Sea Arrivals Dashboard

Overview

In 2021, a total of 1,081 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from Afghanistan (47%), Somalia (26%) and the Democratic Republic of Congo (11%). More than half of the population are women (26%) and children (35%), while 39% are men.

Arrivals in April, at 196 decreased in comparison to March when 421 people had arrived on the islands. Arrivals during 2021 are 86% lower than those in 2020.

Lesvos received the majority (88%) of all new arrivals, during 2021, followed by Chios (6%), the Dodecanese islands (5%) and Samos (less than 1%).

Monthly Arrivals 2019 to 2021

Demographics

Similar to last year, over one-third of arrivals in 2021 are children. Of those, less than 6 out of 10 are below the age of 12. Additionally, 26% of all children were registered upon arrival as unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan, Somalia and DRC. Some 36% of arrivals are men between 18 and 39 years old. Only 3% of arrivals are 50 years old or older.

Arrivals from 2018 to 2021

1,081

sea arrivals January – April 2021

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Demographics (continued)

The majority of new arrivals in 2021 are from Afghanistan (504), Somalia (283) and the Democratic Republic of Congo (116). Similar to last year, the majority of arrivals from Afghanistan, Syria and the Democratic Republic of Congo arrived in family groups.

Entry points

During 2021, the majority of refugees and migrants in Greece arrived on Lesvos (956), Chios (69) and the Dodecanese islands (52). In April, refugees and migrants arrived on two islands. Lesvos received the highest number of people from Afghanistan comparing to the overall number of sea arrivals in Greece in 2020, whilst Chios and the Dodecanese islands received the majority of people originating from Syria.

1Arrival figures for Greece are provided by the Hellenic Police. Figures are subject to future adjustment and should not be considered final. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.