

GREECE Cash Assistance



Fatemeh with her daughter Setareh, from Iran, show the cash card they just received from UNHCR and its partners, in the framework of the ESTIA programme.

Overview

In January, 39,233 eligible refugees and asylum-seekers (17,903 households) received cash assistance in Greece, in 94 locations.

UNHCR provides cash assistance in Greece, as part of the ESTIA programme, funded by the European Commission. Cash assistance restores dignity and empowers asylum-seekers and refugees who can now choose how to cover their basic needs. It also contributes directly to the economy of the host community through the purchase of services and goods. UNHCR in Greece works with the Greece Cash Alliance partners the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Samaritan’s Purse, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Mercy Corps.

39,233

Number of individuals assisted ¹

17,903

Number of cash cards ¹

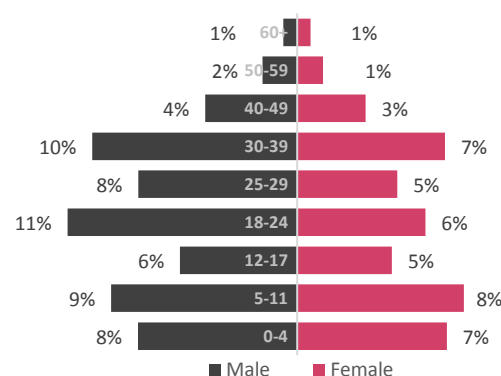
3.9 M €

Cash distributed (Euros) ¹

Demographics of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers Assisted with Cash

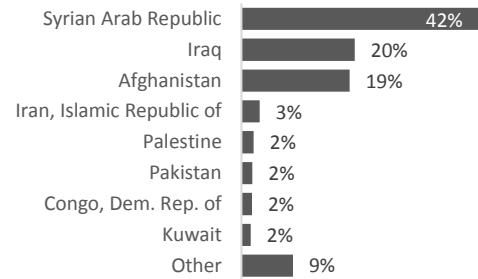
In total, since April 2017, 58,725 eligible individuals are estimated to have received cash assistance in Greece at least once. Eligibility is assessed on the basis of one’s date of entry in the country, legal status and current location. Of the 39,233 individuals who received cash assistance this month, 6,000 are recognized refugees. Furthermore, 42% were children, 23% were women and 35% were men. One quarter of all, benefiting from cash assistance, are families with an average family size of five people.

The amount of cash assistance distributed to each household is proportionate to the family size. It ranges between 90 euros for an individual in catered accommodation, to 550 euros for a family of seven members or more in self-catered accommodation.



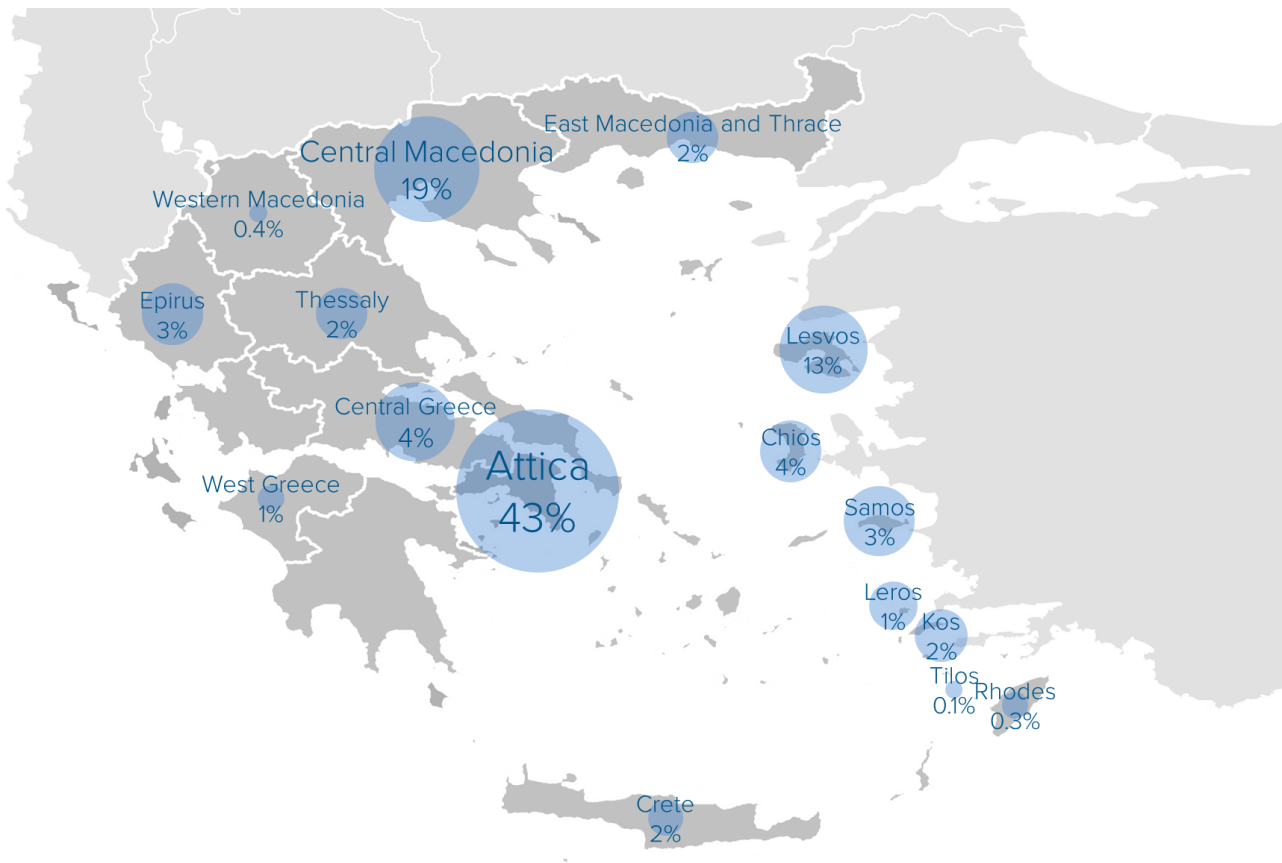
Demographics of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

86% of individuals in the cash assistance scheme are Syrian, Iraqi, Afghan, Iranian or Palestinian.



Location of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

Asylum-seekers and refugees receiving cash assistance reside in 94 locations in Greece. 43% of those receiving cash assistance are located in Athens, with 24% currently on the islands and a further 19% in Central Macedonia.



Partners



More information

The Greece Cash Alliance: Meeting Basic Needs through Harmonized Cash Assistance

ESTIA cash assistance and accommodation is funded by the European Commission