Context & Methodology

More than 3.8 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. 2350 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 27 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
 87%

 Male
 13%



Respondents reporting travelling with the following population groups¹

Children 0-5 years of age	26%
Children 6-18 years of age	56%
Elderly (65+ years of age)	11%
Pregnant and lactating women	1%
Persons with disabilities	5%

Nationality of the respondent

94%	
3%	
2%	١
1%	
	3% 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	17%	
Education (including		
students and teachers)	11%	
Agriculture	7%	
Social services	6%	

99% of respondents reported holding a passport

Sample distribution, by country of arrival

Moldova	854	36%
Poland	740	31%
Romania	519	22%
Slovakia	157	7%
Hungary	80	3%

Reason for selecting border crossing²

Most direct route to border	36%	
Most convenient for future plans	20%	
Shorter queues at the crossing	12%	
Someone else made the decision	11%	

Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin³

Kyiv	453	19%
Mykolaiv	436	19%
Odesa	422	18%
Kharkiv	263	11%
Donetsk	130	6%

Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing²

Foot	1058	50%	
Bus	538	25%	
Car	335	16%	
Train	137	6%	

± Intentions

Top 3 intended destination countries of respondents by arrival country¹

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Country of arrival	Intended destination		
Poland	 Germany Poland Spain 		
Slovakia	 Slovakia Germany Poland 		
Hungary	Hungary Germany Italy		
Romania	Germany Romania Poland		
Moldova	 Moldova Germany 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	54% 13% 11% 6%	☶
Advised by family Other reasons	10%	

Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents³

Staying with family/friend	50%	
Don't know where to stay	14%	
Accommodation provided by authorities	8%	
Rented accommodation	8%	
Found host through social media/volunteer	8%	

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

