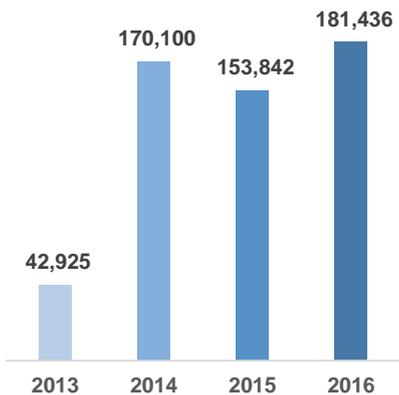


Italy Sea Arrivals Dashboard

January – December 2016

181,436
Sea arrivals Jan-Dec 2016

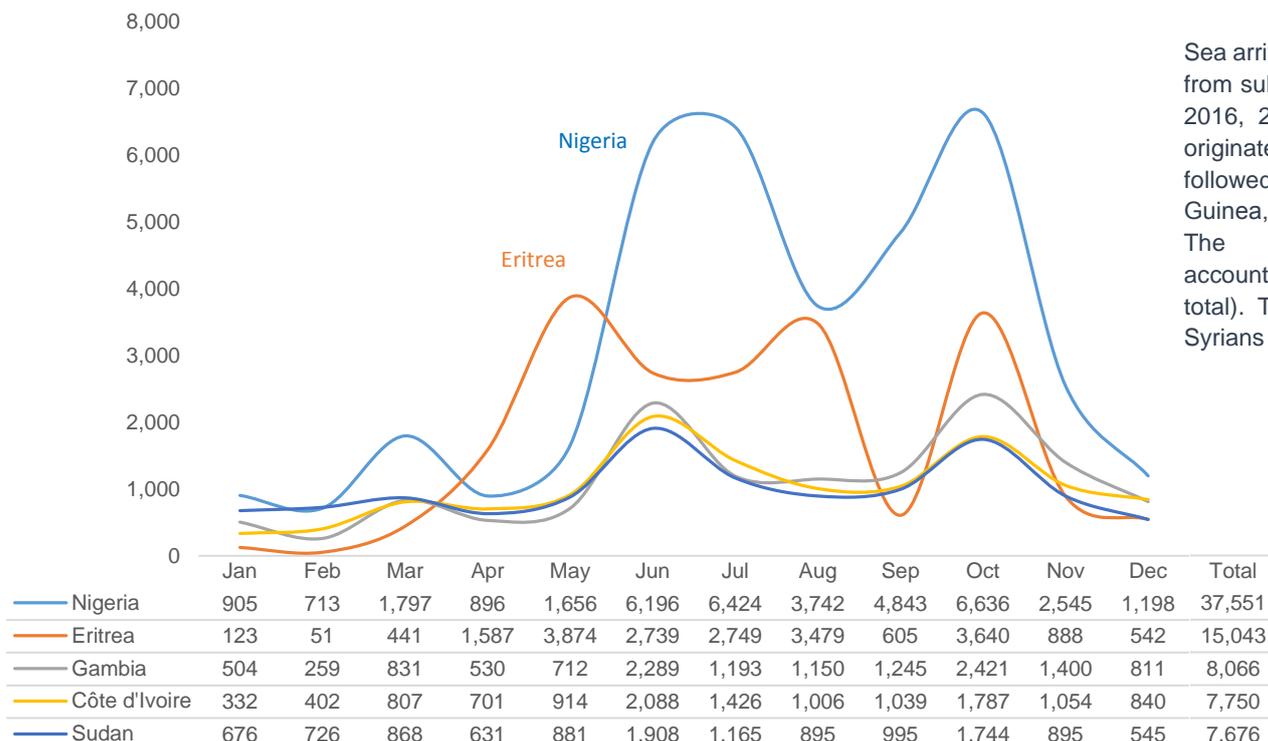
153,842
Sea arrivals Jan-Dec 2015



Between 1 January and 31 December 2016, 181,436 persons arrived to Italy by sea, compared to 153,842 sea arrivals in 2015. This represents an 18% increase compared to last year.

The arrival trend in the first nine months of 2016 is consistent with previous years, with a surge from spring onwards and a peak in the summer months. This pattern changed in October when numbers peaked and continued to be unseasonably high in November. December arrivals this year (8,428) were instead lower than numbers recorded over the same period of 2015 (9,637). Fluctuations on a monthly basis may be linked to various factors including favourable weather and sea conditions as well as the situation in the country of departure and the capacity of smugglers to organize departures.

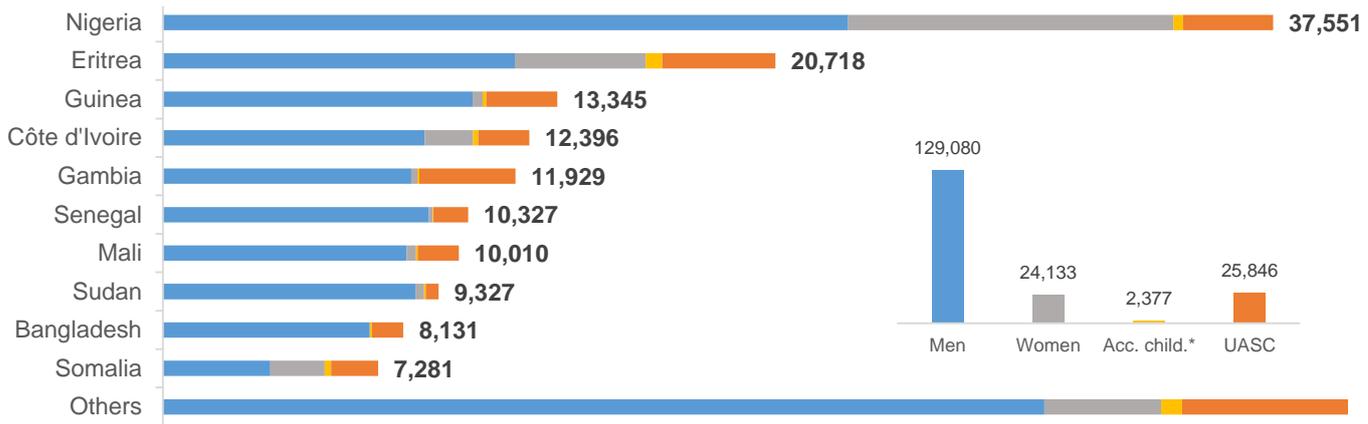
Sea arrivals: top 5 nationalities by month



Sea arrivals originate mainly from sub-Saharan Africa. In 2016, 21 % of all arrivals originated from Nigeria, followed by Eritrea (11%), Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire and The Gambia (each accounting for 7% of the total). The arrival figure of Syrians (0.7%) remains low.

The charts below are based on figures from the Italian Ministry of Interior and UNHCR estimates. All figures are provisional and subject to change.

Top ten nationalities of sea arrivals to Italy by gender and age



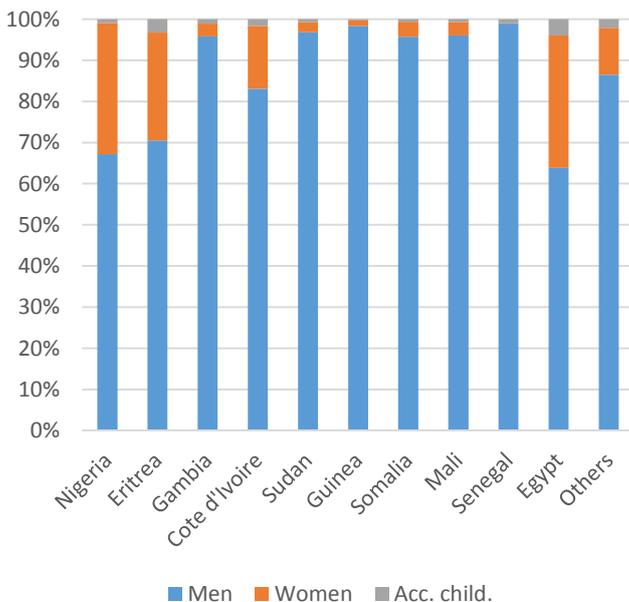
	Others	Somalia	Bangladesh	Sudan	Mali	Senegal	Gambia	Côte d'Ivoire	Guinea	Eritrea	Nigeria	Total
Men	29,824	3,636	7,001	8,540	8,252	9,002	8,397	8,863	10,479	11,909	23,177	129,080
Women	3,940	1,836	5	293	317	128	213	1,631	339	4,422	11,009	24,133
Acc. child.*	715	225	72	60	51	18	62	173	121	555	325	2,377
UASC	5,942	1,584	1,053	434	1,390	1,179	3,257	1,729	2,406	3,832	3,040	25,846
Total	40,421	7,281	8,131	9,327	10,010	10,327	11,929	12,396	13,345	20,718	37,551	181,436

* Accompanied children

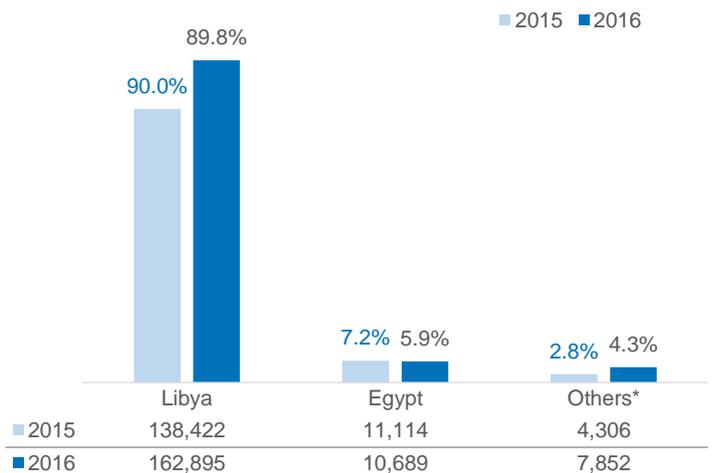
New arrivals are predominantly male. Like in previous years, women represent 13% of new arrivals so far this year, while accompanied children account for 1.3% of the total. Significantly, more women have arrived this year from Nigeria, Somalia, Cameroon, Ethiopia and Eritrea (29%, 25%, 25%, 24% and 21% of arrivals from each country respectively). The number of Nigerian women reaching Italian shores in 2016 (11,009) almost doubled, compared to numbers registered in 2015 (5,633).

An increasing number of Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) arrived this year: 14% of new arrivals are UASC, as opposed to 7% in 2015. UASC arriving by sea most commonly originate from Eritrea, The Gambia and Nigeria. In 2016, Eritrean UASC account for 18% of all Eritrean sea arrivals, up from last year's 8%. Gambian UASC are 27% of all Gambian sea arrivals, while Nigerian UASC account for 8% of the all Nigerians arrived this year. More detailed information on UASC can be found on the Italy UASC dashboard.

Sea arrivals: gender and age by month



Country of embarkation from January to December, 2016 vs 2015



* Others include Algeria, Greece, Tunisia, Turkey and unknown

Libya remains the primary departure country for sea arrivals to Italy. Approximately 90% of individuals who arrived in 2016 crossed from Libya: this is consistent with trends observed in 2015. Approximately 6% of those who arrived by sea this year travelled instead from Egypt: this is a slight decrease compared to the departures from Egypt in 2015 (7.2%), but the trend remains comparable to last year. New arrivals continue to report instances of abuse, including kidnapping and torture, which occurred en-route through the Sahara desert and in Libya.