

# Decisions on applications and resettlement

Reference Metadata in Euro SDMX Metadata Structure (ESMS)

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## 3. Statistical presentation

### 3.1 Data description

Decisions on asylum applications contains statistical information based on Article 4 of the Council Regulation (EC) no 862/2007 with reference to:

- First instance decisions by age, sex and citizenship
- Final decisions by age, sex and citizenship
- Decisions withdrawing status granted at first instance by type of status withdrawn and by citizenship
- Decisions withdrawing status granted as final decisions by type of status withdrawn and by citizenship
- Resettled persons by age, sex and citizenship

Data is presented country by country and for groups of countries: the European Union (EU27 and the European Economic Area (EEA)).

According to confidentiality policies, figures have been rounded to the nearest 5.

### 3.2 Classification system

Classification of citizenship is based on the ISO-3166 code list (using alpha-2) with minor changes.

### 3.3 Sector coverage

## Asylum

**3.4 Statistical concepts and definitions**

First instance decision: decisions (positive and negative) considering applications for international protection as well as the grants of authorisations to stay for humanitarian reasons, including decisions under priority and accelerated procedures taken by administrative or judicial bodies in Member States. First instance decisions include decisions granted to persons who are a subject of the Dublin Regulation (Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003).

Final decision: decision taken by administrative or judicial bodies in appeal or in review and which are no longer subject to remedy. The true 'final instance' may be, according to the national legislation and administrative procedures, a decision of the highest national court. However, it is not intended that asylum statistics should cover rare or exceptional cases determined by the highest courts. Thus, the statistics related to the final decisions should refer to what is effectively a final decision in the vast majority of all cases: i.e. that all normal routes of appeal have been exhausted.

Subsidiary protection status: status as defined in Art.2(f) of Directive 2004/83/EC *i.e.* 'the recognition by a Member State of a third country national or a stateless person as a person eligible for subsidiary protection'.

Temporary protection: protection as defined in Art.2(a) of Council Directive 2001/55/EC *i.e.* 'a procedure of exceptional character to provide, in the event of a mass influx or imminent mass influx of displaced persons from third countries who are unable to return to their country of origin, immediate and temporary protection to such persons, in particular if there is also a risk that the asylum system will be unable to process this influx without adverse effects for its efficient operation, in the interests of the persons concerned and other persons requesting protection'.

Authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons: authorisation, covering persons granted authorisation to stay for humanitarian reasons **under national law** concerning international protection by administrative or judicial bodies. It includes persons who are not eligible for international protection as currently defined in the first stage legal instruments but are nonetheless protected against removal under the obligations that are imposed on all Member States by international refugee or human rights instruments or on the basis of principles flowing from such instruments. Examples of such categories include persons who are not removable on ill health grounds and unaccompanied minors.

Resettled persons: persons who have been granted an authorisation to reside in a Member State within the framework of a national or Community resettlement scheme, where such a scheme is implemented in that Member State and relates to the Art.4.3(g) of the Regulation. Resettlement means the transfer of third country nationals or stateless persons on the basis of their need for international protection and a durable solution to a Member State, where they are permitted to reside with secure legal status. Data does not relate to resettled persons who remain in the third country waiting for a transfer to the Member States or to persons covered by future resettlement commitments.

**3.5 Statistical unit**

Please see "Concepts and definitions".

**3.6 Statistical population**

Please see "Concepts and definitions".

**3.7 Reference area**

EU27 Member States, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

**3.8 Time coverage**

Data are available since 1999. Council Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 applies to asylum statistics collected since January 2008.

**3.9 Base period**

Not applicable

**4. Unit of measure**

Units

**5. Reference period**

Quarter or calendar year

**6. Institutional mandate****6.1 Legal acts and other agreements**

The compilation of statistics on asylum is based on Article 4 of Council Regulation (CE) No 862/2007 of 11 July 2007 which depicts in details the data provisions Member States are bound to supply Eurostat with.

**6.2 Data sharing****7. Confidentiality****7.1 Confidentiality - policy**

[Council Regulation \(CE\) No 322/97](#) of 17 February 1997 (OJ No L 52/1) and [Council Regulation \(EURATOM, EEC\) no 1588/90](#) of 11 June 1990 on the transmission of the data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities (OJ No L 151/ 1) stipulates the detailed rules used for receiving, processing and disseminating the confidential data.

**7.2 Confidentiality - data treatment**

Data has been rounded to the nearest 5.

Due to the rounding, the sum of individuals may not necessarily match the given total.

**8. Release policy****8.1 Release calendar****8.2 Release calendar access**

### 8.3 User access

## 9. Frequency of dissemination

The database is updated on a weekly basis.

## 10. Dissemination format

### 10.1 News release

News releases on-line.

### 10.2 Publications

### 10.3 On-line database

Please consult free data on-line or refer to [contact details](#).

### 10.4 Micro-data access

### 10.5 Other

## 11. Accessibility of documentation

### 11.1 Documentation on methodology

### 11.2 Quality documentation

## 12. Quality management

### 12.1 Quality assurance

### 12.2 Quality assessment

## 13. Relevance

### 13.1 User needs

### 13.2 User satisfaction

## 13.3 Completeness

# 14. Accuracy and reliability

## 14.1 Overall accuracy

## 14.2 Sampling error

## 14.3 Non-sampling error

# 15. Timeliness and punctuality

## 15.1 Timeliness

Depending on data periodicity:

- Quarterly data: not later than 2 months after the end of the reference period
- Yearly data: not later than 3 months after the end of the reference period

## 15.2 Punctuality

# 16. Comparability

## 16.1 Comparability - geographical

## 16.2 Comparability - over time

# 17. Coherence

## 17.1 Coherence - cross domain

## 17.2 Coherence - internal

# 18. Cost and burden

## **19. Data revision**

### **19.1 Data revision - policy**

### **19.2 Data revision - practice**

Provisional and estimated data are revised on a continuous basis according to the most recently updated data provided by the countries.

## **20. Statistical processing**

### **20.1 Source data**

Administrative data.

### **20.2 Frequency of data collection**

Quarterly or annually depending on type of statistics.

### **20.3 Data collection**

### **20.4 Data validation**

### **20.5 Data compilation**

### **20.6 Adjustment**

## **21. Comment**

### **21.1 Notes**

### **21.2 Related Metadata**

### **21.3 Annex**