



Syrian Return Trends and Intention Survey

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Syrian Return


Total Voluntary Refugee Returns

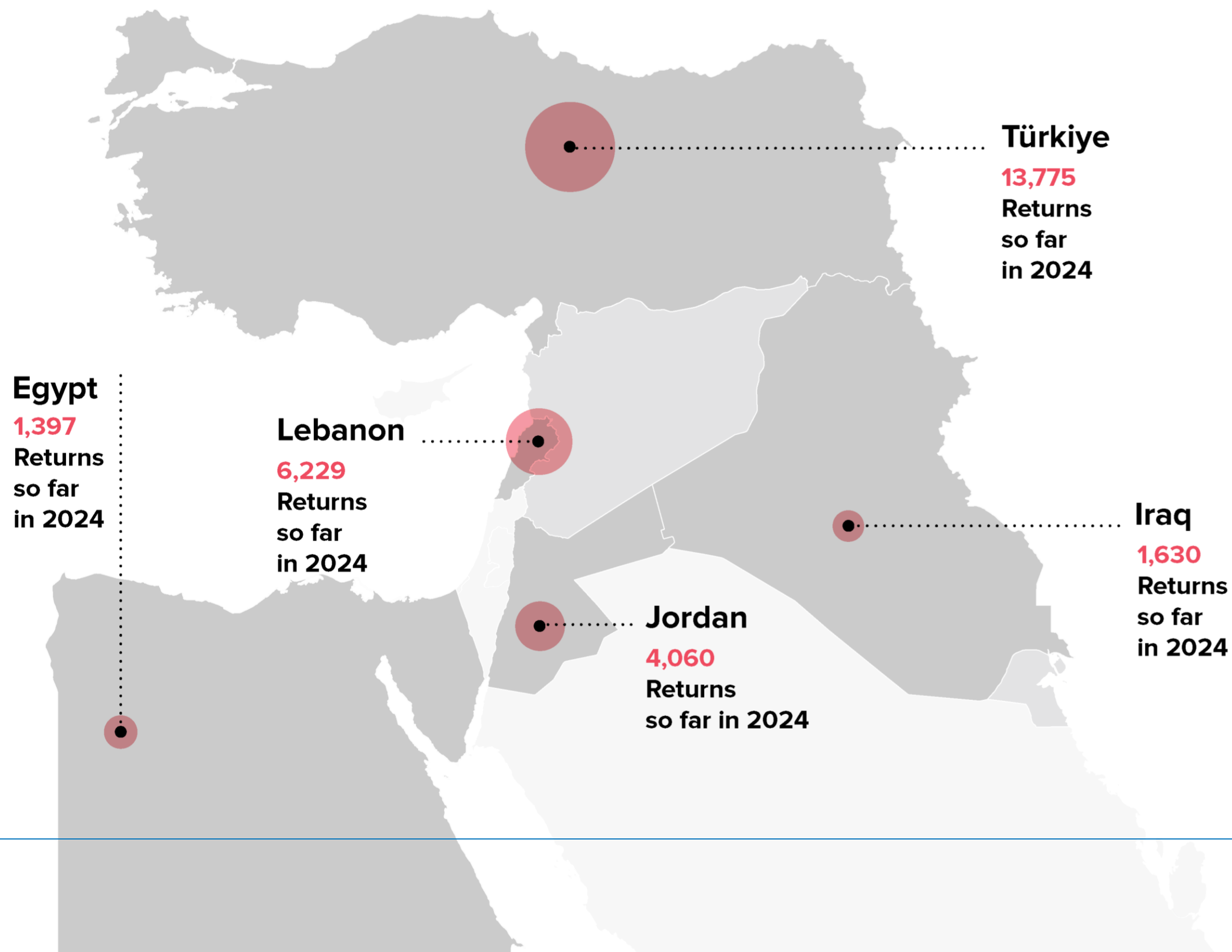
 **419,284** total Refugee Returns
from January 2016 to 31 July 2024

 **27,091** total Refugee Returns
in 2024 so far, as of 31 July 2024

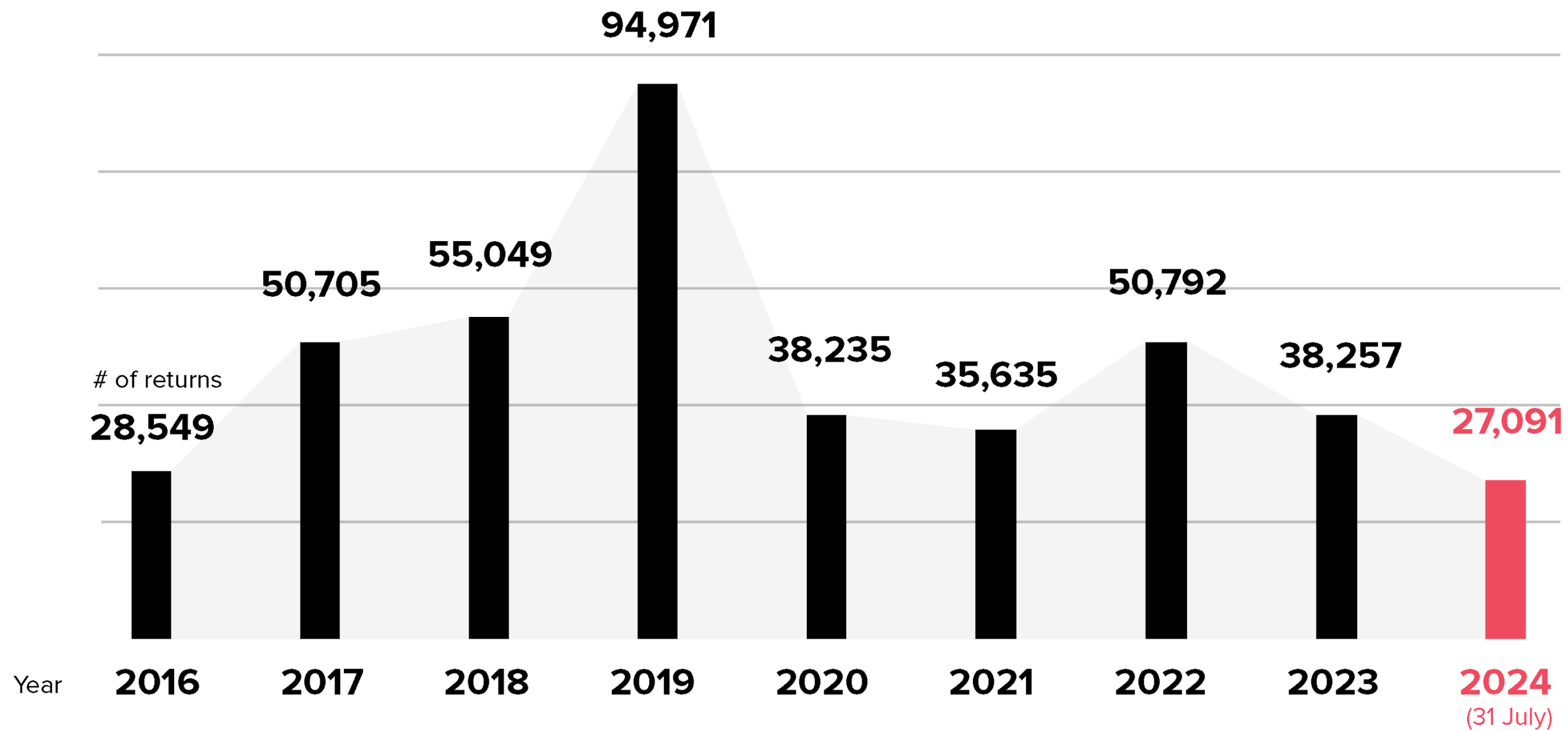
Return Average

 Daily Return Average in 2024:
127

 Monthly Return Average in 2024:
3,870

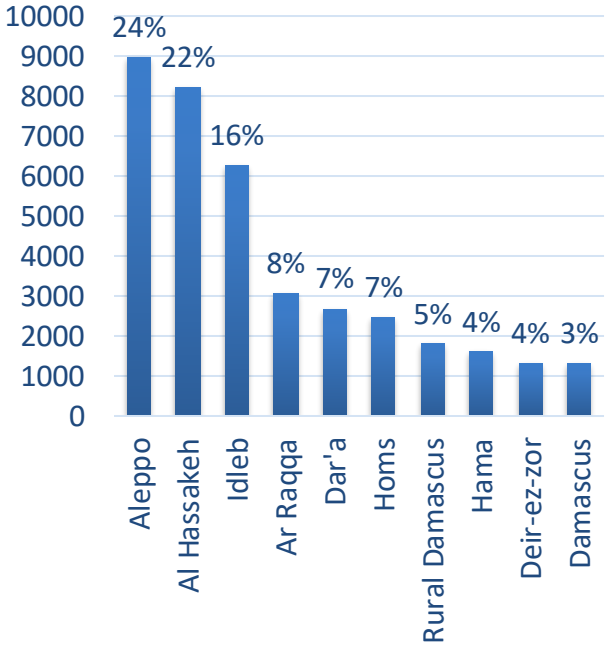


Regional Return Trends

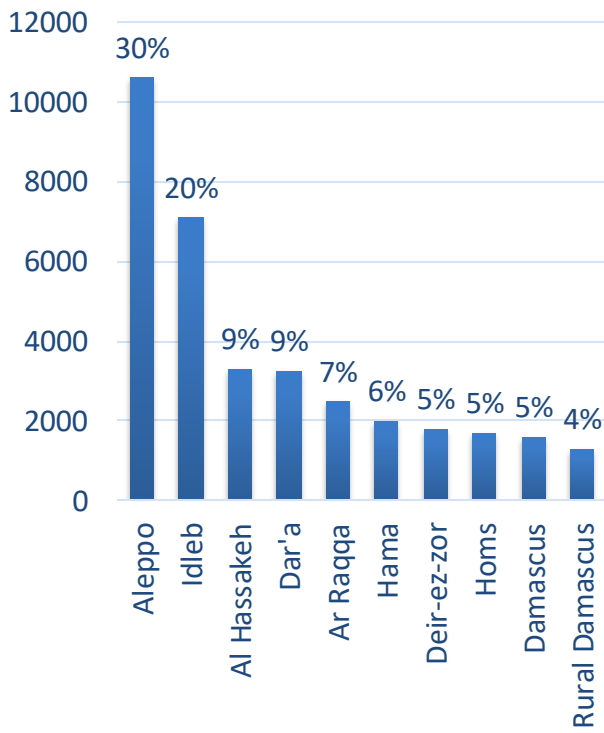


Return Trends by Governorate of Origin

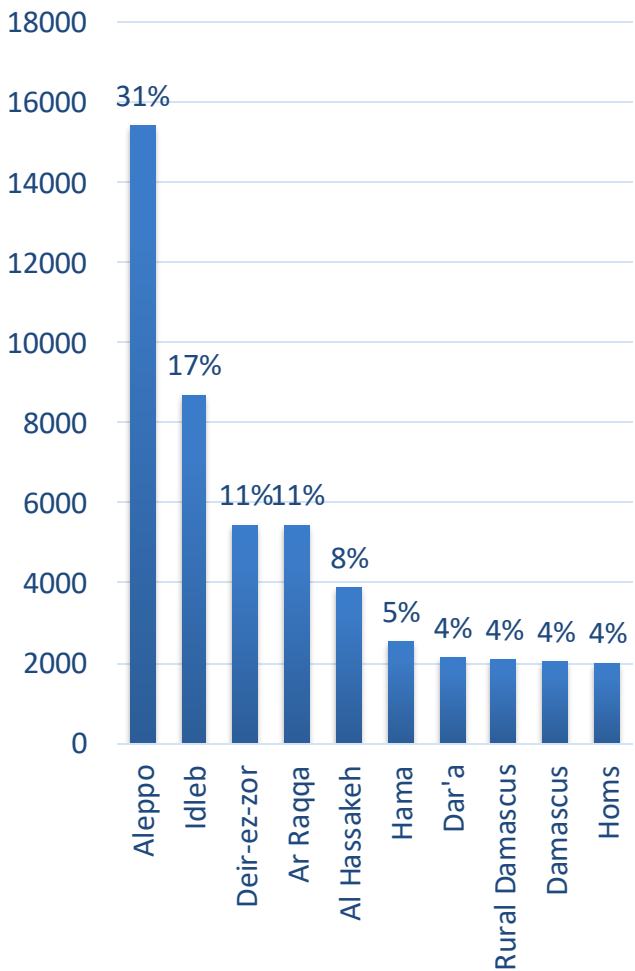
Year



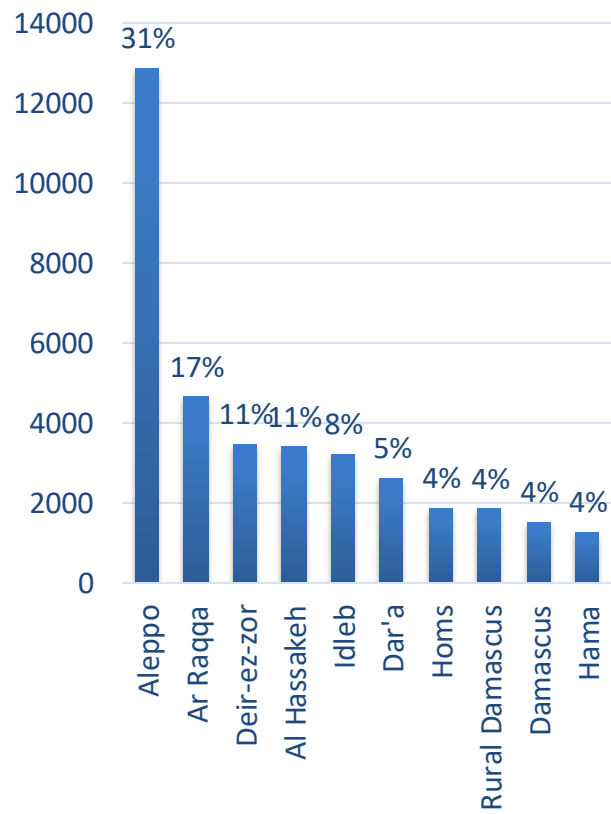
Year 2021



Year 2022

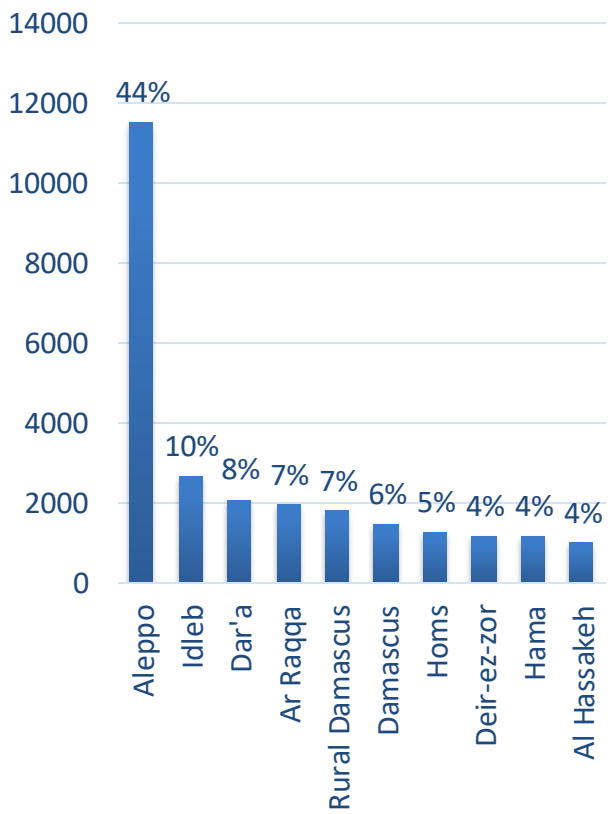


Year 2023

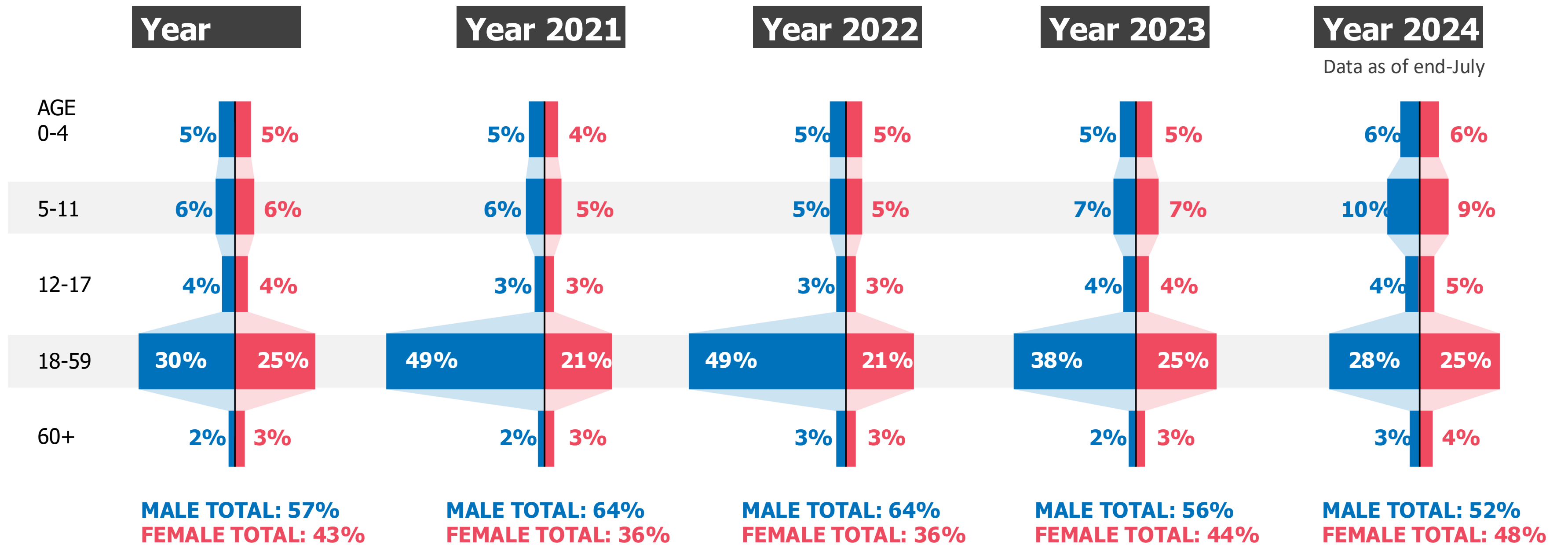


Year 2024

Data as of end-July



Return Trends: Age and Gender Regional

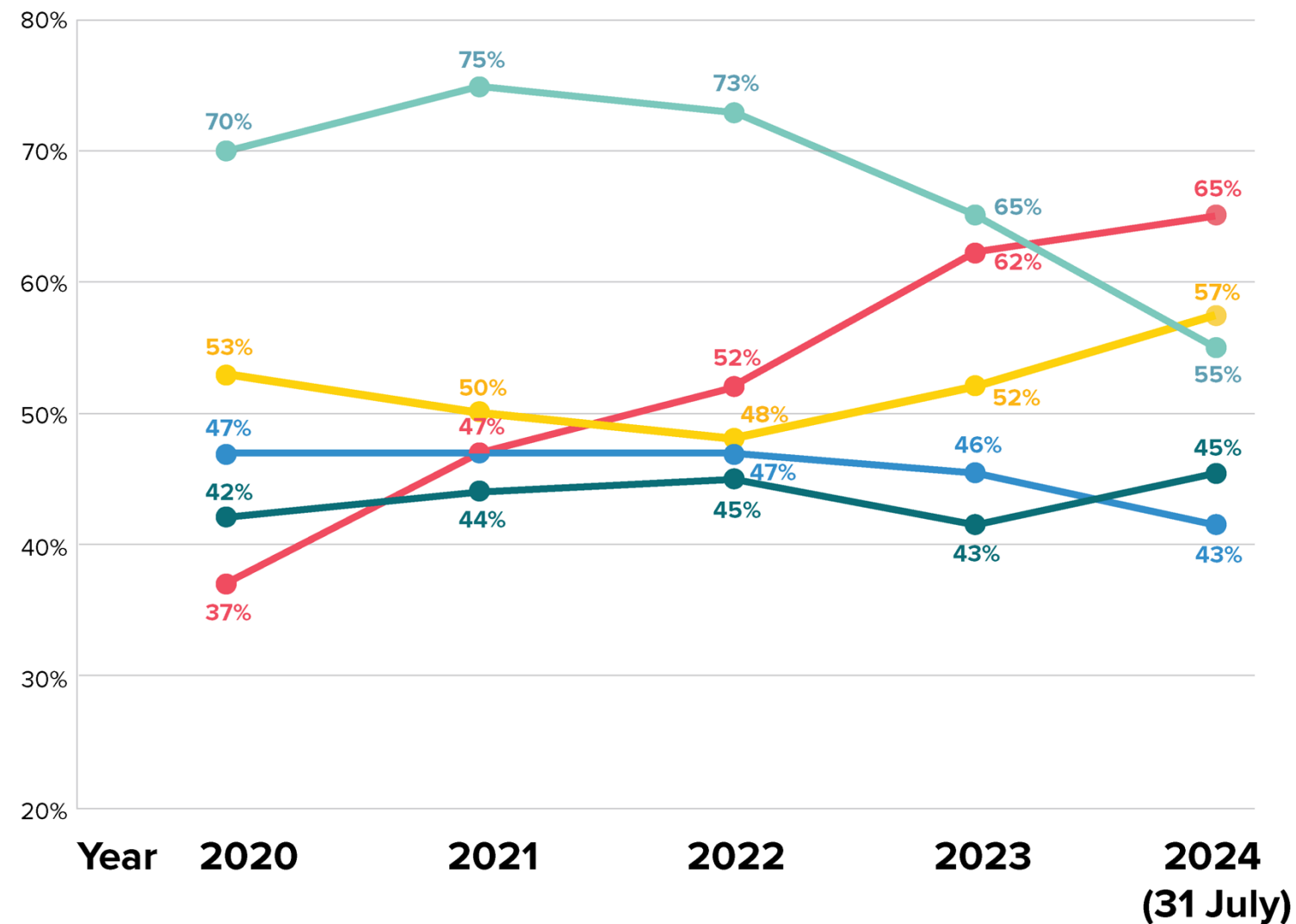


Return Trends: Age and Gender Countries

■ Türkiye ■ Lebanon ■ Jordan ■ Iraq ■ Egypt

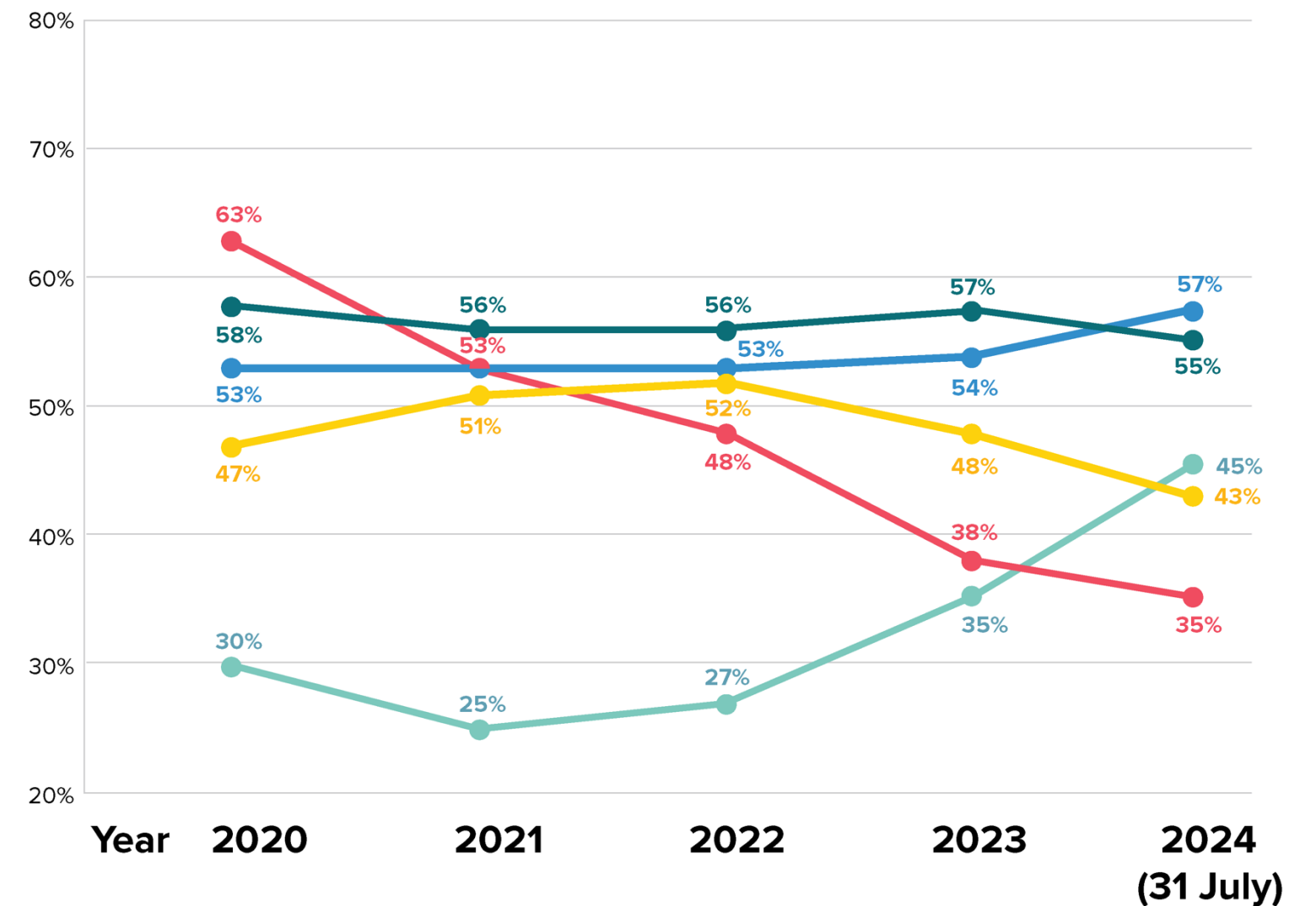
RETURNS: MALE

Percentage



RETURNS: FEMALE

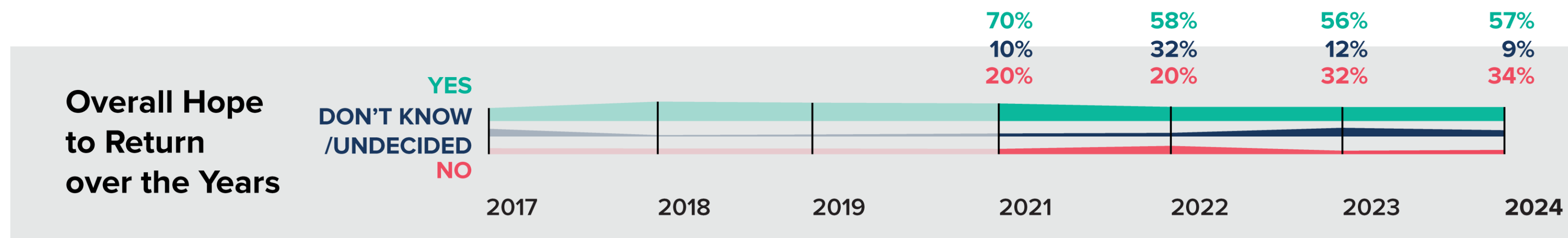
Percentage



Intention to Return (RPIS 2024):

Over half of Syrian refugees still hope to return one day despite the current challenges inside Syria.

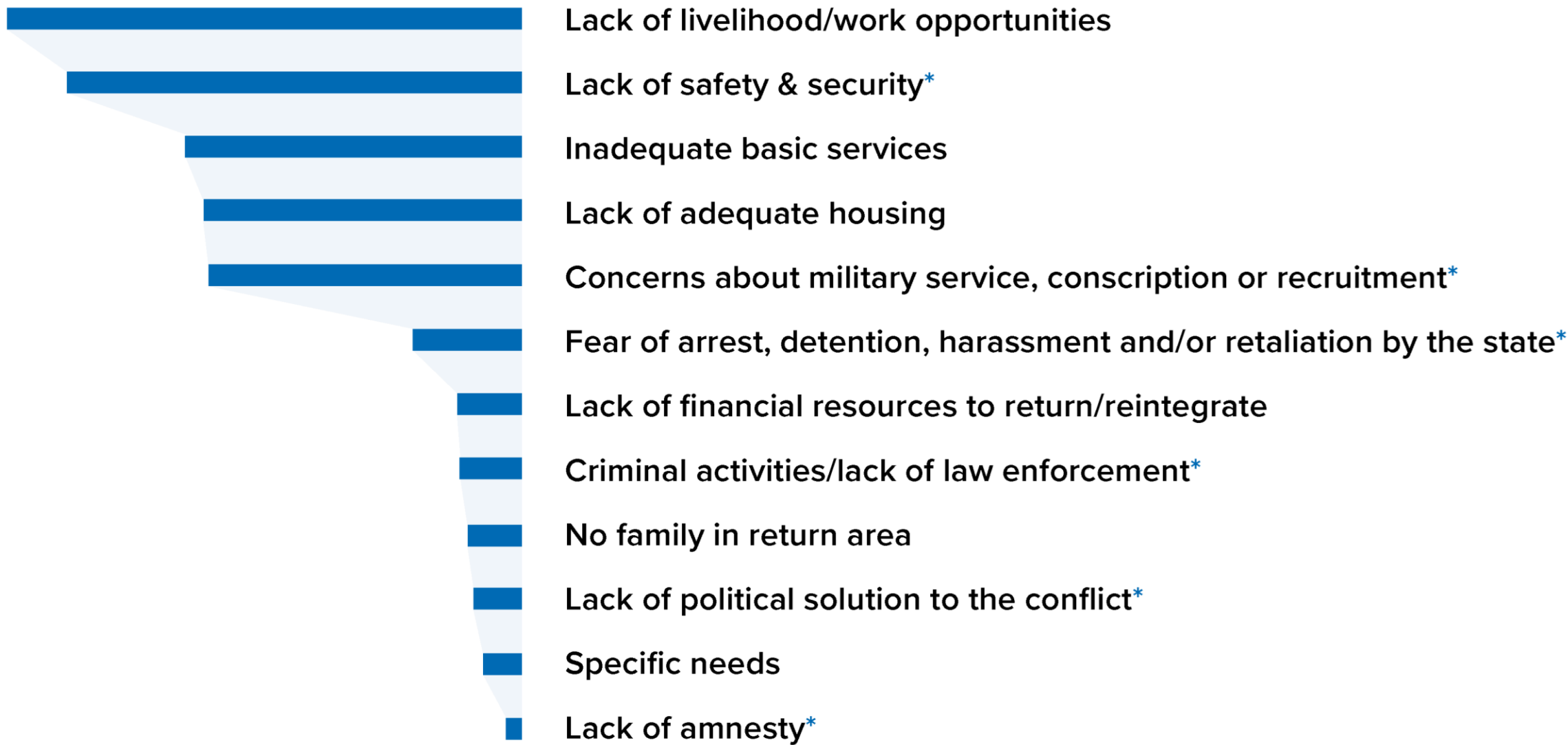
- Similar to last year's survey, around 57 per cent of respondents indicated their overall intention to return, whether in the next 12 months, or five years, or one day.
- About 37 per cent of the refugees surveyed expressed their hope to return to Syria within five years.
- Some 1.7 per cent of Syrian refugees surveyed expressed an intention to return in the next twelve months, as compared to 1.1 per cent in 2023, 1.7 per cent in 2022 and 2.4 per cent in 2021.



Main Obstacles to Return

Concerns about safety and security inside Syria remains the key obstacle to return while lack of livelihoods is an increasingly important factors influencing refugees’ decision-making about return.

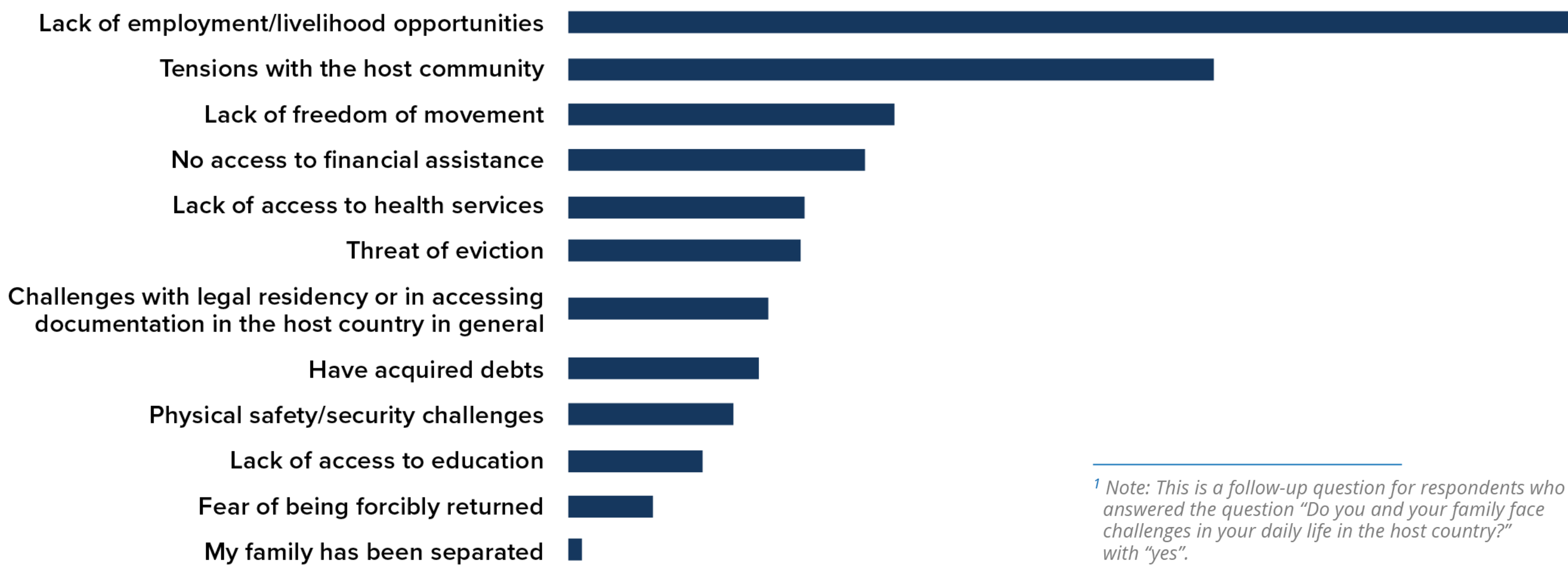
What are the main reasons why you are NOT intending to return to Syria IN THE NEXT 12 M



* These are a range of safety and security issues.

Two-thirds of respondents said they face challenges in host countries and 87% said their income is not enough to meet their basic needs

What are the main challenges you and your family are facing in the host country in your daily life?¹

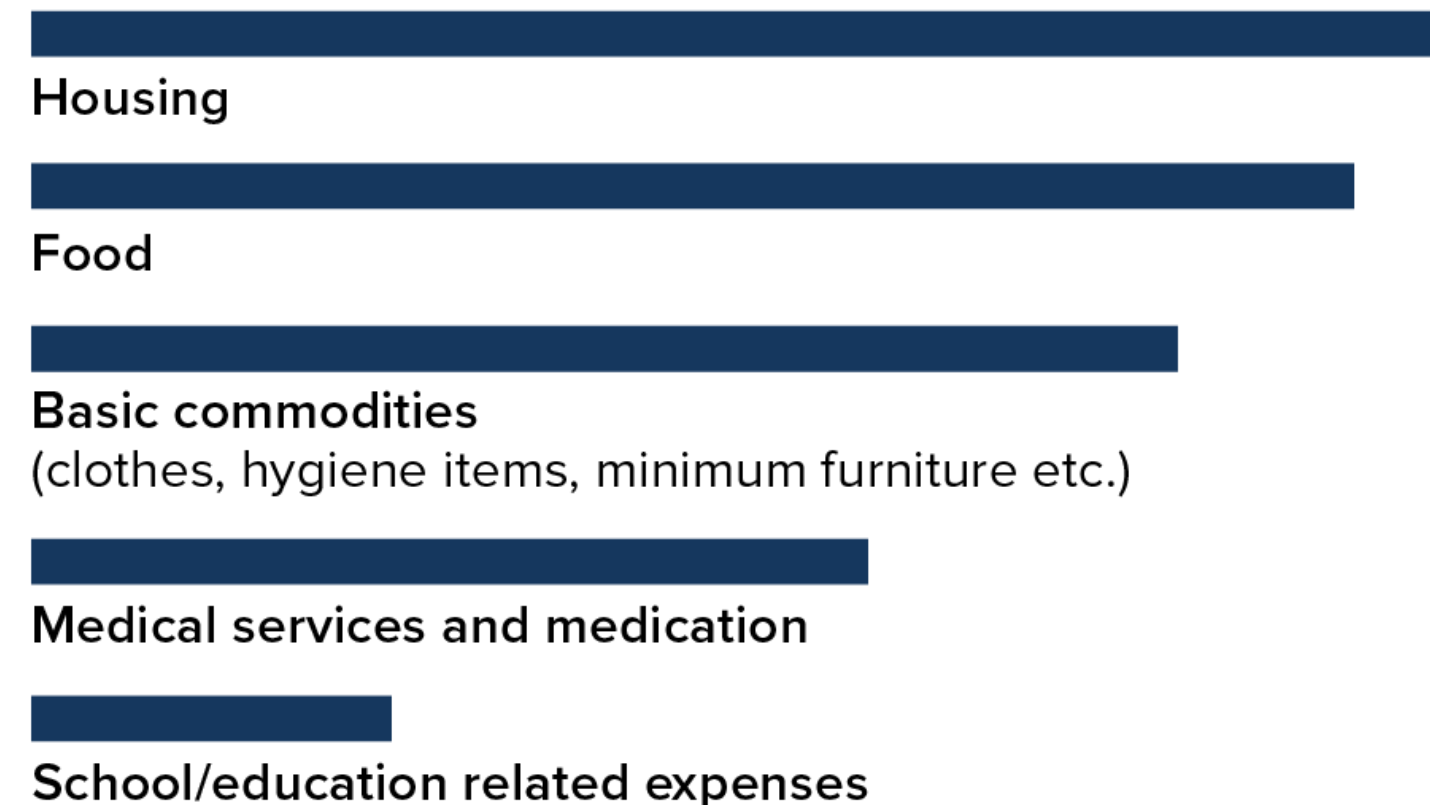


¹ Note: This is a follow-up question for respondents who answered the question “Do you and your family face challenges in your daily life in the host country?” with “yes”.

Compared with last year's findings, the percentage of refugees citing humanitarian assistance as their main source of income has declined significantly.

- According to the refugees surveyed, the **main sources of income** range from **work, humanitarian assistance, loans and credit** to money from family or friends.
- While these sources remain the same as in previous years, the ranking reflects a significant shift with **37 per cent of respondents** stating that **humanitarian assistance is their main source of income**, down from **61 per cent in 2023**.

Which basic needs do you struggle with most?



Continued importance of a protective environment and enabling refugee self-reliance

Based on the results of this survey, UNHCR stresses the continued importance of the international community maintaining a comprehensive protection and solutions approach to the Syria crisis. This entails assisting host countries and communities in preserving a favourable asylum and protection environment, enhancing medium-term support to strengthen host country resilience, and enabling refugee self-reliance, as well as expanding access to resettlement and other safe pathways to third countries.