ITALY Sea arrivals dashboard

Overview

Between 1 January and 31 January 2020, 1,340 persons arrived in Italy by sea. This is a 563% increase in sea arrivals compared to the same period last year (202). In January 2020, 1,340 individuals reached Italian shores, compared to 202 in January 2019. 403 persons reached Italy in one day only (Taranto 29 January) representing 30% of the total arrivals in January.

Monthly sea arrivals

January 2017 to January 2020

Yearly sea arrivals

January 2017-2020

Nationality of arrivals

Between 1 January and 31 January 2020, 19% of persons who arrived by sea originated from Algeria, followed by Côte d’Ivoire (14%), Bangladesh (10%), Guinea (7%), Sudan (5%), Tunisia (5%), Somalia (5%), Iraq (5%), Morocco (5%), and Eritrea (4%). In the same period last year, the most common nationalities of sea arrivals were Bangladesh, Iraq, Tunisia, Senegal, Guinea, Iran, Egypt, Sudan, Pakistan, Gambia. In January this year, there was significant increase (858%) of Algerian arrivals (249) compared to December 2019 (26). Similarly, Ivorian arrivals (193) compared to December 2019 (19) increased of 916%

Most common nationalities of arrivals - January 2019 to January 2020

1 All data are based on Official MoI figures shared with UNHCR. All figures are provisional and subject to change.
Country of embarkation

In the first month of 2020, 54% of sea arrivals in Italy (726 persons) departed from Libya, followed by 19% (258 persons) from Tunisia, 18% (237 persons) from Algeria, and 9% (119 persons) from Greece. Notably, in January last year there were no departures from Algeria. Compared to previous months, there have been more departures from Algeria (18) than Tunisia (11). During this month more women embarked in Tunisia (85) than Libya (65).

Demographics of arrivals

In January 2020, most sea arrivals were adult men (63%), followed by unaccompanied and separated children (20%), adult women (12%) and accompanied children (5%). In January 2019 only 5 women arrived in Italy, while in 2020 a total of 157 arrived.

In this month, the 265 UASC arriving by sea originated from Bangladesh (66), followed by Guinea (43), Côte d’Ivoire (32), Eritrea (28), Somalia (26), and Senegal (13). In January 2019, UASC originated from Bangladesh, Iraq, Tunisia, Senegal, Guinea, Egypt, and Sudan.

Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100% exactly.