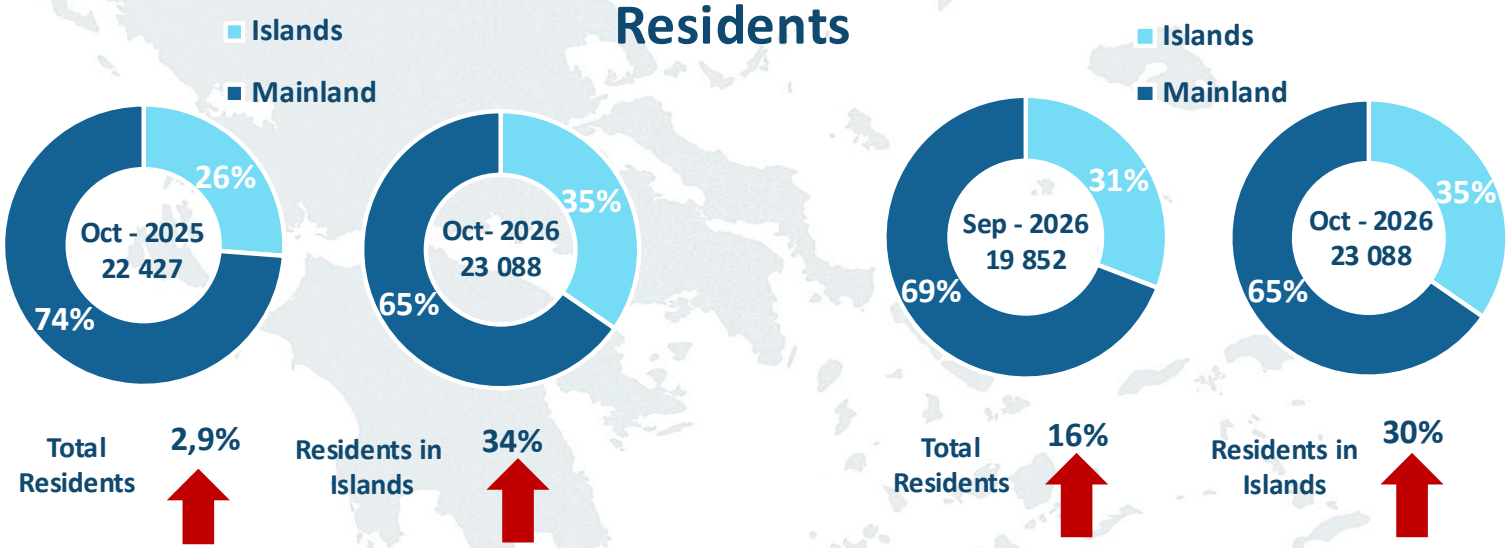
Arrivals

(Islands of Eastern Aegean sea, Evros and Crete)



Residents



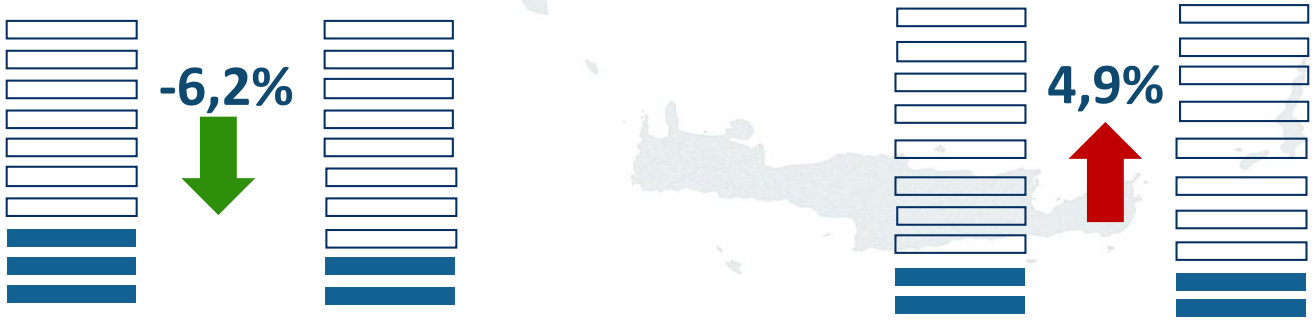
Total Residents 2,9%

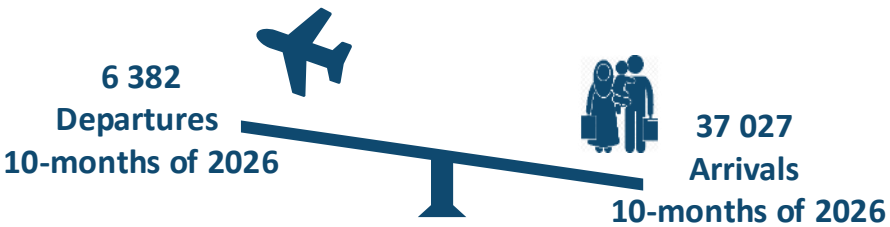
Residents in Islands 34%

Total Residents 16%

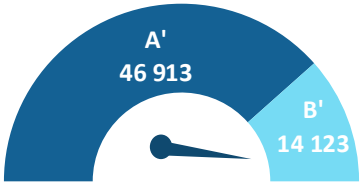
Residents in Islands 30%

Pending Decisions 1st & 2nd Instance





Decisions 1st & 2nd Instance



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10-months of 2026

Analytical Overview

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

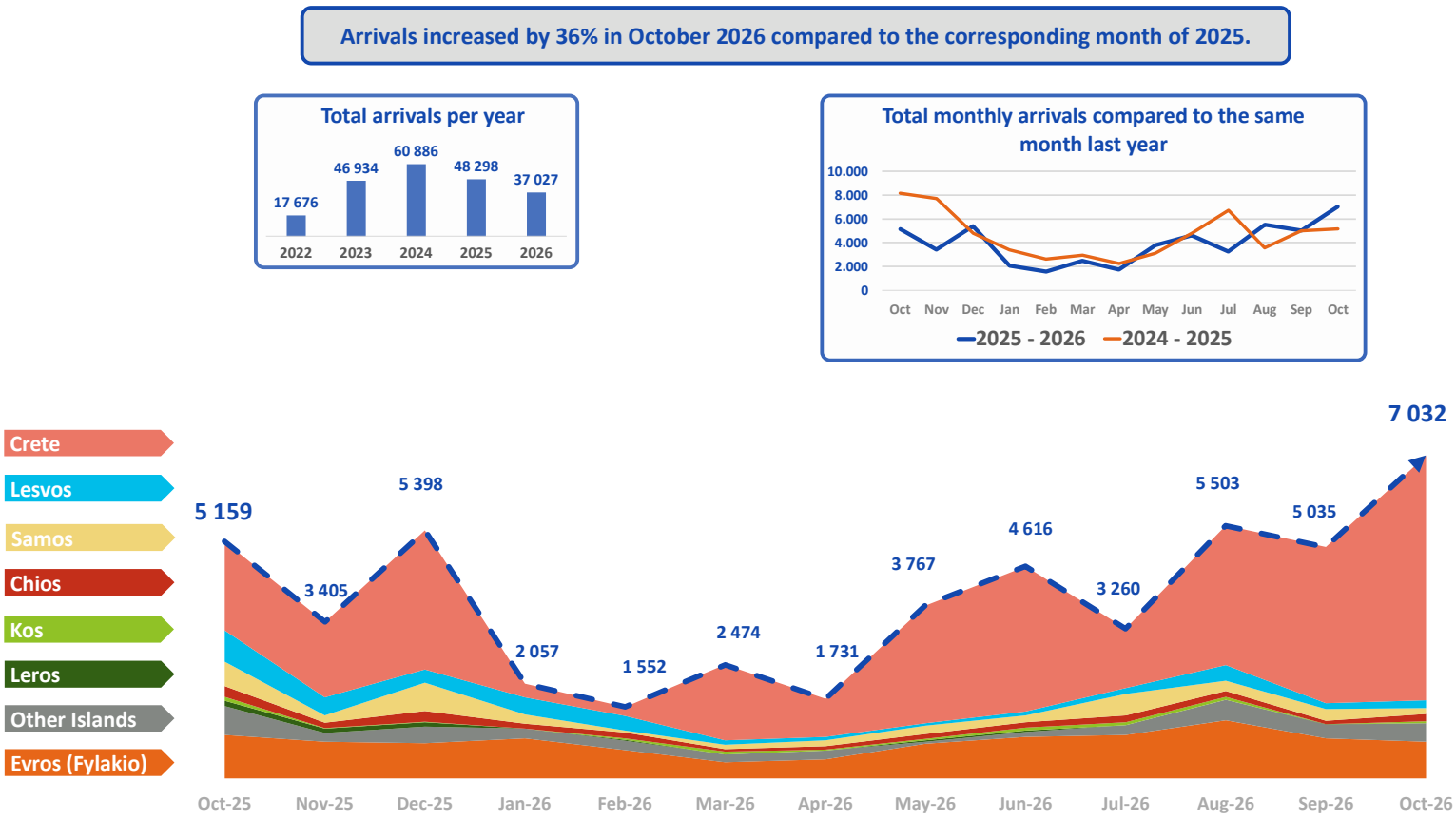


Chart 1. Migration flows (islands of Eastern Aegean sea, Evros and Crete) October 2025 – October 2026 – See Appendix Table 1

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

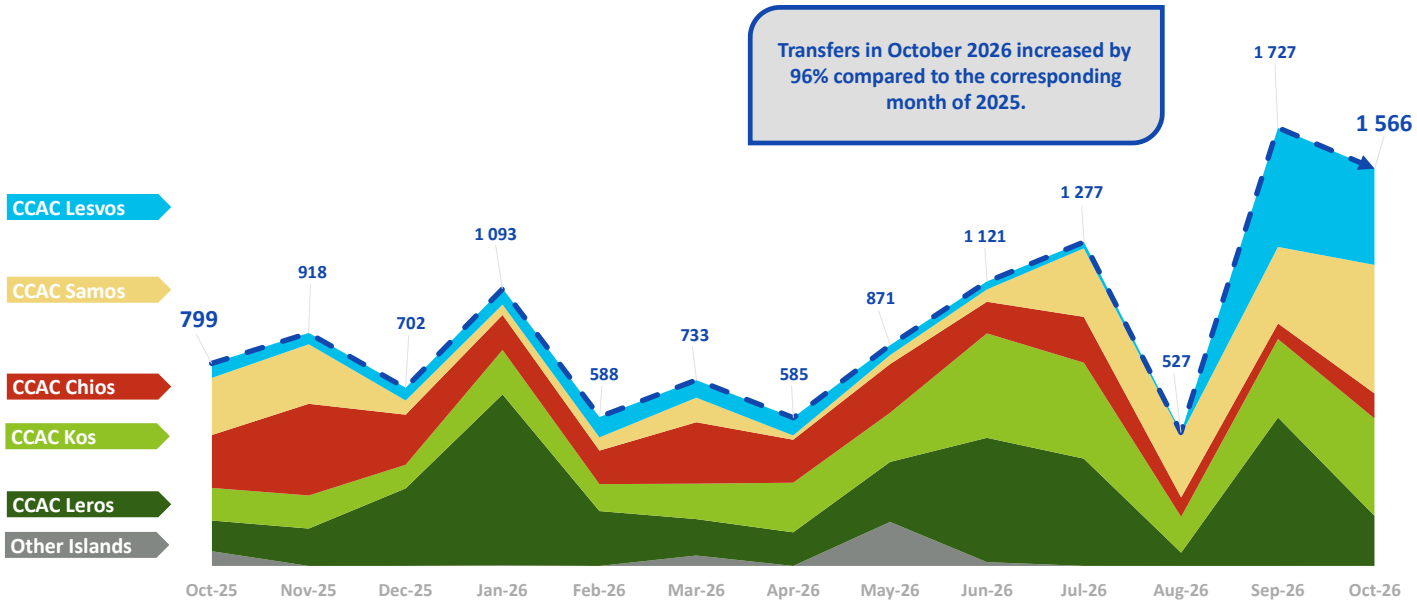


Chart 2. Transfers of asylum seekers from the islands to the mainland October 2025 – October 2026 - See Appendix Table 2

3. Islands Residents

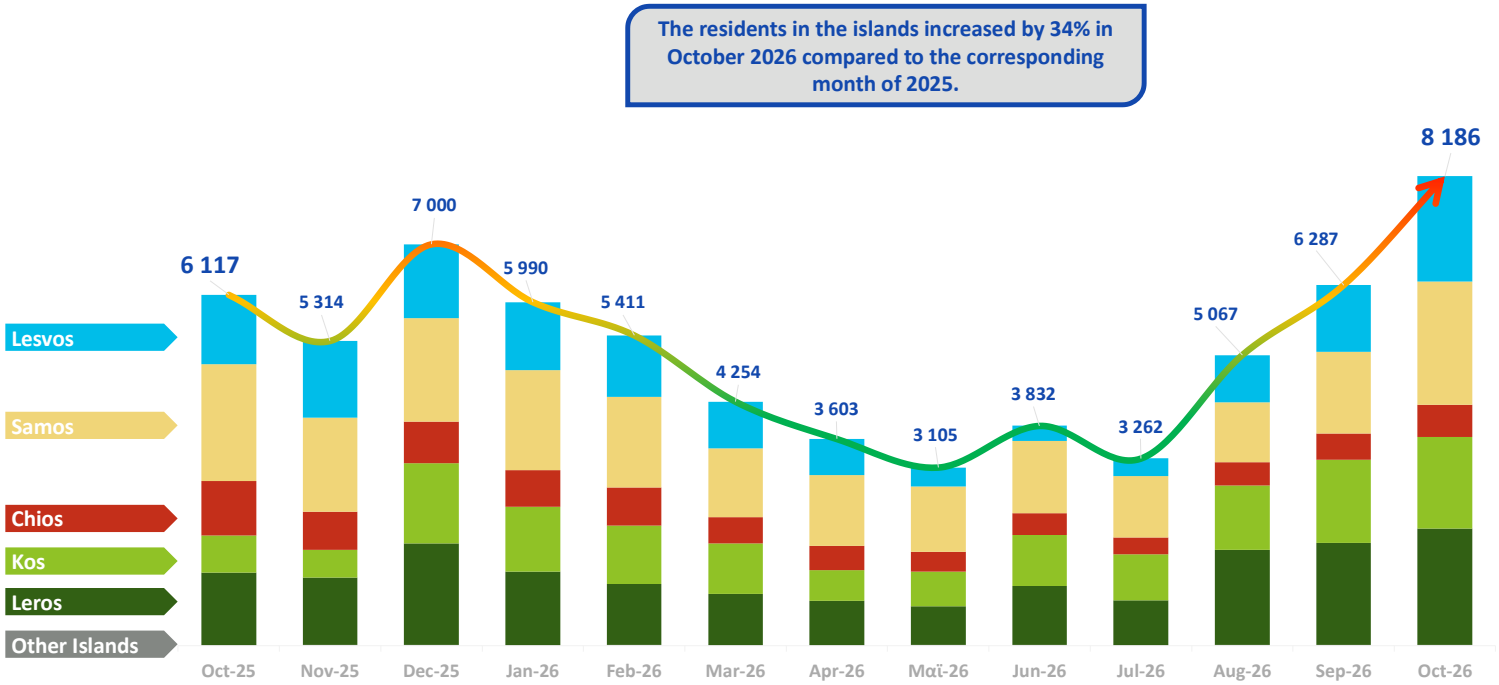


Chart 3. Island Residents in total October 2025 – October 2026 - See Appendix Table 3

4. Distribution of Asylum Seekers per Region and Accommodation scheme



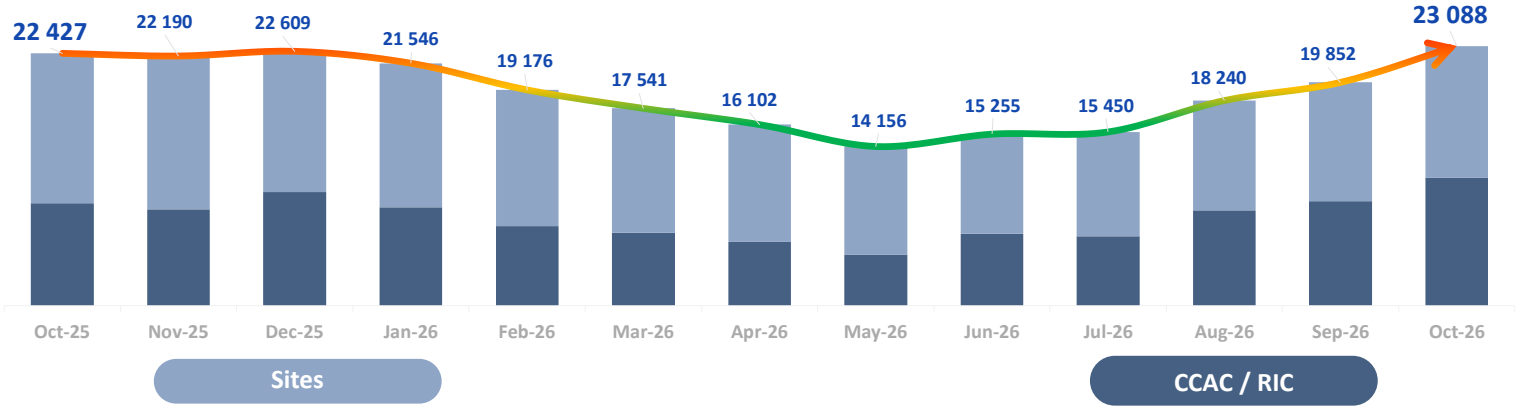
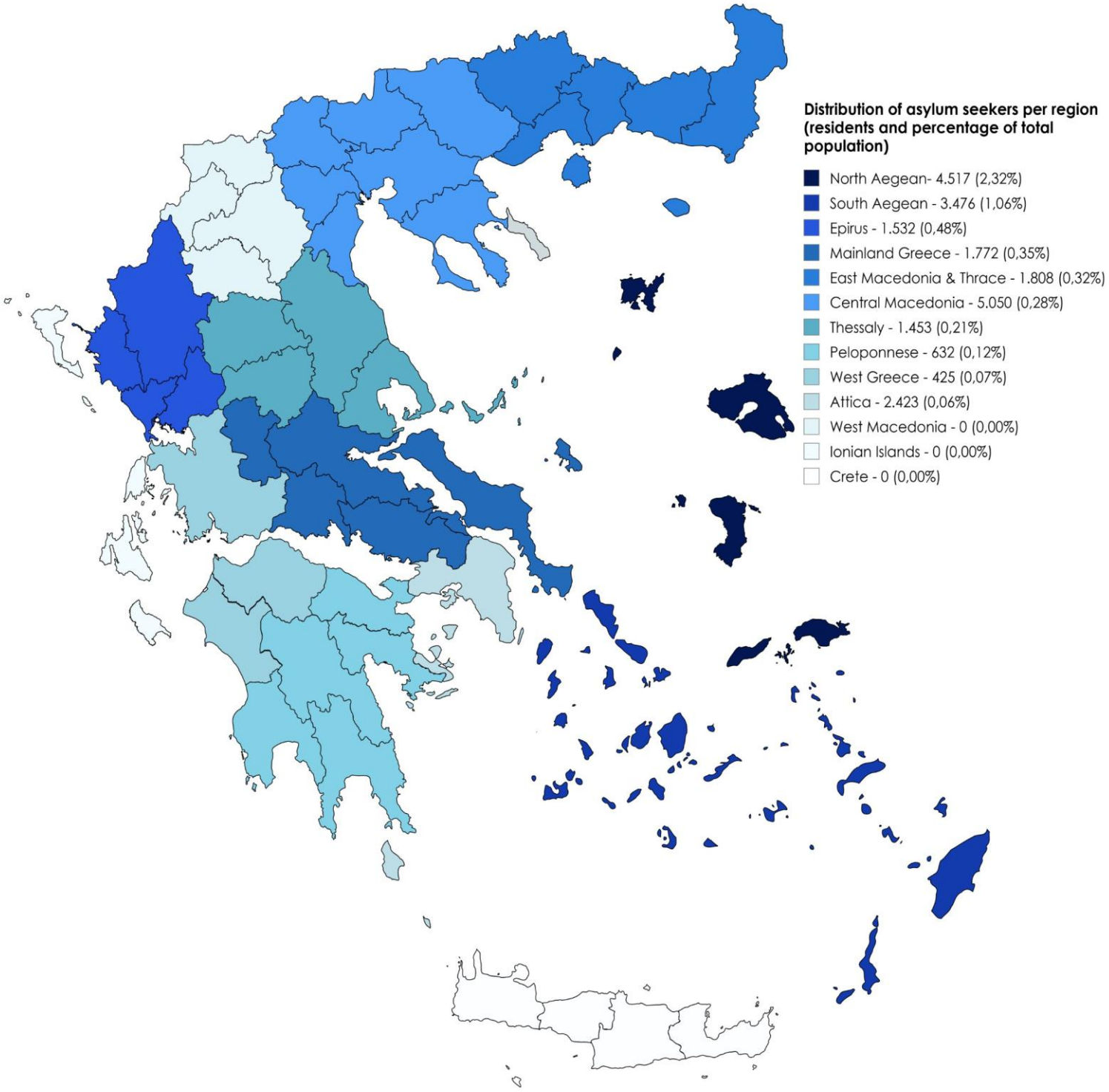
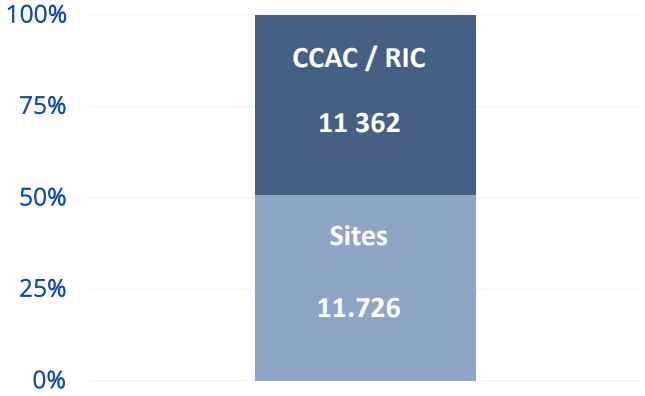


Chart 4. Progress of Residents through time – See Appendix Table 6





There was an increase in the number of residents by 2,9% (from 22.427 to 23.088) 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

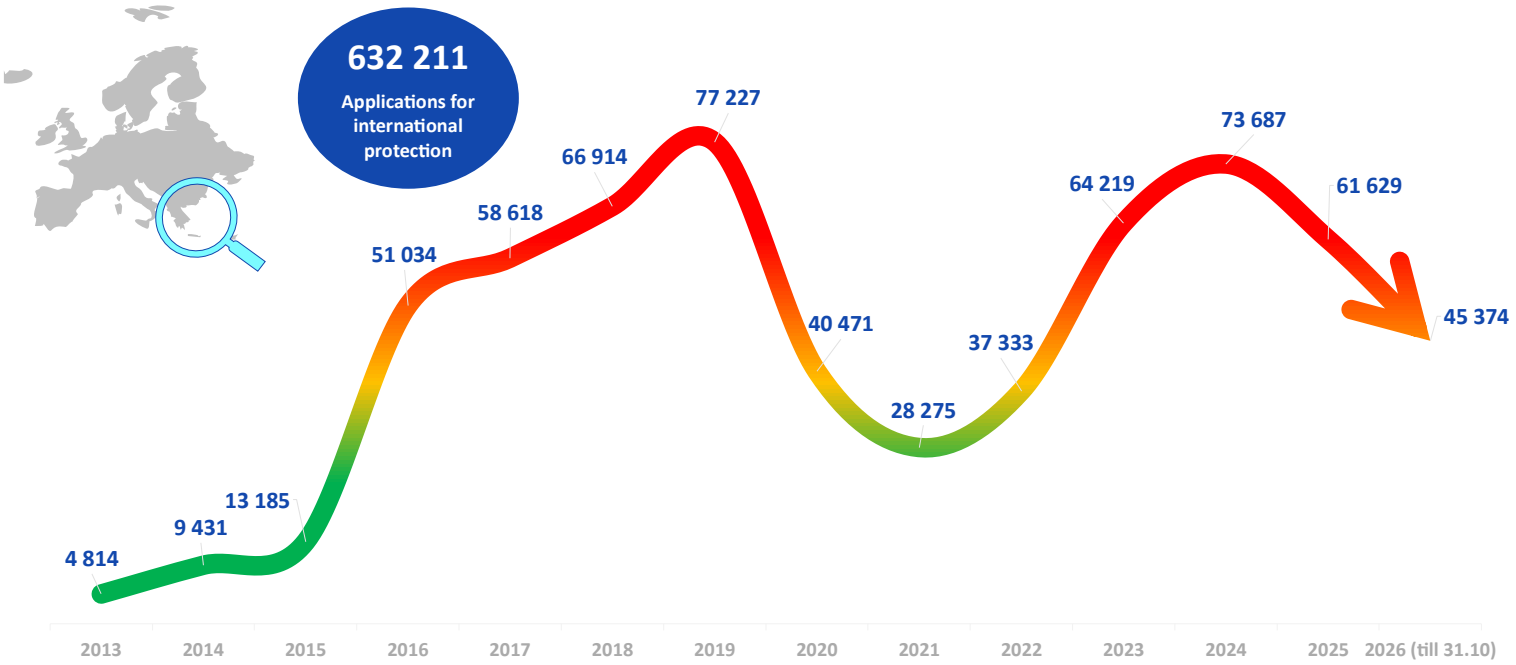


Chart 6. Applications for International Protection per year. For 2026 applications are calculated till the month of reference (October) - See Appendix Table 7a

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

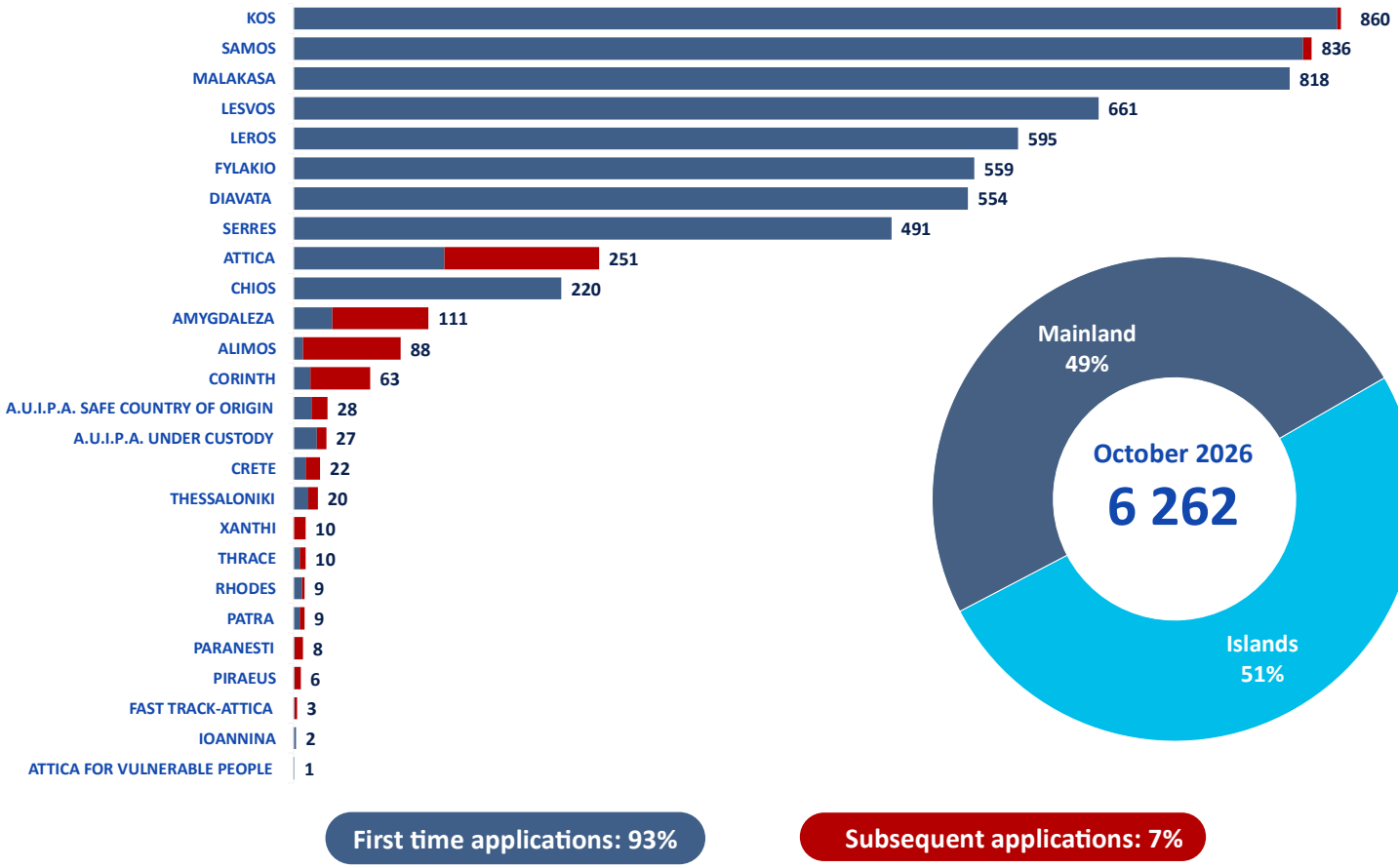


Chart 7. Applications for International Protection with distinction between first time and subsequent per Regional Office or Asylum Unit for the month of reference (October 2026) - See Appendix Table 7b

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

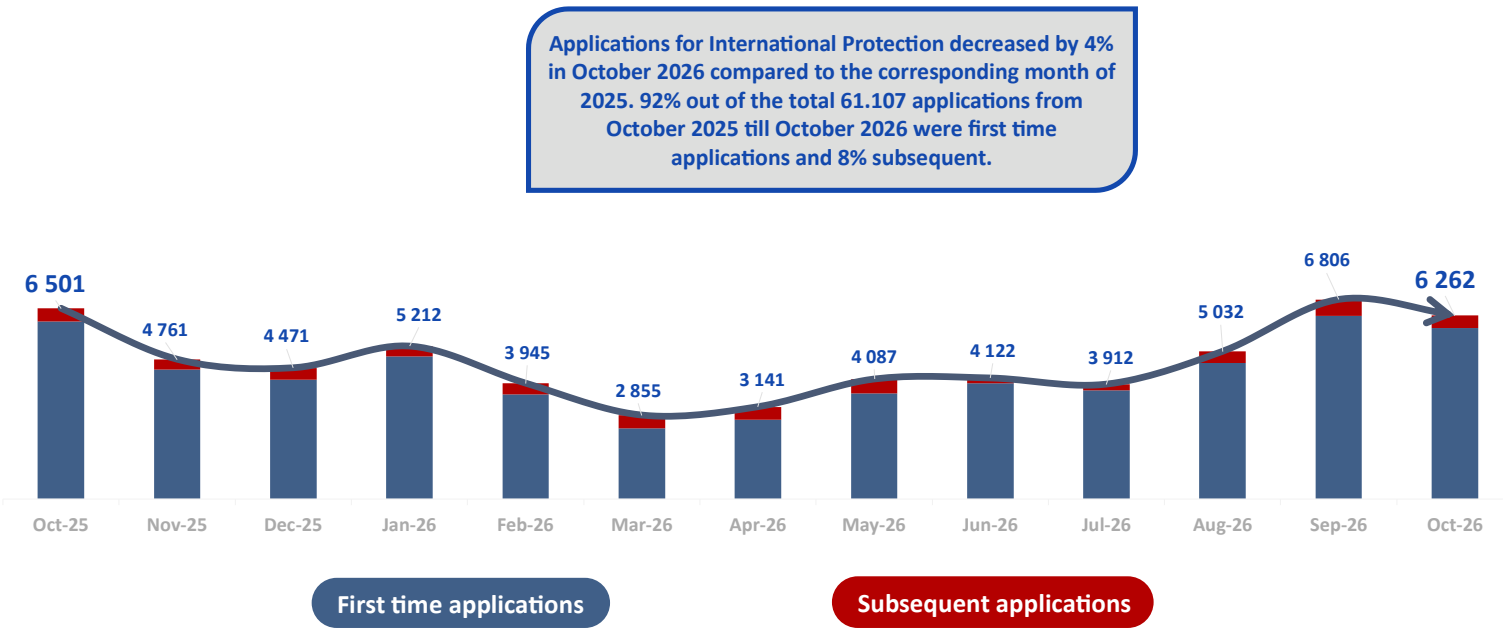


Chart 8. Applications for International Protection per month with distinction between first time and subsequent (October 2025 - October 2026) - See Appendix Table 7c

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

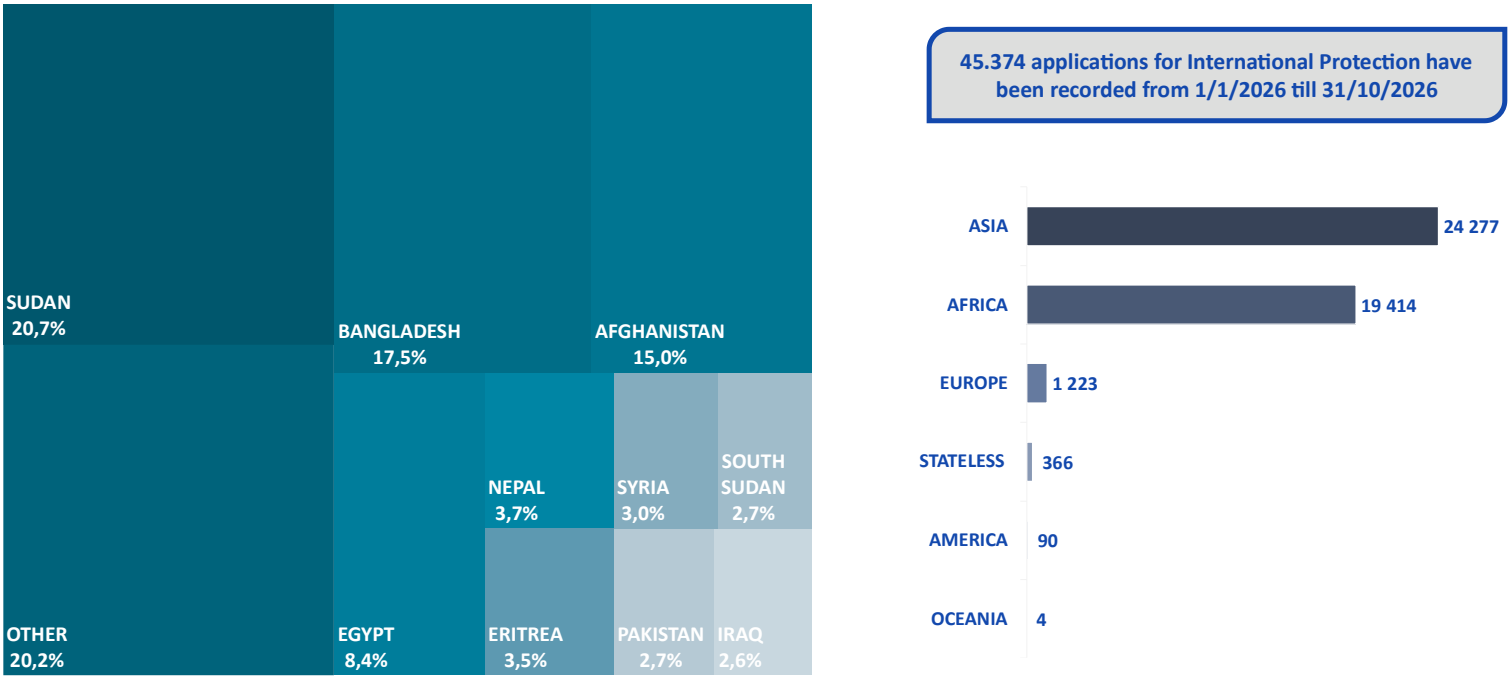


Chart 9. Applications for International Protection 10-months 2026 per Nationality (Top 10 Nationalities and distribution per continent) - See Appendix Table 7d

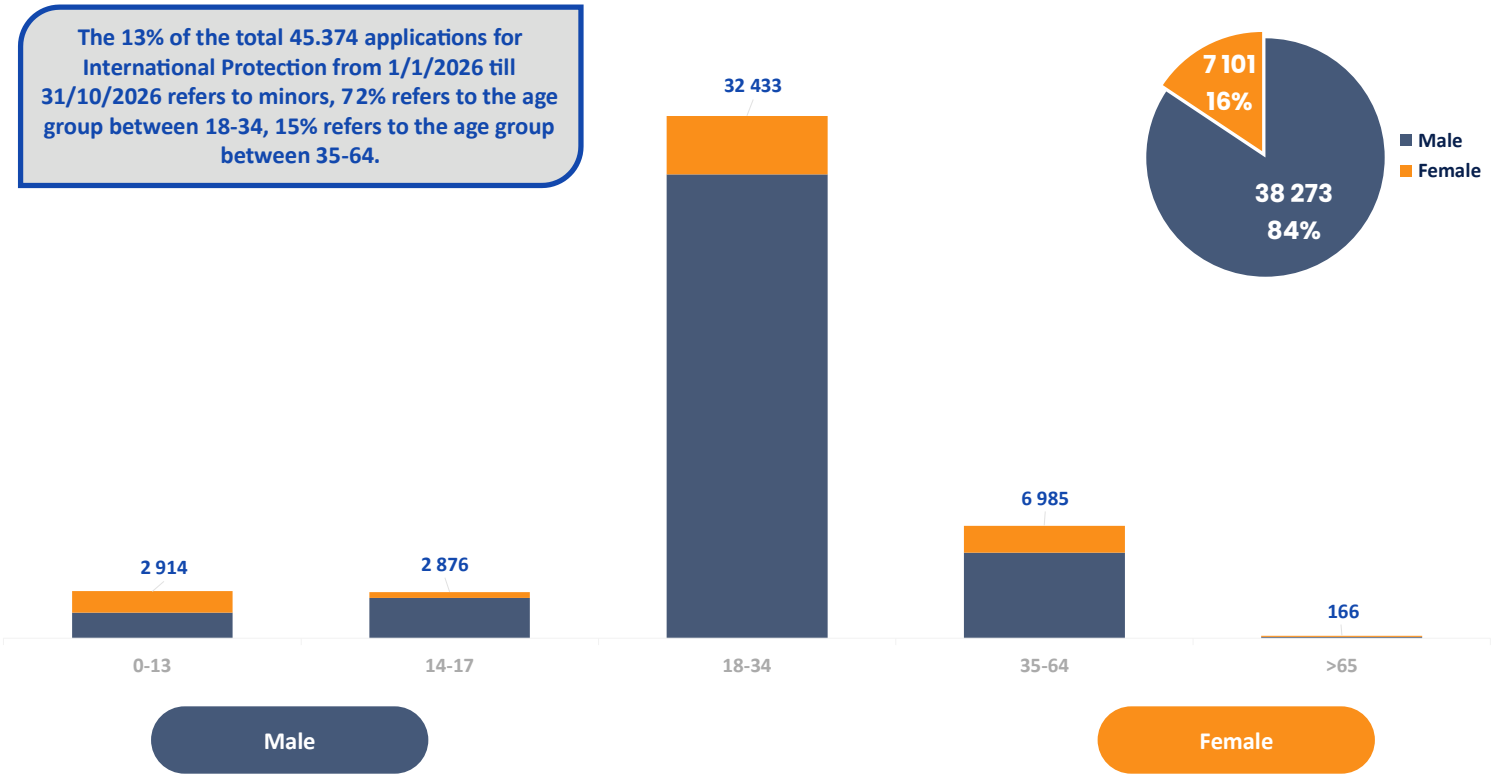


Chart 10. Applications for International Protection 10-months 2026 per gender and age group - See Appendix Table 7e

5e. Applications for International Protection of unaccompanied minors

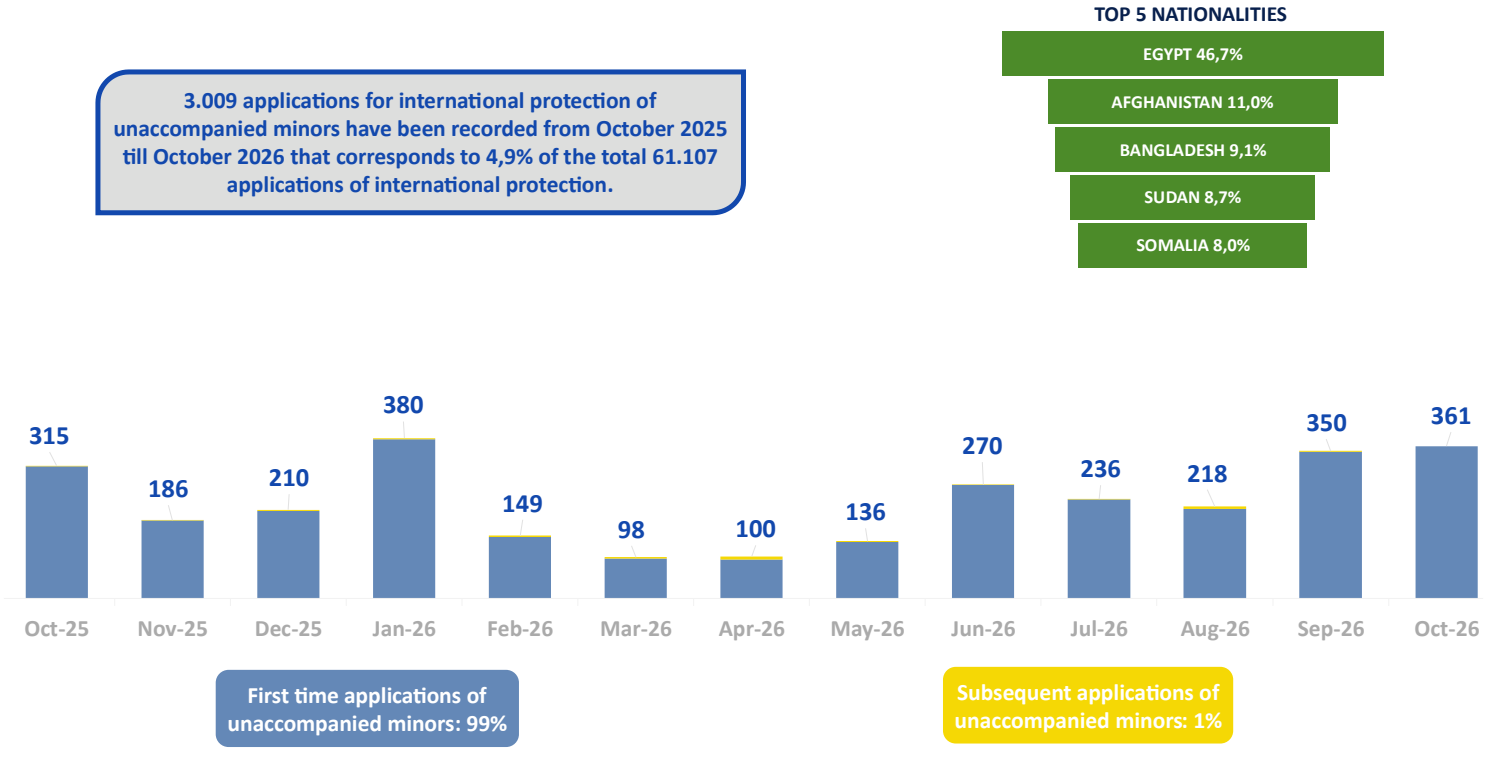


Chart 11. Applications for International Protection of unaccompanied minors with distinction between first time and subsequent and top 5 nationalities October 2025-October 2026 - See Appendix Table 7f

6a. Type of Decisions – 1st Instance

46.913 decisions have been issued in the 1st Instance from 1/1/2026 till 31/10/2026. 34,5% of them are positive, 62,2% negative, 2% other administrative decisions and 1,3% transfer decisions.

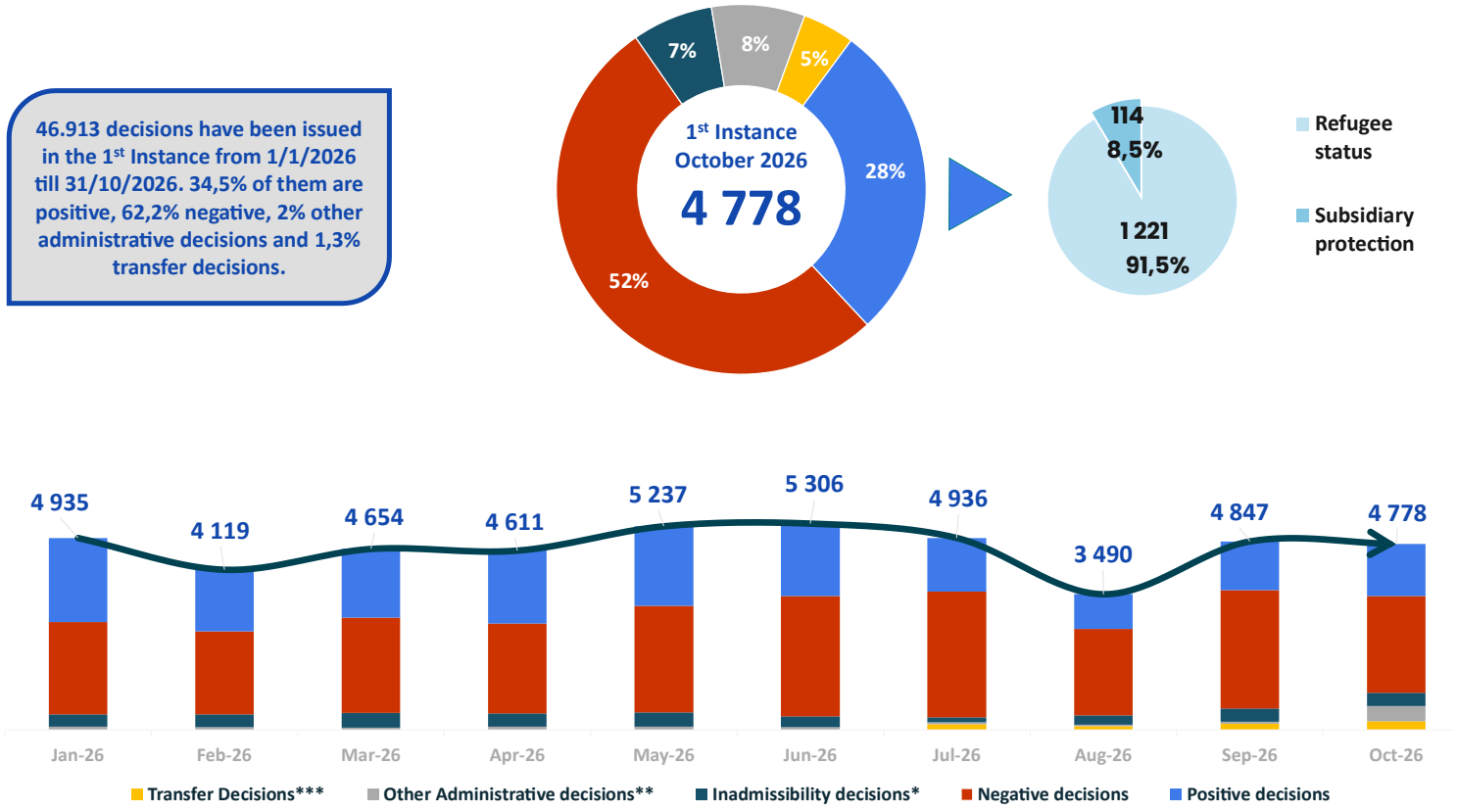


Chart 12. 1st Instance Decisions per month and type for 2026 and for the month of reference (October 2026). - See Appendix Table 8a

* This category includes inadmissibility decisions based on: (a) the concept of safe third country, (b) acceptance by another Member State (previous Dublin Regulation), (c) subsequent applications, (d) formal or procedural grounds, and (e) international protection status already granted by another EU Member State (where the return/transfer provision is incorporated into the inadmissibility decision itself pursuant to Law 5307/2026 and Regulations (EU) 2024/1348 and (EU) 2024/1351 – AMMR).
** This category consists of implicit withdrawals, explicit withdrawals and decisions resulting in the filing of cases (to the archive).
*** The "Transfer Decisions" category includes standalone decisions issued pursuant to the provisions of Law 5307/2026 (implementing the AMMR Regulation 2024/1351/EU) regarding the transfer of the applicant to the responsible Member State.

6b. Type of Decisions – 2nd Instance

14.123 decisions have been issued in the 2nd Instance from 1/1/2026 till 31/10/2026. 4,4% of them are positive, 92,3% negative 3,1% refers to other administrative decisions and 0,3% transfer decisions.

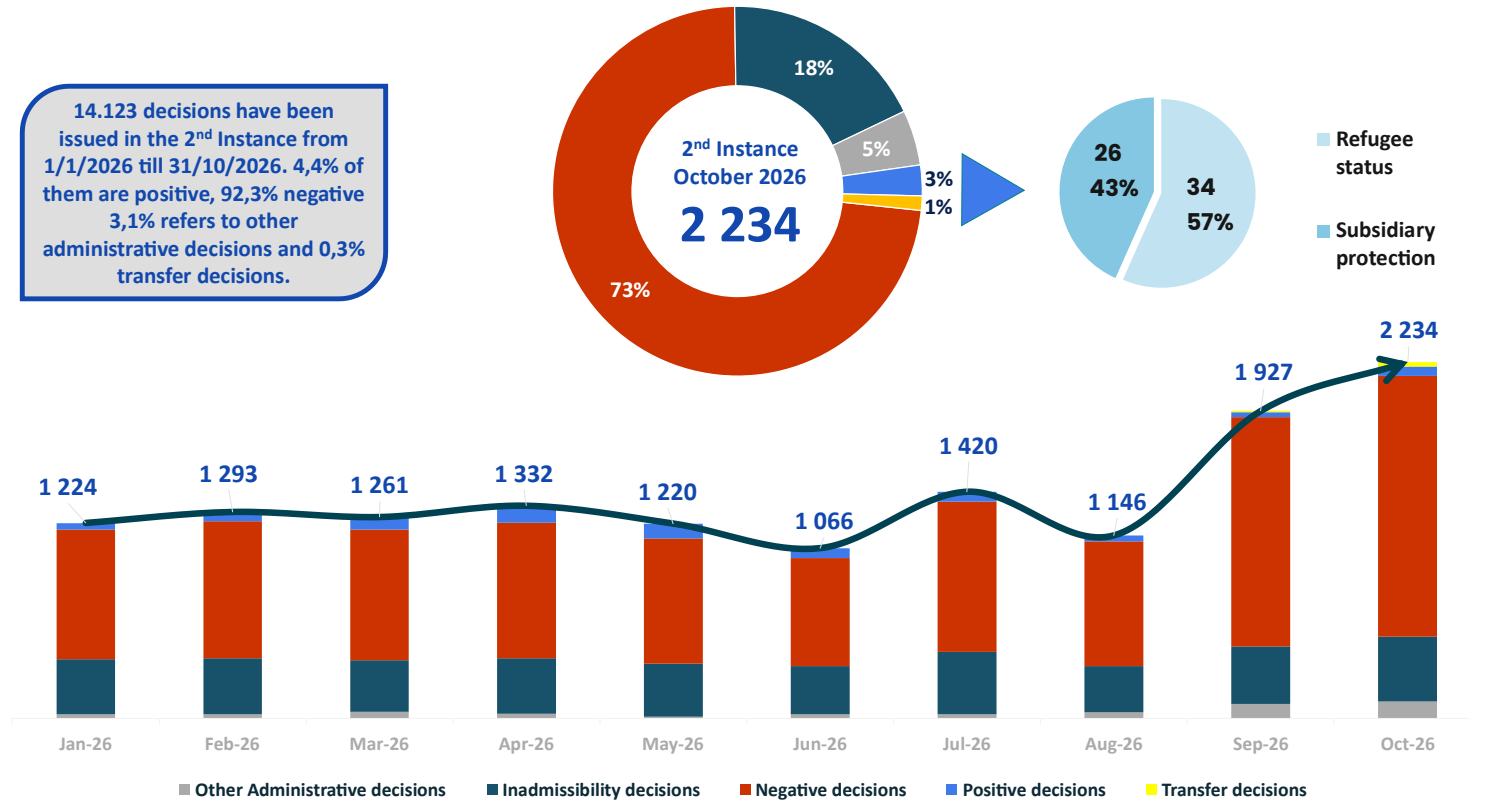


Chart 13. 2nd Instance Decisions per month and type for 2026 and for the month of reference (October 2026). - See Appendix Table 8b

7. Appeals

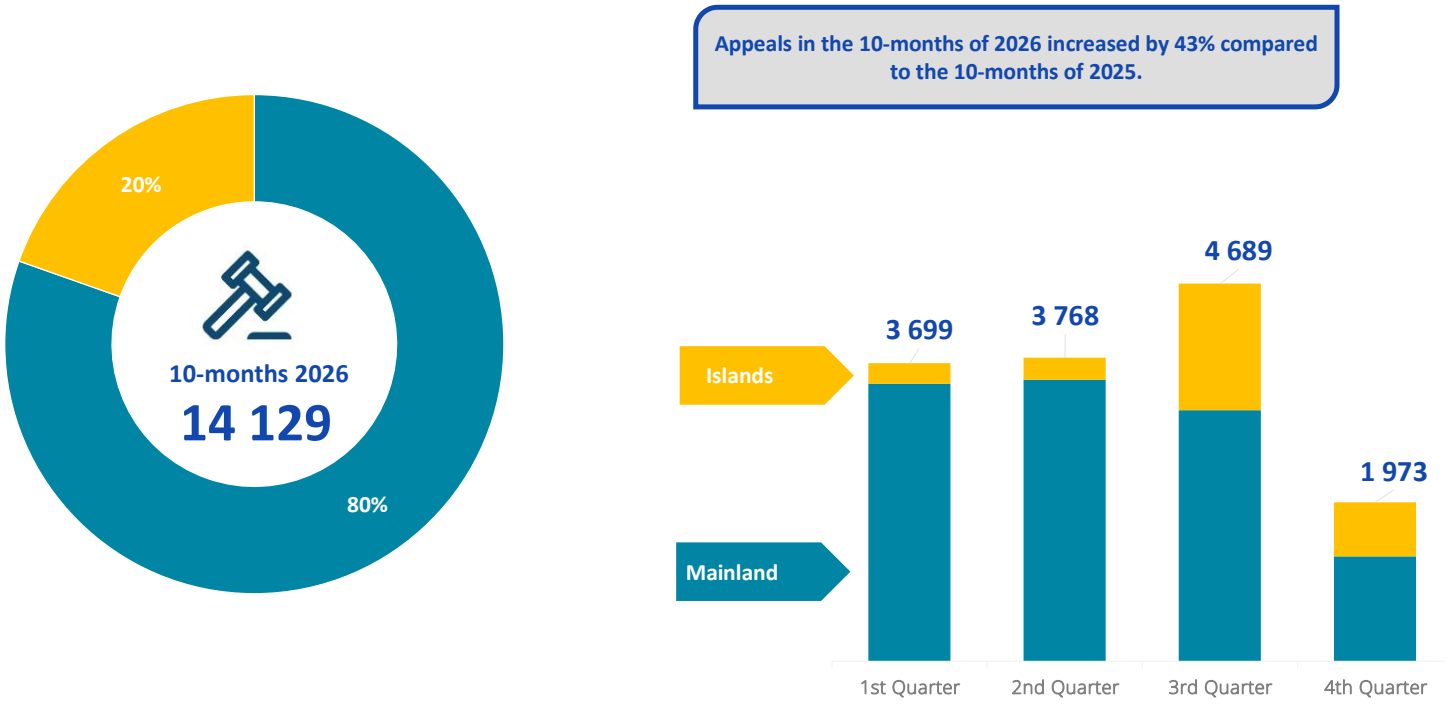


Chart 14. Appeals that have been lodged the 10-months of 2026 per location and quarter – See Appendix Table 9a

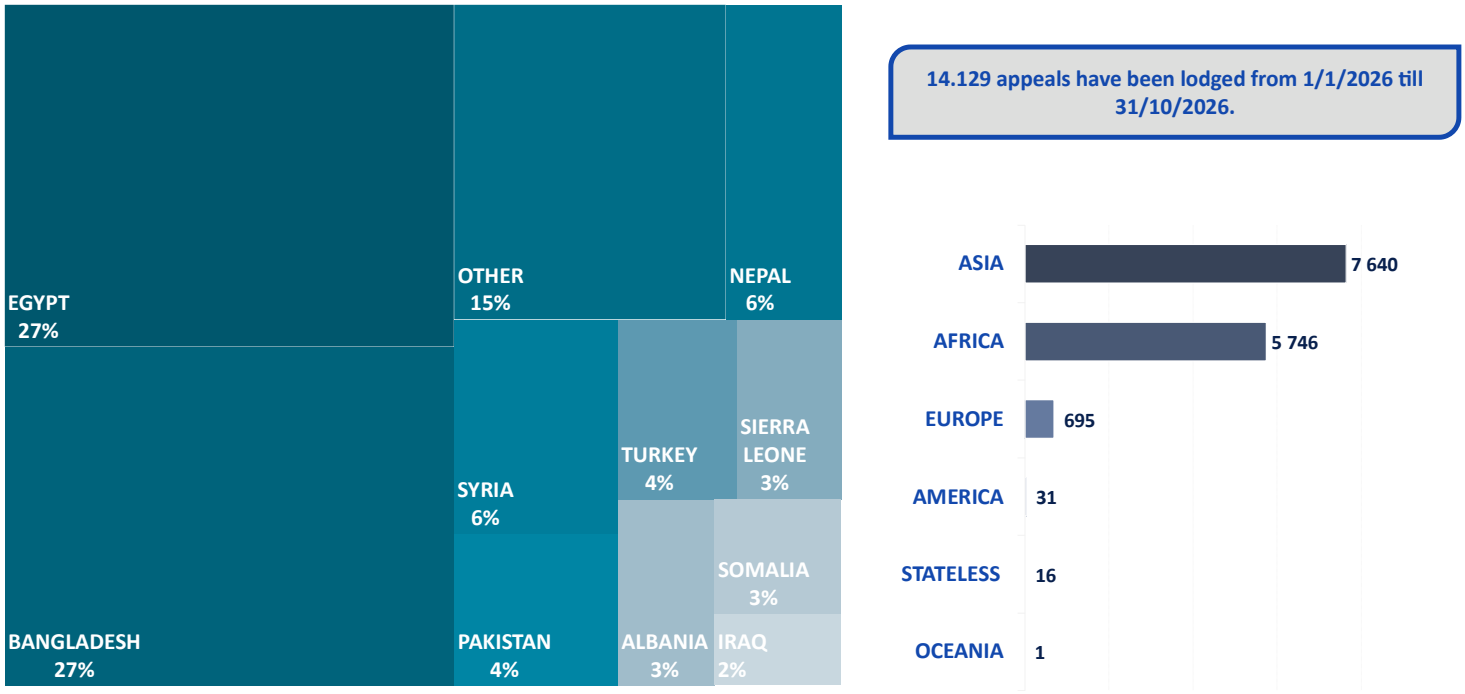


Chart 15. Appeals that have been lodged the 10-months of 2026 per Nationality (Top 10 Nationalities and distribution per continent) – See Appendix Table 9b

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

The total backlog (pending applications and decisions) decreased by 6,2% in October 2026 compared to the corresponding month of 2025.

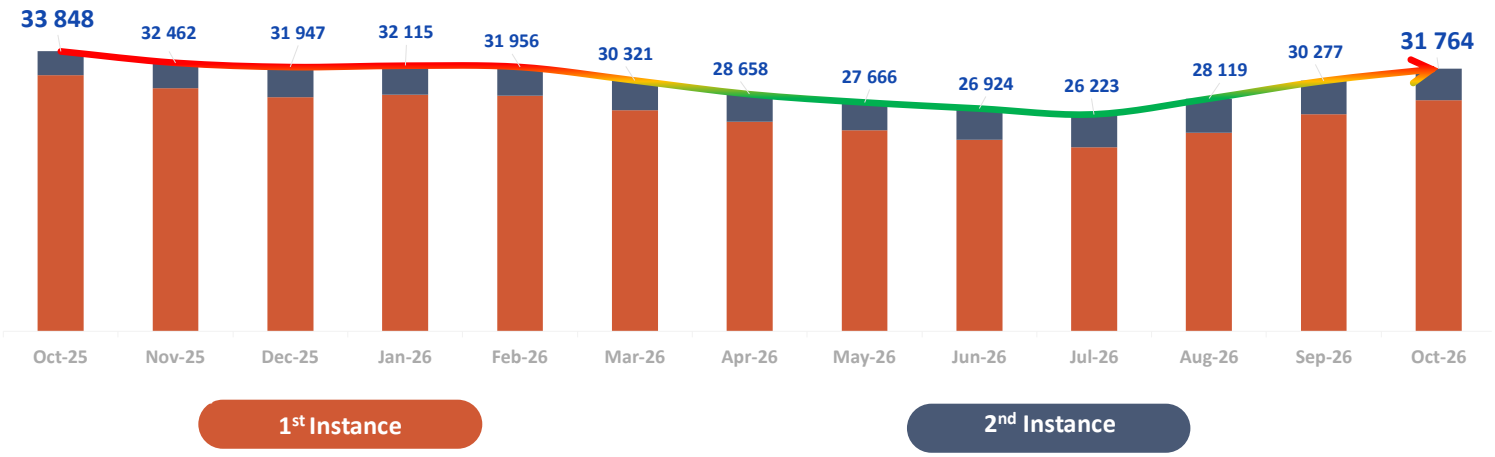


Chart 16. Aggregate Pending Pre-Registrations of applications for International Protection - pending Decisions in 1st and 2nd Instance per month – See Appendix Table 10a

A comparison between October 2026 and October 2025 shows that the 1st and 2nd instance decisions have been decreased by 5%

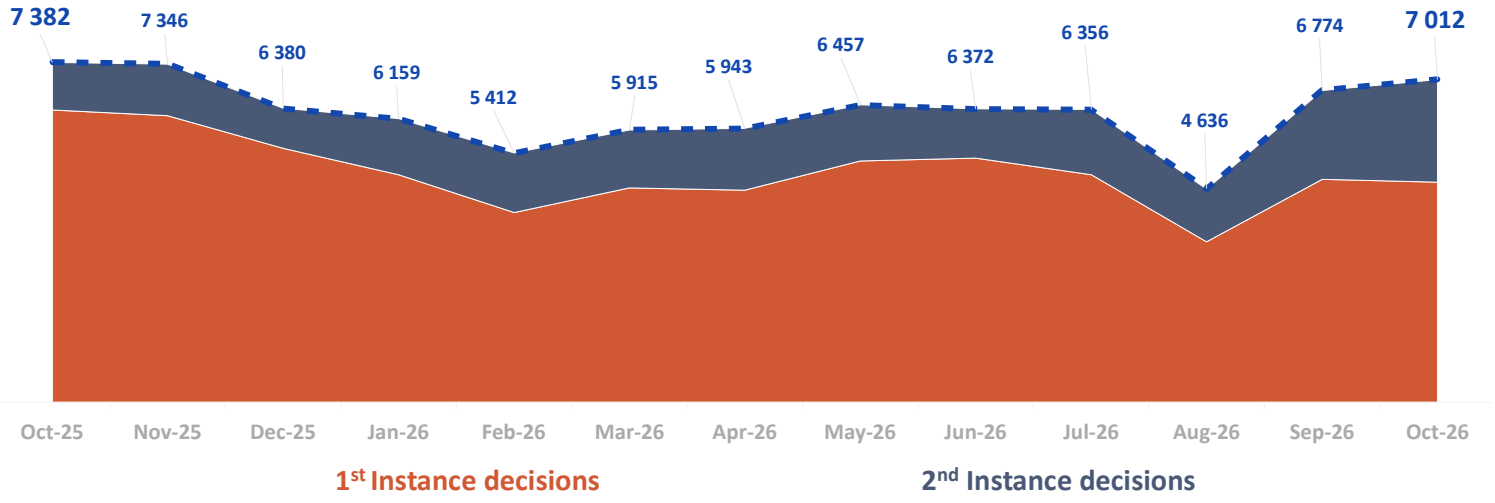


Chart 17. Aggregate Decisions issued in 1st and 2nd Instance per month - See Appendix Table 10a

- The average time for a 2nd Instance decision to be issued is 75 days since the date of appeal lodging, while it is 40 days from the date of appeal discussion.
- The total of pending decisions of Appeals Authority (3.807 pending) consists of cases that have been discussed till October 2026 (2.692 pending) or are scheduled to be discussed after October 2026 (1.115 pending).

See Appendix Table 10b

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

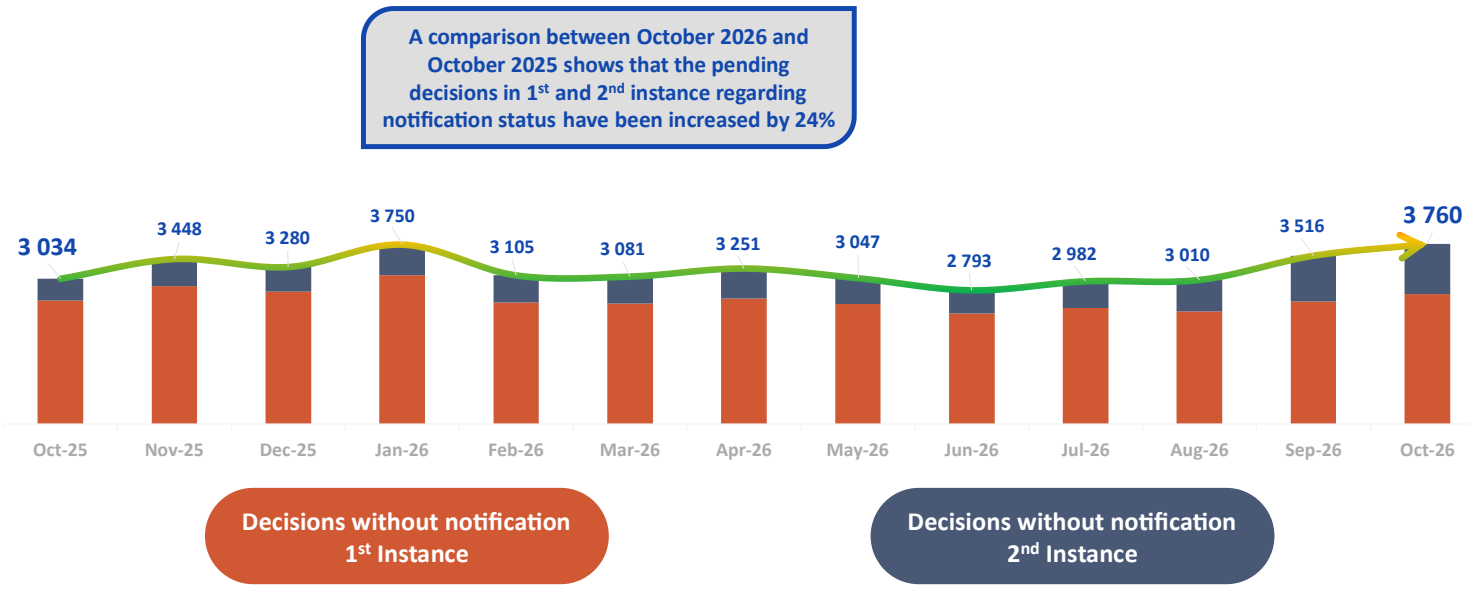


Chart 18. Aggregate pending decisions in 1st and 2nd instance regarding notification status per month - See Appendix Table 10c

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

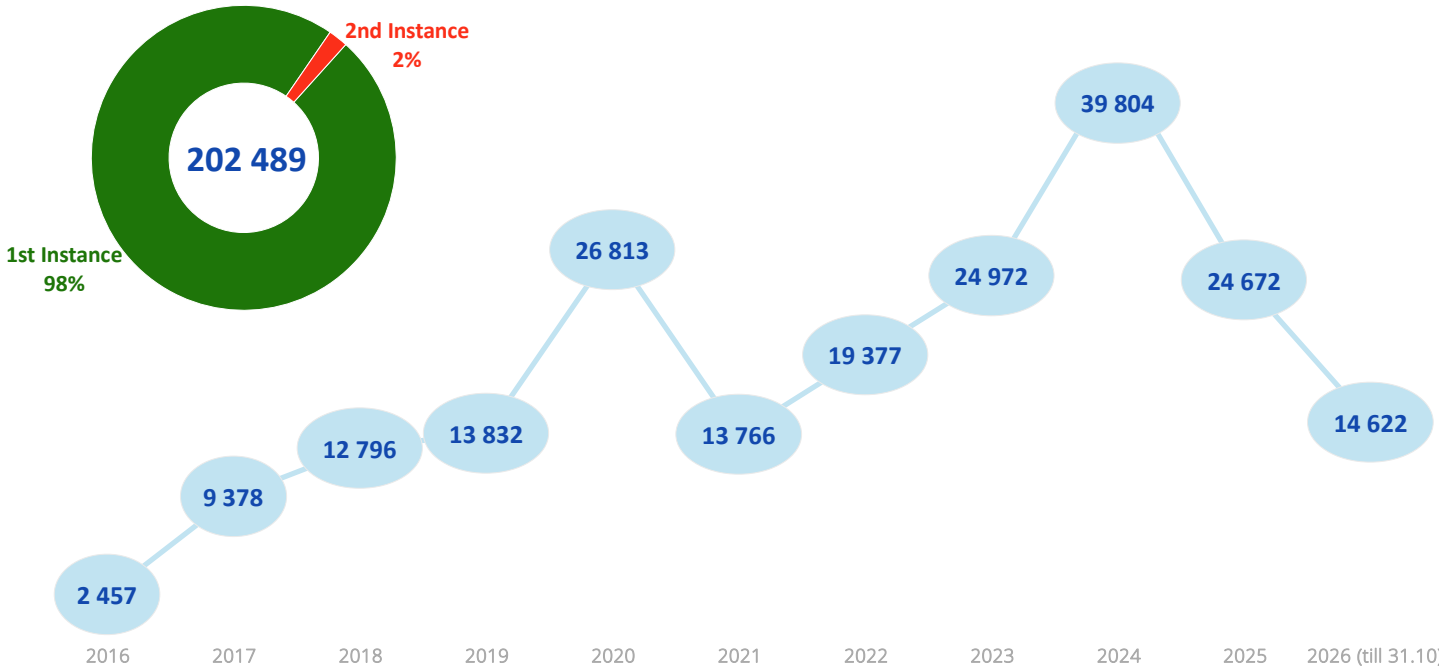


Chart 19. Aggregate Refugee Status Decisions that have been issued in 1st and 2nd instance. For 2026, the number of Refugee Status Decisions has been calculated till the month of reference (October). See Appendix Table 11a

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

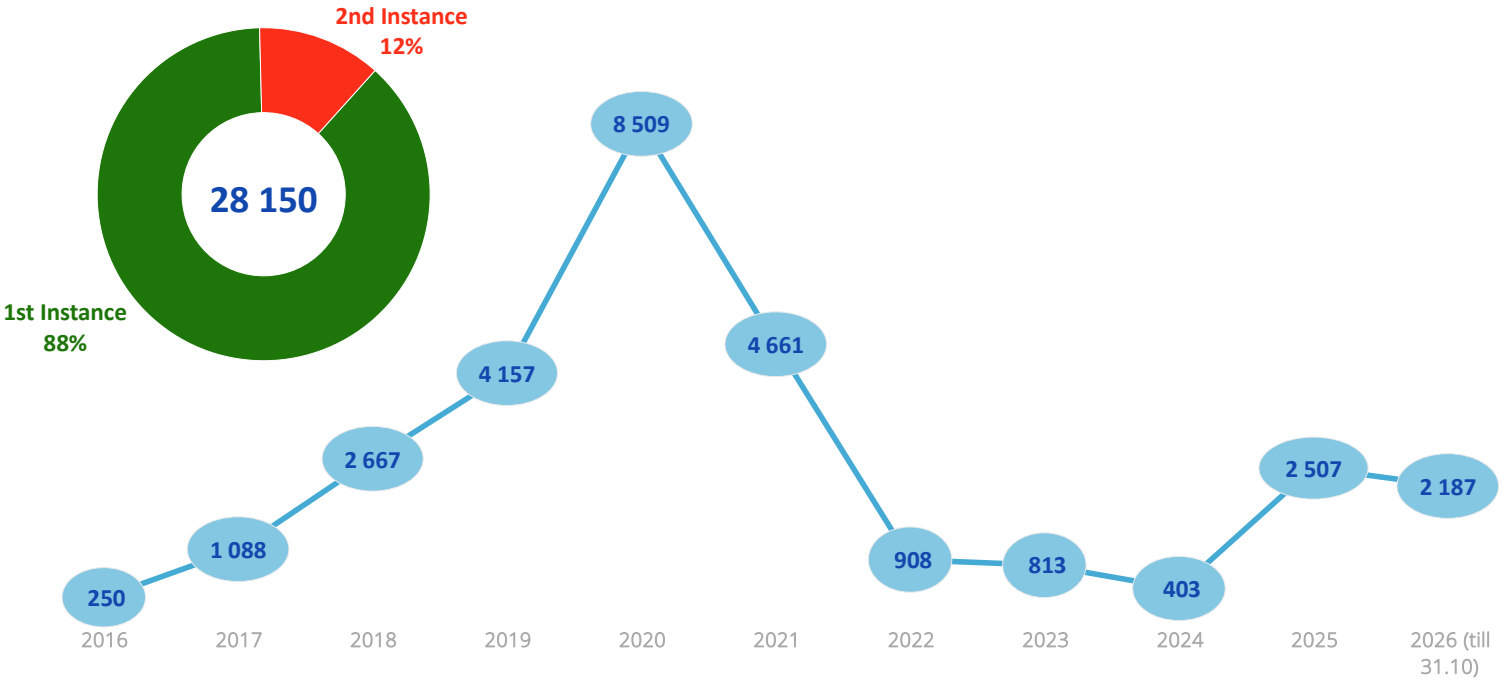


Chart 20. Aggregate Subsidiary Protection Decisions that have been issued in 1st and 2nd instance. For 2026, the number of Subsidiary Protection Decisions has been calculated till the month of reference (October). See Appendix Table 11b

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

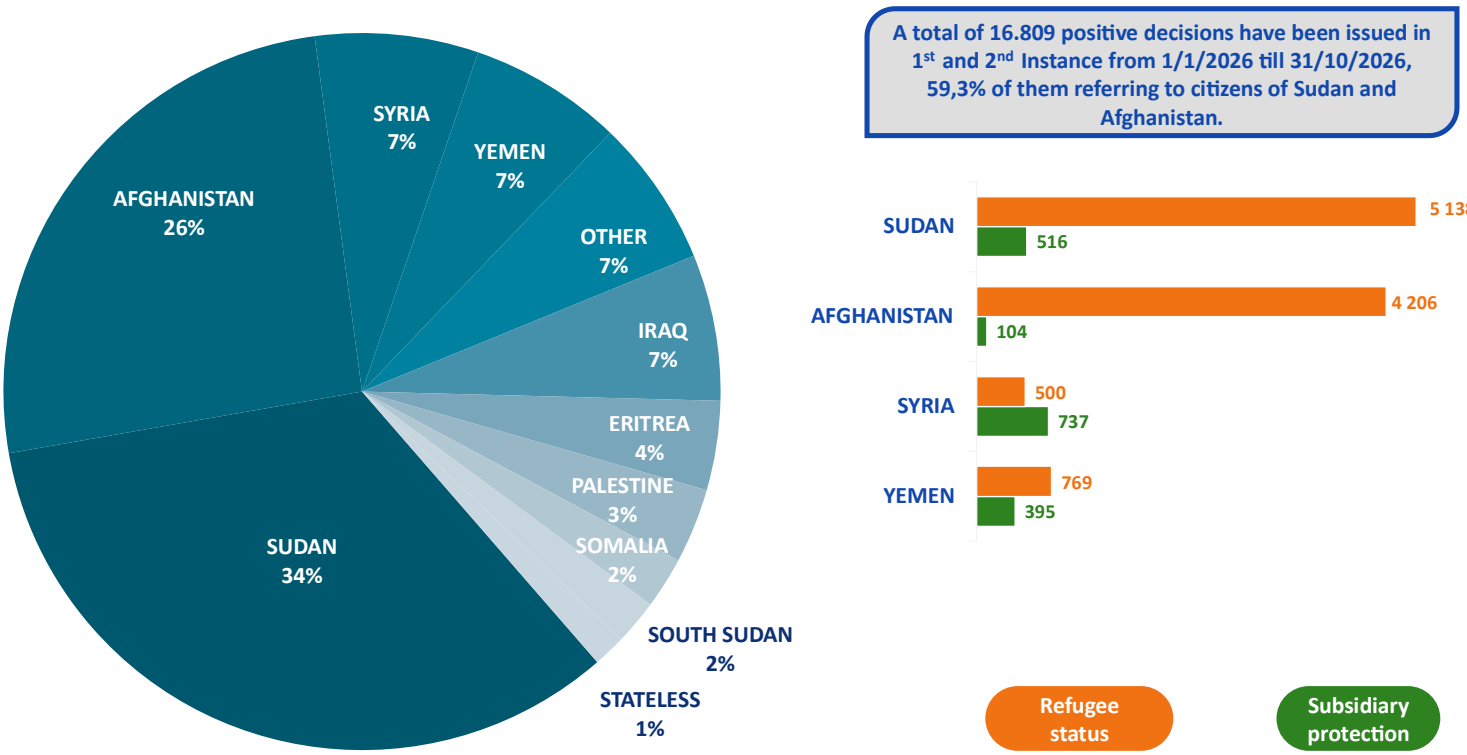


Chart 21. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 10-months of 2026 per Nationality (Top 10 Nationalities and distribution per continent). See Appendix Table 11c

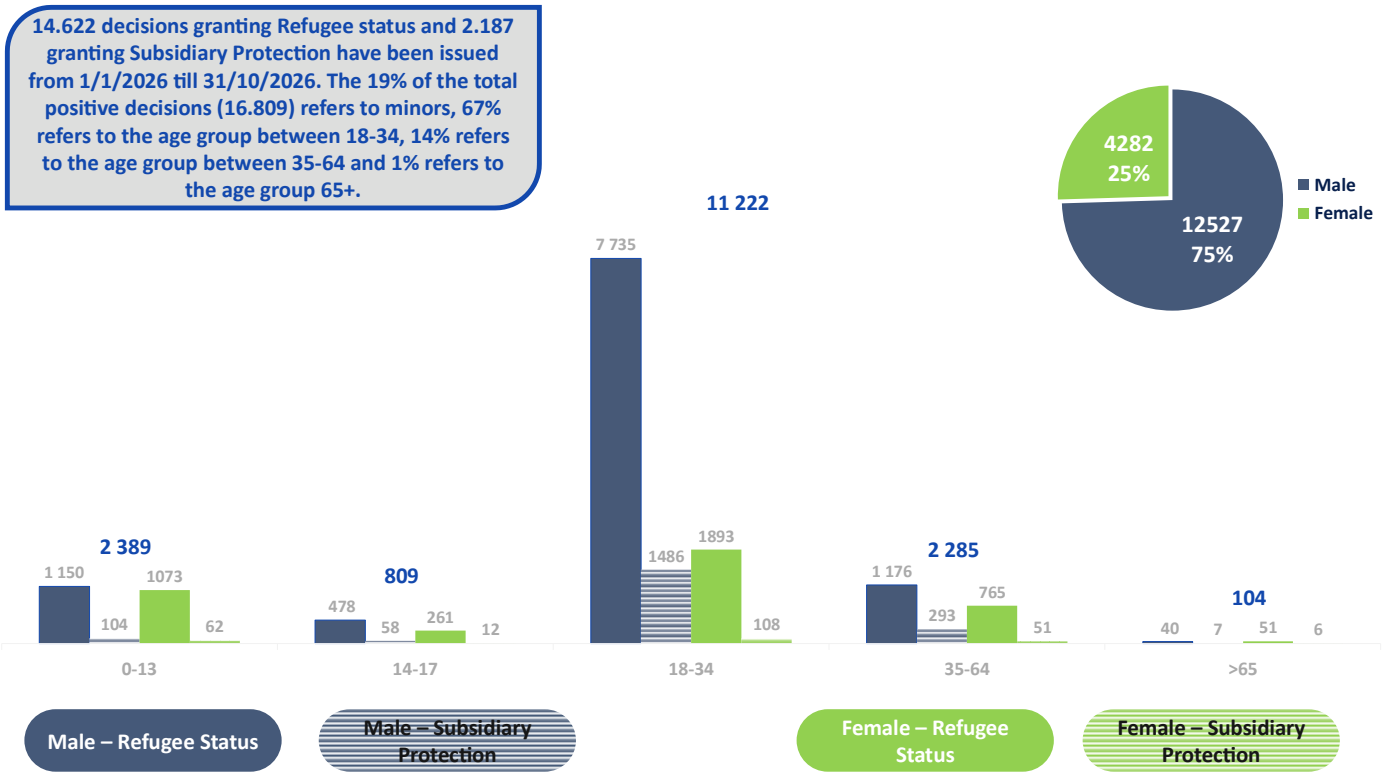


Chart 22. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 10-months of 2026 per age group, gender and type of decision - See Appendix Table 11d

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

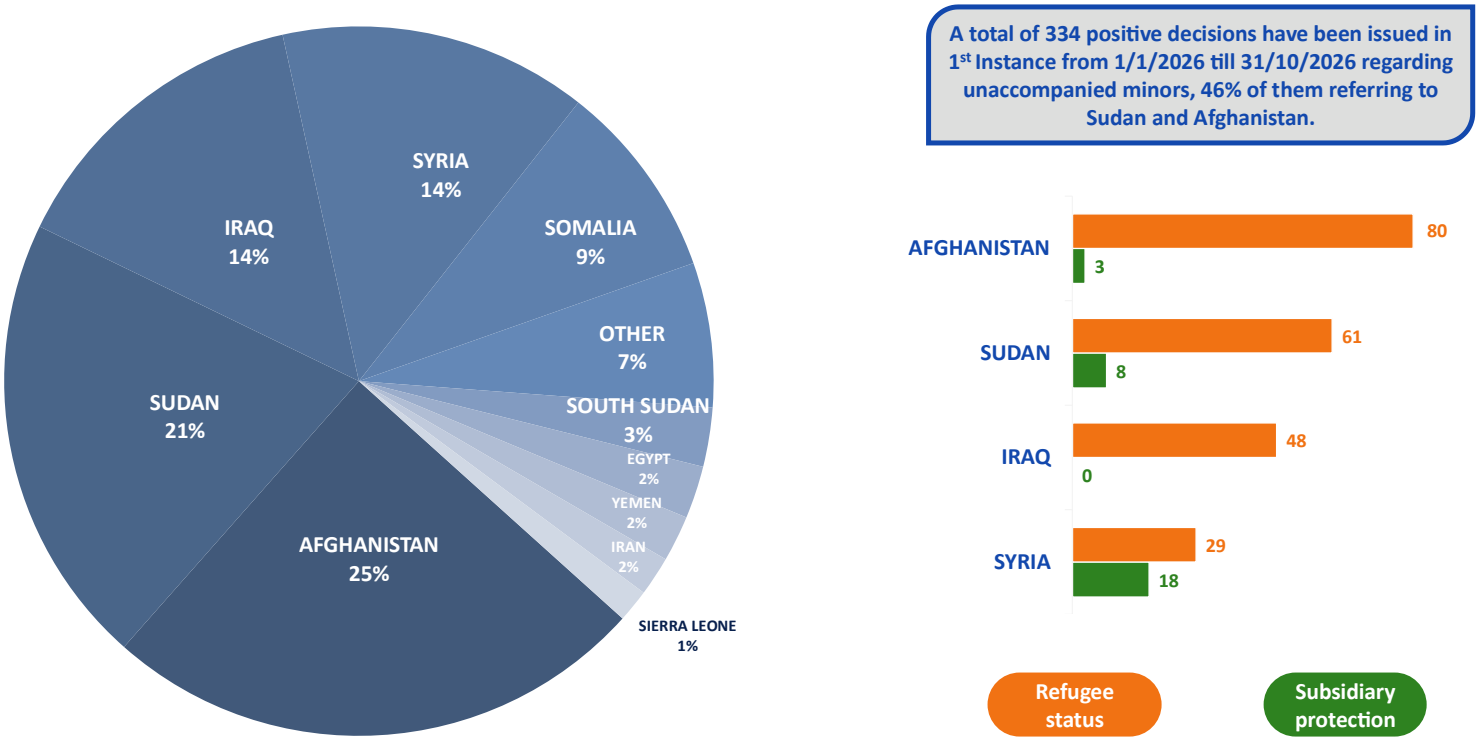


Chart 23. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 1st Instance of unaccompanied minors in 10-months of 2026 per Nationality (Top Nationalities and distribution per continent). See Appendix Table 11e



Chart 24. Positive Decisions (granting Refugee Status & Subsidiary Protection) in 1st Instance of unaccompanied minors in 10-months of 2026 per age group, gender and type of decision - See Appendix Table 11f

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

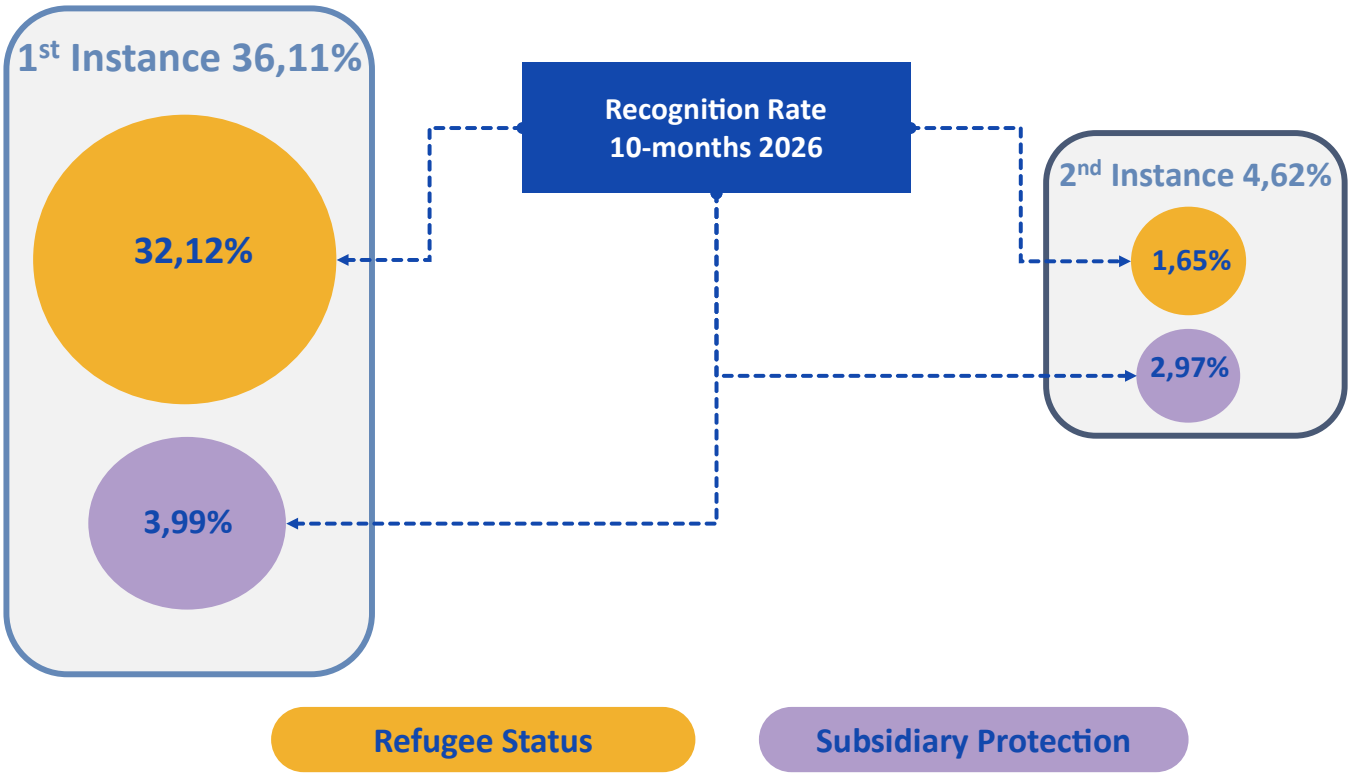


Chart 25. Recognition Rate in 1st & 2nd Instance. See Appendix Table 11g

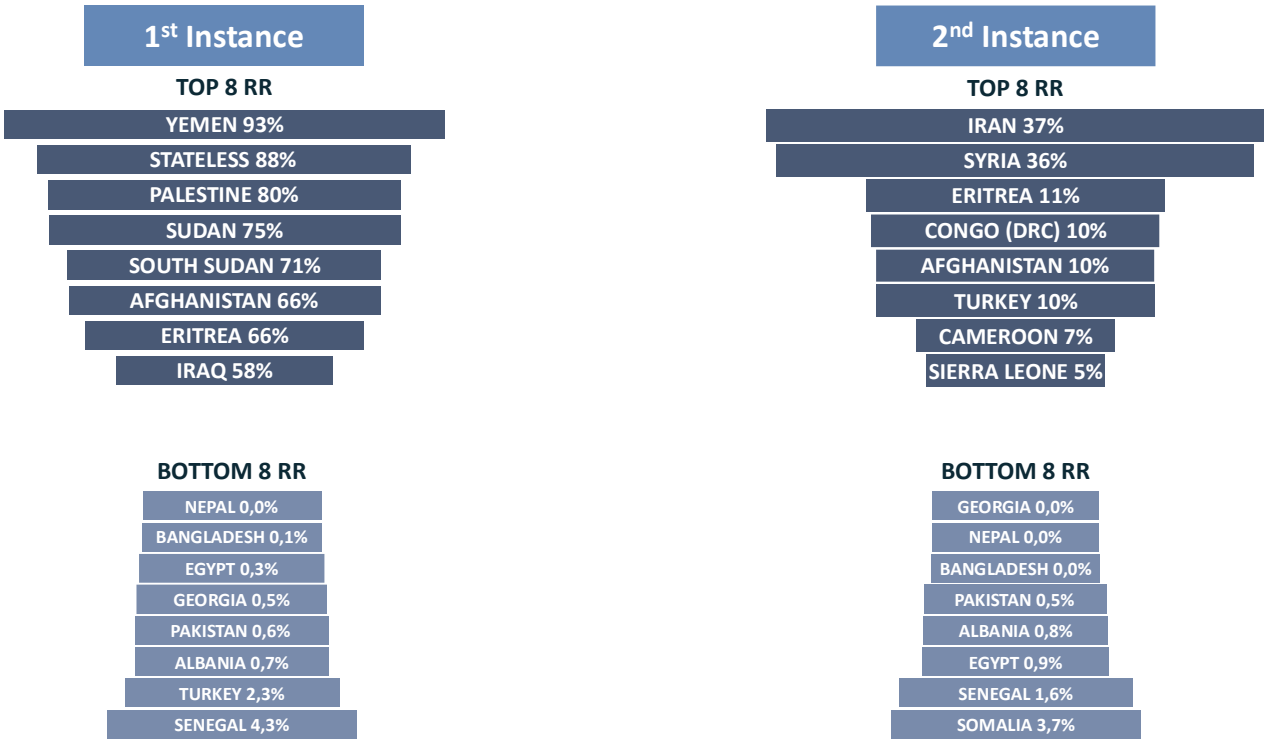


Chart 26. Recognition Rate 10-months 2026 in 1st & 2nd Instance for top and bottom 8 nationalities. For the calculation of Recognition rate in 1st Instance have been included nationalities for which have been issued at least 217 decisions in 2026 and for the 2nd Instance at least 84 decisions. See Appendix Table 11g

*RR=Recognition Rate

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

The 13,3% of the total applications for annulment per year of lodging (6.998) are pending while for the rest of them (86,7%), a decision has been issued. 6,5% of the decisions had a positive outcome and 93,5% were rejected.

From the total of 6.067 decisions regarding applications for annulment (per year of decision) 44,6% have been issued in 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026.

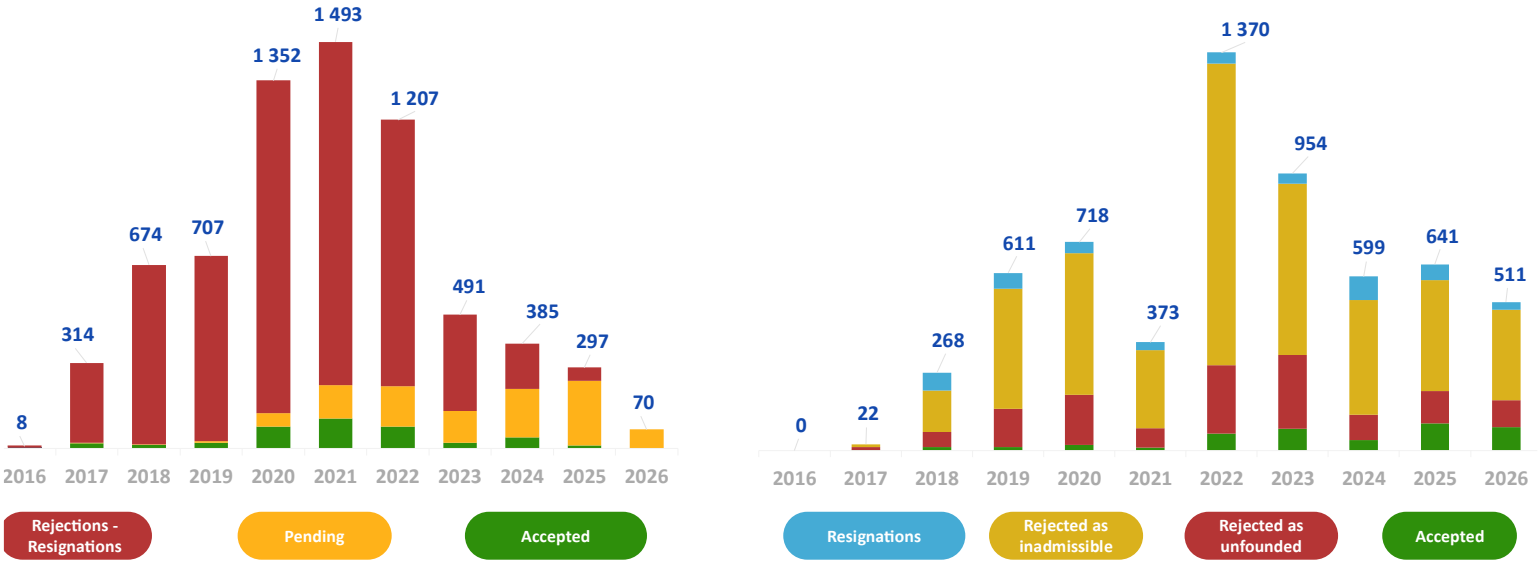


Chart 27. Applications for annulment of 2nd Instance Decisions before the Administrative Court per year of lodging (Left) – Decisions regarding Applications for annulment per year of decision (Right). See Appendix Table 12a and 12b

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 31/10/2026, 3.873 beneficiaries have been enrolled in the program. Among them, 2.037 beneficiaries have received rental subsidies, 2.541 have received integration counseling services, and 2.488 have received employment counseling services.

October 2026:
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Total registered beneficiaries since the beginning of the project

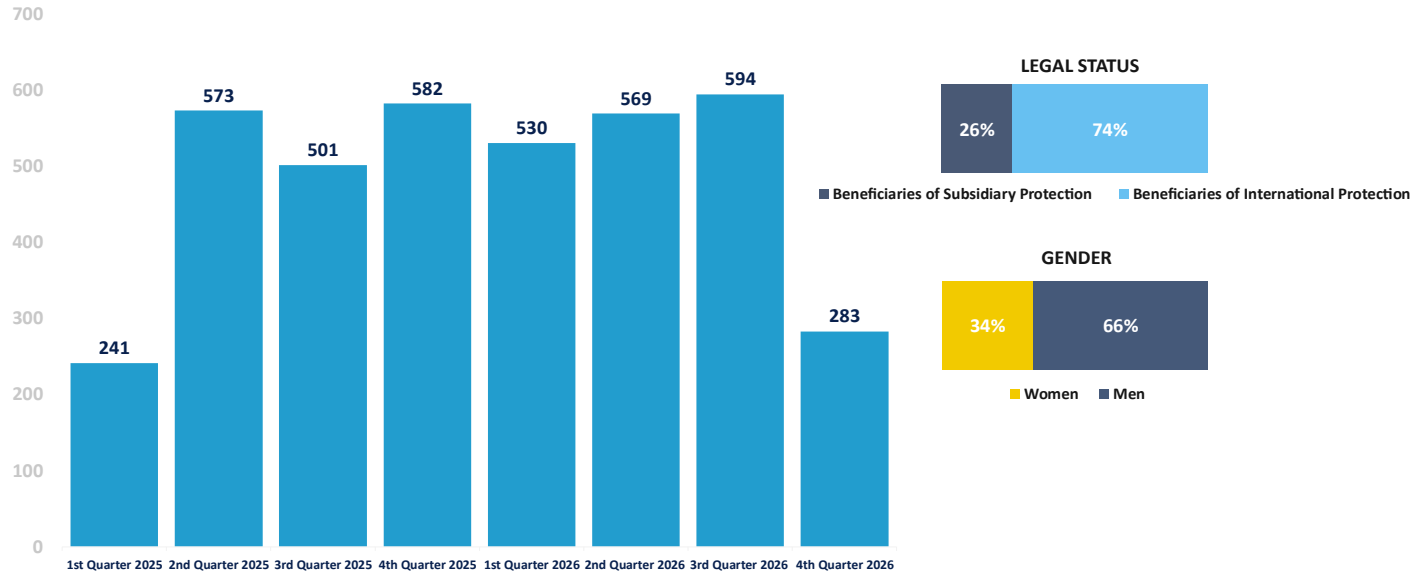
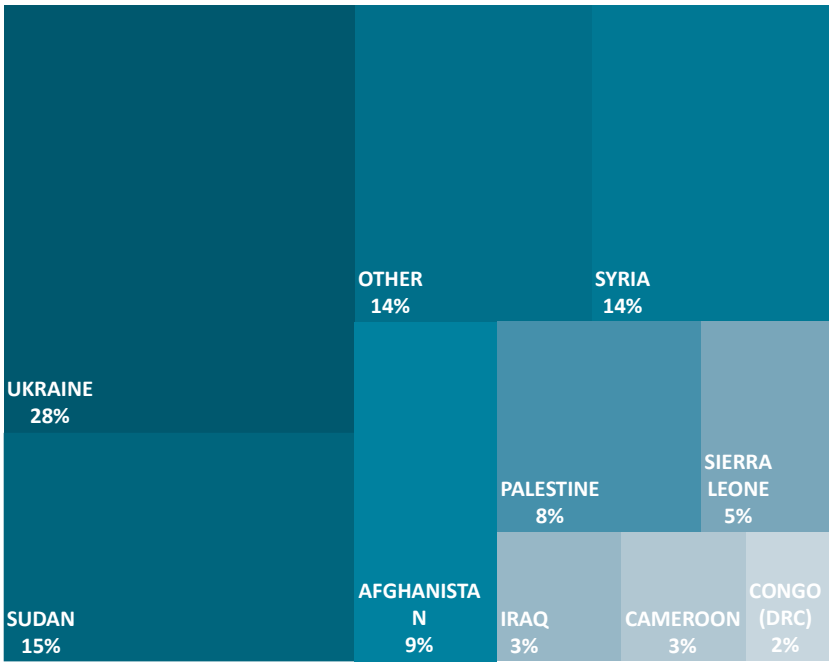


Chart 28. Helios+ Enrollments per quarter. See Appendix Table 13



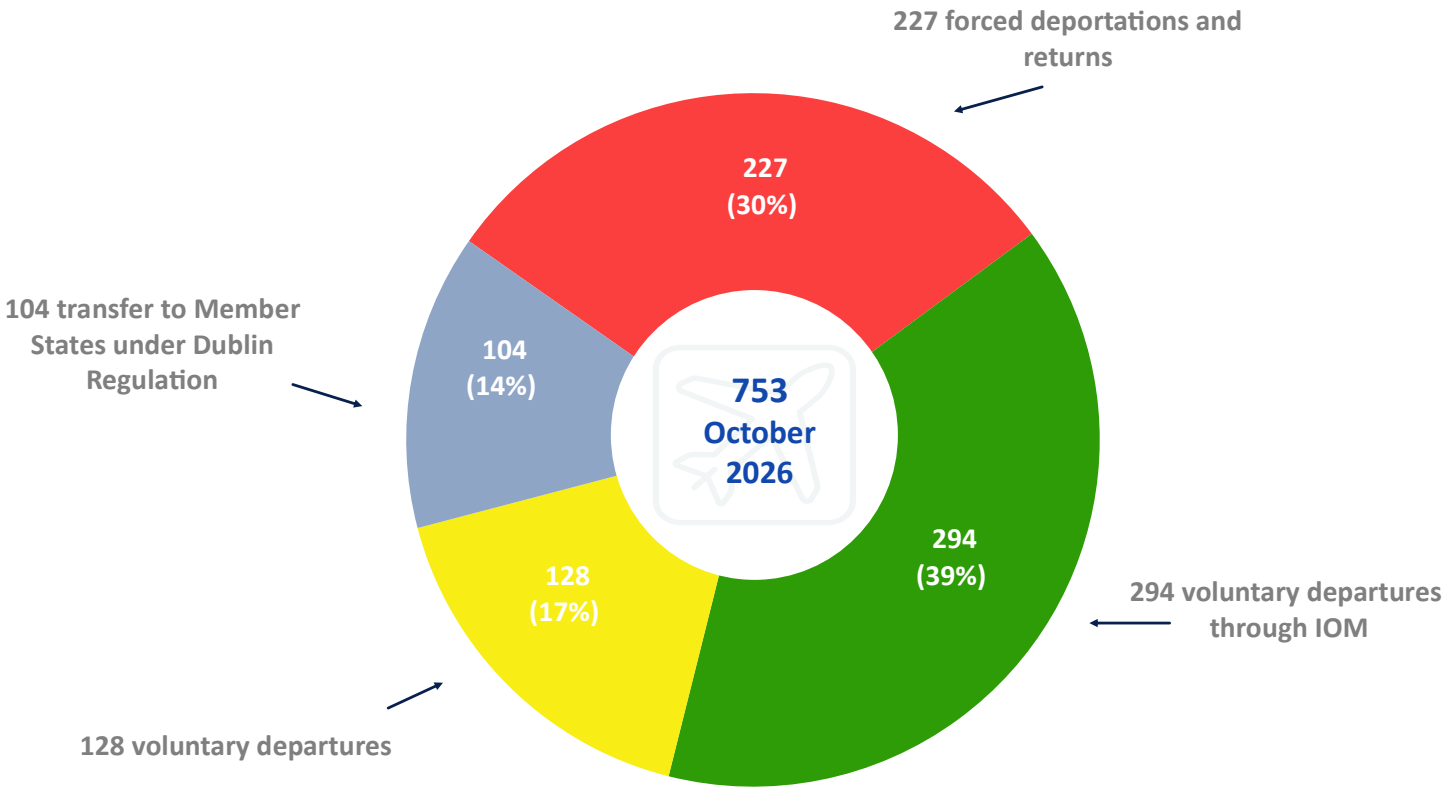
57% of the total 3.873 registered beneficiaries from 1/1/2025 till 31/10/2026 come from Ukraine, Syria and Sudan.

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

12. Returns - Departures

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

- **227 forced deportations and returns of third country nationals, based on agreements of the European Union, but also bilateral agreements of our country.**
- **294 voluntary departures through IOM.**
- **128 voluntary departures of immigrants from our country to their countries of origin.**
- **104 transfer to Member States of the European Union under the Dublin Regulation.**
- **Returns under the EU - Turkey Joint Declaration have not been made since August**
- **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 753 people left the country in October, while 7.032 arrived.**



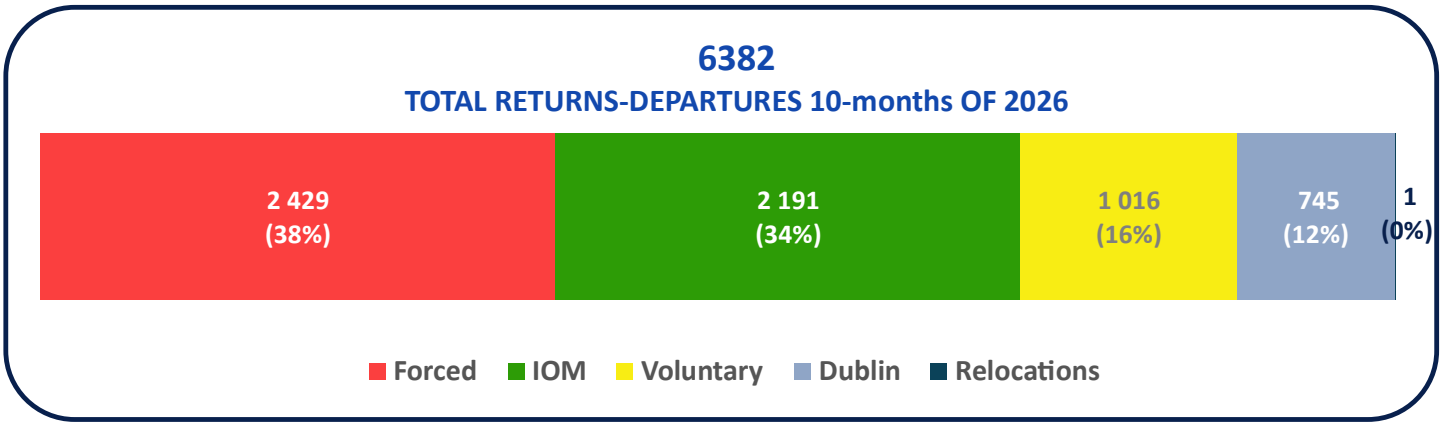
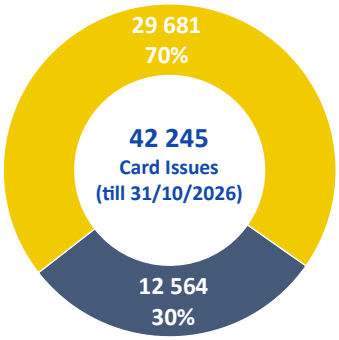


Chart 30. Returns-Departures – See Appendix Table 15.

All tables are included in Appendix A

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

Until 31/10/2026 there were issued 42.245 cards for Temporary Protection to displaced people from Ukraine where 70% refers to women and 30% to men.



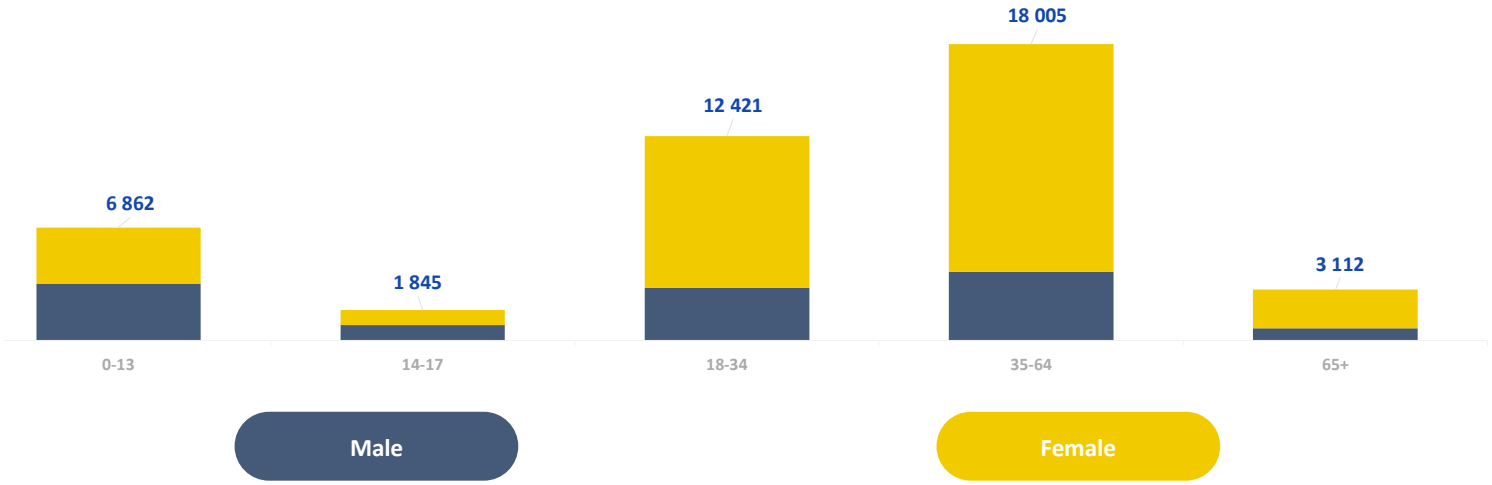


Chart 31. Total card issues to Ukrainians for Temporary Protection per age group and gender (October 2026) - See Appendix Table 16

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

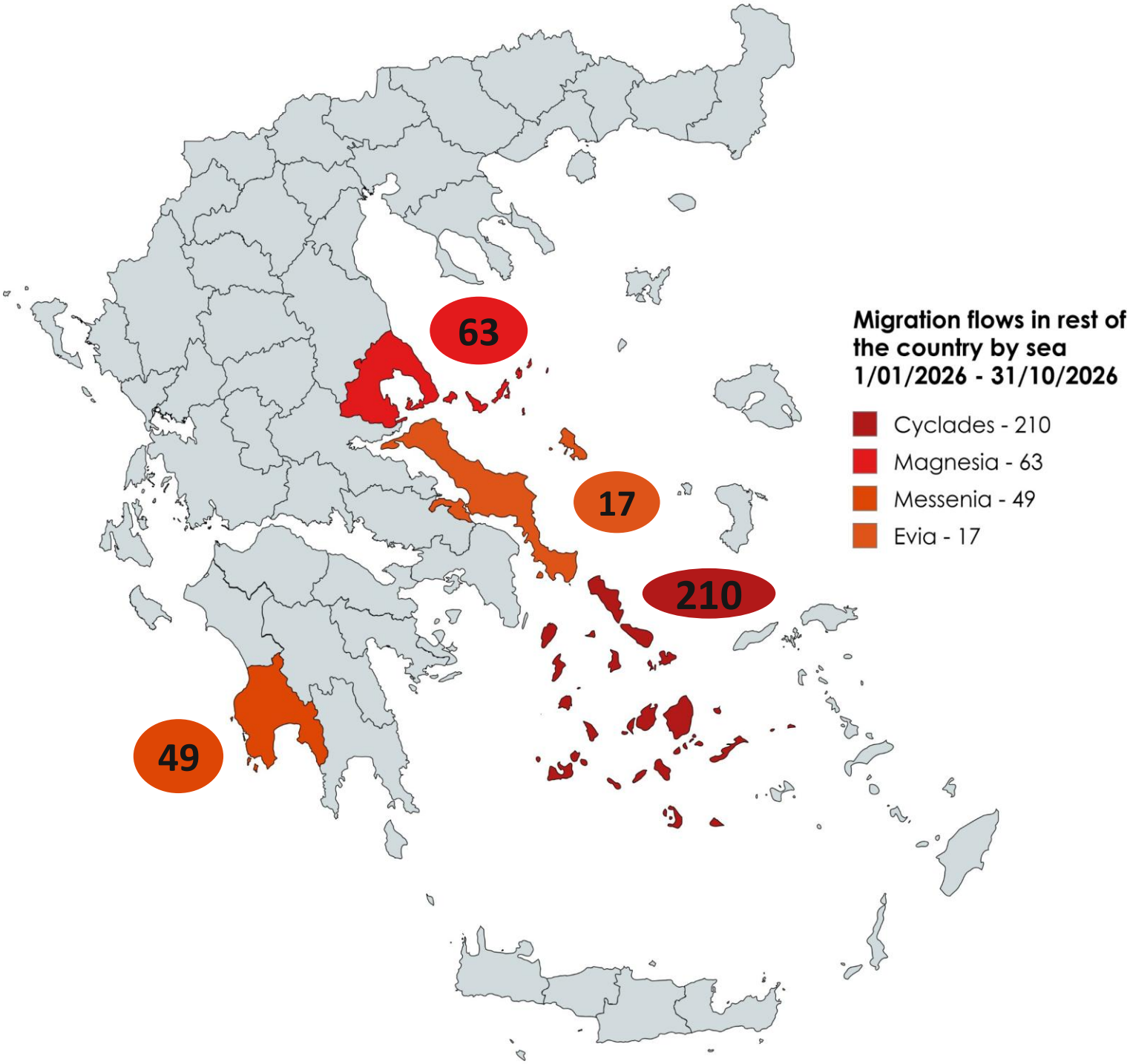


Chart 32. Migration flows in rest of country by sea (1/1/2026-31/10/2026) - See Appendix Table 17