Situation Update:
Unaccompanied Children (UAC) in Greece
31 October 2018

Key Facts

3,637* Estimated number of UAC currently in Greece
Out of the total:
93,5% Boys
6,5% Girls
8,5% ≤14 years old

1,210 Total number of places in long term accommodation (Shelters/SIL)

820 Total number of places in temporary accommodation (Safe zones/Emergency hotels)

1,889* children out of long term or temporary accommodation, out of which:
586 in RICs
82 in Protective custody
139 pending transfer to long term or temporary accommodation

*The numbers include 273 separated children

Figures dynamically change and may be adjusted based on verification by EKKA. All figures are based on referrals.

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National Center for Social Solidarity

Reported place of stay of children – Total: 3637

Number of UAC in Reception and Identification Centers/Protective Custody
31 January 2017 – 31 October 2018

UAC per accommodation type
31 January 2017 – 31 October 2018

UAC out of long term or temporary accommodation disaggregated by age group and sex (excluding 273 separated and 139 children pending transfer)

Boys
Girls

>12
≥12

Reception and Identification Centers
Protective custody
Open temporary accommodation facilities
Reported as homeless
Informal housing arrangements
No location reported
Safe zones
Hotels (Emergency accommodation)
Shelters
SIL
Key Facts
as of 31 October 2018

UAC shelters
- Current: 54 UAC shelters with total 1,190 places

SIL (Supported Independent Living) apartments
- Current: 5 SIL apartments for UAC older than 16 years old with total 20 places

Safe zones* (short-term)
- Current: 10 Safe Zones for UAC with total 300 places

Hotels** (emergency)
- Current: 13 Hotels for UAC with total 520 places

*Safe Zones* are designated supervised spaces within accommodation sites which provide UAC with 24/7 emergency protection and care. They should be used as short term (maximum 3 months) measures to care for UAC in light of the insufficient number of available shelter places. Safe Zone priority is given to UAC in detention as well as other vulnerable children, in line with their best interests.

**Hotels** are emergency accommodation spaces being used as a measure to care for UAC in light of the insufficient number of available shelter places. Priority is given to UAC in Reception and Identification Centers.

Available places by type and region

- **Central Macedonia:**
  - 4 shelters - 120 places
  - 3 safe zones - 90 places
  - 5 hotels - 200 places

- **Central Greece:**
  - 30 shelters - 647 places
  - 3 SIL - 12 places
  - 2 safe zones - 60 places
  - 4 hotels - 175 places

- **Eastern Macedonia and Thrace:**
  - 3 shelters - 61 places
  - 2 safe zones - 60 places

- **Western Macedonia:**
  - 2 hotels - 70 places

- **Western Greece:**
  - 2 shelters - 49 places

- **Attica:**
  - 30 shelters - 647 places
  - 3 SIL - 12 places
  - 2 safe zones - 60 places
  - 4 hotels - 175 places

- **Lesvos:**
  - 1 shelter - 18 places

- **Chios:**
  - 1 shelter - 12 places

- **Samos:**
  - 1 shelter - 18 places

- **Leros:**
  - 1 shelter - 12 places

- **Kos:**
  - 1 shelter - 12 places

- **Rhodes:**
  - 1 shelter - 12 places

- **Epirus:**
  - 1 shelter - 40 places
  - 1 safe zone - 30 places
  - 2 hotels - 75 places

- **Thessaly:**
  - 2 shelters - 60 places

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16,510 Total number of UAC referrals received between January 2016 and October 2018.

Number of UAC Referrals to EKKA by month
(updated on a monthly basis)

Referrals processed* per month in 2018
(updated on a monthly basis)

Monthly UAC referrals to EKKA by nationality
1 November 2017 – 31 October 2018
(updated on a monthly basis)

Estimated UAC population disaggregated by nationality
3637 UAC

*Placement issued or referral cancelled upon verification

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