

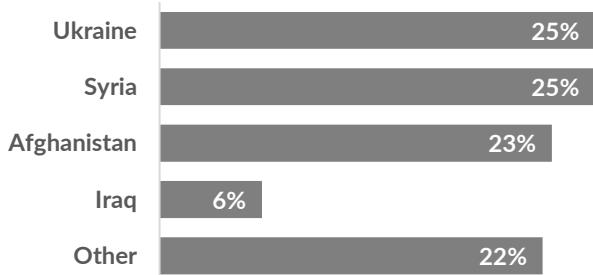
Children in the urban setting Thessaloniki

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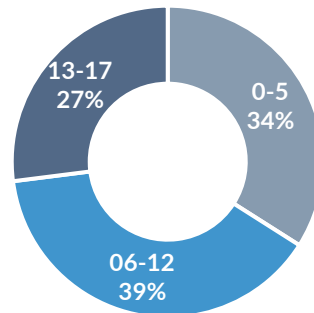
Children in Greece March 2023

28,160 refugee and asylum-seeker's children in Greece

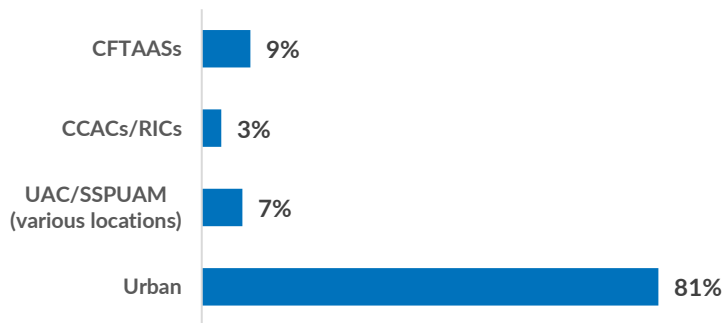
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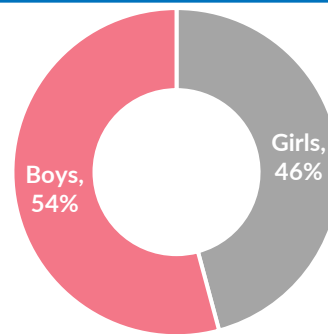
Breakdown by age groups:



Children in Greece by Location:



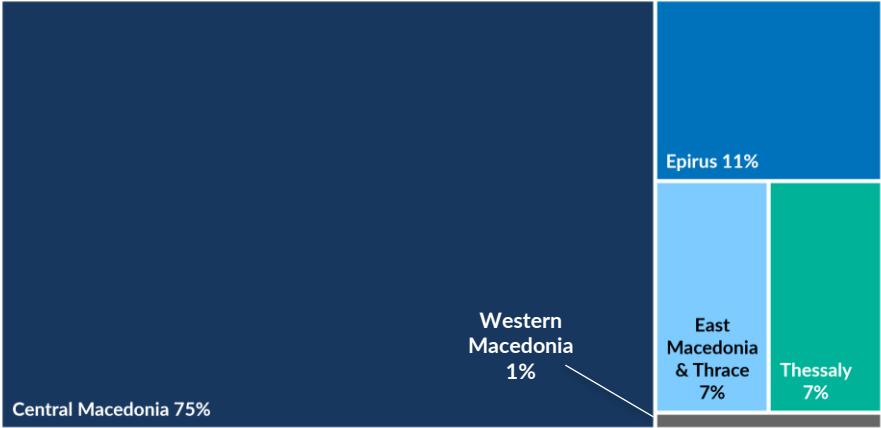
Breakdown by sex:



- Based on UNHCR estimates and data provided by authorities

Population of Concern – UNHCR Field Office Thessaloniki

24,000 refugees and asylum seekers



Key points

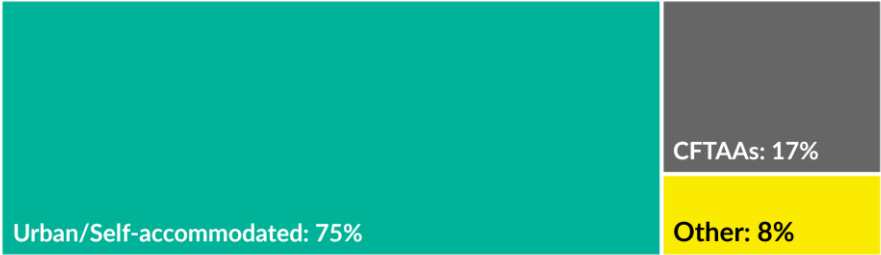
1 out of 4 refugees in Greece, fall under the Area of Responsibility of Field Office Thessaloniki

Geographically **dispersed** self-accommodated population

1 out of 3 refugees is a Temporary Protection holder (Ukraine situation)

Main nationalities: **Syria, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iraq**

(%) Distribution by accommodation type



(%) Distribution by legal status



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Living conditions in urban Thessaloniki

- Families with children in Thessaloniki: mainly recognized refugees (including beneficiaries of Temporary Protection), few asylum-seekers after ESTIA
- Self-accommodated
- Lack of accommodation programmes
- Homeless and living in precarious conditions: difficult to reach out (only one street work team in Thessaloniki)
- More challenging for families with rejections
- For UAC: NERM

UNHCR outreach efforts

- Cooperation with community centers, Municipalities and other actors (RAO)
- Cooperation with Refugee Led Organizations
- UNHCR Refugee outreach teams
- Compilation of the Interagency Protection Monitoring Tool
- Help-Desk: many requests from urban population
- Facilitation and participation to Working Groups
- Coming soon: Visit shops and meeting points of refugees to discuss challenges and share information

Needs assessments and response

- Basic needs: food and children's diapers. Accommodation.
- Case management, PSS
- Need of day care for children to allow the parents to work
- Meaningful access to education

Local UNHCR Response:

- Donations of non-food items (including diapers) to community centers.
- Cooperation with PRAKSIS for the programme “Promoting resilience of refugee children at risk, Inc. GBV survivors, in the urban settings”
- CWC: share leaflets and information on services available to meeting points of refugees.
- UNHCR support to urban population: Employability programmes , Legal support, Self-help groups for Ukrainian refugees, support to GBV survivors.
- Close cooperation with NERM.