



ASYLUM STATISTICS

OVERVIEW 2014

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I. ASYLUM FIGURES IN 2014

(Source: Immigration department and Office of the Commissioner general for Refugees and Stateless Persons)

December

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	1.645	
First asylum applications	1.044	63,5%
Multiple asylum applications	601	36,5%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	83	5,0%

CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	159	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	398	
Final decisions	1.397	
Recognition of refugee status	712	51,0%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	96	6,9%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	510	36,5%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	9	0,6%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	21	1,5%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	8	0,6%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	17	1,2%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	24	1,7%
Total of CGRS decisions	1.954	
Caseload at the CGRS	5.565	

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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.

2014

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	17.213	
First asylum applications	10.975	63,8%
Multiple asylum applications	6.238	36,2%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	531	3,1%

CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	2.371	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	3.198	
Final decisions	13.132	
Recognition of refugee status	4.805	36,6%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	1.341	10,2%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	6.283	47,8%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	29	0,2%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	293	2,2%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	18	0,1%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	77	0,6%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	286	2,2%
Total of CGRS decisions	18.701	
Caseload at the CGRS	5.565	

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II. ASYLUM APPLICATIONS IN BELGIUM

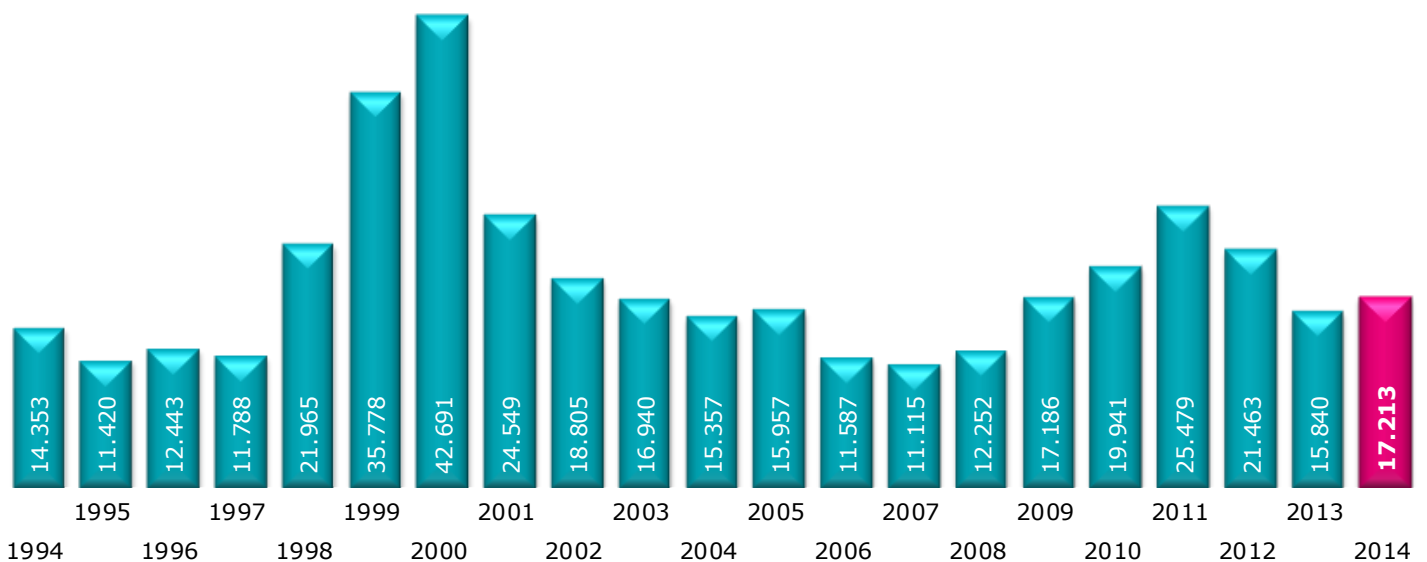
(source: Immigration Department)

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

a. Applications per month (2013-2014)

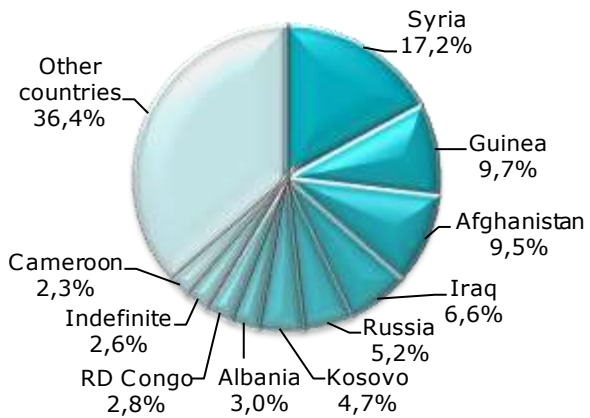
	2013	2014	+/- in % 2014 vs 2013	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.644	1.376	-16,3%	29,1%
February	1.392	1.209	-13,1%	-12,1%
March	1.447	1.177	-18,7%	-2,6%
April	1.346	1.193	-11,4%	1,4%
May	1.202	1.122	-6,7%	-6,0%
June	1.214	1.403	15,6%	25,0%
July	1.311	1.490	13,7%	6,2%
August	1.294	1.580	22,1%	6,0%
September	1.485	1.797	21,0%	13,7%
October	1.336	1.693	26,7%	-5,8%
November	1.103	1.528	38,5%	-9,7%
December	1.066	1.645	54,3%	7,7%
Total	15.840	17.213	8,7%	

b. Applications per year (1994-2014)



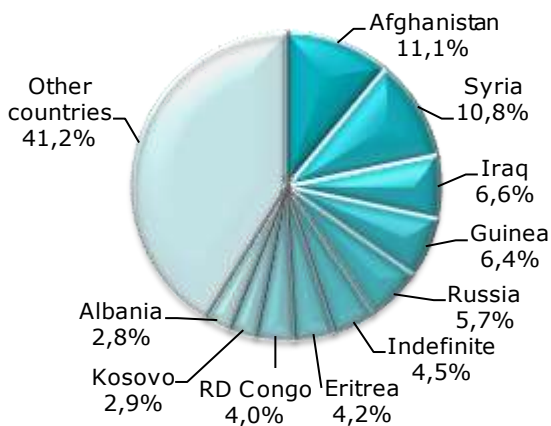
c. Top 10 of countries of origin in December 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	283
2 Guinea	160
3 Afghanistan	157
4 Iraq	108
5 Russia	86
6 Kosovo	77
7 Albania	49
8 RD Congo	46
9 Indefinite	42
10 Cameroon	38
Other countries	599
Total December 2014	1.645



Top 10 of countries of origin in 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	1.907
2 Syria	1.854
3 Iraq	1.131
4 Guinea	1.095
5 Russia	974
6 Indefinite	778
7 Eritrea	716
8 RD Congo	696
9 Kosovo	494
10 Albania	481
Other countries	7.087
Total 2014	17.213



d. Applications in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 according to nationality
 (in color and bold: top 10 in 2014)

Country of origin	2011	2012	2013	2014
Afghanistan	2.758	2.635	1.327	1.907
Albania	809	667	487	481
Algeria	300	229	135	151
Angola	158	171	112	72
Argentina	1	6	0	0
Armenia	691	445	318	211
Australia	0	0	2	0
Azerbaijan	118	94	91	64
Bahrein	0	0	1	0
Bangladesh	520	496	208	161
Belorussia	84	60	50	34
Benin	57	83	59	38
Bhutan	14	7	9	2
Bolivia	1	0	0	0
Bosnia-Herzegovina	286	139	100	89
Brasil	1	0	3	2
British Nationals	0	0	1	0
Bulgaria	73	39	23	15
Burkina-Faso	96	107	103	81
Burundi	176	129	153	88
Cameroon	561	543	417	396
Canada	0	5	3	0
Central African Rep.	4	7	16	58
Chad	14	25	24	17
Chili	4	2	0	0
China	378	395	397	153
Colombia	4	11	11	6
Comores	0	2	0	0
Congo RD	1.007	1.334	1.225	696
Congo RP	23	23	23	16
Costa Rica	0	2	0	0
Croatia	8	12	12	10
Cuba	5	6	8	5
Cyprus	0	1	0	1
Czech Rep.	22	5	5	1
Djibouti	61	76	122	121
Dominican Rep.	4	1	7	5
Ecuador	1	0	0	1
Egypt	112	84	120	98
El Salvador	17	13	14	19
Equatorial Guinea	1	7	2	3
Eritrea	75	67	66	716
Ethiopia	47	49	28	59
Fidji	1	0	0	0
France	6	4	1	1
Gabon	4	5	4	4
Gambia	66	81	78	48
Georgia	324	410	302	361
Ghana	104	86	63	39
Guatemala	1	8	2	2
Guinea	2.134	1.808	1.247	1.095
Guinea-Bissau	11	24	13	16
Guyana	0	1	0	1
Haiti	6	1	2	6
Honduras	0	1	0	2
Hungary	7	17	10	8
India	176	109	67	76
Iran	425	410	350	399
Iraq	1.948	803	787	1.131
Israel	9	7	4	1
Italy	2	2	2	2
Ivory Coast	367	241	161	118
Jamaica	0	1	0	10
Japan	0	1	0	0
Jordania	28	25	20	24
Kampuchea	0	1	0	0
Kazakhstan	124	134	70	37
Kenia	57	36	29	22
Kirghizistan	92	53	57	30
Kosovo	1.458	983	754	494
Kuwait	0	1	0	0
Laos	0	0	1	0
Latvia	0	1	1	4
Lesotho	0	0	0	1
Libanon	86	99	73	81
Liberia	42	27	25	30

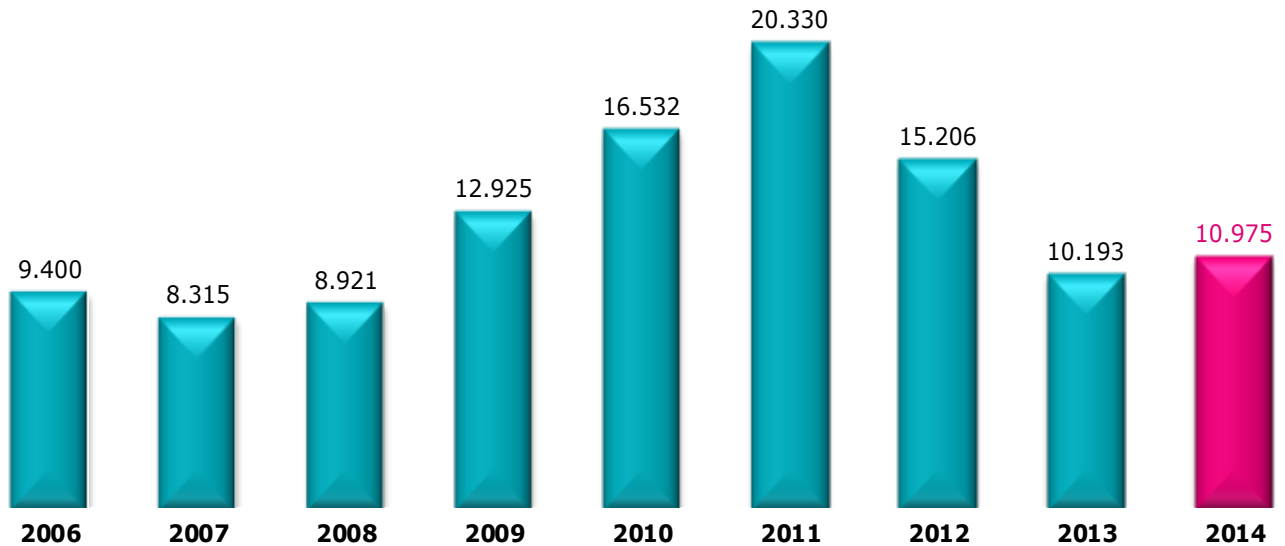
Country of origin	2011	2012	2013	2014
Libya	56	16	20	54
Lithuania	3	7	3	3
Luxemburg	0	1	0	0
Macedonia	819	476	248	222
Madagascar	6	3	2	0
Malawi	1	1	0	1
Malaysia	0	2	0	0
Mali	33	122	138	70
Mauretania	192	230	222	153
Mauritius	8	6	4	1
Mexico	1	1	7	3
Moldova	7	16	12	13
Mongolia	69	43	27	16
Montenegro	30	53	13	13
Morocco	95	113	130	177
Mozambique	1	1	0	0
Myanmar	10	23	12	14
Namibia	0	1	0	1
Nepal	403	222	53	18
Netherlands	0	7	4	4
Nicaragua	2	0	0	0
Niger	107	91	89	116
Nigeria	163	167	154	123
North Korea	73	83	28	3
Pakistan	933	760	361	312
Palestina	56	26	27	16
Paraguay	0	1	1	0
Peru	0	0	1	0
Philippines	1	0	2	1
Poland	0	1	1	4
Portugal	0	1	0	0
Romania	69	44	52	32
Russia	1.618	1.470	1.166	974
Rwanda	460	391	292	259
Saudi Arabia	1	1	2	0
Sao Tomé & Principe	0	0	0	1
Senegal	397	534	344	254
Serbia	1.109	571	336	265
Sierra Leone	77	78	47	64
Slovakia	36	15	12	15
Slovenia	0	0	1	0
Somalia	483	360	212	318
South Africa	1	1	5	2
South Korea	2	1	0	0
South Sudan	0	1	5	4
Spain	2	1	0	0
Sri Lanka	178	118	106	119
Sudan	75	83	65	131
Surinam	13	12	3	4
Syria	555	793	877	1.854
Tadzhikistan	7	9	2	7
Tanzania	150	73	52	27
Thailand	0	0	0	3
Togo	238	247	219	150
Tunisia	106	69	56	63
Turkey	414	368	242	225
Turkmenistan	3	0	1	0
Uganda	23	20	25	13
Ukraine	57	74	55	451
United Arab Emirates	0	2	0	0
USA	6	6	2	2
Uruguay	0	1	0	0
Uzbekistan	27	12	15	3
Venezuela	5	0	2	13
Vietnam	4	4	15	3
Western Sahara	0	1	0	0
Yemen	13	8	7	14
Zambia	1	0	0	2
Zimbabwe	4	0	2	3
Others	18	22	27	0
Indefinite	285	231	217	778
Stateless Persons	4	11	9	2
Refugees	0	0	3	0
Total	25.479	21.463	15.840	17.213

2. First asylum applications

a. First applications per month (2013-2014)

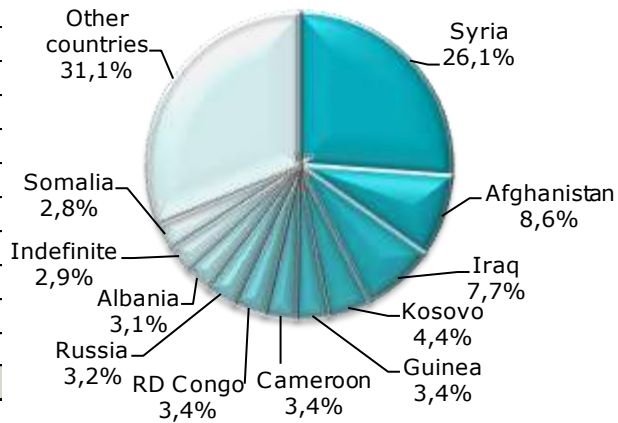
	2013	2014	+/- in % 2014 vs 2013	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.014	754	-25,6%	5,3%
February	867	602	-30,6%	-20,2%
March	938	696	-25,8%	15,6%
April	832	712	-14,4%	2,3%
May	782	694	-11,3%	-2,5%
June	767	871	13,6%	25,5%
July	842	994	18,1%	14,1%
August	824	1.151	39,7%	15,8%
September	990	1.328	34,1%	15,4%
October	870	1.186	36,3%	-10,7%
November	751	943	25,6%	-20,5%
December	716	1.044	45,8%	10,7%
Total	10.193	10.975	7,7%	

b. First applications per year (2006-2014)



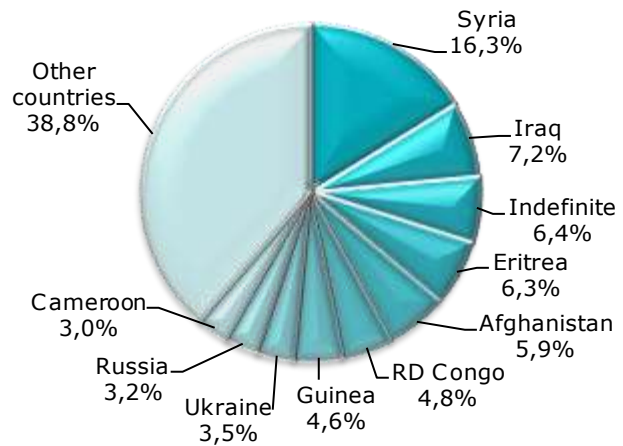
c. Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in December 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	273
2 Afghanistan	90
3 Iraq	80
4 Kosovo	46
5 Guinea	36
6 Cameroon	35
RD Congo	35
7 Russia	33
8 Albania	32
9 Indefinite	30
10 Somalia	29
Other countries	325
Total December 2014	1.044



Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	1.786
2 Iraq	792
3 Indefinite	702
4 Eritrea	694
5 Afghanistan	648
6 RD Congo	524
7 Guinea	506
8 Ukraine	381
9 Russia	352
10 Cameroon	334
Other countries	4.256
Total 2014	10.975

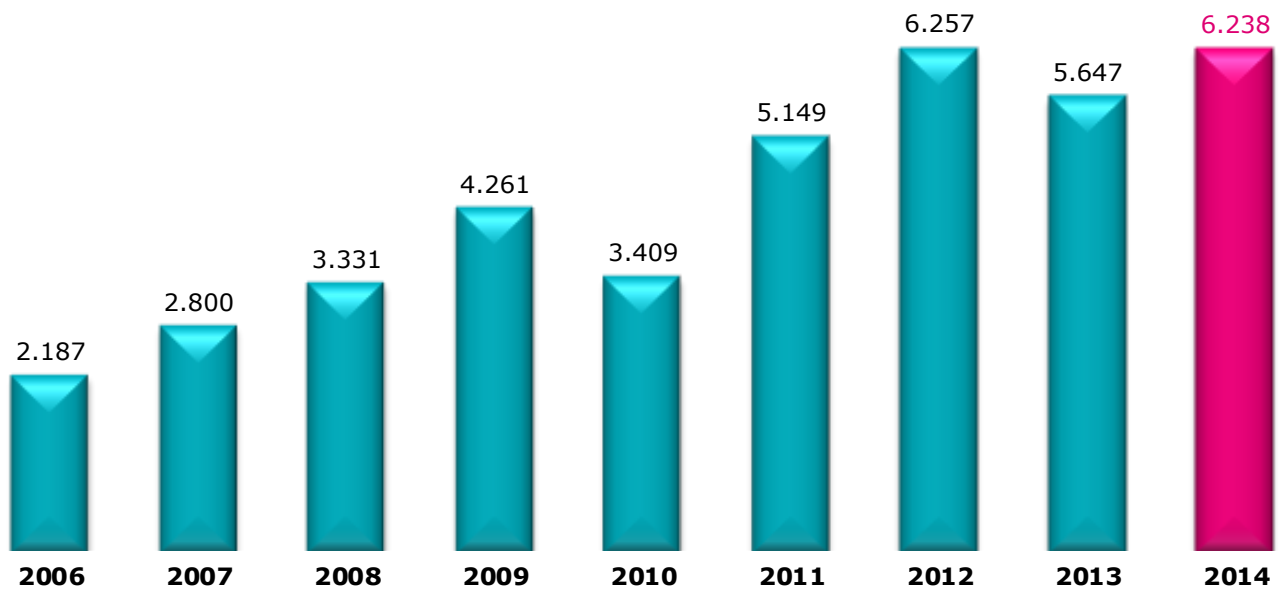


3. Multiple asylum applications

a. Multiple applications per month (2013-2014)

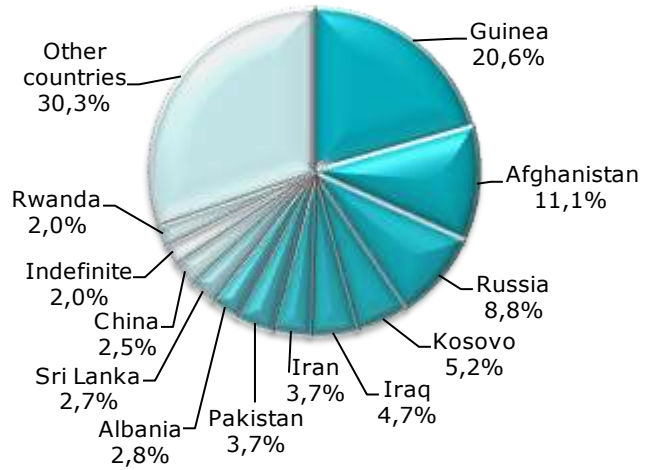
	2013	2014	+/- in % 2014 vs 2013	+/- in % vs last month
January	630	622	-1,3%	77,7%
February	525	607	15,6%	-2,4%
March	509	481	-5,5%	-20,8%
April	514	481	-6,4%	0,0%
May	420	428	1,9%	-11,0%
June	447	532	19,0%	24,3%
July	469	496	5,8%	-6,8%
August	470	429	-8,7%	-13,5%
September	495	469	-5,3%	9,3%
October	466	507	8,8%	8,1%
November	352	585	66,2%	15,4%
December	350	601	71,7%	2,7%
Total	5.647	6.238	10,5%	

b. Multiple applications per year (2006-2014)



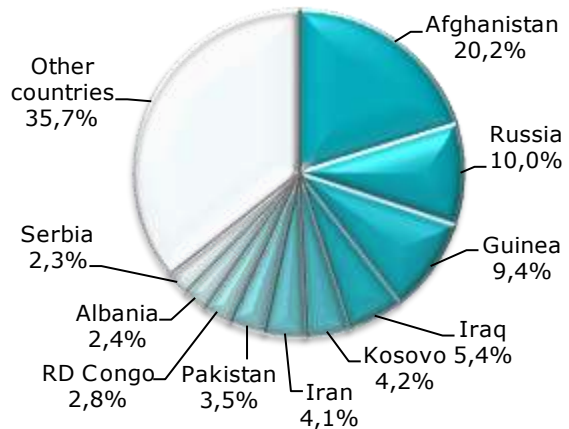
c. Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in December 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Guinea	124
2 Afghanistan	67
3 Russia	53
4 Kosovo	31
5 Iraq	28
6 Iran	22
Pakistan	22
7 Albania	17
8 Sri Lanka	16
9 China	15
10 Indefinite	12
Rwanda	12
Other countries	182
Total December 2014	601



Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	1.259
2 Russia	622
3 Guinea	589
4 Iraq	339
5 Kosovo	265
6 Iran	256
7 Pakistan	218
8 RD Congo	172
9 Albania	148
10 Serbia	145
Other countries	2.225
Total 2014	6.238



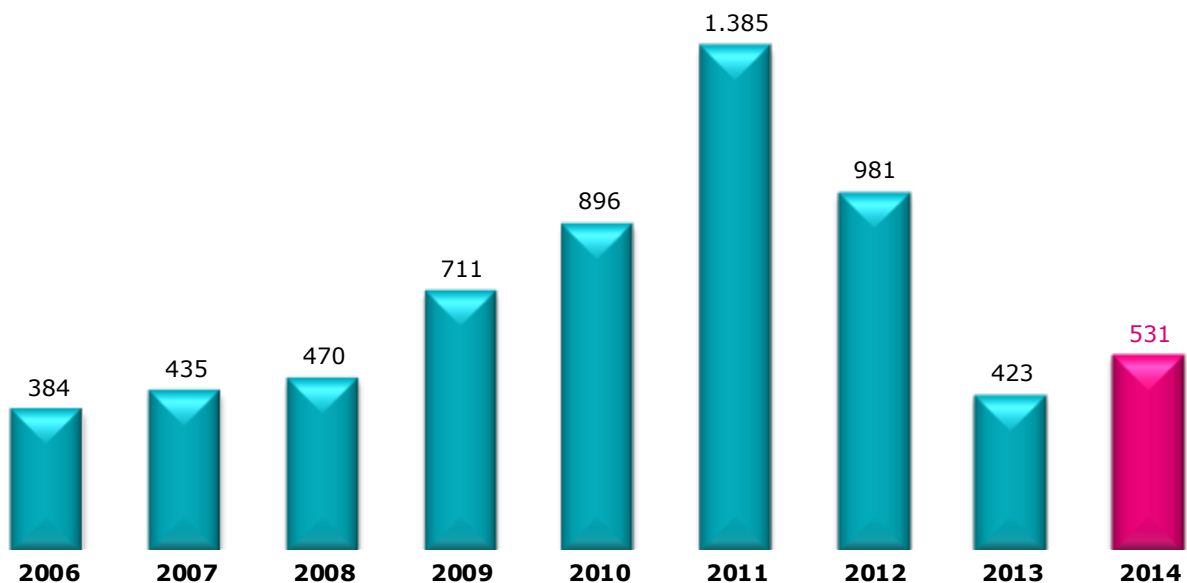
4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

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 (2013-2014)

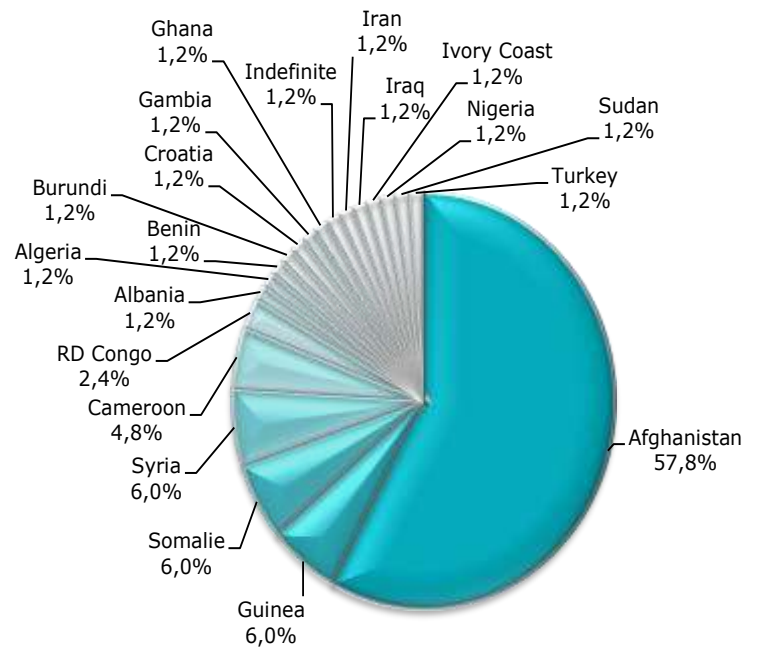
	2013	2014	+/- in % 2014 vs 2013	+/- in % vs last month
January	58	36	-37,9%	16,1%
February	37	24	-35,1%	-33,3%
March	44	21	-52,3%	-12,5%
April	28	32	14,3%	52,4%
May	30	29	-3,3%	-9,4%
June	14	32	128,6%	10,3%
July	39	49	25,6%	53,1%
August	38	51	34,2%	4,1%
September	52	56	7,7%	9,8%
October	33	55	66,7%	-1,8%
November	19	63	231,6%	14,5%
December	31	83	167,7%	31,7%
Total	423	531	25,5%	

b. Applications from unaccompanied foreign minors per year (2006-2014)



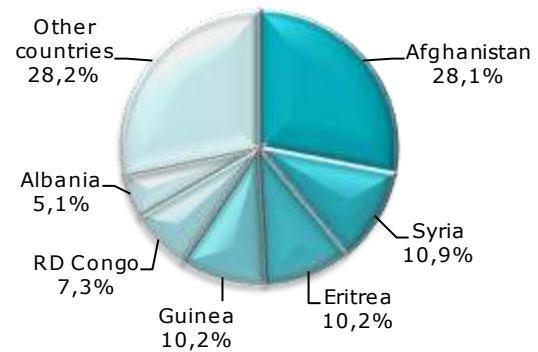
c. Countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in December 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	48
2 Guinea	5
Somalie	5
Syria	5
3 Cameroon	4
4 RD Congo	2
5 Albania	1
Algeria	1
Benin	1
Burundi	1
Croatia	1
Gambia	1
Ghana	1
Indefinite	1
Iran	1
Iraq	1
Ivory Coast	1
Nigeria	1
Sudan	1
Turkey	1
Total December 2014	83



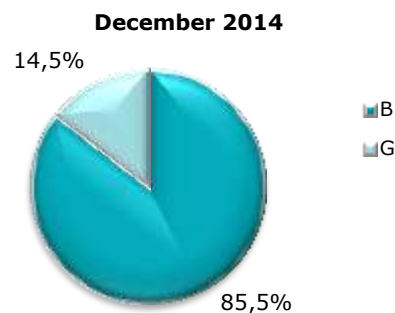
Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in 2014

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	149
2 Syria	58
3 Eritrea	54
Guinea	54
4 RD Congo	39
5 Albania	27
Other countries	150
Total 2014	531



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%



III. ASYLUM DECISIONS IN 2014

(Source: CGRS)

1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

	January-November	December	Total
Transfer of files to CGRS	13.007	1.025	14.032
25/26 quater (Dublin)	914	63	977
Renunciation, ...	1.105	7	1.112
Total	15.026	1.095	16.121

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	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Recognition of refugee status	300	291	373	359	341	284	428	315	417	585	400	712	4.805
Granting of subsidiary protection (SP)	114	123	125	144	103	123	146	101	124	82	60	96	1.341
Taking an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum application)	230	231	325	205	157	197	168	107	129	257	206	159	2.371
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum application)	272	259	248	278	231	214	272	206	180	308	332	398	3.198
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	535	631	601	633	437	403	525	390	427	425	314	469	5.790
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	3	3	4			1	3	2	3		1	9	29
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Safe countries of origin)	50	33				24	46	30	37	25	27	21	293
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Refugee in other country)	1	1	5						1	2		8	18
Technical refusal	47	55	52	60	25	37	44	38	22	40	32	41	493
Exclusion from refugee status and SP	1				1		2		1	1	4	1	11
Exclusion from refugee status and to grant SP	1			3	3	8	4	3	1	11	10	13	57
Refusal to grant refugee status and exclusion of SP	2		1		1		1		1			3	9
Abolition of refugee status or SP						2	2		1	2			7
Withdrawal of refugee status or SP		2	1	3	3	3	4	3	5	3	8	10	45
Renunciation + departure IOM	17	16	24	9	11	10	25	8	11	25	11	10	177
Application which does not proceed to judgment (regularization under art. 55)	4	4	3	1	4	3	2		2	2	12	2	39
Application which does not proceed to judgment (Belgian nationality, death)	2	1	4	2	1		1	1	3		1	2	18
Total	1.579	1.650	1.766	1.697	1.318	1.309	1.673	1.204	1.365	1.768	1.418	1.954	18.701

b. Top 10 decisions of recognition of refugee status in 2014

Country of origin	Number of recognitions	Number of decisions	%
1 Syria	939	1.312	71,6%
2 Afghanistan	512	1.256	40,8%
3 Guinea	418	847	49,4%
4 Indefinite	328	537	61,1%
5 Iraq	263	838	31,4%
6 Iran	250	467	53,5%
7 Russia	233	554	42,1%
8 China	204	535	38,1%
9 Eritrea	190	221	86,0%
10 RD Congo	188	735	25,6%
Other countries	1.280	5.830	22,0%
Total 2014	4.805	13.132	36,6%

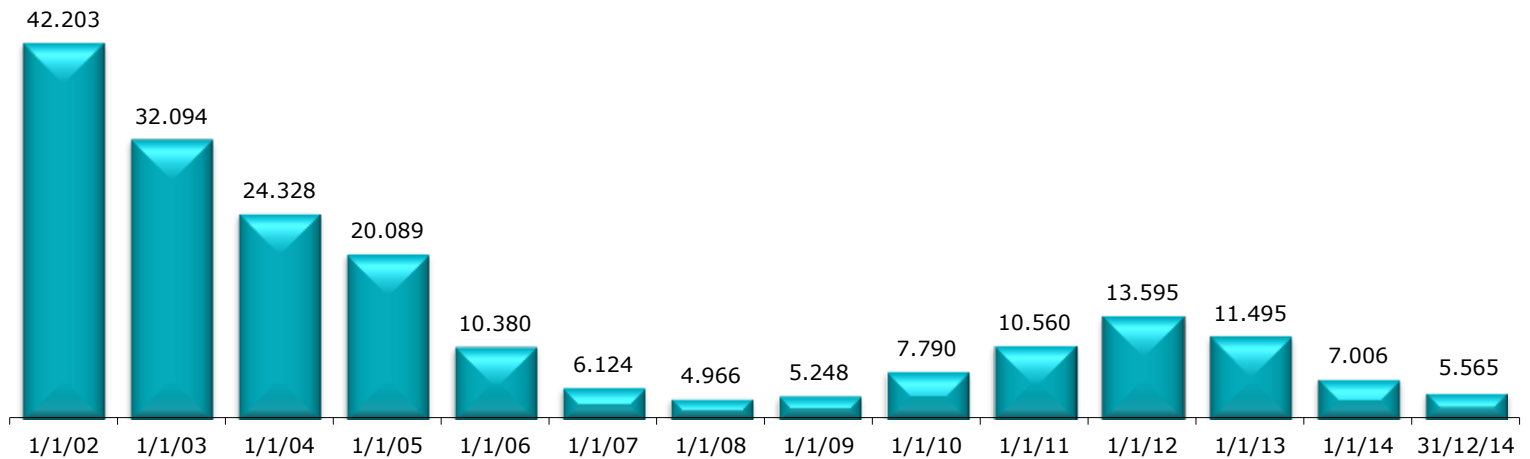
c. Top 5 decisions of granting of subsidiary protection in 2014

Country of origin	Number of granting	Number of decisions	%
1 Afghanistan	438	1.256	34,9%
2 Iraq	402	838	48,0%
3 Syria	331	1.312	25,2%
4 Indefinite	41	537	7,6%
5 Somalia	31	188	16,5%
Other countries	98	9.001	1,1%
Total 2014	1.341	13.132	10,2%

IV. EVOLUTION OF THE CASELOAD AT THE CGRS

At the end of December 2014, the CGRS had a total caseload of **5,565** dossiers, of which **3,900** dossiers may be considered a normal workload. The backlog as such amounted therefore to **1,665** dossiers.

Caseload per year



Caseload in 2014

