Sea Arrivals Dashboard

Overview

So far in 2019, a total of 12,870 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from Afghanistan (35%), Syria (16%) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (12%). More than half of the population are women (25%) and children (36%), while 39% are men.

Arrivals in June 2019, at 3,122 increased in comparison to May, when 2,651 people had arrived on the islands. Arrivals during 2019 are 6% lower than those in 2018.

Lesvos received the majority (39%) of all new arrivals, during the first six months of 2019, followed by the Dodecanese islands (29%), Samos (20%) and Chios (12%).

Monthly Arrivals 2017 to 2019

Demographics

Similar to last year, over one-third of arrivals in 2019 are children. Of those, nearly 7 out of 10 are below the age of 12. Additionally, 15% of all children were registered upon arrival as unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan, Syria and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Some 33% of arrivals are men between 18 and 39 years old. Only 3% of arrivals are 50 years old or older.

Arrivals from 2015 to 2019

1Arrival figures for Greece are provided by the Hellenic Police. Figures are subject to future adjustment and should not be considered final. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.
Demographics (continued)

The majority of new arrivals in 2019 are from Afghanistan (4,524), Syria (2,002) and the Democratic Republic of Congo (1,543). Similar to last year, the majority of arrivals from Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq arrived in family groups.

Entry points

During 2019, the majority of refugees and migrants in Greece arrived on Lesvos (4,965), the Dodecanese islands (3,796) and Samos (2,611). In June, refugees and migrants arrived on eight islands. Lesvos received the highest number of people from Afghanistan comparing to the overall number of sea arrivals in Greece in 2019, whilst the Dodecanese islands received the majority of people originating from the State of Palestine.