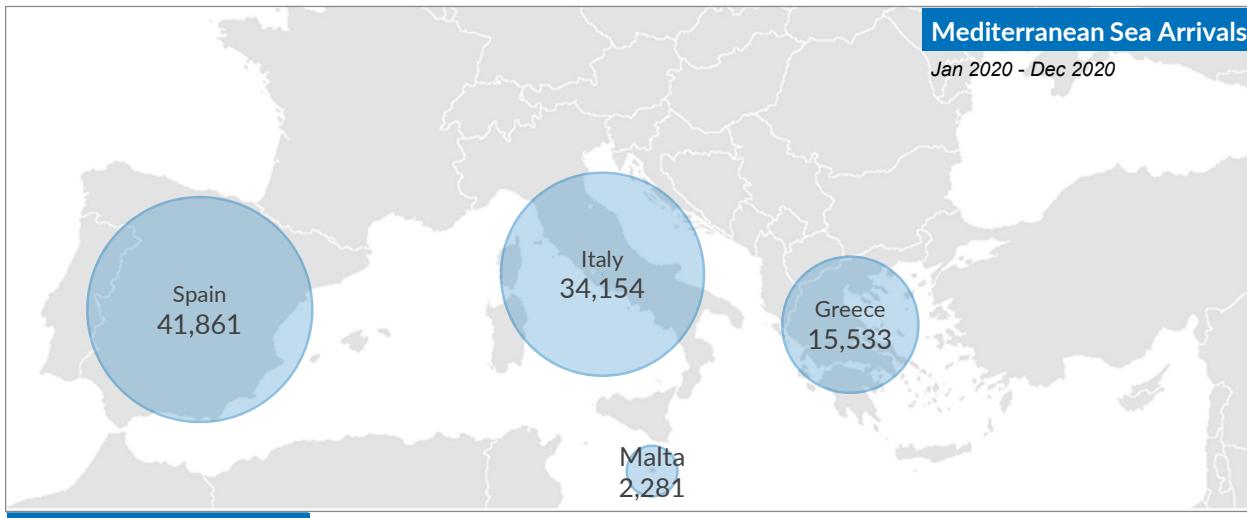


MALTA Sea Arrivals

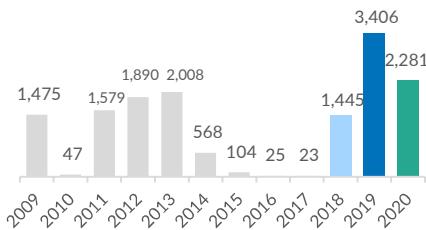


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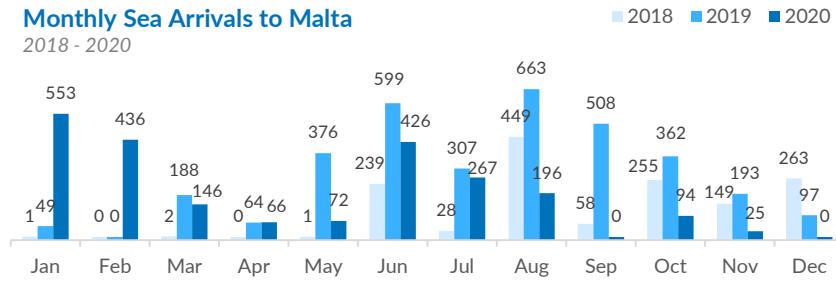
In 2020, some 94,000 refugees and migrants crossed the Mediterranean by sea and arrived in Europe. Refugees and migrants who were rescued at sea and disembarked in Malta mostly departed from Libyan shores, with a small number who departed from Tunisia. In 2020, Italy experienced a 197% rise in sea arrivals, while Malta received 33% fewer sea arrivals than in 2019. The estimated number of persons who died or went missing at sea is 1,064 people.

Malta at a Glance

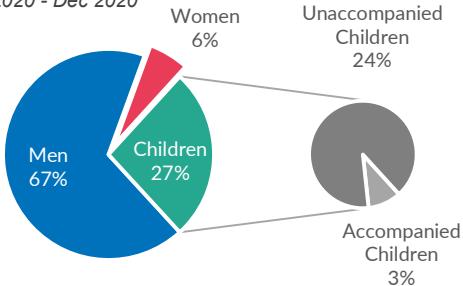
Sea Arrivals to Malta 2009 - 2020



Monthly Sea Arrivals to Malta 2018 - 2020

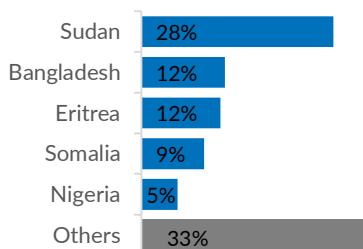


Sea Arrivals by Demographics Jan 2020 - Dec 2020

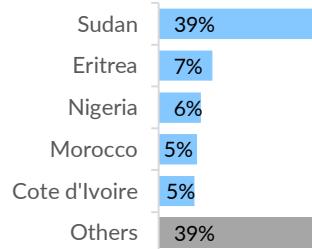


Top 5 Nationalities of Sea Arrivals

1 January - 31 December 2020

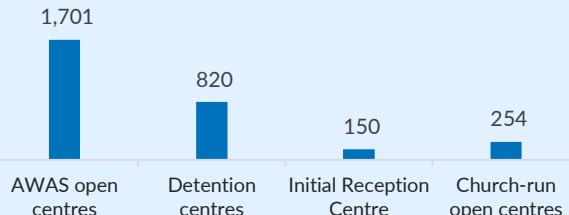


1 January - 31 December 2019



Population in Reception Centres

December 2020


Reception

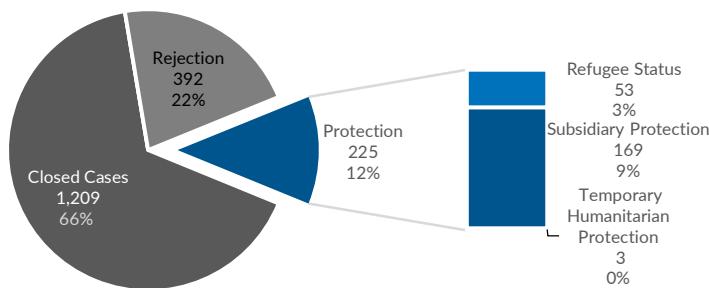
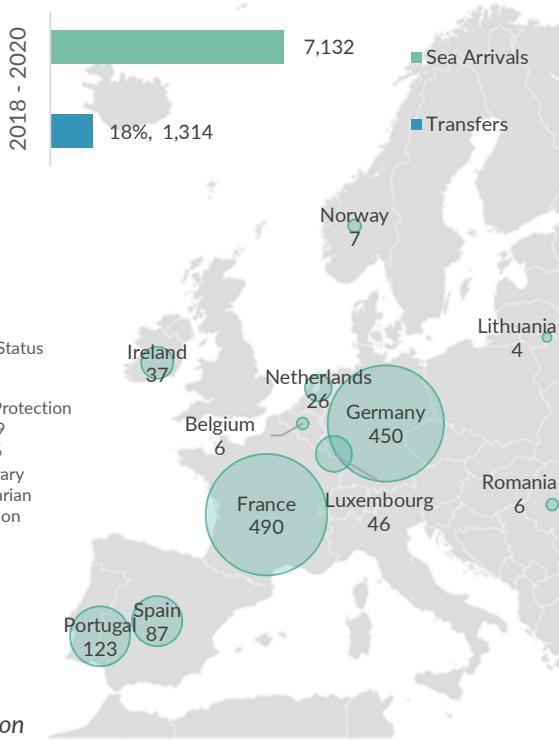
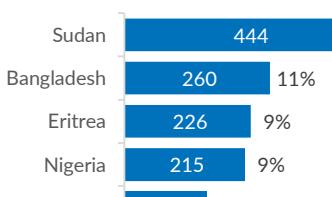
UNHCR Malta staff visit open and closed centres to provide information on the asylum system, Dublin regulation, rights and obligations of asylum-seekers and to refer persons of concern to appropriate services. UNHCR conducts child protection activities, detention monitoring and, through its implementing partners, psychological support in all centres. In 2020 UNHCR set up a helpline and digital resources for refugees, so that when COVID-19 restrictions on gathering prevented UNHCR outreach activities, refugees were still able to contact and receive information from UNHCR.

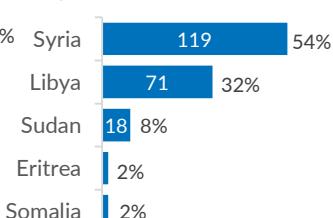
Asylum Applications and Decisions

In recent years the refugee population has been mainly composed of Libyan, Syrian and Somali refugees. In 2020 the rate of international protection (applicants granted Refugee or Subsidiary Protection status) was 13% of total decisions. There were a high number of 'closed' cases (66%), which refers to applications that resulted in an administrative closure or Dublin closure, or applications that were explicitly withdrawn, implicitly withdrawn or inadmissible.

First-Time Asylum Applications Decision

1 January - 31 December 2020


**Relocations from Malta to EU Member States
2018 - 2020**

Most Common Nationalities
of First-Time Asylum Applicants
Jan - Dec 2020

TOTAL APPLICATIONS 2412

Most Common Nationalities
Granted International Protection
Refugee Status and Subsidiary Protection

TOTAL GRANTED 222

**Transfers to EU Member States
after disembarkation in Malta**

From 2018 to 2020, 1,314 asylum-seekers have been relocated from Malta to other Member States. Most relocations have been to France, Germany, Portugal, and Spain.