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## I. Asylum figures in 2011

(source: Immigration department)

### 1. Annually

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	3.631	
First asylum applications	2.975	81,93%
Multiple asylum applications	656	18,07%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	287	7,90%
Decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
CGRS decisions	2.077	
Recognition of refugee status	400	19,26%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	113	5,44%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	1.362	65,58%
Other	202	9,73%
<b>Backlog at the CGRA</b>	<b>11.826</b>	

### 2. February 2011

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	1.860	
First asylum applications	1.505	80,91%
Multiple asylum applications	355	19,09%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	149	8,01%
Decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
CGRS decisions	1.180	
Recognition of refugee status	233	19,75%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	61	5,17%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	760	64,41%
Other	126	10,68%
<b>Backlog at the CGRA</b>	<b>11.826</b>	



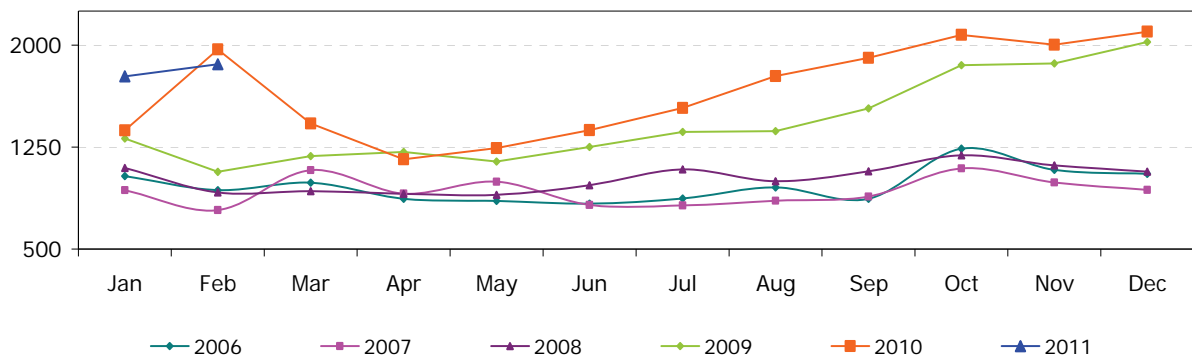
## II. Asylum applications in Belgium

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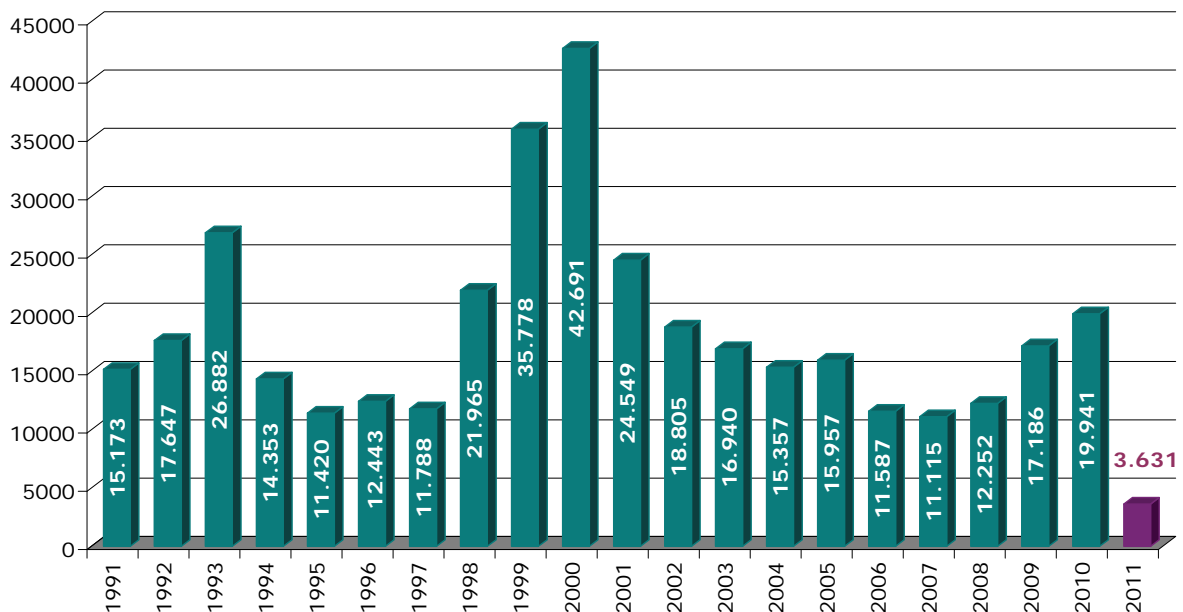
### 1. Number of asylum applications (first applications + multiple applications)

#### a. Applications per month (2006-2011)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	+/- in % 2011 vs 2010	+/- in % last month
January	1.038	934	1.097	1.314	1.373	1.771	28,99%	-15,67%
February	934	787	918	1.068	1.968	1.860	-5,49%	5,03%
March	988	1.081	926	1.185	1.424			
April	870	908	907	1.215	1.160			
May	854	995	899	1.145	1.243			
June	834	825	971	1.251	1.375			
July	872	822	1.087	1.363	1.539			
August	954	856	1.000	1.368	1.773			
September	870	887	1.071	1.535	1.906			
October	1.238	1.094	1.190	1.853	2.076			
November	1.082	990	1.116	1.866	2.004			
December	1.053	936	1.070	2.023	2.100			
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.587</b>	<b>11.115</b>	<b>12.252</b>	<b>17.186</b>	<b>19.941</b>	<b>3.631</b>		



#### b. Applications per year (from 1990 until the end of February 2011)



**c. Top 10 of countries of origin in February 2011**

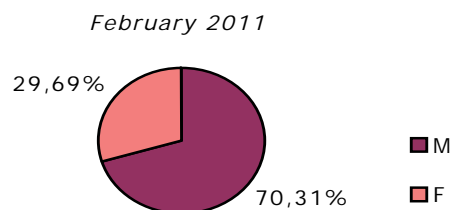
	Country of origin	Number	%
1	Guinea	171	9,2%
2	Afghanistan	169	9,1%
3	Kosovo	161	8,7%
4	Iraq	144	7,7%
5	Serbia	126	6,8%
6	Russia	108	5,8%
7	Macedonia	104	5,6%
8	Congo RD	78	4,2%
9	Armenia	57	3,1%
10	Syria	43	2,3%
	Other countries	699	37,6%
<b>Total February 2011</b>		<b>1.860</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Percentage top 10</b>		<b>62,4%</b>	

**d. Top 10 of countries of origin in 2011**

	Country of origin	Number	%
1	Afghanistan	345	9,5%
2	Guinea	315	8,7%
3	Kosovo	292	8,0%
4	Iraq	275	7,6%
5	Serbia	255	7,0%
6	Russia	230	6,3%
7	Macedonia	175	4,8%
8	Congo RD	140	3,9%
9	Armenia	104	2,9%
10	Ivory Coast	83	2,3%
	Pakistan	83	2,3%
	Other countries	1.334	36,7%
<b>Total 2011</b>		<b>3.631</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Percentage top 10</b>		<b>63,3%</b>	

**e. Asylum applications : male/female ratio of applicants from 2007 until 2011**  
 (source: CGRS)

	Male	Female
2007	67,14%	32,86%
2008	69,27%	30,73%
2009	69,17%	30,83%
2010	68,22%	31,78%
2011	69,30%	30,70%



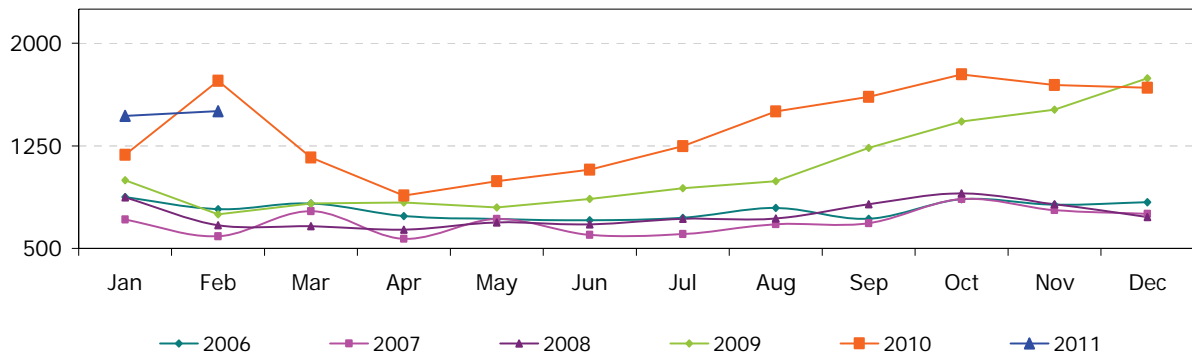
**f. Applications in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 according to nationality**  
 (in blue and bold : top 10 in 2011)

Country of origin	2008	2009	2010	2011	Country of origin	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Afghanistan</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>1.659</b>	<b>1.411</b>	<b>345</b>	Lithuania	1	5	1	0
Albania	172	256	204	37	<b>Macedonia</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>1.082</b>	<b>175</b>
Algeria	206	275	287	42	Madagascar	1	3	2	0
Angola	133	142	153	25	Malaysia	0	2	0	0
Argentina	0	0	8	0	Mali	5	11	25	2
<b>Armenia</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>1.099</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>104</b>	Malta	0	0	2	0
Azerbaijan	53	54	72	20	Mauretania	128	187	206	27
Bangladesh	79	75	177	48	Mauritius	0	1	3	5
Belorussia	58	40	53	10	Mexico	0	1	1	0
Benin	16	50	56	7	Moldova	14	29	14	0
Bhutan	34	24	19	1	Mongolia	43	85	61	11
Bosnia-Herzegovina	71	90	106	15	Montenegro	7	12	14	0
Brasil	1	2	3	0	Morocco	36	53	46	5
Bulgaria	46	101	79	14	Mozambique	0	0	0	1
Burkina-Faso	32	52	69	4	Myanmar	9	8	14	1
Burundi	106	120	132	21	Nepal	39	65	203	35
Cameroon	367	302	357	66	Netherlands	0	2	1	0
Canada	1	0	0	0	Niger	57	71	78	5
Cape Verde	1	0	0	0	Nigeria	59	101	138	33
Central African Rep.	7	6	4	0	North Korea	2	4	16	10
Chad	16	16	21	1	<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>83</b>
China	189	329	235	55	Palestina	5	9	37	9
Colombia	4	8	13	0	Panama	0	2	0	0
<b>Congo RD</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>140</b>	Peru	0	1	0	0
Congo RP	30	14	22	3	Philippines	0	1	0	0
Croatia	3	16	15	0	Poland	2	6	0	0
Cuba	2	3	2	0	Romania	43	98	56	14
Czech Rep.	45	48	21	7	<b>Russia</b>	<b>1.620</b>	<b>1.605</b>	<b>1.526</b>	<b>230</b>
Djibouti	26	39	31	5	Rwanda	273	308	337	66
Dominican Rep.	1	9	1	0	Salvador	0	0	0	8
Ecuador	2	0	0	0	Saudi Arabia	0	0	1	0
Egypt	24	29	29	22	Senegal	50	113	252	57
Equatorial Guinea	0	3	3	0	<b>Serbia</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>1.233</b>	<b>255</b>
Eritrea	35	69	110	10	Sierra Leone	42	45	65	7
Estonia	0	0	1	0	Slovakia	239	261	53	5
Ethiopia	71	89	72	3	Slovenia	0	1	0	0
Gabon	4	5	10	1	Somalia	163	216	294	65
Gambia	35	41	57	8	South Africa	1	1	0	0
Georgia	222	327	323	41	Spain	0	3	1	0
Germany	0	2	0	0	Sri Lanka	148	216	140	36
Ghana	20	29	65	14	Sudan	62	89	92	13
Greece	0	0	1	0	Surinam	0	4	5	0
Guatemala	0	7	1	0	Syria	281	347	388	72
<b>Guinea</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>1.052</b>	<b>1.398</b>	<b>315</b>	Tadzhikistan	1	5	7	2
Guinea-Bissau	1	3	5	0	Tanzania	49	90	89	24
Guyana	0	1	0	0	Thailand	0	1	1	0
Haiti	1	1	9	2	Timor-Leste	2	0	0	0
Hungary	16	143	36	0	Togo	171	130	246	26
India	84	123	151	32	Tunisia	6	21	20	13
Indonesia	1	3	0	0	Turkey	284	259	277	49
Iran	614	732	386	70	Turkmenistan	0	5	3	1
<b>Iraq</b>	<b>1.070</b>	<b>1.386</b>	<b>1.769</b>	<b>275</b>	Uganda	13	23	15	4
Israel	18	8	7	3	Ukraine	61	33	62	8
Italy	0	0	1	0	United Arabic Emirates	0	2	0	0
<b>Ivory Coast</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>83</b>	USA	0	0	3	0
Jamaica	4	1	1	0	Uzbekistan	15	14	20	2
Jordania	21	15	10	5	Venezuela	1	0	2	0
Kampuchea	0	1	0	0	Vietnam	9	10	18	0
Kazakhstan	16	44	75	9	Yemen	7	8	11	4
Kenia	55	42	65	12	Zimbabwe	8	4	3	0
Kirghizistan	14	19	117	24	Others	14	15	10	6
<b>Kosovo</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>1.539</b>	<b>1.848</b>	<b>292</b>	Indefinite	126	199	254	47
Kuwait	1	0	1	0	Stateless Persons	6	7	7	0
Latvia	5	3	2	0	Refugees	0	1	1	0
Libanon	85	95	70	13	<b>Total</b>	<b>12.251</b>	<b>17.181</b>	<b>19.940</b>	<b>3.631</b>
Liberia	23	27	27	6					
Libya	15	19	19	5					

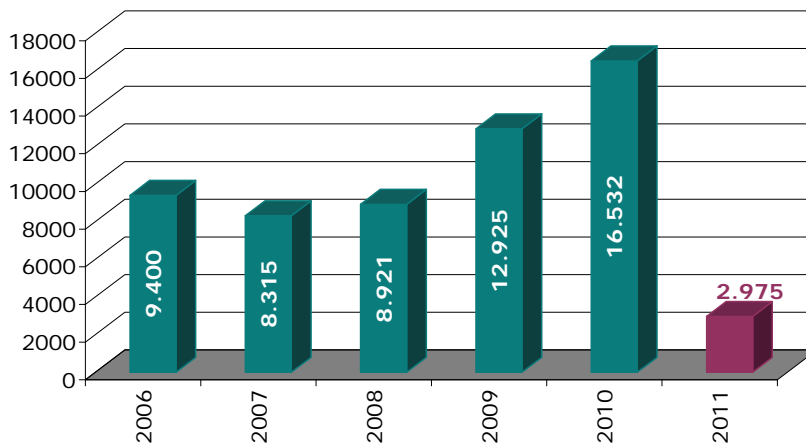
## 2. First asylum applications

### a. First applications per month (2006-2011)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	+/- in % 2011 vs 2010	+/- en % last month
January	875	712	873	998	1.184	1.470	24,16%	-12,29%
February	788	588	669	749	1.726	1.505	-12,80%	2,38%
March	828	773	663	828	1.164			
April	737	570	637	836	886			
May	715	715	689	799	992			
June	705	599	676	862	1.077			
July	724	604	716	940	1.248			
August	796	677	719	991	1.502			
September	716	684	824	1.235	1.608			
October	859	861	902	1.428	1.773			
November	819	780	824	1.515	1.696			
December	838	752	729	1.744	1.676			
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.400</b>	<b>8.315</b>	<b>8.921</b>	<b>12.925</b>	<b>16.532</b>	<b>2.975</b>		



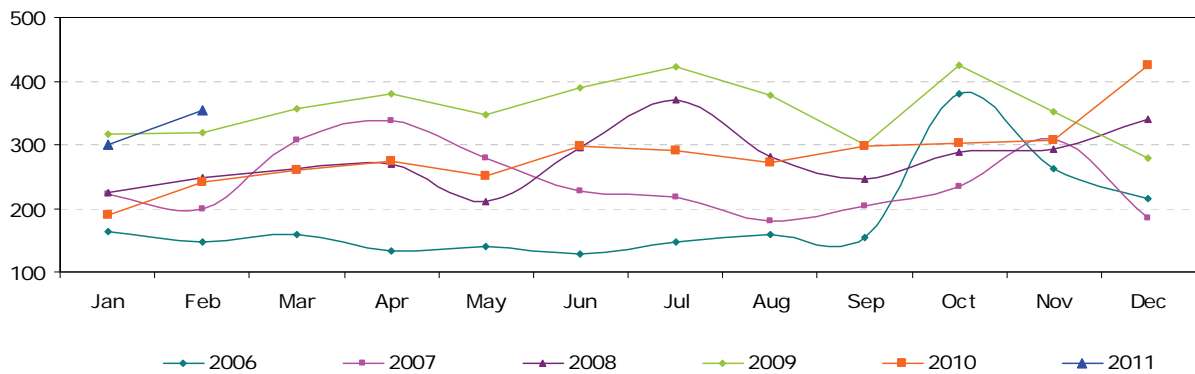
### b. First applications per year (from 2006 until the end of February 2011)



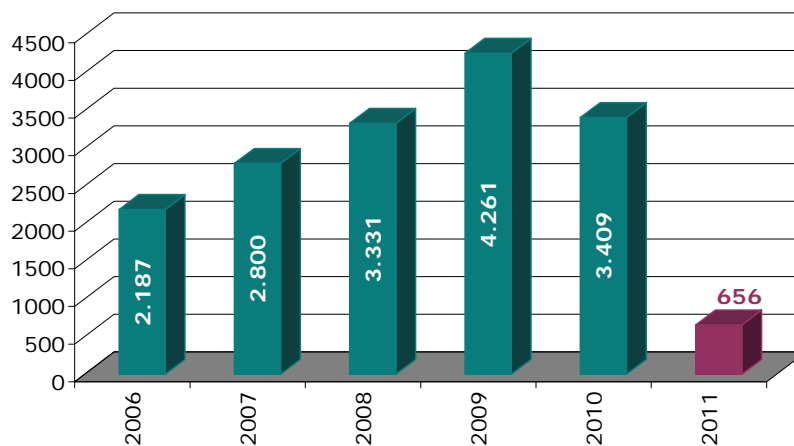
### 3. Multiple asylum applications

#### a. Multiple applications per month (2006-2011)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	+/- in % 2011 vs 2010	+/- in % last month
January	163	222	224	316	189	301	59,26%	-29,01%
February	146	199	249	319	242	355	46,69%	17,94%
March	160	308	263	357	260			
April	133	338	270	379	274			
May	139	280	210	346	251			
June	129	226	295	389	298			
July	148	218	371	423	291			
August	158	179	281	377	271			
September	154	203	247	300	298			
October	379	233	288	425	303			
November	263	210	292	351	308			
December	215	184	341	279	424			
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.187</b>	<b>2.800</b>	<b>3.331</b>	<b>4.261</b>	<b>3.409</b>	<b>656</b>		



#### b. Multiple applications per year (from 2006 until the end of February 2011)



**c. Top 10 of countries of origin for multiple applications in February 2011**

	Country of origin	Number	%
1	Russia	33	9,3%
2	Afghanistan	31	8,7%
3	Guinea	28	7,9%
	Kosovo	28	7,9%
4	Serbia	18	5,1%
5	China	17	4,8%
6	Iraq	16	4,5%
7	Macedonia	15	4,2%
8	Armenia	14	3,9%
9	Iran	13	3,7%
	Tanzania	13	3,7%
10	Cameroon	12	3,4%
	Other countries	117	33,0%
<b>Total February 2011</b>		<b>355</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Percentage top 10</b>		<b>67,0%</b>	

**d. Top 10 of countries of origin for multiple applications in 2011**

	Country of origin	Number	%
1	Afghanistan	79	12,0%
2	Russia	61	9,3%
3	Kosovo	47	7,2%
4	Guinea	43	6,6%
5	Iraq	35	5,3%
	Serbia	35	5,3%
6	China	29	4,4%
7	Macedonia	25	3,8%
8	Iran	21	3,2%
9	Armenia	20	3,0%
10	Cameroon	19	2,9%
	Other countries	242	36,9%
<b>Total 2011</b>		<b>656</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Percentage top 10</b>		<b>63,1%</b>	

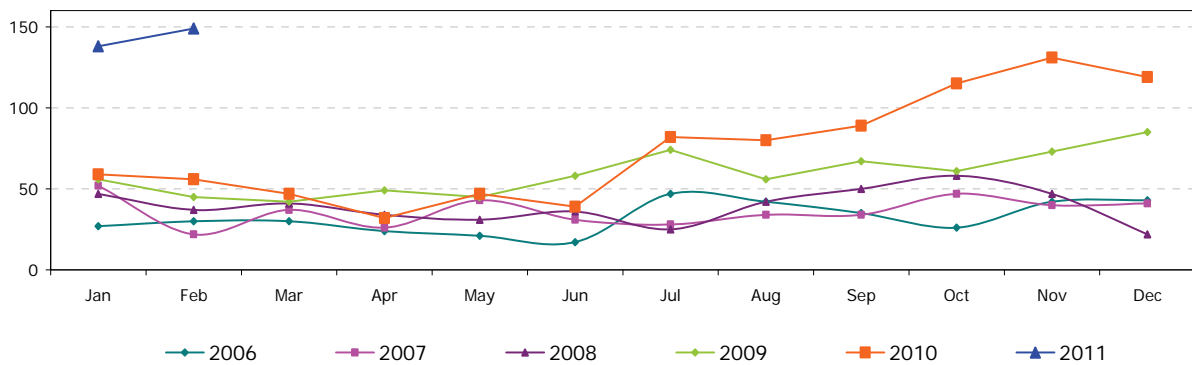


#### 4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

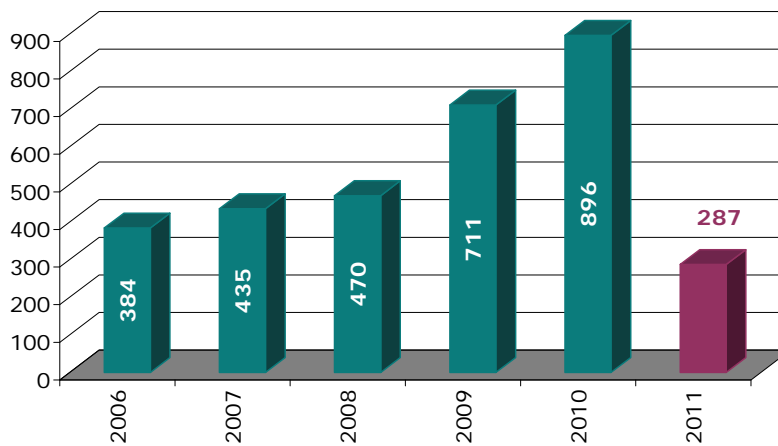
##### a. Applications from unaccompanied foreign minors per month (2006-2011)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011*	+/- in % 2011 vs 2010	+/- in % last month
January	27	52	47	56	59	138	133,90%	15,97%
February	30	22	37	45	56	149	166,07%	7,97%
March	30	37	41	42	47			
April	24	26	34	49	32			
May	21	43	31	45	47			
June	17	31	36	58	39			
July	47	28	25	74	82			
August	42	34	42	56	80			
September	35	34	50	67	89			
October	26	47	58	61	115			
November	42	40	47	73	131			
December	43	41	22	85	119			
<b>Total</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>287</b>		

\* Please note: the latest figures are liable to change according to the results of the bone age tests carried out to ascertain whether an alleged minor is younger than 18.



##### b. Applications from unaccompanied foreign minors per year (from 2006 until the end of February 2011)



**c. Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied minors in February 2011**

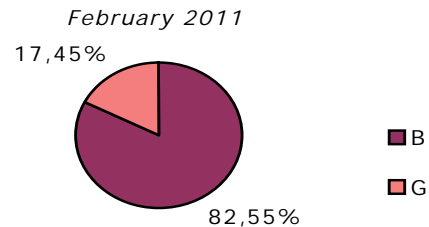
	Country of origin	Number	%
1	Afghanistan	69	46,3%
2	Guinea	21	14,1%
3	Congo RD	13	8,7%
4	Ivory Coast	7	4,7%
5	Iraq	5	3,4%
	Rwanda	5	3,4%
	Other countries	29	19,5%
<b>Total February 2011</b>		<b>149</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Percentage top 5</b>		<b>80,5%</b>	

**d. Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied minors in 2011**

	Country of origin	Number	%
1	Afghanistan	109	38,0%
2	Guinea	53	18,5%
3	Congo RD	18	6,3%
4	Iraq	13	4,5%
5	Ivory Coast	10	3,5%
	Somalia	10	3,5%
	Other countries	74	25,8%
<b>Total February 2011</b>		<b>287</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Percentage top 5</b>		<b>74,2%</b>	

**e. Male/female ratio of unaccompanied minor applicants**

	Boys	Girls
2007	68,40%	31,60%
2008	71,40%	28,60%
2009	77,98%	22,02%
2010	72,88%	27,12%
2011	79,44%	20,56%



### III. Asylum decisions in 2011

(source: CGRS)

#### 1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

	January	February	Total
Transfer of files to CGRS	1.483	1.558	3.041
25/26 quater (Dublin)	149	144	293
13 quater	72	115	187
Renunciation, ...	120	9	129
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.824</b>	<b>1.826</b>	<b>3.650</b>

The Immigration Department decides on certain kinds of applications: applications falling under the Dublin Regulation, multiple applications, renunciations etc. Applications not who de not fall within to these categories are transferred to the CGRS.

#### 2. Decisions by the CGRS

##### a. Number of decisions

	January	February	Total
Recognition of refugee status	167	233	400
Granting of subsidiary protection	52	61	113
Refusal to grant refugee status and subsidiary protection	598	745	1.343
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU nationals)	3	10	13
Technical refusal	44	77	121
Exclusion from refugee status and from subsidiary protection	1	2	3
Exclusion from refugee status and refusal to grant subsidiary protection		1	1
Refusal to grant refugee status and exclusion form subsidiary protection		2	2
Withdrawal of refugee status	6	2	8
Renunciation + closing of the case + departure IOM	19	40	59
Application which does not proceed to judgment: regularization under article 55	4	5	9
Application which does not proceed to judgment: (naturalization, death, administrative reasons)	3	2	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>1.180</b>	<b>2.077</b>



**b. Recognition of refugee status, per nationality**

(in blue and bold : countries in the top 10 of asylum applications in 2011)

Country of origin	January	February	Total
<b>Afghanistan</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>37</b>
Albania		3	<b>3</b>
Algeria		1	<b>1</b>
Angola	1		<b>1</b>
<b>Armenia</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
Azerbaijan		2	<b>2</b>
Bangladesh	1		<b>1</b>
Belorussia	1		<b>1</b>
Burundi	1	2	<b>3</b>
Cameroon	1	14	<b>15</b>
Chad		1	<b>1</b>
China	14	7	<b>21</b>
Colombia	1		<b>1</b>
<b>Congo (RD)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>
Djibouti		2	<b>2</b>
Eritrea	1	1	<b>2</b>
Gabon		1	<b>1</b>
Gambia	1		<b>1</b>
<b>Guinea</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>74</b>
Indefinite	6	5	<b>11</b>
Iran	1	3	<b>4</b>
<b>Iraq</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Ivory Coast</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
Kenia		2	<b>2</b>
<b>Kosovo</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>
Kuwait	1		<b>1</b>
Libanon	1		<b>1</b>
Macedonia		1	<b>1</b>
Mauretania		1	<b>1</b>
Morocco	1	1	<b>2</b>
Niger	2	3	<b>5</b>
Nigeria		1	<b>1</b>
North Corea	2	4	<b>6</b>
<b>Russia</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>
Rwanda	2	13	<b>15</b>
Senegal	5	6	<b>11</b>
<b>Serbia</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>
Sierra Leone		4	<b>4</b>
Somalia	3	1	<b>4</b>
Sri Lanka	2	4	<b>6</b>
Syria	8	4	<b>12</b>
Tanzania	2	2	<b>4</b>
Togo		2	<b>2</b>
Turkey	2	4	<b>6</b>
Turkmenistan		1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>400</b>



c. **Granting of subsidiary protection, per nationality**  
 (in blue and bold : countries in the top 10 of asylum applications in 2011)

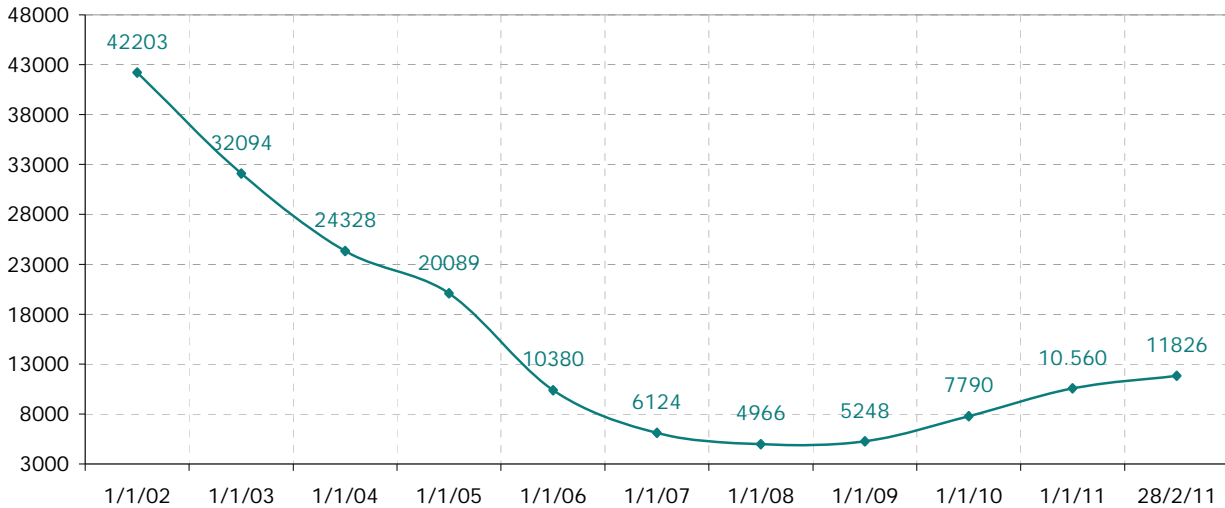
Country of origin	January	February	Total
<b>Afghanistan</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Congo (RD)</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Guinea</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
Indefinite		4	4
<b>Iraq</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>42</b>
Palestine	1		1
Somalia	2	4	6
Yemen		1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>113</b>



#### IV. Evolution of the backlog at the CGRS

(Backlog in assessing asylum applications at the CGRS)

##### Backlog per year



##### Backlog per month in 2010 and Jan-Feb 2011

