ITALY Sea arrivals dashboard

Overview

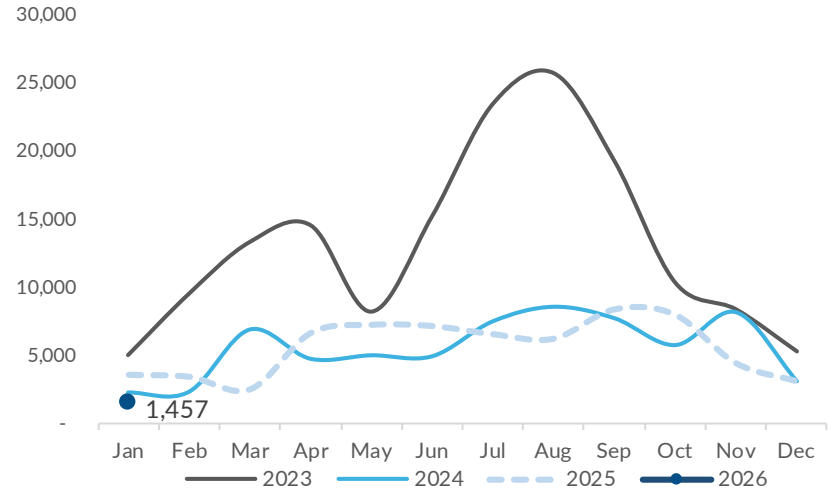
In January 2026, 1,457 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy by sea, compared to 3,479 in the same period last year (58% decrease). Most of the 1,457 people who arrived in January disembarked in Sicily (79%, 1,156 persons), followed by Sardinia (206), Liguria (69), and Marche (26).

1,457 Jan 2026 [1]

3,479 Jan 2025 [1]

Monthly sea arrivals

January 2023 to January 2026



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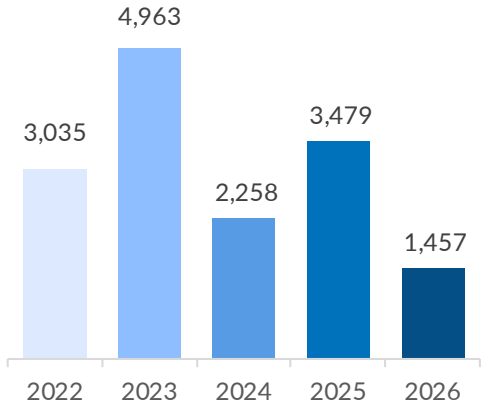
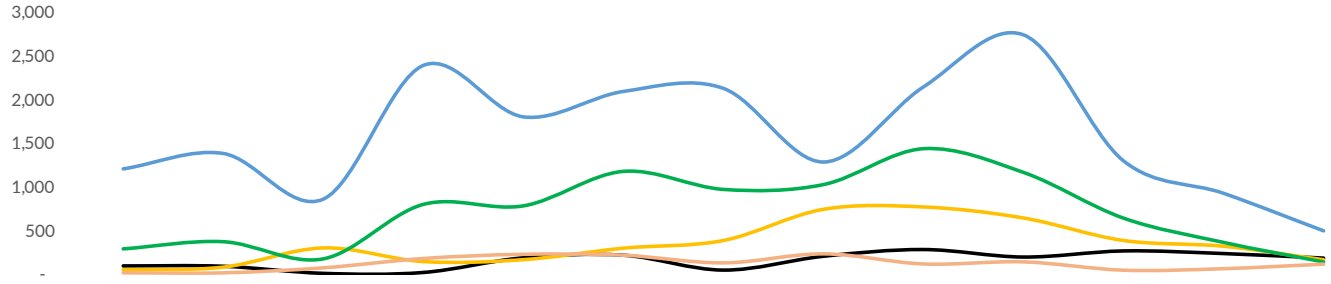


Nationality of arrivals

In January, Bangladeshi nationals accounted for 34 per cent of all sea arrivals (31% in December 2025), followed by Algerians (12%, up from 8% in December) and Sudanese (11%, compared to 10% in December). Other nationalities arriving in significant numbers included Egyptians (9%), Guineans (8%), Somalis and Pakistanis (6% each), Ivorians (3%), Moroccans, Sierra Leoneans, and Cameroonians (2% each). In January, the main nationalities of individuals departing **from Libya** were Bangladeshi at 48 per cent (up from 39% in December 2025), followed by Sudanese (16%, up from 13% in December) and Egyptian (13%, compared to 15% in December). **From Tunisia**, the main nationalities were Guinean (52%, up from 11% in December), Ivorian (18%, compared to 5% in December), and Sierra Leonean (11%, compared to less than 1% in December). Tunisians, who represented 43% of departures from Tunisia in December 2025, were not present in January. Almost all individuals departing **from Algeria** were Algerian nationals (85%, compared to 88% in December), with a smaller proportion of persons of unknown nationality (14%) and less than 1 per cent of Tunisians and Moroccans.

Most common nationalities of people arriving by sea - January 2025 to January 2026



	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Bangladesh	1,206	1,383	860	2,391	1,802	2,093	2,128	1,285	2,145	2,741	1,298	927	497
Algeria	85	81	-	10	178	207	37	195	272	186	256	226	174
Sudan	49	78	296	141	163	293	380	733	760	635	380	315	162
Egypt	284	366	170	792	775	1,169	963	1,018	1,428	1,157	635	358	134
Guinea	11	11	70	181	231	220	129	236	116	141	42	60	114

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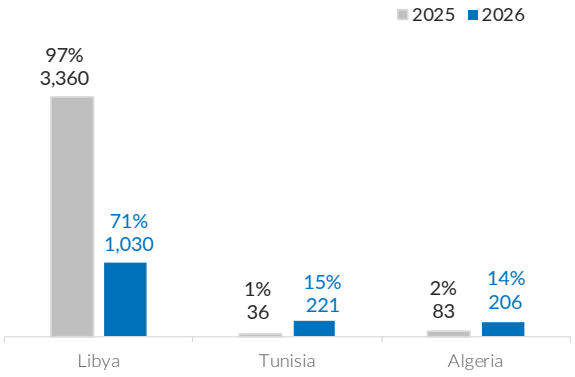
[1] All data are based on official Ministry of Interior figures shared with UNHCR. All figures are provisional and subject to change.

Country of embarkation

In January, 71 per cent of people reaching Italy via sea departed from Libya (1,030 persons in 20 landings), followed by 15 per cent from Tunisia (221 persons in 4 landings), and 14 per cent from Algeria (206 persons in 22 landings).

January 2025 and 2026



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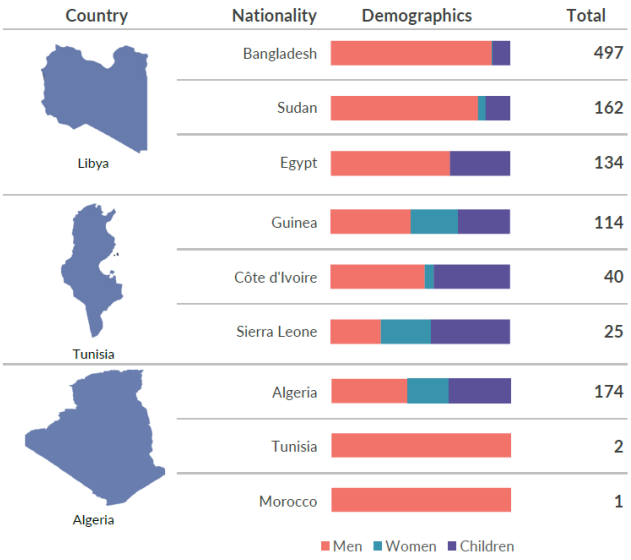
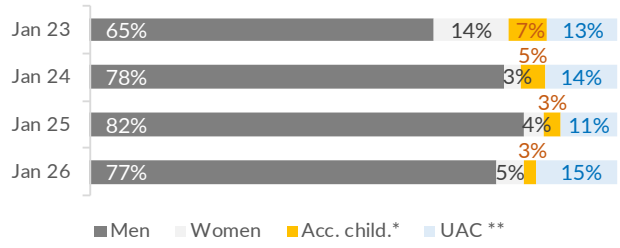
Top 3 nationalities by country of embarkation, January 2026



Demographics of arrivals

January 2023 - 2026



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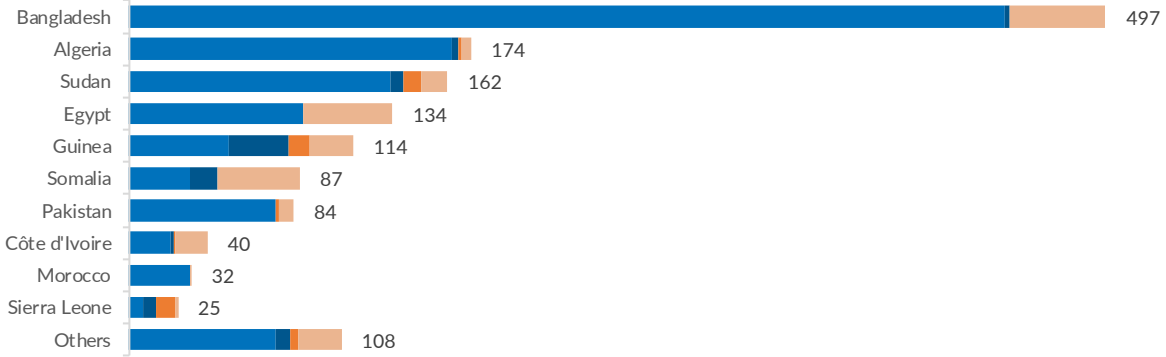
In January, the majority of people arriving by sea were adult males (77%), followed by unaccompanied children (UAC, 15%), adult females (5%) and accompanied children (3%).

In January, 73 adult females reached Italian shores, primarily originating from Guinea (30), Somalia (14), Sierra Leone and Sudan (7 each), and Algeria (4).

In the same month, 224 UAC arrived in Italy by sea. The main nationalities were Bangladeshi (49), Egyptian (45), Somali (42), Guinean (22), and Ivorian (16).

Nationality and demographics of arrivals – January 2026



	Others	Sierra Leone	Morocco	Côte d'Ivoire	Pakistan	Somalia	Guinea	Egypt	Sudan	Algeria	Bangladesh	Total
Men	75	7	31	21	75	31	51	89	133	164	446	1,123
Women	7	7	-	2	-	14	30	-	7	4	2	73
Acc. child.*	4	10	-	1	1	-	11	-	9	1	-	37
UAC **	22	1	1	16	8	42	22	45	13	5	49	224
Total	108	25	32	40	84	87	114	134	162	174	497	1,457