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Refugees: Their Origins, Their Motivations, Their Future?

Agenda

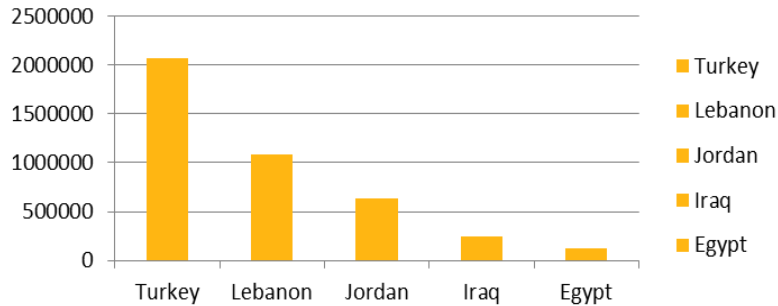
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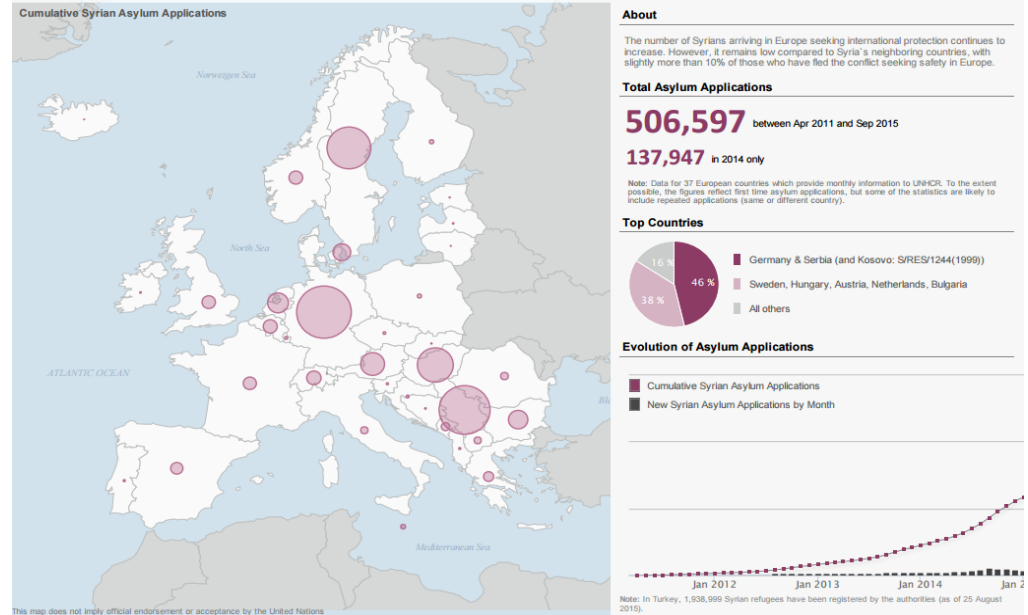


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Syrian refugees in the region



EUROPE: Syrian Asylum Applications
From Apr 2011 to Sep 2015



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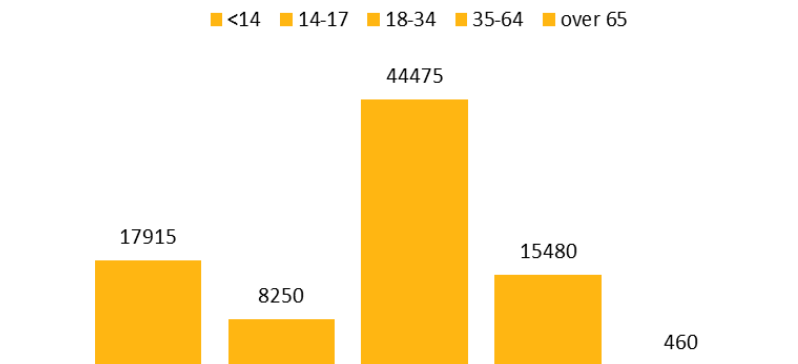
2014

- Largest share of applicants usually being those aged **18–34**
- Distribution of asylum applicants by gender shows that **men** are more likely than women to seek asylum

2015 (9 months)

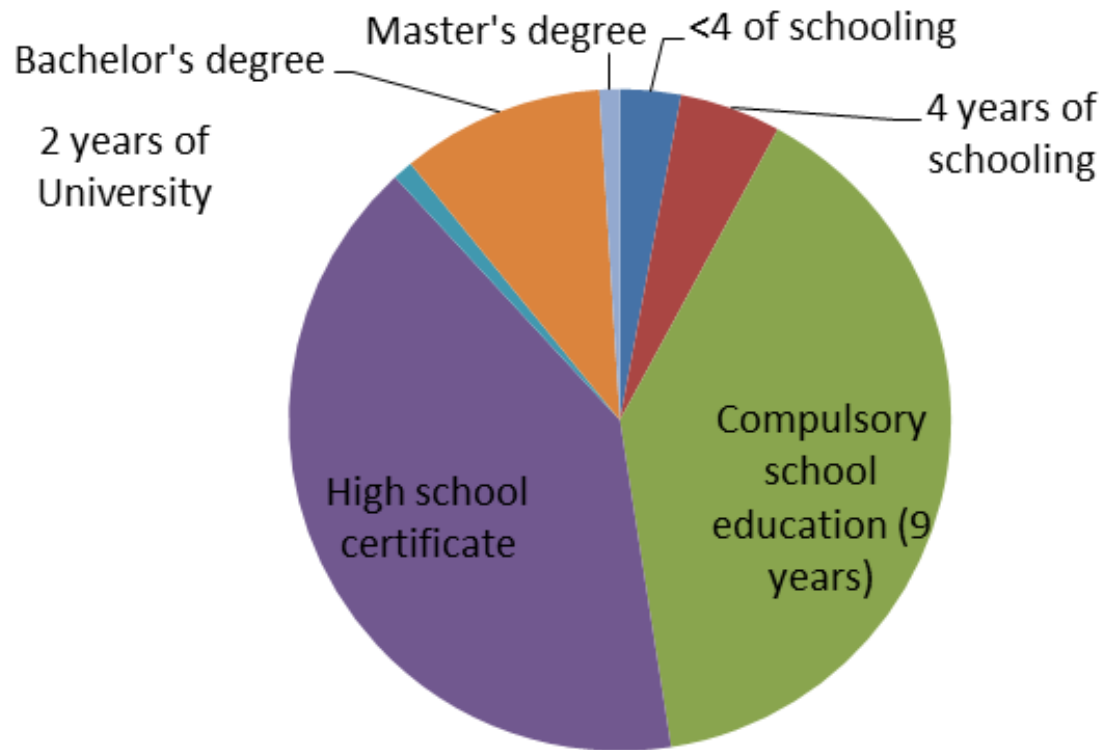
- Most of asylum and first time asylum applicants are **male** (62,285 male asylum seekers vs 24,305 females in September 2015)

Age distribution of asylum seekers



4. Austrian example: case study by ICMPD

Educational attainment



5. Points for consideration/discussion

- The sooner we find out about professional skills of asylum seekers, 1) the better chances we have to accommodate them in locations where their qualifications are needed and 2) enhance their chances for successful integration
- Improve knowledge about refugee qualifications!
 - » Different people
 - » Different vulnerabilities
 - » Different backgrounds
 - » Skilled – unskilled
- Clear: the protection need comes first but refugees also seek to be self reliant
- We may offer „durable solutions“ – but if those do not meet the needs of refugees, the present generation will seek for their durable solutions themselves



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Thank you very much for your attention!



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