

Cash Assistance Update



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Abed Maiyada, a 40-year-old Palestinian asylum-seeker from Syria, cooks in the kitchen of her house in Heraklion, Crete. Abed, her husband Malek Bakri and their daughters were forced to flee Damascus because of the war and reached Greece via Turkey in early-2019. They found a new home in Heraklion and receive monthly cash-assistance, as part of the EU co-funded ESTIA programme.

Overview

In September, 82,239 eligible refugees and asylum-seekers (43,321 families) received cash assistance in Greece, in 119 locations.

UNHCR provides cash assistance in Greece, as part of the ESTIA programme, funded by the European Commission. Cash assistance restores dignity and empowers asylum-seekers and refugees who can now choose how to cover their basic needs. It also contributes directly to the economy of the host community through the purchase of services and goods. UNHCR in Greece works with the Greece Cash Alliance partners the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and METAdrasi.

82,239

Number of individuals assisted ¹

43,321

Number of cash cards ¹

8.4 M €

Cash distributed (Euros) ¹

Demographics of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers Assisted with Cash

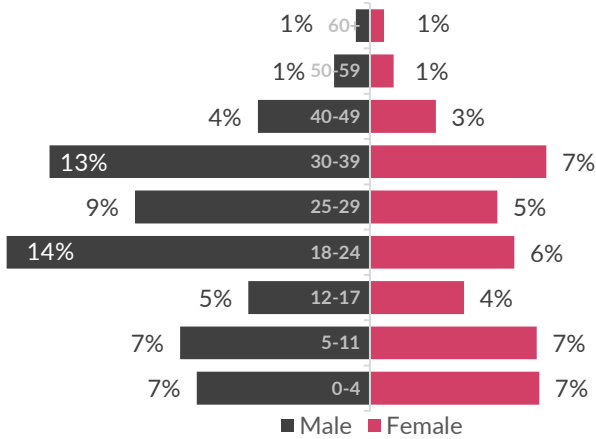
Since April 2017, 188,858 eligible individuals have received cash assistance in Greece at least once. Eligibility is assessed on the basis of one's date of entry in the country, legal status and current location.

Of the 82,239 individuals who received cash assistance this month, 5,065 have international protection in Greece. Out of 43,313 families, 22% were women, 42% men and 36% children.

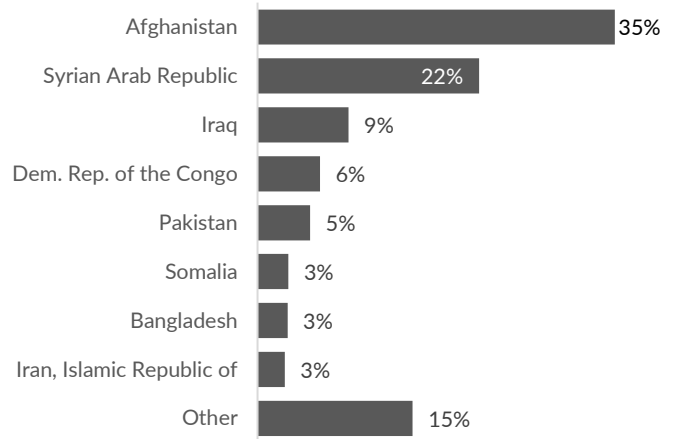
29% of all who received cash assistance this month were families of five members or more and a further 35% were single adults. 72% of individuals in the cash assistance scheme are from, Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq and Democratic Republic of Congo.

The amount of cash assistance distributed to each household is proportionate to the family size. It ranges between 75 euros for an individual in catered accommodation, to 490 euros for a family of six members or more in self-catered accommodation.

Age & Gender breakdown

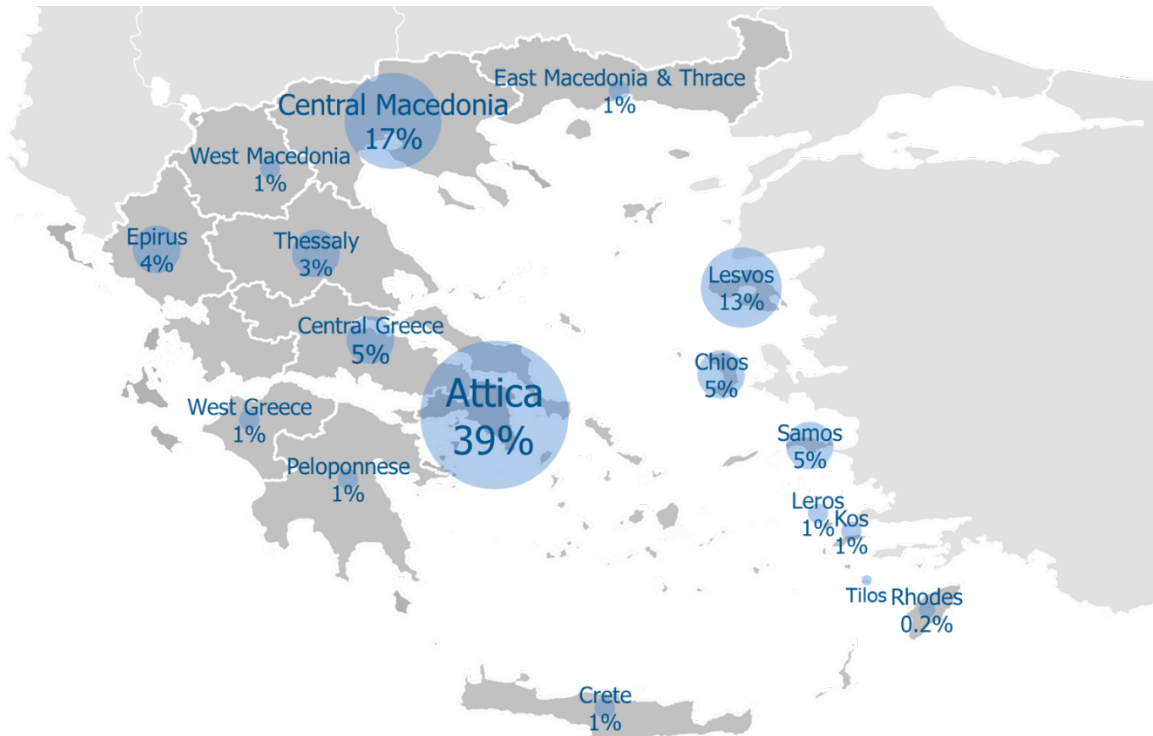


Nationality breakdown



Location of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

Asylum-seekers and refugees receiving cash assistance reside in 119 locations in Greece. 39% of those receiving cash assistance are located in Attica, with 26% currently on the islands and a further 17% in Central Macedonia.



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