

Cash Assistance Update



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An asylum-seeker receives assistance by a member of the Catholic Relief Services at the cash assistance centre in central Athens. Cash assistance, which is part of the EU co-funded ESTIA programme, restores dignity and empowers asylum-seekers and refugees in Greece who can now choose how to cover their basic needs, by also contributing to the local economy.

Overview

In April, 63,568 eligible refugees and asylum-seekers (37,518 families) received cash assistance in Greece, in 110 locations.

UNHCR provides cash assistance in Greece, as part of the ESTIA programme, funded by the European Commission. Cash assistance restores dignity and empowers asylum-seekers and refugees who can now choose how to cover their basic needs. It also contributes directly to the economy of the host community through the purchase of services and goods. UNHCR in Greece works with the Greece Cash Alliance partners the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and METAdrasi.

63,568

Number of individuals assisted ¹

37,518

Number of cash cards ¹

7.2 M €

Cash distributed (Euros) ¹

Demographics of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers Assisted with Cash

Since April 2017, 201,435 eligible individuals have received cash assistance in Greece at least once. Eligibility is assessed on the basis of one's date of entry in the country, legal status and current location.

Of the 63,568 individuals who received cash assistance this month, 3,066 have international protection in Greece. Out of 37,518 families, 21% were women, 48% men and 31% children.

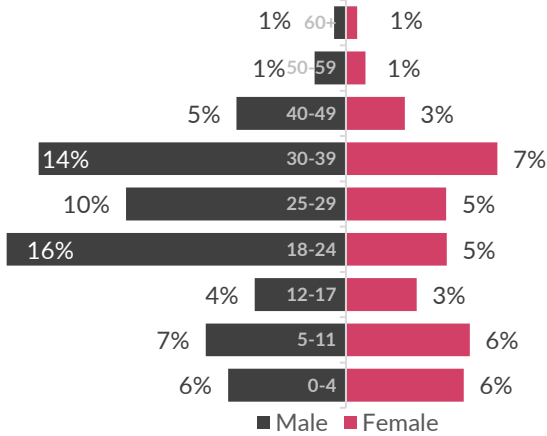
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¹ Source: Greek Cash Alliance during April 2021. Figures are subject to future adjustment and should not be considered final. Due to rounding, some totals may not correspond with the sum of the separate figures.

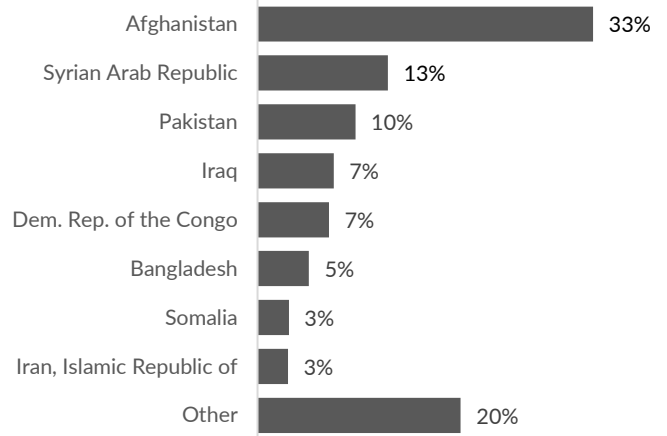
23% of all who received cash assistance this month were families of five members or more and a further 43% were single adults. 62% of individuals in the cash assistance scheme are from, Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan and Iraq.

The amount of cash assistance distributed to each household is proportionate to the family size. It ranges between 75 euros for an individual in catered accommodation, to 490 euros for a family of six members or more in self-catered accommodation.

Age & Gender breakdown

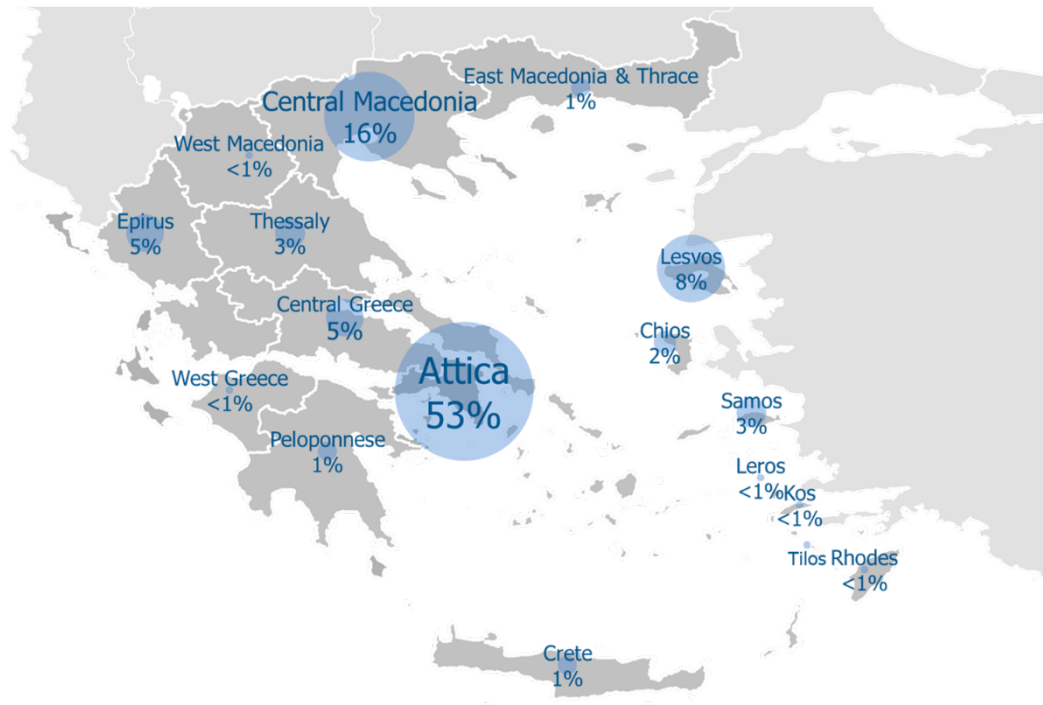


Nationality breakdown



Location of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

Asylum-seekers and refugees receiving cash assistance reside in 110 locations in Greece. 53% of those receiving cash assistance are located in Attica, with 15% currently on the islands and a further 16% in Central Macedonia.



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