Continued decline in applications for international protection in January 2025

In January 2025, Switzerland recorded around 1,913 new asylum applications, marking a 30% decrease compared to January 2024.

The main countries of origin were Afghanistan (420 applications, including ~100 secondary applications), Turkey (226), and Algeria (198). Eritrea (182) and Morocco (126) completed the top five. Notably, applications from Turkish nationals dropped significantly compared to the previous year.

Among the new applications, 1,524 were primary and 389 were secondary (e.g., family reunification, multiple applications). Primary applications fell by over 30% year-on-year.

In first-instance decisions, the State Secretariat for Migration (SEM) processed 2,615 applications, approving just over one-quarter.

810 people without residency rights left Switzerland under authority supervision: 460 voluntarily and 350 were deported under police escort to their country of origin, the responsible Dublin state, or a third country.

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