

Overview of Migrant Situation in Turkey

According to the latest available figures from the Turkish Directorate General for Migration Management (DGMM) currently there are more than 3.9 million foreign nationals present in Turkish territory seeking international protection.

Most of them are Syrians 3,567,130* who are granted the temporary protection (TP) status, while according to UNHCR another large group of the foreign nationals requiring Turkish humanitarian and international protection are 356,843** asylum-seekers and refugees consisting of different nationalities, but mainly coming from Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, Somalia and other countries.

In addition, there are 655,599* foreign nationals under residence permit holder status including humanitarian residence holders.

*Data Source DGMM, 29.03.2018

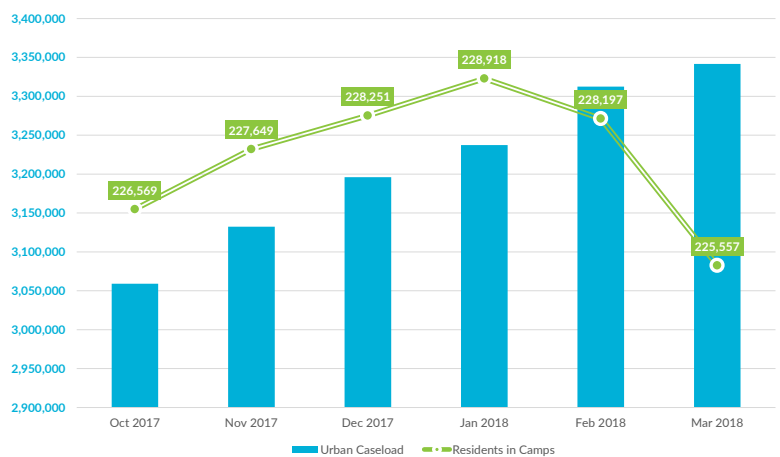
**Data Source UNHCR, 30.11.2017

Temporary Protection

Turkey implements a Temporary Protection regime for 3,567,130 individuals from Syria which grants beneficiaries right to legally stay in Turkey as well as some level of access to basic rights and services. A vast majority of them, 3,341,573 individuals, live outside the camps and are spread across the Turkish border provinces while nearly 225,557 live in 21 camps also majority of which are close to the border with Syria.

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Monthly Population Chart of Persons Under Temporary Protection

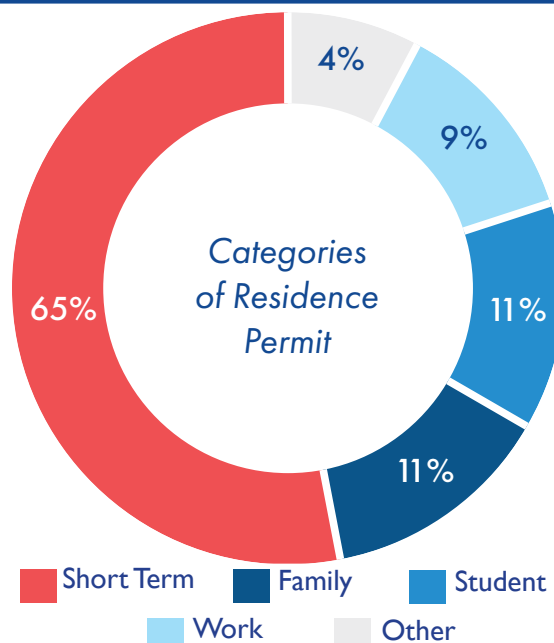


Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Another large group other than Syrians who are under TP that requires international protection in Turkey are 356,843 asylum seekers and refugees consisting of different nationalities, but mainly coming from Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, Somali and other countries.

*Data Source UNHCR, 30.11.2017

Nationality	Percentage#
Iraq	43%
Afghanistan	44%
Iran	9%
Somalia	1%
Others	3%



Residence Permit Holders

Foreigners who would stay in Turkey beyond the duration of a visa or a visa exemption or, longer than ninety days should obtain a residence permit. There are 655,599** residence permit holders in Turkey within various categories. According to DGMM, the "other" residence permit category includes Humanitarian Residence permit holders but the exact number is unknown. It is believed that vast majority of this category are Iraqi nationals. The breakdown of the residence permit holders are shown in the map on the left. The category breakdown of residence permits are published annually whereas the total number of residence permit holders are monthly published.

*Data Source DGMM, 29.03.2018



Readmitted Migrants and Refugees to Turkey Under EU-Turkey Agreement

Pakistan	649
Syria	279
Algeria	177
Bangladesh	98
Afghanistan	91
Morocco	48
Iraq	46
Iran	45
Nigeria	17
Others	132

Since 4 April 2016 there are 1,582 migrants and refugees readmitted to Turkey from Greece. Main returning points from Greece include Lesbos, Chios, Kos and Samos and the main readmission points to Turkey include Dikili, Çeşme, Bodrum and Adana (through the airport).

*Data Source DGMM, 29.03.2018



Apprehended/Rescued Persons on Sea

According to Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) reports, the Turkish Coast Guard apprehended 1,849 irregular migrants and no fatalities were recorded in February 2018. The top ten nationalities of apprehended/rescued migrants are Syrian, Afghan, Central African, Angolan, Somalian, Eritrean, Iraqi, Gabonese, Iranian and Sierra Leonean.

*Data Source T.C.G., 31.03.2018

Resettlement of Syrians From Turkey

Since 4 April 2016 when EU-Turkey agreement on the readmission of migrants to Turkey arriving in Greece after 20 March 2016 entered into force, a total number of 12,912 Syrians were resettled to the below mentioned countries according to One-to-One mechanism with the assistance of IOM.

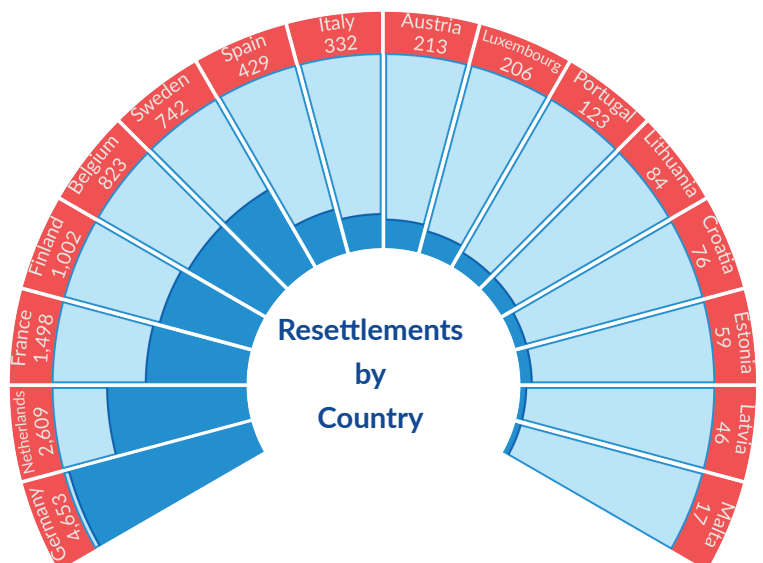
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Apprehended Persons on Land

According to Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) sources, in March 2018, TAF registered a total number of 28,732 irregular border crossings; 26,756 of which having entered Turkey from Syria, Iraq, Iran and Greece and registered 1,976 irregular crossings from Turkey into Greece, Bulgaria, Syria and Iran. The numbers per border are shown in the below chart.

*Data source T.A.F. as of 31.03.2018

Apprehensions by Turkish Land Forces (1 - 31 March 2018)			
Entry		Exit	
Syria	25,127	Greece	1,861
Iran	1,175	Bulgaria	70
Greece	407	Syria	39
Iraq	47	Iran	6
Total	26,756	Total	1,976



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