

Cash Assistance Update



Sofia Ahmed, a twenty-six-year-old asylum-seeker from Somalia, receives her cash card at the Urban Cash Centre of Athens. Sofia, left Somalia in 2019 to avoid a forced marriage.

She now lives in Athens and receive monthly cash assistance as part of the EU co-funded ESTIA programme.

Overview

In January, 67,714 eligible refugees and asylum-seekers (37,965 families) received cash assistance in Greece, in 116 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 METAdasi.

67,714

Number of individuals assisted ¹

37,965

Number of cash cards ¹

7.3 M €

Cash distributed (Euros) ¹

Demographics of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers Assisted with Cash

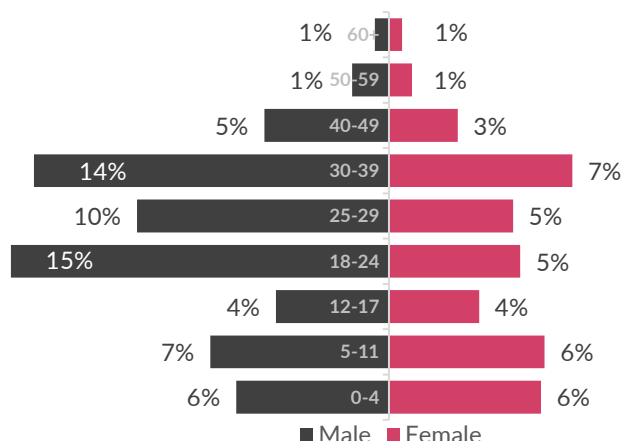
Since April 2017, 195,628 eligible individuals have received cash assistance in Greece at least once. Eligibility is assessed on the basis of one's date of entry in the country, legal status and current location.

Of the 67,714 individuals who received cash assistance this month, 5,319 have international protection in Greece. Out of 37,965 families, 21% were women, 46% men and 33% children.

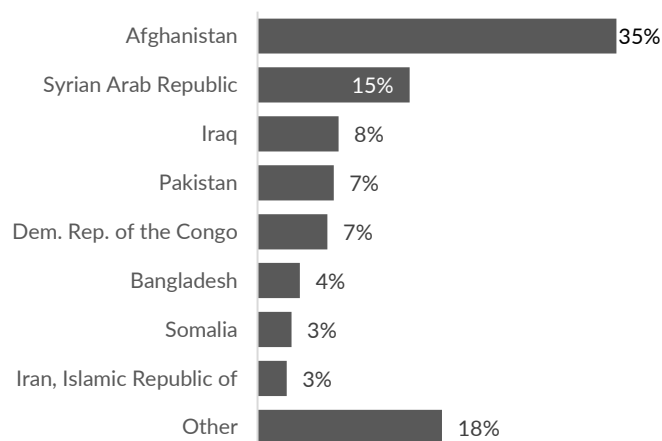
26% of all who received cash assistance this month were families of five members or more and a further 40% were single adults. 65% of individuals in the cash assistance scheme are from, Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq and Pakistan.

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

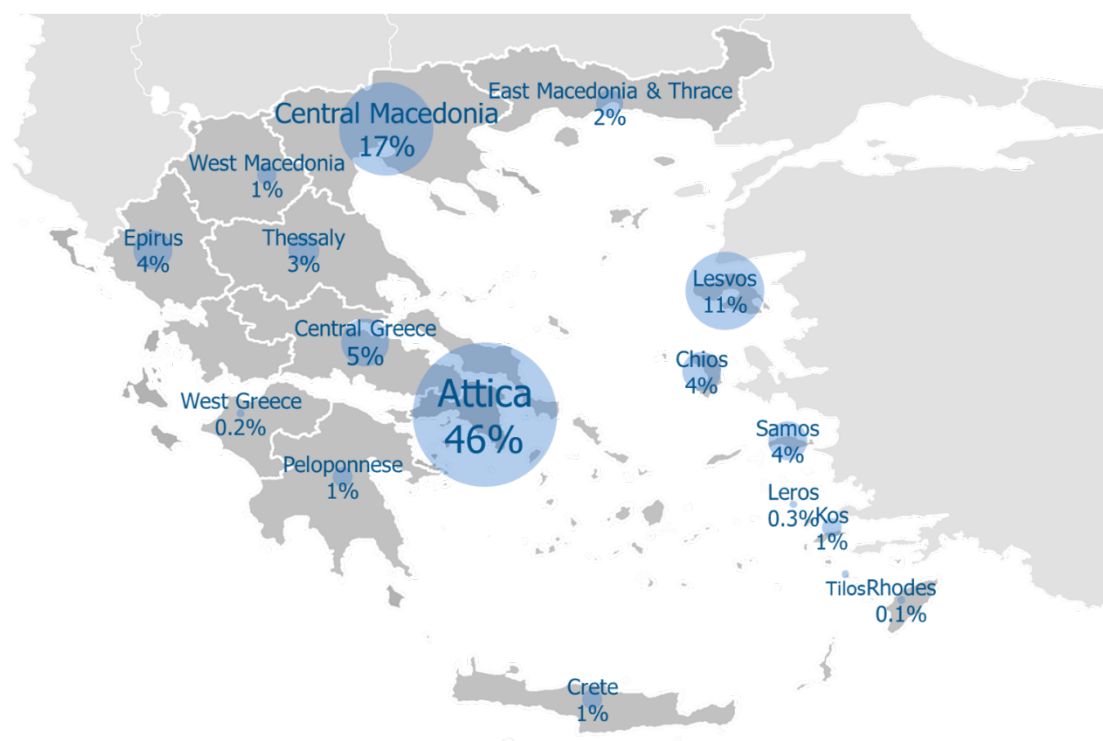


Nationality breakdown



Location of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

Asylum-seekers and refugees receiving cash assistance reside in 116 locations in Greece. 46% of those receiving cash assistance are located in Attica, with 20% currently on the islands and a further 17% in Central Macedonia.



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