Sea Arrivals Dashboard

Overview

In 2022, a total of 5,216 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from State of Palestine (18%), Afghanistan (16%), Somalia (15%), Syrian Arab Republic (10%) and Sierra Leone (9%). Almost half of the population are women (18%) and children (30%), while 52% are men.

Arrivals in August, at 1,477 increased in comparison to July when 719 people had arrived on the islands. Arrivals during 2022 are increased by 155% than those in 2021 during the same period.

Dodecanese islands received the majority (31%) of all new arrivals during 2022, followed by Lesvos (26%), Samos (17%), Chios (11%) and other (15%).

Monthly Arrivals 2020 to 2022

Demographics

Similar to last year, almost one-third of arrivals in 2022 are children. Of those, almost 4 out of 10 are below the age of 12. Moreover, 37% of all children were registered upon arrival as unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Somalia, Afghanistan and DRC. Some 50% of arrivals are men between 18 and 39 years old. Only 1% of arrivals are 50 years old or older.

Arrivals from 2019 to 2022

5,216

sea arrivals January – August 2022

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Demographics (continued)

The majority of new arrivals in 2022 are from State of Palestine (943), Afghanistan (832) and the Somalia (805). Similar to last year, the majority of arrivals from Afghanistan arrived in family groups.

Entry points

During 2022, the majority of refugees and migrants in Greece arrived on Dodecanese islands (31%), Lesvos (26%) and Samos (17%).