

Sea Arrivals Dashboard

Overview

So far in 2018, a total of 32,494 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from Afghanistan (26%), Syria (24%) and Iraq (18%). More than half of the population are women (23%) and children (37%), while 40% are men.

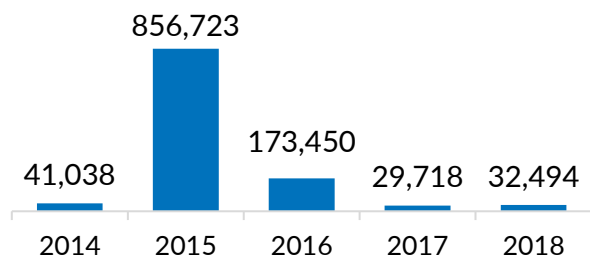
Arrivals in December 2018, at 2,927 increased in comparison to November, when 2,075 people arrived on the islands. Arrivals during 2018 are 9% higher than those in 2017.

Lesvos has received nearly half (46%) of all new arrivals, during 2018, followed by Samos (26%), Dodecanese islands (15%), Chios (12%) and Crete (less than 1%).

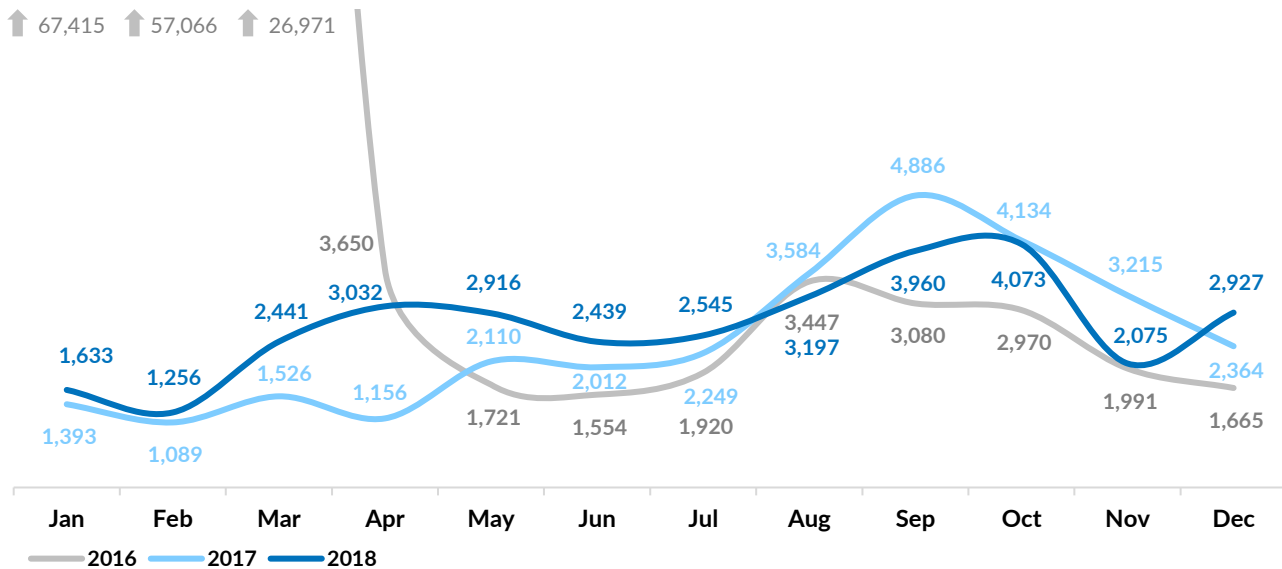
32,494

sea arrivals January to December 2018 ¹

Arrivals from 2014 to 2018



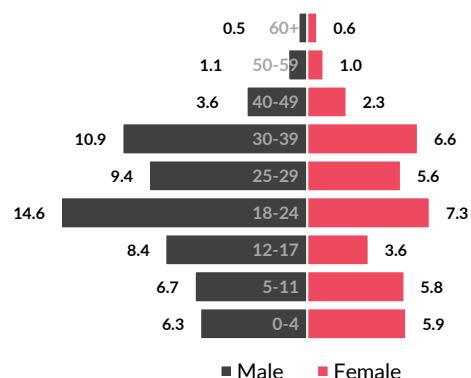
Monthly Arrivals 2016 to 2018



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.

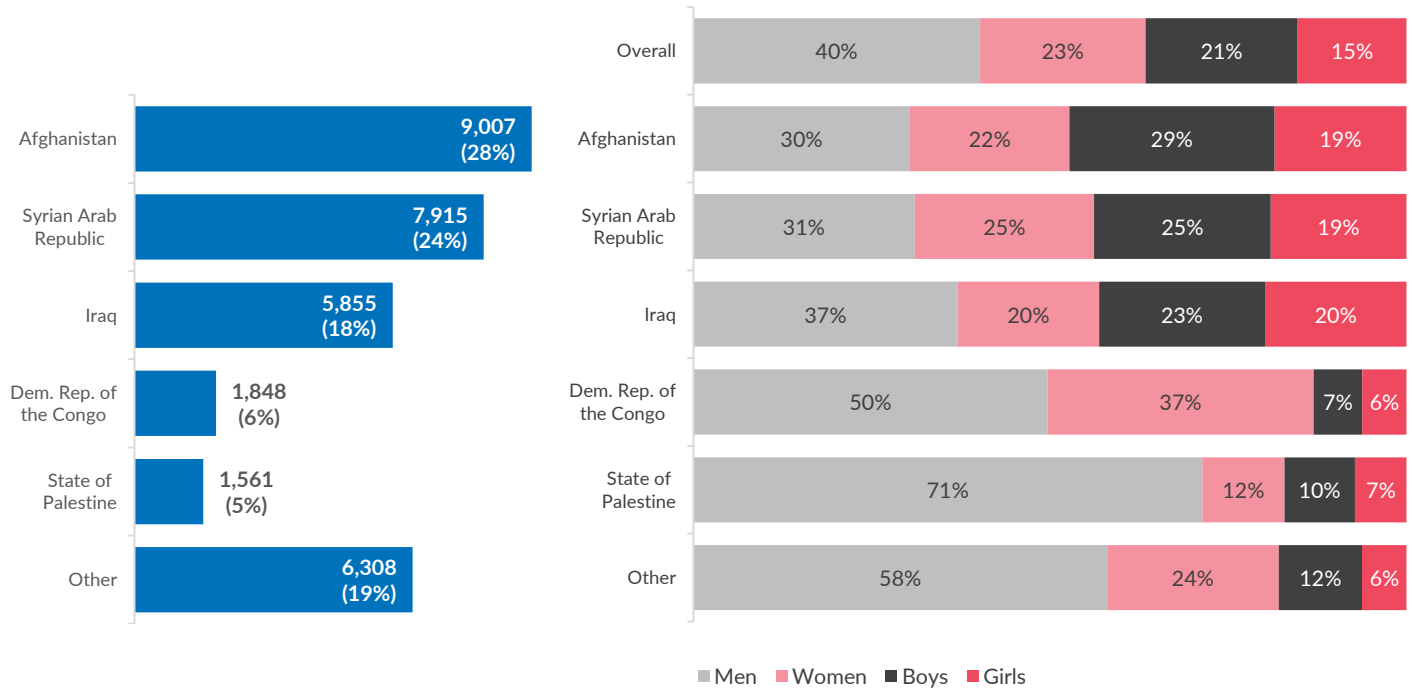
Demographics

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, 15% of all children were registered upon arrival as unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan and Syria. Some 35% 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 Afghanistan (9,007), Syria (7,915) and Iraq (5,855). Typically, these three nationalities arrive in family groups.



Entry points

Between January and December 2018, the majority of refugees and migrants in Greece arrived on Lesbos (15,034), Samos (8,544) and the Dodecanese islands (4,934). In December, refugees and migrants arrived on seven islands. Lesbos 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.

