

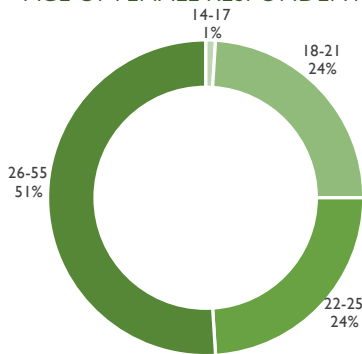
308 Female migrants surveyed in Europe

4 Countries 10 Regions

25 Data collection points

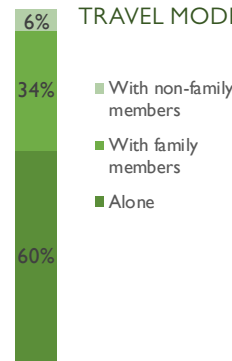
INTRODUCTION The Flow Monitoring Surveys (FMS) are part of the IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) activities in the Mediterranean region, started in October 2015 and conducted within the framework of IOM's research on populations on the move through the Mediterranean and Western Balkan Routes to Europe. Surveys are analysed to provide information on profiles, transit routes and vulnerabilities of respondents. In 2019, data collection took place in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy, North Macedonia and Spain, with a total of 2,841 surveys. Female respondents represent 11 per cent of the total sample.

AGE OF FEMALE RESPONDENTS

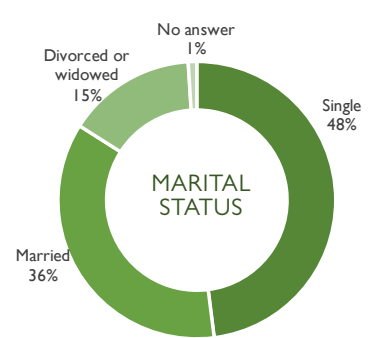


Of the 308 female migrants interviewed in Europe in 2019, slightly more than half were 26-55 years old (51%). Twenty-four per cent were aged between 22 and 25, and additional 24 per cent between 18 and 21. A small minority (1%) was between 14 and 17 years.

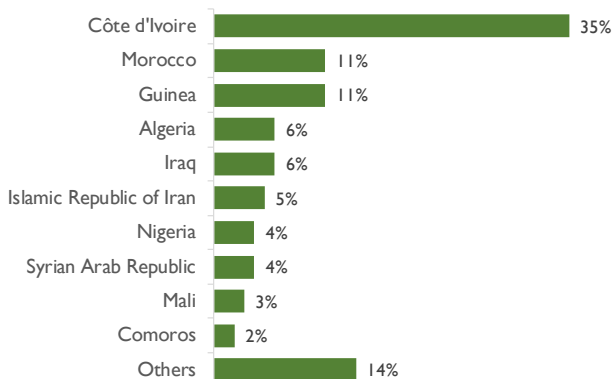
TRAVEL MODE



Female migrants travelled alone in 60 per cent of the cases, and with at least one family member in 30 per cent of the cases. Moreover, almost half of them reported to be single (48%), while 36 per cent reported to be married and 15 per cent to be divorced or widowed.

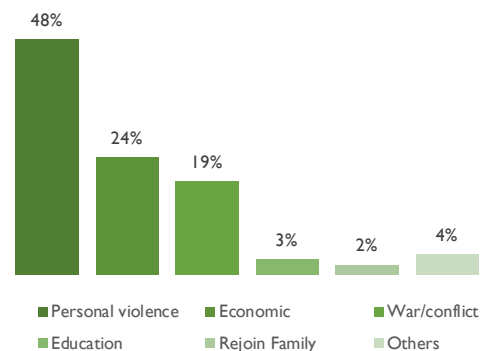


MAIN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN / NATIONALITY



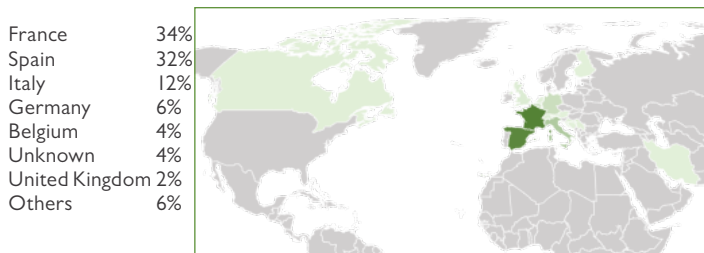
Côte d'Ivoire, Morocco and Guinea were the main countries of origin of female respondents in 2019 (35%, 11% and 11% respectively), followed by female migrants from Algeria, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran and other 25 different countries.

PRIMARY REASONS FOR LEAVING THE ORIGIN COUNTRY



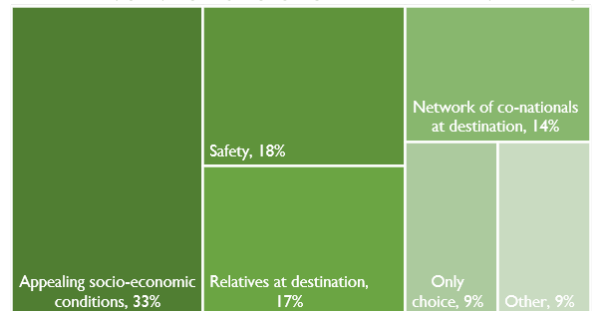
Female migrants interviewed reported to have left mainly because of personal violence (48%), which includes a wide range of circumstances from domestic violence to discrimination, from opposition to inter-faith marriages to threats of persecution. Economic reasons were reported by 24 per cent of them, while conflict or war in the origin area were mentioned by 19 per cent.

INTENDED COUNTRY OF DESTINATION AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY



Intended destinations at the time of the survey declared by female respondents were mainly European countries, and especially France (34%), Spain (32%), Italy (12%), Germany (6%) and Belgium (4%).

MAIN REASONS FOR CHOICE OF INTENDED DESTINATION



About one third of surveyed female migrants reported the appealing socio-economic conditions as the main motivation for having a particular destination in mind at the time of the interview. Also, 18 per cent reported personal safety and security, 17 per cent declared to have already relatives there.