

Refugees and migrants in Austria – Activities of the Austrian Red Cross



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Migrants in Austria – Facts and Figures

- Population of 8.700.471
- Persons with migratory background (both parents born abroad): 21,4%
- First immigrant generation (born abroad): 15,7%
- Austrian citizenship: 85,4%

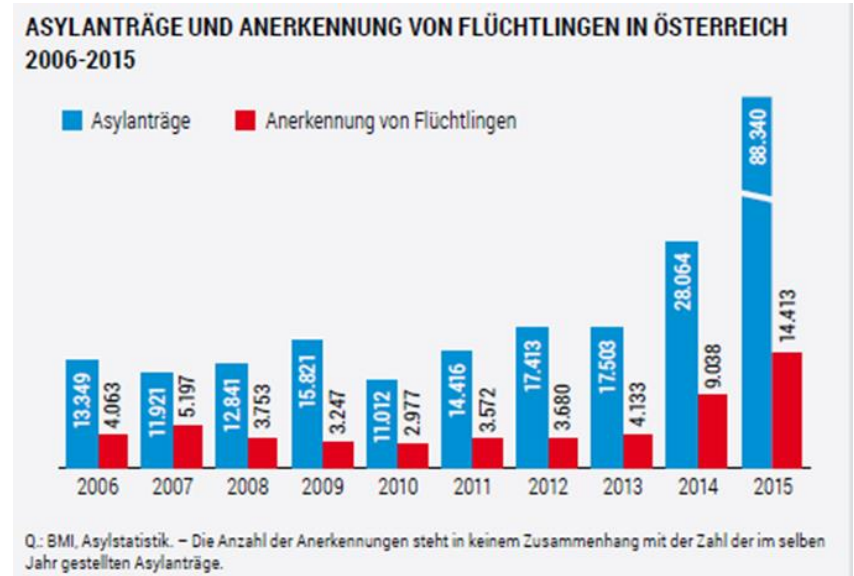


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Refugees in Austria – Asylum Applications 2016

- 42.073 applications
 - asylum positive: 21.628
 - subsidiary protection: 3.451
 - humanitarian visa: 1.438
- ~ 67% of asylum seekers are men
- 4.551 unaccompanied minors (400 under 14 years)



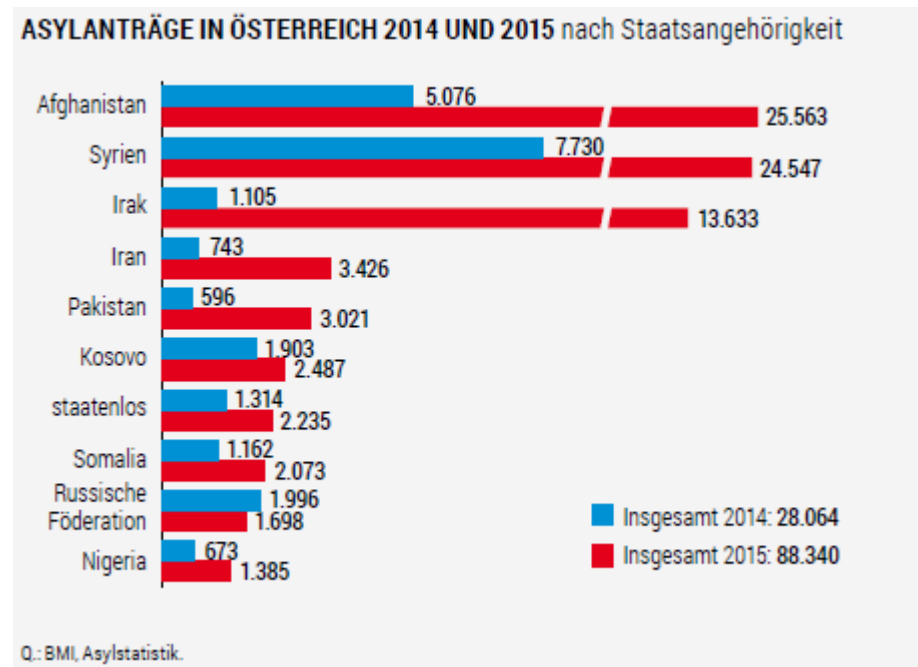
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- Refugees - Top 5 countries of origin

- Afghanistan
- Syria
- Iraq
- Pakistan
- Iran



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Health-related Activities of the ARC (1)

- 2015: water, shelter and health care for 900.000 refugees in transit
- Initial medical check-up for asylum seekers after their arrival in Austria
- Basic Welfare Support for around 2.400 asylum seekers (accommodation, support access to health system etc.)



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Health-related Activities of the ARC (2)

- estimated 100,000 uninsured people in A
- Many are undocumented migrants
- ARC offers free primary health care
- 4 projects:
 - AMBER MED health clinic (Vienna)
 - MedCare Bus and surgery (T)
 - Virgil Bus (S)
 - Help Mobil (Upper A.)



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Other Migration Activities of the ARC (1)

- Advocacy: „ACCORD“ (*Austrian Centre for Country of Origin and Asylum Research and Documentation*)
- Language Skills, Education:
 - Learning Houses (Vienna, Lower Austria, Tirol)
 - Compensatory teaching programs for educationally disadvantaged pupils;
 - German Courses...



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Other Migration Activities of the ARC (2)

- Accommodation: „Integration flats“ for people entitled to asylum and their families, includes Integration support (Buddy-system) (Vienna, T)
- RFL: Tracing, Family Reunification
- projektXchange, crosstalk



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INTERVIEW WITH DR. RABEE ALREFAI

- Where do you come from and how long have you been in Austria?
- How long did it take that your medical diploma was validated in Austria?
- How does your occupation as a doctor in Austria look like? (hospital or established doctor?)
- What are the main clinical pictures of refugees / asylum seekers you are confronted with?
- If you had three wishes regarding migrants' health – what would they be?



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**Thank you for your
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