



## Statistical Data on Iranian Asylum Seekers and Refugees in 2015

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) at the end of 2015, some 65.3 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced due to conflict and persecution. Of these, 21.3 million were refugees, including 16.1 million under UNHCR's mandate and 5.2 million Palestinian refugees registered with U. N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). The figure also includes 3.2 million asylum-seekers (people whose asylum applications had not yet been adjudicated) and 40.8 million internally displaced people.

Based on data received or estimated by UNHCR at the end of 2015 the number of **Iranian refugees and asylum seekers** was **84,949** of which **14,703** were assisted by the UNHCR mostly in Iraq (8,231). Some **60,472** new applications (first instance & appeal) were filed by **Iranians** during 2015. The seven countries that **received the largest numbers** of new applications from Iranians were **Serbia & Kosovo** (11,578), **Turkey** (11,383), **Germany** (5,394), **Sweden** (4,267), the **United Kingdom** (3,694), **Austria** (3,374), and **Denmark** (2,787).

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

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
15,890	19,004	24,812	24,139	27,999	27,791

Of the **36,746 decisions** taken on Iranian asylum applications in 2015 (first instance and appeal) some **11,087** resulted in **refugee status**, **382** resulted in **humanitarian status**, **6,151** were **rejected**, and 19,126 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 2015 amounted to **62.9%**, whereas the total recognition percentage, including grants of **humanitarian status**, amounted to **65.1%**.

### Recognition percentages for Iranians in previous years

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
37/44	44/49	50/55	56/58	56/61	55/59

Some examples of **first instance total recognition** rates (refugee & humanitarian) for **Iranian** applications in 2015 are: Australia (70%), Austria (74%), Canada (89%), France (59%), Germany (85%), Norway (57%), Sweden (59%), Turkey-UNHCR (83%), UK (61%), and USA-INS (98%).

**Globally**, some 2.45 million individual asylum applications (first instance and appeal) with various nationalities were submitted in 174 countries or territories to Governments (89%) or UNHCR offices (11%) in 2015 and more than 1.18 million substantive decisions were rendered by Governments (92%) or UNHCR offices (8%). Seven countries receiving most of the new asylum applications were Germany (441,900), United States (172,700), Sweden (156,400), the Russian Federation (152,500), Turkey (133,300), Austria (85,800), and Italy (83,200). In total, the **global refugee recognition rate** amounted to **37%**. When applicants allowed to remain on **humanitarian grounds** are included, the recognition rate was **57%**.

### Global recognition percentages in previous years

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
38/47	30/39	30/38	30/37	38/44	27/59

By nationality, the highest number of new asylum claims in 2015 was filed by Syrians (373,700), followed by individuals from Afghanistan (239,600), Iraq (203,700), Ukraine (175,500), Albania (68,500), Serbia and Kosovo (66,100), Eritrea (57,000), D.R. Congo (54,800), Pakistan (52,500), and Nigeria (44,000).

In 2015, a total of 107,100 refugees (less than 1% of world's refugees) were resettled in 29 countries with UNHCR's assistance (app. 81,000) or without it. By nationality, the main beneficiaries of resettlement were refugees from Myanmar (19,500), Syria (13,800), Congo (10,700), and Somalia (8,400). Some **1,701 Iranians** were also **resettled** by UNHCR from Turkey (1,616) and Indonesia (85).

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