

Sea Arrivals Dashboard

Overview

In 2023, a total of 41,561 refugees and asylum-seekers arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from Syria (31%), Afghanistan (20%), the State of Palestine (16%), Somalia (6%), and Eritrea (4%). Women account for 18%, children for 23% and men for 60%.

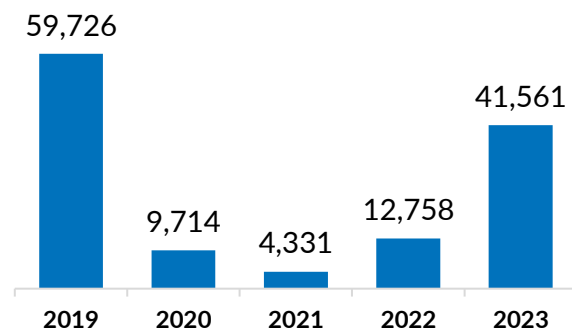
In December, there was an increase in arrivals on the islands with 5,008 people arriving, in contrast to November when 4,200 individuals had arrived. The number of arrivals in 2023 has increased by 226% compared to 2022.

During 2023, the majority of new arrivals were received by the Dodecanese Islands, accounting for 38% of the total, followed by Lesvos at 32%, Samos at 19%, Chios at 6%, and other Islands at 6%.

41,561

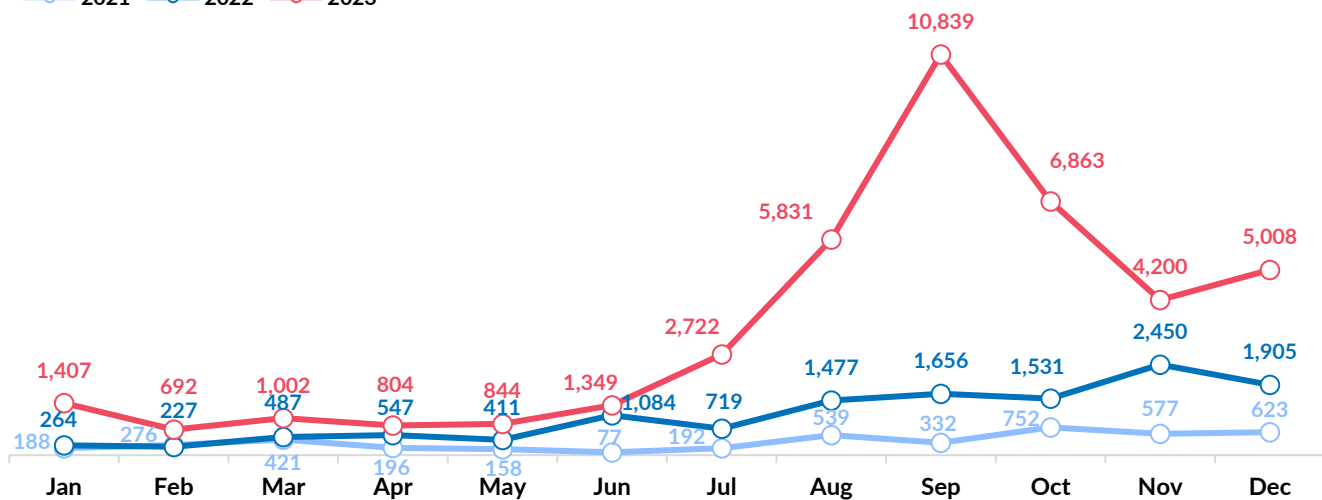
sea arrivals January – December 2023 ¹

Arrivals from 2019 to 2023



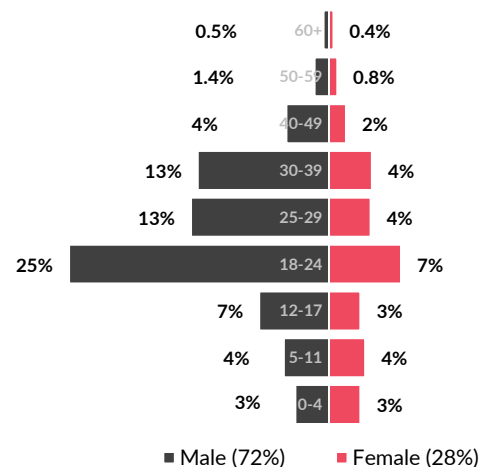
Monthly Arrivals 2021 to 2023

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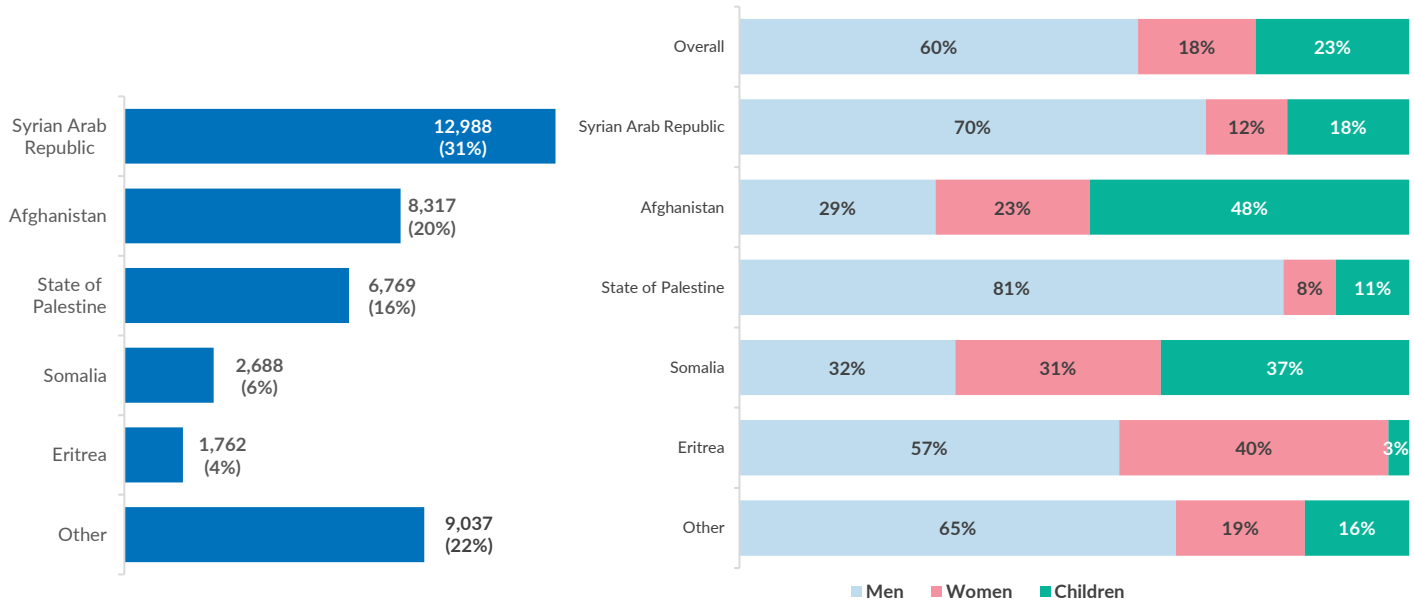
Demographics

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, Syria and Afghanistan. Approximately 52% 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 (12,988), Afghanistan (8,317) and the State of Palestine (6,769). As in the previous year, the majority of arrivals from Afghanistan come in family groups.



Entry points

During 2023, the majority of refugees and asylum-seekers in Greece arrived on Dodecanese Islands (38%), Lesbos (32%), and Samos (19%).

