

Context & Methodology

More than 5.8 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the escalation of conflict on 24 February 2022. From among them, 854,292 have been displaced to Romania (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, 1726 interviews were conducted with people crossing from Ukraine into Romania. 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 04 May. 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 rather than representative.

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	1379	81%
Male	325	19%



Nationality of the respondent

Ukrainian	95%
Russian	2%
Other	3%



Respondents reporting travelling with the following population groups¹

Children 0-5 years of age	24%
Children 6-18 years of age	58%
Elderly (65+ years of age)	9%
Pregnant and lactating women	1%
Persons with disabilities	5%

Number of people traveling with respondents

Alone	12%
1 - 4	78%
5 +	10%



Most reported pre-displacement employment status of respondents²

Education (including students and teachers)	13%
Retired	11%
Whole and retail trade	9%
Health care	6%

Origins and Arrivals

99% of respondents reported holding a passport

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

Active conflict (incl. troops) in the settlement	54%
Damage in or near the settlement	37%
Worry that active fightings will come to the settlement	22%

Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin

Kyiv	333	19%
Odessa	286	17%
Dnipropetrovsk	216	13%
Mykolaiv	179	10%
Kharkiv	165	9%

Reason for selecting border crossing³

Most direct route to border	49%
Most convenient for future plans	29%
Shorter queues at the crossing	5%

Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing²

Car	660	39%
Bus	420	25%
Foot	392	23%
Train	134	8%

Intentions

Top 3 intended destination countries of respondents

Germany	17%
Romania	16%
Turkey	9%

58% of respondents intending to stay in Romania plan to stay in the country as long as conflict in Ukraine continues

19% of respondents intending to stay in Romania don't know how long they will stay in the country

Reported drivers for selection of destination country by respondents²

Family/friends in location of arrival	36%
Meeting displaced family or friends	20%
Close to Ukraine	16%
Job or livelihood opportunities there	9%

Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents

Staying with family/friend	39%
Collective center	17%
Don't know where to stay	17%
Hotel / Hostel	7%
Rented accommodation	7%

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