Refugee Arrivals from Ukraine into Poland

Context & Methodology

More than 5 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the escalation of conflict on 24 February 2022. From among them, 2,968,716 have been displaced to Poland (<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.

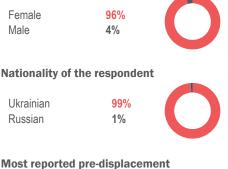
To understand the drivers of displacement and intentions of refugees, 3,531 interviews were conducted with people crossing from Ukraine into Poland. Interviews were conducted at every border checkpoint and certain reception centers, and began on 28 February. This factsheet includes cumulative responses from 28 February to 27 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



employment status of respondents²

Wholesale and retail trade	20%	
Education (including		
students and teachers)	13%	
Social services	10%	
Health care	8%	

ħ→ Origins and Arrivals

100% of respondents reported holding a passport

Reasons for leaving the area of origin^{1, 3}

Active conflict (incl. troops) in the settlement	58%	
Damage in or near the settlement	41%	
Worry that active fighting will	23%	
come to settlement in next days	2070	

Reason for selecting border crossing²

Chose randomly Someone else in the group made the decision	33% 24%	_
Most direct route to border Most convenient for future plans	20% 11%	Ξ.

Respondents reporting travelling with the following population groups $^{\!\!\!1}$

78% respondents travelling with children of which 19% were under 5

12% respondents travelling with **older persons** (65+ years of age)

4% travelling with persons with disabilities

Number of people traveling with respondents

Alone 1 - 4 5 +



Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin⁴

Kyiv	20%
Kharkiv	14%
Donetsk	11%
Dnipropetrovsk	9%
Zaporizhzhia	5%

Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing²

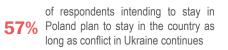
Bus	40%	
Foot	32%	
Train	16%	
Car	12%	
Train	16%	

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⊐ Intentions

Top 5 intended destination countries of respondents

Poland	48%	
Germany	17%	
Spain	5%	
Denmark	3%	•
France	3%	•



of respondents intending to stay in Poland don't know how long they will stay in the country

Reported drivers for selection of destination country by respondents^{1, 2}

Pre-displacement linkages to the location of arrival	39%	
(for example family or friends)		
Destination close to Ukraine	27%	
Advised by reception center	20%	
Meeting displaced family or friends	9%	

Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents

Staying with family/friend	28%	
Found host through social media/volunteer	28%	
Rented accommodation	14%	
Don't know yet	10%	
Accommodation provided by authorities	7%	

¹Multiple responses permitted. The sum might exceed 100%. ² Top four choices indicated by respondents. ³ Top three choices indicated by respondents. ⁴ Top five choices indicated by respondents.

