

# Overview Northern Europe

Total Population  
Northern Europe:

**33,121,044**

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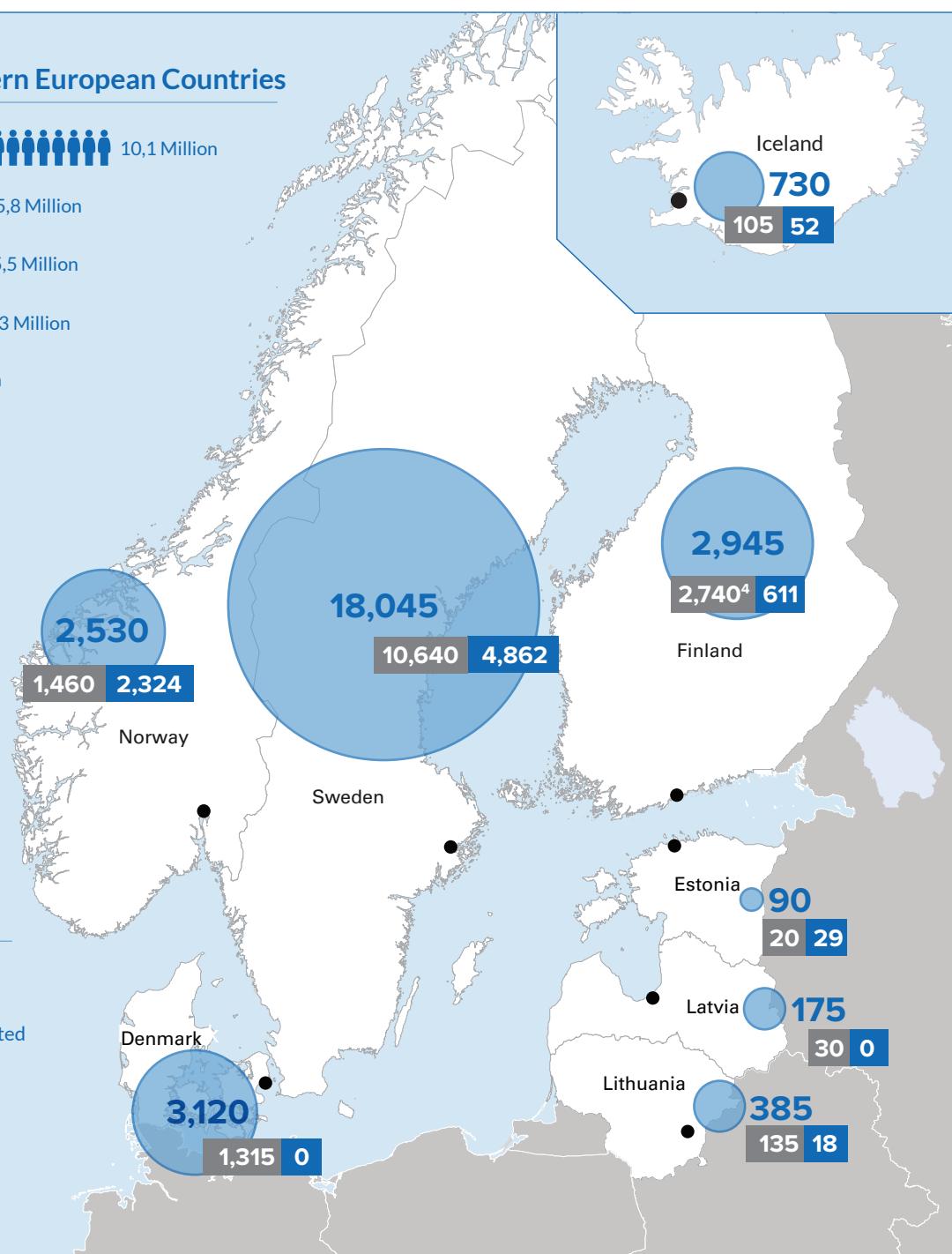
Total number of refugees,  
asylum-seekers and  
stateless persons in  
Northern Europe (2017):

**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



Sources:

1. UNHCR Global Trends  
2. Eurostat

3. UNHCR Resettlement Data Portal

4. Preliminary figures as reported by National Authorities

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# Sweden

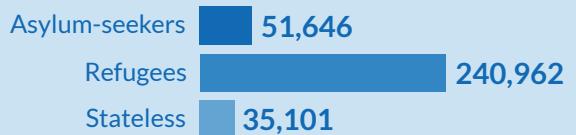
Total country population:

**10,120,242**

Source: 2

Persons of concern to  
UNHCR (end of 2017):

**327,709**



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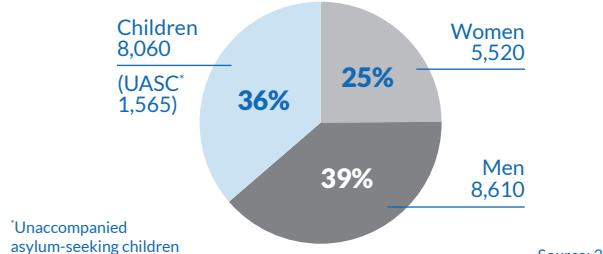
Asylum-seekers arriving in  
2018

**18,045**

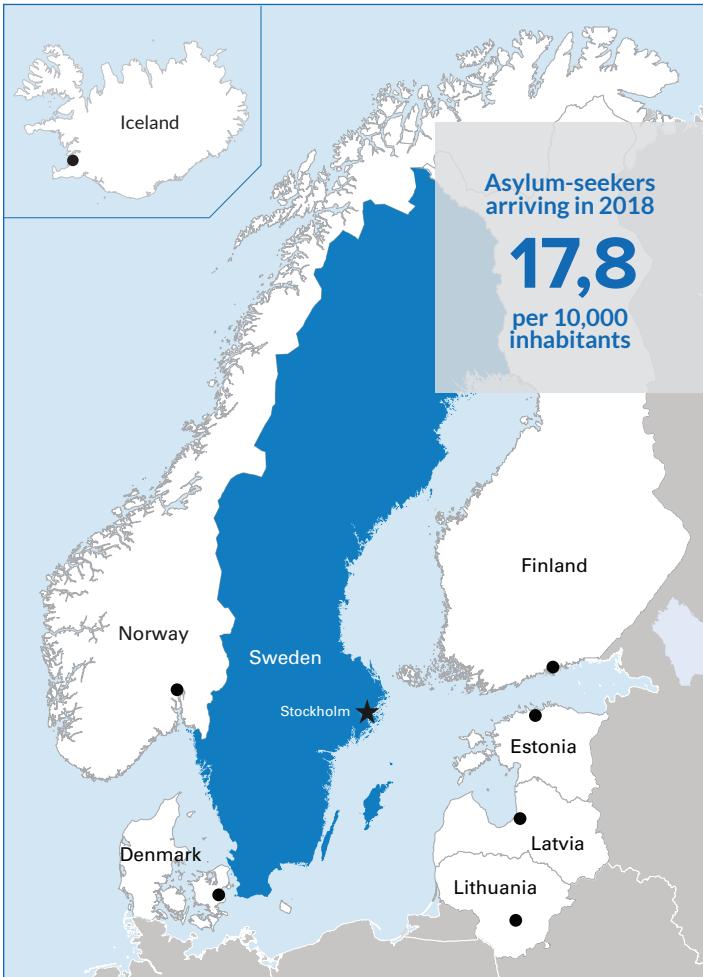
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Asylum-seekers arriving  
in 2017

**22,190**



Source: 2



Asylum-seekers arriving  
2012-2017



Source: 2

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**

As compared to 26,775 in 2017.

Note: Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary

Recognition  
rate for protection  
status in 2018:

**34%**

Source: 2

Refugees resettled  
in 2018:

**4,862**

Resettlement  
quota for 2019:

**5,000**

Source: 3

Sources:

1. UNHCR Global Trends

3. Preliminary figures as reported by National Authorities

2. Eurostat

# Denmark

Total country population:

**5,781,190**

Source: 2

Persons of concern to  
UNHCR (end of 2017):

**47,927**

Asylum-seekers **4,265**

Refugees **35,672**

Stateless **7,990**

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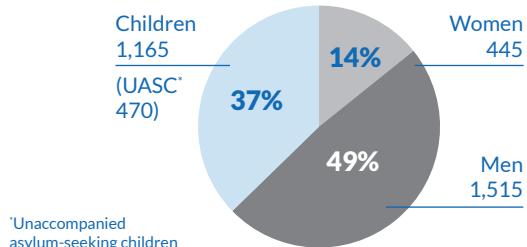
Asylum-seekers arriving in  
2018

**3,120**

Source: 2

Asylum-seekers arriving  
in 2017

**3,125**

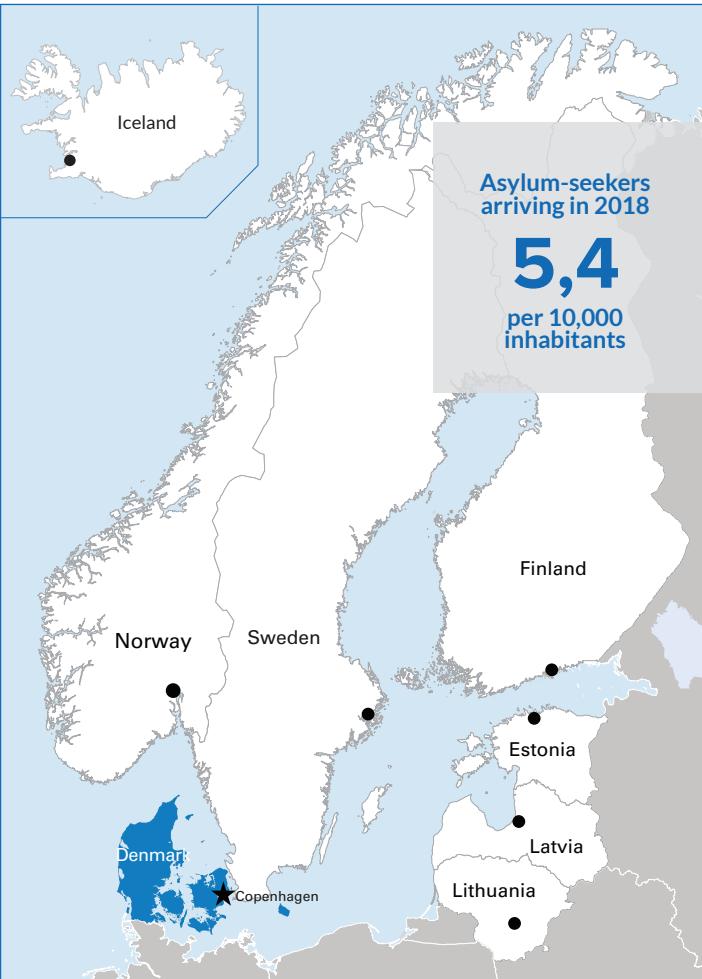


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Asylum-seekers arriving  
2012-2017



Source: 2



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

Syria, Eritrea, 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

Recognition  
rate for protection  
status in 2018:

**50%**

Source: 2

Refugees resettled  
in 2018:

**0**

Resettlement  
quota for 2019:

**0**

Source: 3

Sources:

1. UNHCR Global Trends

3. Preliminary figures as reported by National Authorities

2. Eurostat

# Finland

Total country population:

**5,513,130**

Source: 2

Persons of concern to  
UNHCR (end of 2017):

**26,704**

Asylum-seekers **3,150**

Refugees **20,805**

Stateless **2,749**

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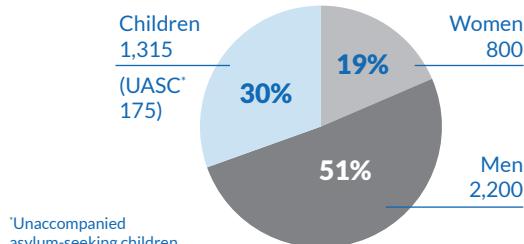
Asylum-seekers arriving in  
2018

**2,945**

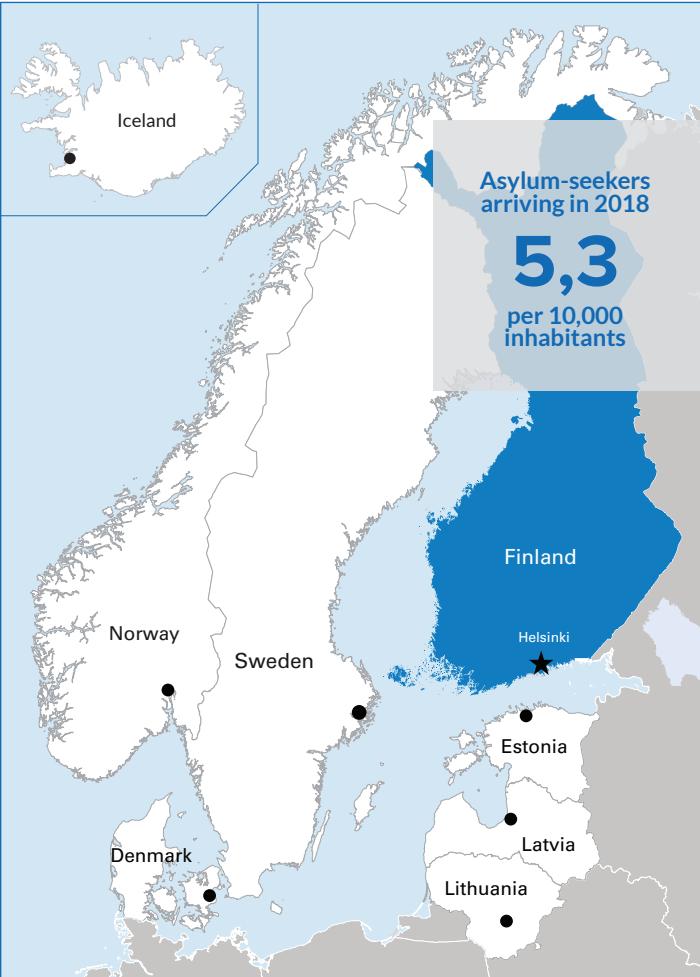
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Asylum-seekers arriving  
in 2017

**4,325**



Source: 2



Asylum-seekers arriving  
2012-2017



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

Iraq, Russia, Turkey, Iran, Somalia

Number of people granted  
protection in 2018

**2,093**

As compared to 3,430 in 2017.

Note: Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary

Recognition  
rate for protection  
status in 2018:

**55%**

Source: 3

Refugees resettled  
in 2018:

**611**

Resettlement  
quota for 2019:

**750**

Source: 3

Sources:

1. UNHCR Global Trends

3. Preliminary figures as reported by National Authorities

2. Eurostat

# Norway

Total country population:

**5,295,619**

Source: 2

Persons of concern to  
UNHCR (end of 2017):

**65,514**

Asylum-seekers **2,996**

Refugees

**3,282**

**59,236**

Source: 1

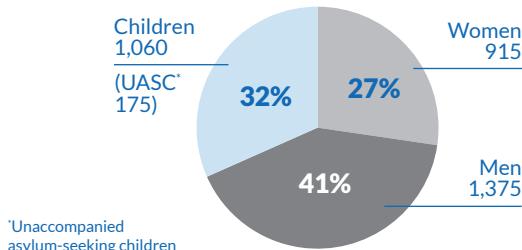
Asylum-seekers arriving in  
2018

**2,530**

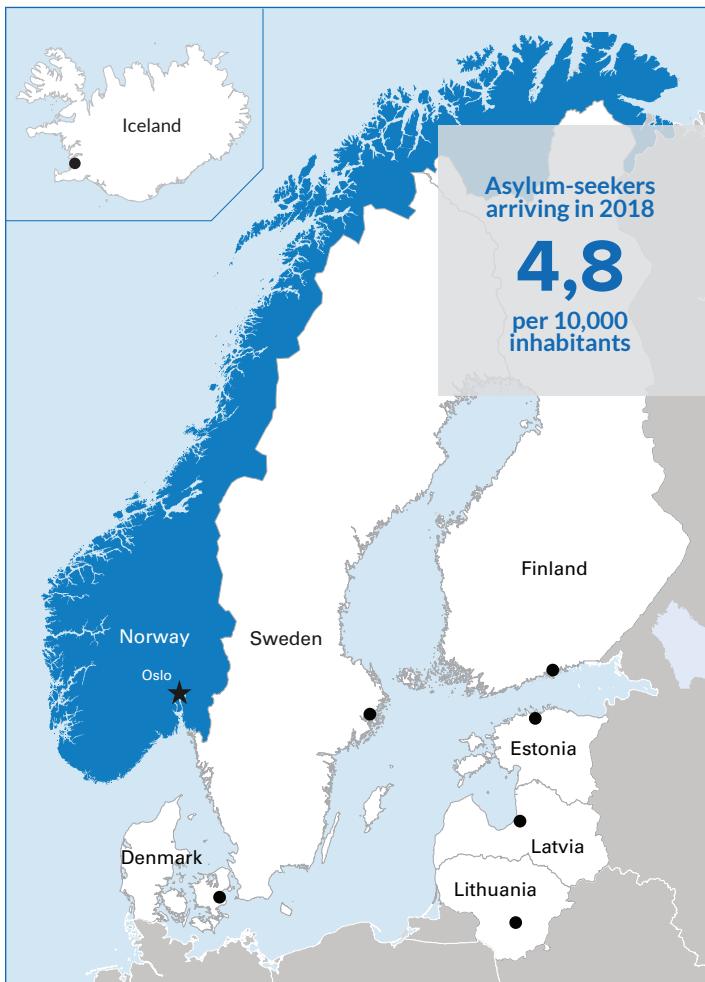
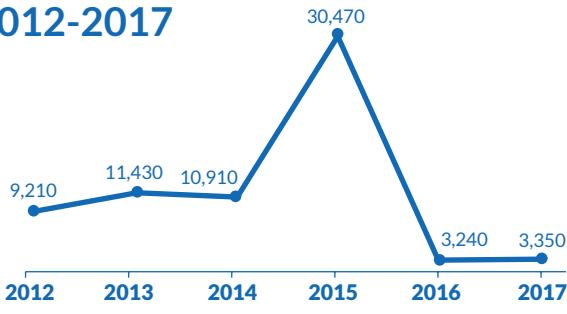
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Asylum-seekers arriving  
in 2017

**3,350**



Asylum-seekers arriving  
2012-2017



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**

As compared to 4,770 in 2017.

Note: Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary

Recognition  
rate for protection  
status in 2018:

**69%**

Source: 2

Refugees resettled  
in 2018:

**2,324**

Resettlement  
quota for 2019:

**3000**

Source: 3,4

Sources:

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# Lithuania

Total country population:

**2,808,901**

Source: 2

Persons of concern to  
UNHCR (end of 2017):

**5,029**

Asylum-seekers **256**

Refugees **1,580**

Stateless **3,193**

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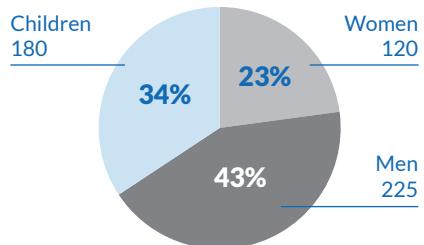
Asylum-seekers arriving in  
2018

**385**

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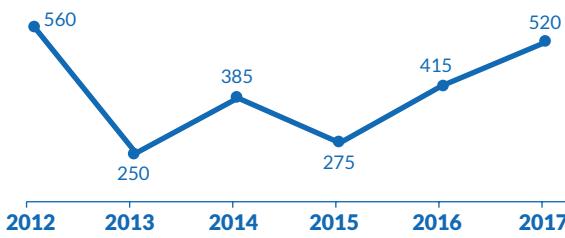
Asylum-seekers arriving  
in 2017

**520**

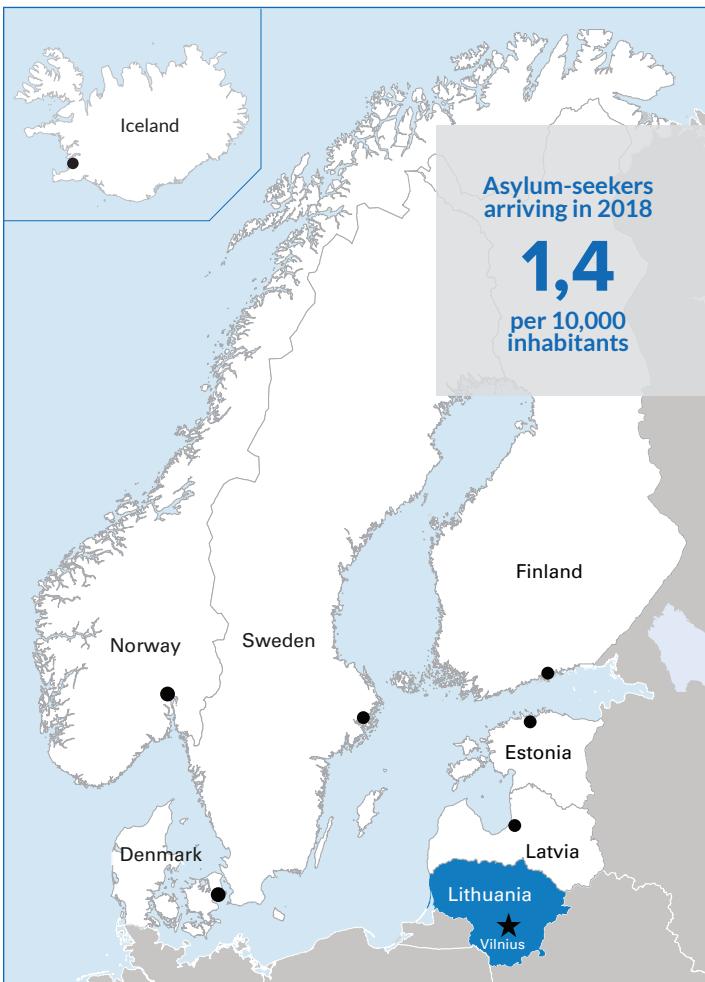


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Asylum-seekers arriving  
2012-2017



Source: 2



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

Tadzhikistan, 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%**

Source: 2

Refugees resettled  
in 2018:

**18**

Resettlement  
quota for 2019

**N/A**

Source: 3

Sources:

1. UNHCR Global Trends

3. UNHCR Resettlement Data Portal

2. Eurostat

# Latvia

Total country population:

**1,934,379**

Source: 2

Persons of concern to  
UNHCR (end of 2017):

**234,261**

Asylum-seekers | 63

Refugees | 627

Stateless

**233,571\***

Source: 1

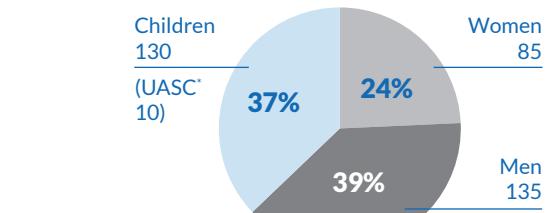
Asylum-seekers arriving in  
2018

**175**

Source: 2

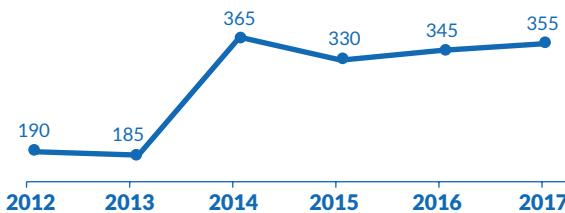
Asylum-seekers arriving  
in 2017

**355**

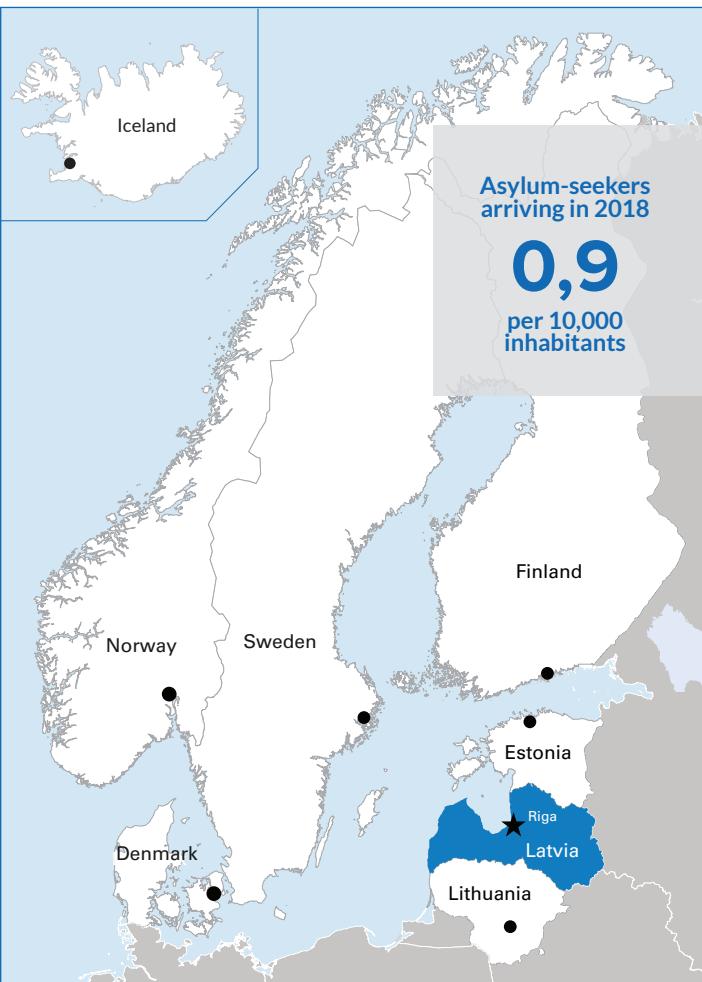


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Asylum-seekers arriving  
2012-2017



Source: 2



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

Russia, Iraq, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Georgia

Number of people granted  
protection in 2018

**30**

As compared to 265 in 2017.

Note: Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary

Recognition  
rate for protection  
status in 2018:

**24%**

Source: 2

Refugees resettled  
in 2018:

**0**

Resettlement  
quota for 2019

**0**

Source: 3

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. 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).

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# Estonia

Total country population:

**1,319,133**

Source: 2

Persons of concern to  
UNHCR (end of 2017):

**80,769**

Asylum-seekers | 44

Refugees | 411

Stateless

**80,314\***

Source: 1

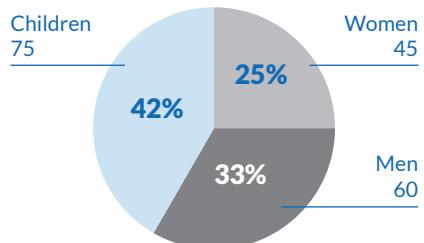
Asylum-seekers arriving in  
2018

**90**

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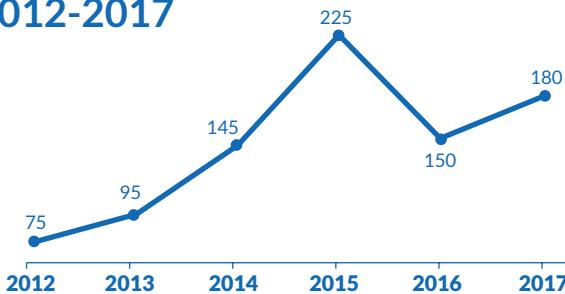
Asylum-seekers arriving  
in 2017

**180**

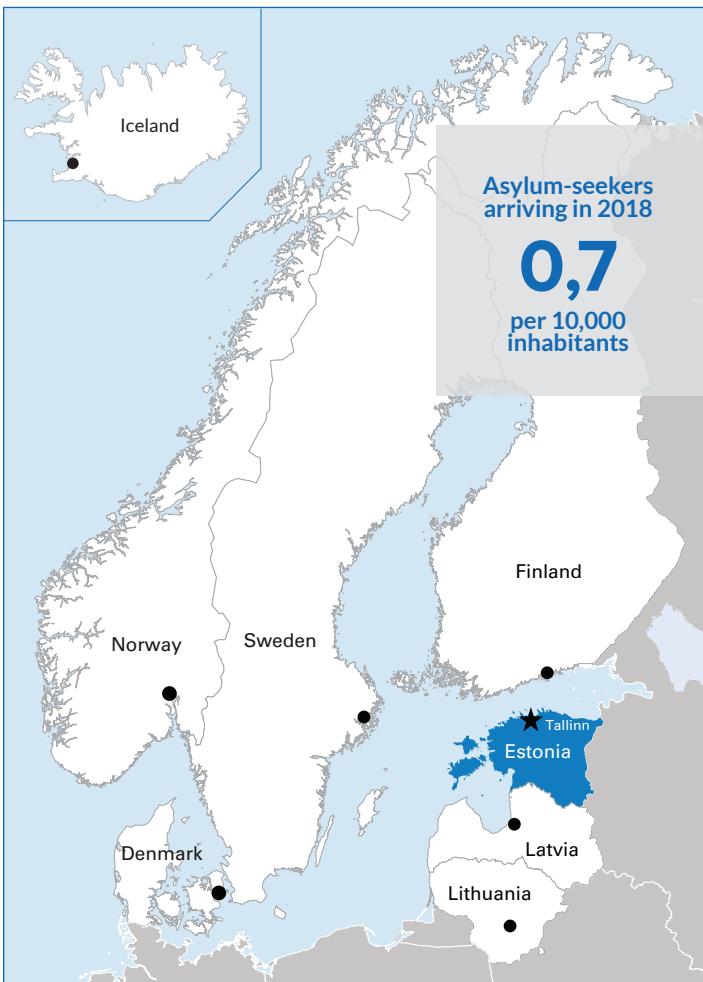


Source: 2

Asylum-seekers arriving  
2012-2017



Source: 2



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

Ukraine, Russia, Egypt, Pakistan, Bangladesh

Number of people granted  
protection in 2018

**20**

As compared to 95 in 2017.

Note: Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary

Recognition  
rate for protection  
status in 2018:

**27%**

Source: 2

Refugees resettled  
in 2018:

**29**

Resettlement  
quota for 2019:

**80**

Source: 3,4

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>

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# Iceland

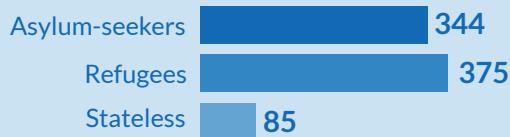
Total country population:

**348,450**

Source: 2

Persons of concern to  
UNHCR (end of 2017):

**804**



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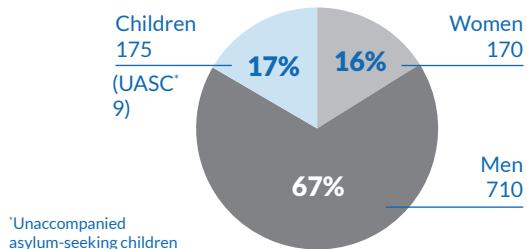
Asylum-seekers arriving in  
2018

**730**

Source: 2

Asylum-seekers arriving  
in 2017

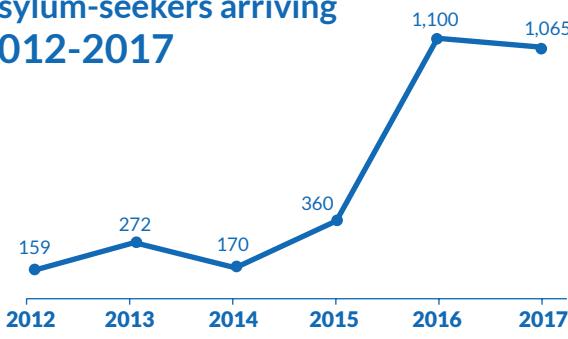
**1,065**



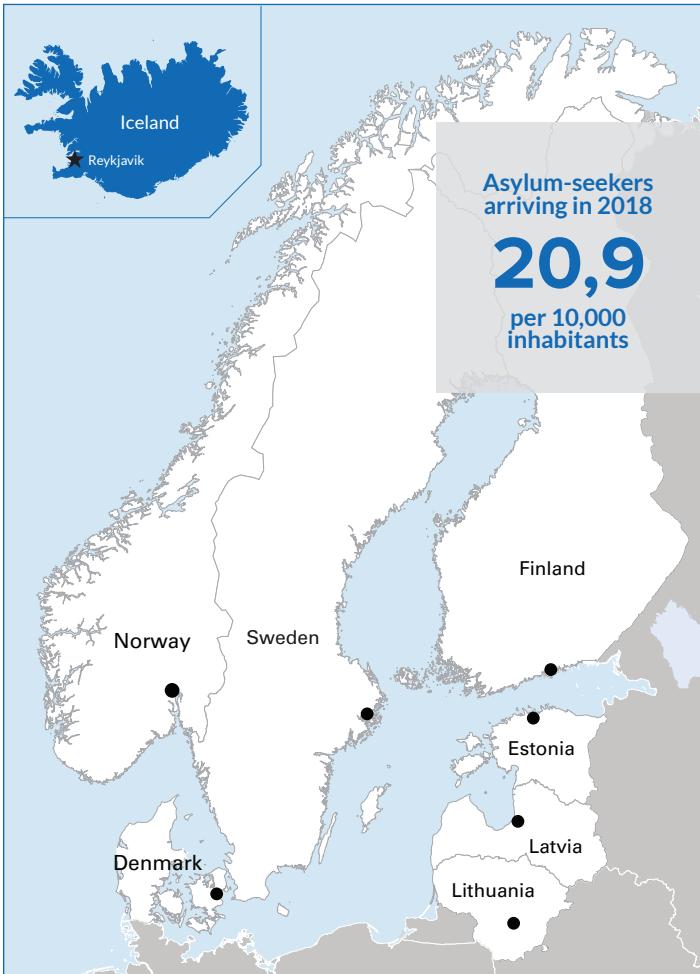
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Asylum-seekers arriving  
2012-2017



Source: 1, 2



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

Iraq, Albania, Somalia, Afghanistan, Pakistan

Number of people granted  
protection in 2018

**105**

As compared to 70 in 2017.

Note: Waiting times for asylum decisions may vary

Recognition  
rate for protection  
status in 2018:

**28%**

Source: 2

Refugees resettled  
in 2018:

**52**

Resettlement  
quota for 2019:

**70**

Source: 3, 4

Sources:

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2. Eurostat

3. UNHCR Resettlement Data Portal

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