



## Statistical Data on Iranian Asylum Seekers and Refugees in 2014

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) at the end of 2014, some 59.5 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced due to conflict and persecution. Of these, 19.5 million were refugees, including 14.4 million under UNHCR's mandate and 5.1 million Palestinian refugees registered with U. N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). The figure also includes 1.8 million asylum-seekers (people whose asylum applications had not yet been adjudicated) and 38.2 million internally displaced people.

Based on data received or estimated by UNHCR at the end of 2014 the number of **Iranian refugees** was **82,170** of which **15,759** were assisted by the UNHCR mostly in Iraq (11,053). Some **27,791** new applications (first instance & appeal) were filed by **Iranians** during 2014. The six countries that **received the largest numbers** of new applications from Iranians were **Turkey** (8,202), **Germany** (3,194), the **United Kingdom** (2,457), the **United States** (1,052), **Iraq** (1,050), and **Sweden** (789).

### No. of applications filed by Iranians in previous years

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
13,329	15,890	19,004	24,812	24,139	27,999

Of the **22,414 decisions** taken on Iranian asylum applications in 2014 (first instance and appeal) some **9,900** resulted in **refugee status**, **691** resulted in **humanitarian status**, **7,302** were **rejected**, and 4,521 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 2014 amounted to **55.3%**, whereas the total recognition percentage, including grants of **humanitarian status**, amounted to **59.2%**.

### Recognition percentages for Iranians in previous years

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
36/44	37/44	44/49	50/55	56/58	56/61

Some examples of **first instance total recognition rates** (refugee & humanitarian) for **Iranian** applications in 2014 are: Australia (43%), Canada (73%), France (66%), Germany (73%), Indonesia-UNHCR (49%), Sweden (66%), Turkey-UNHCR (78%), UK (57%), and USA-INS (96%).

**Globally**, some 1.66 million individual asylum applications (first instance and appeal) with various nationalities were submitted in 157 countries or territories to Governments (85%) or UNHCR offices (15%) in 2014 and more than 1 million substantive decisions were rendered by Governments (90%) or UNHCR offices (10%). Seven countries receiving most of the new asylum applications were the Russian Federation (274,700), Germany (173,100), United States (121,200), Turkey (87,800), Sweden (75,100), South Africa (71,900), and Italy (63,700). In total, the **global refugee recognition rate** amounted to **27%**. When applicants allowed to remain on **humanitarian grounds** are included, the recognition rate was **59%**.

### Global recognition percentages in previous years

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
29/41	38/47	30/39	30/38	30/37	38/44

By nationality, the highest number of new asylum claims in 2014 was filed by Ukrainians (288,600), followed by individuals from Syria (171,200), Iraq (100,000), Afghanistan (73,500), Eritrea (60,000), Serbia and Kosovo (55,500), D.R. Congo (48,100), Somalia (41,100), Pakistan (35,200), and Nigeria (32,100).

In 2014, a total of 105,200 refugees (less than 1% of world's refugees) were resettled in 21 countries with UNHCR's assistance (103,800) or without it. By nationality, the main beneficiaries of the UNHCR-facilitated resettlement programs were refugees from Syria (21,200), Congo (18,800), Myanmar (15,200), Iraq (11,800), and Somalia (9,400). Some **2,448 Iranians** were also **resettled** by UNHCR from Turkey (2,343) and Indonesia (105).

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