



## Statistical Data on Iranian Asylum Seekers and Refugees in 2013

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) at the end of 2013, some 51.2 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced due to conflict and persecution. Of these, 16.7 million were refugees, including 11.7 million under UNHCR's mandate and 5 million Palestinian refugees registered with U. N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). The figure also includes 1.2 million asylum-seekers (people whose asylum applications had not yet been adjudicated) and 33.3 million internally displaced people.

Based on data received or estimated by UNHCR at the end of 2013 the number of **Iranian refugees** was **75,043** of which **12,307** were assisted by the UNHCR mostly in Iraq (7,992). Some **27,999** new applications (first instance & appeal) were filed by **Iranians** during 2013. The six countries that **received the largest numbers** of new applications from Iranians were **Turkey** (5,897), **Germany** (4,424), **Australia** (4,370), the **United Kingdom** (2,956), **Sweden** (1,172), and **Indonesia** (1,031).

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

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
14,120	13,329	15,890	19,004	24,812	24,139

Of the **23,844 decisions** taken on Iranian asylum applications in 2013 (first instance and appeal) some **11,391** resulted in **refugee status**, **1,055** resulted in **humanitarian status**, **8,062** were **rejected**, and 3,387 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 2013 amounted to **55.5%**, whereas the total recognition percentage, including grants of **humanitarian status**, amounted to **60.7%**.

### Recognition percentages for Iranians in previous years

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
33/41	36/44	37/44	44/49	50/55	56/58

Some examples of **first instance total recognition** rates (refugee & humanitarian) for **Iranian** applications in 2013 are: Australia (81%), Austria (80%), Canada (79%), France (54%), Germany (64%), Indonesia-UNHCR (61%), Sweden (59%), Turkey-UNHCR (77%), UK (58%), and USA-INS (99%).

**Globally**, some 1,067,500 individual asylum applications (first instance and appeal) with various nationalities were submitted in 167 countries or territories to Governments (81%) or UNHCR offices (19%) in 2013 and some 659,700 substantive decisions were rendered by Governments (89%) or UNHCR offices (11%). Seven countries receiving most of the new asylum applications were Germany (109,600), United States (84,400), South Africa (70,000), France (60,200), Sweden (54,300), Malaysia (53,600), and Turkey (44,800). In total, the **global refugee recognition rate** amounted to **38%**. When applicants allowed to remain on **humanitarian grounds** are included, the recognition rate was **44%**.

### Global recognition percentages in previous years

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
32/45	29/41	38/47	30/39	30/38	30/37

By nationality, the highest number of new asylum claims in 2013 was filed by Syrians (64,300) followed by individuals from D.R. Congo (60,400), Myanmar (57,400), Afghanistan (49,100), Iraq (45,700), the Russian Federation (39,800), Somalia (35,300), Eritrea (35,000), Serbia (34,700), and Pakistan (33,600).

In 2013, a total of 98,400 refugees (less than 1% of world's refugees) were resettled in 21 countries with UNHCR's assistance (71,600) or without it. By nationality, the main beneficiaries of the UNHCR-facilitated resettlement programs were refugees from Myanmar (16,700), Iraq (14,300), Bhutan (10,700), Somalia (8,800), the D.R. Congo (4,500), and Afghanistan (4,400). Some **2,463 Iranians** were also **resettled** by UNHCR from Turkey (2,377) and Indonesia (86).

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