

# Refugee Arrivals from Ukraine into Poland

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## Context & Methodology

Almost 3.7 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the escalation of conflict on 24 February 2022. From among them, 2,173,944 have been displaced to Poland ([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, 546 interviews were conducted with people crossing from Ukraine into Poland. 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 23 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 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	425	96%
Male	16	4%



### Nationality of the respondent

Ukrainian	97%
Other	2%
Russian	1%



### Respondents reporting travelling with the following population groups<sup>1</sup>

Children 0-5 years of age	23%
Children 6-18 years of age	68%
Elderly (65+ years of age)	15%
Pregnant and lactating women	1%
Persons with disabilities	6%

### Number of people traveling with respondents

Alone	4%
1 - 4	78%
5 +	18%



### Most reported pre-displacement employment status of respondents<sup>2</sup>

Wholesale and retail trade	24%
Social services	13%
Education (including students and teachers)	9%
Health care	8%

## Origins and Arrivals

**99%** of respondents reported holding a passport

### Reasons for leaving the area of origin<sup>1,3</sup>

Active conflict (incl. troops) in the settlement	65%
Damage in or near the settlement	31%
Worry that active fightings will come to the settlement	13%

### Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin<sup>2</sup>

Kyiv	141	26%
Kharkiv	90	17%
Dnipropetrovsk	51	9%
Chernihiv	38	7%
Donetsk	34	6%

### Reason for selecting border crossing<sup>2</sup>

Someone else made the decision	28%
Chose randomly	21%
Most direct route to border	17%
Most convenient for future plans	14%

### Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing<sup>2</sup>

Foot	195	44%
Bus	143	32%
Train	66	15%
Car	34	8%

## Intentions

### Top 3 intended destination countries of respondents

Germany	32%
Poland	21%
Spain	11%

**8%** of respondents intending to stay in Poland don't know how long they will stay in the country

**86%** of respondents intending to stay in Poland plan to stay in the country as long as conflict in Ukraine continues

### Reported drivers for selection of destination country by respondents<sup>1,2</sup>

Family/friends in location of arrival	41%
Advised by reception center	19%
Advised by family or friends	12%
Meeting displaced family or friends	10%

### Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents

Staying with family/friend	38%
Accommodation provided by authorities	17%
Don't know yet	16%
Hosted by social media contact	11%
Rented accommodation	7%

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