

NON-YEMENI MIGRANT ARRIVALS IN MARCH 2024

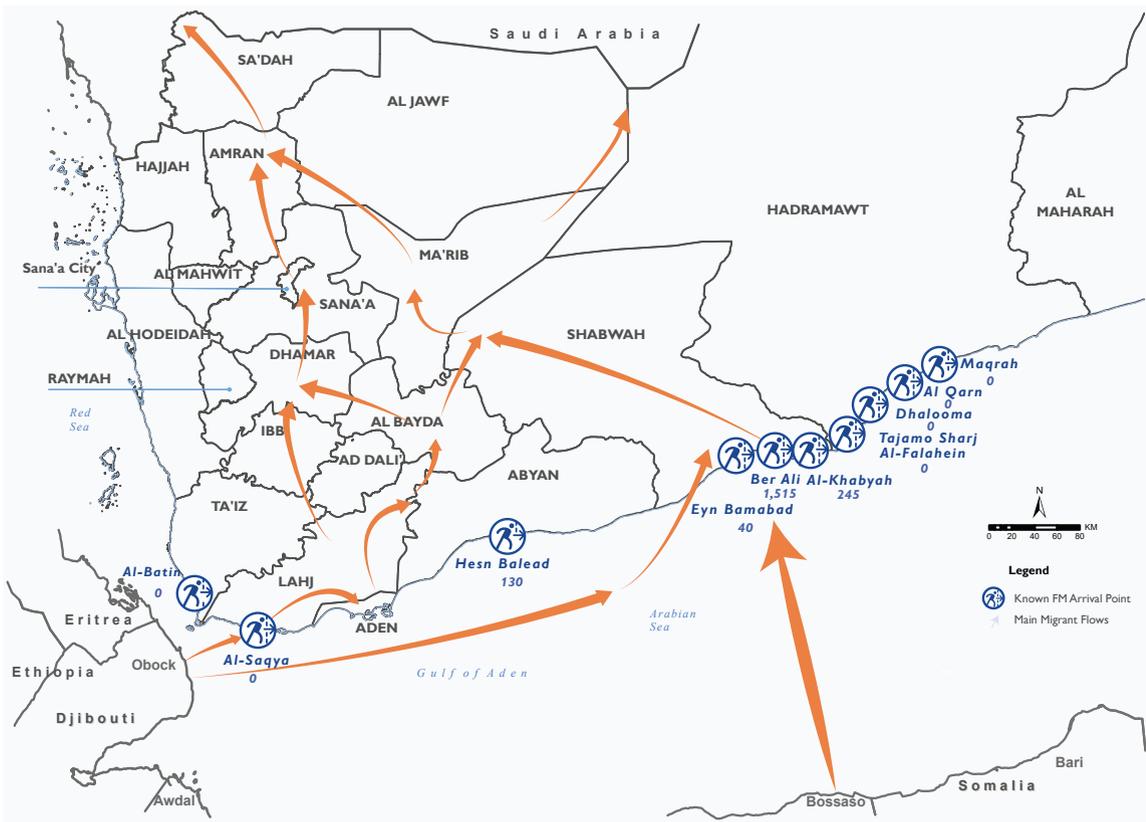
1,930 Migrants

IOM Yemen DTM's Flow Monitoring Registry (FMR) monitors migrant arrivals on the southern coastal border and Yemeni return locations on Yemen's northern border with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Enumerators placed at Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) record migrant arrivals and returning Yemeni nationals to identify different patterns of migration, and to provide quantitative estimates to help define the population of irregular migrants entering the country. FMR is not representative of all flows in Yemen and should be understood as only indicative of migration trends of the unknown total number of migrants arriving in Yemen at FMPs during the time frame indicated. Access constraints limit the ability to collect data at some migrant arrival points.

In an effort to reduce the flow of migrants entering Yemen, which primarily crosses through the country heading towards the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries, a joint military campaign was initiated in August 2023. This campaign focused on the coast of Lahj governorate, a significant entry point for a large number of migrants (max. 15,714 migrants in March 2023). The military detained smugglers and pursued their boats, leading to a steady decrease in the flow of migrants through this coast until it ceased entirely during the last five months, with a single exception in the middle of December 2023 when a boat carrying 110 migrants managed to land.

In March 2024, IOM Yemen DTM recorded 1,930 migrants entering Yemen, an increase of 11 per cent compared to last month (1,744). Shabwah typically serves as an entry point for migrants departing from Somalia and rarely sees migrants departing from Djibouti due to the considerable distance between Djibouti and Shabwah. Thus, Shabwah was the arrival destination for 93 per cent of migrants departed from Bari, Somalia (1,800). The overall number of migrants entering through Shabwah has increased by three per cent in March (1,800) compared to February 2024 (1,744). Moreover, the team in Abyan governorate recorded new migrants landing in Ahwar district - Hesn Balead FMP. The number of migrants arriving through Abyan coast reached to 130 (all departed from Somalia).

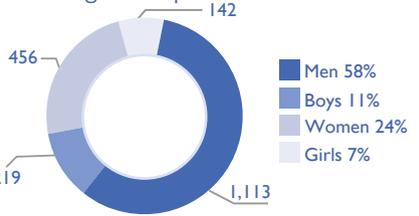
According to DTM, conflict-induced movements constituted 57 per cent of all incoming movements in March 2024. These movements were exclusively observed in Shabwah, originating from Bari, Somalia (21% children, 23% women, and 56% men).



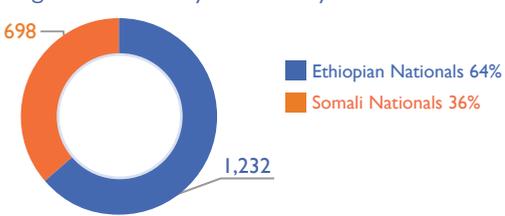
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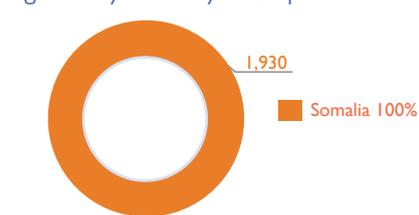
Sex & Age Groups



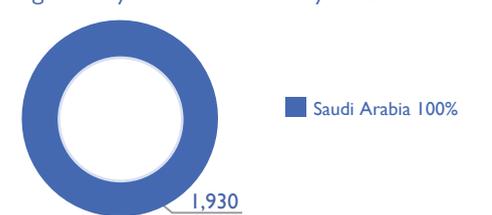
Migrant Arrivals by Nationality



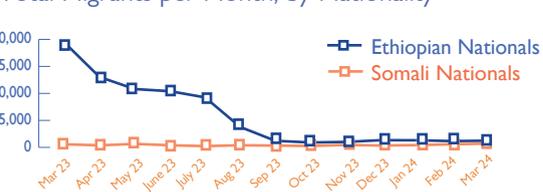
Migrants by Country of Departure



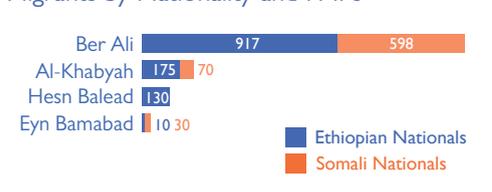
Migrants by Intended Country of Destination



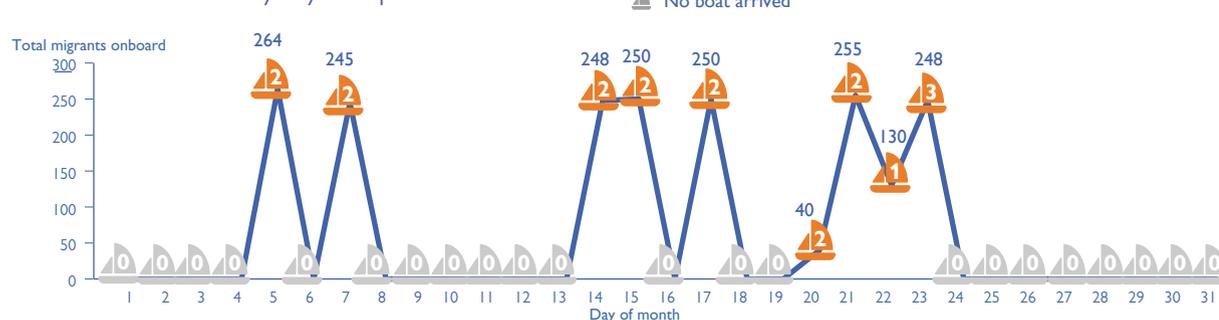
Total Migrants per Month, by Nationality



Migrants by Nationality and FMPs



Total number of boats and total migrants onboard by day of trip



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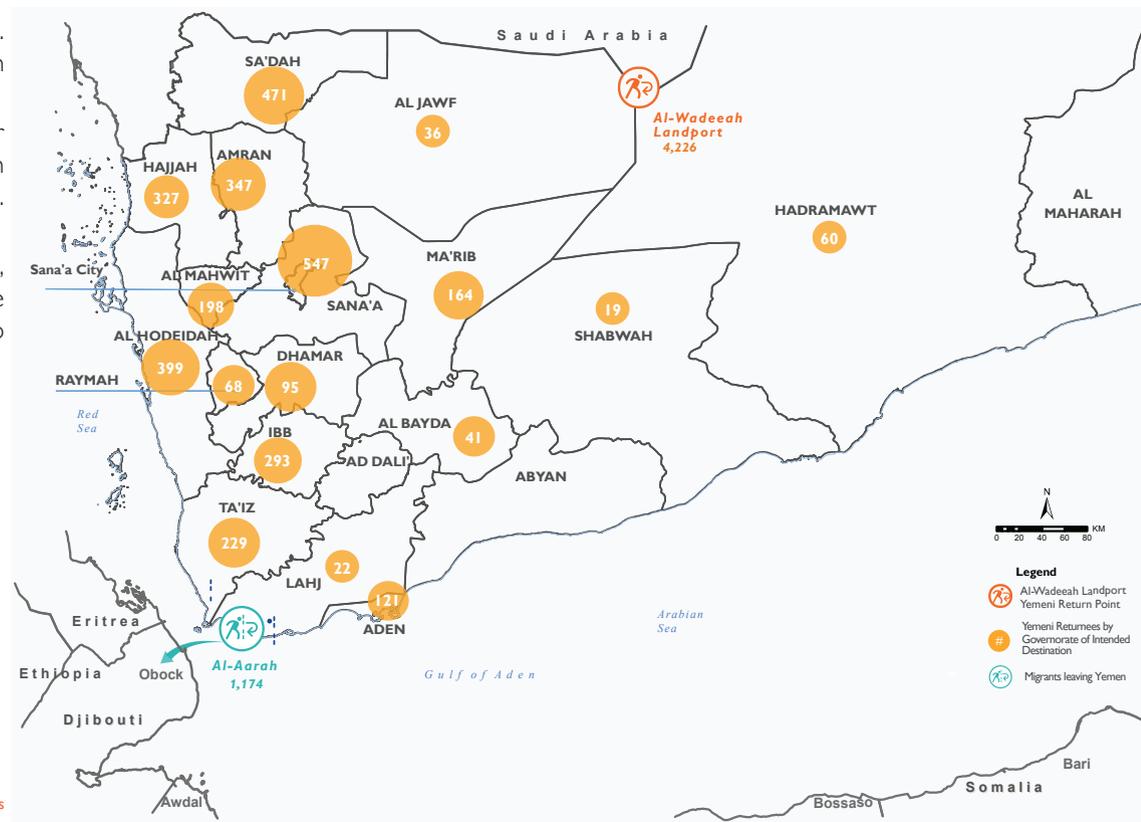
4,226 Yemeni Migrant Returnees

1,174 Non-Yemeni Migrants leaving Yemen

DTM observed an increase in Yemeni returnees by 36 per cent in March (4,226) compared to February (3,116). Furthermore, in March 2024, a total of 411 migrants (385 Ethiopian, 25 Yemeni, and one Somali) were deported from Oman back to Shahan and Hawf districts of Al Maharah governorate, Yemen.

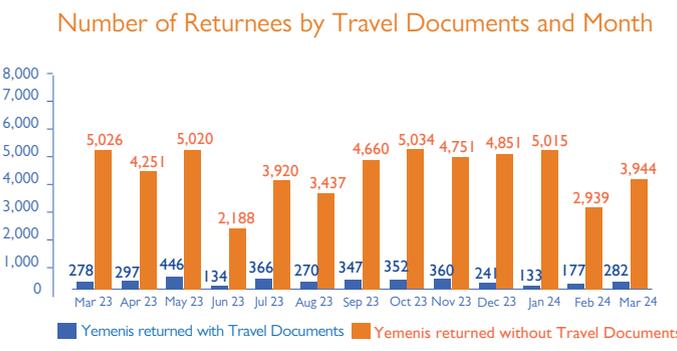
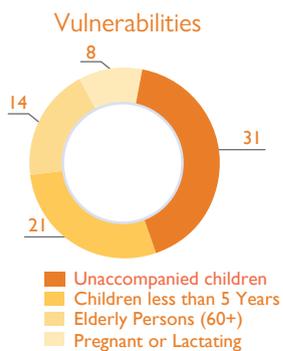
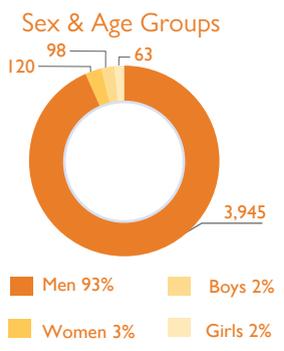
The deteriorating humanitarian crisis in Yemen has forced many migrants to make the difficult decision to return to their home countries in the Horn of Africa. Others are reported to have been deported by authorities. DTM recorded that in March 2024, a total of 1,174 migrants either opted to take the risky journey back or were deported by boat from Yemen. This group consisted of 91 per cent men, seven per cent women, and two per cent children.

Additionally, the Djibouti DTM team documented that during the same period, a total of 1,177 migrants (92 per cent men, four per cent women, and four per cent children) embarked on a dangerous journey back home by boat from Yemen. These numbers highlight the significant challenges faced by migrants in Yemen and the desperate situations that have driven them to undertake perilous voyages across the sea.

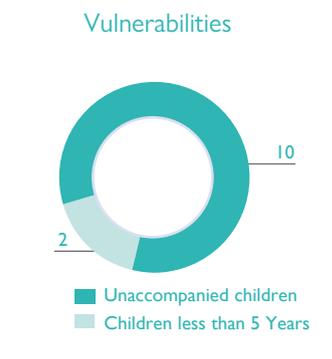
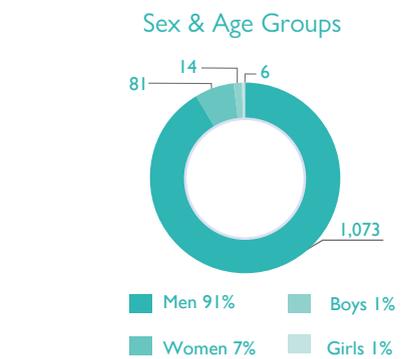
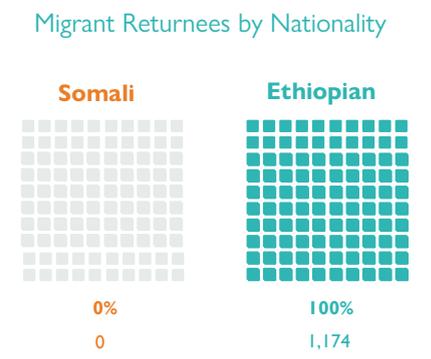


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Total number of boats and total non-Yemeni migrant returnees onboard by day of trip

