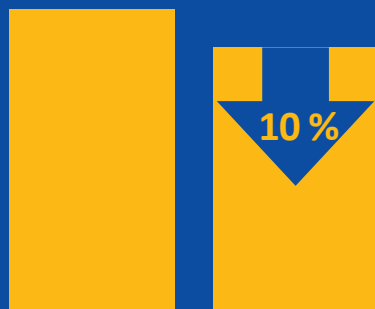


# 2018 EU Asylum Trends – Key Findings

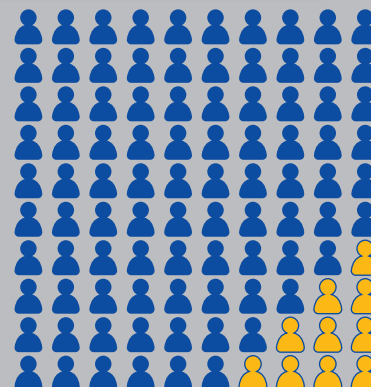


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Some **634,700** applications for international protection were lodged in the EU+ in 2018; a **10 % decrease** compared to 2017.

In 2018, more than **one in ten** applicants was a Syrian. This proportion is significantly less than in **2015 and 2016**, when more than one in four applicants was a Syrian.

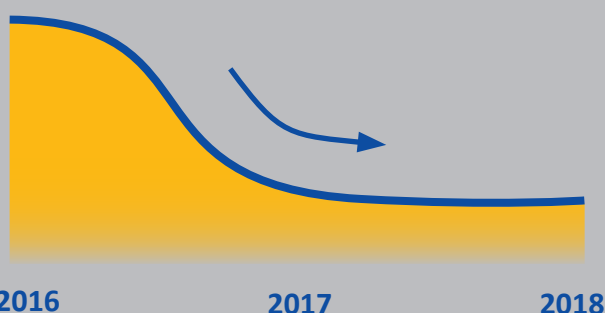


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Applicants from **visa-liberalised** countries lodged a fifth of all applications in 2018.



**One in three decisions** (34 %) was positive, compared to 40 % in 2017.



Pending cases remained stable in 2018 at **half the peak of 1 million** in autumn 2016.



EU+ countries issued some **593,500 first-instance decisions** in 2018, a significant **40 % fewer** than in 2017.

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