

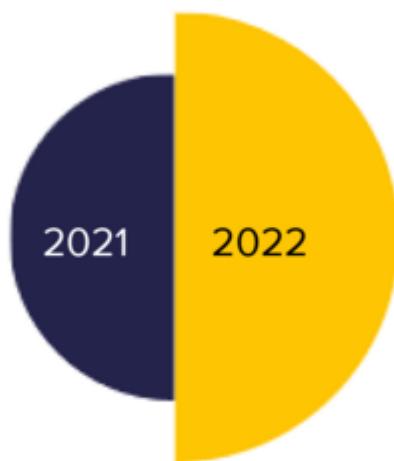
Infographic: Unaccompanied minor applicants on the rise in Europe

Unaccompanied minor applicants on the rise in Europe



42,000

applications by unaccompanied minors lodged in 2022



18,000

applications by unaccompanied minors were withdrawn, twice as many as in 2021

Applications by unaccompanied minors increased by 3/5 compared to the previous year

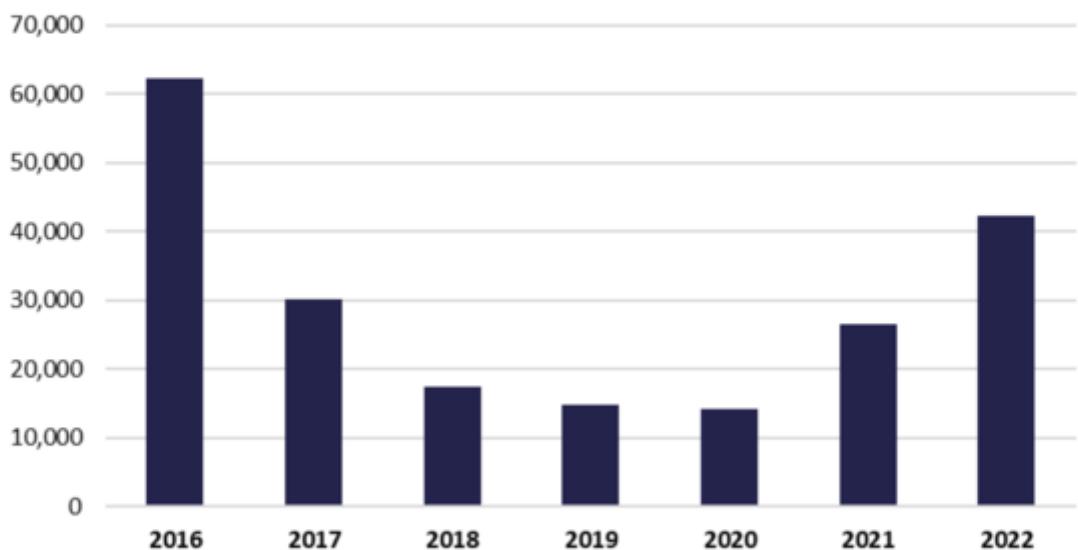
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of all unaccompanied minor applicants were from Syria and Afghanistan

The increase in the number of unaccompanied minors seeking protection exerted additional pressure on asylum processes.

Growth in asylum applications by unaccompanied minors in EU+ countries



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