

Overview of Migrant Situation in Turkey

According to the latest available figures from the Turkish Directorate General for Migration Management (DGMM) currently there are more than 3.9 million foreign nationals present in Turkish territory seeking international protection.

Most of them are Syrians (3,552,303* individuals) who are granted the temporary protection (TP) status, while according to UNHCR another large group of the foreign nationals requiring Turkish humanitarian and international protection are 361,693** asylum-seekers and refugees consisting of different nationalities, but mainly coming from Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Somalia and other countries.

In addition, there are 720,493* foreign nationals under residence permit holder status including humanitarian residence holders.

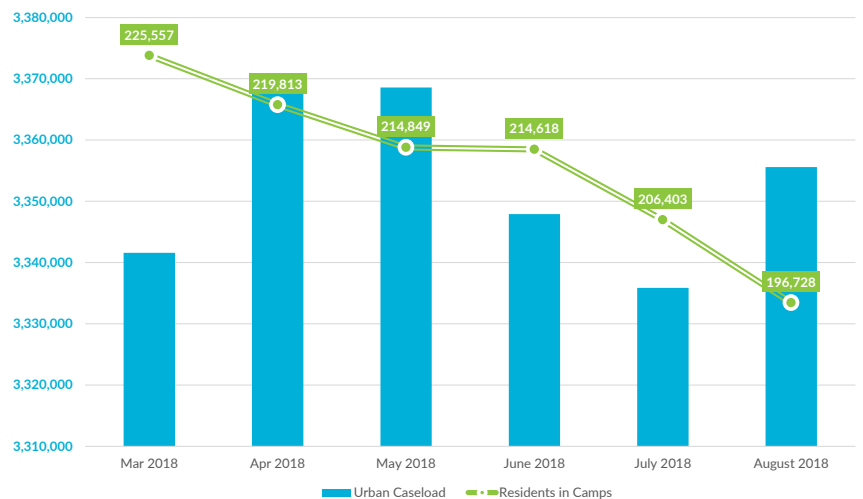
*Data Source DGMM, 29.08.2018
**Data Source UNHCR, 31.07.2018

Temporary Protection

Turkey implements a Temporary Protection regime for 3,552,303 individuals from Syria which grants beneficiaries right to legally stay in Turkey as well as some level of access to basic rights and services. A vast majority of them, 3,355,575 individuals, live outside the camps and are spread across the Turkish border provinces while nearly 196,728 live in 19 camps the majority of which are also located close to the Syrian border.

*Data Source DGMM, 29.08.2018

Monthly Population Chart of Persons Under Temporary Protection

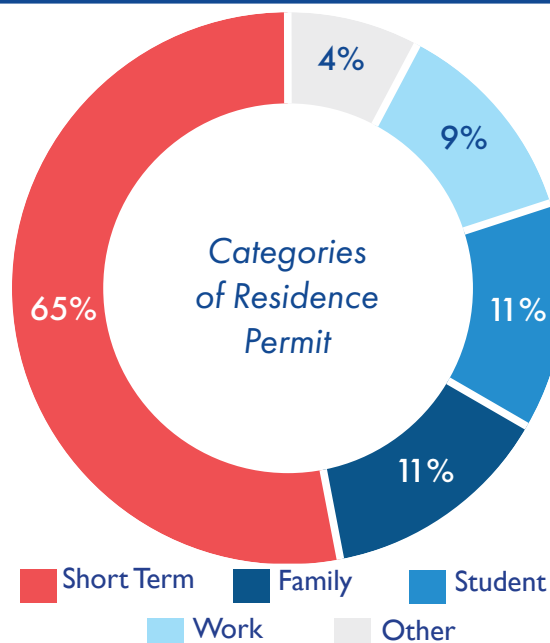


Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Another large group other than Syrians who are under TP that requires international protection in Turkey are 361,693 asylum seekers and refugees consisting of different nationalities, but mainly coming from Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Somalia and other countries.

*Data Source UNHCR, 31.07.2018

Nationality	Percentage#
Afghanistan	45%
Iraq	40%
Iran	10%
Somalia	2%
Others	3%



Residence Permit Holders

Foreigners who would stay in Turkey beyond the duration of a visa or a visa exemption or, longer than ninety days should obtain a residence permit. There are 720,493 residence permit holders in Turkey within various categories. According to DGMM, the "other" residence permit category includes Humanitarian Residence permit holders but the exact number is unknown. It is believed that vast majority of this category are Iraqi nationals. The breakdown of the residence permit holders are shown in the map on the left. The category breakdown of residence permits are published annually whereas the total number of residence permit holders are monthly published.

*Data Source DGMM, 29.08.2018



Readmitted Migrants and Refugees to Turkey Under EU-Turkey Agreement

Pakistan	661
Syria	319
Algeria	184
Bangladesh	99
Afghanistan	97
Iraq	65
Morocco	52
Iran	47
Nigeria	18
Others	147

Since 4 April 2016 there are 1,689 migrants and refugees readmitted to Turkey from Greece. Main returning points from Greece include Lesbos, Chios, Kos and Samos and the main readmission points to Turkey include Dikili, Çeşme, Bodrum and Adana (through the airport).

*Data Source DGMM, 16.08.2018



Apprehended/Rescued Persons on Sea

According to Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) reports, the Turkish Coast Guard apprehended 1,523 irregular migrants and 9 fatalities were recorded in August 2018. The top ten nationalities of apprehended/rescued migrants are Afghan, Palestinian, Iraqi, Syrian, Central African, Somalian, Congolese, Senegalese, Malian and Yemeni.

*Data Source T.C.G., 31.08.2018

Resettlement of Syrians From Turkey

Since 4 April 2016 when EU-Turkey agreement on the readmission of migrants to Turkey arriving in Greece after 20 March 2016 entered into force, a total number of 15,575 Syrians were resettled to the below mentioned countries according to One-to-One mechanism with the assistance of IOM.

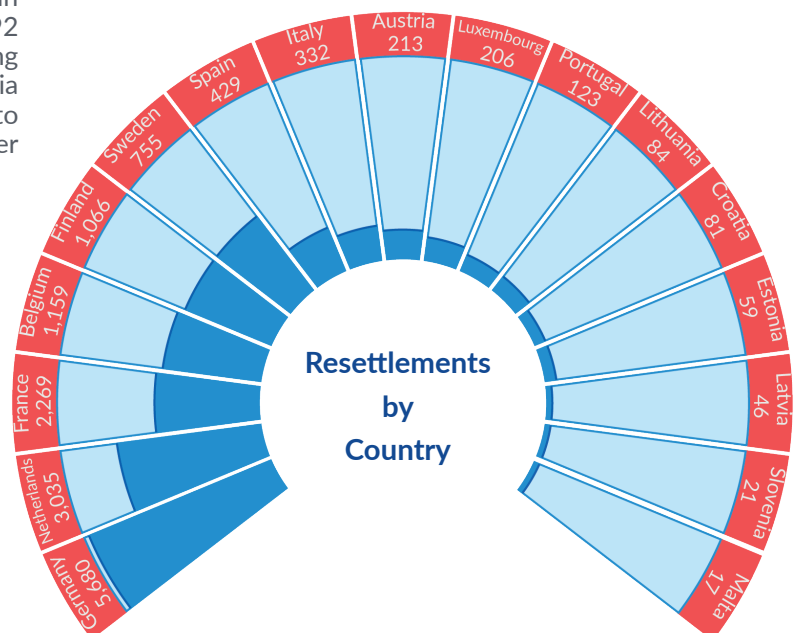
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Apprehended Persons on Land

According to Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) sources, in August 2018, TAF registered a total number of 25,792 irregular border crossings; 19,162 of which having entered Turkey from Syria, Greece, Iran, Iraq and Bulgaria and registered 6,180 irregular crossings from Turkey into Greece, Bulgaria, Syria, Iraq and Iran. The numbers per border are shown in the chart below.

*Data Source T.A.F., 31.08.2018 no data available on Aug. 30th

Apprehensions by Turkish Land Forces (1 - 31 August 2018)			
Entry		Exit	
Syria	17,397	Greece	5,842
Greece	1,123	Bulgaria	199
Iran	965	Syria	123
Iraq	83	Iraq	9
Bulgaria	44	Iran	7
Total	19,162	Total	6,180



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