

Overview of Migrant Situation in Turkey

According to the latest available figures from the Turkish Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM), there are more than 4.6* million foreign nationals present in Turkish territory, 3.6* million of whom are seeking international protection.

Most of those seeking international protection are Syrians (3,579,318* individuals) who are granted the temporary protection status in Turkey. In addition, international protection applicants are most frequently nationals of Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq constitute another group of foreign nationals. According to DGMM, as of end of 2019, there were 56,417* international protection applicants¹ present in Turkey.

In addition, there are 1,030,826* foreign nationals under residence permit holder status; this number includes humanitarian residence holders.

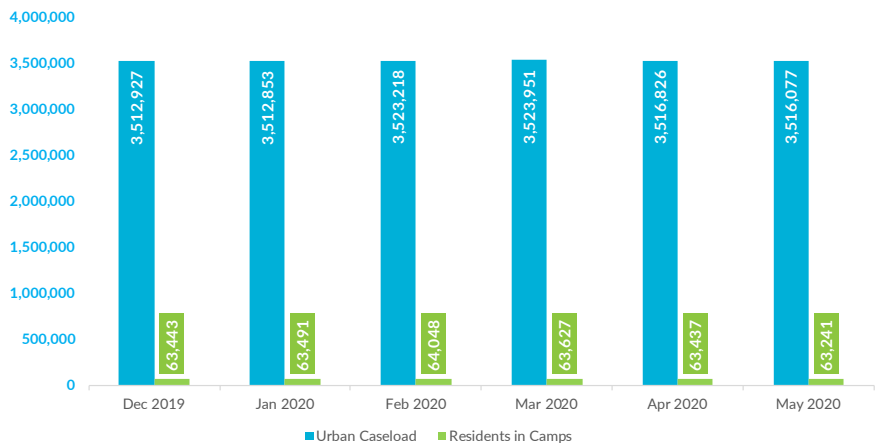
*Data Source DGMM, 29.05.2020

Temporary Protection

Turkey's temporary protection regime grants 3,579,318* Syrian nationals the right to legally stay in Turkey as well as obtain some level of access to basic services. The vast majority --namely 3,516,077* individuals, live outside of formal camps and instead are spread across many of the Turkish provinces. As such, only 63,241* Syrians live in seven formal camps, the majority of which are located close to the Syrian border.

*Data Source DGMM, 29.05.2020

Monthly Population Chart of Persons Under Temporary Protection

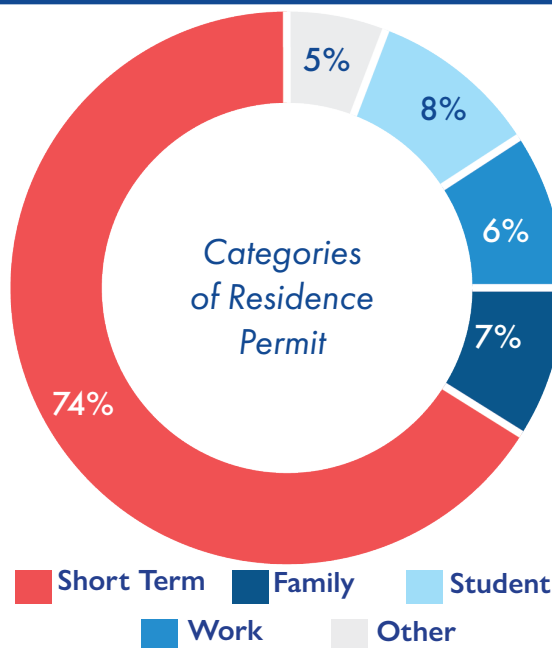


International Protection Applicants

There are 56,417* international protection applicants in Turkey of different nationalities, but primarily originating in Afghanistan, Iraq and Islamic Republic of Iran.

*Data source DGMM, end of 2019¹

Nationality	Percentage#
Afghanistan	62%
Iraq	28%
Islamic Republic of Iran	6%
Others	4%



Residence Permit Holders

Foreigners who seek stay in Turkey beyond the duration of a visa or a visa exemption or, longer than 90 days, should obtain a residence permit. There are 1,030,826* residence permit holders in Turkey within various categories. According to DGMM, the "other" residence permit category includes humanitarian residence permit holders, and while the exact number is unknown, it is believed that the vast majority in this category are Iraqis. The breakdown of the residence permit categories is shown in the graph (left). The category breakdown of residence permits is published annually, whereas the total number of residence permit holders is monthly published.

*Data Source DGMM, 29.05.2020

¹ UNHCR ended registration process in Turkey on 10 September 2018. The registration process will continue with the procedure carried out by the Turkish authorities (UNHCR). The number of international protection holders is not publicly available as of the date above.

Readmitted Migrants and Refugees to Turkey Under EU-Turkey Agreement**

Pakistan	755
Syrian Arab Republic	414
Algeria	198
Afghanistan	150
Iraq	135
Bangladesh	106
Morocco	60
Islamic Republic of Iran	57
Egypt	34
Others	230

Between 4 April 2016 and 29 May 2020, 2,139* migrants have been readmitted to Turkey from Greece. Main points of return from Greece include Lesbos, Chios, Kos and Samos, while the main readmission points to Turkey include Dikili, Çeşme, Bodrum and Adana airport.

*Data Source DGMM, 29.05.2020

Entry		Exit	
Syrian Arab Republic	378	Syrian Arab Republic	27
Islamic Republic of Iran	11	Greece	8
Total	389	Total	35

Apprehended Persons on Land**

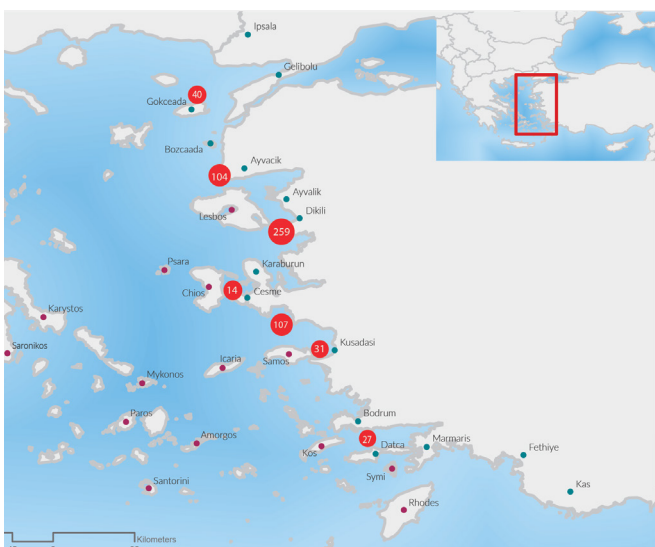
According to the Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) sources, in May 2020, a total number of 424* irregular border crossings were registered; 389* of which recorded migrants entering Turkey from the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran. TAF also registered 35* irregular crossings from Turkey into Greece and the Syrian Arab Republic. (See table on the left for details).

*Data Source TAF, 31.05.2020

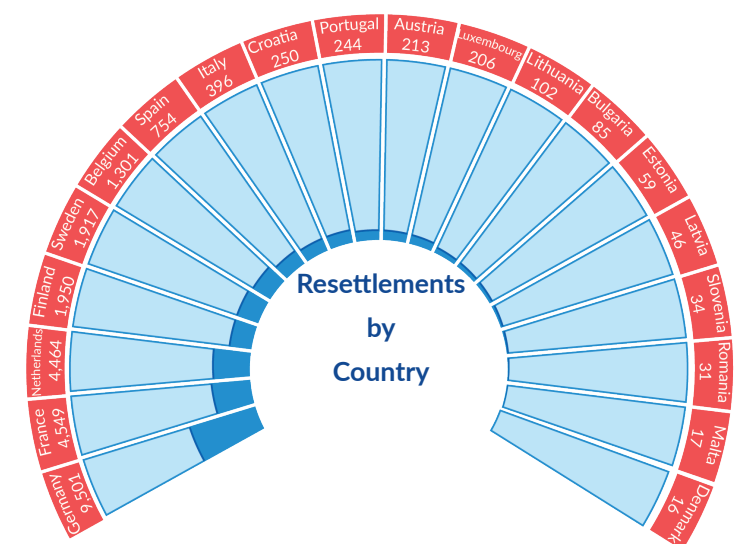
Resettlement of Syrians from Turkey**

Since 4 April 2016, when EU-Turkey Statement on the readmission of migrants to Turkey arriving in Greece after 20 March 2016 entered into force, a total of 26,135* Syrians were resettled to a number of European countries (see graph below) according to One-to-One mechanism with the assistance of IOM.

*Data Source DGMM, 29.05.2020



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Apprehended/Rescued Persons on Sea**

According to Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) reports, the TCG apprehended 582* irregular migrants and one fatality were recorded in May 2020. The top ten nationalities of apprehended/rescued migrants are Afghan, Congolese, Syrian, Central African, Somali, Gambian, Togolese, Eritrean***, Angolan and Guinean.

*Data source TCG, 31.05.2020

***The information on nationality provided in this report is based on the nationality declared by migrants as reported by the Turkish authorities.

**The whole land, sea and air borders are closed and crossings are suspended due to the COVID-19 during the reporting period.

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