

Cash Assistance Update



Ashraf Al Ali, a 43-year-old refugee from Syria, buys his groceries at the local supermarket in Tripoli with the cash card he has received as part of UNHCR cash assistance programme. Ashraf Al Ali, fled his town in Syria with his wife, Rana Alsalm, 37, and their six children in 2017. The family now lives in an apartment in Tripoli, Peloponnese, where the eldest children are attending school. Their younger daughter, Rawan, was born in Tripoli in 2018. UNHCR provides cash-assistance to restore dignity, increase empowerment and allow people the choice of how to cover their basic needs, as part of the EU-funded ESTIA programme.

Overview

In December, 90,537 eligible refugees and asylum-seekers (45,451 families) received cash assistance in Greece, in 116 locations.

UNHCR provides cash assistance in Greece, as part of the ESTIA programme, funded by the European Commission. Cash assistance restores dignity and empowers asylum-seekers and refugees who can now choose how to cover their basic needs. It also contributes directly to the economy of the host community through the purchase of services and goods. UNHCR in Greece works with the Greece Cash Alliance partners the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

90,537

Number of individuals assisted ¹

45,451

Number of cash cards ¹

8.7 M €

Cash distributed (Euros) ¹

Demographics of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers Assisted with Cash

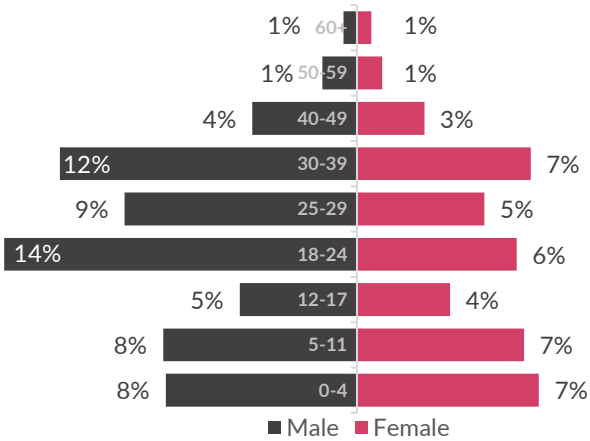
Since April 2017, 159,222 eligible individuals have received cash assistance in Greece at least once. Eligibility is assessed on the basis of one's date of entry in the country, legal status and current location.

Of the 90,537 individuals who received cash assistance this month, 15,500 have international protection in Greece. Out of 45,451 families, 22% were women, 40% men and 38% children.

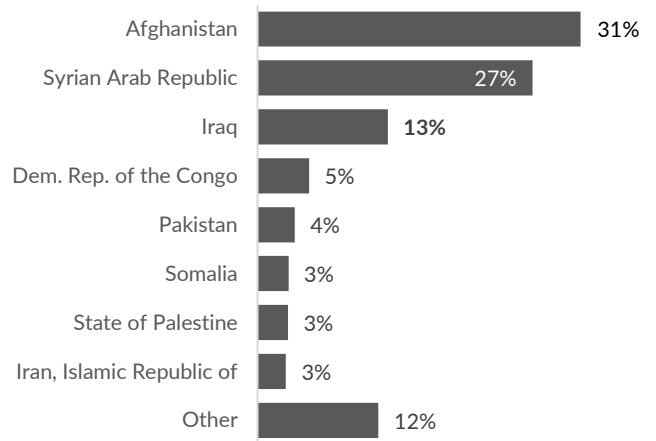
31% of all who received cash assistance this month were families of five members or more and a further 32% were single adults. 76% of individuals in the cash assistance scheme are from, Afghanistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq and Democratic Republic of Congo.

The amount of cash assistance distributed to each household is proportionate to the family size. It ranges between 90 euros for an individual in catered accommodation, to 550 euros for a family of seven members or more in self-catered accommodation.

Age & Gender breakdown

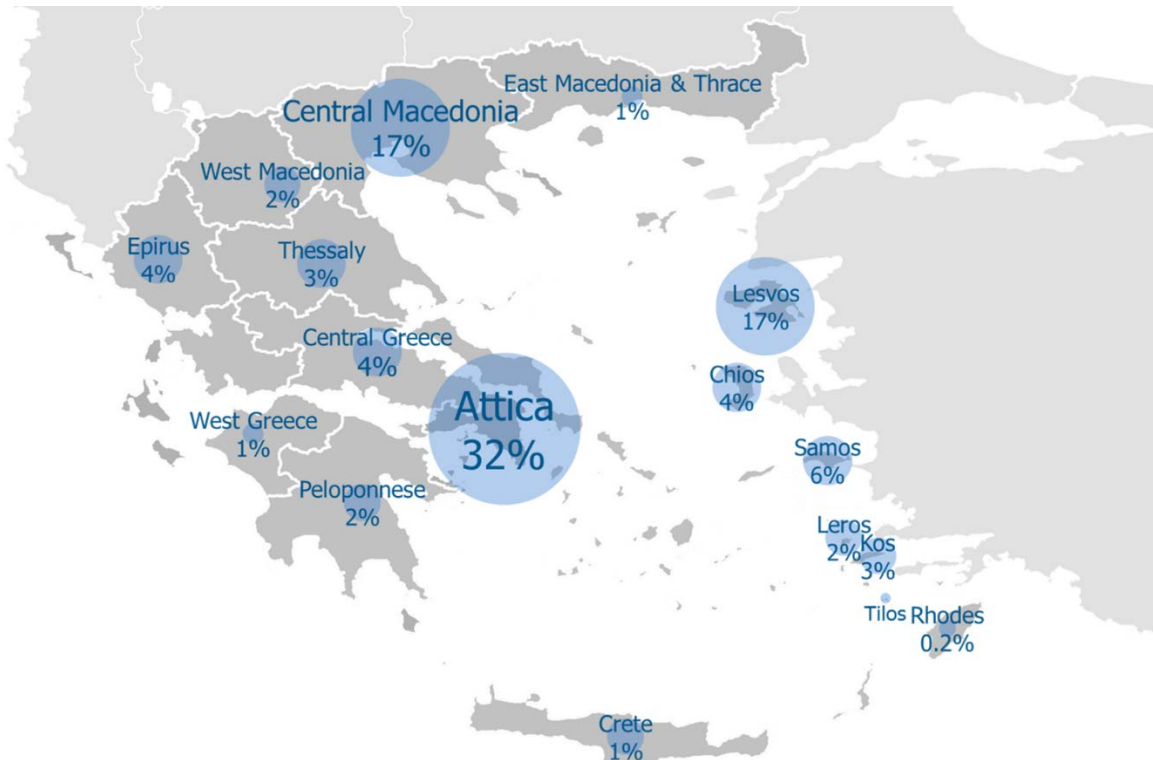


Nationality breakdown



Location of Individuals Receiving Cash Assistance

Asylum-seekers and refugees receiving cash assistance reside in 116 locations in Greece. 32% of those receiving cash assistance are located in Attica, with 34% currently on the islands and a further 17% in Central Macedonia.



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