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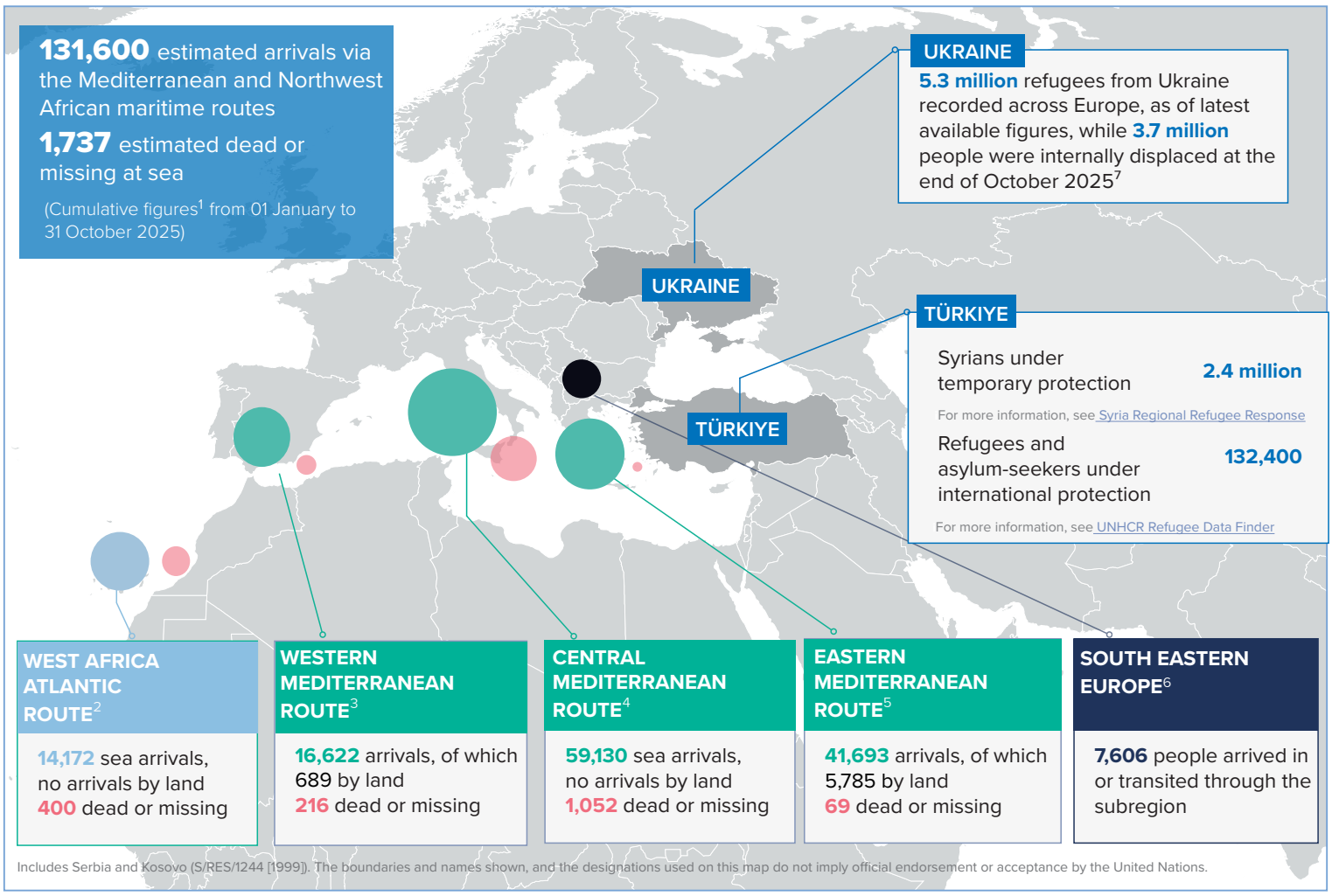


Includes Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 [1999]). The boundaries and names shown, and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

UKRAINE SITUATION

The war in Ukraine triggered a major increase in humanitarian needs due the mass internal displacement within Ukraine as well as refugee outflows. As of latest available figures, 5.3 million refugees from Ukraine were recorded across Europe.

Based on data from IOM's General Population Surveys (GPS)[7] inside Ukraine, it is estimated that as of October 2025 there were 3.7 million internally displaced persons (IDPs). In addition, by October 2025, over 1.4 M refugees from Ukraine had returned to their places of origin and remained in Ukraine for at least three months, including more than 0.3 M estimated to have returned to an area different from their former homes.

The report highlights that displacement is increasingly protracted, with around 73 per cent of IDPs displaced for more than two years , and many households report reduced access to essential goods and services and growing reliance on negative coping strategies, including moving to lower-quality housing and cutting health expenditures, while at the same time reporting that humanitarian assistance is becoming less available as a coping option.

Ukraine situation key figures:

5,310,800
Refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe

549,090
Refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe

5,859,890
Refugees from Ukraine recorded globally

- For more information, please visit the Operation Data Porrtal for the Ukraine Refugee situation

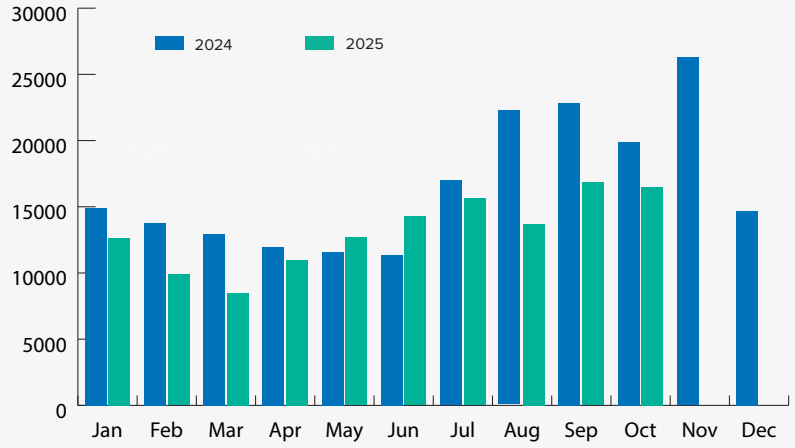
ARRIVALS IN EUROPE VIA THE MEDITERRANEAN AND WEST AFRICA ATLANTIC ROUTES

In October 2025, 16,500 refugees and migrants arrived in Europe via the Mediterranean and West Africa Atlantic routes through mixed movements. The arrivals were two per cent lower than the previous month and 17 per cent lower when compared to the same period from January to October 2024 (158,400)

In October 2025, arrivals to Italy were five per cent lower compared to the prior month but six per cent higher compared to the same period last year. Of the 7,900 refugees and migrants who arrived in Italy over October, 92 per cent departed from Libya, six per cent from Tunisia and few people departed from Algeria, Greece, and Türkiye. Most refugees and migrants who arrived in October originated from Bangladesh, Egypt, and Somalia. 39 persons arrived in Malta in October.

In October 2025, 2,300 refugees and migrants departing Libya were intercepted or rescued by Libyan authorities and disembarked in Libya, 46 per cent increase compared to previous month.

Total monthly arrivals through the Mediterranean and West Africa Atlantic routes



In Spain, 3,000 refugees and migrants arrived in October, representing a 10 per cent decrease compared to the previous month, and 35 per cent decreased when compared to the same period last year. Of all arrivals in October, 42 per cent landed on the Canary Islands. When compared to last month, arrivals to Spain through the Northwest African maritime route has increased by 71 percent, whereas arrivals via Western Mediterranean route decreased by 33 per cent.

In October 2025, 5,300 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by land and sea. This amounted to a nine per cent increase compared to last month but a 20 per cent decrease when compared to January - October 2024. This overall decrease contrasts with the situation on Crete, where arrivals have quadrupled compared to January - October 2024, reaching over 15,200 so far in 2025. Most sea arrivals to Greece originated from Afghanistan, Sudan, and Egypt. Sudanese nationals in particular accounted for 21 per cent of all sea arrivals nationwide and 38 per cent of those to Crete, reflecting a sharp rise in arrivals to the island since June 2025.

Turkish authorities reported rescuing or intercepting 2,267 refugees and migrants at sea in October, an eight per cent decrease compared to the previous month.

In Cyprus, 270 refugees and migrants arrived in October, which represents a 12 per cent decrease compared to the previous month and a 61 per cent decrease when compared to the same period last year.

For more information, please visit Operation Data Portal for Europe Sea Arrivals Situation

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE[9]

In October 2025, 949 people arrived in, or transited through, the subregion as part of mixed refugee and migrant movements. This represented a 15 per cent increase when compared to the previous month but a 35 per cent decrease when compared to January - October 2024. Of the overall arrivals in 2025 so far, the majority were from Afghanistan & Egypt (21 per cent each) and from Morocco (10 per cent).

Throughout October, 94 people submitted asylum applications, 68 per cent lower than in August (56). Meanwhile, 111 first-instance decisions were issued including 11 subsidiary protection status, six refugee status, 29 applicants were rejected, and 65 applications were closed. As of the end of October, 581 asylum applications were still pending a decision across the subregion.

As of end of October 2025, 2,560 refugees and migrants were present in the Western Balkans, including 158 unaccompanied and separated children.

For more information, please visit Operation Data Portal for the South Eastern Europe Situation

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), Oct 17 2025. DTM Ukraine — Internal Displacement Report — General Population Survey Round 21 (October 2025). IOM, Ukraine: https://dtm.iom.int/reports/ukraine-internal-displacement-report-general-population-survey-round-21-october-2025
8. Countries participating in the Refugee Response Plan (RRP) are Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Republic of Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia
9. Includes Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 [1999]).