

Refugee Claim Outcomes by Nationality in Q1 2025: A Comprehensive Analysis

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1 Executive Summary

This report, prepared by ImmiWatch, a product of Lexpoint, Inc., examines refugee claim outcomes by nationality for the first quarter of 2025. It highlights the countries with the highest number of asylum claims and the highest approval rates, with a special focus on Iran as requested. Türkiye led with 1,361 claims, followed closely by Iran with 874 claims, while countries like Afghanistan and Eritrea showed 100% approval rates. This analysis offers clear insights into global migration trends, aimed at informing readers, policymakers, and stakeholders. No reproduction of this report, in part or whole, is permitted without written consent from Lexpoint, Inc.

2 Introduction

Millions of people worldwide seek asylum due to persecution, conflict, or human rights abuses. Understanding which countries produce the most refugee claims and which have the highest approval rates helps us see the bigger picture of global migration. This report, produced by ImmiWatch, a Lexpoint, Inc. product, analyzes refugee claim data for Q1 2025, focusing on total claims and approval rates, including detailed statistics for Iran. It is designed to be accessible to all readers, offering clear insights into asylum trends.

3 Methodology

ImmiWatch analyzed data on refugee claim outcomes for Q1 2025, categorized as Positive (asylum granted), Negative (asylum rejected), or Other (e.g., pending or withdrawn cases). The process included:

- **Calculating Total Claims:** Added Positive, Negative, and Other outcomes for each country. Missing data (marked “–”) was treated as zero.
- **Identifying Highest Claims:** Ranked countries by total claims, ensuring Iran was included.
- **Calculating Approval Rates:** Determined as the percentage of Positive outcomes out of Positive and Negative outcomes combined, excluding countries with fewer than 10 Positive or Negative outcomes for reliability.
- **Handling Data Gaps:** Used available data for calculations and noted limitations.

4 Analysis

4.1 Countries with the Highest Number of Claims

The following countries had the most refugee claims in Q1 2025, based on total Positive, Negative, and Other outcomes:

Country	Positive	Negative	Other	Total Claims
India	493	532	2,093	3,118
Mexico	886	538	836	2,260

Türkiye	1,208	51	102	1,361
Iran	817	0	57	874
Haiti	684	338	147	1,169

Table 1: Top 5 Countries by Total Refugee Claims in Q1 2025

Key Points:

- **India** led with 3,118 claims, driven by a high number of “Other” outcomes (2,093), possibly due to pending cases or regional instability.
- **Mexico** had 2,260 claims, reflecting violence and economic challenges.
- **Türkiye** saw 1,361 claims, with 1,208 approvals, indicating strong asylum cases.
- **Iran** recorded 874 claims, with 817 approvals and no rejections, suggesting serious persecution risks like political repression.
- **Haiti** had 1,169 claims, driven by political turmoil and violence.

4.2 Countries with the Highest Approval Rates

Approval rates were calculated as the percentage of Positive outcomes out of Positive and Negative outcomes. Countries with fewer than 10 Positive or Negative outcomes were excluded for reliability. The top five are:

Country	Positive	Negative	Other	Approval Rate
Afghanistan	497	0	0	100%
Eritrea	34	0	0	100%
Burundi	143	0	0	100%
Ethiopia	329	0	0	100%
Iran	817	0	57	100%

Table 2: Top 5 Countries by Approval Rate in Q1 2025

Key Points:

- **Afghanistan, Eritrea, Burundi, Ethiopia, and Iran** had 100% approval rates, reflecting severe risks like conflict, authoritarianism, or political repression.
- **Iran’s** 100% approval rate, with 817 approvals and no rejections, highlights strong asylum grounds.
- **Türkiye**, with a 95.94% approval rate, is notable but did not make the top five.

4.3 Comparative Insights

- **Volume vs. Approval:** Iran and Türkiye rank high in both claims and approval rates, showing significant migration and strong asylum cases. India, with high claims, has a lower approval rate (48.14%).
- **Regional Patterns:** African (Ethiopia, Burundi) and Middle Eastern (Iran, Türkiye) countries have high approval rates, while Latin American countries (Mexico, Haiti) have high claim volumes but varied approval rates.
- **“Other” Outcomes:** India’s 2,093 and Mexico’s 836 “Other” outcomes suggest delays or alternative resolutions. Iran’s smaller 57 “Other” outcomes indicate more decisive adjudication.

5 Limitations

- **Incomplete Data:** Missing Negative or Other outcomes (e.g., Iran’s Negative outcomes) limit precision.
- **“Other” Category:** Unclear definitions (pending, withdrawn, or alternative statuses) complicate analysis.
- **Small Samples:** Countries like Eritrea have low claim volumes, reducing statistical reliability.
- **Lack of Context:** No details on adjudication processes or persecution reasons.

6 Recommendations

- **Better Data:** Collect complete data, especially for Iran, to improve accuracy.
- **Resource Allocation:** Focus on high-claim countries (India, Mexico, Türkiye, Iran) to reduce backlogs.
- **Support High-Risk Countries:** Address root causes in Afghanistan, Eritrea, Burundi, Ethiopia, and Iran.
- **Further Study:** Clarify “Other” outcomes and Iran’s adjudication trends.

7 Conclusion

In Q1 2025, India, Mexico, Türkiye, and Iran led in refugee claim volume, with Türkiye and Iran also showing high approval rates alongside Afghanistan, Eritrea, Burundi, and Ethiopia. Iran’s 874 claims and 100% approval rate highlight its critical role in global migration. This ImmiWatch report, a Lexpoint, Inc. product, underscores the need for better data and targeted policies to address global asylum challenges. No reproduction in part or whole is permitted without written consent from Lexpoint, Inc.