Sea Arrivals Dashboard

Overview

In 2021, a total of 3,131 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from Afghanistan (26%), Somalia (16%), Democratic Republic of Congo (9%) and Palestine (9%). Half of the population are women (20%) and children (30%), while 50% are men.

Arrivals in October, at 752 increased in comparison to September when 125 people had arrived on the islands. Arrivals during 2021 are decreased by 66% than those in 2020.

Lesvos received the majority (40%) of all new arrivals, during 2021, followed by Dodecanese islands (28%), Samos (10%), Chios (7%) and other islands (15%).

Monthly Arrivals 2019 to 2021

Demographics

Similar to last year, almost one-third of arrivals in 2021 are children. Of those, 4 out of 10 are below the age of 12. Moreover, 40% of all children were registered upon arrival as unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Somalia. Some 44% of arrivals are men between 18 and 39 years old. Only 2% of arrivals are 50 years old or older.

Arrivals from 2018 to 2021

Arrival figures for Greece are provided by the Hellenic Police. Figures are subject to future adjustment and should not be considered final. Percentages may not tally to 100 due to rounding.
Demographics (continued)

The majority of new arrivals in 2021 are from Afghanistan (813), Somalia (497) and the Democratic Republic of Congo (282). Similar to last year, the majority of arrivals from Afghanistan 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 (40%), Dodecanese islands (28%) and Samos (10%). In October, refugees and migrants arrived on seven islands. Lesvos received the highest number of people from Afghanistan comparing to the overall number of sea arrivals in Greece in 2021.