Refugee and migrant children in Greece
As of 31 August 2019

Key figures

- **34,800** estimated number of refugee and migrant children across Greece. Among them, **4,155** unaccompanied.
- **93** accompanied children have been returned to Turkey, in the framework of the EU - Turkey Statement (20 March 2016 – 31 August 2019).
- **320** unaccompanied children received international protection in Greece on first instance in 2019. (January – July 2019)

**Number of available places in long term accommodation for UAC (shelters and Supported Independent Living programme (SIL), August 2019):**
- **1117** places in shelters
- **56** places in SIL

**Number of available places in temporary accommodation for UAC (safe zones and UAC hotels, August 2019):**
- **300** places in safe zones
- **430** places in hotels for UAC

**Total number of UAC in need of long term accommodation (August 2019):** **2982**

Out of the estimated **4,155** unaccompanied children in Greece, approximately **2,982** (including **250** in protective custody) are still in need of long term accommodation.

It is estimated that **12,800** refugee and migrant children of school age (4-17 years old) across Greece are enrolled in formal education (as of June 2019, source: Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs).

67% 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 June 2019).

36% of the total sea arrivals in 2019 were children. Among total sea arrivals 6% were unaccompanied children.

The main countries of origin of children arriving by sea in Greece during Jan-Jul 2019 were Afghanistan (47%), Syria (21%), Iraq (12%), and other countries (21%).

**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.

**Child asylum applications**
January - December 2019*

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**Child sea arrivals**
August 2018 - August 2019

**21,768** registered asylum applications in Greece during 2018 concerned children, accounting for **33%** of all registered asylum applications in the country.

**34,800** estimated number of refugee and migrant children across Greece.

**1160** children reached Greece in August 2018.

**2788** children reached Greece in August 2019.

As of 31 August 2019, **320** unaccompanied children received international protection in Greece on first instance.

**37%** of the total sea arrivals in 2019 were children.

**1117** places in shelters for UAC.

**300** places in safe zones for UAC.