ITALY Sea arrivals dashboard

Overview

In the first ten months of 2021, 53,439 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy by sea, compared to 27,203 and 9,649 in the same period in 2020 and 2019, respectively.

In October 2021, 7,110 refugees and migrants reached the shores of southern Italy, compared to 3,477 and 2,016 in 2020 and 2019 respectively. The vast majority of monthly arrivals (3,847 persons) arrived in Sicily, most commonly landing on the island of Lampedusa (2,436 persons). Increasing sea arrivals were registered in Calabria, where 2,560 refugees and migrants disembarked this month, of whom almost 1,200 reached shore in Roccella Jonica. An additional 386 persons arrived in Sardinia, while 317 disembarked in Apulia.

53,439 Jan - Oct 2021 [1]

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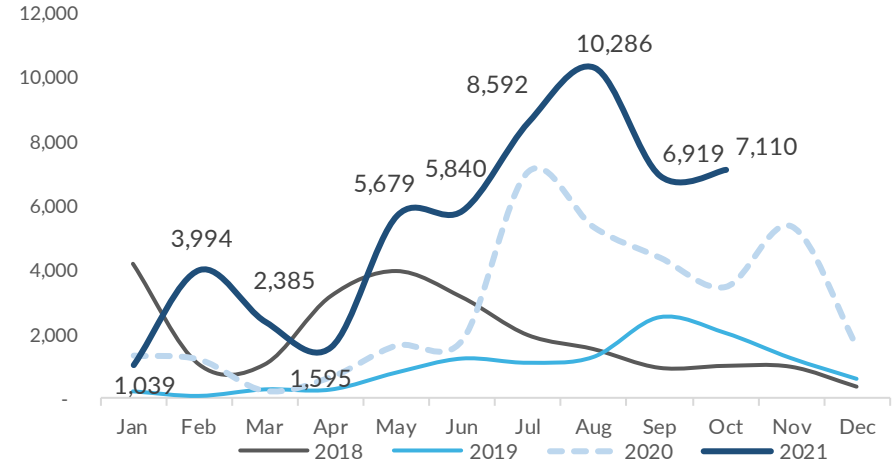
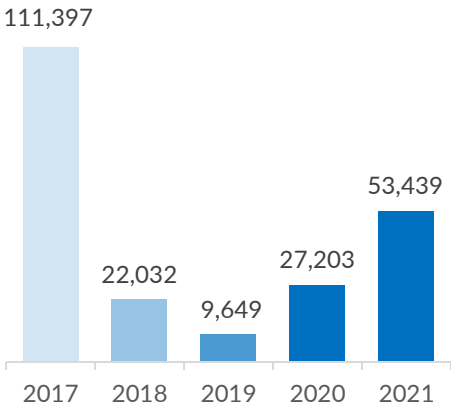
Monthly sea arrivals

January 2018 to October 2021



Yearly sea arrivals

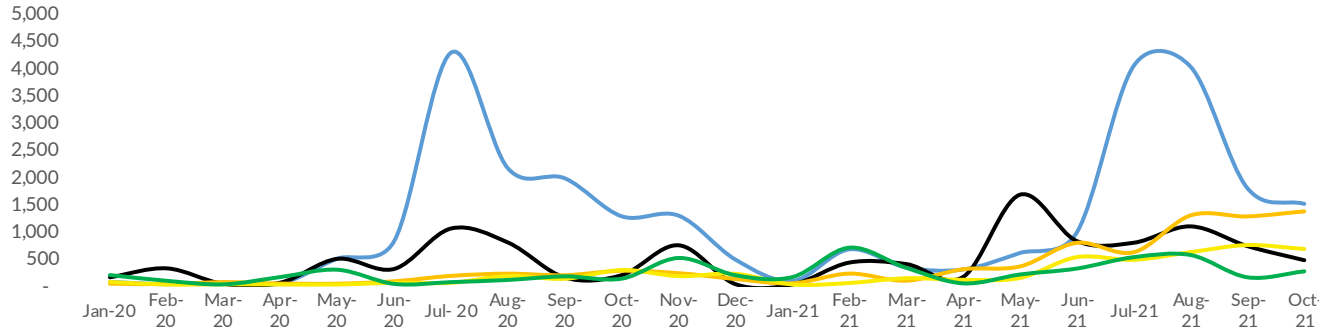
January to October, 2018-2021



Nationality of arrivals

To date in 2021, Tunisia has been the most common country of origin of refugees and migrants reaching Italian shores (27% of sea arrivals), followed by Bangladesh (12%), Egypt (12%), the Islamic Republic of Iran (6%), Côte d'Ivoire (6%), Iraq (4%), Guinea (4%), Eritrea (3%), Morocco (3%) and Sudan (3%). In October, Tunisian, Egyptian and Iranian nationals cumulatively accounted for half of monthly sea arrivals. Tunisian sea arrivals decreased in October (1,505), compared to previous months. Almost one in five sea arrivals this month originated from Egypt, confirming the upward trend observed in recent months and particularly since August: just under 1,000 Egyptian nationals this month departed from Libya, while over 400 embarked in Turkey. Also, a significant number of monthly arrivals (664 persons) originated from Iran, consistent with the increase of Iranians since June this year.

Most common nationalities of arrivals - January 2020 to October 2021



	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul- 20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
Tunisia	68	26	60	37	498	823	4,292	2,157	1,975	1,276	1,288	478	85	668	335	297	601	977	4,046	4,033	1,795	1,505
Bangladesh	137	303	15	39	480	293	1,043	782	132	177	731	9	3	410	383	143	1,669	810	778	1,082	716	454
Egypt	15	7	44	18	15	60	161	202	173	256	211	102	22	203	71	284	336	776	601	1,287	1,269	1,363
Islamic Rep. of Iran	48	-	3	-	-	33	32	160	107	270	157	199	1	28	117	88	122	512	462	605	738	664
Côte d'Ivoire	193	90	27	158	288	35	67	106	170	129	498	189	157	682	323	45	203	309	512	551	153	259

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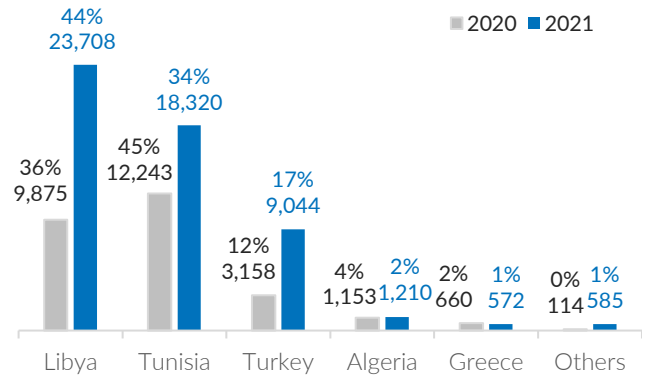
[1] All data are based on official Ministry of Interior figures shared with UNHCR. All figures are provisional and subject to change.

Country of embarkation

To date in 2021, 44% of sea arrivals in Italy departed from Libya (23,708 persons), followed by 34% departing from Tunisia (18,320 persons), 17% departing from Turkey (9,044 persons), 2% departing from Algeria (1,210 persons), 1% departing from Greece (572 persons) and 1% departing from other countries, namely Egypt, Lebanon, Montenegro and Albania (585 persons). The majority of persons departing from Libya originated from Bangladesh and Egypt, while most of those embarking in Tunisia are Tunisian nationals. The most common nationalities of persons embarking in Turkey were the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq and, to a lesser extent, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Egypt.

January to October 2020 - 2021



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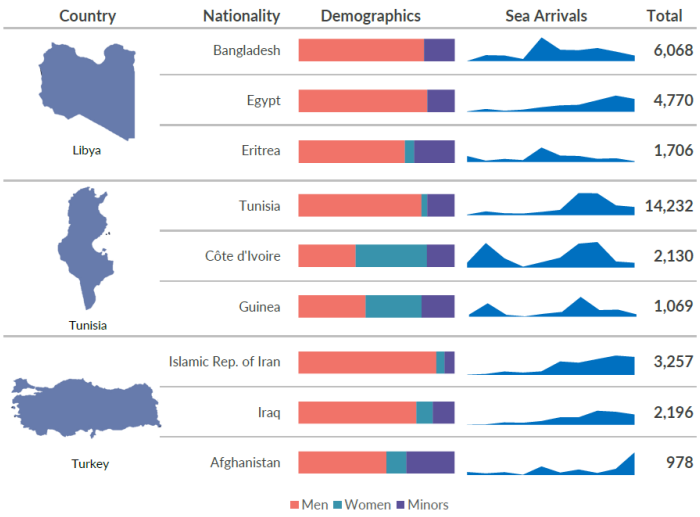
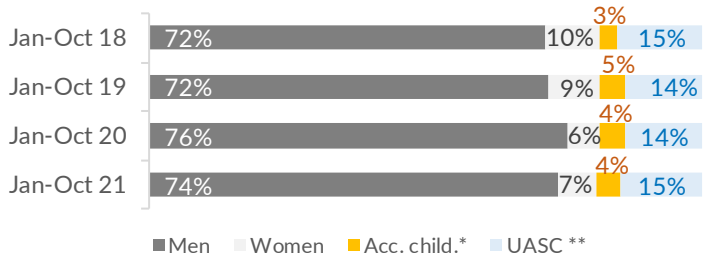
Top 3 nationalities by country of embarkation, January to October 2021



Demographics of arrivals

January to October 2018 - 2021



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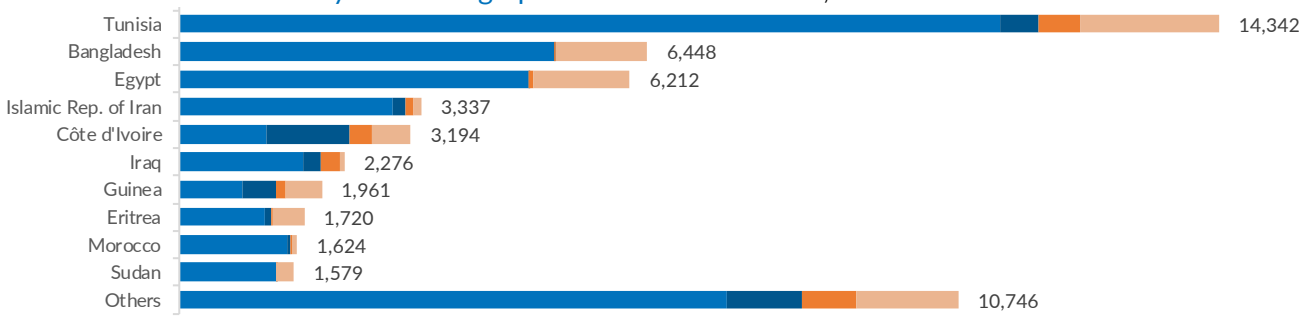
From 1 January to 31 October 2021, most sea arrivals were adult men (74%), followed by unaccompanied and separated children (UASC, 15%), adult women (7%) and accompanied children (4%).

In the first ten months of the year, 3,774 adult women reached Italian shores, the vast majority of whom originated from Côte d'Ivoire (1,150). Significant numbers of Tunisian women (523) and Guinean women (476) were also recorded.

From 1 January to 31 October 2021, 7,833 UASC arrived in Italy by sea, compared to 3,798 in the same period last year (+106%): the most common nationalities recorded are Tunisia (1,915), Egypt (1,334), Bangladesh (1,266), Côte d'Ivoire (528), Guinea (496), and Eritrea (423).

Nationality and demographics of arrivals – January to October 2021



	Others	Sudan	Morocco	Eritrea	Guinea	Iraq	Côte d'Ivoire	Islamic Rep. of Iran	Egypt	Bangladesh	Tunisia	Total
Men	7,558	1,327	1,489	1,170	861	1,707	1,198	2,934	4,807	5,173	11,327	39,551
Women	1,023	9	51	102	476	245	1,150	182	8	4	523	3,773
Acc. child.*	759	5	19	25	128	272	318	111	63	5	577	2,282
UASC **	1,406	238	65	423	496	52	528	110	1,334	1,266	1,915	7,833
Total	10,746	1,579	1,624	1,720	1,961	2,276	3,194	3,337	6,212	6,448	14,342	53,439

* Accompanied children ** Unaccompanied and separated children