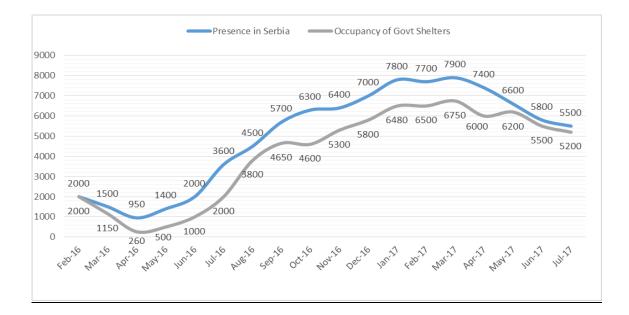


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# **HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS**

- On 09 July, **5,479** new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were counted in Serbia. 94% of them were accommodated in 18 governmental centres (below chart refers).
- Some centres, especially the Transit Centres (TC) in Adasevci, Principovac and Sombor remained overcrowded, where some 200 refugees and migrants, including families and unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), were accommodated in temporary emergency shelters of rub halls or tents.
- UNHCR and partners received testimonies of 78 collective expulsions from Croatia, with many alleging to have been denied access to asylum procedures there, while 28 were received from Hungary.
- In June, 329 individuals registered their intention to seek asylum in Serbia. 52% were made by men, 6% by women and 42% were registered for children. Most applications were made by citizens of Afghanistan (55%), Pakistan (15%), and Iraq (12%). Asylum applications were submitted by 50 individuals. The Asylum office rejected two asylum applications during the month. Since the beginning of the year, the Asylum Office has not yet made any positive decisions on granting refugee status or subsidiary protection.



# EAST

**470** refugees and migrants were accommodated in four Reception Centres: 182 in Pirot, 190 in Divljana, 54 in Dimitrovgrad and 44 in Bosilegrad. Most are from Iraq and Afghanistan, followed by Syria, while around half are children.

# SOUTH

**701** refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in the three Reception Centres of Presevo (482), Vranje (134) and Bujanovac (85).

Most residents of Presevo RC are from Afghanistan (45%), Iraq (35%) and Pakistan (11%) and 47% are children. In Bujanovac, most are from Iraq (35%), Syria (26%) and Afghanistan (24%) while 52% are children. The residents of Vranje RC are families and UASCs from Afghanistan, 55% children.

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### BELGRADE

It is estimated that some 180 refugees/migrants stayed in Belgrade city centre.

Krnjaca Asylum Centre accommodated 814 asylum-seekers (including 172 UASC), mainly families from Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria.

904 male refugees/migrants (including 220 unaccompanied or separated boys) were sheltered in Obrenovac. Most are from Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan and very few from Iraq or other countries. Centre for Social Work, supported by UNHCR and partners, continued with systematic best interest assessments for all the UASC in Obrenovac.

# WEST

Transit Centres (TCs) in the West sheltered **1,067** refugees and migrants: 759 in Adasevci and 308 in Principovac. They are mainly from Afghanistan, followed by Iraq, Pakistan, and Syria. More than half are children.

# NORTH

This week, 49 asylum seekers, mainly families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria were admitted into Hungary.

On 09 July, 13 asylum seekers camped at Horgos and Kelebija border sites awaiting admission into Hungary. Subotica TC sheltered 133 asylum-seekers, Sombor TC 208, and Kikinda TC 238, mostly families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.



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