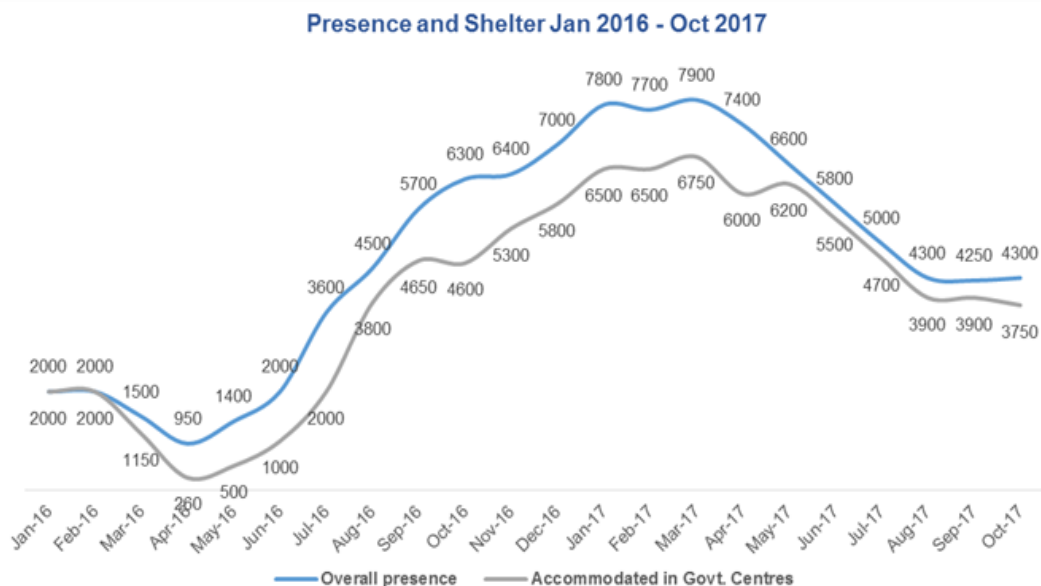


# UNHCR SERBIA UPDATE

## HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- On 22 October, **4,258** new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were counted in Serbia, of which **3,743** were housed in 18 governmental centres (below chart as well as our [Joint Assessment of Government Centres](#) refer).
- UNHCR and partners assisted **167** newly arrived asylum seekers. UNHCR and partners sampled 108, comprising 23% women and children and 77% men. Most had left Iraq (38%), Pakistan (25%), or Afghanistan (19%), between two weeks and two months ago. About half, mainly Yasidi or Kurd, travelled irregularly to Serbia from Iraq via Turkey and Bulgaria and some 38%, mostly from Pakistan or Afghanistan via Turkey-Greece-FYR Macedonia. Arrivals from Iran (13%) used Belgrade airport.
- UNHCR started systematic distribution of **winter clothes** for children age 13-18 in all government centres. Each child received a tracksuit, a winter jacket, a sweatshirt, socks, underwear, boots and cap/scarf/gloves.
- Some **85%** of 7-14 year old refugee, asylum-seeking and migrant children in centres across the country continued attended primary school classes. Efforts to enrol children over 14 years of age into secondary schools continue, with some already attending secondary schools, while more are being prepared to start soon.
- The Council of Europe Secretary General's Special Representative on Migration and Refugees published the [report](#) on his fact finding visit of 12-16 June to Serbia and the so-called transit zones of Hungary.
- UNHCR Geneva published a [Europe Monthly Update-September 2017](#).



## SOUTH

**618** refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in the three Reception Centres of Presevo (277), Vranje (125) and Bujanovac (216), including 68 unaccompanied or separated children (UASC).

## BELGRADE

Krnjaca Asylum Centre (AC) accommodated **594** asylum-seekers, including 94 UASC, while **660** male refugees/migrants (including 57 unaccompanied or separated boys) were sheltered in Obrenovac TC.

## EAST

**437** refugees and migrants were accommodated in four Reception Centres: 199 in Pirot, 112 in Divljana, 84 in Dimitrovgrad and 42 in Bosilegrad.

## WEST

Transit Centres (TCs) in the West sheltered **569** refugees and migrants: 367 in Adasevci and 202 in Principovac.



Distribution of winter clothes, Subotica (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 19 Oct 2017

## NORTH

49 asylum seekers were admitted into so-called "transit zones" of Hungary. On 22 October, five asylum seekers camped at Horgos and Kelebija border sites awaiting admission into Hungary.

Subotica TC sheltered **100** asylum-seekers, Sombor TC **120**, and Kikinda TC **170**.



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