EUROPE SITUATIONS: DATA AND TRENDS

ARRIVALS AND DISPLACED POPULATIONS

APRIL 2020 FIGURES

671 arrivals
542 arrivals
0 dead and missing
13 dead and missing
64 arrivals
66 arrivals
0 dead and missing
0 arrivals
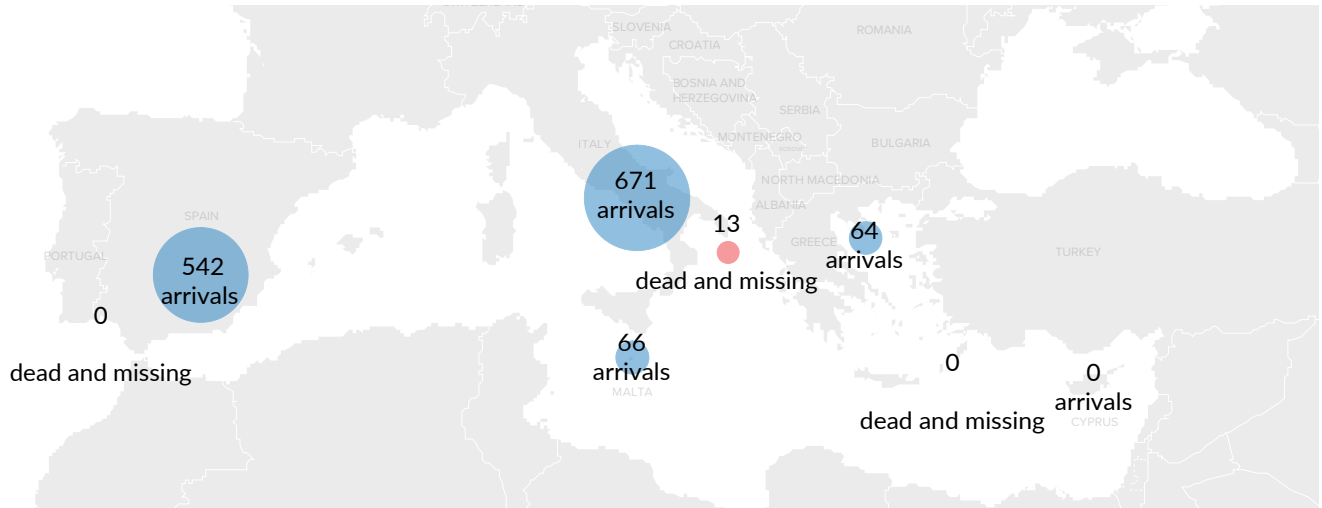
Includes Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 [1999]). The boundaries and names shown, and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.
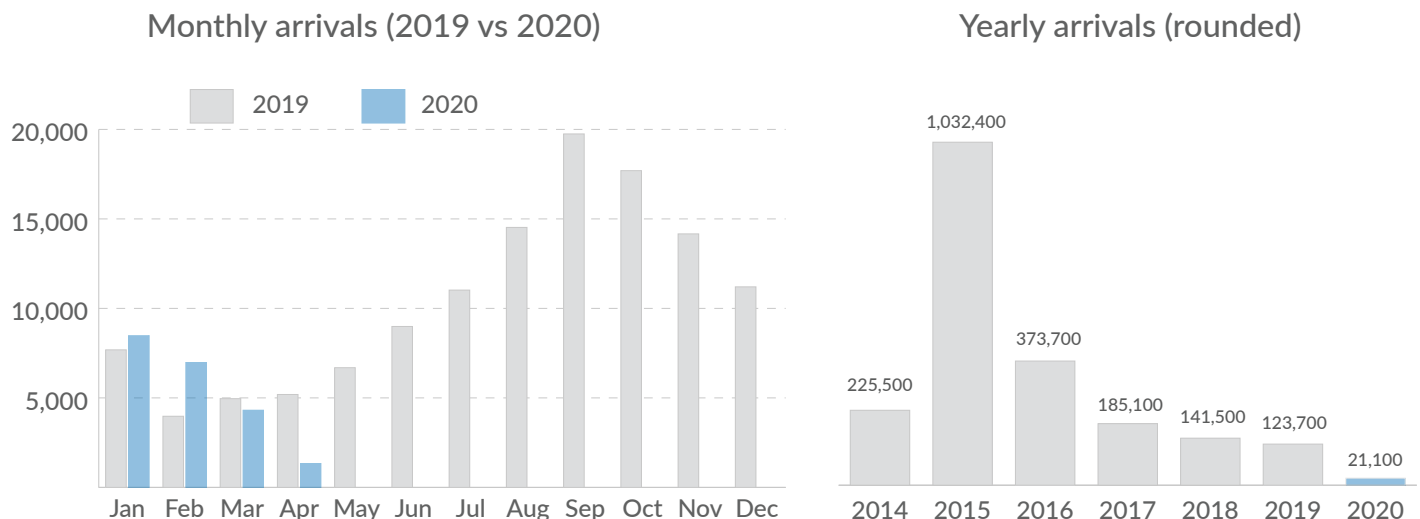
CUMULATIVE FIGURES (SINCE 1 JANUARY 2020)

21,118 estimated arrivals   **176** estimated dead and missing[1]

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE[2]	CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE[3]	EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE[4]
6,339 arrivals, of which	**4,666** arrivals	**10,113** arrivals, of which
1,229 by land	No arrivals by land	**2,076** by land
56 dead and missing	**54** dead and missing	**66** dead and missing

ARRIVAL TRENDS (SINCE 2014)

Monthly arrivals (2019 vs 2020)

Legend: 2019, 2020

Yearly arrivals (rounded)

2014: 225,500
2015: 1,032,400
2016: 373,700
2017: 185,100
2018: 141,500
2019: 123,700
2020: 21,100

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[1] Figures included in the dead and missing file are compiled from a variety of sources, the quality and reliability of which can vary. Every effort has been made to ensure that all statistical information is verified, and figures on dead and missing at sea represent conservative estimates of a number that could possibly be higher than reported.
[2] Includes sea and land arrivals in Spain.
[3] Includes sea arrivals in Italy and Malta.
[4] Includes sea and land arrivals in Greece and sea arrivals in Cyprus.

MEDITERRANEAN

70%

Estimated decrease in the number of arrivals via the Mediterranean routes from March to April 2020.

In April, some 1,300 refugees and migrants arrived in Europe via the three Mediterranean routes, which represents a 70% decrease compared to March. Arrivals in the first four months of 2020 have dropped by 3% compared to the same period in 2019. The Central Mediterranean route to Italy and Malta was the primary entry point of the three Mediterranean routes in April. However, most arrivals so far this year have still been in Greece.

In Greece, fewer than 100 people arrived by land and sea routes in April as Covid-19 fears limited movements in the region, and as informal forced returns at borders were reported.

Despite more limited movements along other routes, over 1,000 people departed by sea from Libya in April. As Italy and Malta announced restricted access to their ports for groups rescued after departing from Libya, delays in conducting rescues were observed and a group of 51 people was disembarked in Libya after being rescued in the Maltese Search and Rescue Region. In total, just over 450 refugees and migrants who departed from Libya were disembarked in Italy and Malta in April. Almost 300 others arrived in Italy from other countries, including some 200 nationals of various West African countries who departed from Tunisia, and a group of 32 (half of whom were Syrians) who departed from Albania.

Just over 500 people arrived in Spain by land and sea routes in April, compared to more than 1,200 in March. Arrivals in the Canary Islands continued, and some 1,900 people have arrived by this route so far in 2020, compared to fewer than 300 in the same period in 2019.

Before the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in Europe, asylum applications in January and February 2020 were up by 16% compared to the same period in 2019. In March, with the implementation of restrictive measures to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak, only 34,737 applications were lodged in the EU+ region, dropping by 43% from February[5]. UNHCR developed practical recommendations and good practices to address protection concerns in the context of COVID-19 in Europe, building on many good practices developed across the region by States to ensure access to territory for people seeking asylum, adaptations of registration and asylum procedures and modifications to reception capacities.

ⓘ For more information please visit https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/mediterranean

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE[6]

At the end of April, there were some 19,000 refugees, asylum-seekers, and other people travelling as part of mixed movements in the region, the majority of whom in Serbia and Kosovo[7] (49%), as well as in Bosnia and Herzegovina (47%). Main nationalities reported as present in April are originating from Afghanistan (29%), Pakistan (15%), and Morocco (11%).

Following the de-facto closure of the land borders throughout South-East Europe, the asylum-seeker population dynamics went from being largely transitory to increasingly static, with a growing numbers of beneficiaries recorded in designated reception and asylum centres.

In April, few applications for asylum were recorded in the region compared to previous months: as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, four countries were reporting closure of first instance of asylum procedures.

ⓘ For more information please visit https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/westbalkans

OTHER SITUATIONS

Turkey — 3.9 million

Refugees[8]	3.6 million
Asylum-seekers[8]	317,800
% of Syrian among the refugees	92%

ⓘ For more information please look at UNHCR Turkey Operational Update Mar 2020

Ukraine — 2.5 million

Internally displaced persons[9]	734,000
Conflict-affected persons[10]	1.7 million
Refugees[11]	2,170
Asylum-seekers[12]	2,430
Stateless persons[13]	35,700

ⓘ For more information please look at UNHCR Ukraine Operational Update Apr 2020

[5] EUROPEAN ASYLUM SUPPORT OFFICE (EASO) Latest Asylum Trends, March 2020.
[6] Includes Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 [1999]).
[7] UN Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999) (S/RES/1244 [1999]).
[8] UNHCR - Mid-year Trends 2019.
[9] Residing more permanently in government-controlled areas (GCA). OCHA - 2020 Humanitarian Needs Overview - Ukraine, January 2020.
[10] Estimated number of vulnerable, conflict-affected persons living along the 'contact line' in government-controlled areas (GCA) and non-government controlled areas (NGCA),
     Protection Cluster, UNHCR - 2020.
[11] Refugees, including persons with complementary protection, UNHCR, State Migration Service of Ukraine as of 31 December 2019 .
[12] UNHCR as of 31 December 2019
[13] UNHCR, State Migration Service of Ukraine as of 31 December 2019.