

## ASYLUM STATISTICS MONTHLY REPORT

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## I. OVERVIEW OF ASYLUM APPLICATIONS, ASYLUM DECISIONS AND CASELOAD

(Source: Immigration Office and CGRS)

**January 2016**

Asylum applications (Immigration Office)		% of total number of asylum applications
Total number of persons having filed an application for asylum	1.523	
Number of persons who filed a first asylum application	1.313	86,2%
Number of persons who filed a subsequent asylum application	210	13,8%
Number of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application	190	12,5%
Decisions (CGRA)		% of total number of decisions
Number of persons whose application was taken into consideration (subsequent asylum application)		
	94	
Number of persons having received a decision	2.259	
Number of persons who were granted refugee status (RS)		
	1.002	44,4%
Number of persons who were granted subsidiary protection status (SP)		
	341	15,1%
Number of persons whose application was not taken into consideration (subsequent asylum application)		
	218	
Number of persons who were refused RS and SP + technical refusals	575	25,5%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (EU)	6	0,3%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (safe country of origin)	21	0,9%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (refugee in another EU Member State)	4	
Number of persons excluded from refugee status and/or subsidiary protection	4	0,2%
Number of persons who renounced their asylum application or whose protection status was revoked	88	3,9%
Total number of persons having received an asylum decision	2.353	
Caseload (CGRS)		Number of cases
Total caseload	16.481	

**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	4.365	
Number of persons who filed a first asylum application	3.709	85,0%
Number of persons who filed a subsequent asylum application	656	15,0%
Number of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application	478	11,0%
Decisions (CGRA)		% of total number of decisions
Number of persons whose application was taken into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	193	
Number of persons having received a decision	4.062	
<b>Number of persons who were granted refugee status (RS)</b>	<b>1.923</b>	<b>47,3%</b>
<b>Number of persons who were granted subsidiary protection status (SP)</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>14,5%</b>
Number of persons whose application was not taken into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	356	
Number of persons who were refused RS and SP + technical refusals	996	24,5%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (EU)	33	0,8%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (safe country of origin)	28	0,7%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (refugee in another EU Member State)	6	
Number of persons excluded from refugee status and/or subsidiary protection	7	0,2%
Number of persons who renounced their asylum application or whose protection status was revoked	122	3,0%
Total number of persons having received an asylum decision	4.255	
Caseload (CGRS)		Number of cases
Total caseload	16.481	

## II. APPLICATIONS FOR ASYLUM IN BELGIUM

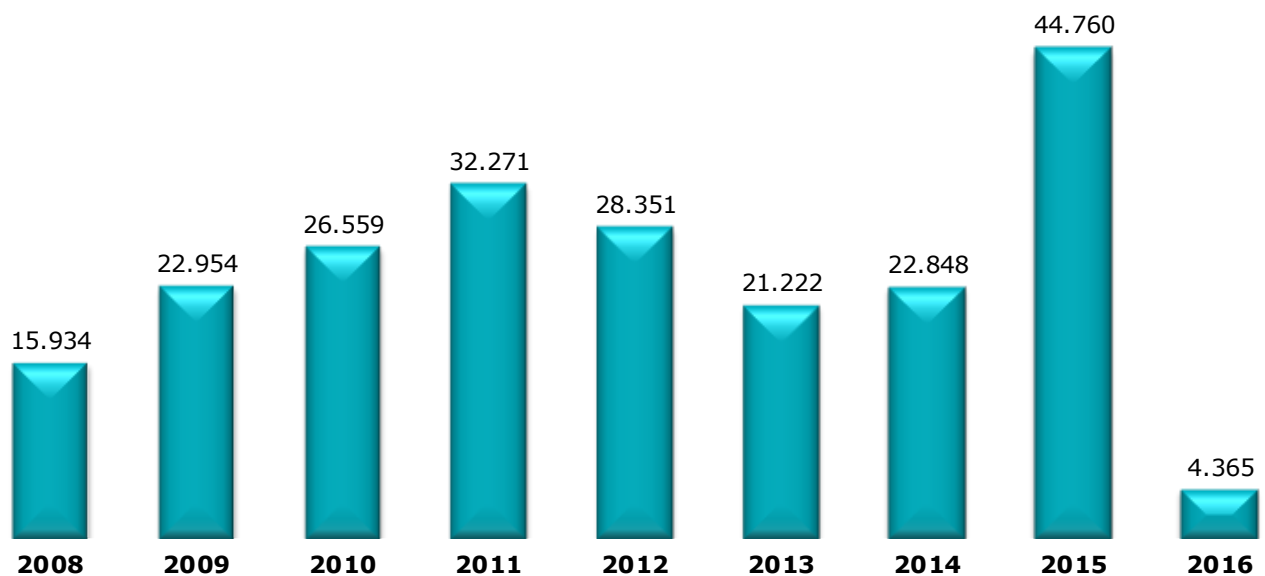
(Source: Immigration Office)

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

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

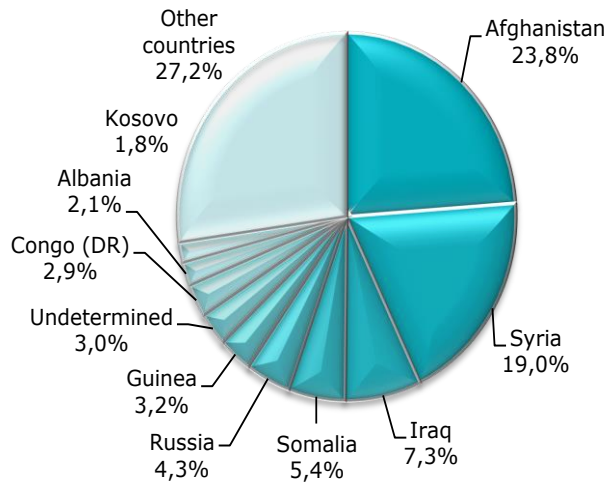
	2015	2016	+/- in % 2016 compared to 2015	+/- in % compared to previous month
January	1.717	2.842	65,5%	-45,7%
February	1.642	1.523	-7,2%	-96,6%
March	1.755			
April	1.627			
May	2.094			
June	2.894			
July	3.601			
August	5.595			
September	6.830			
October	6.043			
November	5.724			
December	5.238			
<b>Total</b>	<b>44.760</b>	<b>4.365</b>		

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

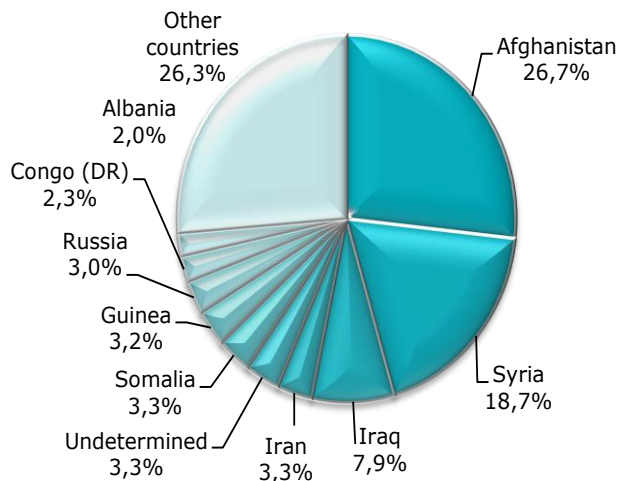


**b. Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who filed an asylum application**

Country of origin	Number of persons
1 Afghanistan	363
2 Syria	290
3 Iraq	111
4 Somalia	82
5 Russia	65
6 Guinea	49
7 Undetermined	45
8 Congo (DR)	44
9 Albania	32
10 Kosovo	27
Other countries	415
<b>Total February 2016</b>	<b>1.523</b>

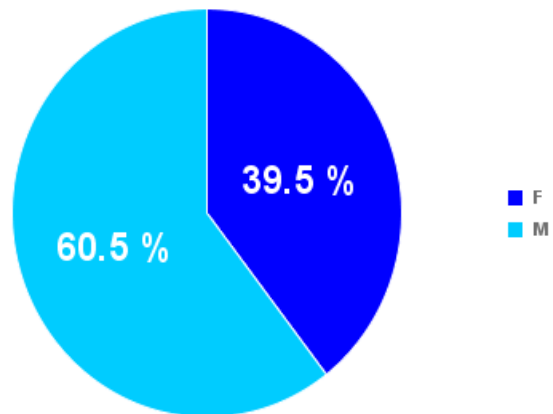

**Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who filed an asylum application**

Country of origin	Number of persons
1 Afghanistan	1166
2 Syria	817
3 Iraq	344
4 Iran	146
5 Undetermined	144
6 Somalia	143
7 Guinea	140
8 Russia	129
9 Congo (DR)	100
10 Albania	89
Other countries	1.147
<b>Total 2016</b>	<b>4.365</b>

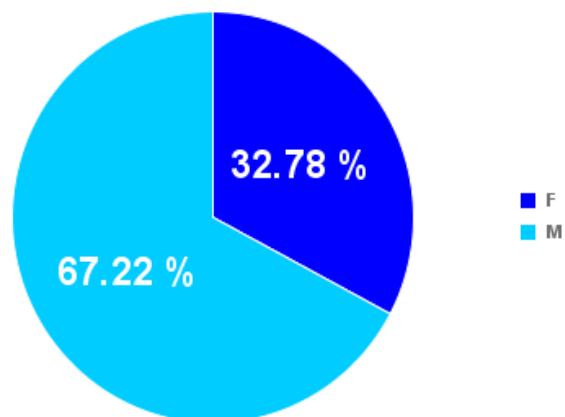


c. Male/Female ratio of persons who filed an asylum application

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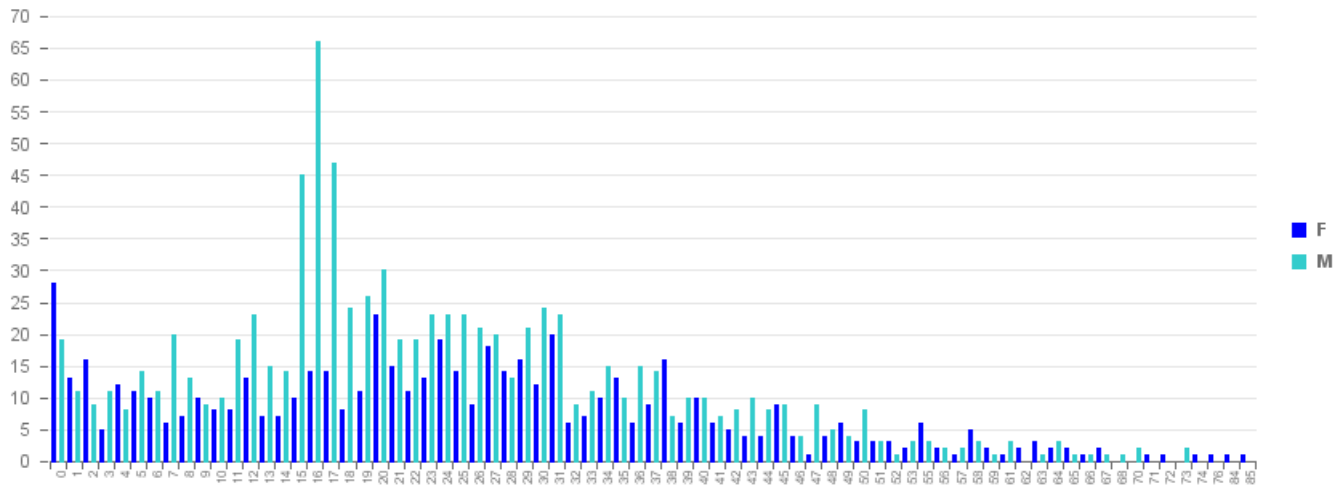


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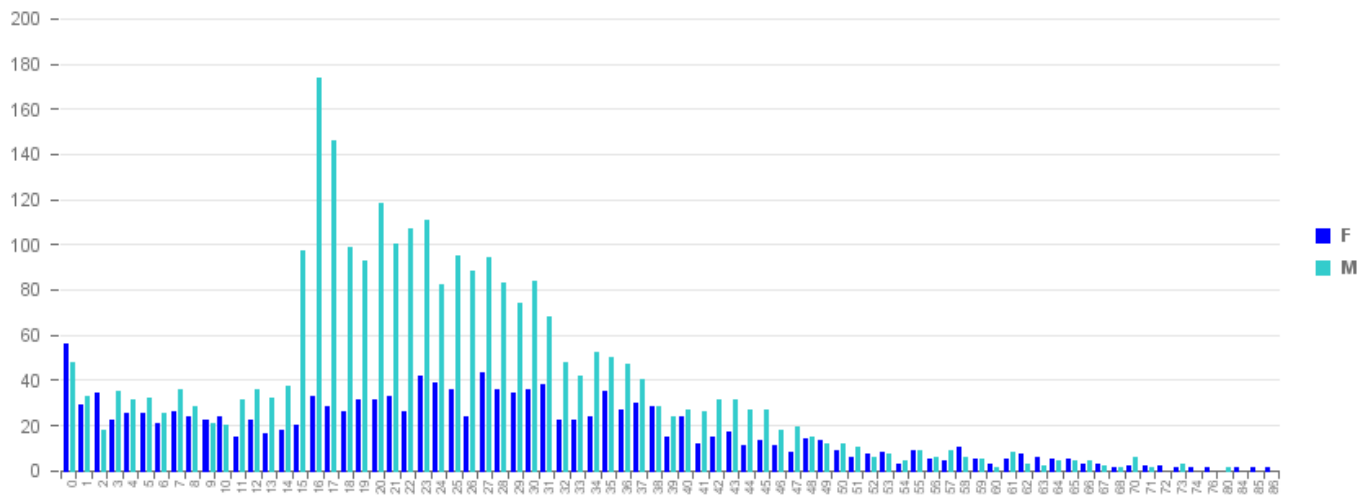


**d. Age graph (with gender breakdown) of persons who filed an asylum application**

**February 2016**



**2016**





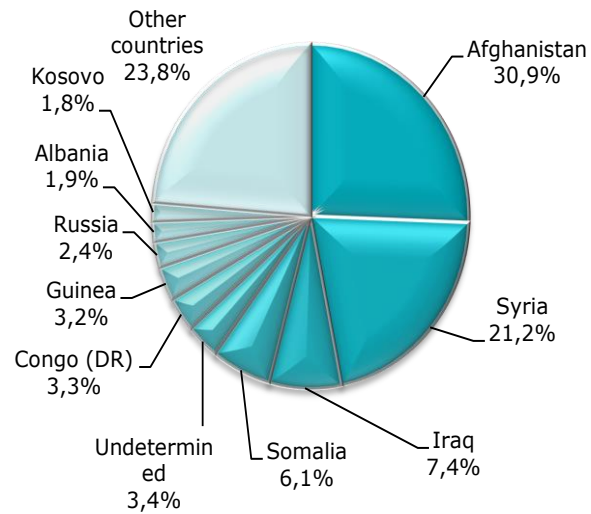
## 2. First applications for asylum

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

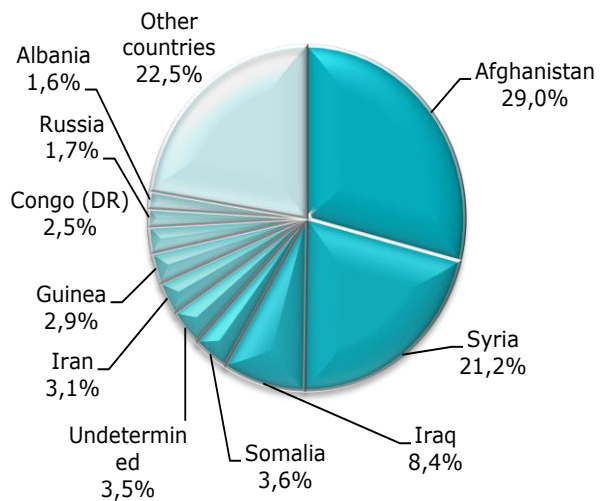
	2015	2016	+/- in % 2016 compared to 2015	+/- in % compared to previous month
January	1.213	2.396	97,5%	-50,4%
February	1.072	1.313	22,5%	-96,6%
March	1.171			
April	1.117			
May	1.615			
June	2.326			
July	3.137			
August	5.166			
September	6.360			
October	5.532			
November	5.528			
December	4.827			
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.064</b>	<b>3.709</b>		

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

Country of origin	Number of persons
1 Afghanistan	336
2 Syria	279
3 Iraq	97
4 Somalia	80
5 Undetermined	44
6 Congo (DR)	43
7 Guinea	42
8 Russia	32
9 Albania	25
10 Kosovo	23
Other countries	312
<b>Total February 2016</b>	<b>1.313</b>


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

Country of origin	Number of persons
1 Afghanistan	1076
2 Syria	787
3 Iraq	313
4 Somalia	134
5 Undetermined	128
6 Iran	114
7 Guinea	108
8 Congo (DR)	92
9 Russia	63
10 Albania	61
Other countries	833
<b>Total 2016</b>	<b>3.709</b>



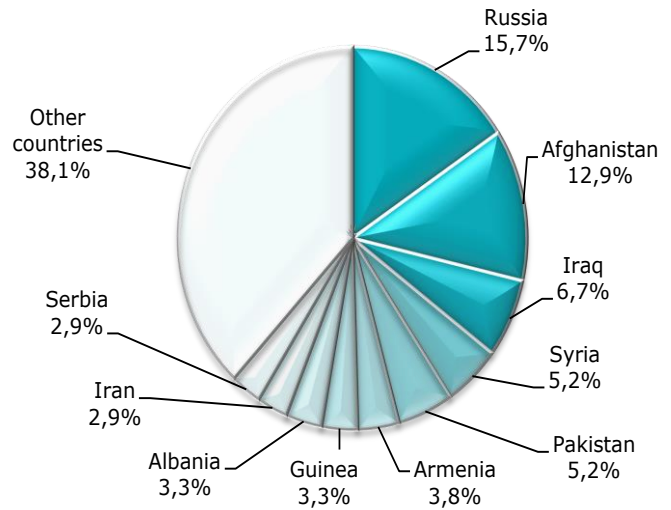
### 3. Subsequent applications for asylum

#### 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%	-96,3%
March	584			
April	510			
May	479			
June	568			
July	464			
August	429			
September	470			
October	511			
November	196			
December	411			
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.696</b>	<b>656</b>		

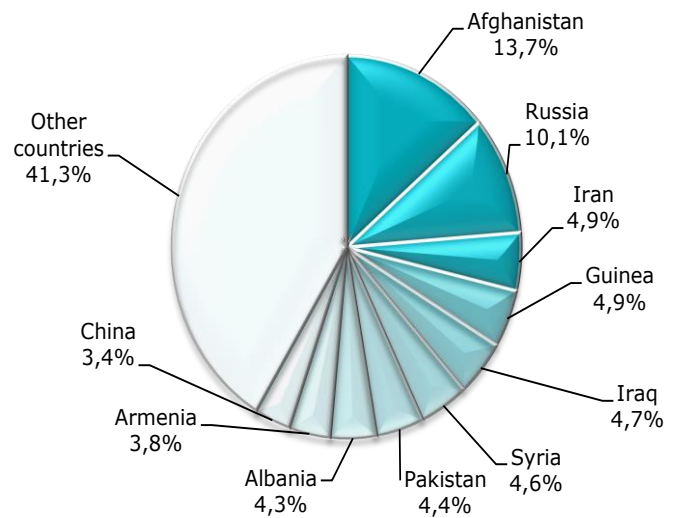
**b. Top 10 of countries of origin of persons who filed a subsequent asylum application**

Country of origin	Number of persons
1 Russia	33
2 Afghanistan	27
3 Iraq	14
4 Syria	11
5 Pakistan	11
6 Armenia	8
7 Guinea	7
8 Albania	7
9 Iran	6
10 Serbia	6
Other countries	80
<b>Total February 2016</b>	<b>210</b>



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

Country of origin	Number of persons
1 Afghanistan	90
2 Russia	66
3 Iran	32
4 Guinea	32
5 Iraq	31
6 Syria	30
7 Pakistan	29
8 Albania	28
9 Armenia	25
10 China	22
Other countries	271
<b>Total 2016</b>	<b>656</b>



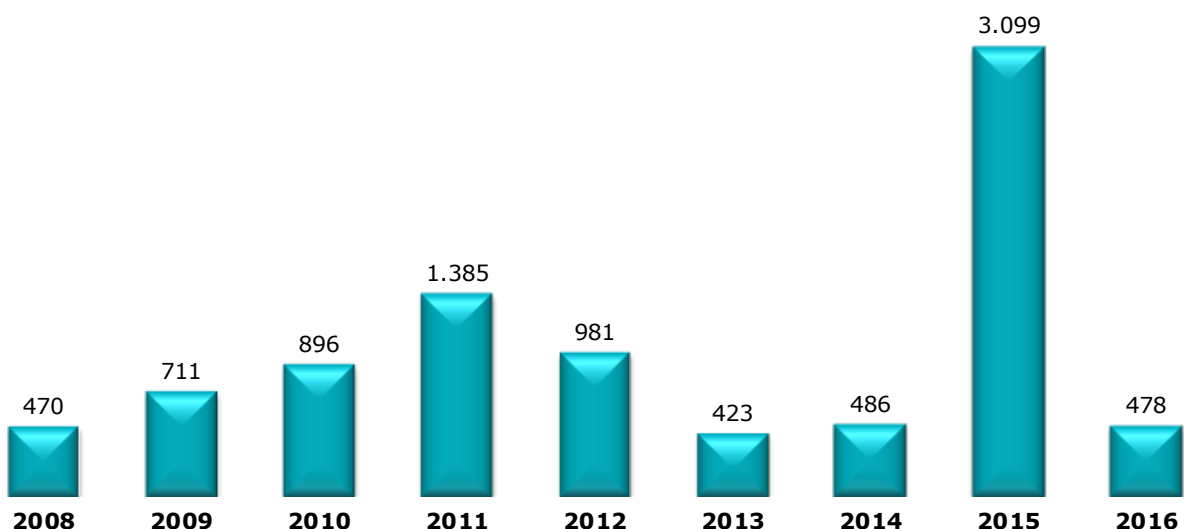
#### 4. Applications for asylum filed by unaccompanied foreign minors

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

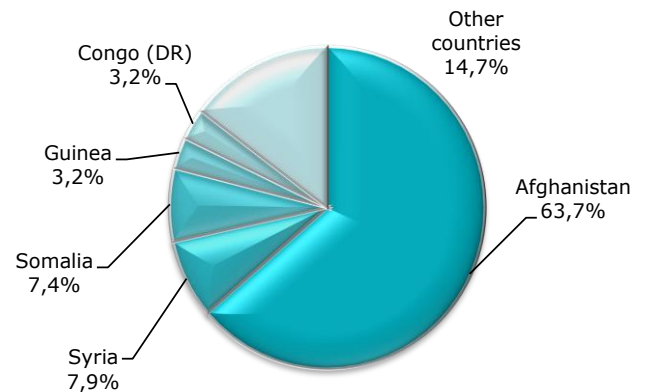
	2015	2016	+/- in % compared to 2015	+/- in % compared to previous month
January	53	288	443,4%	-64,2%
February	43	190	341,9%	-93,9%
March	36			
April	35			
May	79			
June	117			
July	181			
August	214			
September	349			
October	423			
November	765			
December	804			
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.099</b>	<b>478</b>		

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



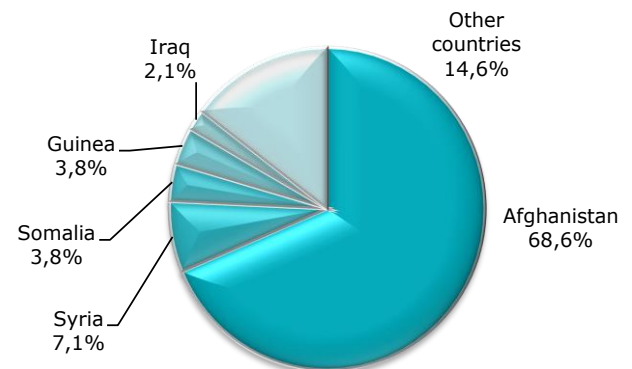
**c. Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application**

Country of origin	Number of unaccompanied minor aliens
1 Afghanistan	121
2 Syria	15
3 Somalia	14
4 Guinea	6
5 Congo (DR)	6
Other countries	28
<b>Total February 2016</b>	<b>190</b>



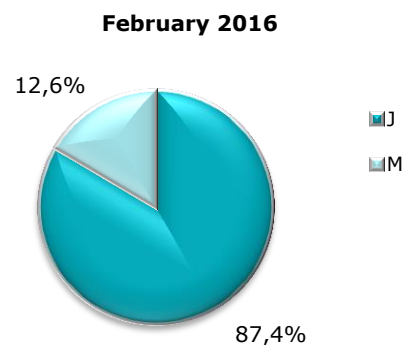
**Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application**

Country of origin	Number of unaccompanied minor aliens
1 Afghanistan	328
2 Syria	34
3 Somalia	18
4 Guinea	18
5 Iraq	10
Other countries	70
<b>Total 2016</b>	<b>478</b>



**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%
<b>2016</b>	<b>89,7%</b>	<b>10,3%</b>



### III. ASYLUM DECISIONS

#### 1. Decisions taken by the Immigration Office

(Source: Immigration Office)

##### February

	Number of persons
Transfer of files to CGRS	4.342
25/26 quater (Dublin)	273
Renunciation, ...	97
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.712</b>

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	Totaal
<b>Number of persons who received refugee status (RS)</b>	917	1.002	<b>1.919</b>
<b>Number of persons who received subsidiary protection status (SP)</b>	250	341	<b>591</b>
Number of persons whose asylum application was taken into consideration (multiple application)	98	94	<b>192</b>
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (subsequent application)	138	218	<b>356</b>
Number of persons who were refused RS and SP	403	520	<b>923</b>
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (EU)	27	6	
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (safe country)	7	21	<b>28</b>
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (refugee in other EU Member State)	2	4	<b>6</b>
Number of persons for whom a technical decision was taken	17	55	<b>72</b>
Number of persons excluded from RS and/or SP	3	4	<b>7</b>
Number of persons for whom RS or SP ceased to apply	0	2	<b>2</b>
Number of persons whose RS or SP was withdrawn	6	3	<b>9</b>
Number of persons who renounced their asylum application	28	83	<b>111</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.896</b>	<b>2.353</b>	<b>4.216</b>

**b. Number of decisions (cases)**

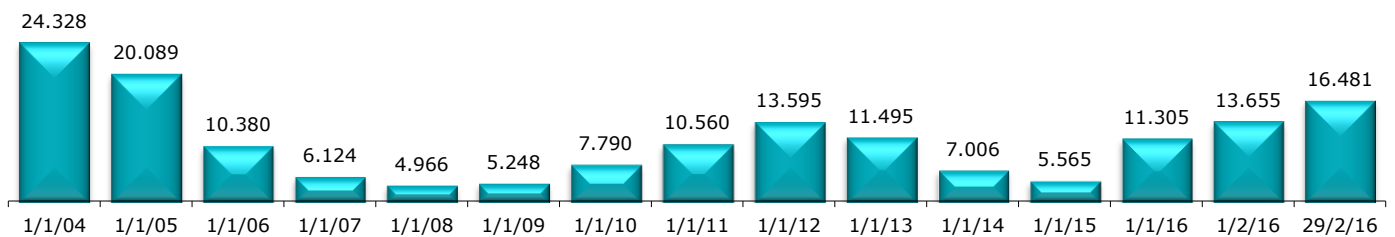
	Jan	Feb	Total
<b>Recognition of refugee status (RS)</b>	769	830	<b>1.599</b>
<b>Granting of subsidiary protection status (SP)</b>	177	258	<b>435</b>
Decision to take the application into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	82	80	<b>162</b>
Refusal to take the application into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	125	177	<b>302</b>
Refusal of RS and SP	331	446	<b>777</b>
Refusal to take the application into consideration (EU)	14	4	<b>18</b>
Refusal to take the application into consideration (Safe country)	5	18	<b>23</b>
Refusal to take the application into consideration (Refugee in another EU Member State)	2	4	<b>6</b>
Technical refusal	15	53	<b>68</b>
Exclusion from RS and SP	3	2	<b>5</b>
Cessation of RS or SP	0	2	<b>2</b>
Withdrawal of RS or SP	6	2	<b>8</b>
Renunciation + return with IOM	28	69	<b>97</b>
Devoid of purpose (art. 55 regularisation)	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.557</b>	<b>1.945</b>	<b>3.502</b>



#### IV. EVOLUTION OF THE TOTAL CASELOAD OF THE CGRA

At the end of February 2016, the total caseload of the CGRS amounted to **16.481** cases (20.765 persons). As **4.500** cases can be considered a normal caseload, the actual backlog amounted to **11.981** cases.

##### Total caseload per year (number of cases)



##### Caseload over the last sixteen months (number of cases)

