

Research findings

| Country code | Year | Reference details title | Reference details URL | Main thematic focus | Institution | Key findings - Short summary | Methodology (Qualitative/Quantitative and exact type used, questionnaires etc) | Sample details and representativeness | Area/location of interest - NUTS3 level |
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| Cyprus | 2023 | Cyprus, UNHCR and University of Cyprus (2023). Perceptions of Cypriots about Refugees, Asylum seekers and Migrants: An opinion poll, University of Cyprus, on behalf of UNHCR Cyprus, Nicosia, March 2023. | https://www.unhcr.org/cy/2023/03/27/unhcr-opinion-survey-presented-at-a-public... | Public perceptions and attitudes | Cyprus, UNHCR and University of Cyprus | According to 1.4% of participants, the main reason why refugees and/or asylum seekers come to Cyprus is because they are sent by "Turkey/Islamists". Amongst the main themes which emerged from the discussions, there were 460 references which represents 22.1%, under the category of "Negative/Threat" whereby migrants are perceived as threatening, which included the term 'Muslims'. The term 'Muslims' was referred to alongside the terms "liars", uncivilised storm in Cyprus", "we are full", "nausea", "terrorism", "taking people's jobs" and "trespassing", demonstrating negative and xenophobic predisposition towards Muslims by a section of the population. | Qualitative and quantitative | Qualitative: three focus group with a total of 19 Greek Cypriot participants of heterogeneous background. Quantitative: large scale telephone survey with a total of 1,057 responses, out which 46.7% were male and 55.3% female, from both urban and rural areas in the territories under the control of the Republic of Cyprus. The focus groups discussed perceptions of Cypriots towards asylum seekers and refugees. | Not applicable - national level |

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