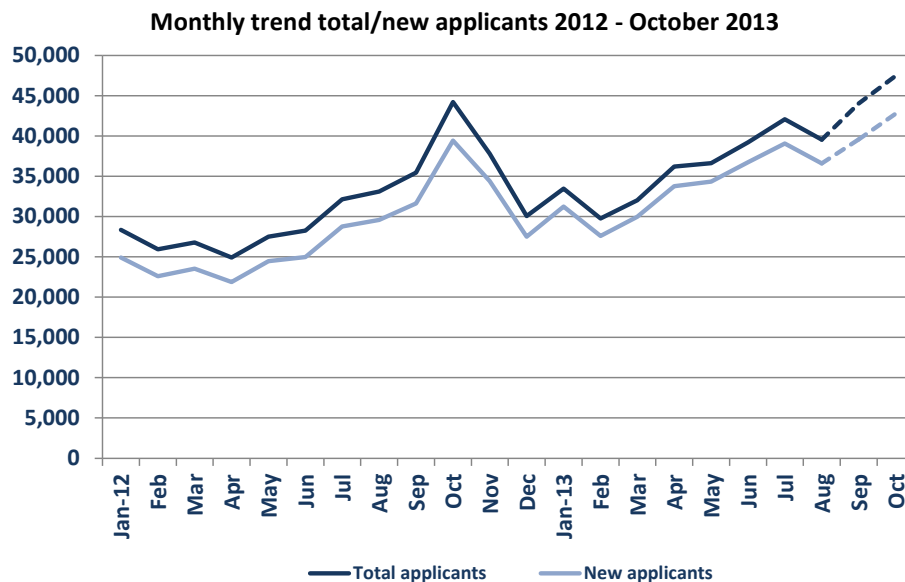


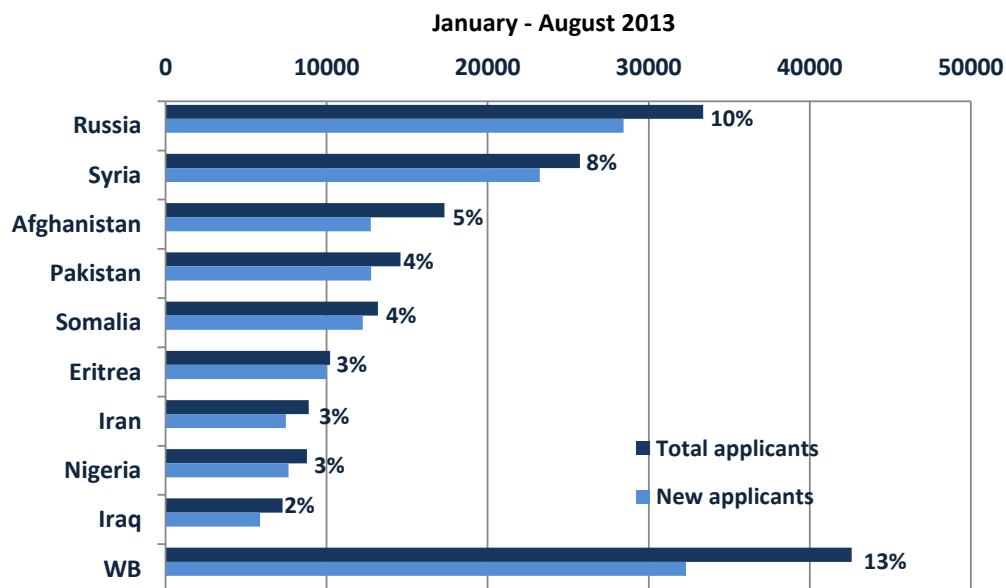
Asylum Trends Snapshot November-December 2013

1. Number of Applicants for International Protection in the EU+



The total number of asylum applicants in October 2013 was 8% higher compared to September 2013 and 7% higher than the same month in 2012. If these provisional numbers are confirmed when reported to Eurostat, this would be the biggest number of asylum applicants reported in any month since EU-level data collection began in 2008.

2. Top Countries of Origin (% of total claims) in EU+ countries



Nationals coming from Western Balkans countries continued to represent the largest proportion of asylum applicants in the first eight months of 2013 when considered together but applicants from Russia were 10% of the total for single source countries.

3. Latest Country of Origin Trends

Syria

- There was a sharp increase in asylum claims by Syrians overall in the EU+, in particular in Sweden and Bulgaria, compared to August and September 2013.
- Syria was in the top 3 countries of origin of 17 Member States and Associated Countries in October.

Russia

- Russian applications experienced a strong downward trend in October compared to September, particularly in Poland and Germany.

Western Balkans

- Western Balkans (WB) applicants were approximately at the same level as recorded in September 2013; overall the numbers for WB applicants remain higher than in previous years.
- Germany continued to receive the vast majority of the WB influx.