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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	9.701	
First asylum applications	7.882	81,25%
Multiple asylum applications	1.819	18,75%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	797	8,22%
Decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
CGRS decisions	6.275	
Recognition of refugee status	1.071	17,07%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	340	5,42%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	4.291	68,38%
Other	583	9,29%
<b>Backlog at the CGRA</b>	<b>13.333</b>	

### 2. May 2011

Asylum applications	Number of files	% of asylum applications
Number of asylum applications	1.944	
First asylum applications	1.590	81,79%
Multiple asylum applications	438	22,53%
Unaccompanied foreign minors	187	9,62%
Decisions	Number of decisions	% of decisions
CGRS decisions	1.546	
Recognition of refugee status	248	16,04%
Subsidiary Protection (SP)	66	4,27%
Refusal to grant refugee status and SP	1.122	72,57%
Other	110	7,12%
<b>Backlog at the CGRA</b>	<b>13.333</b>	

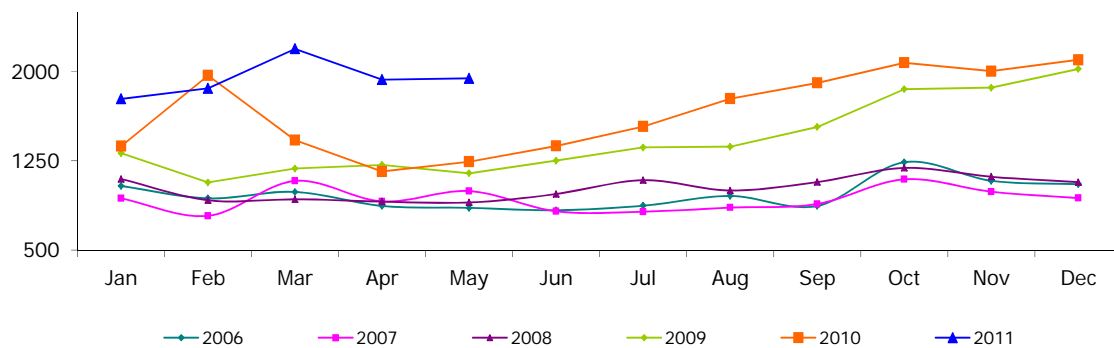
## II. Asylum applications in Belgium

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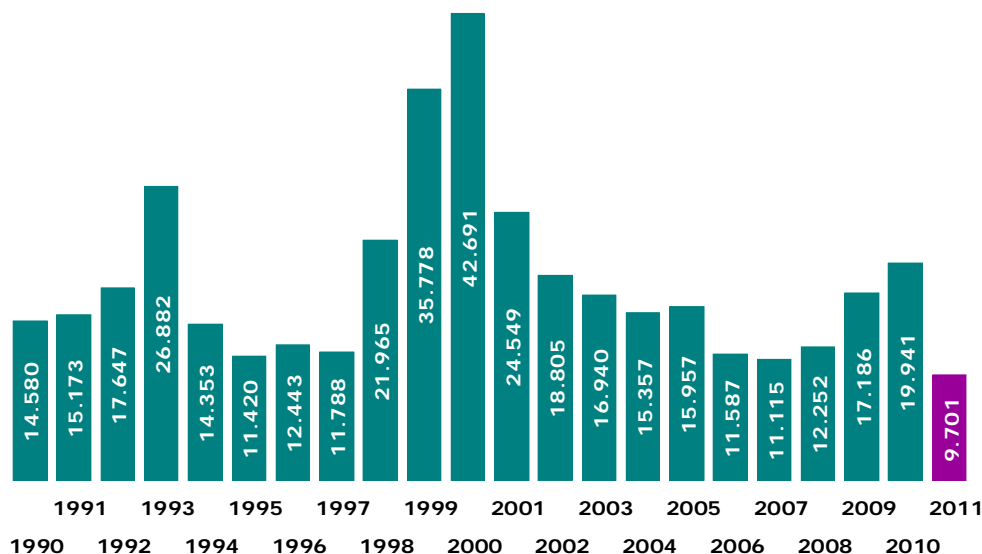
### 1. Number of asylum applications (first applications + multiple applications)

#### 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	2.193	54,00%	17,90%
April	870	908	907	1.215	1.160	1.933	66,64%	-11,86%
May	854	995	899	1.145	1.243	1.944	56,40%	0,57%
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>9.701</b>		



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



c. Top 10 of countries of origin in May 2011

	Country of origin	Number	%
1	Afghanistan	291	15,0%
2	Guinea	166	8,5%
3	Kosovo	133	6,8%
4	Iraq	124	6,4%
5	Serbia	106	5,5%
6	Russia	96	4,9%
7	Macedonia	91	4,7%
	Pakistan	91	4,7%
8	Congo RD	69	3,5%
9	Armenia	66	3,4%
10	Cameroon	56	2,9%
	Other countries	655	33,7%
<b>Total May 2011</b>		<b>1.944</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Percentage top 10</b>		<b>66,3%</b>	

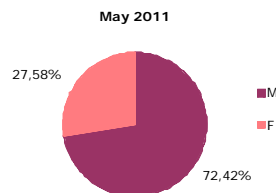
d. Top 10 of countries of origin in 2011

	Country of origin	Number	%
1	Afghanistan	1.147	11,8%
2	Guinea	850	8,8%
3	Kosovo	750	7,7%
4	Iraq	708	7,3%
5	Serbia	649	6,7%
6	Russia	521	5,4%
7	Macedonia	452	4,7%
8	Congo RD	353	3,6%
9	Armenia	279	2,9%
10	Pakistan	266	2,7%
	Other countries	3.726	38,4%
<b>Total 2011</b>		<b>9.701</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Percentage top 10</b>		<b>61,6%</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	70,07%	29,93%



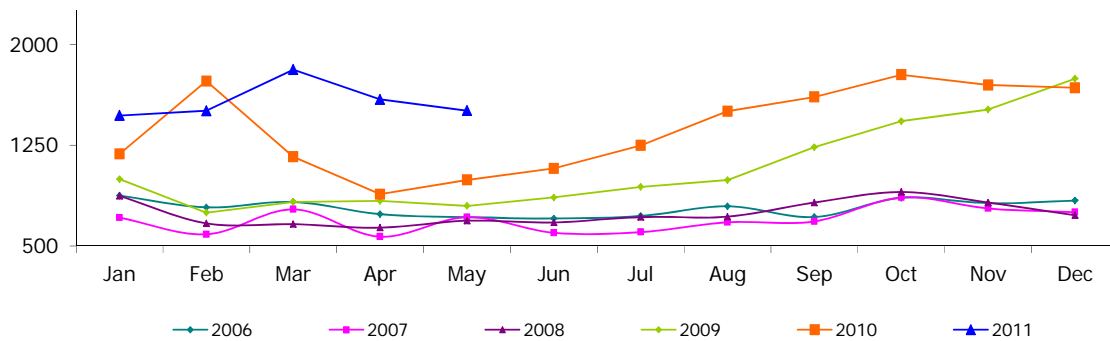
**f. Applications in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 according to nationality**  
 (in blue and bold : top 10 in 2011)

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>1.147</b>	Libya	15	19	19	34
Albania	172	256	204	131	Lithuania	1	5	1	1
Algeria	206	275	287	106	<b>Macedonia</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>1.082</b>	<b>452</b>
Angola	133	142	153	68	Madagascar	1	3	2	3
Argentina	0	0	8	0	Malaysia	0	2	0	0
<b>Armenia</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>1.099</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>279</b>	Mali	5	11	25	6
Azerbaijan	53	54	72	29	Malta	0	0	2	0
Bangladesh	79	75	177	128	Mauretania	128	187	206	73
Belorussia	58	40	53	17	Mauritius	0	1	3	5
Benin	16	50	56	18	Mexico	0	1	1	1
Bhutan	34	24	19	3	Moldova	14	29	14	2
Bosnia-Herzegovina	71	90	106	48	Mongolia	43	85	61	23
Brasil	1	2	3	0	Montenegro	7	12	14	11
Bulgaria	46	101	79	24	Morocco	36	53	46	30
Burkina-Faso	32	52	69	29	Mozambique	0	0	0	1
Burundi	106	120	132	66	Myanmar	9	8	14	1
Cameroon	367	302	357	211	Nepal	39	65	203	94
Canada	1	0	0	0	Netherlands	0	2	1	0
Cape Verde	1	0	0	0	Niger	57	71	78	25
Central African Rep.	7	6	4	1	Nigeria	59	101	138	77
Chad	16	16	21	2	North Korea	2	4	16	16
China	189	329	235	155	<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>266</b>
Colombia	4	8	13	1	Palestina	5	9	37	22
<b>Congo RD</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>353</b>	Panama	0	2	0	0
Congo RP	30	14	22	8	Peru	0	1	0	0
Croatia	3	16	15	3	Philippines	0	1	0	1
Cuba	2	3	2	1	Poland	2	6	0	0
Czech Rep.	45	48	21	10	Romania	43	98	56	36
Djibouti	26	39	31	15	<b>Russia</b>	<b>1.620</b>	<b>1.605</b>	<b>1.526</b>	<b>521</b>
Dominican Rep.	1	9	1	2	Rwanda	273	308	337	165
Ecuador	2	0	0	0	Salvador	0	0	0	10
Egypt	24	29	29	45	Saudi Arabia	0	0	1	1
Equatorial Guinea	0	3	3	0	Senegal	50	113	252	124
Eritrea	35	69	110	25	<b>Serbia</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>1.233</b>	<b>649</b>
Estonia	0	0	1	0	Sierra Leone	42	45	65	34
Ethiopia	71	89	72	16	Slovakia	239	261	53	7
France	0	0	0	1	Slovenia	0	1	0	0
Gabon	4	5	10	1	Somalia	163	216	294	158
Gambia	35	41	57	20	South Africa	1	1	0	0
Georgia	222	327	323	118	Spain	0	3	1	1
Germany	0	2	0	0	Sri Lanka	148	216	140	75
Ghana	20	29	65	35	Sudan	62	89	92	28
Greece	0	0	1	0	Surinam	0	4	5	3
Guatemala	0	7	1	0	Syria	281	347	388	177
<b>Guinea</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>1.052</b>	<b>1.398</b>	<b>850</b>	Tadzhikistan	1	5	7	3
Guinea-Bissau	1	3	5	3	Tanzania	49	90	89	67
Guyana	0	1	0	0	Thailand	0	1	1	0
Haiti	1	1	9	4	Timor-Leste	2	0	0	0
Hungary	16	143	36	7	Togo	171	130	246	85
India	84	123	151	64	Tunisia	6	21	20	47
Indonesia	1	3	0	0	Turkey	284	259	277	155
Iran	614	732	386	167	Turkmenistan	0	5	3	1
<b>Iraq</b>	<b>1.070</b>	<b>1.386</b>	<b>1.769</b>	<b>708</b>	Uganda	13	23	15	7
Israel	18	8	7	6	Ukraine	61	33	62	16
Italy	0	0	1	1	United Arab Emirates	0	2	0	0
Ivory Coast	91	88	173	220	USA	0	0	3	2
Jamaica	4	1	1	0	Uzbekistan	15	14	20	8
Jordania	21	15	10	11	Venezuela	1	0	2	1
Kampuchea	0	1	0	0	Vietnam	9	10	18	2
Kazakhstan	16	44	75	23	Yemen	7	8	11	10
Kenia	55	42	65	24	Zimbabwe	8	4	3	2
Kirghizistan	14	19	117	45					
<b>Kosovo</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>1.539</b>	<b>1.848</b>	<b>750</b>	Others	14	15	10	10
Kuwait	1	0	1	0	Indefinite	126	199	254	108
Latvia	5	3	2	0	Stateless Persons	6	7	7	0
Libanon	85	95	70	29	Refugees	0	1	1	0
Liberia	23	27	27	16	<b>Total</b>	<b>12.252</b>	<b>17.186</b>	<b>19.941</b>	<b>9.701</b>

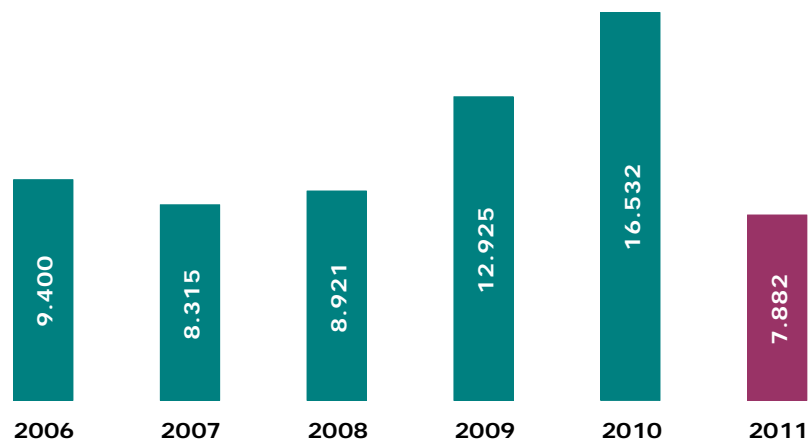
## 2. First asylum applications

### 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	1.811	55,58%	20,33%
April	737	570	637	836	886	1.590	79,46%	-12,20%
May	715	715	689	799	992	1.506	51,81%	-5,28%
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>7.882</b>		



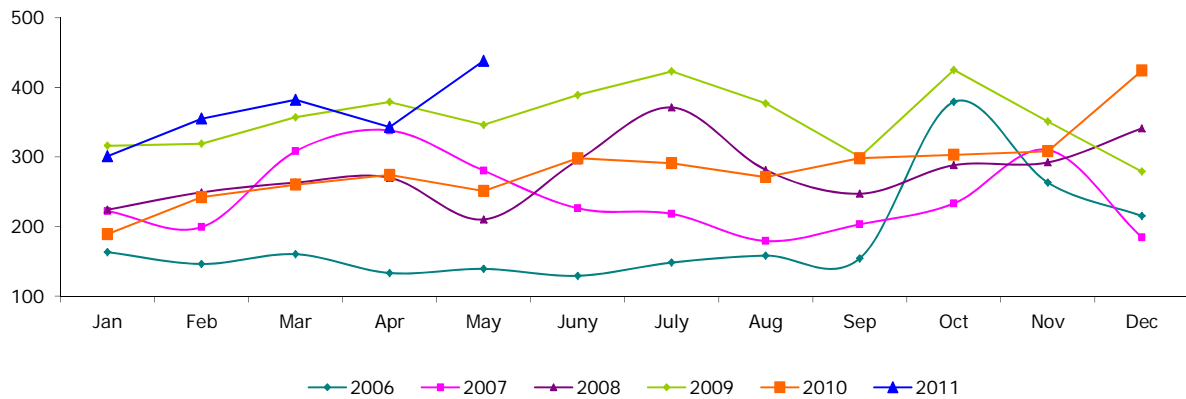
### b. First applications per year (from 2006 until the end of May 2011)



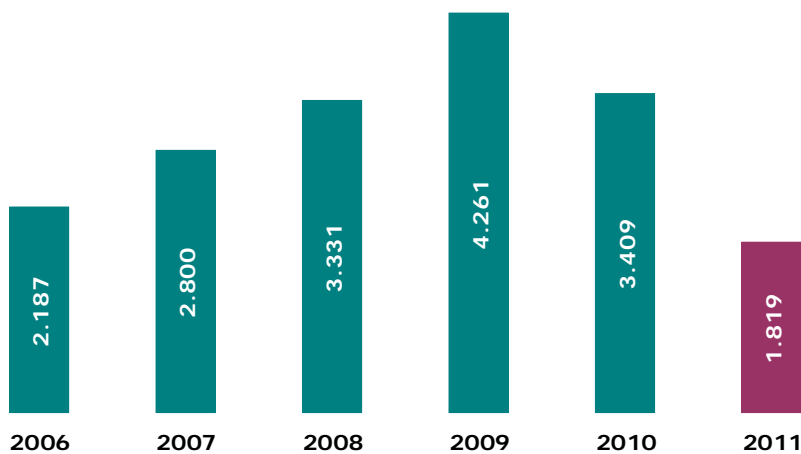
### 3. Multiple asylum applications

#### 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	382	46,92%	7,61%
April	133	338	270	379	274	343	25,18%	-10,21%
May	139	280	210	346	251	438	74,50%	27,70%
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>1.819</b>		



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



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

	Country of origin	Number	%
1	Russia	45	10,3%
2	Kosovo	40	9,1%
3	Armenia	35	8,0%
4	Afghanistan	30	6,8%
5	Guinea	27	6,2%
6	Serbia	26	5,9%
7	Iraq	18	4,1%
8	Cameroon	16	3,7%
9	Macedonia	15	3,4%
	Syria	15	3,4%
10	Rwanda	13	3,0%
	Other countries	158	36,1%
<b>Total May 2011</b>		<b>438</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Percentage top 10</b>		<b>63,9%</b>	

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

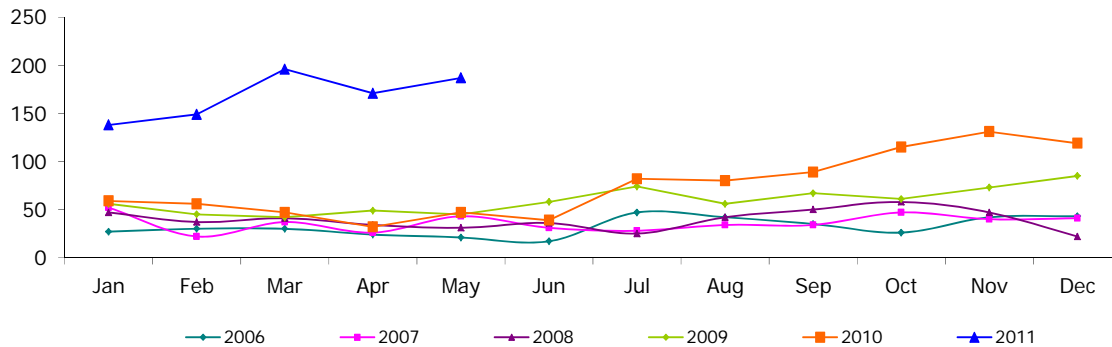
	Country of origin	Number	%
1	Afghanistan	165	9,1%
2	Russia	122	6,7%
3	Guinea	108	5,9%
4	Kosovo	98	5,4%
5	Iraq	72	4,0%
6	Serbia	71	3,9%
7	Algeria	66	3,6%
8	Armenia	63	3,5%
9	Albania	56	3,1%
10	China	55	3,0%
	Other countries	943	51,8%
<b>Total 2011</b>		<b>1.819</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Percentage top 10</b>		<b>48,2%</b>	

#### 4. Unaccompanied foreign minors

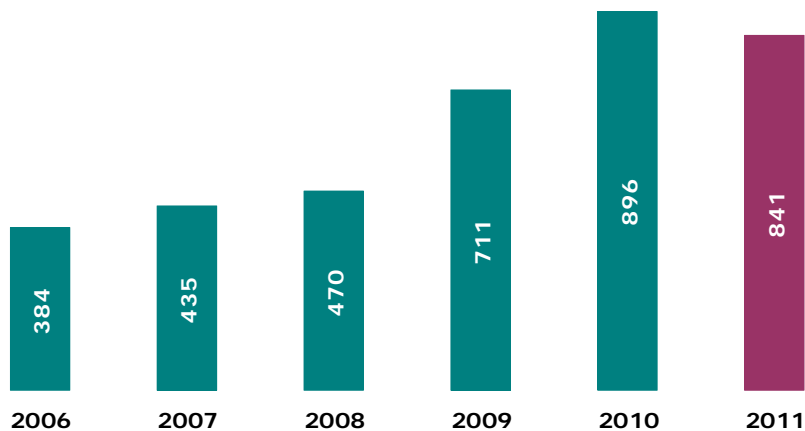
##### a. Applications from unaccompanied foreign minors per month (2006-2011)

	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	196	317,02%	31,54%
April	24	26	34	49	32	171	434,38%	-12,76%
May	21	43	31	45	47	187	297,87%	9,36%
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>841</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 May 2011)



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

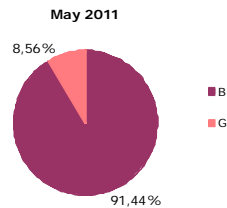
Country of origin	Number	%
1 Afghanistan	118	63,1%
2 Guinea	25	13,4%
3 Pakistan	10	5,3%
4 Bangladesh	5	2,7%
5 Albania	3	1,6%
Burundi	3	1,6%
Iran	3	1,6%
Other countries	20	10,7%
<b>Total may 2011</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Percentage top 5</b>	<b>89,3%</b>	

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

Country of origin	Number	%
1 Afghanistan	416	52,2%
2 Guinea	120	15,1%
3 Pakistan	25	3,1%
4 Iraq	23	2,9%
5 Congo RD	21	2,6%
Other countries	192	24,1%
<b>Total 2011</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Percentage top 5</b>	<b>75,9%</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	83,44%	16,56%



### III. Asylum decisions in 2011

(source: CGRS)

#### 1. Decisions by the Immigration Department

	January-April	May	Total
Transfer of files to CGRS	7.035	1.941	8.976
25/26 quater (Dublin)	631	201	832
13 quater	546	308	854
Renunciation, ...	642	17	659
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.854</b>	<b>2.467</b>	<b>11.321</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

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Total
Recognition of refugee status	167	234	220	202	248	<b>1.071</b>
Granting of subsidiary protection	53	62	75	84	66	<b>340</b>
Refusal to grant refugee status and subsidiary protection	598	745	911	890	1.118	<b>4.262</b>
Refusal to take an asylum application into consideration (EU nationals)	3	10	16	9	7	<b>45</b>
Technical refusal	44	77	91	75	68	<b>355</b>
Exclusion from refugee status and from subsidiary protection	1	2	1		3	<b>7</b>
Exclusion from refugee status and refusal to grant subsidiary protection		1	1	3	1	<b>6</b>
Refusal to grant refugee status and exclusion form subsidiary protection		2	4			<b>6</b>
Withdrawal of refugee status	6	2	2	2	1	<b>13</b>
Renunciation + closing of the case + departure IOM	19	40	23	24	30	<b>136</b>
Application which does not proceed to judgment: regularization under article 55	4	5	9	3	2	<b>23</b>
Application which does not proceed to judgment: (naturalization, death, administrative reasons)	3	2	3	1	2	<b>11</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>1.182</b>	<b>1.356</b>	<b>1.293</b>	<b>1.546</b>	<b>6.275</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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Total
<b>Afghanistan</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>88</b>
Albania		3		4	2	9
Algeria		1			1	2
Angola	1			1	1	3
<b>Armenia</b>	<b>1</b>					<b>1</b>
Azerbaijan		2				2
Bangladesh	1					1
Belorussia	1			1		2
Benin					1	1
Burkina Faso					1	1
Burundi	1	2	3	3	1	10
Cameroon	1	14	10	5	8	38
Chad		1		1	2	4
China	14	7	19	18	9	67
Colombia	1		3		1	5
<b>Congo (RD)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>
Djibouti		2		1	1	4
Egypt					1	1
Eritrea	1	1		1	4	7
Gabon		1	1		3	5
Gambia	1		1			2
Ghana					1	1
<b>Guinea</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>182</b>
Indefinite	6	5	5	3	5	24
India			1			1
Iran	1	3	3	4	9	20
<b>Iraq</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>185</b>
Ivory Coast	1			1	1	3
Jordania			1			1
Kenia		2	2			4
<b>Kosovo</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>61</b>
Kuwait	1					1
Libanon	1			2	2	5
Liberia					1	1
<b>Macedonia</b>		<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>
Mauretania		1	2	1	1	5
Mauritius					1	1
Morocco	1	1				2
Myanmar			1	2		3
Niger	2	3	1	6		12
Nigeria		1				1
North Corea	2	4	3	1	1	11
Palestine				1		1
<b>Pakistan</b>						<b>1</b>
<b>Russia</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>50</b>
Rwanda	2	14	11	4	14	45
Senegal	5	6	7	7	10	35
<b>Serbia</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>
Sierra Leone		4				4
Somalia	3	1	6	4	12	26
Sri Lanka	2	4		4	8	18
Sudan			1			1
Syria	8	4	12	8		32
Tanzania	2	2	1			5
Togo		2	4		4	10
Turkey	2	4	2	5	3	16
Turkmenistan		1				1
Uganda				1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>1.071</b>

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

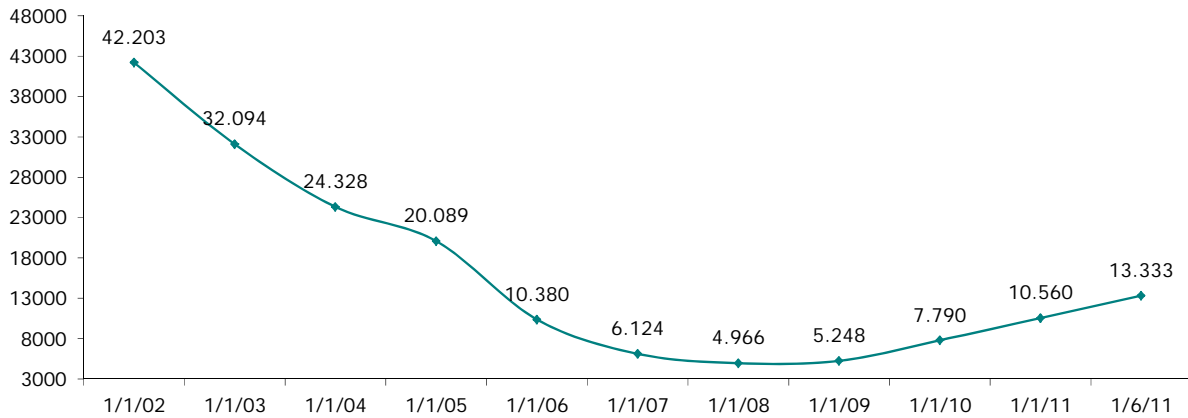
Country of origin	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Total
<b>Afghanistan</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>129</b>
Angola					1	1
Burundi			1			1
Cameroon			1			1
<b>Congo (RD)</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>			<b>3</b>
<b>Guinea</b>	<b>1</b>					<b>1</b>
Indefinite		4	1			5
<b>Irak</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>181</b>
Palestine	1					1
Somalia	2	4	1	1	4	12
Sudan			1		1	2
Tanzania			2			2
Yemen		1				1
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>340</b>

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

(Caseload in assessing asylum applications at the CGRS)

At the end of May 2011, the CGRA had a total caseload of 12,333 dossiers, of which 4,500 dossiers may be considered a normal workload. The backlog as such amounted therefore to 8,833 dossiers.

**Caseload per year**



**Caseload per month in 2010 and January - May 2011**

