

Hungary: Key Asylum Figures as of 1 June 2016



Hungarian Helsinki Committee

How many?

Despite the construction of the border fence on the Serbian and Croatian border sections, the number of **irregular migrants** apprehended by the Hungarian police has been constantly **on the rise** since the beginning of 2016:

	January	February	March	April	May	Total
Irregular migrants apprehended	553	2 398	3 412	3 946	3 395	13 704

The **same trend** could be observed with regard to the number of **asylum claims** registered in Hungary:

	January	February	March	April	Total
Asylum-seekers registered in Hungary	433	2 175	4 574	5 812	12 994

In the first four months of the year, only **197** asylum-seekers were **granted protection** (refugee status or "subsidiary protection" status).

From where?

The majority of asylum-seekers between January and April **came from war- and terror-torn countries**, including 13% from Syria, 30% from Afghanistan, 12% from Iraq and 2% from Somalia.

Where are they?

Based on the information provided to the HHC by UNHCR, on 30 May, **1 583** asylum-seekers were accommodated at **open reception centres** (in Bicske, Vámoszabadi, Körmend and Balassagyarmat).

On 30 May, **702** first-time asylum-seekers were **detained in specific "asylum jails"** (in Békéscsaba, Kiskunhalas and Nyírbátor).

Dublin returns

In the first four months of the year only **226** asylum-seekers were **sent back to Hungary** under a so-called Dublin procedure, primarily from Germany (101) and Switzerland (41).

Returns to Serbia

In the first four months of the year only **76** irregular migrants were officially **returned to Serbia** (note that the refusal of the asylum applications in the transit zones do not result in such official transfers). This includes 23 Kosovar, 22 Serbian and 11 Albanian citizens. None of the returnees were Syrian, Afghan, Iraqi or Somali citizens.

Criminalisation of irregular border-crossing

Between 15 September 2015 and 29 May 2016, **2 782** persons were **tried at court** out of which **2 757** were **convicted** for the "prohibited crossing of the border closure", namely the border fence between Serbia and Hungary.

- Bicske Refugee Reception Centre
- Károlyi István Children's Home
- Vámoszabadi Refugee Reception Centre
- Balassagyarmat Community Shelter
- Budapest Airport Immigration Jail
- Győr Immigration Jail
- Kiskunhalas Immigration Jail
- Nyírbátor Immigration Jail
- Nyírbátor Asylum Jail
- Békéscsaba Asylum Jail
- Szeged Border Police
- Rőske Transit zone
- Tompa Transit Zone
- Letenye Transit Zone
- Beremend Transit Zone
- Körmend Refugee Reception Centre
- Kiskunhalas Asylum Jail

