



2018-19-20 Key figures

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New Applications in 2020

12K

New Applications in 2019

10K

New Applications in 2018

7

Recognized Refugees in 2020

51

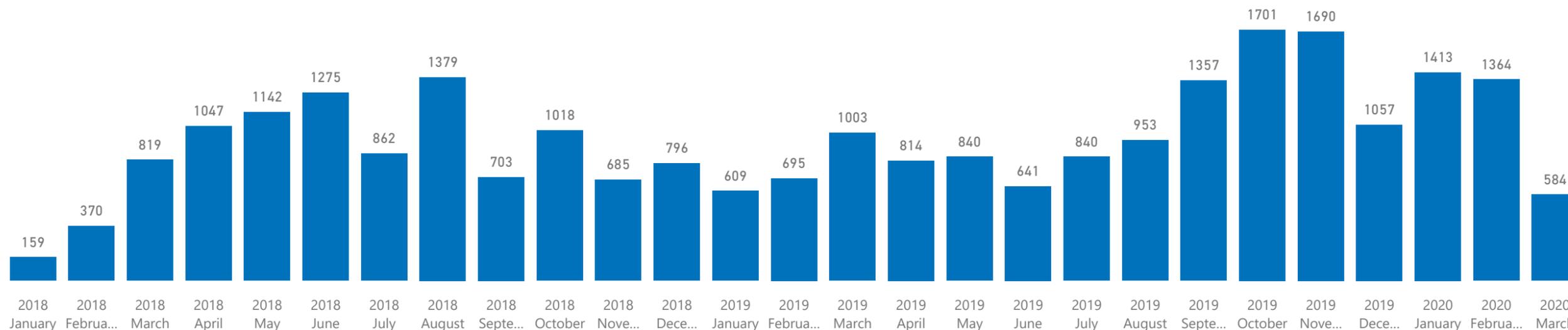
Recognized Refugees in 2019

85

Recognized Refugees in 2018

Monthly applications since 2018

Applications by Year and Month



Summary of key trends observed

- In March the number of arrivals in the region has decreased by 46% compared to the previous month. This trend is due to COVID-19 situation and to some complete closure of borders between countries. The reported intentions to apply for asylum decreased by 16.6% compared to February. At the same time, the overall number of submitted asylum applications in the Western Balkans has decreased by 57% compared to February.

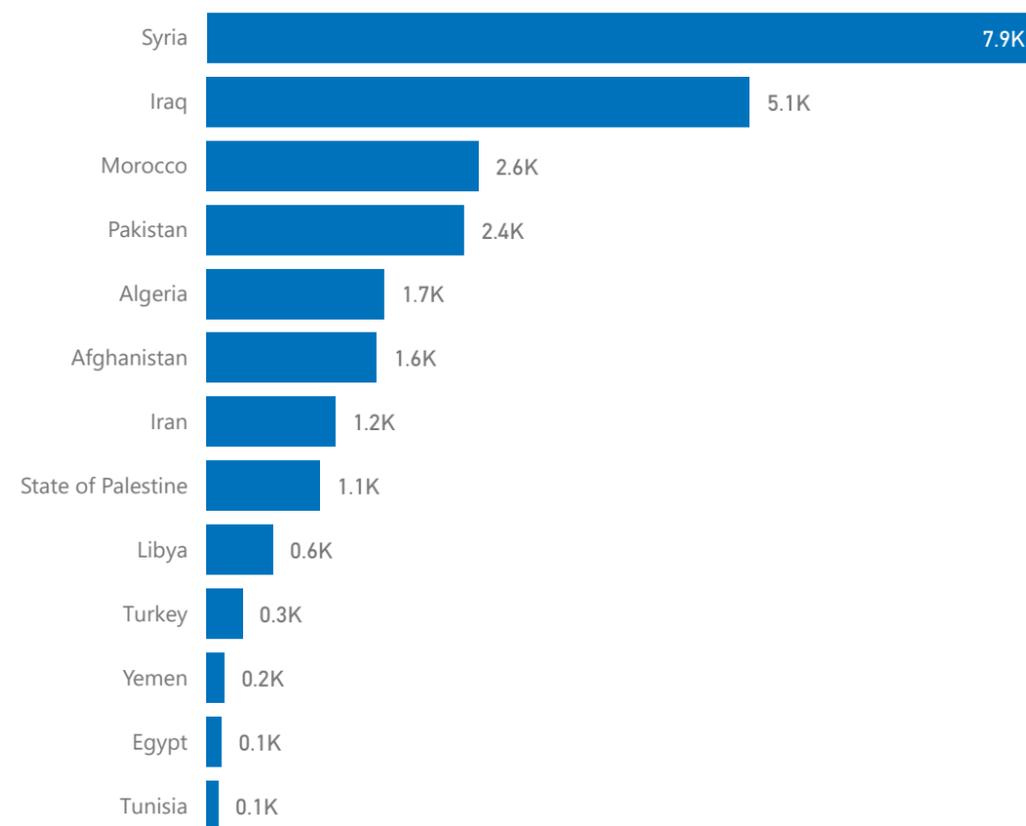
- In comparison to data reported in January 2020, the percentage of submitted intentions that turned into actual asylum applications in February 2020 is stable with a rate of 8% of them.

- For this third month of the year, no first instance decision was reached (compared to 6 in February 2020) from the total of 3,361 asylum applications in 2020. The total number of new granted refugee status in 2020 is still 6 cases, in addition 6 cases were provided subsidiary protection status while 33 other applications were rejected. Since January, 1101 cases were closed, because applicants absconded the asylum procedure.

- The total number of pending decisions recorded stands at 1,326 for the month of March. This is an increase of 28.6% compared to February. 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 March 2020, women represent over 16.4% (96) of the monthly new applications. Compared to February (14%, 194), it's an increasing rate even if the absolute number has been divided by more than 2. In addition, there were 157 children including 19 UASC (12.1%) among applicants compared to 332 (56 UASC) in February 2020.

Applications in 2018-2019 by country of origin



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2020
Key figures

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New Applications of which:

- 85** Unaccompanied or separated children*
- 7** Recognized Refugees
- 6** Subsidiary Protection
- 33** Rejected

1101
Closed cases

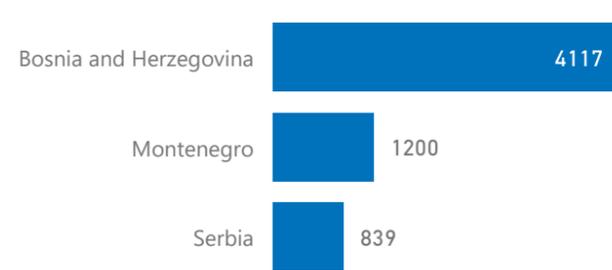
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New Applications Regional Trends

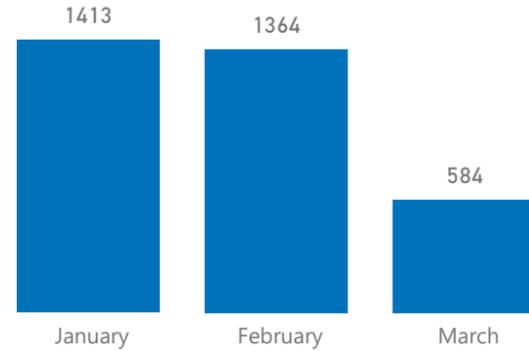
Total New Asylum Applications by Country of Asylum



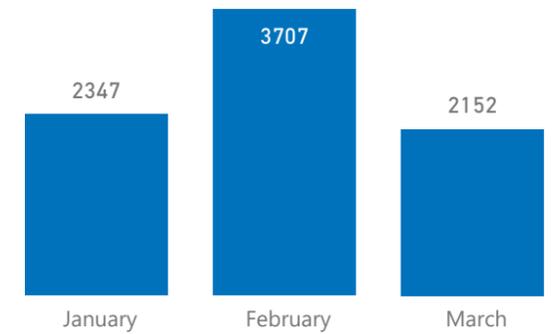
Total Asylum Intentions by Country of Asylum



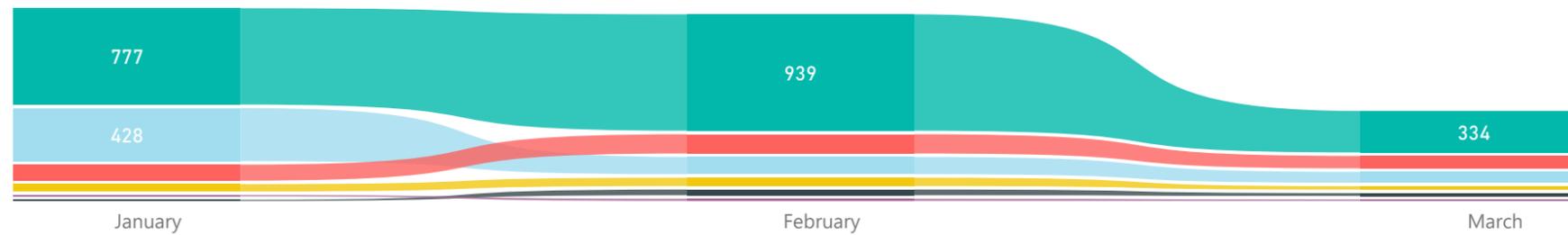
Total New Asylum Applications by Month



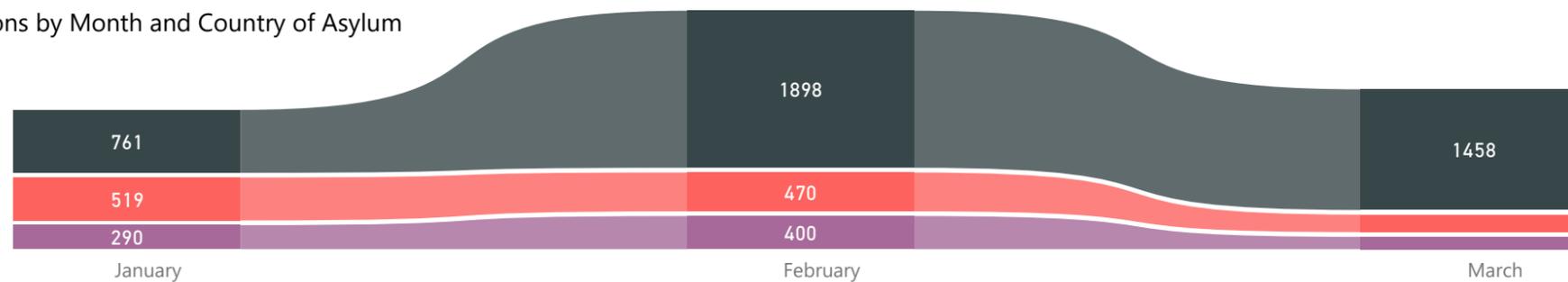
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New Asylum Applications by Month and Country of Asylum

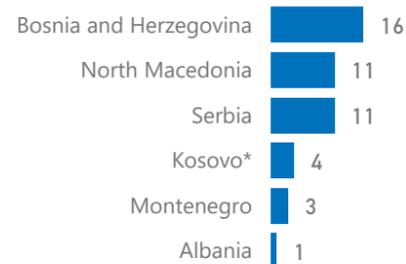


New Asylum Intentions by Month and Country of Asylum

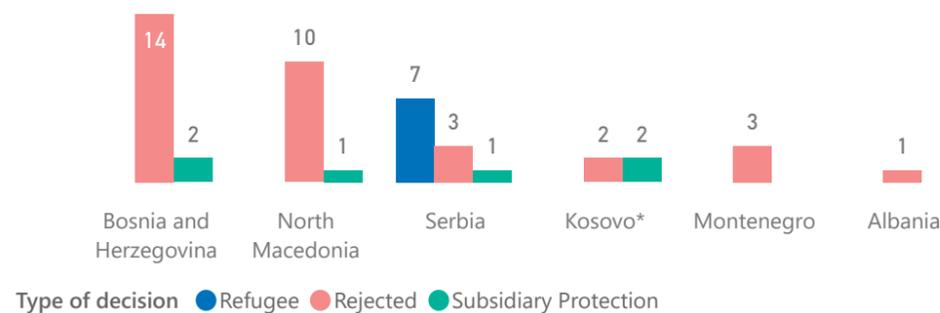


First Instance Decisions Trends

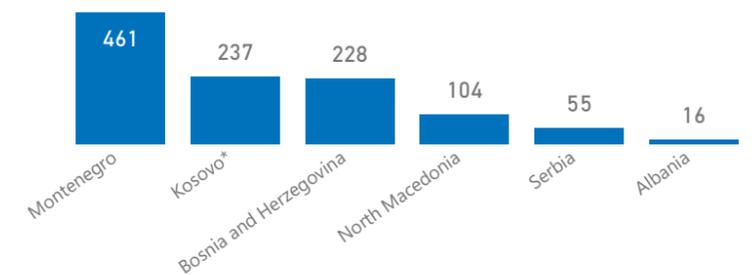
Total Decisions by Country of Asylum



First instance Decisions by Type and Country



Total Otherwise Closed Applications by Country



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March 2020
Key figures*

584
New Applications

96
Women

157
Children including:

19
Unaccompanied or separated child(ren)

1326
Pending opened asylum applications

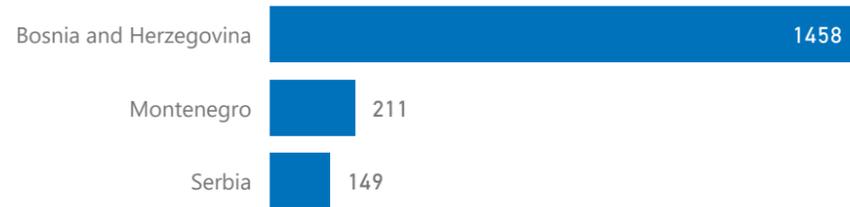
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Monthly New Applications

Monthly New Asylum Applications by Country of Asylum

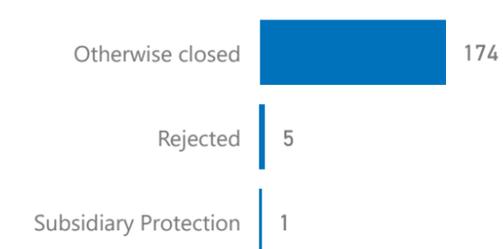


Monthly New Intentions to Seek Asylum by Reporting Country



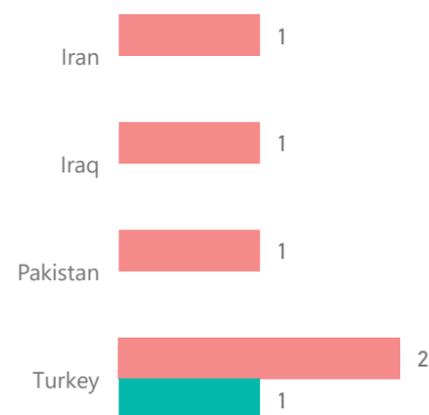
Monthly First Instance Decisions

Monthly Decisions by Type of Decision

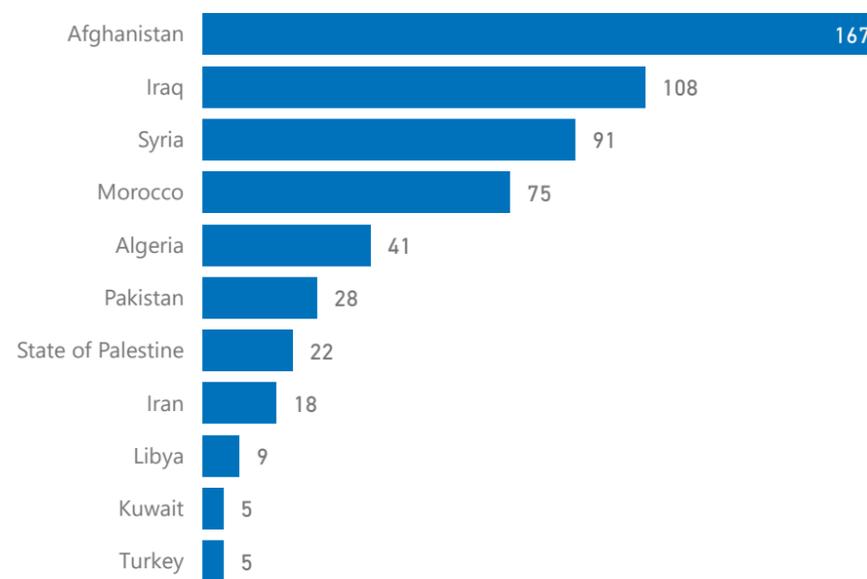


Monthly Type of Decisions by Nationality

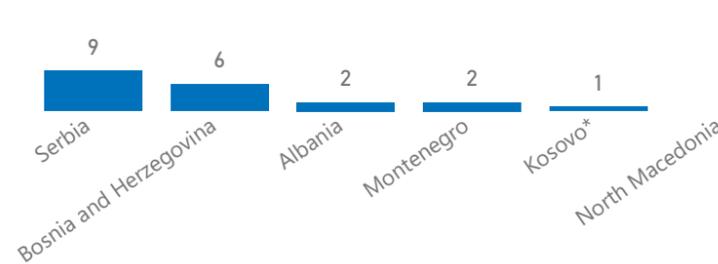
Type of decision ● Rejected ● Subsidiary Protection



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

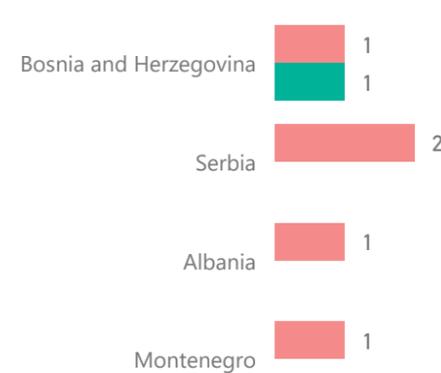


Monthly Interviews by Country of Asylum

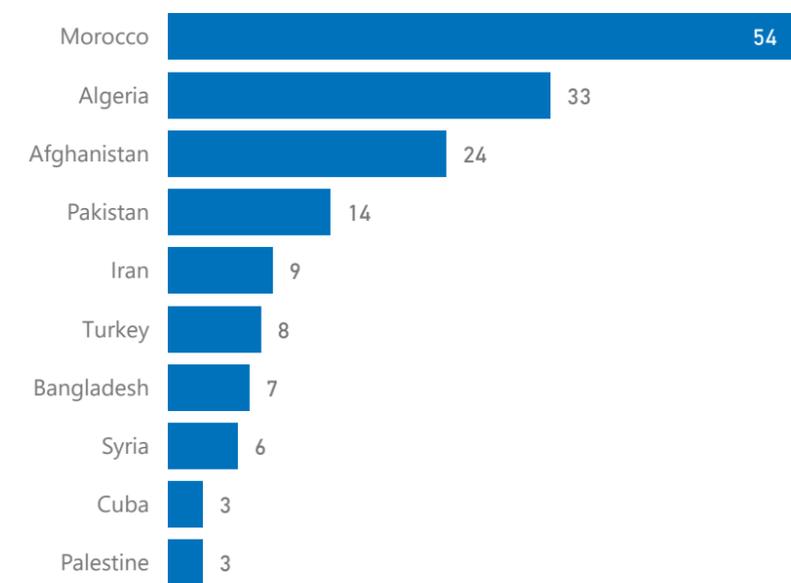


Monthly Decisions by Country of Asylum and Type of Decision

Type of decision ● Rejected ● Subsidiary Protection



Monthly Otherwise Closed Applications by Nationality (Top 10)

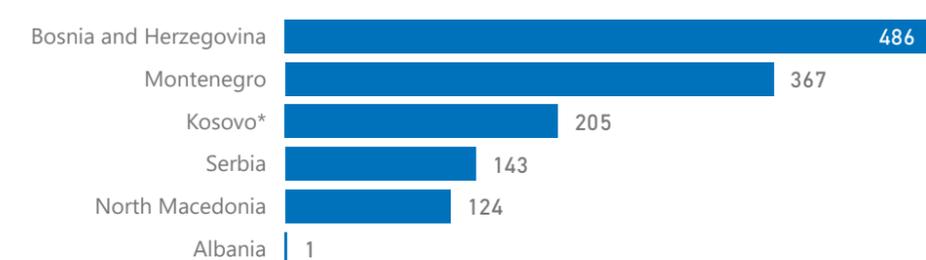


Average Length of Procedure (days) by Country

between application and decision

Montenegro	33
Kosovo*	92
Bosnia and Herzegovina	216

Total Pending Asylum Applications by Country of Asylum



Albania has not provided any pending cases information for August

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