

## Statistics on arrivals of separated children seeking asylum in Europe in 2005

If nothing else indicated, the Numbers are A=actual; E= Estimated; N/A= Not Available

Rec. country	Total	Age 15-18	Males	Females	Main country of origin	Sources
<b>Austria</b>	877	709 <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	Afghanistan, Nigeria, Russian Fed. and Serbia	Federal Ministry of Interior
<b>Belgium</b>	584	N/A	N/A	N/A	Afganistán, Guinea, Congo, Angola, Cameroon, Rwanda and Russia	Office des étrangers (Ministry of Interior)
<b>Bulgaria</b>	155	137	137	0	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iran, India, Nigeria, Pakistan and Somalia	State Agency for Refugees
<b>Czech Republic</b>	106	106	N/A	N/A	India, China and Slovakia	Ministry of Interior
<b>Demark</b>	109 (A)	79	85	24	Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia	Danish Immigration Service
<b>Estonia</b>	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Ministry of Social Affairs, Citizenship and Migration Board

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<sup>1</sup> 709 is the number of asylum seekers recorded as separated children older than 14 years. In 91 cases the authority responsible for the asylum procedure did not believe the age claimed by the asylum seekers and declared them as adults. So the official number of separated children for 2005 is 790. 81 of them are reported as being younger than 14 years at the time of application.

Rec. country	Total	Age 15-18	Males	Females	Main country of origin	Sources
<b>Finland</b>	220 (A)	193 (age 14-18)	167	53	Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq and Angola	Directorate of Immigration
<b>Germany<sup>2</sup></b>	331 (A)	N/A	213	118	Vietnam, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Afghanistan and Iran	Federal Office for Migration and Refugees
<b>Greece</b>	158	152	N/A	N/A	Afghanistan, Iraq and Nigeria	Ministry of Public Order
<b>Hungary</b>	41 (A)	40 (A)	37	4	Nigeria, Moldova, India, Somalia and Russia	Hungarian Red Cross, Menedék, Immigration Office
<b>Ireland</b>	643	218	313	309	Nigeria, Somalia and Romania	Health Service Executive  (Separated children seeking asylum social work team)
<b>Italy</b>	90 (E)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	UNHCR

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<sup>2</sup> Data refer to minors up to the age of 16 only. According to the Germany Residence Act, minors between 16 and 18 have legal competence with regard to asylum and residence law and are therefore not counted separately.

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<b>Luxembourg</b>	13 (E)	9	9	4	Nigeria, Angola, Russia, Senegal and Guinea	Caritas Refugees Office, Passepartout
<b>Netherlands</b>	428 (A)	400 (E)	224 (E)	224 (E)	Iraq, Somalia, China, Burundi, Afghanistan and Sierra Leone <sup>3</sup>	IND; COA
<b>Norway</b>	322 (A)	220 (A)	228 (158 age group 15-18)	94 (62 age group 15-18)	Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Russia, Sri Lanka, Burundi, Eritrea and Iran	The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI)
<b>Poland</b>	131 E	131	N/A	N/A	Russia (Chechnya)	Office of Repatriation and Aliens
<b>Portugal</b>	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	DR Congo	PRC
<b>Romania</b>	7	7	6	1	Liberia, Somalia, Sudan, Sierra Leone and Iraq	National Refugee Office (NRO) NGOs
<b>Slovakia</b>	142 (A)	140 (A)	138 (A)	4 (A)	India, Moldavia, Pakistan, Vietnam and Afghanistan	Migration Office, Ministry of Interior
<b>Slovenia</b>	122 (E)	120	117	5	Albania, Serbia (Kosovo) and Turkey	Slovene Philanthropy

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<sup>3</sup> These are figures of officially registered separated children. If children disappear during their first day's in the Netherlands, they will not show up in these statistics. This counts for example for many children from India.

Rec. country	Total	Age 15-18	Males	Females	Main country of origin	Sources
Sweden	398	344 (age 13-17)	255	143	N/A	Migration Board
Switzerland	415	390	338	52	Guinea, Ivory Coast, Afghanistan, Somalia and Iraq	Federal Office for Migration
UK	Total: 5,390, accepted as children: 2,965, age-disputed 2,425	4,650 (E)	3,935 (E)	1,400 (E)	Iran, Somalia, Eritrea, China, Iraq, DR Congo, Vietnam, Nigeria and Guinea	Actual figures from Home Office <sup>4</sup> , estimated figures from Home Office and Refugee Council Children's Panel
<b>Total arrivals for 24 countries</b>	<b>10,681</b>					

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<sup>4</sup> On the 22 August 2006 the UK Home Office released its asylum statistics from the 2nd quarter of 2006 (April-June 2006). According to the data 655 applications were received in this period from unaccompanied children, 105 applications less than in the previous quarter. The majority of applications, 580, were received in country. The majority of claims were received from nationals of Afghanistan (210 applicants), Somalia (65 applicants), China (60 applicants), Eritrea (45 applicants) and Iran (35 applicants).

The full data can be found on: [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs06/asylumq206.pdf](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs06/asylumq206.pdf)