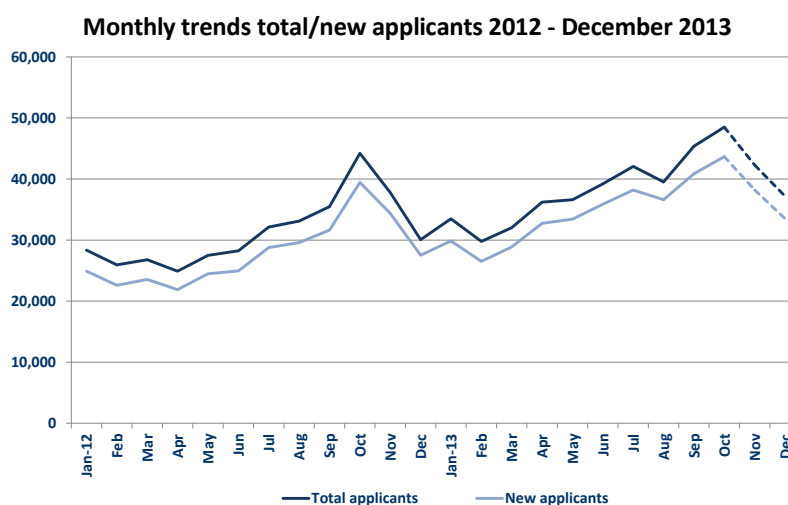


Latest asylum trends

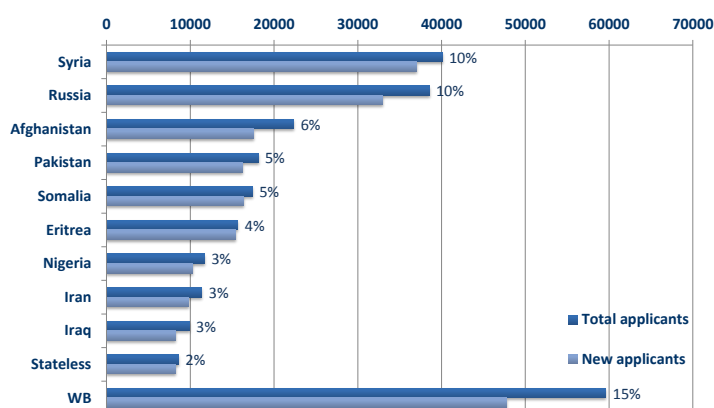
1. Number of applicants for international protection in Member States and Associate Countries



In December 2013, the total number of asylum applicants in the Member States and Associate Countries (EU+), decreased approximately 13% compared to November 2013. However, compared to the same month of the previous year the number of total applicants in 2013 was 24% higher than the number of applicants registered in December 2012. The total number of asylum applications made in the EU+ countries, during the year of 2013 appears likely to have exceeded 450,000.

2. Top countries of origin (% of total claims) in EU+ countries

January - October 2013



Nationals coming from Western Balkans countries continued to represent the largest proportion of asylum applicants in the EU+ countries in the first ten months of 2013.

3. Latest country of origin trends

Syria

- In December 2013, Syrian applicants were in the top 3 countries of origin in 16 Member States and Associated Countries, representing the most widespread caseload of asylum applications across EU+ countries;
- However, following the seasonal trend, the number of Syrians decreased in almost all MSAC compared to previous months;

Eritrea

- After a strong increase during the summer, Eritrean applicants continued to represent an important flow for EU+ countries in the last months of 2013 at a higher level compared to the first half of 2013;

Western Balkans

- In December 2013, the number of total Western Balkans asylum applicants in the EU+ was 17% of the total applicants in EU+ countries though there was a 17% decrease in numbers of applicants registered in December compared to November;
- Germany continued to receive the vast majority of applications from Western Balkans citizens.