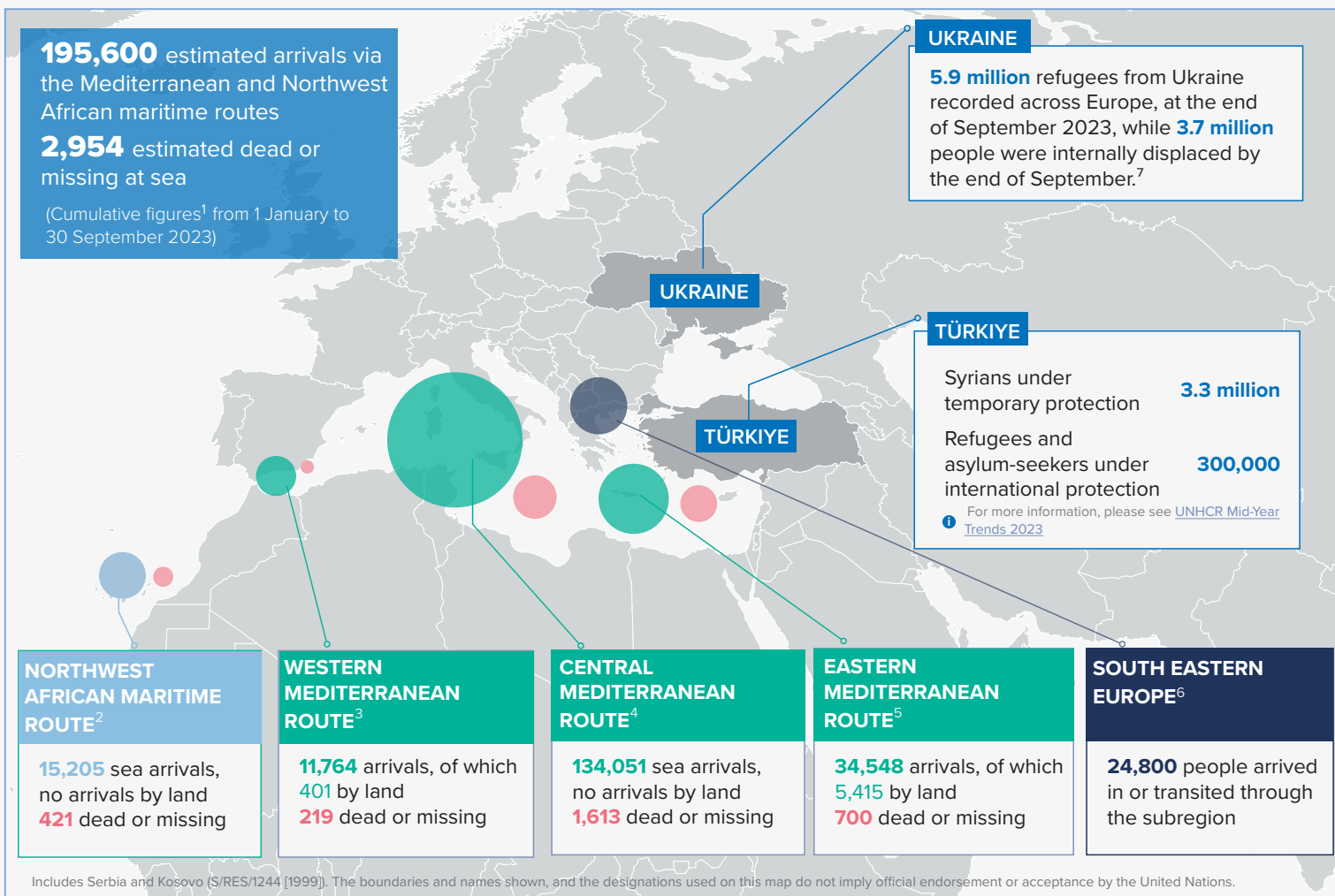


ARRIVALS AND DISPLACED POPULATIONS: KEY FIGURES AND TRENDS

SEPTEMBER 2023 FIGURES



UKRAINE SITUATION

The war in Ukraine triggered a major increase in humanitarian needs due to mass internal displacement and refugee outflows. As of 30 September 2023, 5,864,000 refugees from Ukraine were recorded across Europe, with 5,297,400 registered for Asylum, Temporary Protection or similar national protection schemes. As of the end of September, 3.7 million people were internally displaced in Ukraine.⁷

Between January - September 2023, some 830,000 applications for Temporary Protection or similar national protection schemes were registered in Europe, equivalent to an average of around 83,000 per month. Compared to the second half of 2022, this represents a 143 percent decrease in average monthly applications and around 74 per cent less the figure registered in the first four months of the war. Of the total, some 63% applications were recorded in Poland, Germany and Czech Republic.

The number of refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe (stocks) have not changed significantly in recent months, fluctuating between 5.7 and 5.9 million, slightly higher compared to end of 2022. While additional applications for Temporary Protection or asylum have been registered this year, and other countries have also reported new arrivals under other forms of stay, authorities in Europe have also adjusted their stock estimates for different reasons (including de-duplications and de-activations). Onwards movements outside of Europe have also been observed, with over 392,100 refugees from Ukraine recorded outside of Europe by September-2023, compared to 230,000 by end 2022.

Ukraine situation key figures as of 30 September 2023⁸

5,864,000

Refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe

392,100

Refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe

6,256,100

Refugees from Ukraine recorded globally

For more information, please visit the [Operational Data Portal for the Ukraine Refugee Situation](#)

ARRIVALS IN EUROPE VIA THE MEDITERRANEAN AND NORTHWEST AFRICAN MARITIME ROUTES

Between January - September 2023, some 195,600 refugees and migrants arrived in Europe via the Mediterranean and Northwest African maritime routes. This resulted in a 77 per cent increase compared to the same period last year. In September, arrivals decreased by six per cent compared to previous month while increasing by 77 per cent compared to September 2022.

Total arrivals in Italy decreased by 25 per cent in September compared to the previous month but increased by 41 per cent compared to the same period last year. Of the 19,200 refugees and migrants who arrived in Italy over September, 85 per cent departed from Tunisia, and 12 per cent from Libya. UNHCR also noted over 496 arrivals from Türkiye and 19 from Algeria in September.

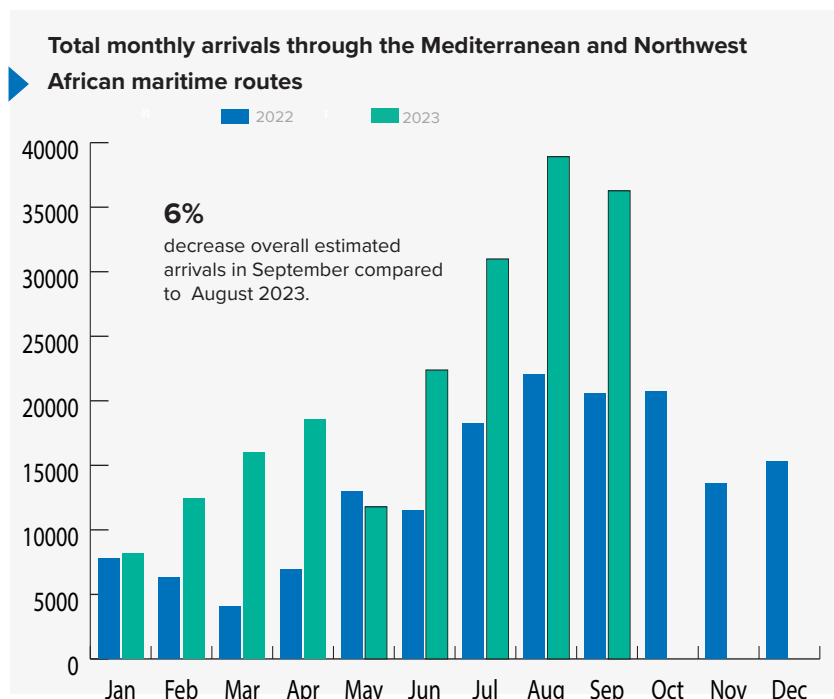
Total arrivals from Tunisia between January - September 2023 increased by nearly five times while arrivals from Libya decreased by four per cent compared to the same period last year.

Most arrivals from Tunisia originated from

Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire and Tunisia, while the majority of arrivals from Libya originated from Egypt, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

In Spain, some 5,000 refugees and migrants arrived over September, a 11 per cent decrease compared to the previous month. Of all arrivals in September, 74 per cent landed on the Canary Islands. Arrivals along the Northwest African maritime route increased by 28 per cent in September, meanwhile arrivals through the Western Mediterranean route decreased by 52 per cent compared to the previous month.

In Greece, throughout September, some 11,500 refugees and migrants arrived by both land and sea, representing a 61 per cent increase compared to the previous month and nearly five times increase compared to the same period last year. Border authorities in Türkiye reported rescuing, or intercepting, 9,623 refugees and migrants at sea throughout September. Further, 680 refugees and migrants arrived in Cyprus by sea in September, a 80 per cent decrease compared to the previous month.



For more information, please visit <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/mediterranean>

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE⁹

In September 2023, 4,900 people arrived in, or transited through, the subregion as part of mixed refugee and migrant movements. Resultantly, arrivals were four per cent less than the previous month and 11 per cent less than in September 2022. Between January - September 2023, some 24,800 refugees and migrants were estimated to have transited through the Western Balkans as part of mixed movements, eight per cent less than in the same period last year.

In September 2023, 124 people submitted asylum applications, 49 per cent more than the previous month. Additionally, 10 positive first-instance decisions were issued (three refugee status and seven subsidiary protection status) in September, while eight applications were rejected and 63 closed.

As of the end of September, 524 asylum applications were pending a decision across the subregion. So far this year, 110 positive first-instance decisions were issued across the subregion (40 refugee status and 70 subsidiary protection status) while 131 asylum applications were rejected, and 585 asylum applications were closed after applicants did not respond or were no longer present in the country of application.

For more information, please visit <http://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/southeasterneurope>

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 sea arrivals in 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 [Ukraine Internal Displacement Report, IOM](#), September 2023.

⁸ In preparation for UNHCR's Annual Statistical Review 2023, and publication of our Global Trends Report in June 2023, a thorough review of all statistics related to refugees from Ukraine was undertaken (for details please refer to [Ukraine Refugee Situation - Data Explanatory Note](#)).

⁹ Includes Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 [1999]).