

Asylum statistics

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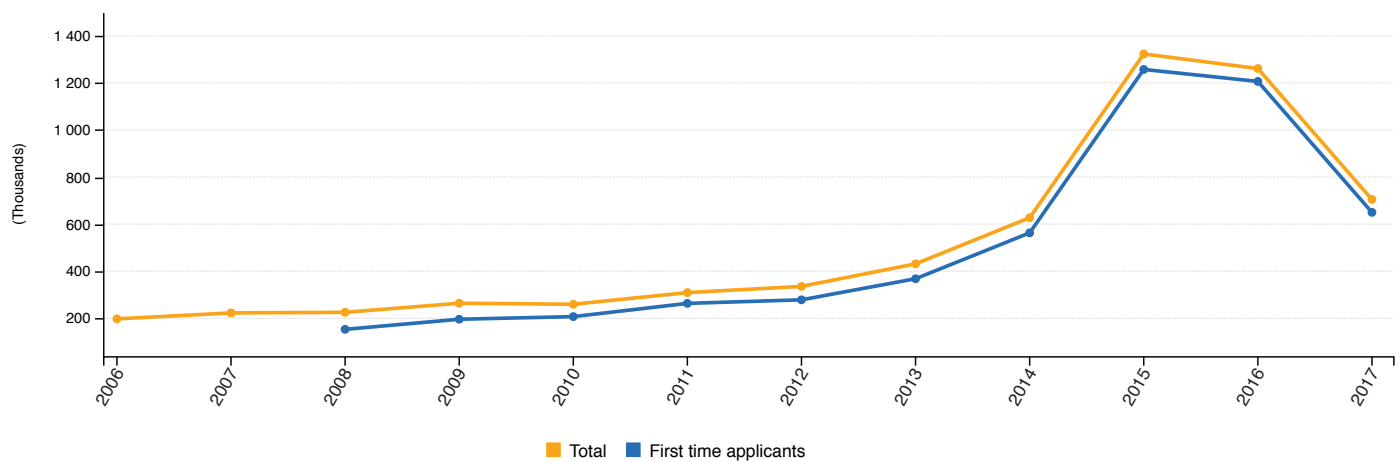
Highlights

Tweet In 2017, 650 thousand first-time asylum seekers applied for international protection in the Member States of the EU.

Tweet 538 000 asylum seekers were granted protection status in the Member States of the EU in 2017.

Tweet In 2017, nearly half (46 %) of EU first instance asylum decisions resulted in positive outcomes.

Asylum applications (non-EU) in the EU-28 Member States, 2006–2017



Total: 2006 and 2007: EU-27 and extra-EU-27.

First-time applicants: 2006 and 2007: not available.

This article describes recent developments in relation to numbers of asylum applicants and decisions on asylum applications in the European Union (EU). Asylum is a form of international protection given by a state on its territory. It is granted to a person who is unable to seek protection in his/her country of citizenship and/or residence, in particular for fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion.

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Number of asylum applicants: drop in 2017

First-time applicants: 560 thousand fewer in 2017

Citizenship of first-time applicants: most from Syria and Iraq

Countries of destination: Germany, Italy and France the main

Age and gender of first-time applicants

Applications by unaccompanied minors

First instance decisions on asylum applications

Final decisions taken in appeal

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