EUROPE SITUATIONS: DATA AND TRENDS

ARRIVALS AND DISPLACED POPULATIONS

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ARRIVALS AND DISPLACED POPULATIONS: KEY FIGURES AND TRENDS

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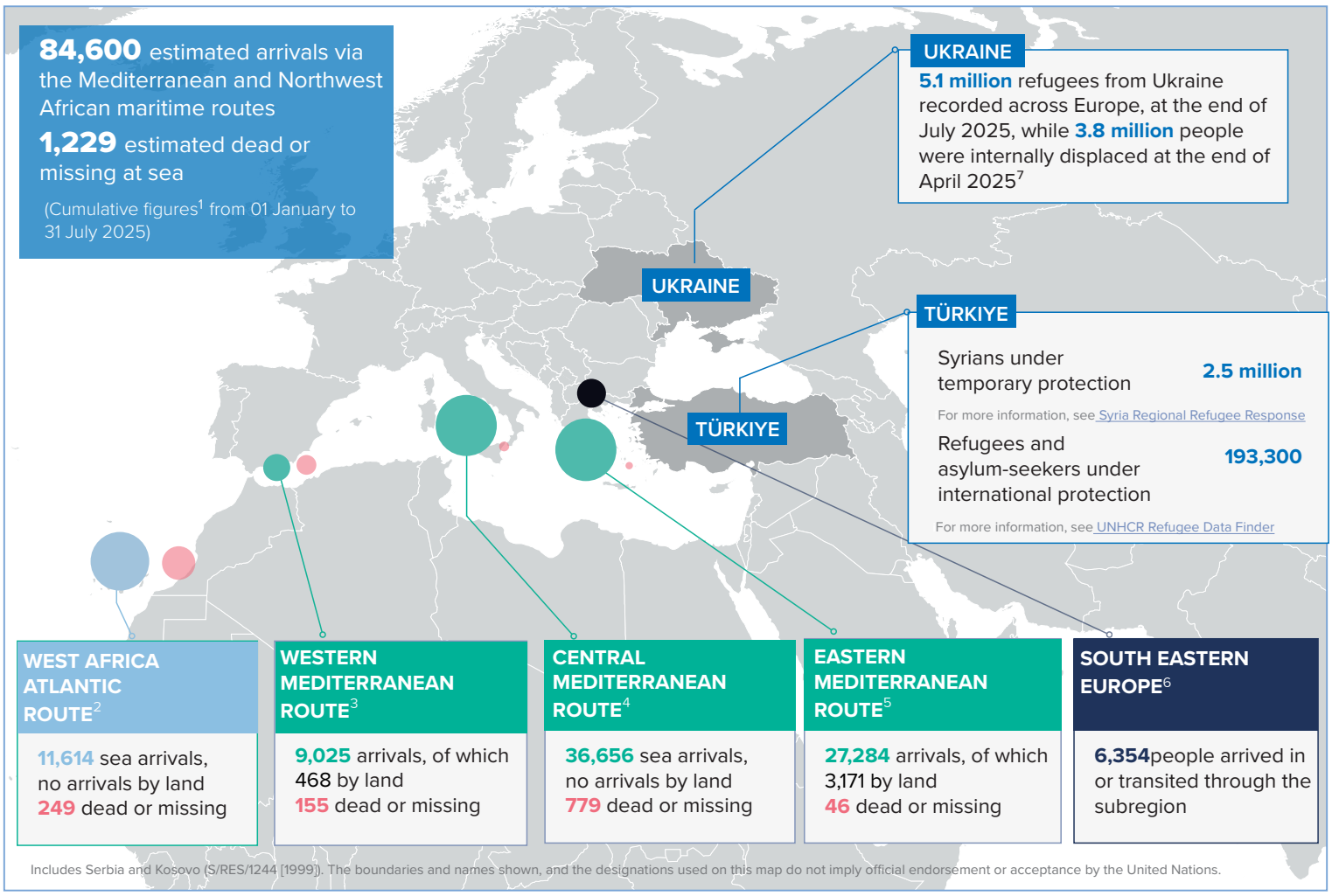
84,600 estimated arrivals via the Mediterranean and Northwest African maritime routes

1,229 estimated dead or missing at sea

(Cumulative figures[1] from 01 January to 31 July 2025)



UKRAINE

5.1 million refugees from Ukraine recorded across Europe, at the end of July 2025, while **3.8 million** people were internally displaced at the end of April 2025[7]

TÜRKIYE

Syrians under temporary protection **2.5 million**

For more information, see Syria Regional Refugee Response

Refugees and asylum-seekers under international protection **193,300**

For more information, see UNHCR Refugee Data Finder

WEST AFRICA ATLANTIC ROUTE[2]

11,614 sea arrivals, no arrivals by land
249 dead or missing

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE[3]

9,025 arrivals, of which 468 by land
155 dead or missing

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE[4]

36,656 sea arrivals, no arrivals by land
779 dead or missing

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE[5]

27,284 arrivals, of which 3,171 by land
46 dead or missing

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE[6]

6,354 people arrived in or transited through the subregion

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. By the end of July, 5.1 million refugees from Ukraine were recorded across Europe. As of end-April 2025, 3.8 million people were displaced internally within Ukraine. [7]

Since the onset of the crisis, UNHCR has closely monitored the protection situation of refugees from Ukraine, particularly through the implementation of protection profiling and monitoring systems across several European countries. Between October 2023 and March 2025, a total of 18,783 interviews were conducted with refugees from Ukraine in Belarus, Bulgaria, Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. According to latest protection monitoring analysis, temporary protection remained the predominant legal status for refugees from Ukraine across all reporting periods, with only one to two per cent transitioning to other legal statuses. For more information, see the Regional Protection Trend Analysis #6.

Ukraine situation key figures as of end of July 2025

5,137,910
Refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe

560,560
Refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe

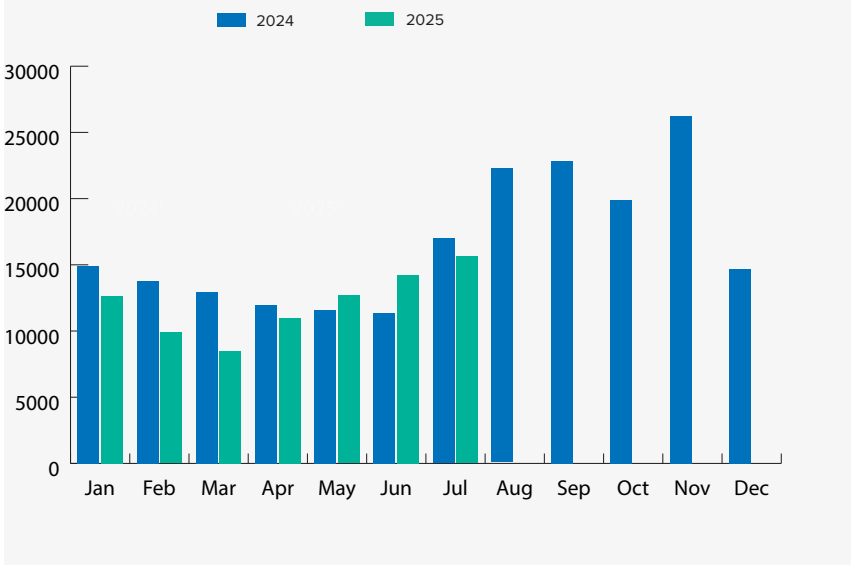
5,698,470
Refugees from Ukraine recorded globally

- 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 July 2025, 15,600 refugees and migrants arrived in Europe via the Mediterranean and West Africa Atlantic routes through mixed movements. The arrivals were ten per cent higher than the previous month, but eight per cent lower when compared to the same period in 2024.

Total monthly arrivals through the Mediterranean and West Africa Atlantic routes



In July 2025, arrivals to Italy were nine per cent lower compared to the prior month and 13 per cent lower compared to July 2024. Of the 6,500 refugees and migrants who arrived in Italy over July, 88 per cent departed from Libya. Departures from Tunisia and Türkiye represent six per cent for respectively. Most refugees and migrants who arrived in July originated from Bangladesh, Egypt and Eritrea.

In July 2025 1,200 refugees and migrants departing Libya were intercepted or rescued by Libyan authorities and disembarked in Libya, a 50 per cent decrease compared to previous month.

In Spain, 2,200 refugees and migrants arrived in July, similar to the previous month, but decreased by 47 per cent compared to July 2024. Of all arrivals in July, eight per cent landed on the Canary Islands. When compared to last month, arrivals to Spain through the Northwest African maritime route dropped 42 per cent, whereas arrivals via Western Mediterranean route increased by nine per cent.

In July 2025, 6,800 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by land and sea, including some 3,500 arrivals in Crete region. Among the arrivals in Crete in July, there were 1373 Sudanese. Arrivals in July in Greece amounted to a 43 per cent increase compared to last month and a 32 per cent increase from July 2024. Turkish authorities reported rescuing or intercepting 2,226 refugees and migrants at sea in July, more than the double compared to the previous month. In Cyprus, 156 refugees and migrants arrived in July, which represents a 27 per cent decrease compared to the previous month and a nine per cent decrease when compared to July 2024.

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

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE[9]

In July 2025, 1,230 people arrived in, or transited through, the subregion as part of mixed refugee and migrant movements. This represented a 92 per cent increase when compared to the previous month (641), but a 35 per cent decrease compared to July 2024. Of the overall arrivals in 2025 so far, the majority were from Afghanistan, Egypt (20 per cent respectively) and from Morocco (12 per cent).

Throughout July, 71 people submitted asylum applications, nine per cent higher than in June (65). Meanwhile, 84 first-instance decisions were issued including six subsidiary protection status and five refugee status decisions. In addition, 29 applicants were rejected, and 44 applications were closed. As of the end of July, 573 asylum applications were still pending a decision across the subregion.

As of end of July 2025, 2,320 refugees and migrants were present in the Western Balkans, including 162 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), Apr 17 2025. DTM Ukraine — Internal Displacement Report — General Population Survey Round 20 (April 2025). IOM, Ukraine.
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]).