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Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin. Every year these movements continue to exact a devastating toll on human life.

### Top-10 nationalities of Mediterranean sea arrivals to Greece

Top-10 nationalities represent **100%** of the sea arrivals to Greece based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016.

- **Syria/Arab Republic**: 47%
- **Afghanistan**: 24%
- **Iran**: 16%
- **Pakistan**: 9%
- **Iraq**: 5%
- **other Arab countries**: 3%
- **other Eastern countries**: 3%
- **other non-Arab countries**: 6%

### Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals to Greece

- **2017**: Significant increase in arrivals, especially in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.

### Statistics

- **1,663** arrivals by sea in 2017
- **173,450** arrivals by sea in 2016
- **86%** of arrivals come from the world’s top 10 refugee-producing countries
- **62,401** persons of concern in Greece

### Demographics

- **37%** Children
- **21%** Women
- **42%** Men

*Disclosure: UNHCR (UNHCR, 2016)*

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