

Cash Assistance Update



Chaled, 34, from Afghanistan, signs in order to receive a cash card at the Urban Cash Centre in Athens, while holding his infant. Chaled and his wife Niloufar, 22, are in Greece with their three children. The Urban Cash Centre, run by UNHCR and partners CRS and Caritas, provides refugees and asylum-seekers with cash assistance and other services related to the scheme, as part of the EU funded ESTIA programme.

Overview

In August, 74,349 eligible refugees and asylum-seekers (37,325 families) received cash assistance in Greece, in 113 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) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

74,349

Number of individuals assisted ¹

37,325

Number of cash cards ¹

7.6 M €

Cash distributed (Euros) ¹

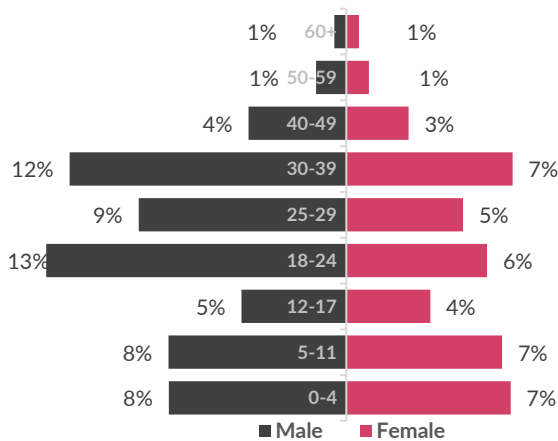
Demographics of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers Assisted with Cash

Since April 2017, 128,621 eligible individuals 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 74,349 individuals who received cash assistance this month, 13,900 have international protection in Greece. Out of 37,325 families, 23% were women, 40% men and 37% children. 31% of all who received cash assistance this month were families of five members or more and a further 33% were single adults.

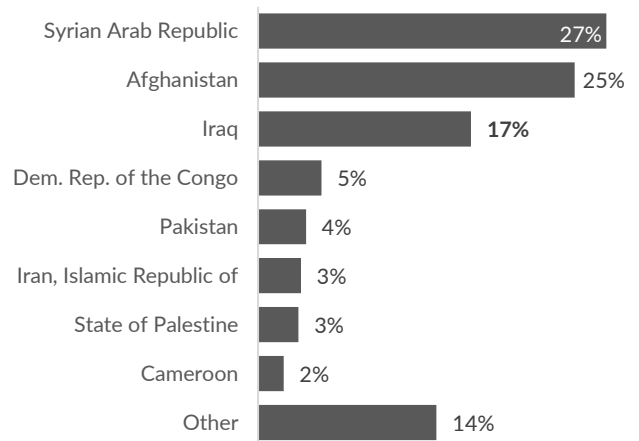
74% of individuals in the cash assistance scheme are from Syrian Arab Republic, Afghanistan, Iraq and Democratic Republic of Congo.

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.

Age & Gender breakdown

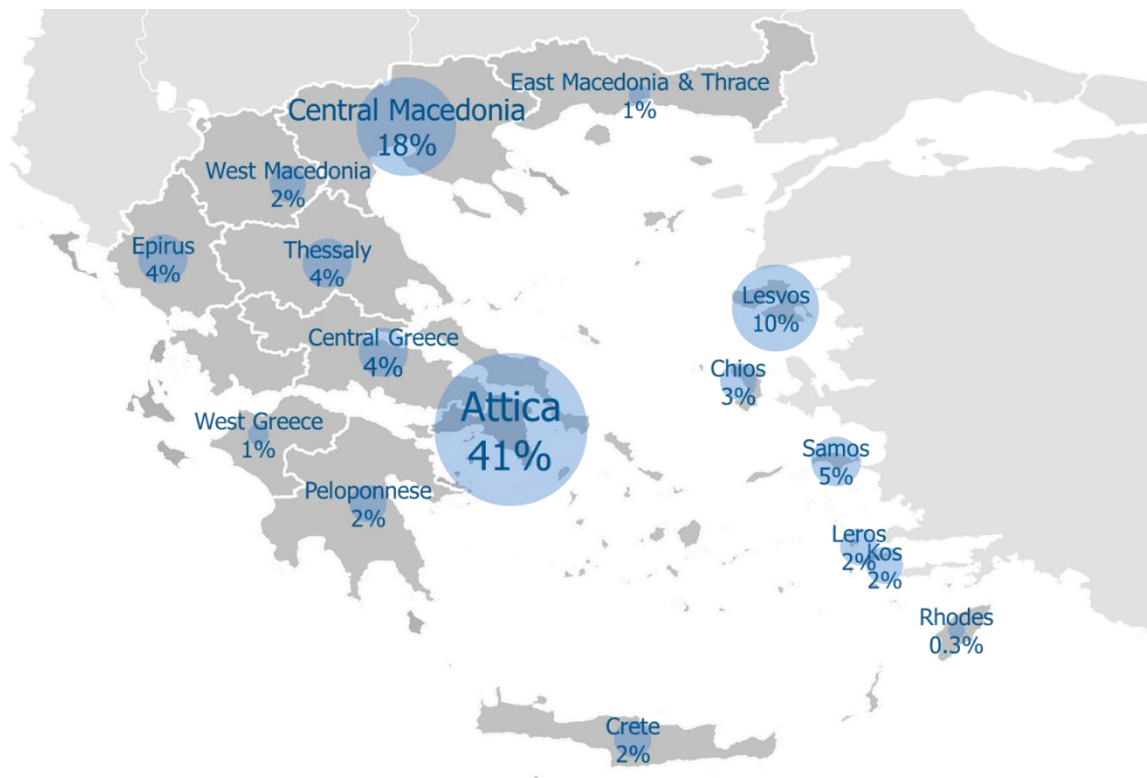


Nationality breakdown



Location of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

Asylum-seekers and refugees receiving cash assistance reside in 113 locations in Greece. 41% of those receiving cash assistance are located in Attica, with 23% currently on the islands and a further 18% 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