

Greece Immigration Detention Data Profile

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	QUICK FACTS	
	Immigration detainees (2017)	25,810
	Detained asylum seekers (2017)	9,534
	Immigration detention capacity (2013)	6,290
	Persons expelled (2017)	18,765
	International migrants (2017)	1,220,400
	New asylum applications (2016)	58,134

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

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STATISTICS

Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Total number of immigration detainees by year	25,810	2017	Number of detained asylum seekers	9,534	2017
	14,864	2016		4,072	2016
Number of apprehensions of non-citizens	68,110	2017	Number of dedicated long-term immigration detention centres	9	2017
	204,820	2016			
	911,470	2015			
Estimated capacity of dedicated long-term immigration detention centres	5,212	2017	Number of transit facilities	1	2016
	6,033	2016			
Number of persons removed/returned (voluntary returns and deportations)	18,765	2017	Percentage of persons removed in relation to total number of people placed in removal procedures	41	2017
	19,055	2016		56	2016
	14,390	2015		14	2015
Criminal prison population	9,566	2017	Percentage of foreign prisoners	54.3	2017
Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	89	2017			

Demographics and immigration-related statistics					
		Observation Date		Observation Date	
Population	10,955,000	2015	International migrants	1,220,400	2017
				1,242,000	2015
International migrants as a percentage of the population	11.3	2015	Refugees	46,381	2016
				24,838	2015
Total number of new asylum applications	58,134	2016	Stateless persons	198	2016
				214	2015
DOMESTIC LAW					
Laws and regulation					
Constitutional guarantees?	Name	Constitution and Articles	Year Adopted	Last Year Amended	
	Yes	Constitution of Greece, art. 6	1975	2008	
Core pieces of national legislation	Name			Year Adopted	Last Year Amended
	Law 4375/2015 on the organization and operation of the Asylum Service, the Appeals Authority, the Reception and Identification Service, the establishment of the General Secretariat for Reception, the transposition into Greek legislation of the provisions (Νόμος 4375/2016 «Οργάνωση και λειτουργία Υπηρεσίας Ασύλου, Αρχής Προσφυγών, Υπηρεσίας Υποδοχής και Ταυτοποίησης σύσταση Γενικής Γραμματείας Υποδοχής, προσαρμογή της Ελληνικής Νομοθεσίας προς τις διατάξεις της Οδηγίας 2013/32/ΕΕ του Ευρωπαϊκού Κοινοβουλίου και του Συμβουλίου «σχετικά με τις κοινές διαδικασίες για τη χορήγηση και ανάκληση του καθεστώτος διεθνούς προστασίας (αναδιτύπωση)» (L 180/29.6.2013), διατάξεις για την εργασία δικαιούχων διεθνούς προστασίας και άλλες διατάξεις)			2015	2016
	Law 3386/2005 on Entry, Residence and Social Integration of Third-Country Nationals on Greek Territory (Νόμος 3386/2005 «Είσοδος, διαμονή και κοινωνική ένταξη υπηκόων τρίτων χωρών στην Ελληνική Επικράτεια»)			2005	2015
	Law 3907/2011 on the Establishment of an Asylum Service and a First Reception Service (Νόμος 3907/2011 «Ίδρυση Υπηρεσίας Ασύλου και Υπηρεσίας Πρώτης Υποδοχής, προσαρμογή της ελληνικής νομοθεσίας προς τις διατάξεις της Οδηγίας 2008/115/ΕΚ «σχετικά με τους κοινούς κανόνες και διαδικασίες στα κράτη-μέλη για την επιστροφή των παρανόμως διαμενόντων υπηκόων τρίτων χωρών» και λοιπές διατάξεις»)			2011	2016
Grounds for administrative immigration-related detention					
Immigration-status-related grounds	Name			Observation Date	
	Detention to prevent absconding			2017	
	Detention to effect removal			2017	
	Detention for failing to respect a voluntary removal order			2017	
	Detention during the asylum process			2017	
	Detention to establish/verify identity and nationality			2017	
Non-immigration-status-related grounds providing for administrative detention in immigration legislation.	Name			Observation Date	
	Detention on public order, threats or security grounds			2017	
	Detention on health-related grounds			2017	

Criminalization of immigration-related offences				
Does the country provide specific criminal penalties for immigration-related violations?	Fines	Incarceration	Observation Date	
	Yes	Yes	2014	
Grounds for criminal immigration-related detention/incarceration and maximum potential duration of incarceration	Grounds for Incarceration	Maximum Number of Days of Incarceration		Observation Date
	Unauthorized re-entry			2017
Length of detention				
Maximum length for administrative immigration detention in law.	Number of Days		Observation Date	
	540		2017	
Maximum length of time in custody prior to issuance of a detention order	Number of Days		Observation Date	
	3		2017	
Maximum length of detention for asylum-seekers	Number of Days		Observation Date	
	90		2017	
Procedural standards				
Provision of basic procedural standards	Name	In Law	In Practice	Observation Date
	Information to detainees	Yes		2017
	Right to legal counsel	Yes		2017
	Independent review of detention	Yes		2017
	Compensation for unlawful detention	No		2017
Non-custodial measures (alternatives to detention)				
Types of non-custodial measures	Name	In Law	In Practice	Observation Date
	Supervised release and/or reporting	Yes	No	2014
	Release on bail	Yes	No	2014
	Registration (deposit of documents)	Yes	No	2014
	Designated non-secure housing	Yes	No	2014
	Electronic monitoring	No	No	2014
Vulnerable persons				
Is the detention of vulnerable persons provided in law? Are they detained in practice?	Name	In Law	In Practice	Observation Date
	Accompanied minors	Provided	Yes	2016
	Survivors of torture		Yes	2016
	Unaccompanied minors	Provided	Yes	2016
Mandatory detention				
Mandatory detention	Filter	Name	Observation Date	
	No	No	2017	
Expedited removal and re-entry ban				
Re-entry ban	Name		Observation Date	
	Yes		2017	

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

International treaties	Name		Ratification Year
	ICPED, International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance		2015
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights		1997
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights		1985
	ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination		1970
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women		1983
	CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment		1988
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child		1993
	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities		2012
	CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees		1960
	PCRSR, Protocol to the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees		1968
	CRSSP, Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons		1975
	CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children		2011
	CTOCSP, Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime		2011
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations		1975
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	14/19		
Individual complaints procedure	Name		Acceptance Year
	ICCPR, First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966		1997
	CEDAW, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1999		1999
	CAT, declaration under article 22 of the Convention		1988
	CRPD, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities		2012
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number	Observation Date	
	4	2019	
	4	2019	
Regional legal instruments	Name		Year of Ratification (Treaty) / Transposed (Directive) / Adoption (Regulation)
	CATHB, Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings		2014
	ECHR, Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (commonly known as the European Convention on Human Rights)		1974
	ECHR7, Protocol 7 to the European Convention on Human Rights (amended by protocol 11)		1987
	ECHR1, Protocol 1 to the European Convention on Human Rights (amended by protocol 11)		1974
	ECPT, European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment		1991
	CPCSE, Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse		2009
	ECCF, European Convention on Consular Functions		1983

Regional judicial decisions on individual complaints	Name	Decision Details	Observation Date
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	S.D. v. Greece. 53541/07. 11 June 2009	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	Tabesh v. Greece. 8256/07. ECtHR. 26 November 2009	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	A.A. v. Greece. 12186/08. ECtHR. 22 July 2010	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	M.S.S. v. Belgium and Greece. 30696/09. ECtHR. 21 January 2011	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	Rahimi v. Greece. 8687/08. ECtHR. 5 April 2011	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	R.U. v. Greece. 2237/08. ECtHR. 7 June 2011	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	Efremidze v. Greece. 33225/08. ECtHR. 21 June 2011	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	Mahmundi and others v. Greece. 14902/10. ECtHR. 31 July 2012	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	Bygylashvili v. Greece. 58164/10. ECtHR. 25 September 2012	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	Lin v. Greece. 58158/10. ECtHR. 6 November 2012	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	Khuroshvili v. Greece. 58165/10. ECtHR. 12 December 2013	2019
	Court of Justice of European Union (CJEU)	N.S and M.E. Joined Cases C-411/10 and C-493/10. 21 December 2011.	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	A.F. v. Greece, 53709/11, 7 October 2013.	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	Mahammad and others v. Greece, 48352/12, 15 January 2015.	2019
	European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	Tatishvili v. Greece, 26452/11, 31 July 2014.	2019
European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)	Horshill v. Greece, 70427/11, 1 August 2013.	2019	

Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms

Visits by special procedures of the Human Rights Council	Name	Year of Visit	Observation Date
	Working Group on arbitrary detention	2013	2019
	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants	2012	2019
	Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	2010	2019
	Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography	2005	2019

Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recomendation Issued	Year Issued	Observation Date
	Yes	2011	2019
	Yes	2016	2019

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

Governing structures

Federal or centralized governing system	Federal or centralized governing system	Observation Date
	Centralized system	2019

Centralized or decentralized immigration authority	Centralized or decentralized immigration authority	Observation Date
	Centralized immigration authority	2019

Institutions responsible for immigration detention															
Custodial authority	Agency		Ministry			Ministry Typology			Observation Date						
			Ministry of Citizen Protection			Internal or Public Security			2019						
	Reception and Identification Service		Ministry of Migration Policy			Immigration or Citizenship			2019						
Detention Facility Management		Entity Name			Entity Type			Observation Date							
		Police			Governmental			2017							
Formally designated detention estate?		Formally designated immigration detention estate?			Types of officially designated detention centres					Observation Date					
		Yes			Dedicated immigration detention facilities					2017					
Types of detention facilities used in practice	Immigration detention centre (Administrative)	Immigration field office (Administrative)	Transit centre (Administrative)	Reception centre (Administrative)	Offshore detention centre (Administrative)	Hospital (Administrative)	Border guard (Administrative)	Police station (Criminal)	National penitentiary (Criminal)	Local prison (Criminal)	Juvenile detention centre (Criminal)	Informal camp (Ad hoc)	Immigration detention centre (Ad hoc)	Surge facility (Ad hoc)	Observation Date
	Yes		Yes	Yes				Yes							2016
Detention monitoring institutions															
Authorized monitoring institutions	Institution				Institution Type				Observation Date						
	European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment				International or Regional Bodies (IRBs)				2016						
	Greek Ombudsman				OPCAT National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)				2016						
	AITIMA				Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)				2016						
Is the national human rights institution (NHRI) recognized as independent?	Is the NHRI recognized as independent by the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions?										Observation Date				
	Yes										2016				
Does NHRI carry out visits?	Does NHRI carry out visits in practice?							Observation Date							
	Yes							2016							
Does NHRI publicly release reports on immigration detention?	Does NHRI publicly release reports on immigration detention?								Observation Date						
	Yes								2016						
Does national preventive mechanism (NPM) carry out visits?	Does NPM carry out visits in practice?							Observation Date							
	Yes							2016							
Does NPM publicly release reports on immigration detention?	Does NPM publicly release reports on immigration detention?								Observation Date						
	Yes								2016						
Do NGOs carry out visits?	Do NGOs regularly carry our visits?							Observation Date							
	Yes							2016							
Do NGOs publish reports on immigration detention?	Do NGOs publish reports on immigration detention?								Observation Date						
	Yes								2016						
Do international and/or regional bodies (IRBs) visit immigration-related detention facilities?	Do international and/or regional bodies (IRB) regularly visit immigration-related detention facilities?										Observation Date				
	Yes										2016				
Do IRBs publicly report their findings from inspections?	Do IRBs publicly report their findings from detention inspections?								Observation Date						
	Yes								2016						

Outsourcing and privatisation																
Types of privatisation/outsourcing		Types of Privatisation/Outsourcing										Observation Date				
		Health services										2013				
Detention contractors and other non-state entities	Name of entity	Type of entity	Detainee transport	Food services	Health care	Social services	Laundry services	Legal counselling	Management	Owner of detention facility	Recreation	Security	Telephone service	Translation services	Observation Date	
	Medical Intervention	Not for profit			Yes											2013
	Medecins sans Frontières	Not for profit			Yes											2013
Foreign sources of funding for detention operations																
Does the country receive external sources of funding?		Benefitted from non-state funding sources?										Observation Date				
		Yes										2017				
Description of foreign assistance		Description of non-state assistance												Observation Date		
		<p>EU financial assistance: On 16 August 2017, the national programme for Greece under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund was revised to reinforce the policy priorities for integration and return with additional funds (EUR 28 million). This brings the total amount allocated to Greece's national programmes under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and the Internal Security Fund to EUR 537 million available for the 2014-2020 period. In addition, substantial emergency assistance from the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and the Internal Security Fund, amounting to approximately EUR 371.2 million, has been provided since 2015 to help Greece reinforce its reception facilities and strengthen the country's migration, asylum and border management capacities. As of 4 September 2017, EUR 410.6 million of the Instrument for Emergency Support within the EU has been contracted with 15 humanitarian partners.</p>												2017		

Greece Detention Centre Data Profile

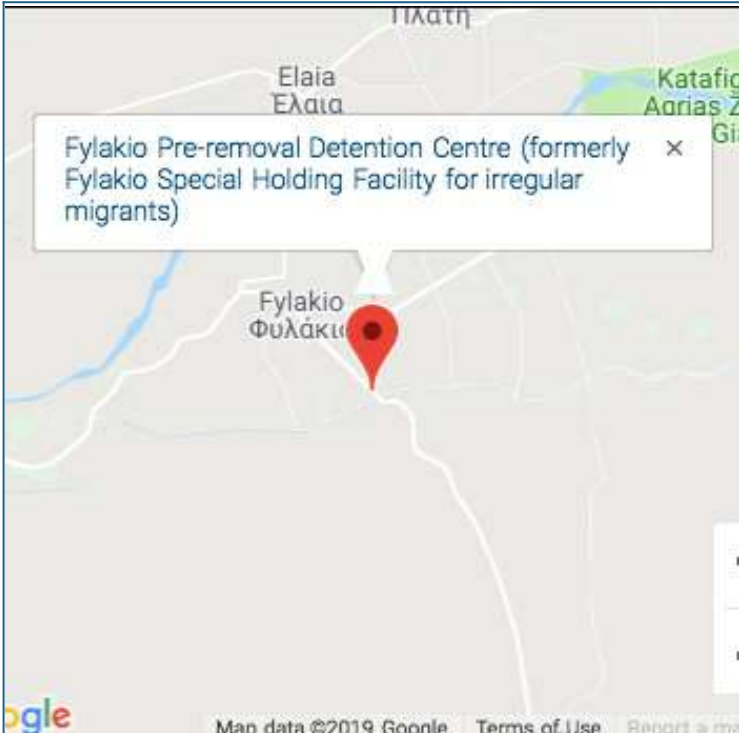
Fylakio Pre-removal Detention Centre
(formerly Fylakio Special Holding Facility for irregular migrants)

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GLOBAL DETENTION PROJECT

	General Information	
	STATUS	In use
	FACILITY TYPOLOGY	Administrative - Immigration detention centre
	DEMOGRAPHICS	Adult women, Adult men, Families
	DETAINEE CAPACITY	620
	LOCATION (CITY & REGION)	Fylakio, Orestiada, Evros, Thrace, Europe
	CONTACT INFORMATION	Epar.Od. Orestiadas - Zonis Kiprinos 680 06 Greece

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/europe/greece/detention-centres/387/fylakio-pre-removal-detention-centre-formerly-fylakio-special-holding-facility-for-irregular-migrants>
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Fylakio pre-removal detention centre (Photo credit: Close the Camps, <http://en.close.thecamps.org/camp/314>)

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Status

Center status	Status	Observation date
	In use	2019

Typology

GDP facility typology	Category Filter	Type	Observation date
	Administrative	Immigration detention centre	2018

OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Management and Services

Management	Name	Type	Observation date
	Police	Governmental	2016

Security

Security Regime	Security Level	Observation date
	Secure	2019

Detention timeframe

Maximum official detention period at facility	Length	Observation date
	Long-term (more than 20 days)	2019

Demographics

Demographics	Name	Observation date
	Adult women	2019
	Adult men	2019
	Families	2019

Segregation

Gender segregation	Gender Segregation	Observation date
	Yes	2011
Age segregation	Age Segregation	Observation date
	Yes	2011

Size and population

Estimated capacity (administrative immigration detention facility)	Type	Capacity	Observation date
	Standard capacity	620	2016
Reported population at a specific time	Number	Observation date	
	112	2016	

Conditions

Reports of adequate or inadequate conditions	Adequate or Inadequate?	Detention centre conditions	Observation date
	Inadequate	Lighting	2013
	Inadequate	Hygiene	2013
	Inadequate	Cell space	2013
	Inadequate	Recreation	2013
	Inadequate	Outdoor exercise	2013

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Samos Vathy Reception and Identification Centre

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GLOBAL DETENTION PROJECT

	General Information	
	STATUS	In use
	FACILITY TYPOLOGY	Administrative - Secure reception centre
	DEMOGRAPHICS	Unaccompanied minors, Families, Accompanied minors, Adult men, Adult women
	DETAINEE CAPACITY	648
	LOCATION (CITY & REGION)	Island of Samos, North Aegean, Europe

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Vathy (Photo Credit: Joseph Boyle, <https://euobserver.com/migration/134184>)

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Status

Center status	Status	Observation date
	In use	2019

Typology

GDP facility typology	Category Filter	Type	Observation date
	Administrative	Secure reception centre	2019

National typology	Name	Observation date
	Reception and Identification Centre	2019

OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Management and Services

Management	Name	Type	Observation date
	Reception and Identification Service	Governmental	2018

Security

Security Regime	Security Level	Observation date
	Non-secure	2019
	Secure	2019

Detention timeframe

Maximum official detention period at facility	Length	Observation date
	Medium-term (4-20 days)	2019

Demographics

Demographics	Name	Observation date
	Unaccompanied minors	2019
	Families	2019
	Accompanied minors	2019
	Adult men	2019
	Adult women	2019

Categories of detainees

Categories of detainees	Name	Observation date
	Undocumented migrants (administrative)	2019
	Asylum seekers (administrative)	2019

Segregation

Gender segregation	Gender Segregation	Observation date
	Yes	2019
	No	2019

Legal segregation	Legal Segregation	Observation date
	Not Applicable	2019

Family segregation	Family Segregation		Observation date
	Yes		2019
Age segregation	Age Segregation		Observation date
	Yes		2019
	No		2019
Size and population			
Estimated capacity (administrative immigration detention facility)	Type	Capacity	Observation date
	Standard capacity	648	2019
Reported population at a specific time	Number		Observation date
	3723		2018
	2676		2018
Reported overpopulation	Reported Overpopulation		Observation date
	Yes		2018
Conditions			
Inspection grade	Grade		Observation date
	Deficient ("Deficient" or "At Risk")		2018
Reports of adequate or inadequate conditions	Adequate or Inadequate?	Detention centre conditions	Observation date
	Inadequate	Hygiene	2018
	Inadequate	Showers and toilets	2018
	Inadequate	Overcrowding	2018
	Inadequate	Recreation	2018
	Inadequate	Medical care	2018
	Inadequate	Access to clean drinking water	2018
	Inadequate	Access to internet	2018
	Inadequate	Food provision	2018
Access			
Consular access	Consular Access		Observation date
	Yes		2018

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