

Context & Methodology

Almost 3.7 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the escalation of conflict on 24 February 2022. From among them, 374,059 have been displaced to Moldova (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, 777 interviews were conducted with people crossing from Ukraine into Moldova. 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 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 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

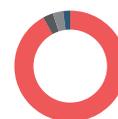
Gender of the respondent

Female	581	83%
Male	119	17%



Nationality of the respondent

Ukrainian	92%
Russian	3%
Other	3%
Moldovan	2%



Respondents reporting travelling with the following population groups¹

Children 0-5 years of age	25%
Children 6-18 years of age	48%
Elderly (65+ years of age)	7%
Pregnant and lactating women	1%
Persons with disabilities	3%

Number of people traveling with respondents

Alone	17%
1 - 4	74%
5 +	9%



Most reported pre-displacement employment status of respondents²

Education (including students and teachers)	16%
Agriculture	15%
Wholesale and retail trade	13%
Hairdressing/beauty salon	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	60%
Damage in or near my settlement	39%
Worry that active fightings will come to the settlement	5%

Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin³

Odesa	304	40%
Mykolaiv	300	39%
Kyiv	58	6%

Reason for selecting border crossing³

Most direct route to border	52%
Most convenient for future intentions	30%
Shorter queues at the crossing	13%

Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing³

Foot	401	57%
Bus	215	31%
Car	79	11%

Intentions

Top 3 intended destination countries of respondents

Moldova	38%
Germany	16%
Romania	8%

57% of respondents intending to stay in Moldova don't know how long they will stay in the country

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

Family/friends in location of arrival	76%
Meet family/friends who already displaced there	16%
Advised by reception center	4%
Advised by family	4%

Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents

Staying with family/friend	70%
Rented accommodation	12%
Don't know where to stay	7%
Other accommodation provided by authorities	5%
Collective centre	3%

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