

**Access to the Asylum Procedure  
EU's External Borders:  
the example of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina**

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## Total Migrant Arrivals

Registered by the BiH Ministry of Security

**24,067** 2018  
**29,232** 2019

## Number of Migrants in BiH

Estimated by IOM and UN partners

**7,000-8,000**

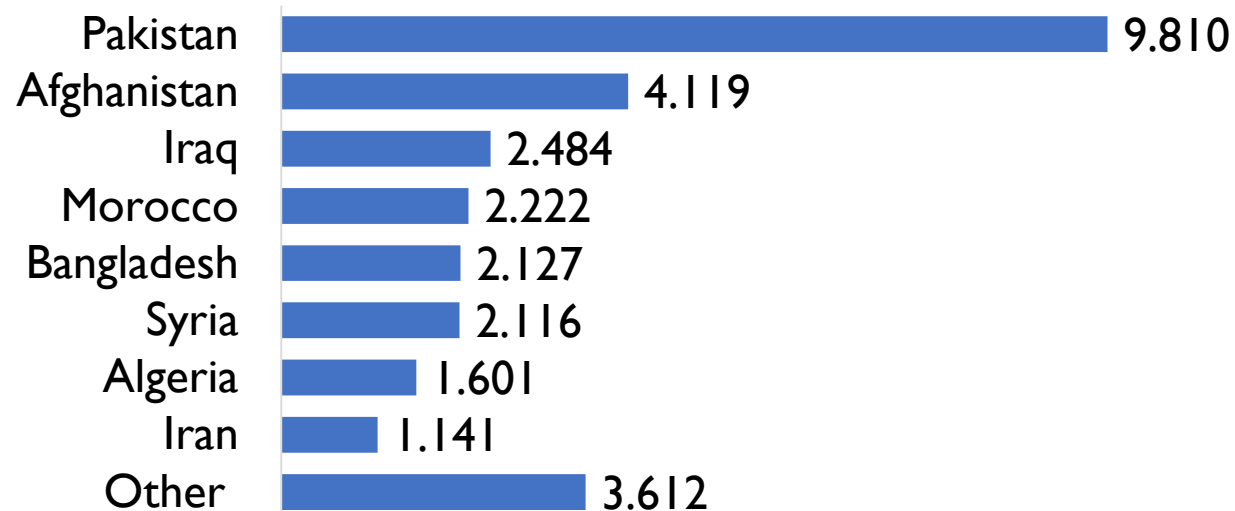
## Migrants in formal centres

Week 6 - 12 January 2020

**5,372** All centres  
**5,052** In IOM centres

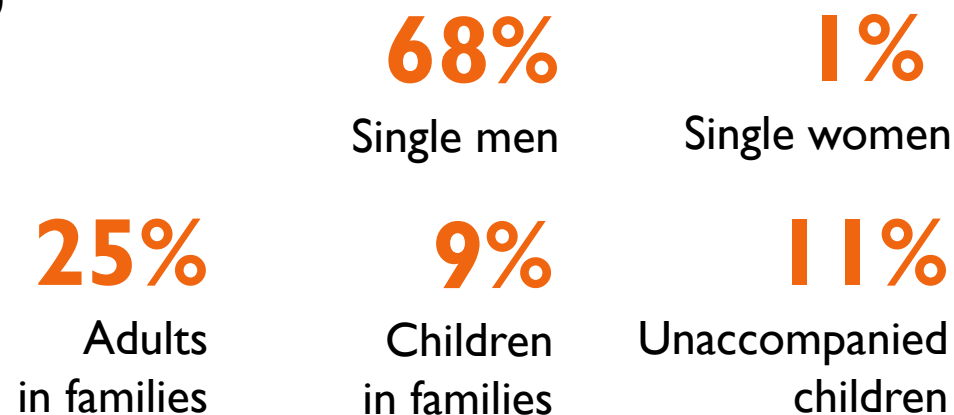
## Countries of Origin

Declared by migrants upon registration in 2019

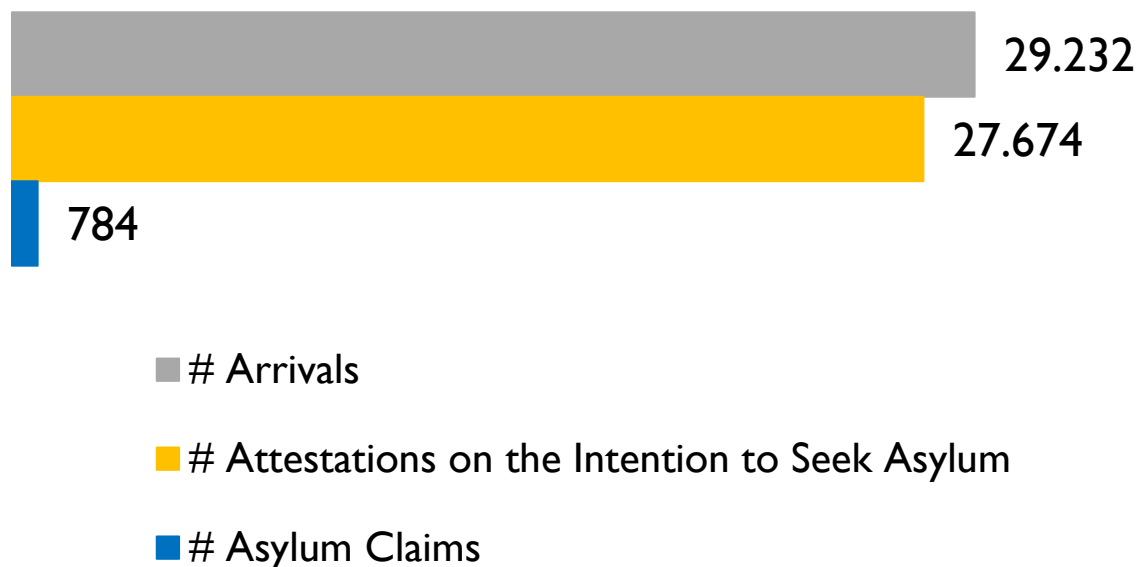


## Demographic breakdown of migrants in centres

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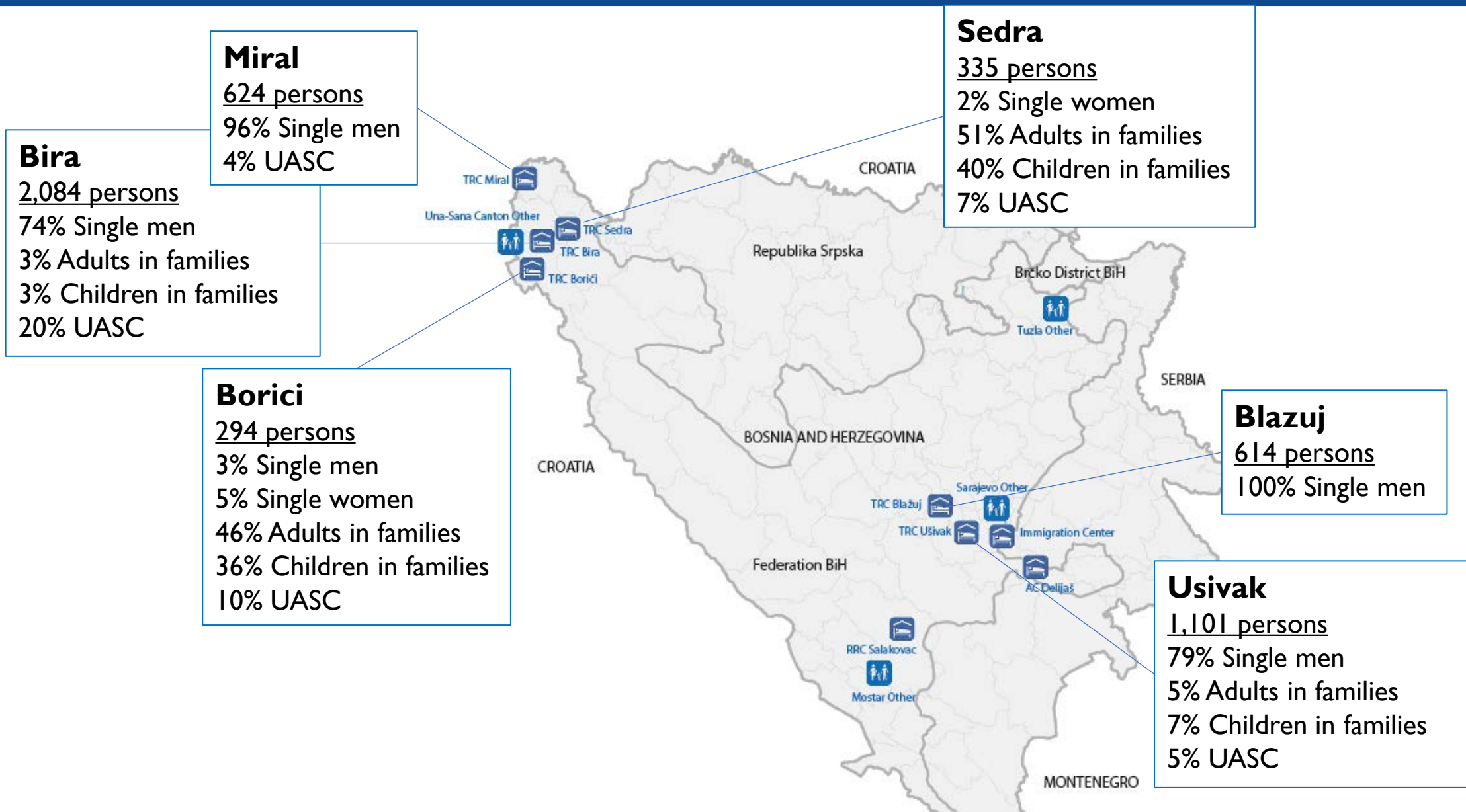


In 2019, the Sector for Asylum granted 3 refugee status and 41 subsidiary protection statuses to people that registered their asylum claim in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

## Hinders to the asylum procedure

- Low capacity of the Sector for Asylum to process asylum claims; only visited Una Sana Canton to register asylum claims 3 times in 2019.
- The NGO Vasa Prava BiH, obtained 3,879 powers of attorney (1,137 in USC alone) to assist migrants to access the asylum system in BiH.
- Administrative issues: the Sector for Asylum does still not recognize Bira and Miral TRC as formal centres - persons accommodated there therefore lack an official address.

# Overview of the migration situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina



## Findings of IOM's latest DTM Flow Monitoring Surevys

*Data collected December 2019 from 354 respondents*

### Status in origin country

- The majority of migrants were employed (38%) or self-employed (9%) while 42% were unemployed at the time of departure. 12% were students.

### Return

- 90% have not considered returning during their journey, while 10% reported they had.
- 58% reported they were not willing to return, while 31% referred to security concerns.

### Local integration

- Only four considered staying in BiH

### Destination

- The top countries of intended destination at the time of departure were **Italy** (25%), **France** (20%) and **Germany** (14%). These remained the top countries at the time of the interview Italy (27%) France (18), and Germany (14%).
- The largest share of respondents (32%) reported they expected to have their **status legalized** when they reach countries of their intended destination, followed by those who reported they expected to **find a job** (27%), and those who expected to **get refugee status or asylum** (18%).
- The majority (68%) of respondents reported they expected the support in destination countries to come from government organizations.



**Thank you!**

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