

Refugees

Thousands of refugees have been forced to leave their homes seeking a better life in many European countries. Many of these people are leaving countries dominated by regimes that support sexism, racism and homophobia, such as Syria, Iraq and many other countries. As a consequence, it is important that asylum seekers join a new way of life in Europe.

Numerical inflows of refugees into the Mediterranean

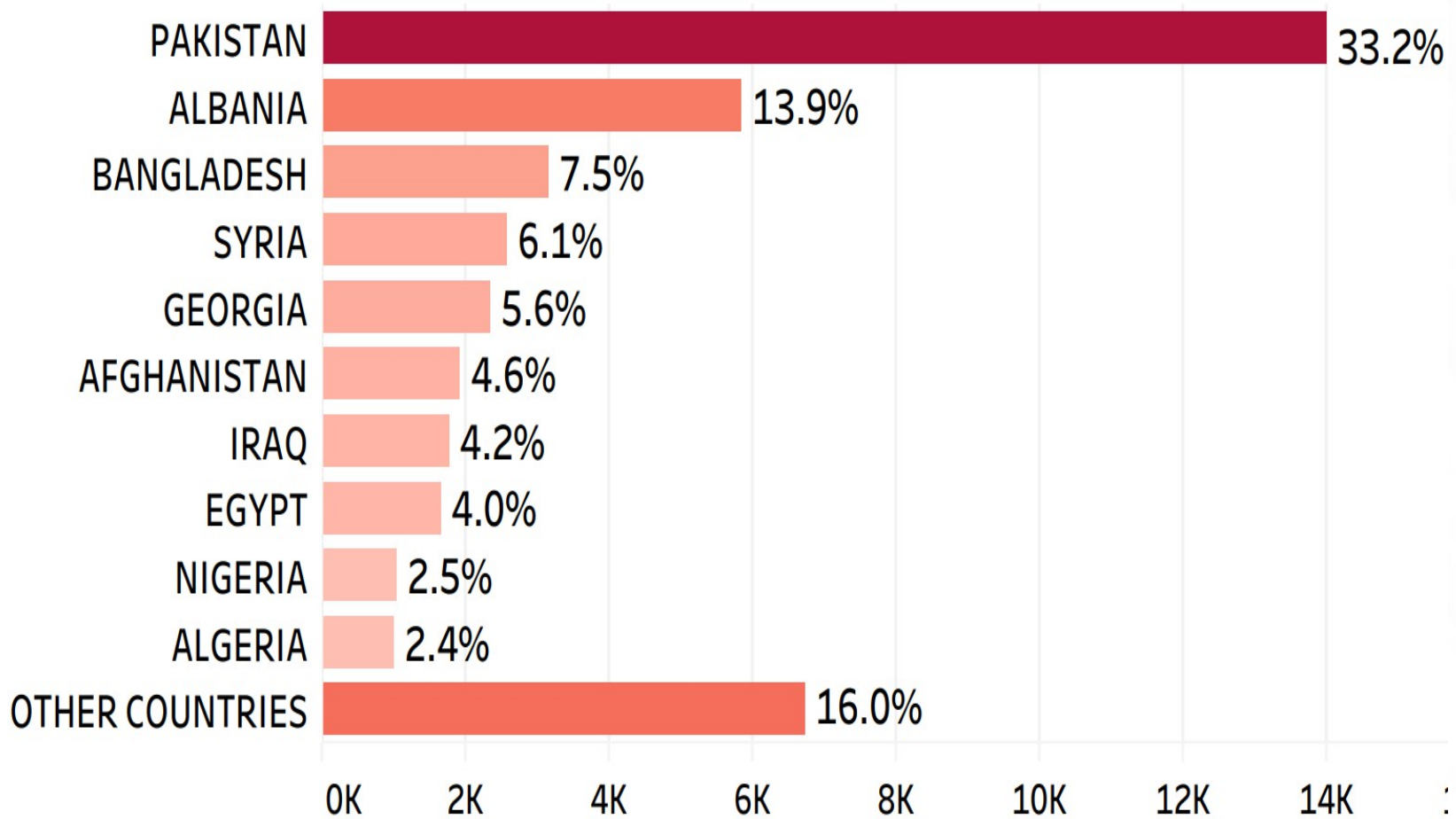
According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Europe in 2018 opened its doors to more than 100,000 refugees. Of them, according to the same figures, 49,912 approached Spain, which is also the most popular entry point. In Greece arrivals amounted to 28,252 and in Italy 22,519. This is the fifth consecutive year when the sum of arrivals by sea in Europe is over 100,000. The equivalent for 2017 was 156,372 while for 2016 it was 341,215. Since the beginning of the year, the recorded deaths in the Mediterranean have reached 2,043, while the figures for 2017 were 3,001 and for 2016 4,329.

These numbers of refugees should be compared with the size of the host country's population. Spain has a population of 46,659,300, Italy has 60,398,794 while Greece has only 10,768,194. From the above we understand that Greece is much more difficult to cope with the needs of this population and to be able to absorb it.

Host country	Population of the Country	Population of Refugees in 2018	Percentage of Refugees relative to the country's population
Spain	46.659.000	49.900	0.11%
Italy	60.398.000	22.500	0.037%
Greece	10.768.000	28.250	0.26%

Appeals by Country of Origin

Top 10 Countries 2013-2018 (end of November)



Refugees in Greece

To date, Greece counts over 58,000 refugees in recent years. In the total of 58,000 people, 16,000 are in northern Greece and Thessaly. Of these, 67% are in Central Macedonia, 15% in Thessaly, 13% in Epirus and 5% in Eastern Macedonia and Thrace. Of the total of 58,000 people, 43% are from Syria, 27% from Iraq, 7% from Afghanistan, 5% from Turkey, 4% from Pakistan, 2% from Iran, 1.5 % of Palestine, 1% of Kuwait, 1% of the Congo and 5% of other ethnicities. In addition, 67% of the above people are asylum seekers, 16% are refugees, 4% are candidates for reunification with their families, and 13% are registered by the police. The money given to Greece to provide protection, housing, health care, education, and many other basic needs for refugees cost 247.4 million dollars.

Refugees in Larissa

Today, in Larissa, we accommodate 1253 refugees. Of these, 476 are men, 340 are women, and the other 437 are minors.

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