Overview Northern Europe

Total Population Northern Europe:

32,957,500

Source: 2

Total persons of concern to UNHCR in Northern Europe (2016):

825,175

Source: 1

Population of Northern European Countries

- **SWEDEN**: 10 Million
- **DENMARK**: 5.7 Million
- **FINLAND**: 5.5 Million
- **NORWAY**: 5.2 Million
- **LITHUANIA**: 2.8 Million
- **LATVIA**: 1.9 Million
- **ESTONIA**: 1.3 Million
- **ICELAND**: 340 Thousand

Legend

- Blue circle with number: Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017\(^3\)
- Gray shaded: Number of people granted protection in 2017\(^2\)
- Blue shaded: Refugees resettled in 2017\(^3\)

Sources:
1. UNHCR Global Trends
2. Eurostat
3. UNHCR Resettlement Data Portal
4. Preliminary figures as reported by National Authorities
Sweden

Total country population: 9,995,200

Persons of Concern to UNHCR (end of 2016):

- Asylum-seekers: 349,303
  - Refugees: 83,103
  - Stateless: 36,036

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017: 22,190

- Children: 8,060 (UASC: 1,565)
- Women: 5,520
- Men: 8,610

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2016: 22,330

- Children: 69,130 (UASC: 34,295)
- Women: 27,570
- Men: 59,410

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2015: 156,110

- Children: 69,130 (UASC: 34,295)
- Women: 27,570
- Men: 59,410

Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2017

- Syria
- Iraq
- Eritrea
- Afghanistan
- Stateless

Number of people granted protection in 2017: 26,775

As compared to 66,585 in 2016.
Note: Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary

Recognition rate for protection status in 2017: 44%

Refugees resettled in 2017: 3,412

Resettlement quota for 2018: 5,000

Sources:
1. UNHCR Global Trends
2. Eurostat
3. Preliminary figures as reported by National Authorities
Denmark

Total country population: 5,748,800

Persons of Concern to UNHCR (end of 2016):
- Asylum-seekers: 6,339
- Refugees: 33,507
- Stateless: 7,610

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017: 3,125
- Women: 445 (14%)
- Men: 1,515 (49%)
- Children: 1,165 (37%)

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2016: 6,055
- Women: 3,980 (66%)
- Men: 2,075 (34%)

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2015: 20,825
- Women: 3,980 (19%)
- Men: 10,550 (51%)
- Children: 6,295 (30%)

Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2017:
- Syria
- Morocco
- Eritrea
- Afghanistan
- Iran

Number of people granted protection in 2017: 2,365

As compared to 7,125 in 2016.
Note: Waiting times for asylum descions may vary

Recognition rate for protection status in 2017: 34%

Refugees resettled in 2017: 5
Resettlement quota for 2018: 0

Sources:
1. UNHCR Global Trends
2. Eurostat
3. Preliminary figures as reported by National Authorities

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Finland

Total country population: 5,503,300

Persons of Concern to UNHCR (end of 2016):

- Asylum-seekers: 26,672
- Refugees: 5,600
- Stateless: 2,671

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017:

- Children: 1,315 (19%
- Women: 800 (30%)
- Men: 2,200 (51%)

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2016:

- Children: 7,590 (24%)
- Women: 3,695 (24%)
- Men: 20,645 (65%)

Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2017:

- Iraq
- Syria
- Eritrea
- Russia
- Afghanistan

Number of people granted protection in 2017: 3,430

As compared to 7,070 in 2016.
Note: Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary

Recognition rate for protection status in 2017: 48%

Refugees resettled in 2017: 1,088

Resettlement quota for 2018: 750

Sources:
1. UNHCR Global Trends
2. Eurostat
3. Preliminary figures as reported by National Authorities
**Norway**

**Total country population:** 5,258,300  
Source: 2

**Persons of Concern to UNHCR (end of 2016):**
- Asylum-seekers: 70,329
- Refugees: 7,556
- Stateless: 3,251

**Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017:** 3,350
- Women: 915 (27%)
- Men: 1,375 (41%)
- Children (UASC): 1,060 (32%)  
Source: 2

**Asylum-seekers arriving in 2016:** 3,240
Source: 2

**Asylum-seekers arriving in 2015:** 30,470
- Women: 4,475 (15%)
- Men: 15,705 (51%)
- Children (UASC): 10,290 (34%)  
Source: 2

**Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2017:**
- Syria
- Eritrea
- Turkey
- Iraq
- Afghanistan

**Number of people granted protection in 2017:** 4,770

As compared to 12,775 in 2016.  
*Note: Waiting times for asylum descriptions may vary*

**Recognition rate for protection status in 2017:** 71%

**Refugees resettled in 2017:** 2,799

**Resettlement quota for 2018:** 2,120  
Source: 3,4

**Sources:**
1. UNHCR Global Trends
2. Eurostat
3. UNHCR Resettlement Data Portal
4. Preliminary figures as reported by National Authorities
Lithuania

Total country population: 2,847,900

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017:
- 520
  - Children: 180 (34%)
  - Women: 120 (23%)
  - Men: 225 (43%)

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2016:
- 415
  - Children: 60 (22%)
  - Women: 65 (24%)
  - Men: 145 (54%)

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2015:
- 275
  - Children (UASC): 60 (22%)
  - Women: 65 (24%)
  - Men: 145 (54%)

Refugees resettled in 2017: 153
Stateless: 1,288
Asylum-seekers (Stateless): 3,320

Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2017:
- Syria
- Russia
- Tadikistan
- Belarus
- Ukraine

Number of people granted protection in 2017: 285

As compared to 195 in 2016.
Note: Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary

Recognition rate for protection status in 2017: 78%

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Sources:
1. UNHCR Global Trends
2. Eurostat
3. UNHCR Resettlement Data Portal
Latvia

Total country population: 1,950,100

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017: 355
- Children: 130 (UASC: 10)
- Women: 85 (37%)
- Men: 135 (39%)

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2016: 345
- Children: 85 (UASC: 10)
- Women: 60 (24%)
- Men: 185 (56%)

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2015: 330
- Children: 85 (UASC: 10)
- Women: 180 (56%)
- Men: 145 (44%)

Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2017:
- Syria, Russia, Eritrea, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan

Number of people granted protection in 2017: 265
- As compared to 135 in 2016.
- Note: Waiting times for asylum desicions may vary

Asylum-seekers
Refugees
Stateless
148
349
242,736*

Asylum-seekers
arriving in 2017
1,8
per 10,000
inhabitants

Refugees resettled in 2017: 40

Recognition rate for protection status in 2017: 74%

Resettlement quota for 2018: N/A

Sources:
1. UNHCR Global Trends
2. Eurostat
3. UNHCR Resettlement Data Portal

* With respect to persons under UNHCR’s statelessness mandate, this figure includes persons of concern covered by two separate Latvian laws. 176 persons fall under the Republic of Latvia’s Law on Stateless Persons, and 17 February 2004, 242,560 of the persons fall under Latvia’s 25 April 1995 Law on the Status of those Former USSR Citizens who are not Citizens of Latvia or Any Other State ("Non-citizens"). In the specific context of Latvia, the "Non-citizens" enjoy the right to reside in Latvia on equal and a set of rights and obligations generally beyond the rights prescribed by the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, including protection from removal, and as such the "Non-citizens" may currently be considered persons to whom the Convention does not apply in accordance with Article 1.2(ii).
Estonia

Total country population: 1,315,600

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017: 180
Children: 75 (42%)  
Women: 45 (25%)  
Men: 60 (33%)

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2016: 150
Children: 70 (32%)  
Women: 50 (23%)  
Men: 100 (45%)

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2015: 225
Children: 70 (32%)  
Women: 50 (23%)  
Men: 100 (45%)

Asylum-seekers
Refugees 322
Stateless

Persons of Concern to UNHCR (end of 2016):

82,950

Asylum-seekers
Refugees 43
Stateless 82,585

Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2017:
Syria, Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, Iraq

Number of people granted protection in 2017: 95

Recognition rate for protection status in 2017: 61%

Refugees resettled in 2017: 19
Resettlement quota for 2018: 40

Note: Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary

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For details see UNHCR Global Trends: Forced Displacement in 2016, footnote 8, available at: http://www.refworld.org/docid/594a36e0.html
Iceland

Total country population: 338,300

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017: 1,065
- Children (UASC): 175
- Women: 170
- Men: 710

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2016: 1,100
- Children (UASC): 175
- Women: 35
- Men: 210

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2015: 310
- Children (UASC): 75
- Women: 35
- Men: 210

Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2017:
- Georgia, Albania, Iraq, FYROM, Pakistan

Number of people granted protection in 2017: 70

Recognition rate for protection status in 2017: 18%

Refugees resettled in 2017: 47

Resettlement quota for 2018: 100

Sources:
1. UNHCR Global Trends
2. Eurostat
3. UNHCR Resettlement Data Portal
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