

# Cash Assistance Update



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Men hold cash cards outside a UNHCR office at the Vathy Reception and Identification centre on Samos. As part of the EU-funded ESTIA programme, UNHCR provides cash-assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers in an effort to restore dignity, increase empowerment and allow people the choice of how to cover their basic needs.

## Overview

In October, 76,628 eligible refugees and asylum-seekers (38,686 families) received cash assistance in Greece, in 115 locations.

UNHCR provides cash assistance in Greece, as part of the ESTIA programme, funded by the European Commission. Cash assistance restores dignity and empowers asylum-seekers and refugees who can now choose how to cover their basic needs. It also contributes directly to the economy of the host community through the purchase of services and goods. UNHCR in Greece works with the Greece Cash Alliance partners the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

**76,628**

Number of individuals assisted <sup>1</sup>

**38,686**

Number of cash cards <sup>1</sup>

**7.8 M €**

Cash distributed (Euros) <sup>1</sup>

## Demographics of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers Assisted with Cash

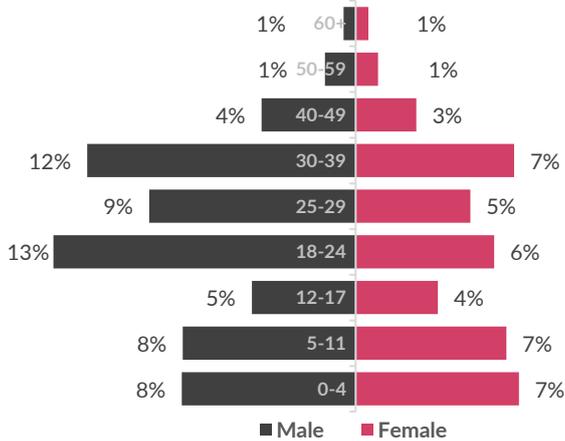
Since April 2017, 138,299 eligible individuals have received cash assistance in Greece at least once. Eligibility is assessed on the basis of one's date of entry in the country, legal status and current location.

Of the 76,628 individuals who received cash assistance this month, 14,900 have international protection in Greece. Out of 38,686 families, 23% were women, 40% men and 37% children.

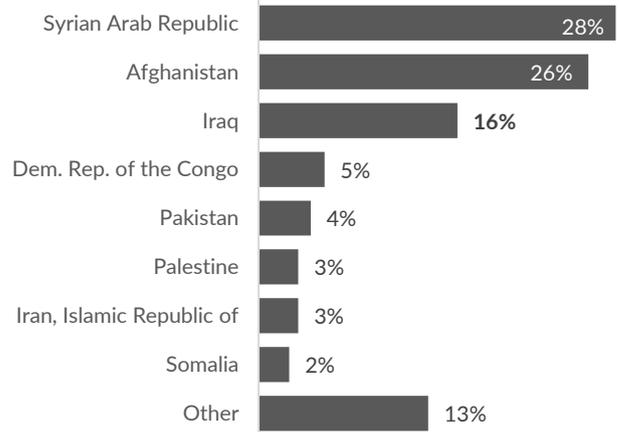
31% of all who received cash assistance this month were families of five members or more and a further 33% were single adults. 74% of individuals in the cash assistance scheme are from Syrian Arab Republic, Afghanistan, Iraq and Democratic Republic of Congo.

The amount of cash assistance distributed to each household is proportionate to the family size. It ranges between 90 euros for an individual in catered accommodation, to 550 euros for a family of seven members or more in self-catered accommodation.

Age & Gender breakdown

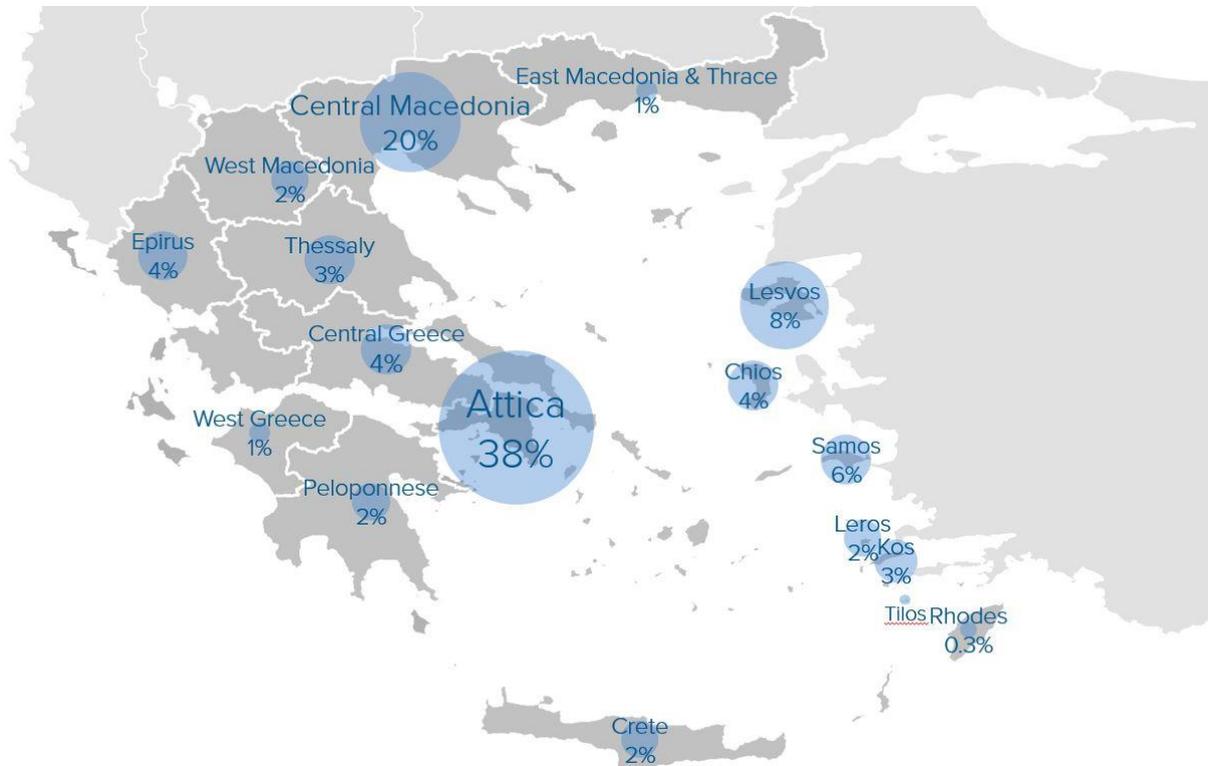


Nationality breakdown



## Location of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

Asylum-seekers and refugees receiving cash assistance reside in 115 locations in Greece. 38% of those receiving cash assistance are located in Attica, with 23% currently on the islands and a further 20% in Central Macedonia.



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