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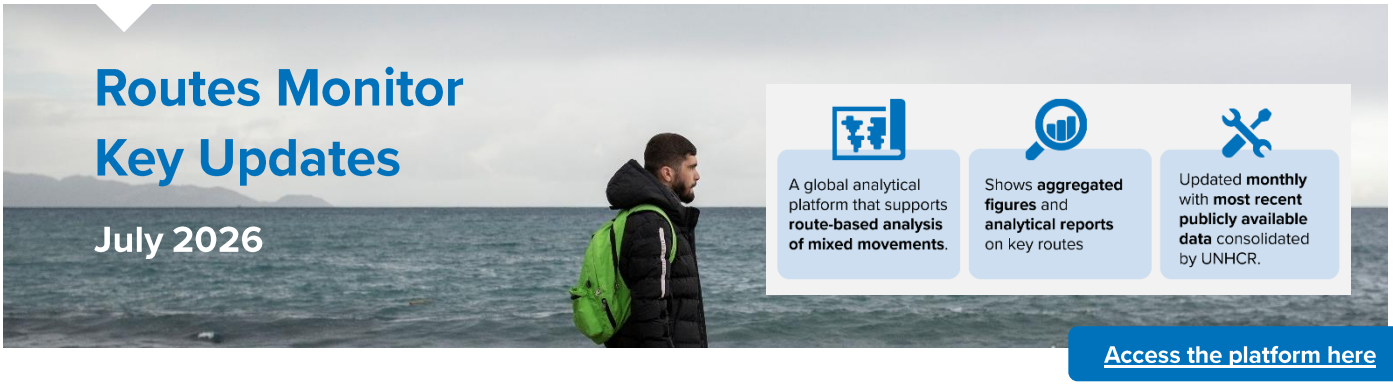

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What's new?

- Mauritania and Türkiye **disembarkation** data were updated retroactively with new government data.
- Newly released statistics enabled updating **nationality profiles of arrivals** to Spain.

New route reports

Eastern Route to Yemen and the Gulf

- Somalia: Decision-making, experiences, and aspirations of refugees and migrants along the Eastern Route through Somalia, UNHCR and - July 2026
- Djibouti: Decision-making, experiences, and aspirations of refugees and migrants along the Eastern Route through Djibouti, UNHCR and MMC - July 2026

South-West Asia Route

- Afghan Asylum Applications and Recognition Rates in the EU+, UNHCR, July 2026

Western Indian Ocean Route

- Madagascar: Mixed Movement Dynamics in Madagascar, UNHCR and MMC - April 2026
- Mayotte: Mixed Movements to Mayotte along the Western Indian Ocean Route, UNHCR and MCC – April 2026 (French version)
- Comoros: Mixed Movements to Comoros along the Western Indian Ocean Route, UNHCR and MMC – April 2026

South and South-East Asia Route

- A Route-Based Snapshot: Data & Trends for Refugees from Myanmar, as of end-May 2026, UNHCR

Highlights

1. In **May 2026**, the Routes Monitor recorded **9,218 arrivals**, **4,488 disembarkations** and **13,706 reconstructed departures** across five covered routes. Compared with April 2026, arrivals increased by 30 per cent, disembarkations by 54 per cent, and departures by 37 per cent. Compared with May 2025, all three indicators remained lower overall.

2. The **Eastern Mediterranean Route** was the **highest route in May 2026** for recorded arrivals, with **3,777 arrivals to Greece**, up by 104 per cent from April 2026 and 9 per cent higher than in May 2025. It also recorded 864 disembarkations, up by 82 per cent from the April 2026, and **4,641 departures from Türkiye**, almost double the April level.

3. The **Central Mediterranean Route** remained the **largest route for disembarkations and departures** in **May 2026**, with 2,136 disembarkations and 5,192 departures. While both indicators increased from April 2026 (26 per cent and 25 per cent, respectively), they remained well below May 2025 levels. The route recorded 3,056 arrivals in May and remained the **second highest-volume route for arrivals**.

4. **Nationality composition** in May 2026 was shaped by a limited number of nationalities. **Bangladesh** was the largest nationality overall, with 2,327 recorded arrivals, accounting for about one quarter of all arrivals in the month and was also the largest nationality on both the **Eastern Mediterranean Route** (**1,188**) and the **Central Mediterranean Route** (**1,139**).

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