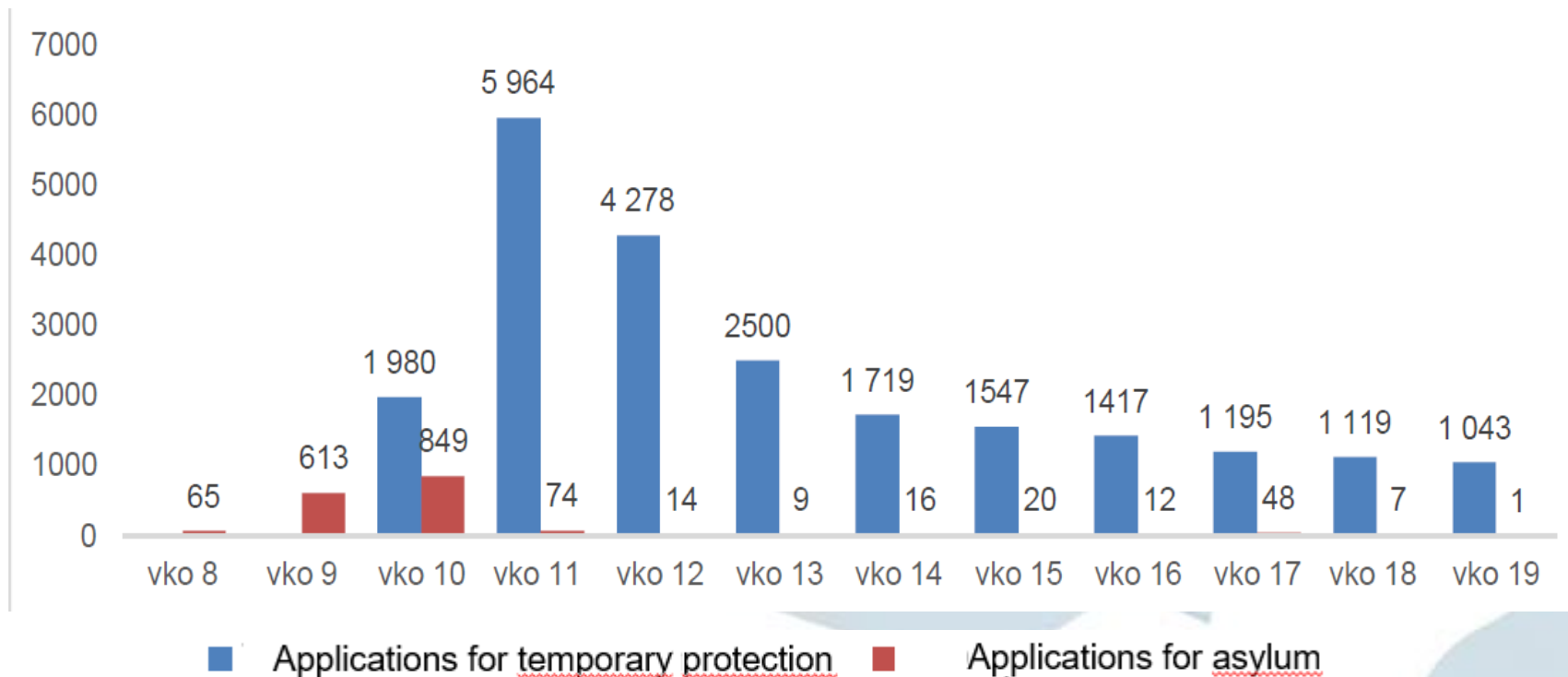


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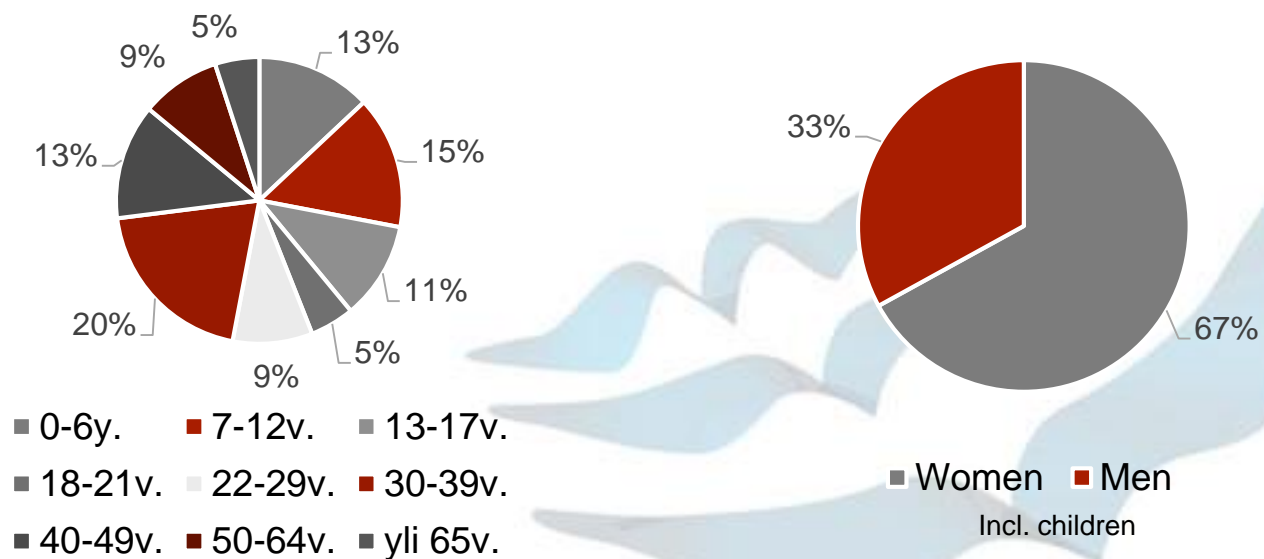
**Over 24 000 Ukrainians have applied for asylum or temporary protection in Finland.**

- **A bit more than 1700 applications for asylum have been submitted during 2022.**
- In reality, **the number of people who have fled to Finland is higher than the number of people who have applied for protection.** Not everyone applies protection as soon as they arrive. It is important that all Ukrainians submit their applications.

# Reception

- The Finnish Immigration Service has significantly increased its reception capacity:
  - There are currently 64 units and 8 units for children and adolescents in operation
- Of recipients of temporary protection:
  - **32 %** are in **reception centers**
  - **68 %** are in **private accommodation.**
- Approximately 580 unaccompanied Ukrainian minors are registered in the reception system. Of these, 235 are in units for children and adolescents and 350 in private accommodation or reception centers for adults.
- **Approximately 40 % (over 8 000)** of all applicants for temporary protection are children. Currently 2200 people who have fled Ukraine are participating in pre, primary and upper secondary education in Finland (4.5.).

# The age and gender distribution of Ukrainians in Finland



# Experiences

- Implementation of a new Directive → need for rapid development of procedures and changes in IT-systems
- Need for quick instructions for all involved authorities, especially the Police who registers the applications
- Large share of privately accommodated persons and organized transports → challenging for the authorities to know the number and location of UA-nationals arriving in Finland → a lot of questions from the municipalities (over 300 municipalities in Finland) → development of a new model for providing accommodation → rented apartments (municipal) instead of accommodation in centres, municipalities reimbursed by the Finnish Immigration Service
- Lack of certain necessities in the accommodation centres during the first weeks as the profile of customers changed completely from young men to women and children
- Lack of interpreters
- Huge willingness to help in the society → channel it in the right way