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I. Asylum figures in 2011

(source: Immigration department)

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	1.771	
First asylum applications	1.461	82,50%
Multiple asylum applications	310	17,50%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	138	7,79%
Decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
CGRS decisions	897	
Recognition of refugee status	167	18,62%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	52	5,80%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	603	67,22%
Other	75	8,36%
Backlog at the CGRA	11.345	



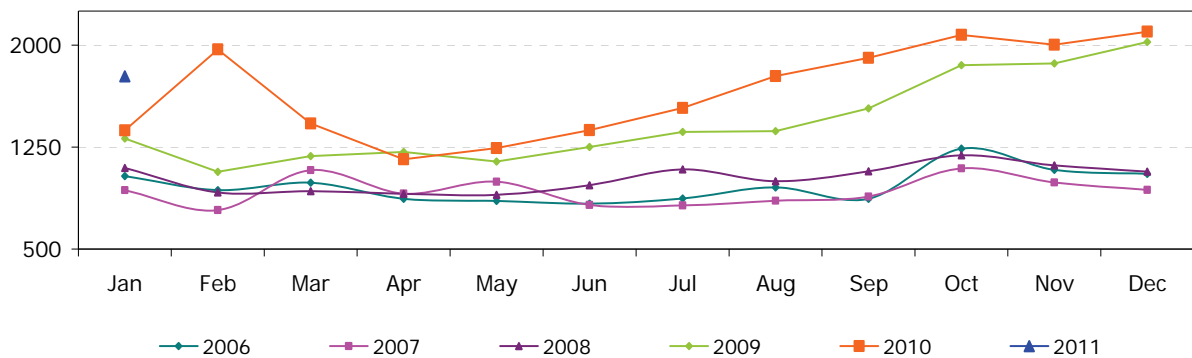
II. Asylum applications in Belgium

(source: Immigration Department unless otherwise stated)

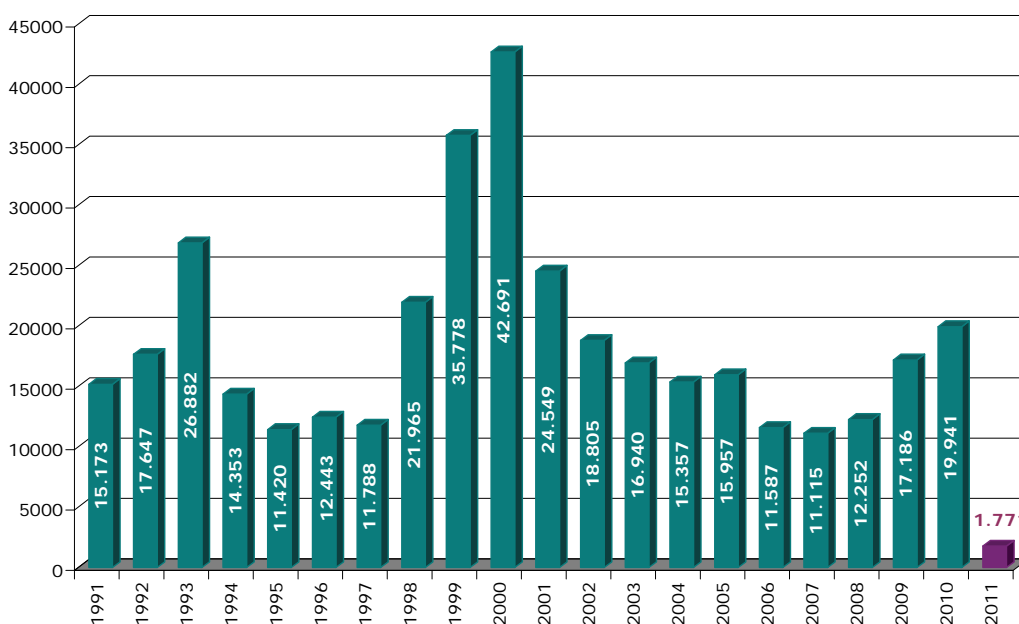
1. Number of asylum applications (first applications + multiple applications)

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			
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			
Total	11.587	11.115	12.252	17.186	19.941	1.771		



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

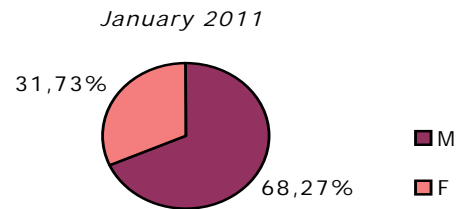


c. Top 10 of countries of origin in January 2011

	Country of origin	Number	%
1	Afghanistan	176	9,9%
2	Guinea	144	8,1%
3	Iraq	131	7,4%
	Kosovo	131	7,4%
4	Serbia	129	7,3%
5	Russia	122	6,9%
6	Macedonia	71	4,0%
7	Congo RD	62	3,5%
8	Armenia	47	2,7%
	Ivory Coast	47	2,7%
9	Pakistan	45	2,5%
	Somalia	45	2,5%
10	Iran	39	2,2%
	Other countries	582	32,9%
Total January 2011		1.771	100%
Percentage top 10		67,1%	

d. 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	68,27%	31,73%



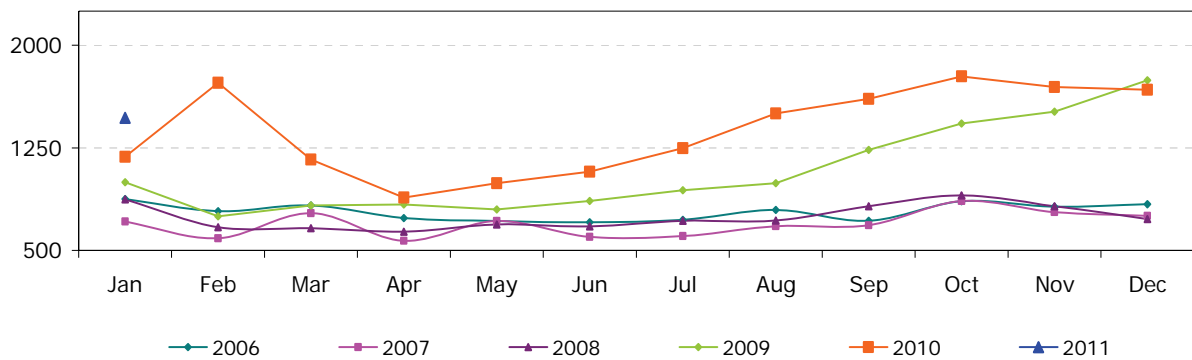
e. Applications in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 according to nationality
 (in blue and bold : top 10 in 2011)

Country of origin	2008	2009	2010	2011	Country of origin	2008	2009	2010	2011
Afghanistan	879	1.659	1.411	176	Libya	15	19	19	0
Albania	172	256	204	16	Lithuania	1	5	1	0
Algeria	206	275	287	23	Macedonia	122	201	1.082	71
Angola	133	142	153	11	Madagascar	1	3	2	0
Argentina	0	0	8	0	Malaysia	0	2	0	0
Armenia	461	1.099	986	47	Mali	5	11	25	1
Azerbaijan	53	54	72	11	Malta	0	0	2	0
Bangladesh	79	75	177	26	Mauretania	128	187	206	10
Belorussia	58	40	53	4	Mauritius	0	1	3	1
Benin	16	50	56	3	Mexico	0	1	1	0
Bhutan	34	24	19	0	Moldova	14	29	14	0
Bosnia-Herzegovina	71	90	106	13	Mongolia	43	85	61	6
Brasil	1	2	3	0	Montenegro	7	12	14	0
Bulgaria	46	101	79	5	Morocco	36	53	46	2
Burkina-Faso	32	52	69	2	Myanmar	9	8	14	1
Burundi	106	120	132	11	Nepal	39	65	203	21
Cameroon	367	302	357	26	Netherlands	0	2	1	0
Canada	1	0	0	0	Niger	57	71	78	1
Cape Verde	1	0	0	0	Nigeria	59	101	138	16
Central African Rep.	7	6	4	0	North Korea	2	4	16	0
Chad	16	16	21	0	Pakistan	150	233	340	45
China	189	329	235	20	Palestina	5	9	37	8
Colombia	4	8	13	0	Panama	0	2	0	0
Congo RD	579	670	786	62	Peru	0	1	0	0
Congo RP	30	14	22	2	Philippines	0	1	0	0
Croatia	3	16	15	0	Poland	2	6	0	0
Cuba	2	3	2	0	Romania	43	98	56	11
Czech Rep.	45	48	21	2	Russia	1.620	1.605	1.526	122
Djibouti	26	39	31	3	Rwanda	273	308	337	35
Dominican Rep.	1	9	1	0	Salvador	0	0	0	5
Ecuador	2	0	0	0	Saoudi Arabia	0	0	1	0
Egypt	24	29	29	9	Senegal	50	113	252	29
Equatorial Guinea	0	3	3	0	Serbia	572	514	1.233	129
Eritrea	35	69	110	6	Sierra Leone	42	45	65	4
Estonia	0	0	1	0	Slovakia	239	261	53	2
Ethiopia	71	89	72	1	Slovenia	0	1	0	0
Gabon	4	5	10	0	Somalia	163	216	294	45
Gambia	35	41	57	5	South Africa	1	1	0	0
Georgia	222	327	323	25	Spain	0	3	1	0
Germany	0	2	0	0	Sri Lanka	148	216	140	18
Ghana	20	29	65	7	Sudan	62	89	92	10
Greece	0	0	1	0	Surinam	0	4	5	0
Guatemala	0	7	1	0	Syria	281	347	388	29
Guinea	661	1.052	1.398	144	Tadzhikistan	1	5	7	1
Guinea-Bissau	1	3	5	0	Tanzania	49	90	89	7
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	15
India	84	123	151	14	Tunisia	6	21	20	6
Indonesia	1	3	0	0	Turkey	284	259	277	18
Iran	614	732	386	39	Turkmenistan	0	5	3	0
Iraq	1.070	1.386	1.769	131	Uganda	13	23	15	1
Israel	18	8	7	1	Ukraine	61	33	62	2
Italy	0	0	1	0	United Arab Emirates	0	2	0	0
Ivory Coast	91	88	173	47	USA	0	0	3	0
Jamaica	4	1	1	0	Uzbekistan	15	14	20	0
Jordania	21	15	10	2	Venezuela	1	0	2	0
Kampuchea	0	1	0	0	Vietnam	9	10	18	0
Kazakhstan	16	44	75	4	Yemen	7	8	11	3
Kenia	55	42	65	7	Zimbabwe	8	4	3	0
Kirghizistan	14	19	117	12	Others	14	15	10	6
Kosovo	478	1.539	1.848	131	Indefinite	126	199	254	30
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	5	Total	12.236	17.162	19.921	1.771
Liberia	23	27	27	5					

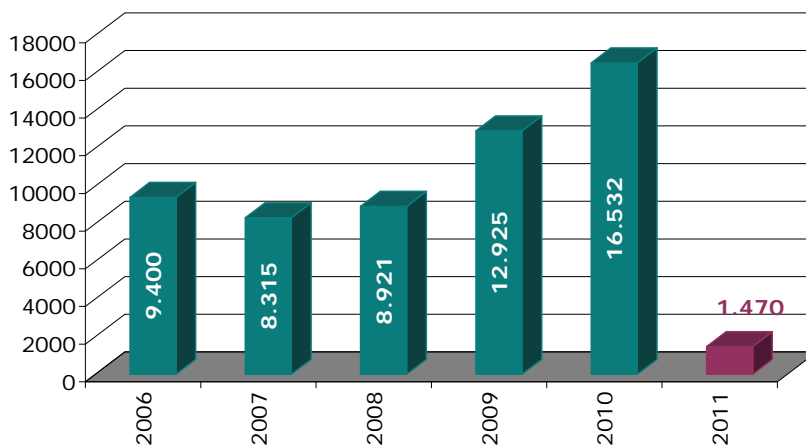
2. First asylum applications

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			
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			
Total	9.400	8.315	8.921	12.925	16.532	1.470		



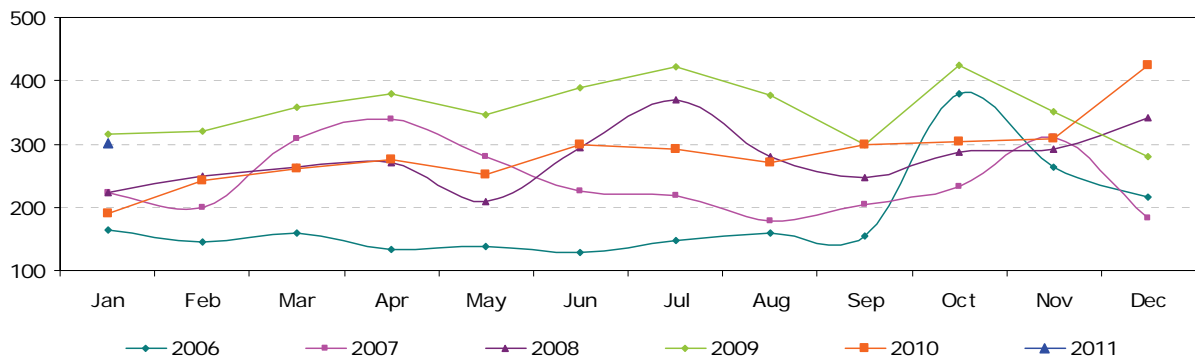
b. First applications per year (from 2006 until the end of January 2011)



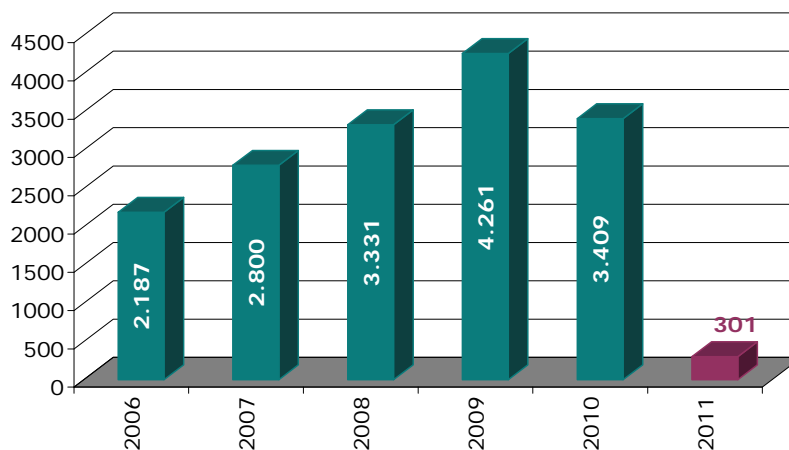
3. Multiple asylum applications

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			
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			
Total	2.187	2.800	3.331	4.261	3.409	301		



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



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

	Country of origin	Number	%
1	Afghanistan	47	15,6%
2	Russia	29	9,6%
3	Iraq	19	6,3%
	Kosovo	19	6,3%
4	Serbia	17	5,6%
5	Guinea	15	5,0%
6	China	12	4,0%
7	Macedonia	10	3,3%
8	Pakistan	9	3,0%
9	Algeria	8	2,7%
	Iran	8	2,7%
10	Cameroon	7	2,3%
	Syria	7	2,3%
	Other countries	94	31,2%
Total January 2011		301	100%
Percentage top 10		68,8%	

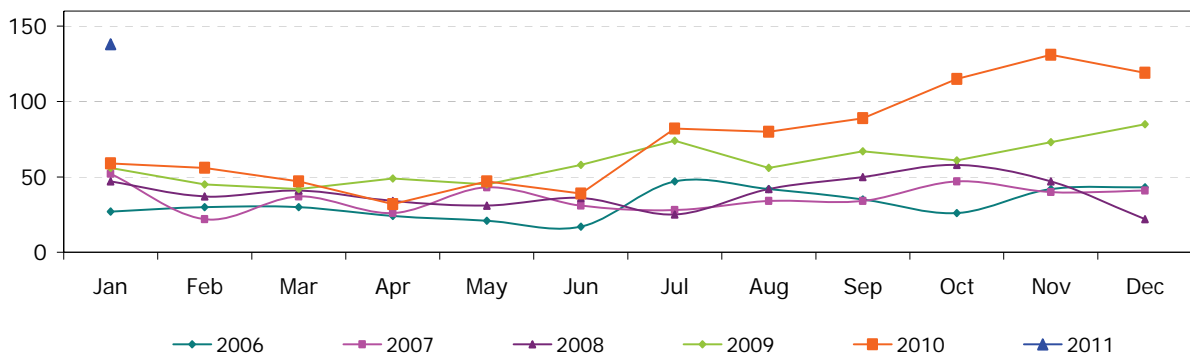


4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

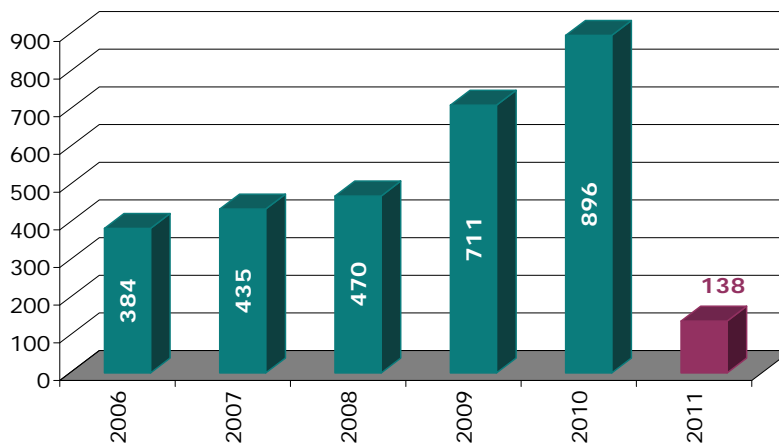
a. Applications from unaccompanied foreign minors per month (2006-2011)

	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			
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			
Total	384	435	470	711	896	138		

* 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 January 2011)

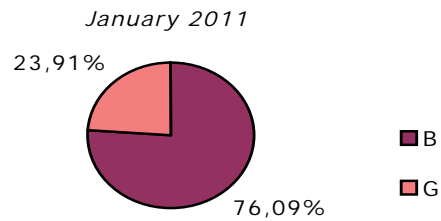


c. Top 5 of countries of origin of unaccompanied minors in January 2011

Country of origin	Number	%
1 Afghanistan	40	29,0%
2 Guinea	32	23,2%
3 Somalia	9	6,5%
4 Iraq	8	5,8%
5 Congo RD	5	3,6%
Other countries	44	31,9%
Total January 2011	138	100%
Percentage top 5	68,1%	

d. 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	76,09%	23,91%



III. Asylum decisions in 2011

(source: CGRS)

1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

	January
Transfer of files to CGRS	1.432
25/26 quater (Dublin)	133
13 quater	77
Renunciation, ...	4
Total	1.646

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
Recognition of refugee status	167
Granting of subsidiary protection	52
Refusal to grant refugee status and subsidiary protection	599
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU nationals)	3
Technical refusal	44
Exclusion from refugee status and from subsidiary protection	1
Withdrawal of refugee status	6
Renunciation + closing of the case + departure IOM	19
Application which does not proceed to judgment: regularization under article 55	4
Application which does not proceed to judgment: (naturalization, death, administrative reasons)	2
Total	897



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
Afghanistan	20
Angola	1
Armenia	1
Bangladesh	1
Belorussia	1
Burundi	1
Cameroon	1
China	14
Colombia	1
Congo (RD)	7
Eritrea	1
Gambia	1
Guinea	27
Indefinite	6
Iran	1
Iraq	27
Ivory Coast	1
Kosovo	11
Kuwait	1
Libanon	1
Morocco	1
Niger	2
North Korea	2
Russia	9
Rwanda	2
Senegal	5
Serbia	4
Somalia	3
Sri Lanka	2
Syria	8
Tanzania	2
Turkey	2
Total	167

c. Granting of subsidiary protection, per nationality

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

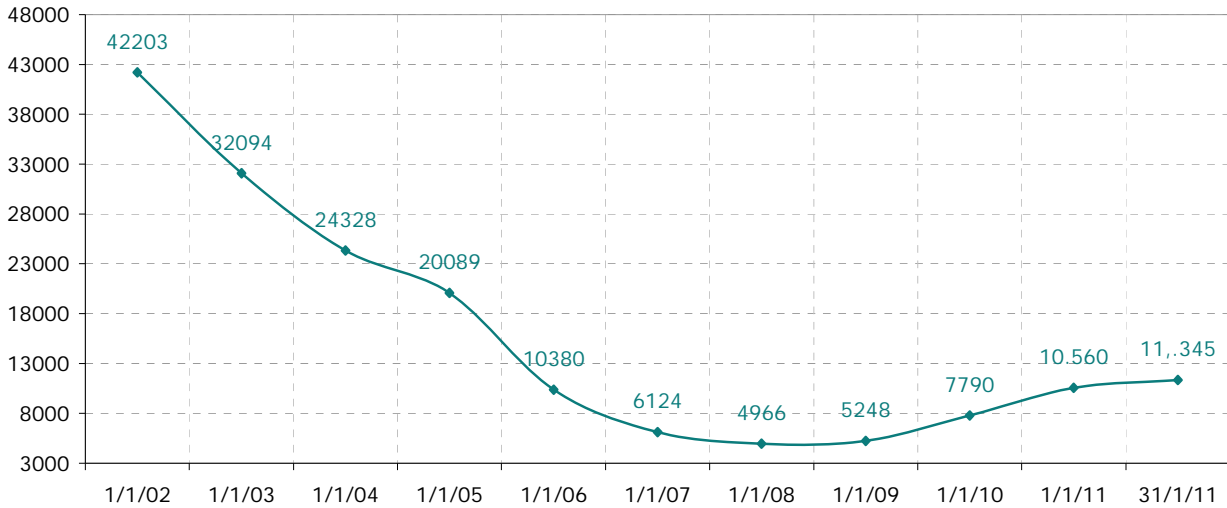
Country of origin	January
Afghanistan	27
Congo (RD)	1
Guinea	1
Iraq	20
Palestine	1
Somalia	2
Total	52



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 January 2011

