ITALY Sea arrivals dashboard

Overview

In the first ten months of the year, 85,282 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy by sea, compared to 53,426 in the same period last year (+60%). In October, 13,492 persons were registered at landing points in southern Italy, similar to September levels. The vast majority of people arriving in September - around 72% - disembarked in Sicily (9,754 persons; 292 disembarkations), followed by Calabria (2,602), Apulia (692) and Sardinia (444).

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Most common nationalities of arrivals - January 2021 to October 2022

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Country of embarkation

In the first ten months of 2022, 51% of sea crossings departed from Libya (43,418 persons; 536 disembarkations), followed by 29% from Tunisia (24,491 persons; 1,321 disembarkations), 17% from Türkiye (14,445 persons; 184 disembarkations), 2% from Lebanon (1,534 persons; 11 disembarkations), 1% from Algeria (1,146 persons, 98 disembarkations) and less than 1% from the Syrian Arab Republic and other countries. In October, the number of persons departing from Tunisia increased by 89% compared to September, representing 40% of new arrivals. Departures from Libya dropped by 33%, amounting to 38% of the monthly total. 20% of October arrivals departed from Türkiye, and around 2% from Algeria.

Demographics of arrivals

In the first ten months of 2022, most sea arrivals were adult men (74%), followed by unaccompanied and separated children (UASC, 14%), adult women (7%) and accompanied children (6%).

In October 2022, 1,379 adult women reached Italian shores, originating mainly from Côte d’Ivoire (437), followed by Guinea (317), Afghanistan (159) and Tunisia (100).

In the same period, 1,899 UASC arrived in Italy by sea: main nationalities recorded were Egypt (507), Tunisia (314), Côte d’Ivoire (275), Guinea (235) and the Gambia (112).