Individuals rescued at sea, intercepted, or arrested on the grounds of irregular entry, stay or attempted irregular departure, are often referred to humanitarian actors by the authorities, and are then profiled, to obtain individuals’ demographic data and to identify protection issues, specific needs and future intentions.

This population reach Tunisia by air, land and sea, through regular and irregular channels, with the aim to seek asylum or to move onward to Europe.

Demographic profile

Entry points to Tunisia

Country of origin

Asylum-seekers referred to UNHCR

Migrants referred to IOM

Vulnerability profile

Future intentions at the time of profiling

Impact of transit through Libya

*Reasons for this include, most commonly, to earn money for onward migration; less commonly to earn money to avoid going home with nothing.