

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)

November

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	4.199	
First asylum applications	4.053	96,5%
Multiple asylum applications	146	3,5%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	765	18,2%

CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	78	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	108	
Final decisions	1.074	
Recognition of refugee status	565	52,6%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	120	11,2%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	351	32,7%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	1	0,1%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	8	0,7%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	5	0,5%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	6	0,6%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), withdrawal of status, abolition of status	18	1,7%
Total of CGRS decisions	1.260	
Caseload at the CGRS	9.739	

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2015

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	31.275	
First asylum applications	27.387	87,6%
Multiple asylum applications	3.888	12,4%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	2.370	7,6%

CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	1.399	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	1.979	
Final decisions	11.825	
Recognition of refugee status	5.847	49,4%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	1.179	10,0%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	4.167	35,2%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	27	0,2%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	283	2,4%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	45	0,4%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	63	0,5%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), withdrawal of status, abolition of status	214	1,8%
Total of CGRS decisions	15.203	
Caseload at the CGRS	9.739	

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II. ASYLUM APPLICATIONS IN BELGIUM

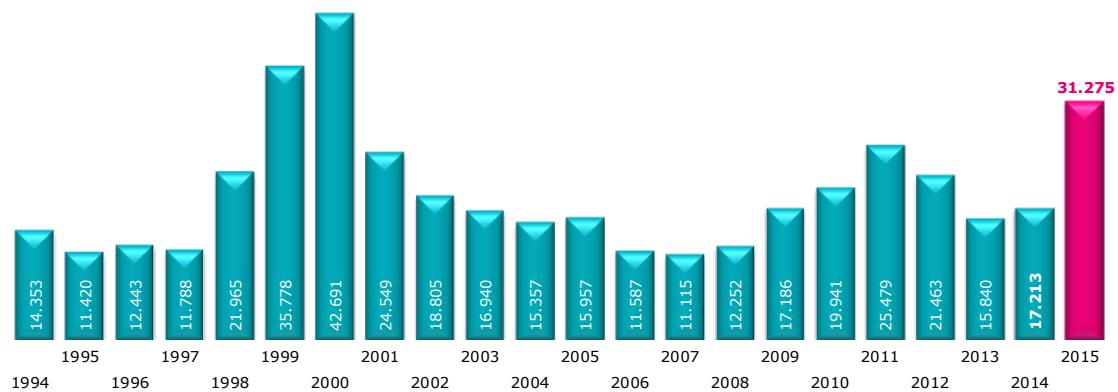
(source: Immigration Department)

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

a. Applications per month (2014-2015)

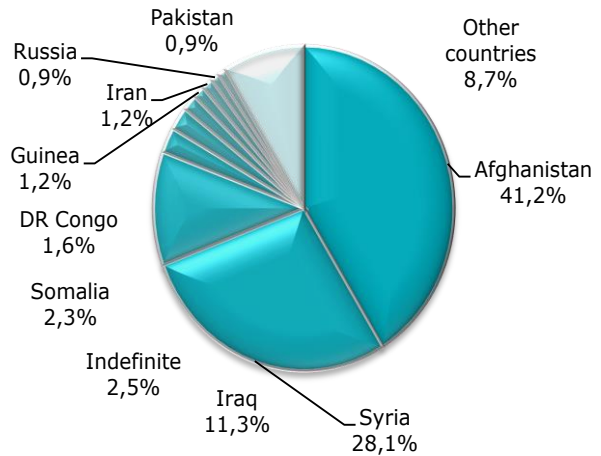
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.376	1.313	-4,6%	-20,2%
February	1.209	1.211	0,2%	-7,8%
March	1.177	1.348	14,5%	11,3%
April	1.193	1.289	8,0%	-4,4%
May	1.122	1.708	52,2%	32,5%
June	1.403	2.289	63,2%	34,0%
July	1.490	2.975	99,7%	30,0%
August	1.580	4.621	192,5%	55,3%
September	1.797	5.512	206,7%	19,3%
October	1.693	4.810	184,1%	-12,7%
November	1.528	4.199	174,8%	-12,7%
December	1.645			
Total	17.213	31.275		

b. Applications per year (1994-2015)



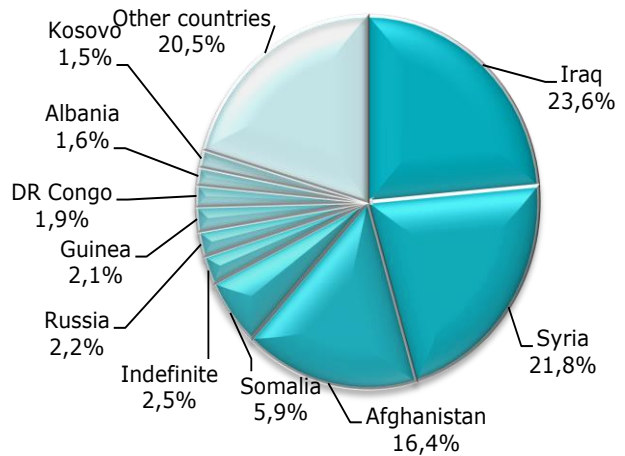
c. Top 10 of countries of origin in November 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	1.730
2 Syria	1.181
3 Iraq	474
4 Indefinite	106
5 Somalia	97
6 DR Congo	67
7 Guinea	52
8 Iran	50
9 Russia	39
10 Pakistan	37
Other countries	366
Total november 2015	4.199



Top 10 of countries of origin in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Iraq	7.380
2 Syria	6.832
3 Afghanistan	5.144
4 Somalia	1.842
5 Indefinite	777
6 Russia	686
7 Guinea	672
8 DR Congo	579
9 Albania	486
10 Kosovo	478
Other countries	6.399
Total 2015	31.275



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

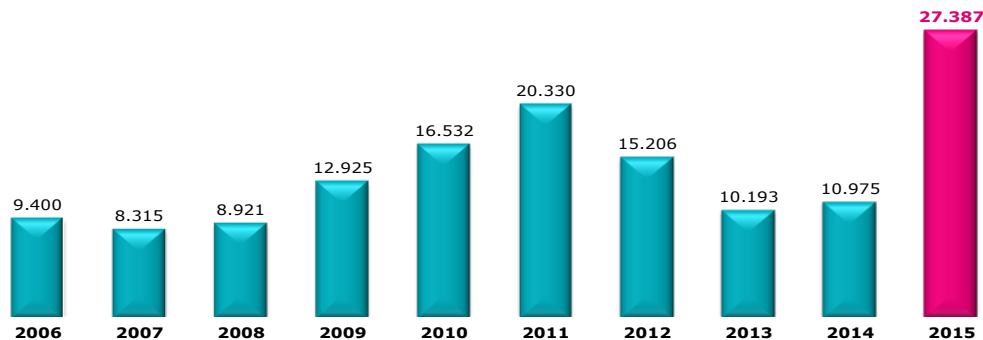
Country of origin	2012	2013	2014	2015	Country of	2012	2013	2014	2015
Afghanistan	2635	1327	1907	5144	Libanon	99	73	81	128
Albania	667	487	481	486	Liberia	27	25	30	15
Algeria	229	135	151	105	Libya	16	20	54	50
Angola	171	112	72	58	Lithuania	7	3	3	3
Argentina	6	1		1	Luxemburg	1			
Armenia	445	317	211	162	Macedonia	476	248	222	198
Australia		2			Madagascar	3	2		2
Azerbaijan	94	91	64	33	Malawi	1		1	
Bahrein		1			Malaysia	2			
Bangladesh	496	208	161	109	Mali	122	138	70	47
Belorussia	60	50	34	21	Mauretania	230	222	153	95
Benin	83	59	38	31	Mauritius	6	4	1	2
Bhutan	7	9	2	5	Mexico	1	7	3	3
Bosnia-Herzegovina	139	100	89	44	Moldova	16	12	13	10
Brasil		3	2	4	Mongolia	43	27	16	15
Bulgaria	39	23	15	5	Montenegro	53	13	13	8
Burkina-Faso	107	103	81	46	Morocco	113	130	177	196
Burundi	129	153	88	218	Mozambique	1			
Cameroon	543	417	396	280	Myanmar	23	12	14	9
Canada	5	3		2	Namibia	1		1	2
Central African Rep.	7	16	58	25	Nepal	222	53	18	63
Chad	25	24	17	8	Netherlands	7	4	4	2
Chili	2				New Sealand				1
China	395	397	153	377	Nicaragua				1
Colombia	11	11	6	5	Niger	91	89	116	71
Comores	2				Nigeria	167	154	123	112
Congo RD	1334	1225	696	579	North Corea	83	28	3	2
Congo RP	23	23	15	8	Pakistan	760	361	312	449
Costa Rica	2				Palestina	26	27	16	43
Croatia	12	12	10	4	Panama				1
Cuba	6	8	5	6	Paraguay	1	1		
Cyprus	1		1		Peru	1	1		1
Czech Rep.	5	5	1		Philippines		2	1	4
Denmark				1	Poland	1	1	4	4
Djibouti	76	122	121	84	Portugal	1			
Dominican Rep.	1	7	5	5	Romania	44	52	32	25
Ecuador			1		Russia	1470	1166	974	686
Egypt	84	120	98	66	Rwanda	391	292	259	210
El Salvador	13	14	19	31	Sao Tomé & Principe			1	
Equatorial Guinea	7	2	3	1	Saudi Arabia	1	2		3
Eritrea	67	66	716	309	Senegal	534	344	254	228
Ethiopia	49	28	59	64	Serbia	571	336	265	181
Fidji				1	Sierra Leone	78	47	64	18
France	4	1	1	2	Slovakia	15	12	15	14
Gabon	5	4	4	10	Slovenia		1		
Gambia	81	78	48	62	Somalia	360	212	318	1842
Georgia	410	302	361	234	South Africa	1	5	2	17
Germany				2	South Corea	1			2
Ghana	86	63	39	22	South Sudan	1	5	4	5
Greece				1	Spain	1			1
Guatemala	8	2	2	1	Sri Lanka	118	106	119	114
Guinea	1808	1247	1095	672	Stateless Per	11	9	2	7
Guinea-Bissau	24	13	16	10	Sudan	83	65	131	113
Guyana	1		1		Surinam	12	3	4	3
Haiti	1	2	6	9	Sweden				1
Honduras	1		2	1	Switzerland				4
Hungary	17	10	8	1	Syria	793	877	1854	6832
Indefinite	253	247	778	777	Tadzhikistan	9	2	7	11
India	109	67	76	60	Tanzania	73	52	27	14
Indonesia				1	Thailand			3	
Iran	410	350	399	382	Togo	247	219	150	140
Iraq	803	787	1131	7380	Tunisia	69	56	63	67
Israel	7	4	1	4	Turkey	368	242	225	201
Italy	2	2	2		Turkmenistan		1		2
Ivory Coast	241	161	118	94	Uganda	20	25	13	21
Jamaica	1		10	5	Ukraine	74	55	451	300
Japan	1				United Arabic	2			2
Jordania	25	20	24	15	United Kingdom				1
Kampuchea	1	0			Uruguay	1			
Kazakhstan	134	70	37	9	USA	6	2	2	2
Kenia	36	29	22	9	Uzbekistan	12	15	3	6
Kirghizistan	53	57	30	28	Venezuela		2	13	12
Kosovo	983	754	494	478	Vietnam	4	15	3	2
Kuwait	1			5	Western Sah	1			
Laos		1			Yemen	8	7	14	24
Latvia	1	1	4	2	Zambia			2	1
Lesotho			1		Zimbabwe		2	3	1
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2. First asylum applications

a. First applications per month (2014-2015)

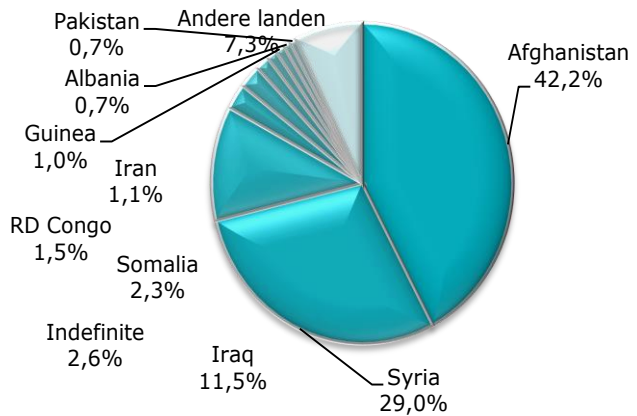
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	754	925	22,7%	-11,4%
February	602	815	35,4%	-11,9%
March	696	921	32,3%	13,0%
April	712	884	24,2%	-4,0%
May	694	1.354	95,1%	53,2%
June	871	1.886	116,5%	39,3%
July	994	2.630	164,6%	39,4%
August	1.151	4.315	274,9%	64,1%
September	1.328	5.166	289,0%	19,7%
October	1.186	4.438	274,2%	-14,1%
November	943	4.053	329,8%	-8,7%
December	1.044			
Total	10.975	27.387		

b. First applications per year (2006-2015)



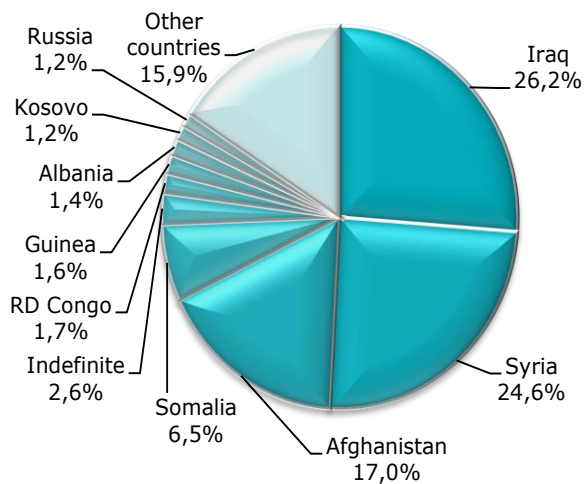
c. Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in November 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	1712
2 Syria	1176
3 Iraq	468
4 Indefinite	105
5 Somalia	95
6 RD Congo	60
7 Iran	44
8 Guinea	40
9 Albania	30
10 Pakistan	29
Andere landen	294
Total november 2015	4.053



Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Iraq	7.178
2 Syria	6.749
3 Afghanistan	4.660
4 Somalia	1.790
5 Indefinite	713
6 RD Congo	460
7 Guinea	435
8 Albania	387
9 Kosovo	336
10 Russia	322
Other countries	4.357
Total 2015	27.387

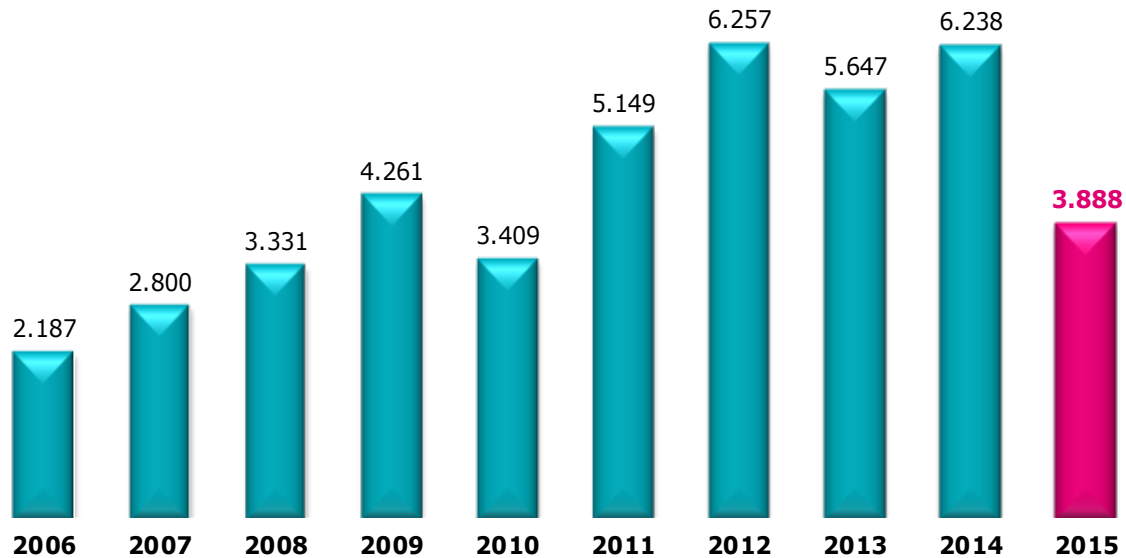


3. Multiple asylum applications

a. Multiple applications per month (2014-2015)

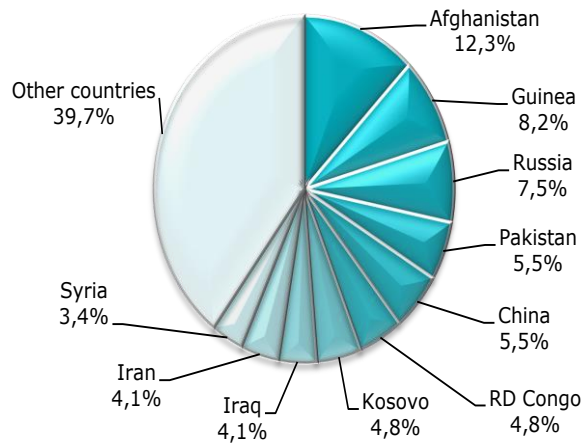
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	622	388	-37,6%	-35,4%
February	607	396	-34,8%	2,1%
March	481	427	-11,2%	7,8%
April	481	405	-15,8%	-5,2%
May	428	354	-17,3%	-12,6%
June	532	403	-24,2%	13,8%
July	496	345	-30,4%	-14,4%
August	429	306	-28,7%	-11,3%
September	469	346	-26,2%	13,1%
October	507	372	-26,6%	7,5%
November	585	146	-75,0%	-60,8%
December	601			
Total	6.238	3.888		

b. Multiple applications per year (2006-2015)



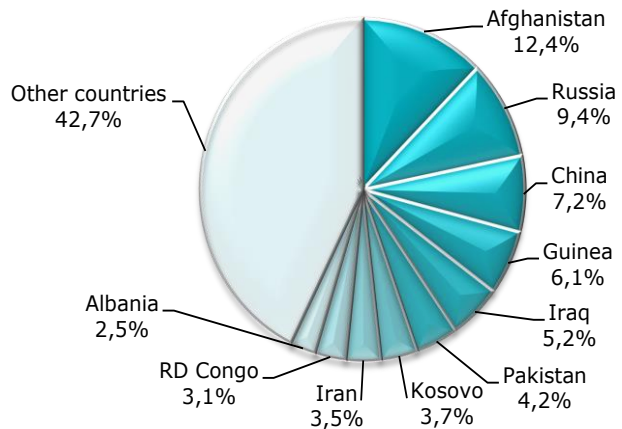
Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in November 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	18
2 Guinea	12
3 Russia	11
4 Pakistan	8
5 China	8
6 RD Congo	7
7 Kosovo	7
8 Iraq	6
9 Iran	6
10 Syria	5
Other countries	58
Total nov. 2015	146



Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	484
2 Russia	364
3 China	280
4 Guinea	237
5 Iraq	202
6 Pakistan	164
7 Kosovo	142
8 Iran	136
9 RD Congo	119
10 Albania	99
Other countries	1.661
Total 2015	3.888



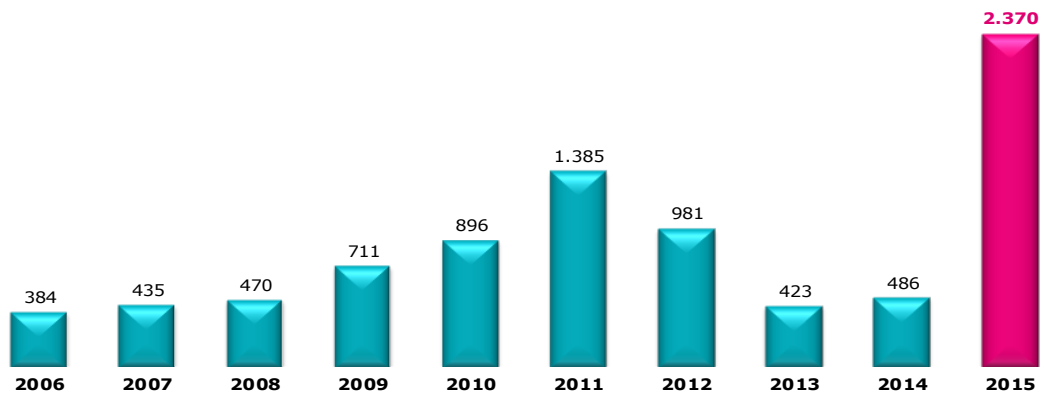
4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

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)

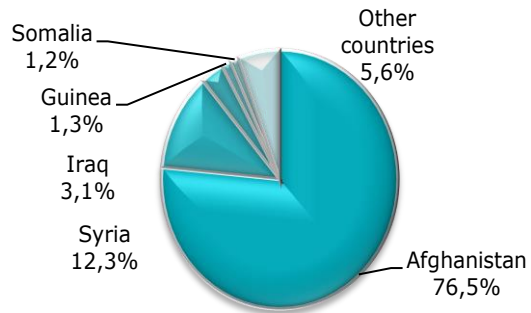
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	36	53	47,2%	10,4%
February	24	43	79,2%	-18,9%
March	21	36	71,4%	-16,3%
April	32	35	9,4%	-2,8%
May	29	79	172,4%	125,7%
June	32	117	265,6%	48,1%
July	49	181	269,4%	54,7%
August	51	216	323,5%	19,3%
September	56	356	535,7%	64,8%
October	53	489	822,6%	37,4%
November	55	765	1290,9%	56,4%
December	48			
Total	486	2.370		

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



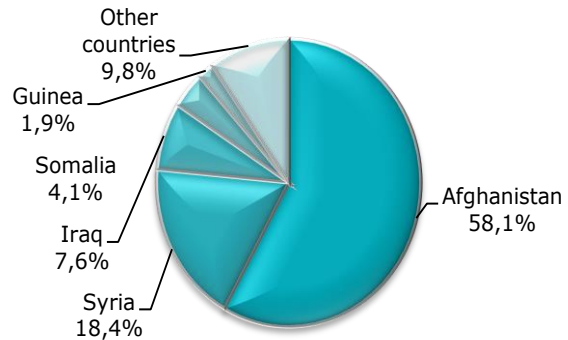
c. Top 5 countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in November 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	585
2 Syria	94
3 Iraq	24
4 Guinea	10
5 Somalia	9
Other countries	43
Total nov. 2015	765



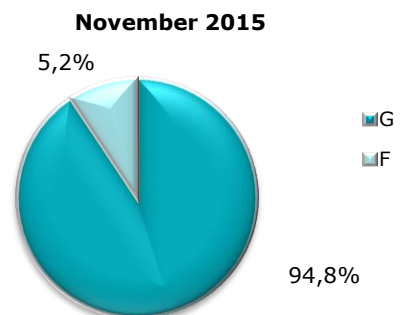
Top 5 countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	1.376
2 Syria	436
3 Iraq	181
4 Somalia	98
5 Guinea	46
Other countries	233
Total 2015	2.370



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	91,5%	8,5%



III. ASYLUM DECISIONS IN 2015

1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

(Source: Immigration Department)

	January-October	November	Total
Transfer of files to CGRS	14.250	3.841	18.091
25/26 quater (Dublin)	1.209	96	1.305
Renunciation, ...	988	25	1.013
Total	16.447	3.962	20.409

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	Avril	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total
Recognition of refugee status	427	524	585	571	450	538	499	495	534	657	565	5.845
Granting of subsidiary protection (SP)	42	110	140	109	112	131	85	100	94	136	120	1.179
Takin an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	205	167	184	132	128	184	97	50	79	95	78	1.399
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	264	241	277	205	144	206	179	86	117	152	108	1.979
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	255	324	401	342	321	410	289	313	394	466	337	3.852
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)		5	5	1	1	3	4	3	3	1	1	27
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Safe countries of origin)	37	40	31	56	21	14	14	12	30	20	8	283
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Refugee in other EU country)	2	2	2	6	3	4	2	9	5	5	5	45
Technical refusal	19	33	28	31	22	24	28	30	40	45	14	314
Exclusion from refugee status and/or SP	8	1	3	3	4	11	9	2	3	8	6	58
Abolition of refugee status or SP			5	1	1		3		0	1	1	12
Withdrawal of refugee status or SP	3	2	4	4		7	1	1	3	2	5	32
Renunciation + departure IOM	15	16	12	11	18	16	8	5	15	21	12	149
Application which does not proceed to judgment (regularization under art. 55)	5	5	3	2	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	23
Total	1.282	1.470	1.680	1.474	1.228	1.550	1.220	1.107	1.317	1.609	1.260	15.197

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

Country of origin	Number of recognitions	Number of final decisions	%
1 Syria	2.001	2.217	90,3%
2 Indefinite	518	637	81,3%
3 Eritrea	504	539	93,5%
4 Iraq	443	941	47,1%
5 Afghanistan	379	940	40,3%
6 Guinea	305	537	56,8%
7 Iran	167	245	68,2%
8 Somalia	166	503	33,0%
9 Russia	143	454	31,5%
10 China	125	171	73,1%
Other countries	1.096	4.641	23,6%
Total 2015	5.847	11.825	49,4%

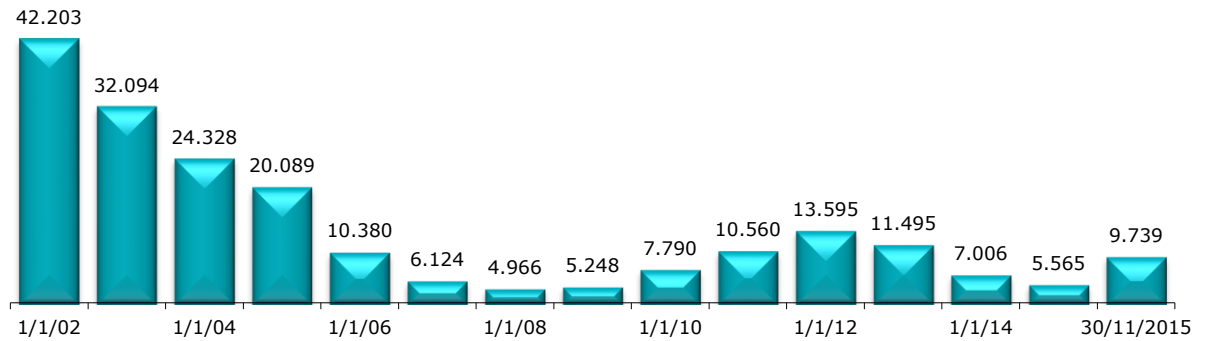
c. Decisions of granting of subsidiary protection in 2015

Country of origin	Number of granting	Number of final decisions	%
1 Afghanistan	354	940	37,7%
2 Iraq	271	941	28,8%
3 Somalia	246	503	48,9%
4 Syria	161	2.217	7,3%
5 El Salvador	32	40	80,0%
Other countries	115	7.184	1,6%
Total 2015	1.179	11.825	10,0%

IV. EVOLUTION OF THE CASELOAD AT THE CGRS

At the end of november 2015, the CGRS had a total caseload of **9.739** dossiers, of which **4.500** dossiers may be considered a normal workload. The backlog as such amounted therefore to **5.239** dossiers.

Caseload per year



Caseload fort he last 16 months

