



Statistical Data on Iranian Asylum Seekers and Refugees in 2012

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) at the end of 2012, some 45.2 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced due to conflict and persecution. Of these, 15.4 million were refugees, including 10.5 million under UNHCR's mandate and 4.9 million Palestinian refugees registered with U. N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). The figure also includes 937,000 asylum-seekers (people whose asylum applications had not yet been adjudicated) and 28.8 million internally displaced people.

Based on data received or estimated by UNHCR at the end of 2012 the number of **Iranian refugees** was **75,613** of which **12,177** were assisted by the UNHCR mostly in Iraq (8,229). Some **24,139** new applications (first instance, appeal, etc) were filed by **Iranians** during 2012. The six countries that **received the largest numbers** of new applications from Iranians were **Germany** (4,348), **Turkey** (3,589), the **United Kingdom** (3,154), **Australia** (1,839), **Sweden** (1,529), and **Austria** (761).

No. of applications filed by Iranians in previous years

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
13,401	14,120	13,329	15,890	19,004	24,812

Of the **21,310 decisions** taken on Iranian asylum applications in 2012 (first instance and appeal) some **10,327** resulted in **refugee status**, **447** resulted in **humanitarian status**, **7,707** were **rejected**, and 2,671 were closed on other grounds. When cases closed on other non-substantive grounds are excluded, the **global refugee recognition percentage** for Iranian asylum applicants during 2012 amounted to **55.9%**, whereas the total recognition percentage, including grants of **humanitarian status**, amounted to **58.3%**.

Recognition percentages for Iranians in previous years

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
30/37	33/41	36/44	37/44	44/49	50/55

Some examples of **first instance total recognition** rates (refugee & humanitarian) for **Iranian** applications in 2012 are: Australia (68%), Austria (82%), Canada (85%), France (54%), Germany (59%), Sweden (45%), Turkey-UNHCR (92%), UK (55%), and USA-INS (98%).

Globally, some 893,700 individual asylum applications (first instance and appeal) with various nationalities were submitted in 164 countries or territories to Governments (87%) or UNHCR offices in 2012 and some 689,000 substantive decisions were rendered by Governments (92%) or UNHCR offices (8%). Seven countries receiving most of the new asylum applications were United States (70,400), Germany (64,500), South Africa (61,500), France (55,100), Sweden (43,900), UK (27,500), Switzerland (25,900), Australia (25,300), Canada (20,200), and Kenya (20,000). In total, the **global refugee recognition rate** amounted to **30%**. When applicants allowed to remain on **humanitarian grounds** are included, the recognition rate was **38%**.

Global recognition percentages in previous years

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
28/39	32/45	29/41	38/47	30/39	30/38

By nationality, the highest number of new asylum claims in 2012 was filed by individuals from D.R. Congo (52,400), Afghanistan (48,900), Syria (31,800), Eritrea (29,700), Pakistan (28,500), and Somalia (28,300).

In 2012, a total of 88,600 refugees (less than 1% of world's refugees) were resettled in 22 countries with UNHCR's assistance (71,300) or without it. By nationality, the main beneficiaries of the UNHCR-facilitated resettlement programs were refugees from Myanmar (17,400), Bhutan (16,700), Iraq (13,700), and Somalia (7,000). Some **1,947 Iranians** were also **resettled** by UNHCR from Turkey (1,925) and Iraq (22).

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