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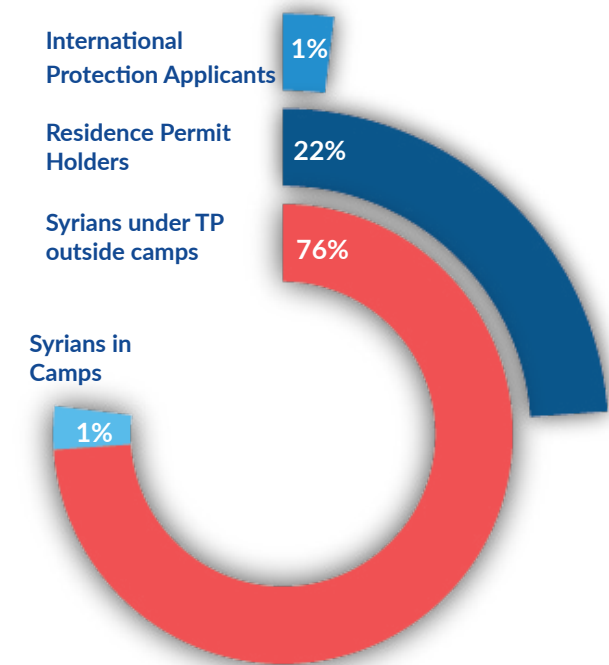
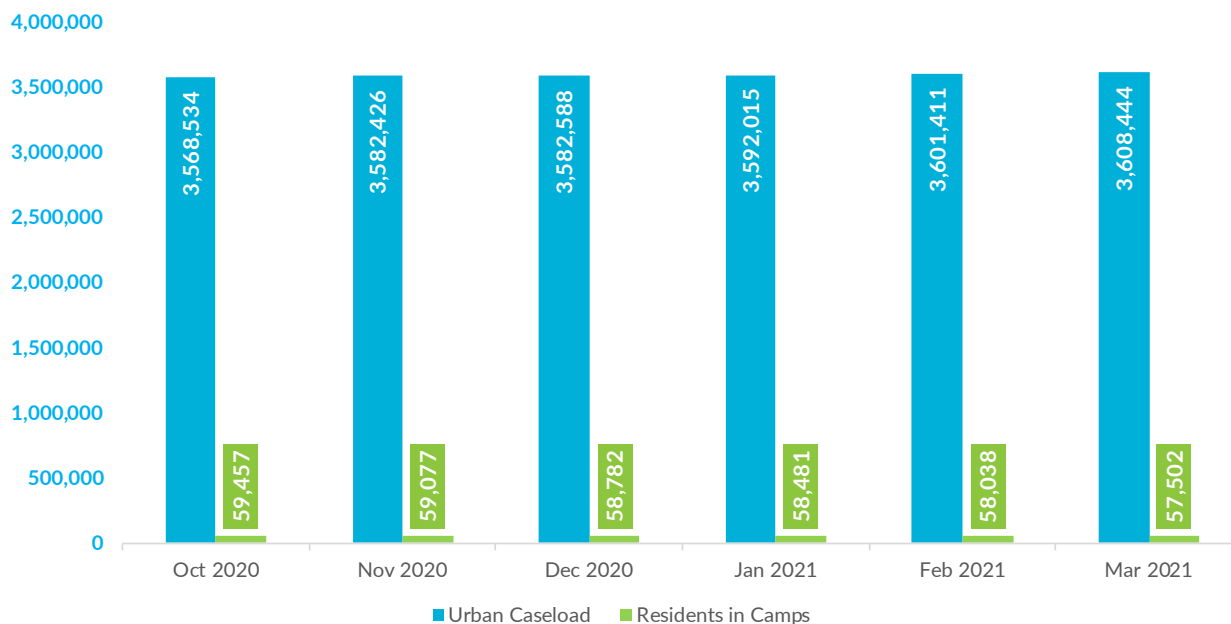


Background and Key Findings

According to the latest available figures from the Turkish Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM), there are more than 4.7* million foreign nationals present in Turkish territory, 3.6* million of whom are seeking international protection. Most are Syrians (3,665,946* individuals) who are granted temporary protection status. In addition, international protection applicants from countries including Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq constitute another group of foreign nationals. According to DGMM, there were 31,334* international protection applicants present in Turkey in 2020¹, published annually. Moreover, according to UNHCR**, there are close to 330,000 international protection status holders and asylum-seekers. Since December 2020 the number of Syrians residing in camps has decreased by 1,250.

*Data source DGMM, 31.03.2021
**Data source UNHCR, February 2021

Monthly Population Chart of Persons Under Temporary Protection



In addition, there are 1,045,345* foreign nationals present in Turkey holding residency permits including humanitarian residence holders. The exact number of the humanitarian residence holders is unknown, but it is estimated that there are a few thousand humanitarian resident holders.

According to DGMM, 24,578* irregular migrants of different nationalities were apprehended in Turkey at the first quarter. This figure was 122,302* in the previous reporting period (Q4) of 2020.

*Data source DGMM, 31.03.2021

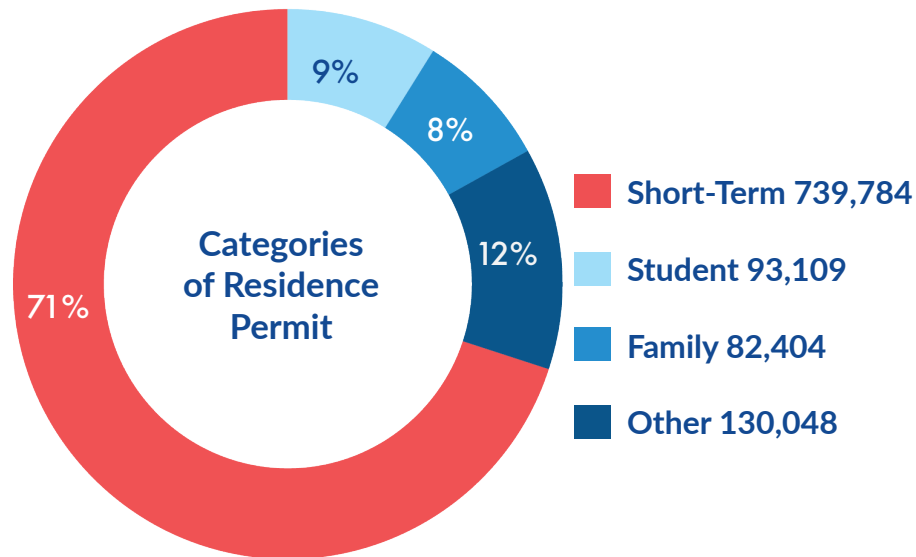
¹ UNHCR ended registration process in Turkey on 10 September 2018. The registration process will continue with the procedure carried out by the Turkish authorities (UNHCR). The number of international protection holders is not publicly available as of the date above.

Categories of Foreigners in Turkey

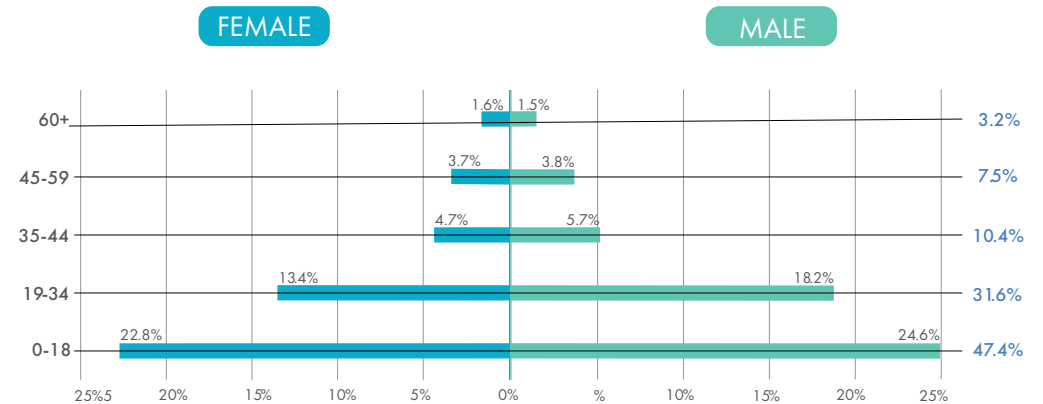
Temporary Protection (TP)

Turkey's Temporary Protection regime grants the 3,665,946* Syrian nationals the right to legally stay in Turkey as well as some level of access to basic rights and services. The vast majority of 3,608,444* individuals live outside camps, mainly spread across cities at the Turkish border provinces of Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep, Hatay and Kilis as well as other major cities in Turkey. 57,502* Syrians live in seven Temporary Accommodation Centers (TACs) that are also located in the provinces close to the Syrian border, as well as in other major cities such as Hatay, Kilis, Osmaniye, Adana and Kahramanmaraş.

*Data source DGMM, 31.03.2021



Demographic Breakdown of Biometrically Registered Syrians



Residence Permit (RP)

Foreigners who 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 1,045,345* residence permit holders in Turkey within various categories. Types of residence permits are: a) short-term residence permit; b) family residence permit; c) student residence permit; d) long-term residence permit; e) humanitarian residence permit; f) victim of human trafficking residence permit and g) working permits as residence permit. 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 Iraqis. The breakdown of the residence permit holders are shown on the left. The category breakdown of residence permits is published annually whereas the total number of residence permit holders are monthly published.

*Data source DGMM, 31.03.2021

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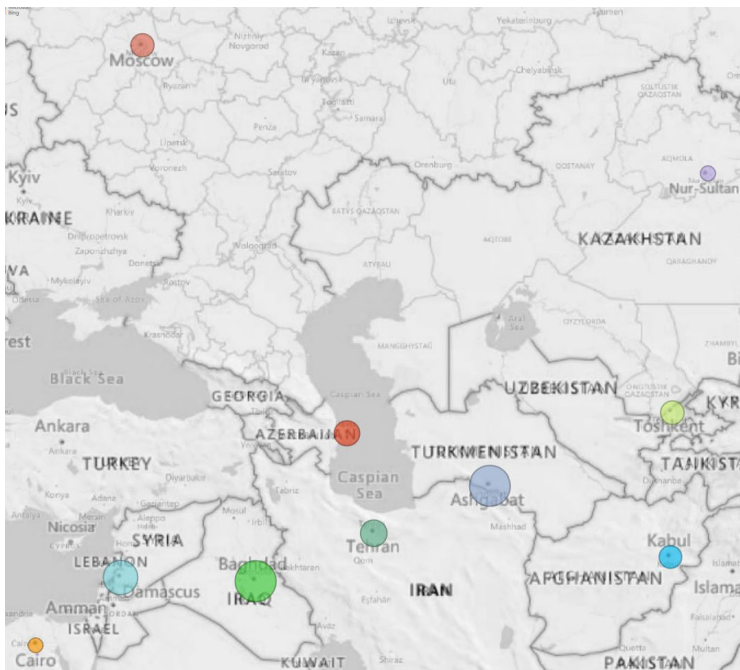
Residence Permit (RP)

739,784* short-term residence holders compose the majority of all residence permit holders. The RP holders are followed by 93,109* student residence permit holders. Additionally, there are 82,404* family residence permits granting the right to residence. Also 130,048* “other” residence permits were also granted.

*Data source DGMM, 31.03.2021

Top 10 Nationality Groups for Residence Permit Holders

Iraq	127,454
Turkmenistan	122,132
Syrian Arab Republic	93,808
The Islamic Republic of Iran	60,348
Azerbaijan	54,307
Uzbekistan	50,079
Russia Federation	48,986
Afghanistan	47,017
Kazakhstan	27,704
Egypt	26,975



Humanitarian Residency Permit (HR)*

The exact number of humanitarian residence permit holders is not available, as this category is aggregated within the “other” category. However, field experience and discussions with DGMM have shown that humanitarian residence permit holders are a few thousands which are predominantly Iraqi nationals. Humanitarian residence permits are granted under certain circumstances in which foreign nationals are allowed to enter into and stay in Turkey, due to an emergency situation. The humanitarian residence permits are granted, renewed and cancelled by the governorates, subject to the approval from the Ministry of Interior (MoI).

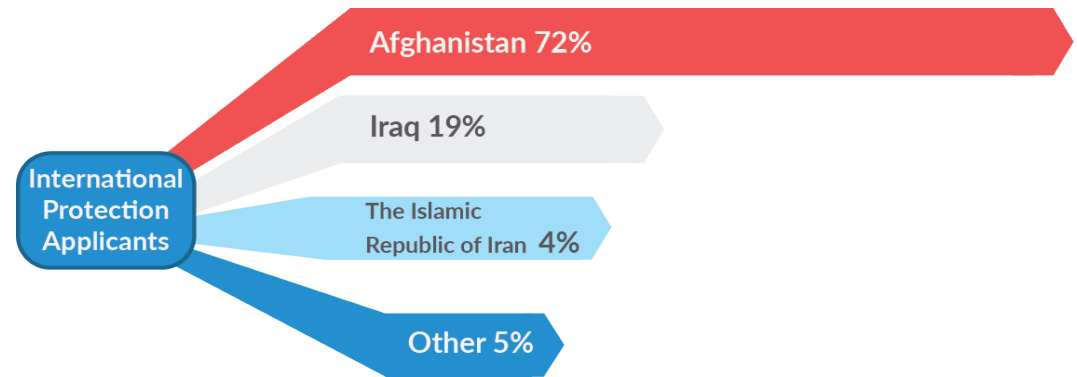
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Categories of Foreigners in Turkey

International Protection Applicants

There are **31,334*** international protection applicants in Turkey of different nationalities, but primarily originating in Afghanistan, Iraq and Islamic Republic of Iran.

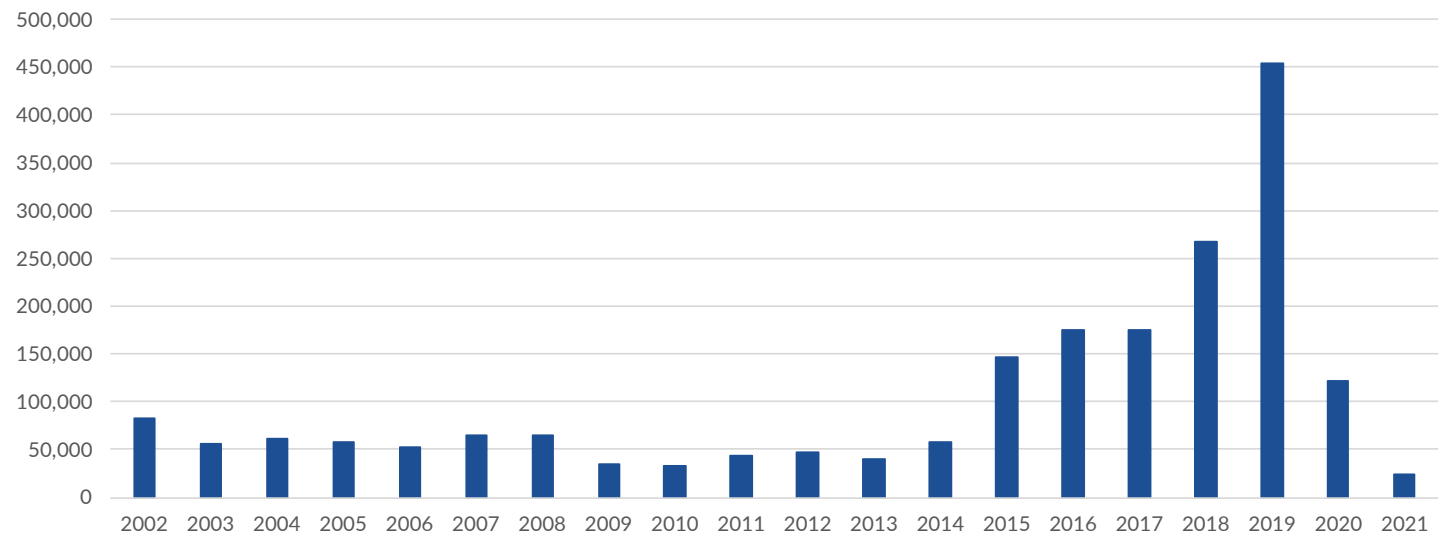
*Data source DGMM, end of 2020



Irregular Migrants (IM)

According to DGMM, **122,302*** irregular migrants of different nationalities were apprehended in Turkey in 2020. Most irregular migrants entered Turkish territory from neighboring countries including Islamic Republic of Iran, Syrian Arab Republic and Iraq, and transited or resided in Turkey before attempting to cross the Aegean Sea to Europe. The top three categories in 2021 are from Afghanistan, the Syrian Arab Republic and Pakistan. According to DGMM figures, **24,578*** irregular migrants and **1,376*** migrant smugglers have been recorded in 2021.

*Data source DGMM, 31.03.2021



Irregular Migrants

Rescued and Apprehended Irregular Migrants on Sea



According to Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) daily reports, TCG apprehended 2,365* irregular migrants at sea and registered four* fatalities in the first quarter of 2021. During the reporting period, there has been a decrease of 1,584 apprehended persons on sea by TCG compared to previous reporting period. The top ten nationalities of apprehended/rescued persons are Afghan, Somali, Congolese, Syrian, Central African, Palestinian, South African, Iraqi, Eritrean** and Sierra Leonean.

*Data source TCG

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

Apprehensions/Rescues by Turkish Coast Guard Statistics for 2021				
Duration	Number of Cases	Number of Irregular Migrants	Number of Deaths	Number of Organizers
		All Seas	All Seas	All Seas
January	20	391	1	5
February	26	723	-	-
March	43	1,251	3	5
Total	89	2,365	4	10

Irregular Migrants

Intercepted Persons on Land

According to the Turkish Armed Forces' (TAF) daily reports between the reporting period 01.01.2021 and 31.03.2021, in total **19,897*** persons were intercepted trying to enter Turkey irregularly while **179*** were intercepted trying to exit Turkey from different borders by TAF and handed over to Turkish law enforcement forces. The figures presented by TAF doesn't refer to nationalities of the intercepted persons at the border lines. During the reporting period there is a decrease of **1,456** apprehensions of persons coming mainly from the Syrian Arab Republic in comparison to the previous reporting period (Q4) of 2020. The majority of the crossings took place in the borders shown in the table on the right.

*Data source TAF

Interceptions by Turkish Land Forces (1 January- 31 March 2021)			
Entry		Exit	
Syrian Arab Republic	19,675	Syrian Arab Republic	87
The Islamic Republic of Iran	132	Greece	87
Greece	62	Iraq	5
Iraq	28	The Islamic Republic of Iran	-
Total	19,897	Total	179



Known entry points by land: Hatay, Kilis, Şanlıurfa (from the Syrian Arab Republic), Silopi, Çukurca (from Iraq), Şemdinli, Yüksekova, Başkale, Ağrı, Doğubeyazıt (from The Islamic Republic of Iran)

Known entry points by air: İstanbul, İstanbul Sabiha Gökçen, Antalya, Esenboğa Ankara (from third countries)

Known exit points by sea: Çeşme, Ayvalık, Didim, Bodrum, Küçükkuyu (Locations close to Lesbos, Samos, Chios, Symi, Kos and Rodos).

Known exit points by land: Edirne (to Greece and Bulgaria), Kırklareli (to Bulgaria)

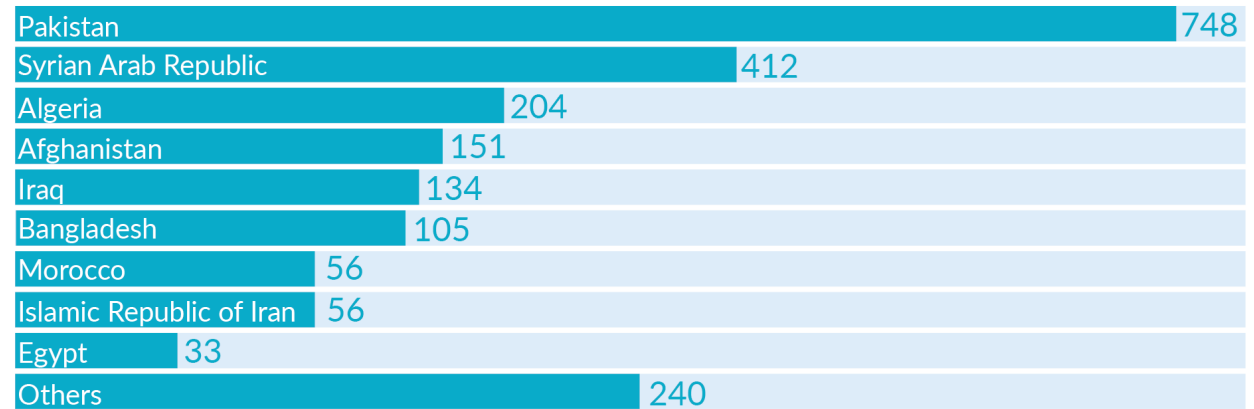
Known exit points by air: İstanbul, İstanbul Sabiha Gökçen (to certain EU member states)

Irregular Migrants

Readmissions by Nationality

The nationality breakdown of the readmitted persons is mainly composed of Pakistanis and Syrians. The rest of the nationalities are shown in the chart on the right. The "Others" category contains nationals of Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cameroon, Nepal, Myanmar, Guinea, Palestinian Territories, Senegal, Ghana, Tunisia, Côte d'Ivoire, Haiti, Lebanon, Mali, Dominica, India, Sierra Leone, Yemen, Congo, Somalia, Burkina Faso, Gambia, Comoros, Niger, Sudan, Jordan, Uzbekistan, Togolese Republic, Uganda, Zimbabwe and stateless.

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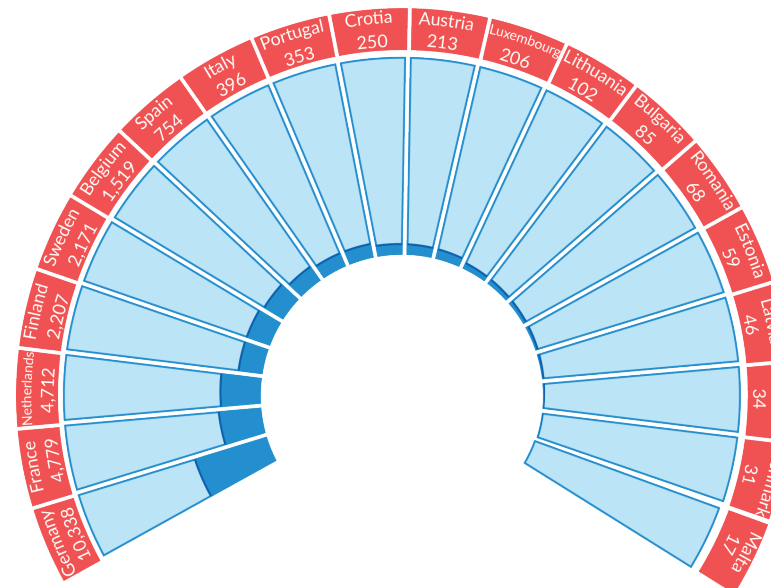


Resettled Syrians TP under EU-Turkey Agreement

The agreement's aim was to replace disorganized and irregular migratory flows by organized and safe pathways to European countries, in this regard, it is agreed on that for every Syrian being returned to Turkey from the Greek islands, another Syrian will be resettled to Europe from Turkey directly.

Since April 4 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 **28,340*** Syrians were resettled to the above mentioned countries according to One-to-One mechanism with the assistance of IOM.

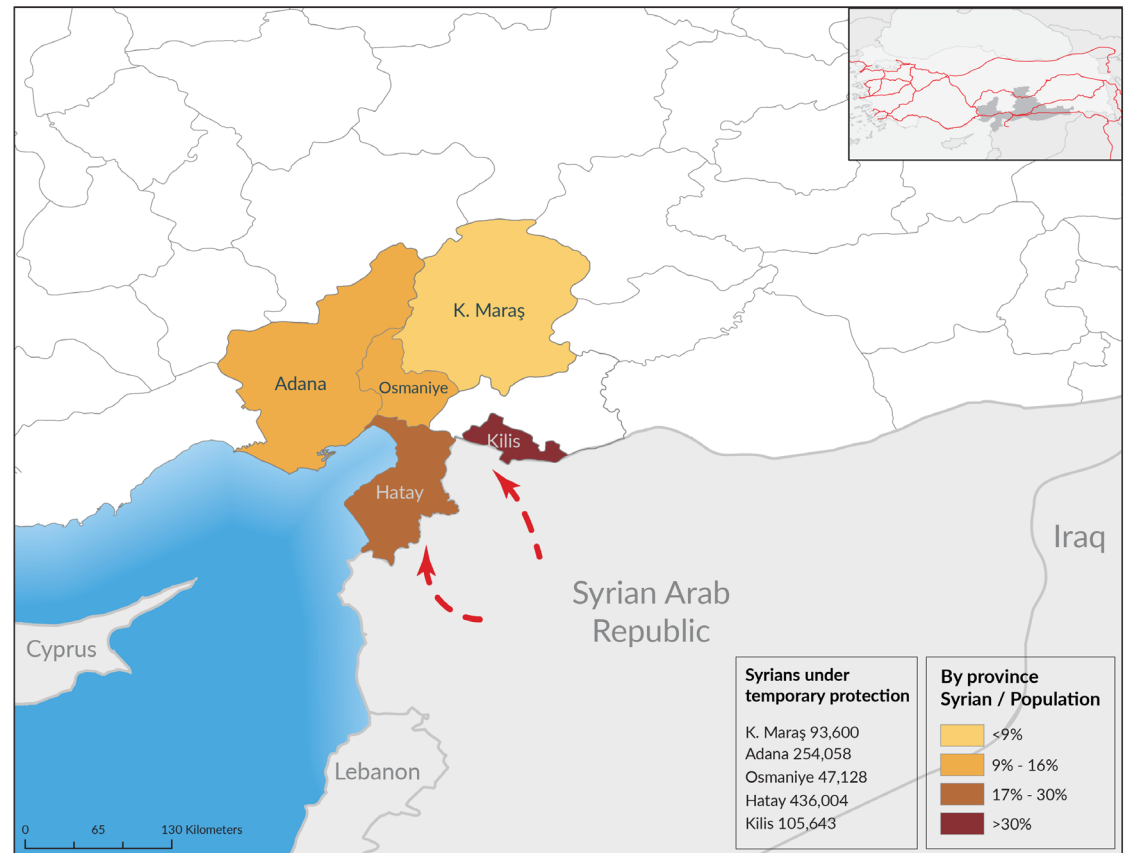
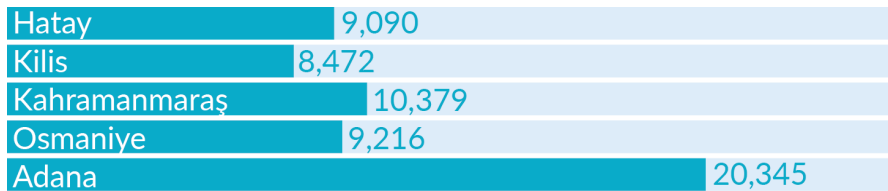
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Accommodation Capacity and Services for Hosting Foreign Nationals in Turkey

There are seven “Temporary Accommodation Centers” for persons under Temporary Protection (mainly for Syrians under TP) dispersed in five cities in Turkey namely Kilis, Kahramanmaraş, Hatay, Adana and Osmaniye run by Directorate General Of Migration Management. (DGMM). According to DGMM statistics, a total population of 57,502* are currently residing in the Temporary Accommodation Centers

*Data source DGMM, 31.03.2021



Accommodation Capacity and Services for Hosting Foreign Nationals in Turkey

Removal centers host and monitor foreigners under administrative detention. 26* removal centers are operating in the provinces of Adana, Ağrı, Ankara, Antalya, Aydın, Bursa, Çanakkale, Çankırı, Edirne, Erzurum, Gaziantep, Hatay, İstanbul, İzmir, Kayseri, Kırıkkale, Kırklareli, Kocaeli, Malatya, Muğla, Van and Iğdır. In total, the removal centers can currently hold 16,108* persons.



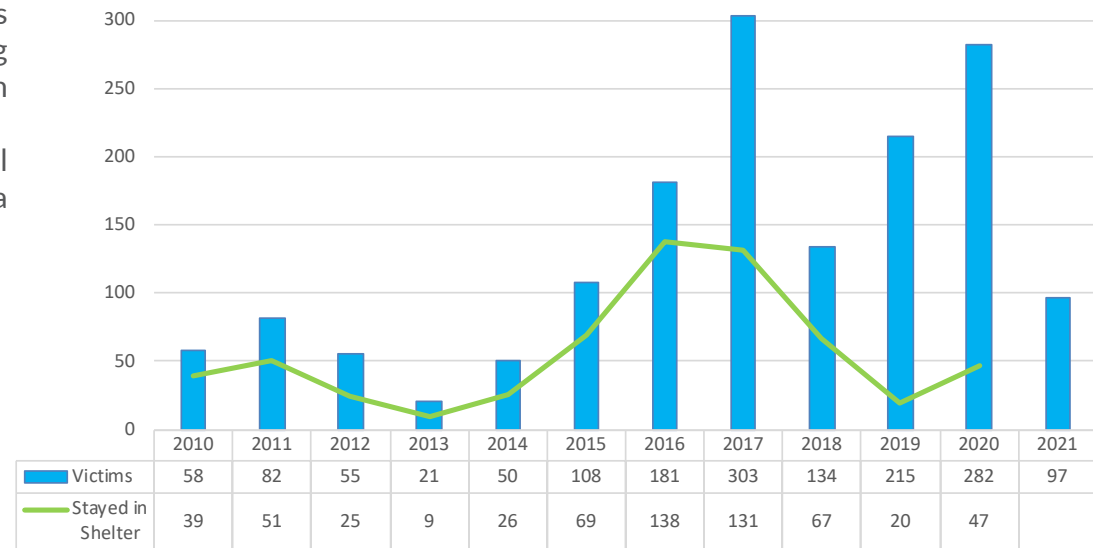
*Data source DGMM

Victims of Trafficking (VoTs)

According to DGMM, the gradual decline in trafficking victims' numbers between 2010-2013 was replaced by a progressive increase starting from 2013 and continue till 2017. 215* individuals were identified in 2019, 282* in 2020 and 97* in 2021 as of March.

Three shelters for victims of trafficking are operational with a total capacity of 90* individuals. Three shelters are operated by Ankara Municipality and DGMM.

Shelters for VOTs in Turkey	Shelter Capacity
Ankara Municipality	30
Shelter in Kırıkkale	20
Aydın	40
Total	90



*Data source DGMM,

The number of victims of trafficking in shelters have not been published in 2021.