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First asylum applications in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in 2019 and 2020
Source: EUROSTAT, situation by September 11th 2020

		2019									2020						Total 2019
		May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total	
EU	Germany	12.180	9.320	13.345	12.200	11.695	12.045	11.165	8.360	90.310	13.385	11.140	7.935	5.645	3.775	41.880	142.510
	Spain	10.430	8.745	9.780	7.810	8.225	11.105	13.850	10.495	80.440	14.395	14.210	7.960	60	55	36.680	115.190
	France	10.560	10.400	12.245	10.885	12.230	13.635	10.345	9.700	90.000	11.790	9.980	6.040	170	2.925	30.905	138.290
	Greece	4.720	4.160	5.555	5.335	6.735	9.490	10.315	8.215	54.525	9.210	8.510	2.320	0	650	20.690	74.915
	United Kingdom	3.170	2.875	3.775	3.680	4.130	4.425	3.940	3.755	29.750	4.220	3.760	2.575	1.175	2.085	13.815	44.315
	Italy	3.115	2.820	3.075	2.265	3.005	3.890	3.340	2.485	23.995	2.955	3.040	850	120	890	7.855	35.005
	Sweden	1.530	1.725	2.415	2.675	2.815	2.455	1.805	1.710	17.130	1.835	1.455	1.465	855	785	6.395	23.150
	Belgium	1.500	1.630	1.935	1.945	2.235	2.485	2.070	1.860	15.660	2.230	1.625	895	170	225	5.145	23.140
	Netherlands	1.645	1.685	1.960	1.880	2.030	2.090	2.075	1.935	15.300	1.965	1.515	1.025	275	340	5.120	22.540
	Austria	880	855	1.020	985	1.000	1.015	870	1.050	7.675	1.370	945	730	305	575	3.925	11.010
	Cyprus	1.170	1.185	1.125	760	1.010	1.340	1.175	750	8.515	875	1.285	790	55	30	3.035	12.695
	Romania	180	100	185	225	155	225	370	580	2.020	405	320	335	60	55	1.175	2.455
	Slovenia	385	265	370	375	345	405	265	165	2.575	210	130	150	15	445	950	3.615
	Ireland	385	385	445	415	665	430	285	295	3.305	305	240	175	30	15	765	4.740
	Malta	315	245	520	280	530	555	510	295	3.250	340	285	105	0	20	750	4.015
	Finland	205	200	265	210	240	205	200	215	1.740	215	205	130	50	30	630	2.455
	Poland	195	205	210	230	260	310	260	220	1.890	250	235	85	10	30	610	2.765
	Denmark	225	205	225	235	235	270	200	190	1.785	195	160	110	35	45	545	2.645
	Luxembourg	135	135	150	205	165	220	160	180	1.350	165	120	120	25	25	455	2.200
	Portugal	145	100	140	150	150	175	190	195	1.245	185	130	120	5	10	450	1.735
	Croatia	65	60	120	180	215	140	180	195	1.155	170	145	80	30	15	440	1.270
	Bulgaria	265	195	245	310	280	215	95	80	1.685	80	35	70	60	25	270	2.075
	Czech Republic	135	100	135	130	100	100	115	105	920	85	90	40	15	20	250	1.575
	Slovak Republic	20	10	30	20	15	30	5	15	145	20	15	10	10	10	65	215
	Hungary	40	35	50	35	60	25	30	25	300	20	25	5	5	10	65	470
	Lithuania	40	45	45	75	75	55	35	110	480	20	25	5	0	5	55	625
	Latvia	5	25	25	20	15	25	20	10	145	10	5	25	5	0	45	180
	Estonia	10	15	10	15	10	5	5	5	75	5	10	0	0	0	15	100
	Total	53.650	47.725	59.400	53.530	58.625	67.365	63.875	53.195	457.365	66.910	59.640	34.150	9.185	13.095	182.980	675.895
Not EU	Switzerland	1.085	880	1.160	1.030	1.075	1.130	1.030	960	8.350	1.100	925	835	280	310	3.450	12.600
	Norway	125	175	175	240	235	250	205	160	1.565	220	165	100	30	30	545	2.205
	Total	1.210	1.055	1.335	1.270	1.310	1.380	1.235	1.120	9.915	1.320	1.090	935	310	340	3.995	14.805
Total		54.860	48.780	60.735	54.800	59.935	68.745	65.110	54.315	467.280	68.230	60.730	35.085	9.495	13.435	186.975	690.700

First asylum applications in the EU , Norway and Switzerland from June 2019 - May 2020

	2019							2020					Total
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
Syrian Arab Republic	5.355	7.235	7.155	7.200	7.855	7.465	6.485	8.625	6.925	4.670	1.970	2.065	73.005
Afghanistan	3.700	4.660	4.920	5.695	7.325	7.120	5.930	6.955	6.115	2.425	760	1.190	56.795
Venezuela	3.185	3.770	2.945	2.985	4.320	5.460	4.000	5.045	5.125	2.990	80	160	40.065
Colombia	2.240	2.600	2.225	2.395	3.300	4.575	3.715	5.235	4.865	2.900	65	100	34.215
Iraq	2.095	2.815	2.565	2.280	2.775	2.670	2.225	2.740	2.275	1.450	940	820	25.650
Pakistan	1.875	2.675	2.175	2.625	3.045	2.475	1.910	2.050	2.125	1.115	210	455	22.735
Turkey	1.790	2.650	2.670	2.645	2.720	2.175	1.830	2.300	1.720	1.145	475	490	22.610
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1.535	2.040	2.075	2.120	2.040	1.950	1.505	1.610	1.385	870	695	530	18.355
Albania	1.665	1.815	1.580	2.070	1.945	1.565	1.285	1.365	1.300	685	170	295	15.740
Nigeria	1.570	1.915	1.505	1.570	1.615	1.425	1.050	1.490	1.265	820	240	400	14.865
Others	23.465	28.045	24.460	27.980	31.385	27.925	24.125	30.580	27.515	15.855	3.770	6.775	271.880
Total	48.475	60.220	54.275	59.565	68.325	64.805	54.060	67.995	60.615	34.925	9.375	13.280	595.915

Figures are sorted by total in 2020. Figures are rounded to the nearest multiple of 5. Figures include applications from EU citizens. "0" means data not yet available. The last column in the uppermost table is based on yearly data from Eurostat. Because of the aforementioned rounding to multiples of 5 there are small differences with the monthly data.

In 2020 Germany registered the highest number of applications, followed by Spain and France. Figures for June, July and August 2020 are not yet available for all EU countries. Syrian Arab Republic, Afghanistan and Venezuela are the most important countries of origin in the influx of first asylum applications in the EU.

Special Theme: First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2019) related to country Area, Population and GDP

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by September 11th 2020

Introduction

Biannually the influx of asylum seekers in Europe is related to three indicators of country size: Area, Population and GDP. This way, it's easier to compare the asylum influx between small, medium, and large countries.

Table 1: Number of first asylum applications compared to country area, population and GDP in the 2nd half of 2019

	Rank	Country of asylum	Number of Applications	% share in EU	Country area (sq km)	% share in EU	Inhabitants (million)	% share in EU	GDP	% share in EU
EU	1	France	69.040	19%	549.060	13%	67,0	13%	1.830	14%
	2	Germany	68.810	19%	358.327	8%	83,0	16%	2.624	20%
	3	Spain	61.265	17%	498.504	11%	46,9	9%	1.125	9%
	4	Greece	45.645	13%	131.912	3%	10,7	2%	213	2%
	5	United Kingdom	23.705	7%	247.763	6%	66,6	13%	1.742	13%
	6	Italy	18.060	5%	301.291	7%	60,4	12%	1.541	12%
	7	Sweden	13.875	4%	449.896	10%	10,2	2%	314	2%
	8	Belgium	12.530	4%	30.668	1%	11,5	2%	339	3%
	9	Netherlands	11.970	3%	37.824	1%	17,3	3%	548	4%
	10	Cyprus	6.160	2%	9.249	0%	0,9	0%	19	0%
	11	Austria	5.940	2%	83.944	2%	8,9	2%	281	2%
	12	Malta	2.690	1%	315	0%	0,5	0%	10	0%
	13	Ireland	2.535	1%	70.601	2%	4,9	1%	149	1%
	14	Slovenia	1.925	1%	20.277	0%	2,1	0%	44	0%
	15	Romania	1.740	0%	239.068	5%	19,4	4%	278	2%
	16	Poland	1.490	0%	313.851	7%	38,0	7%	673	5%
	17	Denmark	1.355	0%	43.162	1%	5,8	1%	180	1%
	18	Finland	1.335	0%	337.547	8%	5,5	1%	156	1%
	19	Bulgaria	1.225	0%	110.995	3%	7,0	1%	87	1%
	20	Luxembourg	1.080	0%	2.595	0%	0,6	0%	37	0%
	21	Croatia	1.030	0%	56.539	1%	4,1	1%	66	1%
	22	Portugal	1.000	0%	88.847	2%	10,3	2%	203	2%
	23	Czech Republic	685	0%	78.874	2%	10,6	2%	216	2%
	24	Lithuania	395	0%	65.412	1%	2,8	1%	56	0%
	25	Hungary	225	0%	93.013	2%	9,8	2%	170	1%
	26	Latvia	115	0%	65.519	1%	1,9	0%	35	0%
	27	Slovak Republic	115	0%	49.026	1%	5,5	1%	106	1%
	28	Estonia	50	0%	45.347	1%	1,3	0%	25	0%
EU - Total			355.990	100%	4.379.426	100%	513,5	100%	13,069	100%
Not EU		Switzerland	6.385	2%	41.285	1%	8,5	2%	326	2%
		Norway	1.265	0%	323.787	7%	5,3	1%	250	2%
Not EU - Total			7.650	2%	365.072	8%	13,9	3%	576	4%

Table 1 shows the number of first asylum applications, country area size, inhabitants and GDP per country. The table is arranged by the number of asylum applications in decreasing order. In the second six months of 2019 France received the highest number of first asylum applications in the EU, followed by Germany and Spain. The Netherlands ranked 9th within the EU.

It is clear from table 1 that there are substantial differences in ranking when one takes into account the respective country area, inhabitants and GDP of the European countries. In the next subsection, these differences will be related to the number of asylum applications in more detail.

First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2019) related to area size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by September 11th 2020

Table 2: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2019 related to country area size

Rank	Country of asylum	Application per 1000 sq km	In relation to Total EU 28 = 1	Number of Applications	Country area (sq km)
1	Malta	8.540	107,0	2.690	315
2	Cyprus	666	8,3	6.160	9.249
3	Luxembourg	416	5,2	1.080	2.595
4	Belgium	409	5,1	12.530	30.668
5	Greece	346	4,3	45.645	131.912
6	Netherlands	316	4,0	11.970	37.824
7	Germany	192	2,4	68.810	358.327
8	France	126	1,6	69.040	549.060
9	Spain	123	1,5	61.265	498.504
10	United Kingdom	96	1,2	23.705	247.763
11	Slovenia	95	1,2	1.925	20.277
	TOTAL EU-28	81	1,0	356.485	4.467.087
12	Austria	71	0,9	5.940	83.944
13	Italy	60	0,8	18.060	301.291
14	Ireland	36	0,4	2.535	70.601
15	Denmark	31	0,4	1.355	43.162
16	Sweden	31	0,4	13.875	449.896
17	Croatia	18	0,2	1.030	56.539
18	Portugal	11	0,1	1.000	88.847
19	Bulgaria	11	0,1	1.225	110.995
20	Czech Republic	9	0,1	685	78.874
21	Romania	7	0,1	1.740	239.068
22	Lithuania	6	0,1	395	65.412
23	Poland	5	0,1	1.490	313.851
24	Finland	4	0,0	1.335	337.547
25	Hungary	2	0,0	225	93.013
26	Slovak Republic	2	0,0	115	49.026
27	Latvia	2	0,0	115	65.519
28	Estonia	1	0,0	50	45.347
	Norway	4	0,0	1.265	323.787
	Switzerland	155	1,9	6.385	41.285

Table 2 relates the number of first asylum applications to the area size of the European countries and is arranged in decreasing order. By indexing the Total EU-28 figure as 1, it shows how many times more or less applications a country received relative to the EU average.

The largest number of asylum applications in Europe in relation to its area size is Malta (8.540 per 1.000 sq km) which receives 107 times more applicants than the EU average (81 per 1.000 sq km). Cyprus and Luxembourg ranked second and third at some distance with 8,3 and 5,2 times more applications than the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 6th in the EU with 4,0 times the EU average.

First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2019) related to population size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by September 11th 2020

Table 3: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2019 related to population size

Rank	Country of asylum	Application per million inhabitants	In relation to Total EU 28 = 1	Number of Applications	Inhabitants (million)
1	Cyprus	7.033	10,1	6.160	0,9
2	Malta	5.450	7,9	2.690	0,5
3	Greece	4.256	6,1	45.645	10,7
4	Luxembourg	1.759	2,5	1.080	0,6
5	Sweden	1.356	2,0	13.875	10,2
6	Spain	1.305	1,9	61.265	46,9
7	Belgium	1.094	1,6	12.530	11,5
8	France	1.030	1,5	69.040	67,0
9	Slovenia	925	1,3	1.925	2,1
10	Germany	829	1,2	68.810	83,0
	TOTAL EU-28	694	1,0	356.485	513,9
11	Netherlands	693	1,0	11.970	17,3
12	Austria	671	1,0	5.940	8,9
13	Ireland	517	0,7	2.535	4,9
14	United Kingdom	356	0,5	23.705	66,6
15	Italy	299	0,4	18.060	60,4
16	Croatia	253	0,4	1.030	4,1
17	Finland	242	0,3	1.335	5,5
18	Denmark	233	0,3	1.355	5,8
19	Bulgaria	175	0,3	1.225	7,0
20	Lithuania	141	0,2	395	2,8
21	Portugal	97	0,1	1.000	10,3
22	Romania	90	0,1	1.740	19,4
23	Czech Republic	64	0,1	685	10,6
24	Latvia	60	0,1	115	1,9
25	Poland	39	0,1	1.490	38,0
26	Estonia	38	0,1	50	1,3
27	Hungary	23	0,0	225	9,8
28	Slovak Republic	21	0,0	115	5,5
	Norway	237	0,3	1.265	5,3
	Switzerland	747	1,1	6.385	8,5

Table 3 provides an overview of the number of first asylum applications in relation to population size.

Cyprus received the most applications in the EU in relation to its population size: 7.033 applications per million inhabitants, 10,1 times the EU average (694 applications per million inhabitants). Malta and Greece ranked second and third (7,9 and 6,1 times the EU average). The Netherlands ranked 11th in the EU with 693 applications per million inhabitants.

First Asylum Applications in Europe (2nd half of 2019) related to GDP size

Source: EUROSTAT, situation by September 11th 2020

Table 4: Number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2019 related to GDP size

Rank	Country of asylum	Application per billion PPS	In relation to Total EU 28 = 1	Number of Applications	GDP
1	Cyprus	321,0	11,8	6.160	19
2	Malta	280,1	10,3	2.690	10
3	Greece	214,8	7,9	45.645	213
4	Spain	54,5	2,0	61.265	1.125
5	Sweden	44,2	1,6	13.875	314
6	Slovenia	44,0	1,6	1.925	44
7	France	37,7	1,4	69.040	1.830
8	Belgium	36,9	1,4	12.530	339
9	Luxembourg	29,2	1,1	1.080	37
	TOTAL EU-28	27,0	1,0	356.485	13.078
10	Germany	26,2	1,0	68.810	2.624
11	Netherlands	21,9	0,8	11.970	548
12	Austria	21,1	0,8	5.940	281
13	Ireland	17,0	0,6	2.535	149
14	Croatia	15,5	0,6	1.030	66
15	Bulgaria	14,1	0,5	1.225	87
16	United Kingdom	13,6	0,5	23.705	1.742
17	Italy	11,7	0,4	18.060	1.541
18	Finland	8,5	0,3	1.335	156
19	Denmark	7,5	0,3	1.355	180
20	Lithuania	7,0	0,3	395	56
21	Romania	6,3	0,2	1.740	278
22	Portugal	4,9	0,2	1.000	203
23	Latvia	3,3	0,1	115	35
24	Czech Republic	3,2	0,1	685	216
25	Poland	2,2	0,1	1.490	673
26	Estonia	2,0	0,1	50	25
27	Hungary	1,3	0,0	225	170
28	Slovak Republic	1,1	0,0	115	106
	Norway	5,1	0,2	1.265	250
	Switzerland	19,6	0,7	6.385	326

Table 4 shows the number of first asylum applications related to GDP size in PPS arranged in decreasing order. PPS stands for Purchasing Power Standard, this is a mathematical method used to compare GDP sizes of different countries by eliminating the different price levels. Due to rounding in the calculation of the results for “TOTAL EU-28” the value can diverge somewhat from the expected (non-rounded) result.

Cyprus, Malta and Greece were the number one, two and three with respectively 11,8, 10,3 and 7,9 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 11th with 0,8 times the EU average

Overview of indicators: Area, Population and GDP
Source: EUROSTAT, situation by September 11th 2020

Table 5: Overview of all indicators of country size related to number of first asylum applications 2nd half of 2019

Rank	Country of asylum	Average	Index figure area In relation to Total EU 28 = 1	Index figure population In relation to Total EU 28 = 1	Index figure GDP In relation to Total EU 28 = 1
1	Malta	41,7	107,0	7,9	10,3
2	Cyprus	10,1	8,3	10,1	11,8
3	Greece	6,1	4,3	6,1	7,9
4	Luxembourg	2,9	5,2	2,5	1,1
5	Belgium	2,7	5,1	1,6	1,4
6	Netherlands	1,9	4,0	1,0	0,8
7	Spain	1,8	1,5	1,9	2,0
8	Germany	1,5	2,4	1,2	1,0
9	France	1,5	1,6	1,5	1,4
10	Slovenia	1,4	1,2	1,3	1,6
11	Sweden	1,3	0,4	2,0	1,6
	TOTAL EU-28	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,0
12	Austria	0,9	0,9	1,0	0,8
13	United Kingdom	0,7	1,2	0,5	0,5
14	Ireland	0,6	0,4	0,7	0,6
15	Italy	0,5	0,8	0,4	0,4
16	Croatia	0,4	0,2	0,4	0,6
17	Denmark	0,3	0,4	0,3	0,3
18	Bulgaria	0,3	0,1	0,3	0,5
19	Finland	0,2	0,0	0,3	0,3
20	Lithuania	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,3
21	Portugal	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,2
22	Romania	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
23	Czech Republic	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
24	Latvia	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
25	Poland	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
26	Estonia	0,0	0,0	0,1	0,1
27	Hungary	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
28	Slovak Republic	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Norway	0,2	0,0	0,3	0,2
	Switzerland	1,2	1,9	1,1	0,7

Table 5 shows an overview of asylum influx by averaging (equally weighted) the three indexes from tables 2-4.

Malta received 41,7 times the EU average number of asylum applications in relation to its country size – area, population and GDP. Cyprus followed with 10,1 times the EU average. The Netherlands ranked 6th, receiving 1,9 times as many applications than the EU average.