Refugee and migrant children in Greece
As of 31 January 2019

Key figures

27,000 estimated number of refugee and migrant children across Greece. Among them 3,464 unaccompanied

88 accompanied children have been returned to Turkey, in the framework of the EU - Turkey statement (20 March 2016 - 31 January 2019)

555 children received international protection in Greece on first instance in January 2019. Among them 37 unaccompanied (January 2019)

1007 places available in long term accommodation for UAC (shelters and Supported Independent Living programme (SIL), January 2019)

300 places in shelters 590 places in SIL

Number of available places in temporary accommodation for UAC (safe zones and UAC hotels, January 2019)

2429 Total number of UAC in need of long term accommodation (January 2019)

Out of the estimated 3,464 unaccompanied children in Greece, approximately 2,429 (including 86 in protective custody) are still in need of long term accommodation

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

Child Asylum Applications
January - December 2019

21,770 registered asylum applications in Greece during 2018 concerned children, accounting for 33% of all registered asylum applications in the country.

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

**Based on referrals to EKKA

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Percentage of children per location
December 2018

Apartment and hotels for families 47%
Open sites (accommodation sites) 29%
Reception and Identification Centers 13%
Shelters for UAC and SIL 4%
Self settled and other urban 4%
Hotels for UAC 2%
Safe zones for UAC 1%