

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF HOUSEHOLDS DISPLACED FROM UKRAINE

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## ABOUT

As part of its monthly, longitudinal survey on people displaced by the conflict in Ukraine, between 13 January and 7 February 2023, IMPACT Initiatives, in partnership with Save the Children International (SCI), interviewed by phone 3,546 adults displaced from Ukraine. They were asked about their occupation, household income and expenditure patterns. Respondents were located in 23 European countries. They were identified through convenience sampling among people who have crossed the border from Ukraine. Therefore, the findings shown in this factsheet are not statistically representative. Sampling was done as part of a data collection initiative implemented in partnership with UNHCR at border crossings, transit sites, and reception centers in Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, and Moldova. Respondents were also sampled through the dissemination of an invitation to participate via social media.<sup>1</sup> All the figures mentioned in this factsheet refer to households displaced outside of Ukraine. The survey questionnaire was developed together with SCI. The longitudinal survey is funded by Global Affairs Canada, Swiss Development Cooperation and SCI.

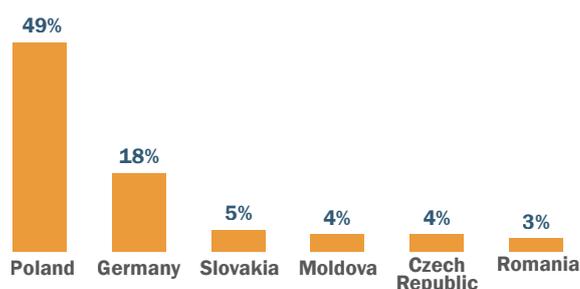
## RESPONDENTS

### Gender and age group



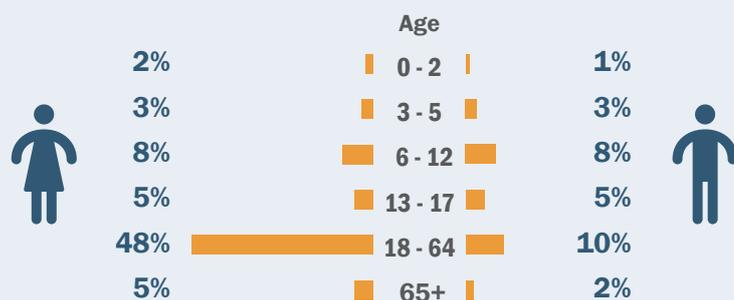
AGE GROUP	18 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	51 - 64	65+
% of respondents	14%	40%	26%	16%	4%

### Current host country (top 6)<sup>2</sup>



## HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

### Average % of female and male household members per age group



18% of households with a person with disabilities



4% of households with pregnant or breastfeeding women

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	1	2	3	4	5+
% of respondents	15%	30%	27%	15%	13%



2% of households with children separated from their usual caregivers

<sup>1</sup>Viber, Facebook, and Telegram.

<sup>2</sup>Out of 23 countries.

For more details on the study, please contact [ukraine.refugee-survey@impact-initiatives.org](mailto:ukraine.refugee-survey@impact-initiatives.org). Please also consult the IMPACT website for other publications of the project, including the [first of two factsheets on child protection](#).

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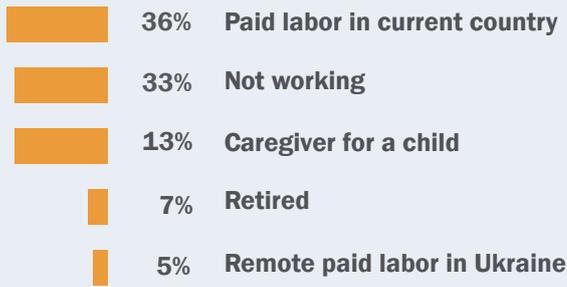
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## LIVELIHOOD AND INCOME

### % of respondents by current occupation (top 5)<sup>1</sup>



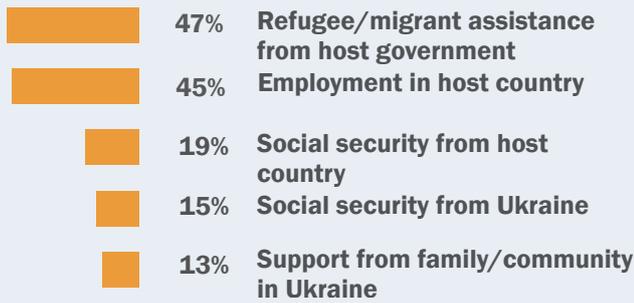
<sup>1</sup> Respondents had to select only one response.

### % of working respondents by job category (top 5)<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> Subset of respondents working in host country or engaging in remote work in Ukraine or elsewhere. Respondents had to select only one response.

### % of respondents by most common household income sources in previous month (top 5)<sup>3</sup>



<sup>3</sup> Unrelated to amount of income. Households can have multiple income sources.



**304 EUR** median income per person in the previous month<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Calculated by dividing total household income by number of household members. Including government and UN/NGO assistance.



**16%** of households could put money into savings in previous month, saving a median amount of **160 EUR** (self-reported)

## Monthly median household income (EUR) by income source and household size

Median was calculated across households that reported income in the respective category in the previous month. Average share of household income, excluding assistance/social security, is indicated in the second column. Households can have multiple types of income sources.

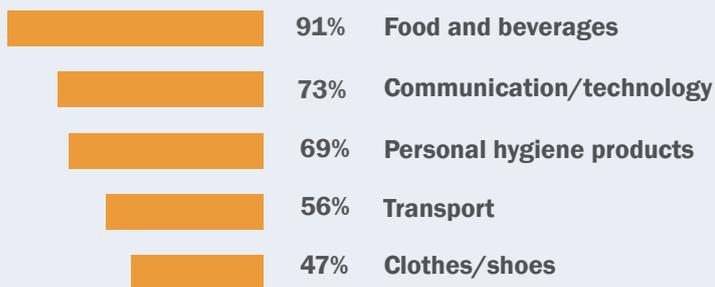
INCOME SOURCE	SHARE	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 1	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 2	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 3	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 4	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 5+
Total income, excluding assistance and social security		612	611	633	656	843
Employment in host country	68%	633	633	633	661	700
Payments from family/friends in Ukraine	10%	402	211	316	422	285
Savings	10%	148	211	316	316	321
Employment in Ukraine (remote)	5%	254	300	233	380	1000
Payments from family/friends outside of Ukraine	5%	310	450	461	570	633
Loans (formal and from family/friends)	1%	382	158	450	110	177
Business earnings	0%	911	915	600	NA	1691
Employment outside host country (remote)	0%	152	NA	NA	500	NA
Renting out	0%	203	247	NA	NA	NA
Selling off own assets	0%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other income sources	1%	1,000	386	105	94	485
Social security from host country		440	221	211	369	551
Social security from Ukraine		74	102	75	102	79
Refugee assistance from host government		449	131	211	316	422
Refugee assistance from UN/NGOs		148	221	331	441	466

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## EXPENDITURE

% of respondents by most common type of household expenditure in previous month (top 5)<sup>1</sup>



**263 EUR**  
median expenditure per person in the previous month<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup>Calculated by dividing total household expenditure by number of household members.

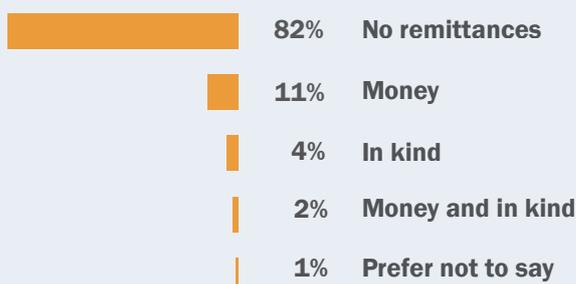
<sup>1</sup>Unrelated to amount of expenditure. Households can have multiple types of expenses.

## Monthly median household expenditure (EUR) by expenditure category and household size

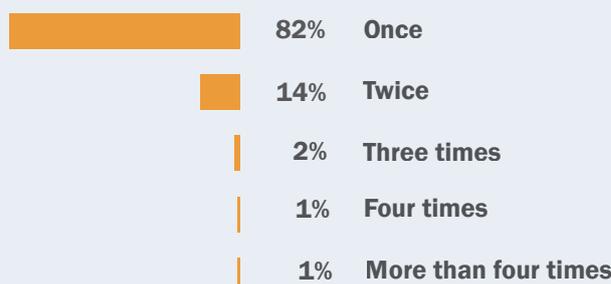
Median was calculated across households that reported expenses in the respective category in the previous month. Average share of household expenditure is indicated in the second column. Households can have multiple types of expenses.

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	SHARE	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 1	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 2	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 3	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 4	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 5+
Total expenditure		426	587	736	900	970
Food and beverages	44%	169	211	300	316	422
Rent for accommodation	16%	211	316	380	422	422
Clothes/shoes	7%	83	97	100	105	105
Utility bills	6%	65	74	100	127	150
Physical health	5%	32	50	53	63	53
Transport	5%	35	32	46	50	71
Personal hygiene products	4%	21	25	34	32	42
Money transfers to Ukraine to support family/friends	3%	206	100	92	100	105
Communication	3%	11	15	21	21	30
Education	2%	52	41	46	62	47
Remote expenses in Ukraine	1%	42	52	63	50	72
Childcare	1%	NA	51	50	55	52
Work-related costs and investments	0%	115	211	127	10	100
Mental health and psychosocial services	0%	63	43	105	75	NA
Resettlement/family reunification	0%	NA	15	160	400	50
Other types of expenses	3%	50	84	108	150	150

% of respondents by type of remittances sent in previous month



% of respondents sending remittances in previous month, by frequency



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