

# Understanding the Syrian Refugee Crisis

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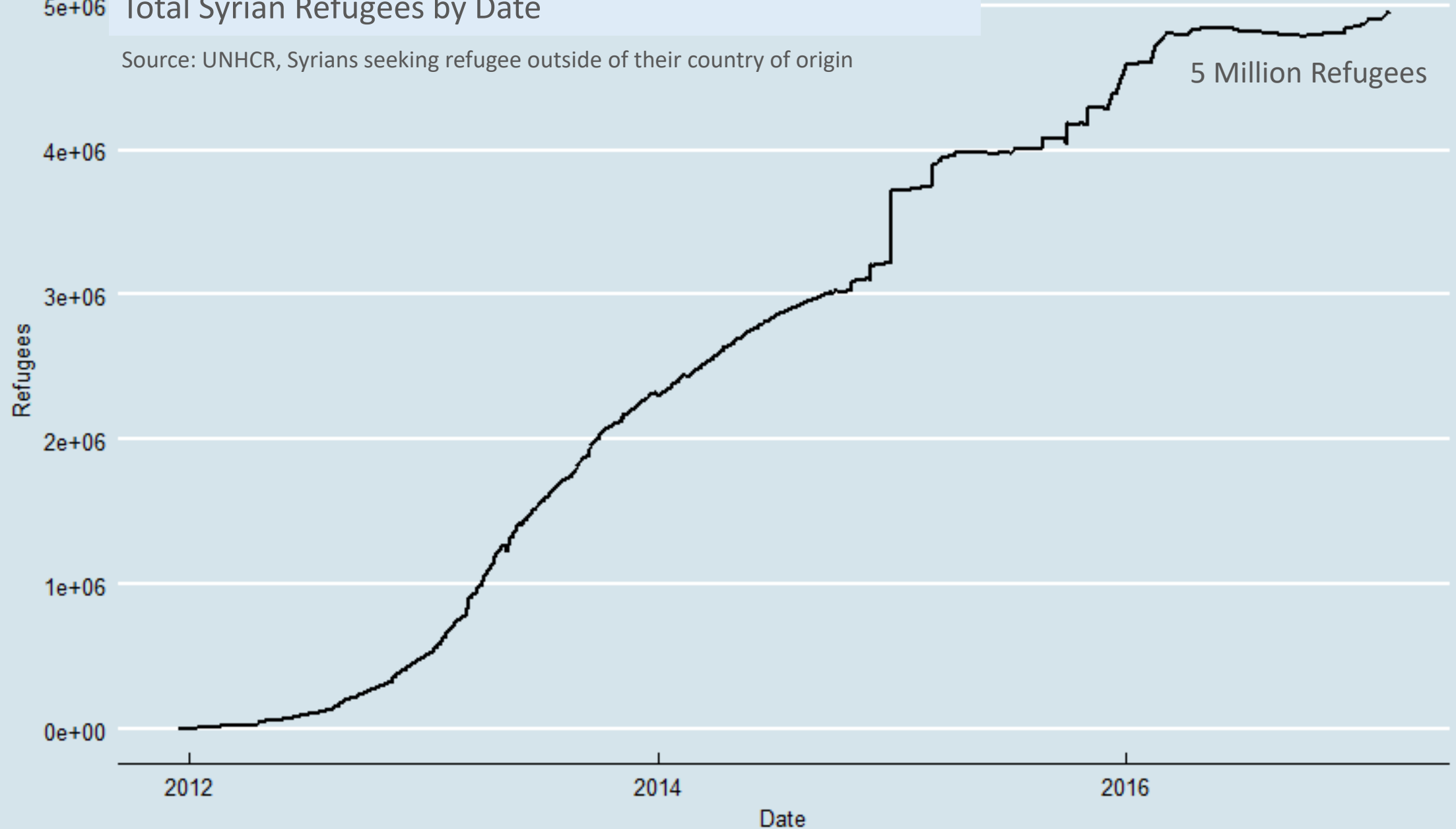


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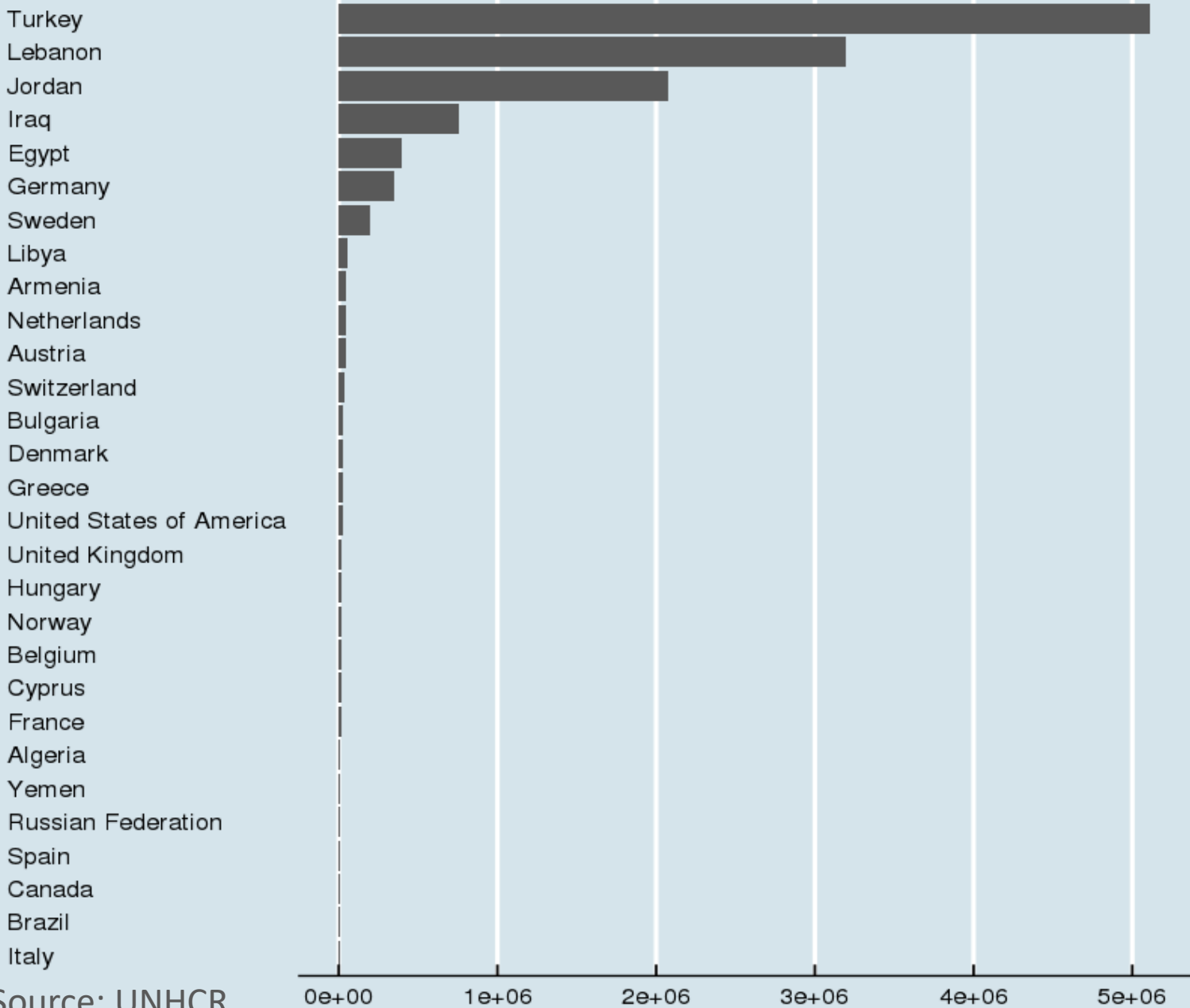
# 5 Million Syrians Are Refugees

5e+06 Total Syrian Refugees by Date

Source: UNHCR, Syrians seeking refugee outside of their country of origin



# Turkey is the Top Destination for Syrian Refugees



Source: UNHCR

# Where are the Syrian Refugees?

Since 2010, Turkey has hosted over 5 Million Syrians seeking some type of refugee in their country due to the conflict.

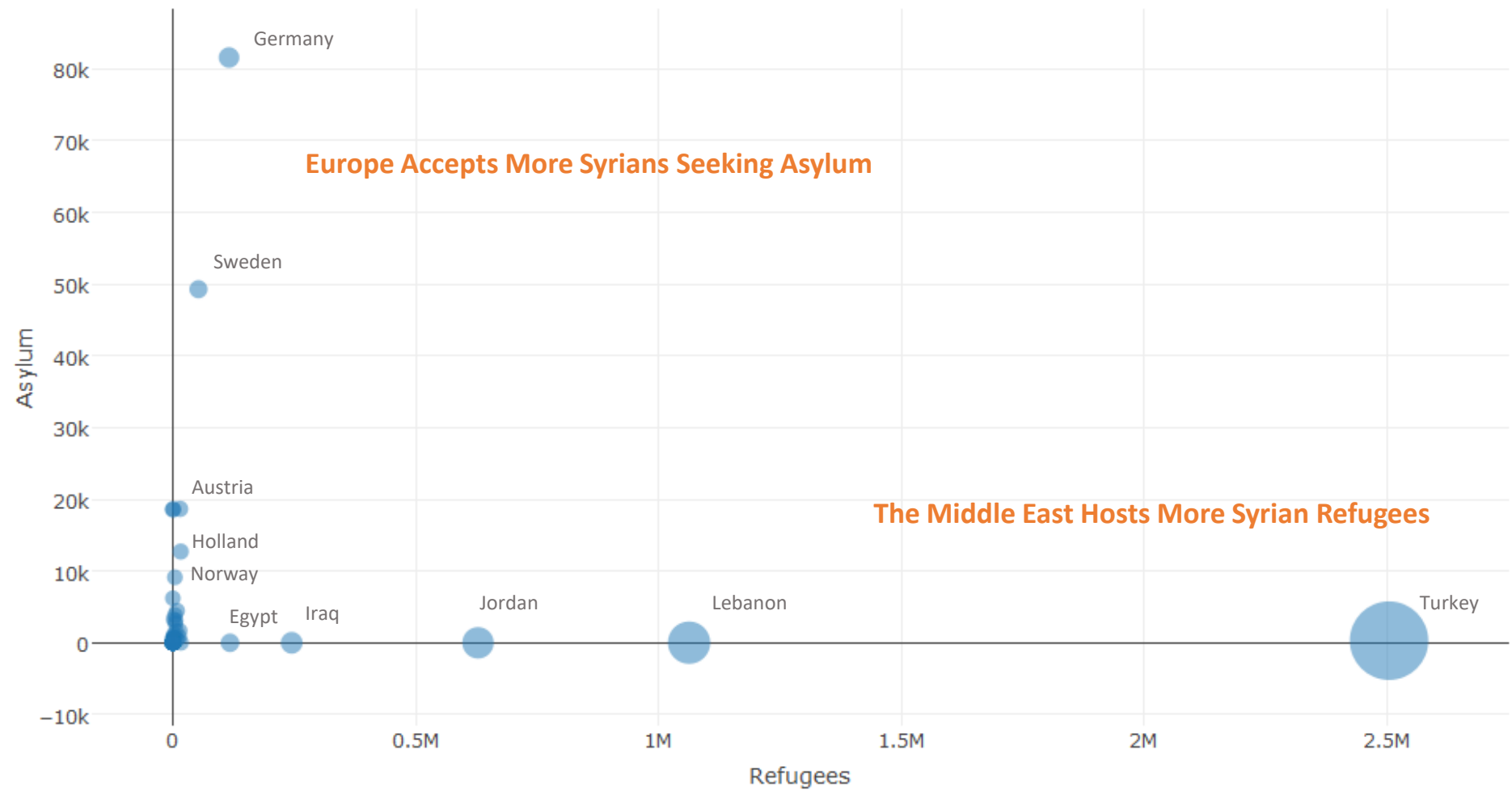
Syrian Refugees mostly stay in neighboring countries when they leave. Yet not all refugees leave Syria. An estimated 10 million Syrians are internally displaced and still residing in Syria

Since 2010, around 11 Million Syrian Refugees have left their country for in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq

Germany and Sweden have the largest share of Syrian Refugees in Europe with 350,000 and 200,000 respectively.

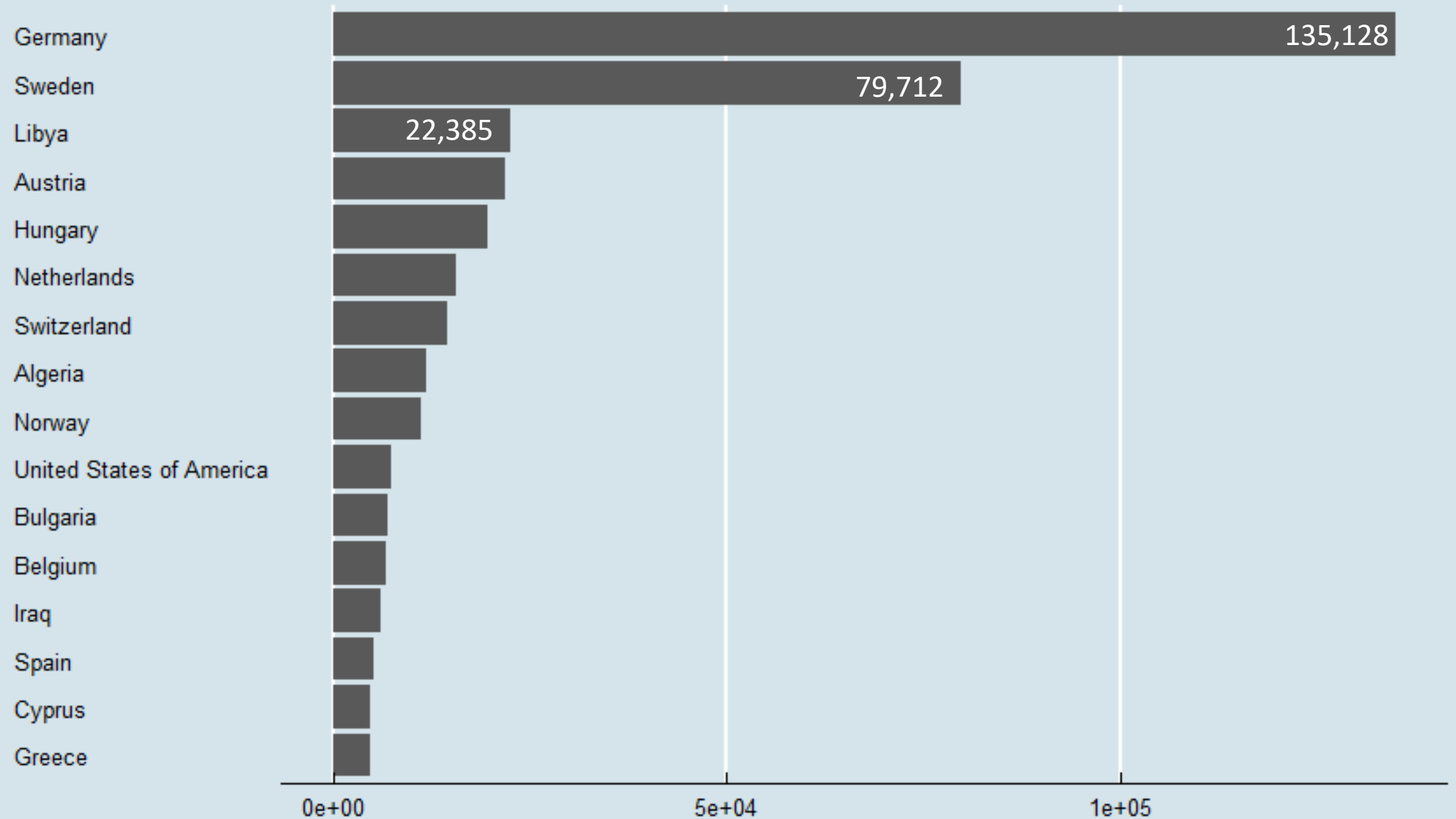
Source: UNHCR, 2010-2015 Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Stateless Persons, and Other Persons of Concern

# 2015 Snapshot: Syrian Refugee Countries vs. Syrian Asylum Countries



Source: UNHCR

# Syrians Seeking Asylum go to Europe



Source: UNHCR, Syrian Asylum Cases by Country



# In Recent Years, Europe has attempted to distribute Syrian Refugees Evenly Across the Continent



In 2015 Ukraine, Belgium, and Slovenia have the largest number of Asylum Seeking Syrian Refugees – between 800-900 cases for each country.

In 2015, these asylum cases accounted for less than 1% of the total number of displaced Syrians.



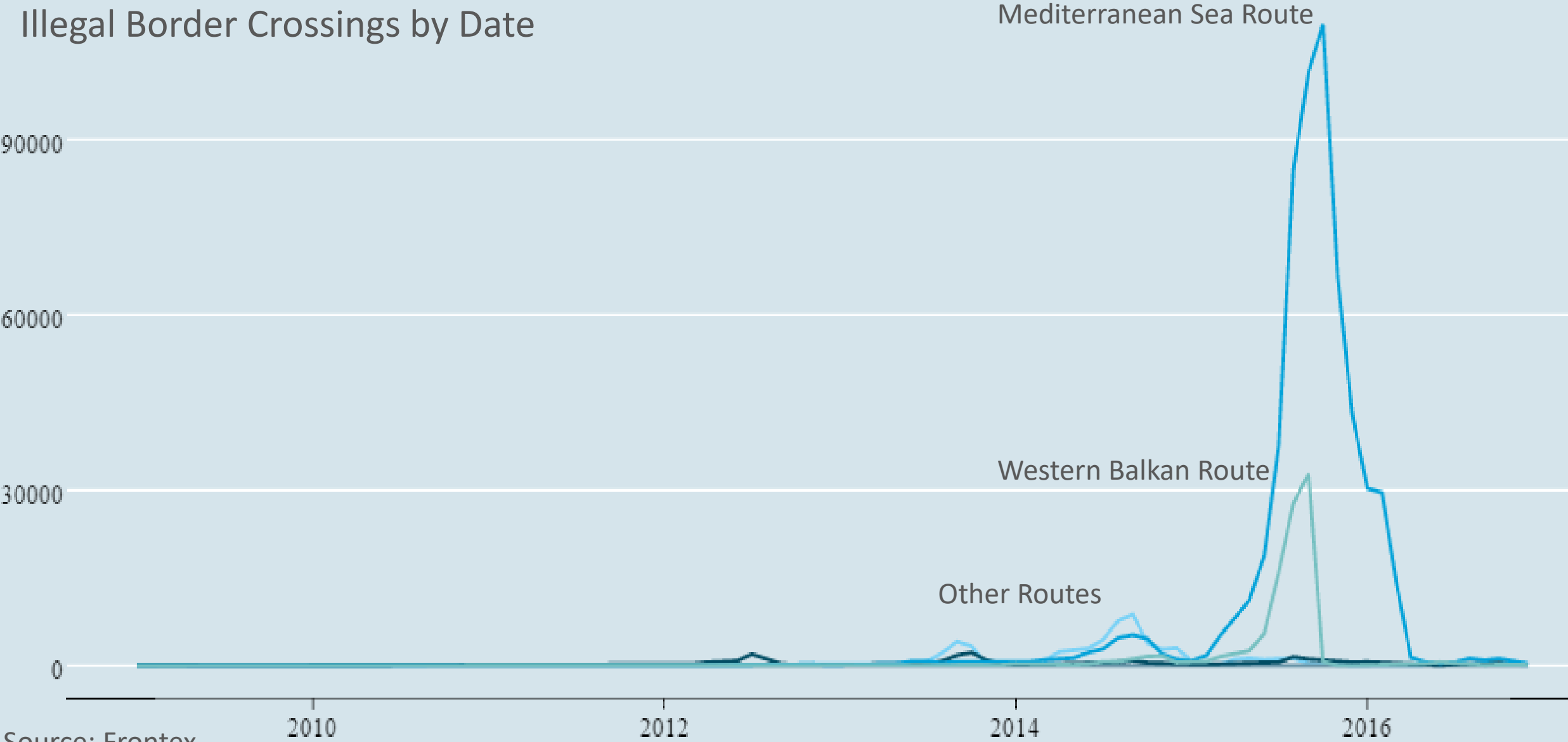
# Syrian Refugees Routes to Europe

Source: Frontex



# Syrians Get To Europe by Sea

Illegal Border Crossings by Date



Source: Frontex