

# ITALY Sea arrivals dashboard

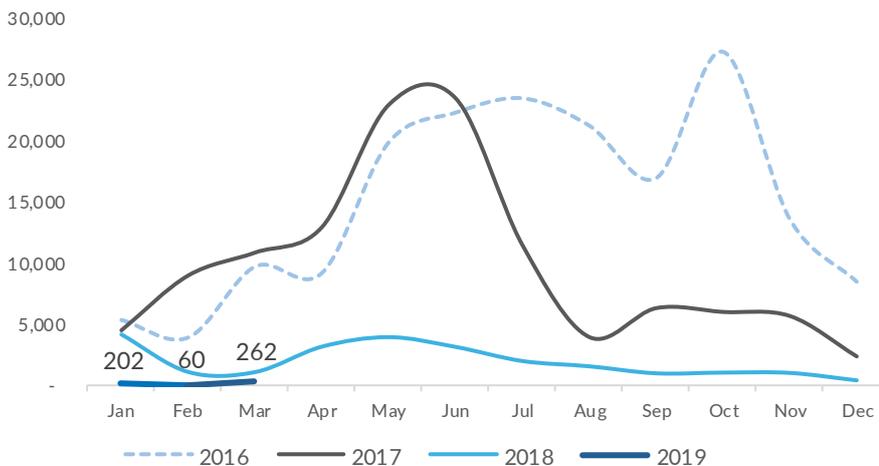
## Overview

Between 1 January and 31 March 2019, 524 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy by sea, compared to 6,296 and 24,292 in the same period in 2018 and 2017, respectively. In March 2019, 262 individuals reached Italian shores. This is the highest number of monthly sea arrivals since the beginning of 2019 (in January and February 2019, 202 and 60 refugees and migrants arrived by sea, respectively).

**524** Jan - Mar 2019 <sup>1</sup>  
**6,296** Jan - Mar 2018 <sup>1</sup>

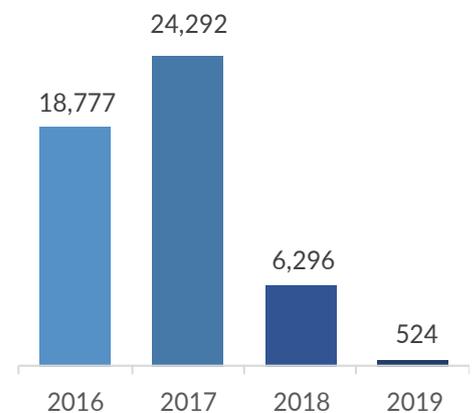
### Monthly sea arrivals

January 2015 to March 2019



### Yearly sea arrivals

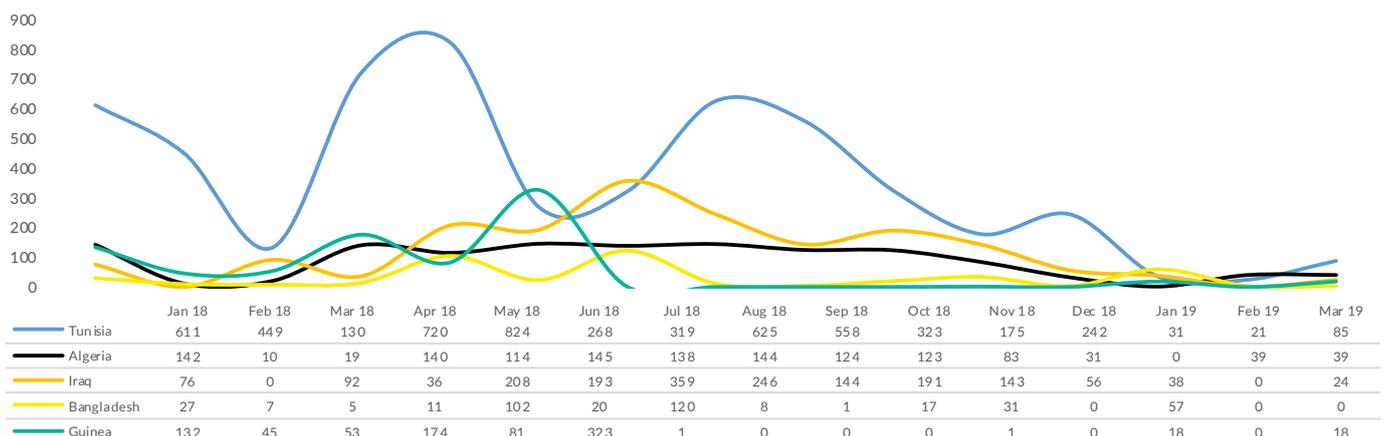
January to March, 2015-2019



## Nationality of arrivals

In the first three months of 2019, 26 per cent of sea arrivals originated from Tunisia, followed by Algeria (15 per cent), Iraq (12 per cent), Bangladesh (11 per cent), Guinea (7 per cent), Senegal (6 per cent), Somalia (5 per cent), the Islamic Republic of Iran (4 per cent), Nigeria (2 per cent), and Eritrea (2 per cent). In the same period last year, the most common nationalities of sea arrivals were Eritrea, Tunisia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Libya, Côte d'Ivoire, Sudan, Guinea, Senegal, and Mali. Eritrean sea arrivals decreased dramatically from over 1,550 in the first three months of 2018 to 11 in the January-March 2019 period. Furthermore, while Tunisians continue to represent a significant percentage among new arrivals, their numbers dropped from 1,190 in January-March 2018 to 137 in the same period this year, of whom over 80 arrived in March 2019. Other sea arrivals originating from sub-Saharan and western African countries, such as Nigeria, Sudan, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Senegal, who most commonly travel through Libya, have dropped in numbers from 200 to 400 in the first three months of 2018, to less than 40 per national group in the same period this year. Iraqi sea arrivals, who most commonly travel via Turkey and/or Greece, have also decreased (62 in January-March 2019, compared to 168 in January-March 2018).

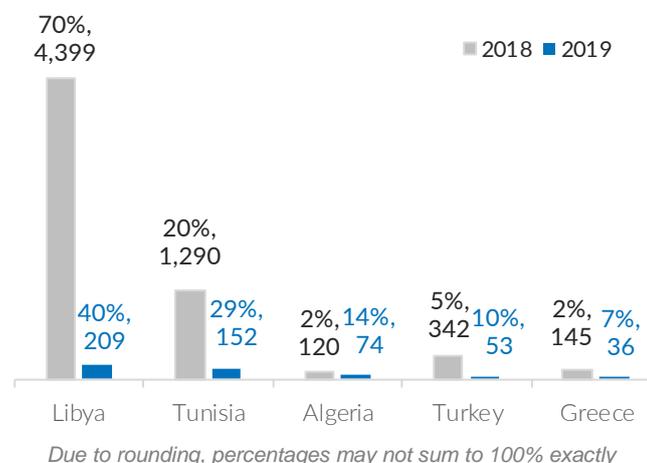
### Most common nationalities of arrivals - January 2018 to March 2019



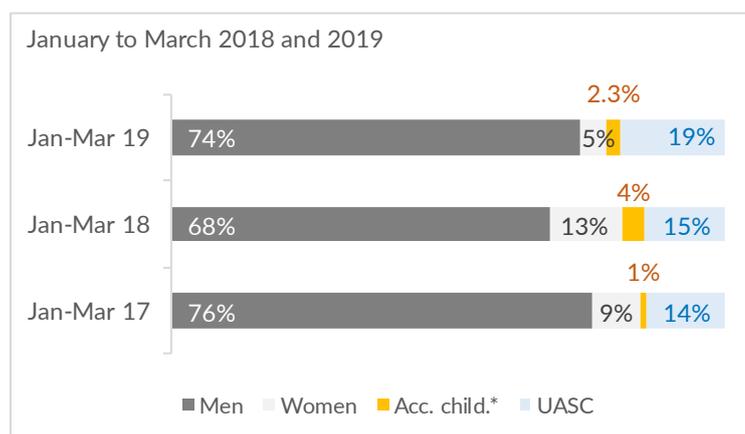
## Country of embarkation

Between 1 January and 31 March 2019, 209 refugees and migrants reached Italian shores having departed from Libya, representing 40 per cent of sea arrivals in the first three months of the year. Individuals departing from Libya most commonly embarked in Zuwarah, followed by Abu Kammash, Sabratha, and Garabulli. After four disembarkations of individuals departing from Libya occurring in January, there were two groups travelling from Libya to Italy in March. The latter were rescued by the Italian Coast Guard and by the Italian NGO Mediterraneana. In the first three months of the year, another 29 per cent of sea arrivals (152 persons) departed from Tunisia, most commonly reaching Italian shores in Lampedusa. Furthermore, since the beginning of 2019, 14 per cent of sea arrivals (74 persons) reached Sardinia having departed from the following locations in Algeria: Annaba, El Kala, and Sidi Salam. Finally, 10 per cent of sea arrivals in the January-March 2019 period (53 persons) departed from Turkey, while 7 per cent (36 persons) departed from Greece. Persons departing from Turkey and Greece reached Italian shores in Apulia and Calabria.

January to March 2018 and 2019



## Demographics of arrivals



Between 1 January and 31 March 2019, most sea arrivals were men (74 per cent), followed by unaccompanied and separated children (19 per cent), adult women (5 per cent), and accompanied children (2 per cent). Since the beginning of 2019, some 100 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) reached Italian shores, of whom 44 arrived in January, one arrived in February, and 55 arrived in March. Most UASC arriving by sea originated from Tunisia (26), followed by Guinea (17), Bangladesh (12), Iraq (12), Somalia (10), Senegal (8), and Eritrea (3). In 2018, 3,536 UASC reached Italian shores, representing 15 per cent of sea arrivals throughout the year. Further information on UASC arrivals in Italy can be found in the December 2018 *Italy -Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) Dashboard*.

### Nationality and demographics of arrivals – January to March 2019

