

Cash Assistance Update



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As part of the Cash Assistance scheme, refugees and asylum-seekers receive pre-paid cash cards, enabling them to live in a dignified manner. This helps them move closer to self-reliance in the long run. The Cash Assistance scheme is part of the ESTIA programme, co-funded by the EU.

Overview

In May, 60,566 eligible refugees and asylum-seekers (36,252 families) received cash assistance in Greece, in 102 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.

60,566

Number of individuals assisted ¹

36,252

Number of cash cards ¹

7.0 M €

Cash distributed (Euros) ¹

Demographics of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers Assisted with Cash

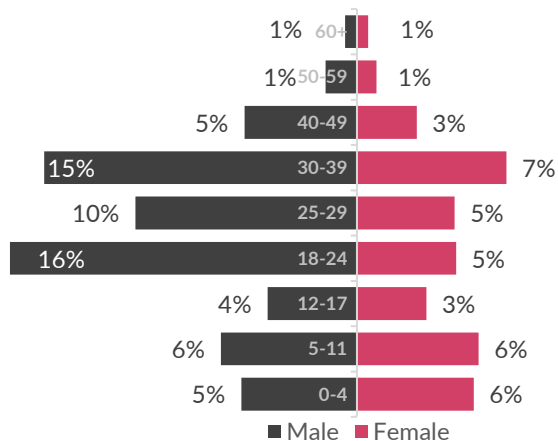
Since April 2017, 203,544 eligible individuals have received cash assistance in Greece at least once. Eligibility is assessed on the basis of one's date of entry in the country, legal status and current location.

Of the 60,566 individuals who received cash assistance this month, 2,512 have international protection in Greece. Out of 36,252 families, 21% were women, 49% men and 30% children.

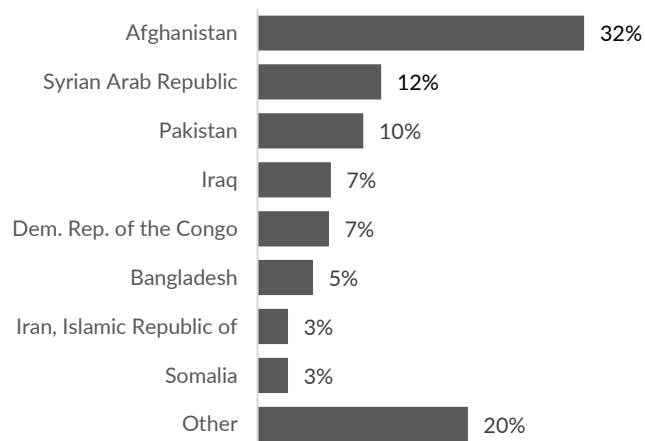
23% of all who received cash assistance this month were families of five members or more and a further 44% were single adults. 61% of individuals in the cash assistance scheme are from, Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan and Iraq.

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

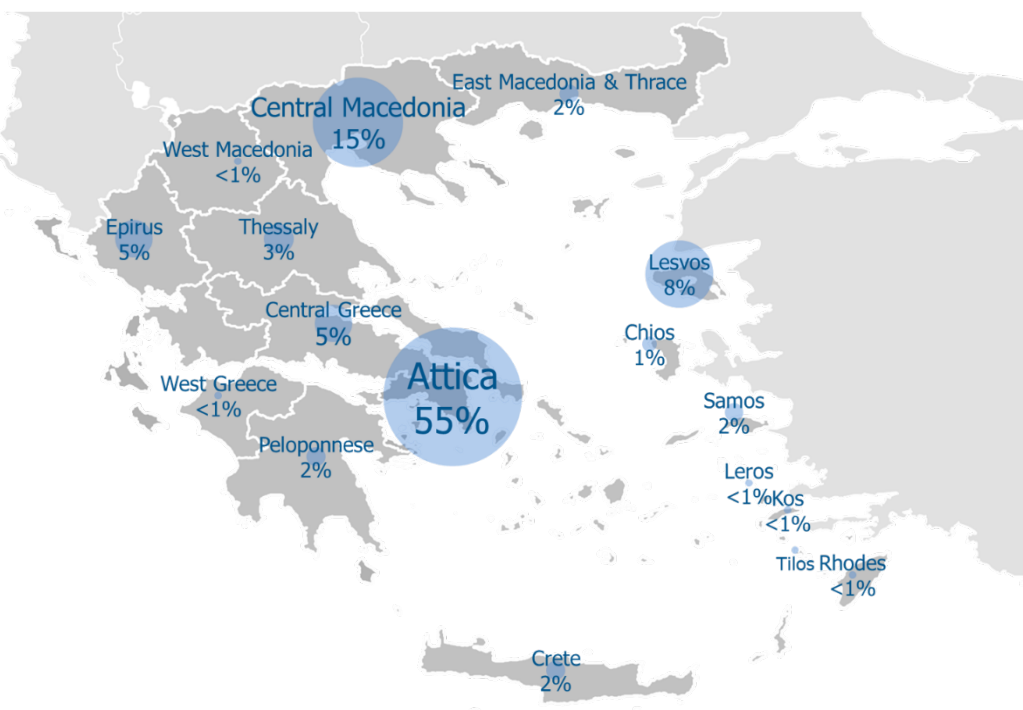


Nationality breakdown



Location of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

Asylum-seekers and refugees receiving cash assistance reside in 102 locations in Greece. 55% of those receiving cash assistance are located in Attica, with 15% currently on the islands and a further 15% in Central Macedonia.



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