



Migration from and within Asia

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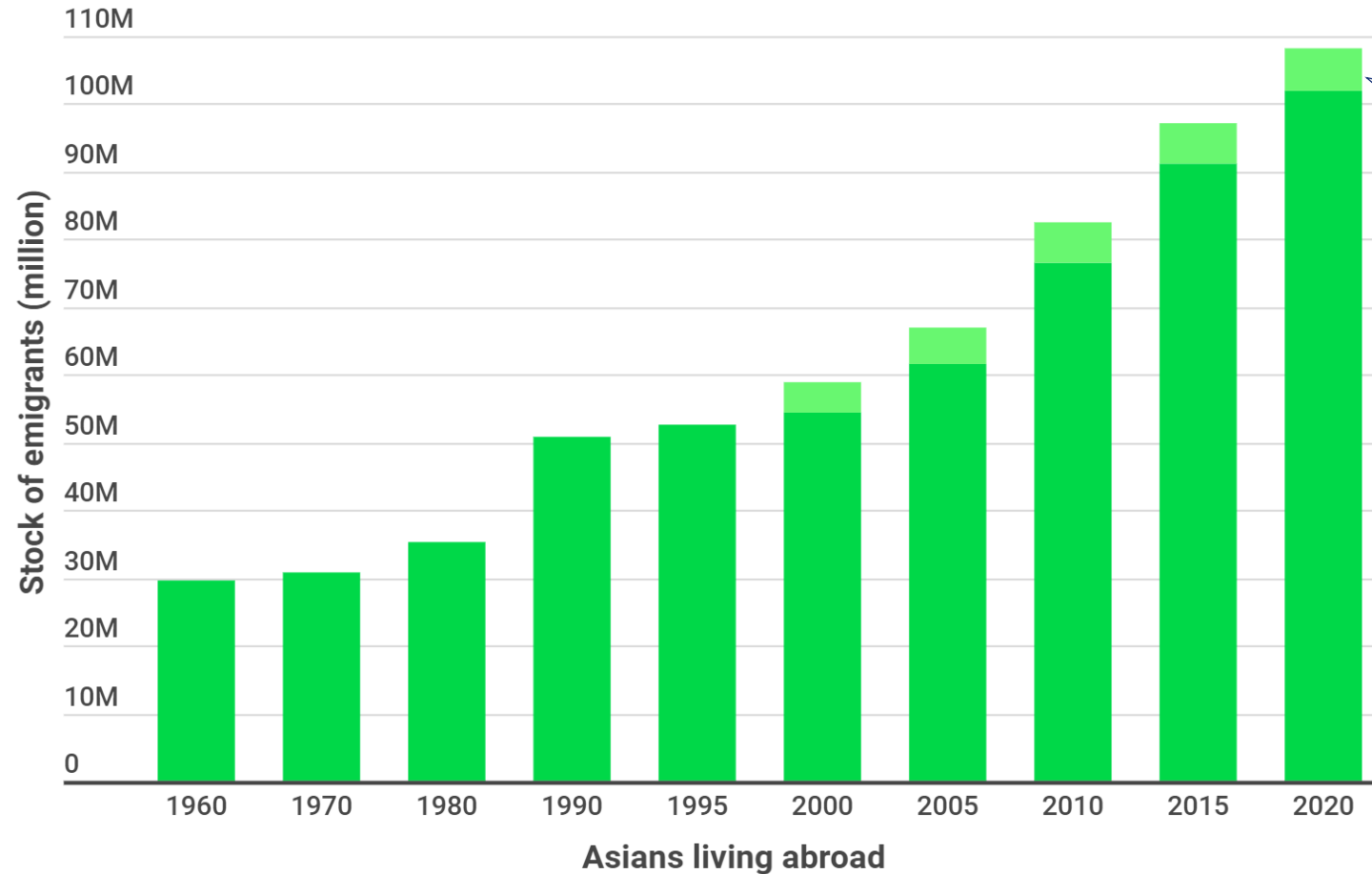
Asia

Stock:

**102 millions Asians live outside
their country of birth**

Asians living abroad

Asian-born population (stock data) living outside their country of birth, 1960 – 2020, absolute number, in millions



Light green:

- Mainland Chinese in Hong Kong, Macau

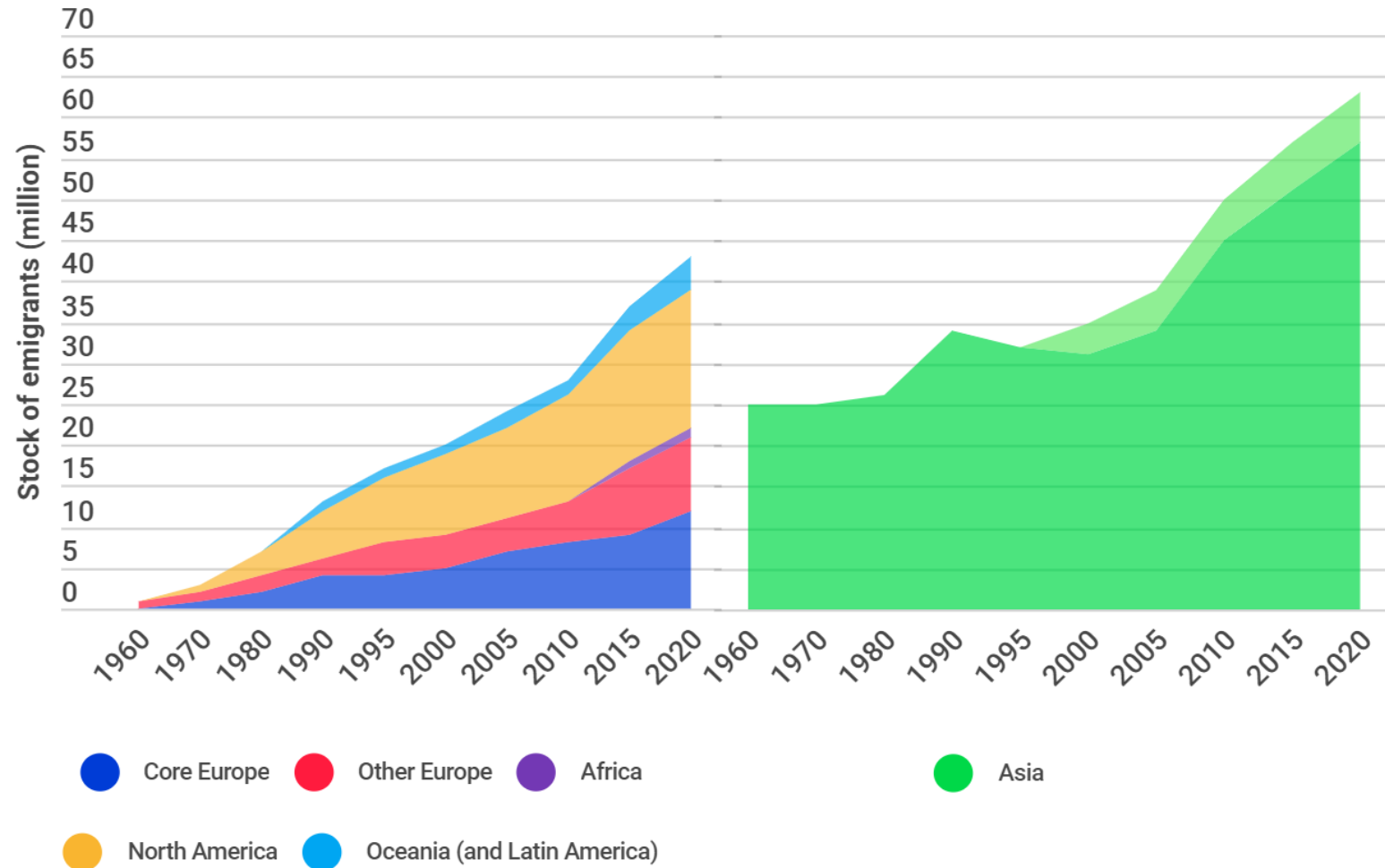
- Palestinians under UNRWA mandate in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria

Note: Chinese citizens born in mainland China and living in Hong Kong or Macau, Chinese born in Hong Kong or Macau and living in mainland China as well as Palestinians living in Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria under the mandate of UNRWA are marked in a lighter green colour (period 2000-2020) as they do not live outside their country of birth.

Source: UN DESA

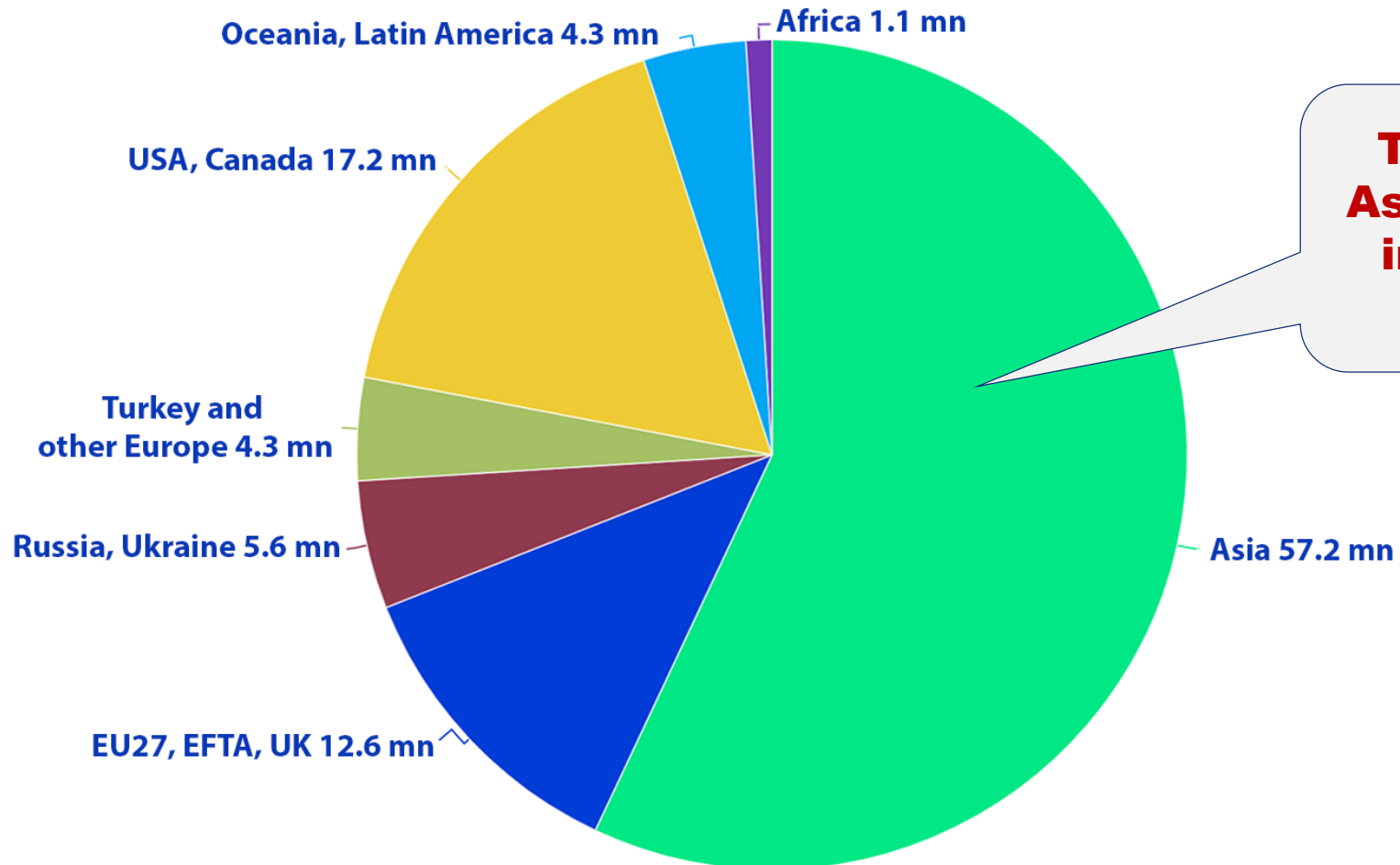
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Asian-born population (stock data) by continent of destination, 1960-2020



Asians abroad: where do they live?

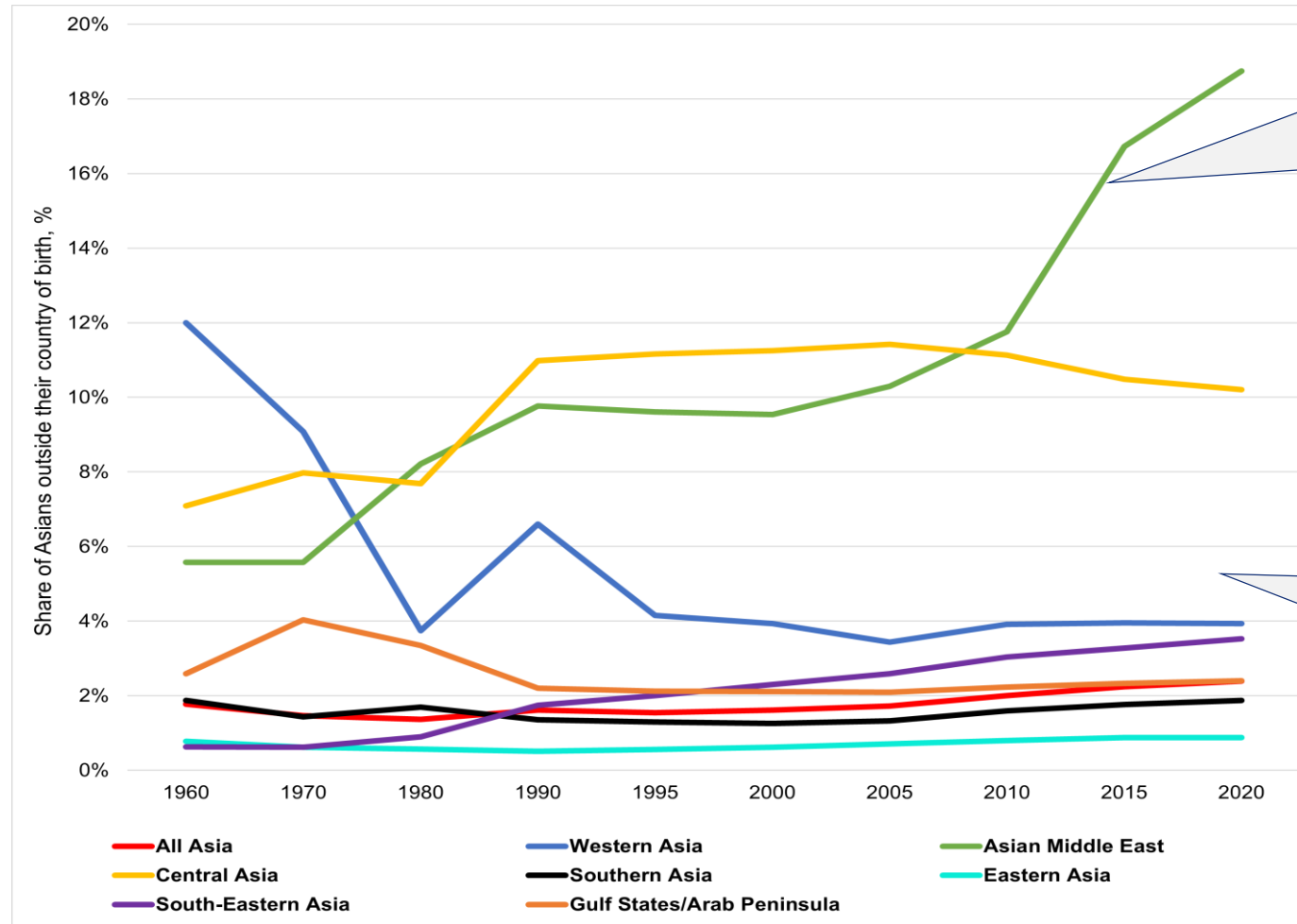
Asian-born people living outside their country of birth (stock data) by continent, 2020, absolute numbers, in millions



Two out of three Asian migrants live in another Asian country

Asians living outside their country of birth relative to Asia's total population

Share of emigrants (stock data), 1960-2020, in % of total population of region of origin



Middle East:

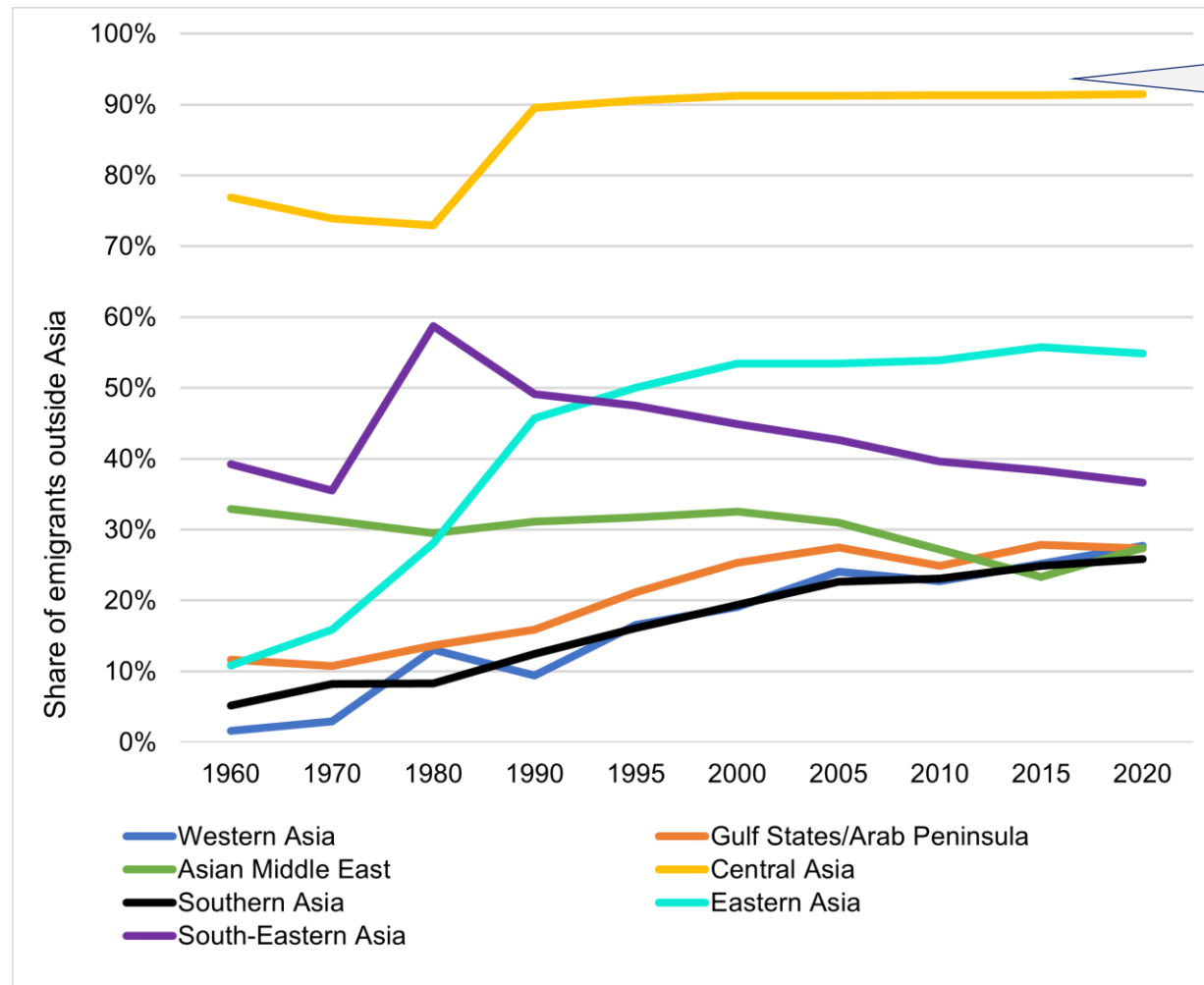
- Labour migrants
- Big increase because of Syrian refugees

Central Asia:

- Ethnic migration
- Labour migrants

Asian migrants living outside Asia compared to total migrant population by region of origin

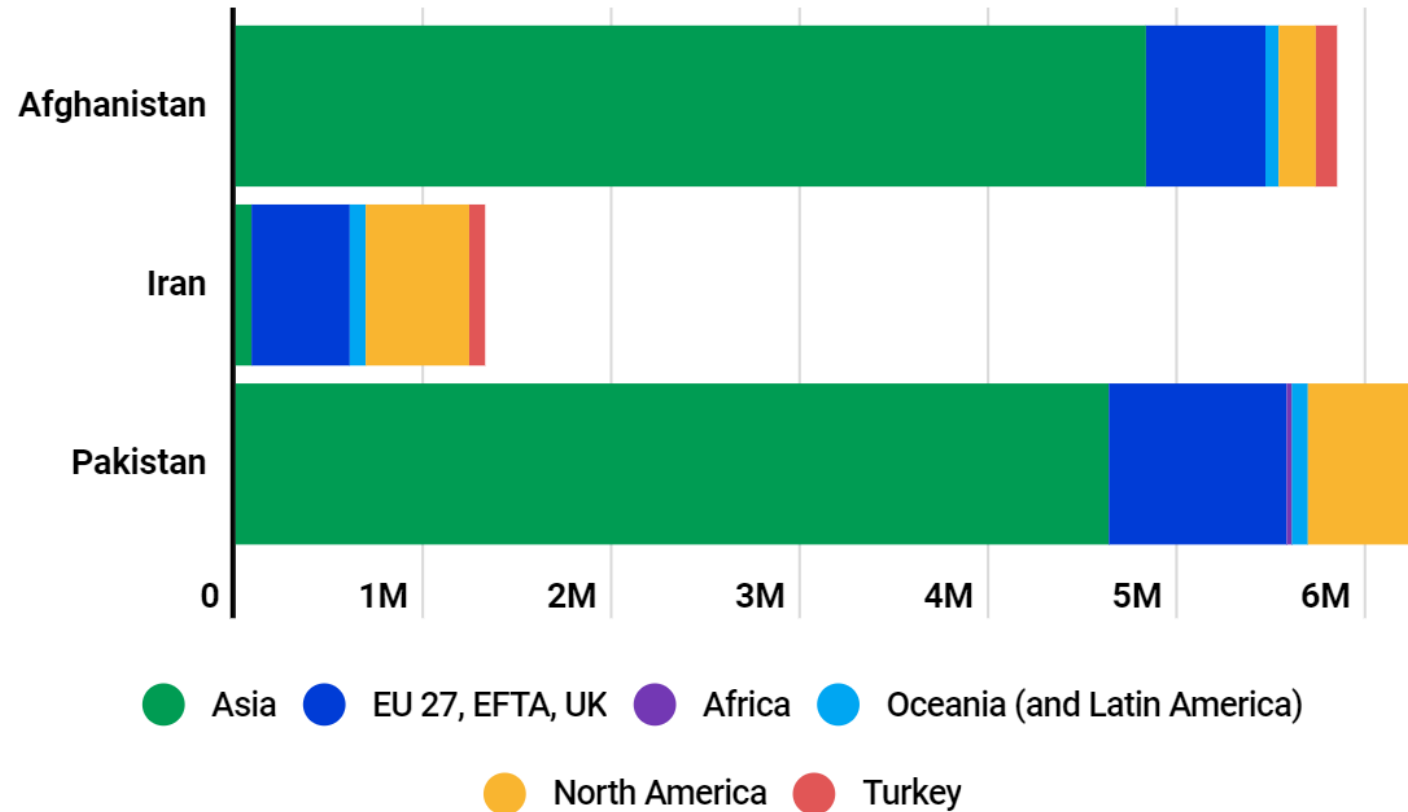
1960-2020, in percent



Central Asian-born migrants are much more likely to live outside Asia

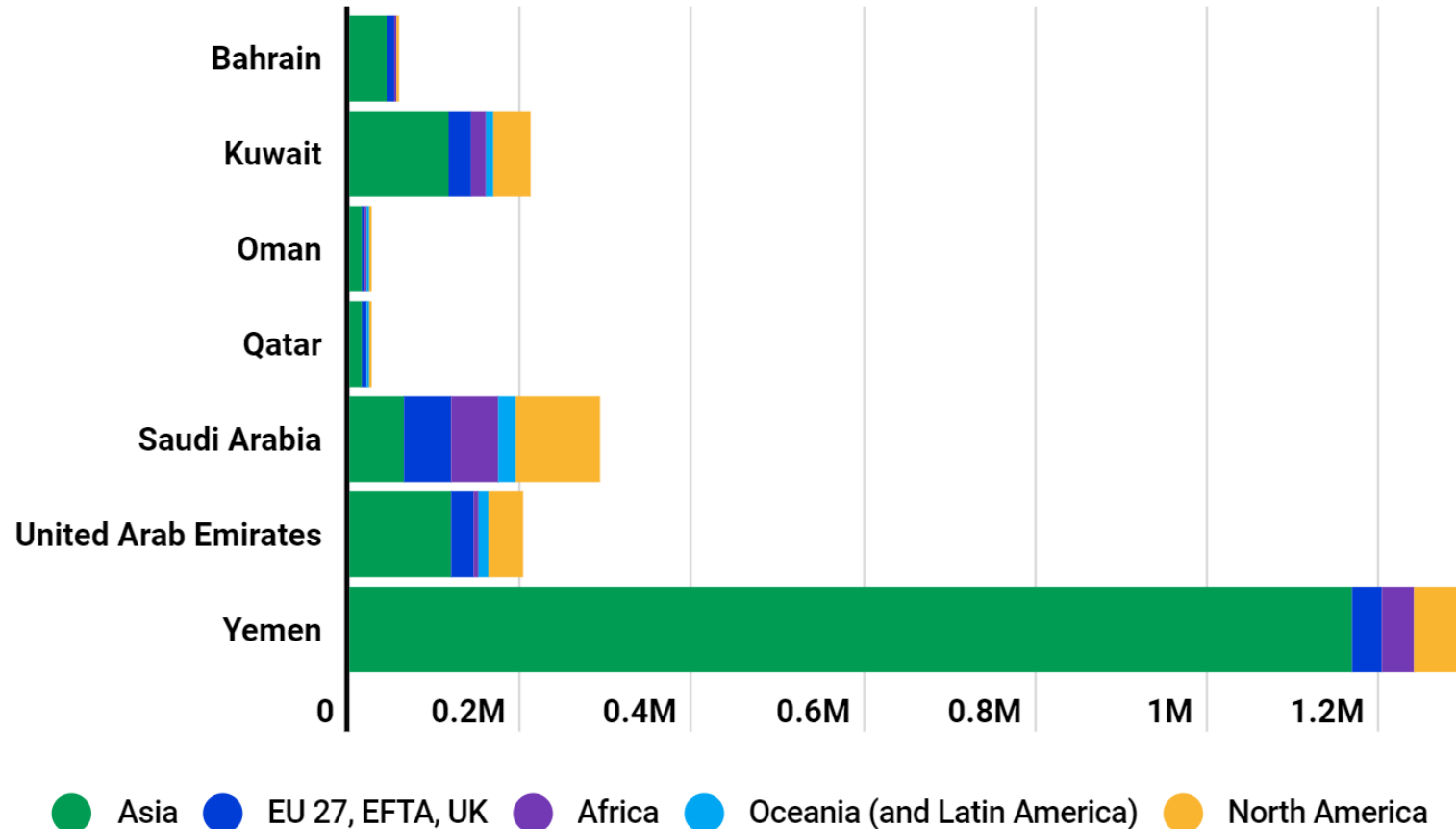
Asia's migrants and diasporas: Western Asia

Western Asians living abroad by continent of destination (stock data), mid-2020, absolute numbers, in millions



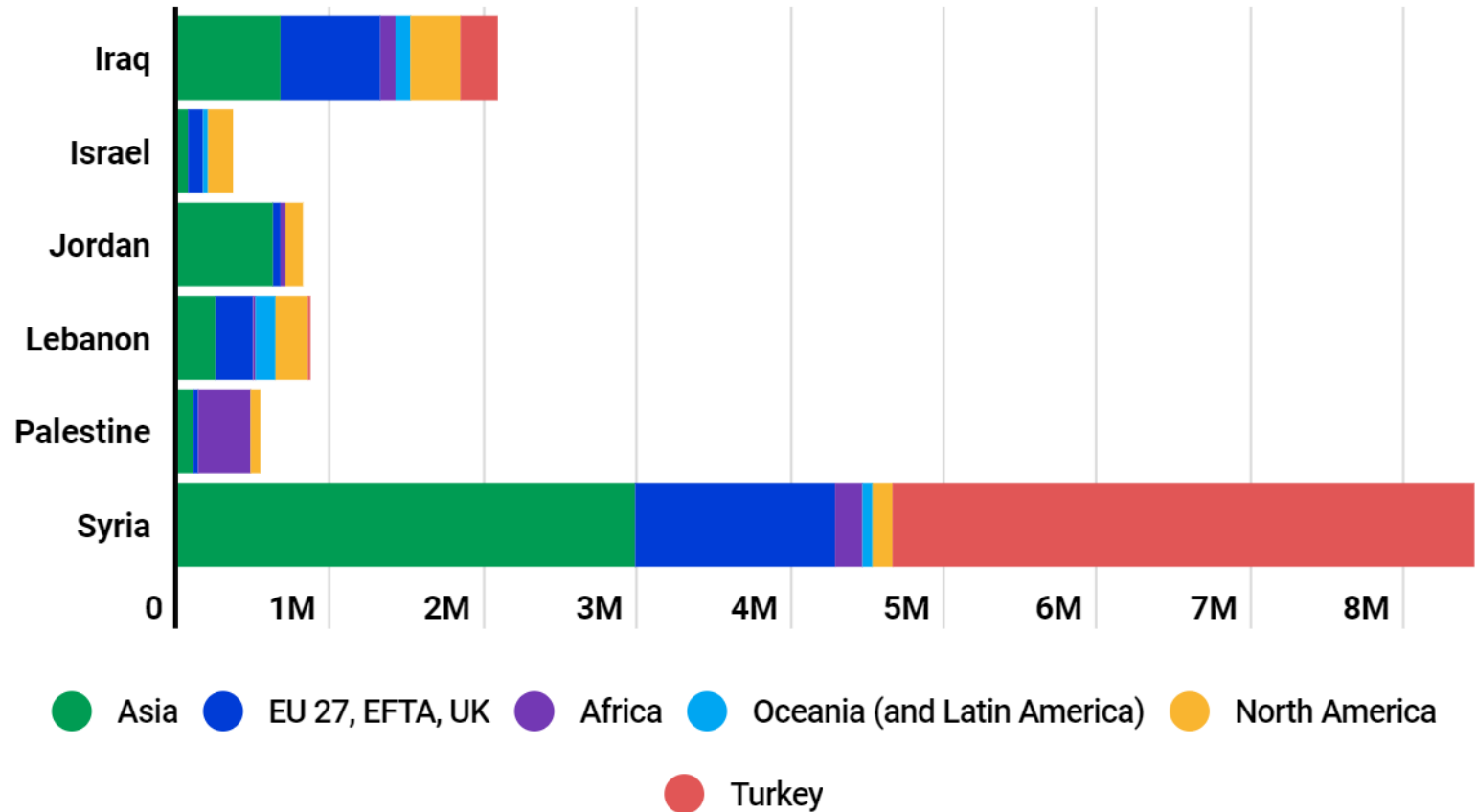
Asia's migrants and diasporas: Arab Peninsula/Gulf States

Arab Peninsula/Gulf States citizens living abroad by continent of destination (stock data), mid-2020, absolute numbers, in millions



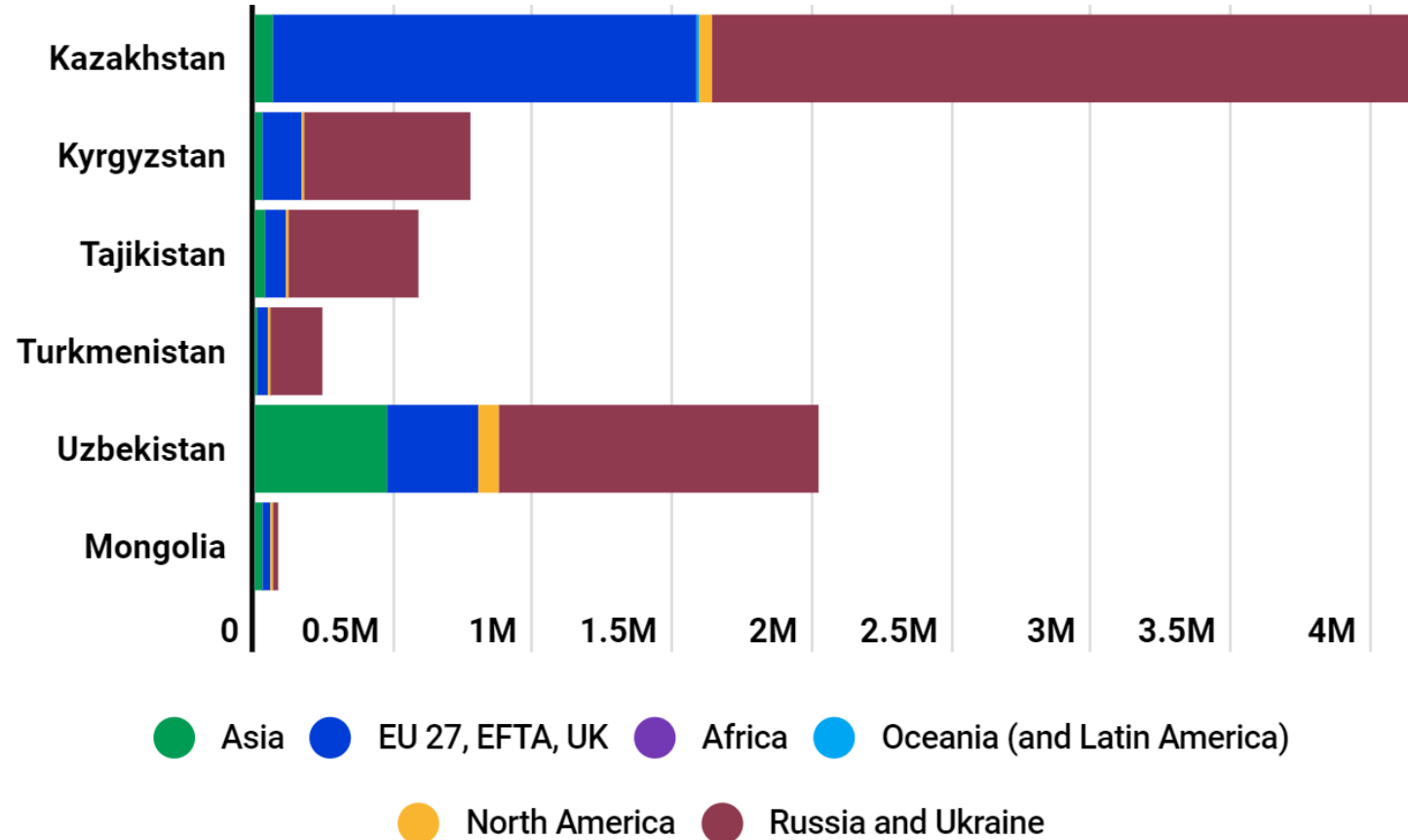
Asia's migrants and diasporas: Middle East

Middle Eastern Asians living abroad by continent of destination (stock data), mid-2020, absolute numbers, in millions



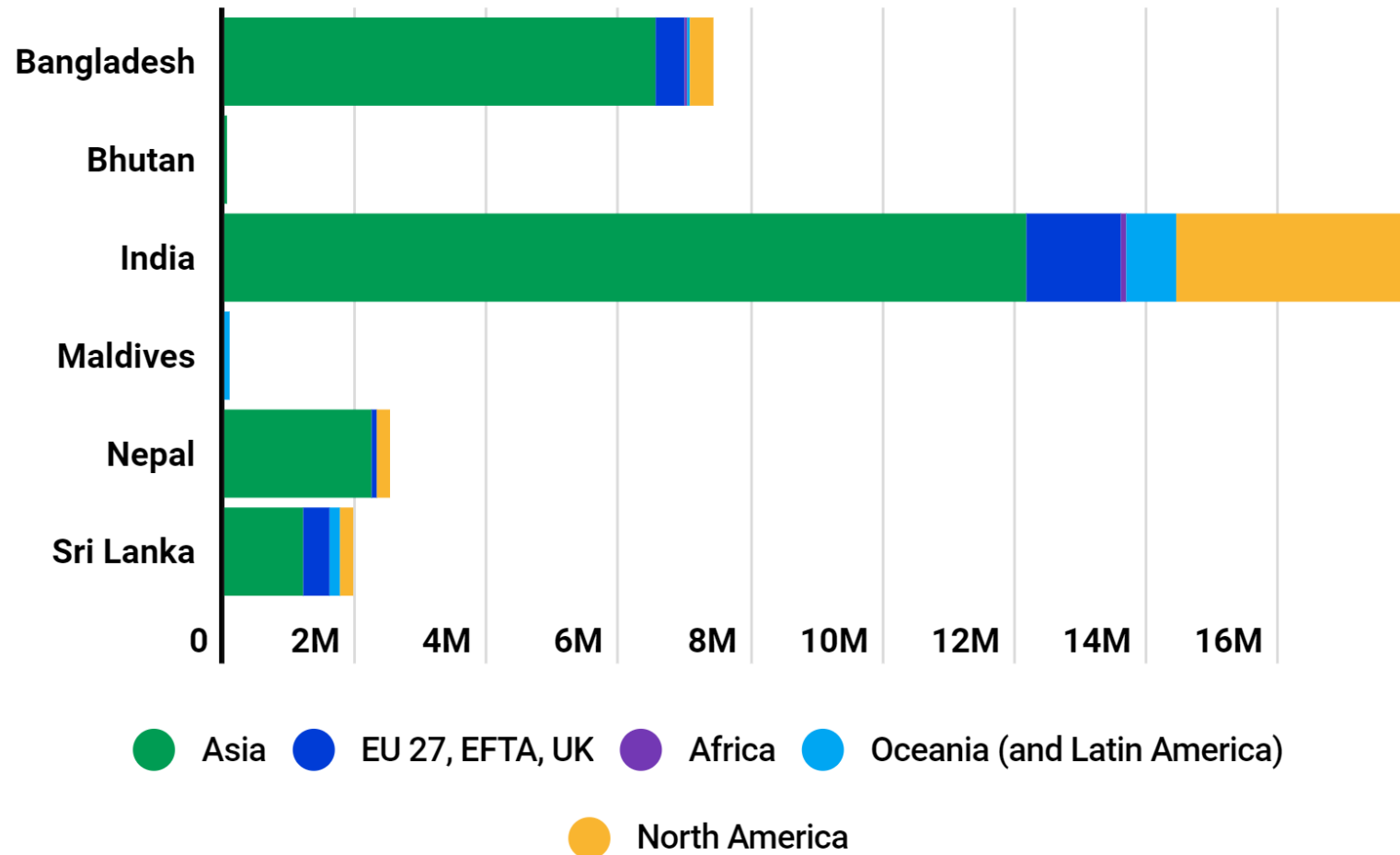
Asia's migrants and diasporas: Central Asia

Central Asians living abroad by continent of destination (stock data), mid-2020, absolute numbers, in millions



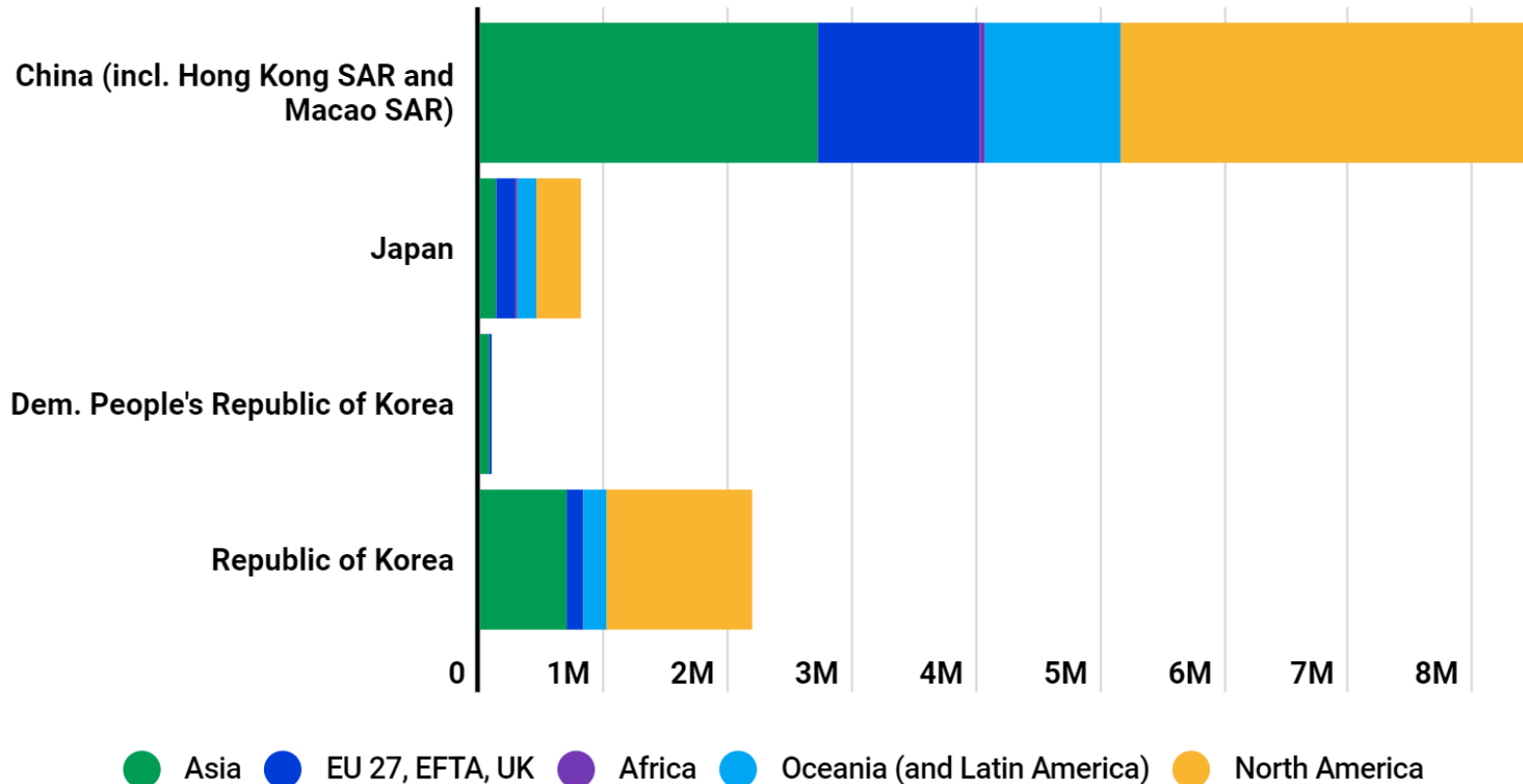
Asia's migrants and diasporas: Southern Asia

Southern Asians living abroad by continent of destination (stock data), mid-2020, absolute numbers, in millions



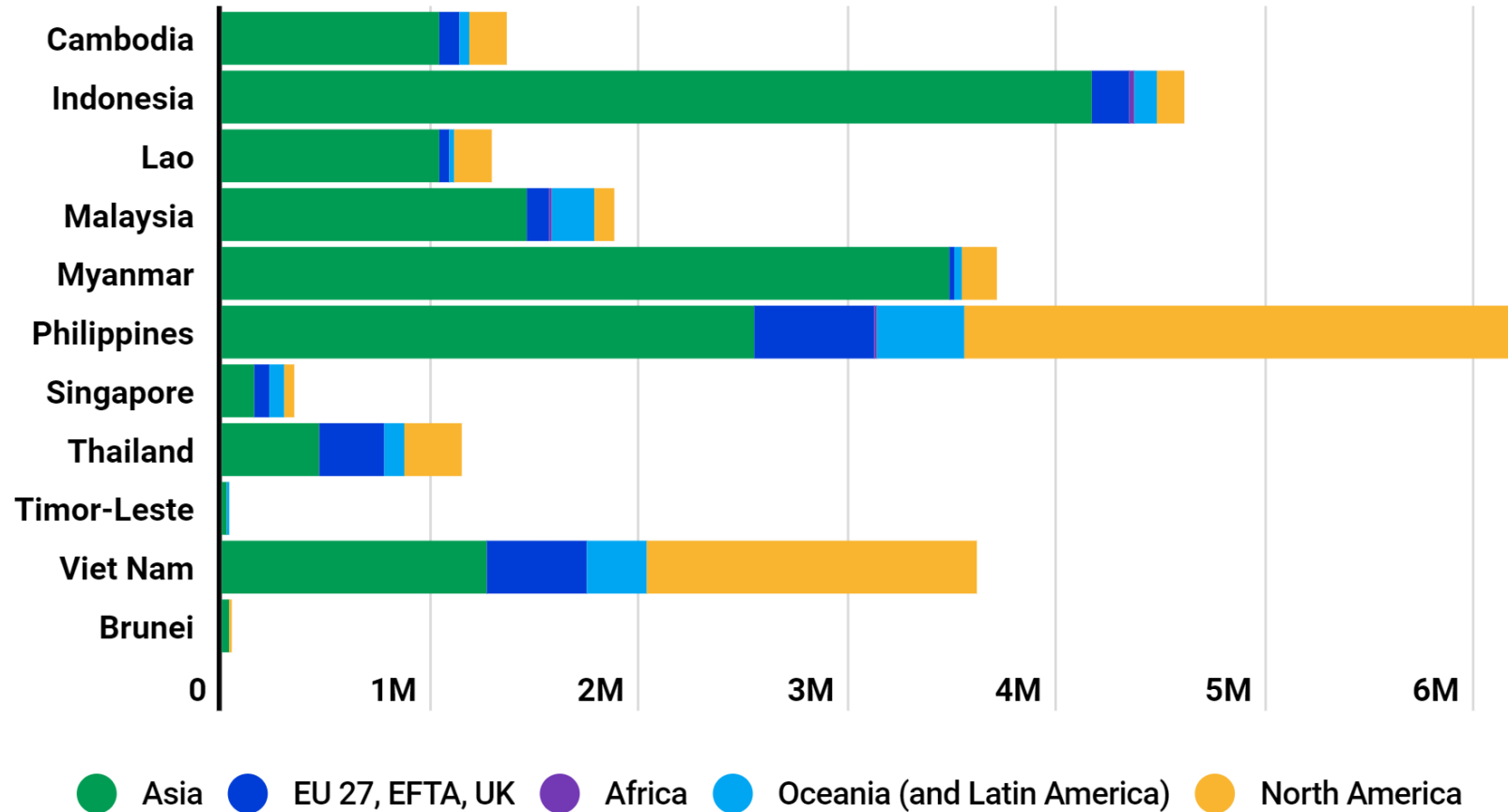
Asia's migrants and diasporas: East Asia

East Asians living abroad by continent of destination (stock data), mid-2020, absolute numbers, in millions



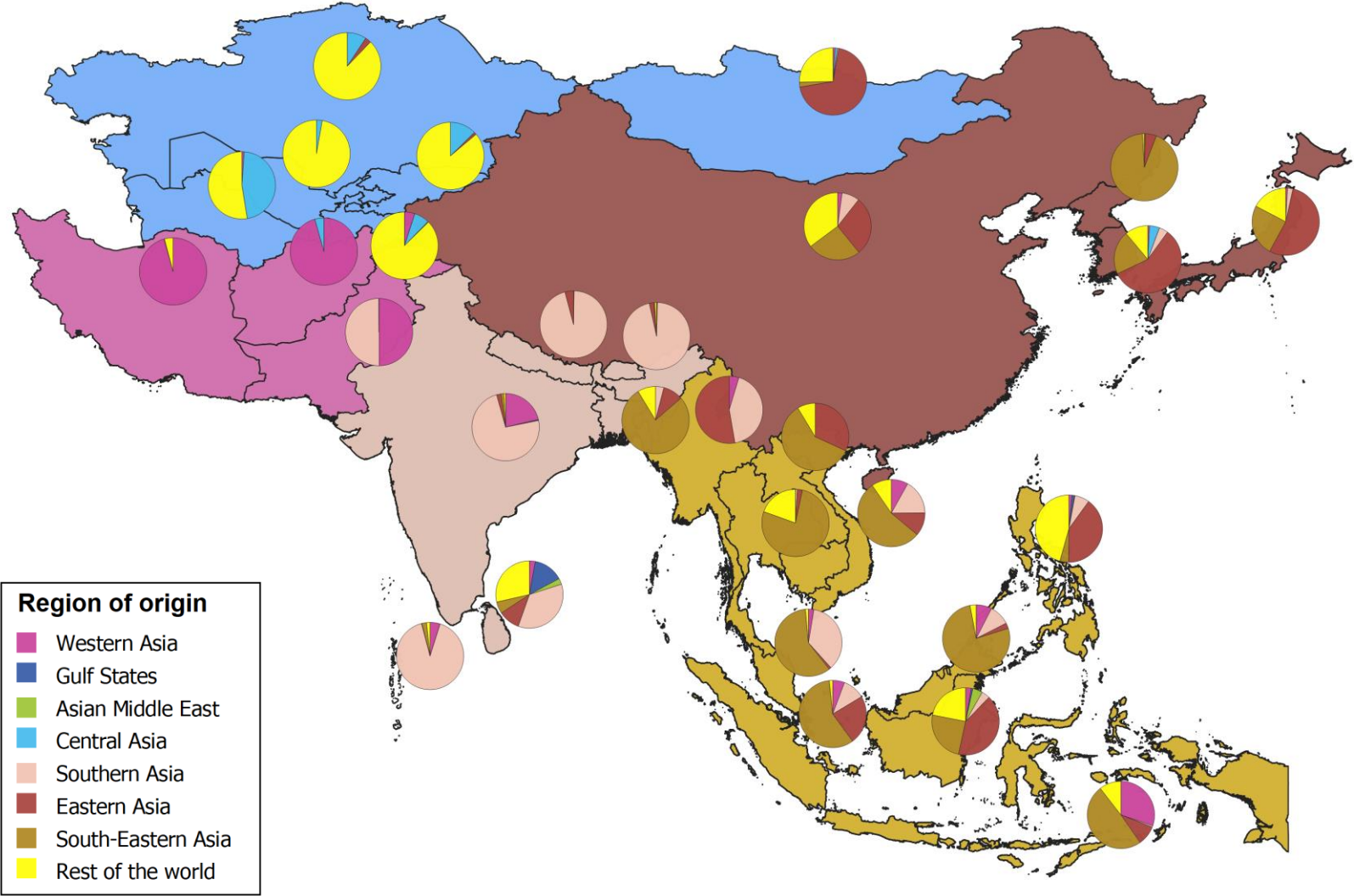
Asia's migrants and diasporas: South-East Asia

South-East Asians living abroad by continent of destination (stock data), mid-2020, absolute absolute numbers, in millions



Destination Asia: Migration towards and within Asia

Foreign-born population in Asia (stock data) by region of origin, 2020

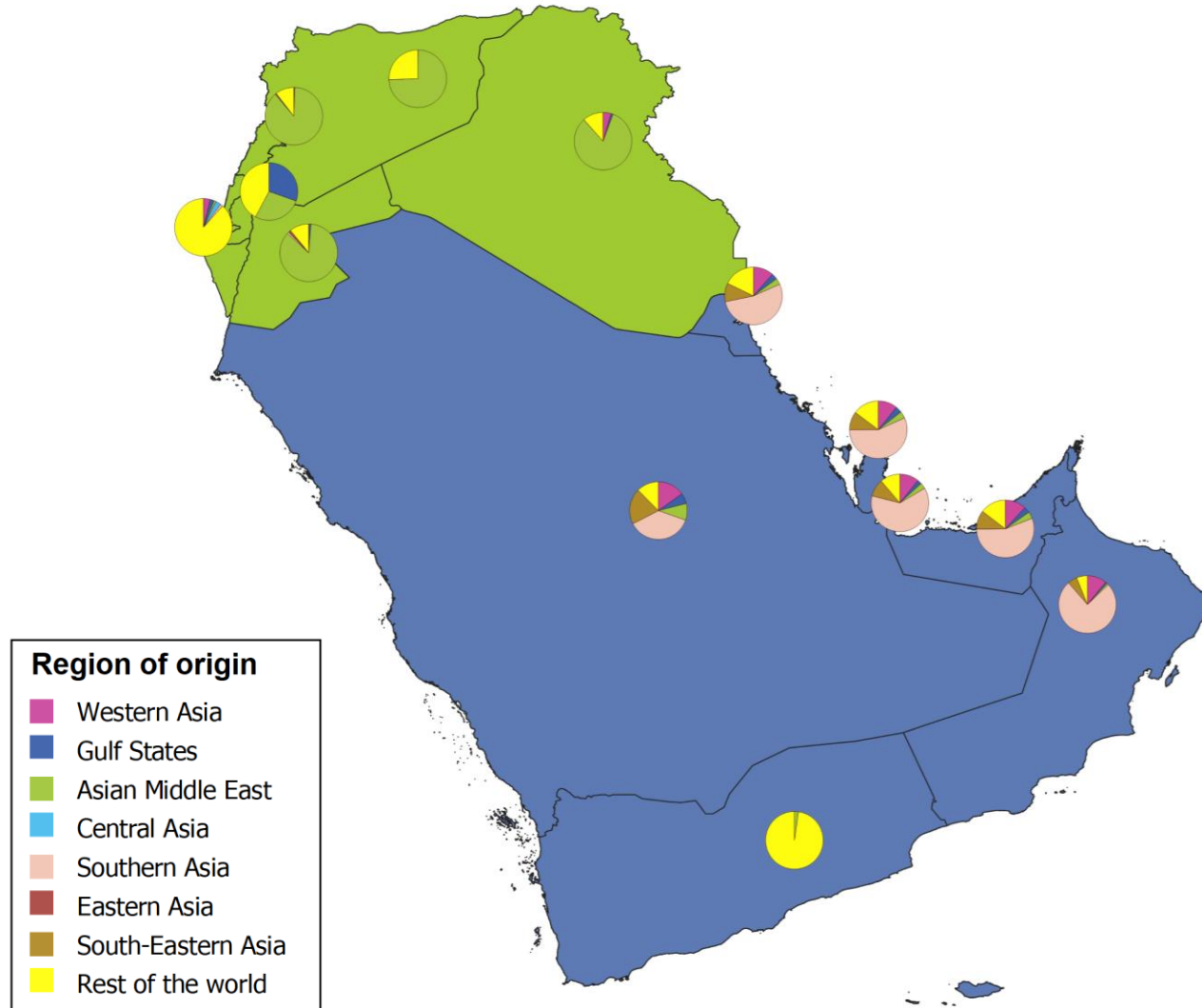


Source: UN DESA

*Note: The pie charts must be read with caution due to insufficient data

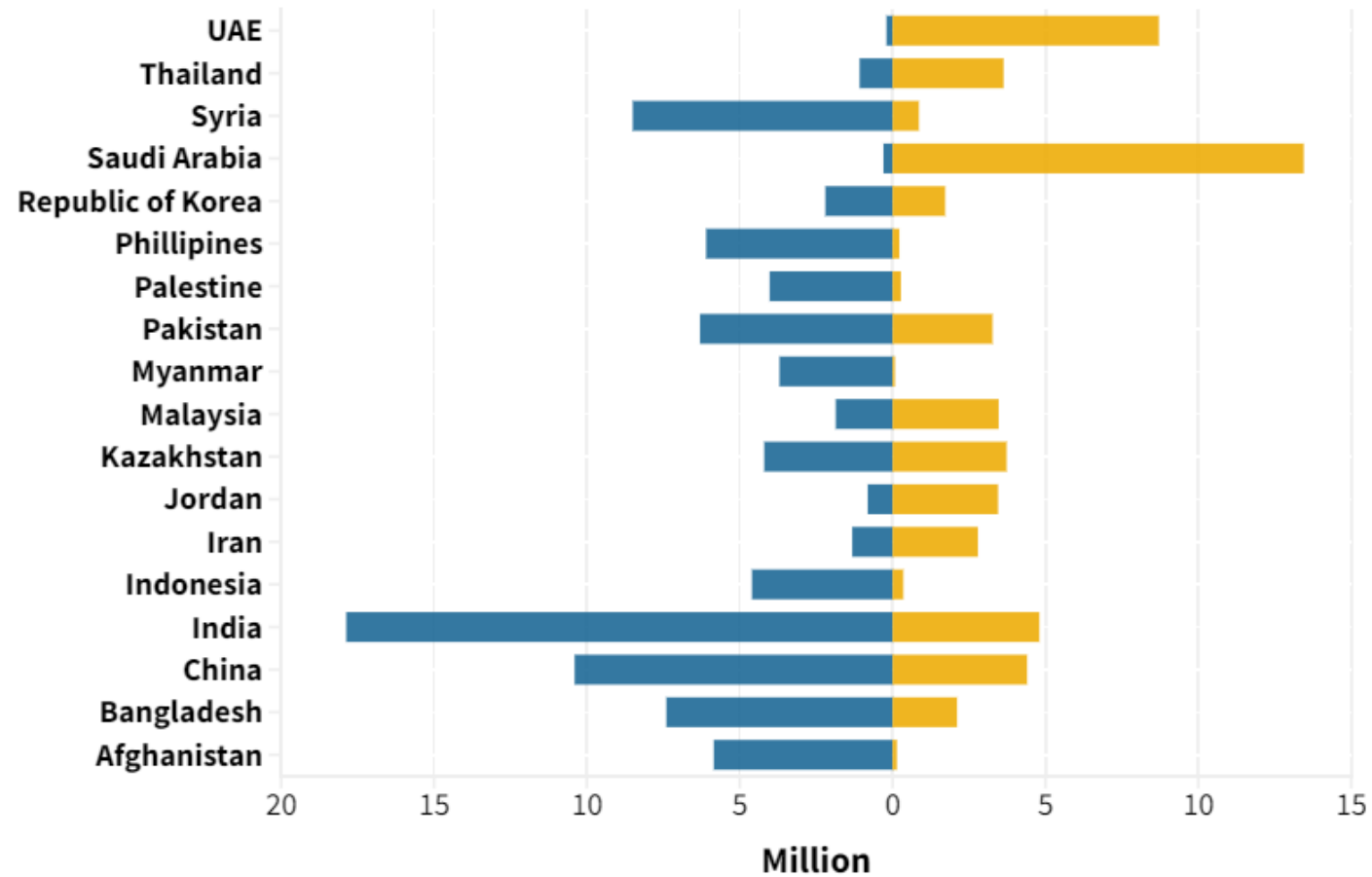
Destination Middle East: Migration towards and within the Middle East/ Gulf

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Migration on balance

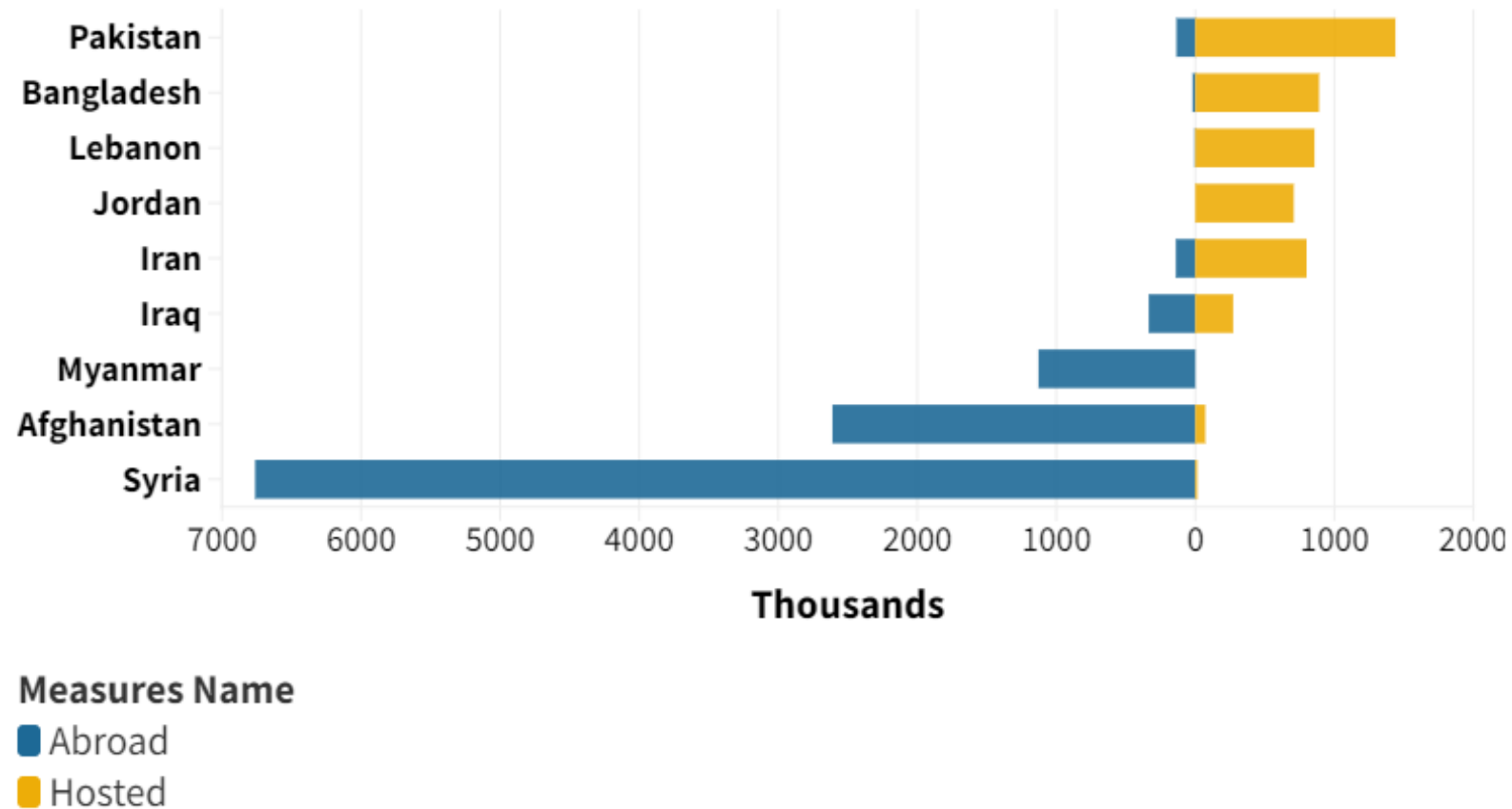
Top Asian countries of destination and origin (Stock of immigrants and emigrants), in millions, 2020



Measure Names
■ Stock of emigrants
■ Stock of immigrants

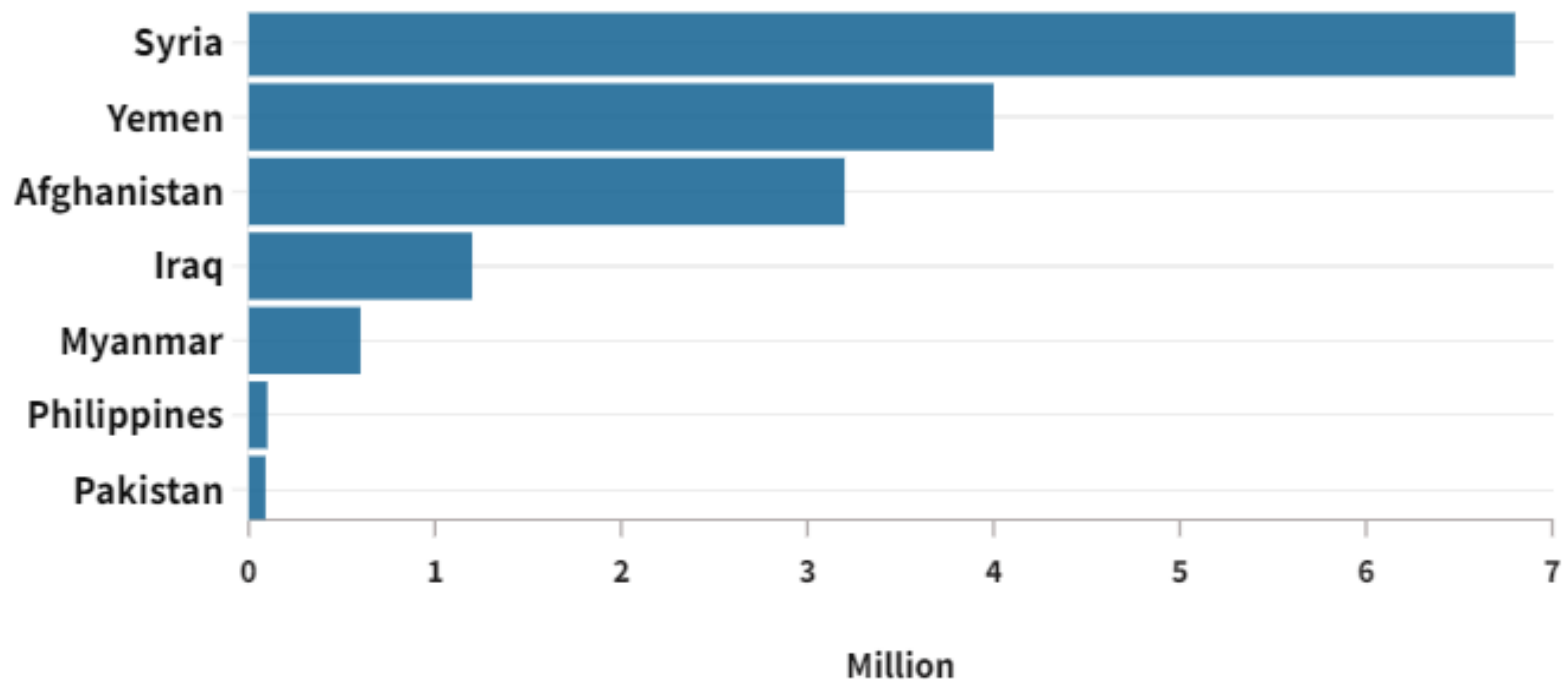
Asia's main refugee-producing and refugee-receiving countries

Stock of refugees, mid-2021, absolute numbers, in thousands



Internally displaced persons (IDPs) related to political violence

Stock of IDPs in Asia, mid-2021 absolute numbers, in millions

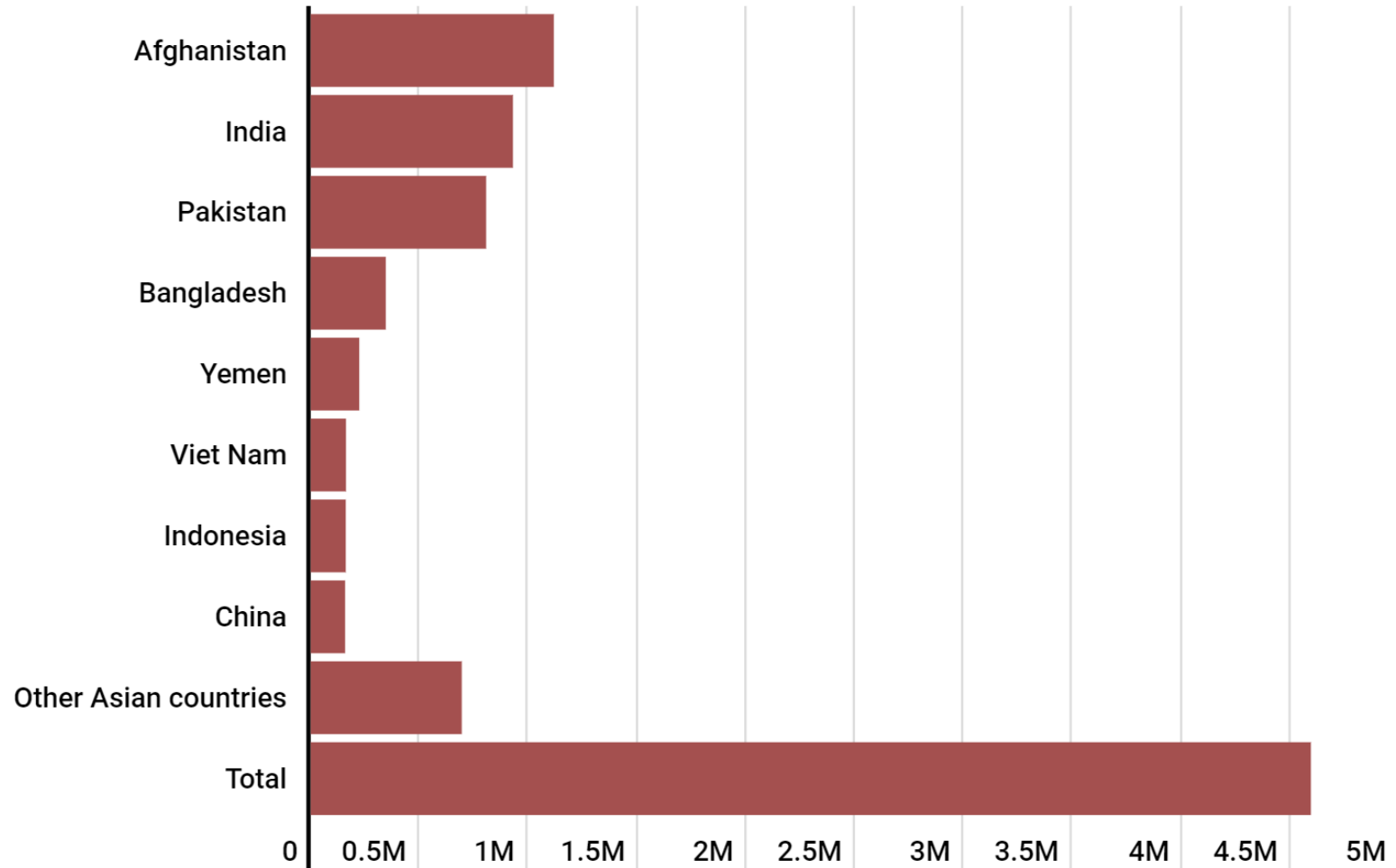


Measure Name

■ Internally Displaced Persons

Internally displaced persons (IDPs) related to natural disasters

Stock of IDPs in Asia, 2020 absolute numbers, in millions



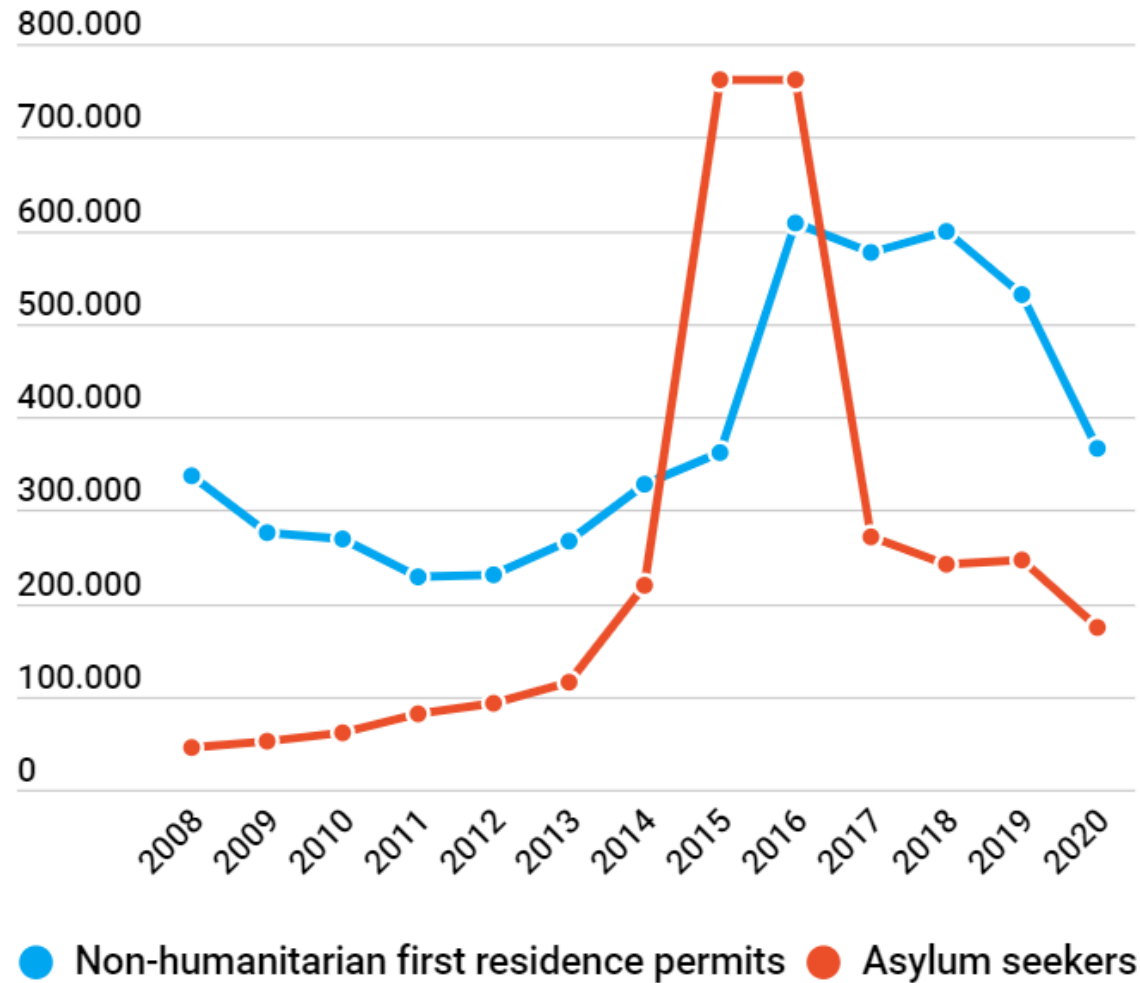
Asia – Europe

Flows:

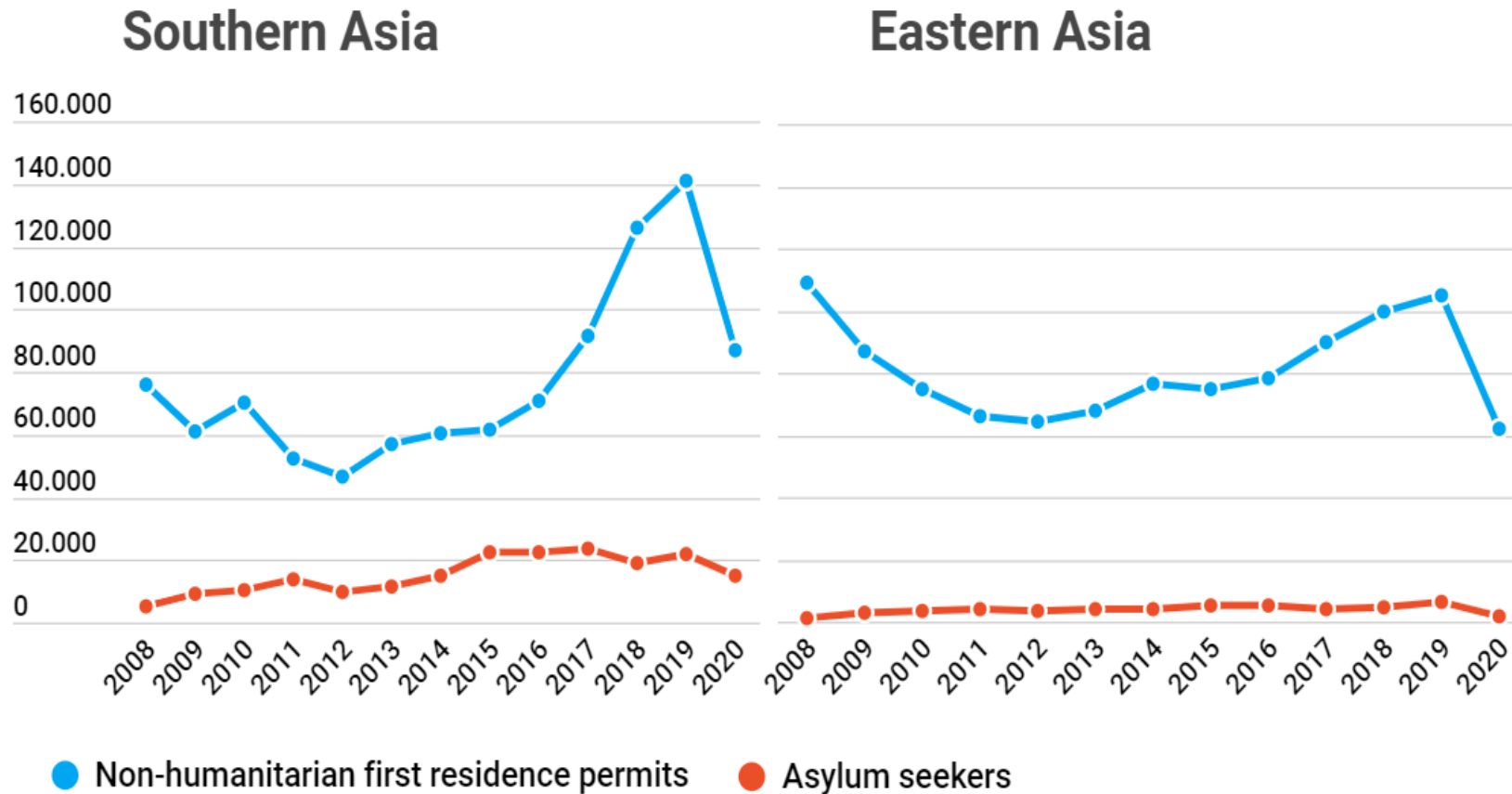
2008-2020 almost 9 million Asians migrated to one of the 27 EU Member States

Of them: 5 million arrived in a regular manner (employment, education, marriage/family reunion)

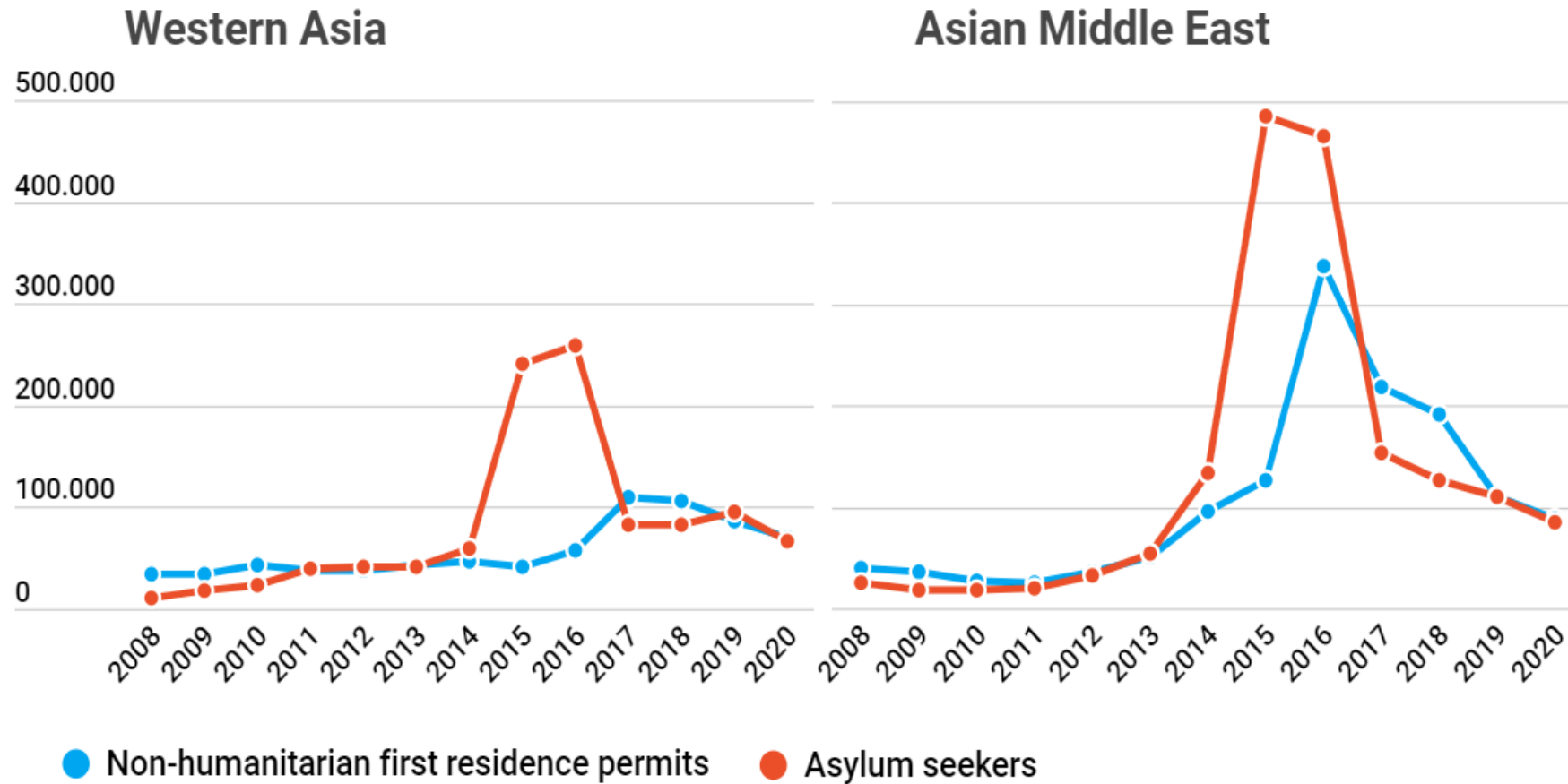
Asia-EU: Flows of Asian migrants and asylum seekers to EU27, 2008-2020



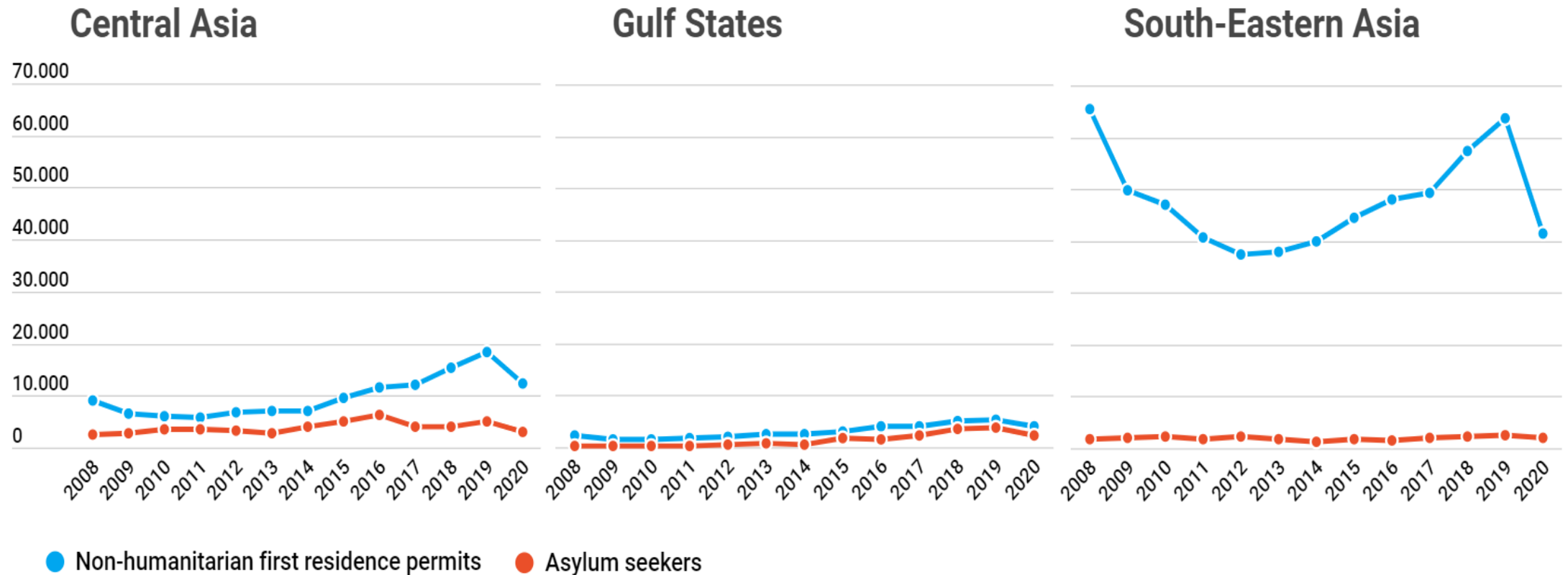
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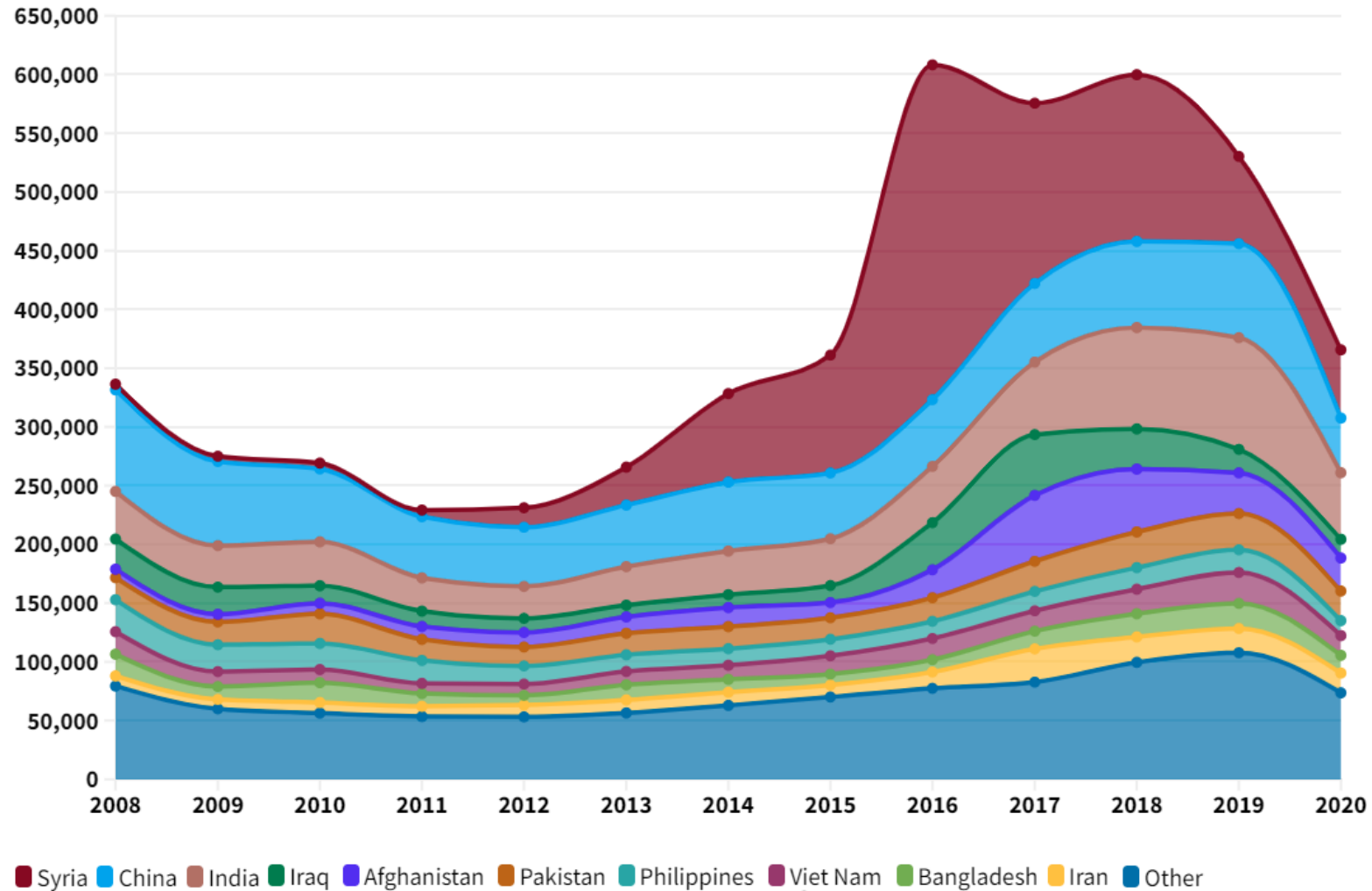


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Regular immigration of Asians to Europe

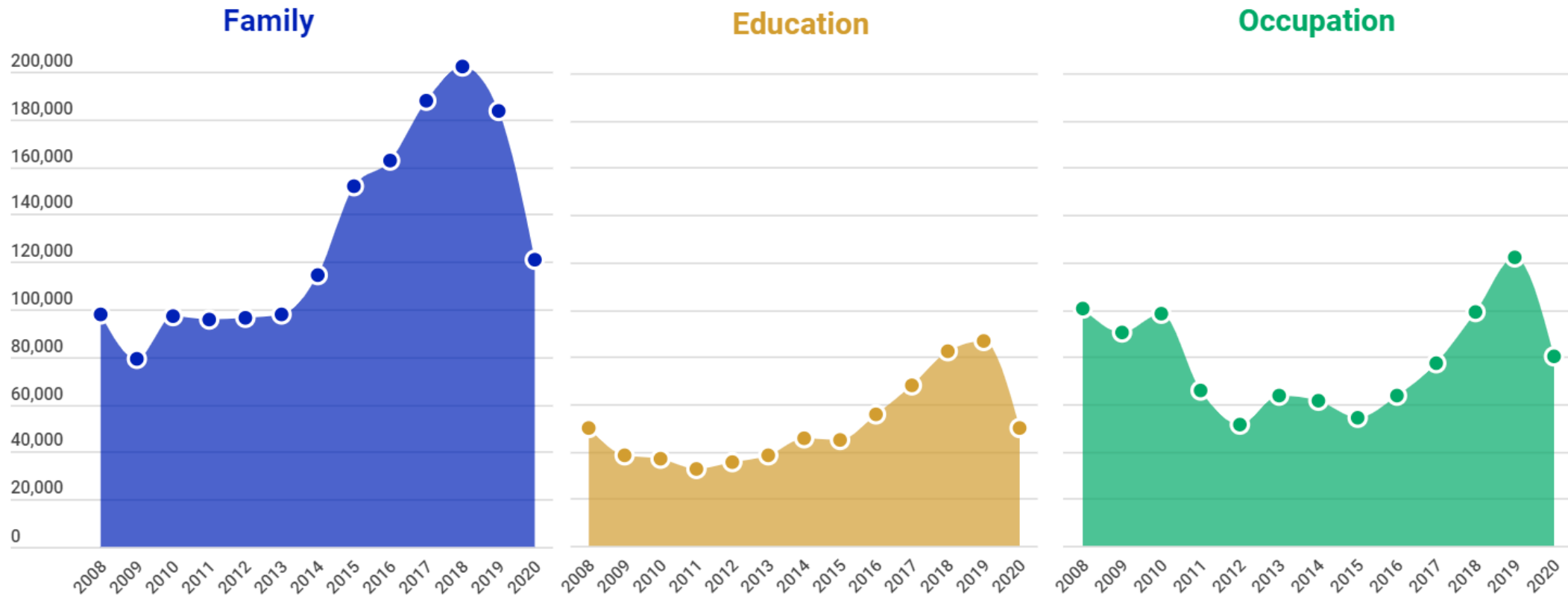
First residence permits issued by EU 27 Member States, 2008-2020



Source: Eurostat, 2020

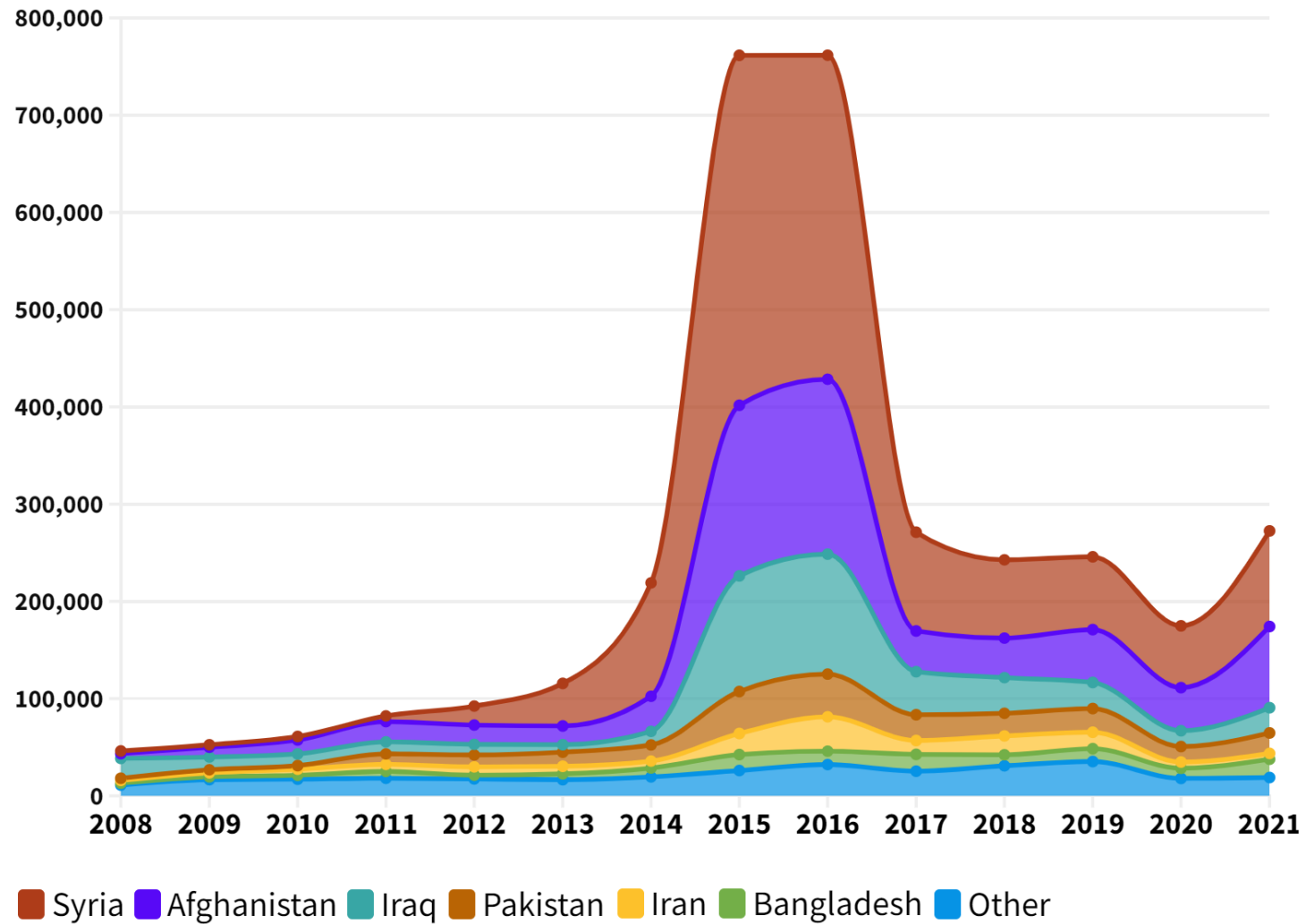
Regular immigration from Asia: Family reunion dominant

First residence permits issued by EU27 member states, 2008-2020 in thousands, by “Gate of entry”



Arrivals of Asian asylum seekers in the EU

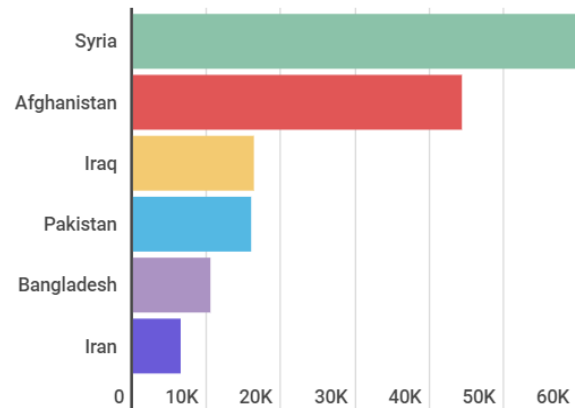
First asylum applications in EU27, 2008-2021



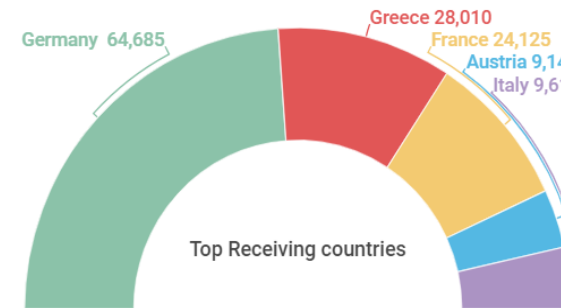
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Age, gender and geographic distribution of Asian Asyul seekers in the EU 27, 2020

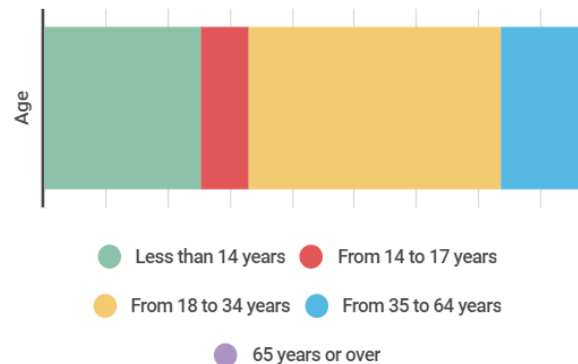
First asylum applications from Asian nationals
Top countries of origin, 2020



First asylum applications
Top receiving countries, 2020



First asylum applications by age in EU 27, 2020



First asylum applications
by gender in EU 27, 2020



Figure 20: Asylum applications in EU 27, 2019, 2020, 2021

Citizenship of asylum seekers	2019	2020	2021
Syria	74,915	63,600	98,315
Afghanistan	54,300	44,285	83,510
Iraq	26,850	16,275	25,965
Pakistan	24,345	15,910	21,020
Bangladesh	13,190	10,420	18,825
Iran	16,930	6,415	5,970
Palestine	6,150	2,650	3,130
India	4,705	2,490	3,595
Sri Lanka	3,400	1,680	1,470
China	6,475	1,690	1,630
Yemen	3,325	1,840	2,865
Vietnam	1,725	1,460	1,295
Lebanon	1,500	1,150	1,380
Uzbekistan	1,215	870	280
Other	6,800	4,110	3,210
Total Asians	245,825	174,845	272,460

Note: China including Hong Kong, Macau
Source: Eurostat

Arrivals through the Eastern Mediterranean, Balkans and eastern EU border: Routes to Cyprus, Hungary, Italy, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, 2020-2021 First asylum requests in Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania, Slovenia, 2020-2021

Country	2020	2021	Change 2021 compared to 2020
Arrivals in Greece from Turkey	13,979	7,443	-47%
Arrivals in Italy from Turkey	4,191	12,916	+208%
Arrivals in Cyprus (government-controlled part of the island)	6,301	11,685	+92%
Arrivals to the Western Balkans	44,982	37,187	-17%
Asylum requests in Bulgaria	3 463	11 049	+219%
Asylum requests in Romania	6 007	9 467	+57%
Asylum requests in Croatia	1 412	2 081	+47%
Asylum requests in Slovenia	3,539	5,266	+48%
Arrivals in Latvia, Lithuania, Poland from Belarus	677	7,515	+1069%
Total	84,551	104,609	+24%

Note: Data may include irregular migrants and asylum seekers registered by more than one country
Source: National Mol data, DG HOME, UNHCR, Frontex

Future migration flows within, from and to Asia

Factors and developments that may / will influence future migration flows within, from and to Asia

- **Political instability, violence, and civil wars (Syria, Lebanon, Yemen)**
- **Secondary effects in transit countries (Turkey)**
- **Demographic and labour market developments in East Asia**
- **Gender imbalance in China**
- **Labour recruitment policies of EU Member States**
- **Russia waging war against Ukraine**



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