

About

- MHUB is undertaking field surveys with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers along key migratory routes to build up a body of data over time and to map country and regional level mixed migration trends.
- This snapshot presents early survey findings of the profiles, intentions and experiences of those moving in mixed migration flows who have recently arrived in Tunisia in the last year.
- Even though these findings cannot be considered statistically representative of the migration population, they do provide key insights on the migration process.

Key Findings

*These findings are based on 30 interviews conducted between 1 and 30 April in the Tunis, Sfax and Zarzis/Medenine regions of Tunisia.

Profile

- 93% of respondents interviewed came from urban areas in their country of origin.
- 60% of respondents identified as Muslim and 36% as Christian.
- A majority of respondents (70%) entered Tunisia with a valid passport while 30% did not have any documentation with them; this 30% is mainly comprised of those rescued at sea.

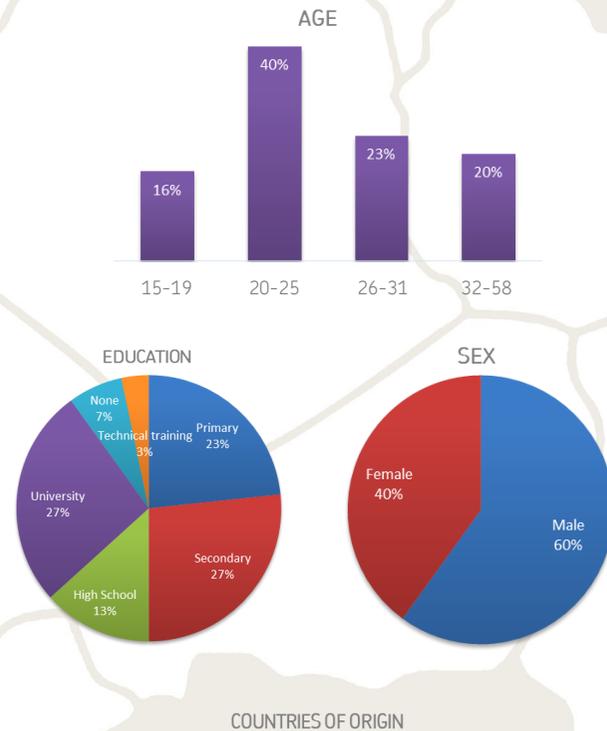
Motivations

- 48% of respondents said they left their country of origin for safety reasons, principally conflicts, war and persecution, 40% were in search of better economic opportunities and 12% for educational opportunities.
- Only 16% of respondents indicated that their final destination was Tunisia. The majority of respondents were in Tunisia with the intention of reaching Europe.

Abuses and Risks

- 63% of respondents indicated that they had been victims of racism and discrimination, 50% indicated that they or someone they saw experienced physical abuse, other abuses experienced or witnessed by respondents detention (40%), forced labor (33%), death (30%), human trafficking (26%), documents destroyed (23%) and sexual abuse (16%). The majority of these abuses took place in Libya with the exception of racism and discrimination experienced by Sub-Saharan nationals in both Tunisia and Libya.

Demographic Breakdown of Interviewees



Photos from the Field



Poster on entry wall of the Ibn Khaldoun center in Mednine where refugees and asylum seekers and those rescued at sea are accommodated by the Tunisia Red Crescent and UNHCR - Tunisia

Quotes from Respondents

"Migration risks are 50/50, either you reach your goal- reaching Europe- either you fail. If you don't give it a try you will never know what would have happened, so take your chance and pray you just succeed." - A female migrant from Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire living in Tunis, Tunisia.

"What would I advise another person who wants to migrate? Not to take the sea, not to do I what I did! Sea is suicide! I almost died. I was dreaming of going to Sweden. I didn't go nowhere, I am just returning back home." - A male migrant from Burkina Faso, rescued at sea and interviewed in the Tunisia port city of Zarzis.