

Bosnia and Herzegovina

893 migrants and asylum-seekers arrived irregularly in BiH in November, representing a 27% decrease over October 2021, and a 16% decrease compared to November 2020. As with the previous three months, there were no UASC amongst irregular arrivals in November. The total number of arrivals in 2021 is 15,404, which is on par with 2020 figures (15,621), while 84,817 arrivals have been recorded since the start of the mixed movement in January 2018.

744 persons (83%) arriving in November expressed an intention to seek asylum with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA).

4 Refugee Status Determination (RSD) interviews were conducted in November, all of them in UNHCR's Information Centre.

4 first-instance decisions* were issued in November: 3 granting subsidiary protection and 1 negative decision. 15 asylum claims were suspended.

21 asylum claims were registered with the Sector for Asylum in November, of which 16 were conducted in UNHCR's Information Centre in Sarajevo, 3 in AC Delijaš and 2 in others government-run facilities.

424 days - the length of the asylum procedure for the first-instance decisions** issued in November.

126 days - the average amount of time persons waited to register*** an asylum claim for those claims registered in November.

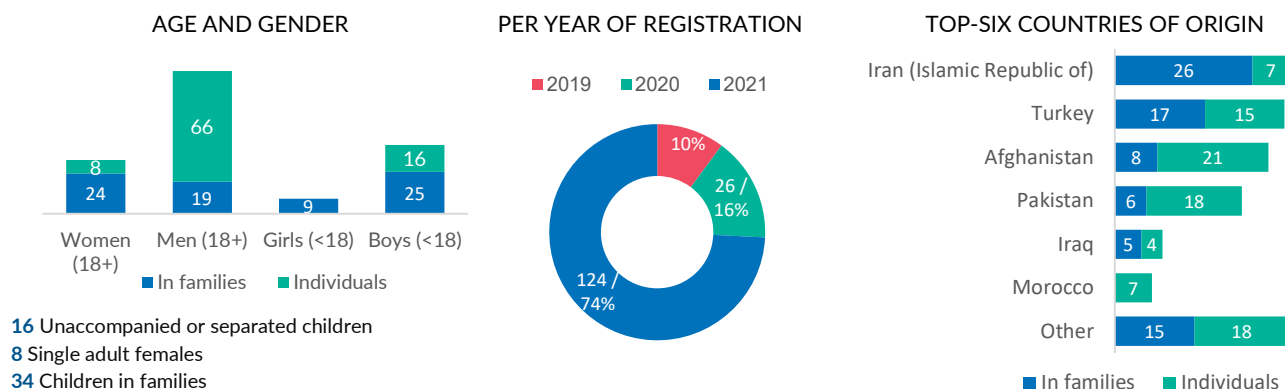
2,460 asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in reception facilities at the end of November, while 600 persons are estimated to be squatting outside of formal accommodation, mostly in Una-Sana Canton.

61% of asylum claim registrations scheduled in UNHCR's Info Centre were conducted

KEY INDICATORS AS OF END OF NOVEMBER 2021

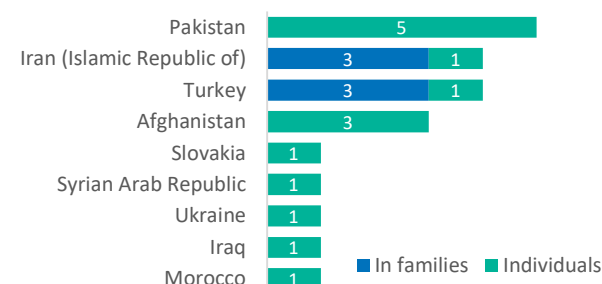
- 167 registered asylum-seekers pending processing and decision, of which 46% (77 people) involved persons in families
- 57 people awaiting registration of their asylum claim with the assistance of UNHCR/Vaša Prava BiH
- 54 refugees in the country, of which 7 are from outside of the former Yugoslavia
- 70 persons under subsidiary protection in BiH
- 137 stateless persons and persons at risk of statelessness being assisted by UNHCR and partners

ASYLUM CLAIMS PENDING PROCESSING AND FINAL DECISION AT THE END OF NOVEMBER – TOTAL: 167

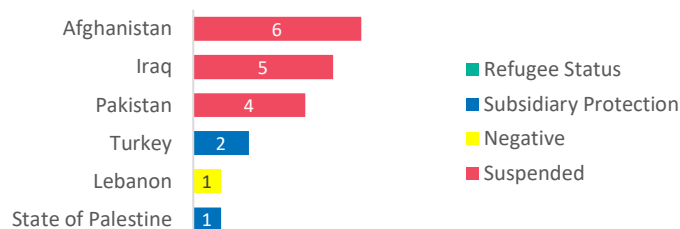


ASYLUM-CLAIM REGISTRATIONS AND DECISIONS IN NOVEMBER 2021

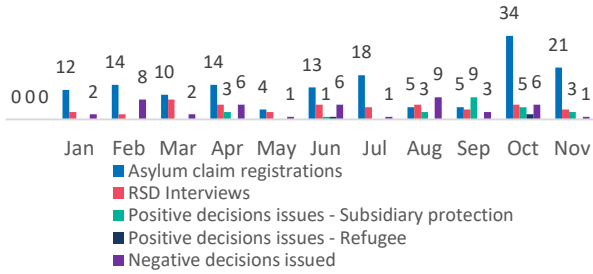
REGISTRATIONS PER COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



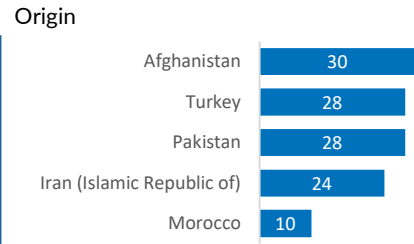
DECISIONS* PER COUNTRY OF ORIGIN (ALL INSTANCES)



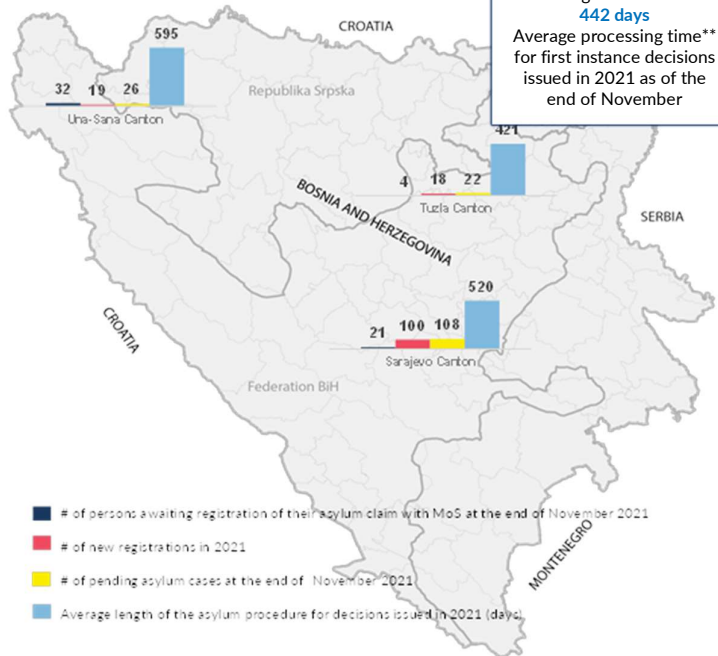
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INDICATORS FOR 2021
REGISTRATION AND ASYLUM PROCESSING IN 2021


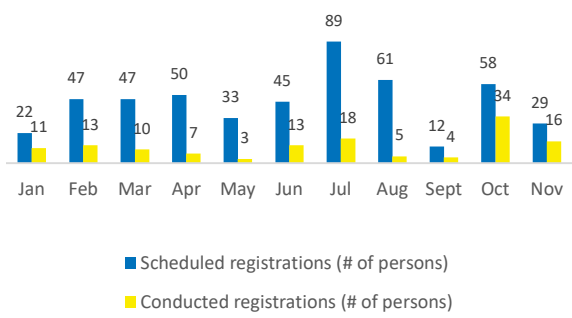
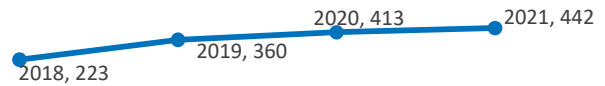
150 asylum-claim registrations
 53 RSD Interviews conducted
 3 granted refugee status
 24 granted subsidiary protection
 45 rejected asylum claims

REGISTRATIONS IN 2021: Top 5 Country of Origin

ACCESS TO THE ASYLUM PROCEDURE

In November, the Sector for Asylum registered the asylum claims of 21 individuals, the second highest number this year after October when 34 persons were registered. In addition, the percentage of those invited to register who actually lodged a claim reached a peak in November, with 61% of scheduled registrations in UNHCR's info centre taking place (compared to an average of 19% for the first 9 months of the year). These figures point to a marked increase in access to the asylum procedure in the past two months, including the enhanced ability of the authorities to triage genuine asylum-seekers from migrants transiting through BiH. For asylum claims registered in November, the average time spent waiting to apply also decreased by 49% from October to November (from 248 days to 126). Finally, while the majority of those registered in November resided in private accommodation, the authorities conducted the first registration for persons residing in Asylum Centre Delijaš since April, while also registering an individual from TRC Miral in Una-Sana Canton (only the second registration in 2021, the first being in October). Overall, while the past two months have demonstrated a noticeable improvement in access to the asylum procedure compared with the previous 9 months, issues remain including the inability of residents from TRC Blažuj to register a claim and the long wait times particularly for those residing in TRCs.

2021 ASYLUM PROCESS INDICATORS MAP


187 days
 Average waiting time to register an asylum claim*** for those claims which were registered in 2021
 442 days
 Average processing time** for first instance decisions issued in 2021 as of the end of November

REGISTRATIONS IN UNHCR INFO CENTRE IN 2021

AVERAGE LENGTH OF THE ASYLUM PROCEDURE 2018-2021


Average processing time (days) from registration of asylum-claim to first-instance decision made at case level (not individual). The data only includes decisions made at first instance and does not factor in appealed decisions. Data presented reflect asylum-seeker address at the time of asylum claim registration. *Waiting time for registrations is calculated as the number of days between AISA issuance and the date when asylum claim was registered, at case level, excluding registrations conducted in Immigration Centre or prison.

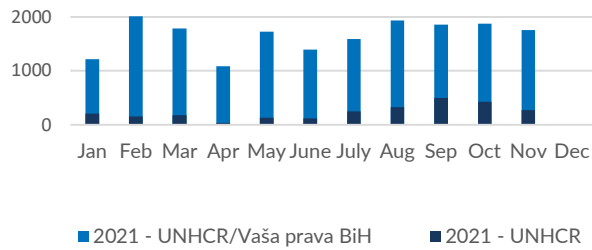
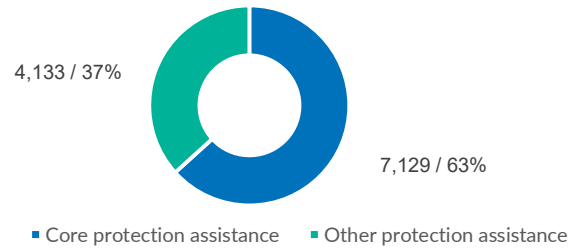
ASYLUM PROCESSING ACTIVITIES DURING 2018-2021

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Applications	1,572	785	245	150
Refugee* status granted	0	3	1	3
Subsidiary protection* status granted	16	41	31	24
Rejected applications*	45	35	54	45
Suspensions*	741	1,059	546	178

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ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY UNHCR IN NOVEMBER

- 1,862 legal aid and information assistances provided by UNHCR and Vaša Prava BiH with support from the European Union (IcSP and IPA SM III projects) and AMIF.
 - 349 other protection assistances provided by UNHCR/BHWI to asylum-seekers (informal education, occupational/recreational activities) with the support from the European Union (IcSP I and IcSP II projects) and AMIF.
 - 476 core protection assistances provided by UNHCR/BHWI to asylum-seekers (psychosocial assistance, protection assistance for UASC, GBV activities) with the support from the European Union (IcSP I and IcSP II projects) and AMIF.
- Since 1 June 2020, UNHCR senior protection liaison assistants have provided information on access to asylum in BiH to **3,729** persons.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY UNHCR - 2021
PROVISION OF LEGAL INFORMATION AND AID

PROTECTION ASSISTANCE TO ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN 2021 - UNHCR/BHWI


On 23 and 24 November, UNHCR, together with local experts, organized a training for UNHCR partners about supporting the LGBTIQ+ community who are fleeing their country of origin.



At the end of November, UNHCR and its partner Bosnia and Herzegovina Women's Initiative marked the start of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence with women in TRC Usivak, who shared their messages to the world on scarfs.

OTHER NEWS IN NOVEMBER

- For the #Ibelong statelessness campaign, UNHCR shared a story about a woman who received a positive decision on the acquisition of BiH citizenship based on facilitated naturalization in April 2020. [More.](#)
- UNHCR and with local experts, organised a training on 23 and 24 November for UNHCR implementing and governmental partners about the LGBTIQ+ community who are fleeing their country of origin and how to support the LGBTIQ+ individuals who are in need of international protection and are seeking asylum in BiH. [More.](#)
- To support the implementation of Service for Foreigners' Affairs' activities, on 2 December, the UNHCR Representative in BiH, Lucie Gagné, handed over IT equipment to the SFA, including five PCs, five laptops, 26 multifunctional printers, and ten mobile phones. [More.](#)

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