

Living through the Bosnian War

1992-1995



Počitelj



Bosnian countryside



Konjic



Una National Park



near Sarajevo



Sarajevo



Višegrad



Sarajevo



Sarajevo







City of Sarajevo during the war



City parks became graveyards





<https://yugotour.com/blog/yugoslavia-intro/>

Bosnian Identities

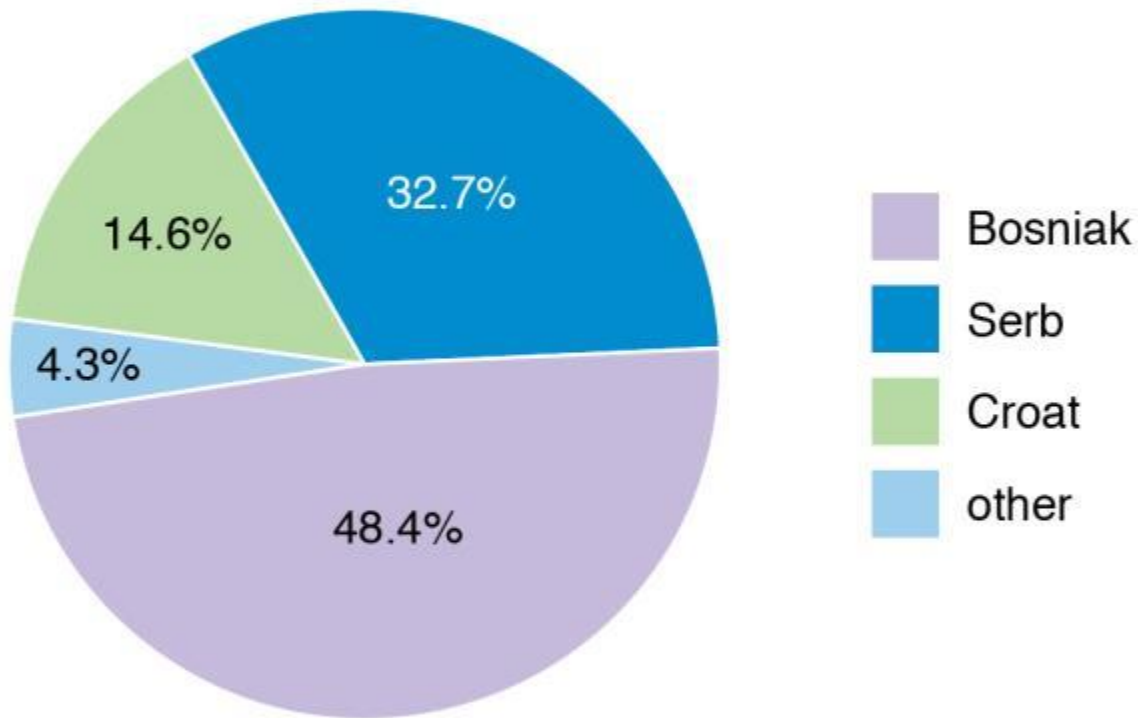
Religion

- Orthodox Christian
- Catholic (Christian)
- Muslim
- Jew

Bosnian “Nationality”

- Serb
- Croat
- Muslim (today: “Bosniak”)
- Jew

Ethnic composition (2013)



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Note: When the war started the numbers were *slightly* different.

The war

- Began April 6, 1992 when Bosnia declared its independence from Yugoslavia
- Bosnian Serbs did not want independence and began fighting (supported by Serbia)
- At first, Bosnian Croats sided with the Muslims (Bosniaks), but then *they* fought against them (supported by Croatia)
- The Jews were not a target – they often helped the Bosniaks.

A Bosnian woman from Srebrenica



Burning village



<https://www.theatlantic.com/photo/2012/04/20-years-since-the-bosnian-war/100278/>

Refugees





How do you think
the war in the
countryside
affected the
people who were
its victims?

City of Sarajevo during the war



<https://www.tacno.net/english/453790/>

Snipers shot people as they went out to look for water, food, or firewood



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In Mostar, the beautiful old bridge that gave the town its name was destroyed.



<https://www.sarajevotimes.com/anniversary-of-the-destruction-of-the-old-bridge-in-mostar/>



How do you think
the war affected
the people who
stayed in Sarajevo
or Mostar?

Judy Collins' "Song for Sarajevo"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46ss5p3KSps>



**Something to thank
about for
tomorrow:**

What are some
ways that Bosnians
used to cope during
the war? (What do
you do to feel better
when something
bad is happening in
your life?)