

## 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)

### September

	Number of files	% of asylum applications
<b>Asylum applications</b>		
Number of asylum applications	5.512	
First asylum applications	5.166	93,7%
Multiple asylum applications	346	6,3%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	482	8,7%
<b>CGRS decisions</b>		
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	79	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	117	
Final decisions	1.121	
<b>Recognition of refugee status</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>47,6%</b>
<b>Subsidiary Protection (SP)</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>8,4%</b>
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	434	38,7%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	3	0,3%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	30	2,7%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	5	0,4%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	3	0,3%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	18	1,6%
Total of CGRS decisions	1.317	
<b>Caseload at the CGRS</b>	<b>6.738</b>	

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**2015**

<b>Asylum applications</b>	<b>Number of files</b>	<b>% of asylum applications</b>
Number of asylum applications	22.266	
First asylum applications	18.896	84,9%
Multiple asylum applications	3.370	15,1%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	1.388	6,2%

<b>CGRS decisions</b>	<b>Number of decisions</b>	<b>% of decisions</b>
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	1.225	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	1.719	
Final decisions	9.386	
<b>Recognition of refugee status</b>	<b>4.624</b>	<b>49,3%</b>
<b>Subsidiary Protection (SP)</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>9,8%</b>
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	3.304	35,2%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	25	0,3%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	255	2,7%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	35	0,4%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	49	0,5%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	171	1,8%
Total of CGRS decisions	12.330	
<b>Caseload at the CGRS</b>	<b>6.738</b>	

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## II. ASYLUM APPLICATIONS IN BELGIUM

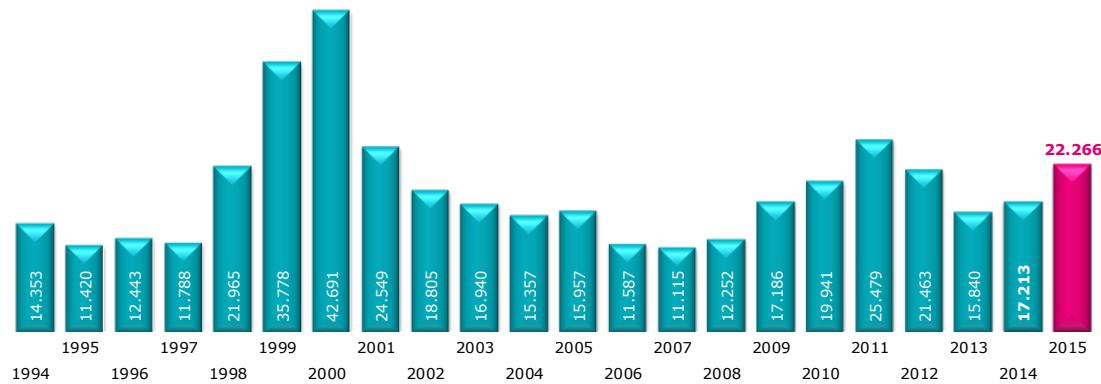
(source: Immigration Department)

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

#### a. Applications per month (2014-2015)

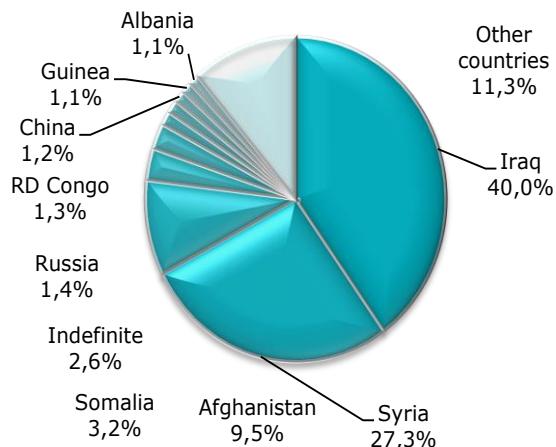
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.376	1.313	-4,6%	-20,2%
February	1.209	1.211	0,2%	-7,8%
March	1.177	1.348	14,5%	11,3%
April	1.193	1.289	8,0%	-4,4%
May	1.122	1.708	52,2%	32,5%
June	1.403	2.289	63,2%	34,0%
July	1.490	2.975	99,7%	30,0%
August	1.580	4.621	192,5%	55,3%
September	1.797	5.512	206,7%	19,3%
October	1.693			
November	1.528			
December	1.645			
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.213</b>	<b>22.266</b>		

#### b. Applications per year (1994-2015)

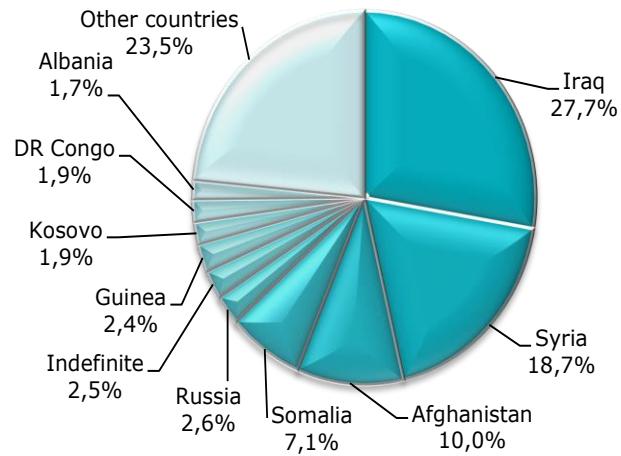


**c. Top 10 of countries of origin in September 2015**

<b>Country of origin</b>	<b>Number</b>
1 Iraq	2.207
2 Syria	1.507
3 Afghanistan	523
4 Somalia	175
5 Indefinite	141
6 Russia	76
7 RD Congo	72
8 China	66
9 Guinea	62
10 Albania	59
Other countries	624
<b>Total september 2015</b>	<b>5.512</b>


**Top 10 of countries of origin in 2015**

<b>Country of origin</b>	<b>Number</b>
1 Iraq	6.158
2 Syria	4.154
3 Afghanistan	2.237
4 Somalia	1.576
5 Russia	577
6 Indefinite	553
7 Guinea	545
8 Kosovo	433
9 DR Congo	430
10 Albania	370
Other countries	5.233
<b>Total 2015</b>	<b>22.266</b>



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

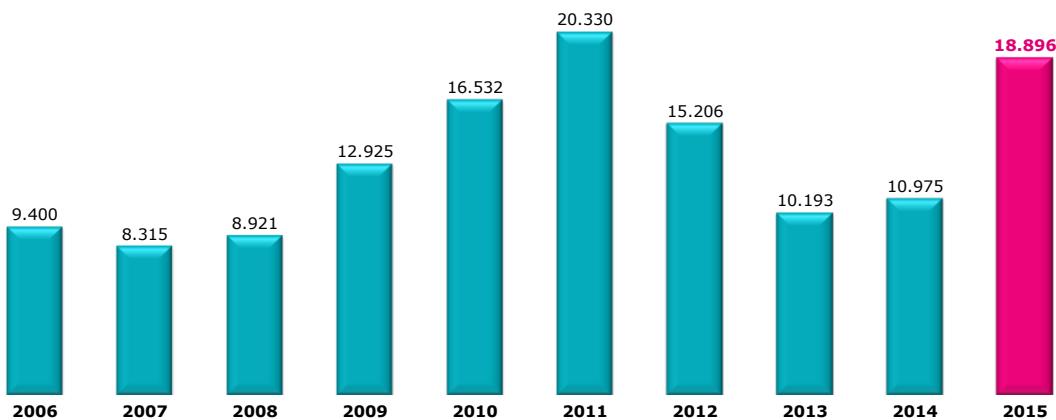
Country of origin	2012	2013	2014	2015	Country of	2012	2013	2014	2015
Afghanistan	2635	1327	1907	2237	Lesotho			1	
Albania	667	487	481	370	Libanon	99	73	81	76
Algeria	229	135	151	92	Liberia	27	25	30	12
Angola	171	112	72	2	Libya	16	20	54	45
Argentina	6	1			Lithuania	7	3	3	3
Armenia	445	317	211	142	Luxemburg	1			
Australia		2			Macedonia	476	248	222	181
Azerbaijan	94	91	64	29	Madagascar	3	2		2
Bahrein		1			Malawi	1		1	
Bangladesh	496	208	161	88	Malaysia	2			
Belorussia	60	50	34	17	Mali	122	138	70	43
Benin	83	59	38	29	Mauretania	230	222	153	78
Bhutan	7	9	2	4	Mauritius	6	4	1	2
Bosnia-Herzegovina	139	100	89	41	Mexico	1	7	3	3
Brasil		3	2	2	Moldova	16	12	13	5
Bulgaria	39	23	15	5	Mongolia	43	27	16	15
Burkina-Faso	107	103	81	40	Montenegro	53	13	13	7
Burundi	129	153	88	159	Morocco	113	130	177	145
Cameroon	543	417	396	236	Mozambique	1			
Canada	5	3		2	Myanmar	23	12	14	7
Central African Rep.	7	16	58	16	Namibia	1		1	2
Chad	25	24	17	4	Nepal	222	53	18	52
Chili	2				Netherlands	7	4	4	2
China	395	397	153	317	New Sealand			1	
Colombia	11	11	6	4	Nicaragua			1	
Comores	2				Niger	91	89	116	64
Congo RD	1334	1225	696	430	Nigeria	167	154	123	94
Congo RP	23	23	15	7	North Corea	83	28	3	2
Costa Rica	2				Pakistan	760	361	312	354
Croatia	12	12	10	4	Palestina	26	27	16	32
Cuba	6	8	5	4	Paraguay	1	1		
Cyprus	1		1		Peru		1		
Czech Rep.	5	5	1		Philippines	2	1	1	3
Denmark				1	Poland	1	1	4	4
Djibouti	76	122	121	72	Portugal	1			
Dominican Rep.	1	7	5	5	Romania	44	52	32	22
Ecuador			1		Russia	1470	1166	974	577
Egypt	84	120	98	59	Rwanda	391	292	259	172
El Salvador	13	14	19	20	Sao Tomé & Principe		1		
Equatorial Guinea	7	2	3		Saoudi Arabia	1	2		2
Eritrea	67	66	716	259	Senegal	534	344	254	192
Ethiopia	49	28	59	58	Serbia	571	336	265	155
Fidji				1	Sierra Leone	78	47	64	15
France	4	1	1	2	Slovakia	15	12	15	3
Gabon	5	4	4	7	Slovenia		1		
Gambia	81	78	48	54	Somalia	360	212	318	1576
Georgia	410	302	361	208	South Africa	1	5	2	12
Germany				1	South Corea	1			2
Ghana	86	63	39	17	South Sudan	1	5	4	2
Greece				1	Spain	1			1
Guatemala	8	2	2	1	Sri Lanka	118	106	119	109
Guinea	1808	1247	1095	545	Stateless Per:	11	9	2	6
Guinea-Bissau	24	13	16	9	Sudan	83	65	131	96
Guyana	1		1		Surinam	12	3	4	3
Haiti	1	2	6	9	Sweden			1	
Honduras	1		2		Switzerland			4	
Hungary	17	10	8		Syria	793	877	1854	4154
Indefinite	253	247	778	553	Tadzhikistan	9	2	7	10
India	109	67	76	56	Tanzania	73	52	27	13
Indonesia				1	Thailand		3		
Iran	410	350	399	247	Togo	247	219	150	116
Iraq	803	787	1131	6158	Tunisia	69	56	63	58
Israel	7	4	1		Turkey	368	242	225	146
Italy	2	2	2		Turkmenistan		1		1
Ivory Coast	241	161	118	80	Uganda	20	25	13	19
Jamaica	1		10	5	Ukraine	74	55	451	255
Japan	1				United Arabic	2			1
Jordania	25	20	24	14	Uruguay		1		
Kampuchea	1	0			USA	6	2	2	1
Kazakhstan	134	70	37	9	Uzbekistan	12	15	3	1
Kenia	36	29	22	8	Venezuela		2	13	10
Kirghizistan	53	57	30	26	Vietnam	4	15	3	2
Kosovo	983	754	494	433	Western Sah	1			
Kuwait	1			3	Yemen	8	7	14	18
Laos		1			Zambie		2		1
Latvia	1	1	4	2	Zimbabwe		2	3	1

## 2. First asylum applications

### a. First applications per month (2014-2015)

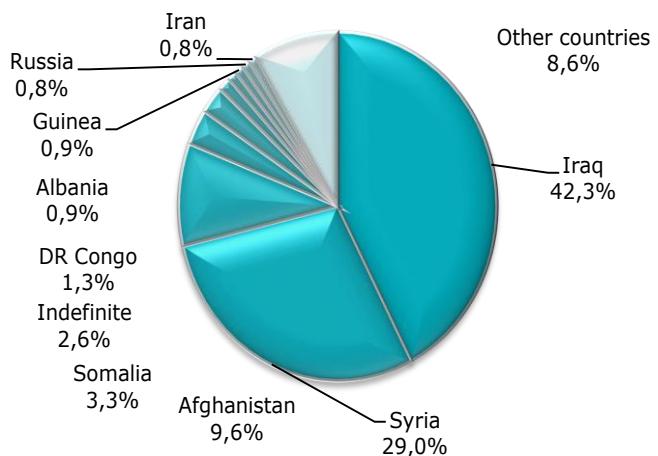
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	754	925	22,7%	-11,4%
February	602	815	35,4%	-11,9%
March	696	921	32,3%	13,0%
April	712	884	24,2%	-4,0%
May	694	1.354	95,1%	53,2%
June	871	1.886	116,5%	39,3%
July	994	2.630	164,6%	39,4%
August	1.151	4.315	274,9%	64,1%
September	1.328	5.166	289,0%	19,7%
October	1.186			
November	943			
December	1.044			
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.975</b>	<b>18.896</b>		

### b. First applications per year (2006-2015)



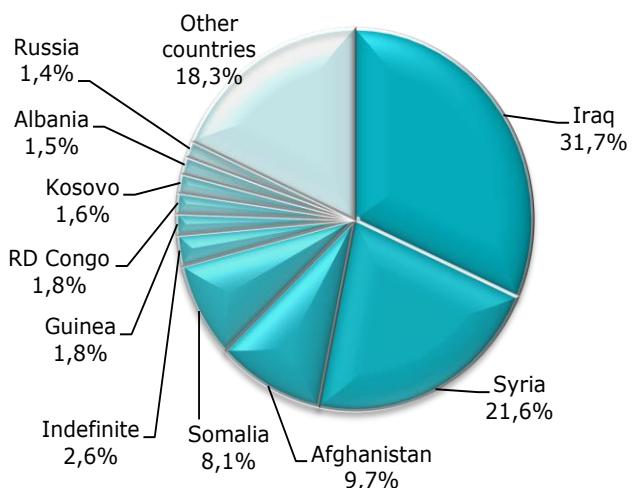
**c. Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in September 2015**

Country of origin	Number
1 Iraq	2.187
2 Syria	1.496
3 Afghanistan	494
4 Somalia	172
5 Indefinite	132
6 DR Congo	65
7 Albania	47
8 Guinea	45
9 Russia	42
10 Iran	42
Other countries	444
<b>Total sep 2015</b>	<b>5.166</b>



**Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in 2015**

Country of origin	Number
1 Iraq	5.981
2 Syria	4.085
3 Afghanistan	1.834
4 Somalia	1.529
5 Indefinite	498
6 Guinea	338
7 RD Congo	331
8 Kosovo	305
9 Albania	281
10 Russia	262
Other countries	3.452
<b>Total 2015</b>	<b>18.896</b>

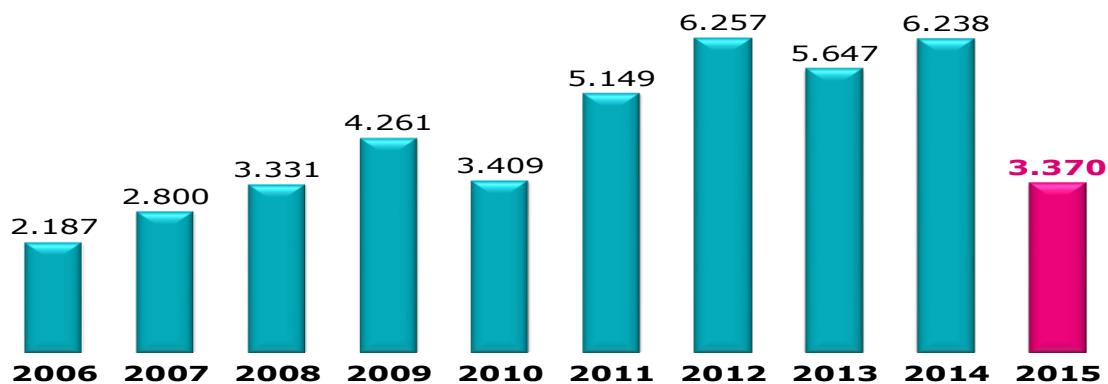


### 3. Multiple asylum applications

#### a. Multiple applications per month (2014-2015)

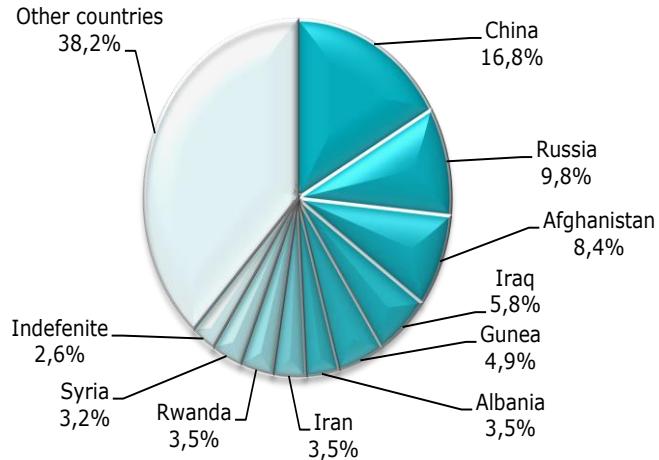
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	622	388	-37,6%	-35,4%
February	607	396	-34,8%	2,1%
March	481	427	-11,2%	7,8%
April	481	405	-15,8%	-5,2%
May	428	354	-17,3%	-12,6%
June	532	403	-24,2%	13,8%
July	496	345	-30,4%	-14,4%
August	429	306	-28,7%	-11,3%
September	469	346	-26,2%	13,1%
October	507			
November	585			
December	601			
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.238</b>	<b>3.370</b>		

#### b. Multiple applications per year (2006-2015)

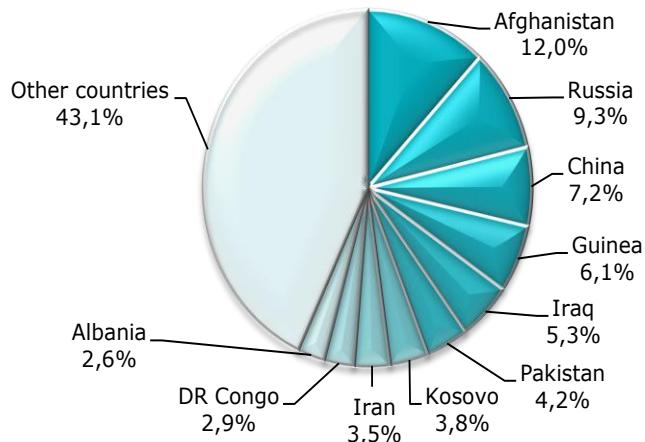


**Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in September 2015**

<b>Country of origin</b>	<b>Number</b>
1 China	58
2 Russia	34
3 Afghanistan	29
4 Iraq	20
5 Gunea	17
6 Albania	12
7 Iran	12
8 Rwanda	12
9 Syria	11
10 Indefinite	9
Other countries	132
<b>Total sep 2015</b>	<b>346</b>


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

<b>Country of origin</b>	<b>Number</b>
1 Afghanistan	403
2 Russia	315
3 China	241
4 Guinea	207
5 Iraq	177
6 Pakistan	140
7 Kosovo	128
8 Iran	119
9 DR Congo	99
10 Albania	89
Other countries	1.452
<b>Total 2015</b>	<b>3.370</b>



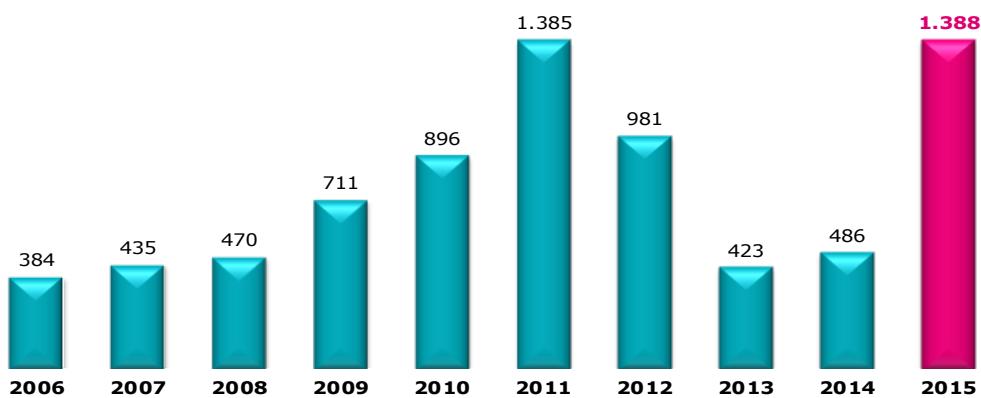
#### 4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

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)

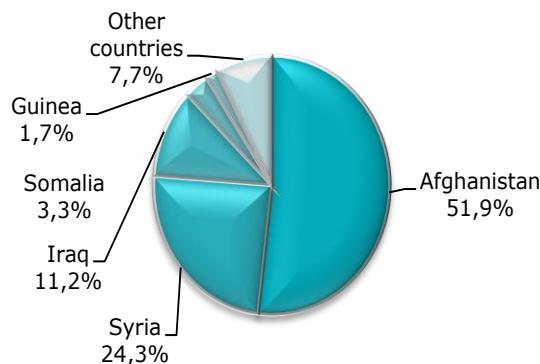
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	36	53	47,2%	10,4%
February	24	43	79,2%	-18,9%
March	21	36	71,4%	-16,3%
April	32	35	9,4%	-2,8%
May	29	81	179,3%	131,4%
June	32	125	290,6%	54,3%
July	49	195	298,0%	56,0%
August	51	338	562,7%	73,3%
September	56	482	760,7%	42,6%
October	53			
November	55			
December	48			
<b>Total</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>1.388</b>		

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



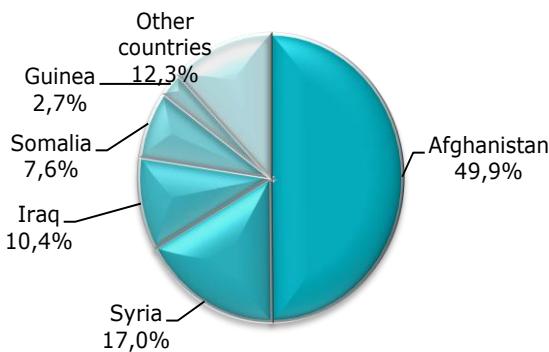
**c. Top 5 countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in september 2015**

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	250
2 Syria	117
3 Iraq	54
4 Somalia	16
5 Guinea	8
Other countries	37
<b>Total sep 2015</b>	<b>482</b>



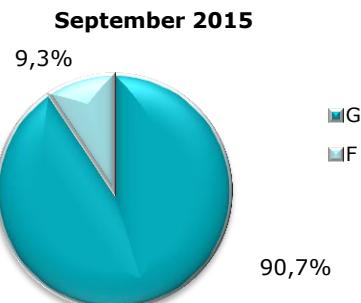
**Top 5 countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in 2015**

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	692
2 Syria	236
3 Iraq	145
4 Somalia	106
5 Guinea	38
Other countries	171
<b>Total 2015</b>	<b>1.388</b>



**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%
<b>2015</b>	<b>90,3%</b>	<b>9,7%</b>



### III. ASYLUM DECISIONS IN 2015

#### 1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

(Source: Immigration Department)

	January-August	September	Total
Transfer of files to CGRS	9.488	1.986	11.474
25/26 quater (Dublin)	959	128	1.087
Renunciation, ...	758	50	808
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.205</b>	<b>2.164</b>	<b>13.369</b>

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	Aug	Sept	Total
Recognition of refugee status	427	524	585	571	450	538	499	495	534	<b>4.623</b>
Granting of subsidiary protection (SP)	42	110	140	109	112	131	85	100	94	<b>923</b>
Taking an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum application)	205	167	184	132	128	184	97	50	79	<b>1.226</b>
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum)	264	241	277	205	144	206	179	86	117	<b>1.719</b>
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	255	324	401	342	321	410	289	313	394	<b>3.049</b>
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)		5	5	1	1	3	4	3	3	<b>25</b>
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Safe countries of	37	40	31	56	21	14	14	12	30	<b>255</b>
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Refugee in other	2	2	2	6	3	4	2	9	5	<b>35</b>
Technical refusal	19	33	28	31	22	24	28	30	40	<b>255</b>
Exclusion from refugee status and/or SP	8	1	3	3	4	11	9	2	3	<b>44</b>
Abolition of refugee status or SP				5	1	1		3		<b>10</b>
Withdrawal of refugee status or SP	3	2	4	4		7	1	1	3	<b>25</b>
Renunciation + departure IOM	15	16	12	11	18	16	8	5	15	<b>116</b>
Application which does not proceed to judgment (regularization under art. 55)	5	5	3	2	3	2	2	1	0	<b>23</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.282</b>	<b>1.470</b>	<b>1.680</b>	<b>1.474</b>	<b>1.228</b>	<b>1.550</b>	<b>1.220</b>	<b>1.107</b>	<b>1.317</b>	<b>12.328</b>

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

<b>Country of origin</b>	<b>Number of recognitions</b>	<b>Number of final decisions</b>	<b>%</b>
1 Syria	1.537	1.653	93,0%
2 Indefinite	475	574	82,8%
3 Eritrea	362	392	92,3%
4 Afghanistan	328	791	41,5%
5 Iraq	327	669	48,9%
6 Guinea	262	452	58,0%
7 Somalia	137	411	33,3%
8 Iran	126	183	68,9%
9 Russia	118	362	32,6%
10 China	108	150	72,0%
Other countries	844	3.749	22,5%
<b>Total 2015</b>	<b>4.626</b>	<b>9.386</b>	<b>49,3%</b>

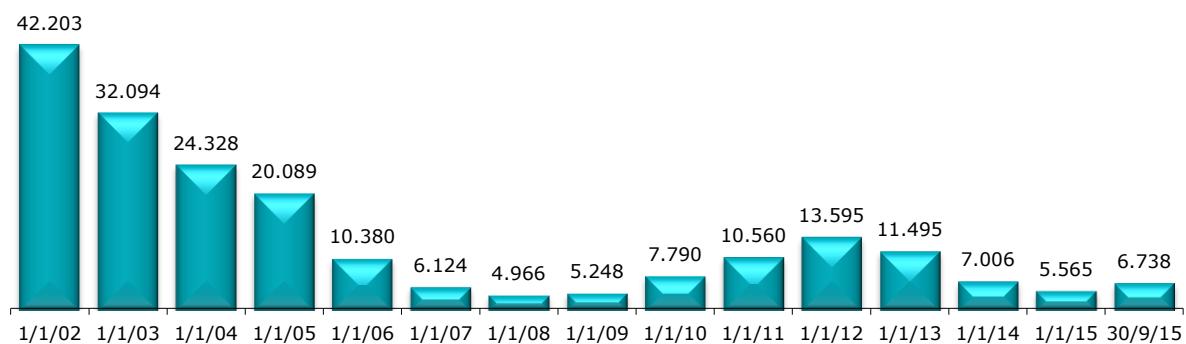
**c. Decisions of granting of subsidiary protection in 2015**

<b>Country of origin</b>	<b>Number of granting</b>	<b>Number of final decisions</b>	<b>%</b>
1 Afghanistan	303	791	38,3%
2 Iraq	217	669	32,4%
3 Somalia	205	411	49,9%
4 Syria	71	1.653	4,3%
5 Ukraine	27	274	9,9%
Other countries	100	5.588	1,8%
<b>Total 2015</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>9.386</b>	<b>9,8%</b>

#### IV. EVOLUTION OF THE CASELOAD AT THE CGRS

At the end of september 2015, the CGRS had a total caseload of **6738** dossiers, of which **3900** dossiers may be considered a normal workload. The backlog as such amounted therefore to **2838** dossiers.

##### Caseload per year



##### Caseload for the last 16 months

