SNAPSHOT OF 2018 ARRIVALS IN EUROPE FROM

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

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OVERVIEW

The surveys with migrants en route are part of the IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) data collection activities in West and Central Africa, East and Horn of Africa, Libya and Europe (Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece, Hungary, Italy, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania and Spain), that are conducted within the framework of IOM’s research on populations on the move through Africa, the Mediterranean and Western Balkan. For this specific study, data was collected in 2018 in Greece, North Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy and Spain.

The purpose of Flow Monitoring (FM) as a component of IOM’s DTM is to improve our understanding of profiles, migration routes and migration drivers of populations on the move by collecting data on population movements at points strategically selected inside a country, a region or across different regions. FM also contributes to expanding relevant actors’ awareness of immediate and medium term needs of these populations, informing humanitarian and resilience programs as well as possible reintegration and development strategies in the communities of origin or other areas. Migrants on the move are interviewed by IOM field teams; the surveys collect information on migrants’ profiles, including age, sex, areas of origin, levels of education and employment status before migration, key transit points on their route, cost of the journey and reasons for moving and intentions.

The present brief highlights some of the main characteristics of migrants from the Islamic Republic of Iran interviewed in Europe in 2018.

STATISTICAL NOTES

Asterisks (*) throughout the report signify a statistic that represents fewer than 10 people.
### DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

**NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS BY COUNTRY**

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### SOCIOECONOMIC PROFILE

#### EDUCATION LEVEL
- **72%** Secondary
- **9%** Primary
- **2%** None
- **17%** Tertiary

#### EMPLOYMENT STATUS BEFORE DEPARTURE
- **69%** Unemployed
- **22%** Employed
- **4%** Student
- **5%** Self-employed

#### OCCUPATION SECTOR BEFORE DEPARTURE
- **47%** Other
- **13%** Transportation
- **13%** IT/communications
- **10%** Accommodation

**TOTAL INTERVIEWEES:** 752

**Married:** 54%

**AGE DISTRIBUTION:**
- **14-17**
  - Men: 1
  - Women: 1
- **18-25**
  - Men: 113
  - Women: 46
- **26-35**
  - Men: 261
  - Women: 133
- **36-50**
  - Men: 122
  - Women: 63
- **51-68**
  - Men: 7
  - Women: 5
DTM FLOW MONITORING SURVEY RESULTS (2018): IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)

WHERE: MIGRATION ROUTES

DEPARTURE COUNTRY

97%
Iran (Islamic Republic of)

3%
Other

FIRST TRANSIT COUNTRY (TOP 3)

70%
Serbia

18%
Turkey

9%
Greece

INTENDED DESTINATION‡ (TOP 3)

78%
Greece

7%
Europe (in general)

5%
Germany

‡ at the time of interview

WHY: REASONS AND DRIVERS

TOP 4 REASONS FOR MIGRATION

53%
Violence

38%
Economic reasons

2%
War/conflict

1%
Lack of humanitarian services

REASONS FOR CHOOSING A SPECIFIC DESTINATION COUNTRY

51%
Only possible choice

11%
Other

8%
Access to asylum

7%
Network of co-nationals

4%
Family/relatives

3%
Safety

16%
Better socio-economic conditions

WHERE: MIGRATION ROUTES

WHY: REASONS AND DRIVERS
99% of migrants entered the country of interview through an unofficial border point.

### WITH WHOM ARE YOU TRAVELING?

- **52%** Family
- **14%** Alone
- **34%** Non-family

### COST OF THE JOURNEY

#### USD 1,000 to USD 2,500
- **26%**

#### USD 2,500 to USD 5,000
- **17%**

#### More than USD 5,000
- **13%**

#### Less than USD 1,000
- **9%**

#### Unknown
- **3%**

Note: the remaining 32% preferred not to answer.

### MODE OF TRANSPORT TO FIRST TRANSIT COUNTRY

- **76%** Plane
- **11%** Land vehicle
- **13%** Walk

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