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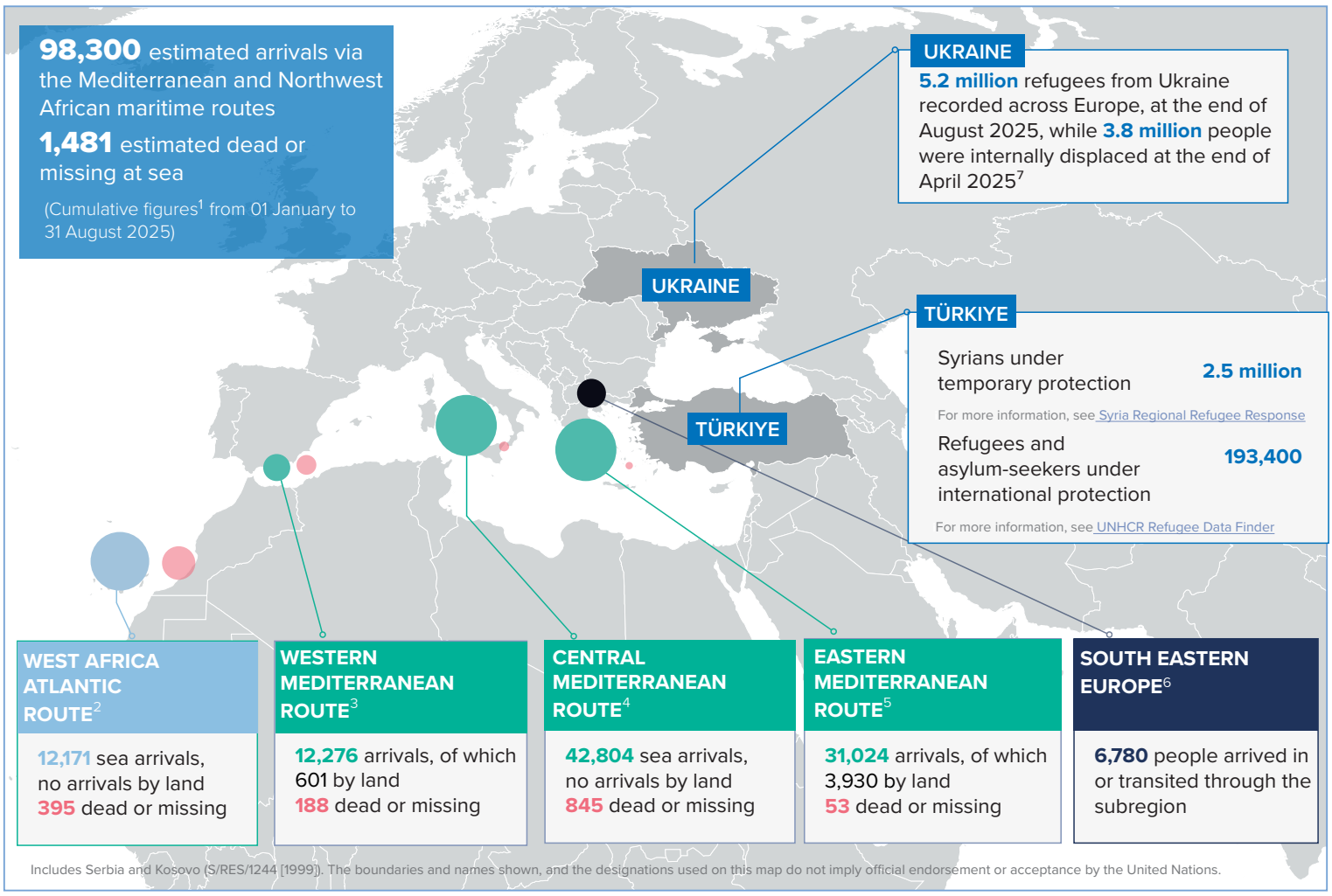


UKRAINE SITUATION

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 August, 5.2 million refugees from Ukraine were recorded across Europe. As of end-April 2025, 3.8 million people were displaced internally within Ukraine.[7]

In 2025, border crossings to and from Ukraine continued to seasonal patterns (easter, summer or Christmas), driven by short-term visits and pendular movements. Outflows increase during Easter and summer months, followed by increased inflows in the subsequent weeks. Overall, movements declined by six per cent compared to 2024 (January–August), averaging around 1.1 million monthly crossings in each direction. For more details, see UNHCR Ukraine Border Monitoring Factsheets.

Ukraine situation key figures as of end of August 2025

5,192,110
Refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe

560,560
Refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe

5,752,670
Refugees from Ukraine recorded globally

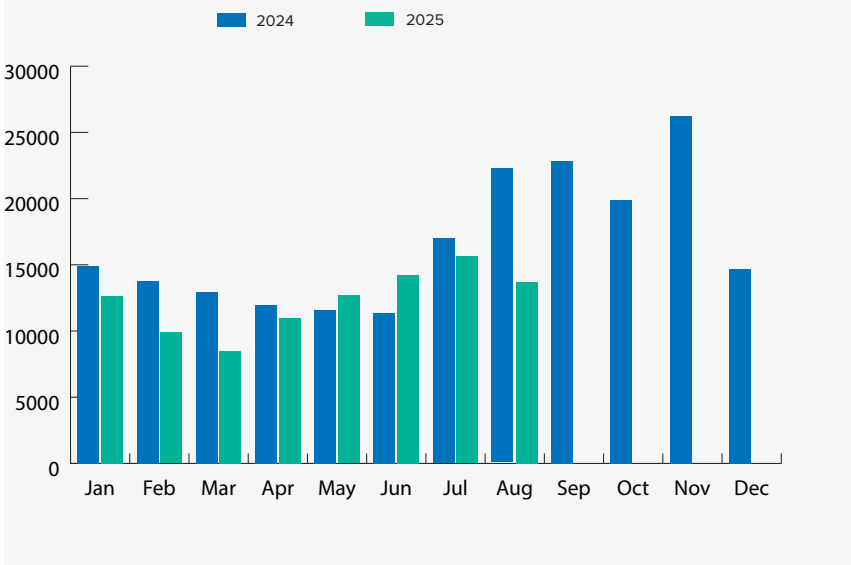
- For more information, please visit the Operation Data Porrtal for the Ukraine Refugee situation

Meanwhile, EU+ countries issued an average of 51,000 Temporary Protection (TP) decisions per month during 2025, with higher numbers between June and August. The downward trend from 2023 persists, with new TP decisions in 2025 (up-to August) down 23 per cent compared to the same period in 2024. These decisions can include re-applications or re-activations of previous TP holders, meaning not all correspond to newly displaced persons. This brought the total number of active Temporary Protection (TP) beneficiaries in the EU+ to over 4.5 million individuals, representing a five per cent increase compared to August 2024, with a slight monthly upward trend of less than one per cent.

ARRIVALS IN EUROPE VIA THE MEDITERRANEAN AND WEST AFRICA ATLANTIC ROUTES

In August 2025, 13,700 refugees and migrants arrived in Europe via the Mediterranean and West Africa Atlantic routes through mixed movements. The arrivals were 12 per cent lower than the previous month and 38 eight per cent lower when compared to the same period in 2024.

Total monthly arrivals through the Mediterranean and West Africa Atlantic routes



In August 2025, arrivals to Italy were five per cent lower compared to the prior month and 28 per cent lower compared to August 2024. Of the 6,100 refugees and migrants who arrived in Italy over August, 80 per cent departed from Libya, 15 per cent from Tunisia and few people departed from Algeria and Türkiye. Most refugees and migrants who arrived in August originated from Bangladesh, Eritrea and Egypt.

In August 2025, 400 refugees and migrants departing Libya were intercepted or rescued by Libyan authorities and disembarked in Libya, a 67 per cent decrease compared to previous month.

In Spain, 3,800 refugees and migrants arrived in August, representing a 73 per cent increase compared to the previous month, but decreased by 41 per cent compared to August 2024. Of all arrivals in August, 15 per cent landed on the Canary Islands. When compared to last month, arrivals to Spain through the Northwest African maritime route has more than tripled, whereas arrivals via Western Mediterranean route increased by 60 per cent.

In August 2025, 3,600 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by land and sea. This amounted to a 48 per cent decrease compared to last month and a 49 per cent decrease from August 2024. Turkish authorities reported rescuing or intercepting 2,007 refugees and migrants at sea in August, 10 per cent decrease compared to the previous month. In Cyprus, 190 refugees and migrants arrived in August, which represents a 22 per cent increase compared to the previous month but a 12 per cent decrease when compared to August 2024.

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

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE[9]

In August 2025, 416 people arrived in, or transited through, the subregion as part of mixed refugee and migrant movements. This represented a 66 per cent decrease when compared to the previous month (1230) and a 78 per cent decrease compared to August 2024. Of the overall arrivals in 2025 so far, the majority were from Afghanistan and Egypt (20 per cent respectively) and from Morocco (12 per cent).

Throughout August, 79 people submitted asylum applications, 11 per cent higher than in July (71). Meanwhile, 69 first-instance decisions were issued including six subsidiary protection status and one refugee status decision. Meanwhile, 26 applicants were rejected, and 36 applications were closed. As of the end of August, 575 asylum applications were still pending a decision across the subregion.

As of end of August 2025, 2,202 refugees and migrants were present in the Western Balkans, including 152 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]).