

Returns from Greece to Turkey

In the framework of the EU-TUR Statement. Source: Press Releases, Greek Ministry of Citizen Protection.

Overview

The vast majority of those returned to Turkey are nationals from countries other than Syria. The majority are **Pakistani nationals (41 per cent of total)**. Syrians constitute **17 per cent** of the total number of those returned, and are followed by Algerians, Bangladeshis and Afghans.

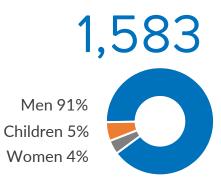
In total, **269** Syrians have been returned to Turkey to date. **21** of them have been returned on the basis that their asylum claims were found inadmissible at 2nd instance.

Of all those returned, **47 per cent** did not **express a will to apply for asylum** or **withdrew their will to apply for asylum** or **withdrew their asylum claims** in Greece.

Return trend – April 2016 to March 2018

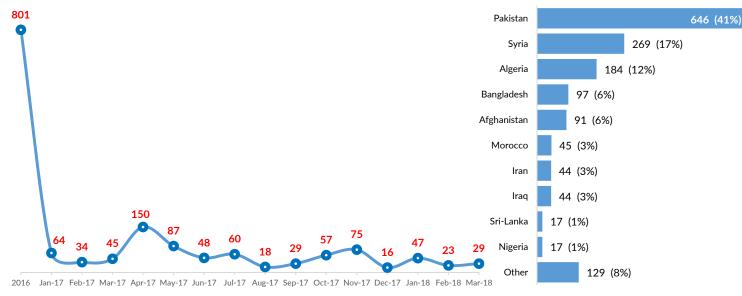
Total returns by age and gender

April 2016 to 31 March 2018

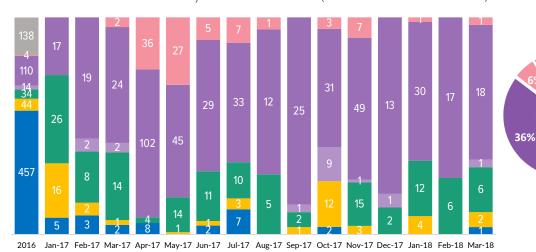


Nationality of those returned

31%



Reason for returns – by month and total (based on available data)



- No will to apply for asylum
- Withdrew their will to apply for asylum
- Withdrew their asylum claim
- Negative decision on asylum claim at 1st
- instance
 Negative decision on asylum claim at 2nd instance
- Case closed for other reasons*
- Information not available**

*Applications discontinued and/or filed according to the relevant provisions of the Law 4375/2016 regarding implicit or explicit withdrawal or no appearance for registration. **Greek Ministry of Citizen Protection started publishing relevant data from 16 September 2016 onward. For feedback please contact UNHCR GREECE Information Management Unit, greatim@unhcr.org