GREECE Sea Arrivals Dashboard

Overview

So far in 2018, a total of 11,278 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from Syria (43%), Iraq (23%) and Afghanistan (11%). More than half of the population are women (24%) and children (38%), while 38% are men.

Arrivals in May 2018, at 2,916 decreased in comparison to April, when 3,032 people arrived on the islands. Arrivals during the first 5 months of 2018 are 55% higher than those of 2017.

Lesvos, Samos and the Dodecanese islands received 88% of all new arrivals, during the first 5 months of 2018, followed by Chios (12%) and Crete (1%).

Monthly Arrivals 2016 to 2018

Demographics

Similar to last year, over one-third of arrivals in 2018 are children. Of those, 7 out of 10 are below the age of 12. Additionally, 10% of all children were registered upon arrival as unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Syria and Afghanistan. Some 34% of arrivals are men between 18 and 39 years old. Only 3% of arrivals are 50 years old or older.
Demographics (continued)

The majority of new arrivals in 2018 are from Syria (4,817), Iraq (2,623) and Afghanistan (1,236), thus following the trend of arrivals of the last two years. Typically, these three nationalities arrive in family groups.

Entry points

During the first five months of 2018, the majority of refugees and migrants in Greece arrive on Lesvos (6,231), Samos (2,190) and the Dodecanese islands (1,486). In May, refugees and migrants arrived on eight islands. Lesvos receives the highest numbers of people from Syria and Afghanistan over the overall number of sea arrivals in Greece in 2018, whilst arrivals to Crete originate from Iraq and Iran.

1 May 2018. Arrival figures for Greece are provided by the Hellenic Police. Figures are subject to future adjustment and should not be considered final. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding. 2 The Dodecanese islands comprise 15 islands including Kos, Kalymnos, Leros, Rhodes, Kastelorizo, Tilos, Symi, Farmakonisi and Karpathos.