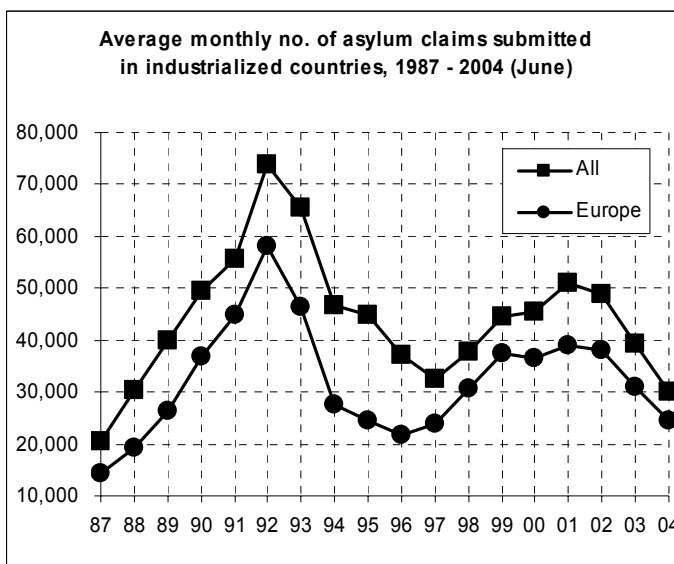
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1. Asylum levels in the industrialized world continue to drop sharply. In the 30, mostly industrialized, countries covered by this report, 86,800 asylum applications were submitted during the second quarter of 2004, 8 per cent fewer than during the first quarter, when 93,910 claims were lodged.¹ In the 25 European countries, quarterly asylum levels fell by 8 per cent, North America experienced a 6 per cent decrease, whereas Australia and New Zealand recorded a small rise in asylum claims (+3%). The Nordic countries received 20 per cent fewer asylum claims during the second quarter of 2004, while Central Europe witnessed a 13 per cent increase.

2. The 20 European Union (EU) member countries for which data are available received 64,750 asylum claims during the second quarter of 2004, 7 per cent fewer claims than during the first. Quarterly asylum levels in 14 "old" EU member countries fell by 11 per cent during March-June 2004, but increased by 26 per cent in some of the "new" member countries.²

3. In total, the 30 asylum countries received 180,710 asylum claims during the first six months of 2004, a decrease of 22 per cent compared to the same period of 2003, when 230,610 claims were submitted. Europe received 147,340 new asylum claims during January to June 2004, 18 per cent fewer claims than in the first six months of 2003 (178,840).

4. During the first six months of 2004, the 30 asylum countries received on average 30,120 claims per month, the lowest level since 1987. In Europe, average monthly asylum applications reached 24,560 during January to June 2004, constituting the lowest level since 1997 (23,700) and the third lowest level since 1988 (see chart). In Australia, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and the United States of America (US), the average number of monthly claims during January to June 2004 was the lowest since at least 1990.



5. During the period April-June 2004, the 14 "old" EU member countries received 63 per cent per cent of all claims lodged in the industrialized world. With the addition of the six "new" EU member countries for which data are available, the EU now accounts for some 75 per cent of all asylum claims lodged (see Table 1).

6. During the second quarter of 2004, twenty countries experienced a fall in the number of new asylum claims lodged, whereas nine countries reported an increase. The level of quarterly asylum applications was stable in one country (Slovenia). Countries reporting a relatively strong rise in asylum claims submitted during the second quarter of 2004 included Cyprus (90%)³, Greece (73%), Slovakia (52%), Japan (38%) and Poland (34%). Important decreases in the level of quarterly asylum claims were reported by Finland (-38%), Czech Republic (-37%) and Romania (-37%) (see Table 1).

7. France, the main asylum-seeker receiving country since the fourth quarter of 2003, continued to receive most claims in the second quarter of 2004 (14,050 or 16% of all claims lodged). Because the number of persons seeking asylum in the UK during the second quarter of 2004 fell much more sharply (-13%) than in the US (-1%), the US became the second largest asylum-seeker receiving country (9,660 claims). The UK, the second leading recipient country during the first quarter of 2004,

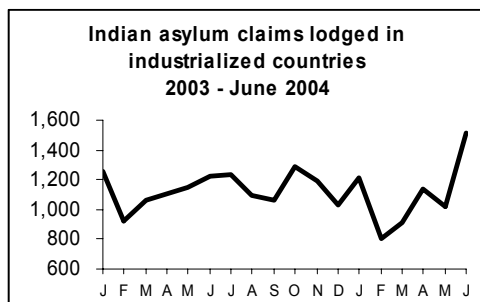
¹ With the addition of Cyprus, UNHCR's tracking system for monthly asylum applications now includes 30 asylum countries. Due to retroactive changes, figures in this report may differ from those published earlier.

² See footnotes in Table 1 for the countries included in these regional groupings.

³ Recently, Cyprus has experienced a rapid rise in asylum claims, putting a severe strain on Government resources. Most asylum-seekers are nationals from Bangladesh who entered the country on a student visa.

fell to the third place in the second quarter of 2004 (9,210 claims), followed by Germany (8,520 claims) and Austria (6,620 claims) (see *Table 1*).

8. In June 2004, the 30 asylum countries received 29,490 new asylum claims, 15 per cent more than in May (25,680). In the 25 European countries, the number of monthly asylum claims increased from 20,570 in May to 23,760 in June 2004 (+16%). All five major asylum-seeker nationalities experienced an increase in the number of claims in June, including Russian federation (+6%), Serbia and Montenegro (+16%), China (8%), India (49%) and Turkey (24%). As a result, the number of claims lodged by citizens from Serbia and Montenegro during June (1,870) slightly exceeded the number of Russian asylum claims (1,810). India became the third largest country of origin of asylum-seekers in June (fifth in May) (see *chart*). The increase in the number of Bangladeshi asylum-seekers, from 370 in May to 910 in June, is also noteworthy.

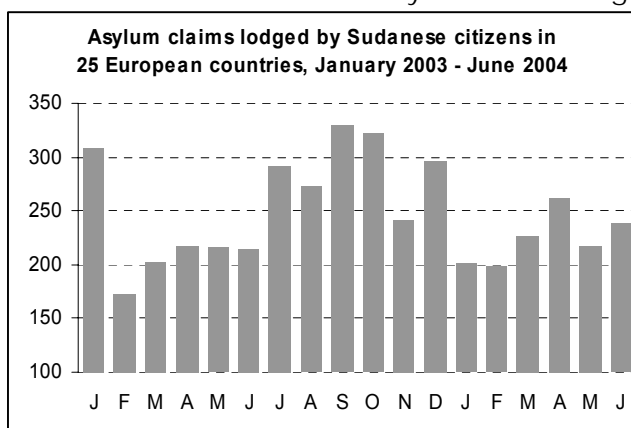


9. With 7,310 new asylum claims, the Russian Federation continued to be the main country of origin of asylum-seekers in the 30 industrialized countries in the second quarter of 2004.⁴ Serbia and Montenegro continued to be the second largest source country of asylum-seekers (5,380 claims), followed by China (4,010), Turkey (3,690) and India (3,670) (see *Table 2*).

10. Significant changes in the level of asylum claims during the second quarter of 2004 were recorded for Turkey (-22%), India (+25%), Bangladesh (+44%), Somalia (-27%), Republic of Moldova (+42%), Liberia (-28%), Angola (-31%) and Republic of Congo (-26%). As a result, Pakistan became the sixth largest country of origin of asylum-seekers during the second quarter of 2004 (12th in the first quarter), Georgia became the ninth largest country of origin (13th during Q1) and Iraq moved up from 14th (Q1) to 10th (Q2). Due to the continued drop in Somali asylum-seekers during the first quarter (-23%) and the second (-27%), the country fell to 16th position on the list of major source countries during the period April to June 2004 (see *Table 2*).

11. These trends are also reflected in the 25 European countries. During the second quarter of 2004, India rose from 7th to 4th position among the leading countries of origin of asylum-seekers; Pakistan rose from 14th to 7th, and Georgia moved up from 11th to 9th. Conversely, the Democratic Republic of the Congo dropped from 8th to 11th position and Somalia fell from 9th to 15th (see *Table 3*).

12. The number of Sudanese asylum claims lodged in Europe is very low, fluctuating between 200 and 300 per month. As opposed to some other nationalities, e.g. Somalis, the great majority of Sudanese refugees have traditionally found asylum in neighbouring countries in the region of origin. The recent conflict in Darfur does not yet seem to have any noticeable impact on the level of Sudanese seeking asylum in Europe (see *chart*).



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13. Tables 4, 5 and 6 provide an overview of asylum applications by origin and country of asylum. Monthly asylum levels are provided in Table 7.

⁴ Most asylum-seekers from the Russian Federation are from Chechnya. The number of asylum claims in this report may be an overestimate considering that claims filed in more than one country are not always detected.

Table 1. Quarterly asylum applications lodged, first quarter 2003 to second quarter 2004

See footnotes at bottom of table.

Country/region of asylum	2003					2004		Q4-03 / Q1-04	Q1-04 / Q2-04	Share		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2			2003	Q1-04	Q2-04
Austria	6,644	8,125	9,798	7,775	32,342	5,945	6,621	-24%	11%	7%	6%	8%
Belgium	3,828	3,582	4,613	4,917	16,940	3,916	3,482	-20%	-11%	4%	4%	4%
Bulgaria	426	256	281	586	1,549	267	250	-54%	-6%	0%	0%	0%
Cyprus	349	150	513	3,399	4,411	1,109	2,112	-67%	90%	1%	1%	2%
Czech Rep.	1,977	3,048	3,058	3,311	11,394	2,128	1,339	-36%	-37%	2%	2%	2%
Denmark	1,222	1,103	1,206	1,026	4,557	904	717	-12%	-21%	1%	1%	1%
Finland	817	611	714	1,079	3,221	1,050	649	-3%	-38%	1%	1%	1%
France	14,285	13,591	14,514	16,908	59,298	15,764	14,049	-7%	-11%	13%	17%	16%
Germany	14,939	11,423	12,494	11,589	50,445	10,167	8,519	-12%	-16%	11%	11%	10%
Greece	2,246	2,592	1,954	1,386	8,178	1,009	1,747	-27%	73%	2%	1%	2%
Hungary	645	522	737	497	2,401	367	378	-26%	3%	1%	0%	0%
Ireland	2,818	1,932	1,912	1,238	7,900	1,256	1,104	1%	-12%	2%	1%	1%
Liechtenstein	24	29	24	24	101	29	15	21%	-48%	0%	0%	0%
Luxembourg	298	354	362	540	1,554	514	404	-5%	-21%	0%	1%	0%
Netherlands	3,674	3,792	3,219	2,717	13,402	2,752	2,080	1%	-24%	3%	3%	2%
Norway	3,709	3,479	5,022	3,750	15,960	2,160	1,758	-42%	-19%	3%	2%	2%
Poland	1,407	1,314	2,331	1,869	6,921	1,317	1,770	-30%	34%	1%	1%	2%
Portugal	22	40	16	29	107	16	30	-45%	88%	0%	0%	0%
Romania	272	384	213	208	1,077	213	134	2%	-37%	0%	0%	0%
Slovakia	1,249	2,125	2,788	4,161	10,323	2,527	3,839	-39%	52%	2%	3%	4%
Slovenia	285	283	307	227	1,102	310	311	37%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Spain	1,547	1,072	1,506	1,642	5,767	1,480	1,227	-10%	-17%	1%	2%	1%
Sweden	7,942	6,198	8,945	8,270	31,355	6,237	5,160	-25%	-17%	7%	7%	6%
Switzerland	5,506	4,868	5,592	5,085	21,051	4,748	3,667	-7%	-23%	5%	5%	4%
UK	19,130	12,710	14,995	13,210	60,045	10,585	9,210	-20%	-13%	13%	11%	11%
Canada	9,761	7,748	7,432	6,915	31,856	6,343	5,414	-8%	-15%	7%	7%	6%
USA	16,180	15,120	12,330	10,620	54,250	9,710	9,660	-9%	-1%	12%	10%	11%
Australia	1,156	1,159	1,107	868	4,290	767	840	-12%	10%	1%	1%	1%
New Zealand	264	227	185	165	841	204	159	24%	-22%	0%	0%	0%
Japan	70	74	106	85	335	112	155	32%	38%	0%	0%	0%
EU-14	79,412	67,125	76,248	72,326	295,111	61,595	54,999	-15%	-11%	64%	66%	63%
EU-new	5,912	7,442	9,734	13,464	36,552	7,758	9,749	-42%	26%	8%	8%	11%
EU-enlarged	85,324	74,567	85,982	85,790	331,663	69,353	64,748	-19%	-7%	72%	74%	75%
Nordic countries	13,690	11,391	15,887	14,125	55,093	10,351	8,284	-27%	-20%	12%	11%	10%
Western Europe	88,651	75,501	86,886	81,185	332,223	68,532	60,439	-16%	-12%	72%	73%	70%
Central Europe	6,261	7,932	9,715	10,859	34,767	7,129	8,021	-34%	13%	8%	8%	9%
Europe	95,261	83,583	97,114	95,443	371,401	76,770	70,572	-20%	-8%	80%	82%	81%
North America	25,941	22,868	19,762	17,535	86,106	16,053	15,074	-8%	-6%	19%	17%	17%
Australia/New Z.	1,420	1,386	1,292	1,033	5,131	971	999	-6%	3%	1%	1%	1%
Total	122,692	107,911	118,274	114,096	462,973	93,906	86,800	-18%	-8%	100%	100%	100%

Notes

All figures are provisional and subject to change.

France: children under 16 are included. This accounts for the discrepancies between the figures in this report and earlier reports.

Germany and USA: new applications only.

UK. No. of persons (source: Home Office). All following tables by nationality are based on the no. of cases, however.

USA. Data reflect no. of persons (no. of cases multiplied with 1.4). Source: INS. All following tables by nationality are based on the no. of cases, however.

EU-14: "old" European Union member countries excluding Italy (no data available).

EU-new: Cyprus, Czech Rep., Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia.

EU-enlarged: EU-14 plus EU-new. Monthly information for other new EU member countries is not available.

Western Europe: EU-14 plus Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

Central Europe: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Europe: All European countries listed.

Total: All countries listed.

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Table 2. Asylum applications lodged in industrialized countries by origin, first quarter 2003 to second quarter 2004

Covering all 30 asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2004.

Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because USA and UK data by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	2003					2004		Q4-03 / Q1-04	Q1-04 / Q2-04	Ranking					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2			Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04
Russian Federation	5,302	8,004	11,367	10,252	34,925	7,616	7,305	-26%	-4%	4	1	1	1	1	1
Serbia and Montenegro	6,320	5,800	6,944	6,807	25,871	5,756	5,375	-15%	-7%	3	3	2	2	2	2
China	5,033	5,011	6,035	6,130	22,209	4,489	4,009	-27%	-11%	5	5	3	3	4	3
Turkey	6,655	5,645	5,957	5,892	24,149	4,715	3,685	-20%	-22%	2	4	4	4	3	4
India	3,241	3,477	3,396	3,500	13,614	2,932	3,670	-16%	25%	9	7	8	6	6	5
Nigeria	3,786	3,283	3,131	3,061	13,261	3,074	3,036	0%	-1%	7	8	10	11	5	6
Pakistan	4,400	2,248	2,228	2,622	11,498	2,253	2,584	-14%	15%	6	12	12	13	12	7
Georgia	1,744	1,906	2,136	2,521	8,307	2,212	2,229	-12%	1%	16	13	13	14	13	9
Algeria	2,052	1,818	2,069	2,017	7,956	2,625	2,279	30%	-13%	13	14	14	16	7	8
Iraq	11,094	6,405	4,149	3,140	24,788	2,188	2,070	-30%	-5%	1	2	6	9	14	10
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	3,128	2,718	2,668	2,636	11,150	2,465	2,063	-6%	-16%	10	9	11	12	8	11
Afghanistan	3,353	3,678	3,654	3,195	13,880	2,260	2,035	-29%	-10%	8	6	7	7	11	12
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,867	2,631	3,351	3,553	12,402	2,298	1,983	-35%	-14%	12	11	9	5	10	13
Bangladesh	1,399	1,362	1,304	3,178	7,243	1,366	1,963	-57%	44%	22	17	22	8	18	14
Haiti	1,084	1,281	1,240	1,344	4,949	1,727	1,850	28%	7%	29	19	25	20	15	15
Somalia	3,045	2,685	4,656	3,140	13,526	2,433	1,771	-23%	-27%	11	10	5	9	9	16
Colombia	1,910	1,748	1,699	1,651	7,008	1,641	1,596	-1%	-3%	14	15	15	17	16	17
Rep. of Moldova	1,004	1,144	1,689	1,553	5,390	1,034	1,473	-33%	42%	30	24	17	19	25	18
Sri Lanka	1,436	1,389	1,283	1,333	5,441	1,259	1,211	-6%	-4%	21	16	23	21	20	19
Armenia	1,149	1,275	1,693	2,272	6,389	1,455	1,198	-36%	-18%	27	21	16	15	17	20
Ukraine	1,445	1,235	1,406	1,576	5,662	1,354	1,106	-14%	-18%	20	22	21	18	19	21
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,628	1,232	1,444	1,168	5,472	1,180	1,098	1%	-7%	17	23	19	25	21	22
Azerbaijan	904	801	1,109	1,213	4,027	1,051	1,024	-13%	-3%	33	33	28	24	24	23
Viet Nam	1,265	1,022	1,148	1,037	4,472	851	960	-18%	13%	25	28	26	28	30	24
Mexico	1,784	1,278	1,408	1,101	5,571	930	934	-16%	0%	15	20	20	26	26	25
Cameroon	1,565	1,327	1,272	1,325	5,489	1,136	930	-14%	-18%	18	18	24	22	22	26
Guinea	838	965	988	1,075	3,866	1,102	923	3%	-16%	35	30	30	27	23	27
Sudan	741	708	945	918	3,312	666	757	-27%	14%	38	37	33	31	37	28
Romania	1,276	688	805	802	3,571	650	754	-19%	16%	24	39	37	38	39	29
Albania	1,137	1,050	1,022	899	4,108	884	721	-2%	-18%	28	25	29	33	27	30
Syrian Arab Rep.	797	694	930	891	3,312	701	700	-21%	0%	37	38	34	34	34	31
Belarus	884	841	950	907	3,582	689	696	-24%	1%	34	32	32	32	35	33
Côte d'Ivoire	1,502	1,029	775	831	4,137	711	697	-14%	-2%	19	26	38	37	33	32
Zimbabwe	1,360	1,027	881	888	4,156	795	694	-10%	-13%	23	27	36	35	31	34
Mauritania	920	858	908	845	3,531	680	645	-20%	-5%	32	31	35	36	36	35
Ethiopia	837	762	961	950	3,510	768	638	-19%	-17%	36	36	31	30	32	36
Liberia	588	791	1,596	1,262	4,237	874	626	-31%	-28%	40	34	18	23	28	37
Angola	1,232	1,009	1,121	974	4,336	874	603	-10%	-31%	26	29	27	29	28	38
FYR Macedonia	701	633	681	733	2,748	653	545	-11%	-17%	39	40	39	39	38	39
Congo	993	773	663	694	3,123	629	468	-9%	-26%	31	35	40	40	40	40
Other	22,397	19,318	20,152	18,789	80,656	16,514	13,846	-12%	-16%						
Total	114,796	101,549	111,814	108,675	436,834	89,490	82,750	-18%	-8%						

Table 3. Asylum applications lodged in Europe by origin, first quarter 2003 to second quarter 2004
 Covering all 25 European asylum countries listed in Table 1. Top-40 countries based on applications lodged during second quarter of 2004.
 Totals between this Table and Table 1 differ because UK data by origin reflect the no. of cases.

Origin	2003					2004		Q4-03 /	Q1-04 /	Ranking					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04
Russian Federation	4,985	7,690	11,131	9,986	33,792	7,386	7,028	-26%	-5%	4	1	1	1	1	1
Serbia and Montenegro	6,218	5,722	6,773	6,716	25,429	5,657	5,293	-16%	-6%	3	3	2	2	2	2
Turkey	6,505	5,517	5,825	5,765	23,612	4,600	3,550	-20%	-23%	2	4	3	3	3	3
India	2,507	2,702	2,763	2,887	10,859	2,450	3,246	-15%	32%	11	8	10	10	7	4
Nigeria	3,624	3,109	2,951	2,855	12,539	2,901	2,869	2%	-1%	5	7	9	11	5	5
China	3,170	3,373	4,519	4,524	15,586	3,114	2,596	-31%	-17%	7	6	4	4	4	6
Pakistan	1,539	1,449	1,819	2,228	7,035	1,964	2,345	-12%	19%	15	14	14	14	14	7
Georgia	1,703	1,857	2,080	2,442	8,082	2,172	2,202	-11%	1%	13	12	12	12	13	9
Algeria	2,014	1,802	2,053	1,992	7,861	2,610	2,262	31%	-13%	12	13	13	16	6	8
Afghanistan	3,317	3,643	3,607	3,117	13,684	2,205	2,003	-29%	-9%	6	5	7	6	10	10
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,974	2,556	2,532	2,527	10,589	2,359	1,972	-7%	-16%	8	10	11	12	8	11
Iraq	10,899	6,294	4,066	3,027	24,286	2,113	1,960	-30%	-7%	1	2	6	8	12	12
Bangladesh	1,191	958	1,107	3,037	6,293	1,253	1,879	-59%	50%	22	21	20	7	17	13
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,546	2,425	3,146	3,356	11,473	2,090	1,844	-38%	-12%	10	11	8	5	13	14
Somalia	2,935	2,580	4,512	3,011	13,038	2,293	1,643	-24%	-28%	9	9	5	9	9	15
Rep. of Moldova	991	1,126	1,683	1,551	5,351	1,023	1,466	-34%	43%	26	17	15	17	19	16
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,627	1,228	1,440	1,162	5,457	1,174	1,097	1%	-7%	14	15	17	20	18	17
Armenia	936	1,060	1,537	2,119	5,652	1,332	1,056	-37%	-21%	27	18	16	15	15	18
Ukraine	1,335	1,138	1,314	1,485	5,272	1,267	1,021	-15%	-19%	16	16	19	18	16	19
Azerbaijan	837	726	1,051	1,164	3,778	1,011	998	-13%	-1%	29	29	23	19	20	20
Viet Nam	1,235	993	1,073	1,008	4,309	828	941	-18%	14%	18	19	22	22	24	21
Sri Lanka	1,118	935	927	979	3,959	895	935	-9%	4%	23	22	24	23	22	22
Haiti	208	330	459	494	1,491	617	919	25%	49%	40	39	38	39	33	23
Guinea	628	791	793	883	3,095	915	747	4%	-18%	37	26	29	26	21	24
Sudan	684	648	893	859	3,084	625	717	-27%	15%	36	32	28	28	31	25
Romania	1,199	585	683	728	3,195	598	683	-18%	14%	20	36	33	31	35	26
Syrian Arab Rep.	743	641	909	870	3,163	652	675	-25%	4%	33	34	26	27	28	27
Cameroon	1,090	916	923	976	3,905	794	635	-19%	-20%	24	23	25	24	26	28
Côte d'Ivoire	1,312	858	622	726	3,518	619	598	-15%	-3%	17	25	35	32	32	29
Angola	1,204	991	1,099	949	4,243	851	593	-10%	-30%	19	20	21	25	23	30
Zimbabwe	1,193	889	765	768	3,615	645	591	-16%	-8%	21	24	30	30	30	31
Liberia	468	642	1,395	1,140	3,645	813	576	-29%	-29%	39	33	18	21	25	32
Albania	821	729	717	653	2,920	675	545	3%	-19%	31	28	32	36	27	33
FYR Macedonia	690	618	658	720	2,686	649	542	-10%	-16%	35	35	34	33	29	34
Belarus	830	749	897	827	3,303	610	529	-26%	-13%	30	27	27	29	34	35
Mauritania	698	663	723	711	2,795	558	516	-22%	-8%	34	31	31	34	37	36
Mongolia	513	494	443	497	1,947	399	408	-20%	2%	38	38	39	38	40	37
Congo	897	681	574	635	2,787	564	403	-11%	-29%	28	30	36	37	36	38
Sierra Leone	795	558	483	399	2,235	457	398	15%	-13%	32	37	37	40	38	39
Bulgaria	1,042	283	443	666	2,434	439	354	-34%	-19%	25	40	39	35	39	40
Other	12,766	10,595	12,787	12,618	48,766	10,950	8,646	-13%	-21%						
Total	91,987	81,544	94,175	93,057	360,763	75,127	69,281	-19%	-8%						

Table 4. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, first quarter 2004 (Top-20)

Top-20 countries based on applications lodged during quarter.

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

Origin	AUL	AUS	BEL	BUL	CAN	CYP	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE	JPN
Russian Federation	*	1,848	337	*	42	72	882	73	48	867	722	42	5	14	*
Serbia and Montenegro	10	616	330	-	35	-	*	179	209	1,026	1,000	*	20	13	-
Turkey	12	298	151	*	51	10	5	19	24	1,450	1,277	55	48	12	45
China	189	178	51	*	535	*	45	29	19	1,431	269	14	30	41	*
Nigeria	*	454	49	37	138	*	8	28	23	386	273	44	23	490	-
India	76	434	46	8	291	27	12	11	-	207	305	17	10	*	*
Algeria	-	54	111	33	15	-	11	14	12	1,433	263	*	18	17	-
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	14	412	-	80	*	-	*	14	1,114	106	10	5	59	-
Somalia	5	10	41	*	89	*	5	63	41	31	102	44	*	43	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	18	79	113	18	74	51	*	36	21	40	392	81	13	7	7
Afghanistan	23	196	79	52	32	*	*	95	47	47	289	73	25	*	-
Pakistan	18	187	93	*	226	199	*	10	*	252	292	38	22	8	*
Georgia	-	354	53	*	5	70	92	10	14	499	227	74	26	30	-
Iraq	30	74	32	8	14	43	9	63	22	44	336	146	14	*	-
Haiti	-	-	*	-	57	-	-	-	-	605	5	-	-	-	-
Colombia	*	7	10	-	694	-	-	-	-	22	9	-	-	-	-
Armenia	-	134	101	30	*	8	22	*	*	386	148	*	7	*	-
Bangladesh	20	69	11	12	73	439	6	9	*	255	36	39	*	*	5
Ukraine	5	103	25	*	43	83	526	*	10	198	47	31	9	21	-
Sri Lanka	20	21	5	-	301	6	-	6	*	551	63	10	-	5	*

Origin	LIE	LUX	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	POR	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	UK	USA
Russian Federation	*	8	77	262	-	977	*	*	22	619	-	304	149	50	182
Serbia and Montenegro	7	78	117	242	-	-	-	*	*	16	56	1,088	563	85	54
Turkey	-	*	99	56	-	15	-	5	5	19	103	136	351	60	7
China	*	*	84	33	14	*	-	43	-	124	*	74	24	615	635
Nigeria	-	90	89	57	-	*	*	*	297	*	*	138	121	280	32
India	-	-	58	*	20	109	-	45	*	720	9	20	16	385	93
Algeria	-	10	14	29	-	*	-	-	171	-	15	72	203	125	-
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	35	19	-	*	-	*	26	-	-	26	105	405	26
Somalia	-	*	185	120	*	8	-	5	6	*	*	386	190	1,000	44
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	5	127	86	32	-	-	9	7	23	*	186	65	725	77
Afghanistan	-	5	167	436	-	19	-	-	6	86	*	233	57	285	-
Pakistan	-	-	14	16	*	87	-	11	17	220	*	25	61	405	39
Georgia	-	*	18	37	-	8	-	*	12	275	*	102	220	45	35
Iraq	-	-	215	89	*	*	-	42	19	11	21	342	236	340	29
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	*	-	1,053
Colombia	-	-	38	*	*	-	-	-	162	-	-	*	13	35	642
Armenia	-	5	84	23	-	10	*	-	33	87	-	104	131	10	119
Bangladesh	-	-	8	7	10	-	-	6	*	128	*	35	48	135	5
Ukraine	*	*	8	14	*	12	-	*	9	18	-	66	35	40	36
Sri Lanka	-	-	29	5	15	-	*	*	10	15	10	*	63	90	26

Table 5. Applications submitted by country of asylum and origin, second quarter 2004 (Top-20)

Top-20 countries based on applications lodged during quarter.

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

Origin	AUL	AUS	BEL	BUL	CAN	CYP	CZE	DEN	FIN	FRA	GFR	GRE	HUN	IRE	JPN
Russian Federation	*	1,795	288	5	40	59	420	14	44	730	546	74	9	18	-
Serbia and Montenegro	7	629	287	-	31	*	7	166	193	931	1,022	*	35	19	-
China	214	145	53	-	403	29	79	15	*	887	356	16	5	49	6
Turkey	*	284	144	*	55	18	*	21	40	1,081	999	26	25	*	78
India	69	578	52	8	234	116	31	17	*	216	333	11	*	*	-
Nigeria	*	439	48	33	150	*	9	22	14	380	274	161	24	465	*
Pakistan	9	197	92	-	174	317	*	40	-	347	337	98	10	5	*
Georgia	*	488	56	-	*	72	56	5	23	397	173	190	45	33	-
Algeria	-	58	91	9	17	*	5	5	6	1,222	205	8	7	14	-
Iraq	28	58	80	10	29	8	10	43	20	42	217	363	12	8	-
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	21	334	-	63	-	-	*	8	952	91	11	*	35	-
Afghanistan	6	222	58	64	26	19	*	61	20	40	233	76	8	11	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	7	109	125	10	56	126	-	28	17	19	320	52	9	17	5
Bangladesh	28	122	10	16	45	994	-	*	8	239	29	56	12	*	5
Haiti	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	916	-	-	-	-	-
Somalia	-	6	38	27	78	-	-	33	37	46	42	36	*	34	*
Colombia	*	*	8	-	718	-	-	-	-	18	15	-	-	-	*
Rep. of Moldova	-	445	20	-	7	8	21	*	-	457	30	44	24	19	-
Sri Lanka	16	19	16	-	243	78	-	*	*	551	55	10	-	-	5
Armenia	-	97	97	29	*	9	20	8	14	264	127	11	8	-	-

Origin	LIE	LUX	NET	NOR	NZL	POL	POR	ROM	SPA	SVK	SVN	SWE	SWI	UK	USA
Russian Federation	*	19	34	202	-	1,602	-	*	18	699	*	266	122	55	235
Serbia and Montenegro	*	68	83	155	*	*	-	-	5	13	94	973	524	80	43
China	-	*	35	19	17	12	-	13	5	237	-	23	21	595	773
Turkey	-	-	85	42	-	11	*	15	9	64	52	110	264	255	-
India	-	-	30	7	39	12	-	*	*	1,463	-	20	29	310	82
Nigeria	-	100	57	46	*	*	-	-	261	*	-	102	125	300	13
Pakistan	-	-	19	14	*	46	*	6	5	236	5	24	66	475	51
Georgia	-	-	13	22	-	5	*	*	13	269	14	103	182	40	24
Algeria	*	19	24	17	-	-	-	-	225	*	*	80	120	140	-
Iraq	-	*	171	69	*	-	*	36	12	22	5	252	108	410	49
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	-	*	28	8	*	*	*	*	45	-	-	29	97	300	27
Afghanistan	-	*	141	227	-	18	-	*	5	130	-	256	55	355	-
Islamic Rep. of Iran	-	8	66	83	21	*	-	9	7	22	*	85	42	685	50
Bangladesh	-	-	6	6	6	-	-	*	5	168	*	32	43	125	-
Haiti	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	910
Somalia	-	*	207	216	6	8	-	6	-	*	-	206	156	540	43
Colombia	-	-	93	6	-	-	*	-	144	-	-	*	11	35	540
Rep. of Moldova	-	-	8	6	-	*	-	*	*	263	12	23	37	45	-
Sri Lanka	-	*	13	14	*	-	-	-	-	34	*	7	66	65	8
Armenia	-	*	48	10	-	5	*	-	17	35	-	140	105	5	139

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Table 6. Top-10 nationalities of asylum applicants by country of asylum, first six month 2004

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

AUL		AUS		BEL		BUL		CAN	
China	403	Russian Federation	3,643	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	746	Afghanistan	116	Colombia	1,412
India	145	Serbia and Montenegro	1,245	Russian Federation	625	Nigeria	70	Mexico	1,174
Malaysia	106	India	1,012	Serbia and Montenegro	617	Armenia	59	China	938
Indonesia	95	Nigeria	893	Slovakia	391	Algeria	42	Costa Rica	615
Iraq	58	Georgia	842	Turkey	295	Somalia	30	Sri Lanka	544
Bangladesh	48	Turkey	582	Guinea	259	Bangladesh	28	India	525
Fiji	46	Rep. of Moldova	581	Islamic Rep. of Iran	238	Islamic Rep. of Iran	28	Pakistan	400
Rep. of Korea	45	Afghanistan	418	Cameroon	221	Iraq	18	Nigeria	288
Sri Lanka	36	Pakistan	384	Rwanda	208	India	16	United States	278
Philippines	33	China	323	Algeria	202	Syrian Arab Rep.	13	Peru	267
CYP		CZE		DEN		FIN		FRA	
Bangladesh	1,433	Russian Federation	1,302	Serbia and Montenegro	345	Serbia and Montenegro	402	Algeria	2,655
Pakistan	516	Ukraine	898	Afghanistan	156	Slovakia	328	Turkey	2,531
Islamic Rep. of Iran	177	Viet Nam	219	Iraq	106	FYR Macedonia	107	China	2,318
Ukraine	170	Georgia	148	Somalia	96	Russian Federation	92	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2,066
India	143	China	124	Russian Federation	87	Somalia	78	Serbia and Montenegro	1,957
Georgia	142	Belarus	121	Occupied Palestinian Territory	75	Afghanistan	67	Russian Federation	1,597
Russian Federation	131	Slovakia	100	Bosnia and Herzegovina	66	Turkey	64	Haiti	1,521
Syrian Arab Rep.	90	Kyrgyzstan	76	Islamic Rep. of Iran	64	Bosnia and Herzegovina	60	Sri Lanka	1,102
Sri Lanka	84	Rep. of Moldova	49	Nigeria	50	Iraq	42	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,009
Occupied Palestinian Territory	77	Mongolia	47	Pakistan	50	Romania	42	Rep. of Moldova	959
GFR		GRE		HUN		IRE		JPN	
Turkey	2,276	Iraq	509	Turkey	73	Nigeria	955	Turkey	123
Serbia and Montenegro	2,022	Georgia	264	Georgia	71	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	94	Myanmar	73
Russian Federation	1,268	Nigeria	205	Viet Nam	66	Romania	94	Islamic Rep. of Iran	12
Viet Nam	800	Afghanistan	149	Serbia and Montenegro	55	China	90	Bangladesh	10
Islamic Rep. of Iran	712	Pakistan	136	Nigeria	47	Somalia	77	China	8
Azerbaijan	693	Islamic Rep. of Iran	133	China	35	Sudan	75	Sri Lanka	7
India	638	Russian Federation	116	Afghanistan	33	Georgia	63	Pakistan	*
Pakistan	629	Bangladesh	95	Pakistan	32	Rep. of Moldova	46	Guinea	*
China	625	Turkey	81	Rep. of Moldova	30	Albania	44	Viet Nam	*
Iraq	553	Ukraine	81	Occupied Palestinian Territory	29	Liberia	40	Albania	*
LIE		LUX		NET		NOR		NZL	
Serbia and Montenegro	10	Nigeria	190	Somalia	392	Afghanistan	663	India	59
Belarus	9	Serbia and Montenegro	146	Iraq	386	Russian Federation	464	Islamic Rep. of Iran	53
FYR Macedonia	9	Liberia	33	Afghanistan	308	Serbia and Montenegro	397	China	31
Russian Federation	5	Algeria	29	Serbia and Montenegro	200	Somalia	336	Thailand	26
Ukraine	*	Angola	27	Islamic Rep. of Iran	193	Islamic Rep. of Iran	169	Sri Lanka	19
Germany	*	Russian Federation	27	Burundi	191	Iraq	158	Czech Rep.	19
Algeria	*	Albania	22	Turkey	184	Nigeria	103	Bangladesh	16
China	*	Guinea	19	Nigeria	146	Turkey	98	Zimbabwe	14
Islamic Rep. of Iran	*	Côte d'Ivoire	18	Armenia	132	Ethiopia	78	Malaysia	9
Kazakhstan	*	Gambia	18	Colombia	131	Albania	68	Hungary	9
POL		POR		ROM		SPA		SVK	
Russian Federation	2,579	Ukraine	5	Iraq	78	Nigeria	558	India	2,183
Pakistan	133	Liberia	*	China	56	Algeria	396	Russian Federation	1,318
India	121	Armenia	*	India	49	Colombia	306	Georgia	544
Afghanistan	37	Pakistan	*	Syrian Arab Rep.	22	Guinea	119	Pakistan	456
Turkey	26	Belarus	*	Turkey	20	Mali	92	China	361
Belarus	23	Bulgaria	*	Islamic Rep. of Iran	18	Liberia	73	Rep. of Moldova	349
Ukraine	18	Cuba	*	Pakistan	17	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	71	Bangladesh	296
Somalia	16	Angola	*	Somalia	11	Sierra Leone	69	Afghanistan	216
Armenia	15	Russian Federation	*	Occupied Palestinian Territory	8	Ghana	62	Armenia	122
China	14	Burundi	*	Bangladesh	7	Côte d'Ivoire	61	Turkey	83
SVN		SWE		SWI		UK (cases only)		USA (cases only)	
Turkey	155	Serbia and Montenegro	2,061	Serbia and Montenegro	1,087	Somalia	1,540	Haiti	1,963
Serbia and Montenegro	150	Iraq	594	Turkey	615	Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,410	China	1,408
Albania	104	Somalia	592	Georgia	402	China	1,210	Colombia	1,182
Bosnia and Herzegovina	28	Russian Federation	570	Somalia	346	Zimbabwe	1,050	Mexico	681
Iraq	26	Azerbaijan	493	Iraq	344	Pakistan	880	Venezuela	678
FYR Macedonia	24	Afghanistan	489	Algeria	323	Iraq	750	Cameroon	585
Rep. of Moldova	22	Bosnia and Herzegovina	410	Guinea	303	Turkey	710	Ethiopia	512
Algeria	17	Belarus	294	Russian Federation	271	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	705	Brazil	496
Georgia	15	Islamic Rep. of Iran	271	Nigeria	246	India	695	Russian Federation	417
Sri Lanka	12	Turkey	246	Armenia	236	Afghanistan	640	Guatemala	405

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Table 7. Monthly asylum applications lodged, January 2003 to June 2004

See footnotes Table 1

Country/region of asylum	2003												2004					
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
Austria	2,506	1,867	2,271	2,440	2,787	2,898	3,148	3,194	3,456	3,684	1,989	2,102	1,533	1,840	2,572	3,140	1,319	2,162
Belgium	1,449	1,103	1,276	1,188	1,115	1,279	1,545	1,394	1,674	1,627	1,558	1,732	1,310	1,159	1,447	1,295	1,032	1,155
Bulgaria	167	137	122	69	94	93	139	57	85	149	109	328	67	86	114	56	106	88
Cyprus	163	152	34	51	45	54	17	111	385	393	1,191	1,815	241	270	598	581	336	1,195
Czech Rep.	685	704	588	1,188	965	895	926	1,167	965	1,553	997	761	552	588	988	602	420	317
Denmark	405	422	395	344	383	376	327	458	421	369	349	308	321	299	284	230	267	220
Finland	282	341	194	171	171	269	192	262	260	350	358	371	177	293	580	182	207	260
France	4,188	5,041	5,056	5,261	3,534	4,796	5,090	4,621	4,803	5,911	5,309	5,688	4,380	5,391	5,993	5,040	4,175	4,834
Germany	6,124	4,486	4,329	4,012	3,758	3,653	4,528	3,548	4,418	4,343	3,830	3,416	3,767	2,989	3,411	3,015	2,609	2,895
Greece	615	871	760	666	1,047	879	390	239	1,325	479	577	330	225	410	374	732	531	484
Hungary	228	234	183	131	153	238	239	215	283	203	181	113	108	130	129	161	104	113
Ireland	979	947	892	667	604	661	646	655	611	496	395	347	392	363	501	377	403	324
Liechtenstein	11	5	8	5	7	17	11	7	6	9	11	4	10	17	2	7	1	7
Luxembourg	79	107	112	127	107	120	138	89	135	151	194	195	133	193	188	141	136	127
Netherlands	1,234	1,042	1,398	1,570	1,391	831	1,127	989	1,103	1,015	931	771	976	836	940	681	627	772
Norway	1,205	1,203	1,301	1,124	1,126	1,229	1,344	1,828	1,850	1,448	1,076	1,226	741	686	733	542	630	586
Poland	364	337	706	372	527	415	496	615	1,220	634	523	712	433	379	505	982	355	433
Portugal	11	5	6	18	10	12	5	3	8	4	11	14	8	5	3	10	15	5
Romania	80	63	129	170	96	118	69	95	49	75	69	64	64	95	54	51	47	36
Slovakia	442	386	421	636	679	810	878	895	1,015	1,366	1,427	1,368	978	751	798	1,607	1,120	1,112
Slovenia	102	122	61	76	91	116	112	92	103	81	85	61	61	118	131	148	111	52
Spain	764	411	372	332	395	345	456	478	572	547	588	507	476	449	555	414	436	377
Sweden	3,127	2,500	2,315	2,006	1,936	2,256	2,649	3,138	3,158	3,094	2,465	2,711	2,311	1,940	1,986	1,800	1,514	1,846
Switzerland	2,196	1,648	1,662	1,538	1,767	1,563	1,791	1,899	1,902	1,908	1,690	1,487	1,606	1,401	1,741	1,372	1,100	1,195
UK	8,885	4,970	5,275	4,370	3,965	4,375	4,980	4,750	5,265	5,000	3,900	4,315	3,580	3,450	3,555	3,075	2,970	3,165
Canada	3,769	2,974	3,018	2,955	2,642	2,151	2,470	2,255	2,707	2,528	2,339	2,048	2,242	1,981	2,120	1,745	1,869	1,800
USA	5,560	4,650	5,970	5,760	4,410	4,940	4,590	3,860	3,880	3,900	3,050	3,660	3,280	2,880	3,550	3,210	2,900	3,550
Australia	403	346	407	395	406	358	404	378	325	287	252	329	238	245	284	322	256	262
New Zealand	92	96	76	83	62	82	56	50	79	67	45	53	51	83	70	62	41	56
Japan	26	24	20	32	20	22	31	37	38	33	31	21	36	24	52	48	45	62
EU-14	30,648	24,113	24,651	23,172	21,203	22,750	25,221	23,818	27,209	27,070	22,454	22,807	19,589	19,617	22,389	20,132	16,241	18,626
EU-new	1,984	1,935	1,993	2,454	2,460	2,528	2,668	3,095	3,971	4,230	4,404	4,830	2,373	2,236	3,149	4,081	2,446	3,222
EU-enlarged	32,632	26,048	26,644	25,626	23,663	25,278	27,889	26,913	31,180	31,300	26,858	27,637	21,962	21,853	25,538	24,213	18,687	21,848
Nordic countries	5,019	4,466	4,205	3,645	3,616	4,130	4,512	5,686	5,689	5,261	4,248	4,616	3,550	3,218	3,583	2,754	2,618	2,912
Western Europe	34,060	26,969	27,622	25,839	24,103	25,559	28,367	27,552	30,967	30,435	25,231	25,524	21,946	21,721	24,865	22,053	17,972	20,414
Central Europe	2,068	1,983	2,210	2,642	2,605	2,685	2,859	3,136	3,720	4,061	3,391	3,407	2,263	2,147	2,719	3,607	2,263	2,151
Europe	36,291	29,104	29,866	28,532	26,753	28,298	31,243	30,799	35,072	34,889	29,813	30,746	24,450	24,138	28,182	26,241	20,571	23,760
North America	9,329	7,624	8,988	8,715	7,052	7,091	7,060	6,115	6,587	6,428	5,389	5,708	5,522	4,861	5,670	4,955	4,769	5,350
Australia/New Z.	495	442	483	478	468	440	460	428	404	354	297	382	289	328	354	384	297	318
Total	46,141	37,194	39,357	37,757	34,293	35,851	38,794	37,379	42,101	41,704	35,530	36,857	30,297	29,351	34,258	31,628	25,682	29,490