

ABSTRACT

International migration is part of a transnational revolution that is shaping societies and politics around the globe

The war in Syria costs many lives and leads millions of people abandoning their homes and search for a shelter and a better future in Europe

According to the UNHCR official figures in 2014 there were a total of 19.5 million refugees globally. This equates to a global refugee population just greater than the Netherlands! 51% of global refugees are aged under 18 years old and primarily originate from Syria, Afghanistan and Somalia

By June 2015 and according to The European Commission, 213.200 asylum applications were submitted within the EU. This is an 85% increase compared to the same period in 2014, a record year in its own right with 626,000 asylum applications. There is little doubt that 2015 will trump the numbers from 2014 and recent expectations

Greece is facing an unprecedented refugee emergency with new record arrival numbers, whilst the congestion on the islands further increased. The reception infrastructure, services and registration procedures are falling far short of needs. On all main entry points, substandard conditions result in serious hygiene, health and protection risks

Major congestion of the islands – The increasing backlog in registration and the lack of availability of ferry tickets leads to major congestion of most islands receiving refugees and migrants, particularly on Lesbos, Kos, Chios, Samos and Leros. Average daily arrivals almost doubled from 1,600 in July to 2,900 in August. Lesbos has received the highest number of arrivals, almost half of the total in Greece, 96,000 in 2015 (as of 28 August) with 1,500 average arrivals per day. Over the last days of August, at least 12,000 refugees and migrants have been present on the island



336.402 arrivals by sea in 2015
213.200 asylum applications in EU

HOT-SPOTS



LESVOS: 96.607 arrivals in 2016



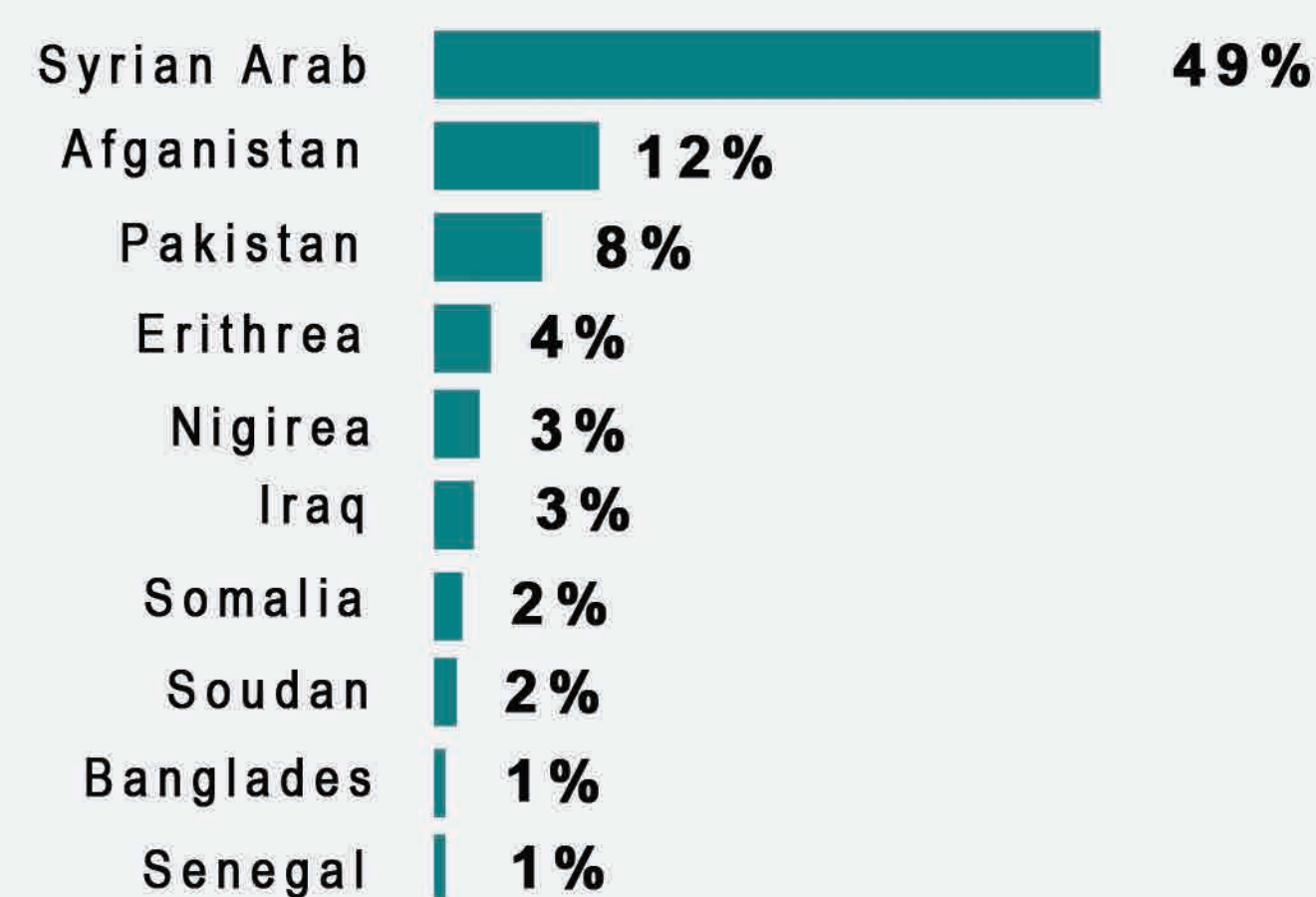
CHIOS: 39.34 arrivals in 2016



SAMOS: 12.658 arrivals in 2016



Population Data



Demographic

