

# Mixed Movements in South-Eastern Europe – 2024

**UNHCR**

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## Identification

SURVEY ID NUMBER

UNHCR\_EU\_2024\_MixedMovements\_SEE

TITLE

Mixed Movements in South-Eastern Europe – 2024

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Albania	ALB
Bosnia-Herzegovina	BIH
Bulgaria	BGR
Croatia	HRV
Montenegro	MNE
Macedonia, FYR	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

v2.1: 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
UNHCR

## 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.

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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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PRODUCERS

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2025-06-20

data\_dictionary

Data file	Cases	variables
<b>Households</b> 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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Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**RECOGNISED\_AS\_REF: Recognized as refugee in previously****Data file: Households****Overview**

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Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**REPORTING\_OFFICE: ISO3 code of reporting office****Data file: Households****Overview**

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Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**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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**RECEPTION\_CENTER: Reception center****Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 168    Invalid: 3069  
Type: Discrete    Format: Character

**AGE\_GROUP: Age group****Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3213    Invalid: 24

Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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

Valid: 3237    Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete    Range: 1 - 12    Format: Factor

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Afghanistan	326	10.1%
2	Algeria	79	2.4%
3	Egypt	159	4.9%
4	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	112	3.5%
5	Iraq	99	3.1%
6	Morocco	280	8.6%
7	Nepal	51	1.6%
8	Other	426	13.2%
9	Pakistan	130	4%
10	State of Palestine	78	2.4%
11	Syrian Arab Rep.	1384	42.8%
12	Türkiye	113	3.5%

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

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Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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

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 Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**COA\_WHERE\_RSD\_HAPPENED: Country where refugee status was recognized****Data file: Households****Overview**

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

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**COA\_RSD\_ISO3: ISO3 code of country where refugee status was recognized****Data file: Households****Overview**

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

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**DURATION\_SINCE\_LEAVING\_COO: How long ago did you leave your country of origin?****Data file: Households****Overview**

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 Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**DURATION\_SINCE\_LEAVING\_COO\_GROUPS: How long ago did you leave your country of origin?****Data file: Households****Overview**

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 Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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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**

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 Type: Discrete    Format: Character

**DESTINATION\_Y\_N: Destination****Data file: Households****Overview**

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Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**DURATION\_SINCE\_ARRIVAL: From which country did you start your journey****Data file: Households****Overview**

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Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**DURATION\_SINCE\_ARRIVAL\_GROUPS: From which country did you start your journey****Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237    Invalid: 0  
Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**MODE\_OF\_ARRIVAL: How did you arrive here from your last transited country?****Data file: Households****Overview**

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Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**NUMBER\_OF\_ATTEMPTS\_TO\_ARRIVE\_WITHOUT\_SUCCESS: Number of attempts to arrive in this country without success****Data file: Households****Overview**

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**WHO\_PREVENTED\_ENTRY: Who prevented your entry?****Data file: Households**

**Overview**

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**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    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    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    Format: Character

**HAVE\_YOU\_BEEN\_DETAINED:** Have you been detained in this country?

**Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 346    Invalid: 2891

Type: Discrete    Format: Character

**PLACE\_OF\_DETENTION:** If restriction of movements/detention, where?

**Data file: Households****Overview**

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Type: Discrete    Format: Character



**DURATION\_DETENTION: Duration of detention****Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 19    Invalid: 3218

Type: Discrete    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: 0

Type: Discrete    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: 0

Type: Discrete    Format: Character

**IS\_ONLY\_INTENTION\_TO\_SEEK\_ASYLUM: Is only intention to seek asylum****Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237    Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete    Format: Character

**OUTCOME\_OF\_ASYLUM: What was the outcome of your application?****Data file: Households****Overview**

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Type: Discrete    Format: Character

**OUTCOME\_OF\_ASYLUM\_GROUPS: Outcome of asylum (groups)****Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237    Invalid: 0  
 Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**THE\_REASON\_FOR\_NOT\_APPLYING\_FOR\_ASYLUM: Why haven't you applied for asylum?****Data file: Households****Overview**

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 Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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

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 Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**ACCOMMODATION\_SAFETY: Do you feel safe in your accommodation?****Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237    Invalid: 0  
 Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**FREEDOM\_OF\_MOVEMENT\_IN\_THE\_CENTER\_ACCOMMODATION: Freedom of movement in the center accommodation****Data file: Households****Overview**

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 Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**MEAL\_FREQUENCY\_IN\_THE\_CENTER\_ACCOMMODATION: How many meals do you have a day?****Data file: Households****Overview**

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

**LEGAL\_COUNSELLING/INFORMATION\_AVAILABLE: Have you been provided with legal counselling/legal information?****Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237    Invalid: 0  
Type: Discrete    Format: Character

**ACCESS\_TO\_HEALTH: If need be, do you have access to health services?****Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237    Invalid: 0  
Type: Discrete    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: 0  
Type: Discrete    Format: Character

**NUMBER\_OF\_TIMES\_RETURNED: Number of times returned (push-back)****Data file: Households****Overview**

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

**LAST\_RETURNED\_PUSH\_BACK\_BY: By whom were you returned?****Data file: Households**

## Overview

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 Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**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

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 Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**EXPRESSED\_WISHT:** Did you tell authorities you wanted apply for asylum?

Data file: Households

## Overview

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 Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**VIOLENCE\_DURING\_LAST\_RETURN\_PUSH\_BACK:** While being returned, was any form of violence or mistreatment used against you?

Data file: Households

## Overview

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 Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**AWARE\_OF\_VOLUNTARY\_RETURN\_PROGRAMME:** Which information channels do you prefer to use to receive information?

Data file: Households

## Overview

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 Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**INTERESTED\_IN\_VOLUNTARY\_RETURN:** Are you aware of the assisted voluntary return programme in this country?

Data file: Households

## Overview

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 Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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

Valid: 3237    Invalid: 0  
Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**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: 0  
Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**ESTIMATED\_LATEST\_DATE\_OF\_ARRIVAL: Estimated latest date of arrival****Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237    Invalid: 0  
Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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**ESTIMATED\_MINIMUM\_DAYS\_SINCE\_ARRIVAL: Estimated minimum days since arrival****Data file: Households****Overview**

Valid: 3237    Invalid: 0  
Type: Discrete    Format: Character

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