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She originally came from Alraqa, Syria and has been in Carinthia since then.

The reason why she left her home country was of course the war in Syria.

From Saudi Arabia to Dubai she travelled by plane, from there she flew to Vienna and finally she got to Carinthia by car.

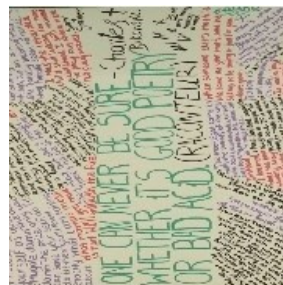
The whole journey took about one year, however, she was not that scared because her family was by her side.

Her family includes her parents, herself and three siblings.

She is happy to be in Austria and does not wish to return to Syria.

She said the education in Austria was much better and she is dreaming of becoming a doctor

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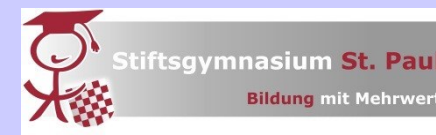
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Facts and numbers

The concrete number of refugees is now higher than it has ever been before. Currently about 51 Mio. people are trying to escape from countries they once called their home, which are now war zones affected by crime, poverty and unfairness.

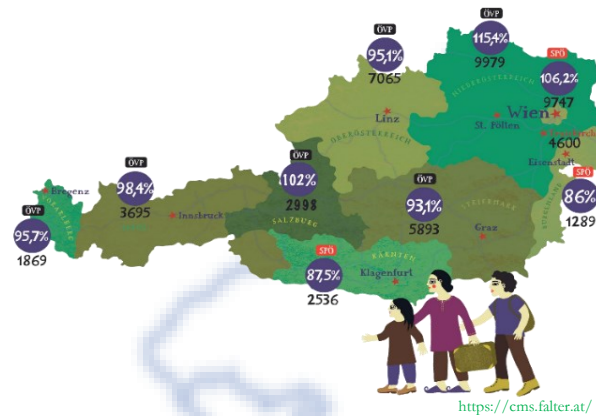
In the statistics Austria ranks number 5 among European countries regarding the number of asylum applications.

In the year 2016 about 37.000 (37.135) people applied for asylum in our country. Against the opinion of the majority of the European people this figure is much smaller compared to the year 2015 where there were about 89.000 asylum applications.

Until the 1st January 2016 about 121.000 people had come to Austria but since November 2015 the number of asylum seekers has been decreasing.

Of all the refugees that have come to Austria 28.000 of them are Syrians, 18.3000 are Afghan and about 10.000 people are from Iraq.

The distribution of the refugees in Austria's federal states



In Europe, most of the refugees are accommodated in countries like Italy, Greece, Germany and Sweden.

The refugees are distributed according to the economic situation and the population of individual states.

According to the statistics of the year 2014 one out of three asylum seekers who submitted an application in Europe, chose Germany.

In absolute numbers Germany accommodates most of the refugees.

In Austria most of the refugees are accommodated in lower Austria in countries like Carinthia, Vienna, Upper Austria and in Salzburg.

The reasons of escape in relation to the countries

Refugees have to fear for their lives. In many countries, the living conditions are getting worse. Due to the financial crisis of the refugees, access to health care is refused. Life is getting more expensive, poverty increases. The hope to obtain safety, education and equality is fading as the refugees are faced with intolerance and barriers in each area. They even do not have a chance to get a job, in order to afford living, it is a negative spiral.

In Syria people flee from their home country because of war, terror or persecution due to their faith, political attitude or oppression. The current situation in Syria is challenging. People live in daily fear. They lose their hope in the country where they grew up, have their family and friends but lack jobs and future perspectives.

In Egypt many people of Lebanon declare that they are unable to pay the rent. Their debts are so high that they cannot pay them back. Even affording life, like having enough to eat, seems to be impossible. Some from Jordanian say they cannot care for the family.

In Iraq minorities are persecuted, survival poses a daily risk.