

9 YEARS OF SYRIANS IN TURKEY: A SUMMARY

29 April 2011 - 29 April 2020



REFUGEE / ASYLUM SEEKER / INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION IN TURKEY

WHILE IN TOTAL THERE WERE 58 THOUSAND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN TURKEY IN 2011; THE NUMBER OF ASYLUM-SEEKERS EXCEEDED 4 MILLION (TP+IP), WITH 3.6 MILLION SYRIANS AND 400 THOUSAND FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, AS OF 2019



TURKEY

SINCE 2014, TURKEY HAS BEEN THE COUNTRY HOSTING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN THE WORLD (UNHCR)

ON APRIL 29TH, 2011

THE FIRST GROUP OF 252 SYRIANS, ESCAPING THE CHAOTIC CONTEXT IN THEIR COUNTRY, ENTERED INTO TURKEY THROUGH HATAY-YAYLADAĞI

NUMBER OF SYRIAN UNDER TEMPORARY PROTECTION

THE REGISTERED NUMBER OF SYRIANS UNDER TEMPORARY PROTECTION IN TURKEY WAS 14 THOUSAND IN 2012, 224 THOUSAND IN 2013, 1 MILLION 519 THOUSAND IN 2014, 2.5 MILLION IN 2015, 2.8 MILLION IN 2016, 3.4 MILLION IN 2017, 3.6 MILLION IN 2018, 3.5 MILLION IN 2019, AND 3 MILLION 583 THOUSAND IN 2020

CAMPS

ONLY 1.5% OF SYRIANS (63 THOUSAND) LIVE IN CAMPS

"URBAN REFUGEES"

99% OF SYRIANS LIVE IN URBAN CENTERS TOGETHER WITH THE TURKISH SOCIETY

DISTRIBUTION OF SYRIANS UNDER TEMPORARY PROTECTION BY PROVINCE

THE LARGEST NUMBER OF SYRIANS, 960 THOUSAND, LIVE IN ISTANBUL (IOM); IT IS FOLLOWED BY GAZIANTEP, HATAY, ŞANLIURFA, ADANA, MERSİN, BURSA, İZMİR, KONYA, AND KİLİS, EACH OF WHICH WITH MORE THAN 100 THOUSAND SYRIANS. BECAUSE TURKEY HAS NOT IMPLEMENTED A SETTLEMENT FOR SYRIANS, THERE IS AN EXTRAORDINARILY UNEVEN DISTRIBUTION AMONG REGIONS, PROVINCES, EVEN DISTRICTS.

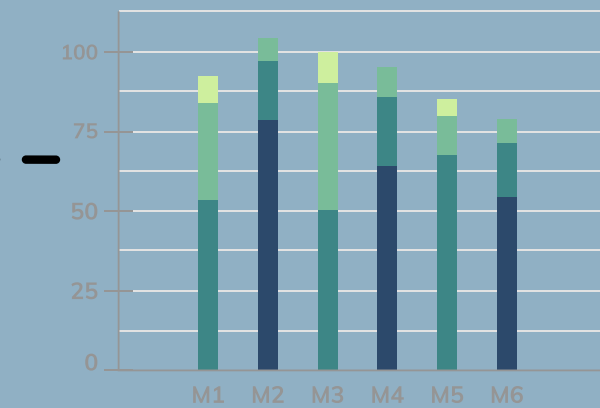


AS OF APRIL 2020, IN TURKEY, THERE ARE

3 MILLION 583 THOUSAND SYRIANS "UNDER TEMPORARY PROTECTION", 117 THOUSAND SYRIANS WITH RESIDENCE PERMITS, 100 THOUSAND SYRIANS AS "IRREGULAR MIGRANTS" (APPROXIMATELY) 117 THOUSAND SYRIANS HAVE OBTAINED TURKISH CITIZENSHIP AS OF THE END OF 2019

IN THE NINE YEARS SINCE 29 APRIL 2011, IN TURKEY

680 THOUSAND SYRIAN CHILDREN WERE INTEGRATED INTO TURKISH EDUCATION SYSTEM, MORE THAN 620 THOUSAND SYRIAN BABIES WERE BORN, MORE THAN 1 MILLION SYRIANS ARE ACTIVELY WORKING, OVER 20 THOUSAND SYRIANS ESTABLISHED COMPANIES, 33 THOUSAND SYRIANS ARE ENROLLED TO TURKISH UNIVERSITIES, AMONG SYRIANS, 0-18 YEARS OLD: 1.6 MILLION, SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN: 1 MILLION 80 THOUSAND, WORKING-AGE POPULATION (15-65): 2 MILLION



THE VIOLENCE AND CHAOS STILL CONTINUE IN SYRIA

EVEN IF THIS VIOLENT CONFLICT COMES TO AN END SOON, AFTER HAVING LED TO THE DEATH OF 500 THOUSAND PEOPLE, CAUSED 6.5 MILLION TO ESCAPE THEIR COUNTRY AND 7-8 MILLION TO BECOME INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE; THE PROSPECTS OF STABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE PEACE UNFORTUNATELY APPEAR ELUSIVE

NON SYRIAN REFUGEES AND IRREGULAR MIGRANTS FLOW

DON'T FORGET OTHER (NON-SYRIAN) REFUGEES AND IRREGULAR MIGRANTS. TURKEY IS FACING AN EXTRAORDINARY INFLUX OF NON SYRIAN REFUGEES AND ESPECIALLY IRREGULAR MIGRANTS AFTER 2016. NON-SYRIAN INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION HOLDERS/APPLICANTS EXCEEDED 365 THOUSAND IN 2019. THE NUMBER OF IRREGULAR MIGRANTS, MOSTLY FROM AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, IRAN AND IRAQ HAS BEEN CAPTURED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS OVER 1.5 MILLION. 465 THOUSAND WERE CAUGHT ALONE IN 2019. MORE THAN 201 THOUSAND WERE AFGHANS. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THOSE CAUGHT ARE SENT BACK TO THEIR COUNTRIES, OVER 2/3 REMAIN IN TURKEY. BECAUSE ENTRY OF IRREGULAR MIGRANTS INTO THE COUNTRY COULD NOT BE STOPPED, THE NUMBERS ARE GROWING DRAMATICALLY.

