The Federal Ministry of the Interior announced that there was a significant 51% decrease in asylum applications in 2025, compared to 2024. Compared to 2023, this reflects a 66% decrease in first instance asylum applications.

The Federal Ministry of the Interior stated in a press release that a shift in migration policy with rejections at the borders, suspension of family reunification, removal of fast-track naturalisation and the increase in returning individuals is having an effect.

The number of first instance asylum applications were:

in 2025: 113,236
in 2024: 229,751
in 2023: 329,120

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