EUROPE SITUATIONS: DATA AND TRENDS

ARRIVALS AND DISPLACED POPULATIONS

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ARRIVALS AND DISPLACED POPULATIONS: KEY FIGURES AND TRENDS

November 2025

143,300 estimated arrivals via the Mediterranean and Northwest African maritime routes

1,890 estimated dead or missing at sea

(Cumulative figures[1] from 01 January to 30 November 2025)

UKRAINE

5.3million refugees from Ukraine recorded across Europe, as of latest available figures, while **3.7 million** people were internally displaced at the end of December 2025[7]

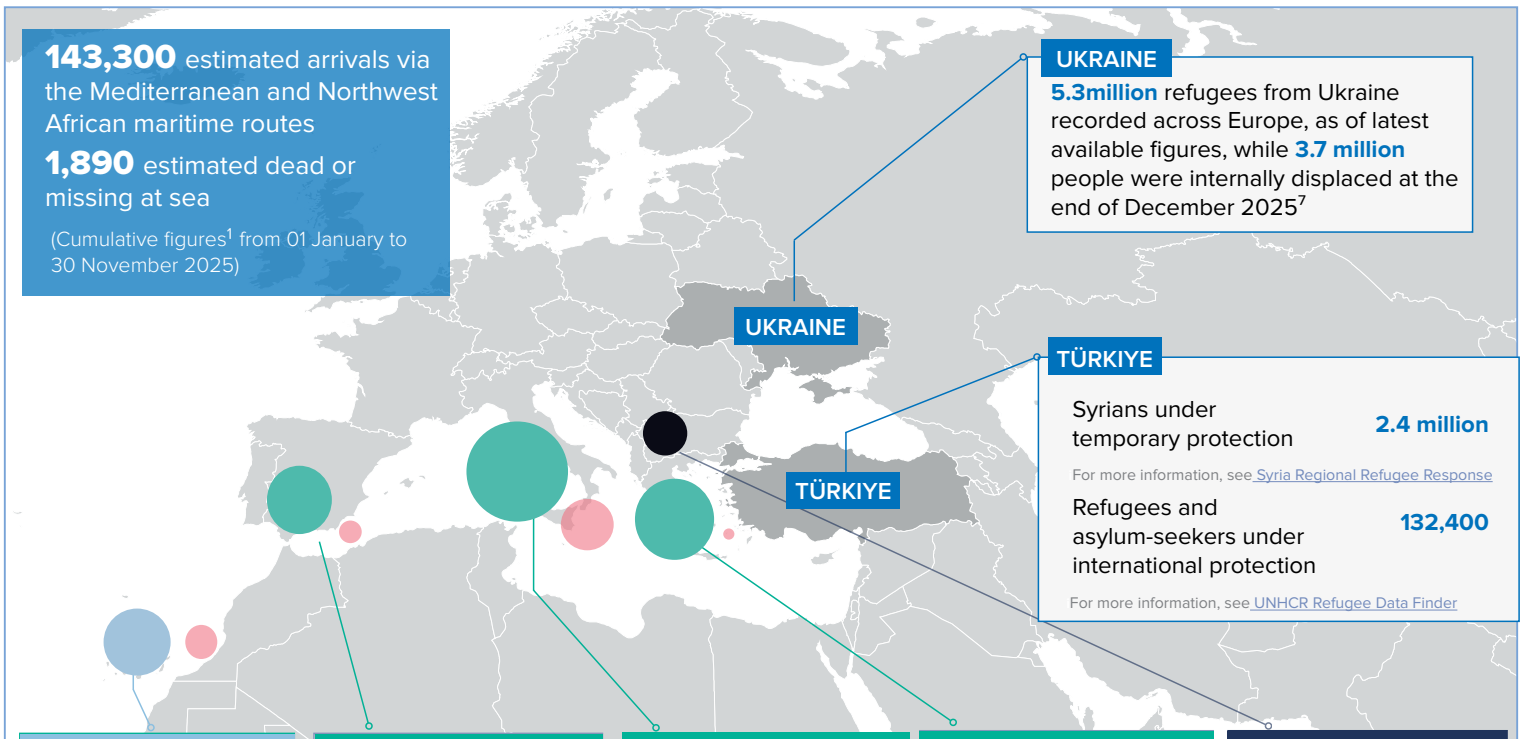
TÜRKIYE

Syrians under temporary protection **2.4 million**

For more information, see Syria Regional Refugee Response

Refugees and asylum-seekers under international protection **132,400**

For more information, see UNHCR Refugee Data Finder



WEST AFRICA ATLANTIC ROUTE[2]

16,886 sea arrivals, no arrivals by land
416 dead or missing

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE[3]

17,890 arrivals, of which 841 by land
271 dead or missing

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE[4]

63,491 sea arrivals, no arrivals by land
1,115 dead or missing

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE[5]

44,999 arrivals, of which 6,419 by land
88 dead or missing

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE[6]

9,350 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

As of latest available figures, **5.3 million** refugees from Ukraine were recorded across Europe, while **3.7 million** people were internally displaced.

According to statistics published by EUROSTAT, between January and November 2025 a total of 622,000 persons were granted Temporary Protection (TP), 13% lower than the same period of 2024. A temporary increase was observed in September and October 2025 (around 82,000 and 78,000 respectively), largely driven by increased arrivals of men aged 18 to 22, following the Ukrainian Government Decree at the end of August allowing cross-border movements of this group without hindrance. By November, the number of decisions decreased to a magnitude similar to the first eight months of 2025 (around 56,000), although those granted to males aged 18 to 34 continue to account for more than a third of all decisions in that month, more than double the share among decisions granted between January and August 2025.

Ukraine situation key figures:

5,349,060
Refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe

549,090
Refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe

5,898,150
Refugees from Ukraine recorded globally

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

Border crossings from and to Ukraine have been declining since September 2025, following seasonal patterns observed in previous years. However, border monitoring interviews have shown a higher proportion of people leaving Ukraine who -on top of the security situation- report lack of electricity, lack of heating or lack of water as reasons for leaving the country (see UNHCR Border Monitoring: Energy-related departures Jan-Dec 2025).

For more information, please visit Operation Data Portal for the Ukraine Refugee Situation and Operational Data Portal for Ukraine.

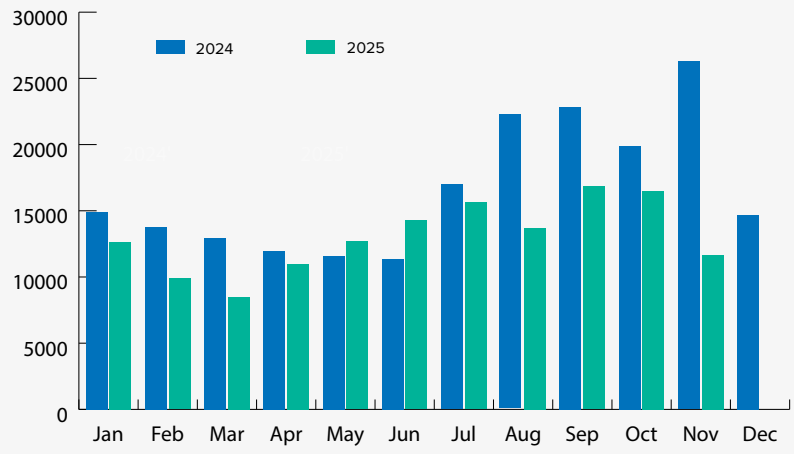
ARRIVALS IN EUROPE VIA THE MEDITERRANEAN AND WEST AFRICA ATLANTIC ROUTES

In November 2025, 11,600 refugees and migrants arrived in Europe via the Mediterranean and West Africa Atlantic routes through mixed movements. The arrivals were 29 per cent lower than the previous month and 22 per cent lower when compared to the same period from January to November 2024 (184,700).

In November 2025, arrivals to Italy were 45 per cent lower compared to the prior month but remain similar compared to the same period last year (63,500). Of the 4,400 refugees and migrants who arrived in Italy over November, 91 per cent departed from Libya, six per cent from Algeria and few people departed from Tunisia. Most refugees and migrants who arrived in November originated from Bangladesh, Egypt and Somalia. No arrival reported in Malta in November.

In November 2025, 1,300 refugees and migrants departing Libya were intercepted or rescued by Libyan authorities and disembarked in Libya, 46 per cent decrease compared to previous month.

Total monthly arrivals through the Mediterranean and West Africa Atlantic routes



In Spain, 4,000 refugees and migrants arrived in November, representing a 33 per cent increase compared to the previous month, but a 40 per cent decreased when compared to the same period from January to November 2024. Of all arrivals in November, 68 per cent landed on the Canary Islands (2,700). When compared to last month, arrivals to Spain through the Northwest African maritime route has more than double, whereas arrivals via Western Mediterranean route decreased by 27 per cent.

In November 2025, 3,200 refugees and migrants arrived in Greece by land and sea. This amounted to a 39 per cent decrease compared to last month and a 26 per cent decrease when compared to January - November 2024.

Turkish authorities reported rescuing or intercepting 1,540 refugees and migrants at sea in November, a 32 per cent decrease compared to the previous month.

In Cyprus, 121 refugees and migrants arrived in November, which represents a 55 per cent decrease compared to the previous month and a 61 per cent decrease when compared to the same period last year.

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

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE[9]

In November 2025, 795 people arrived in, or transited through, the subregion as part of mixed refugee and migrant movements. This represented a 16 per cent decrease when compared to the previous month and a 39 per cent decrease when compared to January - November 2024. Of the overall arrivals in 2025 so far, the majority were from Afghanistan (21 per cent), Egypt (20 per cent) and from Morocco (10 per cent).

Throughout November, 70 people submitted asylum applications, 26 per cent lower than in October (94). Meanwhile, 95 first-instance decisions were issued including 12 subsidiary protection status, five refugee status, 34 applicants were rejected, and 44 applications were closed. As of the end of October, 606 asylum applications were still pending a decision across the subregion.

As of end of November 2025, 2,608 refugees and migrants were present in the Western Balkans, including 147 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), Oct 17 2025. DTM Ukraine — Internal Displacement Report — General Population Survey Round 21 (October 2025). IOM, Ukraine: https://dtm.iom.int/reports/ukraine-internal-displacement-report-general-population-survey-round-22-january-2026
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]).
10. https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/migr_asytpfm/default/table?lang=en&category=migr.migr_asy.migr_asytp