Italy - Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) Dashboard

Between 1 January and 31 July 2018, 2,896 unaccompanied and separated children arrived in Italy by sea, representing 16% of all sea arrivals in this period. Consistent with an overall decrease in sea arrivals this year so far, the numbers of UASC reaching Italian shores in the first seven months of 2018 are considerably lower than in the same period last year, when over 12,600 landed in Italy. However, the proportion of UASC among sea arrivals in the January-July 2018 period (16%) is only slightly higher than in January-July 2017 (13%).

It is estimated that UASC arriving by sea in the first seven months of 2018 most commonly originate from Eritrea (553), Tunisia (548), and Sudan (252). During this period, significant numbers of UASC arrivals also originate from the following countries: Côte d’Ivoire (189), Mali (163), Pakistan (157), Nigeria (157), Guinea (142), Somalia (137), and Algeria (98). According to UNHCR estimates, almost half of UASC arrivals in the January-July 2018 period (47 per cent) originate from Eritrea, Tunisia and Sudan. Furthermore, UASC from the ten most common nationalities reported above cumulatively represent 83 per cent of UASC arriving by sea in the first seven months of the current year. In the first seven months of 2018, it is estimated that 36 per cent of Sierra Leonean arrivals were UASC, followed by 34 per cent of Somali arrivals, 24 per cent of Gambians, 19 per cent of Eritreans and Malians, and 18 per cent of Ivoirians.

Proportion of UASC by nationality among total sea arrivals

Most UASC arriving by sea are boys and are 16 and 17 years old. However, exact figures on gender of UASC arrivals are currently unavailable.

The charts are based on figures from the Italian Ministry of Interior and on UNHCR estimates. All figures are provisional and subject to change.

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