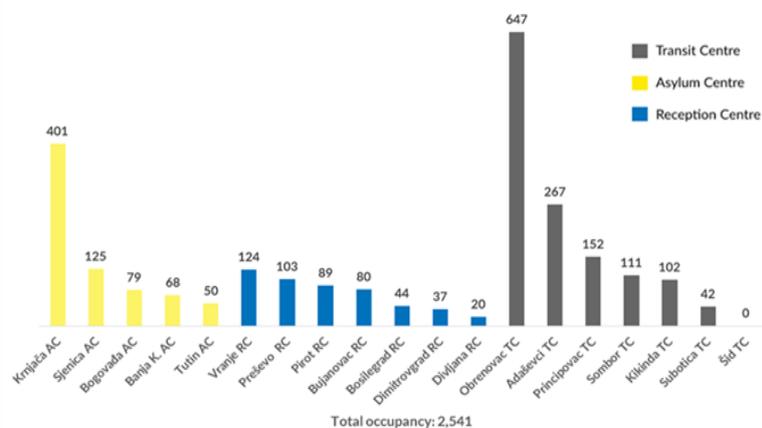


SERBIA UPDATE

- UNHCR and partners noted an **increase in the number newly arriving refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants** to Serbia. During the last two weeks we encountered and assisted 697, three times the number (230) during the preceding two weeks. 73% arrived irregularly from FYR Macedonia (up from 55% two weeks ago), 11% from Bulgaria (up from 4%), and only 6% by air (down from 31%). 69% were adult men, 9% adult women and 22% children. Most originated from Pakistan (39%), Iraq (22%), or Afghanistan (20%), few from Iran (9%) or Syria (3%).
- With high number of arrivals as well as irregular departures, reportedly mainly to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the number of new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants counted in Serbia on 10 June slightly reduced to **2,803**. While 2,541 (i.e. 91%) of them were accommodated in 18 governmental centres, over 250 were observed outside: some 150 in Belgrade City and another 100 camping close to borders with Croatia or Hungary.
- In view of growing movements and protection needs, in May, UNHCR and partners supported authorities with **over 11,000 community-based protection services**, including over 1,800 interpretation and 6,600 legal counselling/info services, over 500 referrals to medical, social welfare, legal registration and other forms of assistance, provided psychosocial and psychological support in over 270 instances, educational/recreational activities in over 1,200 instances as well as other protection interventions in over 23 locations throughout Serbia.
- UNHCR and partners received reports by 180 asylum-seekers alleging to have been collectively expelled from Croatia, 30 from Hungary, 33 from Bosnia and Herzegovina and 11 from Romania.
- Hungary admitted **25** asylum-seekers into procedures in its so-called “transit-zones”.
- On 31 May, the Representative joined a school day ceremony and met the principal of Branko Pesic School in Belgrade, which enrolls many unaccompanied and separated refugee children. Refugee children participated in the show “Bridges – connecting people”.
- UNHCR continued providing transport for refugee children to local schools in Sombor, Adasevci, Principovac, and Krnjaca.
- On 01 June, UNHCR signed a partnership agreement with Vizija to adapt three children homes in Belgrade and Nis to support the Government of Serbia in accommodating UASC.



Asylum statistics are provided by the Ministry of Interior. Other information is based on findings of UNHCR staff and partners. If you use this content, please refer to UNHCR as source.



UNHCR Partner PIN conducting life-skill counselling in Bogovađa Asylum Centre

- On 28-30 May 2018 UNHCR participated in an assessment of living conditions of internally displaced persons (IDPs) originating from Klina, together with members of the Ministry of Communities and Return, Klina Municipality and IOM. On 30-31 May, UNHCR and DRC, organized a Go and See Visit to Kosovo Polje for eight IDPs who were able to visit their property and had a debriefing in the municipality.
- In May, **582** foreigners registered intentions to seek asylum in Serbia, bringing the total in 2018 to **2,922**. In May, 59% were registered by adult men, 9% by adult women and 32% for children. Most applications were filed by citizens of Afghanistan (28%) and Iran (23%), followed by Pakistan (21%), Syria (7%), Iraq (6%) etc. Three asylum applications received positive decision (refugee status), thus bringing the **total number of positive decisions by the Asylum office in 2018 to 13**. 101 asylum applications remain in the procedure.
- UNHCR compiled the [May](#) update of the **Site Profiles** jointly with the Serbian Commissioner for Refugees and Migration as well as the [statistical snapshot for May 2018](#) and [trends in arrivals January-April 2018](#).



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