GREECE Sea Arrivals Dashboard

Overview

So far in 2018, a total of 19,459 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from Syria (32%), Iraq (20%) and Afghanistan (19%). More than half of the population are women (24%) and children (37%), while 39% are men.

Arrivals in August 2018, at 3,197 increased in comparison to July, when 2,545 people arrived on the islands. Arrivals during the first eight months of 2018 are 29% higher than those of the same period in 2017.

Lesvos has received more than half (53%) of all new arrivals, during the first 8 months of 2018, followed by Samos (19%), Dodecanese islands (14%), Chios (13%) and Crete (1%).

Monthly Arrivals 2016 to 2018

Note – arrivals during the first months of 2016 exceeded 100,000. To better enable comparison between 2016, 2017 & 2018, the monthly arrivals chart has been truncated at 8,000.

Demographics

Similar to last year, over one-third of arrivals in 2018 are children. Of those, nearly 7 out of 10 are below the age of 12. Additionally, 13% 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 (6,258), Iraq (3,975) and Afghanistan (3,665), following the trend of arrivals of the last two years. Typically, these three nationalities arrive in family groups.

Entry points

During the first eight months of 2018, the majority of refugees and migrants in Greece arrived on Lesvos (10,275), Samos (3,732) and the Dodecanese islands (2,795). In August, refugees and migrants arrived on seven islands. Lesvos receives the highest numbers of people from Afghanistan over the overall number of sea arrivals in Greece in 2018, whilst Chios mainly receives family groups from Syria and Iraq.