

# ITALY Sea arrivals dashboard

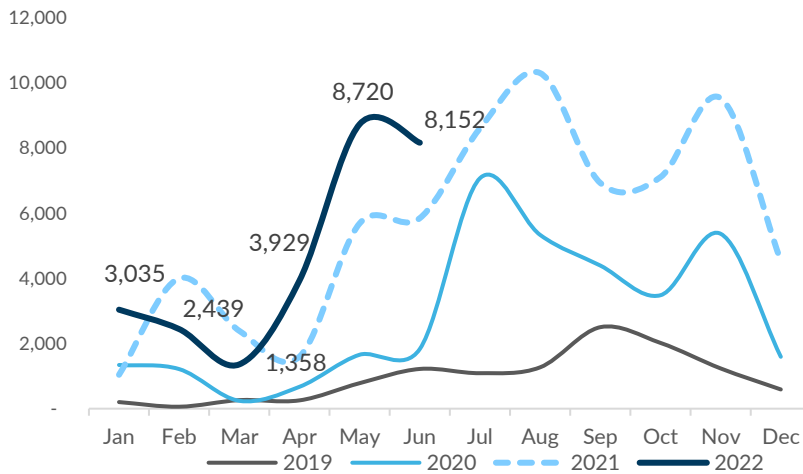
## Overview

In the first six months of the year, 27,633 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy by sea, compared to 20,532 in the same period last year. In June 2022, 8,152 persons were registered at landing points in southern Italy. This is a slight decrease compared to May 2022, when 8,720 refugees and migrants reached Italian shores. Most persons arriving in June disembarked in Sicily (6,625 persons), followed by Calabria (1,405), Sardinia (108) and Apulia (14).

**27,633** Jan - Jun 2022<sup>1</sup>  
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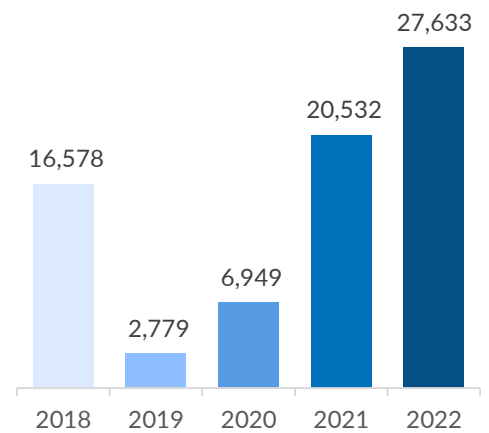
### Monthly sea arrivals

January 2019 to June 2022



### Yearly sea arrivals

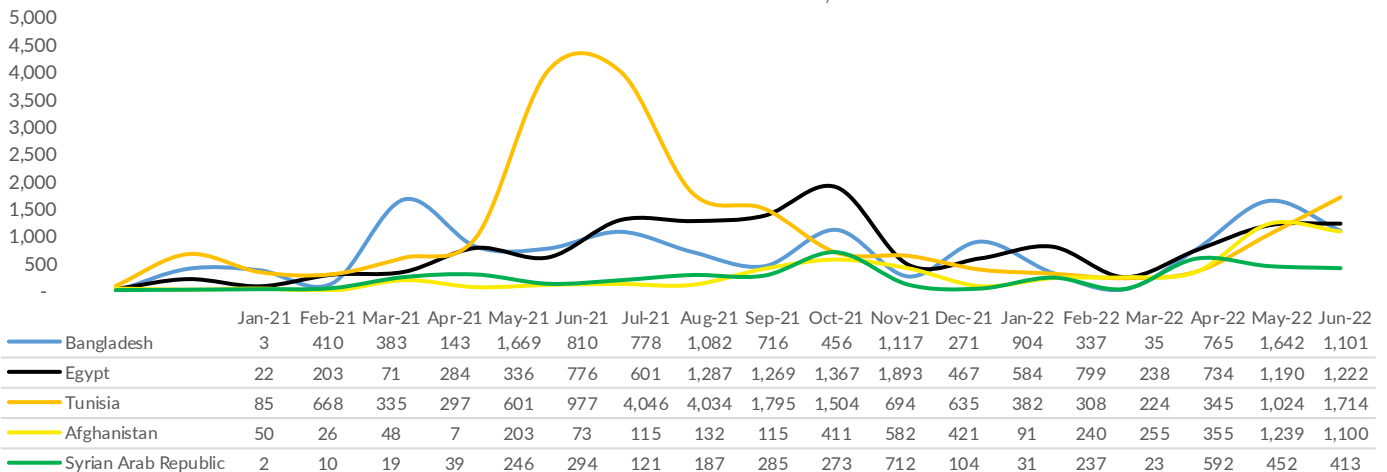
January to June, 2018-2022



## Nationality of arrivals

Year to date, the most common countries of origin recorded among refugees and migrants reaching Italian shores are Bangladesh and Egypt (17% each), followed by Tunisia (14%), Afghanistan (12%), Syrian Arab Republic (6%), Côte d'Ivoire (4%), Eritrea (3%), Islamic Republic of Iran (3%) and Guinea (3%). Over one in five sea arrivals in June was Tunisian. Notably, more than 60% of sea arrivals this month originated from just four countries, namely Tunisia (1,714 persons), Egypt (1,222 persons), Bangladesh (1,101 persons) and Afghanistan (1,100 persons). Monthly arrivals of Egyptians and Tunisians in June were the highest recorded year to date. While the increase in the numbers of Egyptians arriving in June (1,222) was minimal compared to numbers recorded in the previous month (1,190), the arrivals of Tunisians peaked in June (1,714), registering a 67% increase compared to the previous month (1,024) and a major upsurge compared to sea arrivals from this nationality recorded monthly in the January - April period, which ranged from 224 to 382. Syrian arrivals, on the other hand, continued to experience a downward trend: following a peak of 592 Syrians arriving by sea in April, numbers decreased to 452 in May and 413 in June: 61% of Syrians arriving in June departed from Libya, followed by 24% departing from Türkiye, 11% from Lebanon, 2% from Tunisia and 2% from Syria.

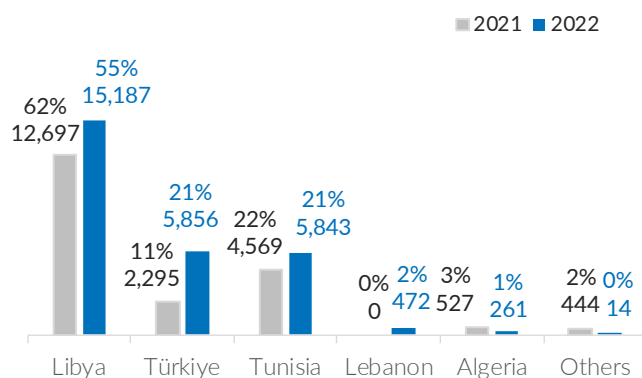
Most common nationalities of arrivals - January 2021 to June 2022



## Country of embarkation

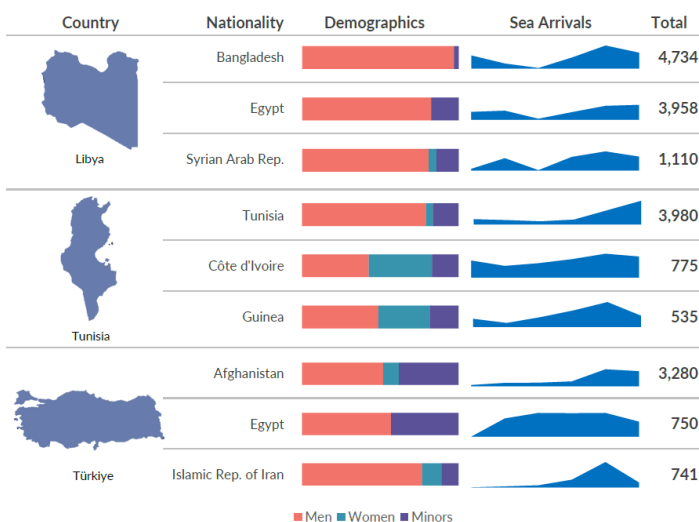
In the six months of 2022, 55% of sea arrivals departed from Libya (15,187 persons; 204 disembarkations), followed by 21% from Türkiye (5,856 persons; 75 disembarkations), 21% from Tunisia (5,843 persons; 321 disembarkations), 2% from Lebanon (472 persons; 3 disembarkations), 1% from Algeria (261 persons, 24 disembarkations) and less than 1% from other countries. In June, 52% of sea arrivals embarked in Libya, 26% in Tunisia, 20% in Türkiye, 1% in Lebanon, 1% in Algeria and less than 1% in both Syria (8 persons) and Greece (6 persons). Bangladeshi and Egyptian nationals cumulatively accounted for 51% of sea arrivals embarking in Libya this month. Almost 80% of persons departing from Tunisia in June were Tunisian nationals, followed, to a much lesser extent, by Ivoirians. The vast majority (68%) of persons departing from Türkiye in June were Afghans, while persons departing from Lebanon originate from Syria, as well as Lebanon and the State of Palestine.

January to June 2021 - 2022



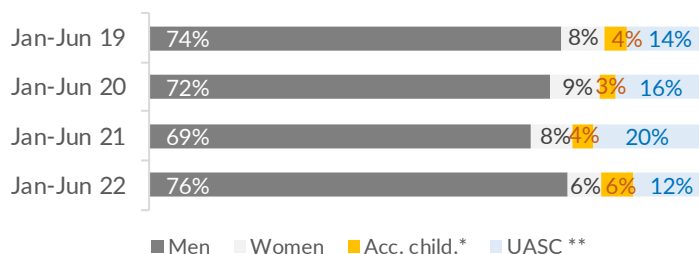
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Top 3 nationalities by country of embarkation, January to June 2022



## Demographics of arrivals

January to June 2019 - 2022



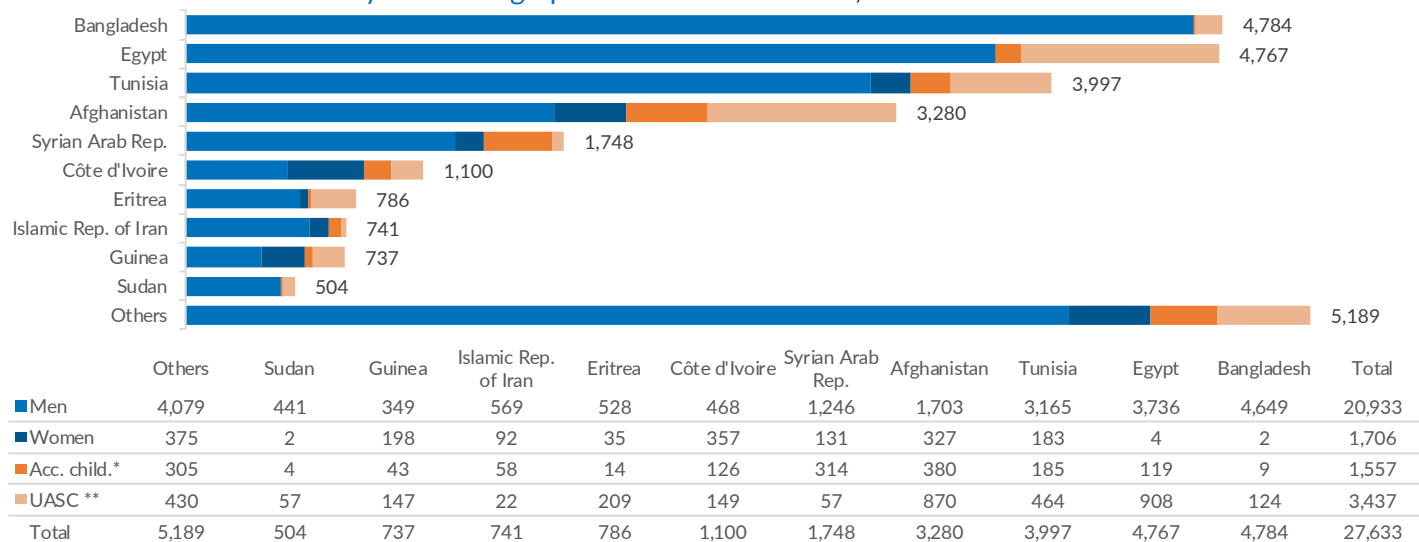
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In the first six months of 2022, most sea arrivals were adult men (76%), followed by unaccompanied and separated children (UASC, 12%), adult women (6%) and accompanied children (6%).

In June 2022, 366 adult women reached Italian shores, the vast majority of whom originated from Afghanistan (105) and Tunisia (75), followed by Côte d'Ivoire (67), Guinea (26), and Iraq (12).

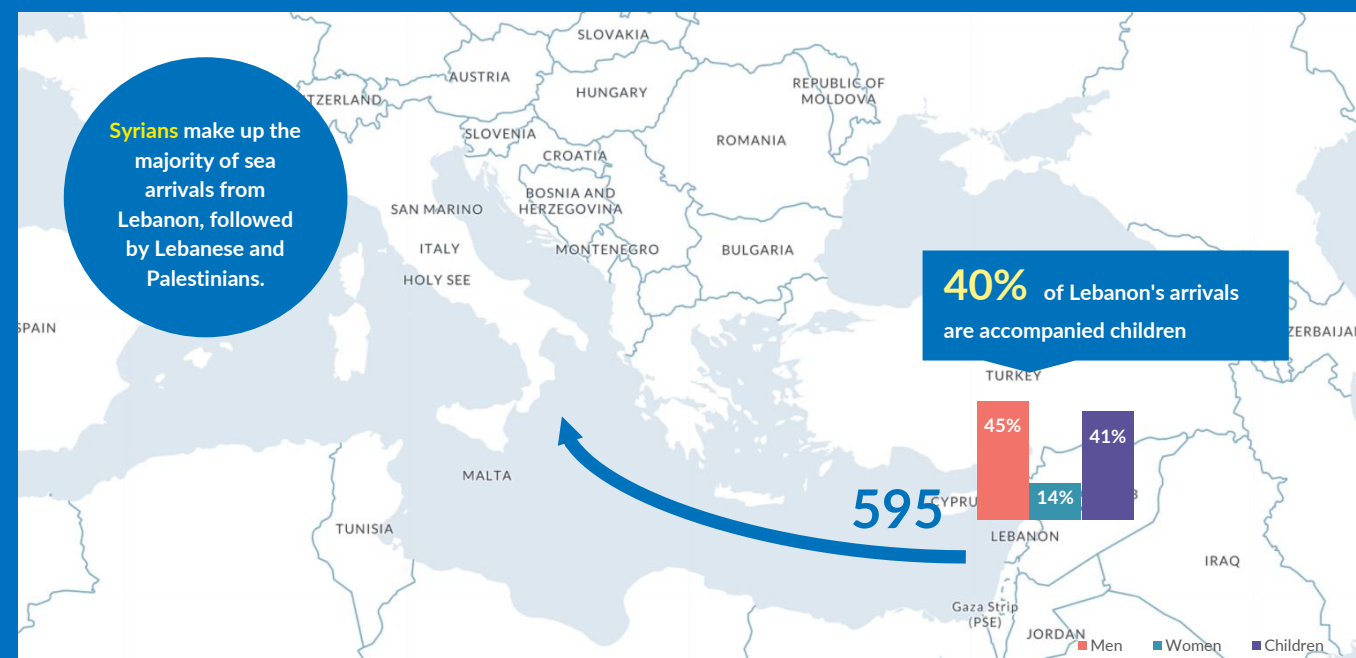
In the same period, 985 UASC arrived in Italy by sea: the most common nationalities recorded were Afghanistan (296), Egypt (245), Tunisia (225), Eritrea (52), Côte d'Ivoire (32) and Bangladesh (22).

### Nationality and demographics of arrivals – January to June 2022



## Quarterly focus<sup>2</sup>

### Sea Arrivals from Lebanon



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#### Profiles

- Year to date, **595 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy departing from Lebanon** in four separate disembarkations, all of which took place in the southern region of Calabria between 28 April and 7 July 2022. This is a significant increase compared to previous years: between 2014 and 2020 there were no recorded departures from Lebanon, while in the last quarter of 2021 there were 141 sea arrivals reaching Italian shores from Lebanon in three separate disembarkations.
- Refugees and migrants departing from Lebanon this year are by a vast majority Syrian nationals (61%), followed by Lebanese (20%), Palestinians (19%) and Iraqi (less than 1%). Groups travelling along this route are mostly composed by **large families**. This is reflected in the relatively high percentage of **accompanied children, accounting for 40% of the total**, with adult men and women representing 45% and 14% of the total, respectively. Unaccompanied children account for only 1% of the total.
- New arrivals reported leaving Lebanon due to **growing political instability and the deteriorating socio-economic situation** in the country, entailing rising inflation, making it difficult to access food and health services. While this situation has a disproportionately negative effect on the Syrian and Palestinian displaced populations, it also affects Lebanese citizens. Many Syrians and Palestinians reported leaving Lebanon after spending six to seven years in the country, in urban settings or camps.

#### Routes

- Prior to the recent uptick in departures from Lebanon, most Syrians and Palestinians who arrived in Italy by sea in the first quarter of 2022 departed from Libya. In addition to departures from Lebanon, only a dozen other Lebanese sea arrivals were recorded year to date, who departed from Turkey.
- Refugees and migrants travelling from Lebanon **most commonly embarked in the Tripoli area and, to a lesser extent, in the Beirut area**. They travelled aboard motorboats or fishing vessels, carrying up to some 220 passengers and taking up to seven days to reach Italian shores. Reportedly, the journey costs between 5,000 and 8,000 euros.
- While departures from Lebanon represent only 2% of sea arrivals in Italy, their occurrence in a short timeframe, coupled with increasing reports of irregular sea journeys out of the country and a significant economic and political crisis there, may suggest **a possible upward trend of arrivals by sea from Lebanon in the coming months**. UNHCR is closely following developments in this regard.