



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)

February

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	1.211	
First asylum applications	815	67,3%
Multiple asylum applications	396	32,7%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	77	6,4%

CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	167	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	241	
Final decisions	1.061	
Recognition of refugee status	524	49,4%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	110	10,4%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	357	33,6%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	4	0,4%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	40	3,8%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	2	0,2%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	1	0,1%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	23	2,2%
Total of CGRS decisions	1.469	
Caseload at the CGRS	6.244	

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2015

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	2.524	
First asylum applications	1.740	68,9%
Multiple asylum applications	784	31,1%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	135	5,3%

CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	372	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	505	
Final decisions	1.874	
Recognition of refugee status	951	50,7%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	152	8,1%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	631	33,7%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	4	0,2%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	77	4,1%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	4	0,2%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	9	0,5%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	46	2,5%
Total of CGRS decisions	2.751	
Caseload at the CGRS	6.244	

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II. ASYLUM APPLICATIONS IN BELGIUM

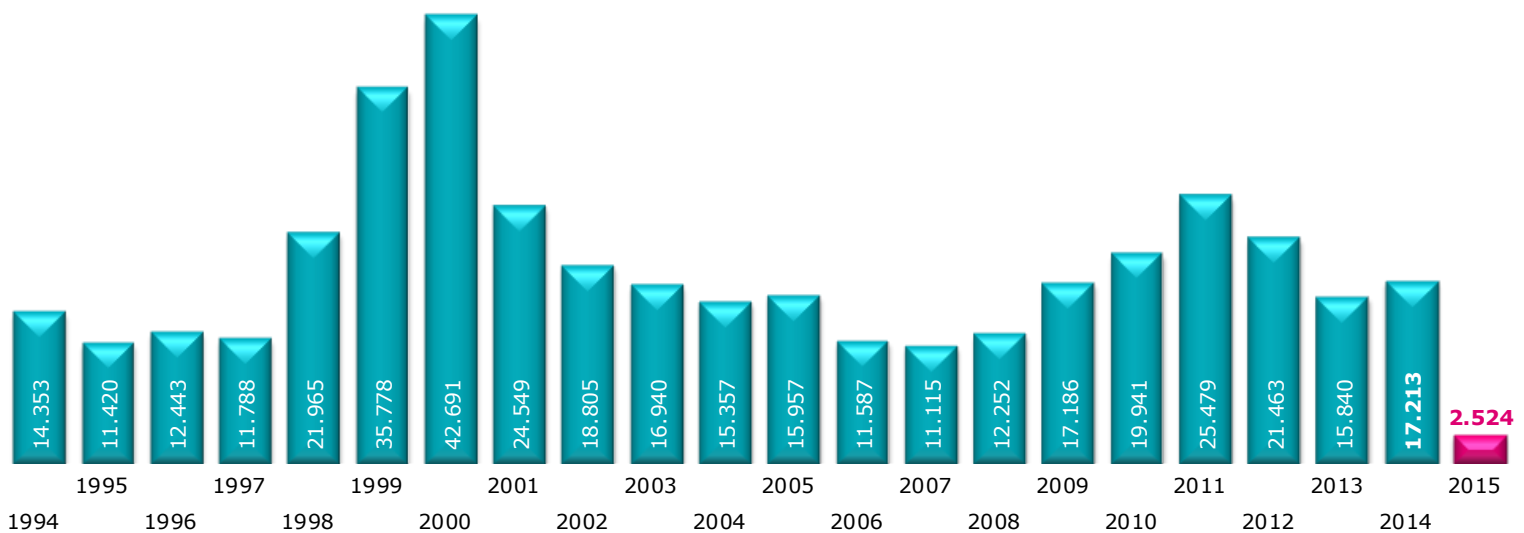
(source: Immigration Department)

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

a. Applications per month (2014-2015)

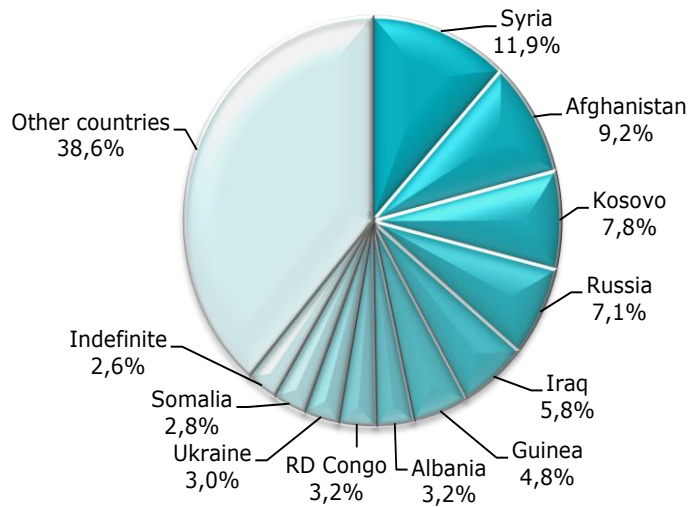
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.376	1.313	-4,6%	-20,2%
February	1.209	1.211	0,2%	-7,8%
March	1.177			
April	1.193			
May	1.122			
June	1.403			
July	1.490			
August	1.580			
September	1.797			
October	1.693			
November	1.528			
December	1.645			
Total	17.213	2.524		

b. Applications per year (1994-2015)



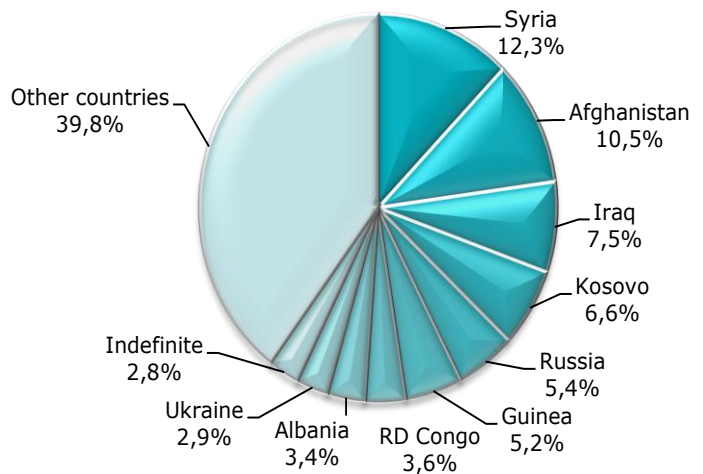
c. Top 10 of countries of origin in February 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	144
2 Afghanistan	111
3 Kosovo	94
4 Russia	86
5 Iraq	70
6 Guinea	58
7 Albania	39
RD Congo	39
8 Ukraine	36
9 Somalia	34
10 Indefinite	32
Other countries	468
Total February 2015	1.211



Top 10 of countries of origin in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	311
2 Afghanistan	266
3 Iraq	190
4 Kosovo	166
5 Russia	136
6 Guinea	130
7 RD Congo	92
8 Albania	86
9 Ukraine	72
10 Indefinite	71
Other countries	1.004
Total 2015	2.524



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
Afghanistan	2.635	1.327	1.907	266
Albania	667	487	481	86
Algeria	229	135	151	24
Angola	171	112	72	16
Argentina	6	0	0	0
Armenia	445	318	211	29
Australia	0	2	0	0
Azerbaijan	94	91	64	6
Bahrein	0	1	0	0
Bangladesh	496	208	161	25
Belorussia	60	50	34	2
Benin	83	59	38	5
Bhutan	7	9	2	0
Bosnia-Herzegovina	139	100	89	13
Brasil	0	3	2	1
British Nationals	0	1	0	0
Bulgaria	39	23	15	0
Burkina-Faso	107	103	81	5
Burundi	129	153	88	9
Cameroon	543	417	396	49
Canada	5	3	0	0
Central African Rep.	7	16	58	4
Chad	25	24	17	1
Chili	2	0	0	0
China	395	397	153	47
Colombia	11	11	6	1
Comores	2	0	0	0
Congo RD	1.334	1.225	696	92
Congo RP	23	23	16	0
Costa Rica	2	0	0	0
Croatia	12	12	10	0
Cuba	6	8	5	0
Cyprus	1	0	1	0
Czech Rep.	5	5	1	0
Denmark	0	0	0	1
Djibouti	76	122	121	20
Dominican Rep.	1	7	5	3
Ecuador	0	0	1	0
Egypt	84	120	98	16
El Salvador	13	14	19	0
Equatorial Guinea	7	2	3	0
Eritrea	67	66	716	21
Ethiopia	49	28	59	7
Fidji	0	0	0	1
France	4	1	1	1
Gabon	5	4	4	0
Gambia	81	78	48	16
Georgia	410	302	361	32
Germany	0	0	0	1
Ghana	86	63	39	2
Greece	0	0	0	1
Guatemala	8	2	2	0
Guinea	1.808	1.247	1.095	130
Guinea-Bissau	24	13	16	1
Guyana	1	0	1	0
Haiti	1	2	6	2
Honduras	1	0	2	0
Hungary	17	10	8	0
India	109	67	76	7
Iran	410	350	399	46
Iraq	803	787	1.131	190
Israel	7	4	1	1
Italy	2	2	2	0
Ivory Coast	241	161	118	18
Jamaica	1	0	10	3
Japan	1	0	0	0
Jordania	25	20	24	0
Kampuchea	1	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	134	70	37	2
Kenia	36	29	22	2
Kirghizistan	53	57	30	7
Kosovo	983	754	494	166
Kuwait	1	0	0	0
Laos	0	1	0	0
Latvia	1	1	4	1
Lesotho	0	0	1	0
Libanon	99	73	81	17

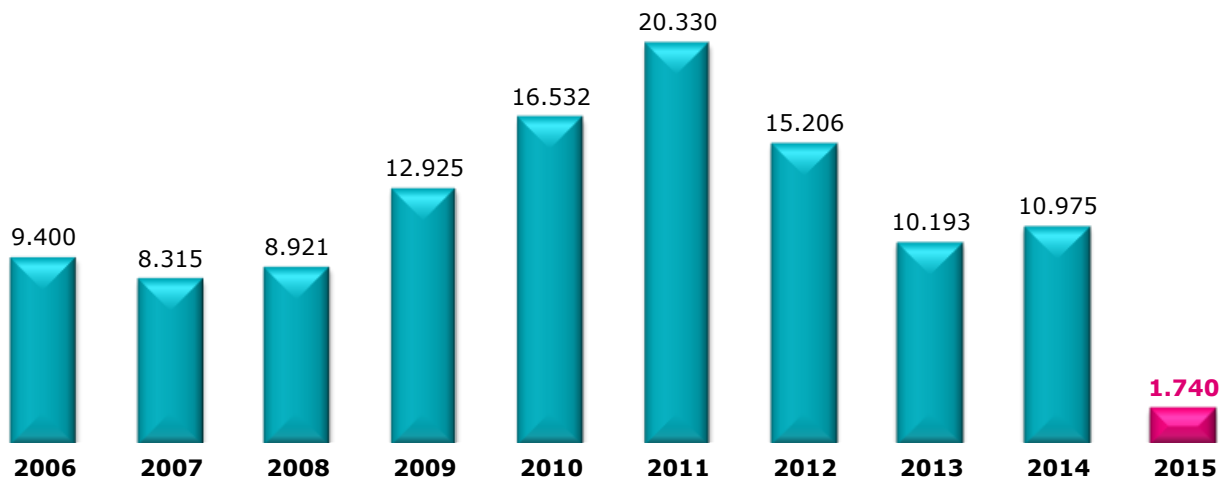
Country of origin	2012	2013	2014	2015
Liberia	27	25	30	2
Libya	16	20	54	11
Lithuania	7	3	3	0
Luxemburg	1	0	0	0
Macedonia	476	248	222	46
Madagascar	3	2	0	0
Malawi	1	0	1	0
Malaysia	2	0	0	0
Mali	122	138	70	8
Mauretania	230	222	153	20
Mauritius	6	4	1	1
Mexico	1	7	3	1
Moldova	16	12	13	1
Mongolia	43	27	16	7
Montenegro	53	13	13	3
Morocco	113	130	177	27
Mozambique	1	0	0	0
Myanmar	23	12	14	0
Namibia	1	0	1	1
Nepal	222	53	18	2
Netherlands	7	4	4	0
Niger	91	89	116	11
Nigeria	167	154	123	21
North Corea	83	28	3	0
Pakistan	760	361	312	57
Palestina	26	27	16	3
Paraguay	1	1	0	0
Peru	0	1	0	0
Philippines	0	2	1	2
Poland	1	1	4	1
Portugal	1	0	0	0
Romania	44	52	32	0
Russia	1.470	1.166	974	136
Rwanda	391	292	259	44
Saoudi Arabia	1	2	0	0
Sao Tomé & Principe	0	0	1	0
Senegal	534	344	254	41
Serbia	571	336	265	26
Sierra Leone	78	47	64	3
Slovakia	15	12	15	0
Slovenia	0	1	0	0
Somalia	360	212	318	69
South Africa	1	5	2	1
South Corea	1	0	0	0
South Sudan	1	5	4	1
Spain	1	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	118	106	119	29
Sudan	83	65	131	8
Surinam	12	3	4	0
Sweden	0	0	0	1
Syria	793	877	1.854	311
Tadzhikistan	9	2	7	8
Tanzania	73	52	27	3
Thailand	0	0	3	0
Togo	247	219	150	24
Tunisia	69	56	63	8
Turkey	368	242	225	39
Turkmenistan	0	1	0	0
Uganda	20	25	13	1
Ukraine	74	55	451	72
United Arabic Emirates	2	0	0	0
USA	6	2	2	0
Uruguay	1	0	0	0
Uzbekistan	12	15	3	0
Venezuela	0	2	13	0
Vietnam	4	15	3	0
Western Sahara	1	0	0	1
Yemen	8	7	14	5
Zambia	0	0	2	0
Zimbabwe	0	2	3	0
Others	22	27	0	0
Indefinite	231	217	778	71
Stateless Persons	11	9	2	1
Refugees	0	3	0	0
Total	21.463	15.840	17.213	2.524

2. First asylum applications

a. First applications per month (2014-2015)

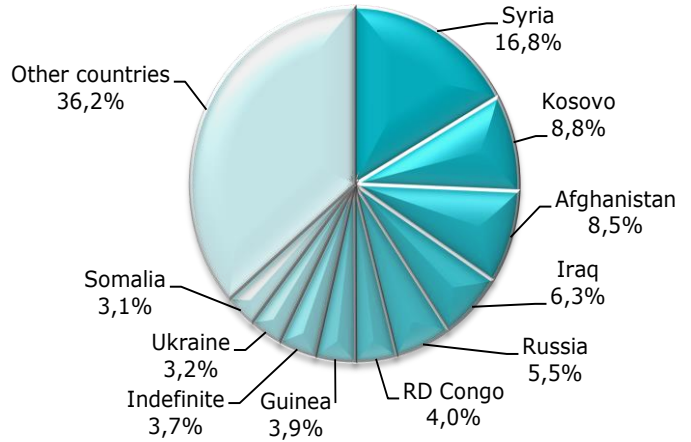
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	754	925	22,7%	-11,4%
February	602	815	35,4%	-11,9%
March	696			
April	712			
May	694			
June	871			
July	994			
August	1.151			
September	1.328			
October	1.186			
November	943			
December	1.044			
Total	10.975	1.740		

b. First applications per year (2006-2015)



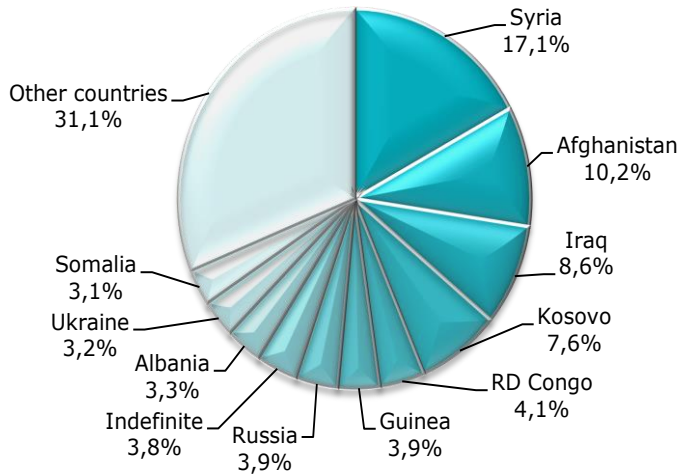
c. Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in February 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	137
2 Kosovo	72
3 Afghanistan	69
4 Iraq	51
5 Russia	45
6 RD Congo	33
7 Guinea	32
8 Indefinite	30
9 Ukraine	26
10 Somalia	25
Other countries	295
Total February 2015	815



Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	298
2 Afghanistan	178
3 Iraq	150
4 Kosovo	132
5 RD Congo	72
6 Guinea	67
Russia	67
7 Indefinite	66
8 Albania	58
9 Ukraine	56
10 Somalia	54
Other countries	542
Total 2015	1.740

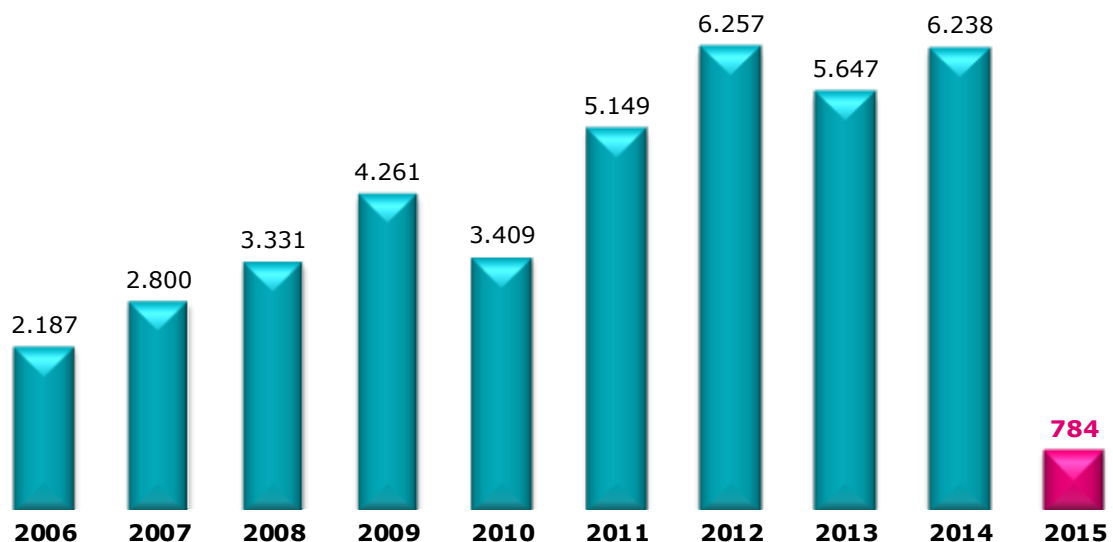


3. Multiple asylum applications

a. Multiple applications per month (2014-2015)

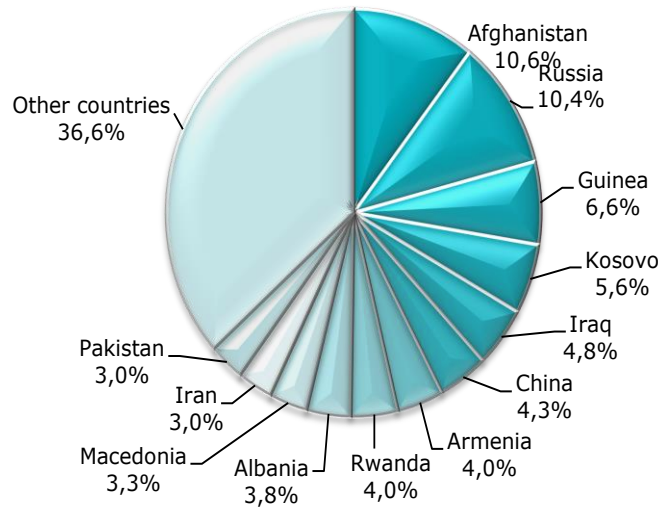
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	622	388	-37,6%	-35,4%
February	607	396	-34,8%	2,1%
March	481			
April	481			
May	428			
June	532			
July	496			
August	429			
September	469			
October	507			
November	585			
December	601			
Total	6.238	784		

b. Multiple applications per year (2006-2015)



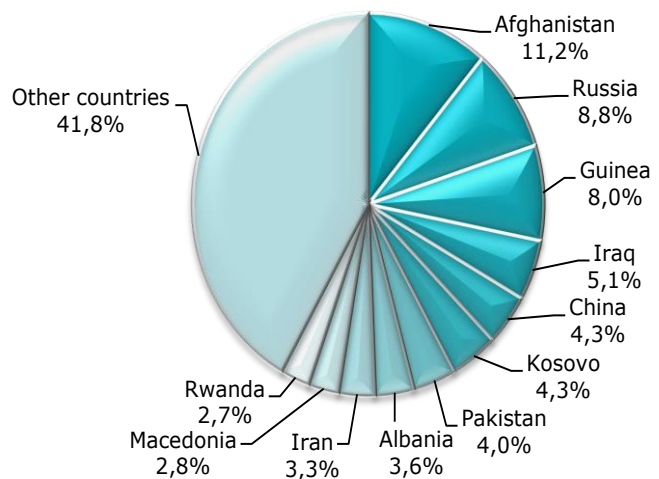
c. Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in February 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	42
2 Russia	41
3 Guinea	26
4 Kosovo	22
5 Iraq	19
6 China	17
7 Armenia	16
Rwanda	16
8 Albania	15
9 Macedonia	13
10 Iran	12
Pakistan	12
Other countries	145
Total February 2015	396



Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	88
2 Russia	69
3 Guinea	63
4 Iraq	40
5 China	34
Kosovo	34
6 Pakistan	31
7 Albania	28
8 Iran	26
9 Macedonia	22
10 Rwanda	21
Other countries	328
Total 2015	784



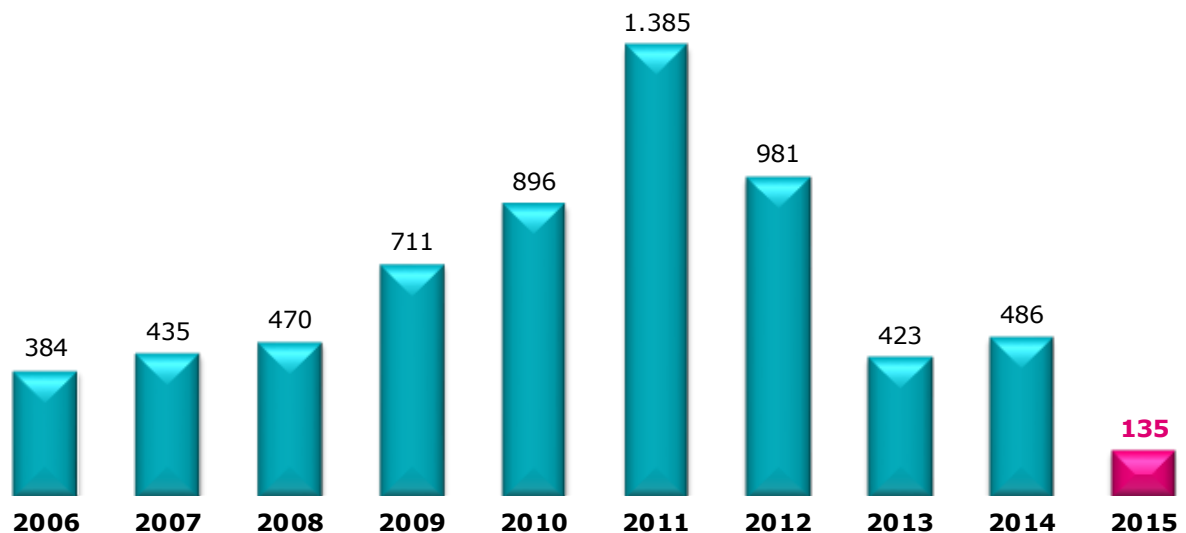
4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

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)

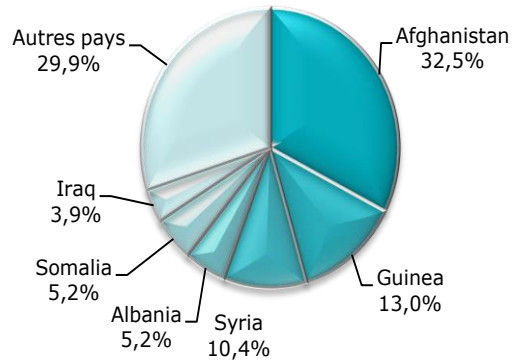
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	36	58	61,1%	20,8%
February	24	77	220,8%	32,8%
March	21			
April	32			
May	29			
June	32			
July	49			
August	51			
September	56			
October	53			
November	55			
December	48			
Total	486	135		

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



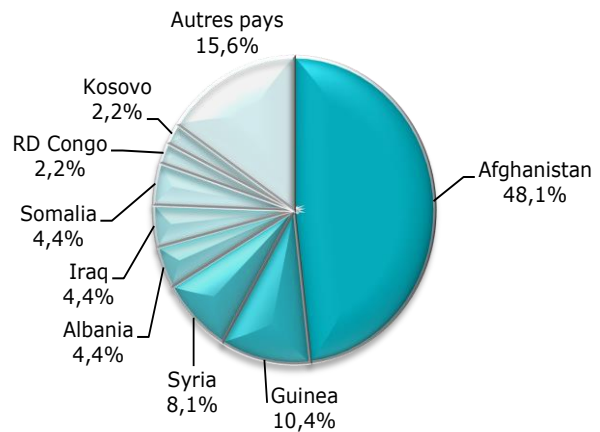
c. Countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in February 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	25
2 Guinea	10
3 Syria	8
4 Albania	4
Somalia	4
5 Iraq	3
Autres pays	23
Total February 2015	77



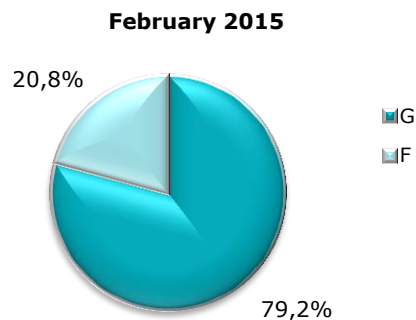
Countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	65
2 Guinea	14
3 Syria	11
4 Albania	6
Iraq	6
Somalia	6
5 RD Congo	3
Kosovo	3
Autres pays	21
Total 2015	135



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	81,5%	18,5%



III. ASYLUM DECISIONS IN 2015

(Source: CGRS)

1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

	January	February	Total
Transfer of files to CGRS	1.545	1.172	2.717
25/26 quater (Dublin)	123	111	234
Renunciation, ...	134	14	148
Total	1.802	1.297	3.099

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	Total
Recognition of refugee status	427	524	951
Granting of subsidiary protection (SP)	42	110	152
Taking an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum application)	205	167	372
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum application)	264	241	505
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	255	324	579
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)		4	4
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Safe countries of origin)	37	40	77
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Refugee in other EU country)	2	2	4
Technical refusal	19	33	52
Exclusion from refugee status and SP	7	1	8
Refusal to grant refugee status and exclusion of SP	1		1
Withdrawal of refugee status or SP	3	2	5
Renunciation + departure IOM	15	16	31
Application which does not proceed to judgment (regularization under art. 55)	5	5	10
Total	1.282	1.469	2.751

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

Country of origin	Number of recognitions	Number of decisions	%
1 Syria	404	433	93,3%
2 Eritrea	79	81	97,5%
3 Indefinite	74	96	77,1%
4 Guinea	60	97	61,9%
5 Afghanistan	58	132	43,9%
6 Iraq	43	88	48,9%
7 Russia	32	79	40,5%
8 Somalia	31	72	43,1%
9 Iran	17	28	60,7%
10 Cameroon	13	34	38,2%
Sri Lanka	13	14	92,9%
Other countries	127	720	17,6%
Total 2015	951	1.874	50,7%

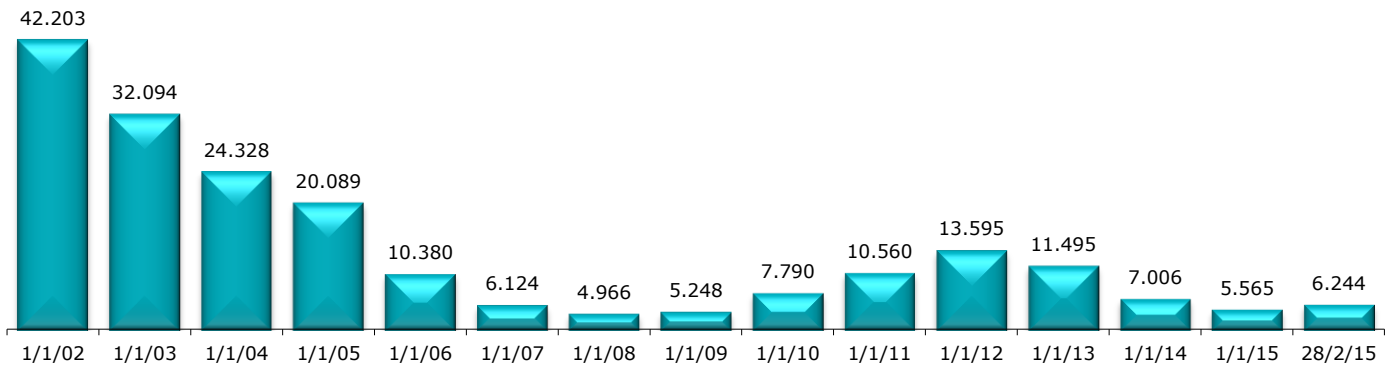
c. Decisions of granting of subsidiary protection in 2015

Country of origin	Number of granting	Number of decisions	%
1 Afghanistan	56	132	42,4%
2 Somalia	35	72	48,6%
3 Iraq	24	88	27,3%
4 Syria	21	433	4,8%
5 Central African Rep.	3	6	50,0%
Lybia	3	7	42,9%
Yemen	3	5	60,0%
Other countries	7	1.131	0,6%
Total 2015	152	1.874	8,1%

IV. EVOLUTION OF THE CASELOAD AT THE CGRS

At the end of February 2015, the CGRS had a total caseload of **6,244** dossiers, of which **3,900** dossiers may be considered a normal workload. The backlog as such amounted therefore to **2,344** dossiers.

Caseload per year



Caseload for the last 12 months

