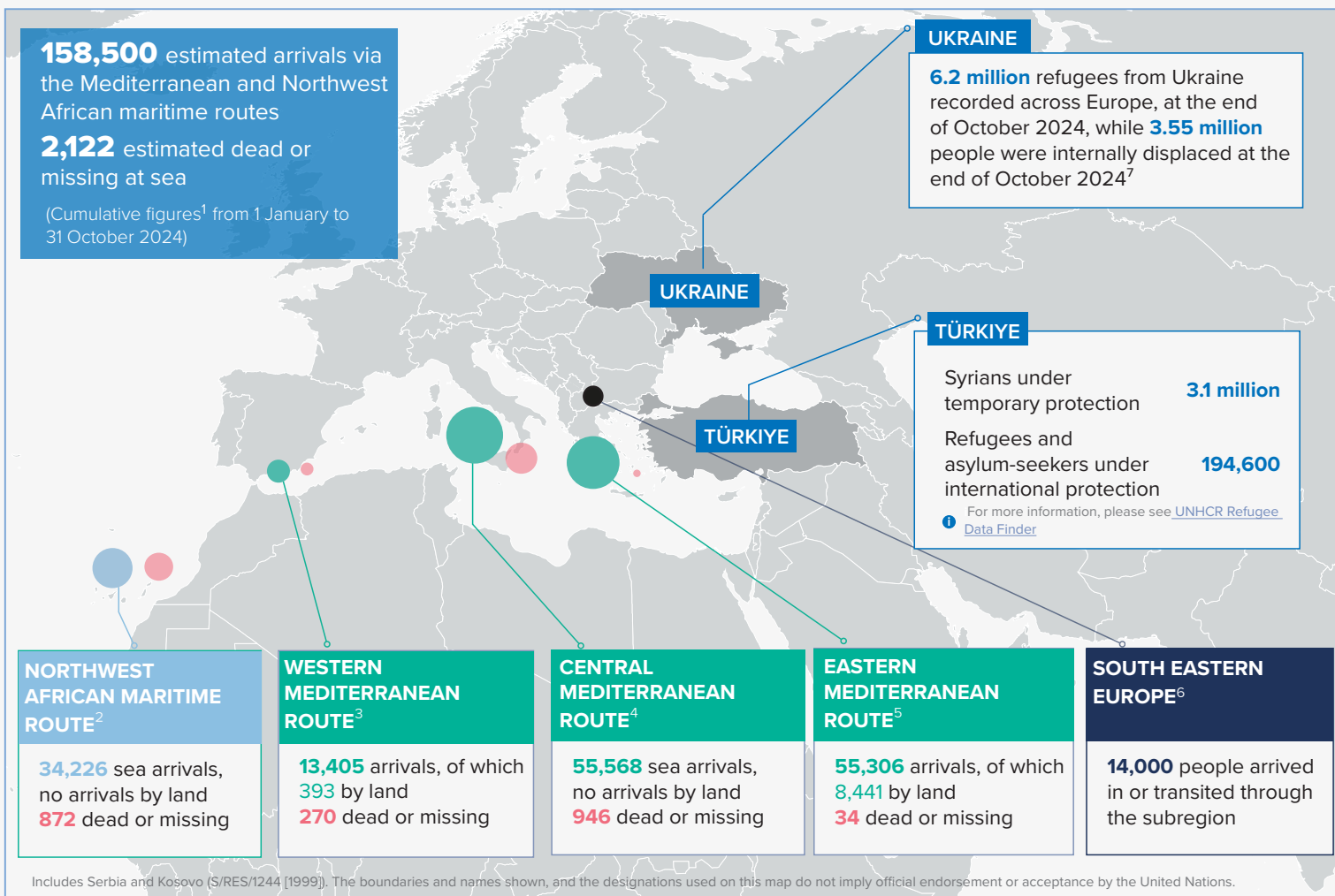


ARRIVALS AND DISPLACED POPULATIONS: KEY FIGURES AND TRENDS

▶ OCTOBER 2024



UKRAINE SITUATION

The full-scale war in Ukraine which began in February 2022 triggered a major increase in humanitarian needs due to the mass internal displacement within Ukraine as well as refugee outflows. By the end of October 2024, 6,225,700 refugees from Ukraine were recorded across Europe, with 6,167,100 registered for asylum, temporary protection or similar national protection schemes. As of the end of October 2024, 3.55 million people were displaced internally within Ukraine.⁷

Uncertainty is growing as Russia's full scale war continues, but most displaced Ukrainians still hope to return home one day, according to UNHCR's latest [Lives on Hold report](#). Based on interviews with over 11,150 households conducted in mid-2023, the findings reveal that 61% of refugees and 73% of internally displaced people (IDPs) intend to go back one day. However, ongoing insecurity in Ukraine, daily attacks, limited job prospects, and housing challenges remain major obstacles. Additionally, 60% of refugees expressed that they might feel compelled to return, even if not their preferred choice due to the ongoing war, if they faced difficulties accessing necessary support in host countries—a pressing concern for vulnerable households. Many returnees already in Ukraine are older individuals, single-parent families, or those with lower education levels, reflecting limited options living as refugees in host communities.

▶ Ukraine situation key figures as of 31 October 2024

6,225,700

Refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe

560,200

Refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe

6,785,900

Refugees from Ukraine recorded globally

• For more information, please visit the [Operational Data Portal for the Ukraine Refugee Situation](#)

In October 2024, 20,000 refugees and migrants arrived in Europe through the Mediterranean and Northwest African maritime routes. The arrivals were 13 per cent lower than September, and 45 per cent lower compared to October 2023.

In October, arrivals to Italy decreased by 26 per cent compared to previous month and by 44 per cent compared to October 2023. Of the 5,700 refugees and migrants who arrived in Italy over October, 64 per cent departed from Libya and 28 per cent from Tunisia. Most refugees and migrants, arriving in October, originated from, Bangladesh, the Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia.

In October 2024, some 1,350 refugees and migrants departing Libya were intercepted or rescued by Libyan authorities and disembarked in Libya. This amounted to 13 per cent decrease compared to the prior month. The majority of those departing from Libya in October originated from Pakistan, Sudan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

In Spain, 5,000 refugees and migrants arrived in October amounting to a 24 per cent decrease compared to the previous month, and a 72 per cent decrease compared to October 2023. Of all arrivals in October, 68 per cent landed in the Canary Islands. When compared to last month, arrivals to Spain through the Northwest African maritime route saw a 33 per cent decrease, while arrivals through the Western Mediterranean route increased by 3 per cent.

In October 2024, 8,700 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by land and sea. This amounted to a 6 per cent increase compared to last month, and a 20 per cent increase from October 2023. Turkish authorities reported rescuing or intercepting 5,084 refugees and migrants at sea in October, 21 per cent less than the previous month. In Cyprus, 443 refugees and migrants arrived in October, resulting in a 52 per cent increase compared to the previous month but a 58 per cent decrease when compared to October 2023. The majority of arrivals in Cyprus in 2024 were from Afghanistan, Somalia and the Syrian Arab Republic.

For more information, please visit <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/mediterranean>

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE⁸

In October 2024, some 2,220 people arrived in, or transited through the subregion as part of mixed refugee and migrant movements. This resulted in 11 per cent increase when compared to the previous month (2,000), but a 35 per cent decrease compared to October 2023. Of the overall arrivals in 2024 so far, the majority were from Syrian Arab Republic (35%), Afghanistan (19%) and Morocco (10%).

Throughout October 2024, 124 people submitted asylum applications, 22 per cent more than the previous month (97). Meanwhile, 102 first-instance decisions were issued along with two refugee status and 10 subsidiary protection status. Additionally, 22 applications were rejected and 68 were closed. As of the end of October, 630 asylum applications were still pending a decision across the subregion.

Some 2,900 refugees and migrants were present in the Western Balkans as of end October 2024, including 171 unaccompanied and separated children.

For more information, please visit <https://data.unhcr.org/en/situations/southeasterneurope>

1. Dead and missing figures refer to the Mediterranean and Northwest African maritime routes. Information is compiled from a variety of sources, the quality and reliability of which can vary. While every effort has been made to ensure that all statistical information is verified, figures on some arrivals, as well as dead and missing at sea, represent an estimate. Triangulation of information and sources is performed on a continuous basis. Therefore, amendments in figures may occur, including retroactively.

2. Includes sea arrivals in the Canary Islands (Spain) via the Atlantic Ocean.

3. Includes sea and land arrivals in Spain via the Western Mediterranean route.

4. Includes sea arrivals in Italy and Malta.

5. Includes sea and land arrivals in Greece and Cyprus.

6. Majority of the persons arriving in the Western Balkan region are part of the secondary movement, those who have already arrived in Greece or Bulgaria and then transited through the region with the intention to move onward to other EU countries.

7. [International Organization for Migration \(IOM\), Nov 01 2024. DTM Ukraine — Internal Displacement Report — General Population Survey Round 18 \(October 2024\). IOM, Ukraine](#)

8. Includes Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 [1999]).

