Continued decline in new applications for international protection in April 2025

Switzerland recorded 1,897 new asylum applications, a 17% decrease compared to April 2024. The main countries of origin were Afghanistan (584 requests), Turkey (197), and Algeria (170), followed by Eritrea (163) and Somalia (136).

Of the total, 1,538 were primary applications and 359 secondary (linked to births, family reunifications, or multiple submissions). Primary applications declined by about 3% year-on-year.

The State Secretariat for Migration (SEM) processed 2,432 cases in April, granting asylum in nearly one-quarter of them. Meanwhile, 924 people without residence rights left Switzerland under official supervision: 600 voluntarily and 324 under escort to their country of origin, a Dublin state, or a third country. At the end of April, there were 5,203 active return assistance cases.

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