

Sea Arrivals Dashboard

Overview

In 2023, a total of 4,749 refugees and asylum-seekers arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from the State of Palestine (23%), Afghanistan (11%), Somalia (10%), Eritrea (9%), and the Dem. Rep. of the Congo (9%). Women account for 22%, children for 21% and men for 57%.

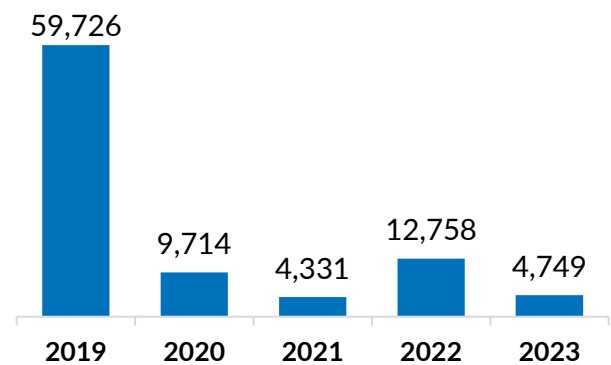
In May, there was a slight increase in arrivals on the islands with 844 people arriving, in contrast to April when 804 individuals had arrived. The number of arrivals between January and May 2023 has increased by 145% compared to the same period in 2022.

During 2023, the majority of new arrivals were received by Lesbos, accounting for 51% of the total, followed by the Dodecanese Islands at 23%, Samos at 14%, Chios at 8%, and other Islands at 3%.

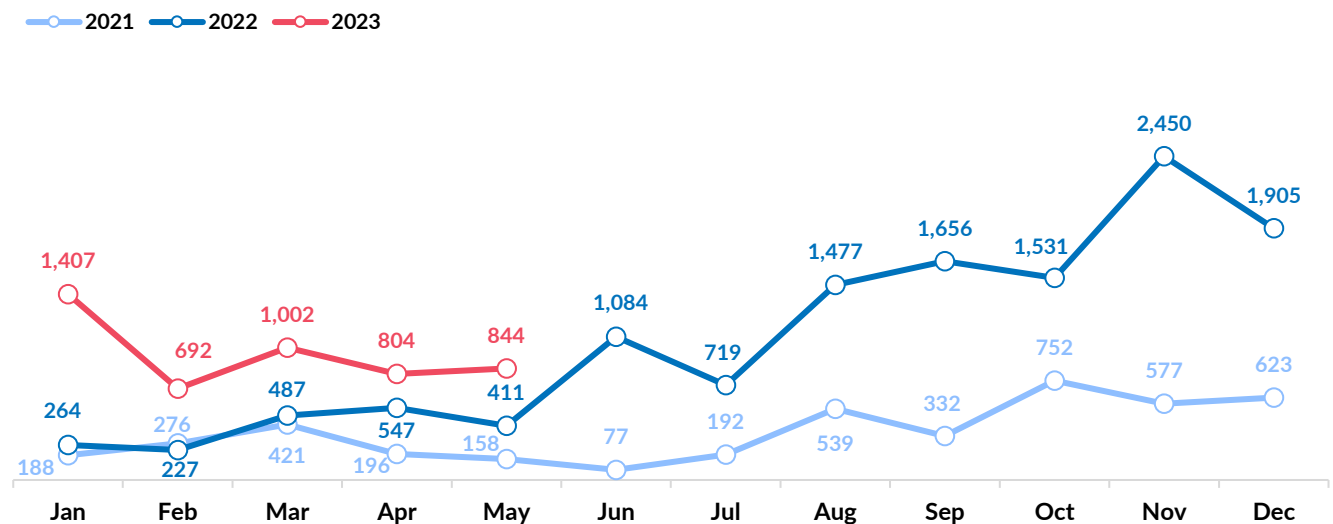
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sea arrivals January – May 2023 ¹

Arrivals from 2019 to May. 2023

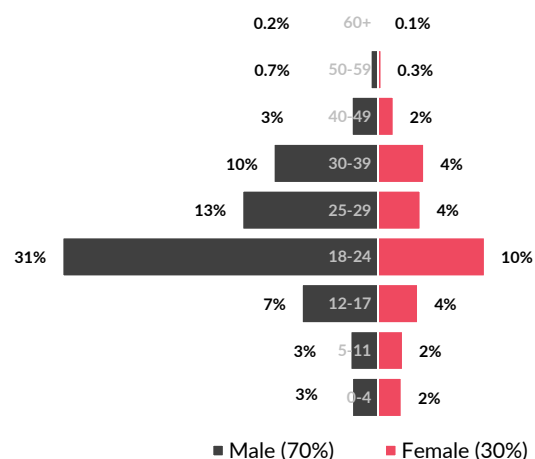


Monthly Arrivals 2021 to May. 2023



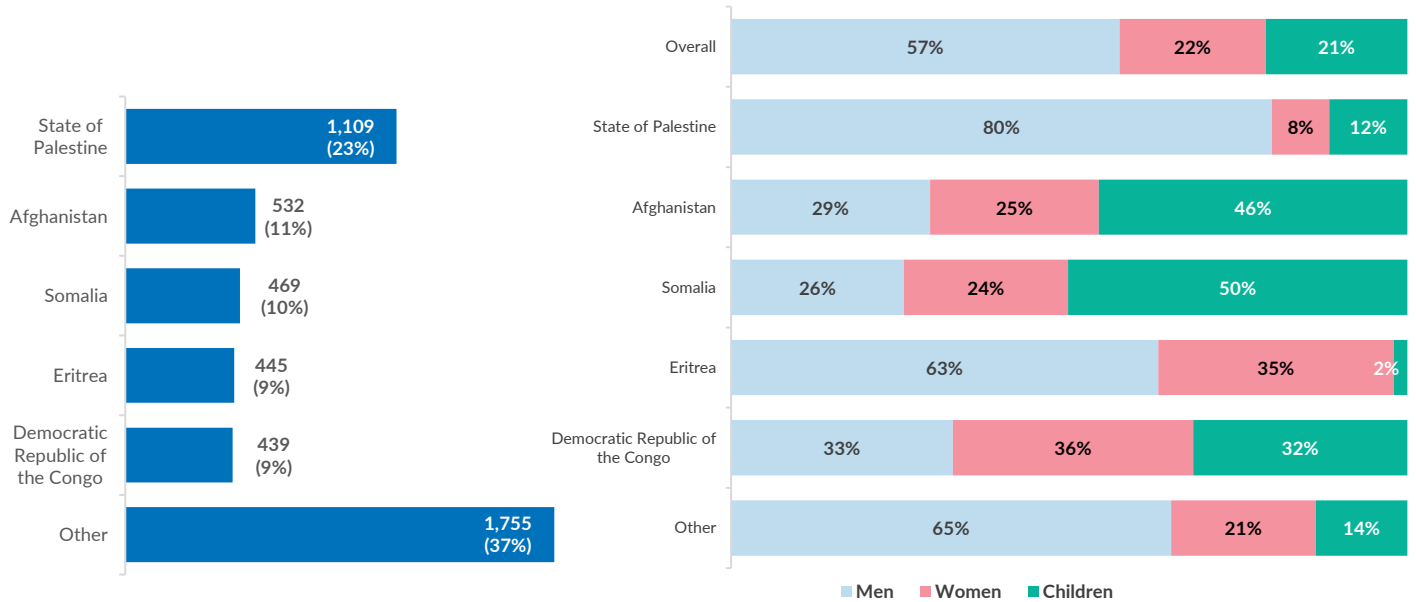
Demographics

In 2023, one-fifth of arrivals are children, whereas in 2022, the proportion was one-third. Of those, almost 5 out of 10 are below the age of 12. Moreover, 27% of all children were registered upon arrival as unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Somalia, Afghanistan and the State of Palestine. Approximately 54% of the arrivals are men between the ages of 18 and 39, while only 1% are aged 50 years or older.



Demographics (continued)

Most of new arrivals in 2023 are from the State of Palestine (1,109), Afghanistan (532) and Somalia (469). As in the previous year, the majority of arrivals from Afghanistan come in family groups.



Entry points

During 2023, the majority of refugees and migrants in Greece arrived on Lesbos (51%), Dodecanese Islands (23%) and Samos (14%).

