

## 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 (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, 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

Female 96%  
Male 4%



### Nationality of the respondent

Ukrainian 99%  
Russian 1%



### Respondents reporting travelling with the following population groups<sup>1</sup>

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

### Most reported pre-displacement employment status of respondents<sup>2</sup>

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

### Number of people traveling with respondents

Alone 12%  
1 - 4 76%  
5 + 12%



## Origins and Arrivals

100% of respondents reported holding a passport

### Reasons for leaving the area of origin<sup>1,3</sup>

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

### Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin<sup>4</sup>

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

### Reason for selecting border crossing<sup>2</sup>

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

### Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing<sup>2</sup>

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

## Intentions

### Top 5 intended destination countries of respondents

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

57% of respondents intending to stay in Poland plan to stay in the country as long as conflict in Ukraine continues

28% 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<sup>1,2</sup>

Pre-displacement linkages to the location of arrival (for example family or friends) 39%  
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%

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