Refugee and migrant children in Greece
As of 30 April 2020

Key figures

45,300 estimated number of refugee and migrant children across Greece. Among them 4,756 unaccompanied

99 accompanied children have been returned to Turkey, in the framework of the EU - Turkey Statement (20 March 2016 – 30 April 2020)

60 unaccompanied children received international protection in Greece on first instance during 2020 (Jan-Feb 2020)

Unaccompanied children: 45,300
Accompanied children: 99

March 2019 - March 2020

Child sea arrivals

36% of the total sea arrivals in 2020 were children. Among total sea arrivals 9% were unaccompanied children

The main countries of origin of children arriving by sea in Greece during Jan-Mar 2020 were Afghanistan (49%), Syria (26%), Iraq (5%), and other countries (20%).

It is estimated that 13,000 refugee and migrant children of school age (4-17 years old) across Greece are enrolled in formal education (as of January 2020, source: Education Sector Working Group)

73% of children 4-17 years old residing in apartments with their families or shelters and hotels for unaccompanied children are enrolled in Greek schools (as of January 2020)

2020 data may be adjusted upon final validation by the Asylum Service

Secondary analysis of data by the following sources: MoMP, MoE, MoCP, Hellenic Police, EKKA, Greek Asylum Service, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF.

The estimated total number of refugee and migrant children in Greece includes also figures on self-settled population receiving cash assistance from UNHCR in urban locations in Greece.