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 4 million foreign nationals present in Turkish territory seeking international protection.

Most of them are Syrians (3,691,333* individuals) who are granted the temporary protection status. In addition, asylum-seekers and refugees from countries including Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq and Somalia constitute another significant group of foreign nationals. According to UNHCR, as of end of February 2019, there are 368,230** asylum-seekers and refugees present in Turkey.

In addition, there are 1,082,370* foreign nationals under residence permit holder status including humanitarian residence holders.

*Data Source DGMM, 27.11.2019  
**Data Source UNHCR, 28.02.2019

Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Another large group other than Syrians who are under TP in Turkey are 368,230* asylum seekers and refugees consisting of different nationalities, but mainly originating in Afghanistan, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Somalia.  
*Data Source UNHCR, 28.02.2019

Residence Permit Holders

Foreigners who would stay in Turkey beyond the duration of a visa or a visa exemption or, longer than 90 days should obtain a residence permit. There are 1,082,370 residence permit holders in Turkey within various categories. According to DGMM, the “other” residence permit category includes humanitarian residence permit holders, and while the exact number is unknown, it is believed that the vast majority of this category are Iraqis. 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, 27.11.2019

### Categories of Residence Permit

- **66%** Short Term
- **10%** Family
- **9%** Student
- **9%** Work
- **9%** Other

![Categories of Residence Permit](chart.png)

### Nationality and Percentage

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* unhcr ended registration process in Turkey on 10 September 2018. the registration process will continue with the procedure carried out by the Turkish authorities.
The report focuses on the resettlement of Syrian migrants from Turkey to various countries and the apprehended persons on land and sea. Since 4 April 2016 when the EU-Turkey statement was implemented, a total of 24,830* Syrians were resettled according to the One-to-One mechanism with the assistance of IOM. From 4 April 2016 to 30 November 2019, 1,974* migrants and refugees were readmitted to Turkey from Greece. The main points of return from Greece include Lesbos, Chios, Kos, and Samos, while the main readmission points from Turkey include Dikili, Çeşme, Bodrum, and Adana (point of entry is through airport).

**Resettlement of Syrians From Turkey**

Since 4 April 2016 when the EU-Turkey statement was implemented, a total of 24,830* Syrians were resettled to the below-mentioned countries according to the One-to-One mechanism with the assistance of IOM.

- **Pakistan**: 732
- **Syrian Arab Republic**: 369
- **Algeria**: 194
- **Afghanistan**: 120
- **Iraq**: 111
- **Bangladesh**: 105
- **Morocco**: 57
- **Islamic Republic of Iran**: 54
- **Egypt**: 32
- **Others**: 200

**Apprehended Persons on Land**

According to the Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) sources, in November 2019, TAF registered a total number of 14,041 irregular border crossings; 9,775 of which having entered Turkey from the Syrian Arab Republic, Greece, and the Islamic Republic of Iran and registered 4,266 irregular crossings from Turkey into Greece, Iraq, Bulgaria, and the Syrian Arab Republic. The numbers per border are shown in the table on the left.

**Apprehended/Rescued Persons on Sea**

According to Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) reports, the Turkish Coast Guard apprehended 6,401* irregular migrants and no fatalities were recorded in November 2019. The top ten nationalities of apprehended/rescued migrants are Afghan, Palestinian, Syrian, Pakistani, Congolese, Iranian, Central African, Somali, South African, and Yemeni.