

Descriptive Statistics of the Change

In this section, we examine the frequency and variation of all identified municipal boundary changes, based on the classification introduced earlier: (1) for the EU as a whole and (2) for each EU member state individually. We begin by presenting the distribution of municipalities that have experienced boundary changes since 2014, compared to those that have not. We then provide a detailed breakdown of the share of each change type over the ten-year period using circular (ring) charts. Finally, we illustrate the annual distribution of each change type (e.g., mergers, territorial transfers) using line graphs.

1. The graphs below show the distribution of municipalities that experienced any boundary changes since 2014, compared to those that did not: (1) across the EU and (2) for each EU member state. The x-axis represents the years (2014–2024), and the y-axis shows the proportion of municipalities, where 100% corresponds to the total number of municipalities in the EU or in each respective country.

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2. The circular (ring) charts below display the distribution of municipal changes by type, as classified in the previous section, over the ten-year period: (1) for the EU as a whole and (2) for each EU member state. Each chart represents 100% of all municipal-level changes recorded between 2014 and 2024.

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3. The line graphs below illustrate the annual distribution of each type of municipal change (e.g., mergers, territorial transfers) over the ten-year period: (1) for the EU and (2) for each EU member state. The x-axis indicates the years (2014–2024), while the y-axis shows the number of cases for each type of change.

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