

ITALY Sea arrivals dashboard

Overview

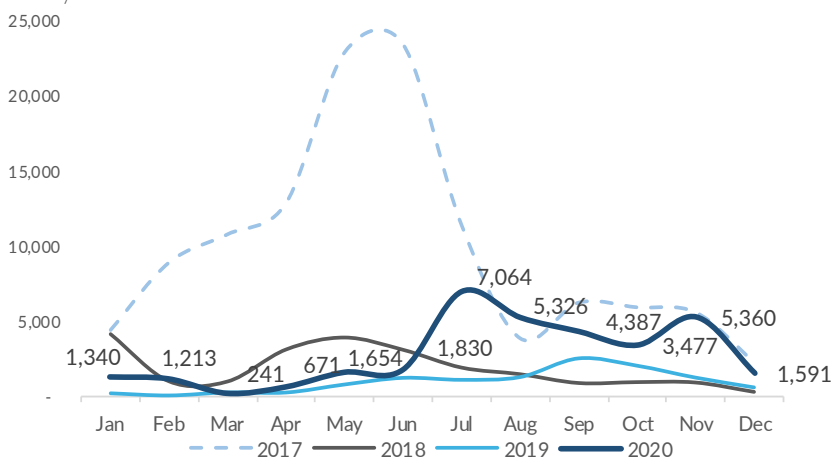
In 2020, 34,154 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy by sea, compared to 11,471 in 2019 and 23,371 in 2018. The highest number of monthly sea arrivals this year was recorded in July, when 7,064 persons reached Italian shores, followed by 5,360 in November and 5,326 in August.

In December 2020, 1,591 refugees and migrants were recorded at landing points in southern Italy. Approximately 40% of them disembarked on the island of Lampedusa, while 25% reached shore in Calabria. An additional 14% arrived in Apulia, while 11% reached the island of Pantelleria.

34,154 Jan - Dec 2020 ¹
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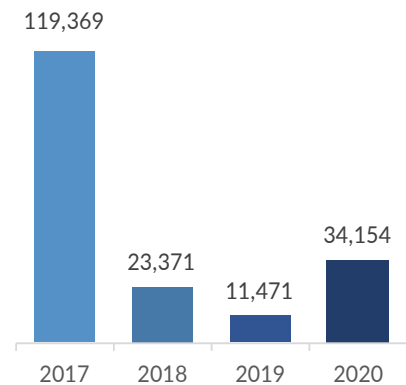
Monthly sea arrivals

January 2017 to December 2020



Yearly sea arrivals

January to December, 2017-2020

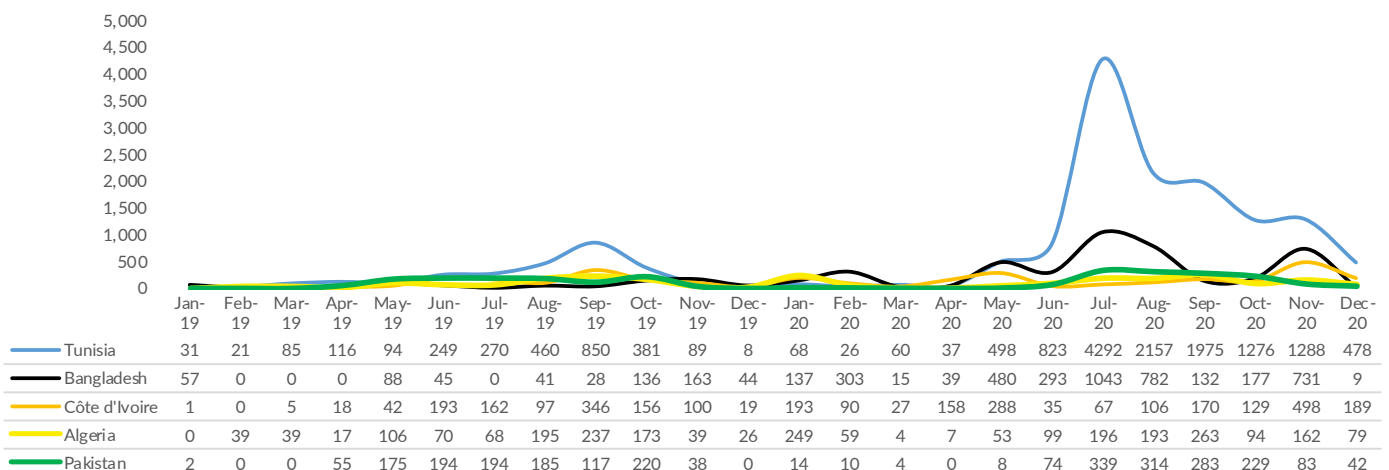


Nationality of arrivals

In 2020, 38% of refugees and migrants reaching Italian shores originated from Tunisia, followed by Bangladesh (12%), Côte d'Ivoire (6%), Algeria (4%), Pakistan (4%), Egypt (4%), Sudan (3%), Morocco (3%), Iran (3%) and Afghanistan (3%). Smaller but significant numbers of sea arrivals this year originated also from Somalia, Guinea, Iraq, Eritrea and Mali, each national group accounting for approximately 2% of yearly arrivals. While the most common nationalities of 2020 sea arrivals are largely consistent with those recorded in 2019, there was a very significant increase in the numbers of Tunisians and Bangladeshi reaching Italian shores in 2020, compared to the year before. In 2020, 12,978 Tunisian nationals disembarked in Italy, compared to 2,654 in 2019, while 4,141 Bangladeshi nationals were registered at landing points this year, as against 602 who arrived in the previous year.

Consistent with the yearly trend, Tunisians were the most common nationality of refugees and migrants arriving by sea in December 2020, accounting for 30% of monthly sea arrivals. Notably, 14% of December 2020 sea arrivals originated from Iraq, while 13% were Iranian nationals. In December 2020, only 9 Bangladeshi nationals were recorded at disembarkation points.

Most common nationalities of arrivals - January 2019 to December 2020

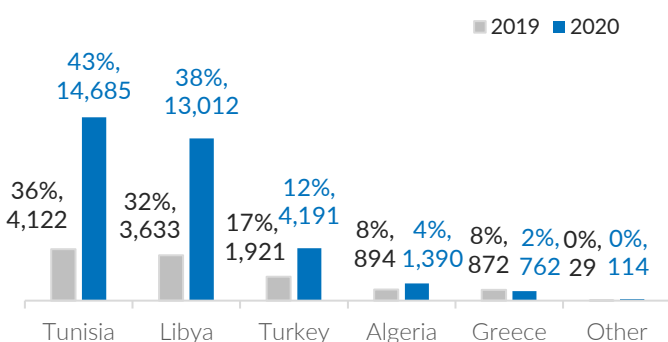


Country of embarkation

In 2020, 43% of sea arrivals in Italy (14,685 persons) departed from Tunisia, followed by 38% (13,012 persons) departing from Libya, 12% (4,191 persons) departing from Turkey, 4% (1,390 persons) departing from Algeria, 2% (762 persons) departing from Greece, and less than 1% (114 persons) departing from Albania and Montenegro. The most common departure sites in Tunisia were Sfax, Zarzis, Mahdia and, to a lesser extent, Sidi Mansour and Djerba. The vast majority of those embarking in Tunisia (87%) were Tunisian nationals, but a significant proportion (9%) originated from Côte d'Ivoire. Nine out of ten refugees and migrants who departed from Libya embarked in three locations: Zuwarah, Zawiya and Sabratha. More than half of them originated from Bangladesh, Sudan, Morocco and Egypt. The most common embarkation site for sea arrivals departing from Turkey was Izmir, and most persons along this route originated from Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq.

In December 2020, 742 persons departed from Tunisia, representing 47% of monthly sea arrivals. A further 548 refugees and migrants, that is, 34% of monthly sea arrivals departed from Turkey. An additional 157 (10%) left from Libya, 79 (5%) from Algeria and 65 (3%) from Greece.

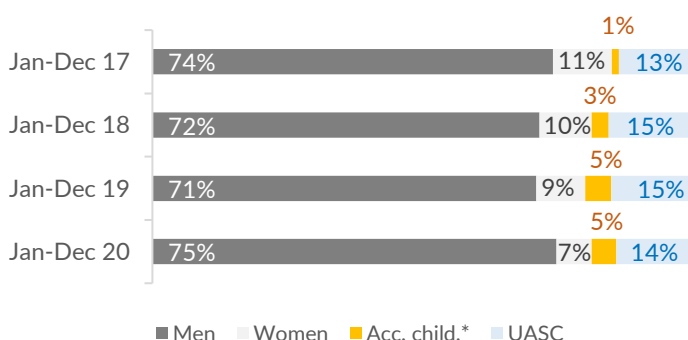
January to December 2019 - 2020



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Demographics of arrivals

January to December 2017 - 2020

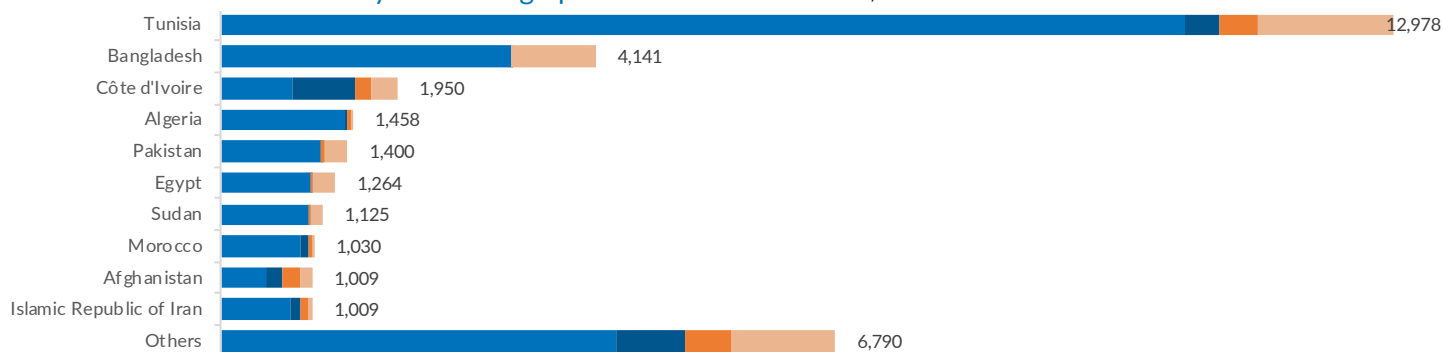


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In 2020, most sea arrivals were adult men (75%), followed by unaccompanied and separated children (14%), adult women (7%) and accompanied children (5%). Throughout the year, 2,235 adult women reached Italian shores, the vast majority of whom originated from Côte d'Ivoire (705).

In December 2020, 180 women arrived by sea: 87 of them were Ivorians nationals. In 2020, 4,687 unaccompanied and separated children arrived in Italy by sea, the most common nationality being Tunisia (1,503), followed by Bangladesh (926), Côte d'Ivoire (280), Guinea (268), Somalia (257), Egypt (157) and Pakistan (244). In December 2020, out of 185 unaccompanied and separated children reaching Italy by sea, 89 originated from Tunisia and 35 from Egypt.

Nationality and demographics of arrivals – January to December 2020



	Others	Islamic Republic of Iran	Afghanistan	Morocco	Sudan	Egypt	Pakistan	Algeria	Côte d'Ivoire	Bangladesh	Tunisia	Total
Men	4,371	778	508	890	970	999	1,109	1,370	787	3,208	10,677	25,667
Women	771	97	169	77	10	1	7	34	705	1	363	2,235
Acc. child.*	516	89	212	38	18	7	40	26	178	6	435	1,565
UASC	1,132	45	120	25	127	257	244	28	280	926	1,503	4,687
Total	6,790	1,009	1,009	1,030	1,125	1,264	1,400	1,458	1,950	4,141	12,978	34,154