Context & Methodology

More than 3.6 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. 1694 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 22 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
 88%

 Male
 12%



Respondents reporting travelling with the following population groups¹

Children 0-5 years of age	28%
Children 6-18 years of age	56%
Elderly (65+ years of age)	12%
Pregnant and lactating women	1%
Persons with disabilities	5%

Nationality of the respondent

Ukrainian	93%
Other	3%
Russian	2%
Moldovan	2%



Number of people traveling with respondents

Alone	12%	
1 - 4	75%	
5 +	13%	



Most reported pre-displacement employment status of respondents²

Wholesale and retail trade	16%	
Education (including		
students and teachers)	12%	
Agriculture	8%	
Health care	6%	

99% of respondents reported holding a passport

Sample distribution, by country of arrival

Moldova	756	45%
Poland	483	29%
Romania	326	19%
Slovakia	86	5%
Hungary	43	3%

Reason for selecting border crossing²

Most direct route to border	38%	
Most convenient for future plans	21%	
Shorter queues at the crossing	13%	
Someone else made the decision	9%	

Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin³

Odesa	366	22%
Mykolaiv	354	21%
Kyiv	302	18%
Kharkiv	174	10%
Dnipropetrovsk	80	5%

Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing²

Foot	767	53%	
Bus	367	25%	
Car	218	15%	
Train	69	5%	

■ Intentions

Top 3 intended destination countries of respondents by arrival country¹

Country of arrival	Intended destination
Poland	 Poland Germany Spain
Slovakia	 Slovakia Germany Poland
Hungary	Hungary Germany Italy
Romania	Germany Romania Poland
Moldova	1. Moldova 2. Germany 3. Romania

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

Family/friends in location of arrival Meet family/friends who already displaced there Advised by the reception center Advised by family	59% 12% 7% 6%	=	I
Other reasons	10%		

Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents³

Staying with family/friend	53%	
Don't know where to stay	16%	
Accommodation provided by authorities	10%	
Rented accommodation	9%	
Collective centre	5%	

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