

ITALY Sea arrivals dashboard

Overview

In the first eight months of 2021, 39,410 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy by sea, compared to 19,339 in the same period last year.

In August 2021, 10,286 refugees and migrants reached shore in southern Italy, compared to 5,326 (+93%) and 1,268 (+711%) in 2020 and 2019 respectively. The vast majority of them (8,157) arrived in Sicily, most commonly on the island of Lampedusa, where more than half of the total arrivals were recorded (5,798) and 211 out of 340 disembarkations took place. In line with July 2021, a significant number of arrivals was also registered in Calabria in August, where 21 disembarkations took place accounting for 1,425 new arrivals. In addition, a total of 582 persons disembarked in Apulia and 122 in Sardinia during the month.

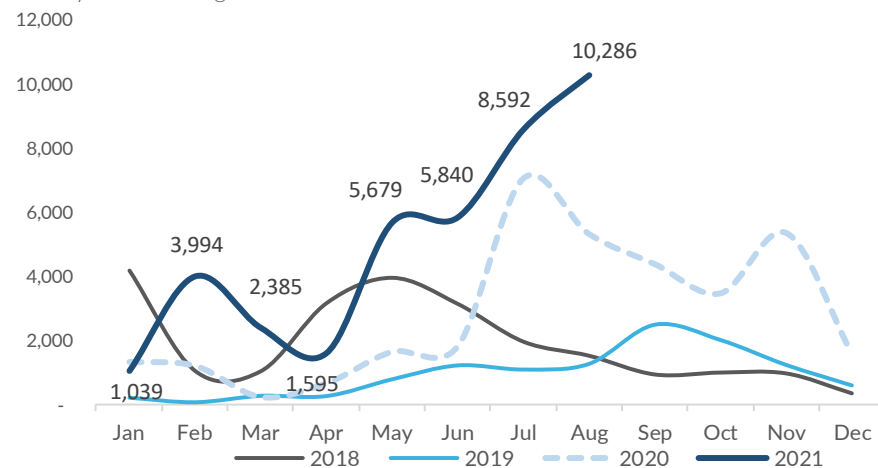
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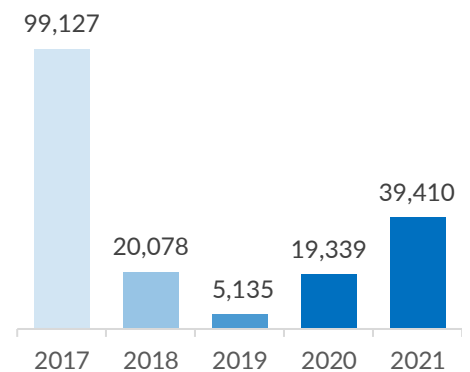
Monthly sea arrivals

January 2018 to August 2021



Yearly sea arrivals

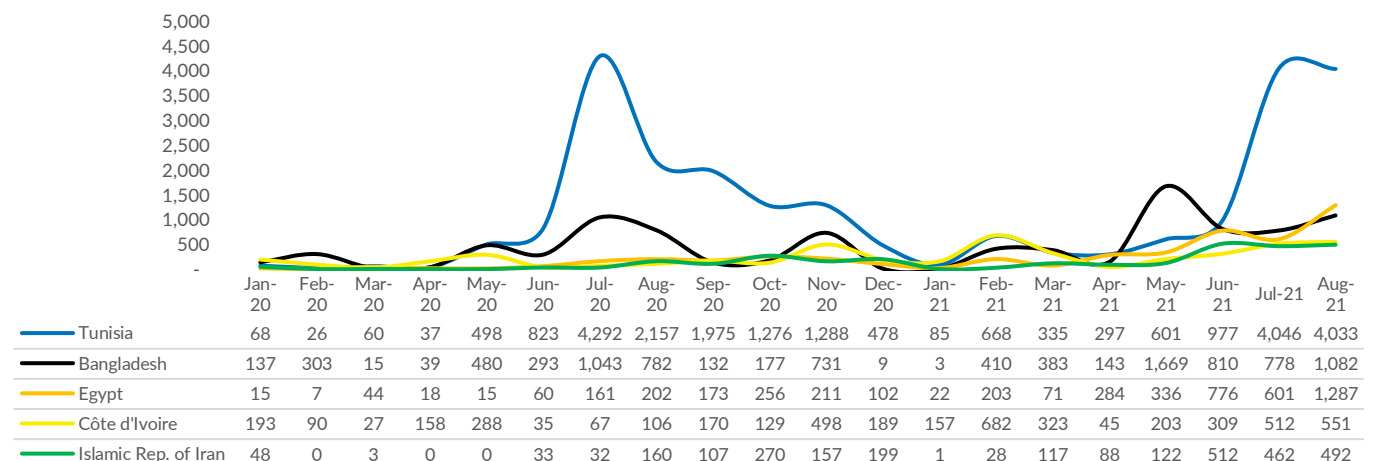
January to August, 2018-2021



Nationality of arrivals

To date in 2021, the most common country of origin recorded among refugees and migrants reaching Italian shores is Tunisia (28%), followed by Bangladesh (13%), Egypt (9%), Côte d'Ivoire (7%), Islamic Republic of Iran (5%), Guinea (4%), Eritrea (4%), Morocco (4%), Sudan (4%) and Iraq (3%). While still constituting the major group of sea arrivals by far, the percentage of refugees and migrants arriving by sea from Tunisia in August 2021 decreased compared to the previous month (39% of the monthly total compared to 47% in July 2021). As in June 2021, Egyptian nationals constituted the second largest nationality of arrival in August, accounting for 13 per cent of the total arrivals.

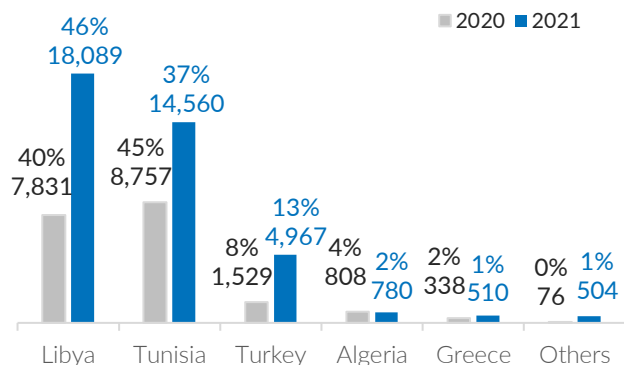
Most common nationalities of arrivals - January 2020 to August 2021



Country of embarkation

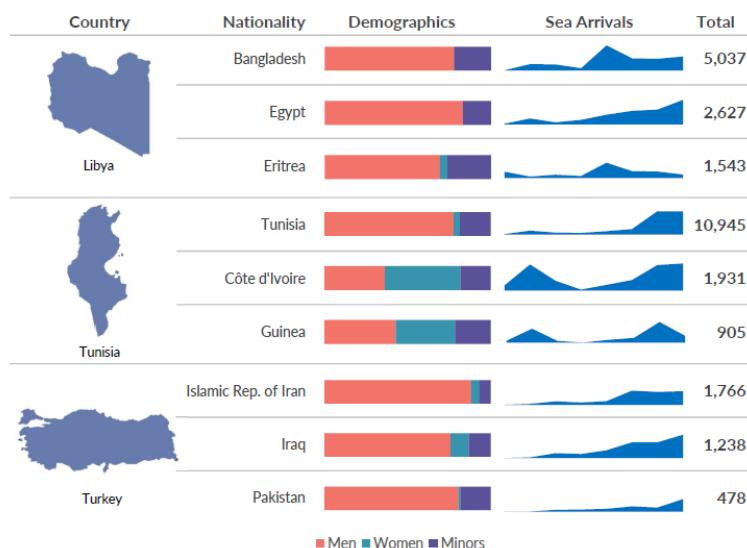
To date in 2021, 46 per cent of sea arrivals in Italy (18,089 persons) departed from Libya, followed by 37 per cent (14,560 persons) departing from Tunisia, 13 per cent (4,967 persons) departing from Turkey, 2 per cent (780 persons) departing from Algeria, 1 per cent (510 persons) departing from Greece and 1 per cent (504 persons) departing from Egypt, Albania and Montenegro. The majority of persons departing from Libya originated from Bangladesh, while the majority of those departing from Tunisia originated from Tunisia and those embarking in Turkey originated from the Islamic Republic of Iran.

January to August 2020 - 2021



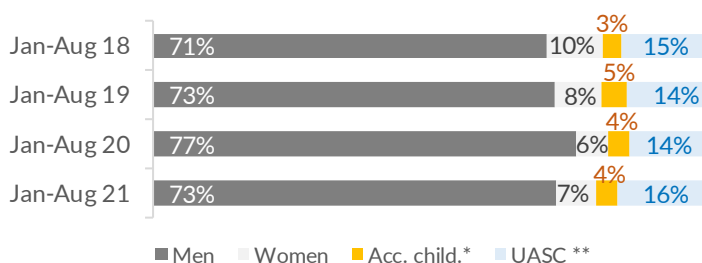
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Top 3 nationalities by country of embarkation, January to August 2021



Demographics of arrivals

January to August 2018 - 2021



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From 1 January to 31 August 2021, most sea arrivals were adult men (73%), followed by unaccompanied and separated children (UASC, 16%), adult women (7%) and accompanied children (4%).

In the first eight months of the year, 2,904 adult women reached Italian shores, the vast majority of whom originated from Côte d'Ivoire (1,017) followed, to a lesser extent, by Tunisia (397) and Guinea (385).

In the same period, 6,260 UASC arrived in Italy by sea: the most common nationalities recorded are Tunisia (1,633), Bangladesh (1,160), Egypt (798), Côte d'Ivoire (456), Guinea (434) and Eritrea (386), in line with general arrival trends.

Nationality and demographics of arrivals – January to August 2021

