Context & Methodology

More than 4.5 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the escalation of conflict on 24 February 2022 (<u>UNHCR</u>). 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. 4,630 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 10 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	23%
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	47%

Nationality of the respondent

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



Number of people traveling with respondents

Alone	14%	
1 - 4	74%	
5 +	12%	



Most reported pre-displacement employment status of respondents²

Wholesale and retail trade	16%	
Education (including		
students and teachers)	12%	
Social services	7%	
Health care	7%	

Origins and Arrivals

99% of respondents reported holding a passport

Sample distribution, by country of arrival

Poland	1,810	39%
Moldova	1,187	26%
Romania	942	20%
Slovakia	560	12%
Hungary	131	3%

Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin³

926	20%
643	14%
601	13%
514	11%
407	9%
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Reason for selecting border crossing²

Most direct route to border	32%	
Most convenient for future plans	20%	
Chose randomly	18%	
Shorter queues at the crossing	11%	

Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing²

Foot	2,046	46%	
Bus	1,200	27%	
Car	667	15%	
Train	395	9%	

≠ 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 Turkey			
Moldova	 Moldova Germany Romania 			

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

Family/friends in location of arrival	48%	
Advised by the reception center	14%	
Meet family/friends who already displaced there	13%	
Destination is close to Ukraine	8%	
Other reasons	11%	

Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents³

Staying with family/friend Found host through social media/volunteer	43% 14%	
Don't know where to stay	14%	
Rented accommodation Accommodation provided by authorities	8% 7%	

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

