



Statistical Data on Iranian Asylum Seekers and Refugees in 2016

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) at the end of 2016, some 65.6 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced due to conflict and persecution. Of these, 22.5 million were refugees, including 17.2 million under UNHCR's mandate and 5.3 million Palestinian refugees registered with U. N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). The figure also includes 2.8 million asylum-seekers (people whose asylum applications had not yet been adjudicated) and 40.3 million internally displaced people.

Based on data received or estimated by UNHCR at the end of 2016 the number of **Iranian refugees and asylum seekers** was **94,094** of which **15,959** were assisted by the UNHCR mostly in Iraq (7,545). Some **68,608** new applications (first instance & appeal) were filed by **Iranians** during 2016. The seven countries that **received the largest numbers** of new applications from Iranians were **Germany** (26,426), **Turkey** (12,115), the **United Kingdom** (4,792), **Australia** (2,971), **Austria** (2,400), **Albania** (1,942), and **Iraq** (1,545).

No. of applications filed by Iranians in previous years

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
19,004	24,812	24,139	27,999	27,791	60,472

Of the **41,408 decisions** taken on Iranian asylum applications in 2016 (first instance and appeal) some **16,784** resulted in **refugee status**, **895** resulted in **humanitarian status**, **12,187** were **rejected**, and 11,542 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 2016 amounted to **56.2%**, whereas the total recognition percentage, including grants of **humanitarian status**, amounted to **59.2%**.

Recognition percentages for Iranians in previous years

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
44/49	50/55	56/58	56/61	55/59	63/65

Some examples of **first instance total recognition** rates (refugee & humanitarian) for **Iranian** applications in 2016 are: Australia (83%), Austria (93%), Canada (83%), France (58%), Germany (60%), Norway (65%), Sweden (60%), Turkey-UNHCR (83%), UK (44%), and USA-INS (99%).

Globally, some 2.8 million individual asylum applications (first instance and appeal) with various nationalities were submitted in 164 countries or territories to Governments (92.6%) or UNHCR offices (7.4%) in 2016 and some 1.5 million substantive decisions were rendered by Governments (94%) or UNHCR offices (6%). Seven countries receiving most of the new asylum applications were Germany (722,400), United States (262,000), Italy (123,000), Turkey (78,600), France (78,400), Greece (49,800), and Austria (39,900). In total, the **global refugee recognition rate** amounted to **37%**. When applicants allowed to remain on **humanitarian grounds** are included, the recognition rate was **60%**.

Global recognition percentages in previous years

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
30/39	30/38	30/37	38/44	27/59	37/57

By nationality, the highest number of new asylum claims in 2016 was filed by Syrians (347,600), followed by individuals from Afghanistan (237,800), Iraq (185,100), Iran (61,900), D.R. Congo (60,700), Pakistan (58,500), Eritrea (57,400), and Nigeria (56,300).

In 2016, a total of 189,300 refugees (less than 1% of world's refugees) were resettled in 37 countries with UNHCR's assistance (app. 162,600) or without it. By nationality, the main beneficiaries of resettlement were refugees from Syria (63,000), D.R. Congo (22,100), Iraq (14,700), and Somalia (12,200). Some **2,149 Iranians** were also **resettled** by UNHCR from Turkey (2,014) and Indonesia (135).

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