



>>> EUROPE 2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Top Country of Origin (share)	Top EU+ Country (Total / Share)
Asylum applicants	644 335	716 115	484 670	-32%	Syria (14%)	Germany (121 955 / 25.2%)
Pending cases at end of year	958 715	942 110	773 630	-18%	Afghanistan (12%)	Germany (257 210 / 33.2%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	17 370	14 735	14 225	-3%	Afghanistan (41%)	Greece (2 800 / 19.7%)
Decisions at first instance	572 435	556 345	534 460	-4%	Syria (14%)	Germany (128 590 / 24.1%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	122 045	116 115	112 515	-3%	Syria (37%)	Germany (37 820 / 33.6%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	61 805	53 210	51 580	-3%	Syria (44%)	Germany (18 950 / 36.7%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	40 280	49 605	59 455	+20	Venezuela (76%)	Spain (45 300 / 76.2%)
Rejections at first instance	348 315	337 415	310 910	-8%	Colombia (13%)	Spain (73 740 / 23.7%)
Resettled persons from third countries	22 635	25 165	10 640	-58%	Syria (57%)	Sweden (3 590 / 33.7%)

Recognition Rate	42%
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>>> AUSTRIA

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	13 710	12 860	14 180	+10%	2.9% (9 th)	Syria (35%)
Pending cases at end of year	38 045	27 140	21 205	-22%	2.7% (7 th)	Afghanistan (31%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	390	860	1 370	+59%	9.6% (3 rd)	Afghanistan (56%)
Decisions at first instance	34 525	13 890	10 495	-24%	2.0% (10 th)	Syria (29%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	10 620	5 620	5 000	-11%	4.4% (5 th)	Syria (51%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	3 620	1 075	1 050	-2%	2.0% (9 th)	Syria (36%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	780	725	780	+8%	1.3% (6 th)	Russia (43%)
Rejections at first instance	19 500	6 465	3 660	-43%	1.2% (9 th)	Afghanistan (17%)
Resettled persons from third countries	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate	65%
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>>> BELGIUM

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	22 530	27 460	16 710	-39%	3.4% (6 th)	Afghanistan (19%)
Pending cases at end of year	19 535	29 065	29 240	+1%	3.8% (6 th)	Afghanistan (14%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	750	1 220	1 210	-1%	8.5% (4 th)	Afghanistan (70%)
Decisions at first instance	19 020	17 170	16 360	-5%	3.1% (7 th)	Syria (14%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	7 860	5 555	4 735	-15%	4.2% (7 th)	Syria (24%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	1 815	975	975	+0%	1.9% (11 th)	Afghanistan (37%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	No data	No data	No data	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rejections at first instance	9 340	10 640	10 650	+0%	3.4% (7 th)	Palestine (12%)
Resettled persons from third countries	880	240	175	-27%	1.6% (10 th)	Syria (100%)

Recognition Rate **35%**

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>>> BULGARIA

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	2 535	2 150	3 525	+64%	0.7% (14 th)	Afghanistan (49%)
Pending cases at end of year	1 820	1 100	2 200	+100%	0.3% (17 th)	Afghanistan (51%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	480	525	800	+52%	5.6% (7 th)	Afghanistan (83%)
Decisions at first instance	2 110	1 250	2 195	+76%	0.4% (14 th)	Afghanistan (39%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	315	140	105	-25%	0.1% (19 th)	Syria (90%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	420	265	715	+170%	1.4% (12 th)	Syria (93%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	No data	No data	No data	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rejections at first instance	1 370	850	1 375	+62%	0.4% (14 th)	Afghanistan (62%)
Resettled persons from third countries	20	65	0	-100%	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate	37%
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>>> CROATIA

2020 Asylum Trends

	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	800	1 400	1 605	+15%	0.3% (18 th)	Afghanistan (48%)
Pending cases at end of year	250	620	610	-2%	0.1% (22 nd)	Afghanistan (58%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	25	35	115	+229%	0.8% (17 th)	Afghanistan (52%)
Decisions at first instance	435	320	295	-8%	0.1% (27 th)	Morocco (19%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	115	55	35	-36%	27%	Syria (29%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	20	0	5	N/A	28%	Syria (100%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rejections at first instance	300	265	250	-6%	0.1% (25 th)	Morocco (22%)
Resettled persons from third countries	110	100	0	-100%	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate **14%**

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>>> CYPRUS

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	7 765	13 650	7 440	-45%	1.5% (11 th)	Syria (24%)
Pending cases at end of year	10 180	18 795	19 590	+4%	2.5% (8 th)	Syria (22%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	260	565	190	-66%	1.3% (13 th)	Syria (63%)
Decisions at first instance	2 475	3 275	3 375	+3%	0.6% (11 th)	Syria (43%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	195	150	150	+0%	0.1% (17 th)	Palestine (20%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	1 015	1 150	1 530	+33%	3.0% (6 th)	Syria (93%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rejections at first instance	1 265	1 975	1 695	-14%	0.5% (12 th)	Pakistan (32%)
Resettled persons from third countries	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate	50%
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>>> CZECH REPUBLIC

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	1 690	1 915	1 160	-39%	0.2% (23 rd)	Ukraine (30%)
Pending cases at end of year	795	775	590	-24%	0.1% (23 rd)	Ukraine (20%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	10	10	0	-100%	N/A	N/A
Decisions at first instance	1 385	1 390	960	-31%	0.2% (20 th)	Ukraine (21%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	40	50	40	-20%	0.0% (26 th)	Russia (50%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	110	80	65	-19%	0.1% (20 th)	Syria (38%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	5	5	5	+0%	0.0% (16 th)	Not Specified
Rejections at first instance	1 230	1 255	855	-32%	0.3% (16 th)	Ukraine (22%)
Resettled persons from third countries	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate **11%**

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>>> DENMARK

2020 Asylum Trends

	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	3 570	2 700	1 475	-45%	0.3% (20 th)	Syria (23%)
Pending cases at end of year	2 600	1 440	1 250	-13%	0.2% (19 th)	Syria (22%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	240	195	145	-26%	1.0% (14 th)	Morocco (38%)
Decisions at first instance	2 625	3 030	1 185	-61%	0.2% (18 th)	Syria (22%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	825	645	205	-68%	0.2% (16 th)	Syria (37%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	55	575	70	-88%	0.1% (19 th)	Eritrea (57%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	435	355	145	-59%	0.2% (10 th)	Syria (83%)
Rejections at first instance	1 315	1 455	765	-47%	0.2% (17 th)	Iran (13%)
Resettled persons from third countries	0	0	30	N/A	0.3% (12 th)	Syria (100%)

Recognition Rate **35%**

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>>> ESTONIA

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	95	105	50	-52%	0.0% (30 th)	Russia (30%)
Pending cases at end of year	80	55	45	-18%	0.0% (30 th)	Russia (44%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Decisions at first instance	75	90	70	-22%	0.0% (30 th)	Russia (50%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	15	40	20	-50%	0.0% (28 th)	Russia (75%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	5	5	5	+0%	0.0% (29 th)	Eritrea (100%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rejections at first instance	55	45	45	+0%	0.0% (29 th)	Russia (44%)
Resettled persons from third countries	30	5	0	-100%	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate **36%**

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>>> FINLAND

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	4 500	4 520	3 190	-29%	0.7% (15 th)	Iraq (35%)
Pending cases at end of year	10 490	8 315	6 330	-24%	0.8% (13 th)	Iraq (42%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	105	95	145	+53%	1.0% (15 th)	Afghanistan (55%)
Decisions at first instance	4 440	4 845	3 045	-37%	0.6% (12 th)	Iraq (36%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	1 765	1 295	850	-34%	0.8% (12 th)	Iraq (24%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	395	205	135	-34%	0.3% (17 th)	Iraq (37%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	240	165	165	+0%	0.3% (9 th)	Iraq (36%)
Rejections at first instance	2 035	3 180	1 895	-40%	0.6% (10 th)	Iraq (42%)
Resettled persons from third countries	605	890	660	-26%	6.2% (5 th)	Syria (42%)

Recognition Rate **38%**

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>>> FRANCE

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	137 665	151 070	93 470	-38%	19.3% (2 nd)	Afghanistan (11%)
Pending cases at end of year	142 970	160 785	151 200	-6%	19.5% (2 nd)	Afghanistan (12%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	740	755	650	-14%	4.6% (8 th)	Afghanistan (35%)
Decisions at first instance	115 045	113 890	86 330	-24%	16.2% (3 rd)	Afghanistan (9%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	21 125	17 360	11 955	-31%	10.6% (3 rd)	China (13%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	11 600	10 780	7 180	-33%	13.9% (3 rd)	Afghanistan (59%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	No data	No data	No data	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rejections at first instance	82 325	85 750	67 200	-22%	21.6% (2 nd)	Guinea (7%)
Resettled persons from third countries	5 565	5 600	1 340	-76%	12.6% (4 th)	Syria (68%)

Recognition Rate	22%
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>>> GERMANY

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	184 180	165 615	121 955	-26%	25.2% (1 st)	Syria (33%)
Pending cases at end of year	384 815	326 770	257 210	-21%	33.2% (1 st)	Syria (16%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	4 085	2 690	2 230	-17%	15.7% (2 nd)	Afghanistan (32%)
Decisions at first instance	179 115	154 175	128 590	-17%	24.1% (1 st)	Syria (29%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	41 370	45 050	37 820	-16%	33.6% (1 st)	Syria (50%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	25 030	19 415	18 950	-2%	36.7% (1 st)	Syria (82%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	9 540	5 855	5 700	-3%	9.6% (2 nd)	Afghanistan (45%)
Rejections at first instance	103 175	83 855	66 120	-21%	21.3% (3 rd)	Iraq (10%)
Resettled persons from third countries	3 200	4 890	1 685	-66%	15.8% (2 nd)	Syria (85%)

Recognition Rate	49%
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>>> GREECE

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	66 965	77 275	40 560	-48%	8.4% (4 th)	Afghanistan (28%)
Pending cases at end of year	76 330	105 450	62 270	-41%	8.0% (4 th)	Afghanistan (32%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	2 640	3 330	2 800	-16%	19.7% (1 st)	Afghanistan (32%)
Decisions at first instance	32 340	32 700	62 190	+90%	11.6% (4 th)	Syria (28%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	12 635	13 515	26 405	+95%	23.5% (2 nd)	Syria (51%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	2 575	3 835	7 950	+107%	15.4% (2 nd)	Afghanistan (78%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rejections at first instance	17 130	15 350	27 830	+81%	9.0% (5 th)	Afghanistan (21%)
Resettled persons from third countries	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate **55%**

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>>> HUNGARY

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	670	500	115	-77%	0.0% (29 th)	Afghanistan (22%)
Pending cases at end of year	125	235	45	-81%	0.0% (29 th)	Afghanistan (33%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	40	10	0	-100%	N/A	N/A
Decisions at first instance	960	710	475	-33%	0.1% (23 rd)	Afghanistan (40%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	70	20	85	+325%	0.1% (21 st)	Pakistan (53%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	280	30	45	+50%	0.1% (22 nd)	Afghanistan (56%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	20	5	5	+0%	0.0% (15 th)	Not Specified
Rejections at first instance	590	650	345	-47%	0.1% (21 st)	Afghanistan (45%)
Resettled persons from third countries	0	0	No data	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate **27%**

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ICELAND

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	775	845	640	-24%	0.1% (25 th)	Palestine (19%)
Pending cases at end of year	450	425	295	-31%	0.0% (24 th)	Palestine (29%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	5	5	No data	N/A	N/A	N/A
Decisions at first instance	380	710	585	-18%	0.1% (22 nd)	Venezuela (22%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	85	90	80	-11%	0.1% (22 nd)	Iran (25%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	20	205	285	+39%	0.6% (14 th)	Venezuela (44%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	0	10	20	+100%	0.0% (12 th)	Nigeria (50%)
Rejections at first instance	275	400	200	-50%	0.1% (27 th)	Nigeria (15%)
Resettled persons from third countries	50	75	No data	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate **66%**

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>>> IRELAND

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	3 670	4 780	1 565	-67%	0.3% (19 th)	Nigeria (13%)
Pending cases at end of year	7 060	7 330	6 795	-7%	0.9% (12 th)	Nigeria (12%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	15	50	30	-40%	0.2% (22 nd)	Somalia (50%)
Decisions at first instance	1 175	1 870	1 275	-32%	0.2% (17 th)	Zimbabwe (11%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	630	585	620	+6%	0.6% (14 th)	Zimbabwe (13%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	180	120	120	+0%	0.2% (18 th)	Afghanistan (21%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	195	265	200	-25%	0.3% (8 th)	Nigeria (18%)
Rejections at first instance	170	895	330	-63%	0.1% (22 nd)	Albania (27%)
Resettled persons from third countries	340	785	195	-75%	1.8% (9 th)	Syria (100%)

Recognition Rate **74%**

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>>> ITALY

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	59 950	43 770	26 535	-39%	5.5% (5 th)	Pakistan (21%)
Pending cases at end of year	102 995	47 020	53 895	+15%	7.0% (5 th)	Eritrea (24%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	3 885	660	520	-21%	3.7% (11 th)	Pakistan (23%)
Decisions at first instance	95 210	93 485	40 795	-56%	7.6% (5 th)	Nigeria (16%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	6 490	10 120	4 580	-55%	4.1% (8 th)	Nigeria (29%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	4 205	6 870	4 970	-28%	9.6% (4 th)	Afghanistan (19%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	19 970	1 385	2 035	+47%	3.4% (4 th)	Nigeria (21%)
Rejections at first instance	64 540	75 110	29 215	-61%	9.4% (4 th)	Pakistan (17%)
Resettled persons from third countries	1 180	1 355	350	-74%	3.3% (8 th)	Syria (57%)

Recognition Rate	28%
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>>> LATVIA

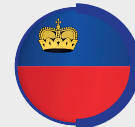
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	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	185	195	180	-8%	0.0% (28 th)	Belarus (25%)
Pending cases at end of year	125	100	95	-5%	0.0% (28 th)	Belarus (37%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	5	5	0	-100%	N/A	N/A
Decisions at first instance	125	150	120	-20%	0.0% (28 th)	Russia (21%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	25	30	5	-83%	0.0% (30 th)	Turkey (100%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	5	5	15	+200%	0.0% (26 th)	Belarus (67%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	No data	No data	No data	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rejections at first instance	95	120	95	-21%	0.0% (28 th)	Russia (26 th)
Resettled persons from third countries	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate	21%
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>>> LIECHTENSTEIN

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	165	50	35	-30%	0.0% (31 st)	Albania (14%)
Pending cases at end of year	80	30	20	-33%	0.0% (31 st)	Iran (25%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Decisions at first instance	40	35	25	-29%	0.0% (31 st)	China (40%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	0	5	0	-100%	N/A	N/A
Subsidiary protection at first instance	5	5	10	+100%	0.0% (27 th)	China (100%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	5	5	0	-100%	N/A	N/A
Rejections at first instance	30	20	15	-25%	0.0% (31 st)	Iraq (33%)
Resettled persons from third countries	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate	40%
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>>> LITHUANIA

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	405	645	315	-51%	0.1% (26 th)	Russia (29%)
Pending cases at end of year	380	550	250	-55%	0.0% (25 th)	Belarus (28%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Decisions at first instance	270	325	350	+8%	0.1% (25 th)	Tajikistan (37%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	120	80	80	+0%	0.1% (23 rd)	Russia (31%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	20	15	0	-100%	N/A	N/A
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	No data	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rejections at first instance	135	230	265	+15%	0.1% (24 th)	Tajikistan (43%)
Resettled persons from third countries	20	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate	23%
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>>> LUXEMBOURG

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	2 335	2 270	1 345	-41%	0.3% (22 nd)	Syria (27%)
Pending cases at end of year	1 525	1 790	1 890	+6%	0.2% (18 th)	Syria (19%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	35	35	50	+43%	0.4% (20 th)	Afghanistan (40%)
Decisions at first instance	1 410	1 180	1 165	-1%	0.2% (19 th)	Eritrea (36%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	950	635	720	+13%	0.6% (13 th)	Eritrea (58%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	60	35	30	-14%	0.1% (23 rd)	Venezuela (33%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	No data	No data	No data	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rejections at first instance	400	510	415	-19%	0.1% (20 th)	Afghanistan (20%)
Resettled persons from third countries	0	35	15	-57%	0.1% (13 th)	Somalia (67%)

Recognition Rate **64%**

- EU+ includes EU27, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
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>>> MALTA

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	2 130	4 090	2 480	-39%	0.5% (17 th)	Sudan (15%)
Pending cases at end of year	2 020	4 260	5 140	+21%	0.7% (14 th)	Sudan (23%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	5	20	10	-50%	0.1% (24 th)	Tunisia (50%)
Decisions at first instance	1 500	1 040	875	-16%	0.2% (21 st)	Syria (23%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	150	50	75	+50%	0.1% (25 th)	Syria (60%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	475	345	190	-45%	0.4% (16 th)	Syria (55%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	25	15	5	-67%	0.0% (17 th)	Not specified
Rejections at first instance	855	635	605	-5%	0.2% (18 th)	Bangladesh (21%)
Resettled persons from third countries	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate **31%**

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>>> NETHERLANDS

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	24 025	25 200	15 255	-39%	3.1% (8 th)	Syria (27%)
Pending cases at end of year	15 965	20 205	17 130	-15%	2.2% (10 th)	Syria (16%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	1 225	1 045	985	-6%	6.9% (5 th)	Syria (45%)
Decisions at first instance	10 285	12 940	13 580	+5%	2.5% (8 th)	Syria (34%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	1 760	2 455	4 975	+103%	4.4% (6 th)	Syria (52%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	1 485	1 830	2 820	+54%	5.5% (5 th)	Syria (54%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	375	560	820	+46%	1.4% (5 th)	Turkey (40%)
Rejections at first instance	6 665	8 095	4 965	-39%	1.6% (8 th)	Morocco (9%)
Resettled persons from third countries	1 225	1 875	425	-77%	4.0% (7 th)	Syria (61%)

Recognition Rate	63%
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>>> NORWAY

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	2 660	2 265	1 375	-39%	0.3% (21 st)	Syria (39%)
Pending cases at end of year	1 985	1 325	805	-39%	0.1% (20 th)	Syria (42%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	145	125	75	-40%	0.5% (19 th)	Syria (47%)
Decisions at first instance	2 115	2 455	1 565	-36%	0.3% (16 th)	Syria (28%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	1 335	1 645	1 010	-39%	0.9% (11 th)	Syria (41%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	50	45	50	+11%	0.1% (21 st)	Afghanistan (30%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	75	100	80	-20%	0.1% (11 th)	Afghanistan (31%)
Rejections at first instance	660	665	420	-37%	0.1% (19 th)	Iran (10%)
Resettled persons from third countries	2 480	2 795	1 525	-45%	14.3% (3 rd)	Syria (65%)

Recognition Rate **73%**

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>>> POLAND

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	4 110	4 070	2 785	-32%	0.6% (16 th)	Russia (46%)
Pending cases at end of year	4 460	4 790	3 600	-25%	0.5% (15 th)	Russia (67%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	125	105	115	+10%	0.8% (16 th)	Russia (52%)
Decisions at first instance	2 500	1 995	1 975	-1%	0.4% (15 th)	Russia (53%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	170	130	135	+4%	0.1% (18 th)	Turkey (56%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	190	130	205	+58%	0.4% (15 th)	Belarus (37%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	15	5	10	+100%	0.0% (13 th)	Russia (50%)
Rejections at first instance	2 125	1 730	1 630	-6%	0.5% (13 th)	Russia (60%)
Resettled persons from third countries	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate **17%**

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- Data accurate as at 28 April 2021.
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>>> PORTUGAL

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	1 285	1 820	1 000	-45%	0.2% (24 th)	Gambia (16%)
Pending cases at end of year	90	180	95	-47%	0.0% (27 th)	Guinea-Bissau (26%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	40	45	95	+111%	0.7% (18 th)	Afghanistan (21%)
Decisions at first instance	1 045	745	420	-44%	0.1% (24 th)	Angola (23%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	220	60	75	+25%	0.1% (24 th)	Syria (27%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	405	115	15	-87%	0.0% (25 th)	Sudan (33%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	No data	No data	No data	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rejections at first instance	415	570	325	-43%	0.1% (23 rd)	Angola (29%)
Resettled persons from third countries	35	375	No data	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate **23%**

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- Data accurate as at 28 April 2021.
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>>> ROMANIA

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	2 135	2 590	6 155	+138%	1.3% (12 th)	Afghanistan (39%)
Pending cases at end of year	1 520	930	2 260	+143%	0.3% (16 th)	Afghanistan (66%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	135	185	980	+430%	6.9% (6 th)	Afghanistan (82%)
Decisions at first instance	1 295	1 315	2 505	+90%	0.5% (13 th)	Afghanistan (23%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	305	320	210	-34%	0.2% (15 th)	Syria (43%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	290	265	425	+60%	0.8% (13 th)	Syria (80%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rejections at first instance	700	730	1 870	+156%	0.6% (11 th)	Afghanistan (29%)
Resettled persons from third countries	0	75	35	-53%	0.3% (11 th)	Syria (100%)

Recognition Rate	25%
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>>> SLOVAKIA

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	175	230	280	+22%	0.1% (27 th)	Afghanistan (18%)
Pending cases at end of year	155	110	145	+32%	0.0% (26 th)	Afghanistan (28%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	10	30	10	-67%	0.1% (23 rd)	Afghanistan (50%)
Decisions at first instance	80	90	80	-11%	0.0% (29 th)	Afghanistan (31%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	0	5	5	+0%	0.0% (29 th)	Afghanistan (100%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	35	20	20	+0%	0.0% (24 th)	Afghanistan (75%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	10	15	10	-33%	0.0% (14 th)	Afghanistan (50%)
Rejections at first instance	40	55	40	-27%	0.0% (30 th)	Afghanistan (13%)
Resettled persons from third countries	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate **50%**

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>>> SLOVENIA

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	2 875	3 820	3 550	-7%	0.7% (13 th)	Morocco (35%)
Pending cases at end of year	410	530	640	+21%	0.1% (21 st)	Afghanistan (38%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	555	670	550	-18%	3.9% (10 th)	Afghanistan (37%)
Decisions at first instance	235	215	300	+40%	0.1% (26 th)	Morocco (22%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	100	80	85	+6%	0.1% (20 th)	Syria (18%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	5	5	0	-100%	N/A	N/A
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	No data	No data	No data	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rejections at first instance	135	130	215	+65%	0.1% (26 th)	Morocco (30%)
Resettled persons from third countries	35	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate **28%**

- EU+ includes EU27, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
- Data accurate as at 28 April 2021.
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>>> SPAIN

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	54 050	117 800	88 530	-25%	18.3% (3 rd)	Venezuela (32%)
Pending cases at end of year	78 705	133 020	103 410	-22%	13.4% (3 rd)	Colombia (23%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	75	100	45	-55%	0.3% (21 st)	Guinea (22%)
Decisions at first instance	11 875	58 035	124 795	+115%	23.3% (2 nd)	Venezuela (37%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	575	1 640	4 360	+166%	3.9% (9 th)	Nicaragua (26%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	2 320	1 540	1 390	-10%	2.7% (7 th)	Syria (38%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	0	35 240	45 300	+29%	76.2% (1 st)	Venezuela (99%)
Rejections at first instance	8 980	19 615	73 740	+276%	23.7% (1 st)	Colombia (54%)
Resettled persons from third countries	830	No data	No data	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate **41%**

- EU+ includes EU27, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
- Data accurate as at 28 April 2021.
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>>> SWEDEN

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	21 560	26 255	16 225	-38%	3.3% (7 th)	Syria (12%)
Pending cases at end of year	37 620	27 530	18 525	-33%	2.4% (9 th)	Iran (9%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	900	875	500	-43%	3.5% (12 th)	Syria (22%)
Decisions at first instance	31 335	20 720	17 215	-17%	3.2% (6 th)	Syria (11%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	5 990	3 300	2 830	-14%	2.5% (10 th)	Eritrea (13%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	3 985	2 300	1 365	-41%	2.6% (8 th)	Syria (68%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	670	465	230	-51%	0.4% (7 th)	Somalia (11%)
Rejections at first instance	20 690	14 655	12 790	-13%	4.1% (6 th)	Uzbekistan (9%)
Resettled persons from third countries	4 950	5 005	3 590	-28%	33.7% (1 st)	Syria (29%)

Recognition Rate	26%
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- Data accurate as at 28 April 2021.
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SWITZERLAND

2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	15 160	14 195	10 990	-23%	2.3% (10 th)	Eritrea (17%)
Pending cases at end of year	15 130	11 440	6 855	-40%	0.9% (11 th)	Turkey (15%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	435	490	600	+22%	4.2% (9 th)	Afghanistan (51%)
Decisions at first instance	17 000	12 315	11 275	-8%	2.1% (9 th)	Eritrea (19%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	6 190	5 395	5 260	-3%	4.7% (4 th)	Eritrea (29%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	1 120	970	985	+2%	1.9% (10 th)	Eritrea (27%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	7 920	4 425	3 945	-11%	6.6% (3 rd)	Afghanistan (36%)
Rejections at first instance	1 775	1 525	1 090	-29%	0.4% (15 th)	Sri Lanka (13%)
Resettled persons from third countries	1 080	1 000	615	-39%	5.8% (6 th)	Syria (93%)

Recognition Rate **90%**

- EU+ includes EU27, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
- Data accurate as at 28 April 2021.
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