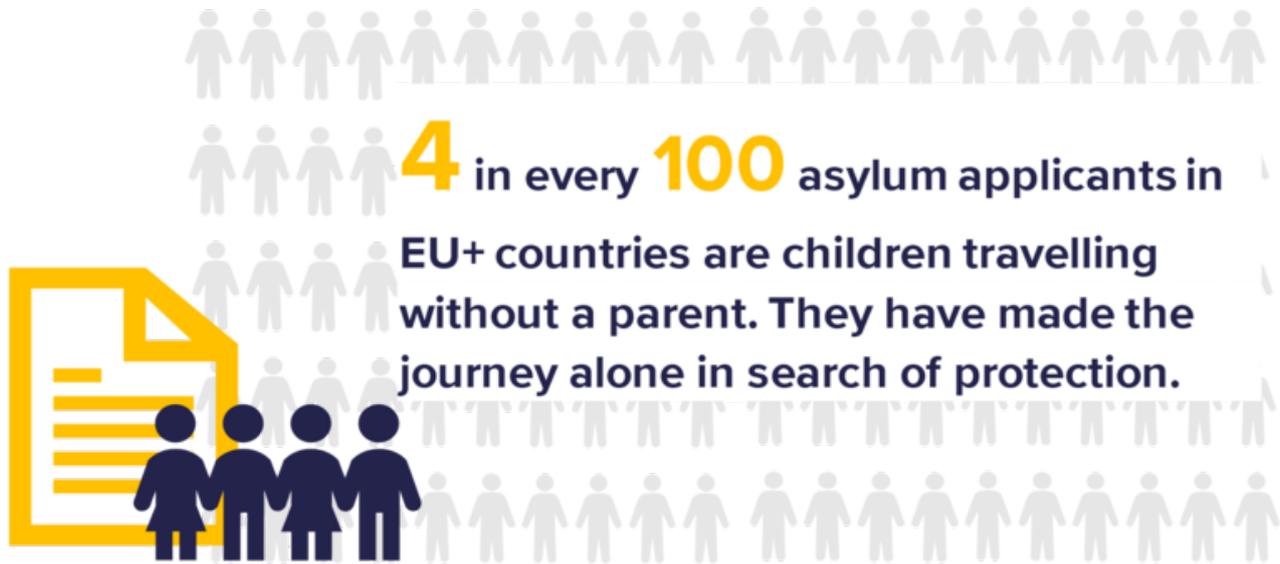


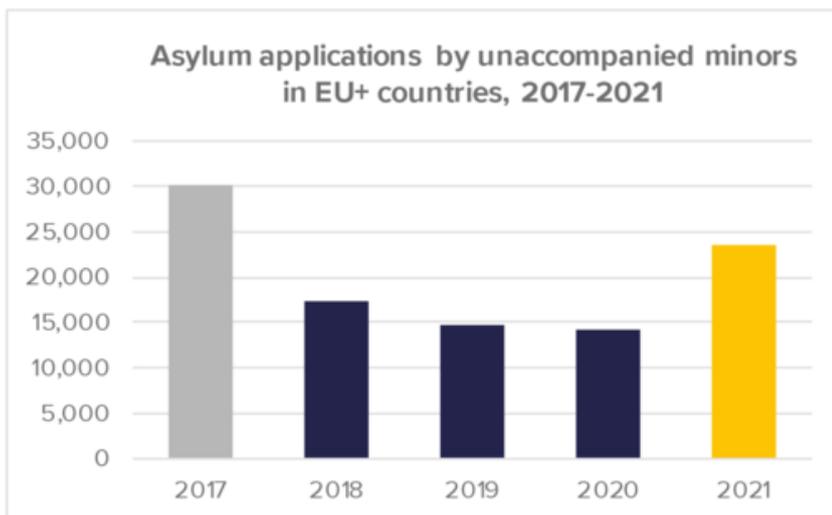
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With **23,600 applications**, 2021 had the highest number of unaccompanied minors seeking refuge in EU+ countries since 2017.



**2/3** of all unaccompanied minor applicants were **16 to 17** years old

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Source: Data by Eurostat as at 22 April 2022.



There was a sharp increase in the number of applications by children from Afghanistan and Syria. Young Afghans represented 53% of all unaccompanied minors, while Syrian children accounted for 16%.

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