

Overview of Migrant Situation in Turkey

According to the latest available figures from the Turkish Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM), currently there are more than 4.7 million foreign nationals present in Turkish territory, 3.6 million of whom seeking international protection.

Most of them are Syrians (3,587,266* individuals) who are granted the 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, as of end of 2019, there are 56,417 international protection applicants¹ present in Turkey.

In addition, there are 1,124,849* foreign nationals under residence permit holder status including humanitarian residence holders.

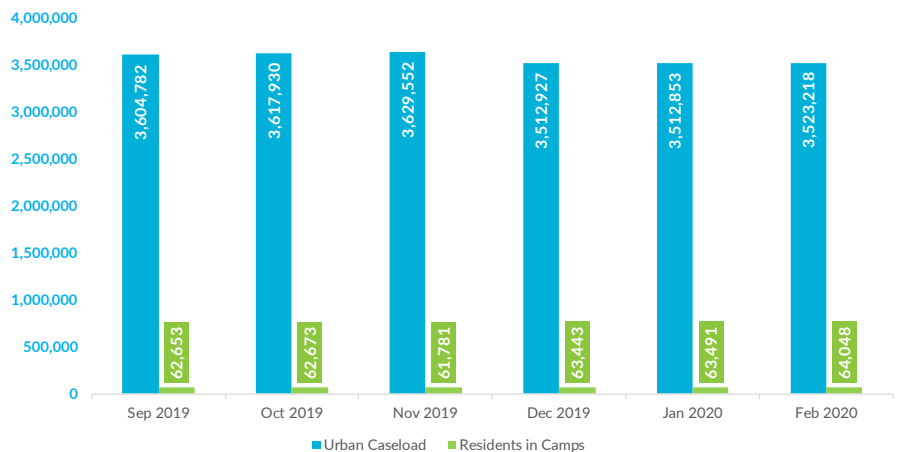
*Data Source DGMM, 27.02.2020

Temporary Protection*

Turkey implements a temporary protection regime for 3,587,266 individuals from the Syrian Arab Republic which grants beneficiaries right to legally stay in Turkey as well as some level of access to basic services. A vast majority of them, 3,523,218 individuals, live outside of formal camps and are spread across the Turkish border provinces while nearly 64,048 live in seven formal camps the majority of which are also located close to the Syrian border.

*Data Source DGMM, 27.02.2020

Monthly Population Chart of Persons Under Temporary Protection

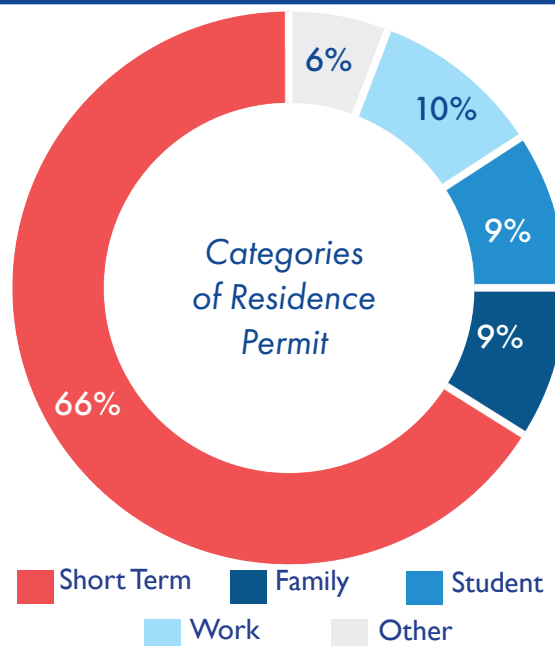


International Protection Applicants

Another group of foreign nationals in Turkey are the 56,417* international protection applicants as of end of 2019 consisting of different nationalities, but mainly originating from Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran.

*Data source DGMM, 30.01.2020¹

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



Residence Permit Holders

Foreigners who would 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 1,124,849 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 of this category are Iraqis. 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.

*Data Source DGMM, 27.02.2020

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	745
Syrian Arab Republic	404
Algeria	198
Afghanistan	145
Iraq	130
Bangladesh	106
Morocco	59
Islamic Republic of Iran	56
Egypt	33
Others	217

Since 4 April 2016 there are 2,093* migrants and refugees 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 (point of entry is through airport).

*Data Source DGMM, 29.02.2020

Apprehensions by Turkish Land Forces (1 - 29 February 2020)			
Entry		Exit	
Syrian Arab Republic	16,892	Greece	2,383
Greece	395	Syrian Arab Republic	23
Islamic Republic of Iran	52	Bulgaria	4
Iraq	4	Iraq	2
Total	17,343	Total	2,412

Apprehended Persons on Land*

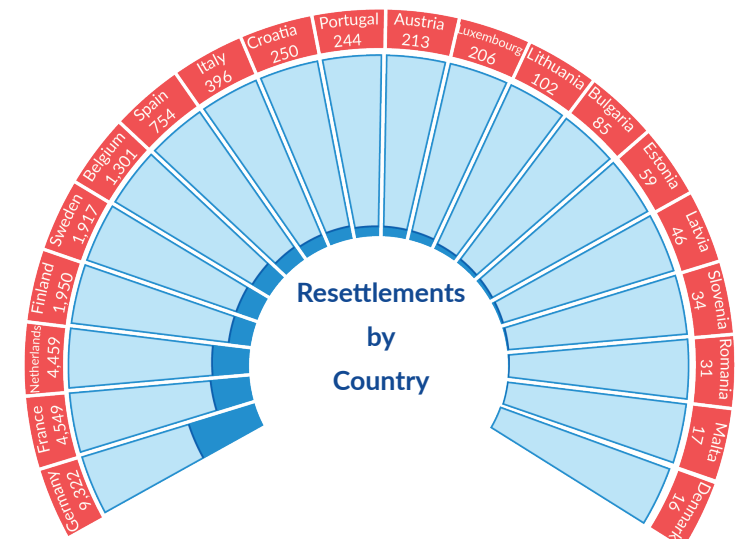
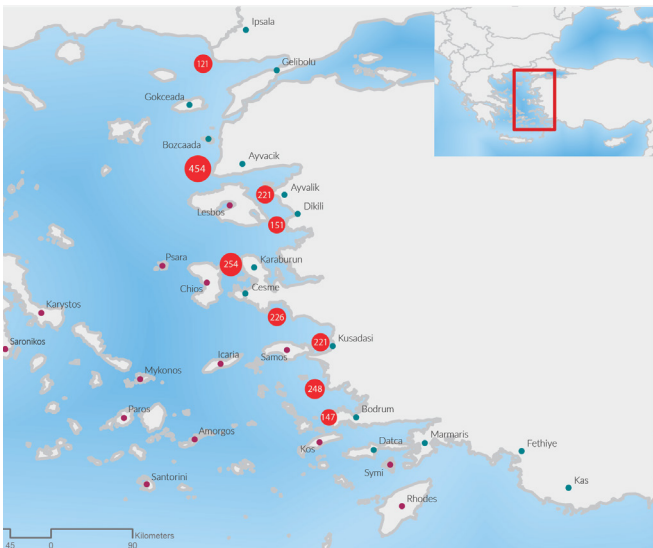
According to the Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) sources, in February 2020, TAF registered a total number of 19,755 irregular border crossings; 17,343 of which having entered Turkey from the Syrian Arab Republic, Greece, Iraq and the Islamic Republic of Iran and registered 2,412 irregular crossings from Turkey into Greece, Bulgaria, Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic. The numbers per border are shown in the table on the left.

*Data Source TAF, 29.02.2020

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 number of 25,951* Syrians were resettled to the below mentioned countries according to One-to-One mechanism with the assistance of IOM.

*Data Source DGMM, 27.02.2020



Apprehended/Rescued Persons on Sea

According to Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) reports, the Turkish Coast Guard apprehended 2,079* irregular migrants and no fatalities were recorded in February 2020. The top ten nationalities of apprehended/rescued migrants are Afghan, Palestinian, Syrian, Eritrean**, Congolese, Angolan, Central African, Somalian, Kuwaiti, and Yemeni.

*Data source TCG, 29.02.2020

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

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