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2020 Asylum Trends



	2018	2019	2020	2020		
				% change from 2019	Share of EU+ (Rank)	Top country of origin (proportion)
Asylum applicants	13 710	12 860	14 180	+10%	2.9% (9 th)	Syria (35%)
Pending cases at end of year	38 045	27 140	21 205	-22%	2.7% (7 th)	Afghanistan (31%)
Applications by unaccompanied minors	390	860	1 370	+59%	9.6% (3 rd)	Afghanistan (56%)
Decisions at first instance	34 525	13 890	10 495	-24%	2.0% (10 th)	Syria (29%)
Refugee status granted at first instance	10 620	5 620	5 000	-11%	4.4% (5 th)	Syria (51%)
Subsidiary protection at first instance	3 620	1 075	1 050	-2%	2.0% (9 th)	Syria (36%)
Humanitarian protection granted at first instance	780	725	780	+8%	1.3% (6 th)	Russia (43%)
Rejections at first instance	19 500	6 465	3 660	-43%	1.2% (9 th)	Afghanistan (17%)
Resettled persons from third countries	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recognition Rate	65%
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- EU+ includes EU27, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
- Data accurate as at 28 April 2021.
- Recognition rates present the percentage of positive decisions (including authorisations to stay under national law for humanitarian reasons) out of all decisions at first instance.