

Statistics on arrivals of separated children seeking asylum in Europe in 2006

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
Austria	488	432 ¹	N/A	N/A	Russian Fed., Afghanistan, Nigeria and Serbia	Federal Ministry of Interior
Belgium	441	16 years old: 105, 17 years old: 172	N/A	N/A	Afghanistan, DR Congo, Guinea, Russia and Angola	CGRA : Commissariat général aux réfugiés et apatrides
Bulgaria	N/A	73	8	0	Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Bangladesh and Nigeria	State Agency for Refugees
Croatia	4 (A)	4 (E)	N/A	N/A	India and Sri Lanka	Shelter for Asylum Seekers (Ministry of Interior)
Demark	104 (A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and Nigeria	Danish Immigration Service
Estonia	0 (A)	0	0	0	N/A	Ministry of Social Affairs, Citizenship and Migration Board

¹ 432 is the number of asylum seekers recorded as SC (older than 14 years). In 74 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 for SC between 14 and 18 years of age is 358. Another 56 SC were recorded as being younger than 14 years at the time of application.

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Finland	108	N/A	N/A	N/A	Iraq, Angola, Afghanistan, DRC, Somalia, Ethiopia and Iran	Directorate of Immigration
Germany²	186	N/A	101	85	Ethiopia, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Guinea, Iraq, Cambodia, Eritrea, Ivory Coast, Russian Fed. and Somalia	Federal Office for Migration and Refugees
Ireland	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sanctuary newsletter from the Refugee & Migrant Project of the Irish Bishops' Conference
Italy³	6551 (E)	4782	5567	984	Romania, Morocco and Albania	UNHCR
Luxembourg	N/A	10	9	1	Algeria, Guinea, Somalia, Afghanistan, Russia, Burundi, Cameroon, Iran and Zimbabwe	Caritas Refugees Office, Passepartout

² 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.

³ Official data refer to separated children present in Italy in 2006 and are given by the Committee on Foreign Minors. Nonetheless, it is presumed that the number is in fact underestimated, mainly because official statistics are not inclusive of separated children seeking asylum and separated children who have never been in touch with any Italian institution. It is important mentioning as well that official data on asylum applications in Italy do not specify the age of the applicant. In light of the above, it is not possible to give data on separated children seeking asylum.

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Malta	N/A	57 (A)	48	7	Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan, Eritrea, Nigeria, Ghana, and Burkina Faso	Admissions to the Residential Homes for UMAS
Netherlands	N/A	430 (A)	N/A	N/A	Somalia, Iraq, Afganistan, Guinea and India	IND (Immi. and nat office)
Norway	349 (A)	290 (A)	275 (A)	74 (A)	Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Etiopia and Russia	The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI)
Romania	9 ⁴	9	13	1	Somalia and the Russian Federation	National Refugee Office, Romanian National Council for Refugees
Slovakia	138 (A)	N/A	130	8	India, Moldova, Pakistan, Bangladesh and China	Migration Office of the Ministry of Interior
Slovenia	26 (E)	24	26	0	Albania, Serbia (Kosovo) and Turkey	Slovene Philanthropy
Sweden	820	685	645	175	Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia	Migration Board
Switzerland	257	233	208	49	Iraq, Ivory Coast,	Federal Office for Migration

⁴ Of 14 declared separated children this 9 were “certified” separated children.

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UK	3,460	3,232	2,676	764	Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Somalia and Eritrea	Refugee Council Children's Panel
Total arrivals for 20 countries	12,941					