

Sea Arrivals Dashboard

Overview

In 2023, a total of 14,651 refugees and asylum-seekers arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from the State of Palestine (21%), Syria (18%), Afghanistan (13%), Somalia (11%), and Eritrea (8%). Women account for 20%, children for 21% and men for 59%.

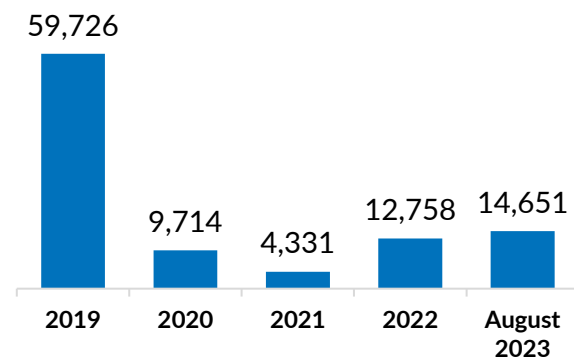
In August, there was an increase in arrivals on the islands with 5,831 people arriving, in contrast to July when 2,722 individuals had arrived. The number of arrivals between January and August 2023 has increased by 181% compared to the same period in 2022.

During 2023, the majority of new arrivals were received by Lesbos, accounting for 38% of the total, followed by the Dodecanese Islands at 33%, Samos at 15%, Chios at 6%, and other Islands at 8%.

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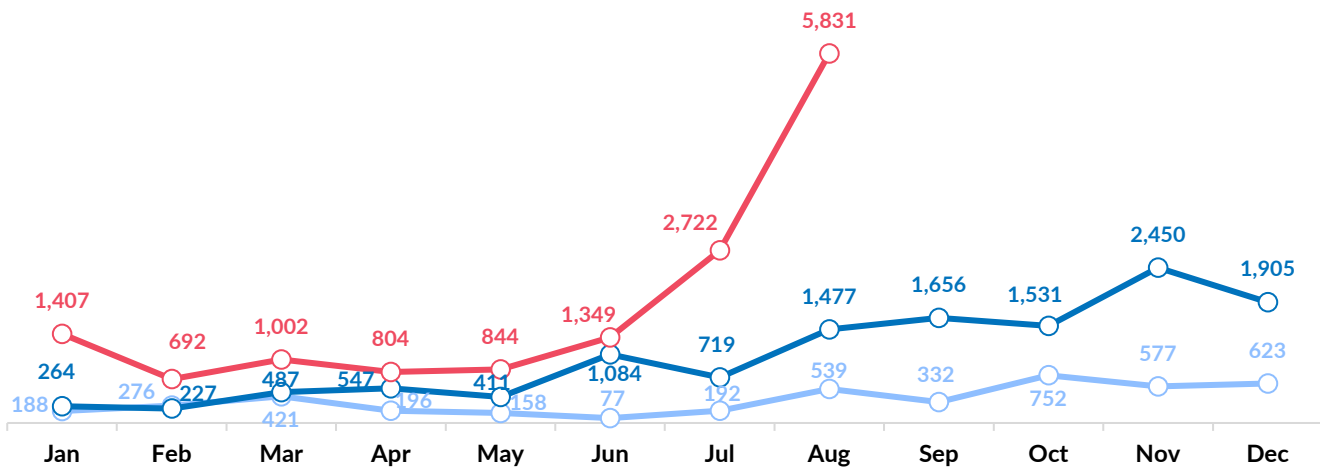
sea arrivals January – August 2023 ¹

Arrivals from 2019 to Aug 2023



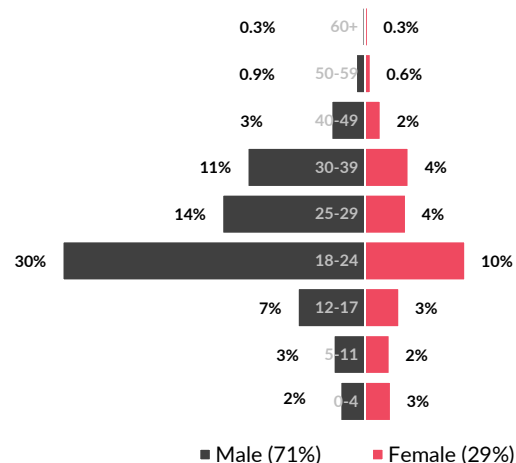
Monthly Arrivals 2021 to July 2023

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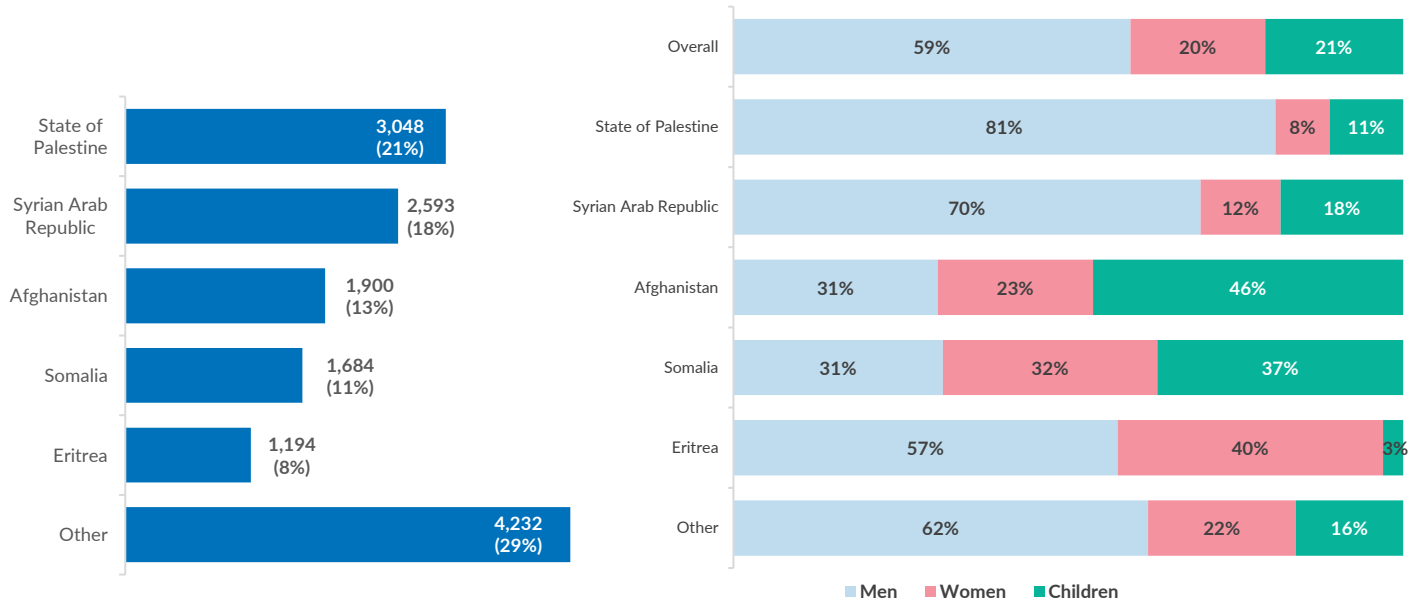
Demographics

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, 23% of all children were registered upon arrival as unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Somalia, Afghanistan and the State of Palestine. Approximately 55% of the arrivals are men between the ages of 18 and 39, while only 2% are aged 50 years or older.



Demographics (continued)

Most of new arrivals in 2023 are from the State of Palestine (3,048), Syria (2,593) and Afghanistan (1,900). As in the previous year, the majority of arrivals from Afghanistan come in family groups.



Entry points

During 2023, the majority of refugees and asylum-seekers in Greece arrived on Lesbos (38%), Dodecanese Islands (33%) and Samos (15%).

