Context & Methodology

More than 4 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the escalation of conflict on 24 February 2022. From among them, 388,837 have been displaced to Moldova (UNHCR). The number of people crossing has fluctuated in the days since the escalation, and it can be anticipated that it will vary with the intensity and geography of conflict in the next days or weeks.

To understand the drivers of displacement and intentions of refugees, 882 interviews were conducted with people crossing from Ukraine into Moldova. Interviews were conducted at every border checkpoint and certain reception centers, and began on 28 February. This factsheet includes cumulative responses from 28 February to 29 March. Following this data collection, select interviewees will be contacted for long-form qualitative interviews to gain a longitudinal understanding of their experience of displacement.

Interviewees were selected purposively to gain a broader understanding of experiences and intentions, and results should therefore be considered indicative.

The data collection tool was modified after the deployment and therefore the sample size differs for certain questions; for some of them, the sample size is provided.

Demography

Gender of the respondent

Female 667 **83%**Male 138 **17%**



Respondents reporting travelling with the following population groups¹

Children 0-5 years of age	24%
Children 6-18 years of age	48%
Elderly (65+ years of age)	7%
Pregnant and lactating women	1%
Persons with disabilities	3%

Nationality of the respondent

Ukrainian	92%
Russian	2%
Other	3%
Moldovan	3%



Number of people traveling with respondents

Alone	18%	
1 - 4	73%	
5 +	9%	



Most reported pre-displacement employment status of respondents²

Education (including students and teachers)	16%	
Agriculture	15%	
Wholesale and retail trade	13%	
Hairdressing/beauty salon	6%	

ᡮ Origins and Arrivals

100% of respondents reported holding a passport

Reasons for leaving the area of origin^{1,3}

Active conflict (incl. troops) in the	0.40/	
settlement	64%	
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Damage in or near my settlement	41%	
Worry that active fightings will	7%	
come to the settlement	. / 0	

Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin²

Mykolaiv	354	41%
Odesa	335	38%
Kyiv	62	7%
Vinnytsia	33	4%

Reason for selecting border crossing³

1%
1%
3%

Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing³

Foot	466	58%	=
Bus	249	31%	
Car	85	11%	

± Intentions

Top 3 intended destination countries of respondents

Moldova	38%
Germany	17%
Romania	8%

of respondents intending to stay in
Moldova don't know how long they will
stay in the country

Reported drivers for selection of destination country by respondents^{1,2}

Family/friends in location of arrival	74% 16%	
Meet family/friends who already displaced there Advised by reception center	5%	7
Advised by family	4%	

Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents

Staying with family/friend	69%	
Rented accommodation	11%	
Don't know where to stay	7%	
Other accommodation provided by authorities	6%	
Collective centre	3%	T.

¹Multiple responses permitted. The sum might exceed 100%. ² Top four choices indicated by respondents. ³ Top three choices indicated by respondents.



