Overview Northern Europe

Total Population Northern Europe:

33,121,044

Source: 2

Total number of refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons in Northern Europe (2018):

766,019

Source: 1

Population of Northern European Countries

- **SWEDEN**: 10.1 Million
- **DENMARK**: 5.8 Million
- **FINLAND**: 5.5 Million
- **NORWAY**: 5.3 Million
- **LITHUANIA**: 2.8 Million
- **LATVIA**: 1.9 Million
- **ESTONIA**: 1.3 Million
- **ICELAND**: 348 Thousand

**Legend**

- **Asylum-seekers arriving in 2018**:
  - ICELAND: 3,350
  - NORWAY: 2,324
  - SWEDEN: 1,460

- **Number of people granted protection in 2018**:
  - ICELAND: 20
  - NORWAY: 29
  - SWEDEN: 30

- **Refugees resettled in 2018**:
  - ICELAND: 4,325
  - NORWAY: 1,065
  - SWEDEN: 2,405

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

*Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary.*
Sweden

Total country population: 10,120,242

Persons of Concern to UNHCR (end of 2018):
- Asylum-seekers: 317,987
- Refugees: 37,942
- Stateless: 31,819

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2018: 18,075
- Women: 4,900 (27%)
- Men: 7,615 (42%)
- Children: 5,560 (31%)

(As of January-June 2019)
- Asylum-seekers: 9,205

Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2018:
- Syria
- Iran
- Iraq
- Georgia
- Eritrea

Number of people granted protection in 2018: 10,640

Recognition rate for protection status in 2018: 34%

Refugees resettled in 2018: 4,862

Resettlement quota for 2019: 5,000

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

**Total country population:**
5,781,190

**Persons of concern to UNHCR (end of 2018):**
- Asylum-seekers: 47,586
- Refugees: 2,719
- Stateless: 8,236

**Asylum-seekers arriving January-June 2019**
- 890

**Asylum-seekers arriving in 2018**
- 3,465
- Women: 880 (25%)
- Men: 1,470 (43%)
- Children: 1,100 (32%)
  - (UASC* 240)

**Asylum-seekers arriving 2012-2018**

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**Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2018**
- Eritrea, Syria, Georgia, Iran, Morocco

**Number of people granted protection in 2018**
- 1,315

As compared to 2,365 in 2017.

**Note:** Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary

** Refugees resettled in 2018:**
- 0

**Resettlement quota for 2019:**
- 0

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

Total country population:
5,513,130

Source: 2

Persons of concern to UNHCR (end of 2018):
Asylum-seekers 3,290
Refugees 22,295
Stateless 2,759

Source: 1

Asylum-seekers arriving
January-June 2019
1,120

Source: 2

Asylum-seekers arriving
in 2018
2,945

Source: 2

Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2018
Iraq, Russia, Turkey, Iran, Somalia

Number of people granted protection in 2018
2,405

As compared to 3,430 in 2017.
Note: Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary

Recognition rate for protection status in 2018:
54%

Source: 2

Refugees resettled in 2018:
611

Source: 3

Resettlement quota for 2019:
750

Source: 3
Norway

Total country population: 5,295,619

Persons of concern to UNHCR (end of 2018):

- Asylum-seekers: 62,127
  - Refugees: 2,292
  - Stateless: 2,809

Asylum-seekers arriving January-June 2019: 925

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2018: 2,530

- Children: 790 (31%)
- Women: 735 (29%)
- Men: 1,005 (40%)
- Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children: 145

Asylum-seekers arriving 2012-2018:

- 2012: 9,210
- 2013: 11,430
- 2014: 10,910
- 2015: 30,470
- 2016: 3,240
- 2017: 3,350
- 2018: 2,530

Top 5 countries of origin among Asylum-seekers arriving in 2018:

- Turkey
- Syria
- Eritrea
- Iran
- Iraq

Number of people granted protection in 2018: 1,460

Recognition rate for protection status in 2018: 69%

As compared to 4,770 in 2017.

Note: Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary

Refugees resettled in 2018: 2,324

Resettlement quota for 2019: 3,000

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

Total country population: 2,808,901

Persons of concern to UNHCR (end of 2018):

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Asylum-seekers arriving January-June 2019: 235

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2018: 385

- Children: 120 (31%)
- Women: 85 (22%)
- Men: 180 (47%)

Asylum-seekers arriving 2012-2018:

Year |
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2012 | 560 |
2013 | 250 |
2014 | 385 |
2015 | 275 |
2016 | 415 |
2017 | 520 |
2018 | 385 |

Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2018:

- Tajikistan, Russia, Iraq, Azerbaijan, Afghanistan

Number of people granted protection in 2018: 135

As compared to 285 in 2017.

Note: Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary

Recognition rate for protection status in 2018: 50%

Refugees resettled in 2018: 18

Resettlement quota for 2019: N/A

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

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Latvia

Total country population: 1,934,379

Persons of concern to UNHCR (end of 2018):

225,572

Asylum-seekers
Refugees 670
Stateless 224,844*

Asylum-seekers arriving
January-June 2019 60

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2018 175

Asylum-seekers arriving 2012-2018

Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2018
Russia, Iraq, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Georgia

Number of people granted protection in 2018 30

Recognition rate for protection status in 2018: 24%

Refugees resettled in 2018: 0
Resettlement quota for 2019: N/A

Sources:
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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. 179 persons fall under the Republic of Latvia’s Law on Stateless Persons of 17 February 2004. 233,393 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 ex lege 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 (i).
Estonia

Total country population: 1,319,133

Persons of concern to UNHCR (end of 2018):
- Asylum-seekers: 34
- Refugees: 325
- Stateless: 77,877*

Asylum-seekers arriving in January-June 2019: 45

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2018:
- Children: 20 (11%)
- Women: 10 (22%)
- Men: 60 (67%)

Asylum-seekers arriving 2012-2018:
- 2012: 75
- 2013: 95
- 2014: 145
- 2015: 225
- 2016: 150
- 2017: 180
- 2018: 90

Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2018:
- Ukraine
- Russia
- Egypt
- Pakistan
- Bangladesh

Number of people granted protection in 2018: 20

Recognition rate for protection status in 2018: 27%

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2018 per 10,000 inhabitants: 0.7

Refugees resettled in 2018: 29

Resettlement quota for 2019: 40

Sources:
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2. Eurostat
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*For details see UNHCR Global Trends: Forced Displacement in 2016, footnote 8, available at: http://www.refworld.org/docid/594aa38e0.html

UNHCR Regional Representation for Northern Europe
Iceland

Total country population: 348,450

Persons of concern to UNHCR (end of 2018):
- Asylum-seekers: 1,117
- Refugees: 573
- Stateless: 69

Asylum-seekers arriving January-June 2019: 330

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2018: 730

Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2018:
- Iraq
- Albania
- Somalia
- Afghanistan
- Pakistan

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Asylum-seekers arriving in 2018:
- Men: 435
- Women: 120
- Children: 170 (UASC*)

Asylum-seekers arriving 2012-2018:
- Women: 360
- Men: 1,065
- Children: 170

Number of people granted protection in 2018: 105

Recognition rate for protection status in 2018: 28%

Refugees resettled in 2018: 52

Resettlement quota for 2019: 70

Note: Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary

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