Overview Northern Europe

Total Population
Northern Europe:

33,121,044

Source: 2

Total number of refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons in Northern Europe (2017):

788,717

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 2017
- Number of people granted protection in 2017
- Refugees resettled in 2017

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 2017):
- Asylum-seekers: 327,709
  - Refugees: 240,962
  - Stateless: 35,101

Asylum-seekers arriving January-June 2018: 8,430

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017: 22,190
- Children: 8,060 (UASC: 1,565)
- Women: 5,520
- Men: 8,610

Asylum-seekers arriving 2012-2017:
- 2012: 43,835
- 2013: 49,225
- 2014: 74,980
- 2015: 156,110
- 2016: 22,330
- 2017: 22,190

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

Recognition rate for protection status in 2017: 44%

Refugees resettled in 2017: 3,412

Resettlement quota for 2018: 5,000

Sources:
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2. Eurostat
3. Preliminary figures as reported by National Authorities
**Denmark**

**Total country population:**

5,781,190  
*Source: 2*

**Persons of concern to UNHCR (end of 2017):**

47,927  
*Source: 2*

**Asylum-seekers arriving January-June 2018:**

1,435  
*Source: 2*

**Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017:**

3,125

- Women: 445 (14%)
- Men: 1,515 (49%)
- Children: 1,165 (37%)

Source: 2

**Asylum-seekers arriving 2012-2017**

- 2012: 6,045
- 2013: 7,170
- 2014: 14,535
- 2015: 20,825
- 2016: 6,055
- 2017: 3,125

Source: 2

**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 decisions may vary*

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

34%

Source: 2

**Refugees resettled in 2017:**

5

**Resettlement quota for 2018:**

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Source: 3

Sources:

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

Total country population: 5,513,130

Persons of concern to UNHCR (end of 2017):

- Asylum-seekers: 3,150
- Refugees: 20,805
- Stateless: 2,749

Asylum-seekers arriving January-June 2018: 1,470

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017: 4,325
- Children: 3,490 (UASC 175)
- Women: 800
- Men: 2,200

Asylum-seekers arriving 2012-2017:
- 2012: 2,905
- 2013: 2,985
- 2014: 3,490
- 2015: 32,150
- 2016: 5,275
- 2017: 4,325

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

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017:

- Refugees resettled: 1,088
- Recognition rate for protection status in 2017: 48%

Sources:
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2. Eurostat
3. Preliminary figures as reported by National Authorities
UNHCR Regional Representation for Northern Europe

Norway

Total country population: 5,295,619

Persons of concern to UNHCR (end of 2017):

Asylum-seekers 2,996
Refugees 59,236
Stateless 3,282

Asylum-seekers arriving January-June 2018 1,080

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017 3,350

Asylum-seekers arriving 2012-2017

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

Recognition rate for protection status in 2017: 71%

Refugees resettled in 2017: 2,799
Resettlement quota for 2018: 2,120

Sources:
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2. Eurostat
3. UNHCR Resettlement Data Portal
4. Preliminary figures as reported by National Authorities
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for Northern Europe

Lithuania

Total country population: 2,808,901
Source: 2

Persons of concern to UNHCR (end of 2017):
5,029

Asylum-seekers
Refugees 1,580
Stateless 3,193
Source: 1

Asylum-seekers arriving
January-June 2018 120
Source: 2

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017 520
Source: 2

Asylum-seekers arriving 2012-2017

Source: 2

Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2017
Syria, Russia, Tadjikistan, 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%
Source: 2

Refugees resettled in 2017: 84
Resettlement quota for 2018: N/A
Source: 3

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

**Total country population:** 1,934,379

**Persons of concern to UNHCR (end of 2017):**
- Asylum-seekers: 234,261
- Refugees: 627
- Stateless: 233,571

**Asylum-seekers arriving January-June 2018:** 80

**Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017:** 355

- Children: 130 (UASC: 10)
- Women: 85
- Men: 135

**Top 5 countries of origin among asylum-seekers arriving in 2017**
- Syria
- Vietnam
- Russia
- Eritrea
- Afghanistan

**Number of people granted protection in 2017:** 265

**Recognition rate for protection status in 2017:** 74%

**Refugees resettled in 2017:** 40

**Resettlement quota for 2018:** N/A

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2. Eurostat
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*With respect to persons under UNHCR’s statelessness mandate, this figure includes persons of concern covered by two separate Latvian laws. 178 persons fall under the Republic of Latvia’s Law on Stateless Persons on 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(ii).*
Estonia

Total country population: 1,319,133

Persons of concern to UNHCR (end of 2017):
Asylum-seekers 80,769
Refugees 411
Stateless 80,314*

Asylum-seekers arriving January-June 2018 20

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017 180

Asylum-seekers arriving 2012-2017

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

Number of people granted protection in 2017 95

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017

Recognition rate for protection status in 2017: 61%

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

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

*For details see UNHCR Global Trends: Forced Displacement in 2016, footnote 8, available at: http://www.refworld.org/docid/594aa36e0.html
Iceland

Total country population: 348,450

Persons of concern to UNHCR (end of 2017):
- Asylum-seekers: 344
- Refugees: 375
- Stateless: 85

Asylum-seekers arriving January-June 2018: 300

Asylum-seekers arriving in 2017: 1,065
- Children: 175 (UASC: 9)
- Women: 170
- Men: 710

Asylum-seekers arriving 2012-2017:
- 2012: 159
- 2013: 272
- 2014: 170
- 2015: 360
- 2016: 1,100
- 2017: 1,065

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: 52

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2. Eurostat
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