ITALY Sea arrivals dashboard

Overview

In the first five months of the year, 50,355 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy by sea, compared to 19,481 in the same period last year (+158%). May arrivals decreased by 44% compared to the previous month. The vast majority of people arriving in May - 65% - disembarked in Sicily (5,293 persons; 89 disembarkations), followed by Calabria (1,564), Apulia (632), Liguria (336), Lazio (168), Tuscany (123) and Sardinia (38).

Yearly sea arrivals

Year to date, refugees and migrants reaching Italian shores mainly originated from Côte d'Ivoire (15%), Egypt (12%), Guinea (12%), Pakistan (10%), Bangladesh (10%), Tunisia (7%), Syrian Arab Republic (6%), Burkina Faso (4%), Cameroon (4%), and Mali (3%). In May, Egyptians made up 22% of new arrivals, registering a decrease in absolute numbers, but an increase in relative terms, compared to the previous month. They were followed by Bangladeshi nationals, amounting to 19% of monthly total arrivals. The third main nationality was Pakistani (15%), which recorded a 60% increase compared to April. All three nationalities almost exclusively departed from Libya. Other nationalities which reached Italy in May were Syrian, Afghan and Tunisian. Ivorians and Guineans, respectively the first and the third main nationalities recorded on a yearly basis, arrived in consistently lower numbers in the reporting period compared to the previous months.

Most common nationalities of arrivals - January 2022 to May 2023
Country of embarkation

In the first five months of 2023, 51% of sea crossings departed from Tunisia (25,872 persons; 746 disembarkations), followed by 45% from Libya (22,477 persons; 163 disembarkations), 4% from Türkiye (1,769 persons; 20 disembarkations), and less than 1% from Algeria (237 persons, 15 disembarkations). In May, 72% of migrants and refugees departed from Libya (47 disembarkations), 18% from Tunisia (51 disembarkations), 10% from Türkiye (9 disembarkations) and less than 1% from Algeria.

Demographics of arrivals

In the first five months of 2023, most sea arrivals were adult men (72%), followed by unaccompanied children (UAC, 12%), adult women (11%), and accompanied children (5%).

In May 2023, 396 adult women reached Italian shores, mainly originating from Afghanistan (95), followed by Côte d’Ivoire (67) and both Guinea/Syrian Arab Republic (55).

In the same period, 859 UAC arrived in Italy by sea. Main nationalities were Egyptian (350), Pakistani (81), Tunisian (75), and Eritrean (68).