

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016 Pass 84,000; Deaths Reach 410

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Greece - An estimated 78,333 migrants or refugees have crossed into Greece since the beginning of 2016. Of these 16,140 arrived in February and 62,193 arrived in January, according to IOM.

While migrants are continuing to arrive in Greece, February arrivals have declined by 36 percent from the first half of January. The highest daily total was on February 3rd (3,036) and the lowest on February 6th (7).

Mediterranean Developments

Arrivals by sea and deaths in the Mediterranean

1 Jan – 14 Feb 2016			1 Jan – 28 Feb 2015	
Country	Arrivals	Deaths	Arrivals	Deaths
Greece	78,333	320 (<i>Eastern Med route</i>)	3,952	428 (<i>includes all Med routes</i>)
Italy	5,987	90 (<i>Central Med route</i>)	7,882	
Estimated Total	84,320	410	11,834	428

Arrivals by sea

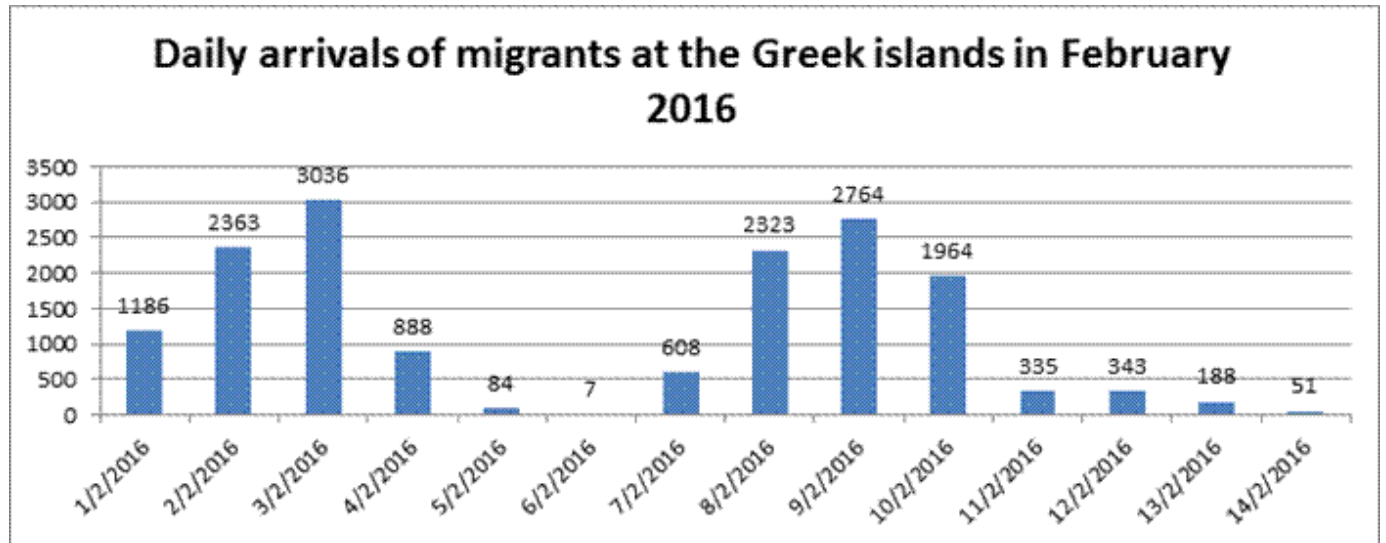
Country	1 Jan – 31 Dec 2014	1 Jan – 31 Dec 2015	1 Jan – 14 Feb 2016
Greece	34,442	853,650*	78.333
Italy	170,100	153,842 **	5,987***

* Unofficial data collected by IOM Greece and the Greek authorities of arrivals by sea.

**Data provided by the Italian Ministry of Interior

*** IOM estimate

According to the Greek coastguard, 1,472 migrants arrived in Greece by sea in January 2015, and 2,480 in February 2015. 2016 totals are therefore about 20 times those of this time last year.



This weekend there were multiple landings on the islands of Chios, Kos, Megisti, Lesvos, and Kalymnos. A total 582 migrants arrived between 12-14 February. All the migrants landed safely.

IOM Greece estimates that of the 62,193 migrants and refugees who reached the Greek islands in January 2016, 44 percent were male, 22 percent female and 34 percent children.

Arrivals by sea in Greece - January 2016	
Main Countries of Origin	Total
Syria	30,979
Afghanistan	18,983
Iraq	12,335
Pakistan	2,532
Iran	2,304
Total: All Countries of Origin	70,623

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