



Hungary

National developments in 2025



In December 2025, the government reiterated its stance to not implement the Pact on Migration and Asylum.¹ Thus, it did not submit a national implementation plan, national migration and asylum strategy, proposals for the use of relevant EU financial support or the national contingency plan on reception and asylum to the European Commission.²

The ‘embassy procedure’³ remained in place throughout 2025, despite CJEU judgments from 2023 and 2024 confirming that this practice limited access to the asylum procedure.⁴ For the first time, the ECtHR analysed and condemned this procedure.⁵ The legal basis of the procedure was changed from a government decree⁶ to a law,⁷ and persons under a measure restricting their personal liberty, as well as unaccompanied children residing in Hungary, were added to the categories which are exempt from this procedure as of 1 January 2025. While the overall number of applications remained very low, more foreigners applied for international protection in 2025 due to this new exemption category.

The ECtHR continued to deliver judgments condemning Hungary for arbitrary detention of vulnerable applicants in the transit zones that operated between 2015-2020, such as an Iraqi family with a child with a disability⁸ and severely traumatised Afghan siblings.⁹

The CJEU ruled on the rectification of inaccurate personal data relating to gender identity based on the case of an Iranian national who was recognised as a refugee in Hungary due to her transgender identity but was still registered in the asylum registry with the gender assigned at birth.¹⁰

Hungary continued to host a large group of beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine. A legislative change in August 2024 declared that accommodation support may only be granted to displaced persons with residency in zones directly impacted by the war at the time of the entry to Hungary. The definition of these zones remained unchanged throughout 2025. Almost 100 people won at the first instance court after their request based on fairness consideration was rejected without reasoning, and the Curia of Hungary also declared that the government commissioner must take a formal decision after individually investigating the social situation of the persons making the request, including reasoning, justification and legal references for the decision.¹¹ UNHCR assessed the situation of Ukrainian refugee children enrolled in the Hungarian educational system and concluded that support was largely inconsistent and dependent on the individual capacities of the schools and teachers.¹² The organisation published a guide for Hungarian employers, making a case for employing refugees and people with temporary protection.¹³

More input from civil society:

- [European Council on Refugees and Exiles](#)
- [European Network on Statelessness](#)

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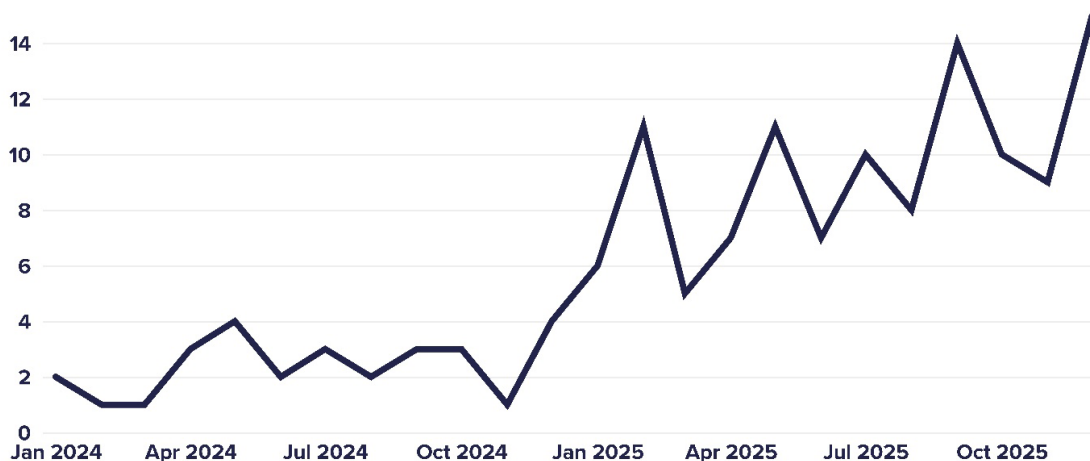
Key indicators for 2025



Rank by number of asylum applications 29	Rank per capita (applications per 1M inhabitants) 29	Share of applications in EU+ 0.0%	Recognition rate 65%
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Indicator	2025	2024	% change	Top 3 countries of origin
Asylum applications	113	29 ↑	290%	Syria (14%), Unknown (12%), Iran (10%)
Pending cases (Dec '25)	50	16 ↑	213%	Iran (16%), Syria (10%), Russia (10%)
First instance decisions	52	24 ↑	117%	Unknown (21%), Russia (10%), Nigeria (10%)
Refugee status	15	8 ↑	88%	Russia (27%), Unknown (20%), Myanmar/Burma (13%)
Subsidiary protection	19	6 ↑	217%	Unknown (42%), Syria (16%), Uganda (11%)
Negative	18	10 ↑	80%	Nigeria (22%), Cuba (11%), Burundi (11%)

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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