



Arrivals

(Islands of Eastern Aegean sea, Evros and Crete)

3 402

1st Month
2025

-40%

2 057

1st Month
2026

-62%

5 398

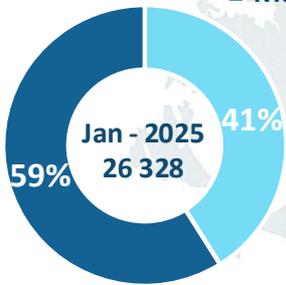
December
2025

2 057

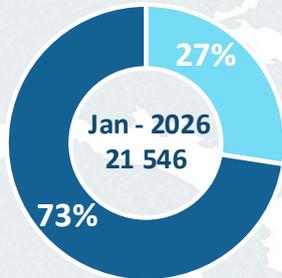
January
2026

Islands

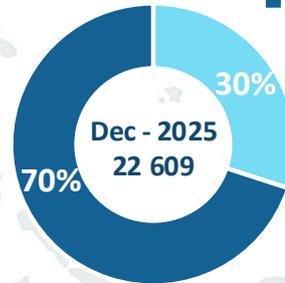
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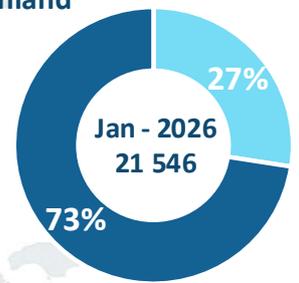
Jan - 2025
26 328



Jan - 2026
21 546



Dec - 2025
22 609



Jan - 2026
21 546

Total Residents
-18%

Residents in Islands
-46%

Total Residents
-5%

Residents in Islands
-14%

Residents

Islands

Mainland

Pending Decisions 1st & 2nd Instance



28 964
January
2025

11%



32 115
January
2026



31 947
December
2025

1%



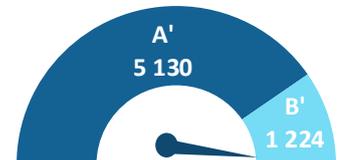
32 115
January
2026

461
Departures
1st month of 2026



2 057
Arrivals
1st month of 2026

Decisions 1st & 2nd Instance



6 354
1st month of 2026

Analytical Overview

1. Migration flows in islands of Eastern Aegean sea, Evros and Crete

Arrivals decreased by 40% in January 2026 compared to the corresponding month of 2025.

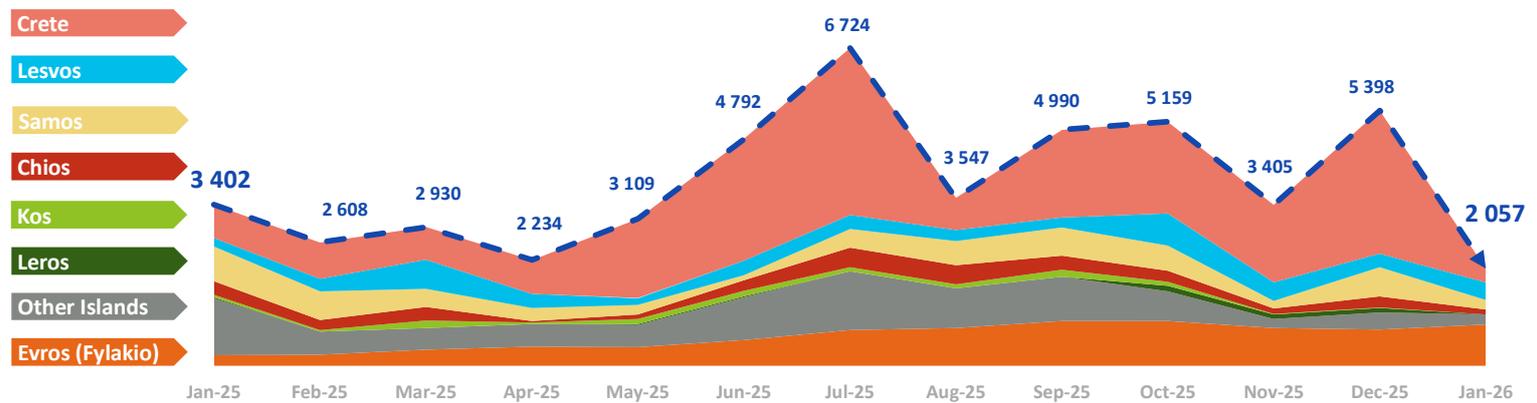
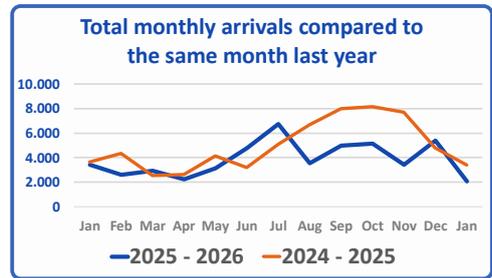
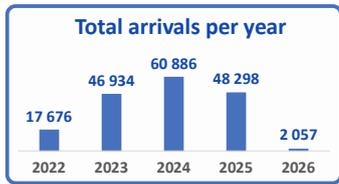
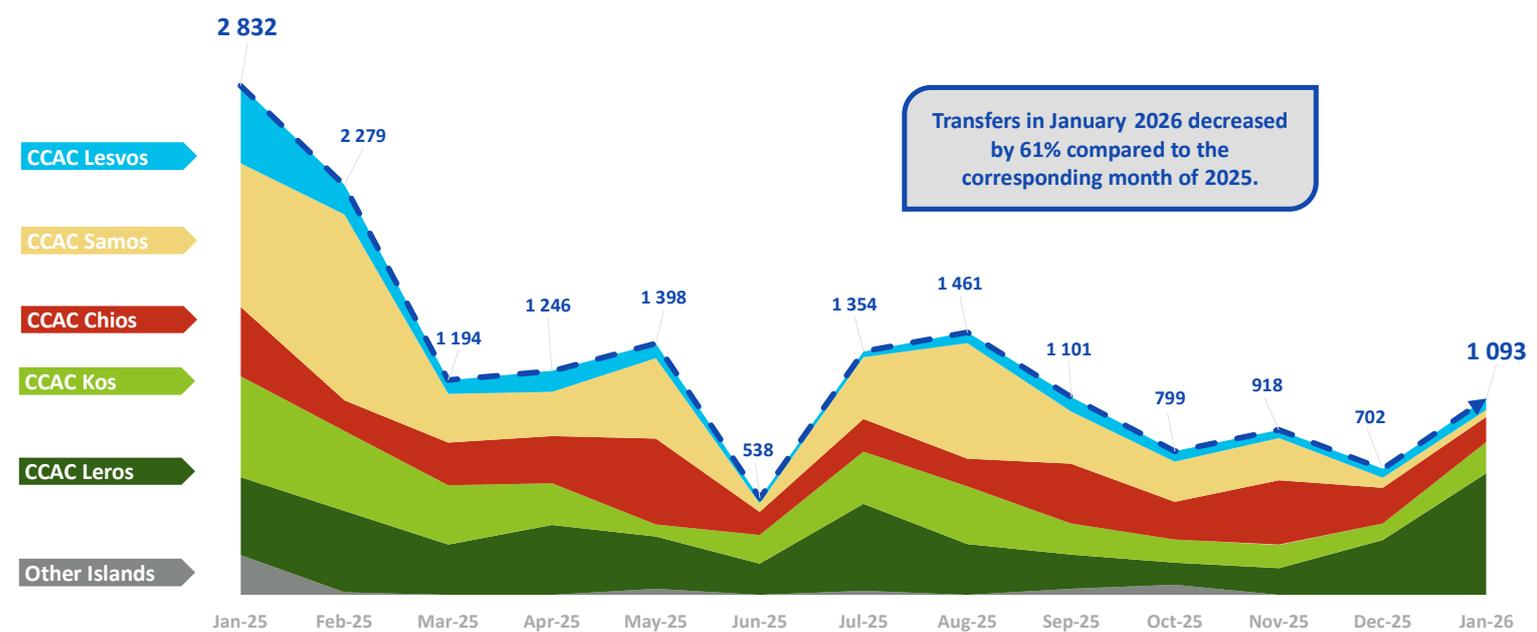


Chart 1. Migration flows (islands of Eastern Aegean sea, Evros and Crete) January 2025 – January 2026 – See Appendix Table 1

2. Transfers of asylum seekers from the islands to the mainland



Transfers in January 2026 decreased by 61% compared to the corresponding month of 2025.

Chart 2. Transfers of asylum seekers from the islands to the mainland January 2025 – January 2026 - See Appendix Table 2

3. Islands Residents

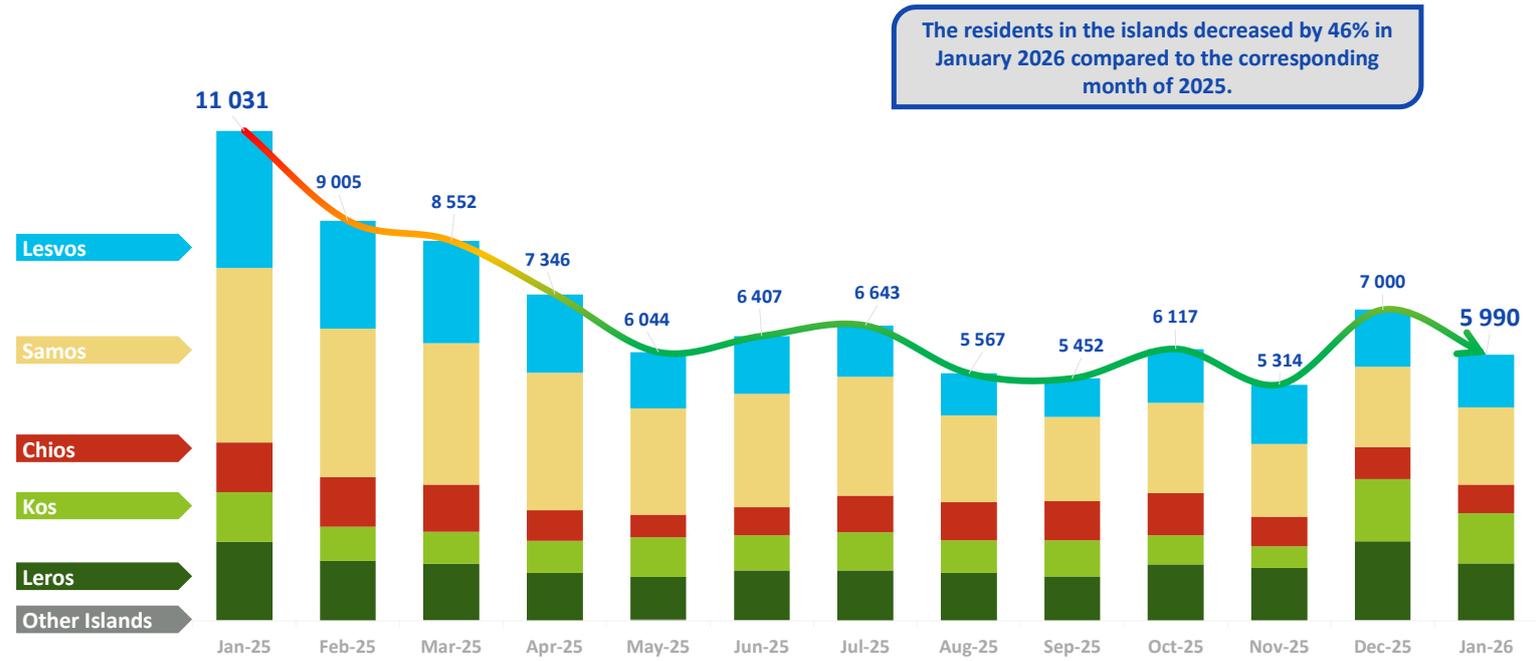


Chart 3. Island Residents in total January 2025 – January 2026 - See Appendix Table 3

4. Distribution of Asylum Seekers per Region and Accommodation scheme

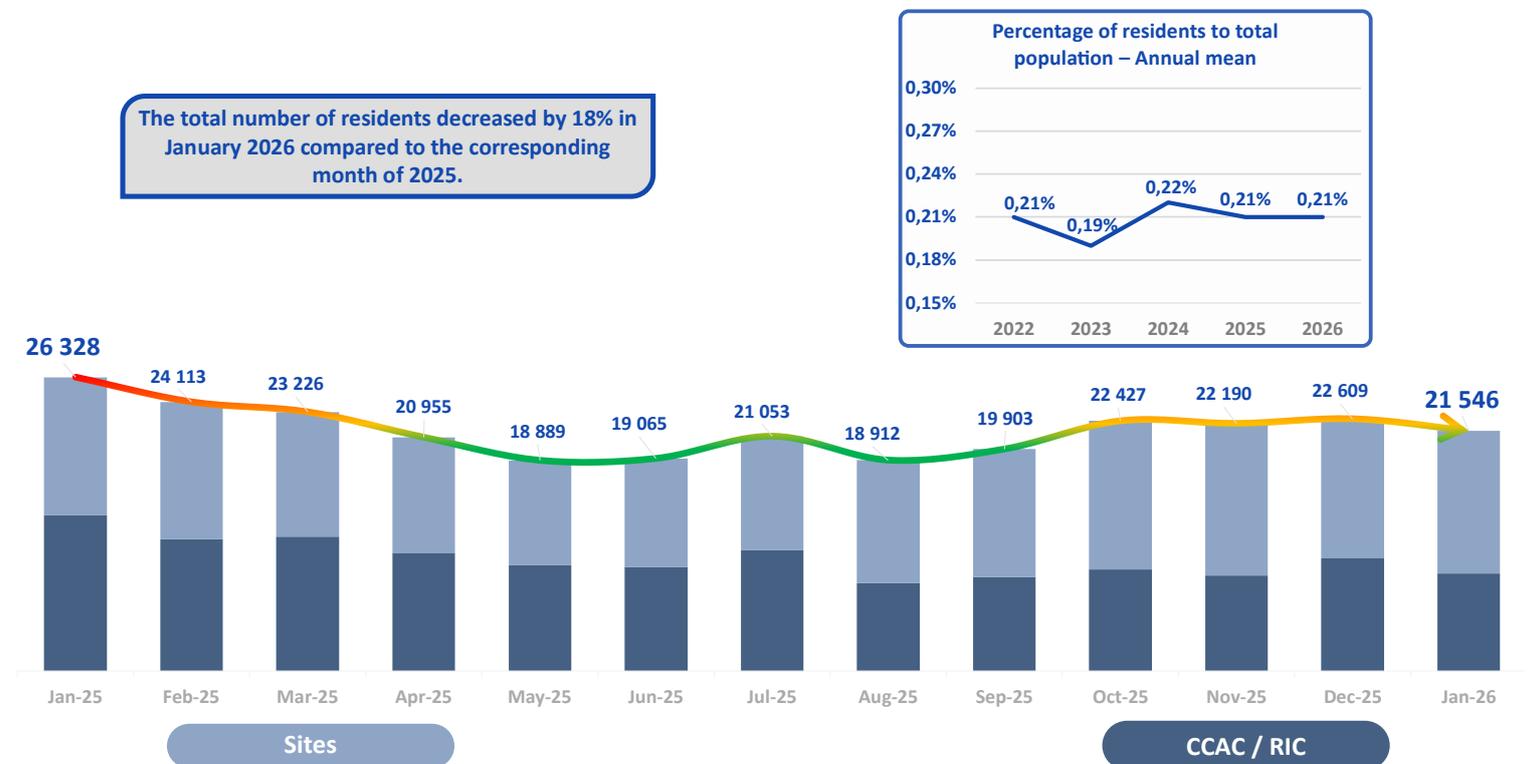
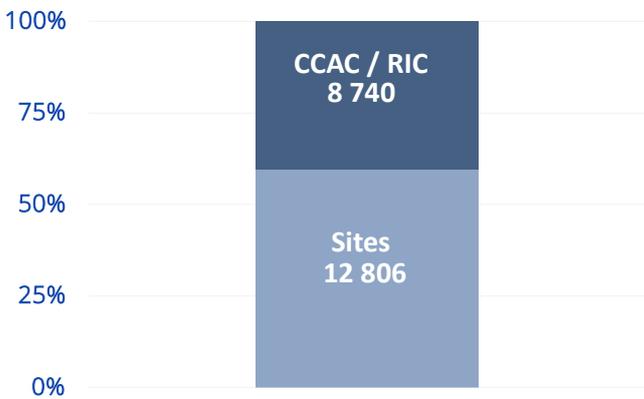
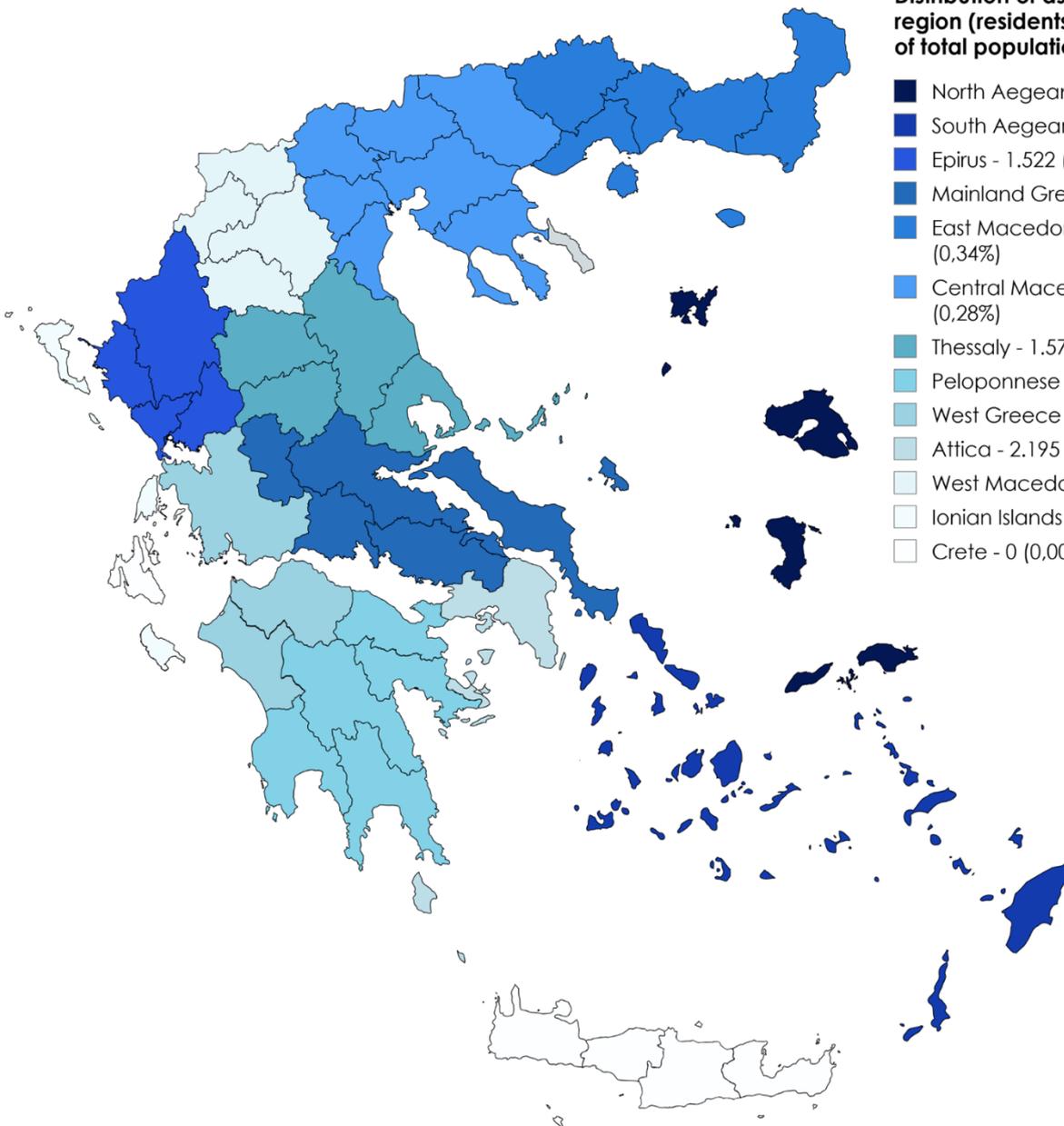


Chart 4. Progress of Residents through time – See Appendix Table 6

Distribution of asylum seekers per region (residents and percentage of total population)

- North Aegean - 3.537 (1,81%)
- South Aegean - 2.379 (0,73%)
- Epirus - 1.522 (0,48%)
- Mainland Greece - 2.415 (0,48%)
- East Macedonia & Thrace - 1.938 (0,34%)
- Central Macedonia - 5.003 (0,28%)
- Thessaly - 1.578 (0,23%)
- Peloponnese - 589 (0,11%)
- West Greece - 390 (0,06%)
- Attica - 2.195 (0,06%)
- West Macedonia - 0 (0,00%)
- Ionian Islands - 0 (0,00%)
- Crete - 0 (0,00%)



There was a decrease in the number of residents by 18% (from 26.328 to 21.546) during the last 12 months.

Chart 5. Distribution of Asylum Seekers per Region and Accommodation scheme – See Appendix Table 4 & 5

5a. Applications for International Protection

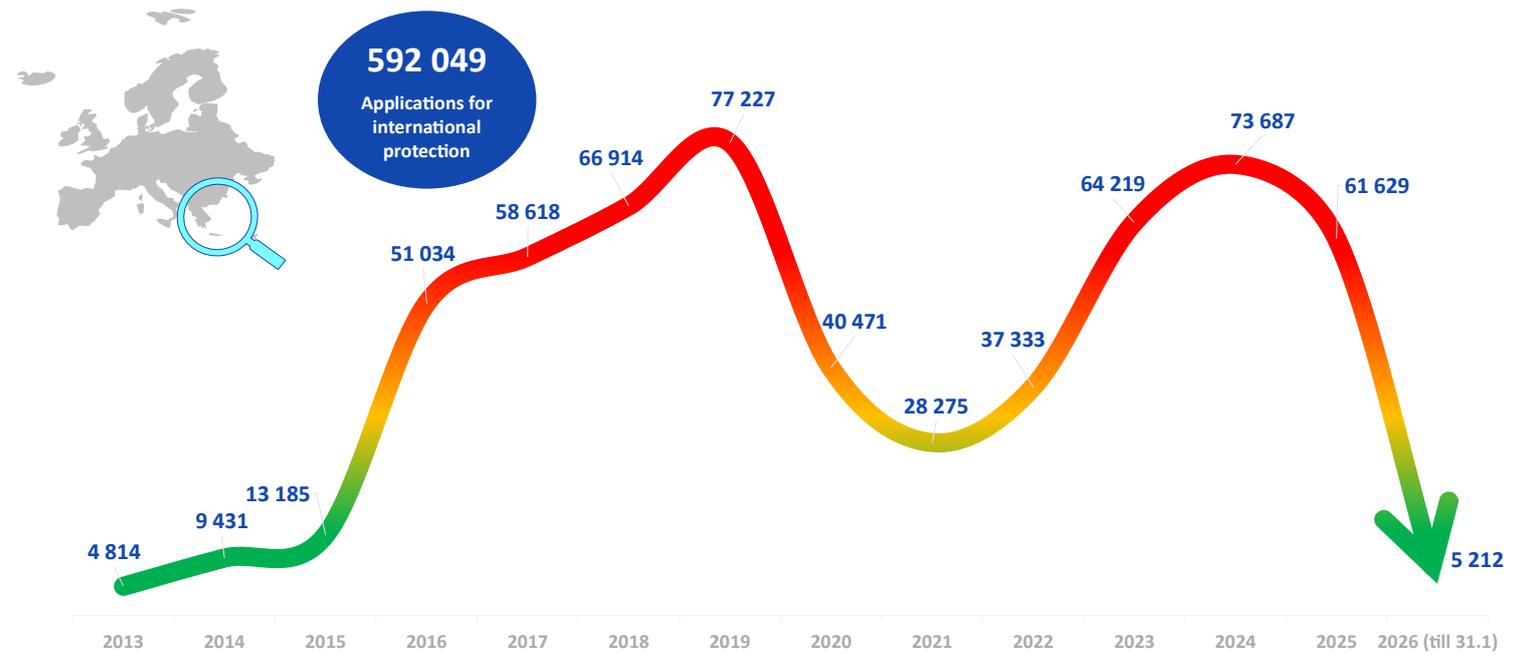


Chart 6. Applications for International Protection per year. For 2026 applications are calculated till the month of reference (January) - See Appendix Table 7a

5b. Applications for International Protection per Regional Office or Asylum Unit and per Region

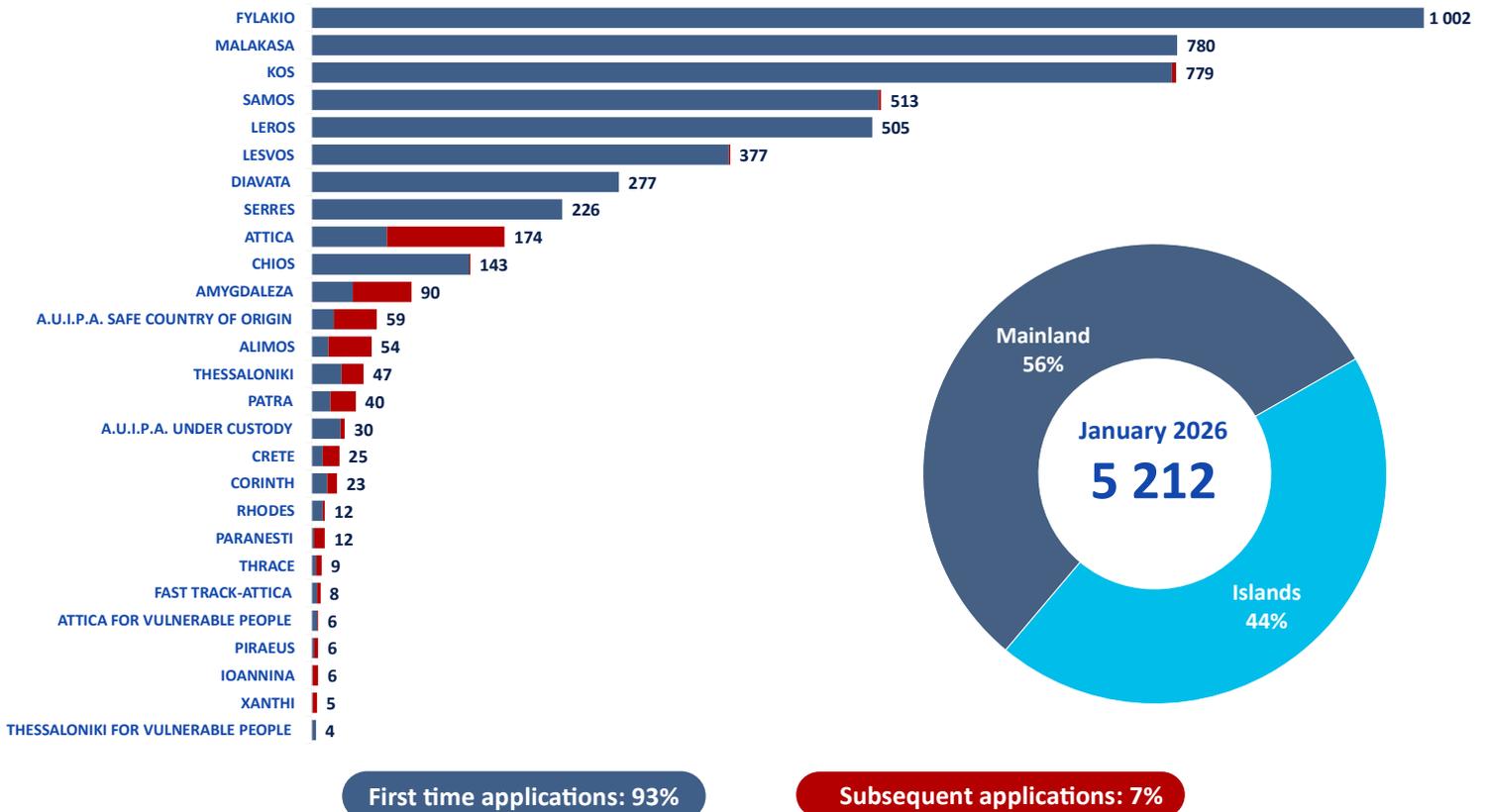


Chart 7. Applications for International Protection with distinction between first time and subsequent per Regional Office or Asylum Unit for the month of reference (January 2026) - See Appendix Table 7b

5c. Applications for International Protection per month with distinction between first time and subsequent

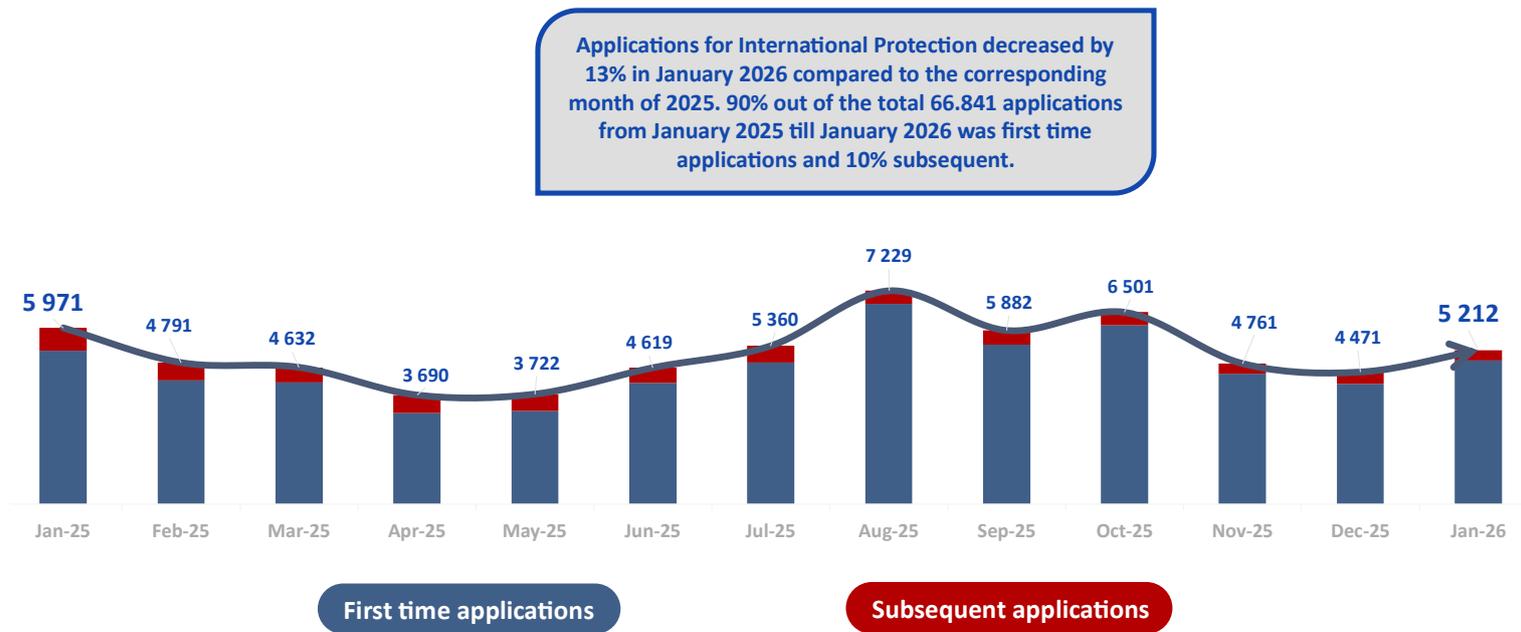


Chart 8. Applications for International Protection per month with distinction between first time and subsequent (January 2025 - January 2026) - See Appendix Table 7c

5d. Applications for International Protection per nationality, gender and age group

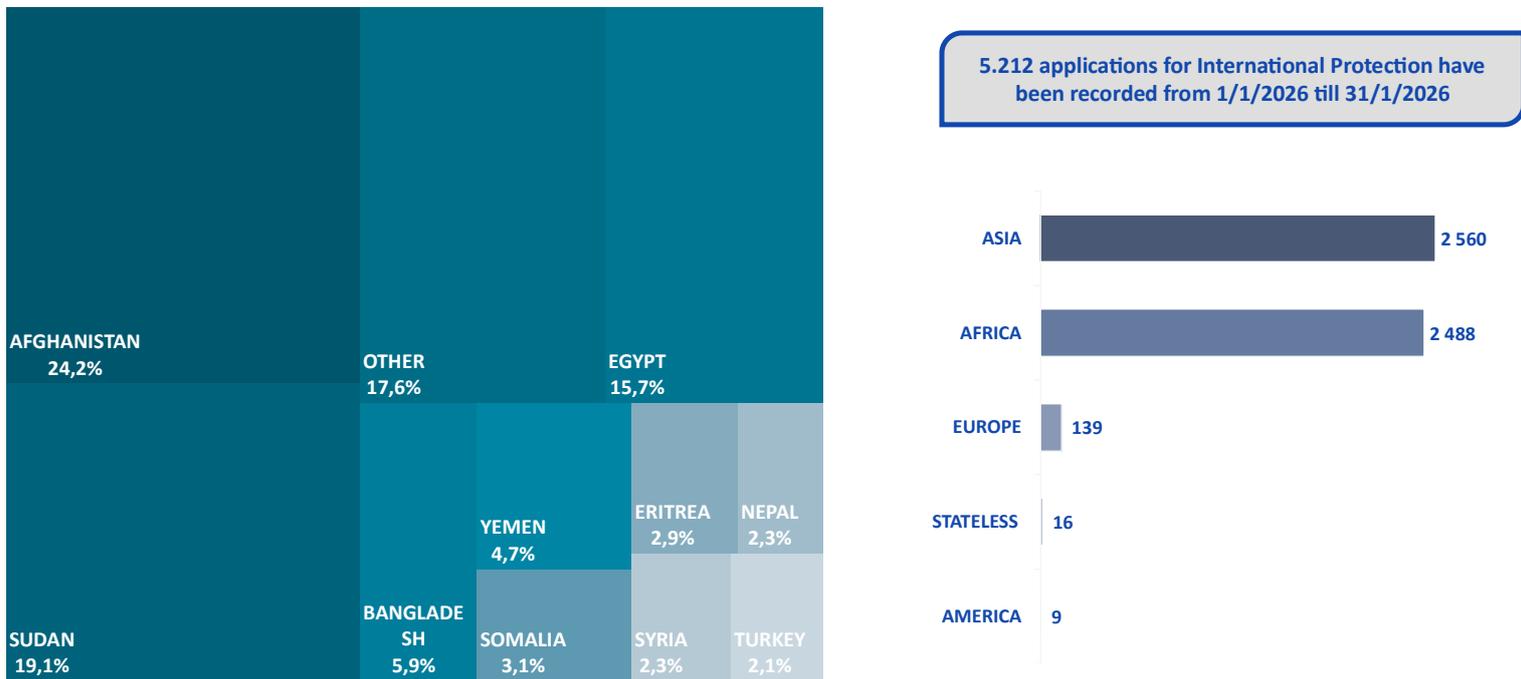


Chart 9. Applications for International Protection 1-month 2026 per Nationality (Top 10 Nationalities and distribution per continent) - See Appendix Table 7d

The 19% of the total 5.212 applications for International Protection from 1/1/2026 till 31/1/2026 refers to minors, 65% refers to the age group between 18-34, 16% refers to the age group between 35-64.

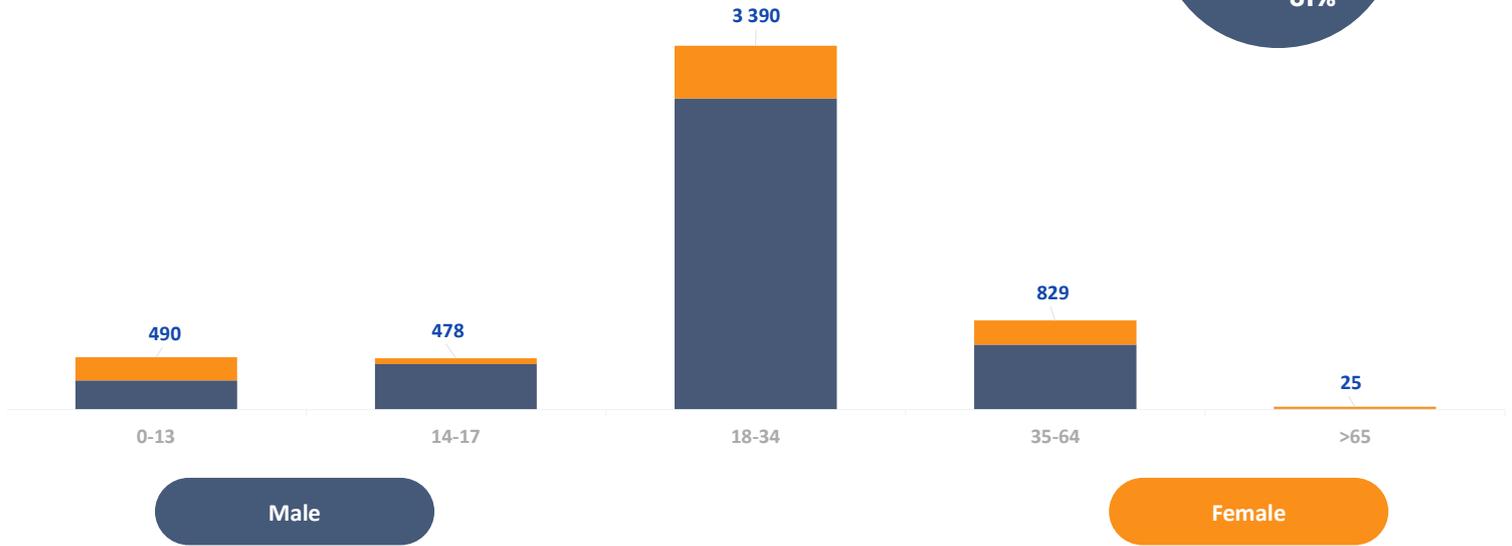
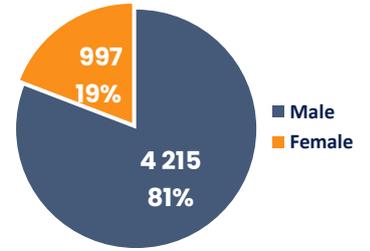


Chart 10. Applications for International Protection 1-month 2026 per gender and age group - See Appendix Table 7e

5e. Applications for International Protection of unaccompanied minors

3.307 applications for international protection of unaccompanied minors have been recorded from January 2025 till January 2026 that corresponds to 4,9% of the total 66.841 applications of international protection.

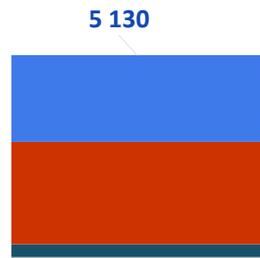
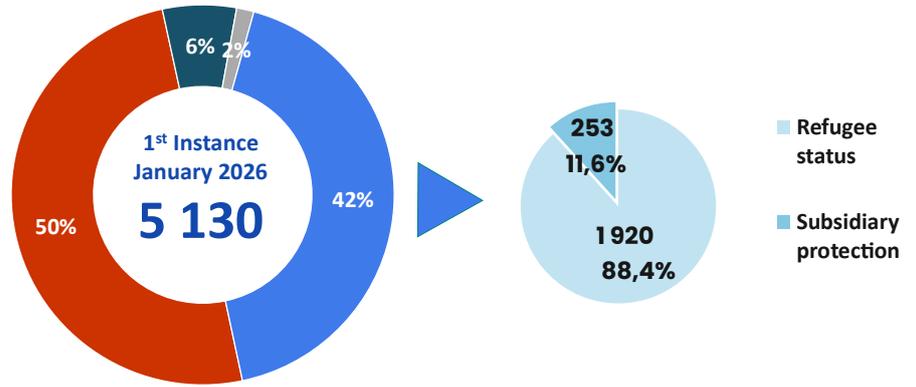
TOP 5 NATIONALITIES



Chart 11. Applications for International Protection of unaccompanied minors with distinction between first time and subsequent and top 5 nationalities January 2025-January 2026 - See Appendix Table 7f

6a. Type of Decisions – 1st Instance

5.130 decisions have been issued in the 1st Instance from 1/1/2026 till 31/1/2026. 42% of them are positive, 56% negative and 2% refers to other administrative decisions.



■ Other Administrative decisions** ■ Inadmissible decisions* ■ Negative decisions ■ Positive decisions

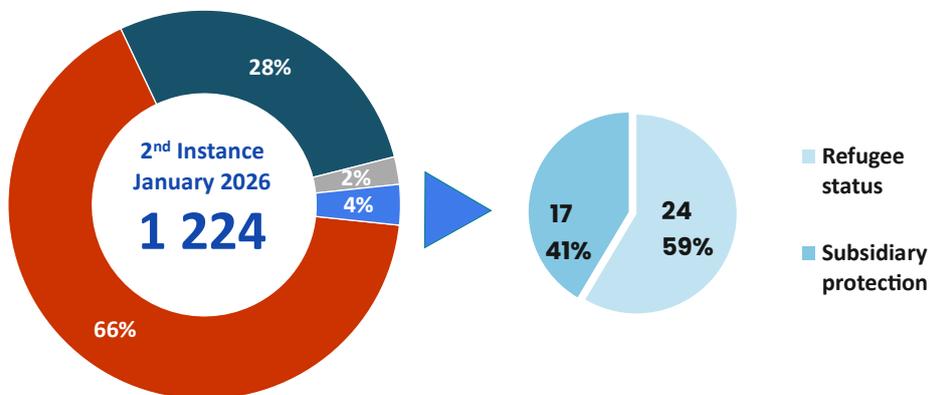
*This category consists of Inadmissible decisions (a) concept of safe third country, (b) transfer to other member state under Dublin regulation, (c) relocation program, (d) subsequent application, (e) procedural discrepancies.

** This category consists of implicit withdrawals, explicit withdrawals and decisions resulting in the filing of cases (to the archive).

Chart 12. 1st Instance Decisions per month and type for 2026 and for the month of reference (January 2026). - See Appendix Table 8a

6b. Type of Decisions – 2nd Instance

1.224 decisions have been issued in the 2nd Instance from 1/1/2026 till 31/1/2026. 3,3% of them are positive, 94,4% negative and 2,3% refers to other administrative decisions.



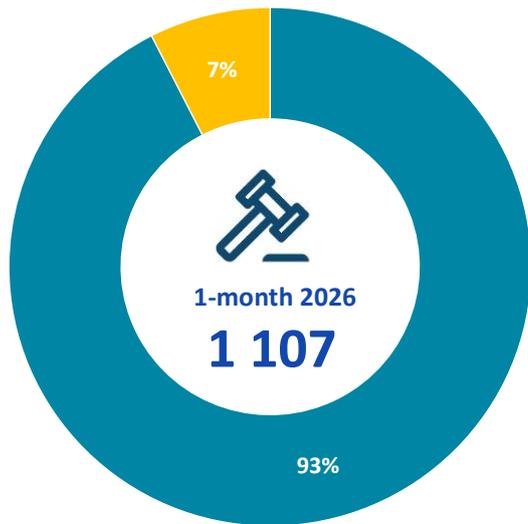
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■ Other Administrative decisions ■ Inadmissible decisions ■ Negative decisions ■ Positive decisions

Chart 13. 2nd Instance Decisions per month and type for 2026 and for the month of reference (January 2026). - See Appendix Table 8b

7. Appeals



Appeals in the 1-month of 2026 increased by 147% compared to the 1-month of 2025.

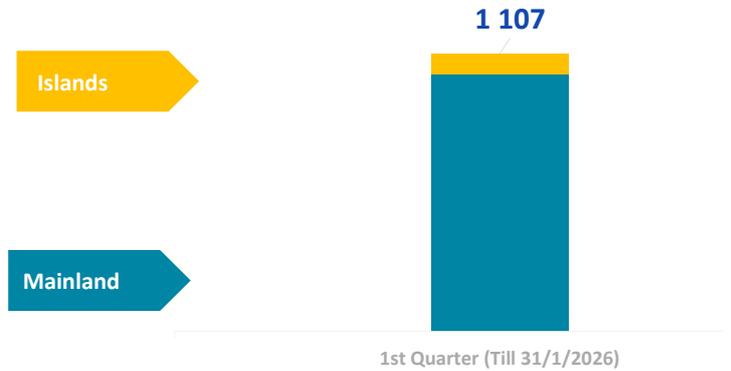
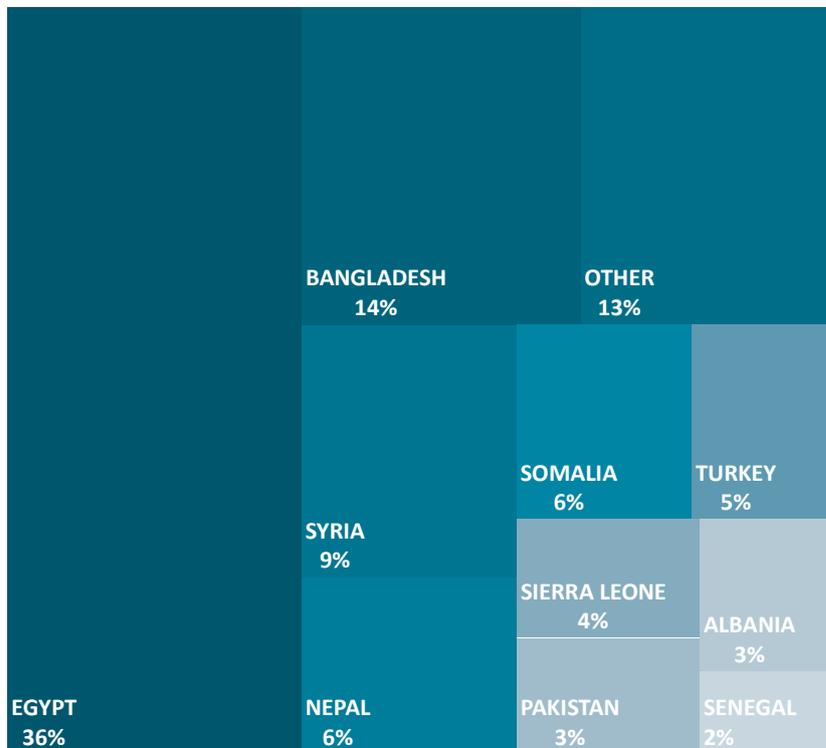


Chart 14. Appeals that have been lodged the 1-month of 2026 per location and quarter – See Appendix Table 9a



1,107 appeals have been lodged from 1/1/2026 till 31/1/2026.

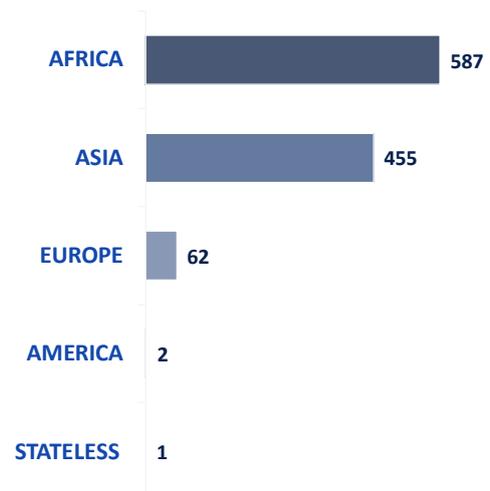


Chart 15. Appeals that have been lodged the 1-month of 2026 per Nationality (Top 10 Nationalities and distribution per continent) – See Appendix Table 9b

8a. Pending Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection – Decisions issued in 1st and 2nd Instance

The total backlog (pending applications and decisions) increased by 11% in January 2026 compared to the corresponding month of 2025.

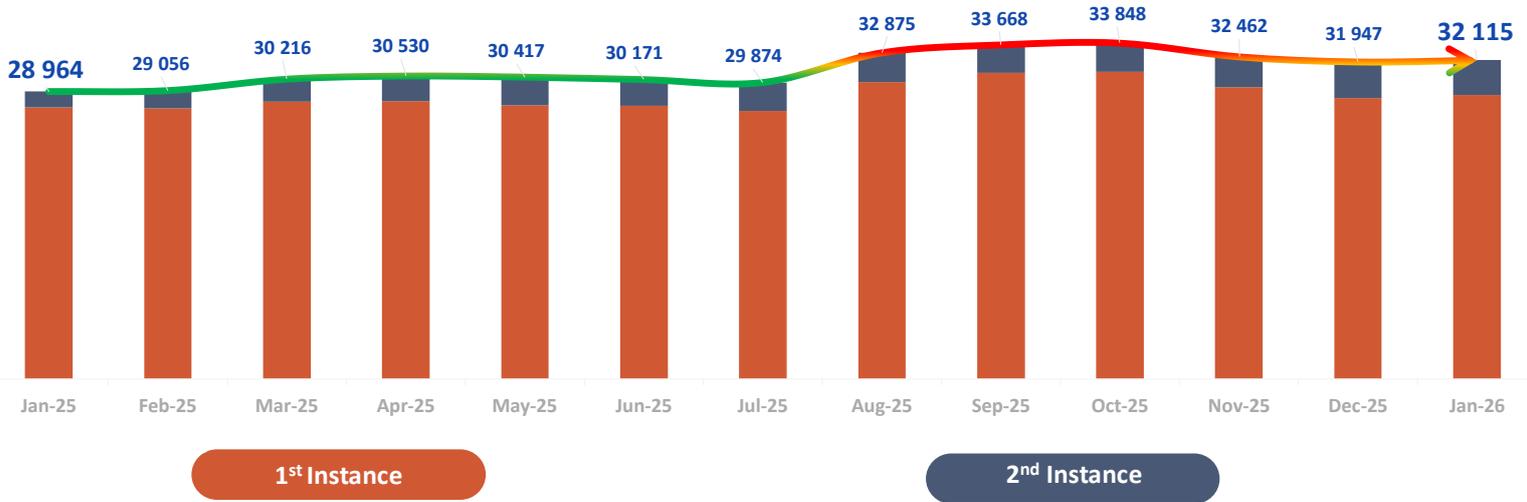


Chart 16. Aggregate Pending Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection - pending Decisions in 1st and 2nd Instance per month – See Appendix Table 10a

A comparison between January 2026 and January 2025 shows that the 1st and 2nd instance decisions have been increased by 10%.

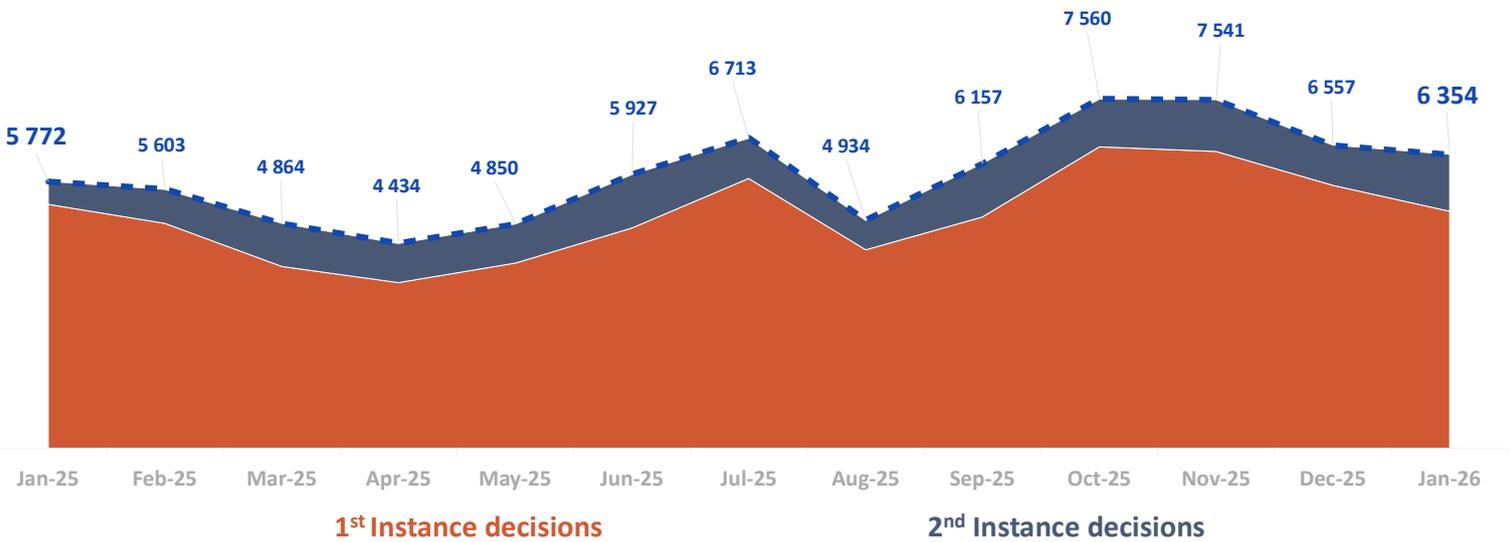


Chart 17. Aggregate Decisions issued in 1st and 2nd Instance per month - See Appendix Table 10a

- The average time for a 2nd Instance decision to be issued is 88 days since the date of appeal lodging, while it is 50 days from the date of appeal discussion.
- The total of pending decisions of Appeals Authority (3,524 pending) consists of cases that have been discussed till January 2026 (2,126 pending) or are scheduled to be discussed till April 2026 (1,398 pending).

See Appendix Table 10b

8b. Pending decisions in 1st and 2nd instance regarding notification status

A comparison between January 2026 and January 2025 shows that the pending decisions in 1st and 2nd instance regarding notification status have been decreased by 8%



Chart 18. Aggregate pending decisions in 1st and 2nd instance regarding notification status per month - See Appendix Table 10c

9a. Asylum Seekers covered by a decision granting Refugee Status in 1st and 2nd Instance

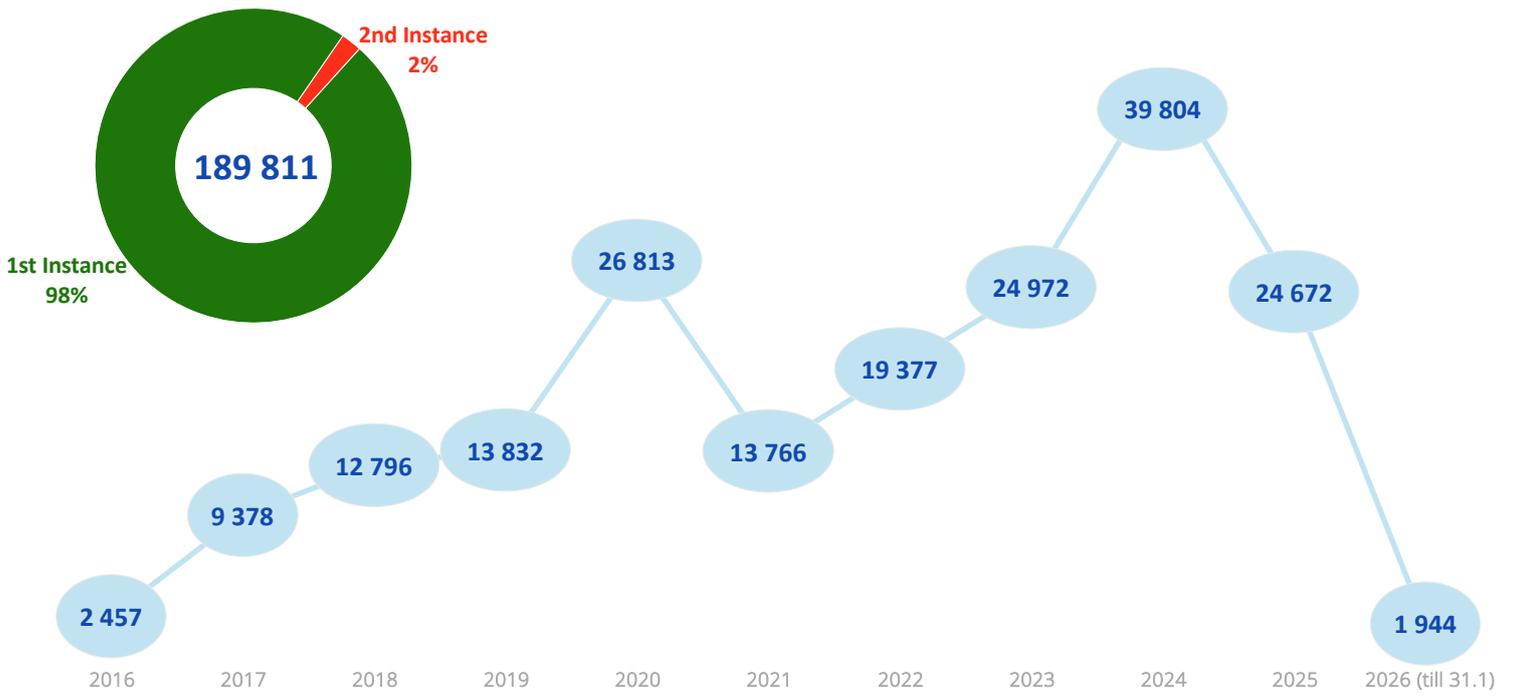


Chart 19. Aggregate Refugee Status Decisions that have been issued in 1st and 2nd instance. For 2026, the number of Refugee Status Decisions has been calculated till the month of reference (January). See Appendix Table 11a

9b. Asylum Seekers covered by a decision granting Subsidiary Protection status in 1st and 2nd Instance

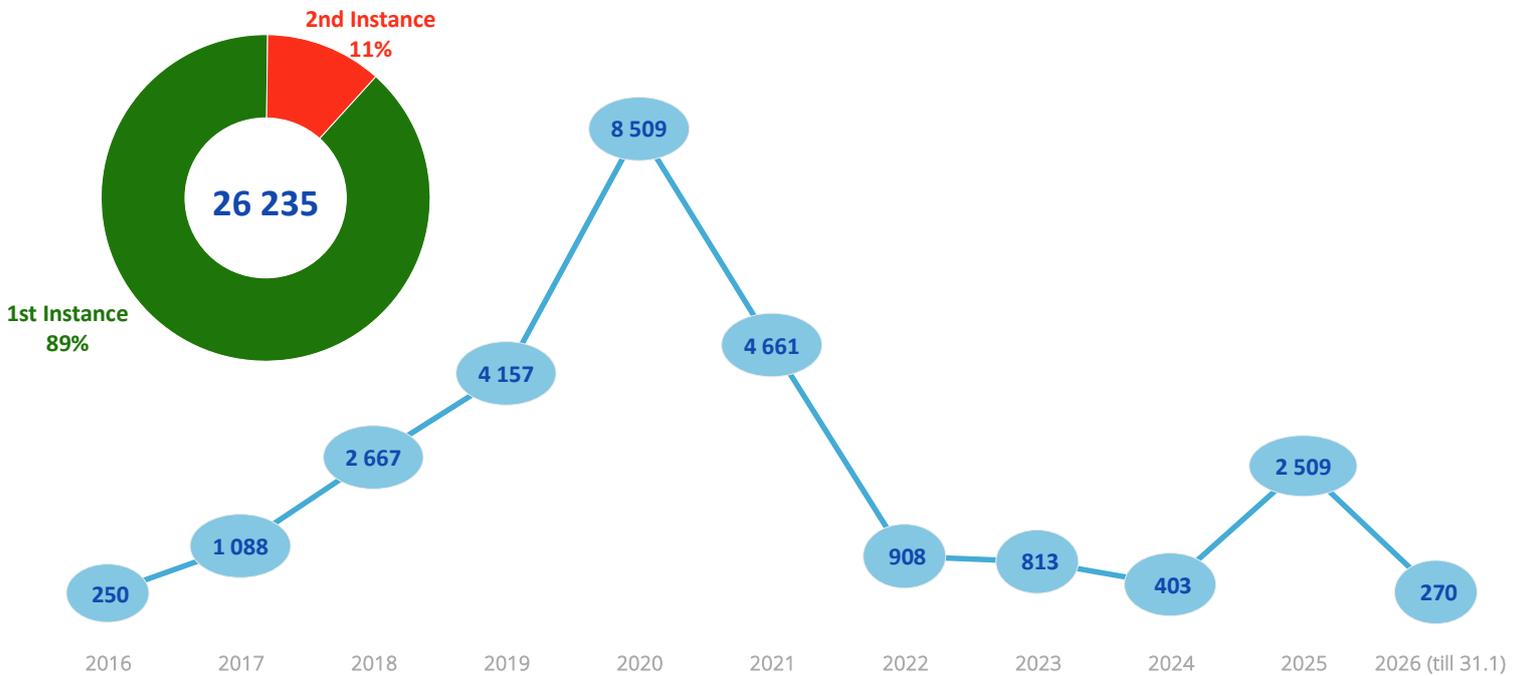
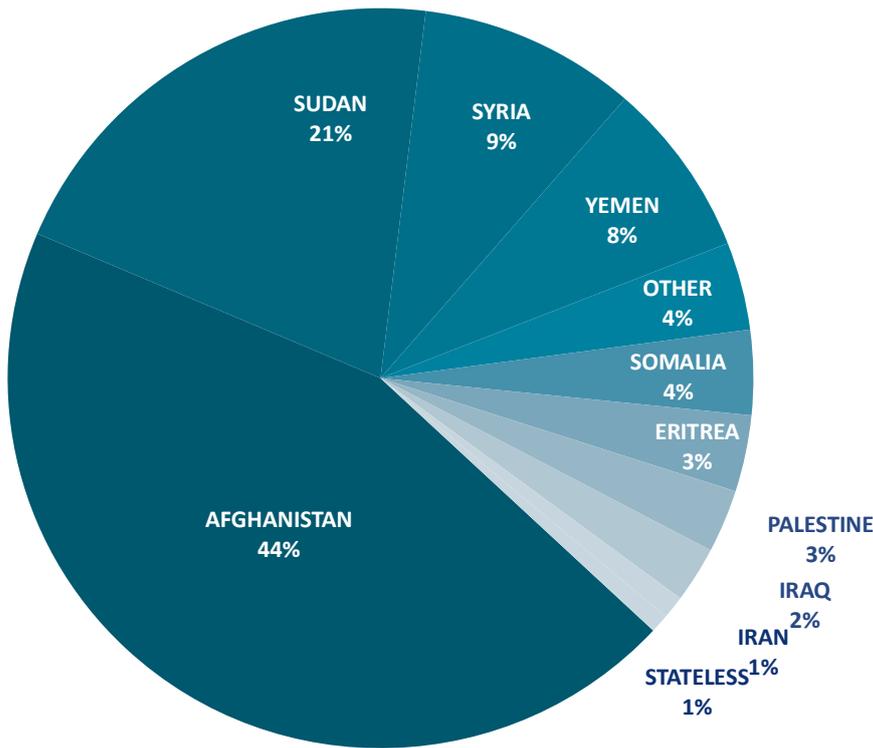


Chart 20. Aggregate Subsidiary Protection Decisions that have been issued in 1st and 2nd instance. For 2026, the number of Subsidiary Protection Decisions has been calculated till the month of reference (January). See Appendix Table 11b

9c. Positive decisions in 1st & 2nd Instance per nationality and age group



A total of 2.214 positive decisions have been issued in 1st and 2nd Instance from 1/1/2026 till 31/1/2026, 65% of them referring to citizens of Afghanistan and Sudan.

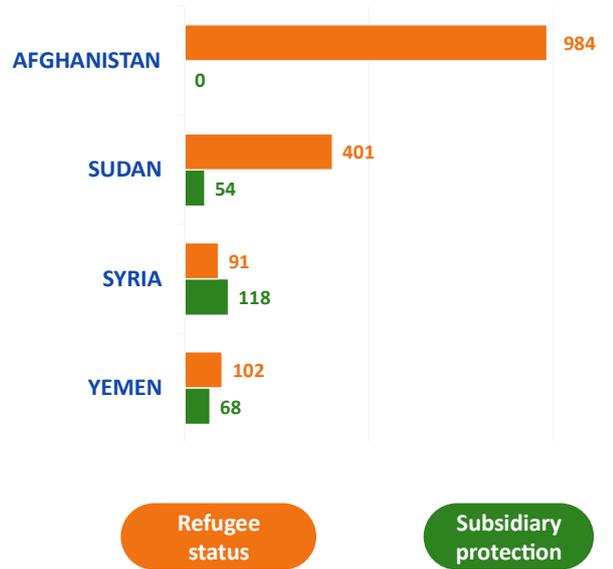


Chart 21. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 1-month of 2026 per Nationality (Top 10 Nationalities and distribution per continent). See Appendix Table 11c

1.944 decisions granting Refugee status and 270 granting Subsidiary Protection have been issued from 1/1/2026 till 31/1/2026. The 24% of the total positive decisions (2.214) refers to minors, 59% refers to the age group between 18-34, 16% refers to the age group between 35-64 and 1% refers to the age group 65+.

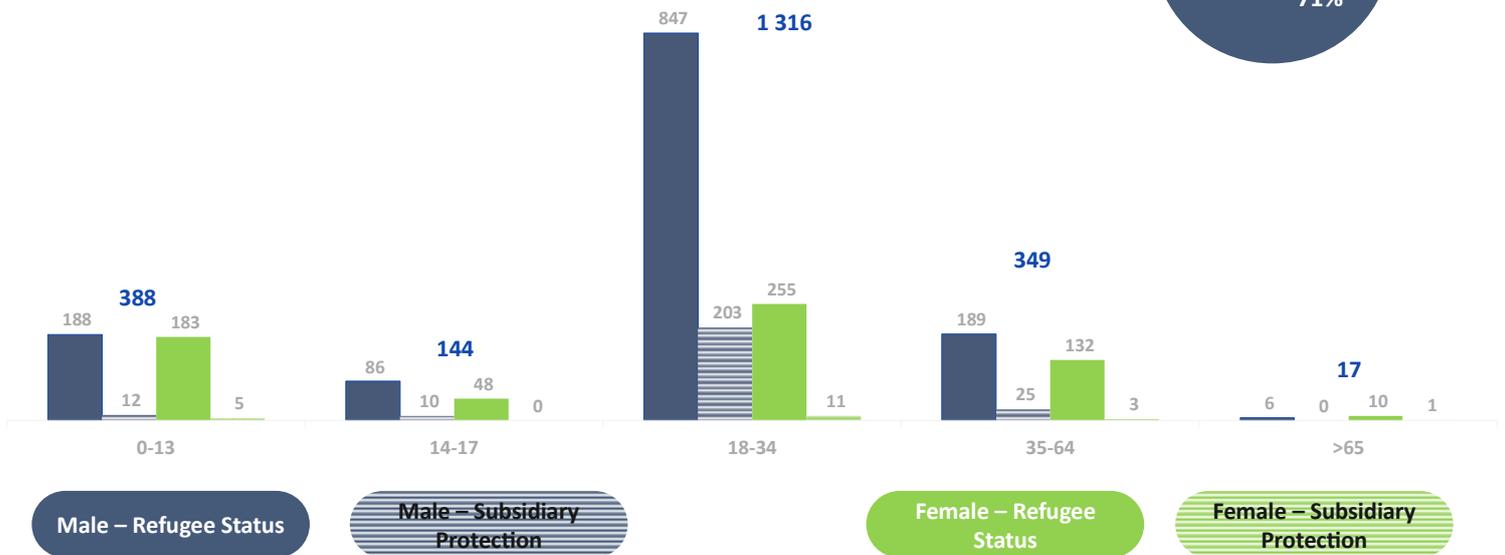
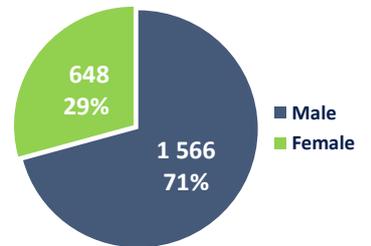
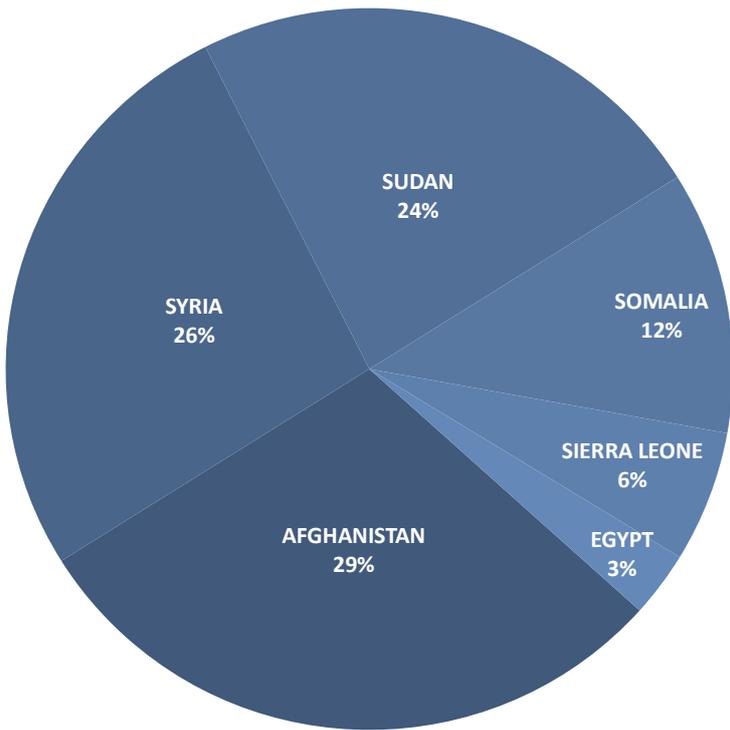


Chart 22. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 1-month of 2026 per age group, gender and type of decision - See Appendix Table 11d

9d. Positive decisions of unaccompanied minors in 1st Instance per nationality and age group



A total of 34 positive decisions have been issued in 1st Instance from 1/1/2026 till 31/1/2026 regarding unaccompanied minors, 56% of them referring to Afghanistan and Syria.

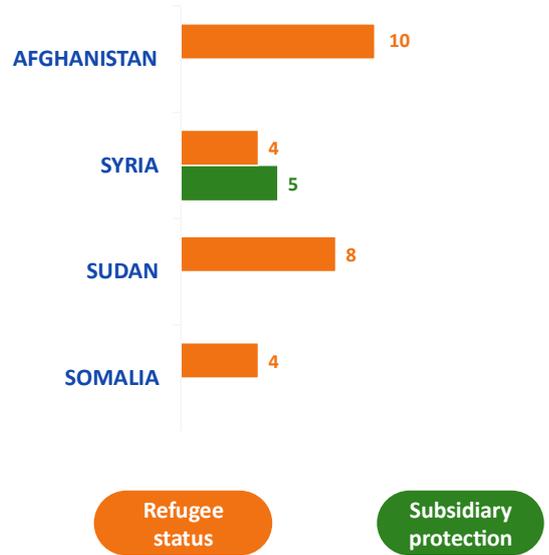


Chart 23. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 1st Instance of unaccompanied minors in 1-month of 2026 per Nationality (Top Nationalities and distribution per continent). See Appendix Table 11e

29 decisions granting Refugee status and 5 granting Subsidiary Protection have been issued from 1/1/2026 till 31/1/2026. The 3% of the total positive decisions (34) refers to the age group between 0-13, 97% refers to the age group between 14-17.

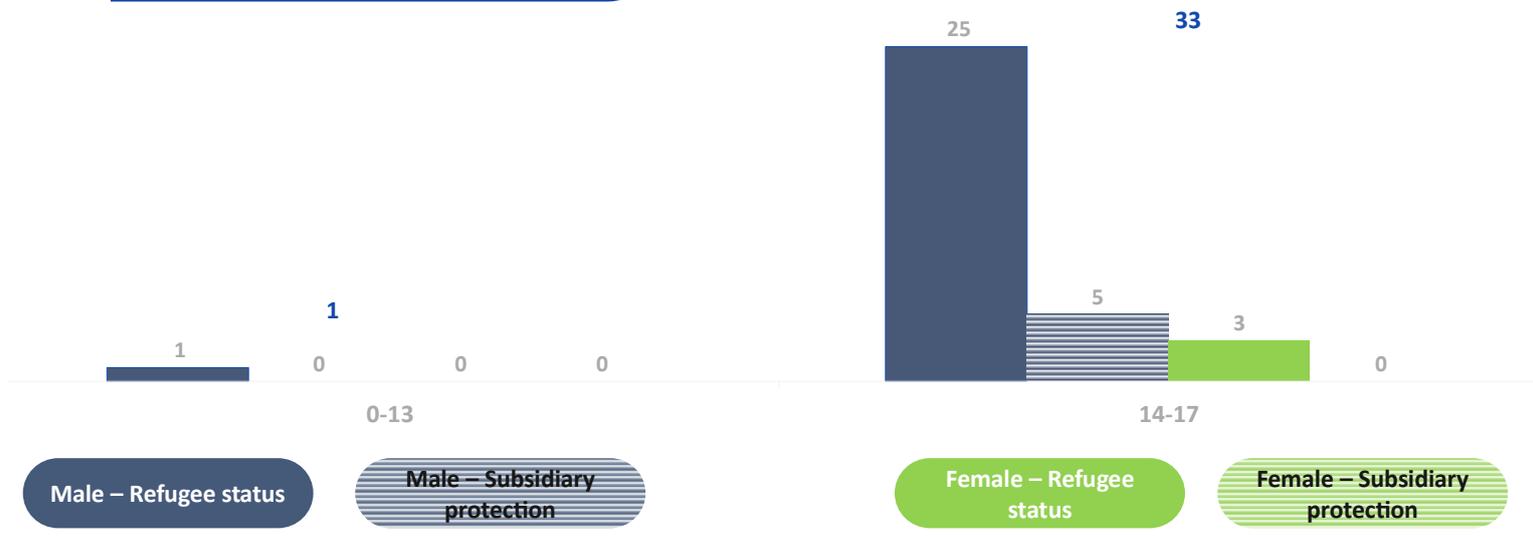
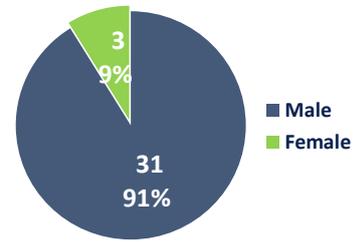


Chart 24. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 1st Instance of unaccompanied minors in 1-month of 2026 per age group, gender and type of decision - See Appendix Table 11f

9e. Recognition Rate in 1st & 2nd Instance

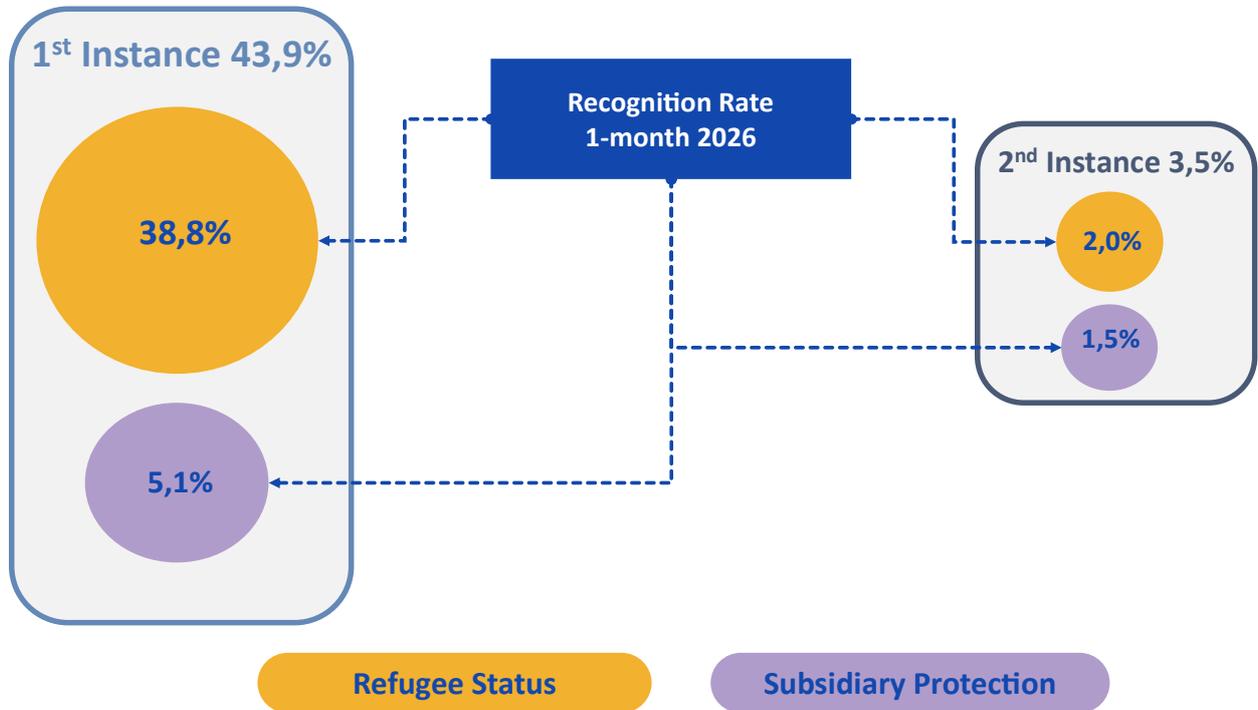


Chart 25. Recognition Rate in 1st & 2nd Instance. See Appendix Table 11g

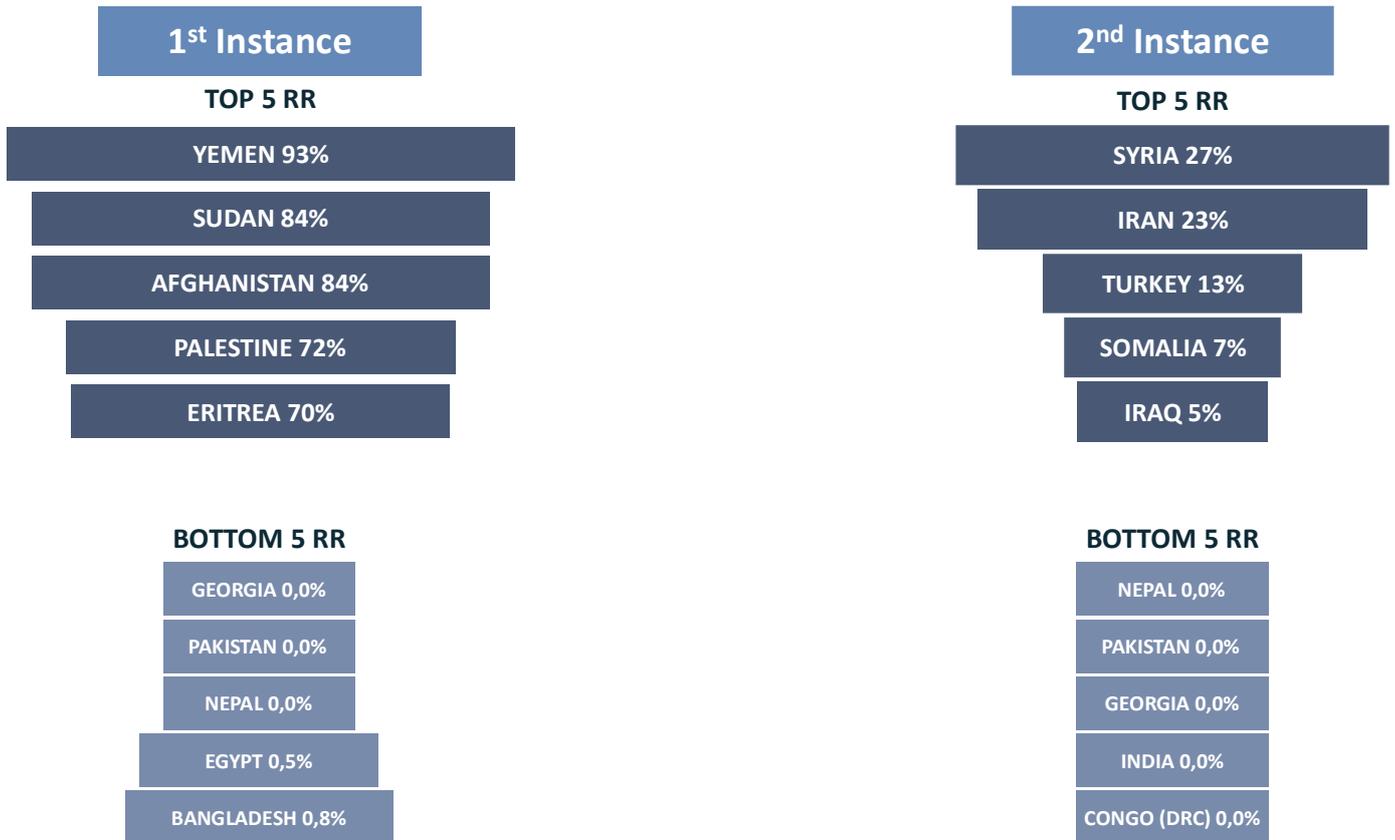


Chart 26. Recognition Rate 1-month 2026 in 1st & 2nd Instance for top and bottom 5 nationalities. For the calculation of Recognition rate in 1st Instance have been included nationalities for which have been issued at least 40 decisions in 2026 and for the 2nd Instance at least 13 decisions. See Appendix Table 11g

*RR=Recognition Rate

10. Applications for annulment of 2nd Instance Decisions before the Administrative Court

The 17,7% of the total applications for annulment per year of lodging (6.727) are pending while for the rest of them (82,3%), a decision has been issued. 5,7% of the decisions had a positive outcome and 94,3% were rejected.

From the total of 5.534 decisions regarding applications for annulment (per year of decision) 39% have been issued in 2023, 2024 and 2025.

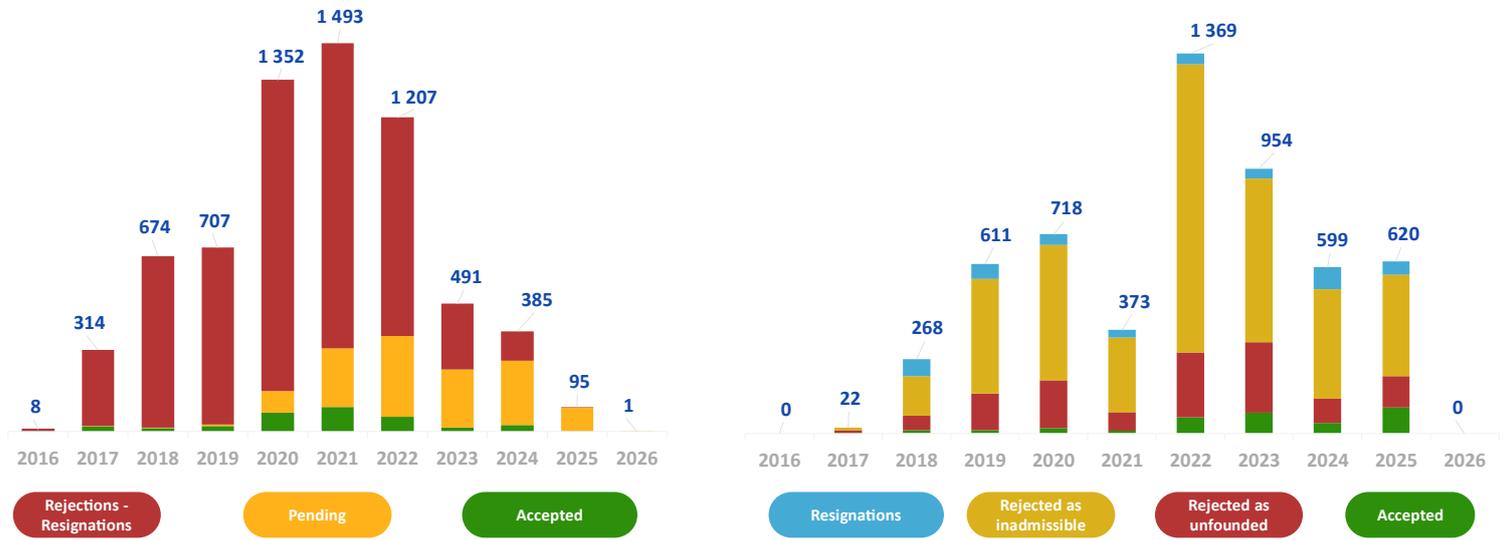


Chart 27. Applications for annulment of 2nd Instance Decisions before the Administrative Court per year of lodging (Left) – Decisions regarding Applications for annulment per year of decision (Right). See Appendix Table 12a and 12b

11a. HELIOS+ Integration Program (Integrated Actions for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals into the Labor Market)

The HELIOS+ program has been implemented since 1/1/2025 by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) across all regions of the country, through its integration into the Regional Operational Programs and with funding from the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+).

It is addressed to beneficiaries of international and temporary protection, aiming to support their independent living and social integration process through the provision of the following integrated services:

- support for independent living
- integration counseling
- Greek language courses
- facilitation of access to the labor market
- awareness-raising among the local community and promotion of social cohesion

The Ministry of Migration and Asylum, through the Directorate of Social Integration, monitors the implementation of the HELIOS+ program's activities, as reflected in the relevant monthly Factsheets published by the Implementing Agency on the program's official website.

From 1/1/2025 till 31/1/2026, 2.060 beneficiaries have been enrolled in the program. Among them, 1.025 beneficiaries have received rental subsidies, 1.230 have received integration counseling services, and 1.120 have received employment counseling services.



January 2026:

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Total registered beneficiaries since the beginning of the project

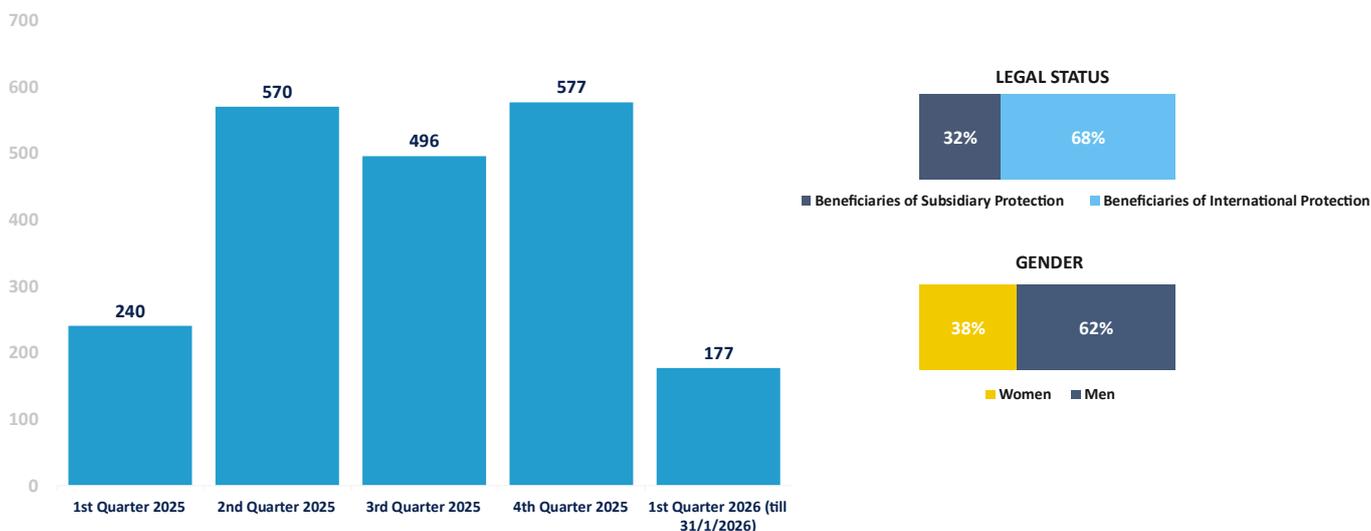
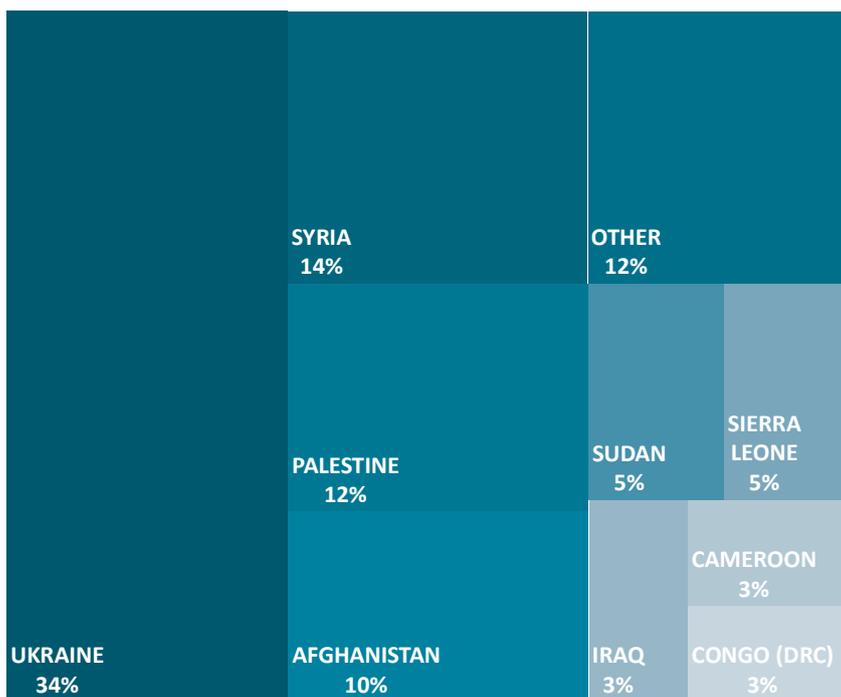


Chart 28. Helios+ Enrollments per quarter. See Appendix Table 13



60% of the total 2.060 registered beneficiaries from 1/1/2025 till 31/1/2026 come from Ukraine, Syria and Palestine.

Chart 29. Helios+ Enrollments per nationality. See Appendix Table 14

11b. HELIOS JUNIOR Integration Program (Integrated Actions for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals into the Labor Market)

The HELIOS Junior programme has been implemented since October 2024 by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in cooperation with experienced implementing partners and with funding from the European Union's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF).

It is addressed to third-country nationals aged 18–21 who legally reside in Greece and arrived in the country as unaccompanied minors, with the aim of supporting them during their exit from previous accommodation facilities, ensuring a smooth transition to independent living conditions, and facilitating their integration into Greek society and the labour market.

In summary, the services provided to the programme's beneficiaries include:

- accommodation in rented and fully furnished apartments and support for independent living
- development of an individual integration plan and continuous monitoring and support throughout the integration process
- individual counselling, referral to formal education and training providers for attendance of Greek language courses and vocational training programmes, and support in the certification of knowledge and skills
- provision of a monthly cash allowance to cover basic needs

The Ministry of Migration and Asylum, through the Directorate of Social Integration, monitors the implementation of the physical scope of the HELIOS Junior programme, as recorded and presented in the monthly Factsheets published by the Implementing Body on the programme's official website.

From 1/1/2025 till 31/1/2026, a total of 410 individuals have been enrolled in the programme.

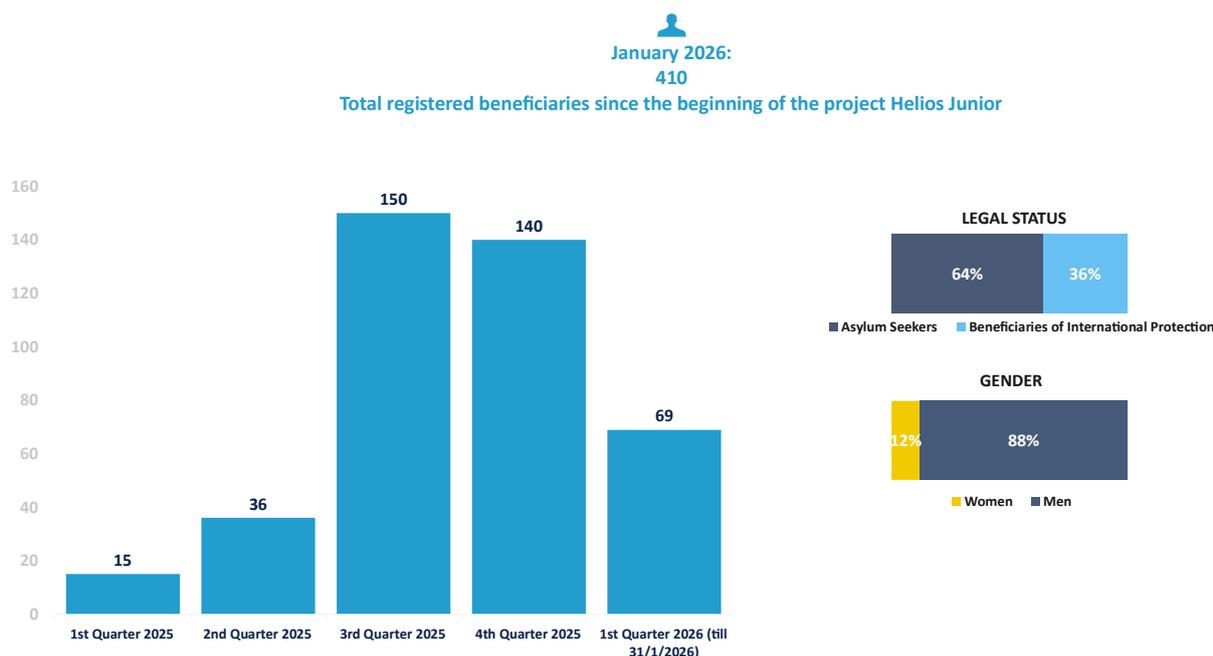
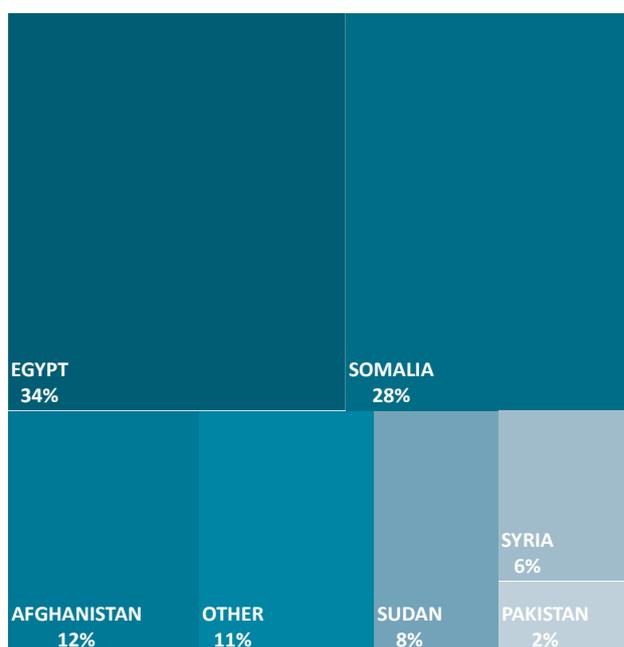


Chart 30. Helios Junior Enrollments per quarter. See Appendix Table 15



74% of the total 410 registered beneficiaries from 1/1/2025 till 31/1/2026 come from Egypt, Somalia and Afghanistan.

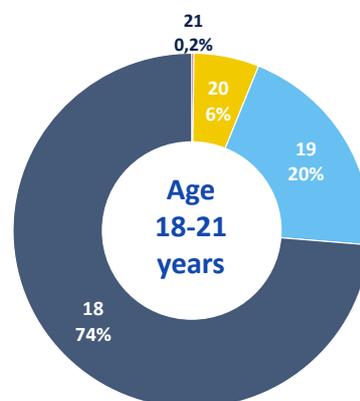


Chart 31. Helios Junior Enrollments per nationality and age. See Appendix Table 16

12. Returns - Departures

In January 2026 the departures from Greece to third countries outside the EU, as well as to member states of the European Union are the following:

- 142 forced deportations and returns of third country nationals, based on agreements of the European Union, but also bilateral agreements of our country.
- 130 voluntary departures through IOM.
- 104 voluntary departures of immigrants from our country to their countries of origin.
- 85 transfers to Member States of the European Union under the Dublin Regulation.
- Returns under the EU - Turkey Joint Declaration have not been made since March 2020 due to Covid-19. It should be noted that despite the lifting of the Covid-19 measures the requests of missions-returns of the Greek authorities have not been answered.
- A total of 461 people left the country in January, while 2.057 arrived.

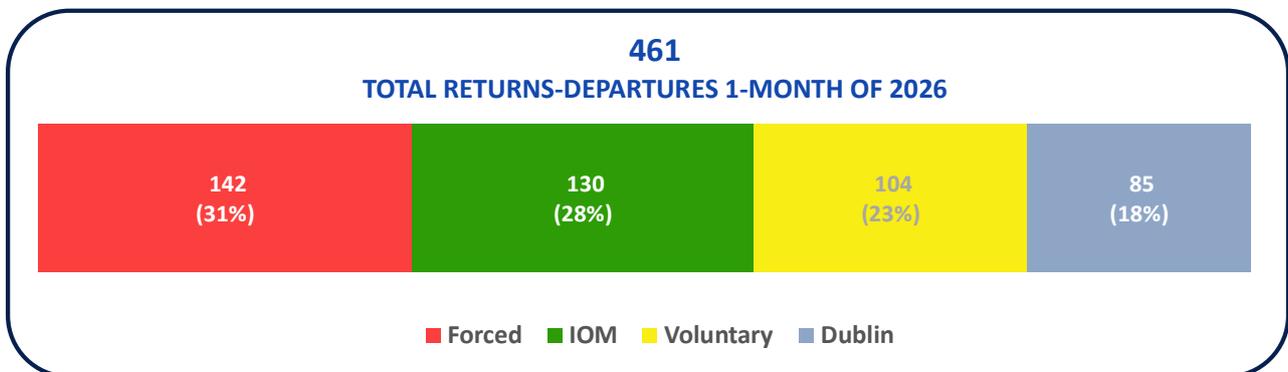
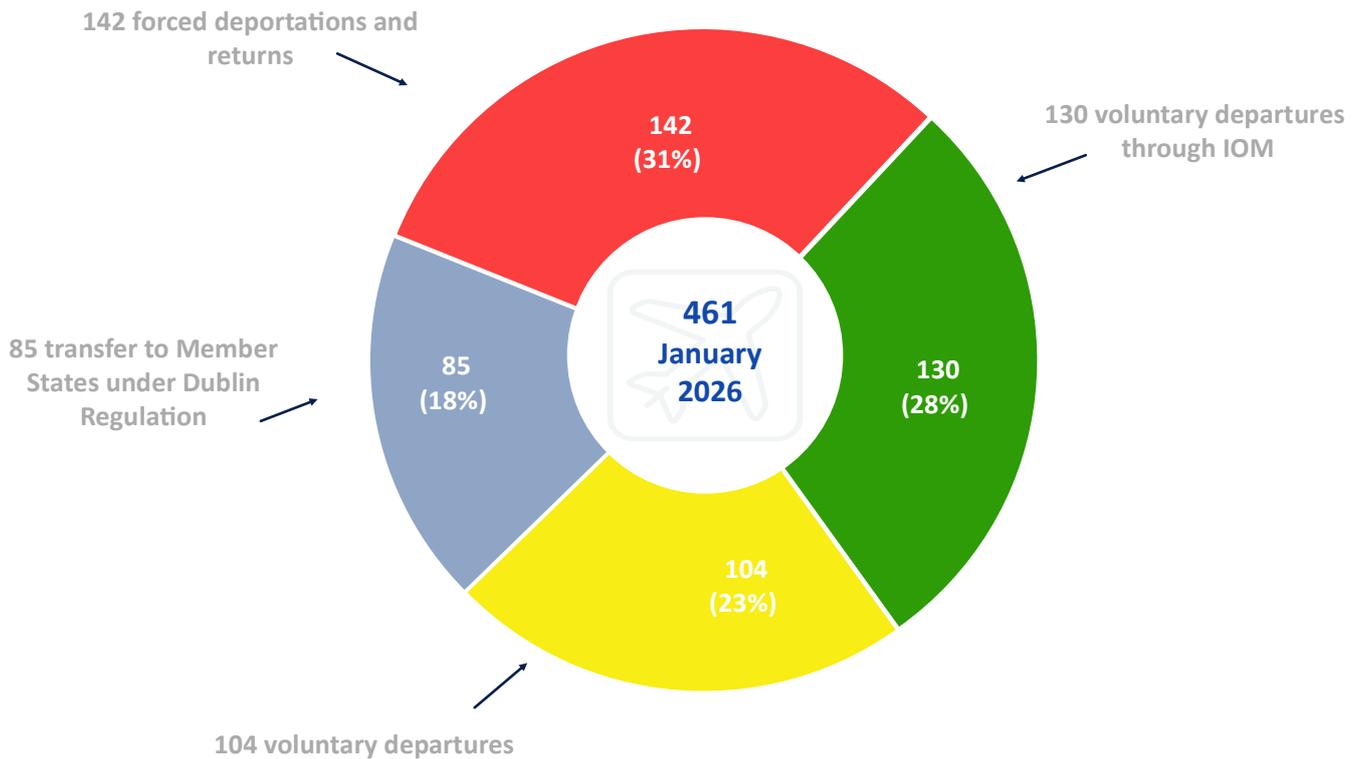


Chart 32. Returns-Departures – See Appendix Table 17.

All tables are included in Appendix A

13. Special Edition – Arrivals of Ukraine citizens due to war

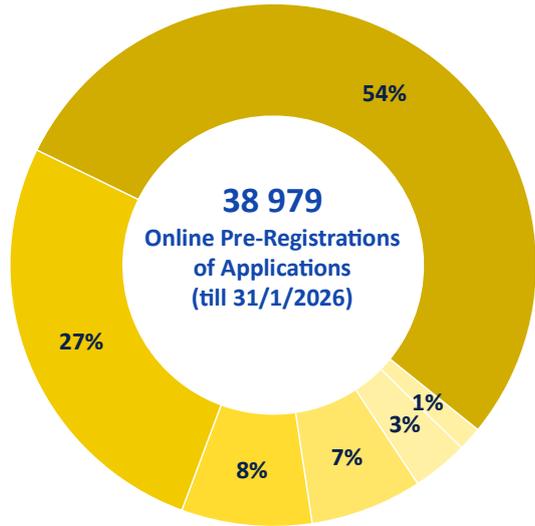


Chart 33. Total Ukrainian Residents & Online pre-registrations of applications (January 2026) - See Appendix Table 18

Until 31/1/2026 there were issued 38.286 cards for Temporary Protection to displaced people from Ukraine where 70% refers to women and 30% to men.

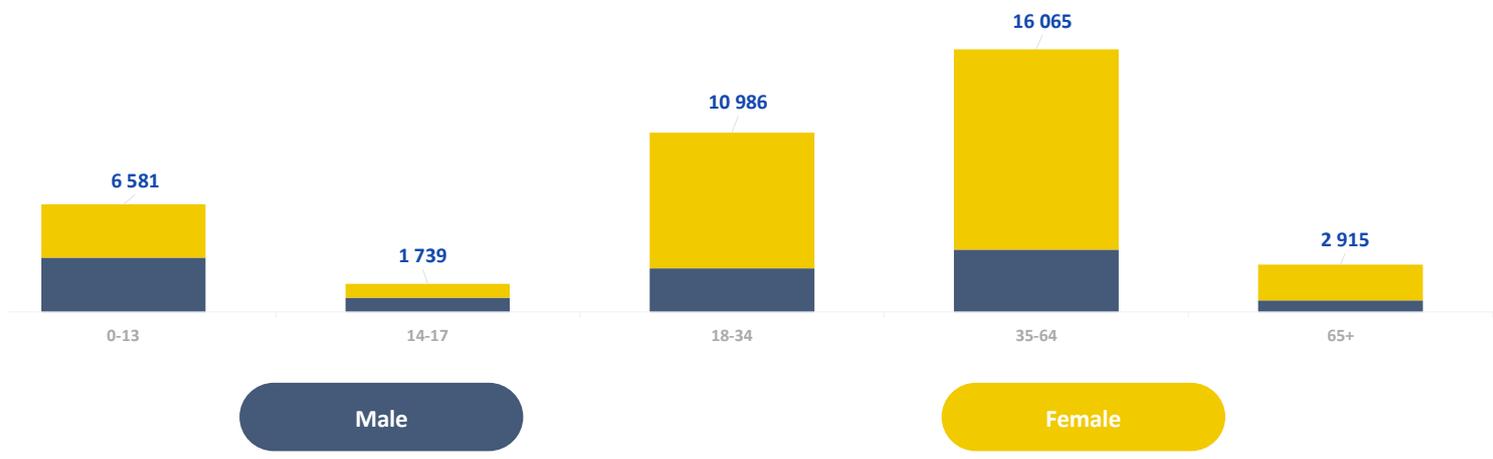
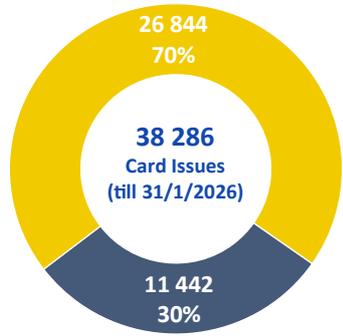


Chart 34. Total card issues to Ukrainians for Temporary Protection per age group and gender (January 2026) - See Appendix Table 19

14. Special Edition – Migration flows in rest of country by sea

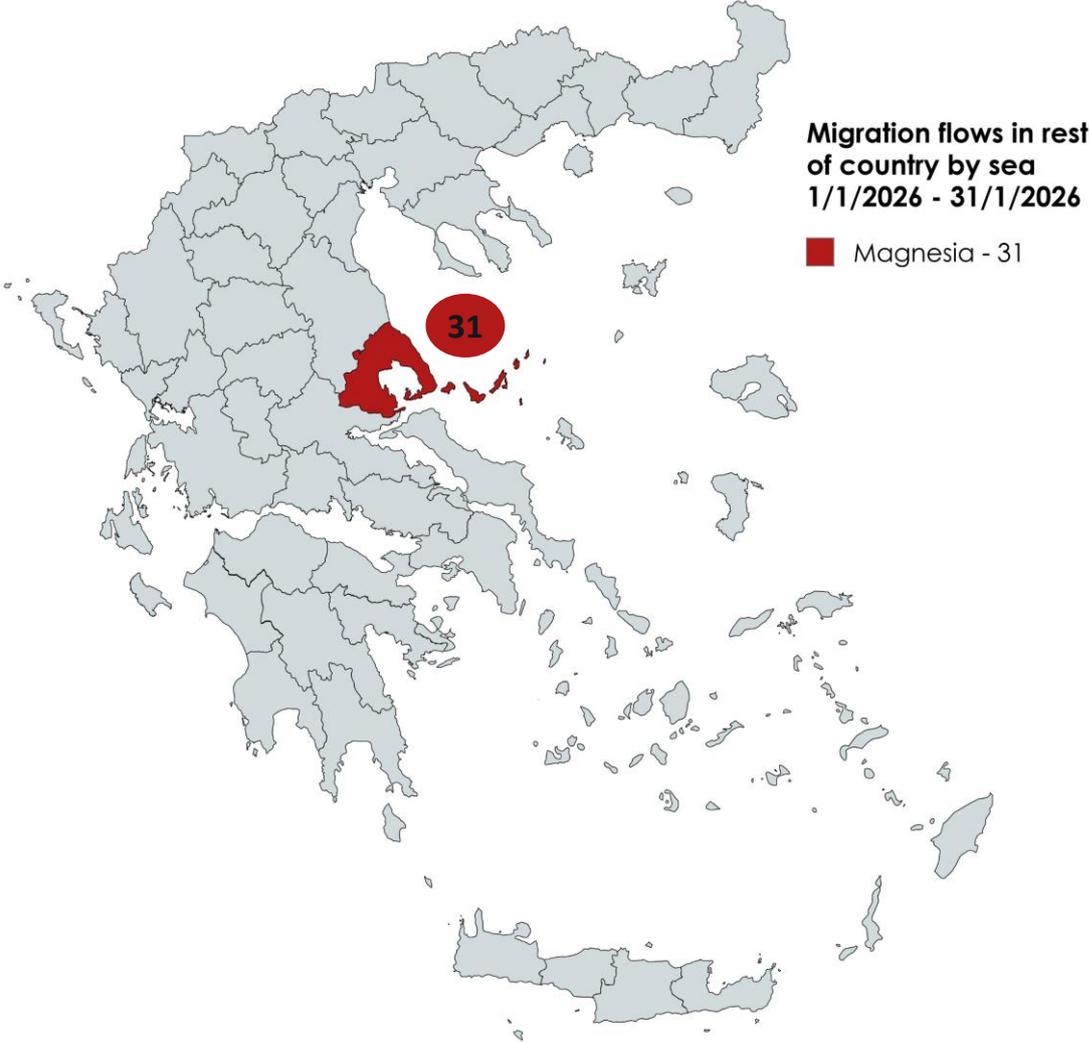


Chart 35. Migration flows in rest of country by sea (1/1/2026-31/1/2026) - See Appendix Table 20