

ASYLUM STATISTICS MONTHLY REPORT

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I. OVERVIEW OF ASYLUM APPLICATIONS, ASYLUM DECISIONS AND CASELOAD

(Source: Immigration Office and CGRS)

April 2016

Asylum applications (Immigration Office)	% of total number of asylum applications	
Total number of persons having filed an application for asylum	1.300	
Number of persons who filed a first asylum application	1.033	79,5%
Number of persons who filed a subsequent asylum application	267	20,5%
Number of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application	85	6,5%
Decisions (CGRA)		
% of total number of decisions		
Number of persons whose application was taken into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	187	
Number of persons having received a decision	2.298	
Number of persons who were granted refugee status (RS)	1.104	48,0%
Number of persons who were granted subsidiary protection status (SP)	346	15,1%
Number of persons whose application was not taken into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	203	8,8%
Number of persons who were refused RS and SP + technical refusals	563	24,5%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (EU)	2	0,1%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (safe country of origin)	9	0,4%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (refugee in another EU Member State)	2	0,1%
Number of persons excluded from refugee status and/or subsidiary protection	5	0,2%
Number of persons who renounced their asylum application or whose protection status was revoked	64	2,8%
Total number of persons having received an asylum decision	2.485	
Caseload (CGRS)		
Number of cases		
Total caseload	18.375	

Refusals to take into consideration a subsequent asylum application are included in the monthly total of final decisions taken by the CGRS. Decisions to take into consideration a subsequent application are intermediary decisions and are **not** included in the monthly total of final decisions.

The protection rate corresponds to the number of persons who were granted refugee status or subsidiary protection status by the CGRS compared to the total number of persons who received a final decision.

This mode of calculation conforms to EU standards.

2016

Asylum applications (Immigration Office)	% of total number of asylum applications	
Total number of persons having filed an application for asylum	7.039	
Number of persons who filed a first asylum application	5.758	81,8%
Number of persons who filed a subsequent asylum application	1.281	18,2%
Number of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application	532	7,6%
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Decisions (CGRA)	% of total number of decisions	
Number of persons whose application was taken into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	525	
Number of persons having received a decision	9.132	
Number of persons who were granted refugee status (RS)	4.362	47,8%
Number of persons who were granted subsidiary protection status (SP)	1.339	14,7%
Number of persons whose application was not taken into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	794	8,7%
Number of persons who were refused RS and SP + technical refusals	2.215	24,3%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (EU)	39	0,4%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (safe country of origin)	50	0,5%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (refugee in another EU Member State)	16	0,2%
Number of persons excluded from refugee status and/or subsidiary protection	12	0,1%
Number of persons who renounced their asylum application or whose protection status was revoked	305	3,3%
Total number of persons having received an asylum decision	9.657	
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Caseload (CGRS)	Number of cases	
Total caseload	18.375	

II. APPLICATIONS FOR ASYLUM IN BELGIUM

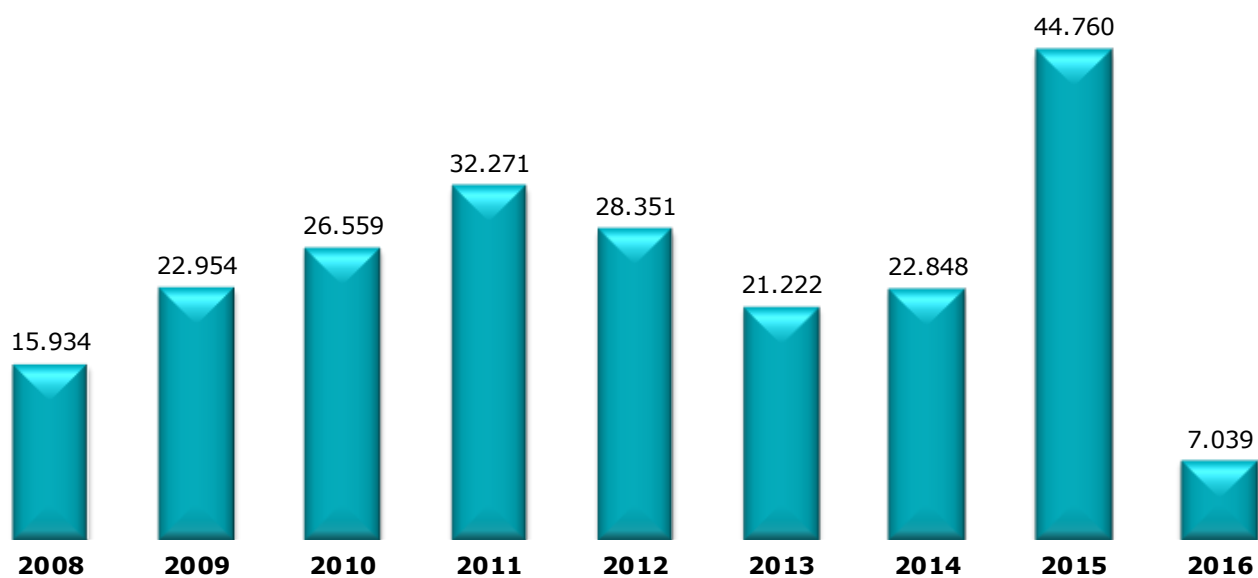
(Source: Immigration Office)

1. Number of applications for asylum (first and subsequent applications)

a. Total number of persons who filed an asylum application in 2016

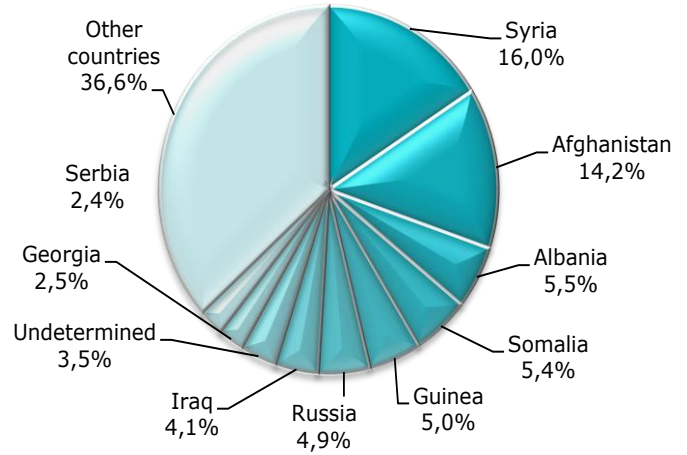
	2015	2016	+/- in % 2016 compared to 2015	+/- in % compared to previous month
January	1.717	2.842	65,5%	-45,7%
February	1.642	1.523	-7,2%	-46,4%
March	1.755	1.374	-21,7%	-9,8%
April	1.627	1.300	-20,1%	-5,4%
May	2.094			
June	2.894			
July	3.601			
August	5.595			
September	6.830			
October	6.043			
November	5.724			
December	5.238			
Total	44.760	7.039		

Total number of persons who filed an asylum application (2008-2016)



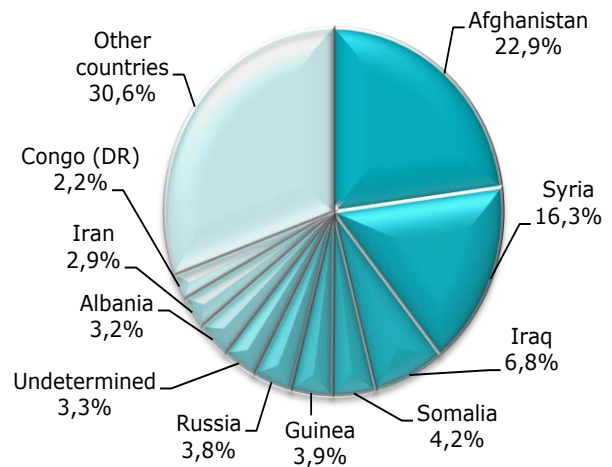
b. Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who filed an asylum application

Country of origin	Number of persons
1 Syria	208
2 Afghanistan	184
3 Albania	72
4 Somalia	70
5 Guinea	65
6 Russia	64
7 Iraq	53
8 Undetermined	45
9 Georgia	32
10 Serbia	31
Other countries	476
Total april 2016	1.300



Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who filed an asylum application

Country of origin	Number of persons
1 Afghanistan	1609
2 Syria	1148
3 Iraq	479
4 Somalia	293
5 Guinea	277
6 Russia	265
7 Undetermined	229
8 Albania	225
9 Iran	203
10 Congo (DR)	158
Other countries	2.153
Total 2016	7.039

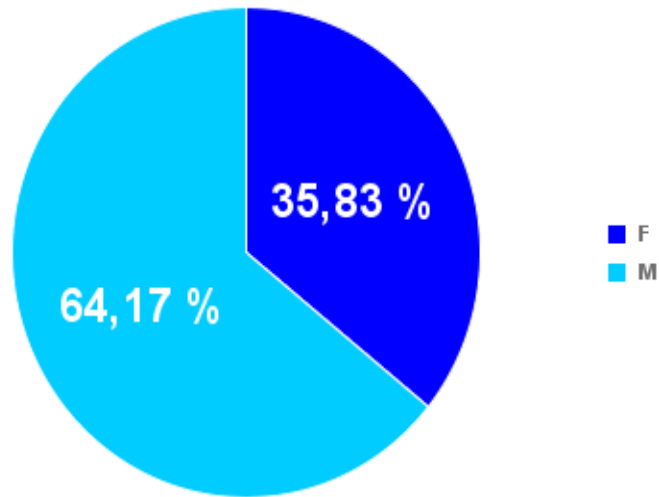


c. Number of persons who filed an asylum application per country of origin

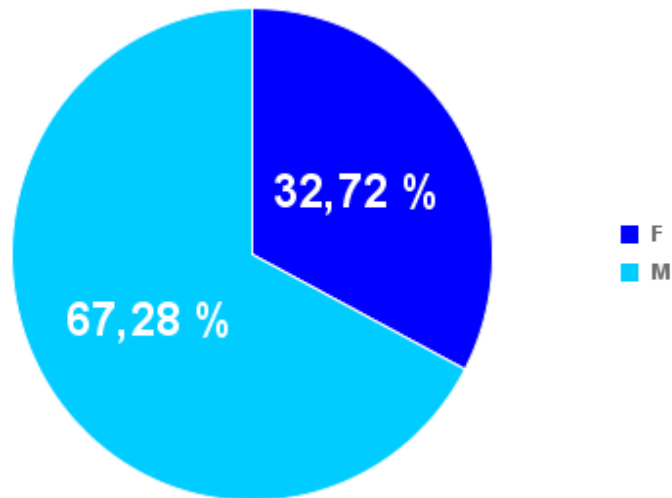
Country of origin	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Country of origin	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Afghanistan	3288	1674	2331	8308	1609	Libanon	129	96	103	206	49
Albania	1076	775	732	827	225	Liberia	29	28	31	16	2
Algeria	255	160	191	139	32	Libya	20	20	64	83	10
Angola	236	168	108	88	34	Lithuania	10	3	3	3	
Argentina	9	0		1		Luxemburg	1				
Armenia	607	425	281	277	69	Macedonia	835	424	403	335	37
Australia		2				Madagascar	3	4		4	1
Austria					2	Malawi	2		1	1	
Azerbaijan	144	139	90	55	18	Malaysia	2			1	
Bahrein		4				Mali	130	154	81	53	9
Bangladesh	520	214	164	123	31	Malta					
Belorussia	70	67	42	32	4	Mauretania	268	263	165	131	35
Benin	85	62	42	39	10	Mauritius	8	4	1	2	1
Bhutan	6	9	2	4	1	Mexico	1	8	3	5	
Bosnia-Herzegovina	205	171	150	58	17	Moldova	21	15	20	14	5
Brasil		3	1	5	1	Mongolia	53	33	27	21	
Bulgaria	60	38	16	14	1	Montenegro	103	20	19	15	1
Burkina-Faso	118	123	90	57	17	Morocco	113	147	191	229	83
Burundi	180	209	118	316	106	Mozambique	1				
Cameroon	573	457	416	335	99	Myanmar	22	14	14	11	2
Canada	3	3		1	1	Namibia	1		1	1	
Central African Rep.	8	13	65	25	13	Nepal	227	64	20	79	11
Chad	28	27	23	11	1	Netherlands	9	4	5	2	
Chili	1				5	New Zealand				1	
China	442	457	167	446	105	Nicaragua				1	
Colombia	15	11	2	5	2	Niger	105	95	128	95	28
Comores	2					Nigeria	216	198	154	145	41
Congo RD	1592	1540	826	790	158	North Korea	116	41	3	1	1
Congo RP	27	27	18	12	5	Pakistan	838	399	358	529	124
Costa Rica	1					Palestina	5	5	8	11	2
Croatia	28	25	19	4		Panama				2	
Cuba	6	8	5	4	1	Paraguay	1	1			
Cyprus	1		1	0		Peru		1		1	
Czech Rep.	14	9	3			Philippines		2	1	6	
Denmark				1		Poland	1	1	5	3	
Djibouti	123	154	157	128	42	Portugal	1				
Dominican Rep.	0	0	3	2		Romania	64	75	39	28	3
Ecuador			1	1		Russia	2653	2150	1848	1322	265
Egypt	102	143	129	75	30	Rwanda	465	366	324	287	98
El Salvador	21	22	25	37	29	Sao Tomé & Principe			2		
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	1	1	1	Saudi Arabia	0	2		3	
Eritrea	81	72	822	362	92	Senegal	569	379	275	260	56
Ethiopia	62	39	70	78	18	Serbia	1097	685	502	374	77
Fidji				1	1	Sierra Leone	70	49	76	21	8
France	4	1	1	3	3	Singapore				1	
Gabon	4	4	7	12		Slovakia	39	17	24	25	1
Gambia	80	79	49	72	18	Slovenia		1			
Georgia	507	371	432	299	98	Somalia	458	271	367	2091	293
Germany				5	6	South Africa	1	5	2	1	
Ghana	94	71	46	25	14	South Korea	1			2	
Greece				5	1	South Sudan		5	5	6	4
Guatemala	13	3	3	1	1	Spain	1			1	
Guinea	2189	1610	1438	955	277	Sri Lanka	146	126	138	164	28
Guinea-Bissau	28	15	16	9		Stateless Persons		10	3	12	2
Guyana	1		1			Sudan	101	76	158	137	21
Haïti	1	3	8	17	2	Surinam	15	5	5	3	2
Honduras	2		4	2		Sweden				1	
Hungary	33	12	11	1		Switzerland				1	
Indefinite	406	448	1116	1208	229	Syria	1030	1134	2706	10415	1148
India	121	70	84	79	27	Tadzhikistan	9	2	10	20	1
Indonesia				2		Tanzania	82	64	31	13	8
Iran	499	435	480	630	203	Thailand			3		
Iraq	975	930	1394	9469	479	To go	257	225	157	177	49
Israel	7	4	1	4	2	Tunisia	66	62	68	81	16
Italy	3	2	3			Turkey	463	318	278	304	112
Ivory Coast	257	168	136	119	48	Turkmenistan		0		1	
Jamaica	1		10	6		Uganda	23	21	15	21	5
Japan	1					Ukraine	88	65	569	434	63
Jordania	33	20	33	31	7	United Arab Emirates	2			1	
Kampuchea				1		United Kingdom				1	
Kazakhstan	224	133	69	22	2	Uruguay	1				
Kenia	44	33	25	13	5	USA	4	2	2	4	1
Kirghizistan	80	86	57	62	6	Uzbekistan	14	16	3	11	
Kosovo	1741	1268	842	737	107	Venezuela		2	19	19	8
Kuwait	1			4	1	Vietnam	4	16	3	2	
Laos		1				Western Sahara	18	10	20	47	10
Latvia	1		4	1		Yemen			2	0	
Lesotho			1			Zambia			2		
						Zimbabwe		2	3	5	2

d. Male/Female ratio of persons who filed an asylum application

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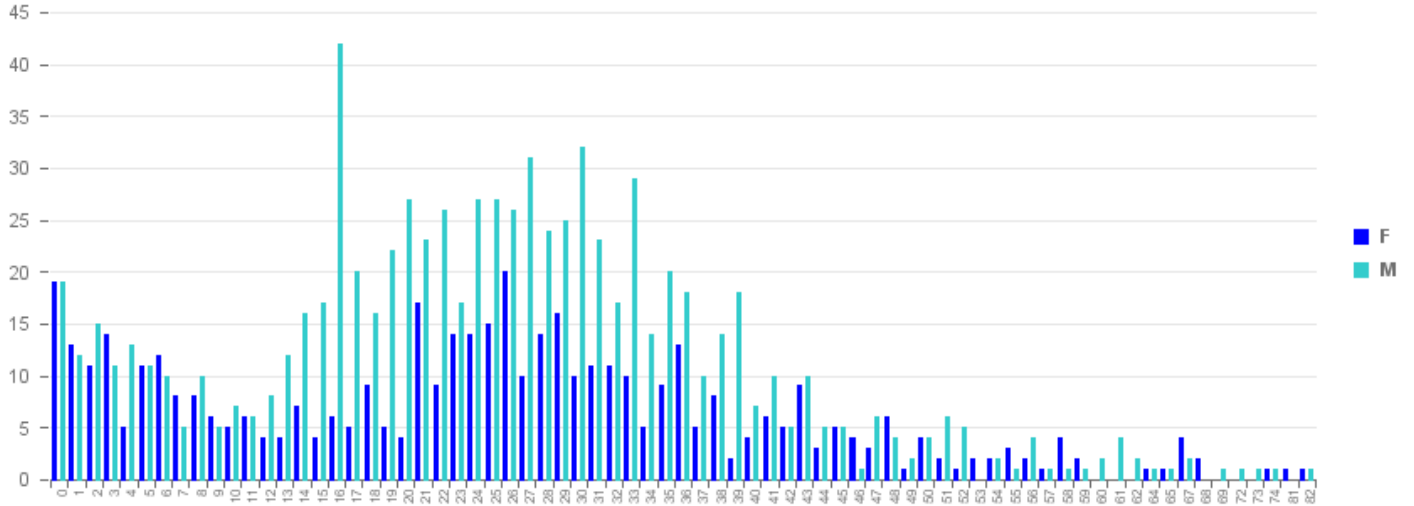


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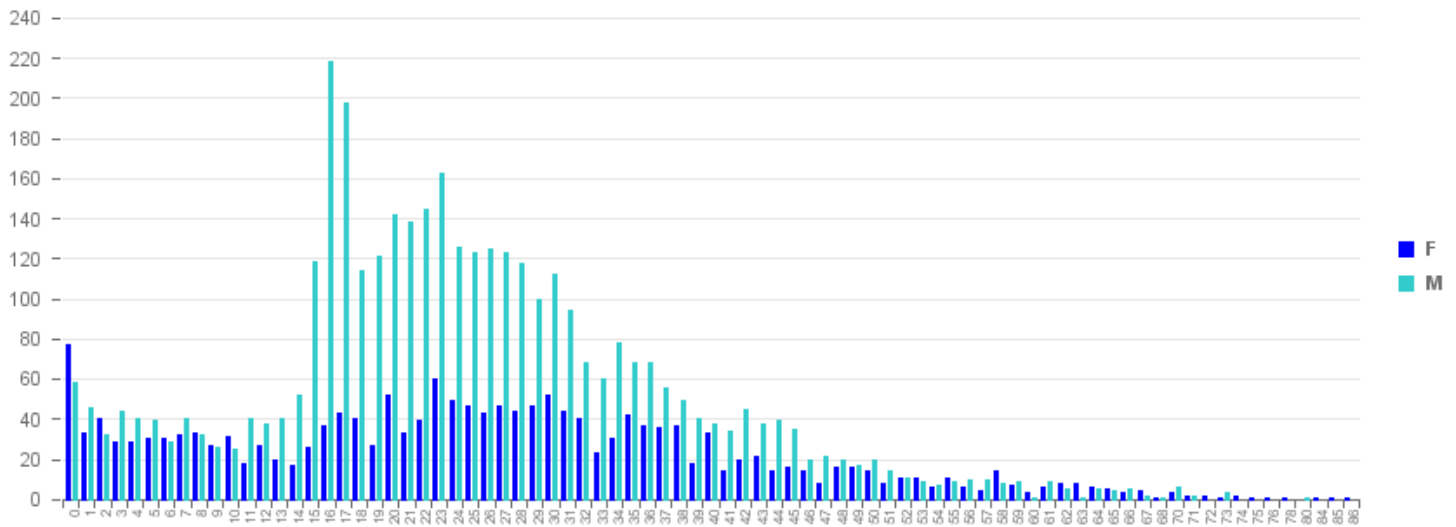


e. Age graph (with gender breakdown) of persons who filed an asylum application

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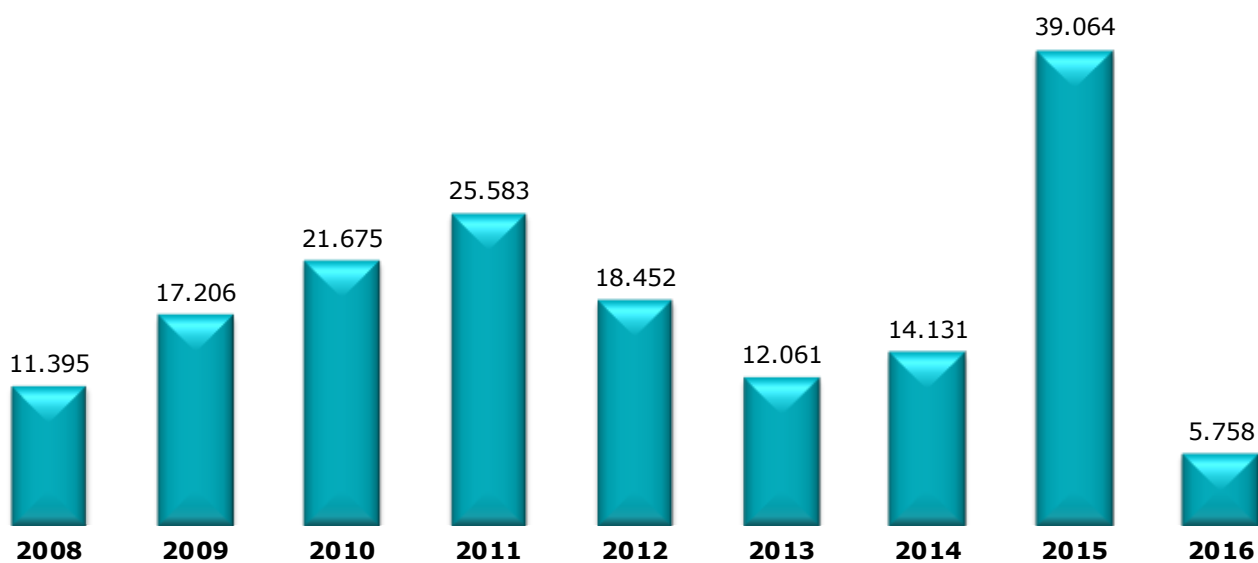


2. First applications for asylum

a. Total number of persons who filed a first asylum application in 2016

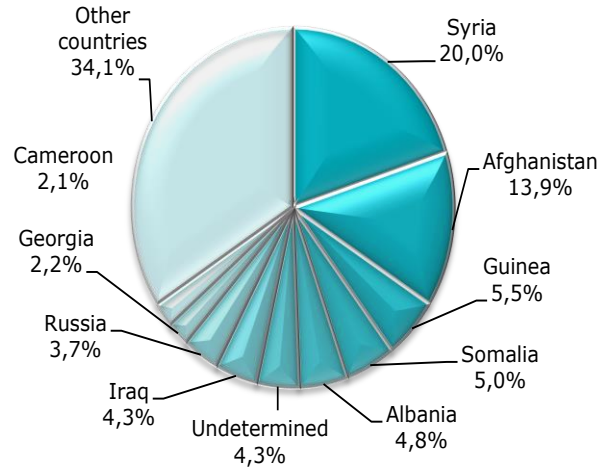
	2015	2016	+/- in % 2016 compared to 2015	+/- in % compared to previous month
January	1.213	2.396	97,5%	-50,4%
February	1.072	1.313	22,5%	-45,2%
March	1.171	1.016	-13,2%	-22,6%
April	1.117	1.033	-7,5%	1,7%
May	1.615			
June	2.326			
July	3.137			
August	5.166			
September	6.360			
October	5.532			
November	5.528			
December	4.827			
Total	39.064	5.758		

Total number of persons who filed a first asylum application (2008-2016)



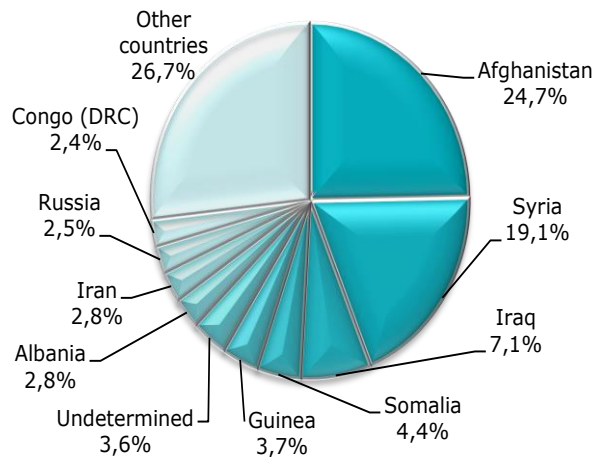
a. Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who filed a first asylum application

Land van herkomst	Aantal personen
1 Syria	207
2 Afghanistan	144
3 Guinea	57
4 Somalia	52
5 Albania	50
6 Undetermined	44
7 Iraq	44
8 Russia	38
9 Georgia	23
10 Cameroon	22
Other countries	352
Total april 2016	1.033



Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who filed a first asylum application

Land van herkomst	Aantal personen
1 Afghanistan	1422
2 Syria	1101
3 Iraq	410
4 Somalia	256
5 Guinea	214
6 Undetermined	208
7 Albania	164
8 Iran	160
9 Russia	144
10 Congo (DRC)	140
Other countries	1.539
Totaal 2016	5.758

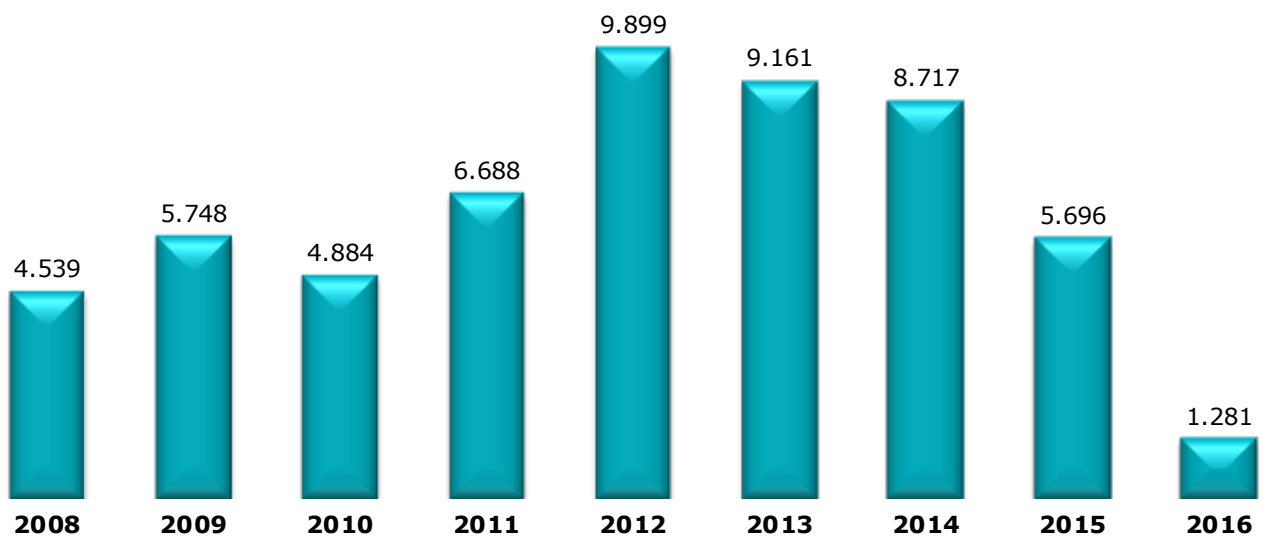


3. Subsequent applications for asylum

a. Total number of persons who filed a subsequent asylum application in 2016

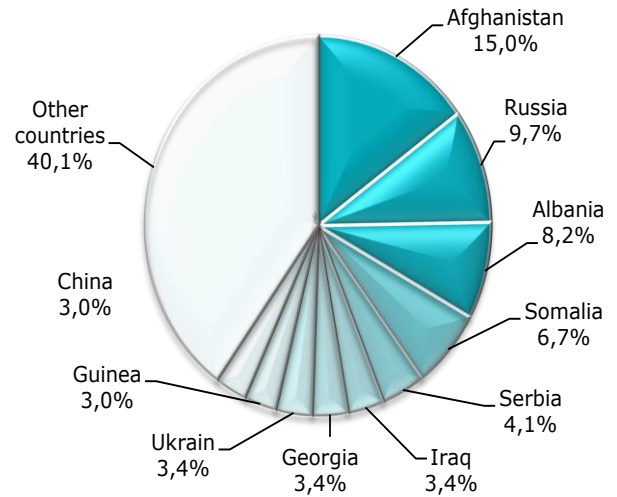
	2015	2016	+/- in % 2016 compared to 2015	+/- in % compared to previous month
January	504	446	-11,5%	8,5%
February	570	210	-63,2%	-52,9%
March	584	358	-38,7%	70,5%
April	510	267	-47,6%	-25,4%
May	479			
June	568			
July	464			
August	429			
September	470			
October	511			
November	196			
December	411			
Total	5.696	1.281		

Total number of persons who filed a subsequent asylum application (2008-2016)



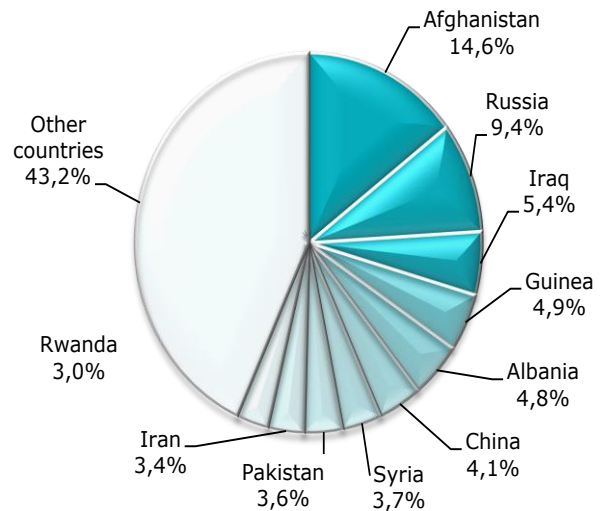
b. Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who filed a subsequent asylum application

Country of origin	Number of persons
1 Afghanistan	40
2 Russia	26
3 Albania	22
4 Somalia	18
5 Serbia	11
6 Iraq	9
7 Georgia	9
8 Ukrain	9
9 Guinea	8
10 China	8
Other countries	107
Total march 2016	267



Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who filed a subsequent asylum application

Country of origin	Number of persons
1 Afghanistan	187
2 Russia	121
3 Iraq	69
4 Guinea	63
5 Albania	61
6 China	52
7 Syria	47
8 Pakistan	46
9 Iran	43
10 Rwanda	38
Other countries	554
Total 2016	1.281



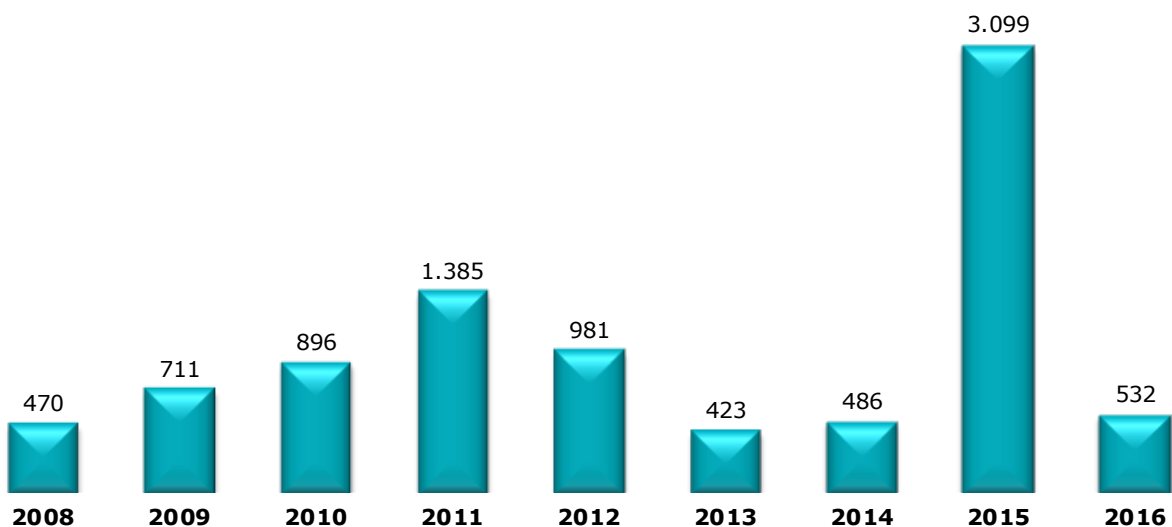
4. Applications for asylum filed by unaccompanied foreign minors

The figures in the table below are regularly updated. The original figures refer to applications filed by young people who declare to be unaccompanied minors at the start of their asylum procedure. The Immigration Office updates these figures according to the result of the bone tests carried out to determine their real age.

a. Number of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application in 2015-2016

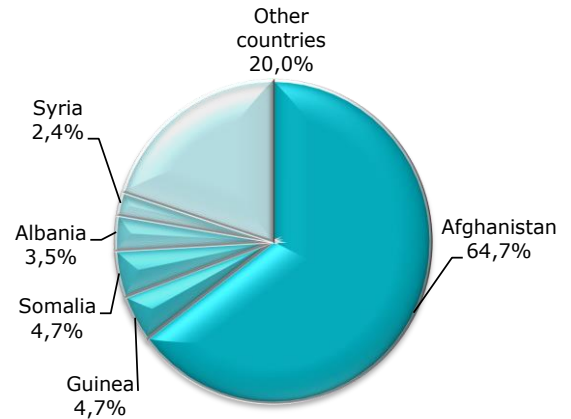
	2015	2016	+/- in % compared to 2015	+/- in % compared to previous month
January	53	203	283,0%	-74,8%
February	43	144	234,9%	-29,1%
March	36	100	177,8%	-30,6%
April	35	85	142,9%	-15,0%
May	79			
June	117			
July	181			
August	214			
September	349			
October	423			
November	765			
December	804			
Total	3.099	532		

b. Number of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application in 2008-2016



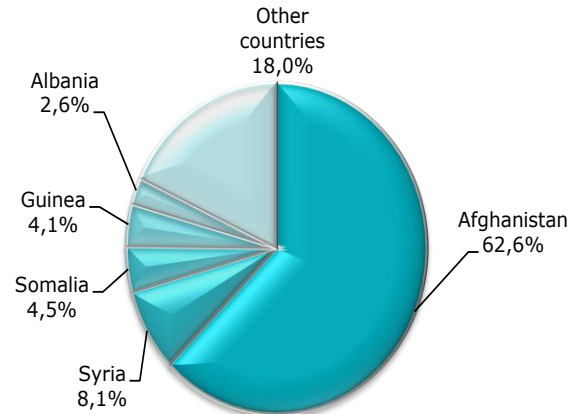
c. Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application

Country of origin	Number of unaccompanied minor aliens
1 Afghanistan	55
2 Guinea	4
3 Somalia	4
4 Albania	3
5 Syria	2
Other countries	17
Total april 2016	85



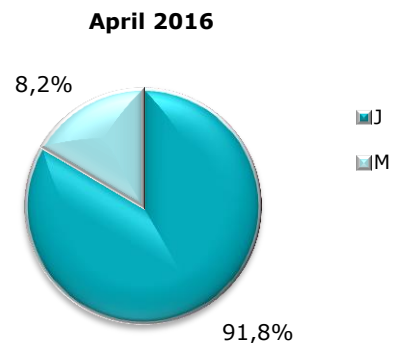
Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application

Country of origin	Number of unaccompanied minor aliens
1 Afghanistan	333
2 Syria	43
3 Somalia	24
4 Guinea	22
5 Albania	14
Other countries	96
Total 2016	532



d. Proportion boys/girls among unaccompanied foreign minors 2008-2016

	Boys	Girls
2008	71,4%	28,6%
2009	78,0%	22,0%
2010	72,9%	27,1%
2011	77,9%	22,1%
2012	74,7%	25,3%
2013	67,6%	32,4%
2014	71,4%	28,6%
2015	83,5%	16,5%
2016	88,3%	11,7%



III. ASYLUM DECISIONS

1. Decisions taken by the Immigration Office

(Source: Immigration Office)

April

	Number of persons
Transfer of files to CGRS	2.301
25/26 quater (Dublin)	307
Renunciation, ...	0
Total	2.608

The Immigration Department has a power of decision with regard to the application of the Dublin Regulation (annexes 25/26 quater), renunciations... If the Immigration Department does not make a decision, the case will be transferred to the CGRS for examination.

2. Decisions taken by the CGRS

(Source: CGRS)

a. Number of persons who received an asylum decision

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	Totaal
Number of persons who received refugee status (RS)	917	1.002	1.125	1.104	4.148
Number of persons who received subsidiary protection status (SP)	250	341	377	346	1.314
Number of persons whose asylum application was taken into consideration (multiple application)	98	94	128	187	507
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (subsequent application)	138	218	216	203	775
Number of persons who were refused RS and SP	403	520	513	522	1.958
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (EU)	27	6	3	2	38
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (safe country)	7	21	13	9	50
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (refugee in other EU Member State)	2	4	7	2	15
Number of persons for whom a technical decision was taken	17	55	45	41	158
Number of persons excluded from RS and/or SP	3	4	0	5	12
Number of persons for whom RS or SP ceased to apply	0	2	1	1	4
Number of persons whose RS or SP was withdrawn	6	3	6	0	15
Number of persons who renounced their asylum application	28	83	109	63	283
Total	1.896	2.353	2.543	2.485	9.277

b. Number of decisions (cases)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
Recognition of refugee status (RS)	769	830	908	904	3.411
Granting of subsidiary protection status (SP)	177	258	257	243	935
Decision to take the application into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	82	80	105	136	403
Refusal to take the application into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	125	177	178	173	653
Refusal of RS and SP	331	446	439	437	1.653
Refusal to take the application into consideration (EU)	14	4	1	2	21
Refusal to take the application into consideration (Safe country)	5	18	11	6	40
Refusal to take the application into consideration (Refugee in another EU Member State)	2	4	6	2	14
Technical refusal	15	53	39	32	139
Exclusion from RS and SP	3	2	0	5	10
Cessation of RS or SP	0	2	1	1	4
Withdrawal of RS or SP	6	2	6	0	14
Renunciation + return with IOM	28	69	102	57	256
Devoid of purpose (art. 55 regularisation)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1.557	1.945	2.053	1.998	7.553

c. Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who received refugee status in 2016

Country of origin	Number of beneficiaries of refugee status	Total number of decisions	
1 Syria	2.248	3.163	71,1%
2 Iraq	737	1.806	40,8%
3 Somalia	205	385	53,2%
4 Afghanistan	170	521	32,6%
5 Eritrea	144	166	86,7%
6 Undetermined	110	139	79,1%
7 Guinea	93	187	49,7%
8 Russia	59	170	34,7%
9 China	44	60	73,3%
10 Iran	33	50	66,0%
Other countries	335	1.380	24,3%
Total 2016	4.178	8.027	52,0%

d. Top 5 of countries of origin of persons who received subsidiary protection status in 2016

Country of origin	Number of beneficiaries of subsidiary protection	Total number of decisions	
1 Syria	833	3.163	26,3%
2 Iraq	191	1.806	10,6%
3 Afghanistan	173	521	33,2%
4 Somalia	92	385	23,9%
5 Russia	5	170	2,9%
Other countries	20	1.982	1,0%
Total 2016	1.314	8.027	16,4%

e. Top 10 of countries of origin as to number of cases in which a decision to recognise refugee status was taken in 2016

Country of origin	Number of decisions granting refugee status	Total number of decisions	
1 Syria	1.790	2.354	76,0%
2 Iraq	592	1.511	39,2%
3 Somalia	202	380	53,2%
4 Afghanistan	144	456	31,6%
5 Ertirea	133	151	88,1%
6 Undetermined	93	116	80,2%
7 Guinea	61	136	44,9%
8 Russia	41	133	30,8%
9 China	38	53	71,7%
10 Iran	29	42	69,0%
Other countries	289	1.167	24,8%
Total 2016	3.412	6.499	52,5%

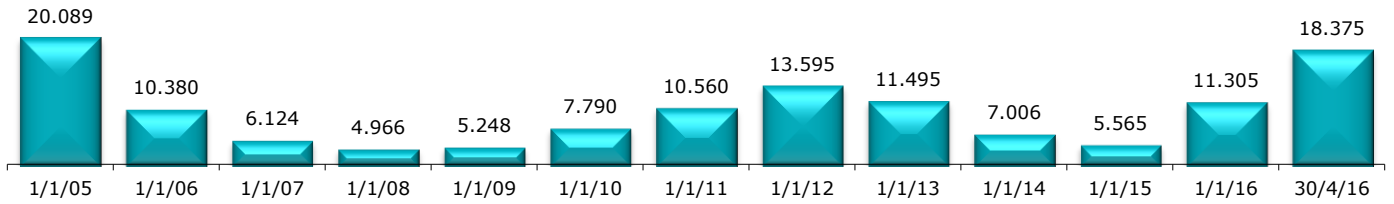
f. Top 5 of countries of origin as to number of cases in which a decision to grant subsidiary protection was taken in 2016

Country of origin	Number of decisions granting subsidiary protection	Total number of decisions	
1 Syria	503	2.354	21,4%
2 Iraq	166	1.511	11,0%
3 Afghanistan	155	456	34,0%
4 Somalia	91	380	23,9%
5 Libya	4	9	44,4%
Other countries	16	1.789	0,9%
Total 2016	935	6.499	14,4%

IV. EVOLUTION OF THE TOTAL CASELOAD OF THE CGRA

At the end of April 2016, the total caseload of the CGRS amounted to **18.375** cases (22.943 persons). As **4.500** cases can be considered a normal caseload, the actual backlog amounted to **13.875** cases.

Total caseload per year (number of cases)



Caseload over the last sixteen months (number of cases)

