

Overview of Migrant Situation in Turkey

According to the latest available figures from the Turkish Directorate General for Migration Management (DGMM) currently there are more than 3.9 million foreign nationals present in Turkish territory seeking international protection.

Most of them are Syrians (3,591,714* individuals) who are granted the temporary protection (TP) status, while according to UNHCR another large group of the foreign nationals are 368,230** asylum-seekers and refugees consisting of different nationalities, but mainly coming from Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Somalia and other countries.

In addition, there are 773,386* foreign nationals under residence permit holder status including humanitarian residence holders.

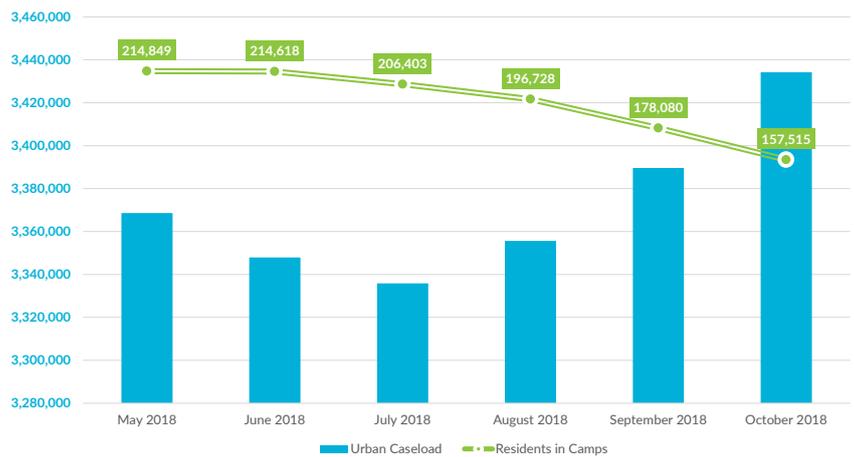
*Data Source DGMM, 01.11.2018
**Data Source UNHCR, 31.10.2018

Temporary Protection

Turkey implements a Temporary Protection regime for 3,591,714 individuals from Syria which grants beneficiaries right to legally stay in Turkey as well as some level of access to basic rights and services. A vast majority of them, 3,434,199 individuals, live outside the camps and are spread across the Turkish border provinces while nearly 157,515 live in 14 camps the majority of which are also located close to the Syrian border.

*Data Source DGMM, 01.11.2018

Monthly Population Chart of Persons Under Temporary Protection

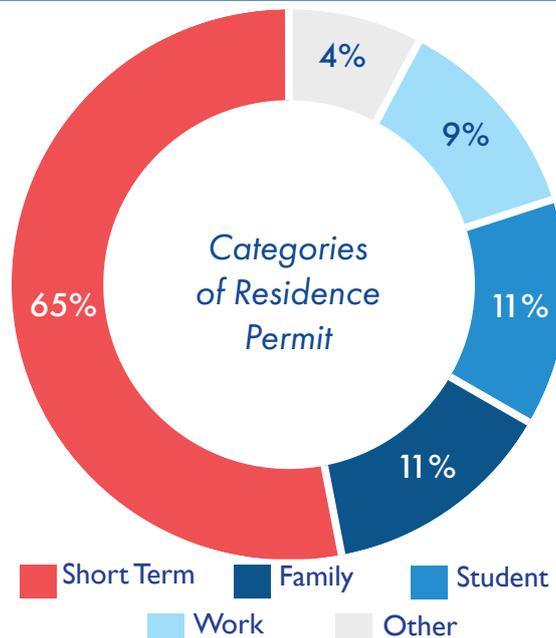


Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Another large group other than Syrians who are under TP in Turkey are 368,230 asylum seekers and refugees consisting of different nationalities, but mainly coming from Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and Somalia.

*Data Source UNHCR, 31.10.2018

Nationality	Percentage#
Afghanistan	46%
Iraq	39%
Iran	11%
Somalia	2%
Others	3%



Residence Permit Holders

Foreigners who would stay in Turkey beyond the duration of a visa or a visa exemption or, longer than ninety days should obtain a residence permit. There are 773,386 residence permit holders in Turkey within various categories. According to DGMM, the "other" residence permit category includes Humanitarian Residence permit holders but the exact number is unknown. It is believed that vast majority of this category are Iraqi nationals. The breakdown of the residence permit holders are shown in the map on the left. The category breakdown of residence permits are published annually whereas the total number of residence permit holders are monthly published.

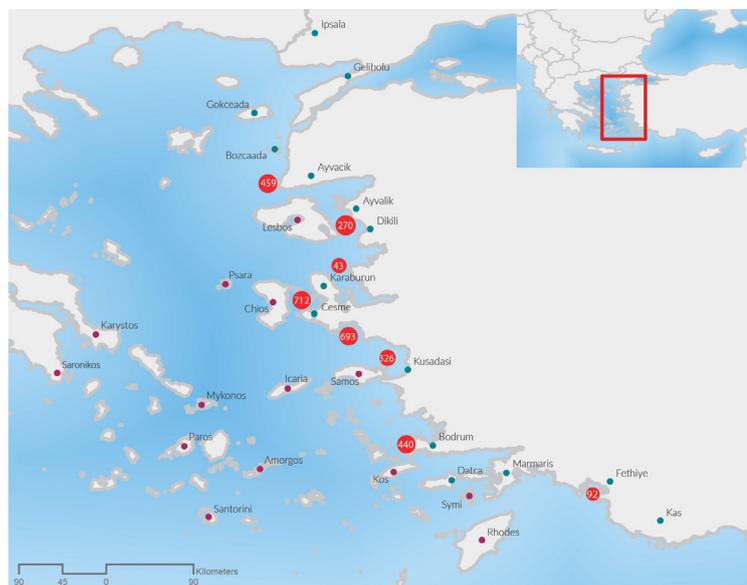
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Readmitted Migrants and Refugees to Turkey Under EU-Turkey Agreement

Pakistan	680
Syria	347
Algeria	189
Bangladesh	101
Afghanistan	100
Iraq	73
Morocco	56
Iran	48
Egypt	19
Others	154

Since 4 April 2016 there are 1,765 migrants and refugees readmitted to Turkey from Greece. Main returning points from Greece include Lesbos, Chios, Kos and Samos and the main readmission points to Turkey include Dikili, Çeşme, Bodrum and Adana (through the airport).

*Data Source DGMM, 01.11.2018



Apprehended/Rescued Persons on Sea

According to Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) reports, the Turkish Coast Guard apprehended 3,227 irregular migrants and twelve fatalities were recorded in October 2018. The top ten nationalities of apprehended/rescued migrants are Afghan, Syrian, Palestinian, Iraqi, Central African, Congolese, Somalian, Eritrean, South African and Senegalese.

*Data Source T.C.G., 31.10.2018

Resettlement of Syrians From Turkey

Since 4 April 2016 when EU-Turkey agreement on the readmission of migrants to Turkey arriving in Greece after 20 March 2016 entered into force, a total number of 17,241 Syrians were resettled to the below mentioned countries according to One-to-One mechanism with the assistance of IOM.

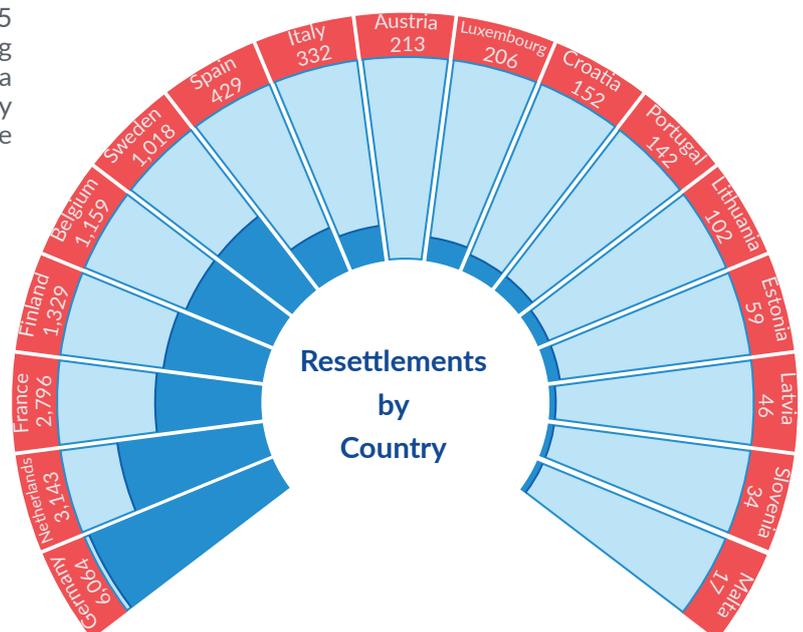
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Apprehended Persons on Land

According to Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) sources, in October 2018, TAF registered a total number of 20,865 irregular border crossings; 15,941 of which having entered Turkey from Syria, Greece, Iran, Iraq and Bulgaria and registered 4,924 irregular crossings from Turkey into Greece, Bulgaria, Syria, Iraq, Iran and Georgia. The numbers per border are shown in the chart below.

*Data Source T.A.F., 31.11.2018

Apprehensions by Turkish Land Forces (1 - 31 October 2018)			
Entry		Exit	
Syria	13,760	Greece	4,628
Greece	1,322	Bulgaria	225
Iran	704	Syria	38
Bulgaria	67	Iraq	23
Iraq	88	Iran	6
		Georgia	4
Total	15,941	Total	4,924



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