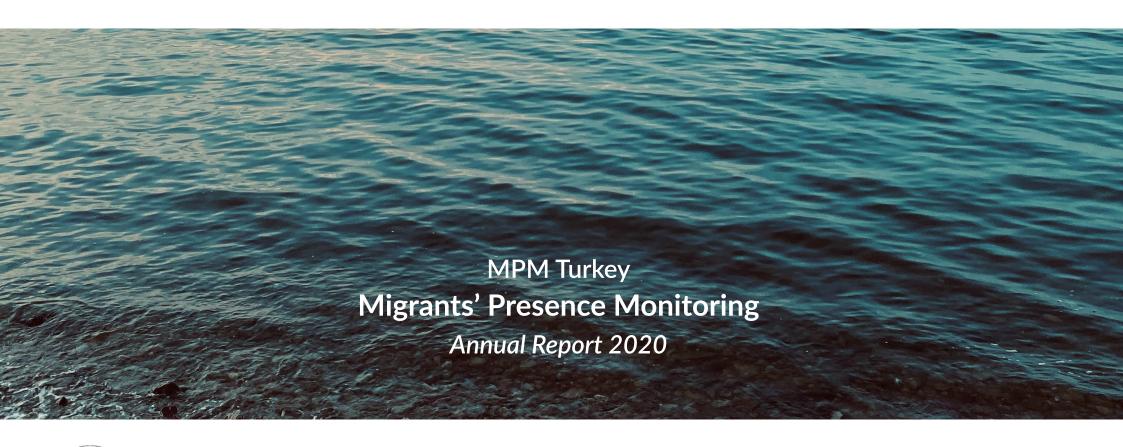


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# Migrant Presence Monitoring Overview of the Situation with Migrants

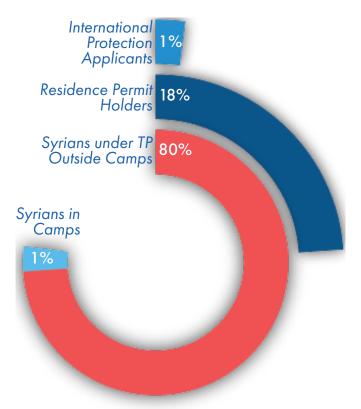


## Background and Key Findings

According to the latest available figures from the Turkish Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM), there are more than 4.4\* million foreign nationals present in Turkish territory, 3.6\* million of whom are seeking international protection. Most of those seeking international protection are Syrians (3,643,769\* individuals: 3,585,017\* urban caseload and 58,752\* residing in camps) who are granted

## Population Chart of Persons Under Temporary Protection





temporary protection status in Turkey. According to DGMM, as of end of 2020, there were **31,334**\* international protection applicants most frequently nationals of Afghanistan, Iraq and The

Islamic Republic of Iran constitute another group of foreign nationals seeking Turkish humanitarian and legal protection.<sup>1</sup> There is an increase of ~67,000 individuals in the number of Syrian nationals in comparison to last year's figures.

In addition, there are **817,898**\* foreign nationals present in Turkey holding residency permits including humanitarian residence holders. The exact number of the humanitarian residence holders is unknown, but it is estimated that there are a few thousand humanitarian resident holders.

According to DGMM, **122,302**\* irregular migrants of different nationalities were apprehended Turkey in 2020. Please see Page 4 for more details.

<sup>1</sup> UNHCR ended registration process in Turkey on 10 September 2018. The registration process will continue with the procedure carried out by the Turkish authorities (UNHCR). The number of international protection holders is not publicly available as of the date above.

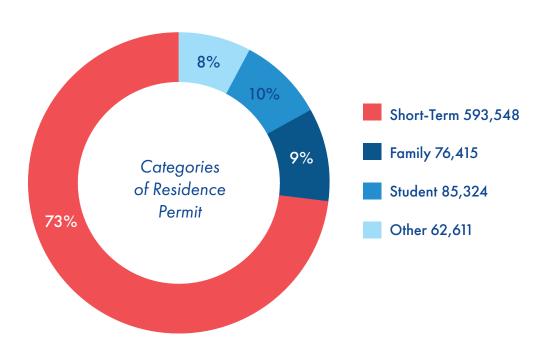
## Categories of the Foreigners in Turkey

## **Temporary Protection (TP)**

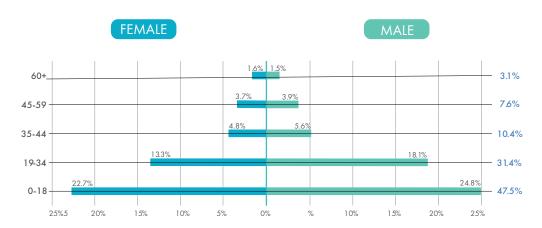
Turkey's Temporary Protection regime grants 3,643,769\* Syrian nationals the right to legally stay in Turkey as well as obtain some level of access to basic rights and services. The vast majority of 3,585,017\* individuals live outside camps, mainly spread across cities at the Turkish border provinces of Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep and Hatay as well as other major cities in Turkey. 58,752\* Syrians live in seven\* Temporary Accommodation Centers (TACs). Please see Page 8 for more details.

The demographic breakdown of Syrian nationals under temporary protection is shown on the graph on the right. Seventy nine per cent is below the age of 35.

\*Data source DGMM, 06.01.2021



## Demographic Breakdown of Biometrically Registered Syrians



## Residence Permit (RP)

Foreigners who wish to stay in Turkey beyond the duration of a visa or visa exemption i.e. longer than ninety days must obtain a residence permit. There are **817,898**\* residence permit holders in Turkey within various categories of the residence permit. Types of residence permits are:

- Short-term residence permit;
- Family residence permit;
- Student residence permit;
- Long-term residence permit;
- Humanitarian residence permit;
- Victim of human trafficking residence permit;
- Working permits as residence permit.

## Categories of Foreigners in Turkey

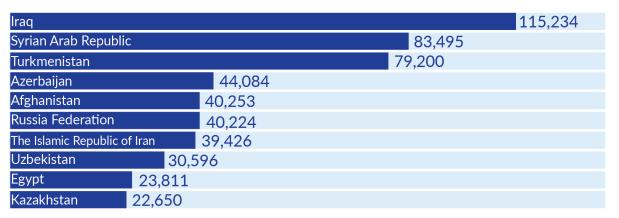
#### Residence Permit (RP)

593.548\* short-term residence holders compose the majority of all residence permit holders. The short-term residence holder number compared to previous year has decreased by 219,786 individuals. The RP holders are followed by 85,324\* student residence permit holders. Additionally, there are **76,415**\* family residence permits granting the right to residence. Moreover, 62,611\* "other" residence permits were granted. Also, there is an increase by 8,847 in the number of other residency permit category in comparison to last year's figures.

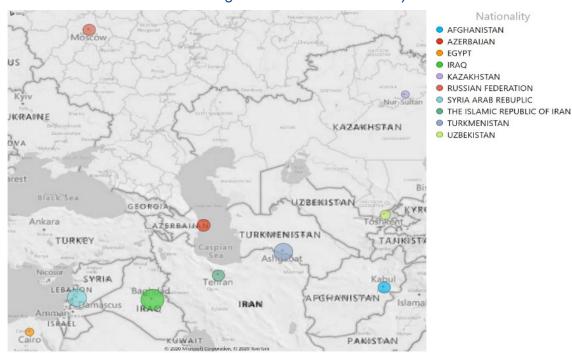
\*Data source DGMM, 06.01.2021

Nationality

Top 10 Nationality Groups for Residence Permit Holders



### Main Countries of Origin for RP Holders in Turkey for 2020



## **Humanitarian Residency Permit (HR)\***

The exact number of humanitarian residence permit holders is not available, as this category is aggregated within the "other" category. However, field experience and discussions with DGMM have shown that humanitarian residence permit holders are a few thousand which are predominantly Iragi nationals. Humanitarian residence permits are granted under certain circumstances in which foreign nationals are allowed to enter into and stay in Turkey, due to an emergency situation. The humanitarian residence permits are granted, renewed and cancelled by the governorates, subject to the approval from the Ministry of Interior (MoI).

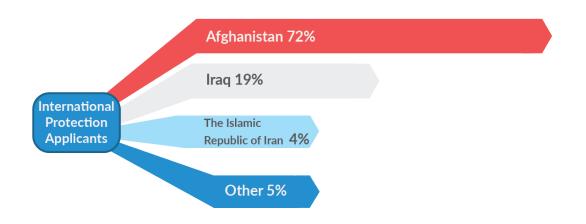
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## Categories of Foreigners in Turkey

## **International Protection Applicants**

According to DGMM, another group of foreign nationals seeking international protection in Turkey are **31,334**\* international protection applicants consisting of different nationalities, but primarily originating in Afghanistan, Iraq and Islamic Republic of Iran.

\*Data source DGMM, 06.01.2021

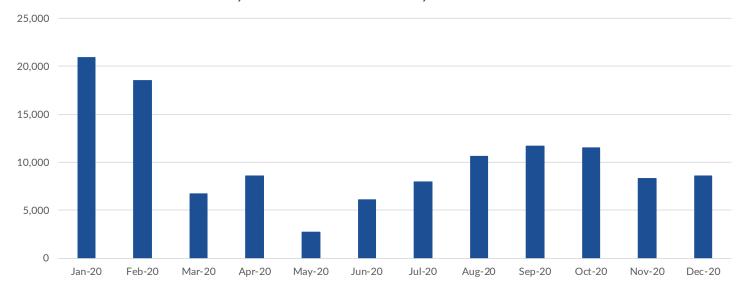


### **Irregular Migrants (IM)**

According to DGMM figures, 122,302\* irregular migrants and 4,282\* migrant smugglers were recorded in 2020, apprehended on various locations inside Turkey. In 2019 said figures were 454,662 for irregular migrants and 8,996 for migrant smugglers. The top three categories in 2020 are from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Syrian Arab Republic.

\*Data source DGMM, 06.01.2021

## Monthly Breakdown of IM in Turkey for 2020

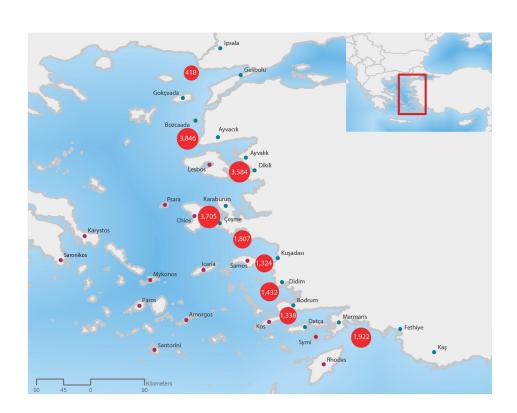


## Irregular Migrants

## Rescued and Apprehended Irregular Migrants on Sea

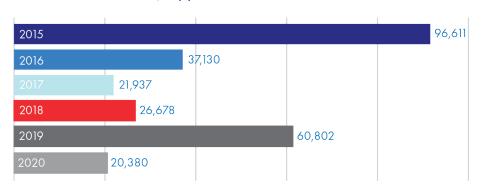
According to Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) daily reports, TCG apprehended **20,380\*** irregular migrants at sea and registered **37\*** fatalities in the 2020. During the reporting period, there was a decrease of 40,422 apprehended persons on sea by TCG compared to previous year. The top ten nationalities of apprehended/rescued persons are Afghan, Palestinian, Syrian, Central African, Iraqi, Congolese, Somali, Pakistani, Iranian and South African.

\*Data source T.C.G., end of 2020



| Apprehensions/Rescues by Turkish Coast Guard Statistics for 2020 |                 |                                      |                     |                         |  |
|--|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Duration   | Number of Cases | Number of Irreg-<br>ular<br>Migrants | Number of<br>Deaths | Number of<br>Organizers |  |
|  | All Seas        | All Seas                             | All Seas            | All Seas                |  |
| January  | 114             | 4,067                                | 29                  | 3                       |  |
| February   | 60              | 2,079                                | -                   | -                       |  |
| March  | 86              | 2,907                                | 3                   | 3                       |  |
| April  | 15              | 253                                  | -                   | -                       |  |
| May  | 21              | 605                                  | 1                   | -                       |  |
| June   | 53              | 1,816                                | 1                   | 6                       |  |
| July   | 45              | 1,493                                | 1                   | 1                       |  |
| August   | 55              | 1,838                                | -                   | 6                       |  |
| September  | 40              | 1,373                                | 2                   | 11                      |  |
| October  | 47              | 1,519                                | -                   | 11                      |  |
| November   | 46              | 1,180                                | -                   | 5                       |  |
| December   | 42              | 1,250                                | -                   | 7                       |  |
| Total  | 624             | 20,380                               | 37                  | 53                      |  |

## Total Rescues/Apprehensions over the Last Six Years



#### Irregular Migrants

## **Intercepted Persons on Land**

According to the Turkish Armed Forces' (TAF) daily reports between the reporting period 01.01.2020 and 31.12.2020, in total **76,726**\* persons were intercepted trying to enter Turkey irregularly while **5,985**\* were intercepted trying to exit Turkey from different borders by TAF and handed over to Turkish law enforcement forces. The figures presented by TAF doesn't refer to nationalities of the intercepted persons at the border lines. Majority of interceptions by TAF attempting to enter Turkey **74,561**\* were at the border with the Syrian Arab Republic, while **5,227**\* persons were intercepted attempting to cross the border from Turkey to Greece during the 2020. The main routes that are possibly used for irregular migration along the region are showed in the below map.

| *Data | source | TΔF    | end   | of 3 | 2020  |
|-------|--------|--------|-------|------|-------|
| Data  | Source | I.A.F. | . ena | OI 2 | ZUZU. |

| Interceptions by Turkish Land Forces in 2020 |        |       |  |  |  |
|--|--------|-------|--|--|--|
| Border                                       | Entry  | Exit  |  |  |  |
| Syrian Arab Republic                         | 74,561 | 689   |  |  |  |
| Greece                                       | 1,899  | 5,227 |  |  |  |
| The Islamic Republic of Iran                 | 186    | 18    |  |  |  |
| Iraq   | 79     | 28    |  |  |  |
| Bulgaria                                     | -      | 14    |  |  |  |
| Georgia                                      | 1      | 6     |  |  |  |
| Armenia                                      | -      | 3     |  |  |  |
| Total  | 76,726 | 5,985 |  |  |  |

## **Readmissions by Nationality**

According to DGMM, the nationality breakdown of the readmitted persons to Turkey is mainly composed of Pakistanis and Syrians. The rest of the nationalities are shown in the chart on the right. The "Others" category contains nationals of Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cameroon, Nepal, Myanmar, Guinea, Palestinian Territories, Senegal, Ghana, Tunisia, Côte d'Ivoire, Haiti, Lebanon, Mali, Dominica, India, Sierra Leone, Yemen, Congo, Somalia, Burkina Faso, Gambia, Comoros, Niger, Sudan, Jordan, Uzbekistan, Togolese Republic, Uganda, Zimbabwe and stateless.

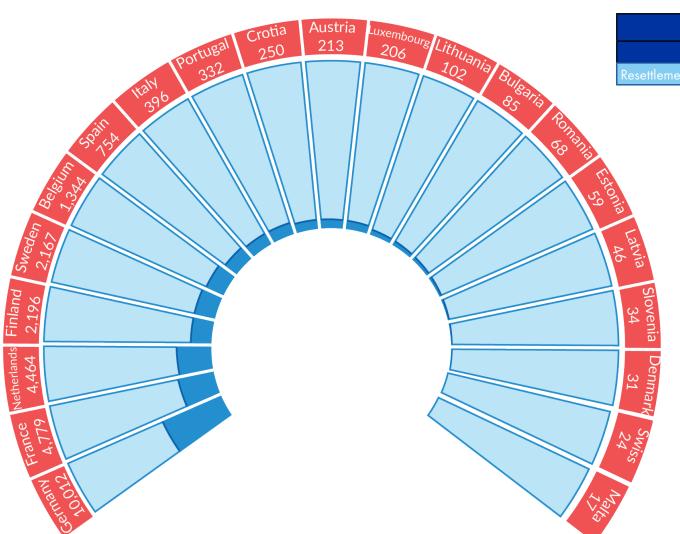


Main entry and exit routes used by migrants throughout Turkey based on IOM GIS analysis project for Mediterranean crisis since February 2015.

| Pakistan                 |     |     |     | 748 |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Syrian Arab Republic     |     |     | 412 |     |
| Algeria                  | 2   | 04  |     |     |
| Afghanistan              | 15  | 1   |     |     |
| Iraq                     | 134 |     |     |     |
| Bangladesh               | 105 |     |     |     |
| Morocco                  | 56  |     |     |     |
| Islamic Republic of Iran | 56  |     |     |     |
| Egypt 33                 |     |     |     |     |
| Others                   |     | 240 |     |     |

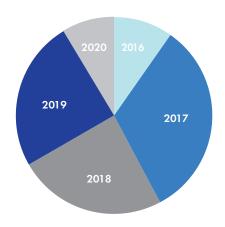
## Resettled Syrians TP under EU-Turkey Agreement

The agreement's aim was to replace disorganized and irregular migratory flows by organized and safe pathways to European countries, in this regard, it is agreed on that for every Syrian being returned to Turkey from the Greek islands, another Syrian will be resettled to Europe from Turkey directly.



| Resettlements from Turkey to Europe |                |       |       |       |       |        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
|                                     | 2016           | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  | Total  |
| Resettlements                       | 2, <i>7</i> 18 | 8,941 | 6,779 | 6,771 | 2,370 | 27,579 |

### Annual Breakdown of Resettlements



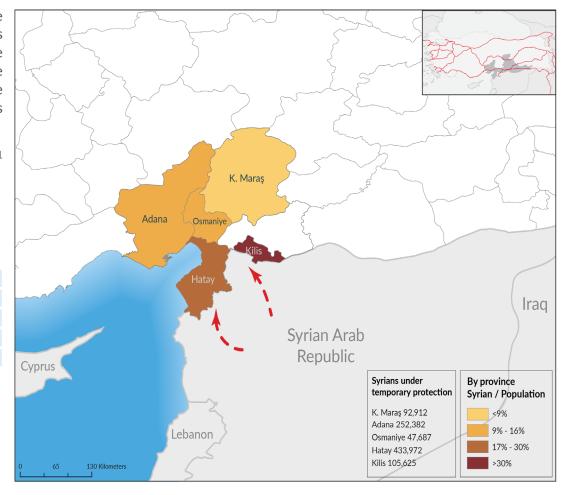
Since April 4<sup>th</sup> when EU-Turkey agreement on the readmission of migrants to Turkey arriving in Greece after 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016 entered into force, a total number of **27,579**\* Syrians were resettled on the right mentioned countries according to One-to-One mechanism with the assistance of IOM.

## Accommodation Capacity and Services for Hosting Foreign Nationals in Turkey

There are **seven**\* Temporary Accommodation Centers for persons under Temporary Protection (mainly for Syrians under TP) dispersed in five cities in Turkey namely Kilis, Kahramanmaraş, Hatay, Adana and Osmaniye run by Directorate General Of Migration Management (DGMM).

According to DGMM statistics, a total population of **58,752**\* are currently residing in the camps. During the one year period, there was a decrease of 4,691 Syrian nationals in the camps' population. The density map of the Syrian nationals under temporary protection in the provinces, where camps are located, in comparison to the province populations are shown on the right. The camp populations in provinces are provided in the table below.

| Adana         |        | 20,947 |
|---------------|--------|--------|
| Kilis         | 8,473  |        |
| Kahramanmaraş | 10,500 |        |
| Hatay         | 9,410  |        |
| Osmaniye      | 9,422  |        |



## Accommodation Capacity and Services for Hosting Foreign Nationals in Turkey

Removal centers host and monitor foreigners under administrative detention. Twenty six removal centers are operating in the provinces of Adana, Ağrı, Ankara, Antalya, Aydın, Bursa, Çanakkale, Çankırı, Edirne, Erzurum, Gaziantep, Hatay, İstanbul, İzmir, Kayseri, Kırıkkale, Kırklareli, Kocaeli, Malatya, Muğla, Van and Iğdır. In total, the removal centers can currently hold **16,108**\* persons.

\*Data source DGMM, 06.01.2021



## Victims of Trafficking (VoTs)

According to DGMM, the gradual decline in trafficking victims' numbers between 2005-2013 was replaced by a progressive increase starting from 2013 and continuing up to date. **181**\* individuals were identified in 2016, **303**\* in 2017, **134**\* in 2018, **215**\* in 2019 and **282**\* in 2020. Three shelters for victims of trafficking are operational with a total capacity of **82**\* individuals. Three shelters are operated by Ankara Municipality and DGMM.

\*Data source DGMM, 06.01.2021 The number of victims of trafficking in shelters have not been published in 2020.

| Shelters for VOTs in Turkey | Shelter Capacity |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Ankara Municipality         | 30               |
| Shelter in Kırıkkale        | 12               |
| Aydın                       | 40               |
| Total                       | 82               |



## Main Exit and Entry Points

Known entry points by land: Hatay, Kilis, Şanlıurfa (from Syrian Arap Republic), Silopi, Çukurca (from Iraq), Şemdinli, Yüksekova, Başkale, Ağrı, Doğubeyazıt (from The Islamic Republic of Iran)

Known entry points by air: İstanbul, İstanbul Sabiha Gökçen, Antalya, Esenboğa Ankara (from third countries)

Known exit points by sea: Çeşme, Ayvalık, Didim, Bodrum, Küçükkuyu (Locations close to Lesbos, Samos, Chios, Symi, Kos and Rodos), and Kırklareli, Kocaeli, Istanbul on the Black Sea.

Known exit points by land: Edirne (to Greece and Bulgaria), Kırklareli (to Bulgaria)

Known exit points by air: İstanbul, İstanbul Sabiha Gökçen (to certain EU member states)

