ITALY Sea arrivals dashboard

Overview

In the first five months of 2025, 22,971 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy by sea, compared to 21,113 in the same period last year, an increase of 9 per cent. Most of the 7,178 people who arrived in May disembarked in Sicily (74%, 5,279 persons), followed by Liguria (347), Toscana (312), Marche (276), Campania (252), Emilia-Romagna (192), Sardinia (179), Calabria (130), Abruzzo (108), and Apulia (103).

22,971 Jan-May 2025 [1]

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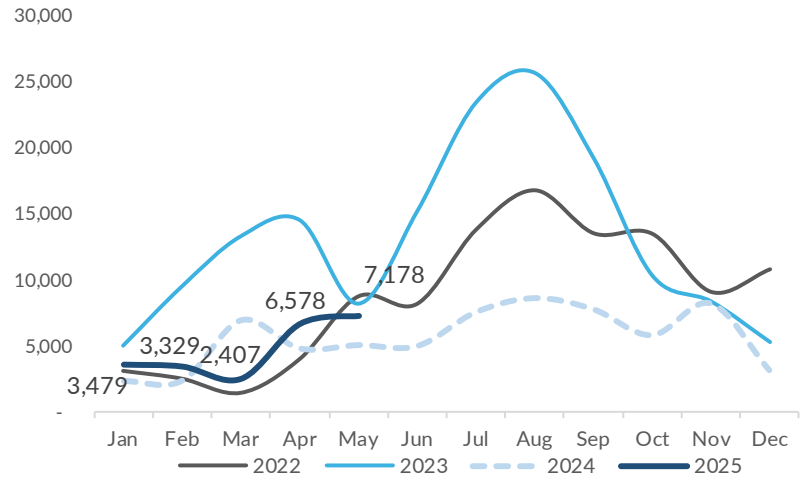
Monthly sea arrivals

January 2022 to May 2025



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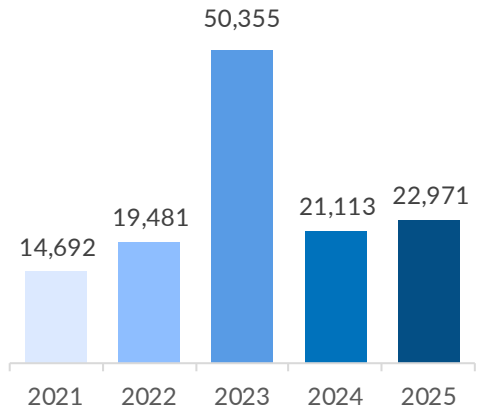
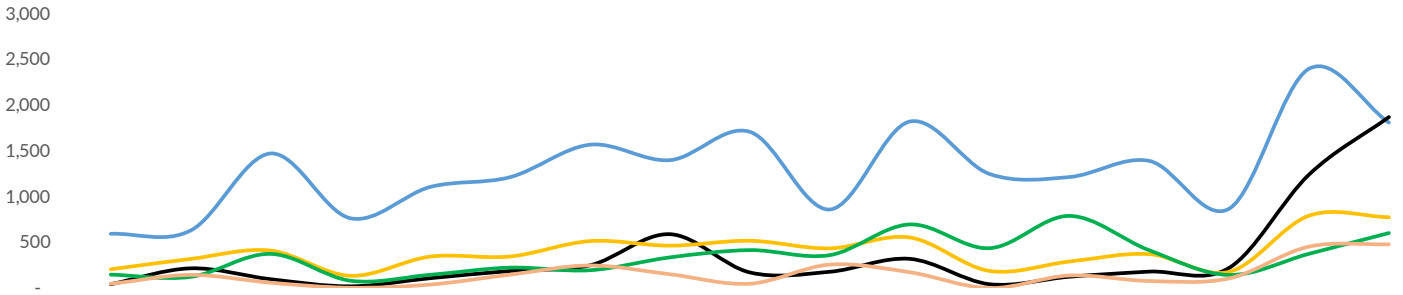


Nationality of arrivals

In May, Eritrean nationals accounted for 26 per cent of all sea arrivals (up from 19% in April), followed by Bangladeshis (25%, down from 36% in April) and Egyptian nationals (11%, up from 2% in April). Other nationalities arriving in significant numbers included Pakistanis (8%), Ethiopians (7%), Somalis (4%), Guineans (3%), and Algerians, Sudanese, and Nigerians (2% each). In May, the main nationalities of those departing **from Libya** were Eritrean (29%, up from 20% in April), Bangladeshi (28%, down from 40% in April) and Egyptian (12%, 13% in April). **From Tunisia**, the main nationalities were Guinean (55%, up from 38% in April), Ivorian (12%, down from 22% in April), and Gambian (9%, up from 3% in April). As in the previous month, the proportion of Tunisian nationals continued to drop, reaching 5 per cent in May. Almost all persons departing **from Algeria** in May were Algerian nationals (97%), with a smaller proportion (3%) of unknown nationalities. Among those departing **from Türkiye** in May, the main nationalities were Iranian (68%, up from 38% in April), Afghan (25%, down from 61% in April), and Iraqi (8%, not recorded in April).

Most common nationalities of people arriving by sea - January 2024 to May 2025



	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25
Bangladesh	585	621	1,464	755	1,098	1,205	1,560	1,391	1,701	851	1,813	1,240	1,206	1,383	860	2,391	1,802
Eritrea	37	211	92	14	103	182	244	585	166	173	315	37	119	175	216	1,238	1,868
Egypt	198	313	406	126	339	340	511	460	514	430	551	180	284	366	170	792	775
Pakistan	138	113	369	70	136	216	187	330	411	355	697	432	792	409	134	370	601
Ethiopia	46	141	58	4	38	144	242	148	47	251	170	-	135	76	104	443	468

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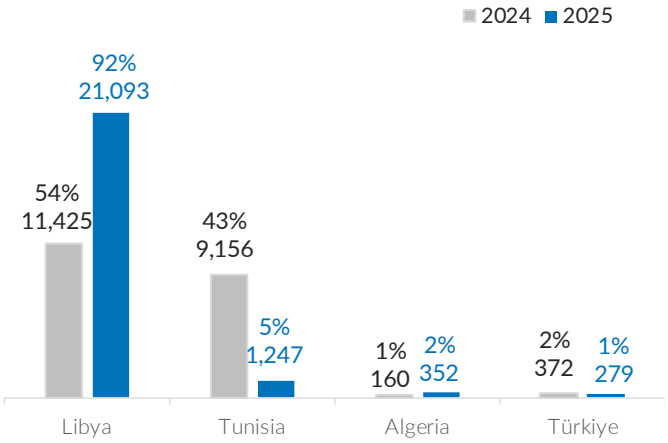
[1] All data are based on official Ministry of Interior figures shared with UNHCR. All figures are provisional and subject to change.

Country of embarkation

In the first five months of 2025, 92 per cent of people reaching Italy via sea departed from Libya (21,093 people in 389 landings), followed by 5 per cent from Tunisia (1,247 people in 46 landings), 2 per cent from Algeria (352 people in 33 landings), and 1 per cent from Türkiye (279 people in 3 landings). **In May**, Libya was the main country of departure (91% of all people landed in Italy), followed by Tunisia (5%), Algeria (2%) and Türkiye (1%).

January to May 2024 - 2025



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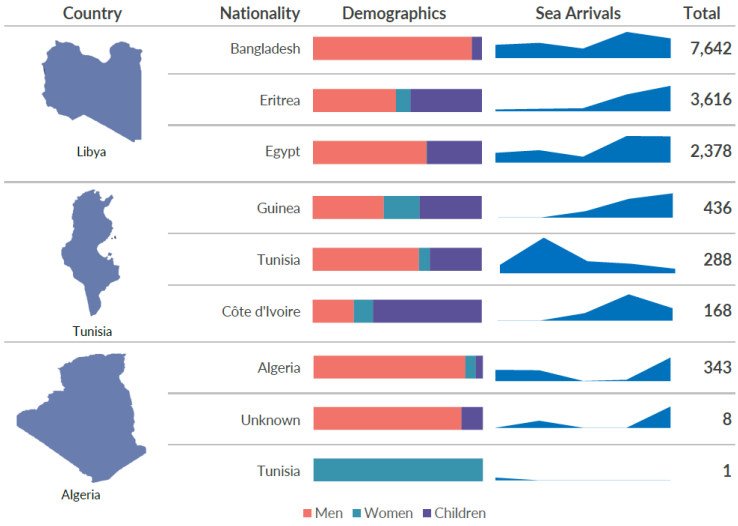
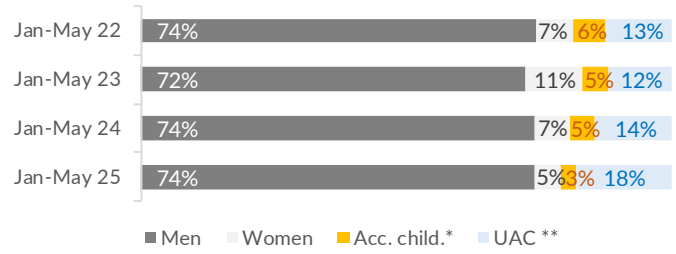
Top 3 nationalities by country of embarkation, January to May 2025



Demographics of arrivals

January to May 2022 - 2025



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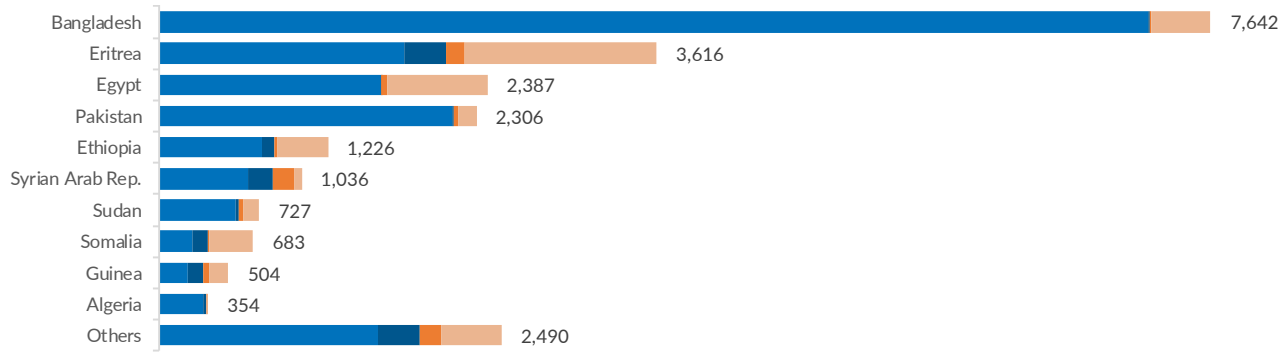
In the first five months of 2025, the majority of people arriving by sea were adult males (74%), followed by unaccompanied children (UAC, 18%), adult females (5%) and accompanied children (3%).

In May, 442 adult females reached Italian shores, mainly originating from Eritrea (164), Guinea (64), Nigeria (45), Somalia (39) and Ethiopia (33).

In the same month, 1,624 UAC arrived in Italy by sea. The main nationalities were Eritreans (697), Egyptians (273), Ethiopians (156), Somalis (153), and Bangladeshis (124).

Nationality and demographics of arrivals – January to May 2025



	Others	Algeria	Guinea	Somalia	Sudan	Syrian Arab Rep.	Ethiopia	Pakistan	Egypt	Eritrea	Bangladesh	Total
Men	1,588	319	208	239	554	643	750	2,135	1,610	1,778	7,189	17,013
Women	309	21	108	112	28	186	85	7	7	310	7	1,180
Acc. child.*	159	7	44	18	27	153	26	36	36	136	18	660
UAC **	434	7	144	314	118	54	365	128	734	1,392	428	4,118
Total	2,490	354	504	683	727	1,036	1,226	2,306	2,387	3,616	7,642	22,971

* Accompanied children ** Unaccompanied children