

MALTA Sea Arrivals

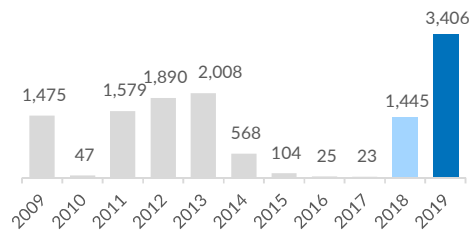


Overview

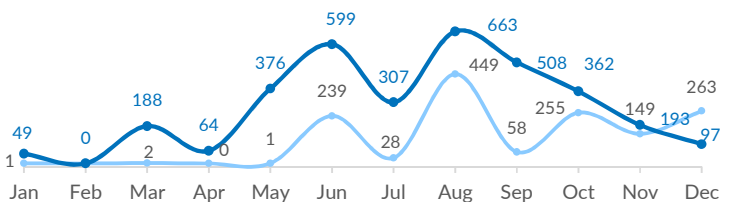
The main countries of arrival by sea of refugees and migrants in Europe, are Greece, Spain, Italy, Malta and Cyprus. Malta is located in the Central Mediterranean. In 2019, people who were rescued at sea and disembarked in Malta mostly departed from Libya. In 2019, the estimate numbers of persons who died or went missing at sea was 1,845 people.

Malta at a Glance

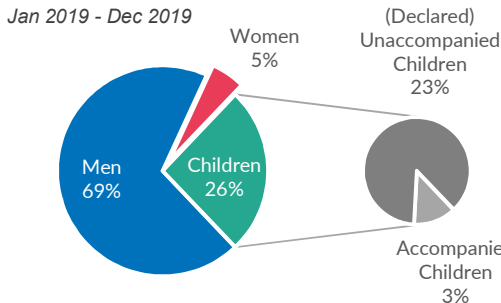
Historical Sea Arrivals by Boat
2009 - 2019



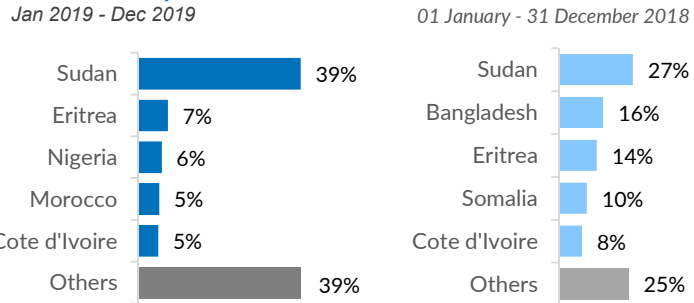
Monthly Sea Arrivals by Boat
2018 - 2019



Sea Arrivals by Demographics
Jan 2019 - Dec 2019

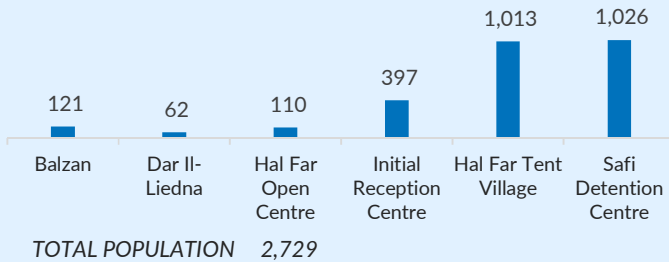


Sea Arrivals by Most Common Nationalities
Jan 2019 - Dec 2019



Population in Open Reception Centres

Jan 2019 - Aug 2019



Reception

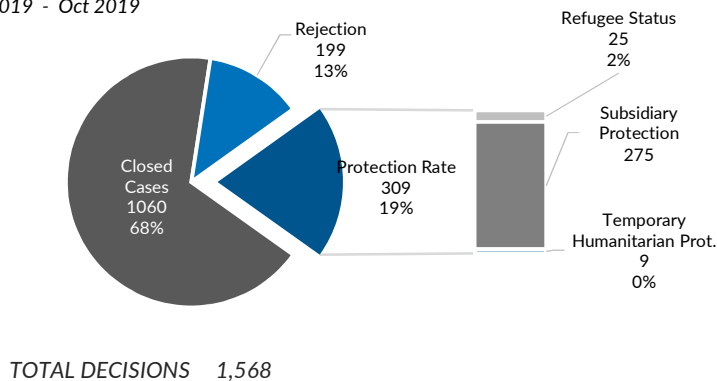
UNHCR protection staff regularly visit open centres and the Initial Reception Centres to provide information on the asylum system, Dublin regulation, rights and obligations of asylum-seekers in Malta and to refer persons of concern to appropriate services. UNHCR also conducts child protection activities, detention monitoring and, through its implementing partners, provides psychological support in all centres.

Asylum Applications and Decisions

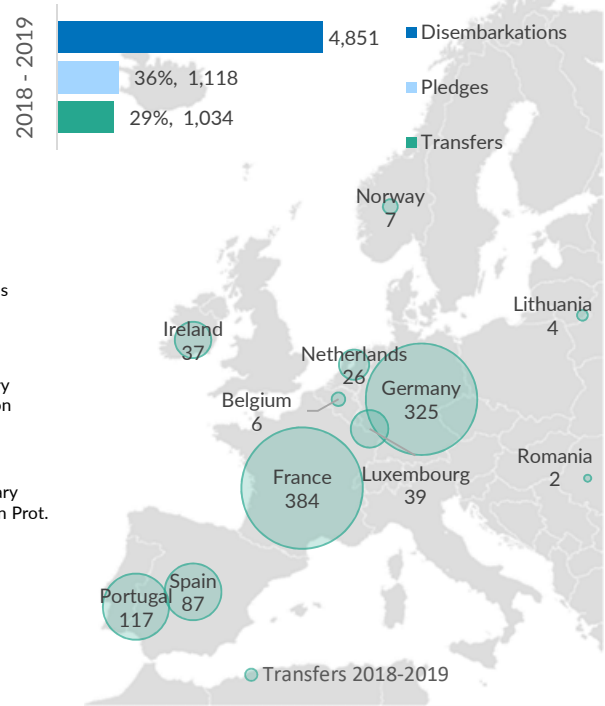
In recent years the refugee population has been mainly composed of Libyan, Syrian and Somali refugees. In 2019 the rate of international protection (Refugee or Subsidiary Protection status) was 19% of total decisions by RefCom. There were a high number of 'Closed' cases, which refers to applications that result in an administrative closure, Dublin closure, or applications that are explicitly withdrawn, implicitly withdrawn or inadmissible.

First-Time Asylum Applications Decision Statistics

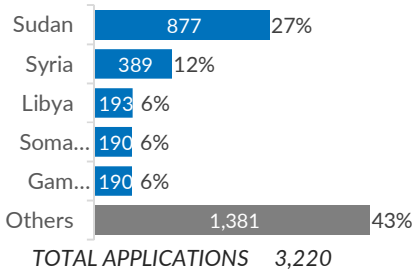
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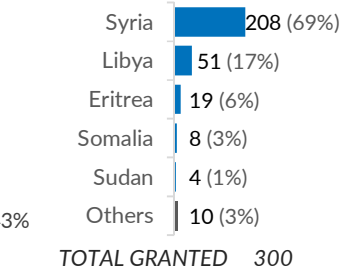
EU Member States Pledges and Transfers After People Disembarked



Most Common Nationalities by First-Time Asylum Applications



Most Common Nationalities Granted International Protection (Refugee Status or Subsidiary Protection)



Transfers to Other EU Member States After People Disembarked

Since 2018, a number of ad hoc transfers have taken place from Malta to other Member States, mostly France, Germany, Portugal, Spain, Luxembourg and Ireland. Malta has also been part of these ad hoc arrangements.