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# Italy - Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) Dashboard
## May 2017

**Children arrived in 2017**

Accompanied 7%

UASC 93%
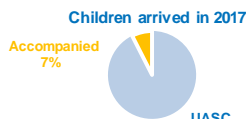
**8,312** UASC

**14%** of sea arrivals

Between 1 January and 31 May 2017, 8,312 **unaccompanied and separated** children arrived in Italy by sea, representing 14% of all sea arrivals in this period. This proportion is comparable to the first five months of 2016, when 16% of those arriving by sea were UASC. UASC numbers, however, have increased compared to last year, when 7,654 UASC arrived in the first five months of the year.

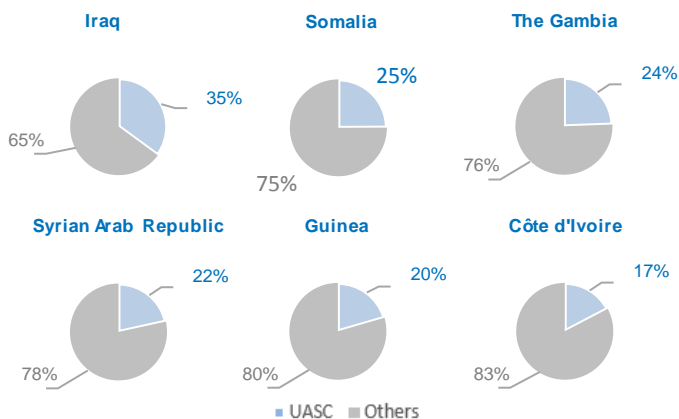## UASC and accompanied children sea arrivals trend
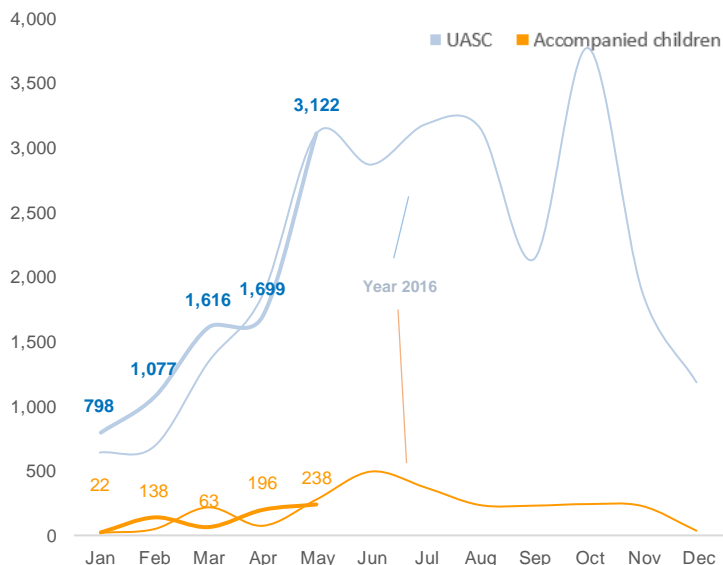


## UASC and accompanied children: sea arrivals to Italy
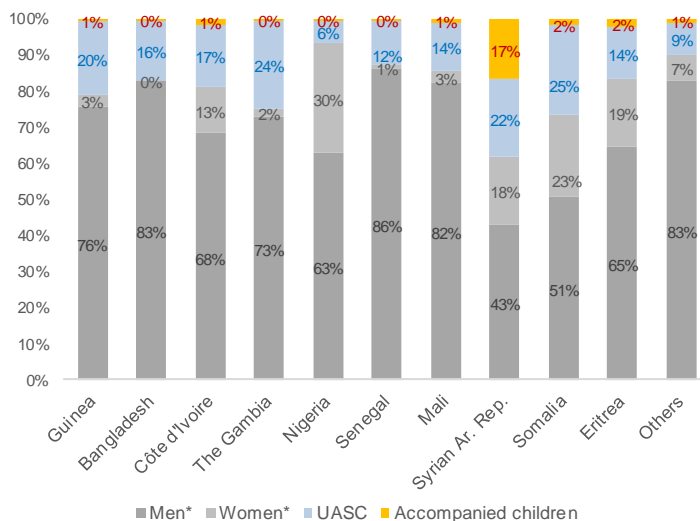### Most common nationalities
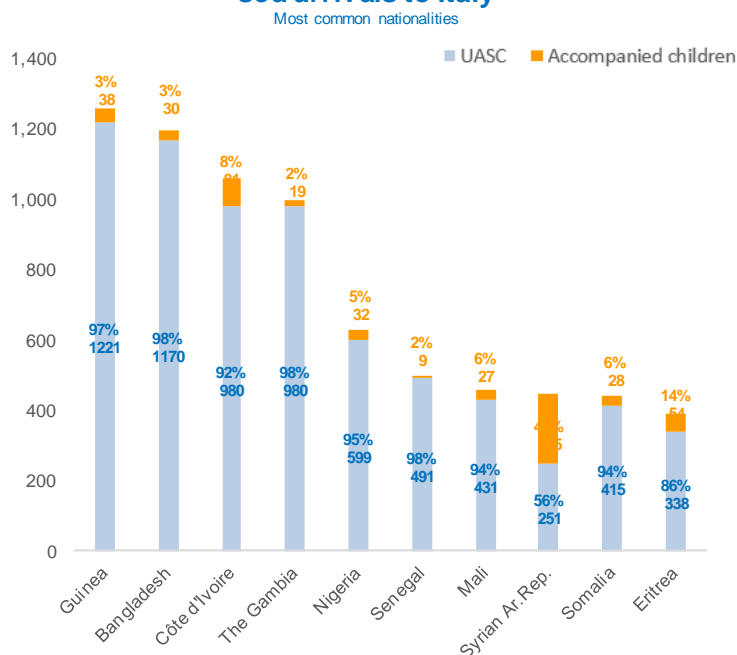


UASC arriving by sea in the first five months of 2017 most commonly originate from Guinea (1,221), Bangladesh (1,170), Côte d'Ivoire (980), The Gambia (980), and Nigeria (599). During this period, significant numbers of UASC arrivals also originate from Senegal (491), Mali (431), Somalia (415), and Eritrea (338). Furthermore, 215 Syrian UASC and 217 Iraqi UASC arrived in the first five months of the year.

## Proportion of UASC by nationality



**Iraq** 35% / 65%
**Somalia** 25% / 75%
**The Gambia** 24% / 76%
**Syrian Arab Republic** 22% / 78%
**Guinea** 20% / 80%
**Côte d'Ivoire** 17% / 83%

UASC / Others

## Distribution by age, gender, UASC and accompanied children by nationality



Men* / Women* / UASC / Accompanied children

*The terms men and women refer to persons over 18 year old.*

While Eritrean UASC were the most numerous UASC group to arrive by sea in 2016, their numbers have decreased in 2017. In the first five months of 2017, 338 disembarked in Italy, compared to 1,218 in the same period last year. UASC account for 14% of Eritrean sea arrivals so far this year. In the first five months of 2017, 35% of Iraqi arrivals were UASC, followed by 25% of Somali arrivals, 24% of Gambians, 21% of Syrians, 20% of Guineans, 17% of Ivoirians, and 16% of Bangladeshi. Also, 18% of Libyan arrivals so far were UASC.

Most UASC arriving by sea are boys and are 16 and 17 years old. However, exact figures on gender of UASC arrivals are currently unavailable.

*The charts are based on figures from the Italian Ministry of Interior. All figures are provisional and subject to change.*