

Weekly Report



Key Figures

Mediterranean

231,024

arrivals by sea in 2016*

2,896

dead/missing in 2016*

Trends of sea arrivals

Between 27 June and 3 July, 239 refugees and migrants crossed the sea to Greece – a decrease from the 358 that crossed the previous week. By the end of June, 158,311 people had crossed the sea to Greece in comparison with 75,204 in the same period in 2015. However, over the past three months, 6,373 refugees and migrants have crossed the sea to Greece – with just 1,489 arriving in June - in comparison with 62,763 who crossed the sea to Greece between April and June last year.

At the same time, 7,088 people arrived in Italy during the week – a decrease from the 7,829 the previous week but higher than most recent weeks. As of the end of June, 70,097 people had crossed the Mediterranean to Italy – on par with the 70,354 people that had arrived by June 2015. A total of 153,842 refugees and migrants crossed to Italy in 2015. The number of arrivals so far in 2016 is slightly higher than the corresponding figures for 2014 when 63,884 people had crossed by June out of a total of 170,100 that reached Italy that year.

As of June 2016, the top three nationalities among arrivals to Greece are Syrian Arab Republic (48%), Afghanistan (25%), and Iraq (15%). Among those arrivals, 38% are children, 21% women, and 40% are men. During the same period in Italy, Eritrea (13%), Nigeria (12%) and Gambia (8%) are the top three nationalities among arrivals with 16% children, 11% women and 73% men.

Key developments

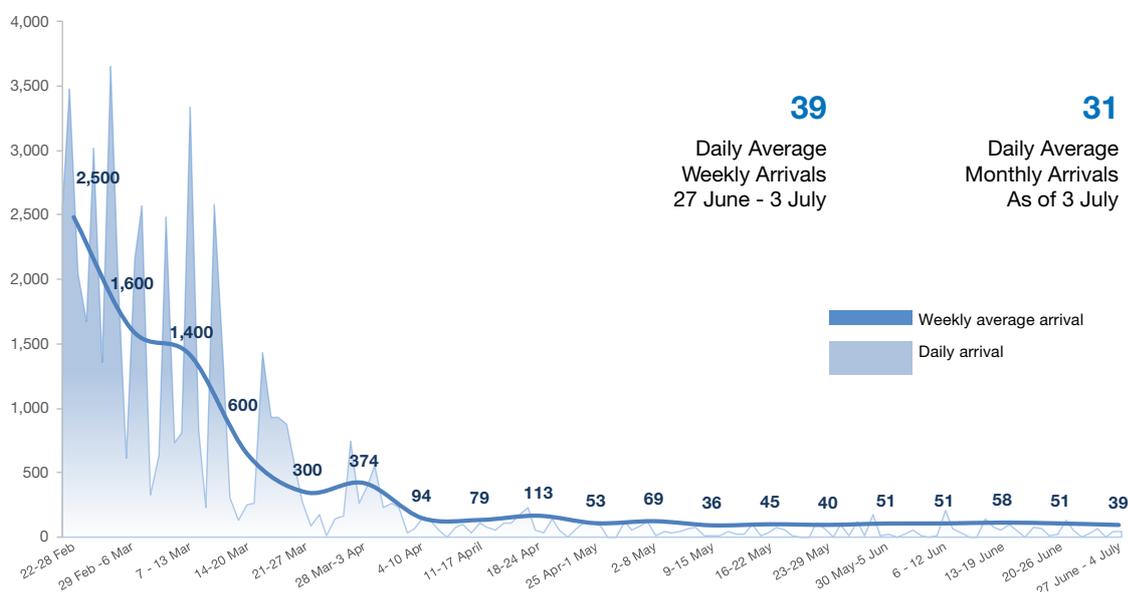
Situation in Greece

Conditions in many parts of the country remained difficult with soaring temperatures causing fainting and dehydration. The pre-registration exercise continued in several sites on the mainland despite the conditions and so far 17,744 persons have been pre-registered and 19,967 persons provided with a wrist-band in preparation for their pre-registration. In addition, 457 unaccompanied children and 319 separated children have been identified during the exercise and rapid best interest assessments were conducted. On 29-30 June, Alternate Minister of Migration Policy, Yiannis Mouzalas, visited the islands of Chios and Lesbos, to help address tensions linked with the overcrowding of the reception facilities on the islands. Please see [UNHCR briefing note](#) on the pre-registration exercise issued on 1 July.

Situation at the Serbia-Hungary border

The number of refugees and migrants in Serbia rose to over 2,200, half of which were accommodated in governmental facilities. Conditions for asylum-seekers at the Serbia-Hungary border waiting to enter Hungary via two transit zones remains difficult. During the previous week, over 400 asylum-seekers, 41% of which were children, were waiting outside the transit zones for an opportunity to enter Hungary and lodge an asylum application. As the total number of entries at both sites is usually restricted to approximately

Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 22 February to 3 July 2016



* data.unhcr.org/mediterranean as of 5 July 2016

Key Figures

Greece

239

Total Weekly Arrivals to Greek Islands
27 June - 3 July

39

Daily Average Arrivals to Greek Islands
27 June - 3 July

Italy

7,088

Total Weekly Arrivals to Italy
27 June - 3 July

1,013

Daily Average Arrivals to Italy
27 June - 3 July

30, asylum-seekers are frequently waiting between 21 and 28 days to be admitted into the transit zones and hygiene and sanitation conditions in the sites are concerning. During the week, Hungary apprehended 1,076 persons for irregular entry and reported preventing a further 2,103 persons from entering the country.

Italian Navy recovers ship in which up to 800 thought to have drowned

On 29 June, the Italian navy recovered a ship that sank off Sicily on 18 April 2015 with an estimated 700-800 people aboard and only 28 people survived in what it could be one of the worst tragedies in the Mediterranean Sea. The wreck was brought to the Sicilian port of Augusta and the process of identifying the deceased still on board will begin. During the past week, further deaths en route to Italy were reported and the bodies of 10 women recovered after an inflatable boat sank about 20 miles from the Libyan coast. The Italian Coast Guard rescued 108 survivors. So far this year, 2,896 refugees and migrants have lost their lives while attempting to reach Europe via the Mediterranean which is a 57 % increase in comparison to 1,847 during the same period in 2015.

Update on relocation and returns

As of 1 July, 21 EU Member States and Switzerland had pledged places for 6,351 (10%) of the 66,400 persons to be relocated from Greece by September 2017, and the applications of 3,804 persons have so far been accepted. No further relocations took place from Italy this week so the total relocated from the country remains 789 with 71 relocated in June and 153 in May. No returns from Greece to Turkey took place during the week.

EU Developments

On 28-29 June, despite the UK referendum On 28-29 June, despite the UK referendum dominating the discussions of the [European Council](#), EU leaders also focused on migration. Regarding the implementation of the 18 March EU-Turkey Statement, they [concluded](#) that the progress achieved so far had to be further advanced, that continuous support needed to be provided to Western Balkan countries including for their fight against smuggling, and that action was required to accelerate the implementation of the relocation and resettlement schemes. The situation in the Central Mediterranean was also discussed with EU Leaders calling for a further implementation

Arrivals and People Present* per Country 3 July 2016



01	Greek Islands Arrivals: 42 Present*: 8,612
	Greece Mainland Arrivals: 69 Present*: 48,464
02	fYRoM** Arrivals: 0 Present*: 248
03	Serbia Arrivals: 300 Present*: 2,200
04	Croatia Arrivals: 0 Present*: 60
05	Hungary Arrivals: 134 Present*: -
06	Slovenia Arrivals: 0 Present*: 296
07	Austria Arrivals: 108 Present*: -

* Number of people present in Greece and estimated number of people currently present in countries along the previous route not applying for asylum
 ** The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (please note that the fYRoM abbreviation is used for design purposes)

Timeline Overview

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