

# GREECE Sea arrivals dashboard

## Overview

So far in 2017, a total of 29,718 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from Syria (42%), Iraq (20%) and Afghanistan (12%). More than half of the population are women (22%) and children (37%), while 41% are men.

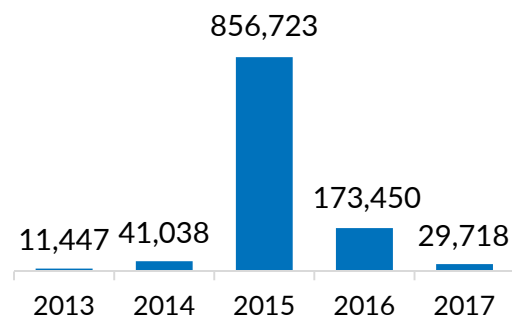
Arrivals in 2017 steadily increased after June, peaking in September with 4,886 people. They have since decreased, with 2,364 people arriving on the islands in December. Nevertheless, arrivals in December 2017 are 42% higher than those of December 2016. Between June and December 2017, approximately 6,000 more people arrived in Greece than in the same period last year (35% increase).

Lesvos, Chios and Samos continue to receive 83% of all new arrivals, followed by the Dodecanese islands (14%) and islands in Cyclades and Crete (3%).

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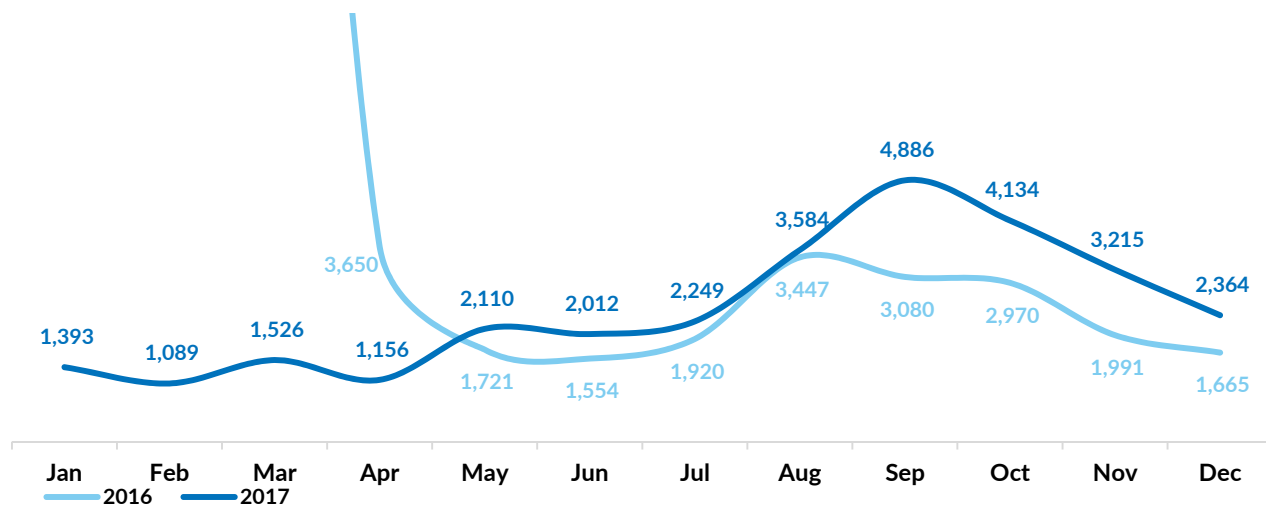
sea arrivals January to December 2017 <sup>1</sup>

## Arrivals from 2013 to 2017



## Monthly arrivals 2016 to 2017

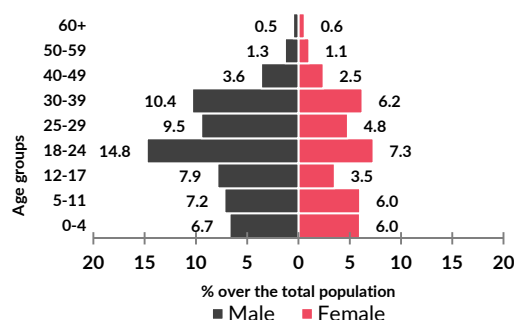
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**Note** – arrivals during the first months of 2016 exceeded 100,000. To better enable comparison between 2016 & 2017, the monthly arrivals chart has been truncated at 8,000.

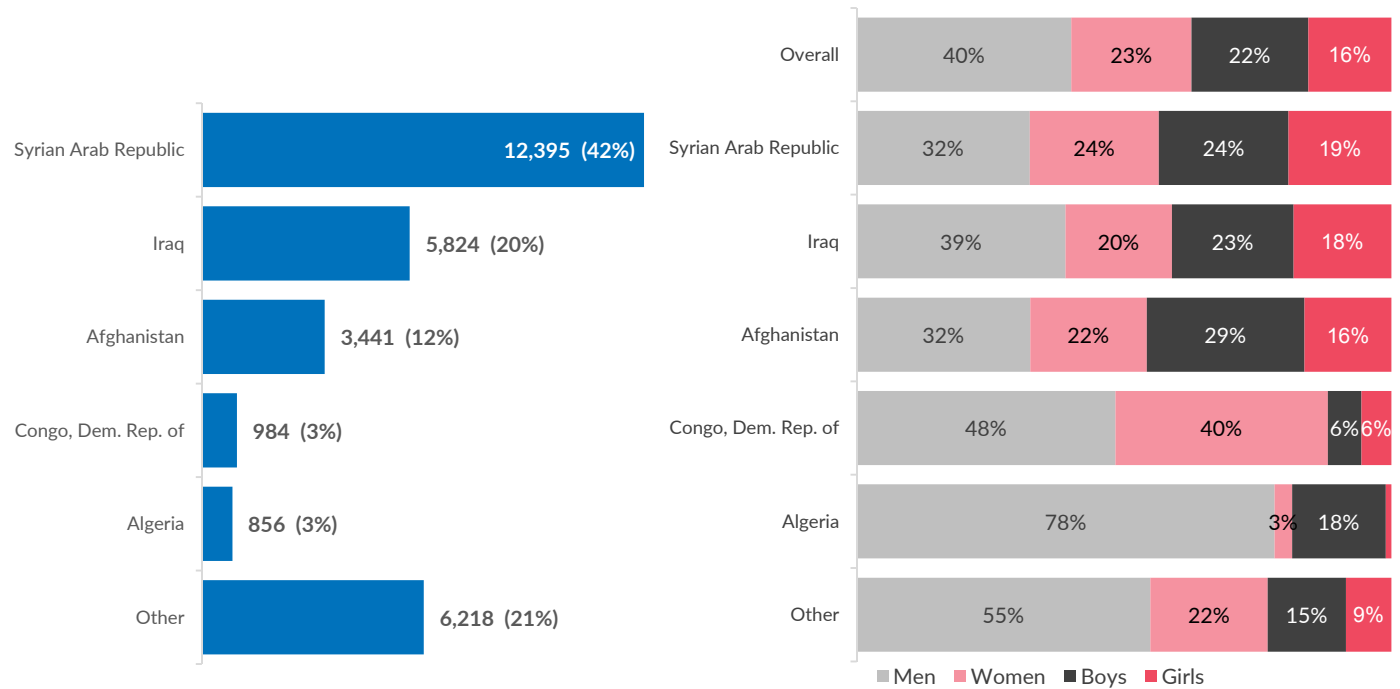
## Demographics

Similar to last year, over one-third of arrivals in 2017 are children. Of those, 7 out of 10 are below the age of 12. Additionally, 12% of all children are unaccompanied or separated mainly from Syria and Afghanistan. Some 35% of arrivals are men between 18 and 39 years old. Only 4% of arrivals are 50 years old or older.



## Demographics (continued)

The majority of new arrivals in 2017 are from Syria (12,395), Iraq (5,824) and Afghanistan (3,441), thus following the trend of arrivals of the last two years. Typically, these three nationalities arrive in family groups.



## Entry points

In 2017, similar to 2016, the majority of asylum-seekers and migrants in Greece arrive on Lesbos (11,570), Chios (6,294) and Samos (4,840). Dodecanese islands mainly receive family groups from Syria and Iraq. In December, asylum-seekers and migrants arrived on seven islands. Lesbos receives the highest numbers of people from Syria and Afghanistan over the overall number of sea arrivals in Greece in 2017.

