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Asylum in the EU - Over 210 000 first time asylum seekers in the EU in the second quarter of 2015 - A third are from Syria or Afghanistan

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During the second quarter of 2015 (from April to June 2015), 213 200 first time asylum seekers applied for protection in the European Union (EU), up by 15% compared with the first quarter of 2015 and by 85% compared with the second quarter of 2014. In particular, the number of Syrians and Afghans rose considerably to reach almost 44 000 and 27 000 respectively.

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