

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	2.842	
Number of persons who filed a first asylum application	2.396	84,3%
Number of persons who filed a subsequent asylum application	446	15,7%
Number of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application	228	8,0%
Decisions (CGRA)		
% of total number of decisions		
Number of persons whose application was taken into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	98	
Number of persons having received a decision	1.798	
Number of persons who were granted refugee status (RS)	917	51,0%
Number of persons who were granted subsidiary protection status (SP)	250	13,9%
Number of persons whose application was not taken into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	138	
Number of persons who were refused RS and SP + technical refusals	420	23,4%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (EU)	27	1,5%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (safe country of origin)	7	0,4%
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (refugee in another EU Member State)	2	
Number of persons excluded from refugee status and/or subsidiary protection	3	0,2%
Number of persons who renounced their asylum application or whose protection status was revoked	34	1,9%
Total number of persons having received an asylum decision	1.896	
Caseload (CGRS)		
Number of cases		
Total caseload	13.655	

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.

II. APPLICATIONS FOR ASYLUM IN BELGIUM

(Source: Immigration Office)

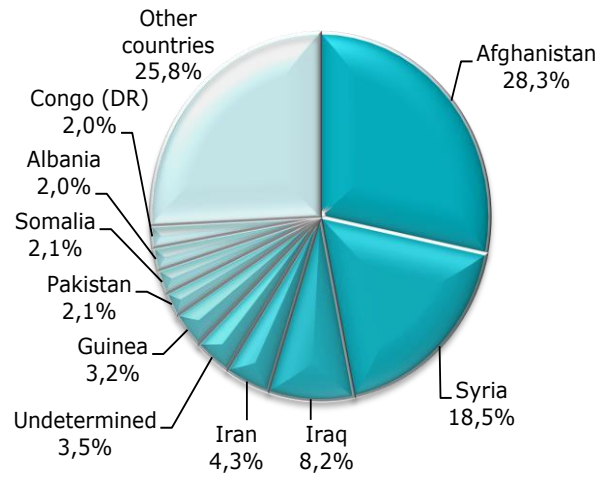
1. Number of applications for asylum (first and subsequent applications)

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			
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			
Total	44.760	2.842		

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

Country of origin	Number of persons
1 Afghanistan	803
2 Syria	527
3 Iraq	233
4 Iran	122
5 Undetermined	99
6 Guinea	91
7 Pakistan	61
8 Somalia	61
9 Albania	57
10 Congo (DR)	56
Other countries	732
Total January 2016	2.842

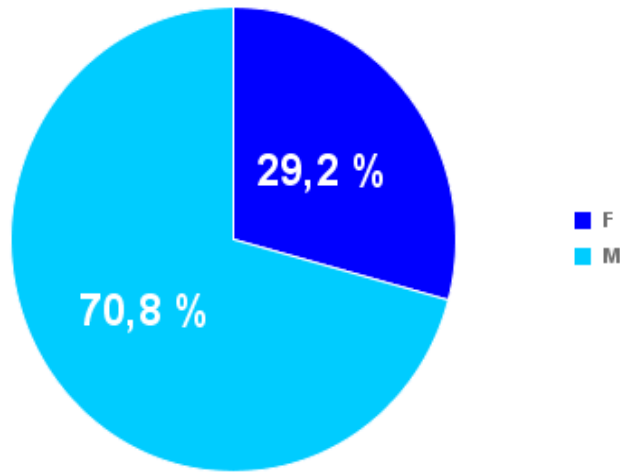


c. Number of persons who filed an asylum application in 2015 and 2016 per country of origin

Country of origin	2015	2016	Country of origin	2015	2016
Afghanistan	8308	803	Morocco	229	28
Albania	827	57	Myanmar	11	2
Algeria	139	9	Namibia	1	
Angola	88	13	Nepal	79	3
Argentina	1		Netherlands	2	
Armenia	277	26	New Zealand	1	
Azerbaijan	55	7	Nicaragua	1	
Bangladesh	123	9	Niger	95	15
Belarus	32	2	Nigeria	145	10
Benin	39	5	North Korea	1	
Bhutan	4		Pakistan	529	61
Bosnia and Herzegovina	58	1	Palestina	11	2
Brazil	5	1	Panama	2	
Bulgaria	14	1	Peru	1	
Burkina Faso	57	2	Philippines	6	
Burundi	316	48	Poland	3	
Cambodia	1		Romania	28	
Cameroon	335	36	Russia	1322	64
Canada	1		Rwanda	287	30
Central African Republic	25	5	Saudi Arabia	3	
Chad	11	1	Senegal	260	13
China	446	49	Serbia	374	14
Colombia	5		Sierra Leone	21	2
Congo (Democratic Republic)	790	56	Singapore	1	
Congo (Republic)	12	3	Slovakia	25	
Croatia	4		Somalia	2091	61
Cuba	4		South Africa	1	
Cyprus	0		South Korea	2	
Denmark	1		South Sudan	6	
Djibouti	128	15	Spain	1	
Dominican Republic	2		Sri Lanka	164	2
Ecuador	1		Stateless	12	2
Egypt	75	7	Sudan	137	12
El Salvador	37	5	Suriname	3	
Equatorial Guinea	1		Sweden	1	
Eritrea	362	29	Switzerland	1	
Ethiopia	78	8	Syria	10415	527
Fiji	1		Tajikistan	20	1
France	3	2	Tanzania	13	2
Gabon	12		Togo	177	18
Gambia	72	7	Tunisia	81	5
Georgia	299	29	Turkey	304	38
Germany	5	1	Turkmenistan	1	
Ghana	25	4	Uganda	21	2
Greece	5		Ukraine	434	21
Guatemala	1	1	Undetermined	1208	99
Guinea	955	91	United Arab Emirates	1	
Guinea-Bissau	9		United Kingdom	1	
Haiti	17	1	United States	4	
Honduras	2		Uzbekistan	11	
Hungary	1		Venezuela	19	4
India	79	13	Vietnam	2	
Indonesia	2		Yemen	47	5
Iran	630	122	Zambia	0	
Iraq	9469	233	Zimbabwe	5	
Israel	4	2			
Ivory Coast	119	13			
Jamaica	6				
Jordan	31	1			
Kazakhstan	22	1			
Kenya	13	1			
Kosovo	737	30			
Kuwait	4				
Kyrgyzstan	62				
Latvia	1				
Lebanon	206	18			
Liberia	16				
Libya	83	4			
Lithuania	3				
Macedonia	335	6			
Madagascar	4				
Malawi	1				
Malaysia	1				
Mali	53	3			
Malta	0				
Mauritania	131	15			
Mauritius	2	1			
Mexico	5				
Moldavia	14	1			
Montenegro	15	1			
Total	44760	2842			

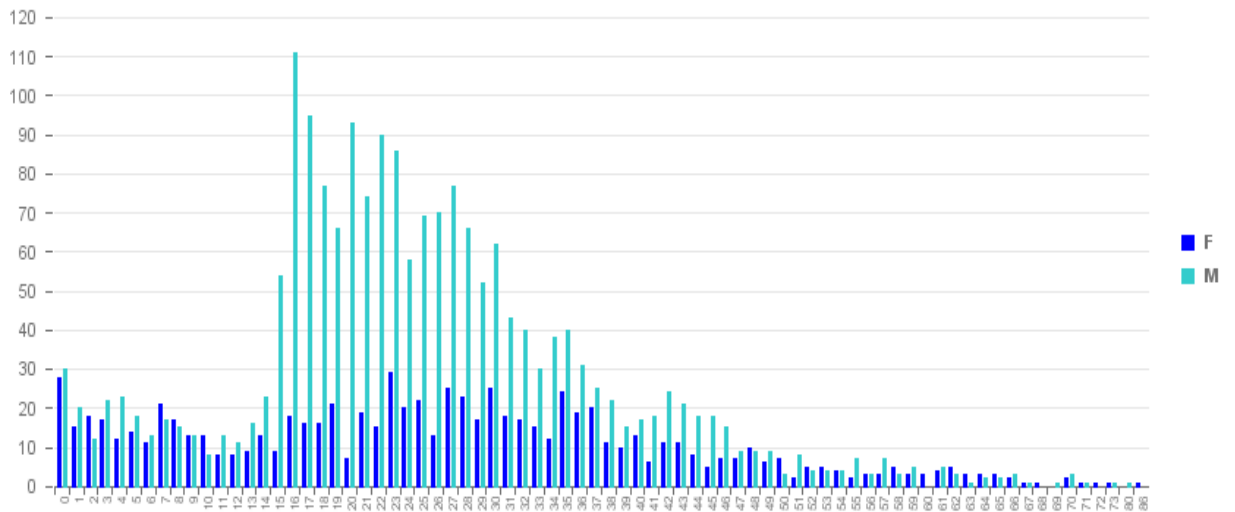
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e. Age graph (with gender breakdown) of persons who filed an asylum application

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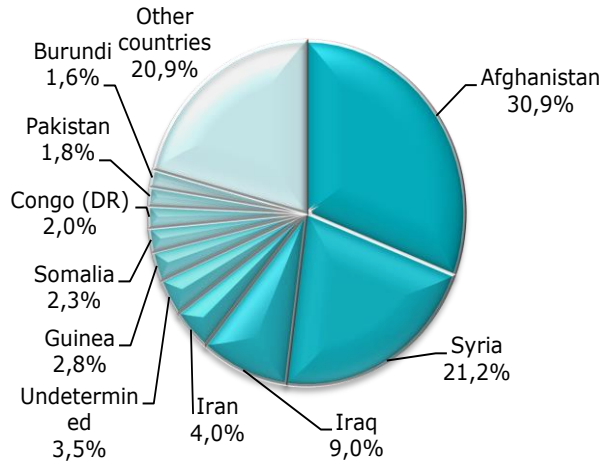
2. First applications for asylum

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

	2016
January	2.396
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
Total	2.396

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

Country of origin	Number of persons
1 Afghanistan	740
2 Syria	508
3 Iraq	216
4 Iran	96
5 Undetermined	84
6 Guinea	66
7 Somalia	54
8 Congo (DR)	49
9 Pakistan	43
10 Burundi	39
Other countries	501
Total January 2016	2.396



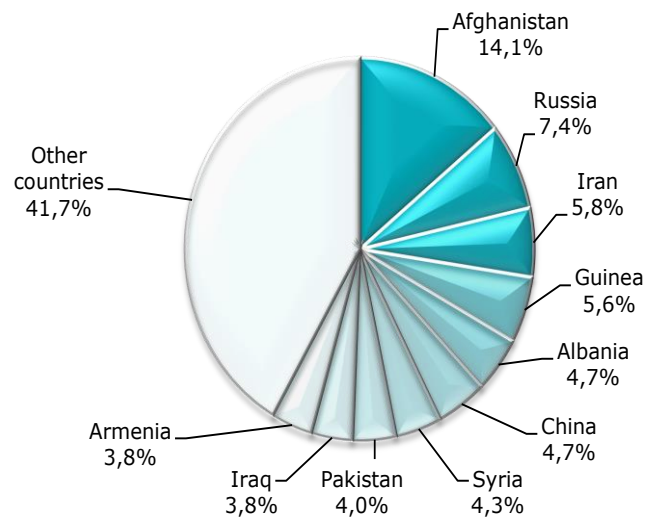
3. Subsequent applications for asylum

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

	2016
January	446
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
Total	446

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

Country of origin	Number of persons
1 Afghanistan	63
2 Russia	33
3 Iran	26
4 Guinea	25
5 Albania	21
6 China	21
7 Syria	19
8 Pakistan	18
9 Iraq	17
10 Armenia	17
Other countries	186
Total January 2016	446



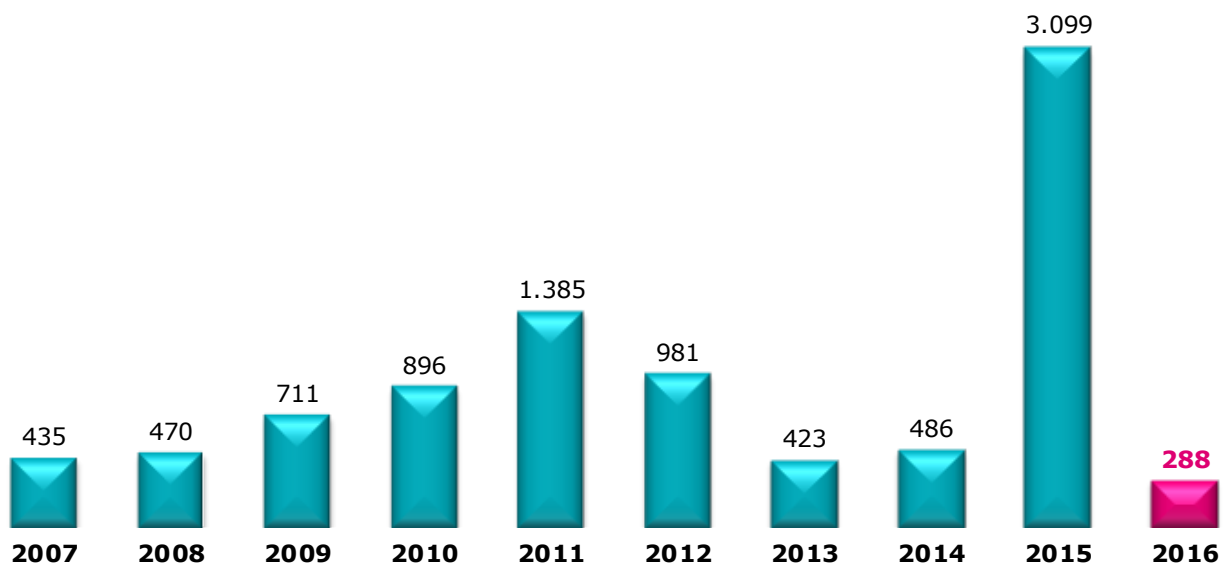
4. Applications for asylum filed by unaccompanied foreign minors

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

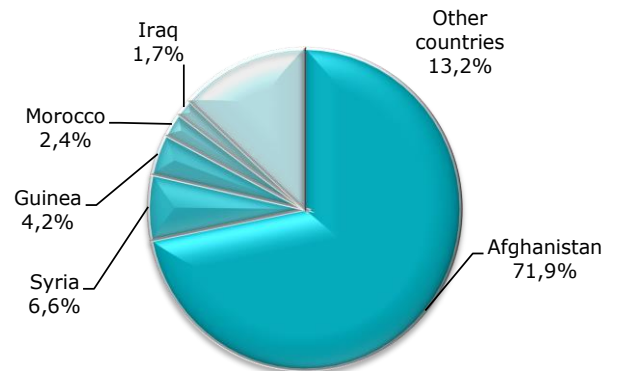
	2015	2016	+/- in % compared to 2015	+/- in % compared to previous month
January	53	288	443,4%	-64,2%
February	43			
March	36			
April	35			
May	79			
June	117			
July	181			
August	214			
September	349			
October	423			
November	765			
December	804			
Total	3.099	288		

b. Number of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application in 2007-2016



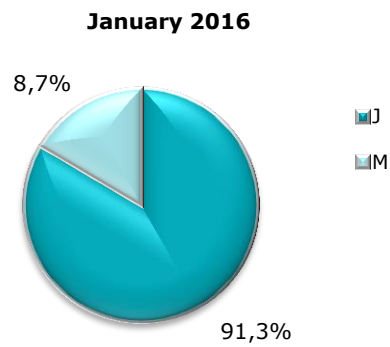
c. Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors who filed an asylum application

Country of origin	Number of unaccompanied minor aliens
1 Afghanistan	207
2 Syria	19
3 Guinea	12
4 Morocco	7
5 Iraq	5
Other countries	38
Total January 2016	288



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	91,3%	8,7%



III. ASYLUM DECISIONS

1. Number of cases transmitted by the Immigration Office

(Source: Immigration Office)

	January
Cases transmitted to the CGRS	3.781

2. Decisions taken by the CGRS

(Source: CGRS)

a. Number of persons who received an asylum decision

	January
Number of persons who received refugee status (RS)	917
Number of persons who received subsidiary protection status (SP)	250
Number of persons whose asylum application was taken into consideration (multiple application)	98
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (subsequent application)	138
Number of persons who were refused RS and SP	403
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (EU)	27
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (safe country)	7
Number of persons whose asylum application was not taken into consideration (refugee in other EU Member State)	2
Number of persons for whom a technical decision was taken	17
Number of persons excluded from RS and/or SP	3
Number of persons for whom RS or SP ceased to apply	0
Number of persons whose RS or SP was withdrawn	6
Number of persons who renounced their asylum application	28
Total	1.896

b. Number of decisions (cases)

	January
Recognition of refugee status (RS)	769
Granting of subsidiary protection status (SP)	177
Decision to take the application into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	82
Refusal to take the application into consideration (subsequent asylum application)	125
Refusal of RS and SP	331
Refusal to take the application into consideration (EU)	14
Refusal to take the application into consideration (Safe country)	5
Refusal to take the application into consideration (Refugee in another EU Member State)	2
Technical refusal	15
Exclusion from RS and SP	3
Cessation of RS or SP	0
Withdrawal of RS or SP	6
Renunciation + return with IOM	28
Devoid of purpose (art. 55 regularisation)	0
Total	1.557

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	515	704	73,2%
2 Iraq	97	242	40,1%
3 Eritrea	63	69	91,3%
4 Somalia	47	67	70,1%
5 Afghanistan	40	127	31,5%
6 Undetermined	34	40	85,0%
7 Russia	23	64	35,9%
8 Ukraine	13	34	38,2%
9 Guinea	9	32	28,1%
10 Iran	8	10	80,0%
Other countries	68	409	16,6%
Total 2016	917	1.798	51,0%

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	179	704	25,4%
2 Iraq	29	242	12,0%
3 Afghanistan	18	127	14,2%
4 Somalia	12	67	17,9%
5 Russia	5	64	7,8%
Other countries	7	594	1,2%
Total 2016	250	1.798	13,9%

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	
Syria	419	538	77,9%
Iraq	83	213	39,0%
Eritrea	59	65	90,8%
Somalia	47	67	70,1%
Afghanistan	30	105	28,6%
Undetermined	31	37	83,8%
Russia	10	38	26,3%
Ukraine	7	23	30,4%
Guinea	8	27	29,6%
Iran	8	10	80,0%
Other countries	67	352	19,0%
Total 2016	769	1.475	52,1%

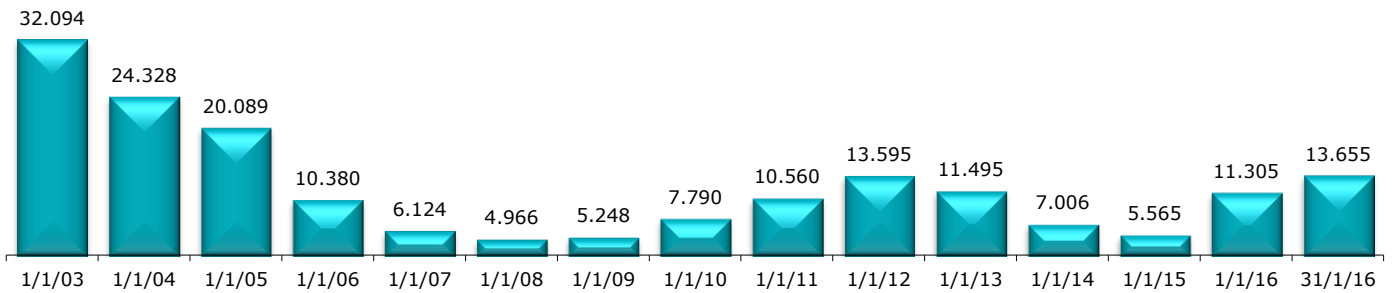
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Iraq	26	213	12,2%
Afghanistan	18	105	17,1%
Somalia	12	67	17,9%
Russia	3	38	7,9%
Other countries	7	514	1,4%
Total 2016	177	1.475	12,0%

IV. EVOLUTION OF THE TOTAL CASELOAD OF THE CGRA

At the end of January 2016, the total caseload of the CGRS amounted to **13.655** cases (17.153 persons). As **4.500** cases can be considered a normal caseload, the actual backlog amounted to **9.155** cases.

Total caseload per year (number of cases)



Caseload over the last six months (number of cases)

