

Mixed Movements in South-Eastern Europe 2024

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Identification

SURVEY ID NUMBER
ECA_2024_MMSEE_v01_M

TITLE
Mixed Movements in South-Eastern Europe 2024

ABBREVIATION OR ACRONYM
MMSEE 2024

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Albania	ALB
Bosnia-Herzegovina	BIH
Bulgaria	BGR
Croatia	HRV
Montenegro	MNE
North Macedonia	MKD
Romania	ROU
Serbia	SRB

STUDY TYPE
Other Household Survey [hh/oth]

ABSTRACT
Mixed movements in South-Eastern Europe represent a complex interplay of mobility patterns involving refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants. The region serves as both a transit area and destination for groups fleeing conflict or seeking better opportunities. In the first eight months of 2024, UNHCR and partners conducted 3,237 interviews across Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, and Serbia to better understand the profiles, needs, and experiences of people in mixed movements. This dataset supports protection monitoring efforts and contributes to improved policy and response planning.

KIND OF DATA
Sample survey data [ssd]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS
Household

Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION
Version 2.1: Edited, cleaned and anonymised data.

VERSION DATE
2025-05-08

Scope

NOTES
The scope includes:
- demographics

- arrival and movement history
- accommodation
- access to services
- legal and protection status
- priority needs and onward movement drivers

TOPICS

Topic
Protection
Legal Assistance

KEYWORDS

Keyword
Mixed movements
Protection monitoring
Migration
Asylum
Refugees

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name	Affiliation
UN Refugee Agency	UN

PRODUCERS

Name
Caritas Albania
Refugees and Migrant Services in Albania
Bulgarian Helsinki Committee
Vaša Prava BiH
Bosnia and Herzegovina Women's Initiative
Croatian Red Cross
Civil Rights Program Kosovo
Civic Alliance
MYLA
Romanian National Council for Refugees

Sampling

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

Non-probability sampling. Convenience-based selection at key reception, transit, and asylum centers. Enumerators sought to diversify locations and randomly select respondents at each site.

Data collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2024-01-01	2024-08-31

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Face-to-face [f2f]

DATA COLLECTION NOTES

Enumerators conducted interviews in person with individuals from mixed movement populations. Data were collected via Kobo forms and harmonized through a centralized cleaning and processing workflow. Focus groups were also conducted in selected countries.

DATA COLLECTORS

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation
UN Refugee Agency	UNHCR	UN
Caritas Albania		
Refugees and Migrant Services in Albania		
Bulgarian Helsinki Committee		
Vaša Prava BiH		
Bosnia and Herzegovina Women’s Initiative		
Croatian Red Cross		
Civil Rights Program Kosovo		
Civic Alliance		
MYLA		
Romanian National Council for Refugees		

questionnaires

QUESTIONNAIRES

Topics included demographic background, travel history, protection concerns, access to services, accommodation, and intentions for onward movement.

Access policy

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CITATION REQUIREMENTS

UNHCR (2025). Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Montenegro, Macedonia, FYR, Romania, Serbia: Mixed Movements in South-Eastern Europe – 2024. Accessed from: <https://microdata.unhcr.org>

Metadata production

DDI DOCUMENT ID

DDI_ECA_2024_MMSEE_v01_M

PRODUCERS

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
UN Refugee Agency	UNHCR	UN	Metadata producer
Development Data Group	DECDG	The World Bank	Metadata adapted for World Bank Microdata Library

DATE OF METADATA PRODUCTION

2025-06-20

DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

Identical to a metadata (UNHCR_EU_2024_MixedMovements_SEE) published on UNHCR catalog (<https://microdata.unhcr.org/index.php/home>). Some of the metadata fields have been edited.

data_dictionary

Data file	Cases	variables
Households This file contains the household data dictionary.	3237	52

Data file: Households

This file contains the household data dictionary.

Cases: 3237

variables: 52

variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
hh_V1	pseudo_id	ID	
hh_V2	reporting_office	ISO3 code of reporting office	
hh_V3	interview_month	Date of interview	
hh_V4	interview_place	Place of interview	
hh_V5	reception_center	Reception center	
hh_V6	age_group	Age group	
hh_V7	nationality	What is your nationality?	
hh_V8	education	What is the highest level of education you have attained?	
hh_V9	occupation	What was your most recent occupation/job?	
hh_V10	recognised_as_ref	Recognized as refugee in previously	
hh_V11	coa_where_rsd_happened	Country where refugee status was recognized	
hh_V12	coa_rsd_iso3	ISO3 code of country where refugee status was recognized	
hh_V13	duration_since_leaving_coo	How long ago did you leave your country of origin?	
hh_V14	duration_since_leaving_coo_groups	How long ago did you leave your country of origin?	
hh_V15	main_reason_for_leaving_coo	What was the main reason for initially leaving your country of origin?	
hh_V16	destination_y_n	Destination	
hh_V17	duration_since_arrival	From which country did you start your journey	
hh_V18	duration_since_arrival_groups	From which country did you start your journey	
hh_V19	mode_of_arrival	How did you arrive here from your last transited country?	
hh_V20	number_of_attempts_to_arrive_without_success	Number of attempts to arrive in this country without success	
hh_V21	who_prevented_entry	Who prevented your entry?	

ID	Name	Label	Question
hh_V22	authorities_informed_about_the_right_to_seek_asylum_during_prevention_of_en	Did authorities inform you of your right to apply for asylum?	
hh_V23	told_authorities_that_s_he_wanted_seek_asylum	Reported to authorities that s/he wanted to seek asylum	
hh_V24	violence_during_revention_of_entry	Was any form of violence or mistreatment used against you when you were prevented from entering this country?	
hh_V25	have_you_been_detained	Have you been detained in this country?	
hh_V26	place_of_detention	If restriction of movements/detention, where?	
hh_V27	duration_detention	Duration of detention	
hh_V28	has_been_informed_about_the_opportunity_to_seek_asylum_in_current_country	Have you been informed about how to apply for asylum in a language that you understand in the current country?	
hh_V29	applied_for_asylum_in_this_country	Did you formally lodge an application for asylum after having expressed an intention to apply?	
hh_V30	is_only_intention_to_seek_asylum	Is only intention to seek asylum	
hh_V31	outcome_of_asylum	What was the outcome of your application?	
hh_V32	outcome_of_asylum_groups	Outcome of asylum (groups)	
hh_V33	the_reason_for_not_applying_for_asylum	Why haven't you applied for asylum?	
hh_V34	accommodation	Where are you currently residing?	
hh_V35	accommodation_safety	Do you feel safe in your accommodation?	
hh_V36	freedom_of_movement_in_the_center_accommodation	Freedom of movement in the center accommodation	
hh_V37	meal_frequency_in_the_center_accommodation	How many meals do you have a day?	
hh_V38	legal_counselling/information_available	Have you been provided with legal counselling/legal information?	
hh_V39	access_to_health	If need be, do you have access to health services?	
hh_V40	ever_been_returned_push_back	Have you ever been returned while trying to leave this country?	

ID	Name	Label	Question
hh_V41	number_of_times_returned	Number of times returned (push-back)	
hh_V42	last_returned_push_back_was_from	Which country did you try to reach?	
hh_V43	last_returned_push_back_by	By whom were you returned?	
hh_V44	informed_right_to_seek_asylum_during_last_reutrn	Before returning you, did the authorities inform you of your right to apply for asylum?	
hh_V45	expressed_wisht	Did you tell authorities you wanted apply for asylum?	
hh_V46	violence_during_last_return_push_back	While being returned, was any form of violence or mistreatment used against you?	
hh_V47	aware_of_voluntary_return_programme	Which information channels do you prefer to use to receive information?	
hh_V48	interested_in_voluntary_return	Are you aware of the assisted voluntary return programme in this country?	
hh_V49	weight	Weight	
hh_V50	estimated_minimum_duration_of_stays_days_at_the_time_of_interview	Estimated minimum duration of stays (days) at the time of interview	
hh_V51	estimated_latest_date_of_arrival	Estimated latest date of arrival	
hh_V52	estimated_minimum_days_since_arrival	Estimated minimum days since arrival	

total: 52

PSEUDO_ID: ID**Data file: Households****Overview**

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RECOGNISED_AS_REF: Recognized as refugee in previously**Data file: Households****Overview**

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Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

REPORTING_OFFICE: ISO3 code of reporting office**Data file: Households****Overview**

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Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

INTERVIEW_MONTH: Date of interview**Data file: Households****Overview**

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INTERVIEW_PLACE: Place of interview**Data file: Households****Overview**

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Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

RECEPTION_CENTER: Reception center**Data file: Households****Overview**

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AGE_GROUP: Age group**Data file:** Households**Overview**

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Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

NATIONALITY: What is your nationality?**Data file:** Households**Overview**

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Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Factor

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category
1	Afghanistan
2	Algeria
3	Egypt
4	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)
5	Iraq
6	Morocco
7	Nepal
8	Other
9	Pakistan
10	State of Palestine
11	Syrian Arab Rep.
12	Türkiye

EDUCATION: What is the highest level of education you have attained?**Data file:** Households**Overview**

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OCCUPATION: What was your most recent occupation/job?**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3209 Invalid: 28
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

COA_WHERE_RSD_HAPPENED: Country where refugee status was recognized**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 127 Invalid: 3110
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

COA_RSD_ISO3: ISO3 code of country where refugee status was recognized**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 127 Invalid: 3110
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

DURATION_SINCE_LEAVING_COO: How long ago did you leave your country of origin?**Data file: Households****Overview**

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 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

DURATION_SINCE_LEAVING_COO_GROUPS: How long ago did you leave your country of origin?**Data file: Households****Overview**

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MAIN_REASON_FOR_LEAVING_COO: What was the main reason for initially leaving your country of origin?**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

DESTINATION_Y_N: Destination**Data file:** Households**Overview**

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Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

DURATION_SINCE_ARRIVAL: From which country did you start your journey**Data file:** Households**Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:
Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

DURATION_SINCE_ARRIVAL_GROUPS: From which country did you start your journey**Data file:** Households**Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:
Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

MODE_OF_ARRIVAL: How did you arrive here from your last transited country?**Data file:** Households**Overview**

Valid: 3225 Invalid: 12
Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

NUMBER_OF_ATTEMPTS_TO_ARRIVE_WITHOUT_SUCCESS: Number of attempts to arrive in this country without success**Data file:** Households**Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:
Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

WHO_PREVENTED_ENTRY: Who prevented your entry?**Data file:** Households

Overview

Valid: 346 Invalid: 2891
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

AUTHORITIES_INFORMED_ABOUT_THE_RIGHT_TO_SEEK_ASYLUM_DURING_PREVENTION_OF_EN:
Did authorities inform you of your right to apply for asylum?

Data file: Households

Overview

Valid: 270 Invalid: 2967
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

TOLD_AUTHORITIES_THAT_S_HE_WANTED_SEEK_ASYLUM: Reported to authorities that s/he
wanted to seek asylum

Data file: Households

Overview

Valid: 270 Invalid: 2967
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

VIOLENCE_DURING_REVENTION_OF_ENTRY: Was any form of violence or mistreatment used
against you when you were prevented from entering this country?

Data file: Households

Overview

Valid: 346 Invalid: 2891
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

HAVE_YOU_BEEN_DETAINED: Have you been detained in this country?

Data file: Households

Overview

Valid: 346 Invalid: 2891
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

PLACE_OF_DETENTION: If restriction of movements/detention, where?

Data file: Households

Overview

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 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

DURATION_DETENTION: Duration of detention**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 19 Invalid: 3218

Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

HAS_BEEN_INFORMED_ABOUT_THE_OPPORTUNITY_TO_SEEK_ASYLUM_IN_CURRENT_COUNTRY: Have you been informed about how to apply for asylum in a language that you understand in the current country?**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:

Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

APPLIED_FOR_ASYLUM_IN_THIS_COUNTRY: Did you formally lodge an application for asylum after having expressed an intention to apply?**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:

Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

IS_ONLY_INTENTION_TO_SEEK_ASYLUM: Is only intention to seek asylum**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:

Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

OUTCOME_OF_ASYLUM: What was the outcome of your application?**Data file: Households****Overview**

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Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

OUTCOME_OF_ASYLUM_GROUPS: Outcome of asylum (groups)**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

THE_REASON_FOR_NOT_APPLYING_FOR_ASYLUM: Why haven't you applied for asylum?**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 695 Invalid: 2542
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

ACCOMMODATION: Where are you currently residing?**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

ACCOMMODATION_SAFETY: Do you feel safe in your accommodation?**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

FREEDOM_OF_MOVEMENT_IN_THE_CENTER_ACCOMMODATION: Freedom of movement in the center accommodation**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 2738 Invalid: 499
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

MEAL_FREQUENCY_IN_THE_CENTER_ACCOMMODATION: How many meals do you have a day?**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 2818 Invalid: 419
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

LEGAL_COUNSELLING/INFORMATION_AVAILABLE: Have you been provided with legal counselling/legal information?**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:
Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

ACCESS_TO_HEALTH: If need be, do you have access to health services?**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:
Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

EVER_BEEN_RETURNED_PUSH_BACK: Have you ever been returned while trying to leave this country?**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:
Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

NUMBER_OF_TIMES_RETURNED: Number of times returned (push-back)**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 339 Invalid: 2898
Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

LAST_RETURNED_PUSH_BACK_WAS_FROM: Which country did you try to reach?**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 131 Invalid: 3106
Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

LAST_RETURNED_PUSH_BACK_BY: By whom were you returned?**Data file: Households**

Overview

Valid: 339 Invalid: 2898
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

INFORMED_RIGHT_TO_SEEK_ASYLUM_DURING_LAST_REUTRN: Before returning you, did the authorities inform you of your right to apply for asylum?

Data file: Households

Overview

Valid: 339 Invalid: 2898
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

EXPRESSED_WISHT: Did you tell authorities you wanted apply for asylum?

Data file: Households

Overview

Valid: 259 Invalid: 2978
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

VIOLENCE_DURING_LAST_RETURN_PUSH_BACK: While being returned, was any form of violence or mistreatment used against you?

Data file: Households

Overview

Valid: 339 Invalid: 2898
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

AWARE_OF_VOLUNTARY_RETURN_PROGRAMME: Which information channels do you prefer to use to receive information?

Data file: Households

Overview

Valid: 2321 Invalid: 916
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

INTERESTED_IN_VOLUNTARY_RETURN: Are you aware of the assisted voluntary return programme in this country?

Data file: Households

Overview

Valid: 2395 Invalid: 842
 Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

WEIGHT: Weight**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:
Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

ESTIMATED_MINIMUM_DURATION_OF_STAYS_DAYS_AT_THE_TIME_OF_INTERVIEW: Estimated minimum duration of stays (days) at the time of interview**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:
Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

ESTIMATED_LATEST_DATE_OF_ARRIVAL: Estimated latest date of arrival**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:
Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

ESTIMATED_MINIMUM_DAYS_SINCE_ARRIVAL: Estimated minimum days since arrival**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237 Invalid:
Type: Discrete Range: - Format: Character

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reports

Report

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