

Context & Methodology

More than 5.1 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the escalation of conflict on 24 February 2022. From among them, 763,769 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, 1293 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 21 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 provided.

Demography

Gender of the respondent

Female	1050	83%
Male	221	17%



Nationality of the respondent

Ukrainian	94%
Russian	2%
Other	4%



Respondents reporting travelling with the following population groups¹

Children 0-5 years of age	28%
Children 6-18 years of age	57%
Elderly (65+ years of age)	9%
Pregnant and lactating women	2%
Persons with disabilities	4%

Number of people traveling with respondents

Alone	13%
1 - 4	76%
5 +	11%



Most reported pre-displacement employment status of respondents²

Education (including students and teachers)	13%
Whole and retail trade	10%
Retired	8%
Health care	7%

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	55%
Damage in or near the settlement	35%
Worry that active fightings will come to the settlement	23%

Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin

Kyiv	271	21%
Odessa	201	16%
Dnipropetrovsk	166	13%
Kharkiv	139	11%
Mykolaiv	136	11%

Reason for selecting border crossing³

Most direct route to border	49%
Most convenient for future plans	25%
Shorter queues at the crossing	6%

Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing²

Car	471	37%
Foot	320	25%
Bus	271	21%
Train	118	10%

Intentions

Top 3 intended destination countries of respondents

Germany	18%
Romania	16%
Turkey	9%

57% of respondents intending to stay in Romania plan to stay in the country as long as conflict in Ukraine continues

19% 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 respondents²

Family/friends in location of arrival	36%
Meeting displaced family or friends	19%
Close to Ukraine	18%
Job or livelihood opportunities there	7%

Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents

Staying with family/friend	39%
Don't know where to stay	18%
Collective centre	18%
Hotel / Hostel	6%
Rented accommodation	6%

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