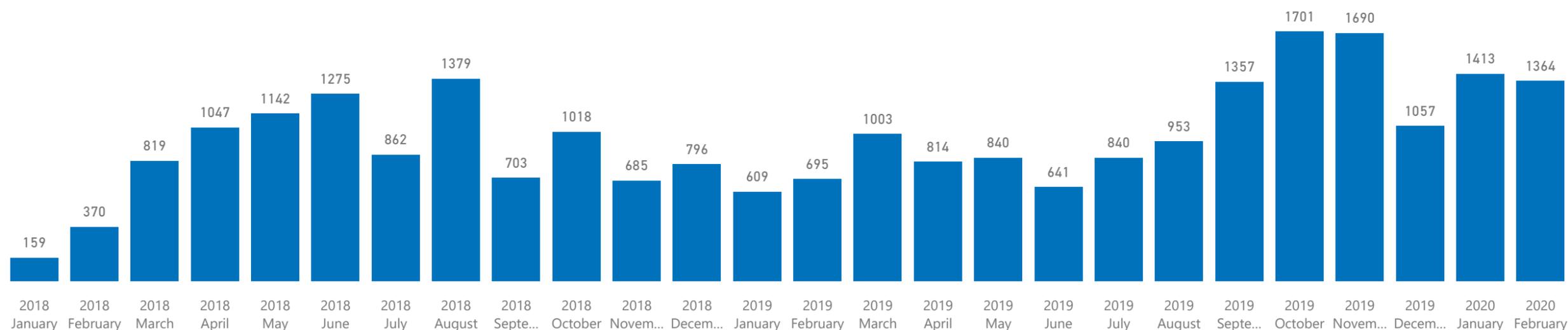




Monthly applications since 2018

Applications by Year and Month



Summary of key trends observed

- In February, the number of arrivals in the region has increased by 49% compared to the previous month. This trend is similar to last year change between January and February. Like the number of arrivals, the reported intentions to apply for asylum increased by 65% compared to January. At the same time, the overall number of submitted asylum applications in the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia) has decreased by 3.5% compared to January.

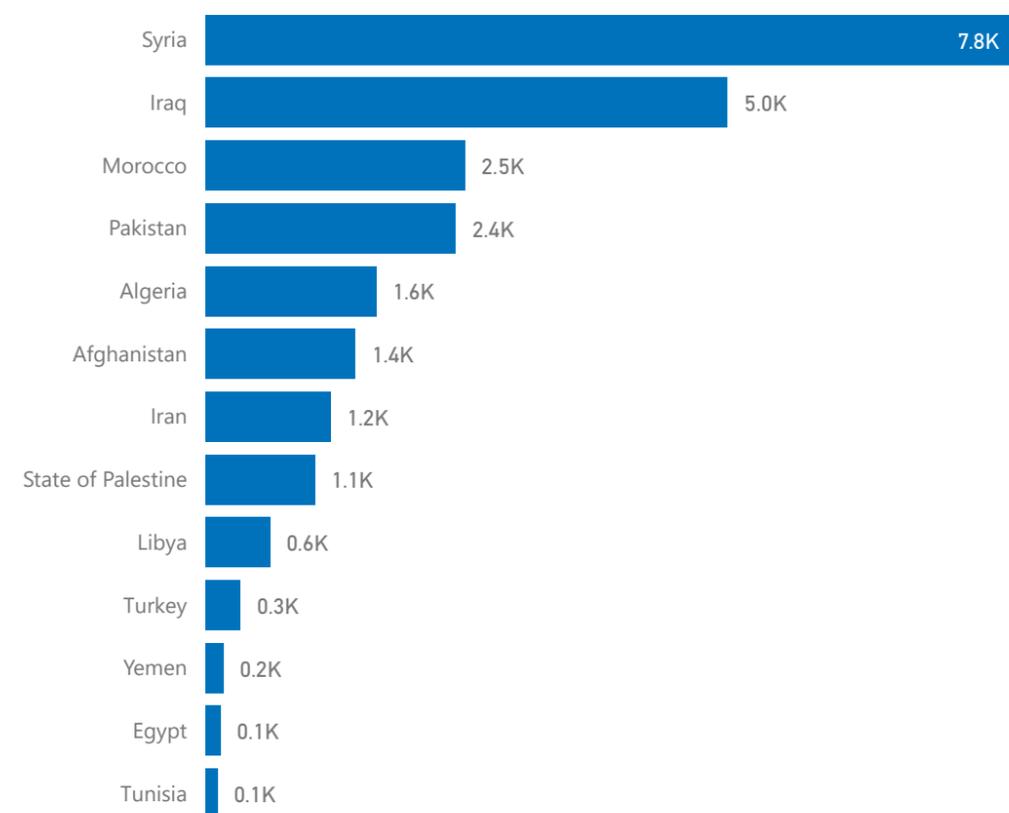
- In comparison to data reported in January 2020, the percentage of submitted intentions that turned into actual asylum applications in February 2020 has decreased from 11% to 8%.

- For this second month of the year, 6 first instance decision was reached (compared to 15 in February 2019) from 1,364 asylum applications. The total number of new granted refugee status in 2020 was 7, 5 cases were provided subsidiary protection status while 28 other applications were rejected. Since January, 927 cases were closed, because applicants absconded the asylum procedure.

- The total number of pending decisions recorded stands at 1,031 for the month of February. This is a decrease of 31.5% compared to January. This is a worrisome trend considering that the total number of asylum decisions on the first instance remains low compared to the remaining pending cases.

- In February 2020, women represent over 14% (194) of the total applications compared to December 2019 (8%, 170). In addition, there were 332 children including 56 UASC (16.8%) among applicants compared to 188 (10 UASC) in January. 2020.

Applications in 2018-2019 by country of origin



2018-19-20
Key figures

2777

New Applications
in 2020

12K

New Applications
in 2019

10K

New Applications
in 2018

7

Recognized
Refugees in 2020

51

Recognized
Refugees in 2019

85

Recognized
Refugees in 2018

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2020

Key figures

2777

New Applications of which:

66

Unaccompanied or separated children*

7

Recognized Refugees

5

Subsidiary Protection

28

Rejected

927

Closed cases

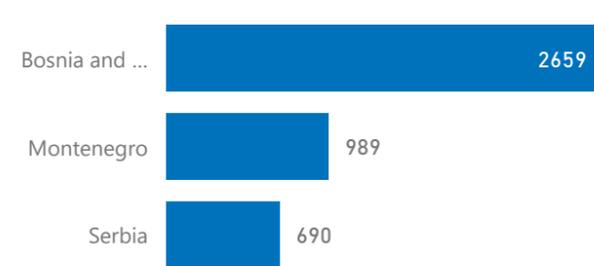
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New Applications Regional Trends

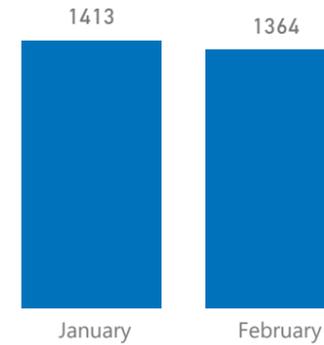
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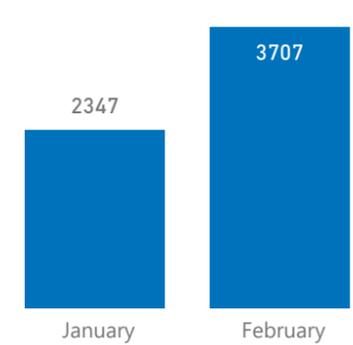
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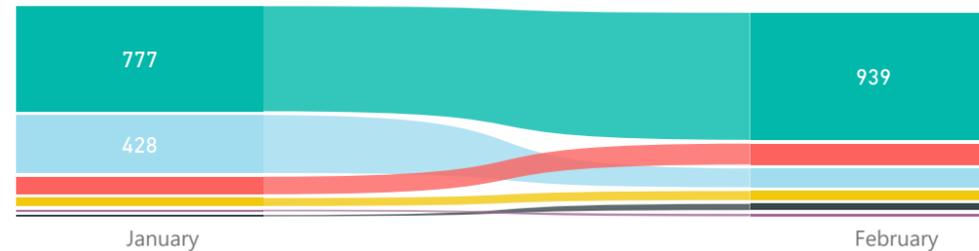
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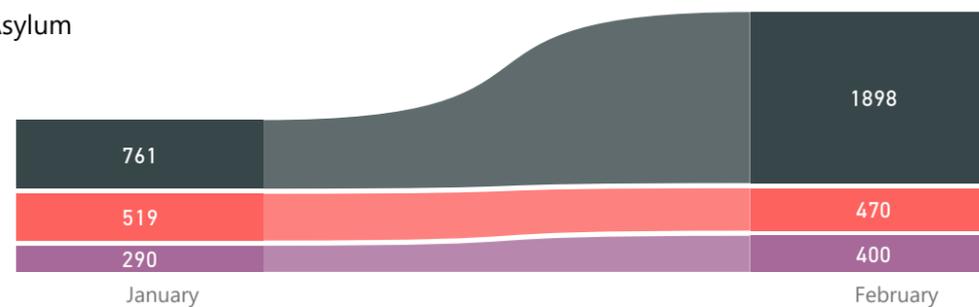
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New Asylum Applications by Month and Country of Asylum



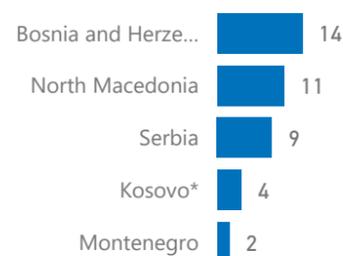
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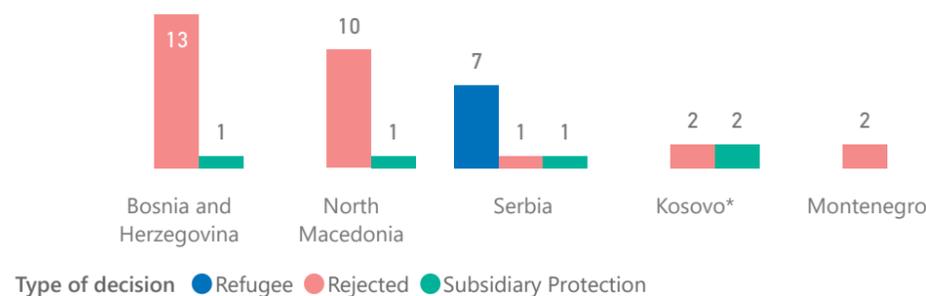
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- Kosovo*
- Montenegro
- North Macedonia
- Serbia

First Instance Decisions Trends

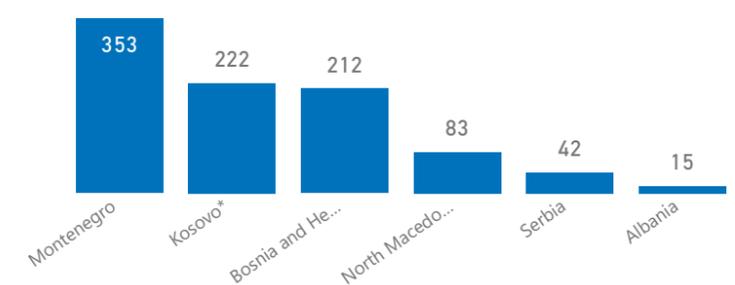
Total Decisions by Country of Asylum



First instance Decisions by Type and Country



Total Otherwise Closed Applications by Country



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Monthly New Applications

January
2020
Key figures*

1364

New Applications



194
Women



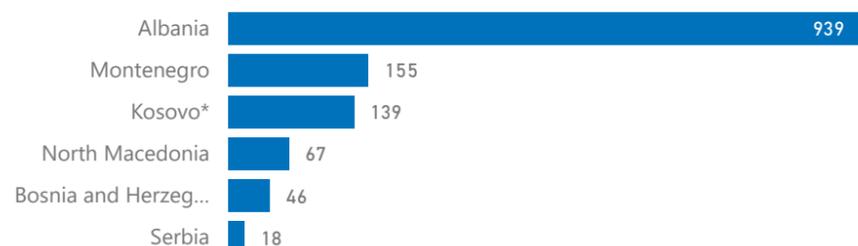
332
Children
including:

56

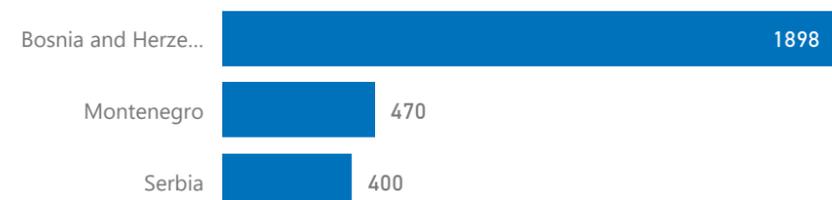
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Monthly New Asylum Applications by Country of Asylum

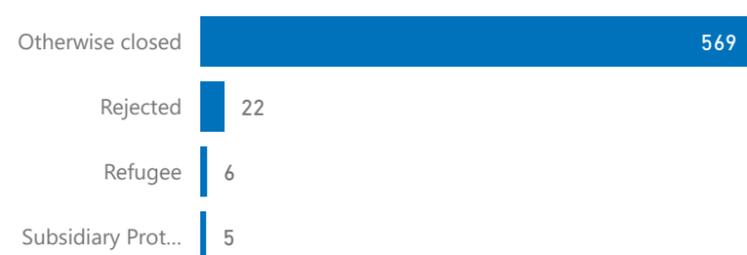


Monthly New Intentions to Seek Asylum by Reporting Country



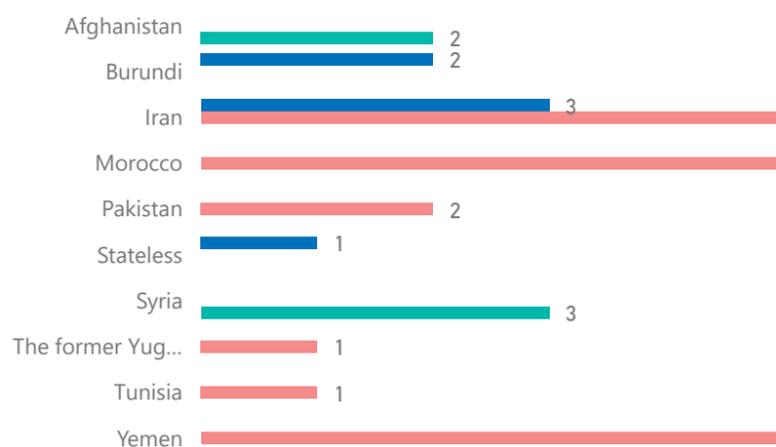
Monthly First Instance Decisions

Monthly Decisions by Type of Decision

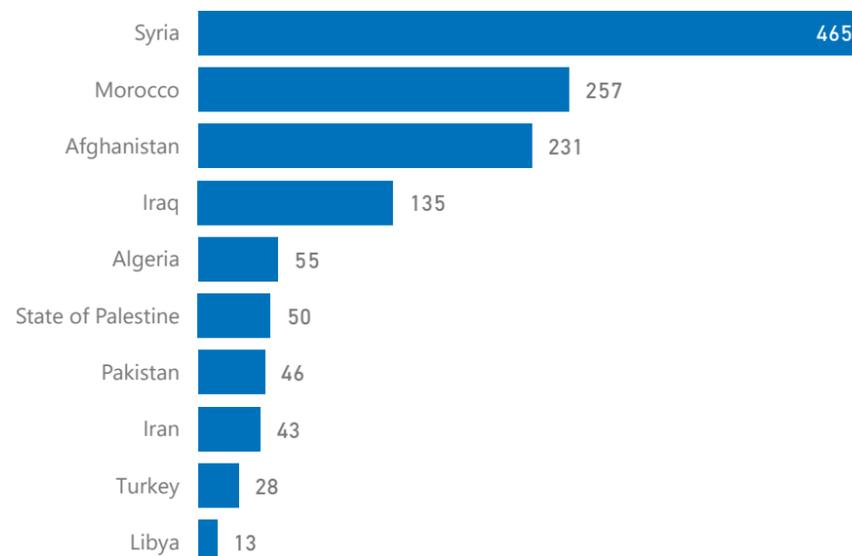


Monthly Type of Decisions by Nationality

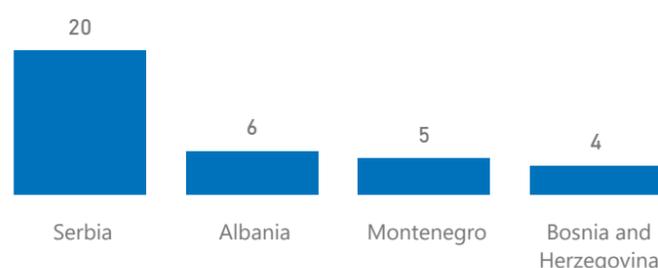
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Monthly New Asylum Applications by Country of Origin (Top 10)

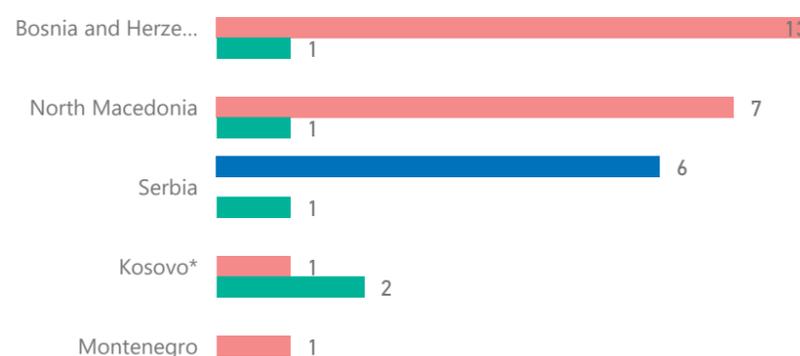


Monthly Interviews by Country of Asylum

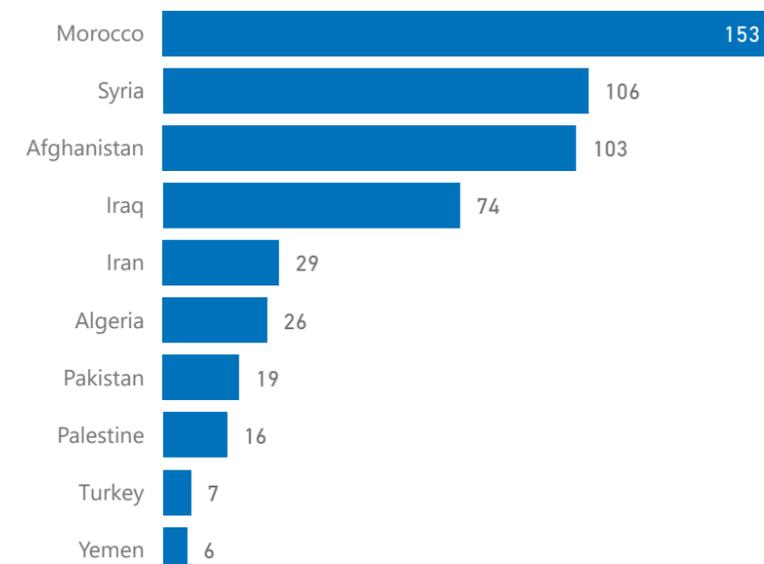


Monthly Decisions by Country of Asylum and Type of Decision

Type of decision ● Refugee ● Rejected ● Subsidiary Protection



Monthly Otherwise Closed Applications by Nationality (Top 10)



Average Length of Procedure (days) by Country

between application and decision

Montenegro	34
Kosovo*	92
Bosnia and Herzegovina	208

Total Pending Asylum Applications by Country of Asylum



Albania has not provided any pending cases information for August

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