Refugee and migrant children in Greece
As of 31 August 2018

Key figures

- **24,800** estimated number of refugee and migrant children across Greece. Among them **9,050** UAC
- **79** accompanied children have been returned to Turkey, in the framework of the EU - Turkey statement (20 March 2016 - 31 August 2018)
- **526** children received international protection in Greece on first instance during August. Among them **25** UAC (August 2018)

Number of available places in temporary accommodation for UAC (August 2018)

- 300 places in shelters
- 480 places in SIL
- 1859 total number of UAC in need of shelter (August 2018)

Out of 3,050 estimated number of UAC in Greece, more than **1,859** children (including those living in safe zones and hotels) are still in need of shelter for unaccompanied children, including **138** UAC in protective custody.

Children sea arrivals
August 2017 - August 2018

- 1455 total sea arrivals
- 1160 total unaccompanied children sea arrivals

It is estimated that **8,016** refugee and migrant children of school age (5-17 years old) across Greece are enrolled in formal education (as of June 2018, source: Ministry of Education)

62% of children 5-17 years old residing in apartments with their families or shelters and hotels for unaccompanied children are enrolled in Greek schools (as of May 2018)

36.4% of the total sea arrivals in 2018 were children. Among those 14% were unaccompanied children.

During Jan – Aug 2018 there was a 32% increase of child sea arrivals compared to the same period during 2017.

Children asylum applications
January- August 2018

- 1433 Unaccompanied children
- 1201 Accompanied children

2018 (Jan- Aug): **13,265** of registered asylum applications concerned children (32% of the total applications)

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

**Based on referrals to EKKA**