



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)

March

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	1.348	
First asylum applications	921	68,3%
Multiple asylum applications	427	31,7%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	68	5,0%

CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	184	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	277	
Final decisions	1.215	
Recognition of refugee status	583	48,0%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	140	11,5%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	429	35,3%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	5	0,4%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	31	2,6%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	2	0,2%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	8	0,7%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	17	1,4%
Total of CGRS decisions	1.676	
Caseload at the CGRS	6.152	

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2015

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	3.872	
First asylum applications	2.661	68,7%
Multiple asylum applications	1.211	31,3%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	173	4,5%

CGRS decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
Multiple asylum applications*		
Taking an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	556	
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (multiple asylum application)	782	
Final decisions	3.090	
Recognition of refugee status	1.534	49,6%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	292	9,4%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP + technical refusal	1.060	34,3%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)	10	0,3%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (safe countries of origin)	108	3,5%
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (refugee in other EU country)	6	0,2%
Exclusion of refugee status and SP	17	0,6%
Renunciation, art. 55 (regularization), abolition of status	63	2,0%
Total of CGRS decisions	4.428	
Caseload at the CGRS	6.152	

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II. ASYLUM APPLICATIONS IN BELGIUM

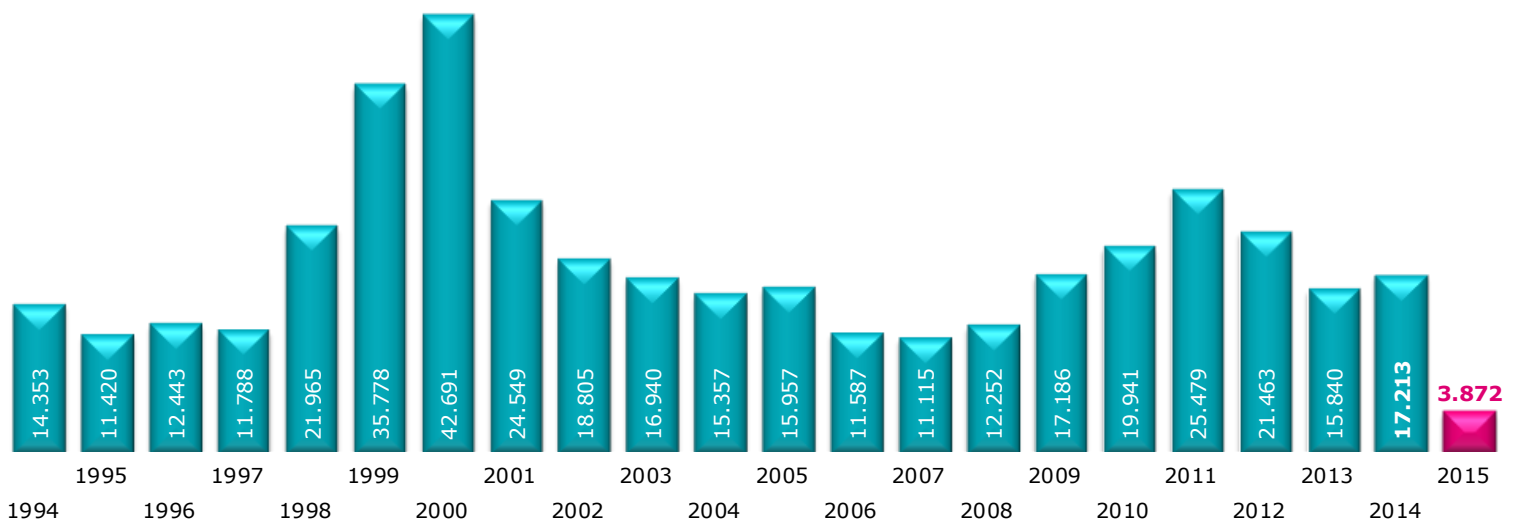
(source: Immigration Department)

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

a. Applications per month (2014-2015)

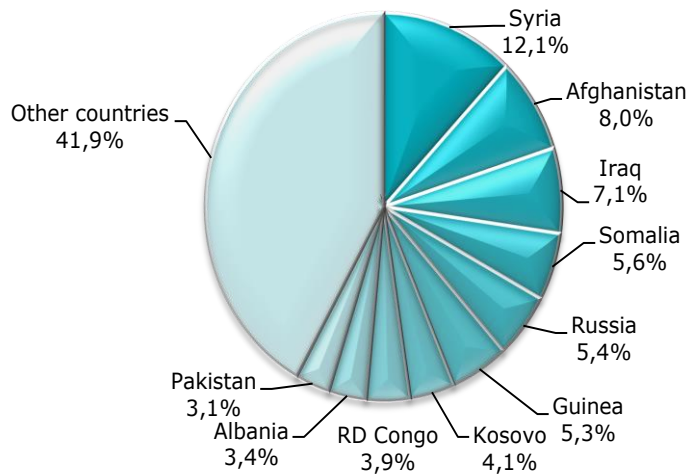
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	1.376	1.313	-4,6%	-20,2%
February	1.209	1.211	0,2%	-7,8%
March	1.177	1.348	14,5%	11,3%
April	1.193			
May	1.122			
June	1.403			
July	1.490			
August	1.580			
September	1.797			
October	1.693			
November	1.528			
December	1.645			
Total	17.213	3.872		

b. Applications per year (1994-2015)



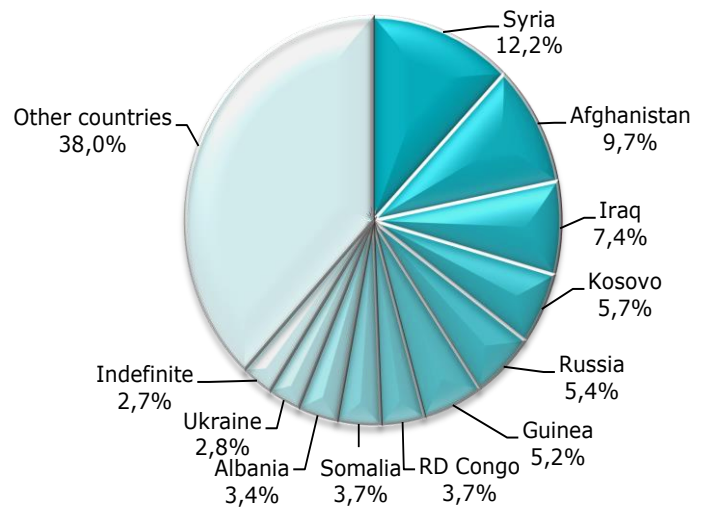
c. Top 10 of countries of origin in March 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	163
2 Afghanistan	108
3 Iraq	96
4 Somalia	76
5 Russia	73
6 Guinea	71
7 Kosovo	55
8 RD Congo	53
9 Albania	46
10 Pakistan	42
Other countries	565
Total March 2015	1.348



Top 10 of countries of origin in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	474
2 Afghanistan	374
3 Iraq	286
4 Kosovo	221
5 Russia	209
6 Guinea	201
7 RD Congo	145
Somalia	145
8 Albania	132
9 Ukraine	108
10 Indefinite	105
Other countries	1.472
Total 2015	3.872



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	374
Albania	667	487	481	132
Algeria	229	135	151	34
Angola	171	112	72	23
Argentina	6	0	0	0
Armenia	445	318	211	45
Australia	0	2	0	0
Azerbaijan	94	91	64	10
Bahrein	0	1	0	0
Bangladesh	496	208	161	36
Belorussia	60	50	34	2
Benin	83	59	38	12
Bhutan	7	9	2	0
Bosnia-Herzegovina	139	100	89	18
Brasil	0	3	2	1
British Nationals	0	1	0	0
Bulgaria	39	23	15	0
Burkina-Faso	107	103	81	11
Burundi	129	153	88	20
Cameroon	543	417	396	79
Canada	5	3	0	0
Central African Rep.	7	16	58	6
Chad	25	24	17	1
Chili	2	0	0	0
China	395	397	153	81
Colombia	11	11	6	4
Comores	2	0	0	0
Congo RD	1.334	1.225	696	145
Congo RP	23	23	16	1
Costa Rica	2	0	0	0
Croatia	12	12	10	2
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	32
Dominican Rep.	1	7	5	3
Ecuador	0	0	1	0
Egypt	84	120	98	26
El Salvador	13	14	19	4
Equatorial Guinea	7	2	3	0
Eritrea	67	66	716	37
Ethiopia	49	28	59	10
Fidji	0	0	0	1
France	4	1	1	1
Gabon	5	4	4	0
Gambia	81	78	48	23
Georgia	410	302	361	55
Germany	0	0	0	1
Ghana	86	63	39	3
Greece	0	0	0	1
Guatemala	8	2	2	0
Guinea	1.808	1.247	1.095	201
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	13
Iran	410	350	399	66
Iraq	803	787	1.131	286
Israel	7	4	1	1
Italy	2	2	2	0
Ivory Coast	241	161	118	26
Jamaica	1	0	10	4
Japan	1	0	0	0
Jordania	25	20	24	3
Kampuchea	1	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	134	70	37	2
Kenia	36	29	22	2
Kirghizistan	53	57	30	12
Kosovo	983	754	494	221
Kuwait	1	0	0	0
Laos	0	1	0	0
Latvia	1	1	4	1
Lesotho	0	0	1	0
Libanon	99	73	81	24

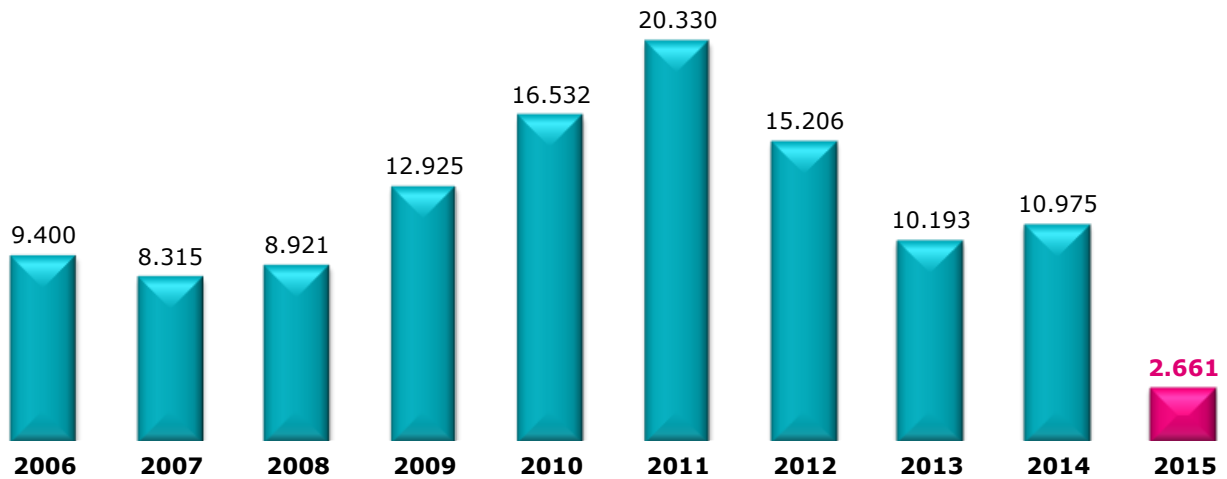
Country of origin	2012	2013	2014	2015
Liberia	27	25	30	3
Libya	16	20	54	12
Lithuania	7	3	3	3
Luxemburg	1	0	0	0
Macedonia	476	248	222	77
Madagascar	3	2	0	0
Malawi	1	0	1	0
Malaysia	2	0	0	0
Mali	122	138	70	12
Mauretania	230	222	153	29
Mauritius	6	4	1	1
Mexico	1	7	3	1
Moldova	16	12	13	1
Mongolia	43	27	16	7
Montenegro	53	13	13	3
Morocco	113	130	177	40
Mozambique	1	0	0	0
Myanmar	23	12	14	0
Namibia	1	0	1	1
Nepal	222	53	18	4
Netherlands	7	4	4	0
Niger	91	89	116	19
Nigeria	167	154	123	40
North Korea	83	28	3	0
Pakistan	760	361	312	99
Palestina	26	27	16	8
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	5
Russia	1.470	1.166	974	209
Rwanda	391	292	259	60
Saoudi Arabia	1	2	0	0
Sao Tomé & Principe	0	0	1	0
Senegal	534	344	254	62
Serbia	571	336	265	49
Sierra Leone	78	47	64	5
Slovakia	15	12	15	1
Slovenia	0	1	0	0
Somalia	360	212	318	145
South Africa	1	5	2	1
South Korea	1	0	0	2
South Sudan	1	5	4	1
Spain	1	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	118	106	119	39
Sudan	83	65	131	9
Surinam	12	3	4	0
Sweden	0	0	0	1
Syria	793	877	1.854	474
Tadzhikistan	9	2	7	8
Tanzania	73	52	27	3
Thailand	0	0	3	0
Togo	247	219	150	40
Tunisia	69	56	63	12
Turkey	368	242	225	58
Turkmenistan	0	1	0	0
Uganda	20	25	13	2
Ukraine	74	55	451	108
United Arab 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	7
Zambia	0	0	2	0
Zimbabwe	0	2	3	0
Others	22	27	0	0
Indefinite	231	217	778	105
Stateless Persons	11	9	2	2
Refugees	0	3	0	0
Total	21.463	15.840	17.213	3.872

2. First asylum applications

a. First applications per month (2014-2015)

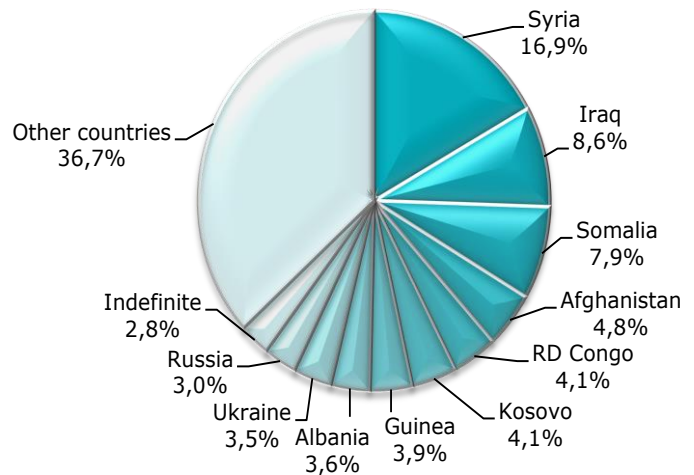
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	754	925	22,7%	-11,4%
February	602	815	35,4%	-11,9%
March	696	921	32,3%	13,0%
April	712			
May	694			
June	871			
July	994			
August	1.151			
September	1.328			
October	1.186			
November	943			
December	1.044			
Total	10.975	2.661		

b. First applications per year (2006-2015)



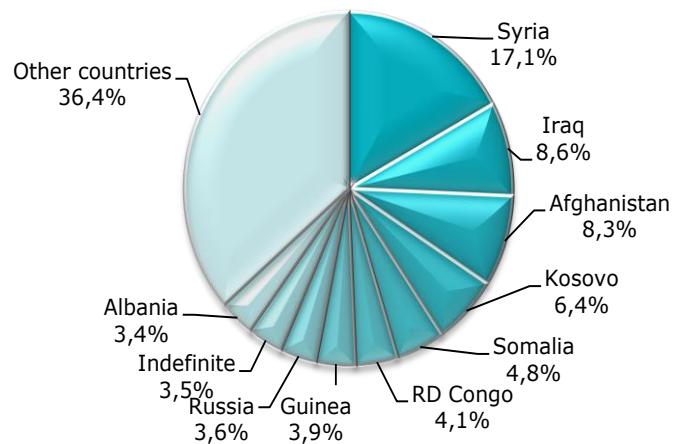
c. Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in March 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	156
2 Iraq	79
3 Somalia	73
4 Afghanistan	44
5 RD Congo	38
Kosovo	38
6 Guinea	36
7 Albania	33
8 Ukraine	32
9 Russia	28
10 Indefinite	26
Other countries	338
Total March 2015	921



Top 10 of countries of origin for first applications in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Syria	454
2 Iraq	229
3 Afghanistan	222
4 Kosovo	170
5 Somalia	127
6 RD Congo	110
7 Guinea	103
8 Russia	95
9 Indefinite	92
10 Albania	91
Other countries	968
Total 2015	2.661

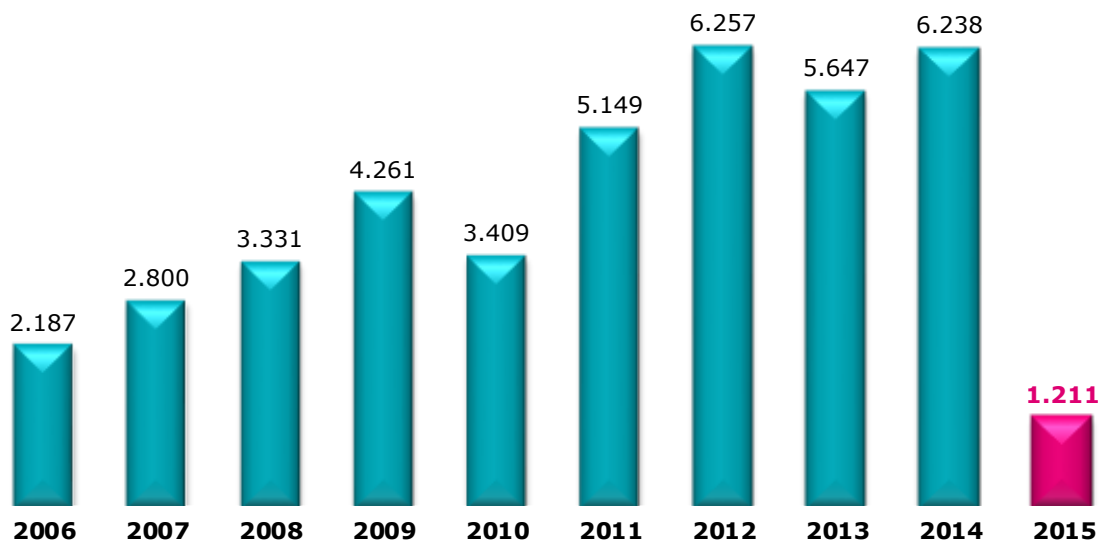


3. Multiple asylum applications

a. Multiple applications per month (2014-2015)

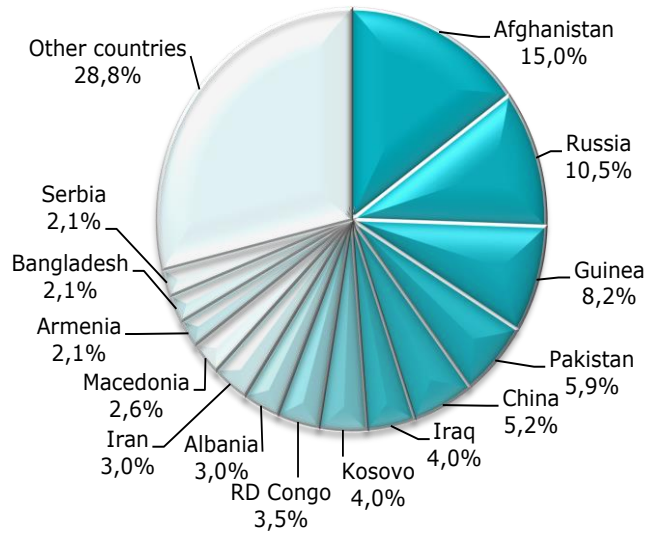
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	622	388	-37,6%	-35,4%
February	607	396	-34,8%	2,1%
March	481	427	-11,2%	7,8%
April	481			
May	428			
June	532			
July	496			
August	429			
September	469			
October	507			
November	585			
December	601			
Total	6.238	1.211		

b. Multiple applications per year (2006-2015)



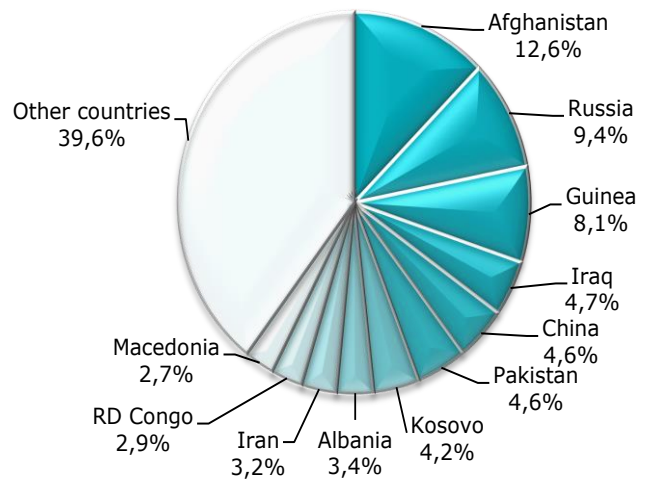
c. Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in March 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	64
2 Russia	45
3 Guinea	35
4 Pakistan	25
5 China	22
6 Iraq	17
Kosovo	17
7 RD Congo	15
8 Albania	13
Iran	13
9 Macedonia	11
10 Armenia	9
Bangladesh	9
Serbia	9
Other countries	123
Total March 2015	427



Top 10 of countries of origin for multiples applications in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	152
2 Russia	114
3 Guinea	98
4 Iraq	57
5 China	56
Pakistan	56
6 Kosovo	51
7 Albania	41
8 Iran	39
9 RD Congo	35
10 Macedonia	33
Other countries	479
Total 2015	1.211



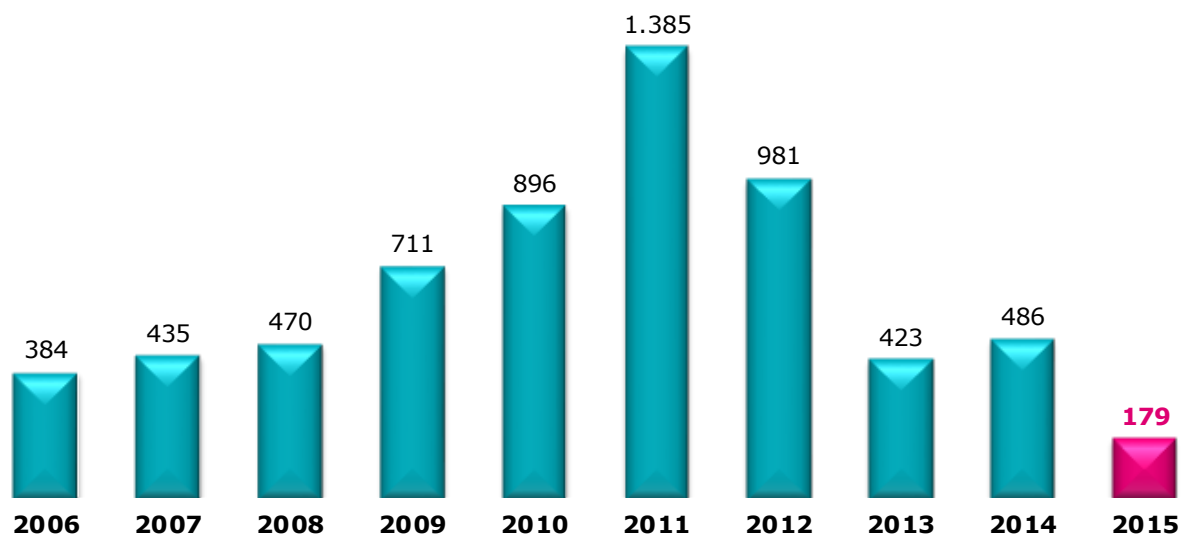
4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

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)

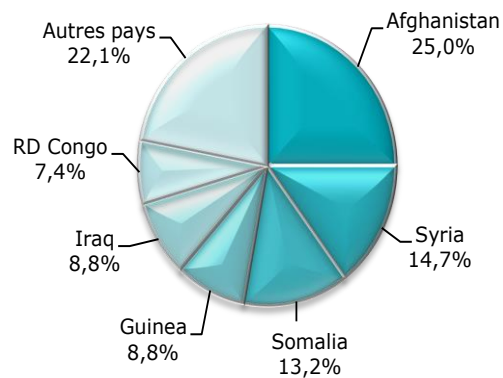
	2014	2015	+/- in % 2015 vs 2014	+/- in % vs last month
January	36	58	61,1%	20,8%
February	24	53	120,8%	-8,6%
March	21	68	223,8%	28,3%
April	32			
May	29			
June	32			
July	49			
August	51			
September	56			
October	53			
November	55			
December	48			
Total	486	179		

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



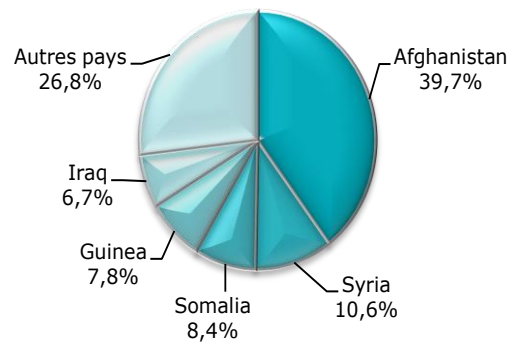
c. Top 5 countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in March 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	17
2 Syria	10
3 Somalia	9
4 Guinea	6
5 Iraq	6
5 RD Congo	5
Autres pays	15
Total March 2015	68



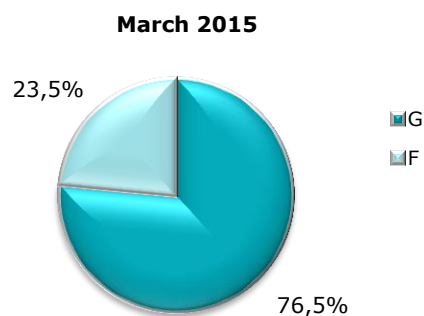
Top 5 countries of origin of unaccompanied foreign minors in 2015

Country of origin	Number
1 Afghanistan	71
2 Syria	19
3 Somalia	15
4 Guinea	14
5 Iraq	12
Autres pays	48
Total 2015	179



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	79,3%	20,7%



III. ASYLUM DECISIONS IN 2015

(Source: CGRS)

1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

	January-February	March	Total
Transfer of files to CGRS	2.735	1.161	3.896
25/26 quater (Dublin)	242	114	356
Renunciation, ...	211	11	222
Total	3.188	1.286	4.474

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	March	Total
Recognition of refugee status	427	524	583	1.534
Granting of subsidiary protection (SP)	42	110	140	292
Taking an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum application)	205	167	184	556
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Multiple asylum application)	264	241	277	782
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	255	324	401	980
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU)		5	5	10
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Safe countries of origin)	37	40	31	108
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (Refugee in other EU country)	2	2	2	6
Technical refusal	19	33	28	80
Exclusion from refugee status and SP			5	5
Exclusion from refugee status and to grant SP	7	1	3	11
Refusal to grant refugee status and exclusion of SP	1			1
Withdrawal of refugee status or SP	3	2	4	9
Renunciation + departure IOM	15	16	10	41
Application which does not proceed to judgment (regularization under art. 55)	5	5	3	13
Total	1.282	1.470	1.676	4.428

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

Country of origin	Number of recognitions	Number of decisions	%
1 Syria	596	641	93,0%
2 Indefinite	141	168	83,9%
3 Eritrea	122	127	96,1%
4 Afghanistan	121	265	45,7%
5 Guinea	82	140	58,6%
6 Iraq	75	156	48,1%
7 Russia	48	143	33,6%
8 Somalia	41	126	32,5%
9 Iran	35	57	61,4%
10 China	26	39	66,7%
Other countries	247	1.228	20,1%
Total 2015	1.534	3.090	49,6%

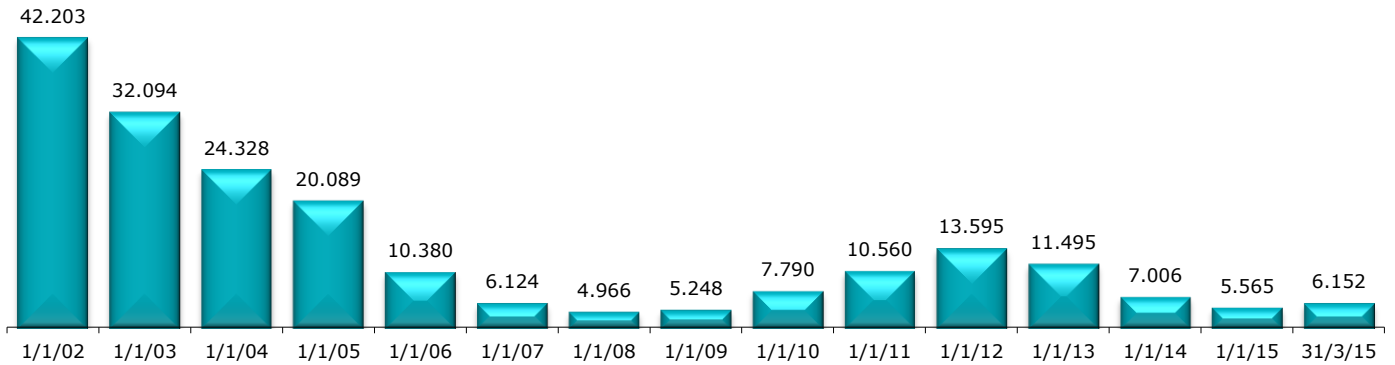
c. Decisions of granting of subsidiary protection in 2015

Country of origin	Number of granting	Number of decisions	%
1 Afghanistan	104	265	39,2%
2 Somalia	73	126	57,9%
3 Iraq	50	156	32,1%
4 Syria	35	641	5,5%
5 Yemen	8	10	80,0%
Other countries	22	1.892	1,2%
Total 2015	292	3.090	9,4%

IV. EVOLUTION OF THE CASELOAD AT THE CGRS

At the end of March 2015, the CGRS had a total caseload of **6,152** dossiers, of which **3,900** dossiers may be considered a normal workload. The backlog as such amounted therefore to **2,252** dossiers.

Caseload per year



Caseload for the last 12 months

