

EUROPE SITUATIONS: DATA AND TRENDS

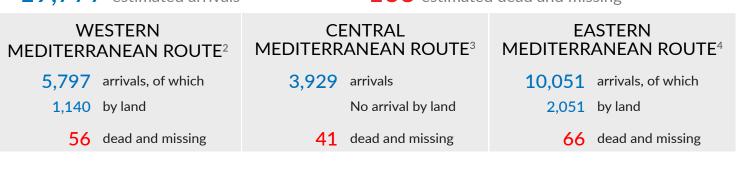
ARRIVALS AND DISPLACED POPULATIONS

MARCH 2020 FIGURES



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.

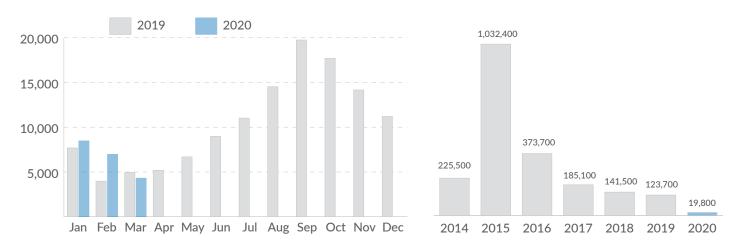
CUMULATIVE FIGURES (SINCE 1 JANUARY 2020) 19,777 estimated arrivals 163 estimated dead and missing¹



ARRIVAL TRENDS (SINCE 2014)

Monthly arrivals (2019 vs 2020)





¹ Figures included in the dead and missing file are compiled from a variety of sources, the quality and reliability of which can vary. Every effort has been made to ensure that all statistical information is verified, and figures on dead and missing at sea represent conservative estimates of a number that could possibly be higher than reported.

² Includes sea and land arrivals in Spain.
 ³ Includes sea arrivals in Italy and Malta.

⁴ Includes sea and land arrivals in Greece and sea arrivals in Cyprus.



MEDITERRANEAN

40%

The estimated decrease of the Mediterranean arrivals in March compared to February 2020.

In March, there was a 40% decrease in the number of people arriving in Europe by the Mediterranean routes compared to February and a decrease of 13% compared to March 2019. This was largely the result of decreased arrivals in Spain, Italy, and Malta, including because of bad weather conditions affecting attempts to cross the sea. Most arrivals in March were again in Greece.

In early March, UNHCR called for calm and an easing of tensions as increased numbers of refugees and migrants traveled to the land border between Turkey and Greece. Greek authorities reinforced controls at the land border, resulting in a reduction in land crossings, while some 2,300 arrived on the islands during the month.

In Spain, some 1,100 people arrived by sea in March, a 36% decrease from February. Most departed from Morocco and Algeria and were disembarked in the mainland after rescue at sea, while over 300 others made the dangerous journey to the Canary Islands.

In the central Mediterranean, there were far fewer departures from Libya in March, including because of poor sea conditions. Two groups amounting to 146 people were rescued by the Armed Forces of Malta in the Maltese Search and Rescue Region, while a group of 43 crossed directly from Libya to Lampedusa. Several boats also arrived in Italy from Tunisia, while one boat each arrived from Greece and Albania.

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

SOUTH FASTERN FUROPE⁵

At the end of March, there were 19,000 refugees and migrants in the region, a 19% increase compared to the end of February. Most were in Bosnia and Herzegovina (49%), as well as Serbia and Kosovo: (S/RES/1244 [1999]) (47%). Afghans (27%), Pakistanis (22%), and Syrians (10%) continued to be the largest groups.

As in previous months, many continued to apply for asylum in the region. Most applications for asylum, as of the end of March, had been in Albania (some 7,800 people, 53% of all applications in the region) and the primary groups that had applied in the region were from Syria and Iraq (27% each).

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OTHER SITUATIONS

Turkey	3.9	million	Ukraine	2.5	million
Refugees ⁶		3.6 million	Internally displaced persons ⁷		734,000
Asylum-seekers ⁶		317,800	Conflict-affected persons ⁸		1.7 million
				Refugees ⁹	2,170
% of Syrian among the refugees		92%	Asylum-seekers ¹⁰		2,430
			Statele	ss persons ¹¹	35,700
For more information please look at UNHCR Turkey Operational Update Feb 2020			For more information please look at UNHCR Ukraine Operational Update Mar 2020		

⁵ Includes Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 [1999]).

UNHCR - Mid-year Trends 2019.

Residing more permanently in government-controlled areas (GCA). OCHA - <u>2020 Humanitarian Needs Overview - Ukraine</u>, January 2020. Estimated number of vulnerable, conflict-affected persons living along the 'contact line' in government-controlled areas (GCA) and non-government controlled areas (NGCA), Protection Cluster, UNHCR - 2020.

Refugees, including persons with complementary protection, UNHCR, State Migration Service of Ukraine as of 31 December 2019

¹⁰ UNHCR as of 31 December 2019

¹¹ UNHCR, State Migration Service of Ukraine as of 31 December 2019.