



Hungary: Key Asylum Figures as of 1 July 2018

Hungarian Helsinki Committee

How many?

Measures taken by Hungarian law enforcement authorities against irregular migrants

2018	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Blocked entries at the border fence ¹	517	177	93	130	140	41	1 098
Escorts to the external side of the border fence ¹	408	221	284	371	303	127	1 714
Irregular migrants apprehended	56	36	5	65	77	18	257
Total	981	434	382	566	520	186	3 069

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	May	June	Total
Asylum applications	179	56	48	42	61	44	430

In the first half of 2018, **310** asylum-seekers were **granted protection** (of which 53 were refugee and 257 were “subsidiary protection” statuses) while **370** applications were rejected.

Country of Origin	All in-merit decisions	Granted Protection	Refused Protection	Rate of Recognition
Afghanistan	261	129 (12 refugee, 117 subsidiary protection)	132	49 %
Iraq	247	74 (74 subsidiary protection)	173	30 %
Somalia	2	2 (2 subsidiary protection)	0	100 %
Syria	46	42 (42 subsidiary protection)	4	91 %

From where?

In the first half of 2018, the majority of asylum-seekers (**86 %**) came from war- and terror-torn countries, including 9 % from Syria, 42 % from Afghanistan, and 34 % from Iraq. Of all the applicants, **55 %** were children and **37 %** 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 **39** asylum-seekers to other states: primarily to Germany (17) Austria (10) and Italy (5).

Everything you need to know about the changes in the asylum system since 2015 in one place: <https://www.helsinki.hu/en/all-you-ever-wanted-to-know-about-what-happened-to-refugee-protection-in-hungary-since-2015-in-one-place/>

You can find our previous updates at http://www.helsinki.hu/en/refugees_and_migrants/news/

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 half of 2018.