

BULGARIA


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Detains migrants or asylum seekers?

Yes

Has laws regulating migration-related detention?

Yes

Migration Detainees

8,592

2021

Apprehensions of Non-Citizens

1,305

2018

Refugees

176,297

2022

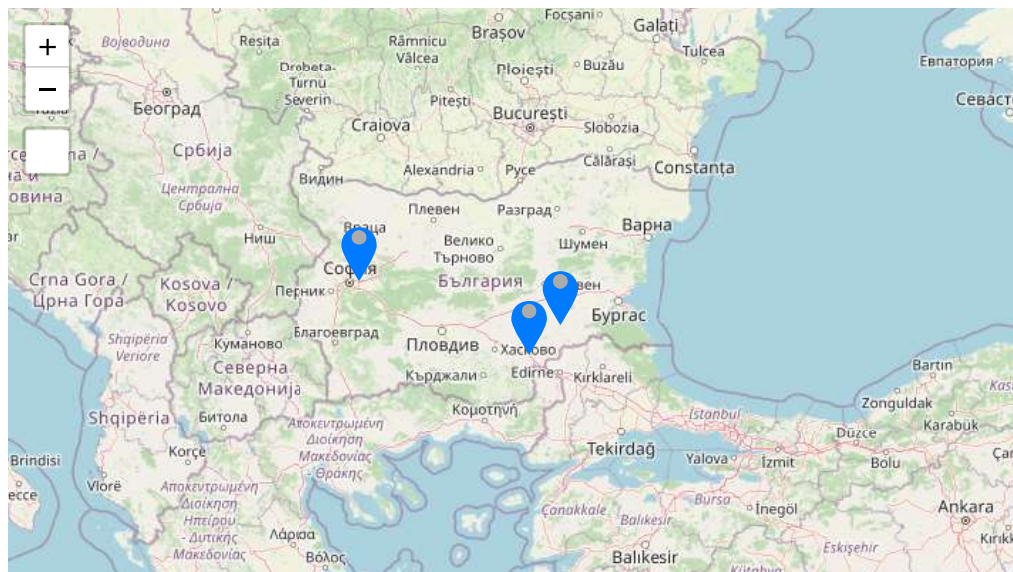
Asylum Applications

11,165

2022

OVERVIEW

(June 2023) Detention is a key tool in Bulgaria's response to migration flows, and despite a decrease in detention rates between 2017 and 2020, they are now at their highest level since 2015. Asylum seekers are regularly detained, and although unaccompanied children are legally protected against detention, in reality this protection is only applied to those visibly under the age of 14. Conditions inside detention facilities remain inadequate, especially regarding hygiene, nutrition, and health care.



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Types of facilities used for migration-related detention

Administrative Ad Hoc Criminal Unknown

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In early November, Bulgarian authorities sent 350 additional military personnel to its border with Turkey because of concerns over increasing migration and refugee pressures. The Bulgarian Interior Ministry reported that during January-September 2021, more than 6,500 people were

Water Cannon Truck Seen at the Captain Andreevo Border Crossing Point Between Bulgaria and Turkey in 2020, (Hristo Rusev, AP Photo,