Overview of Migrant Situation in Türkiye

According to the latest available figures from the Turkish Presidency of Migration Management (PMM), there are more than 5 million foreign nationals present in Turkish territory, 3.6 million of whom are seeking international protection.

Most of those seeking international protection are Syrians (3,652,633 individuals) who are granted the temporary protection status in Türkiye. In addition, international protection applicants are most frequently nationals of Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq constitute another group of foreign nationals. According to PMM, there were 29,256 international protection applicants present in Türkiye in 2021, published annually. Moreover, according to UNHCR**, there are close to 330,000 international protection status holders and asylum-seekers.

In addition, there are 1,411,928 foreign nationals under residence permit holder status; this number includes humanitarian residence holders.

*Data Source PMM, 28.07.2022

**Data source UNHCR, December 2021

Temporary Protection

Türkiye’s temporary protection regime grants 3,652,633 Syrian nationals the right to legally stay in Türkiye as well as obtain some level of access to basic services. The vast majority—namely 3,603,922 individuals, live outside of formal camps and instead are spread across many of the Turkish provinces. As such, only 48,711 Syrians live in seven formal camps, the majority of which are located close to the Syrian border.

*Data Source PMM, 28.07.2022

International Protection Applicants

There are 29,256 international protection applicants in Türkiye of different nationalities, but primarily originating in Afghanistan, Iraq and Islamic Republic of Iran. PMM publishes the number of international protection applicants by years.

*Data source PMM, end of 2021

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1 UNHCR ended registration process in Türkiye on 10 September 2018. The registration process will continue with the procedure carried out by the Turkish authorities (UNHCR). The number of international protection holders is not publicly available as of the date above.

Residence Permit Holders

Foreigners who seek stay in Türkiye beyond the duration of a visa or a visa exemption or, longer than 90 days, should obtain a residence permit. There are 1,411,928 residence permit holders in Türkiye within various categories. According to PMM, the "other" residence permit category includes humanitarian residence permit holders, and while the exact number is unknown, it is believed that the vast majority in this category are Iraqis. The breakdown of the residence permit categories is shown in the graph (left). The category breakdown of residence permits and the total number of residence permit holders are monthly published.

*Data Source PMM, 28.07.2022
Resettlement of Syrians from Türkiye

Since 4 April 2016, when EU-Türkiye Statement on the readmission of migrants to Türkiye arriving in Greece after 20 March 2016 entered into force, a total of 34,499* Syrians were resettled to a number of European countries (see graph on the left) according to One-to-One mechanism with the assistance of IOM.

*Data Source PMM, 28.07.2022