

STATISTICS ON RECEPTION & REFUGEE CAMPS IN GREECE 2025

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This Refugee Support Aegean (RSA) note provides the latest official statistics on reception and refugee camps in Greece at the end of 2025, as disclosed by the Ministry of Migration and Asylum in response to parliamentary questions.¹ The data reveals yet another year of persistent, chronic gaps in reception conditions and corroborates the consistent observations made in our annual reporting.

Capacity & residents

22,622 people resided in camps ("facilities") managed by the Reception and Identification Service (RIS) of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum at the end of 2025. These include five Closed Controlled Access Centres (CCAC) on the islands, three Reception and Identification Centres (RIC) and 22 Controlled Temporary Reception Centres for asylum seekers (CTRC). At the end of 2024, 27,100 people resided in the reception system managed by the RIS.

Capacity & occupancy of camps: 31 Dec 2025			
	Capacity		Residents
	Nominal	Actual	
Closed Controlled Access Centres (CCAC)			
Lesvos	3,881	3,522	1,168
Samos	3,664	3,136	1,783
Leros	2,152	2,037	1,738
Kos	3,455	1,273	1,363
Chios	1,014	1,014	706
Reception and Identification Centres (RIC)			
Fylakio	756	756	676
Malakasa	3,471	2,554	2,250
Diavata	1,017	951	422
Controlled Temporary Reception Centres for asylum seekers (CTRC)			
Koutsochero	1,748	1,464	1,400
Ritsona	3,036	1,268	1,535
Schisto	1,551	1,017	513
Thiva	1,014	828	554
Corinth	896	804	630
Oinofyta	412	408	268
Kyllini	486	406	297
Thermopyles	390	338	135
Pyrgos	200	200	146
Attiko Alsos	100	100	62
Polykastro	1,660	1,642	1,124

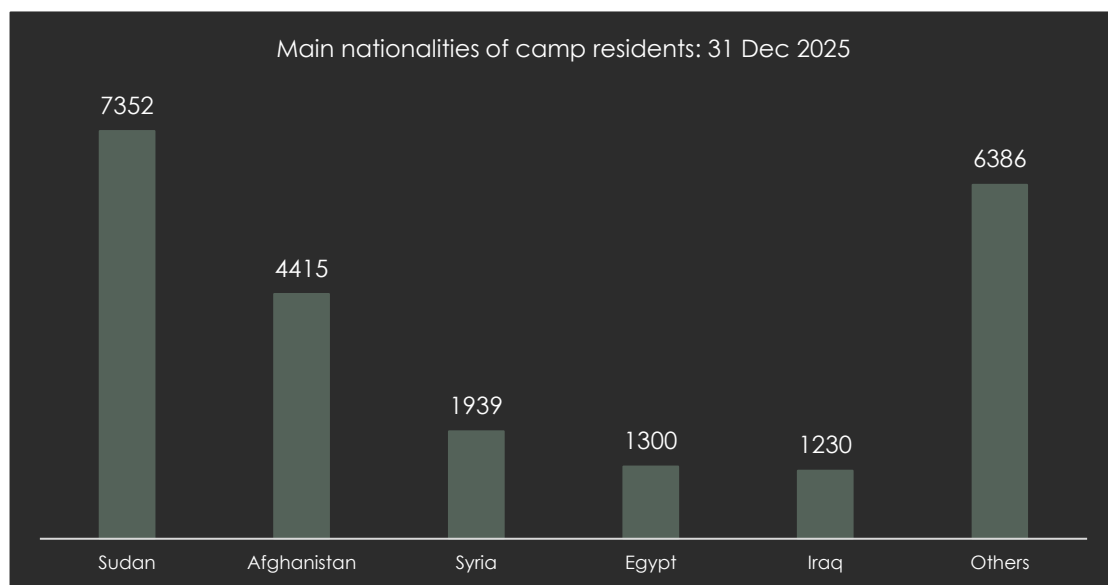
¹ Ministry of Migration and Asylum, Reply to parliamentary question, 24237/2026, 6 February 2026, available [here](#).

Serres	1,650	1,546	919
Katsikas	1,606	1,244	785
Kavala	1,168	1,075	827
Vagiochori	822	798	437
Alexandria	826	720	445
Sinfiki	751	666	599
Drama	556	556	397
Lagadikia	684	518	336
Agia Eleni	516	516	336
Filippiada	880	492	466
Veria	519	446	305
Total	40,881	32,295	22,622

Source: Ministry of Migration and Asylum, Reply to parliamentary question, 6 Feb 2026

Population features

The main country of origin of residents in camps at the end of the year was Sudan, followed by Afghanistan, Syria, Egypt and Iraq.



Main camps by nationality of residents: 31 Dec 2025

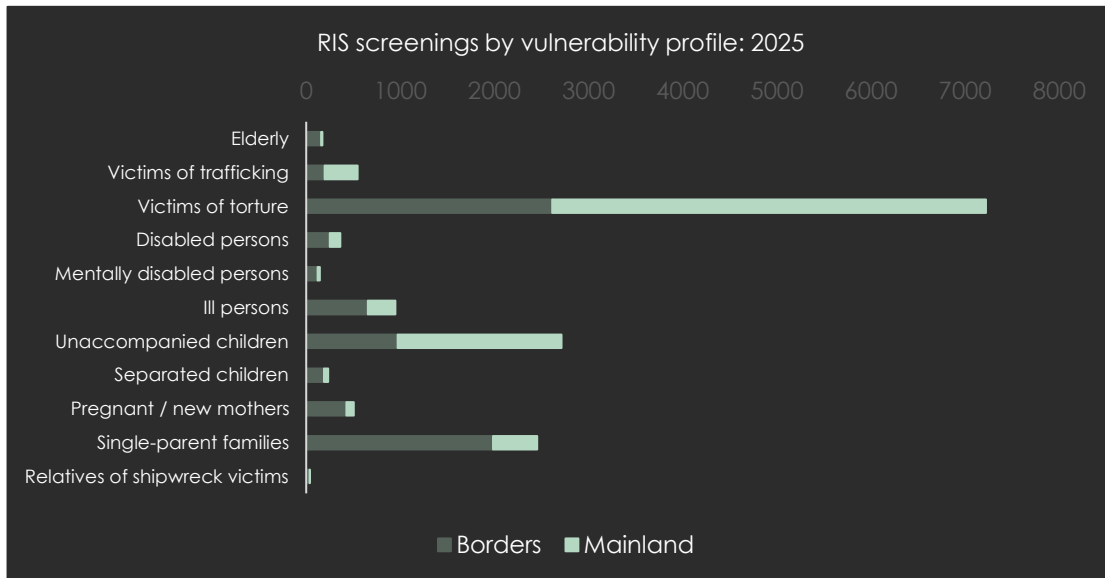
Nationality	Mainland				Islands	
	Camp	Count	Camp	Count	Camp	Count
Sudan	Koutsochero	1,215	Ritsona	1,032	Kos	466
	Fylakio	443	Alexandria	243	Samos	757
Syria	Kyllini	164	Malakasa	155	Kos	87
	Malakasa	613	Sinfiki	323	Kos	466
Iraq	Polykastro	201	Serres	192	Samos	19

Source: Ministry of Migration and Asylum, Reply to parliamentary question, 6 Feb 2026

Out of the 22,622 people residing in RIS camps at the end of last year, 3,882 were children. The majority of children resided in RIC Malakasa (437), CCAC Leros (404), CCAC Kos (277) and CCAC Samos (265).

No alternatives for vulnerable persons

Last year, the RIS screened 50,840 people in reception and identification procedures. Of those, 15,345 were identified as vulnerable persons, mainly as survivors of torture or other forms of violence:



Source: RIS, Statistics, [here](#) and [here](#)

The official figures of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum refer to a total of 5,854 people with identified vulnerabilities in RIS camps at the end of 2025. This corresponds to at least one quarter of the population living in camps.

Camp	Vulnerable residents	Total residents
Lesvos	608	11,168
Malakasa	591	2,250
Ritsona	390	1,535
Samos	348	1,783
Koutsochero	325	1,400
Others	3,592	14,486
Total	5,854	22,622

Source: Ministry of Migration and Asylum, Reply to parliamentary question, 6 Feb 2026

Over three years ago, the Greek government committed to launching the “Stirixis” programme to restore at least 500 accommodation places in urban apartments for vulnerable asylum seekers, after it abolished the ESTIA programme. To date, camps remain the only form of housing offered to people seeking protection in Greece, regardless of vulnerability.

Whereas the Ministry of Migration and Asylum reiterates that all vulnerable persons receive the special reception conditions required by law, the reception conditions offered to these people in practice still do not differ from those afforded to the remainder of the population.

Constant deficiencies in reception conditions

Zero financial allowances for one year

The Ministry of Migration and Asylum expressly states that the programme for provision of the financial allowance to which asylum seekers are entitled came to a close at the end of March 2025. Since then, not a single asylum seeker of the 22,622 people who lived in camps has received a single euro in financial support from the state to cover necessary daily expenses such as medication or transport.

Staffing of medical services

A total of 58 doctors were deployed throughout the RIS camps, compared to 54 at the end of 2024. Doctors and other medical staff profiles are deployed in camps under the EU-funded "Hippocrates" programme. This number corresponds to one doctor per 390 people, given the total number of 22,622 residents.

The rate of doctors to residents is significantly lower in the largest RIS camps that hosted over 1,000 people. The distribution of medical personnel in those camps was as follows:

Health care personnel in the largest camps: 31 Dec 2025							
Camp	Total	Vulnerable	Doctors	Nurses	Midwives	Psychologists	Social workers
Malakasa	2,250	591	2	2	2	3	3
Samos	1,783	348	2	2	1	2	1
Kos	1,738	153	1	2	-	2	-
Koutsochero	1,535	325	3	2	-	2	3
Ritsona	1,400	390	2	1	1	1	1
Leros	1,363	207	-	6	2	2	1
Lesvos	1,168	608	2	6	2	2	1
Polykastro	1,124	324	2	2	1	2	3

Source: Ministry of Migration and Asylum, Reply to parliamentary question, 6 Feb 2026

At least five camps had no doctor at all at the end of 2025. This includes Leros, Filippiada, Veria, Kyllini and Pyrgos.

168 interpreters were deployed in RIS camps at the end of 2025, exclusively through emergency provision of staff by the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA).



<https://rsaegean.org/en/asylum-procedure-and-reception-statistics-in-greece-in-2025/>



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