Some 634,700 applications for international protection were lodged in the EU+ in 2018; a 10% decrease compared to 2017.

In 2018, more than one in ten applicants was a Syrian. This proportion is significantly less than in 2015 and 2016, when more than one in four applicants was a Syrian.

One in three decisions (34%) was positive, compared to 40% in 2017.

EU+ countries issued some 593,500 first-instance decisions in 2018, a significant 40% fewer than in 2017.

Pending cases remained stable in 2018 at half the peak of 1 million in autumn 2016.

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