ITALY Sea arrivals dashboard

Overview

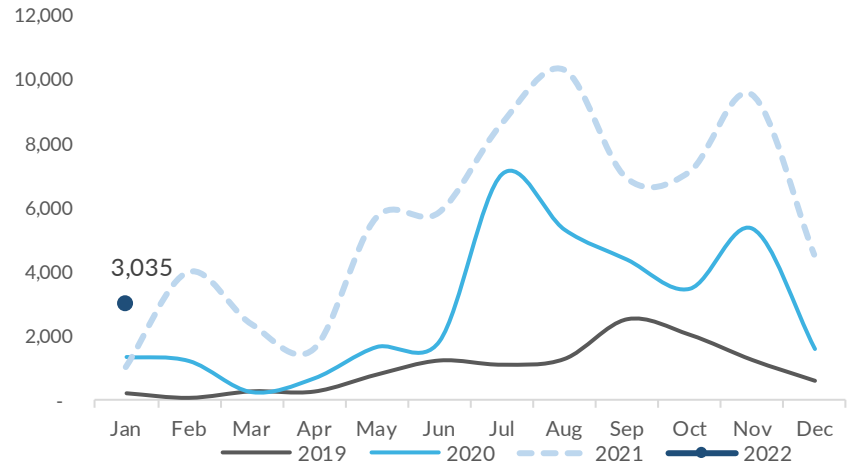
In January, 3,035 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy by sea, compared to 1,039 in the same period last year. This is the highest number of sea arrivals recorded in the first month of the year since 2018. The vast majority of monthly arrivals (2,866 persons) disembarked in Sicily, more specifically on the small island of Lampedusa where 33 disembarkations took place and 1,950 persons were registered during the month. Another 112 refugees and migrants landed in Calabria, while 57 disembarked in Sardinia.

3,035 Jan 2022 [1]

1,039 Jan 2021 [1]

Monthly sea arrivals

January 2019 to January 2022



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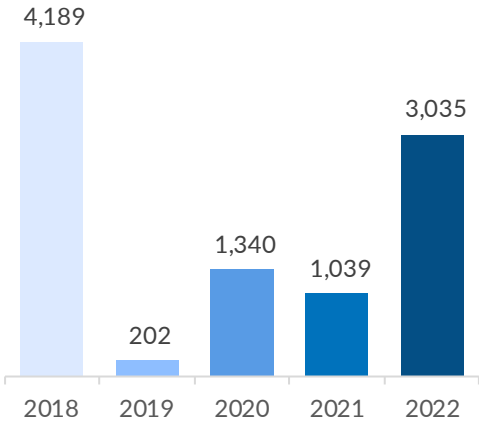
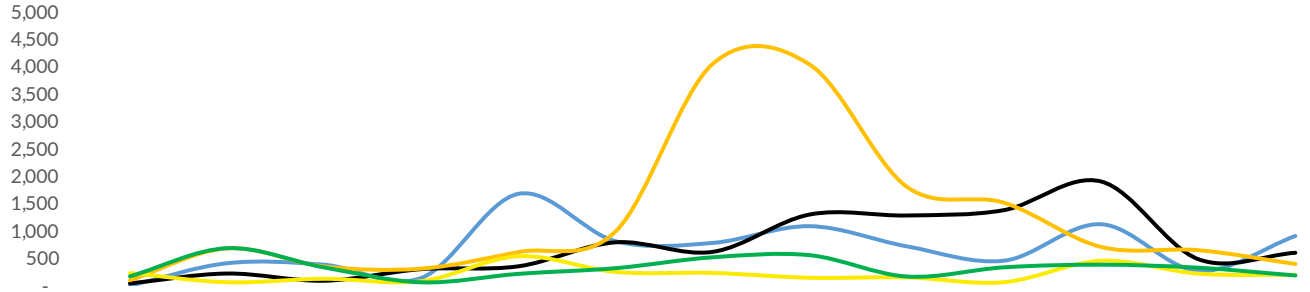


Nationality of arrivals

In January 2022, the most common country of origin recorded among refugees and migrants reaching Italian shores was Bangladesh (30%), followed by Egypt (19%), Tunisia (13%), Eritrea (6%), Côte d'Ivoire (6%), Guinea (4%), Pakistan (3%), Afghanistan (3%), Sudan (3%) and Cameroon (2%). A notable increase in the numbers of Bangladeshi nationals registered at landing points in southern Italy was recorded in January (904 persons), compared to December 2021 (271 persons). All Bangladeshi nationals arriving in January departed from Libya. The large number of Bangladeshi sea arrivals reaching Italy in January this year is even more significant when compared to numbers recorded in the same period last year, when only three Bangladeshi nationals disembarked in Italy. In January this year, there was an uptick in Egyptian sea arrivals (584 persons) compared to December 2021 (467 persons), while Tunisian sea arrivals dropped from 635 in December 2021 to 382 in January. Arrivals from both national groups this month are however significantly higher than those recorded in the same period last year, when 22 Egyptians and 85 Tunisians reached Italian shores. Almost all Egyptians arriving in January departed from Libya, while only 11 embarked in Tunisia. All but one Tunisian arrival departed from Tunisia.

Most common nationalities of arrivals - January 2021 to January 2022



	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
Bangladesh	3	410	383	143	1,669	810	778	1,082	716	456	1117	271	904
Egypt	22	203	71	284	336	776	601	1,287	1,269	1,367	1893	467	584
Tunisia	85	668	335	297	601	977	4,046	4,034	1,795	1,504	694	635	382
Eritrea	217	45	110	64	533	239	220	129	136	46	448	207	182
Côte d'Ivoire	157	682	323	45	203	309	512	551	153	325	374	318	173

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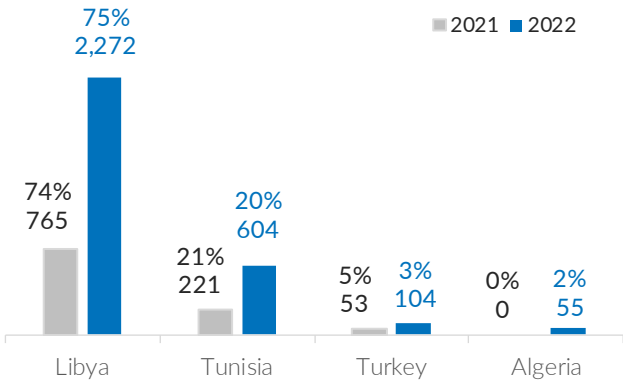
[1] All data are based on official Ministry of Interior figures shared with UNHCR. All figures are provisional and subject to change.

Country of embarkation

In January 2021, 75% of sea arrivals in Italy (2,272 persons; 27 disembarkations) departed from Libya, followed by 20% (604 persons; 40 disembarkations) departing from Tunisia, 3% (one group of 104 persons) departing from Turkey and 2% (55 persons; five disembarkations) departing from Algeria. The majority of persons departing from Libya originated from Bangladesh, Egypt and, to a lesser extent, Eritrea, while the vast majority of those departing from Tunisia were Tunisian, followed, to a lesser extent, by Ivoirians. The group of 104 refugees and migrants embarking in Turkey comprised 91 Afghan nationals.

January 2021 and 2022



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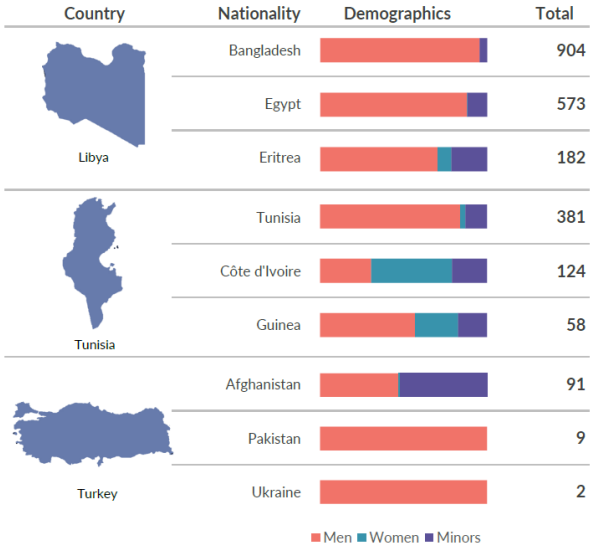
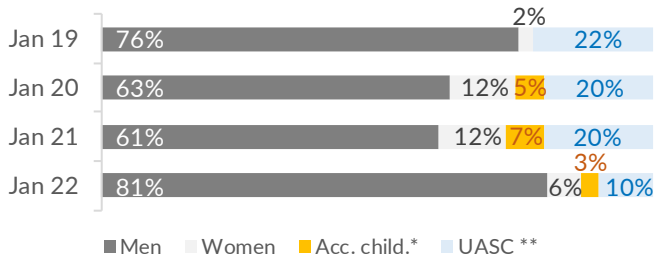
Top 3 nationalities by country of embarkation, January 2022



Demographics of arrivals

January 2019 - 2022



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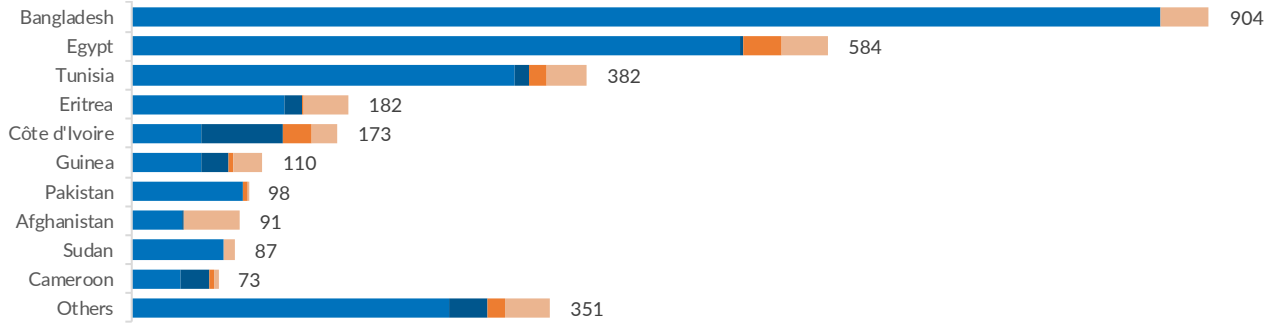
In January 2022, most sea arrivals were adult men (81%), followed by unaccompanied and separated children (UASC, 10%), adult women (6%) and accompanied children (3%).

In January 2022, 179 adult women reached Italian shores, the vast majority of whom originated from Côte d'Ivoire (69) followed by Cameroon (24) and Guinea (23).

In the same period, 298 UASC arrived in Italy by sea: the most common nationalities recorded were Afghanistan (47 persons), Bangladesh (41), Egypt (39), Eritrea (37), Tunisia (34) and Guinea (25).

Nationality and demographics of arrivals – January 2022



	Others	Cameroon	Sudan	Afghanistan	Pakistan	Guinea	Côte d'Ivoire	Eritrea	Tunisia	Egypt	Bangladesh	Total
Men	266	41	77	43	93	58	58	128	321	511	863	2,459
Women	33	24	-	1	-	23	69	15	12	2	-	179
Acc. child.*	14	4	-	-	4	4	24	2	15	32	-	99
UASC **	38	4	10	47	1	25	22	37	34	39	41	298
Total	351	73	87	91	98	110	173	182	382	584	904	3,035

* Accompanied children ** Unaccompanied and separated children