ITALY Sea arrivals dashboard
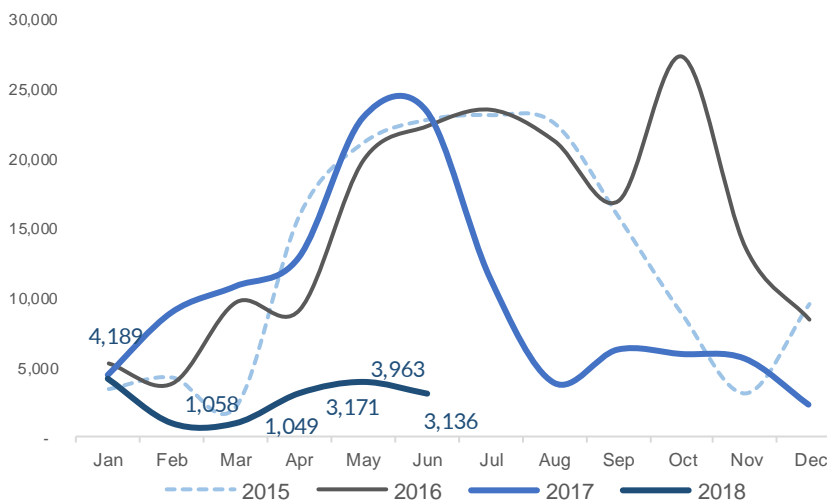
Overview

Between 1 January and 30 June 2018, 16,566 persons arrived in Italy by sea. This is a 80% decrease compared to sea arrivals in the same period last year (83,752). Just over 3,100 refugees and migrants arrived by sea in June 2018, a decrease compared to the 3,900 who reached Italian shores in May and a significant reduction compared to the 23,500 refugees and migrants who crossed the sea, mostly from North Africa, in June 2017.
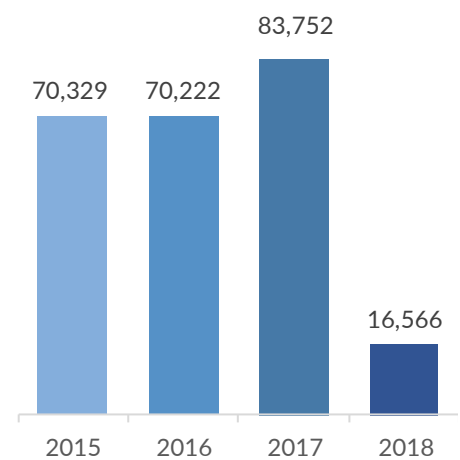
16,566 Jan - Jun 2018 [1]
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Monthly sea arrivals
January 2015 to June 2018

4,189 1,058 1,049 3,171 3,963 3,136

Legend: - - - 2015 — 2016 — 2017 — 2018

Yearly sea arrivals
January to June, 2015-2018

2015	2016	2017	2018
70,329	70,222	83,752	16,566

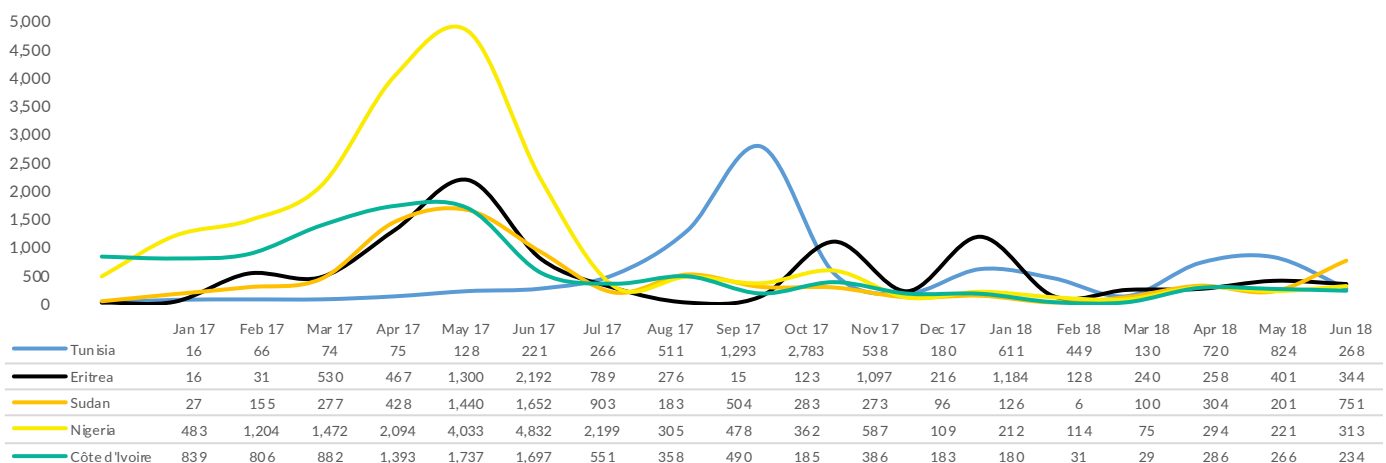## Nationality of arrivals

Between 1 January and 30 June 2018, 18 per cent of all arrivals originated from Tunisia, followed by Eritrea (15 per cent), Sudan (9 per cent), Nigeria (7 per cent), Côte d'Ivoire (6 per cent), Mali (5 per cent), Guinea (5 per cent), Pakistan (4 per cent), Iraq (4 per cent), and Algeria (3 per cent). While the numbers of Tunisians arriving in the first half of the current year (3,002) are much higher than in the same period last year (580), Eritrean sea arrivals in the January-June 2018 period (2,555) have significantly decreased compared to the first six months of 2017 (4,536). Furthermore, the numbers of Sudanese nationals arriving by sea have more than halved compared to the same period of 2017, the largest drops in arrival numbers affect individuals originating from Nigeria and western African countries.

Most common nationalities of arrivals - January 2017 to June 2018

	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	Jun 17	Jul 17	Aug 17	Sep 17	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18
Tunisia	16	66	74	75	128	221	266	511	1,293	2,783	538	180	611	449	130	720	824	268
Eritrea	16	31	530	467	1,300	2,192	789	276	15	123	1,097	216	1,184	128	240	258	401	344
Sudan	27	155	277	428	1,440	1,652	903	183	504	283	273	96	126	6	100	304	201	751
Nigeria	483	1,204	1,472	2,094	4,033	4,832	2,199	305	478	362	587	109	212	114	75	294	221	313
Côte d'Ivoire	839	806	882	1,393	1,737	1,697	551	358	490	185	386	183	180	31	29	286	266	234

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[1] All data are based on UNHCR estimates calculated from Official MoI figures shared with UNHCR up to April 2018. All figures are provisional and subject to change.
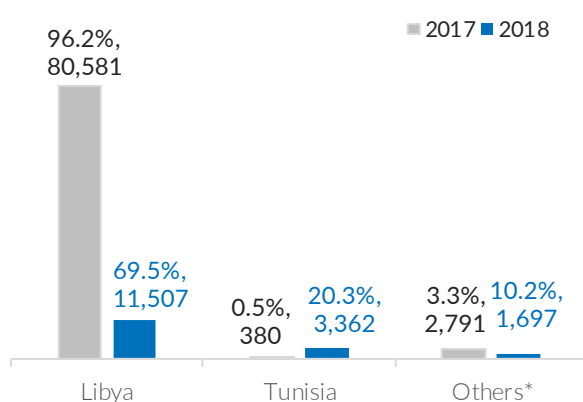
Country of embarkation and demographics of arrivals

Libya remains the main country of departure for persons arriving in Italy by sea. Between 1 January and 30 June 2018, 11,507 persons (69.5 per cent of arrivals) crossed from Libya. Although Libya remains the main country of departure for persons arriving in Italy by sea, the proportion of departures from Libya, as opposed to other departing sites across the Mediterranean, has gradually dropped. In the first six months of 2017, 97 per cent of sea arrivals in Italy had departed from Libya. On the other hand, the proportion of departures from Tunisia has gradually increased, reaching 20.3% in the first half of 2018, compared to 0.5% in the same period last year. Another 10.2% of sea arrivals embarked in other countries, including Turkey (6.2% of all departures) and Greece (2.6%) and Algeria (1.4%). Most vessels departing from Turkey and Greece arrived autonomously or were intercepted by the authorities just off the Italian coast, and transferred to port sites where persons subsequently underwent identification procedures.

Crossing the Mediterranean towards Italy has become increasingly more dangerous. Despite decreasing numbers of dead and missing compared to the January-June 2017 period, the proportional likelihood of dying at sea has increased significantly in the first six month of 2018. Most notably, in June 2018, one in every seven people who departed from Libya to Italy died at sea (compared to one in 19 in the first half of 2018 and one in 38 in the first half of 2017): that is the highest monthly death rate since late 2013.
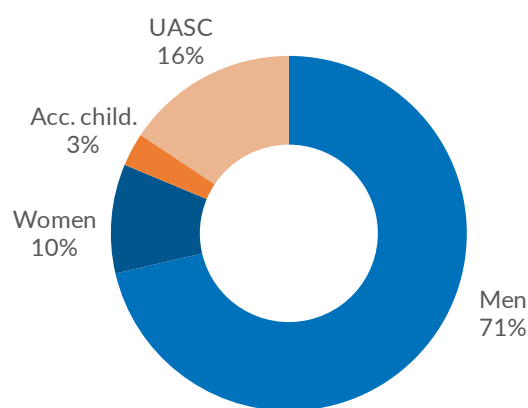
Country of embarkation

January to June 2017 and 2018

* Others include Turkey and Greece

Demographics of arrivals

January to June 2018

In the first half of 2018, most sea arrivals were men (71 per cent), followed by unaccompanied and separated children (16 per cent), adult women (10 per cent) and accompanied children (3 per cent). Between 1 January and 30 June 2018, 2,593 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) reached Italian shores. The numbers of UASC arriving by sea in the first half of 2018 are more than four times lower than last year, when over 11,400 reached Italian shores between January and June.

Nationality and demographics of arrivals – January to June 2018

	Others	Algeria	Iraq	Pakistan	Guinea	Mali	Côte d'Ivoire	Nigeria	Sudan	Eritrea	Tunisia	Total
■ Men	2,540	463	443	577	604	685	603	859	1,209	1,419	2,420	11,822
■ Women	464	12	59	15	44	19	187	211	31	545	61	1,648
■ Acc. child.*	193	6	63	6	18	8	49	7	5	109	39	503
□ UASC	491	89	40	122	142	163	187	152	243	482	482	2,593
Total	3,688	570	605	720	808	875	1,026	1,229	1,488	2,555	3,002	16,566