

# Access to formal education for refugee and migrant children - May 2018



## **General figures**

**8,016** children 5-17 years old enrolled in schools across Greece. Among them, **2,025** enrolled in Reception Structures for Refugee Education, **5,291** enrolled in Reception Classes in primary and secondary schools and **700** children in schools without Reception Classes. (Source: Ministry of Education, June 2018)



## Open accommodation sites

**2,204** refugee and migrant children 6-17 years old residing in open accommodation sites are regularly attending morning or afternoon reception classes (*Source: IOM*)

**539** children 5-6 years old are enrolled in 23 kindergartens within open accommodation sites throughout Greece. (Source: Ministry of Education)



### **Outside open accommodation sites**

**5,273** refugee and migrant children 6-17 years old residing in apartments, shelters and hotels for unaccompanied children or self-settled are enrolled in schools

The data presented below concern assessed children who are residing in apartments with their families or shelters and hotels for unaccompanied children. All data are compared with the previous assessment during December 2017.



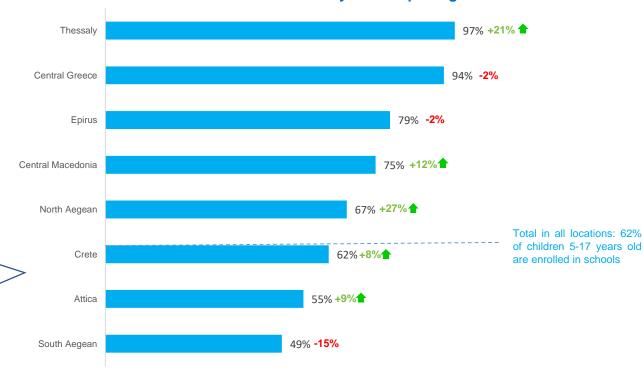
**62%** of children 5-17 years old are enrolled in schools

+7%

Increase 7% compared to December 2017.

91% of them are enrolled in schools on the mainland while 9% in schools on the islands

# Enrollment rate of children 5-17 years old per region



The enrollment rate has increased in most regions across Greece between 9% to 21%, with the exception of Central Greece, Epirus and South Aegean where enrollment rate was decreased. The biggest increase is identified in Thessaly, North Aegean and Central Macedonia. The decrease in South Aegean refers only to 39 children assessed.

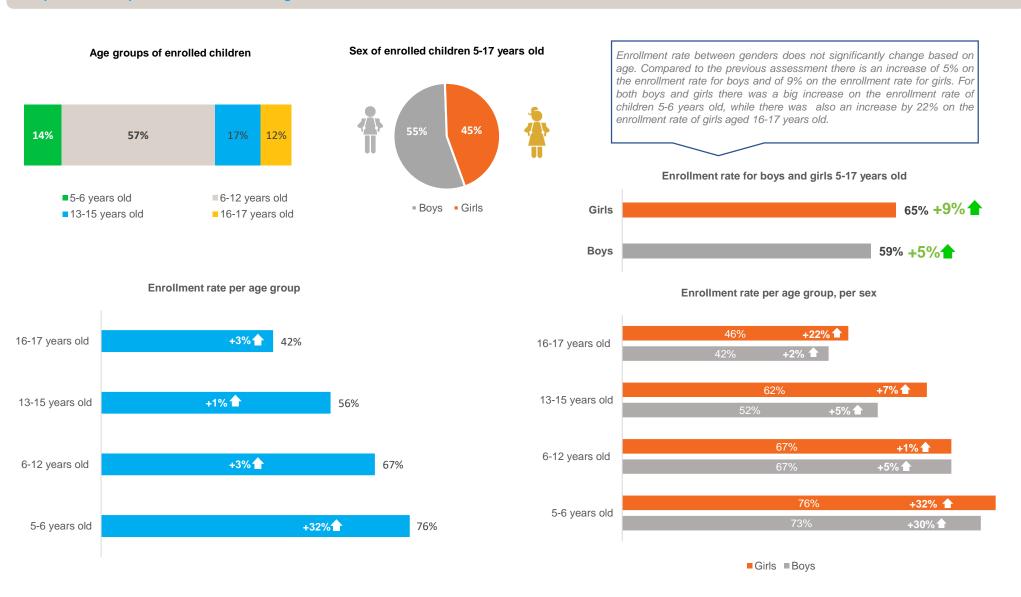
The assessment provides a snapshot of the situation during May 2018. Data collection took place in May 2018 by the ESWG aiming at assessing the number of children 5-17 years old, residing in accommodation programmes and unaccompanied children shelters and hotels, enrolled in Greek schools throughout the country. In total, with the support of the 23 agencies participating in the assessment, data was collected for 5,570 children 5-17 years old. Out of all 5,570 children, 67% were residing in Attica, 11% in Central Macedonia, 6% in Northern Aegean, 5% in Thessaly, 5% in Epirus, 3% in Central Greece, 2% in Crete, 1% in South Aegean. Limitations: Self-settled children who are residing outside accommodation programmes and shelters or hotels for unaccompanied children are not included in this assessment, data collected represent a sample and not all school age children.

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# Age groups and gender (children 5-17 years old) - The total enrollment rate is 62%



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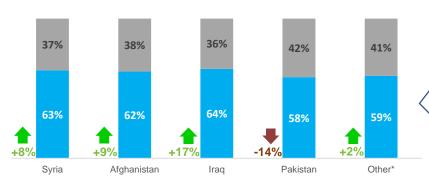
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# Countries of origin (children 5-17 years old) - The total enrollment rate is 62%



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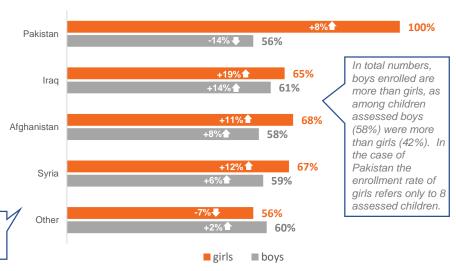
#### Enrollment rate of children age 5-17 years old per country of origin



Enrollment rate for all nationalities with the exception of Pakistan has increased compared to the last assessment. For children from Pakistan the decrease refers to unaccompanied boys 13-17 years old in shelters and hotels (152 assessed children).

Enrollment is not affected by the gender of children, as both boys and girls have similar rates.

#### Enrollment rate of boys and girls age 5-17 years old per country of origin



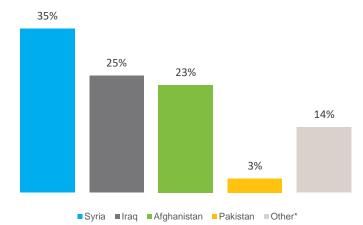
# Types of formal education services available to refugee and migrant children

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- 1. Regular schools: kindergartens, primary, secondary (gymnasium, lyceum and vocational education/EPAL)
- a. Zone of Educational Priority (ZEP) schools with reception classes
- b. Intercultural schools
- c. School with no special provision
- Reception/welcoming classes for the education of refugees (DYEP) for children living in open accommodation sites\*
  \*some children in open sites also attend the types in category 1
- 3. Kindergartens within open accommodation sites

While the majority of enrolled children were from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, this is mainly due to the fact that the ratio was similar for children assessed.

#### Countries of origin of enrolled children age 5-17 years old



\*includes the following countries: Algeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Gabon, Guinea, Eritrea, Zimbabwe, India, Iran, Cameroon, Kuwait, Morocco, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Palestine, Somalia, Sudan, Turkey, Yemen, Jordan, Lebanon, Angola, Haiti as well as stateless or children whose nationality was not reported by the organizations

Out of all **5,570** children assessed, **35%** were children originating from Syria, **24%** from Iraq, **23%** from Afghanistan, **3%** from Pakistan while **15%** were children originating from other countries, including stateless children.

■ not enrolled children