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According to Eurostat data for 2023, the number of incoming 'Dublin' take back requests¹ was around 125 000². This corresponds to around 12% of the number of first-time asylum applications in 2023³. The above-mentioned share is calculated by dividing the number of incoming 'Dublin' take back requests by the total number of first-time asylum applications in 2023⁴.

With the entering into application of the new Eurodac Regulation⁵, the collection and calculation of data regarding unauthorised secondary movements in the EU will be significantly improved.

Questions regarding the methodology used by the European Union Agency for Asylum would be best addressed directly by the Agency.

¹ Statistics on Dublin requests are collected under Article 4.4 of the Regulation 862/2007. 'Take back requests' are those requests which concern persons who already applied for asylum in another EU country.

² <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/bookmark/f4bf4bd6-919e-4fd7-bb19-3ccb5e99cc5f?lang=en>.

³ https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/migr_asyappctza/default/table?lang=en&category=migr.migr_asy.migr_asyapp.

⁴ More information can be also found in the Statistics Explained articles: https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Asylum_statistics_introduced and [https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Statistics_on_countries_responsible_for_asylum_applications_\(Dublin_Regulation\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Statistics_on_countries_responsible_for_asylum_applications_(Dublin_Regulation)).

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1358/oj/eng>.