

ASYLUM STATISTICS

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I. ASYLUM FIGURES IN 2015

(Source: Immigration department and Office of the Commissioner general for Refugees and Stateless Persons)

August

Number of asylum applications	4.621	
First asylum applications	4.315	93,4%
Multiple asylum applications	306	6,6%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	352	7,6%
CGRS decisions		
	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	50	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	86	
Final decisions	971	
Recognition of refugee status	495	51,0%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	100	10,3%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	343	35,3%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	3	0,3%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	12	1,2%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	9	0,9%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	2	0,2%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	7	0,7%
Total of CGRS decisions	1.107	
Caseload at the CGRS	5.872	

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2015

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	16.754	
First asylum applications	13.730	82,0%
Multiple asylum applications	3.024	18,0%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	920	5,5%

CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	1.146	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	1.602	
Final decisions	8.265	
Recognition of refugee status	4.090	49,5%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	829	10,0%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	2.870	34,7%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	22	0,3%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	225	2,7%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	30	0,4%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	46	0,6%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	153	1,9%
Total of CGRS decisions	11.013	
Caseload at the CGRS	5.872	

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II. ASYLUM APPLICATIONS IN BELGIUM

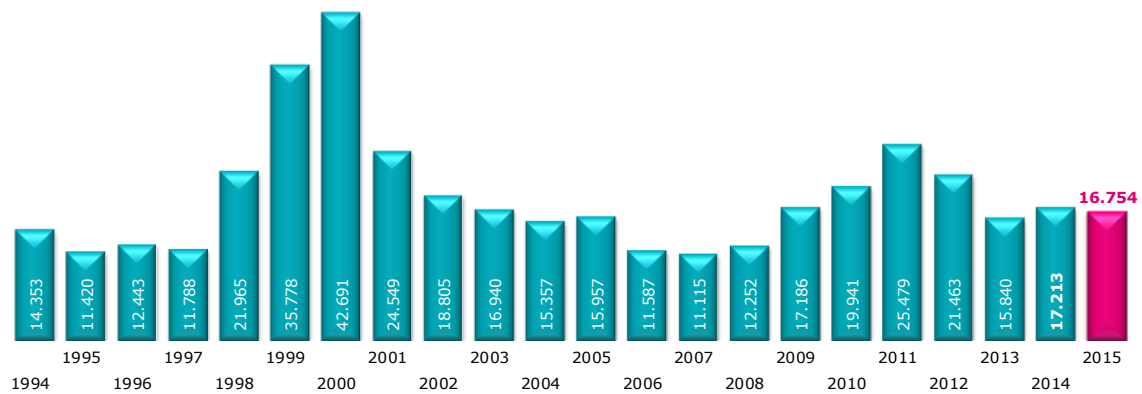
(source: Immigration Department)

1. Number of asylum applications (first applications + multiple applications)

a. Applications per month (2014-2015)

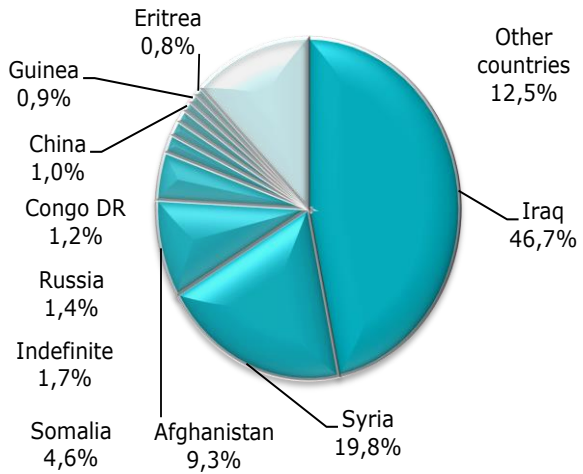
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.376	1.313	-4,6%	-20,2%
February	1.209	1.211	0,2%	-7,8%
March	1.177	1.348	14,5%	11,3%
April	1.193	1.289	8,0%	-4,4%
May	1.122	1.708	52,2%	32,5%
June	1.403	2.289	63,2%	34,0%
July	1.490	2.975	99,7%	30,0%
August	1.580	4.621	192,5%	55,3%
September	1.797			
October	1.693			
November	1.528			
December	1.645			
Total	17.213	16.754		

b. Applications per year (1994-2015)



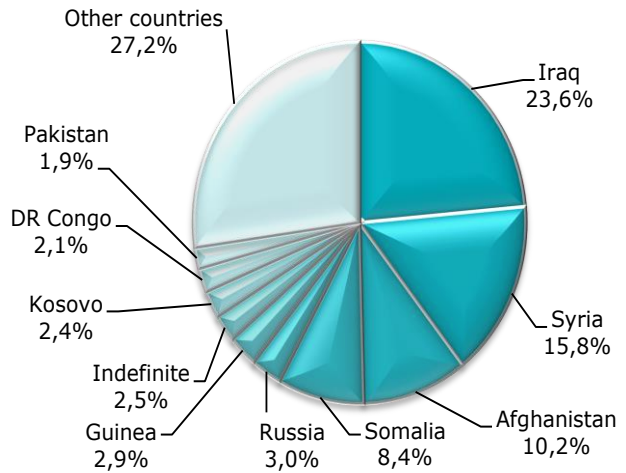
c. Top 10 of countries of origin in August 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Iraq	2.160
2 Syria	916
3 Afghanistan	428
4 Somalia	211
5 Indefinite	80
6 Russia	67
7 Congo DR	55
8 China	46
9 Guinea	42
10 Eritrea	38
Other countries	578
Total aug 2015	4.621



Top 10 of countries of origin in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Iraq	3.951
2 Syria	2.647
3 Afghanistan	1.714
4 Somalia	1.401
5 Russia	501
6 Guinea	483
7 Indefinite	412
8 Kosovo	408
9 DR Congo	358
10 Pakistan	318
Other countries	4.563
Total 2015	16.754



d. Applications in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 according to nationality

Country of origin	2012	2013	2014	2015
Afghanistan	2635	1327	1907	1714
Albania	667	487	481	311
Algeria	229	135	151	87
Angola	171	112	72	47
Argentina	6	1		
Armenia	445	317	211	130
Australia		2		
Azerbaijan	94	91	64	29
Bahrain		1		
Bangladesh	496	208	161	77
Belorussia	60	50	34	17
Benin	83	59	38	26
Bhutan	7	9	2	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	139	100	89	41
Brasil		3	2	2
Bulgaria	39	23	15	5
Burkina-Faso	107	103	81	36
Burundi	129	153	88	133
Cameroon	543	417	396	190
Canada	5	3		2
Central African Rep.	7	16	58	14
Chad	25	24	17	4
Chili	2			
China	395	397	153	251
Colombia	11	11	6	4
Comores	2			
Congo RD	1334	1225	696	358
Congo RP	23	23	15	6
Costa Rica	2			
Croatia	12	12	10	4
Cuba	6	8	5	2
Cyprus	1		1	
Czech Rep.	5	5	1	
Denmark				1
Djibouti	76	122	121	65
Dominican Rep.	1	7	5	5
Ecuador			1	
Egypt	84	120	98	56
El Salvador	13	14	19	18
Equatorial Guinea	7	2	3	
Eritrea	67	66	716	223
Ethiopia	49	28	59	55
Fidji				1
France	4	1	1	2
Gabon	5	4	4	6
Gambia	81	78	48	52
Georgia	410	302	361	174
Germany				2
Ghana	86	63	39	14
Greece				1
Guatemala	8	2	2	1
Guinea	1808	1247	1095	483
Guinea-Bissau	24	13	16	8
Guyana	1		1	
Haiti	1	2	6	6
Honduras	1		2	
Hungary	17	10	8	
Indefinite	253	247	778	412
India	109	67	76	45
Indonesia				1
Iran	410	350	399	193
Iraq	803	787	1131	3951
Israel	7	4	1	4
Italy	2	2	2	
Ivory Coast	241	161	118	68
Jamaica	1		10	5
Japan	1			
Jordania	25	20	24	14
Kampuchea	1	0		
Kazakhstan	134	70	37	9
Kenia	36	29	22	8
Kirghizistan	53	57	30	25
Kosovo	983	754	494	406
Kuwait	1			1
Laos		1		
Latvia	1	1	4	2

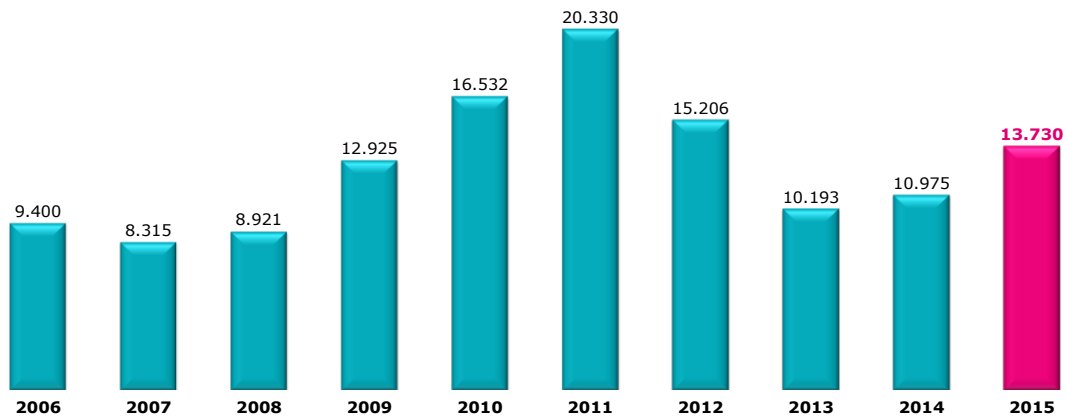
Country of	2012	2013	2014	2015
Lesotho			1	
Libanon	99	73	81	67
Liberia	27	25	30	11
Libya	16	20	54	38
Lithuania	7	3	3	2
Luxemburg	1			
Macedonia	476	248	222	159
Madagascar	3	2		2
Malawi	1		1	
Malaysia	2			
Mali	122	138	70	37
Mauretania	230	222	153	73
Mauritius	6	4	1	2
Mexico	1	7	3	3
Moldova	16	12	13	5
Mongolia	43	27	16	15
Montenegro	53	13	13	7
Morocco	113	130	177	124
Mozambique	1			
Myanmar	23	12	14	7
Namibia	1		1	2
Nepal	222	53	18	47
Netherlands	7	4	4	2
New Sealand				1
Nicaragua				1
Niger	91	89	116	61
Nigeria	167	154	123	88
North Corea	83	28	3	1
Pakistan	760	361	312	318
Palestina	26	27	16	30
Paraguay	1	1		
Peru		1		
Philippines		2	1	2
Poland	1	1	4	4
Portugal	1			
Romania	44	52	32	21
Russia	1470	1166	974	501
Rwanda	391	292	259	145
Sao Tomé & Principe			1	
Saoudi Arabia	1	2		1
Senegal	534	344	254	167
Serbia	571	336	265	139
Sierra Leone	78	47	64	15
Slovakia	15	12	15	3
Slovenia		1		
Somalia	360	212	318	1401
South Africa	1	5	2	4
South Corea	1			2
South Sudan	1	5	4	2
Spain	1			1
Sri Lanka	118	106	119	92
Stateless Per	11	9	2	4
Sudan	83	65	131	86
Surinam	12	3	4	3
Sweden				1
Switzerland				4
Syria	793	877	1854	2647
Tadzhikistan	9	2	7	9
Tanzania	73	52	27	12
Thailand			3	
Togo	247	219	150	105
Tunisia	69	56	63	46
Turkey	368	242	225	123
Turkmenistan		1		1
Uganda	20	25	13	17
Ukraine	74	55	451	234
United Arabic	2			1
Uruguay	1			
USA	6	2	2	1
Uzbekistan	12	15	3	1
Venezuela		2	13	10
Vietnam	4	15	3	2
Western Sah	1			
Yemen	8	7	14	18
Zambia			2	1
Zimbabwe		2	3	1
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2. First asylum applications

a. First applications per month (2014-2015)

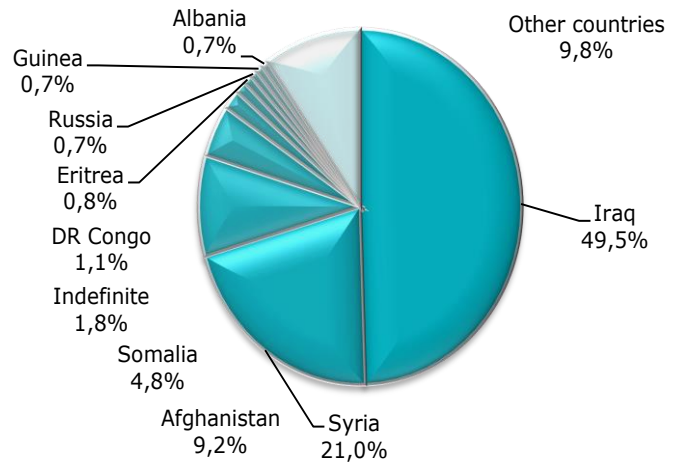
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	754	925	22,7%	-11,4%
February	602	815	35,4%	-11,9%
March	696	921	32,3%	13,0%
April	712	884	24,2%	-4,0%
May	694	1.354	95,1%	53,2%
June	871	1.886	116,5%	39,3%
July	994	2.630	164,6%	39,4%
August	1.151	4.315	274,9%	64,1%
September	1.328			
October	1.186			
November	943			
December	1.044			
Total	10.975	13.730		

b. First applications per year (2006-2015)



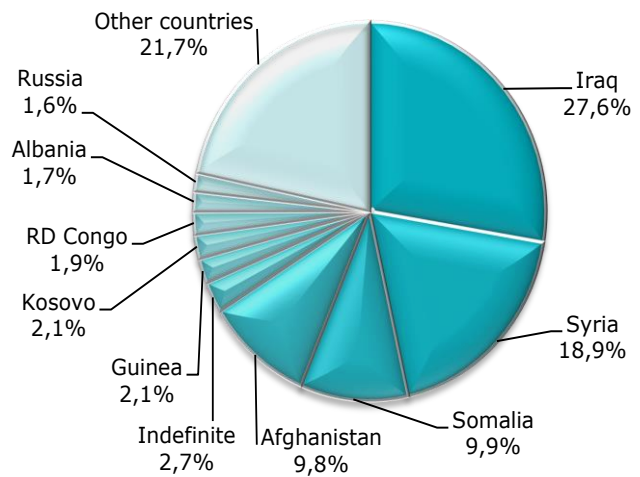
c. Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in August 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Iraq	2.136
2 Syria	906
3 Afghanistan	395
4 Somalia	205
5 Indefinite	76
6 DR Congo	48
7 Eritrea	36
8 Russia	31
9 Guinea	31
10 Albania	30
Other countries	421
Total august 2015	4.315



Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Iraq	3.794
2 Syria	2.589
3 Somalia	1.357
4 Afghanistan	1.340
5 Indefinite	366
6 Guinea	293
7 Kosovo	286
8 RD Congo	266
9 Albania	234
10 Russia	220
Other countries	2.985
Total 2015	13.730

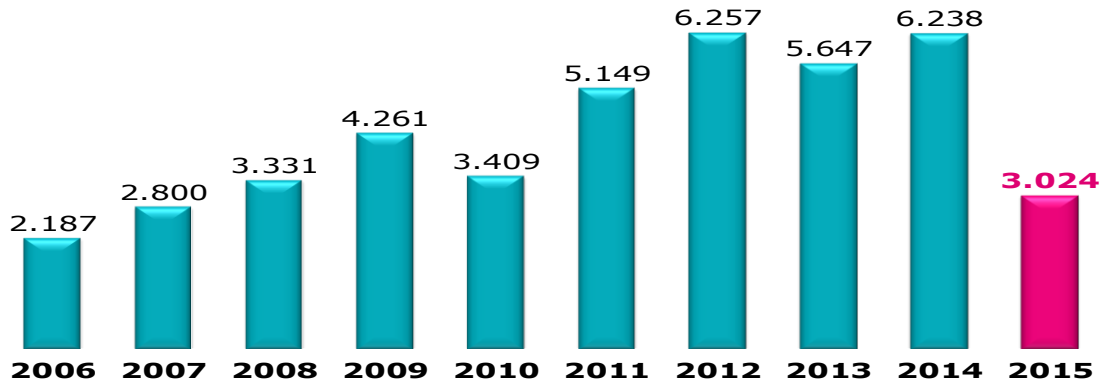


3. Multiple asylum applications

a. Multiple applications per month (2014-2015)

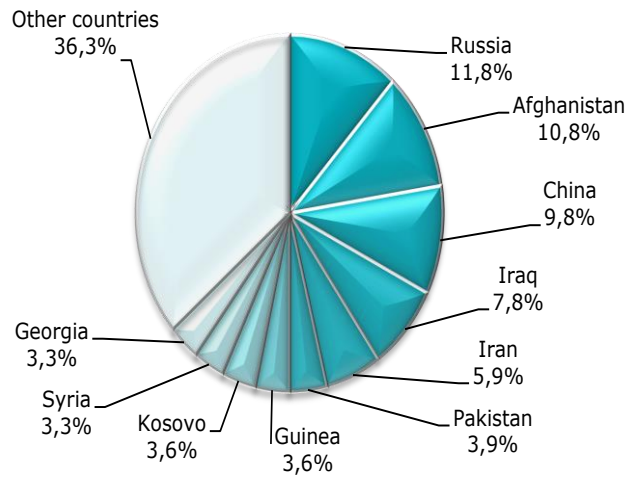
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	622	388	-37,6%	-35,4%
February	607	396	-34,8%	2,1%
March	481	427	-11,2%	7,8%
April	481	405	-15,8%	-5,2%
May	428	354	-17,3%	-12,6%
June	532	403	-24,2%	13,8%
July	496	345	-30,4%	-14,4%
August	429	306	-28,7%	-11,3%
September	469			
October	507			
November	585			
December	601			
Total	6.238	3.024		

b. Multiple applications per year (2006-2015)



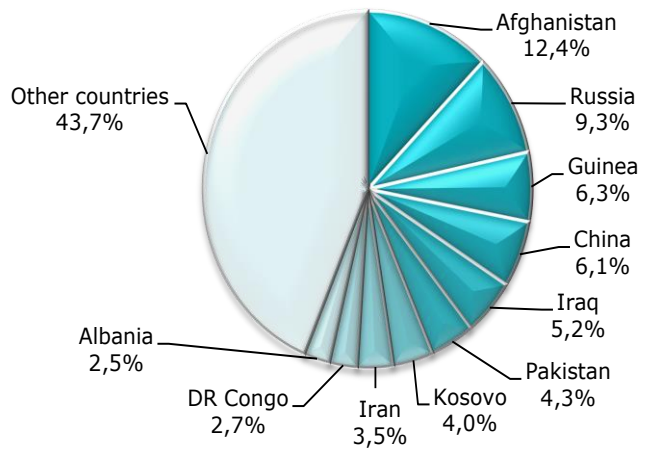
Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in August 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Russia	36
2 Afghanistan	33
3 China	30
4 Iraq	24
5 Iran	18
6 Pakistan	12
7 Guinea	11
8 Kosovo	11
9 Syria	10
10 Georgia	10
Other countries	111
Total august 2015	306



Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	374
2 Russia	281
3 Guinea	190
4 China	183
5 Iraq	157
6 Pakistan	131
7 Kosovo	120
8 Iran	107
9 DR Congo	82
10 Albania	77
Other countries	1.322
Total 2015	3.024



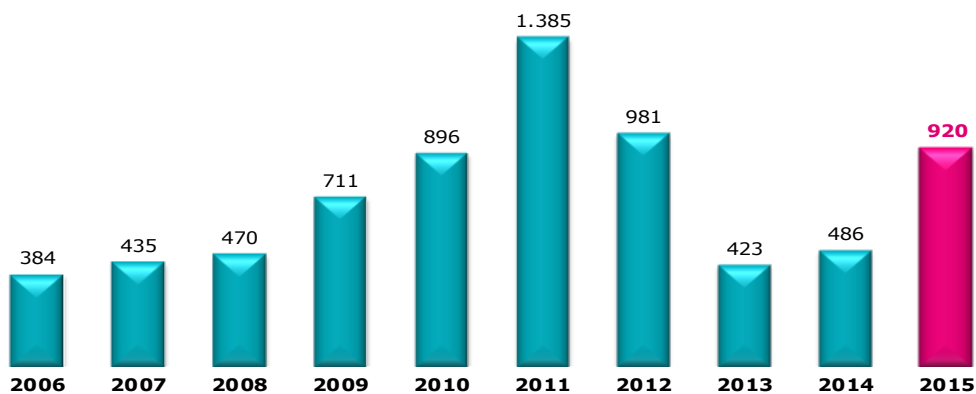
4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

The figures in the following chart are regularly adapted. The original figures relate to the asylum applications of young people who have declared being non-accompanied minors at the start of their asylum procedure. The Immigration Department modifies these figures during the year, after the results of the bone scan, which determines whether the minor is indeed younger than 18, are known.

a. Applications from unaccompanied foreign minors per month (2014-2015)

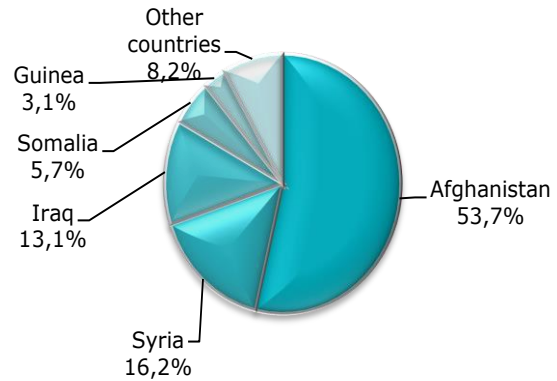
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	36	53	47,2%	10,4%
February	24	43	79,2%	-18,9%
March	21	36	71,4%	-16,3%
April	32	35	9,4%	-2,8%
May	29	81	179,3%	131,4%
June	32	125	290,6%	54,3%
July	49	195	298,0%	56,0%
August	51	352	590,2%	80,5%
September	56			
October	53			
November	55			
December	48			
Total	486	920		

b. Applications from unaccompanied foreign minors per year (2006-2015)



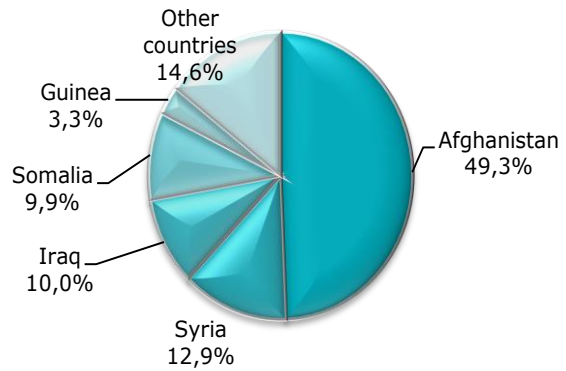
c. Top 5 countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in august 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	189
2 Syria	57
3 Iraq	46
4 Somalia	20
5 Guinea	11
Other countries	29
Total august 2015	352



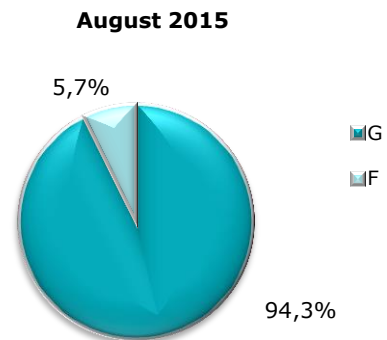
Top 5 countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	454
2 Syria	119
3 Iraq	92
4 Somalia	91
5 Guinea	30
Other countries	134
Total 2015	920



d. Male/female ratio of unaccompanied foreign minors

	Boys	Girls
2007	68,4%	31,6%
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	94,3%	5,7%



III. ASYLUM DECISIONS IN 2015

1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

(Source: Immigration Department)

	January-July	August	Total
Transfer of files to CGRS	8.293	1.216	9.509
25/26 quater (Dublin)	865	95	960
Renunciation, ...	735	46	781
Total	9.893	1.357	11.250

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 by the CGRS

a. Number of decisions

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
Recognition of refugee status	427	524	585	571	450	538	499	495	4.089
Granting of subsidiary protection (SP)	42	110	140	109	112	131	85	100	829
Taking an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum application)	205	167	184	132	128	184	97	50	1.147
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum application)	264	241	277	205	144	206	179	86	1.602
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	255	324	401	342	321	410	289	313	2.655
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)		5	5	1	1	3	4	3	22
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Safe countries of	37	40	31	56	21	14	14	12	225
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Refugee in other EU	2	2	2	6	3	4	2	9	30
Technical refusal	19	33	28	31	22	24	28	30	215
Exclusion from refugee status and/or SP	8	1	3	3	4	11	9	2	41
Abolition of refugee status or SP			5	1	1		3		10
Withdrawal of refugee status or SP	3	2	4	4		7	1	1	22
Renunciation + departure IOM	15	16	12	11	18	16	8	5	101
Application which does not proceed to judgment (regularization under art.	5	5	3	2	3	2	2	1	23
Application which does not proceed to judgment (Belgian nationality, death)									0
Total	1.282	1.470	1.680	1.474	1.228	1.550	1.220	1.107	11.011

b. Top 10 decisions of recognition of refugee status in 2015

Country of origin	Number of recognitions	Number of final decisions	%
1 Syria	1.363	1.470	92,7%
2 Indefinite	432	521	82,9%
3 Afghanistan	308	697	44,2%
4 Eritrea	300	327	91,7%
5 Iraq	294	598	49,2%
6 Guinea	225	386	58,3%
7 Somalia	117	364	32,1%
8 Iran	110	163	67,5%
9 Russia	105	319	32,9%
10 China	97	134	72,4%
Other countries	739	3.286	22,5%
Total 2015	4.090	8.265	49,5%

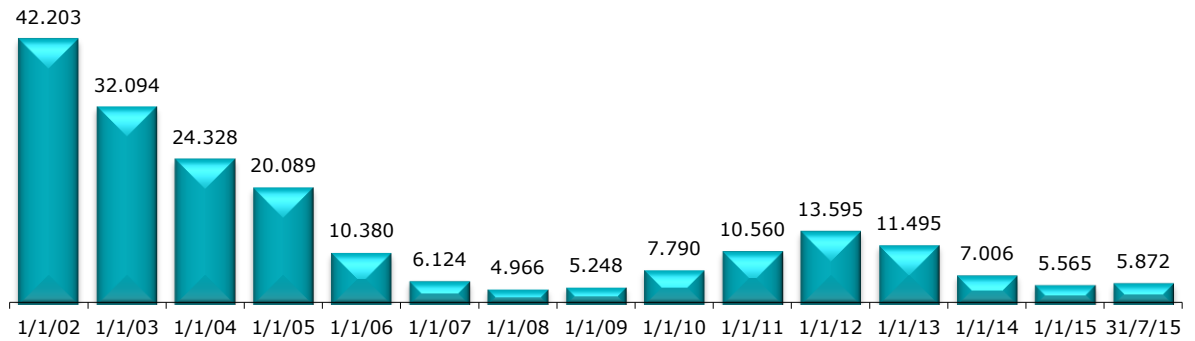
c. Decisions of granting of subsidiary protection in 2015

Country of origin	Number of granting	Number of final decisions	%
1 Afghanistan	267	697	38,3%
2 Iraq	193	598	32,3%
3 Somalia	188	364	51,6%
4 Syria	69	1.470	4,7%
5 Ukraine	24	240	10,0%
Other countries	88	4.896	1,8%
Total 2015	829	8.265	10,0%

IV. EVOLUTION OF THE CASELOAD AT THE CGRS

At the end of August 2015, the CGRS had a total caseload of **5872** dossiers, of which **3900** dossiers may be considered a normal workload. The backlog as such amounted therefore to **1972** dossiers.

Caseload per year



Caseload for the last 16 months

