

Sea Arrivals Dashboard

Overview

In 2021, a total of 4,331 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by sea. The majority are from Afghanistan (20%), Somalia (20%), State of Palestine (15%), Iraq (7%) and Syrian Arab Republic (7%). Almost half of the population are women (19%) and children (29%), while 52% are men.

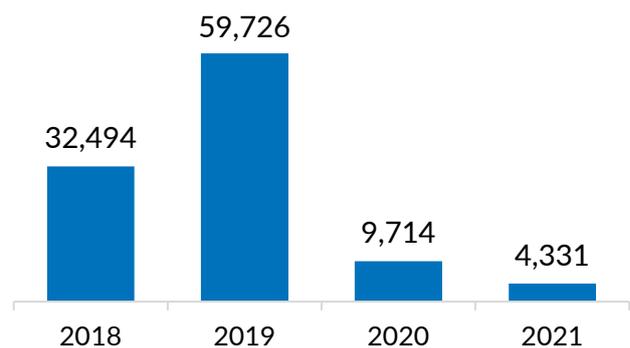
Arrivals in December, at 623 increased in comparison to November when 577 people had arrived on the islands. Arrivals during 2021 are decreased by 55% than those in 2020.

Lesvos received the majority (36%) of all new arrivals, during 2021, followed by Dodecanese islands (25%), Chios (12%), Samos (11%) and others (16%).

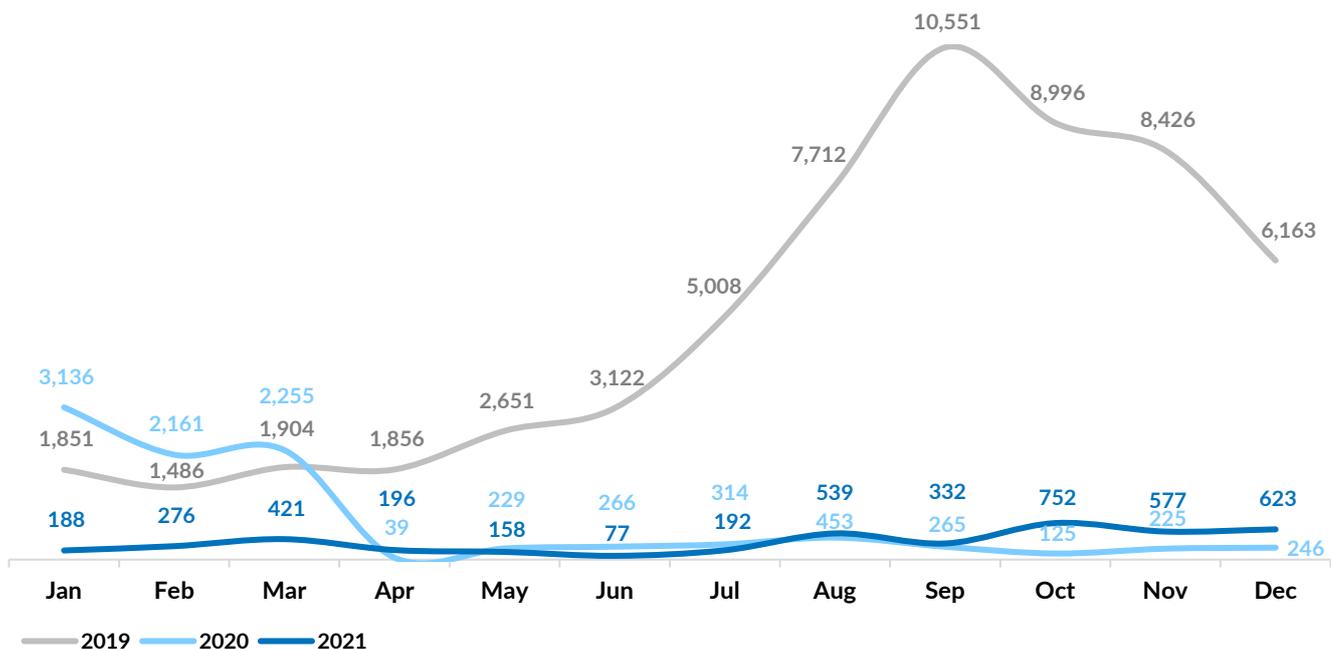
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sea arrivals January – December 2021 ¹

Arrivals from 2018 to 2021

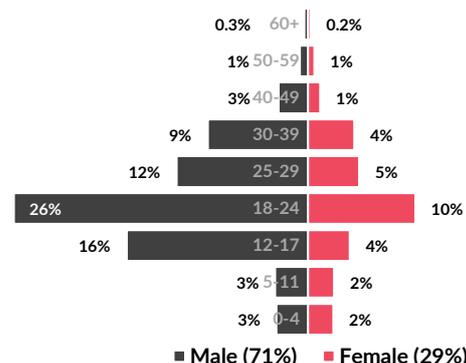


Monthly Arrivals 2019 to 2021



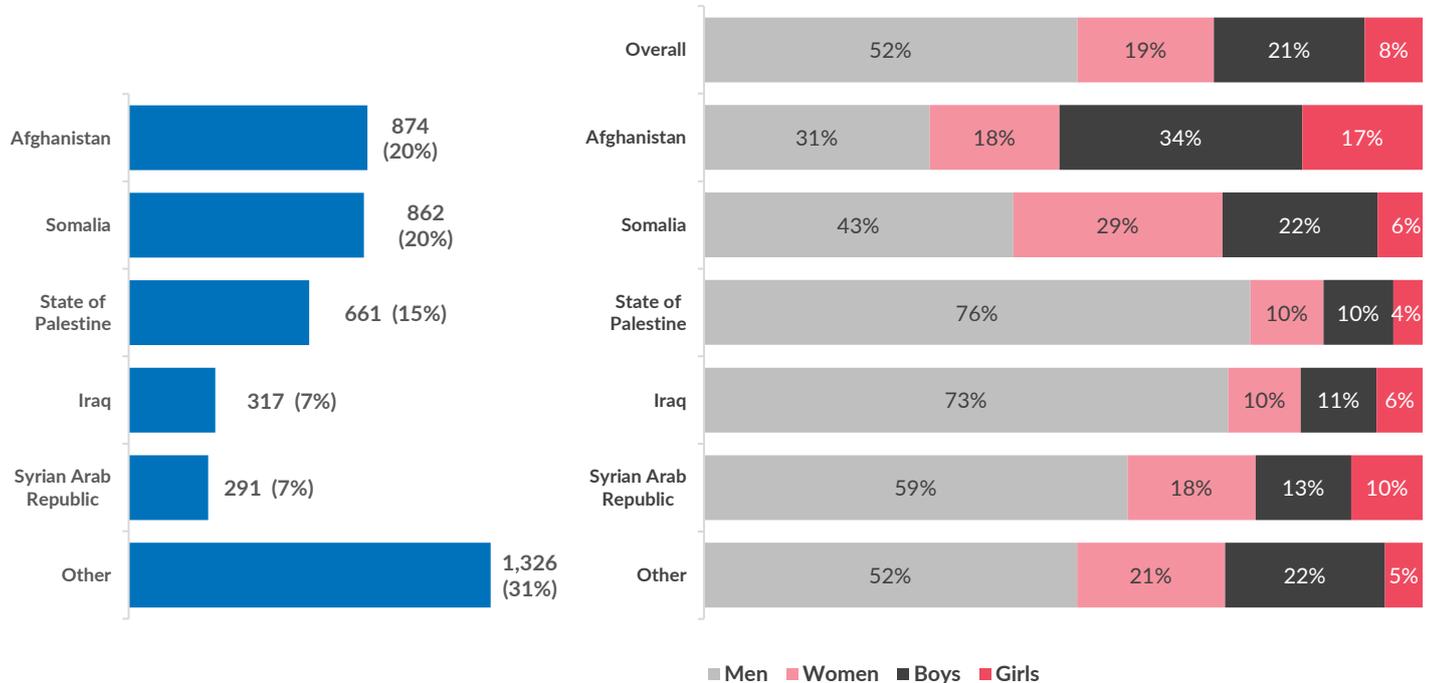
Demographics

Similar to last year, almost one-third of arrivals in 2021 are children. Of those, 3 out of 10 are below the age of 12. Moreover, 50% of all children were registered upon arrival as unaccompanied or separated, mainly from Somalia, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Some 46% of arrivals are men between 18 and 39 years old. Only 3% of arrivals are 50 years old or older.



Demographics (continued)

The majority of new arrivals in 2021 are from Afghanistan (874), Somalia (862) and the State of Palestine (661). Similar to last year, the majority of arrivals from Afghanistan arrived in family groups.



Entry points

During 2021, the majority of refugees and migrants in Greece arrived on Lesbos (36%), Dodecanese islands (25%) and Chios (12%). In December, refugees and migrants arrived on eleven islands. Lesbos received the highest number of people from Afghanistan comparing to the overall number of sea arrivals in Greece in 2021.

