Context & Methodology

More than 5 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the escalation of conflict on 24 February 2022. From among them, 346,175 have been displaced to Slovakia (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 Slovakia. Interviews were conducted at border checkpoints and reception centers, and began on 4 March. This factsheet includes cumulative responses from 4 March to 20 April. 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 **90%** Male **10%**

following population groups1

Children 0-5 years of age

Children 6-18 years of age

Elderly (65+ years of age)

Persons with disabilities



25%

54%

15%

12%

Number of people traveling with respondents

Ukrainian

Russian

Other

Alone	17%
1 - 4	74%
5 +	9%

Nationality of the respondent



Most reported pre-displacement employment status of respondents²

Wholesale and retail trade	16%
Retired	12%
Education (including	
students and teachers)	11%
Health care	7%

∴ Origins and Arrivals

Unaccompanied/separated children

Respondents reporting travelling with the

100% of respondents reported holding a passport

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

Active conflict (incl. troops) in the	E20/	
settlement	53%	
Damage in or near the settlement	30%	
Worry that active fighting will	17%	
come to settlement in next days	17 70	

Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin⁴

Kyiv	24%
Kharkiv	20%
Donetsk	13%
Dnipropetrovsk	11%
Zakarpattia	6%

Reason for selecting border crossing²

Most direct route to border	29%	
Most convenient for future plans	21%	
Shorter queues at this crossing	14%	
Meeting family/friends at location	14%	

Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing²

Foot	73%	
Car	12%	
Bus	7%	
Train	7%	

± Intentions

Top 3 intended destination countries of respondents

Slovakia	58%	
Germany	13%	
Czech Republic	10%	

of respondents intending to stay in Slovakia plan to stay in the country as long as conflict in Ukraine continues

of respondents intending to stay in Slovakia 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	45%	
Destination close to Ukraine	21%	
Language spoken in destination	11%	
Advised by family or friends	11%	

Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents

Staying with family/friend	31%	
Don't know yet	22%	
Hosted by social media contact	14%	
Accommodation provided by authorities	11%	
Rented accommodation	8%	

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



