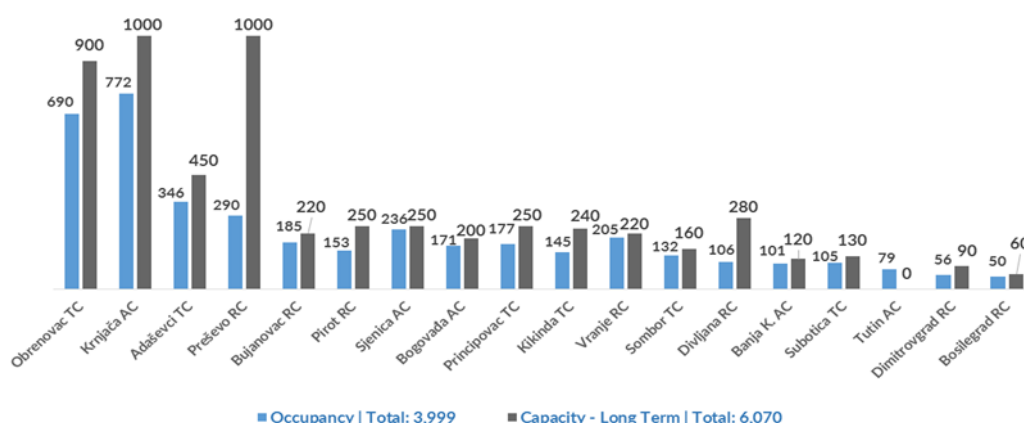


# UNHCR SERBIA UPDATE

## HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- On 24 December, **4,273** new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were counted in Serbia, with **3,999** (or 94%) housed in 18 governmental centres (below chart refers and also [Joint Assessment of Government Centres](#)).
- On 13 December, UNHCR Serbia organized a briefing on development and achievements in 2017 and plans for 2018, followed by end of the year reception for its partners from the government, civil society, UN system and diplomatic missions to express gratitude for their continued support to refugees and UNHCR.
- On 18 December, the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights (BCHR), supported by UNHCR, organized an **integration event** "Serbia: from the country of transit to the country of destination II Practice and challenges in the field of refugee integration in 2017" which gathered participants from authorities, civil society, embassies, international organizations, the private sector, as well as refugees. Discussions focused on the subjects of the right to work and the right to education, the current state of play, achievements so far and the main challenges. Participants also had the opportunity to hear first-hand from refugees about their integration experiences.
- Upon request from Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migration (SCRM), UNHCR provided 405 New Year's packages for refugee children in government centres. Seven refugee women from Adasevci Transit Centre, with support from UNHCR, SCRM, Novosadski Humanitarni Centar, IRC and CRPC, **displayed handcrafts** from their sewing/knitting workshop at New Year's and Christmas fair in Belgrade.
- UNHCR and partners assisted **171 new arrivals**. They comprised a mixed group: Afghanistan (28%), Iraq (23%), Iran (21%), Pakistan (14 %) and Syria (12%), while 55% were men, 12% women and 33% children. About half arrived from Bulgaria, 36% from FYR Macedonia and some 9% by air.
- UNHCR and partners received reports of 147 **collective expulsions** from Croatia, 85 from Romania and 79 from Hungary.

Occupancy of Asylum, Reception and Transit Centres as of 24 December 2017



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