

Sea Arrivals Dashboard

Overview

In 2020, a total of 3,136 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from Afghanistan (50%), Syria (21%) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (6%). More than half of the population are women (23%) and children (38%), while 39% are men.

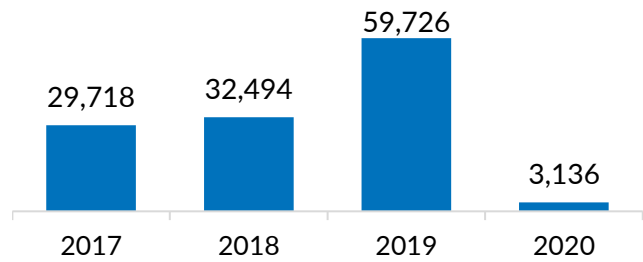
Arrivals in January 2020, at 3,136 decreased in comparison to December 2019 when 6,163 people had arrived on the islands. Arrivals during 2020 are 69% higher than those in 2019.

Lesvos received the majority (59%) of all new arrivals, during 2020, followed by Samos (18%), the Dodecanese islands (18%) and Chios (5%).

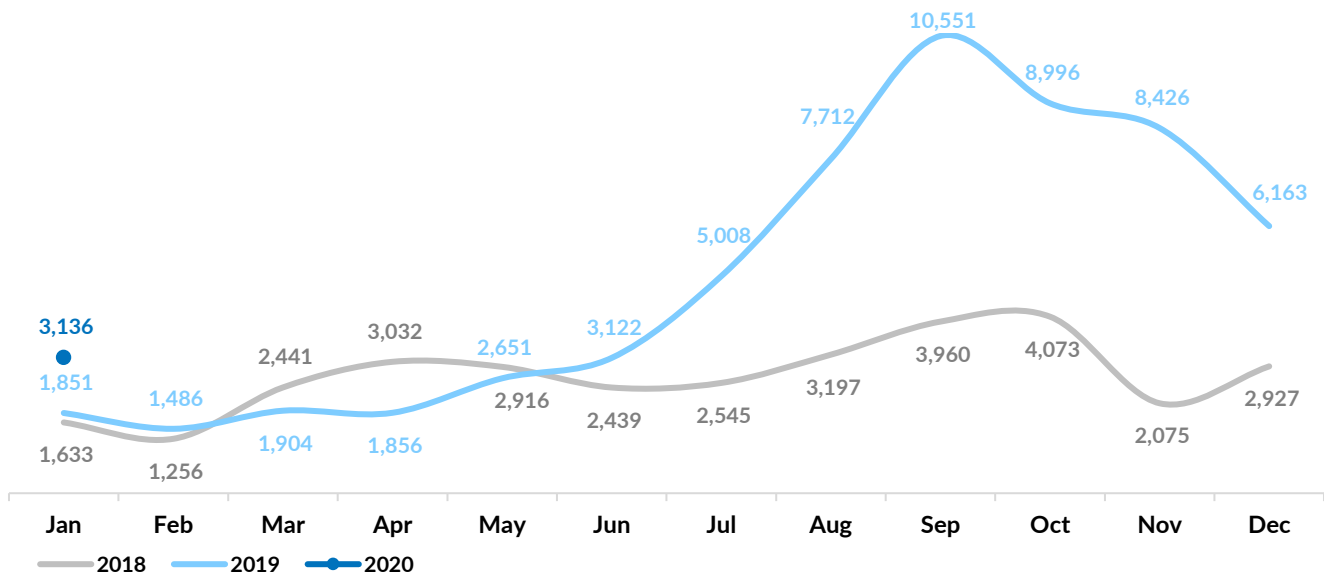
3,136

sea arrivals January 2020¹

Arrivals from 2017 to 2020

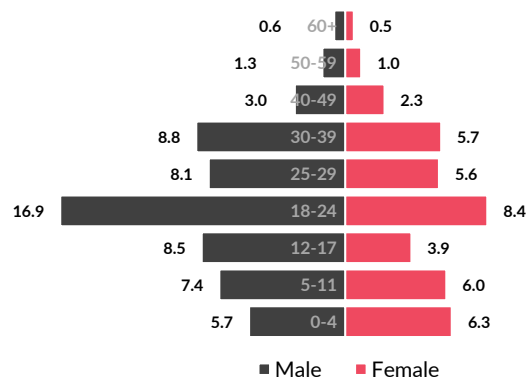


Monthly Arrivals 2018 to 2020



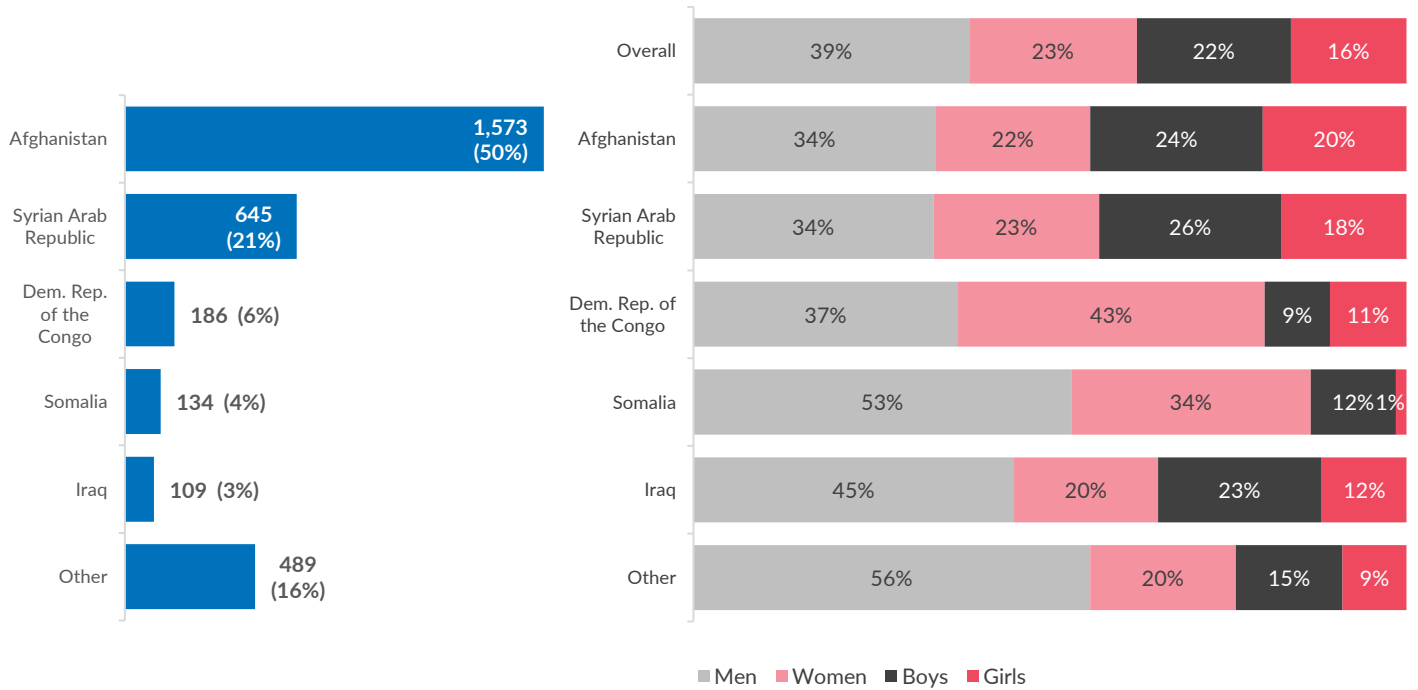
Demographics

Similar to last year, over one-third of arrivals in 2020 are children. Of those, more than 6 out of 10 are below the age of 12. Additionally, 15% of all children were registered upon arrival as unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan, Syria and Somalia. Some 34% of arrivals are men between 18 and 39 years old. Only 3% of arrivals are 50 years old or older.



Demographics (continued)

The majority of new arrivals in 2020 are from Afghanistan (1,573), Syria (645) and the Democratic Republic of Congo (186). Similar to last year, the majority of arrivals from Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq arrived in family groups.



Entry points

During 2020, the majority of refugees and migrants in Greece arrived on Lesbos (1,853), Samos (562) and the Dodecanese islands (557). In January, refugees and migrants arrived on nine islands. Lesbos received the highest number of people from Afghanistan comparing to the overall number of sea arrivals in Greece in 2020, whilst nearly half of the people arriving in Chios originated from Syria.

