



Statistical Data on Iranian Asylum Seekers and Refugees in 2019

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) at the end of 2019, some 79.5 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced due to conflict and persecution. Of these, 26 million were refugees, including 20.4 million under UNHCR's mandate and 5.6 million Palestinian refugees registered with U. N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). The figure also includes 4.2 million asylum-seekers (people whose asylum applications had not yet been adjudicated) and 45.7 million internally displaced people.

Based on data received or estimated by UNHCR at the end of 2019 the number of **Iranian refugees and asylum seekers** was **129,675**, of which 7,026 were assisted by UNHCR in Iraq. Some **38,639** new applications (first instance & appeal) were filed by **Iranians** during 2019. The ten countries that **received the largest numbers of first instance** applications from Iranians were **Germany** (8,407), **United Kingdom** (5,464), **Canada** (3,663), **Turkey** (3,558), **Greece** (2,327), **Netherlands** (1,534), **Australia** (1,069), **Sweden** (965), **Austria** (727), **Iraq** (600).

No. of applications filed by Iranians in previous years

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
27,999	27,791	60,472	68,608	42,169	51,451

Of the **47,449 decisions** taken on Iranian asylum applications in 2019 (first instance and appeal) some **15,690** resulted in **refugee status**, **621** resulted in **humanitarian status**, **15,344** were **rejected**, and 15,794 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 2019 amounted to **49.6%**, whereas the total recognition percentage, including grants of **humanitarian status**, amounted to **51.5%**.

Recognition percentages for Iranians in previous years

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
56/61	55/59	63/65	56/59	53/56	45/48

SOURCE: unhcr.org/data.html.

Some examples of **total first instance recognition** rates (refugee & humanitarian) for **Iranian** applications in 2019 are: Australia (75%), Austria (77%), Canada (94%), France (62%), Germany (27%), Sweden (36%), Turkey (71%), UK (76%), and USA-INS (74%).

Globally, some 2.3 million individual asylum applications (first instance and appeal) from various nationalities were submitted in about 162 countries or territories to Governments or UNHCR (5%) offices in 2019 and close to 1.3 million substantive decisions were rendered. Seven countries receiving most of the new asylum applications were United States (301,000), Peru (259,800), Germany (142,500), France (123,900), Spain (118,300), Brazil (82,500), and Mexico (70,400). In total, the **global refugee recognition rate** amounted to **36.1%**. When applicants allowed to remain on **humanitarian grounds** are included, the recognition rate was **46.1%**.

Global recognition percentages in previous years

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
38/44	27/59	37/57	37/60	33/49	31/44

By nationality, the highest numbers of new asylum applications in 2019 were filed by individuals from Venezuela (430,000) followed by Syria (100,000), and Afghanistan (100,000).

In 2019, a total of 107,800 refugees (less than 0.5% of world's refugees) were resettled to 26 countries with UNHCR's assistance (63,726) or without it, including Canada (30,100), US (27,500), and Australia (18,200). By nationality, the main beneficiaries of UNHCR-assisted resettlement were refugees from Syria (23,625), D.R. Congo (14,673), Myanmar (5,224), and Eritrea (3,379). At least **1,375 Iranians** were **resettled** mostly to **Australia** (671), **Canada** (391), and **United States** (216), and Spain (77). Of these, some 467 were resettled with UNHCR's assistance mostly from **Turkey** (324), **Malaysia** (32), and **Indonesia** (20). Those who resettled from Turkey mostly went to **Canada** (175) and **Spain** (77). The **United States** which until 2016 resettled as many as 1,664 Iranians from **Turkey** per year, admitted merely 54 persons in 2019 and 6 in 2018.