# **Refugee Arrivals from Ukraine** into Poland

### Context & Methodology

More than 5 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the escalation of conflict on 24 February 2022. From among them, 2,847,540 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, 2,458 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 20 April. Following this data collection, select interviewees will be contacted for long-form gualitative 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 Male

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

96%

4%

Children 0-5 years of age	18%
Children 6-18 years of age	61%
Elderly (65+ years of age)	12%
Persons with disabilities	4%



#### Nationality of the respondent Ukrainian Other

Russian

98%

#### Number of people traveling with respondents



1%

1%

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

Wholesale and retail trade	21%	
Education (including		
students and teachers)	13%	
Social services	12%	
Health care	9%	

## ★ Origins and Arrivals

**100%** 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	37%	
Worry that active fighting will come to settlement in next days	18%	

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

Chose randomly	34%	
Someone else made the decision	27%	
Most direct route to border	17%	
Most convenient for future plans	10%	

#### Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin<sup>4</sup>

Kyiv	22%
Kharkiv	13%
Donetsk	12%
Dnipropetrovsk	9%
Chernihiv	5%

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

Bus	39%	
Foot	35%	
Train	15%	
Car	12%	

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### → Intentions

#### Top 3 intended destination countries of respondents

Poland Germany Spain	40% 19% 6%
<b>58</b> %	of respondents intending to stay in Poland plan to stay in the country as long as conflict in Ukraine continues
<b>28</b> %	of respondents intending to stay in Poland don't know how long they will

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

Family/friends in location of arrival	40%
Advised by reception center	24%
Destination close to Ukraine	21%
Meeting displaced family or friends	11%

#### Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents

Staying with family/friend	31%	
Found host through social media/volunteer	30%	
Don't know yet	11%	
Rented accommodation	11%	
Accommodation provided by authorities	6%	

<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. <sup>4</sup> Top five choices indicated by respondents.



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