



2018-19-20
Key figures

3377

New Applications in 2020

12K

New Applications in 2019

10K

New Applications in 2018

7

Recognized Refugees in 2020

51

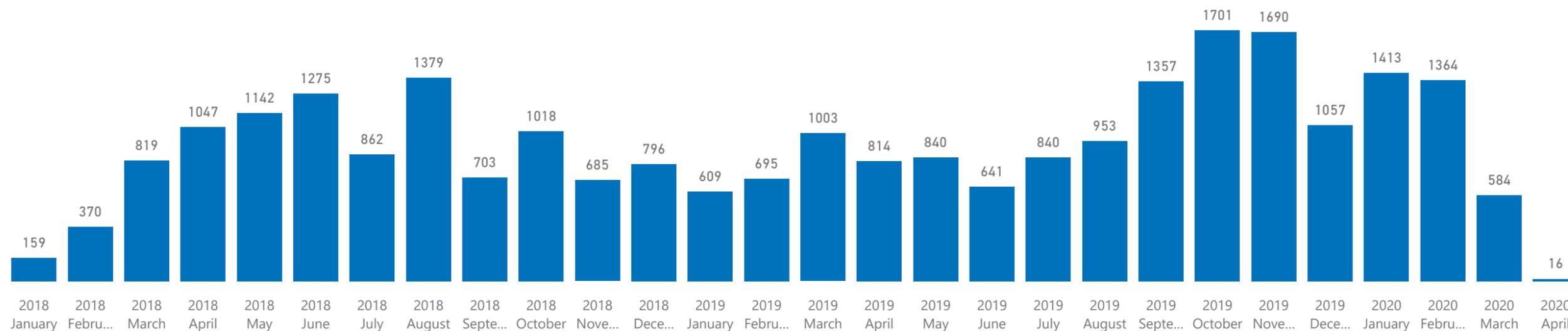
Recognized Refugees in 2019

85

Recognized Refugees in 2018

Monthly applications since 2018

Applications by Year and Month



Summary of key trends observed

- In April the number of arrivals in the region has decreased by 70% 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 93.7% compared to March. At the same time, the overall number of submitted asylum applications in the Western Balkans has decreased by 99% compared to March.

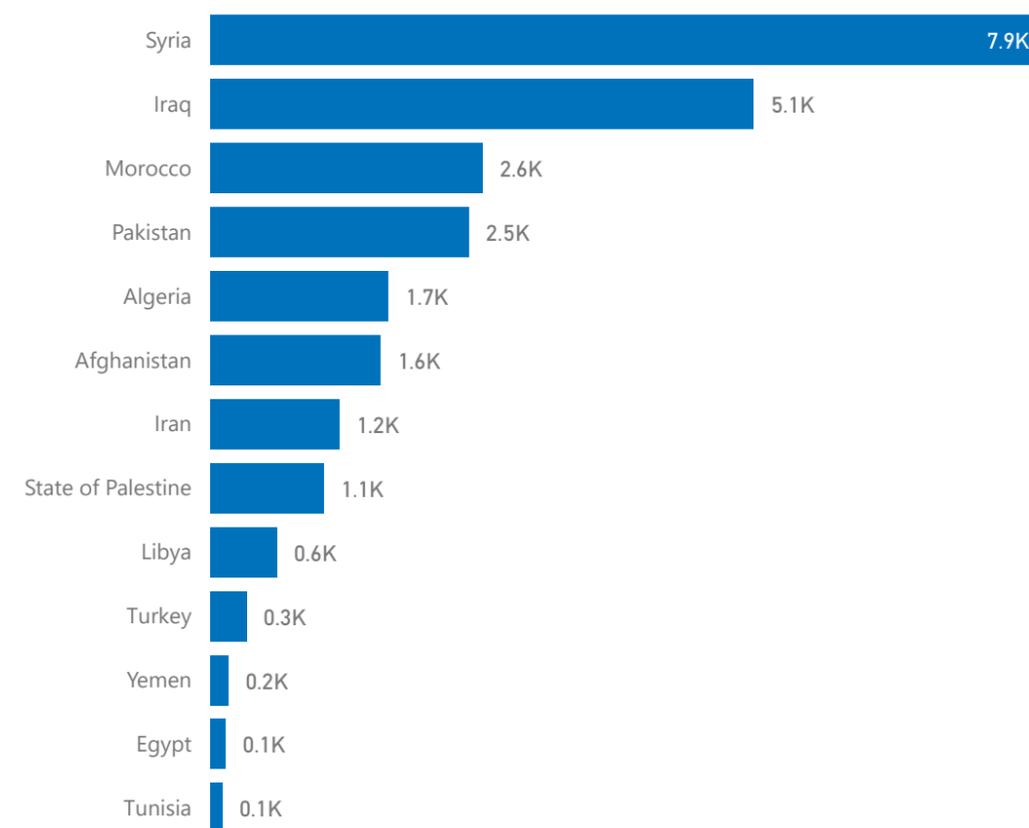
- In comparison to data reported in March 2020, the percentage of submitted intentions that turned into actual asylum applications in April 2020 has increased with a rate of 17% of them. This change is due to the change of policy in Kosovo* and with retroactive updates from this side.

- For this fourth month of the year, two first instance decisions were reached from the total of 3,377 asylum applications in 2020. The total number of new granted refugee status in 2020 is still 7 cases, in addition 8 cases were provided subsidiary protection status while 41 other applications were rejected. Since January, 1209 cases were closed, because applicants absconded the asylum procedure. The COVID-19 situation is reducing all activities and therefore the asylum procedures are impacted drastically, for example in April no interview was conducted in the region.

- The total number of pending decisions recorded stands at 1,281 for the month of April. This is a decrease of 3.4% compared to March. 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 2020, women represent over 18.8% (633) of the yearly new applications. In addition, there were 677 children including 85 UASC (12.6%) among applicants in 2020.

Applications in 2018-2019 by country of origin



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2020
Key figures

3377

New Applications of which:

86

Unaccompanied or separated children*

7

Recognized Refugees

8

Subsidiary Protection

41

Rejected

1209

Closed cases

*disaggregated figures by age/gender are not always available

New Applications Regional Trends

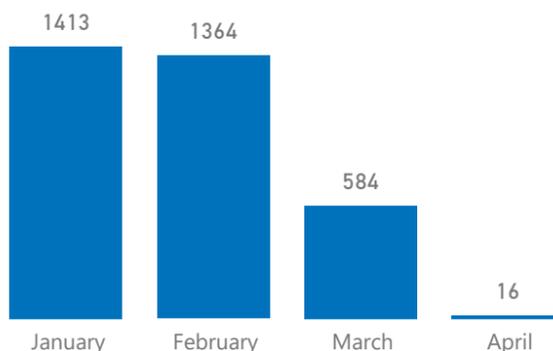
Total New Asylum Applications by Country of Asylum



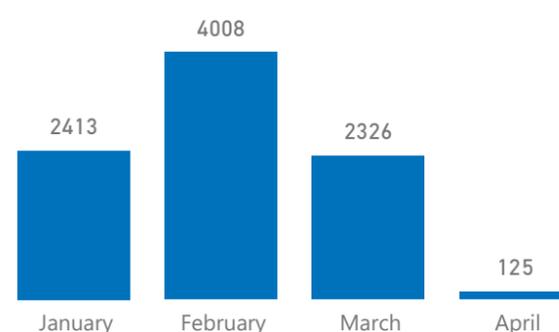
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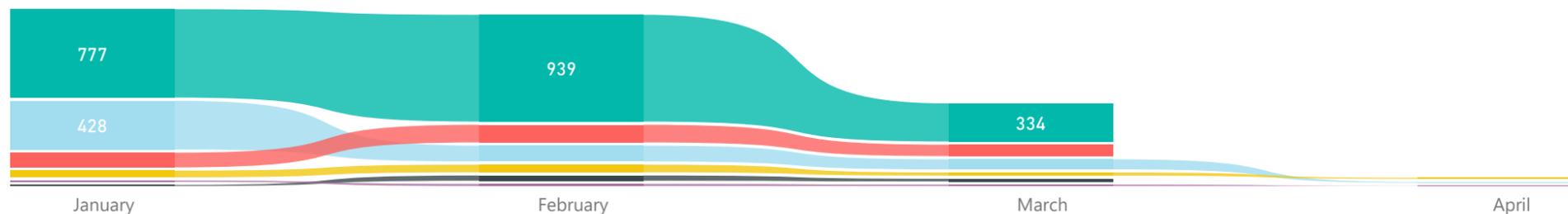
Total New Asylum Applications by Month



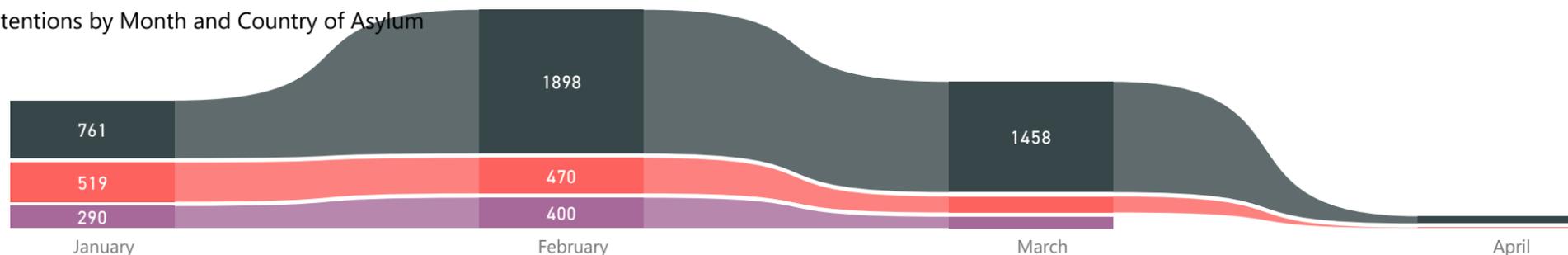
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New Asylum Applications by Month and Country of Asylum

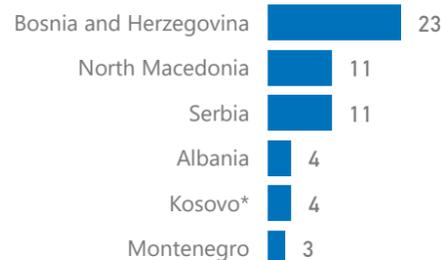


New Asylum Intentions by Month and Country of Asylum

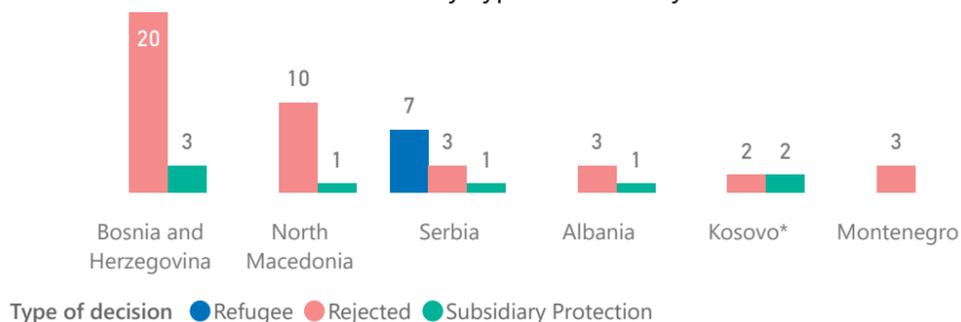


First Instance Decisions Trends

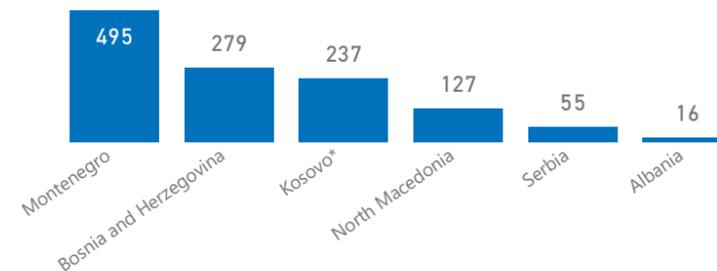
Total Decisions by Country of Asylum



First instance Decisions by Type and Country



Total Otherwise Closed Applications by Country



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April 2020

Key figures*

16

New Applications



1

Women



1

Children including:

1

Unaccompanied or separated child(ren)

1281

Pending opened asylum applications

*disaggregated figures by age/gender are not always

Monthly New Applications

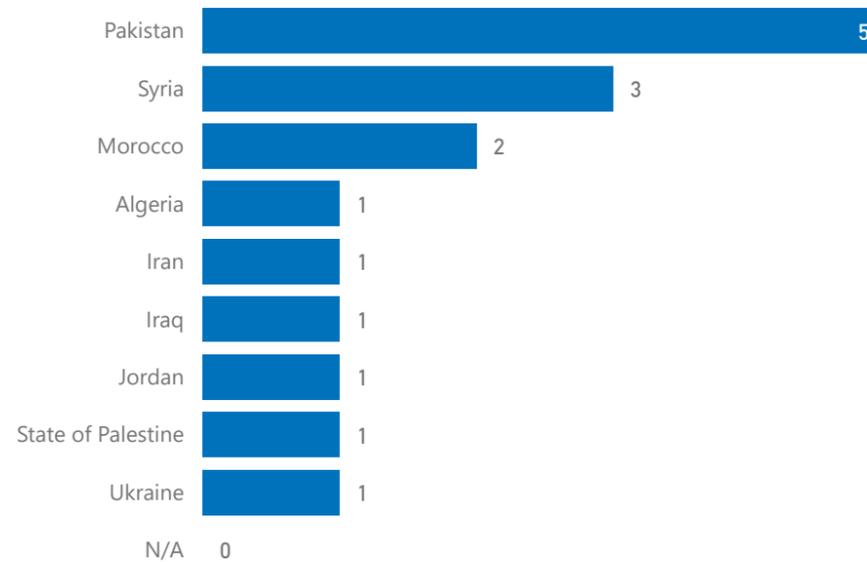
Monthly New Asylum Applications by Country of Asylum



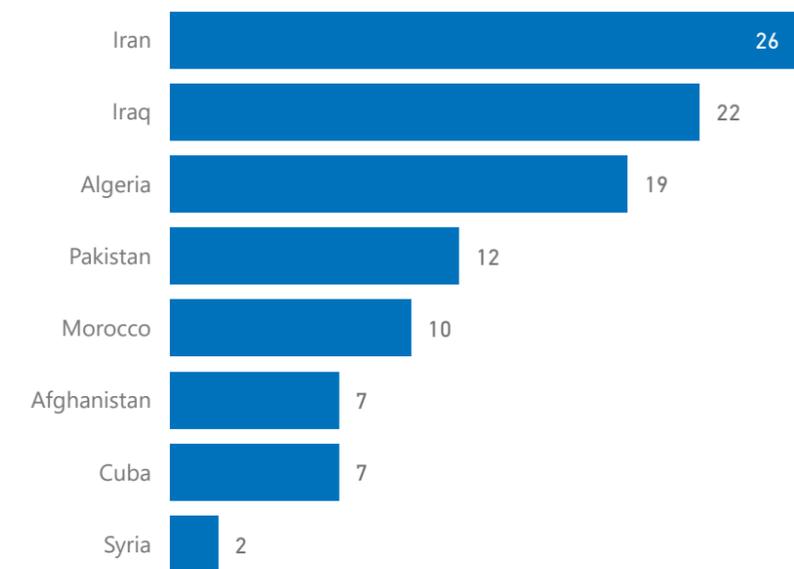
Monthly New Intentions to Seek Asylum by Reporting Country



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

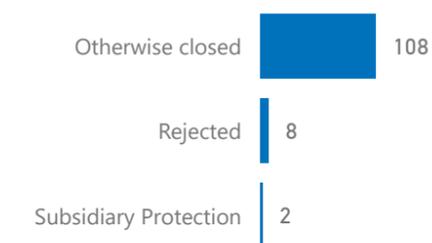


Monthly Otherwise Closed Applications by Nationality (Top 10)

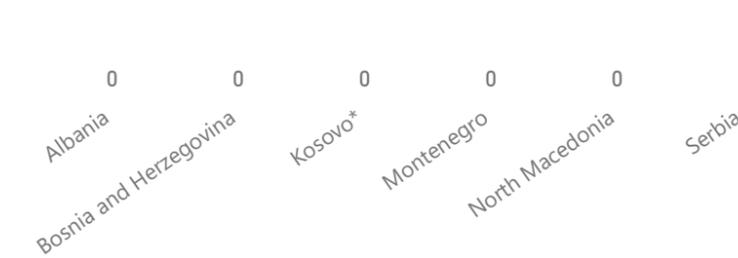


Monthly First Instance Decisions

Monthly Decisions by Type of Decision



Monthly Interviews by Country of Asylum



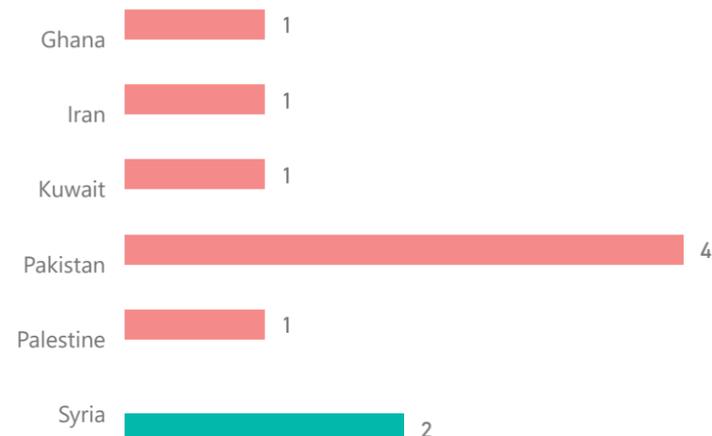
Average Length of Procedure (days) by Country

between application and decision

Montenegro	74
Kosovo*	92
Bosnia and Herzegovina	228

Monthly Type of Decisions by Nationality

Type of decision ● Rejected ● Subsidiary Protection

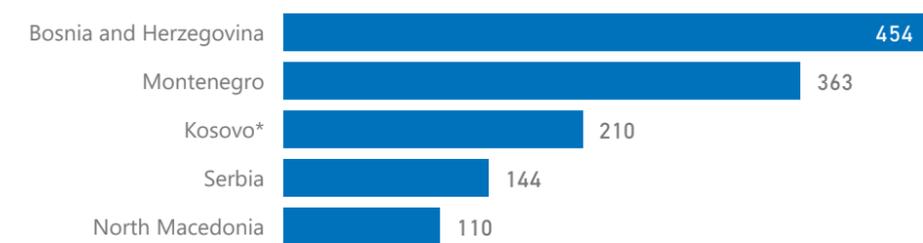


Monthly Decisions by Country of Asylum and Type of Decision

Type of decision ● N/A ● Rejected ● Subsidiary Protection



Total Pending Asylum Applications by Country of Asylum



Albania has not provided any pending cases information for August

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