

# Italy - Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) Dashboard

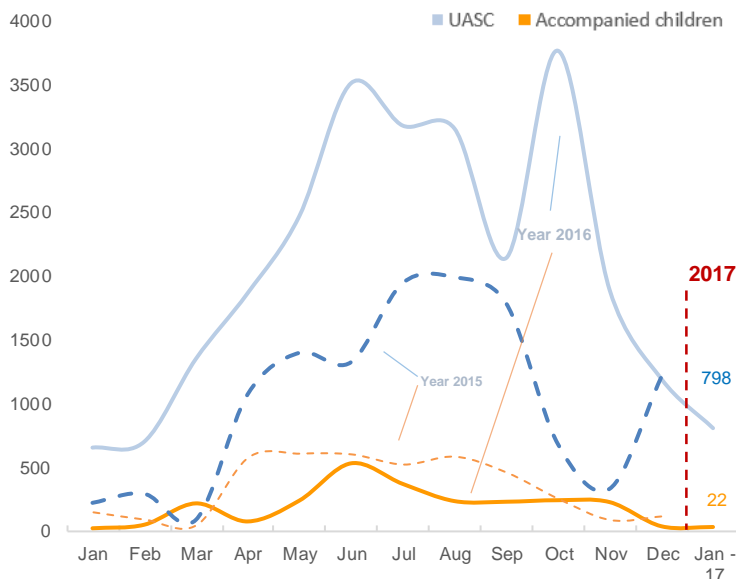
January 2017



**798** UASC  
**18%** of sea arrivals

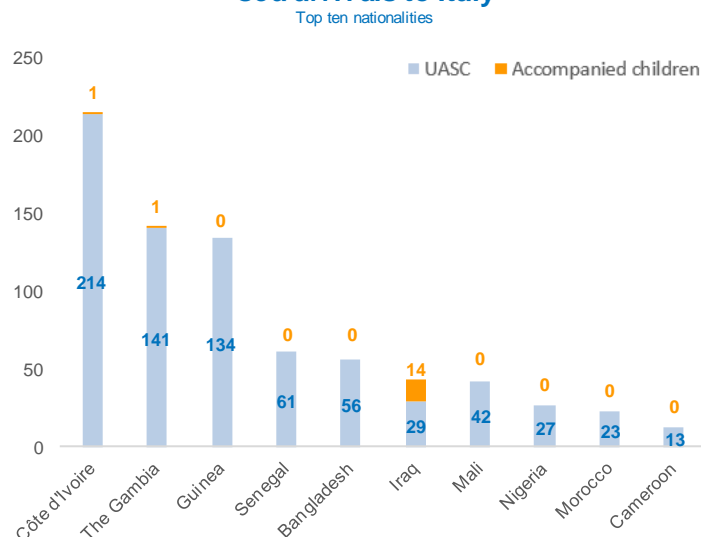
Between 1 and 31 January 2017, 820 children arrived in Italy by sea: 97% of them arrived unaccompanied (798). UASC account for some 18% of all sea arrivals in the above period, an increase of around 24% compared to January 2016.

UASC and accompanied children sea arrivals trend



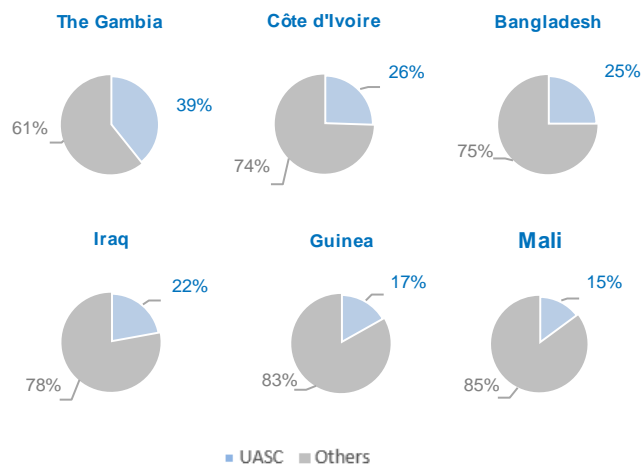
UASC sea arrivals had already increased considerably in 2016, compared to previous years. A total of 25,846 UASC arrived in Italy by sea in 2016 (14% of all sea arrivals). This represented a 109% increase compared to 2015, when 12,360 UASC reached Italian shores (7% of all sea arrivals).

UASC and accompanied children: sea arrivals to Italy

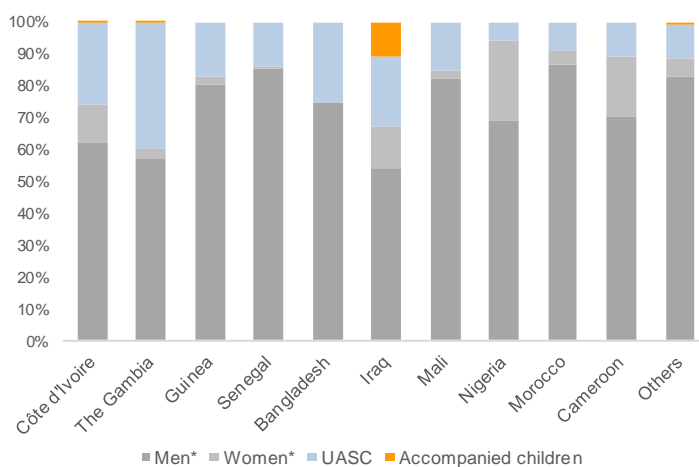


UASC arriving by sea in January 2017 are most commonly from Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia and Guinea. Although increasing numbers of UASC among Ivoirians and Guineans reaching Italy by sea are consistent with a general increase in sea arrivals from these two nationalities, the percentage of UASC among these national groups is on the rise. In January 2017, one out of four Ivoirian arrivals is an unaccompanied child, while 17% of all Guinean arrivals are UASC. UASC account for 39% of all Gambian nationals arriving by sea in January 2017, up from 27% in the whole of 2016.

Proportion of UASC by nationality on total sea arrivals



Distribution by age, gender, UASC and accompanied children by nationality



\* The groups of men and women refer to persons over 18 year old.

While Eritrean UASC were the most numerous UASC group to arrive by sea in 2016, only 5 Eritrean UASC disembarked in January 2017 (out of 16 total Eritrean sea arrivals). Other nationalities with a significant proportion of UASC are Bangladesh (25%), Iraq (22%) and Mali (15%).

Most UASC arriving by sea are boys and are 16 and 17 years old. However, exact figures on gender of UASC arrivals are currently unavailable.

The charts are based on figures from the Italian Ministry of Interior. All figures are provisional and subject to change.