

Sea Arrivals Dashboard

Overview

In 2023, a total of 25,490 refugees and asylum-seekers arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from Syria (26%), the State of Palestine (18%), Afghanistan (17%), Somalia (9%), and Eritrea (6%). Women account for 18%, children for 22% and men for 60%.

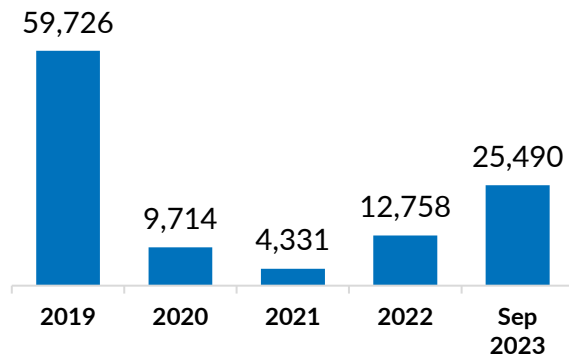
In September, there was an increase in arrivals on the islands with 10,839 people arriving, in contrast to August when 5,831 individuals had arrived. The number of arrivals between January and September 2023 has increased by 271% compared to the same period in 2022.

During 2023, the majority of new arrivals were received by Lesbos, accounting for 36% of the total, followed by the Dodecanese Islands at 30%, Samos at 22%, Chios at 6%, and other Islands at 6%.

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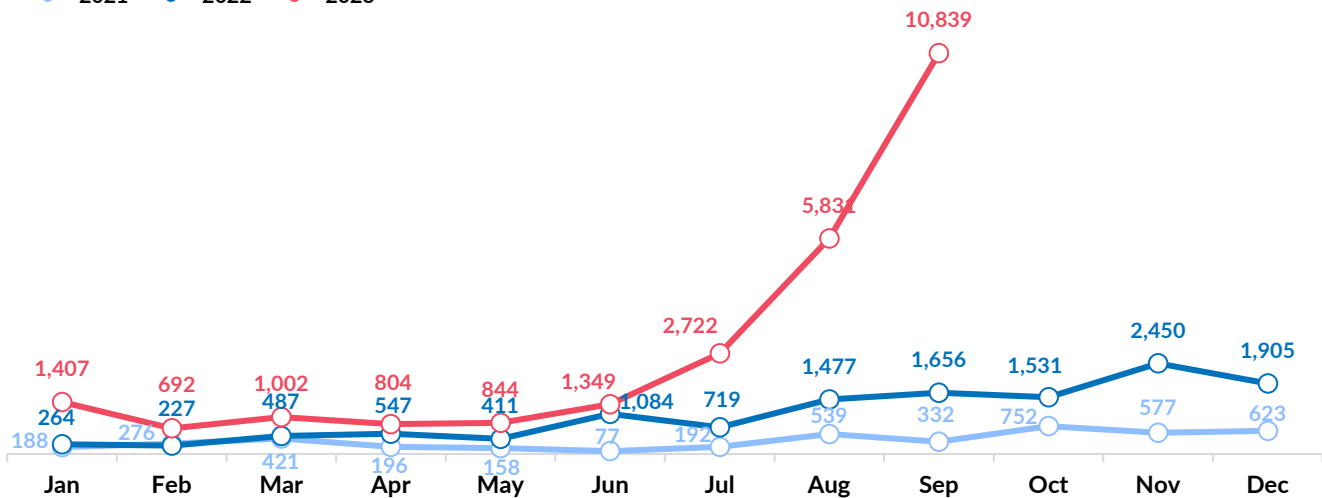
sea arrivals January – September 2023 ¹

Arrivals from 2019 to Sep 2023



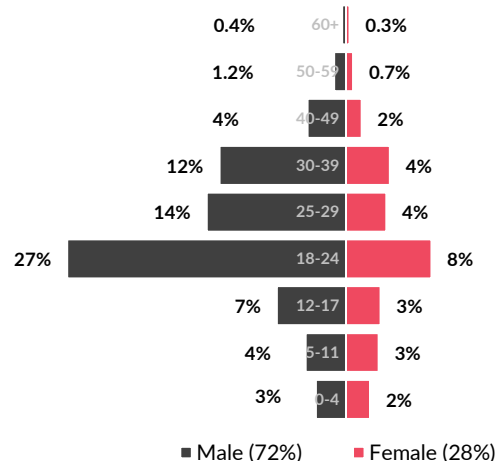
Monthly Arrivals 2021 to Sep 2023

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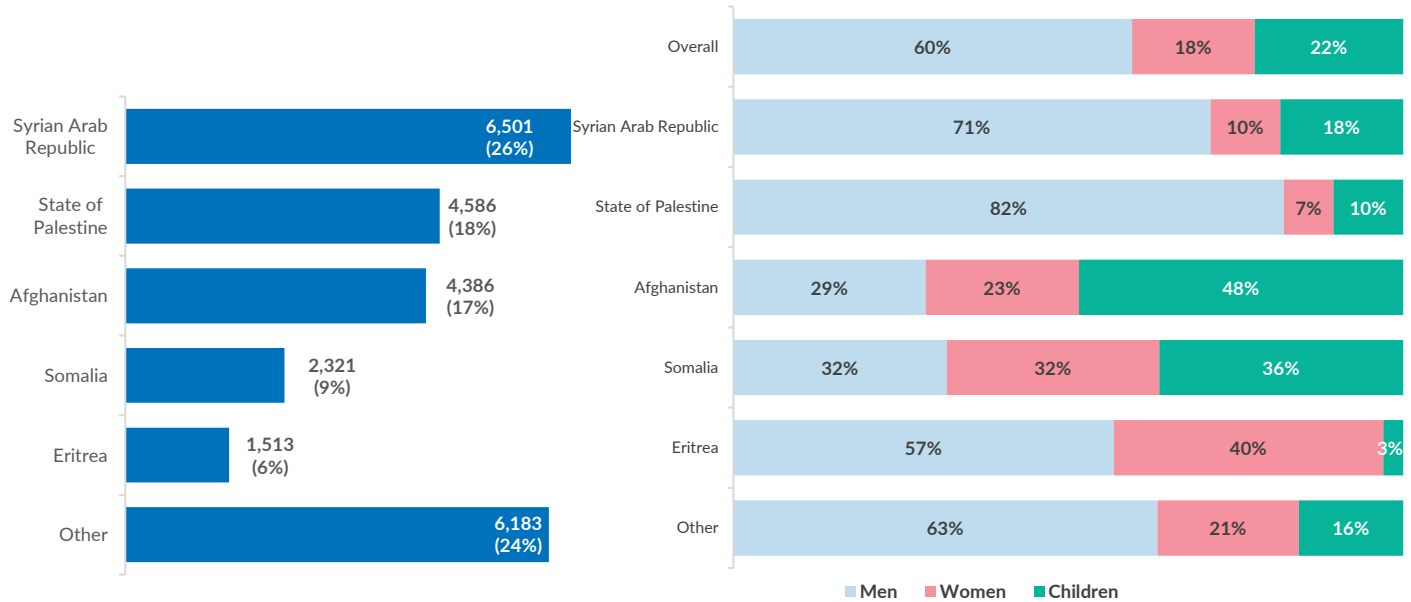
Demographics

In 2023, one-fifth of arrivals are children, whereas in 2022, the proportion was one-third. Of those, almost 6 out of 10 are below the age of 12. Moreover, 17% of all children were registered upon arrival as unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Somalia, Afghanistan and Syria. Approximately 53% of the arrivals are men between the ages of 18 and 39, while only 3% are aged 50 years or older.



Demographics (continued)

Most of new arrivals in 2023 are from Syria (6,501), the State of Palestine (4,586), and Afghanistan (4,386). As in the previous year, the majority of arrivals from Afghanistan come in family groups.



Entry points

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