

Spain Arrivals Dashboard

January - September 2016

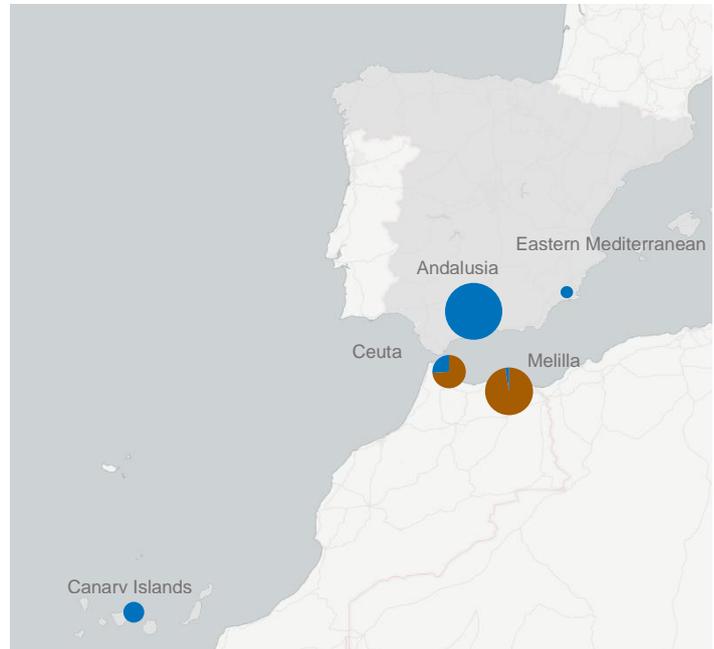
Key Figures

9148 arrivals to Spain

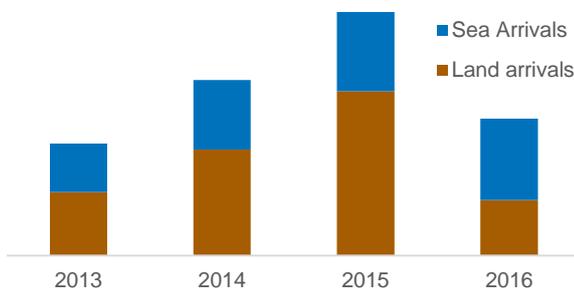
3702 land arrivals

5446 sea arrivals

Arrivals to Spain by location | Jan- Sept 2016

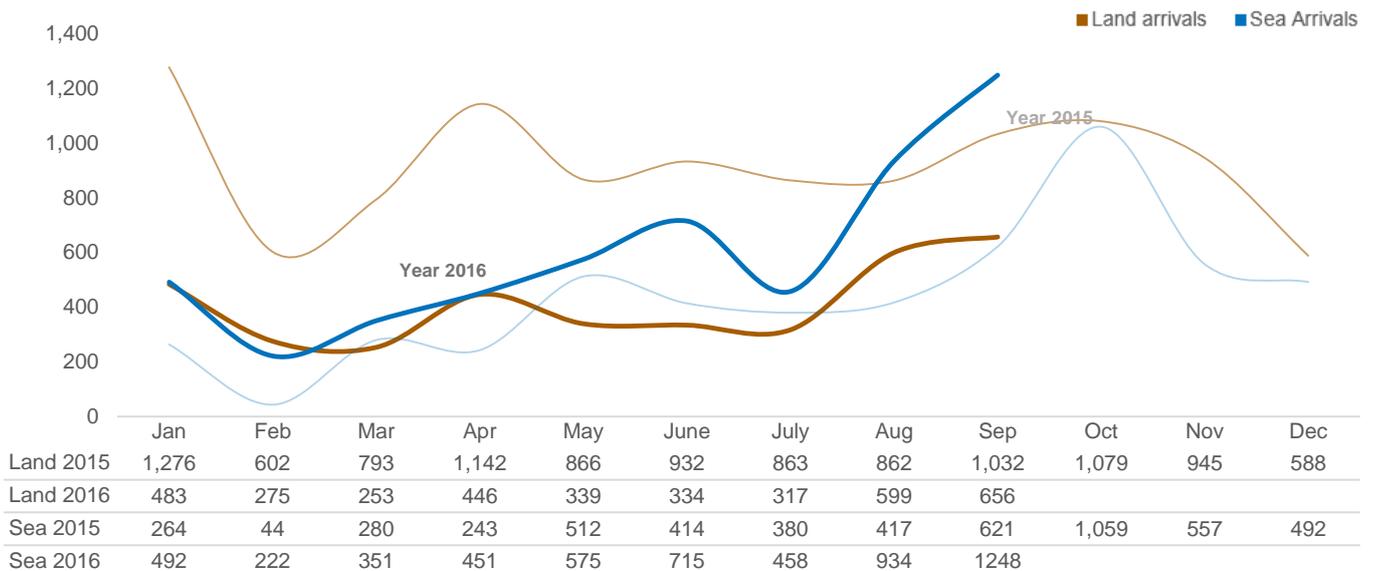


Arrivals to Spain | 2013- Sept 2016



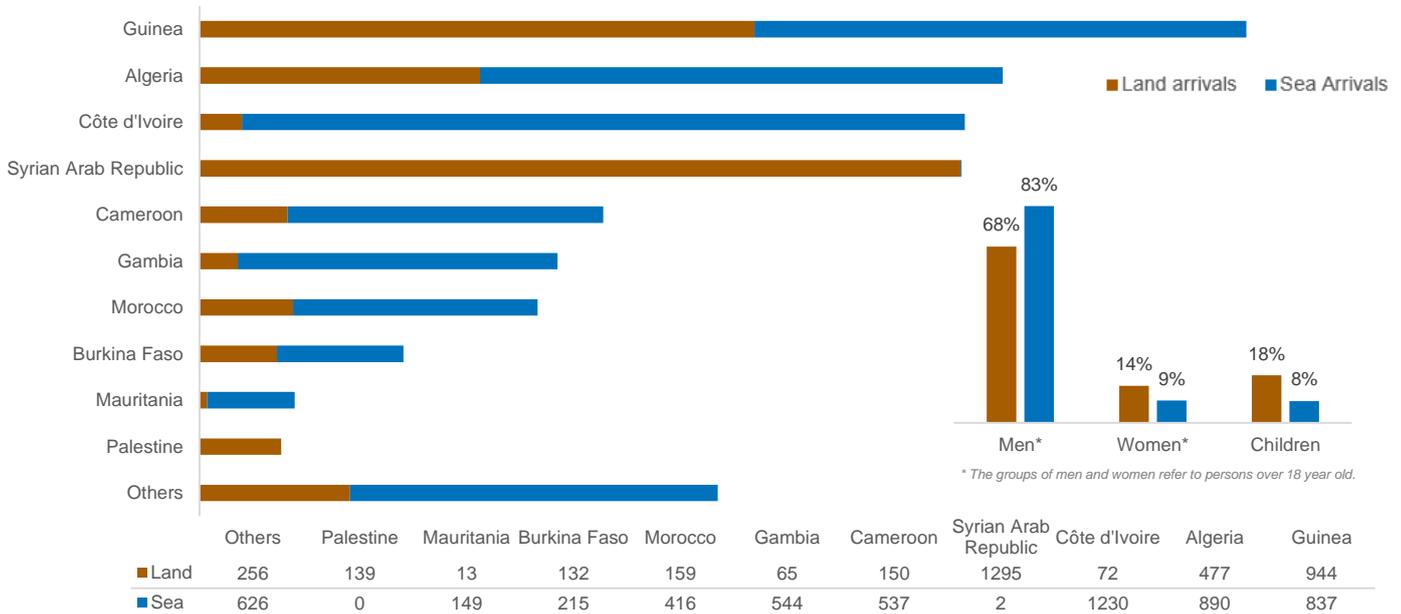
Between 1 January and 30 September 2016, 9,148 persons arrived to Spain: 60% arrived by sea and 40% by land to Ceuta and Melilla, the only land borders between EU and Africa. Most sea arrivals are rescued in the Mediterranean Sea by the Spanish Rescue Agency and transferred to different sites on the Andalusian coast. 48 persons died in the Western Mediterranean during the first nine months of 2016 whereas 12 died during the same period of 2015.

Sea and land arrivals to Spain | 2015-2016



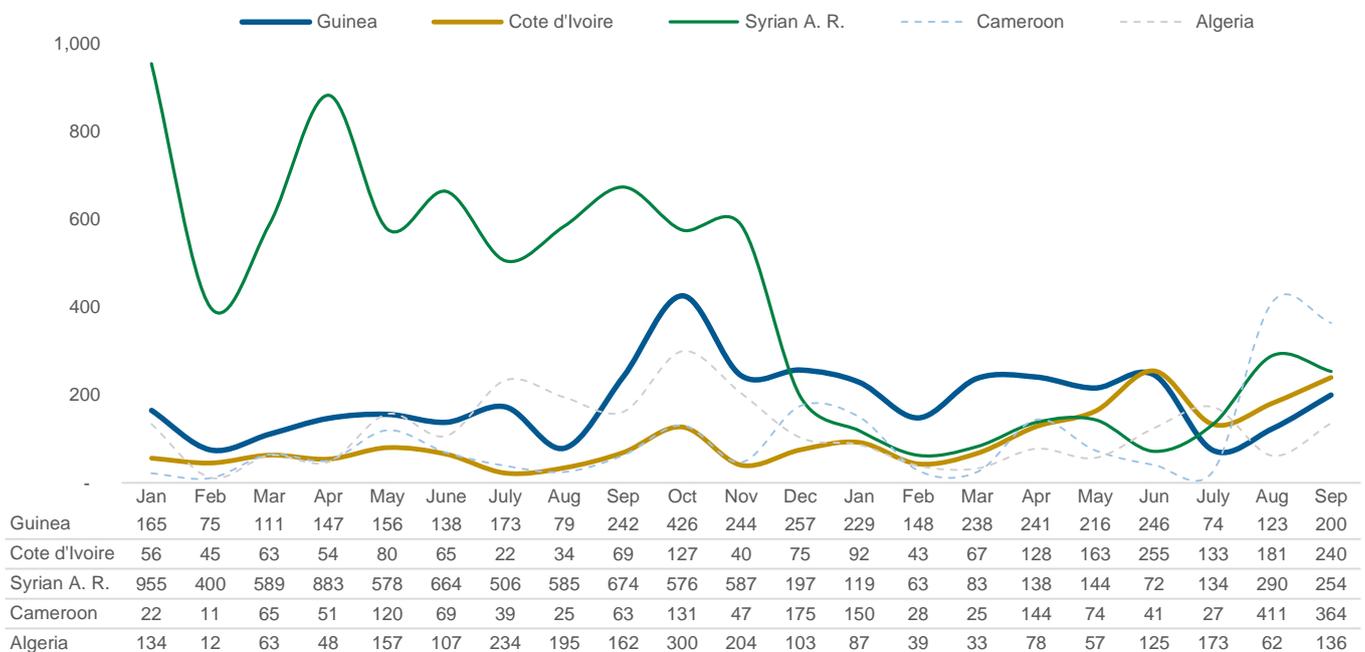
During the period 1 January to 30 September 2016, 5,446 persons arrived by sea: this represents a 70% increase compared to the same period of 2015. In 2016, land arrivals to Ceuta and Melilla decreased by 55%, but the monthly inflow continued to increase in August and September, with a significant number of Syrians continuing to enter the EU by land, making Spain the third most important route for Syrians to enter Europe (after Greece and Bulgaria).

Top ten nationalities of arrivals to Spain | Jan – Sept 2016



While Syrians arrive to Spain only via land (so to avoid the more dangerous sea crossing), nationals of sub-Saharan African countries mainly cross the sea or climb the fences separating Ceuta and Melilla from Morocco in order to gain access to. Women and children account for 60% of Syrian arrivals to Melilla. The majority of sub-Saharan arrivals are young men.

Top five nationalities of arrivals to Spain - Monthly trends | Jan 2015 –Sept 2016



Between 1 January 2015 and 30 September 2016, around 8,500 Syrians entered the EU via Melilla. Since UNHCR established presence in Melilla in July 2014, Syrians arriving by land to this enclave started to apply for international protection. As for the sea arrivals, identification of protection remains a challenge. Since summer 2016, UNHCR is also present at the main entry points on the Andalusian coast, advocating and supporting the implementation of identification and referral mechanisms for new arrivals.