

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0265) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Furner (L&CA 13) asked:

Were there boat arrivals and did the composition of these arrivals change after TPVs were first implemented in 1999? Include a breakdown of the two years before and the two years after by month and by age and by gender.

Answer:

There was an increase in boat arrivals following the introduction of TPVs on 20 October 1999. The composition of asylum seekers changed after the introduction of TPVs, with an increase in the proportion of arrivals who were women relative to the number of male arrivals and an increase in the proportion of minors in relation to the number of adults.

Please see table attached for a breakdown of the composition of boat arrivals two years before and two years after the introduction of TPVs, by month, age and gender.

Number of boat arrivals by month, age group and gender, 2 years before TPV introduction (November 1997 to October 1999)					
Arrival year/month	Total	Adult	Minor	Female	Male
11/1997	8	6	2	4	4
01/1998	52	40	12	16	36
02/1998	22	21	1	3	19
04/1998	6	6	0	0	6
05/1998	16	16	0	0	16
06/1998	10	10	0	0	10
07/1998	8	8	0	1	7
09/1998	12	12	0	0	12
11/1998	22	22	0	0	22
12/1998	52	51	1	10	42
01/1999	18	14	4	3	15
02/1999	63	63	0	0	63
03/1999	103	90	13	21	82
04/1999	91	90	1	4	87
05/1999	271	268	3	2	269
06/1999	279	262	17	12	267
07/1999	92	86	6	1	91
08/1999	286	257	29	26	260
09/1999	121	116	5	3	118
10/1999	421	387	34	22	399
Total	1953	1825	128	128	1825
% of total	100%	93%	7%	7%	93%

Number of boat arrivals by month, age group and gender, 2 years after TPV introduction (November 1999 to October 2001)					
Arrival year/ month	Total	Adult	Minor	Female	Male
11/1999	1248	1089	159	100	1148
12/1999	728	565	163	162	566
01/2000	279	243	36	23	256
02/2000	364	306	58	68	296
03/2000	261	204	57	49	212
04/2000	141	120	21	17	124
05/2000	83	67	16	16	67
06/2000	151	119	32	38	113
07/2000	89	84	5	1	88
08/2000	74	54	20	15	59
09/2000	227	169	58	55	172
10/2000	289	239	50	54	235
11/2000	237	196	41	38	199
12/2000	743	535	208	129	614
01/2001	332	245	87	58	274
03/2001	753	545	208	204	549
04/2001	561	448	113	88	473
05/2001	199	148	51	31	168
06/2001	633	455	178	149	484
08/2001	1645	1126	519	415	1230
09/2001	561	363	198	178	383
10/2001	619	436	183	153	466
Total	10217	7756	2461	2041	8176
% of total	100%	76%	24%	20%	80%

Figures are manually sourced from DIAC systems; the data may be subject to change.