

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)

October

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	4.810	
First asylum applications	4.438	92,3%
Multiple asylum applications	372	7,7%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	563	11,7%

CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	95	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	152	
Final decisions	1.362	
Recognition of refugee status	657	48,2%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	136	10,0%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	511	37,5%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	1	0,1%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	20	1,5%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	5	0,4%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	8	0,6%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	24	1,8%
Total of CGRS decisions	1.609	
Caseload at the CGRS	7.847	

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2015

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	27.076	
First asylum applications	23.334	86,2%
Multiple asylum applications	3.724	13,8%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	1.725	6,4%

CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	1.321	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	1.871	
Final decisions	10.748	
Recognition of refugee status	5.281	49,1%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	1.059	9,9%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	3.815	35,5%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	26	0,2%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	275	2,6%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	40	0,4%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	57	0,5%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	195	1,8%
Total of CGRS decisions	13.940	
Caseload at the CGRS	7.847	

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II. ASYLUM APPLICATIONS IN BELGIUM

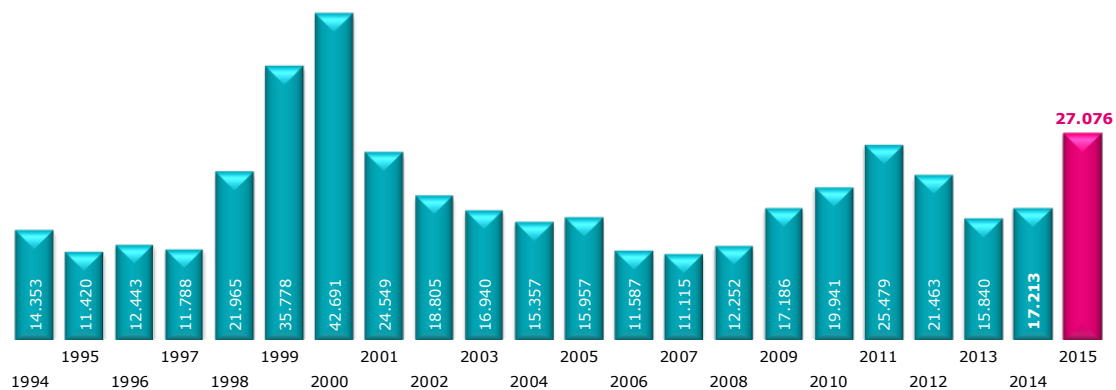
(source: Immigration Department)

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			
December	1.645			
Total	17.213	27.076		

b. Applications per year (1994-2015)



c. Top 10 of countries of origin in October 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	1.497
2 Afghanistan	1.177
3 Iraq	748
4 Somalia	169
5 Indefinite	118
6 Iran	85
7 Albania	83
8 DR Congo	82
9 Guinea	75
10 Russia	70
Other countries	706
Total October 2015	4.810



Top 10 of countries of origin in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Iraq	6.906
2 Syria	5.651
3 Afghanistan	3.414
4 Somalia	1.745
5 Indefinite	671
6 Russia	647
7 Guinea	620
8 DR Congo	512
9 Kosovo	463
10 Albania	453
Other countries	5.994
Total 2015	27.076



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

Country of origin	2012	2013	2014	2015
Afghanistan	2635	1327	1907	3414
Albania	667	487	481	453
Algeria	229	135	151	102
Angola	171	112	72	57
Argentina	6	1		
Armenia	445	317	211	159
Australia		2		
Azerbaijan	94	91	64	31
Bahrain		1		
Bangladesh	496	208	161	103
Belarus	60	50	34	20
Benin	83	59	38	31
Bhutan	7	9	2	5
Bosnia-Herzegovina	139	100	89	42
Brazil		3	2	3
Bulgaria	39	23	15	5
Burkina-Faso	107	103	81	45
Burundi	129	153	88	191
Cameroon	543	417	396	260
Canada	5	3		2
Central African Rep.	7	16	58	21
Chad	25	24	17	8
Chile	2			
China	395	397	153	358
Colombia	11	11	6	5
Comoros	2			
Congo RD	1334	1225	696	512
Congo RP	23	23	15	8
Costa Rica	2			
Croatia	12	12	10	4
Cuba	6	8	5	4
Cyprus	1		1	
Czech Rep.	5	5	1	
Denmark				1
Djibouti	76	122	121	81
Dominican Rep.	1	7	5	5
Ecuador			1	
Egypt	84	120	98	66
El Salvador	13	14	19	25
Equatorial Guinea	7	2	3	1
Eritrea	67	66	716	297
Ethiopia	49	28	59	62
Fiji				1
France	4	1	1	2
Gabon	5	4	4	8
Gambia	81	78	48	60
Georgia	410	302	361	233
Germany				2
Ghana	86	63	39	21
Greece				1
Guatemala	8	2	2	1
Guinea	1808	1247	1095	620
Guinea-Bissau	24	13	16	10
Guyana	1		1	
Haiti	1	2	6	9
Honduras	1		2	1
Hungary	17	10	8	1
Indefinite	253	247	778	671
India	109	67	76	58
Indonesia				1
Iran	410	350	399	332
Iraq	803	787	1131	6906
Israel	7	4	1	4
Italy	2	2	2	
Ivory Coast	241	161	118	86
Jamaica	1		10	5
Japan	1			
Jordan	25	20	24	15
Kampuchea	1	0		
Kazakhstan	134	70	37	9
Kenya	36	29	22	8
Kirghizistan	53	57	30	28
Kosovo	983	754	494	463
Kuwait	1			3
Laos		1		
Latvia	1	1	4	2
Lesotho			1	

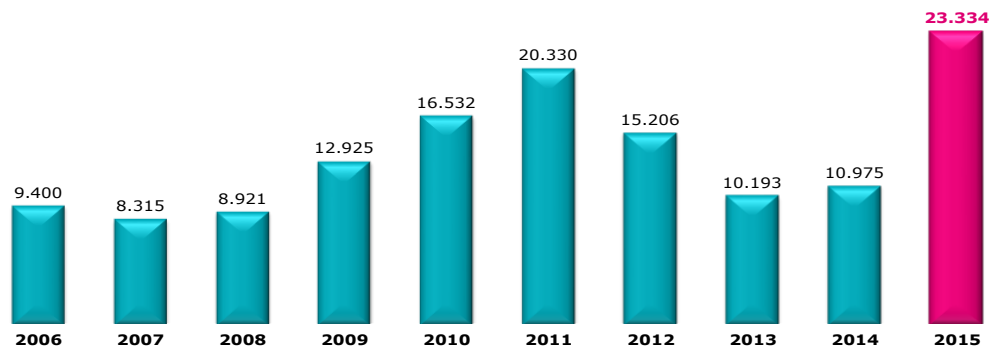
Country of	2012	2013	2014	2015
Libanon	99	73	81	98
Liberia	27	25	30	15
Libya	16	20	54	50
Lithuania	7	3	3	3
Luxemburg	1			
Macedonia	476	248	222	195
Madagascar	3	2		2
Malawi	1		1	
Malaysia	2			
Mali	122	138	70	47
Mauretania	230	222	153	91
Mauritius	6	4	1	2
Mexico	1	7	3	3
Moldova	16	12	13	9
Mongolia	43	27	16	15
Montenegro	53	13	13	8
Morocco	113	130	177	171
Mozambique	1			
Myanmar	23	12	14	9
Namibia	1		1	2
Nepal	222	53	18	59
Netherlands	7	4	4	2
New Zealand				1
Nicaragua				1
Niger	91	89	116	70
Nigeria	167	154	123	109
North Korea	83	28	3	2
Pakistan	760	361	312	412
Palestina	26	27	16	37
Paraguay	1	1		
Peru	1	1		1
Philippines		2	1	3
Poland	1	1	4	4
Portugal	1			
Romania	44	52	32	25
Russia	1470	1166	974	647
Rwanda	391	292	259	191
Sao Tomé & Príncipe			1	
Saudi Arabia	1	2		2
Senegal	534	344	254	216
Serbia	571	336	265	174
Sierra Leone	78	47	64	16
Slovakia	15	12	15	13
Slovenia		1		
Somalia	360	212	318	1745
South Africa	1	5	2	17
South Korea	1			2
South Sudan	1	5	4	5
Spain	1			1
Sri Lanka	118	106	119	112
Stateless Per.	11	9	2	7
Sudan	83	65	131	107
Surinam	12	3	4	3
Sweden				1
Switzerland				4
Syria	793	877	1854	5651
Tadzhikistan	9	2	7	11
Tanzania	73	52	27	14
Thailand			3	
Togo	247	219	150	136
Tunisia	69	56	63	63
Turkey	368	242	225	182
Turkmenistan		1		2
Uganda	20	25	13	20
Ukraine	74	55	451	282
United Arabic	2			1
United Kingdom				1
Uruguay	1			
USA	6	2	2	2
Uzbekistan	12	15	3	3
Venezuela		2	13	12
Vietnam	4	15	3	2
Western Sah	1			
Yemen	8	7	14	24
Zambia			2	1
Zimbabwe		2	3	1
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2. First asylum applications

a. First applications per month (2014-2015)

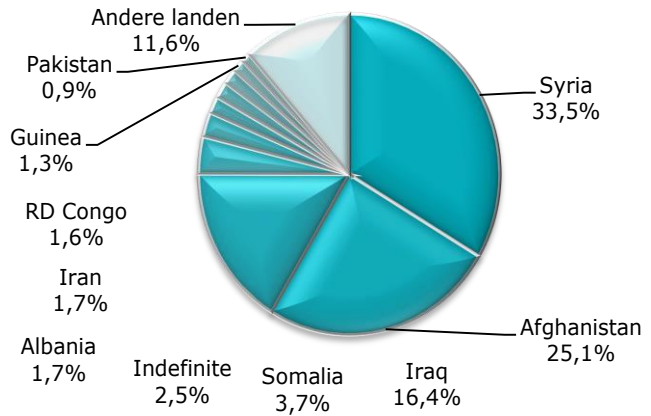
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	754	925	22,7%	-11,4%
February	602	815	35,4%	-11,9%
March	696	921	32,3%	13,0%
April	712	884	24,2%	-4,0%
May	694	1.354	95,1%	53,2%
June	871	1.886	116,5%	39,3%
July	994	2.630	164,6%	39,4%
August	1.151	4.315	274,9%	64,1%
September	1.328	5.166	289,0%	19,7%
October	1.186	4.438	274,2%	-14,1%
November	943			
December	1.044			
Total	10.975	23.334		

b. First applications per year (2006-2015)



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

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	1488
2 Afghanistan	1114
3 Iraq	729
4 Somalia	166
5 Indefinite	110
6 Albania	76
7 Iran	74
8 RD Congo	69
9 Guinea	57
10 Pakistan	42
Andere landen	513
Total oktober 2015	4.438



Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Iraq	6.710
2 Syria	5.573
3 Afghanistan	2.948
4 Somalia	1.695
5 Indefinite	608
6 RD Congo	400
7 Guinea	395
8 Albania	357
9 Kosovo	328
10 Russia	294
Other countries	4.026
Total 2015	23.334

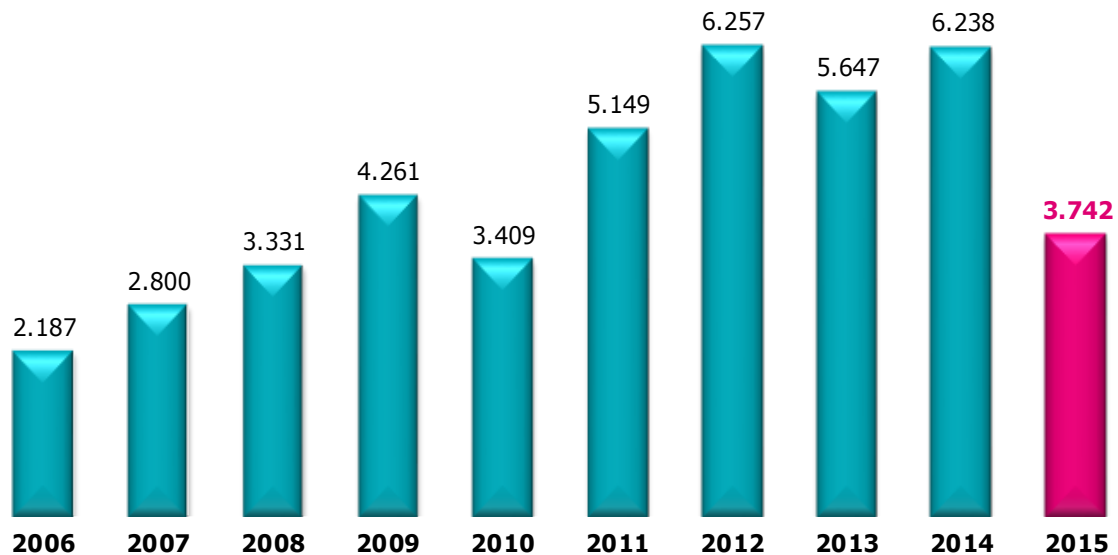


3. Multiple asylum applications

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			
December	601			
Total	6.238	3.742		

b. Multiple applications per year (2006-2015)



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

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	63
2 Russia	38
3 China	31
4 Iraq	19
5 Gunea	18
6 Pakistan	16
7 RD Congo	13
8 Turkey	13
9 Serbia	13
10 Iran	11
Other countries	137
Total october 2015	372



Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	466
2 Russia	353
3 China	272
4 Guinea	225
5 Iraq	196
6 Pakistan	156
7 Kosovo	135
8 Iran	130
9 RD Congo	112
10 Albania	96
Other countries	1.601
Total 2015	3.742



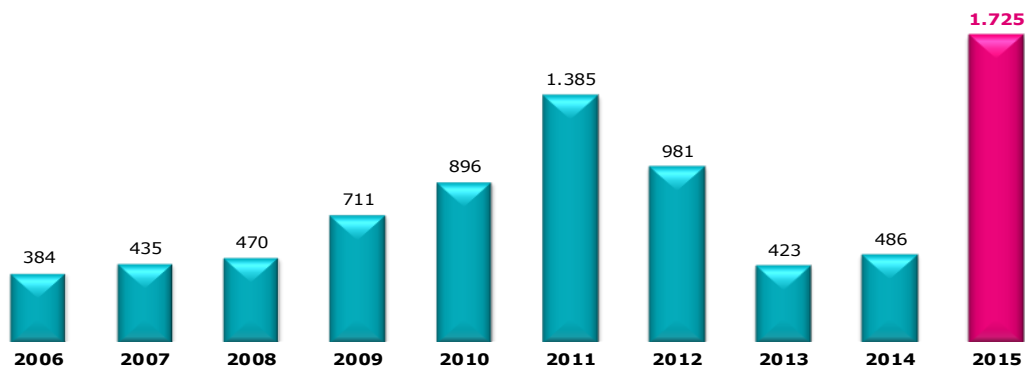
4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

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)

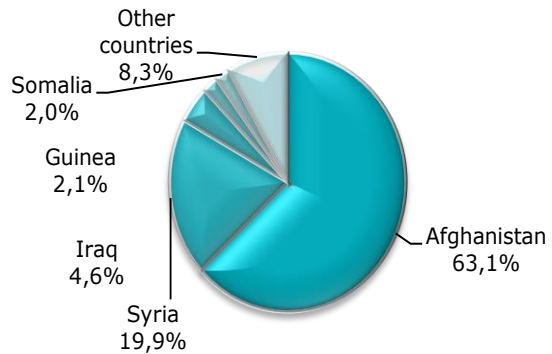
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	36	53	47,2%	10,4%
February	24	43	79,2%	-18,9%
March	21	36	71,4%	-16,3%
April	32	35	9,4%	-2,8%
May	29	79	172,4%	125,7%
June	32	117	265,6%	48,1%
July	49	181	269,4%	54,7%
August	51	219	329,4%	21,0%
September	56	399	612,5%	82,2%
October	53	563	962,3%	41,1%
November	55			
December	48			
Total	486	1.725		

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



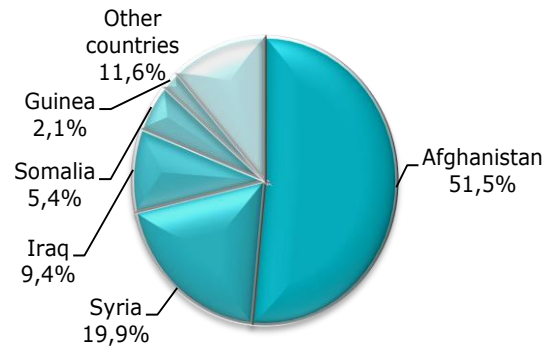
c. Top 5 countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in october 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	355
2 Syria	112
3 Iraq	26
4 Guinea	12
5 Somalia	11
Other countries	47
Total sep 2015	563



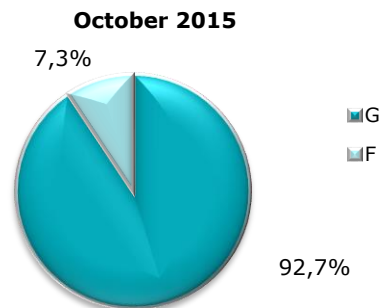
Top 5 countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	889
2 Syria	344
3 Iraq	162
4 Somalia	93
5 Guinea	37
Other countries	200
Total 2015	1.725



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	90,3%	9,7%



III. ASYLUM DECISIONS IN 2015

1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

(Source: Immigration Department)

	January-September	October	Total
Transfer of files to CGRS	11.495	2.711	14.206
25/26 quater (Dublin)	1.088	117	1.205
Renunciation, ...	831	40	871
Total	13.414	2.868	16.282

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	Total
Recognition of refugee status	427	524	585	571	450	538	499	495	534	657	5.280
Granting of subsidiary protection (SP)	42	110	140	109	112	131	85	100	94	136	1.059
Takin an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	205	167	184	132	128	184	97	50	79	95	1.321
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	264	241	277	205	144	206	179	86	117	152	1.871
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	255	324	401	342	321	410	289	313	394	466	3.515
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)		5	5	1	1	3	4	3	3	1	26
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Safe countries of origin)	37	40	31	56	21	14	14	12	30	20	275
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Refugee in other EU country)	2	2	2	6	3	4	2	9	5	5	40
Technical refusal	19	33	28	31	22	24	28	30	40	45	300
Exclusion from refugee status and/or SP	8	1	3	3	4	11	9	2	3	8	52
Abolition of refugee status or SP			5	1	1		3		0	1	11
Withdrawal of refugee status or SP	3	2	4	4		7	1	1	3	2	27
Renunciation + departure IOM	15	16	12	11	18	16	8	5	15	21	137
Application which does not proceed to judgment (regularization under art. 55)	5	5	3	2	3	2	2	1	0	0	23
Total	1.282	1.470	1.680	1.474	1.228	1.550	1.220	1.107	1.317	1.609	13.937

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

Country of origin	Number of recognitions	Number of final decisions	%
1 Syria	1.777	1.929	92,1%
2 Indefinite	499	612	81,5%
3 Eritrea	438	470	93,2%
4 Iraq	392	827	47,4%
5 Afghanistan	361	880	41,0%
6 Guinea	290	502	57,8%
7 Somalia	156	468	33,3%
8 Iran	150	217	69,1%
9 Russia	133	410	32,4%
10 China	120	166	72,3%
Other countries	965	4.267	22,6%
Total 2015	5.281	10.748	49,1%

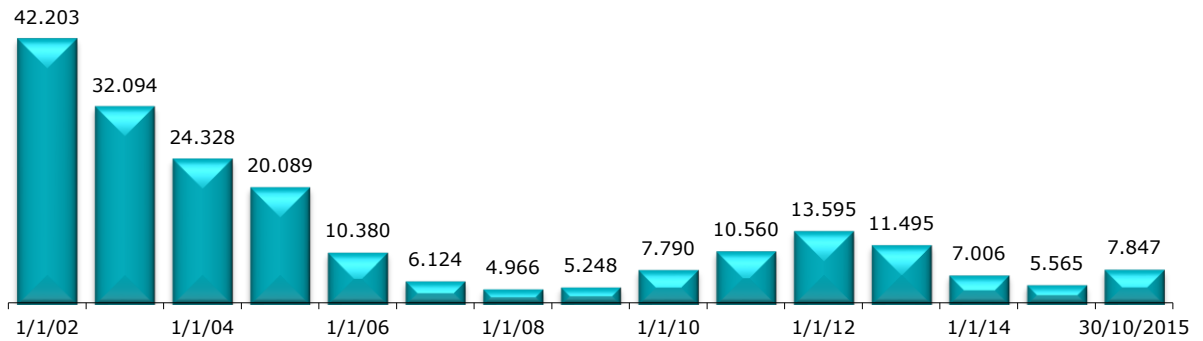
c. Decisions of granting of subsidiary protection in 2015

Country of origin	Number of granting	Number of final decisions	%
1 Afghanistan	335	880	38,1%
2 Iraq	255	827	30,8%
3 Somalia	227	468	48,5%
4 Syria	100	1.929	5,2%
5 El Salvador	32	39	82,1%
Other countries	110	6.605	1,7%
Total 2015	1.059	10.748	9,9%

IV. EVOLUTION OF THE CASELOAD AT THE CGRS

At the end of october 2015, the CGRS had a total caseload of **7847** dossiers, of which **3900** dossiers may be considered a normal workload. The backlog as such amounted therefore to **3947** dossiers.

Caseload per year



Caseload fort he last 16 months

