Refugee Arrivals from Ukraine into Romania

Context & Methodology

More than 4.7 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the escalation of conflict on 24 February 2022. From among them, 716,797 have been displaced to Romania (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, 1021 interviews were conducted with people crossing from Ukraine into Romania. 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 13 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 rather than representative.

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
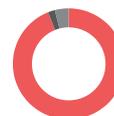
Demography

Gender of the respondent

Female	831	**83%**
Male	168	**17%**

Nationality of the respondent

Ukrainian	**94%**
Russian	**2%**
Other	**4%**

Respondents reporting travelling with the following population groups[1]

Children 0-5 years of age	31%
Children 6-18 years of age	60%
Elderly (65+ years of age)	10%
Pregnant and lactating women	2%
Persons with disabilities	5%

Number of people traveling with respondents

Alone	**13%**
1 - 4	**74%**
5 +	**13%**

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

Education (including students and teachers)	13%
Whole and retail trade	11%
IT (computer technology)	6%
Retired	6%

Origins and Arrivals

99% of respondents reported holding a passport

Reasons for leaving the area of origin[1,3]

Active conflict (incl. troops) in the settlement	**58%**
Damage in or near the settlement	**31%**
Worry that active fightings will come to the settlement	**26%**

Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin

Kyiv	239	23%
Odessa	164	16%
Kharkiv	119	12%
Mykolaiv	117	11%
Dnipropetrovsk	95	10%

Reason for selecting border crossing[2]

Most direct route to border	**48%**
Most convenient for future plans	**22%**
Shorter queues at the crossing	**7%**
Other reasons	**12%**

Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing[2]

Car	363	**36%**
Foot	292	**30%**
Bus	182	**18%**
Train	76	**8%**

Intentions

Top 3 intended destination countries of respondents

Germany	**19%**
Romania	**17%**
Turkey	**8%**

52% of respondents intending to stay in Romania plan to stay in the country as long as conflict in Ukraine continues

22% of respondents intending to stay in Romania don't know how long they will stay in the country

Reported drivers for selection of destination country by respondents[2]

Family/friends in location of arrival	**38%**
Meeting displaced family or friends	**19%**
Close to Ukraine	**13%**
Job or livelihood opportunities there	**8%**

Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents[2]

Staying with family/friend	**40%**
Don't know where to stay	**20%**
Collective centre	**13%**
Rented accommodation	**7%**

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