Sea Arrivals Dashboard

Overview

In 2021, a total of 1,316 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from Afghanistan (45%), Somalia (24%) and the Democratic Republic of Congo (10%). More than half of the population are women (26%) and children (34%), while 40% are men.
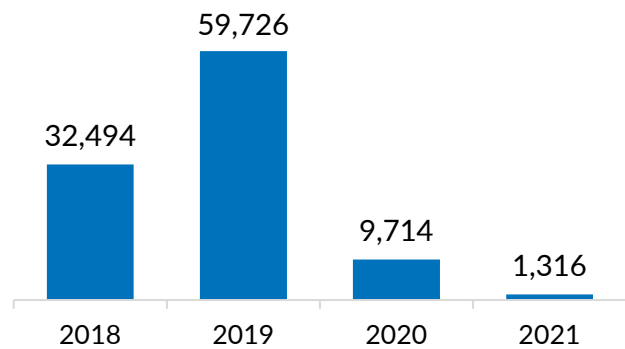
Arrivals in June, at 77 decreased in comparison to May when 158 people had arrived on the islands. Arrivals during 2021 are 84% lower than those in 2020.

Lesvos received the majority (83%) of all new arrivals, during 2021, followed by Dodecanese islands (9%), Chios (6%) and Samos (2%).
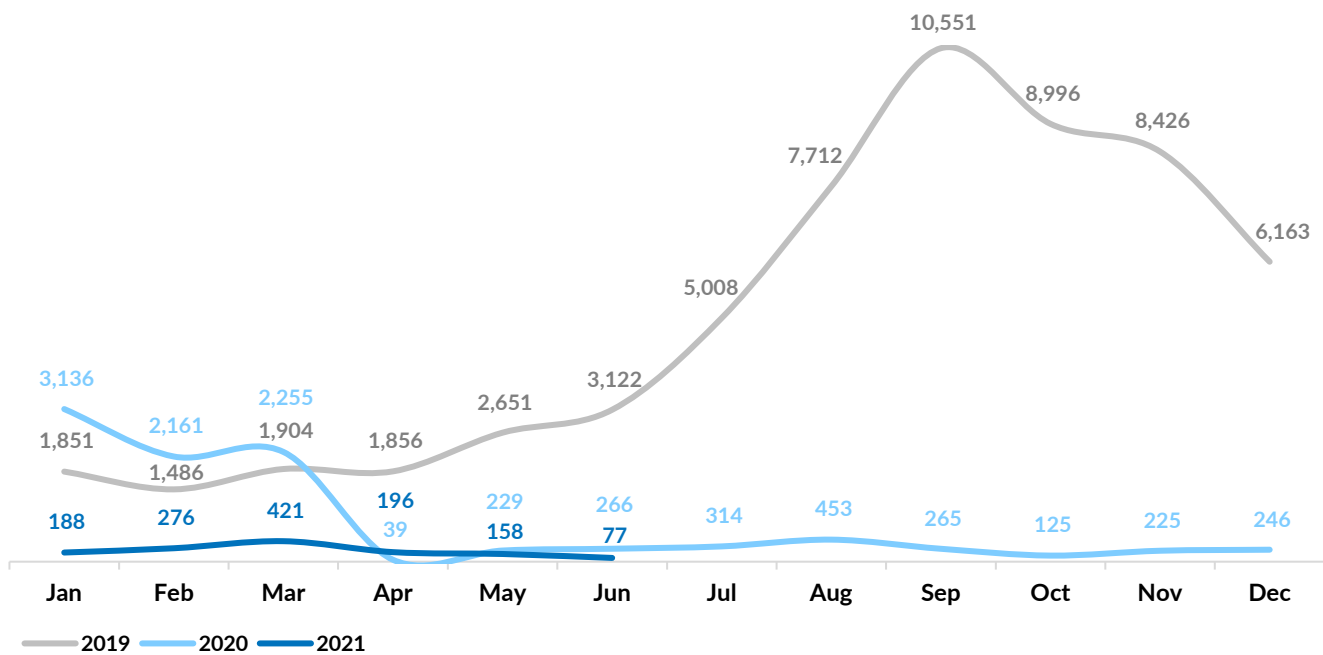
1,316

sea arrivals January – June 2021 [1]
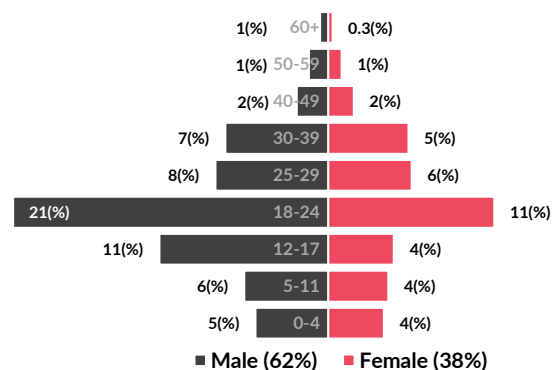
Arrivals from 2018 to 2021

2018	2019	2020	2021
32,494	59,726	9,714	1,316

Monthly Arrivals 2019 to 2021

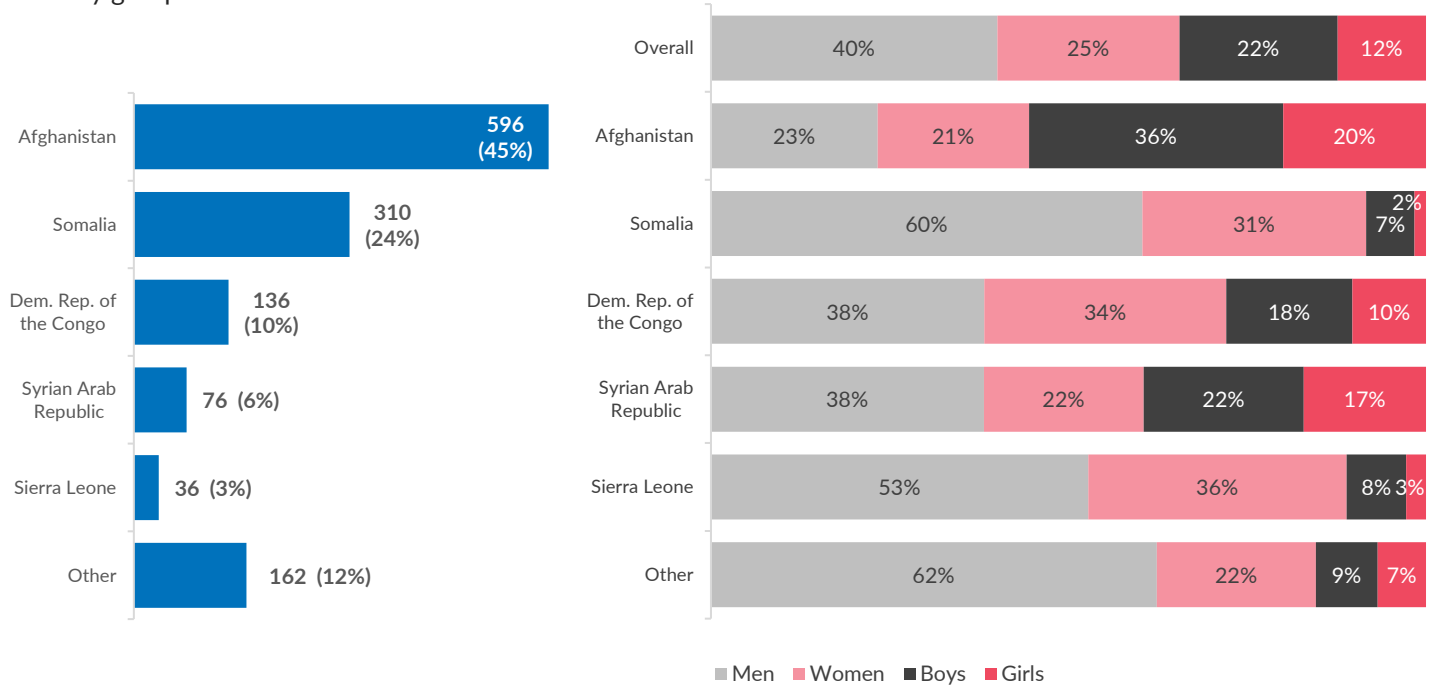|	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	1,851	1,486	1,904	1,856	2,651	3,122	5,008	7,712	10,551	8,996	8,426	6,163
2020	3,136	2,161	2,255	39	229	266	314	453	265	125	225	246
2021	188	276	421	196	158	77						

Demographics

Similar to last year, over one-third of arrivals in 2021 are children. Of those, less than 6 out of 10 are below the age of 12. Additionally, 27% of all children were registered upon arrival as unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan, Somalia and DRC. Some 36% of arrivals are men between 18 and 39 years old. Only 3% of arrivals are 50 years old or older.

Male	Age	Female
1(%)	60+	0.3(%)
1(%)	50-59	1(%)
2(%)	40-49	2(%)
7(%)	30-39	5(%)
8(%)	25-29	6(%)
21(%)	18-24	11(%)
11(%)	12-17	4(%)
6(%)	5-11	4(%)
5(%)	0-4	4(%)

■ Male (62%)   ■ Female (38%)

[1]Arrival figures for Greece are provided by the Hellenic Police.
Figures are subject to future adjustment and should not be considered final. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

Demographics (continued)

The majority of new arrivals in 2021 are from Afghanistan (596), Somalia (310) and the Democratic Republic of Congo (136). Similar to last year, the majority of arrivals from Afghanistan, Syria and the Democratic Republic of Congo arrived in family groups.

Afghanistan	596 (45%)	
Somalia	310 (24%)	
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	136 (10%)	
Syrian Arab Republic	76 (6%)	
Sierra Leone	36 (3%)	
Other	162 (12%)	

	Men	Women	Boys	Girls
Overall	40%	25%	22%	12%
Afghanistan	23%	21%	36%	20%
Somalia	60%	31%	2%	7%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	38%	34%	18%	10%
Syrian Arab Republic	38%	22%	22%	17%
Sierra Leone	53%	36%	8%	3%
Other	62%	22%	9%	7%

■ Men ■ Women ■ Boys ■ Girls

Entry points

During 2021, the majority of refugees and migrants in Greece arrived on Lesvos (1,098), Dodecanese islands (112) and Chios (79). In June, refugees and migrants arrived on four islands. Lesvos received the highest number of people from Afghanistan comparing to the overall number of sea arrivals in Greece in 2021.

Lesvos	1,098 (83%)	
Dodecanese islands	112 (9%)	
Chios	79 (6%)	
Samos	27 (2%)	

	Afghanistan	Somalia	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	Syrian Arab Republic	Sierra Leone	Other
Lesvos	52%	27%	11%	2%	2%	6%
Chios			4%	32%		63%
Dodecanese islands	32%	13%		27%	14%	15%
Samos		19%	30%		4%	48%

■ Afghanistan ■ Somalia
■ Dem. Rep. of the Congo ■ Syrian Arab Republic
■ Sierra Leone ■ Other