

Sea Arrivals Dashboard

Overview

In 2023, a total of 2,099 refugees and asylum-seekers arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from the State of Palestine (24%), Afghanistan (12%), Sierra Leone (11%), Somalia (9%) and the Dem. Rep. of the Congo (9%). Women account for 22%, children for 22% and men for 56%.

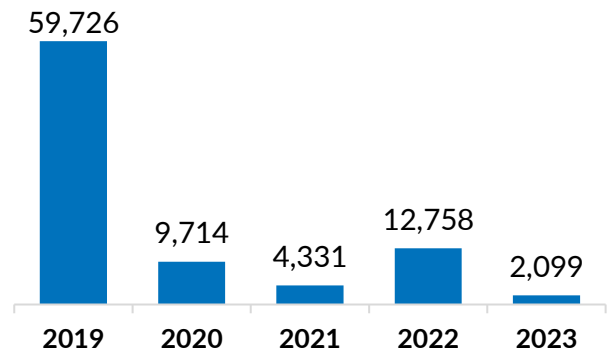
In February, there was a decrease in arrivals on the islands with 692 people arriving, in contrast to January when 1,407 individuals had arrived. The number of arrivals during January and February 2023 has increased by 327% compared to the same period in 2022.

During 2023, the majority of new arrivals were received by Lesbos, accounting for 37% of the total, followed by the Dodecanese Islands at 33%, Samos at 24%, Chios at 5%, and other Islands at 1%.

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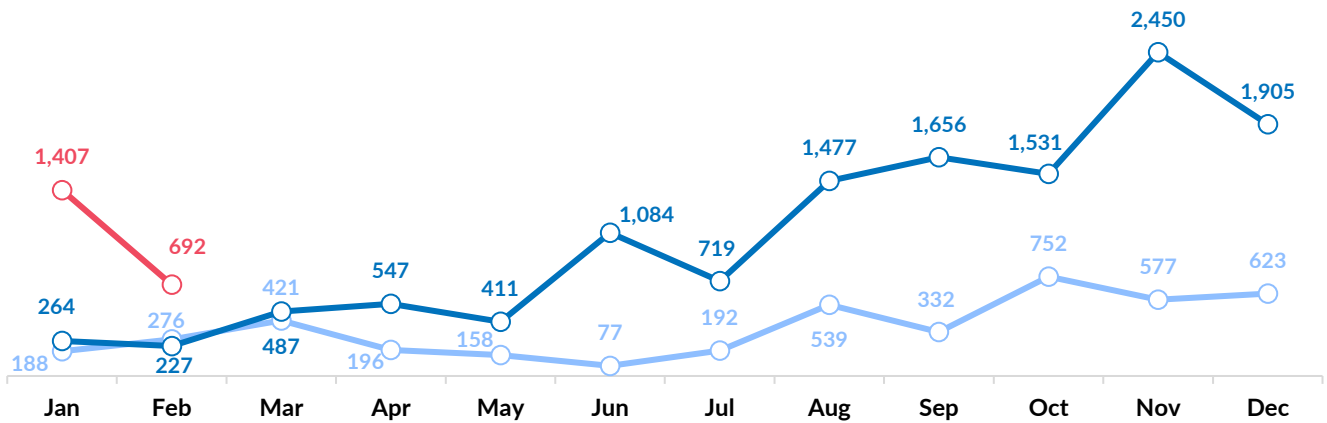
sea arrivals January – February 2023 ¹

Arrivals from 2019 to Feb. 2023



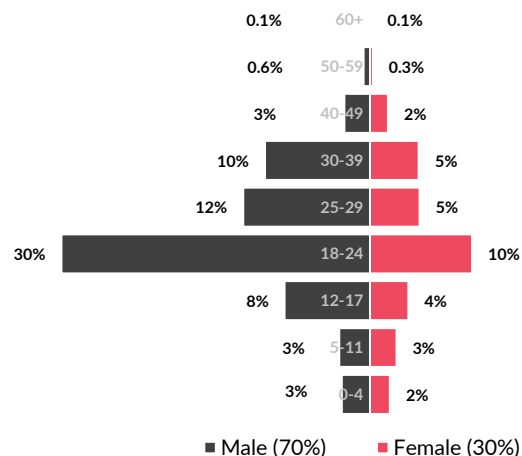
Monthly Arrivals 2021 to Feb. 2023

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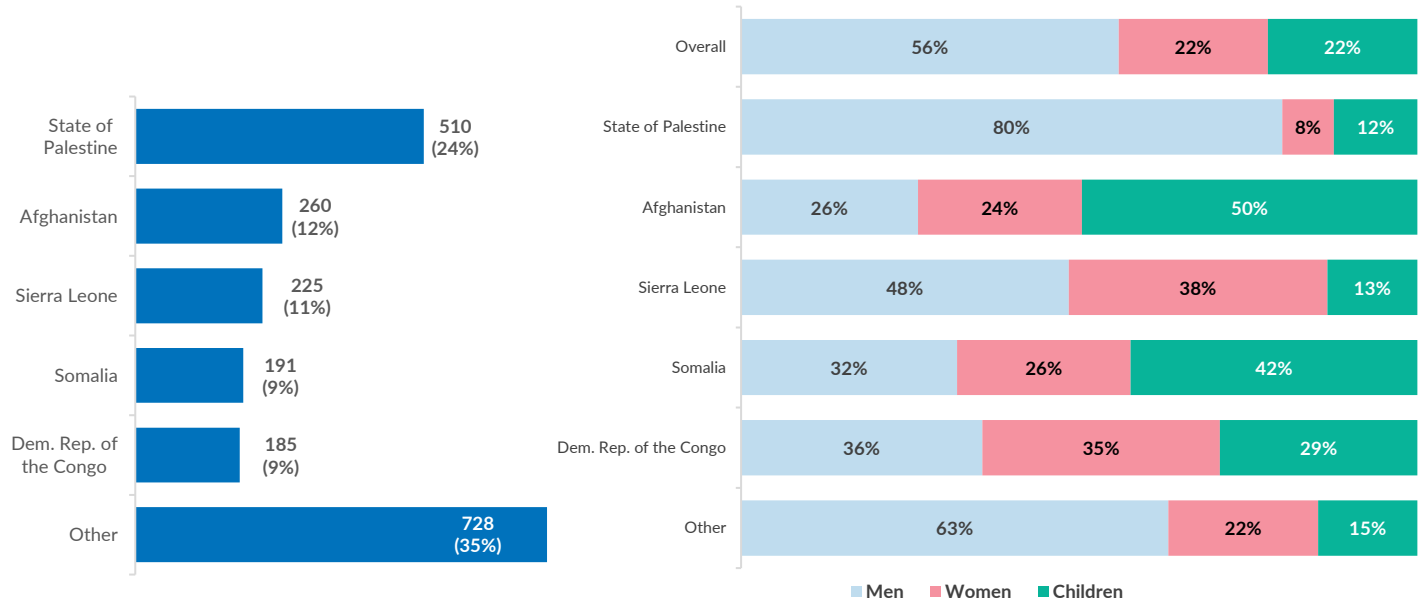
Demographics

In 2023, almost one-fourth of arrivals are children, whereas in 2022, the proportion was one-third. Of those, almost 5 out of 10 are below the age of 12. Moreover, 28% of all children were registered upon arrival as unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Somalia, Syria and the State of Palestine. Approximately 52% of the arrivals are men between the ages of 18 and 39, while only 1% are aged 50 years or older.



Demographics (continued)

Most of new arrivals in 2023 are from the State of Palestine (510), Afghanistan (260) and Sierra Leone (225). As in the previous year, the majority of arrivals from Afghanistan come in family groups.



Entry points

During 2023, the majority of refugees and migrants in Greece arrived on Lesbos (37%), Dodecanese Islands (33%) and Samos (24%).

