Refugee Arrivals from Ukraine
to Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Moldova

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Context & Methodology

Almost 3.2 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the escalation of conflict on 24 February 2022 (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, 871 interviews were conducted with people crossing from Ukraine into Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Moldova. Interviews were conducted at every border checkpoint and certain reception centers, including railway stations, and began on 28 February. This factsheet includes cumulative responses from 28 February to 16 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 purposely 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	568	**88%**
Male	74	**12%**

Respondents reporting travelling with the following population groups[1]

Children 0-5 years of age	32%
Children 6-18 years of age	57%
Elderly (65+ years of age)	14%
Pregnant and lactating women	2%
Persons with disabilities	5%

Nationality of the respondent

Ukrainian	**91%**
Other	**4%**
Russian	3%
Moldovan	**2%**

Number of people traveling with respondents

Alone	**11%**
1 - 4	**74%**
5 +	**15%**

Most reported pre-displacement employment status of respondents[2]

Education (including students and teachers)	**14%**
Wholesale and retail trade	**14%**
Agriculture	**8%**
Health care	**5%**

Origins and Arrivals

99% of respondents reported holding a passport

Sample distribution, by country of arrival

Moldova	406	47%
Poland	242	28%
Romania	133	15%
Slovakia	56	6%
Hungary	34	4%

Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin[3]

Odesa	236	27%
Mykolaiv	203	23%
Kyiv	148	17%
Kharkiv	76	9%
Dnipropetrovsk	45	5%

Reason for selecting border crossing[2]

Most direct route to border	**42%**
Most convenient for future plans	**17%**
Shorter queues at the crossing	**13%**
Someone else made the decision	**10%**

Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing[2]

Foot	333	**52%**
Bus	163	**25%**
Car	89	**14%**
Train	23	**4%**

Intentions

Top 3 intended destination countries of respondents by arrival country[1]

Country of arrival	Intended destination
Poland	1. Poland 2. Germany 3. Czechia
Slovakia	1. Germany 2. Poland 3. Slovakia
Hungary	1. Hungary 2. Germany 3. Austria
Romania	1. Germany 2. Romania 3. Poland
Moldova	1. Moldova 2. Germany 3. Poland

Reported drivers for selection of destination country by respondents[1,3]

Family/friends in location of arrival	**67%**
Meet family/friends who already displaced there	**10%**
Advised by family	**6%**
Job/livelihoods opportunities at destination	**5%**
Other reasons	**12%**

Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents[3]

Staying with family/friend	**57%**
Don't know where to stay	**16%**
Rented accommodation	**12%**
Accommodation provided by authorities	**5%**
Collective centre	**4%**

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

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