



Romania

National developments in 2024



Romania registered a marked decrease in the number of applications for international protection in 2024. Still, a needs assessment exercise indicated the need for continued support by EUAA in 2024 as well, focusing on effective implementation of temporary protection, enhanced capacity for the processing of asylum applications and enhanced capacity to provide reception conditions in line with the CEAS.¹ In this framework, for example, Romania increased its reception capacity, as modular buildings from 71 containers were installed in the reception centres in Maramureş, Rădăuţi and Galaţi.² Regarding the quality of reception conditions, the Ombudsperson visited the accommodation centres in Giurgiu,³ Maramureş⁴ and Rădăuţi⁵ in 2024 and provided recommendations related to adequate access for persons with disabilities, building maintenance, recruiting medical personnel and optimising sanitary services.

While no further major changes impacted the asylum procedure or the reception system, amendments touched upon the area of return, relocation and temporary protection. Legislative amendments in March 2024 changed the time limit to appeal a return decision from 3 days to 10 days. The court examines the appeal within 5 days from the date of its receipt, and the court decision is final.⁶ In addition, Article 3(1) of Government Decision No 1596/2008 concerning the resettlement of refugees to Romania was amended to allow the resettlement of a total of 200 refugees to Romania during 2024-2025.⁷

Romania replaced previous provisions on benefits for beneficiaries of temporary protection with Government Emergency Ordinance No 96/2024, which focuses on their integration and granting financial support to cover accommodation and food expenses for a determined period of time, as well as granting access to the national social protection system, social benefits and public services.⁸ Romania also issued Government Decision No 505 of 16 May 2024 which modified the issuance of residence permits based on temporary protection.⁹ The permits now include an additional line on the address of the person: either a full address or only the municipality and the county when there is no proof of address .

More input from civil society:

- [European Council on Refugees and Exiles](#)
- [Save the Children Romania | Salvati Copiii România](#)

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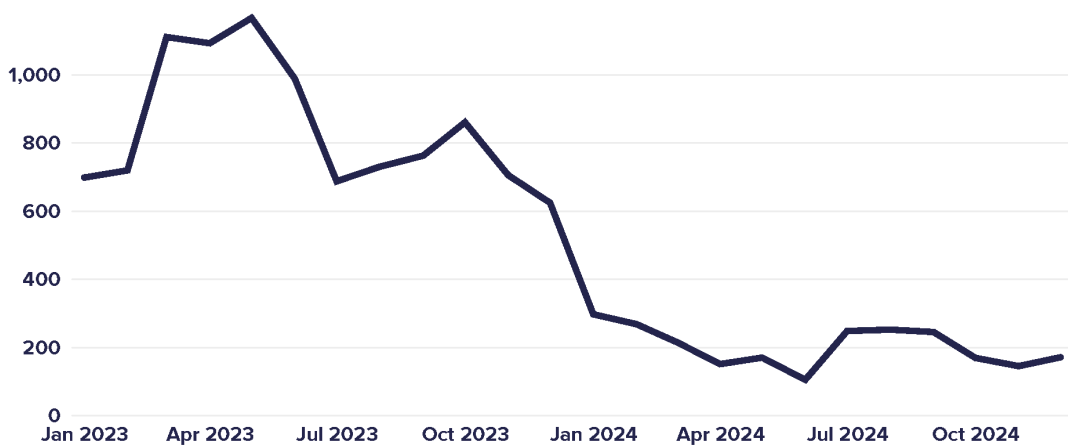
Key indicators for 2024



Rank by number of asylum applications 19	Rank per capita (applications per 1M inhabitants) 25	Share of applications in EU+ 0.2%	Recognition rate 37%
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Indicator	2024	2023	% change	Top 3 countries of origin
Asylum applications	2,424	10,129 ↓	-76%	Syria (33%), Iraq (10%), Nepal (9%)
Pending cases (Dec '24)	166	1,062 ↓	-84%	Syria (50%), Iraq (21%), Sudan (4%)
First instance decisions	1,822	5,327 ↓	-66%	Syria (29%), Nepal (9%), Palestine (8%)
Refugee status	225	455 ↓	-51%	Palestine (36%), Somalia (27%), Syria (11%)
Subsidiary protection	441	421 →	5%	Syria (53%), Sudan (18%), Palestine (14%)
Negative	1,156	4,451 ↓	-74%	Syria (24%), Nepal (15%), Bangladesh (8%)

Evolution of asylum applications, 2023-2024



For more developments, please consult the [Asylum Report 2025](#) and the [National Asylum Developments Database](#).





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