Context & Methodology

More than 4.2 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.

understand the drivers displacement and intentions of refugees. 3898 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 5 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 89% Male 11%



Respondents reporting travelling with the following population groups¹

Children 0-5 years of age	24%
Children 6-18 years of age	57%
Elderly (65+ years of age)	11%
Pregnant and lactating women	1%
Persons with disabilities	5%
Women travelling alone	39%

Nationality of the respondent

Ukrainian Other	95% 2%
Russian	2%
Moldovan	1%



Number of people traveling with respondents

Alone	13%	
1 - 4	75%	
5 +	12%	



Most reported pre-displacement employment status of respondents²

Wholesale and retail trade	17%	
Education (including		
students and teachers)	12%	
Social services	7%	
Health care	7%	

99% of respondents reported holding a passport

Sample distribution, by country of arrival

1510	39%
1065	27%
791	20%
425	11%
118	3%
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Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin³

Kyiv	797	20%
Mykolaiv	578	15%
Odesa	536	14%
Kharkiv	431	11%
Donetsk	322	8%

Reason for selecting border crossing²

Most direct route to border	32%	
Most convenient for future plans	19%	
Chose randomly	17%	
Shorter queues at the crossing	11%	

Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing²

Foot	1758	48%	
Bus	971	26%	
Car	564	15%	
Train	296	8%	

≠ Intentions

Top 3 intended destination countries of respondents by arrival country¹

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Country of arrival	Intended destination
Poland	 Poland Germany Spain
Slovakia	Slovakia Germany Czech Republic
Hungary	 Hungary Germany Italy
Romania	 Germany Romania Poland
Moldova	1. Moldova 2. Germany 3. Romania

Reported drivers for selection of destination country by respondents^{1,3}

Family/friends in location of arrival	49%	
Advised by the reception center	13%	
Meet family/friends who already displaced there	12%	
Job/livelihood opportunities at destination	7%	
Other reasons	11%	

Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents³

Staying with family/friend Don't know where to stay	44% 14%	
Found host through social media/volunteer	13%	
Rented accommodation	8%	
Accommodation provided by authorities	8%	

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