

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)

July

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	2.975	
First asylum applications	2.630	88,4%
Multiple asylum applications	345	11,6%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	288	9,7%
CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	97	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	179	
Final decisions	944	
Recognition of refugee status	499	52,9%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	85	9,0%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	317	33,6%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	4	0,4%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	14	1,5%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	2	0,2%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	9	1,0%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	14	1,5%
Total of CGRS decisions	1.220	
Caseload at the CGRS	5.830	

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There are two kinds of decisions concerning the multiple claims: decisions to consider the application (in these cases, this is an intermediate decision), or decisions not to consider the application. These decisions are the subject of one specific section and have not been included in the total of the final decisions.

2015

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	12.133	
First asylum applications	9.415	77,6%
Multiple asylum applications	2.718	22,4%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	684	5,6%

CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	1.096	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	1.516	
Final decisions	7.293	
Recognition of refugee status	3.594	49,3%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	729	10,0%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	2.527	34,6%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	19	0,3%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	213	2,9%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	21	0,3%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	44	0,6%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	146	2,0%
Total of CGRS decisions	9.905	
Caseload at the CGRS	5.830	

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II. ASYLUM APPLICATIONS IN BELGIUM

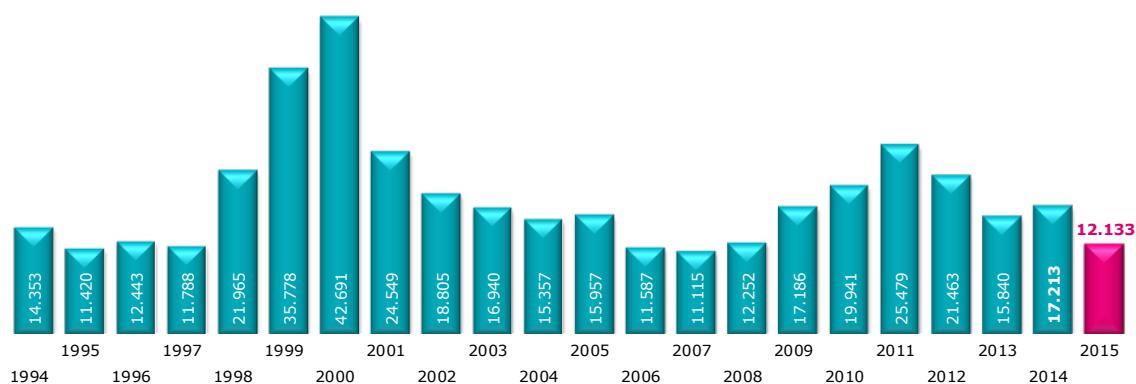
(source: Immigration Department)

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

a. Applications per month (2014-2015)

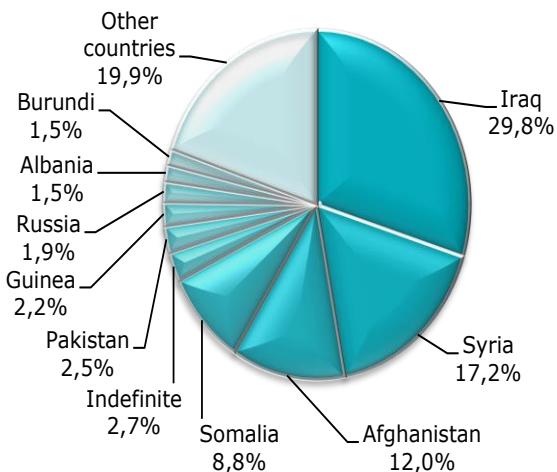
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.376	1.313	-4,6%	-20,2%
February	1.209	1.211	0,2%	-7,8%
March	1.177	1.348	14,5%	11,3%
April	1.193	1.289	8,0%	-4,4%
May	1.122	1.708	52,2%	32,5%
June	1.403	2.289	63,2%	34,0%
July	1.490	2.975	99,7%	30,0%
August	1.580			
September	1.797			
October	1.693			
November	1.528			
December	1.645			
Total	17.213	12.133		

b. Applications per year (1994-2015)

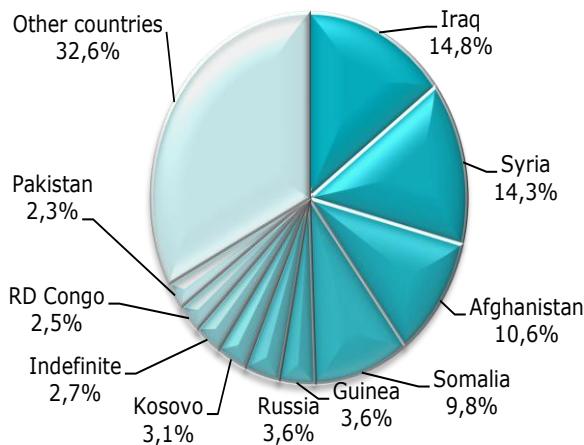


c. Top 10 of countries of origin in July 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Iraq	887
2 Syria	512
3 Afghanistan	357
4 Somalia	261
5 Indefinite	81
6 Pakistan	74
7 Guinea	65
8 Russia	57
9 Albania	46
10 Burundi	44
Other countries	591
Total july 2015	2.975


Top 10 of countries of origin in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Iraq	1.791
2 Syria	1.731
3 Afghanistan	1.286
4 Somalia	1.190
5 Guinea	441
6 Russia	434
7 Kosovo	381
8 Indefinite	332
9 RD Congo	303
10 Pakistan	284
Other countries	3.960
Total 2015	12.133



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

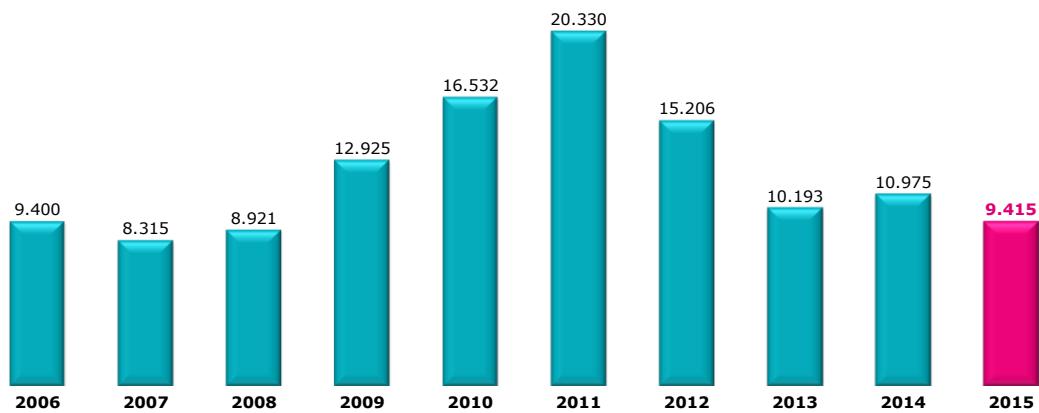
Country of origin	2012	2013	2014	2015	Country of	2012	2013	2014	2015
Afghanistan	2635	1327	1907	1286	Lesotho			1	
Albania	667	487	481	278	Libanon	99	73	81	56
Algeria	229	135	151	79	Liberia	27	25	30	9
Angola	171	112	72	44	Libya	16	20	54	33
Argentina	6	1			Lithuania	7	3	3	3
Armenia	445	317	211	120	Luxemburg	1			
Australia		2			Macedonia	476	248	222	139
Azerbaijan	94	91	64	27	Madagascar	3	2		
Bahrain		1			Malawi	1		1	
Bangladesh	496	208	161	67	Malaysia	2			
Belorussia	60	50	34	15	Mali	122	138	70	33
Benin	83	59	38	24	Mauretania	230	222	153	68
Bhutan	7	9	2	1	Mauritius	6	4	1	2
Bosnia-Herzegovina	139	100	89	36	Mexico	1	7	3	1
Brasil		3	2	2	Moldova	16	12	13	3
Bulgaria	39	23	15	5	Mongolia	43	27	16	13
Burkina-Faso	107	103	81	28	Montenegro	53	13	13	6
Burundi	129	153	88	111	Morocco	113	130	177	109
Cameroon	543	417	396	167	Mozambique	1			
Canada	5	3			Myanmar	23	12	14	7
Central African Rep.	7	16	58	12	Namibia	1		1	1
Chad	25	24	17	3	Nepal	222	53	18	42
Chili	2				Netherlands	7	4	4	
China	395	397	153	205	New Sealnd			1	
Colombia	11	11	6	4	Nicaragua			1	
Comores	2				Niger	91	89	116	57
Congo RD	1334	1225	696	303	Nigeria	167	154	123	74
Congo RP	23	23	15	3	North Corea	83	28	3	0
Costa Rica	2				Pakistan	760	361	312	284
Croatia	12	12	10	4	Palestina	26	27	16	30
Cuba	6	8	5	1	Paraguay	1	1		
Cyprus	1		1		Peru		1		
Czech Rep.	5	5	1		Philippines	2	1	2	
Denmark				1	Poland	1	1	4	3
Djibouti	76	122	121	51	Portugal	1			
Dominican Rep.	1	7	5	5	Romania	44	52	32	13
Ecuador			1		Russia	1470	1166	974	434
Egypt	84	120	98	47	Rwanda	391	292	259	124
El Salvador	13	14	19	14	Sao Tomé & Principe		1		
Equatorial Guinea	7	2	3		Saoudi Arabia	1	2		
Eritrea	67	66	716	185	Senegal	534	344	254	147
Ethiopia	49	28	59	43	Serbia	571	336	265	123
Fidji			1		Sierra Leone	78	47	64	12
France	4	1	1	1	Slovakia	15	12	15	3
Gabon	5	4	4	4	Slovenia	1			
Gambia	81	78	48	49	Somalia	360	212	318	1190
Georgia	410	302	361	157	South Africa	1	5	2	4
Germany			2		South Corea	1			2
Ghana	86	63	39	11	South Sudan	1	5	4	2
Greece			1		Spain	1			1
Guatemala	8	2	2	1	Sri Lanka	118	106	119	89
Guinea	1808	1247	1095	441	Stateless Per:	11	9	2	4
Guinea-Bissau	24	13	16	6	Sudan	83	65	131	70
Guyana	1		1		Surinam	12	3	4	2
Haiti	1	2	6	6	Sweden			1	
Honduras	1		2		Switzerland			1	
Hungary	17	10	8		Syria	793	877	1854	1731
Indefinite	253	247	778	332	Tadzhikistan	9	2	7	9
India	109	67	76	43	Tanzania	73	52	27	9
Indonesia			1		Thailand		3		
Iran	410	350	399	157	Togo	247	219	150	93
Iraq	803	787	1131	1791	Tunisia	69	56	63	40
Israel	7	4	1		Turkey	368	242	225	115
Italy	2	2	2		Turkmenistan	1		1	
Ivory Coast	241	161	118	62	Uganda	20	25	13	12
Jamaica	1		10	4	Ukraine	74	55	451	214
Japan	1				United Arabic	2			
Jordania	25	20	24	13	Uruguay	1			
Kampuchea	1	0			USA	6	2	2	1
Kazakhstan	134	70	37	9	Uzbekistan	12	15	3	
Kenia	36	29	22	7	Venezuela		2	13	8
Kirghizistan	53	57	30	24	Vietnam	4	15	3	2
Kosovo	983	754	494	381	Western Sah	1			
Kuwait	1				Yemen	8	7	14	17
Laos		1			Zambie		2		1
Latvia	1	1	4	1	Zimbabwe	2	3	1	

2. First asylum applications

a. First applications per month (2014-2015)

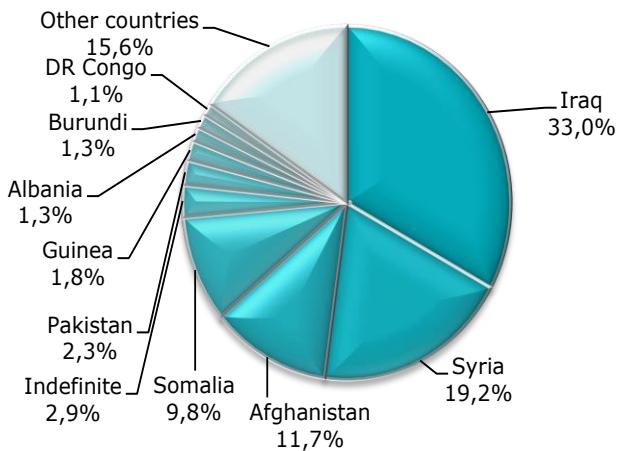
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	754	925	22,7%	-11,4%
February	602	815	35,4%	-11,9%
March	696	921	32,3%	13,0%
April	712	884	24,2%	-4,0%
May	694	1.354	95,1%	53,2%
June	871	1.886	116,5%	39,3%
July	994	2.630	164,6%	39,4%
August	1.151			
September	1.328			
October	1.186			
November	943			
December	1.044			
Total	10.975	9.415		

b. First applications per year (2006-2015)

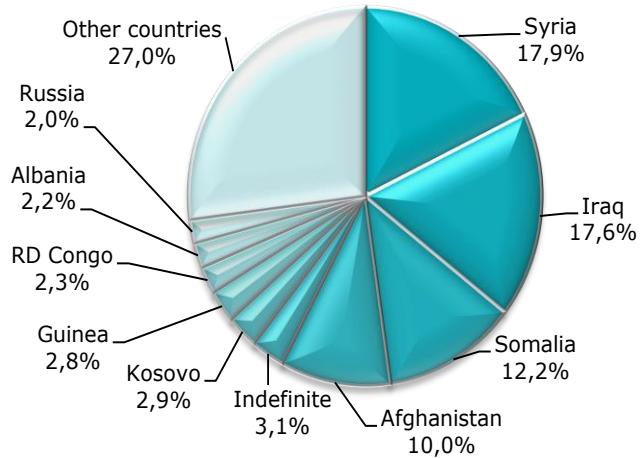


c. Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in July 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Iraq	867
2 Syria	505
3 Afghanistan	308
4 Somalia	257
5 Indefinite	77
6 Pakistan	60
7 Guinea	47
8 Albania	35
9 Burundi	34
10 DR Congo	30
Other countries	410
Total july 2015	2.630


Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	1.683
2 Iraq	1.658
3 Somalia	1.152
4 Afghanistan	945
5 Indefinite	290
6 Kosovo	272
7 Guinea	262
8 RD Congo	218
9 Albania	204
10 Russia	189
Other countries	2.542
Total 2015	9.415

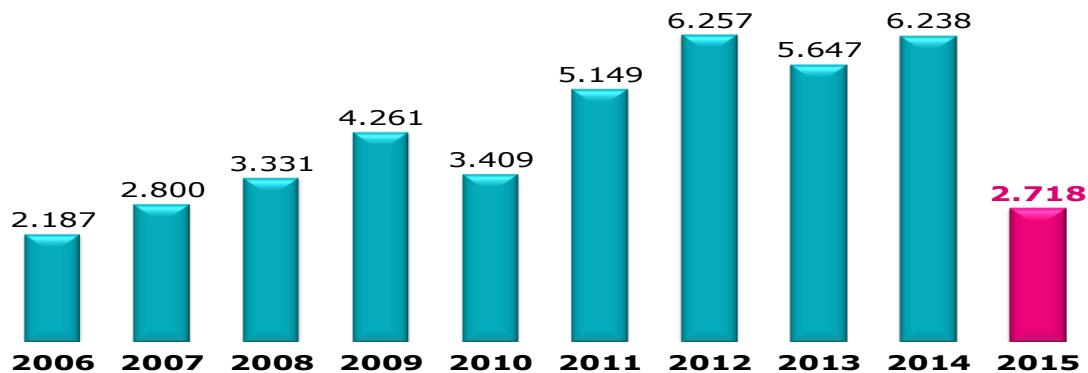


3. Multiple asylum applications

a. Multiple applications per month (2014-2015)

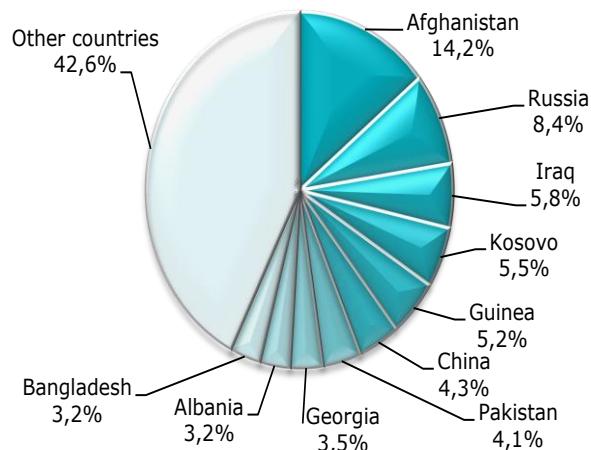
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	622	388	-37,6%	-35,4%
February	607	396	-34,8%	2,1%
March	481	427	-11,2%	7,8%
April	481	405	-15,8%	-5,2%
May	428	354	-17,3%	-12,6%
June	532	403	-24,2%	13,8%
July	496	345	-30,4%	-14,4%
August	429			
September	469			
October	507			
November	585			
December	601			
Total	6.238	2.718		

b. Multiple applications per year (2006-2015)

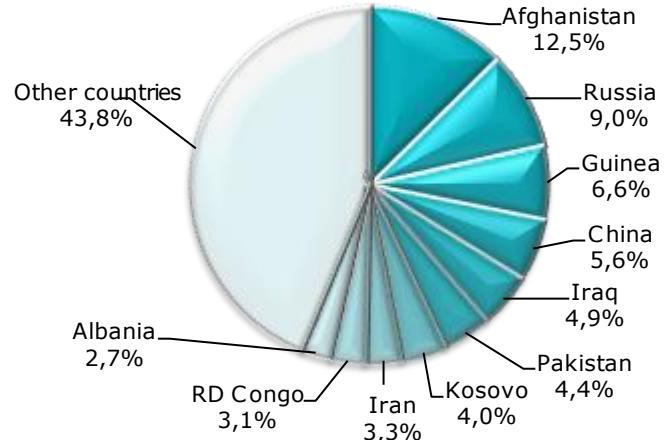


Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in July 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	49
2 Russia	29
3 Iraq	20
4 Kosovo	19
5 Guinea	18
6 China	15
7 Pakistan	14
8 Georgia	12
9 Albania	11
10 Bangladesh	11
Other countries	147
Total july 2015	345


Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	341
2 Russia	245
3 Guinea	179
4 China	153
5 Iraq	133
6 Pakistan	119
7 Kosovo	109
8 Iran	89
9 RD Congo	85
10 Albania	74
Other countries	1.191
Total 2015	2.718



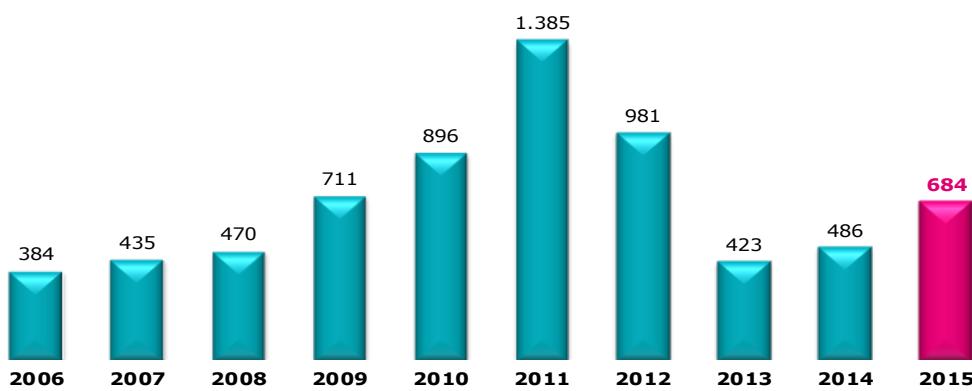
4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

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)

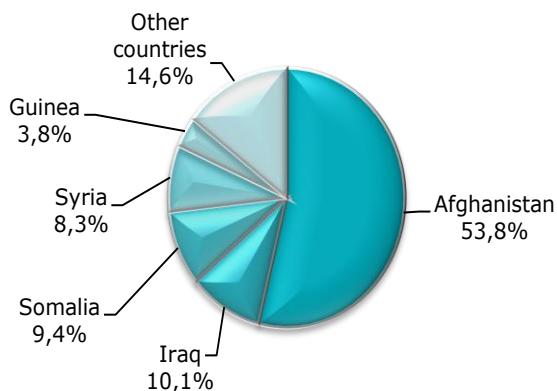
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	36	53	47,2%	10,4%
February	24	43	79,2%	-18,9%
March	21	36	71,4%	-16,3%
April	32	38	18,8%	5,6%
May	29	84	189,7%	121,1%
June	32	142	343,8%	69,0%
July	49	288	487,8%	102,8%
August	51			
September	56			
October	53			
November	55			
December	48			
Total	486	684		

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



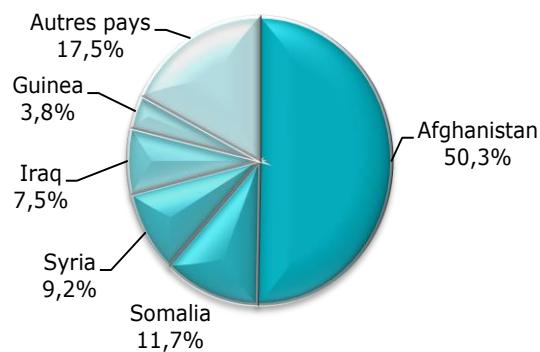
c. Top 5 countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in July 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	155
2 Iraq	29
3 Somalia	27
4 Syria	24
5 Guinea	11
Other countries	42
Total july 2015	288



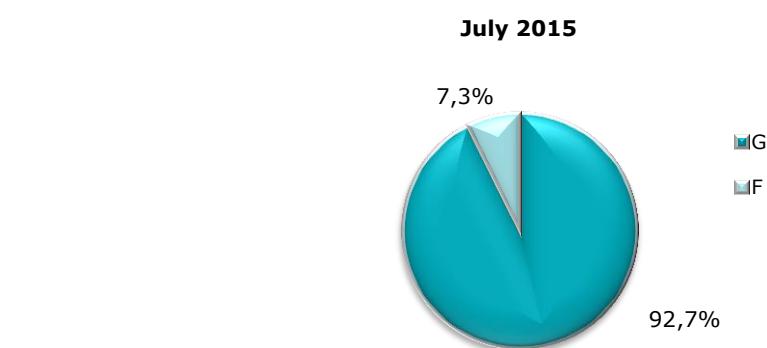
Top 5 countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	344
2 Somalia	80
3 Syria	63
4 Iraq	51
5 Guinea	26
Autres pays	120
Total 2015	684



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	88,6%	11,4%



III. ASYLUM DECISIONS IN 2015

1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

(Source: Immigration Department)

	January-June	July	Total
Transfer of files to CGRS	7.102	1.191	8.293
25/26 quater (Dublin)	782	83	865
Renunciation, ...	670	65	735
Total	8.554	1.339	9.893

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	March	April	May	June	July	Total
Recognition of refugee status	427	524	585	571	450	538	499	3.594
Granting of subsidiary protection (SP)	42	110	140	109	112	131	85	729
Taking an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum application)	205	167	184	132	128	184	97	1.097
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum application)	264	241	277	205	144	206	179	1.516
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	255	324	401	342	321	410	289	2.342
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)		5	5	1	1	3	4	19
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Safe countries of origin)	37	40	31	56	21	14	14	213
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Refugee in other country)	2	2	2	6	3	4	2	21
Technical refusal	19	33	28	31	22	24	28	185
Exclusion from refugee status and/or SP	8	1	3	3	4	11	9	39
Abolition of refugee status or SP				5	1	1	3	10
Withdrawal of refugee status or SP	3	2	4	4		7	1	21
Renunciation + departure IOM	15	16	12	11	18	16	8	96
Application which does not proceed to judgment (regularization under art. 55)	5	5	3	2	3	2	2	22
Total	1.282	1.470	1.680	1.474	1.228	1.550	1.220	9.904

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

Country of origin	Number of recognitions	Number of final decisions	%
1 Syria	1.177	1.270	92,7%
2 Indefinite	379	457	82,9%
3 Afghanistan	273	616	44,3%
4 Eritrea	263	285	92,3%
5 Iraq	256	512	50,0%
6 Guinea	202	335	60,3%
7 Somalia	111	329	33,7%
8 Russia	101	297	34,0%
9 China	86	134	64,2%
10 Iran	81	116	69,8%
Other countries	665	2.942	22,6%
Tot: Total 2015	3.594	7.293	49,3%

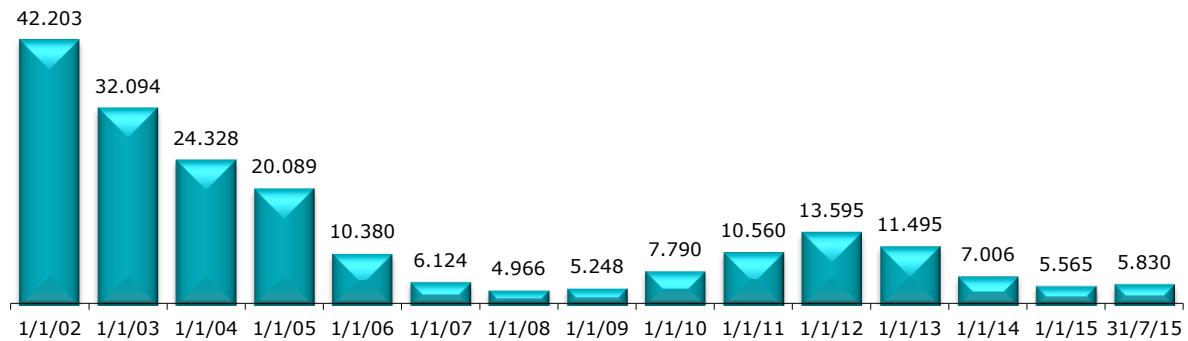
c. Decisions of granting of subsidiary protection in 2015

Country of origin	Number of granting	Number of final decisions	%
1 Afghanistan	239	616	38,8%
2 Somalia	177	329	53,8%
3 Iraq	155	512	30,3%
4 Syria	64	1.270	5,0%
5 Ukraine	19	202	9,4%
Other countries	75	4.364	1,7%
Total 2015	729	7.293	10,0%

IV. EVOLUTION OF THE CASELOAD AT THE CGRS

At the end of July 2015, the CGRS had a total caseload of **5830** dossiers, of which **3900** dossiers may be considered a normal workload. The backlog as such amounted therefore to **1930** dossiers.

Caseload per year



Caseload for the last 16 months

