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Asylum Statistics for EUROSTAT

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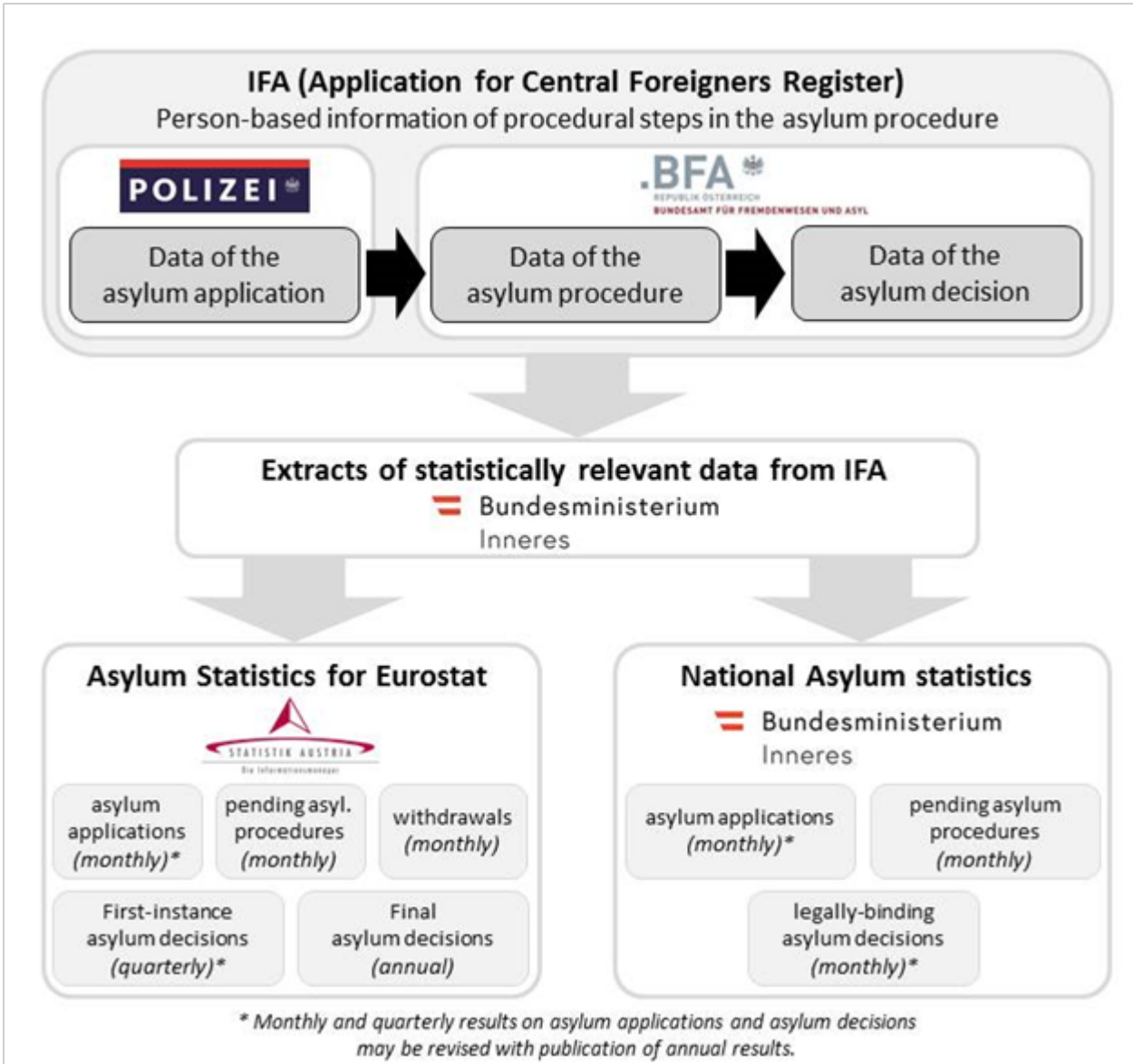
Executive Summary

Asylum Statistics for EUROSTAT cover all applications for international protection filed in Austria including withdrawals (resp. cessations) and decisions relating to these applications also comprising exclusion from international protection previously granted. Equally covered are the numbers of pending cases at the end of each reference month.

Asylum Statistics are, besides migration statistics, one of the most fundamental data sources for migration research. The authority responsible for preparing national asylum statistics is the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior (BM.I). Preparation, transmission and quality management are however in the hands of Statistics Austria as national statistical office according to Paragraph 5 of Regulation EC 223/2009 on European Community Statistics.

Based on an individual contract with the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Statistics compiles the tables for European Asylum Statistics according to the technical guidelines of EUROSTAT Austria since reference year 2012. The data provided is based on database extracts of the Central Foreigners Register (IFA), which are transmitted monthly, quarterly or annually by the Federal Ministry of the Interior to Statistics Austria. Monthly data contain all applications for asylum filed in Austria, all withdrawals and all pending asylum cases at the end of the reference month. Quarterly and annual data pertains to decisions of asylum procedures.

Figure 1: Steps of the compilation of European and national asylum statistics



S: Statistics Austria

The results of European Asylum Statistics are of high political relevance and support decisions and orientation for European institutions, political decision makers, public bodies and NGOs for planning and implementing their agendas. Comparability of the Austrian data for European asylum statistics and national data on asylum published by the Federal Ministry of the Interior is only partially: data on asylum applications are fully comparable; however, Eurostat publishes results only rounded for five cases, while national data is published unrounded. In contrast, national and European statistics on asylum decisions are not directly comparable. National data only covers final decisions, no matter, which instance has taken these. European data disaggregates decisions by the instance having taken the decision, no matter, if these are legally binding or may go in appeal.

This documentation only covers Asylum Statistics for Eurostat compiled by Statistics Austria; but not national data compiled by the Federal Ministry of the Interior.

Asylum Statistics for Eurostat – Main Key Points

Subject matter	applications for asylum filed in Austria, pending asylum cases and asylum decisions
Population	applications for asylum filed in Austria, pending asylum cases and first instance resp. final asylum decisions
Type of statistics	primary statistics on the basis of administrative data
Data sources/Survey techniques	Statistics Austria monthly receives database extracts of the Central Foreigners Register (IFA) from the Federal Ministry of the Interior. These contain all applications for asylum filed in Austria as well as the number of pending asylum procedures at the end of the reference month. Quarterly database extracts contain data on asylum decisions according to the technical guidelines of Eurostat.
Reference period or due day	asylum applications: calendar month resp. calendar year (revised data) pending asylum procedures: reference date at end of month asylum decisions: quarter resp. calendar year
Periodicity	results on asylum application, pending asylum procedures and withdrawals: monthly results on first-instance asylum decisions: quarterly results on final asylum decisions: annual
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	not applicable
Main legal acts	Art. 4 (1)-(3) of Regulation (EU) 862/2007 on community statistics on international migration Art 5 of Regulation (EU) 223/2009 on European community statistics
Most detailed regional breakdown	no regional disaggregation requested
Availability of results	schedule for data transmission to Eurostat: t+2m for monthly results, t+2m for quarterly results, t+3m for annual results
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