

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)

May

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	1.708	
First asylum applications	1.354	79,3%
Multiple asylum applications	354	20,7%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	148	8,7%
CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	128	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	144	
Final decisions	956	
Recognition of refugee status	450	47,1%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	112	11,7%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	344	36,0%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	1	0,1%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	21	2,2%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	3	0,3%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	4	0,4%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	21	2,2%
Total of CGRS decisions	1.228	
Caseload at the CGRS	5.775	

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2015

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	6.865	
First asylum applications	4.895	71,3%
Multiple asylum applications	1.970	28,7%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	333	4,9%
CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	815	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	1.131	
Final decisions	5.188	
Recognition of refugee status	2.557	49,3%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	513	9,9%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	1.778	34,3%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	12	0,2%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	186	3,6%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	15	0,3%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	24	0,5%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	103	2,0%
Total of CGRS decisions	7.134	
Caseload at the CGRS	5.775	

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II. ASYLUM APPLICATIONS IN BELGIUM

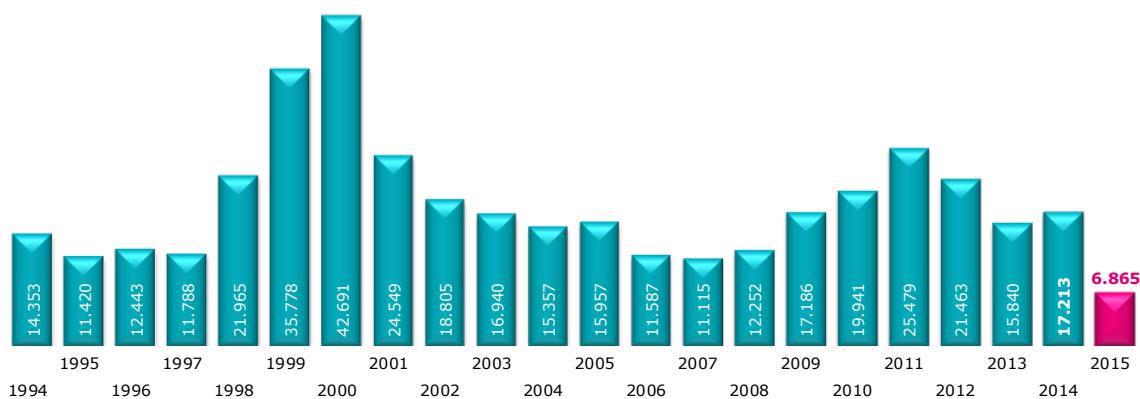
(source: Immigration Department)

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

a. Applications per month (2014-2015)

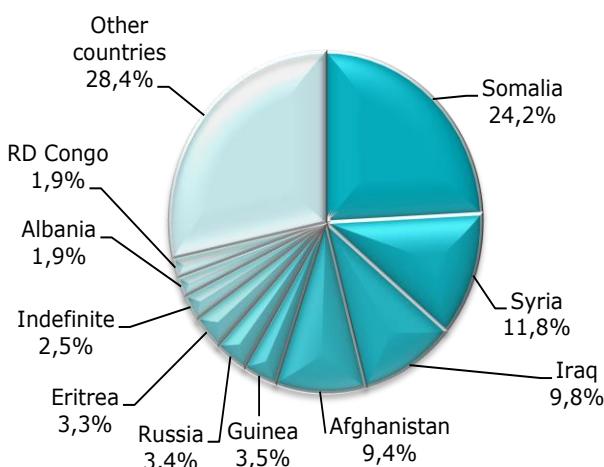
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.376	1.312	-4,7%	-20,2%
February	1.209	1.211	0,2%	-7,7%
March	1.177	1.345	14,3%	11,1%
April	1.193	1.289	8,0%	-4,2%
May	1.122	1.708	52,2%	32,5%
June	1.403			
July	1.490			
August	1.580			
September	1.797			
October	1.693			
November	1.528			
December	1.645			
Total	17.213	6.865		

b. Applications per year (1994-2015)



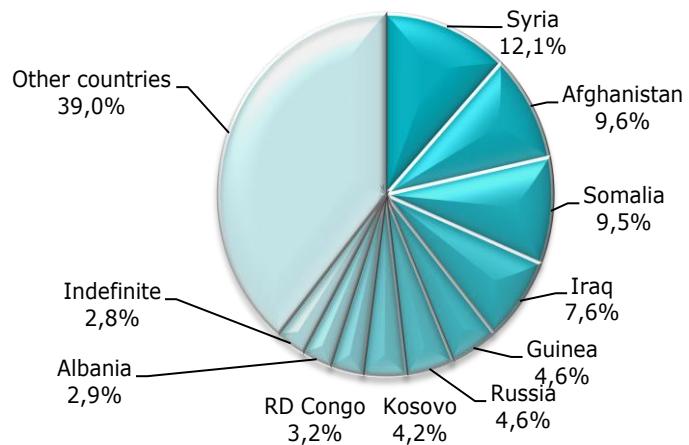
c. Top 10 of countries of origin in May 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Somalia	413
2 Syria	202
3 Iraq	168
4 Afghanistan	160
5 Guinea	60
6 Russia	58
7 Eritrea	56
8 Indefinite	42
9 Albania	32
RD Congo	32
Other countries	484
Total May 2015	1.708



Top 10 of countries of origin in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	829
2 Afghanistan	660
3 Somalia	653
4 Iraq	523
5 Guinea	316
6 Russia	315
7 Kosovo	287
8 RD Congo	218
9 Albania	196
10 Indefinite	194
Other countries	2.674
Total 2015	6.865



d. Applications in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 according to nationality
 (in color and bold: top 10 in 2015)

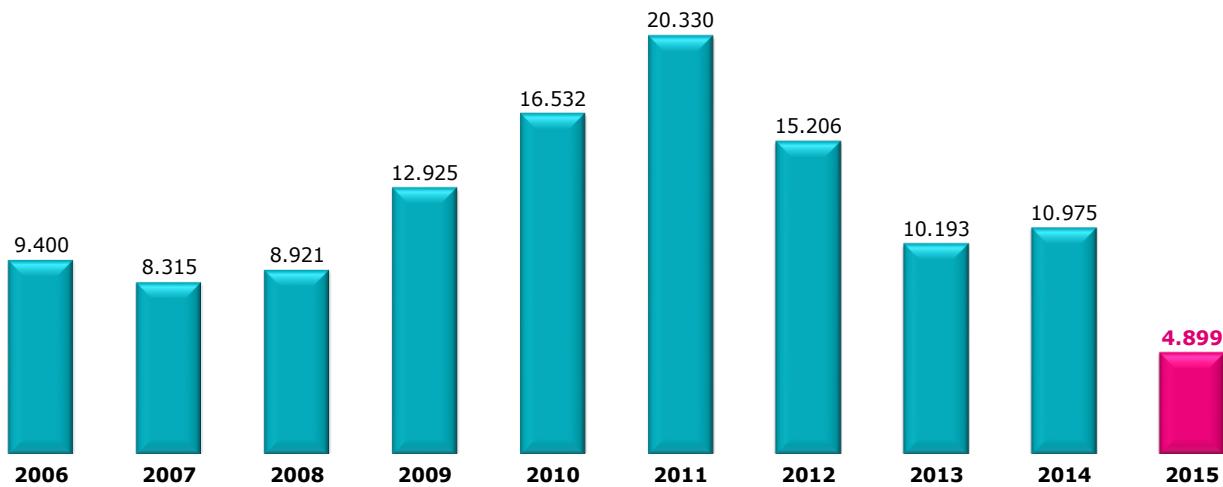
Country of origin	2012	2013	2014	2015	Country of origin	2012	2013	2014	2015
Afghanistan	2.635	1.327	1.907	660	Liberia	27	25	30	3
Albania	667	487	481	196	Libya	16	20	54	23
Algeria	229	135	151	66	Lithuania	7	3	3	3
Angola	171	112	72	32	Luxemburg	1	0	0	0
Argentina	6	0	0	0	Macedonia	476	248	222	101
Armenia	445	318	211	74	Madagascar	3	2	0	0
Australia	0	2	0	0	Malawi	1	0	1	0
Azerbaijan	94	91	64	14	Malaysia	2	0	0	0
Bahrein	0	1	0	0	Mali	122	138	70	23
Bangladesh	496	208	161	50	Mauretania	230	222	153	48
Belorussia	60	50	34	7	Mauritius	6	4	1	2
Benin	83	59	38	19	Mexico	1	7	3	1
Bhutan	7	9	2	1	Moldova	16	12	13	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	139	100	89	25	Mongolia	43	27	16	11
Brasil	0	3	2	1	Montenegro	53	13	13	4
British Nationals	0	1	0	0	Morocco	113	130	177	67
Bulgaria	39	23	15	2	Mozambique	1	0	0	0
Burkina-Faso	107	103	81	23	Myanmar	23	12	14	4
Burundi	129	153	88	43	Namibia	1	0	1	1
Cameroon	543	417	396	124	Nepal	222	53	18	17
Canada	5	3	0	0	Netherlands	7	4	4	0
Central African Rep.	7	16	58	8	Niger	91	89	116	43
Chad	25	24	17	2	Nigeria	167	154	123	56
Chili	2	0	0	0	North Corea	83	28	3	0
China	395	397	153	159	Pakistan	760	361	312	0
Colombia	11	11	6	4	Palestina	26	27	16	15
Comores	2	0	0	0	Paraguay	1	1	0	0
Congo RD	1.334	1.225	696	218	Peru	0	1	0	0
Congo RP	23	23	16	1	Philippines	0	2	1	2
Costa Rica	2	0	0	0	Poland	1	1	4	1
Croatia	12	12	10	3	Portugal	1	0	0	0
Cuba	6	8	5	0	Romania	44	52	32	10
Cyprus	1	0	1	0	Russia	1.470	1.166	974	315
Czech Rep.	5	5	1	0	Rwanda	391	292	259	93
Denmark	0	0	0	1	Saoudi Arabia	1	2	0	0
Djibouti	76	122	121	40	Sao Tome & Principe	0	0	1	0
Dominican Rep.	1	7	5	4	Senegal	534	344	254	96
Ecuador	0	0	1	0	Serbia	571	336	265	87
Egypt	84	120	98	33	Sierra Leone	78	47	64	10
El Salvador	13	14	19	5	Slovakia	15	12	15	1
Equatorial Guinea	7	2	3	0	Slovenia	0	1	0	0
Eritrea	67	66	716	127	Somalia	360	212	318	653
Ethiopia	49	28	59	20	South Africa	1	5	2	1
Fidji	0	0	0	1	South Corea	1	0	0	2
France	4	1	1	1	South Sudan	1	5	4	1
Gabon	5	4	4	1	Spain	1	0	0	1
Gambia	81	78	48	36	Sri Lanka	118	106	119	62
Georgia	410	302	361	95	Sudan	83	65	131	38
Germany	0	0	0	1	Surinam	12	3	4	0
Ghana	86	63	39	7	Sweden	0	0	0	1
Greece	0	0	0	1	Syria	793	877	1.854	829
Guatemala	8	2	2	0	Tadzhikistan	9	2	7	9
Guinea	1.808	1.247	1.095	316	Tanzania	73	52	27	6
Guinea-Bissau	24	13	16	4	Thailand	0	0	3	0
Guyana	1	0	1	0	Togo	247	219	150	67
Haiti	1	2	6	4	Tunisia	69	56	63	27
Honduras	1	0	2	0	Turkey	368	242	225	89
Hungary	17	10	8	0	Turkmenistan	0	1	0	0
India	109	67	76	24	Uganda	20	25	13	7
Iran	410	350	399	118	Ukraine	74	55	451	168
Iraq	803	787	1.131	523	United Arabic Emirates	2	0	0	0
Israel	7	4	1	1	USA	6	2	2	1
Italy	2	2	2	0	Uruguay	1	0	0	0
Ivory Coast	241	161	118	45	Uzbekistan	12	15	3	0
Jamaica	1	0	10	4	Venezuela	0	2	13	1
Japan	1	0	0	0	Vietnam	4	15	3	0
Jordania	25	20	24	5	Western Sahara	1	0	0	1
Kampuchea	1	0	0	0	Yemen	8	7	14	15
Kazakhstan	134	70	37	4	Zambie	0	0	2	1
Kenia	36	29	22	4	Zimbabwe	0	2	3	0
Kirghizistan	53	57	30	19	Others	22	27	0	0
Kosovo	983	754	494	287	Indefinite	231	217	778	192
Kuwait	1	0	0	0	Stateless Persons	11	9	2	2
Laos	0	1	0	0	Refugees	0	3	0	0
Latvia	1	1	4	1	Total	21.463	15.840	17.213	6.865
Lesotho	0	0	1	0					
Libanon	99	73	81	40					

2. First asylum applications

a. First applications per month (2014-2015)

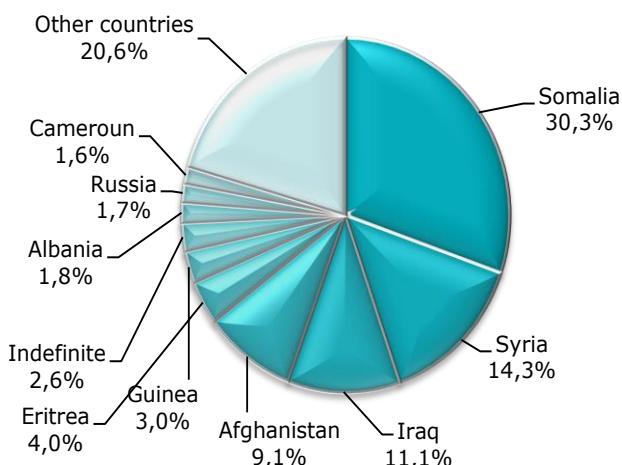
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	754	925	22,7%	-11,4%
February	602	815	35,4%	-11,9%
March	696	921	32,3%	13,0%
April	712	884	24,2%	-4,0%
May	694	1.354	95,1%	53,2%
June	871			
July	994			
August	1.151			
September	1.328			
October	1.186			
November	943			
December	1.044			
Total	10.975	4.899		

b. First applications per year (2006-2015)



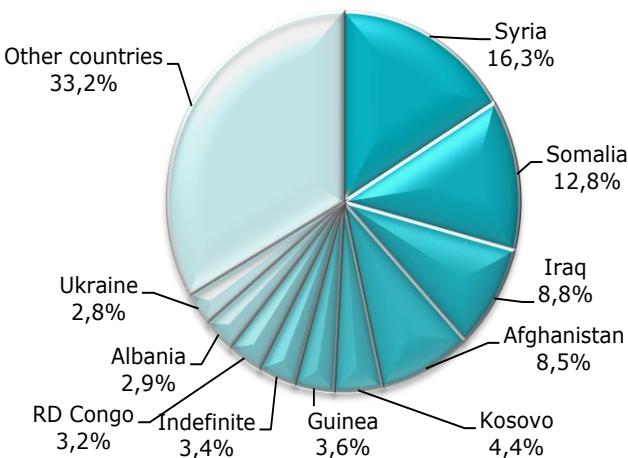
c. Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in May 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Somalia	410
2 Syria	194
3 Iraq	150
4 Afghanistan	123
5 Eritrea	54
6 Guinea	40
7 Indefinite	35
8 Albania	25
9 Russia	23
10 Cameroun	21
Other countries	279
Total May 2015	1.354



Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	798
2 Somalia	627
3 Iraq	433
4 Afghanistan	415
5 Kosovo	217
6 Guinea	176
7 Indefinite	168
8 RD Congo	158
9 Albania	142
10 Ukraine	136
Other countries	1.625
Total 2015	4.895

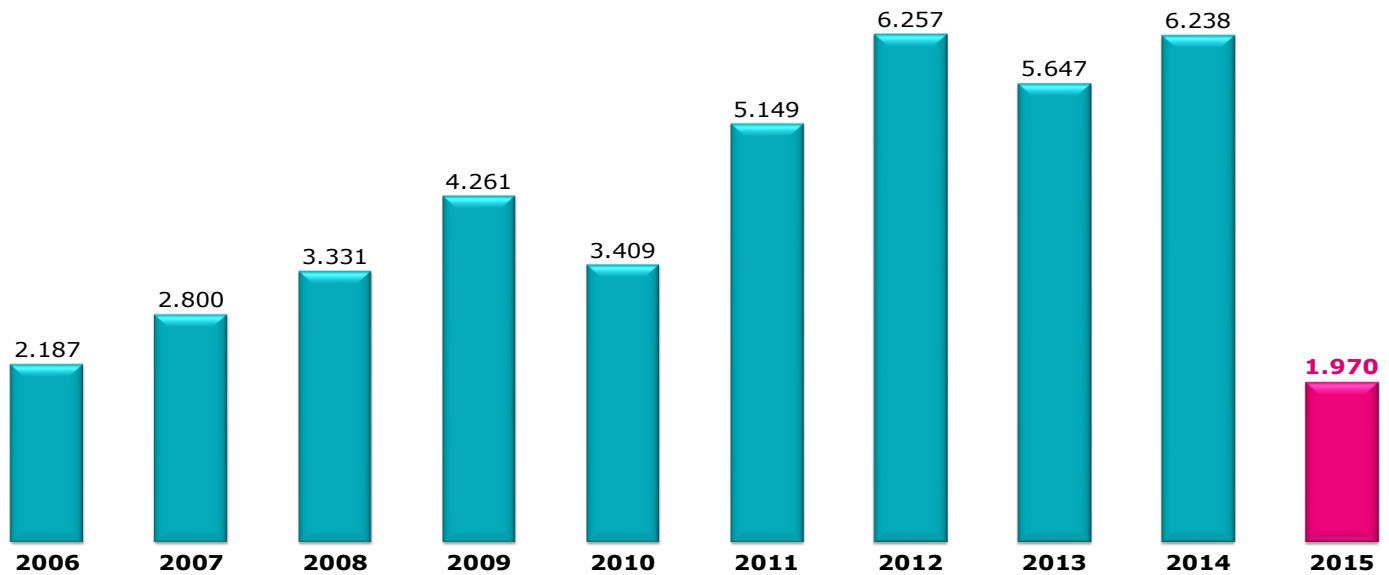


3. Multiple asylum applications

a. Multiple applications per month (2014-2015)

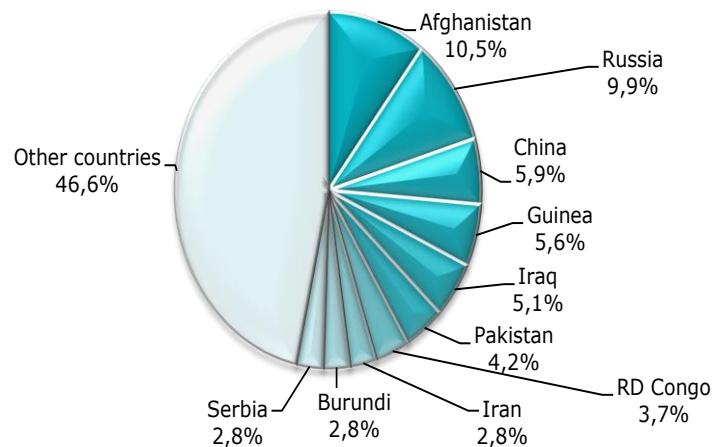
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	622	388	-37,6%	-35,4%
February	607	396	-34,8%	2,1%
March	481	427	-11,2%	7,8%
April	481	405	-15,8%	-5,2%
May	428	354	-17,3%	-12,6%
June	532			
July	496			
August	429			
September	469			
October	507			
November	585			
December	601			
Total	6.238	1.970		

b. Multiple applications per year (2006-2015)



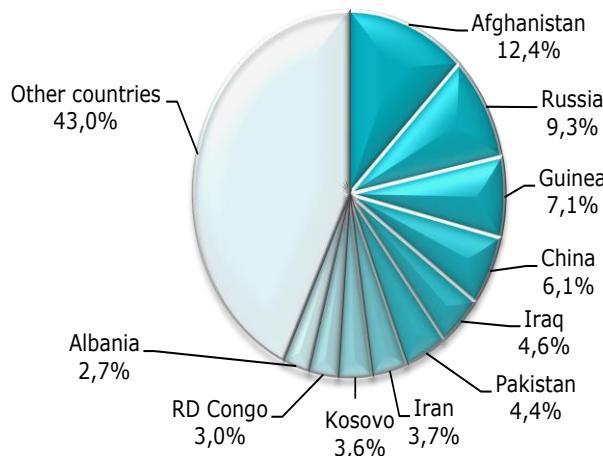
Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in May 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	37
2 Russia	35
3 China	21
4 Guinea	20
5 Iraq	18
6 Pakistan	15
7 RD Congo	13
8 Iran	10
Burundi	10
Serbia	10
Other countries	165
Total May 2015	354



Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	245
2 Russia	183
3 Guinea	140
4 China	121
5 Iraq	90
6 Pakistan	87
7 Iran	72
8 Kosovo	70
9 RD Congo	60
10 Albania	54
Other countries	848
Total 2015	1.970



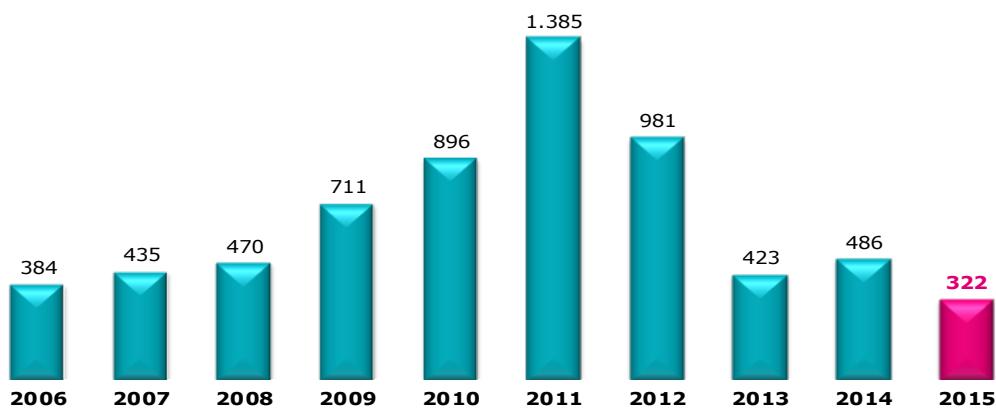
4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

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)

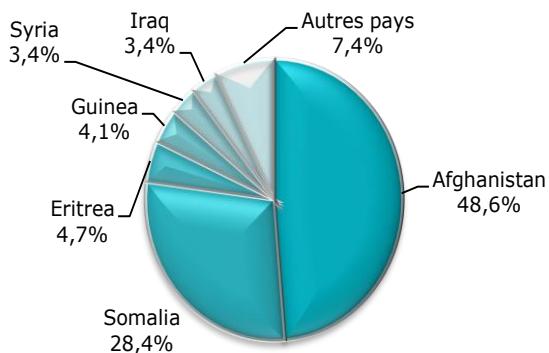
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	36	53	47,2%	10,4%
February	24	43	79,2%	-18,9%
March	21	41	95,2%	-4,7%
April	32	37	15,6%	-9,8%
May	29	148	410,3%	300,0%
June	32			
July	49			
August	51			
September	56			
October	53			
November	55			
December	48			
Total	486	322		

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



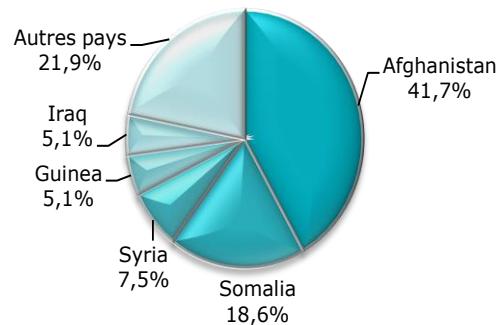
c. Top 5 countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in May 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	72
2 Somalia	42
3 Eritrea	7
4 Guinea	6
5 Syria	5
Iraq	5
Autres pays	11
Total May 2015	148



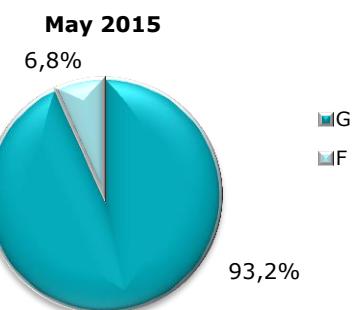
Top 5 countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	139
2 Somalia	62
3 Syria	25
4 Guinea	17
5 Iraq	17
Autres pays	73
Total 2015	333



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	83,8%	16,2%



III. ASYLUM DECISIONS IN 2015

(Source: CGRS)

1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

	January-April	May	Total
Transfer of files to CGRS	4.850	883	5.733
25/26 quater (Dublin)	464	126	590
Renunciation, ...	231	294	525
Total	5.545	1.303	6.848

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

	January	February	March	April	May	Total
Recognition of refugee status	427	524	585	571	450	2.557
Granting of subsidiary protection (SP)	42	110	140	109	112	513
Taking an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum application)	205	167	184	132	128	816
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum application)	264	241	277	205	144	1.131
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	255	324	401	342	321	1.643
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)		5	5	1	1	12
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Safe countries of origin)	37	40	31	56	21	185
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Refugee in other EU country)	2	2	2	6	3	15
Technical refusal	19	33	28	31	22	133
Exclusion from refugee status and/or SP	8	1	3	3	4	19
Abolition of refugee status or SP			5	1	1	7
Withdrawal of refugee status or SP	3	2	4	4		13
Renunciation + departure IOM	15	16	12	11	18	72
Application which does not proceed to judgment (regularization under art. 55)	5	5	3	2	3	18
Total	1.282	1.470	1.680	1.474	1.228	7.134

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

Country of origin	Number of recognitions	Number of decisions	%
1 Syria	885	993	89,1%
2 Indefinite	271	342	79,2%
3 Afghanistan	197	686	28,7%
4 Eritrea	189	215	87,9%
5 Iraq	158	413	38,3%
6 Guinea	136	394	34,5%
7 Somalia	78	277	28,2%
8 Russia	77	404	19,1%
9 China	63	197	32,0%
10 Iran	57	169	33,7%
Other countries	446	3.044	14,7%
Total 2015	2.557	7.134	35,8%

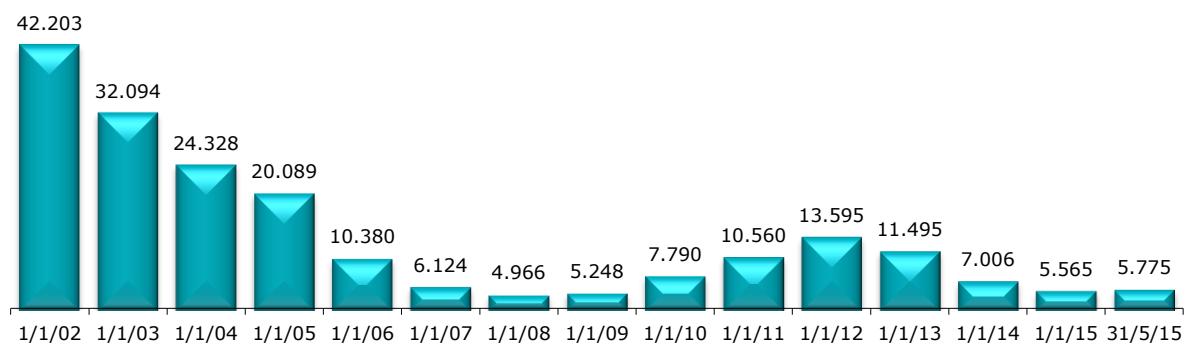
c. Decisions of granting of subsidiary protection in 2015

Country of origin	Number of granting	Number of decisions	%
1 Afghanistan	174	686	25,4%
2 Somalia	140	277	50,5%
3 Iraq	85	413	20,6%
4 Syria	51	993	5,1%
5 El Salvador	11	11	100,0%
Other countries	52	4.754	1,1%
Total 2015	513	7.134	7,2%

IV. EVOLUTION OF THE CASELOAD AT THE CGRS

At the end of March 2015, the CGRS had a total caseload of **5775** dossiers, of which **3,900** dossiers may be considered a normal workload. The backlog as such amounted therefore to **1875** dossiers.

Caseload per year



Caseload for the last 12 months

