

Cash Assistance Update



Six-year-old Algerian asylum-seeker, Salima Haba, chooses pastry to shop with her mother, Aya, 29, in a local bakery in Thessaloniki. UNHCR provides cash-assistance to restore dignity, increase empowerment and allow asylum-seekers in Greece the choice of how to cover their basic needs, as part of the co-funded by the EU ESTIA programme.

Overview

In May, 98,139 eligible refugees and asylum-seekers (50,272 families) received cash assistance in Greece, in 120 locations.

UNHCR provides cash assistance in Greece, as part of the ESTIA programme, funded by the European Commission. Cash assistance restores dignity and empowers asylum-seekers and refugees who can now choose how to cover their basic needs. It also contributes directly to the economy of the host community through the purchase of services and goods. UNHCR in Greece works with the Greece Cash Alliance partners the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and METAdrasi.

98,139

Number of individuals assisted ¹

50,272

Number of cash cards ¹

9.6 M €

Cash distributed (Euros) ¹

Demographics of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers Assisted with Cash

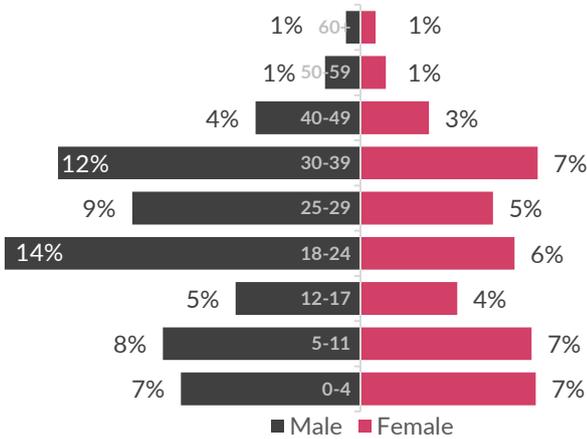
Since April 2017, 180,324 eligible individuals have received cash assistance in Greece at least once. Eligibility is assessed on the basis of one's date of entry in the country, legal status and current location.

Of the 98,139 individuals who received cash assistance this month, 14,351 have international protection in Greece. Out of 50,272 families, 22% were women, 41% men and 37% children.

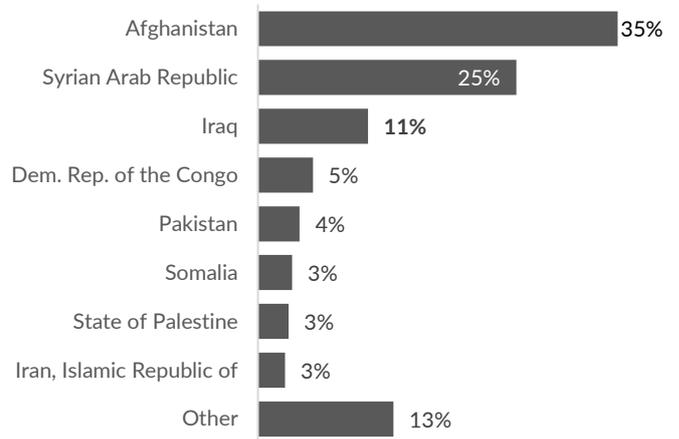
31% of all who received cash assistance this month were families of five members or more and a further 34% were single adults. 76% of individuals in the cash assistance scheme are from, Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq and Democratic Republic of Congo.

The amount of cash assistance distributed to each household is proportionate to the family size. It ranges between 90 euros for an individual in catered accommodation, to 550 euros for a family of seven members or more in self-catered accommodation.

Age & Gender breakdown

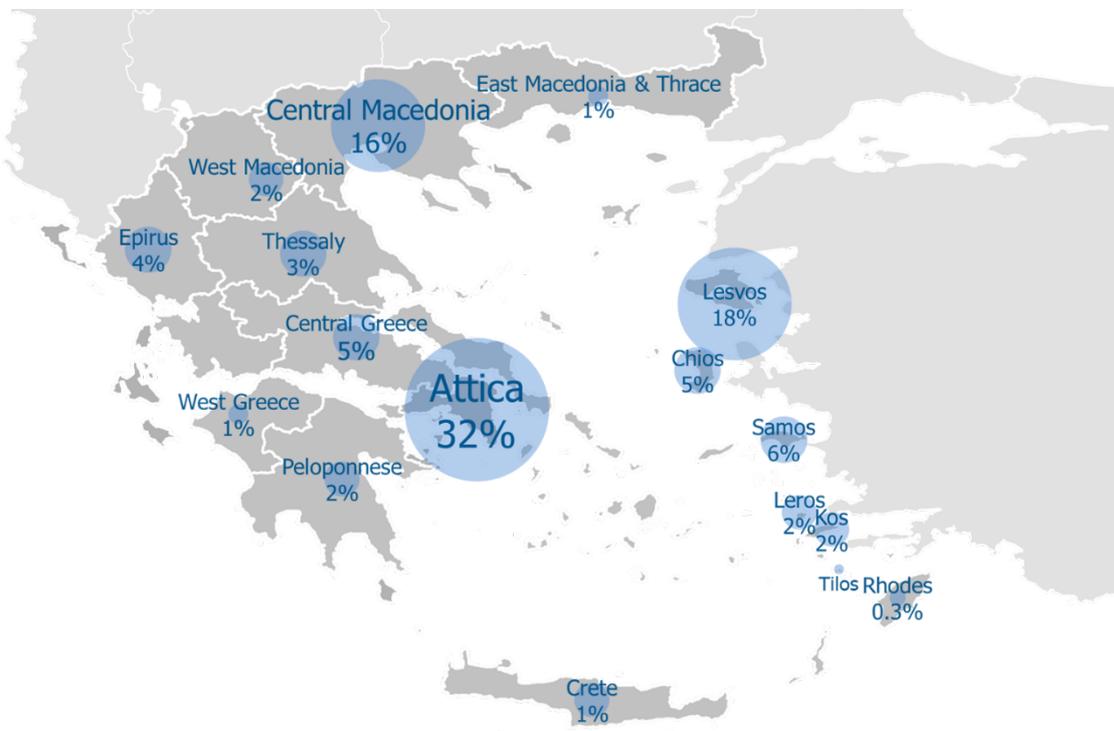


Nationality breakdown



Location of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

Asylum-seekers and refugees receiving cash assistance reside in 120 locations in Greece. 32% of those receiving cash assistance are located in Attica, with 34% currently on the islands and a further 16% in Central Macedonia.



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