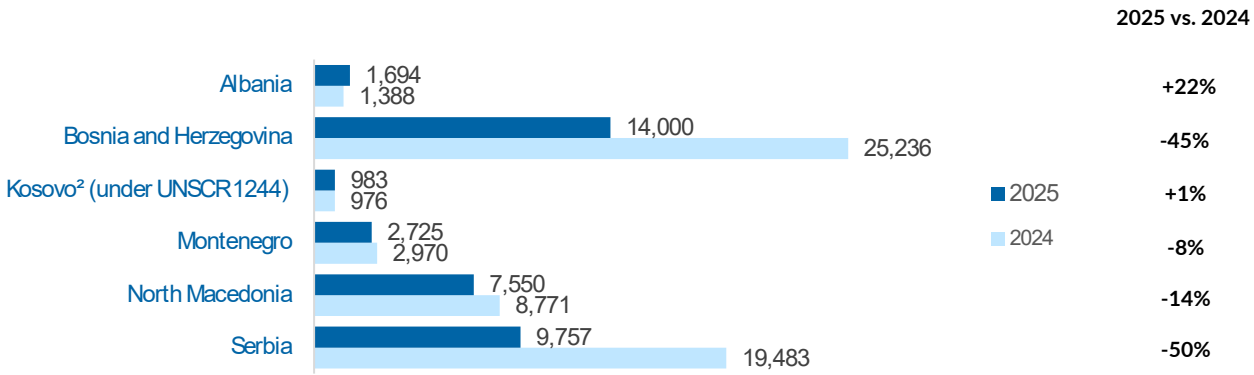
Western Balkans - *Refugees, asylum-seekers and other people in mixed movements*

as of end December 2025

Key figures at regional level

New arrivals[1]: January-December 2025 vs. January-December 2024

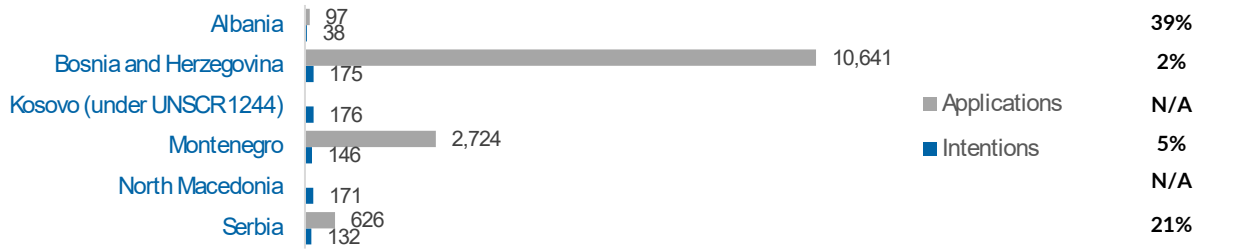


Estimation of persons of concern in mixed movements in the region as of 31 December:

Between January and December 2025, **11,814** refugees and migrants were estimated to have transited through the Western Balkans as part of mixed movements, reflecting a **32%** decrease compared to the same period last year. Given the nature of movement of these persons, including as a result of pushbacks and/or reverse flow, UNHCR uses data on arrivals to estimate how many persons are a part of mixed movements in a given time period.

Asylum statistics in the Western Balkans in 2025:

Intentions to seek asylum: 14,088 **New asylum applications: 838** Application vs. Intention*** 6%

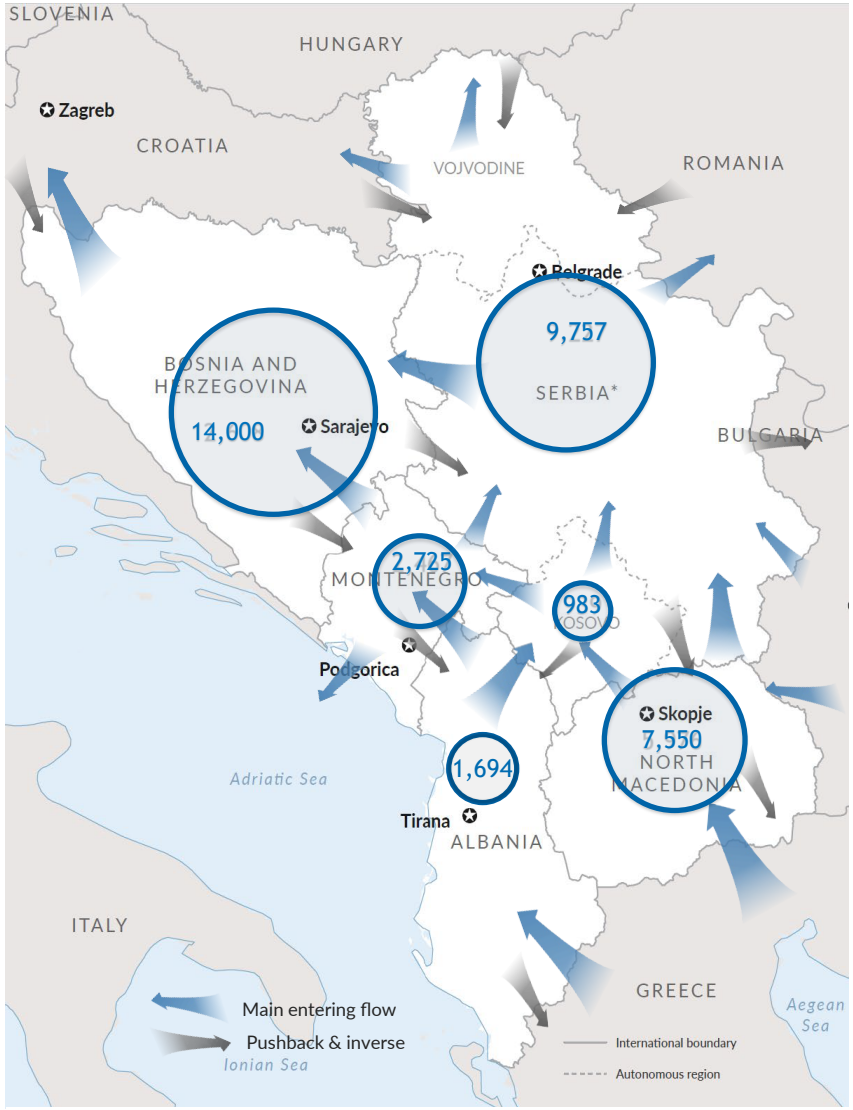


To explore asylum data, please visit Western Balkans Asylum Dashboard

[1]New arrivals' in the Western Balkans does not include Ukrainians as of 24 February 2022. For more information on Ukraine Refugee Situation, please visit the Operational Data Portal
[2] References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of the Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999)

* For North Macedonia, data on arrivals are not official government data, they are UNHCR estimation based on different sources and do not imply official endorsement by UNHCR
** Data on arrivals in Serbia is provided by Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migrations and Asylum Authorities
*** For countries having an asylum policy with a procedure including expression of intention before submitting an asylum application (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia)

New arrivals to each country between January and December



Includes Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 [1999]). The boundaries and names shown, and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Note: Data presented in this dashboard is collected by UNHCR in the Western Balkans, including data collected by UNHCR Public Information focal points, data collected through Border Protection Monitoring (BPM), as well as monthly arrivals and asylum statistics provided by authorities in each country.
This data should not be considered final and may change as per the latest updates made available by the authorities. Persons in Mixed Movements are considered 'new arrivals' as a part of irregular flow. Data on irregular arrivals and transit of persons through the countries in the Western Balkans may contain double counting of the same persons. It is, therefore, advised not to use the sum of these figures.

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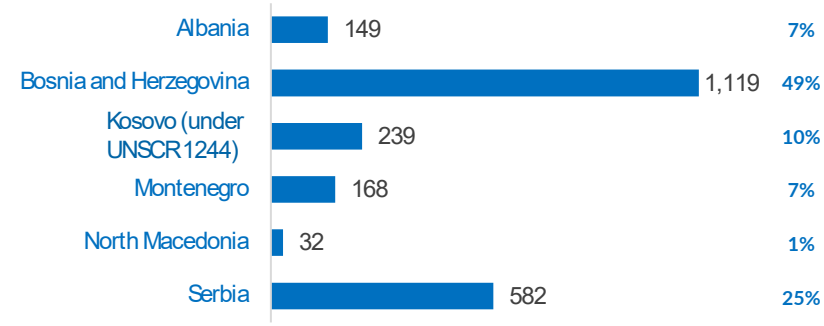
Refugees and migrants present at the end of December:

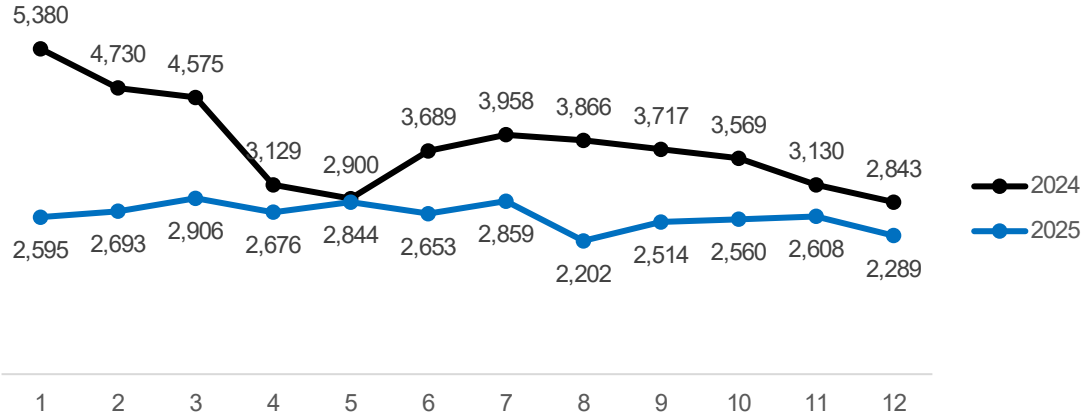
Some **2,289** persons were present in the Western Balkans as of end December 2025, including **134** unaccompanied and separated children (UASC). Of these, 49% were present in Bosnia and Herzegovina, followed by Serbia (25%), Kosovo (10%), Albania and Montenegro (7% each) and North Macedonia (1%).

This also includes estimated number of persons present outside government-run centres. Refugees and migrants present in the Western Balkans are accommodated in government-run centres, asylum-seekers and persons granted international protection in asylum centres and persons on the move in transit centres.

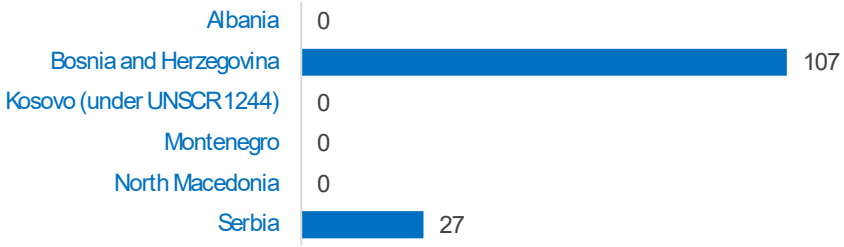
Regional breakdown:



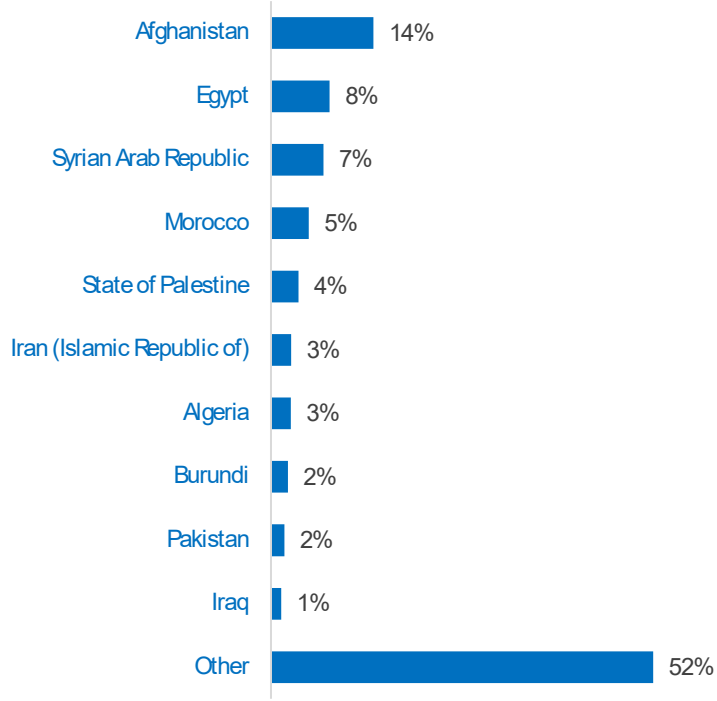
Refugees and migrants present at the end of each month:



Number of unaccompanied or separated children present at end of the reporting period: **134**



Most common nationalities of Refugees and migrants present at the end of December in the Western Balkans region:



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