

ITALY Sea arrivals dashboard

Overview

In January 2021, 1,039 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy by sea, compared to 1,340 in the same period last year. Fluctuation in monthly sea arrivals is common and depends on a combination of factors, including drivers of population movement exogenous to Italy and weather conditions.

In January 2021, there were 18 refugee and migrant disembarkations. Approximately 36% (373 persons) of monthly sea arrivals disembarked in the Sicilian port of Augusta, followed by 31% (317 persons) who reached shore in Lampedusa. There were eight search and rescue operations during the month, the largest of which was conducted on the high seas by NGO vessel Ocean Viking rescuing over 370 persons who had departed from Libya.

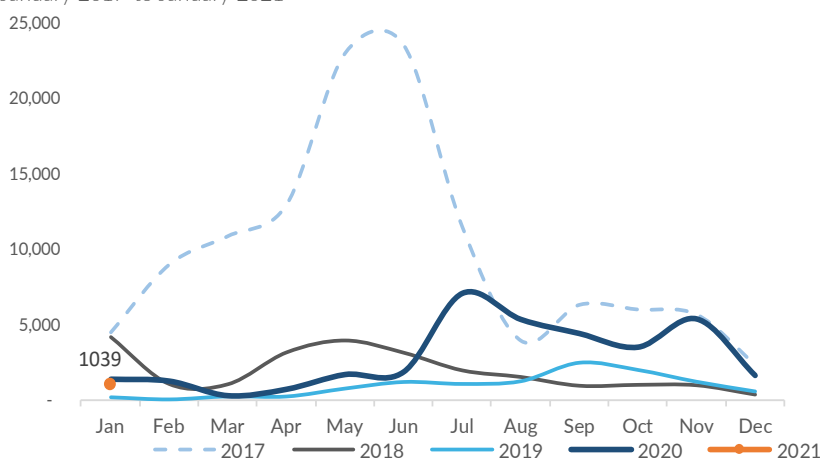
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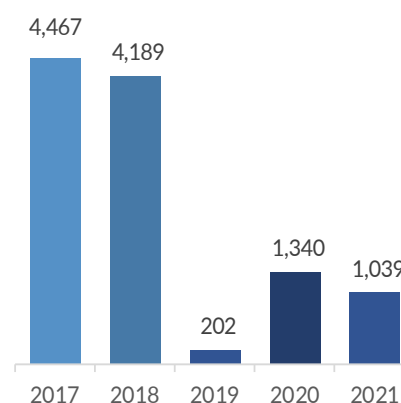
Monthly sea arrivals

January 2017 to January 2021



Yearly sea arrivals

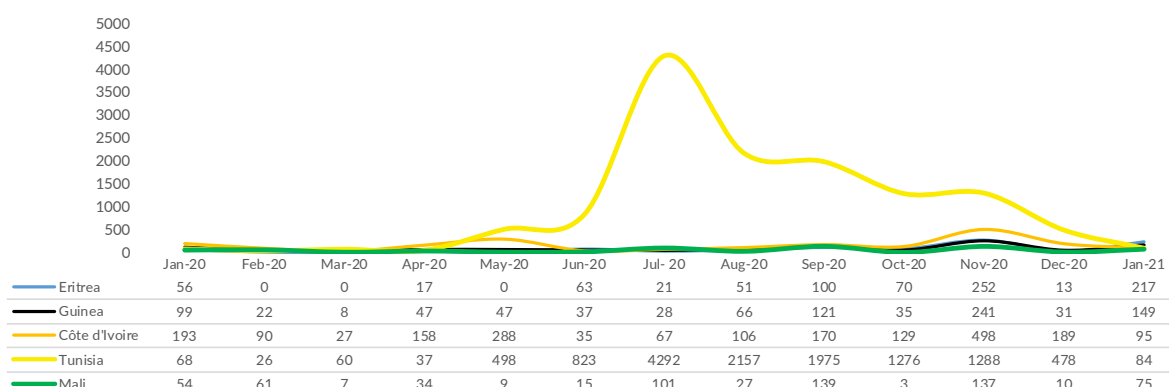
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Nationality of arrivals

In January 2021, 21% of refugees and migrants reaching Italian shores originated from Eritrea, followed by Guinea (14%), Côte d'Ivoire (9%), Tunisia (8%), Mali (7%), Cameroon (6%), Sudan (6%), Afghanistan (2%), Egypt (2%) and Senegal (2%). The most common nationalities of sea arrivals in the first month of the year are consistent with the fact that most refugees and migrants disembarking in Italy this month departed from Libya. Sea arrivals from Libya, in fact, comprise diverse nationalities often originating in the Sahel and the Horn of Africa. The movement by sea from Tunisia, on the other hand, is predominantly Tunisians, while the flow from Turkey is composed primarily of Afghan, Pakistani and Iranian nationals. The number of monthly Eritrean sea arrivals recorded at landing points in January 2021 (217) is the second highest since January 2020, after a peak of 252 in November 2020. While the numbers of Guineans and Ivorians reaching Italian shores have been fluctuating monthly over the last year, there has been a notable drop in the number of Tunisians disembarking in southern Italy this month: after a peak of almost 4,300 Tunisians registered at disembarkation points in July 2020, numbers have gradually decreased every month, significantly reducing after November 2020, with 478 reaching shore in December 2020 and 84 in January 2021.

Most common nationalities of arrivals - January 2020 to January 2021

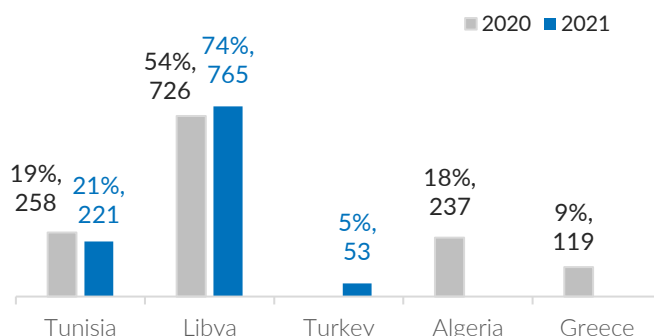


Country of embarkation

In January 2021, 74% of sea arrivals in Italy (765 persons) departed from Libya, followed by 21% (221 persons) departing from Tunisia, and 5% (53 persons) departing from Turkey. There were no departures from either Algeria or Greece in the first month of the year.

Most persons departing from Libya embarked in Zuwara, followed by Tripoli and Zawiya, while the most common embarkation location in Tunisia this month was Sidi Mansour. The group of 53 persons departing from Turkey in January 2021 embarked in Antalya.

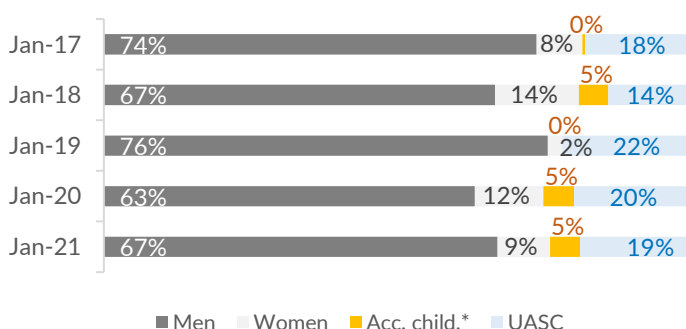
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Demographics of arrivals

January 2017 - 2021



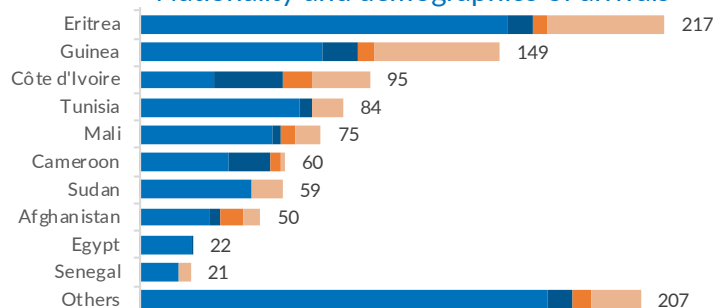
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In January 2021, most sea arrivals were adult men (67%), followed by unaccompanied and separated children (19%), adult women (9%) and accompanied children (5%).

During the first month of the year, 93 women arrived by sea: 28 of them were Ivorian nationals while 17 originated from Cameroon, 14 from Guinea and 11 from Eritrea.

In January 2021, 195 unaccompanied and separated children arrived in Italy by sea, the most common nationality being Guinea (52), followed by Eritrea (48), Côte d'Ivoire (24), Sudan (13), Tunisia (13) and Mali (11).

Nationality and demographics of arrivals – January 2021



	Others	Senegal	Egypt	Afghanistan	Sudan	Cameroon	Mali	Tunisia	Côte d'Ivoire	Guinea	Eritrea	Total
Men	169	16	21	29	46	37	55	66	31	76	152	698
Women	10	0	1	4	0	17	3	5	28	14	11	93
Acc. child.*	8	0	0	10	0	4	6	0	12	7	6	53
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Total	207	21	22	50	59	60	75	84	95	149	217	1,039