



Hungary: Key Asylum Figures as of 1 May 2018

Hungarian Helsinki Committee

How many?

Measures taken by Hungarian law enforcement authorities against irregular migrants

2018	January	February	March	April	Total
Blocked entries at the border fence ¹	517	177	93	130	917
Escorts to the external side of the border fence ¹	408	221	284	371	1 284
Irregular migrants apprehended	56	36	5	65	162
Total	981	434	382	566	2 363

As a result of the “8-kilometre rule” legalising push-backs, the daily limit of people admitted to enter the transit zone (1-1 person during working days since January 2018), and the changes that entered into force on 28 March 2017¹ the number of registered asylum applications remains low.

2018	January	February	March	April	Total
Asylum applications	179	56	48	42	325

In the first four months of 2018, **267** asylum-seekers were **granted protection** (of which 35 were refugee and 232 were “subsidiary protection” statuses) while **326** applications were rejected.

Country of Origin	All in-merit decisions	Granted Protection	Refused Protection	Rate of Recognition
Afghanistan	223	107 (6 refugee, 101 subsidiary protection)	116	48 %
Iraq	217	74 (74 subsidiary protection)	143	34 %
Somalia	2	2 (2 subsidiary protection)	0	100 %
Syria	40	37 (37 subsidiary protection)	3	93 %

From where?

In the first four months of 2018, the majority of asylum-seekers (**85 %**) **came from war- and terror-torn countries**, including 7,5 % from Syria, 42 % from Afghanistan, and 35,5 % from Iraq. Of all the applicants, **57 %** were **children** and **40 % women**.

Dublin transfers

Not a single asylum-seeker was **returned to Hungary** under the Dublin Regulation in the first four months of 2018. Hungary transferred **34** asylum-seekers to other states: primarily to Germany (17) Austria (8) and Italy (4).

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¹ For further information on the „8-kilometre rule”, please see the [HHC’s note](#). According to the [changes that entered into force on 28 March 2017](#), the so-called „8-kilometre rule” is applicable to the entire territory of Hungary when a „state of crisis due to mass migration” is in effect. The government proclaimed a nationwide „state of crisis due to mass migration” and it was in effect throughout the first four months of 2018.