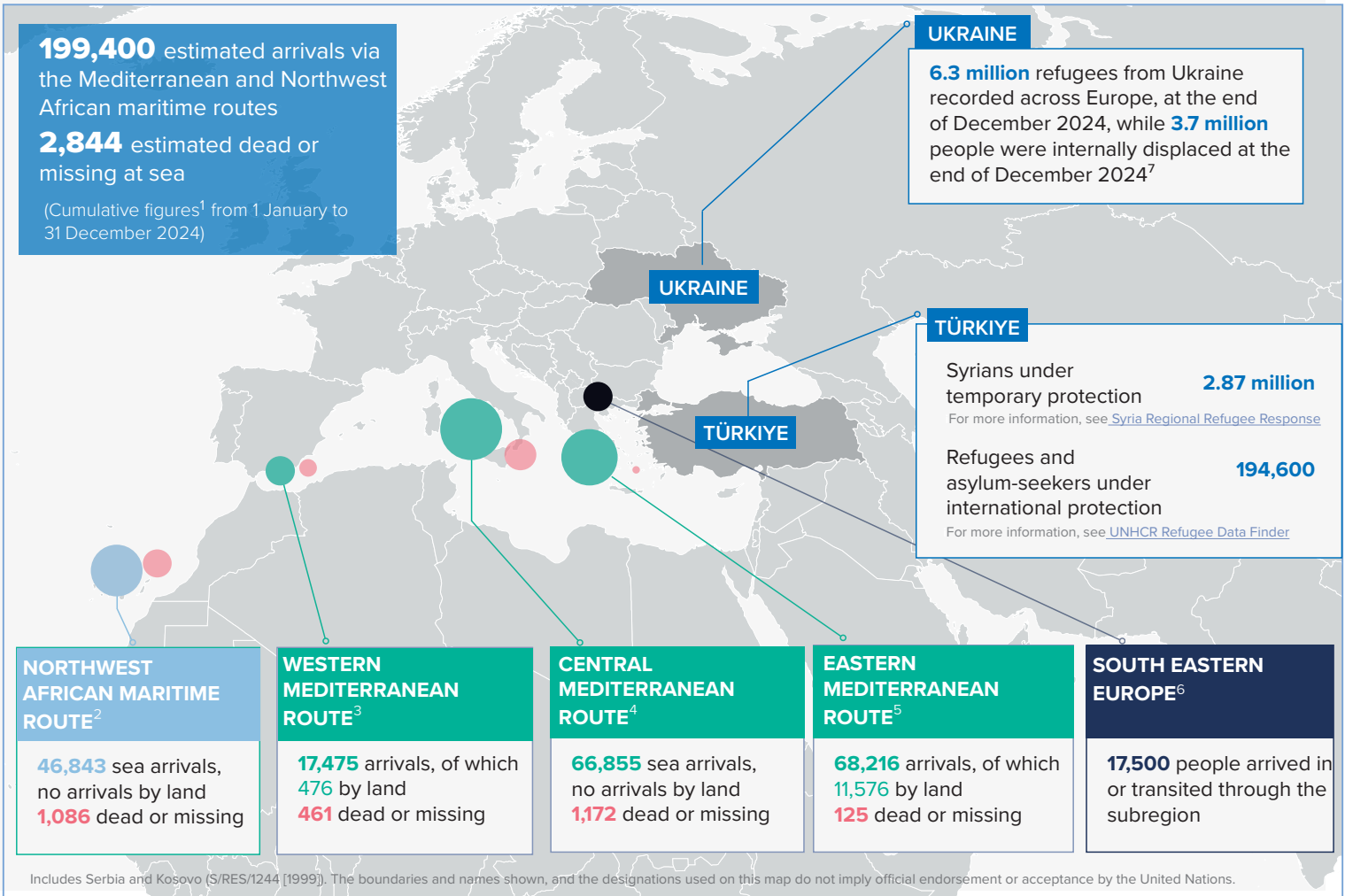


ARRIVALS AND DISPLACED POPULATIONS: KEY FIGURES AND TRENDS

December 2024



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 December 2024, 6,303,200 refugees from Ukraine were recorded across Europe, with 6,299,400 registered for asylum, temporary protection or similar national protection schemes. As of the end of December 2024, 3,665,000 people were displaced internally within Ukraine.⁷

In 2024, Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) health and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) partners conducted a regional analysis of the Socio-Economic Insights Survey (SEIS) data from 10 refugee-hosting countries: Bulgaria, Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, and Slovakia.

The purpose of the analysis was to assess the health and mental health situation of Ukrainian refugees, their access to services, and the barriers they face across countries.

According to the study, 36% of refugee families from Ukraine report at least one member of the household is experiencing a mental health problem that affects their daily life. See the [report](#) for more findings.

Ukraine situation key figures as of 31 December 2024

6,303,200

Refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe

560,200

Refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe

6,863,400

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

In December 2024, 14,700 refugees and migrants arrived in Europe through the Mediterranean and Northwest African maritime routes. The arrivals were 44 per cent lower than November, and 20 per cent lower compared to December 2023.

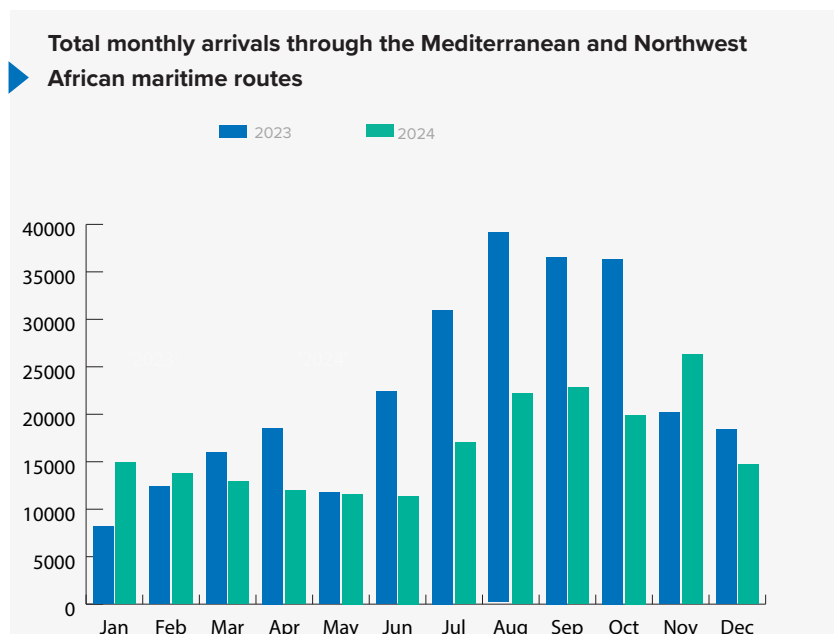
In December, arrivals to Italy decreased by 62 per cent compared to previous month and decreased by 41 per cent compared to December 2023. Of the 3,100 refugees and migrants who arrived in Italy over December, 81 per cent departed from Libya and 11 per cent from Tunisia. Most refugees and migrants arriving in December originated from Bangladesh, Pakistan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

In December 2024, 847 refugees and migrants departing Libya were intercepted or rescued by Libyan authorities and disembarked in Libya - a 42 per cent decrease compared to the prior month. The majority of those departing from Libya in November originated from Bangladesh, Pakistan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

In Spain, 6,600 refugees and migrants arrived in December, a 34 per cent decrease compared to the previous month and unchanged from December 2023. Of all arrivals in December, 76 per cent landed in the Canary Islands. When compared to last month, arrivals to Spain through the northwest African maritime route saw a 33 per cent decrease, while arrivals through the western Mediterranean route decrease by 37 per cent.

In December 2024, 4,700 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by land and sea. This amounted to a 39 per cent decrease compared to last month and a 15 per cent decrease from December 2023. Turkish authorities reported rescuing or intercepting 3,352 refugees and migrants at sea in December, 47 per cent fewer than the previous month. In Cyprus, 191 refugees and migrants arrived in December, resulting in a 38 per cent decrease compared to the previous month and a 79 per cent decrease when compared to December 2023. The majority of arrivals in Cyprus in 2024 were from Afghanistan, Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic.

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



SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE⁹

In December 2024, some 1,440 people arrived in, or transited through, the subregion as part of mixed refugee and migrant movements. This represented a 31 per cent decrease when compared to the previous month (2,100), and a 151 per cent increase compared to December 2023. Of the overall arrivals in 2024 so far, the majority were from the Syrian Arab Republic (30 per cent), Afghanistan (16 per cent), and Morocco (11 per cent).

Throughout December, 106 people submitted asylum applications, 29 per cent lower than in November (82). Meanwhile, 68 first-instance decisions were issued along with 10 subsidiary protection status. Of note, no refugee status decisions were issued during the month. Additionally, 14 applicants were rejected and 47 applications were closed. As of the end of November, 639 asylum applications were still pending a decision across the subregion.

Some 2,340 refugees and migrants were present in the Western Balkans as of end December 2024, including 99 unaccompanied and separated children.

For more information, please visit <https://data.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 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 \(IOM\), Jan 2025. DTM Ukraine – Internal Displacement Report – General Population Survey Round 19 \(January 2025\)](#). IOM, Ukraine

8. This does not include refugees recorded in the Russian Federation, who are not covered by the regional intentions surveys.

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