



## Czechia

### National developments in 2025



In 2025, national authorities began preparing for the full implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum. To align domestic legislation to the requirements set by the Pact, in August 2025 [an amendment](#) to the Act on Asylum (Act No 314/2025 Coll) was approved for procedural, institutional and organisational arrangements to be put in place, for example introducing unified asylum and return decisions. In addition, 13 other legal instruments were amended, including the Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Czech Republic and the Act on State Border Protection.<sup>1</sup> In addition to ensuring compliance with the Pact, the amendments address a goal of the government to better regulate the stay of foreigners through a tighter asylum and return policy.<sup>2</sup>

Throughout the year, the government reiterated the basic principles guiding its policy in the area of asylum and migration, which include ensuring internal order and public security; maintaining the functionality of the Schengen area; addressing irregular migration; implementing international and European commitments; and searching for common solutions at the European and national levels.<sup>3</sup> These principles were reflected in the [Action Plan for the Implementation of Partial Measures Leading to the Prevention of Asylum Abuse in Illegal Migration](#) and the national strategy on asylum and migration, which was shared with the European Commission in July 2025 and which, in conjunction with, summarise the long-term positions of Czechia. In different fora, policymakers continued highlighting that the effective management of external borders is a precondition for a functioning asylum policy.<sup>4</sup>

Between April 2025–April 2026, the EU supported Czechia with the implementation of its national implementation plan through the Technical Support Instrument.<sup>5</sup> A key aim is to harmonise judicial procedures across courts through cooperation in the area of COI; provide in-depth technical analysis; and update the IT system for registering and managing asylum applications (Azyll III) in alignment with Pact requirements.

Following the publication of the EAAMR in November 2025, in which Czechia was determined to be a country facing a significant migratory situation, the Minister of the Interior sent a letter to the European Commission requesting an exemption from solidarity contributions.<sup>6</sup> In December 2025, Czechia was formally granted full exemption from financial payments for 2026.

To collect COI on key nationalities of interest, national experts conducted two fact-finding missions in 2025: one in Damascus and Lebanon on returns and the security situation in Syria, and one in Lviv and Kyiv, covering in particular the issue of returns to western Ukrainian regions, the situation of internally displaced persons and the security situation in general.

In cooperation with international and civil society organisations, national authorities have worked on the integration of foreigners, including beneficiaries of protection, over the past few years. In 2025, initiatives were undertaken to facilitate access to and improve education for foreigners;<sup>7</sup> promote safe work integration, ensure empowerment and support long-term development of refugee and migrant children and youth;<sup>8</sup> and improve access to affordable and dignified housing for migrants.<sup>9</sup>

With Czechia hosting the largest number of beneficiaries of temporary protection per capita in Europe, resources were allocated to long-term, sustainable solutions, for example by introducing a special long-term residence permit for interested and financially self-sufficient displaced persons from Ukraine. The aim is to facilitate transition to long-term residence for those who want to live and work in Czechia, while maintaining a support system for those who still need it.<sup>10</sup>

#### More input from civil society:

- [European Council on Refugees and Exiles](#)
- [European Network on Statelessness](#)
- [Organisation for Aid to Refugees | Organizace pro pomoc uprchlíkům](#)

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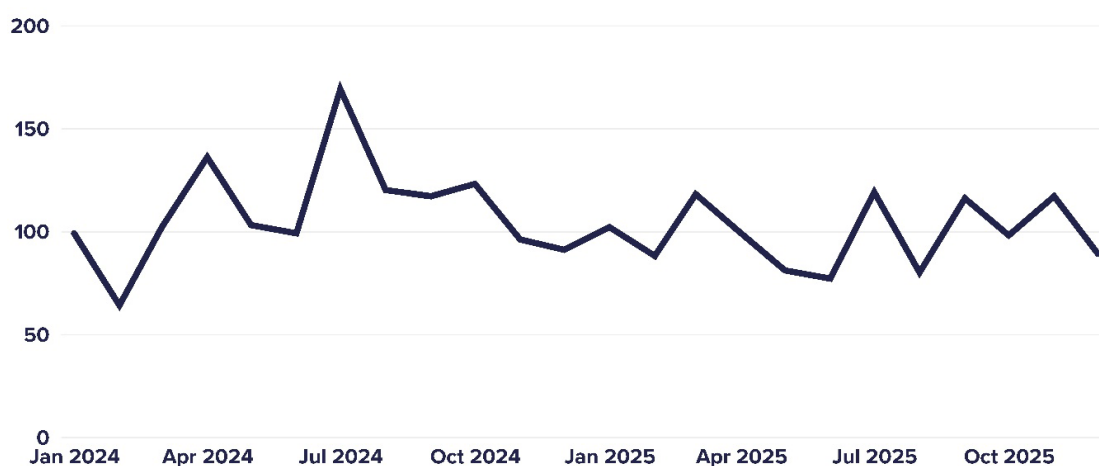
## Key indicators for 2025



Rank by number of asylum applications <b>23</b>	Rank per capita (applications per 1M inhabitants) <b>26</b>	Share of applications in EU+ <b>0.1%</b>	Recognition rate <b>21%</b>
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Indicator	2025	2024	% change	Top 3 countries of origin
Asylum applications	1,184	1,319 ↓	-10%	Viet Nam (18%), Ukraine (14%), Uzbekistan (11%)
Pending cases (Dec '25)	627	689 ↓	-9%	Ukraine (20%), Russia (19%), Viet Nam (6%)
First instance decisions	929	1,217 ↓	-24%	Viet Nam (17%), Ukraine (10%), Russia (10%)
Refugee status	70	54 ↑	30%	Myanmar/Burma (31%), Russia (20%), Venezuela (13%)
Subsidiary protection	127	149 ↓	-15%	Ukraine (68%), Russia (9%), Yemen (6%)
Negative	732	1,014 ↓	-28%	Viet Nam (22%), Moldova (11%), Russia (9%)

Evolution of asylum applications, 2024-2025



For more developments, please consult the [Asylum Report 2026](#) and the [National Asylum Developments Database](#).





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