Context & Methodology

Almost 3.7 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the escalation of conflict on 24 February 2022 (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.
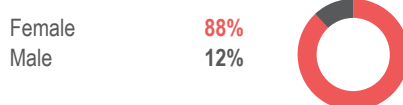
To understand the drivers of displacement and intentions of refugees, 1844 interviews were conducted with people crossing from Ukraine into Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Moldova. Interviews were conducted at every border checkpoint and certain reception centers, including railway stations, and began on 28 February. This factsheet includes cumulative responses from 28 February to 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 purposely to gain a broader understanding of experiences and intentions, and results should therefore be considered indicative.
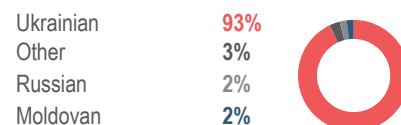
The data collection tool was modified after the deployment and therefore the sample size differs for certain questions; for some of them, the sample size is provided.
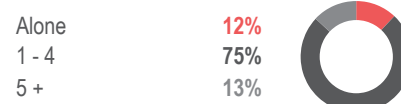
Demography

Gender of the respondent

Female	**88%**
Male	**12%**

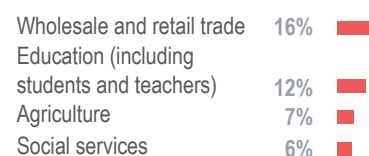### Respondents reporting travelling with the following population groups[1]

Children 0-5 years of age	28%
Children 6-18 years of age	57%
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 respondents[2]

Wholesale and retail trade	**16%**
Education (including students and teachers)	**12%**
Agriculture	**7%**
Social services	**6%**

Origins and Arrivals

99% of respondents reported holding a passport

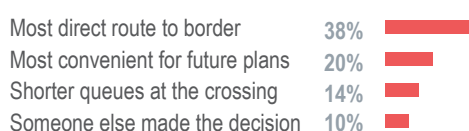### Sample distribution, by country of arrival

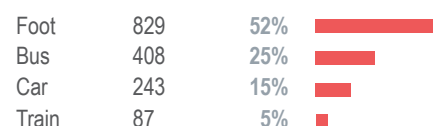|		
Moldova	777	42%
Poland	546	30%
Romania	372	20%
Slovakia	104	6%
Hungary	45	2%

Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin[3]

Odesa	383	21%
Mykolaiv	370	20%
Kyiv	344	19%
Kharkiv	187	10%
Dnipropetrovsk	89	5%

Reason for selecting border crossing[2]

Most direct route to border	**38%**
Most convenient for future plans	**20%**
Shorter queues at the crossing	**14%**
Someone else made the decision	**10%**

Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing[2]

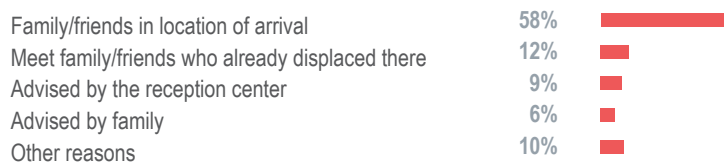|		
Foot	829	**52%**
Bus	408	**25%**
Car	243	**15%**
Train	87	**5%**

Intentions

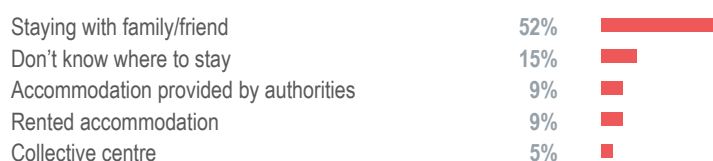### Top 3 intended destination countries of respondents by arrival country[1]

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

Reported drivers for selection of destination country by respondents[1,3]

Family/friends in location of arrival	**58%**
Meet family/friends who already displaced there	**12%**
Advised by the reception center	**9%**
Advised by family	**6%**
Other reasons	**10%**

Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents[3]

Staying with family/friend	**52%**
Don't know where to stay	**15%**
Accommodation provided by authorities	**9%**
Rented accommodation	**9%**
Collective centre	**5%**

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