Regional Refugee Response for the Ukraine Situation

RCF Meeting

September 2024

Online

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Refugee Coordination Forum

AGENDA

- 2025/26 RRP Process: Calendar
- 2024 Socio-Economic Insights Survey (preliminary)
- Updates from the Inclusion WG
- AoB

2025 / 26 Refugee Response Plan : Planning Calendar

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REFUGEE RESPONSE PLAN (RRP)

Regional interagency **planning and coordination tool**

Provides **shared vision, transparency** on refugee needs, assistance and response, funds needs

Fundraising tool, but not a fund

Inclusive plan and process

In support of host government and communities

Regional Refugee Response Plan For the Ukraine Situation	REFUGEE RESPONSE PLAN	RRP PROJECT / REQUIREMENTS
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UNHCR The UN Refugee Agency	UNHCR STRATEGY	UNHCR PROJECT / PARTNERSHIP

RRP – A bit of history

	2022	2023	2024 (as of Q2)
# of partners	21	37	31
Total appeal	$75 M	$63 M	$ 42 M
Amount raised	$48 (64%)	$25 (41%)	$10 M (23%)
Refugees reached	178,000	72,000	34,000

Dashboards with achievements : Regional Hungary

2022 – 2024 (Q2)

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4.56 M	People reached	284 k
2.87 B	Funds raised ($)	83 M

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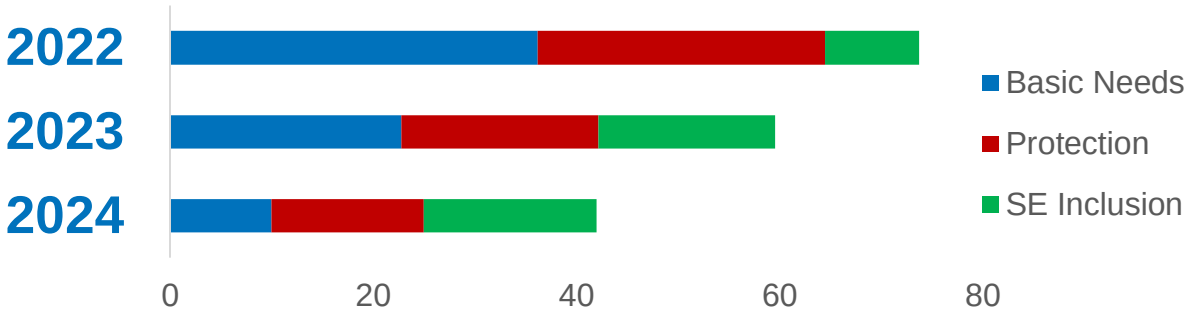
Appeal composition over the years



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New RRP process

- Continuation of RRP for UA situation
- 2-year format (2025-26)
- Same geographical scope
- Lighter process
- 4 components:

1. Needs/Vulnerability Assessment
2. Protection/Inclusion Strategy
3. Appeal
4. Monitoring Framework

Population Planning Figures (estimations)

- RRP target: refugees from Ukraine (Ukrainians + Third Country Nationals from Ukraine in need of international protection)
- Stable population trends, Movements and Return Intentions
- TP profiles (from admin data: 60% F, 40% M; 40% children)

Country	2025	2026
Belarus	46,300	49,500
Bulgaria	82,000	82,000
Estonia	37,000	37,000
Hungary	**80,000**	**80,000**
Latvia	48,000	54,000
Lithuania	77,000	77,000
Rep. of Moldova	100,500	90,000
Poland	913,000	772,400
Romania	99,300	94,300
Slovakia	160,000	150,000
TOTALS	**1,643,100**	**1,486,200**

Strategic Objectives

PROTECTION

Ensure that refugees continue to have effective access to legal status, protection, and rights in host countries.

INCLUSION

Strengthen socio-economic inclusion of refugees, supporting self-reliance, access to national systems and refugees with specific needs.

SOCIAL COHESION

Strengthen social cohesion between refugee and host communities.

SUSTAINABILITY

Advance localization and support for civil society and local actors as responders.

RRP MEMBERSHIP (list of RRP partners)

- UN agencies
- International and National NGOs
- IFRC and Red Cross
- Faith-based organizations
- Academic institutions
- Regional organizations
- Community-based organizations
- Refugee-led organizations

With registration and/or permission to operate in Hungary.

Government entities and private sector actors will not be included in the RRP as appealing partners.

- Partnerships and appeal submissions for 2025 and 2026 are collected through an online form between **Sept 23 and Oct 4, 2024**.
- The submission will include sector/s of intervention, key activities, budget per sectors, location and overall target of the intervention.
- Submission will be considered based on partners' implementation capacity and relevance of the intervention, to avoid gaps and duplications.

APPEAL

- Collection of financial needs (appeals) of partners in Hungary
- Based on jointly defined priorities (SEIS, other assessments, planning workshops, 2024 work)
- Supporting increased self-reliance and local responders.
- Budget to be broken down by sector (5 sectors to chose), and sub-sector (General Protection, Child Protection, Gender Based Violence).
- Including direct (operational) and indirect (staffing/administrative) costs
- To be provided in USD.

TIMELINE

SEPT 6
RCF Meeting

SEPT 7
RLO planning workshop
!

Note with RLOs Recommendations

SEPT 16
RRP Planning workshop
!

Notes for Strategy & Operationalization Plan

SEPT 23 – OCT 4
Partners submit RRP appeals
!

List of RRP partners & appeal

NOV
RRP is finalized

Country Chapter

2025 RRP process

September	October	November
• SEIS results ready • Consultation workshops (RLO, UN, NGOs, CBOs) **Needs Assessment** **Protection/Inclusion Strategy**	• Projects + financial needs collected and submitted **List of partners** **Appeal** **Monitoring Framework**	• Draft of the RRP Hungary ready (beginning of Nov.) **RRP Country Strategy** **RRP Country Chapter**

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SOCIO-ECONOMIC INSIGHTS SURVEY

Preliminary analysis

September 2024

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OBJECTIVES and METHODOLOGY

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POPULATION	Refugees living in Hungary
DESIGN	Household interviews.
DATA COLLECTION	From 17 May to 1 July 2024 by enumerators from Scale Research
DATA ANALYSIS	UNHCR
SAMPLE SIZE	795 HHs; covering 1,824 HH members **Purposively selected** (geographical coverage, different accommodation types), but **not statistically representative**. Results are indicative.

Areas covered:
Demographics; Protection; Education; SE Inclusion; Health; Accommodation.

SEIS is part of a broader regional exercise across RRP countries. Results compared with previous MSNAs (HU and Regional).

LIMITATIONS:

- Lack of comprehensive data on population locations, and difficulties interviewing outside of collective sites and distribution points.
- Sensitivity around protection and income questions, therefore, large non-response rate and less reliable data;
- Respondent bias: certain indicators may be under-reported or over-reported due to the subjectivity and perceptions of respondents.
- Differences in sample composition, such as the exclusion of dual nationals, a lower proportion of Hungarian-speaking respondents, and limited representation from Zakarpatska oblast, may affect the comparability SEIS/MSNA.

DEMOGRAPHICS

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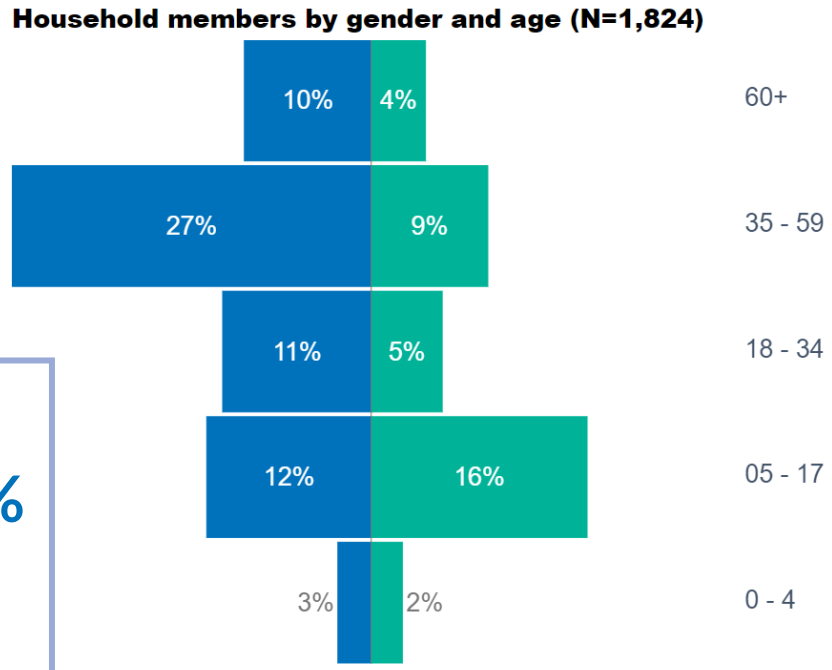
HOUSEHOLD AND POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

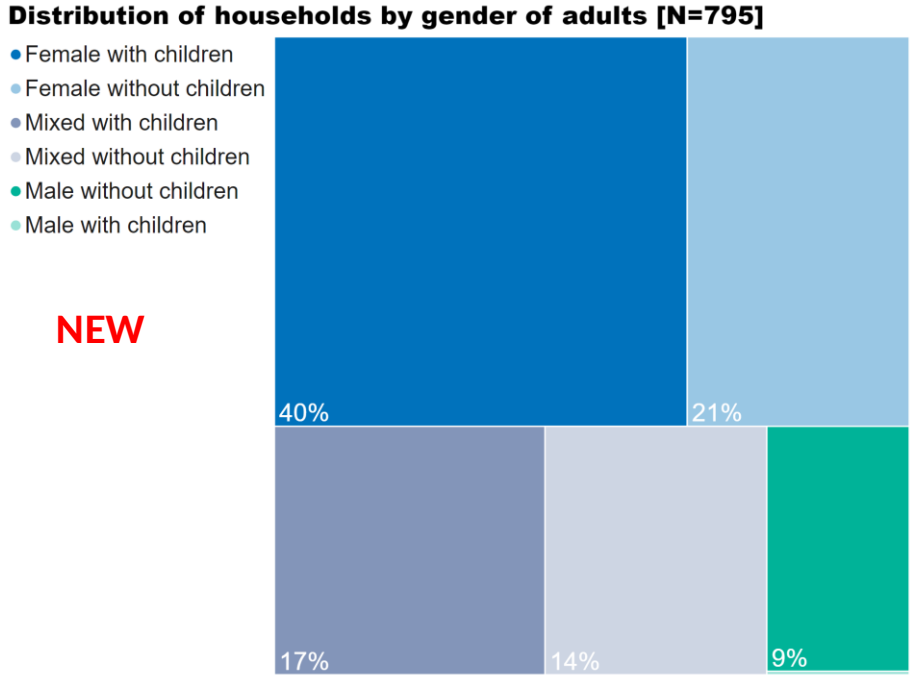
Average HH size

2.3

63% 37%

33%





NEW

HHs with children **56%**

HHs with a chronically ill member **46%**

HHs with older refugees **25%**

HHs with members with disability level 3 and above **10%**

HHs with women of reproductive age who are pregnant or lactating **3%**

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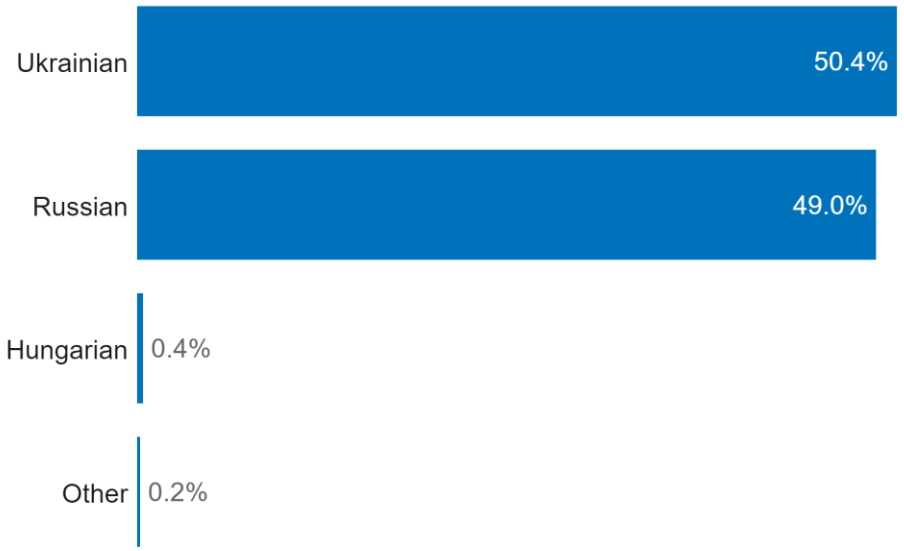
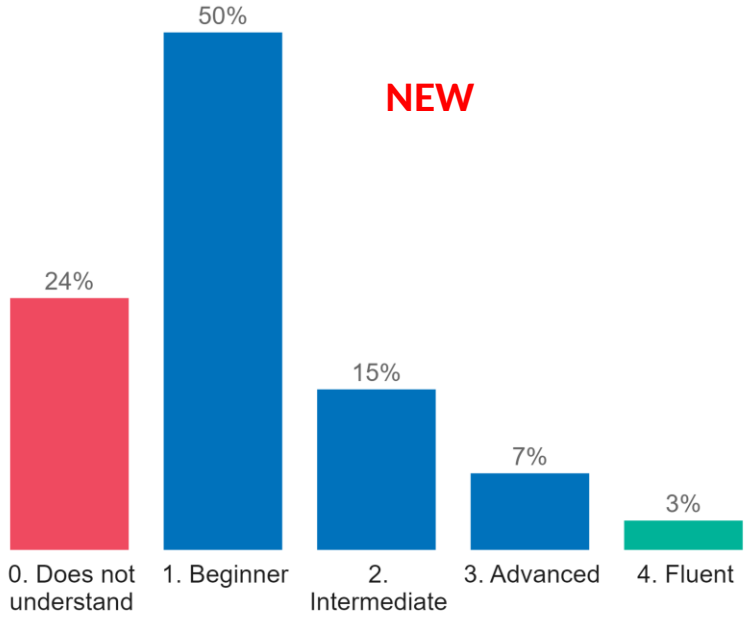
HOUSEHOLD AND POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

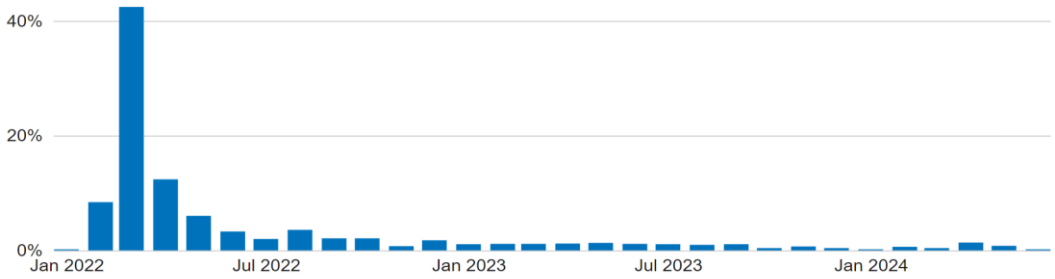
Main language spoken in the household [N=753]



Knowledge of Hungarian [N=1,273]



Date of arrival per household member [N=1,761]



Displaced for more than 1 year

91%

Average length of displacement

2 years

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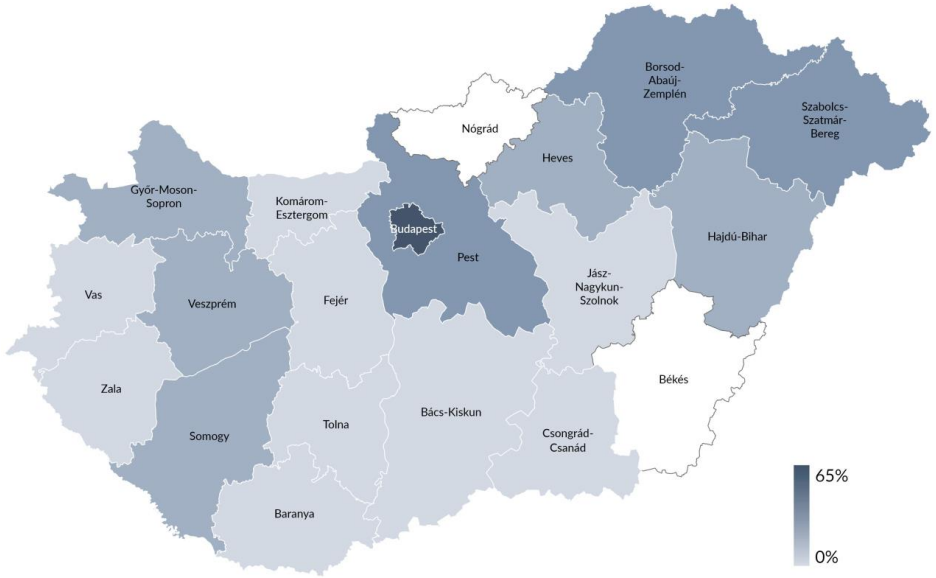
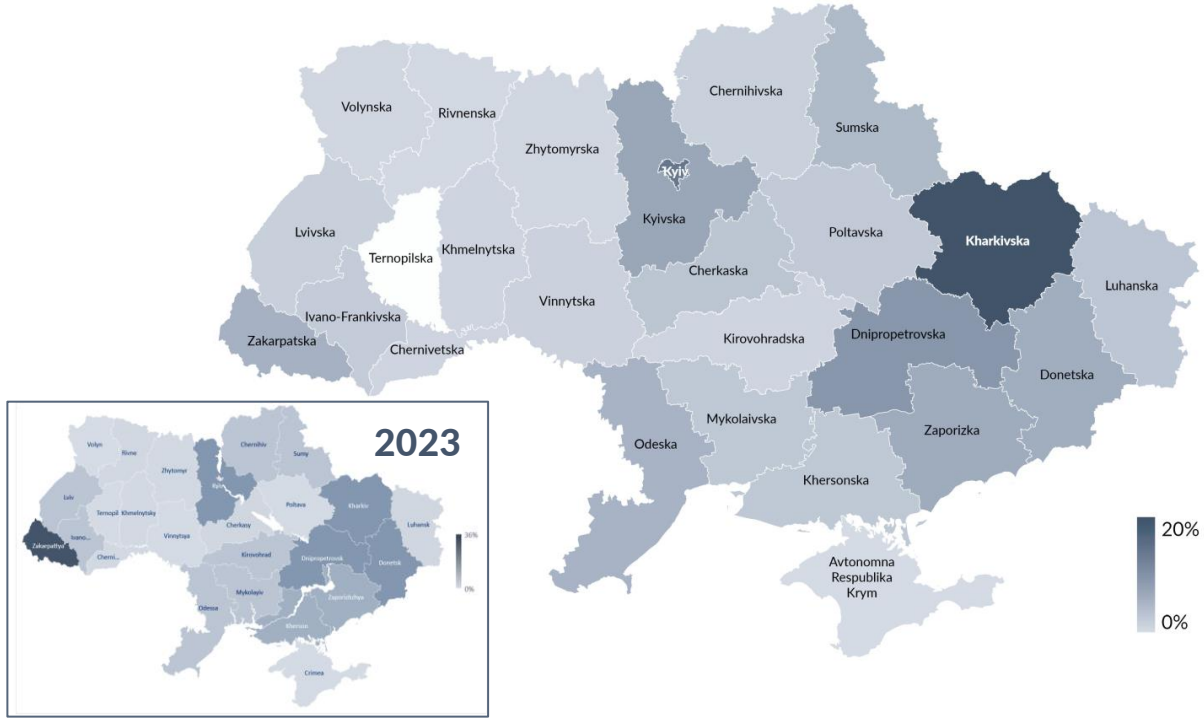
COUNTY OF INTERVIEW



Interviews were conducted in 18 out of the 20 counties.

Around 2/3 of the interviews were conducted in Budapest.

OBLAST OF ORIGIN



Half of respondents originate from Kyiv and surrounding Kyivska oblast (21%), Kharkiv oblast (20%), and Dnipropetrovska oblast (9%).

75% of respondents were living in the so-called "war-affected areas“.

PROTECTION

CIVIL STATUS

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95% **Temporary Protection.**

Most respondents did not face any challenges with the TP application process. Few (N=59) reported (top 3):

- Long queue (49%)
- Difficulties with online enrollment (28%)
- Difficulties in accessing the registration points (5%)

5% **Residence Permits.**

Top 3 reasons for not applying for TP (N=36):

- Transitioned to other legal status (33%)
- Waiting to see the situation in UA (25%)
- Not planning to stay in HU (23%)

PROTECTION

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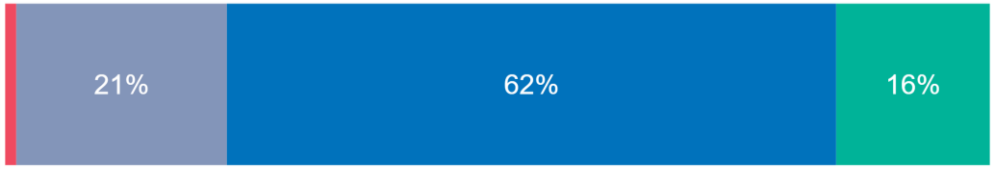
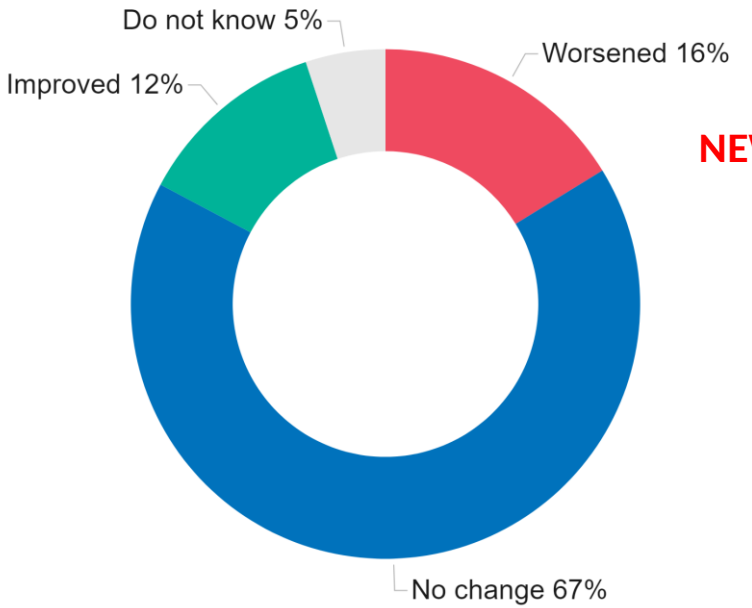
SOCIAL COHESION

Respondent relationship with host community in their area of residence (N=795)

● 0.Bad ● 1.Neutral ● 2.Good ● 3.Very good



Change in relationship since arrival (N=783)



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SAFETY & SECURITY

Respondents indicating concerns in their area of residence

43%
at least 1 concern

39%
no concerns

18%
Do not know

Top protection concerns by age / gender

	Female	Male
18+	1. Being robbed 2. Verbal Harassment 3. Violence in household	2. Deportation 3. Confiscation of ID/papers
0-17	1. Psychological violence in community 2. Worsened mental wellbeing 3. Increased vulnerability to violence online	2. Increased vulnerability to abuse 3. Physical violence in community

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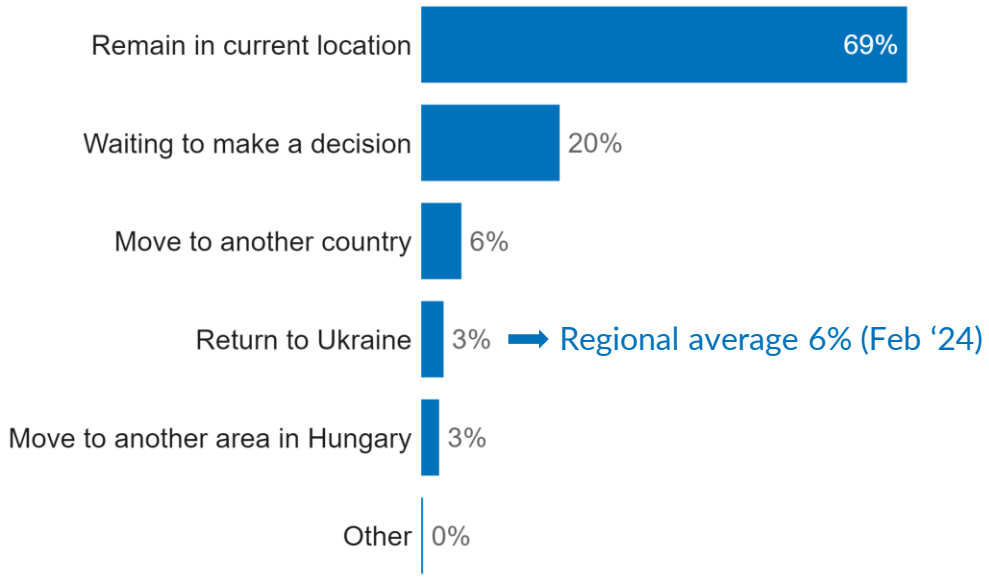
INTENTIONS

Respondent movement intentions within the next 12 months (N=791)



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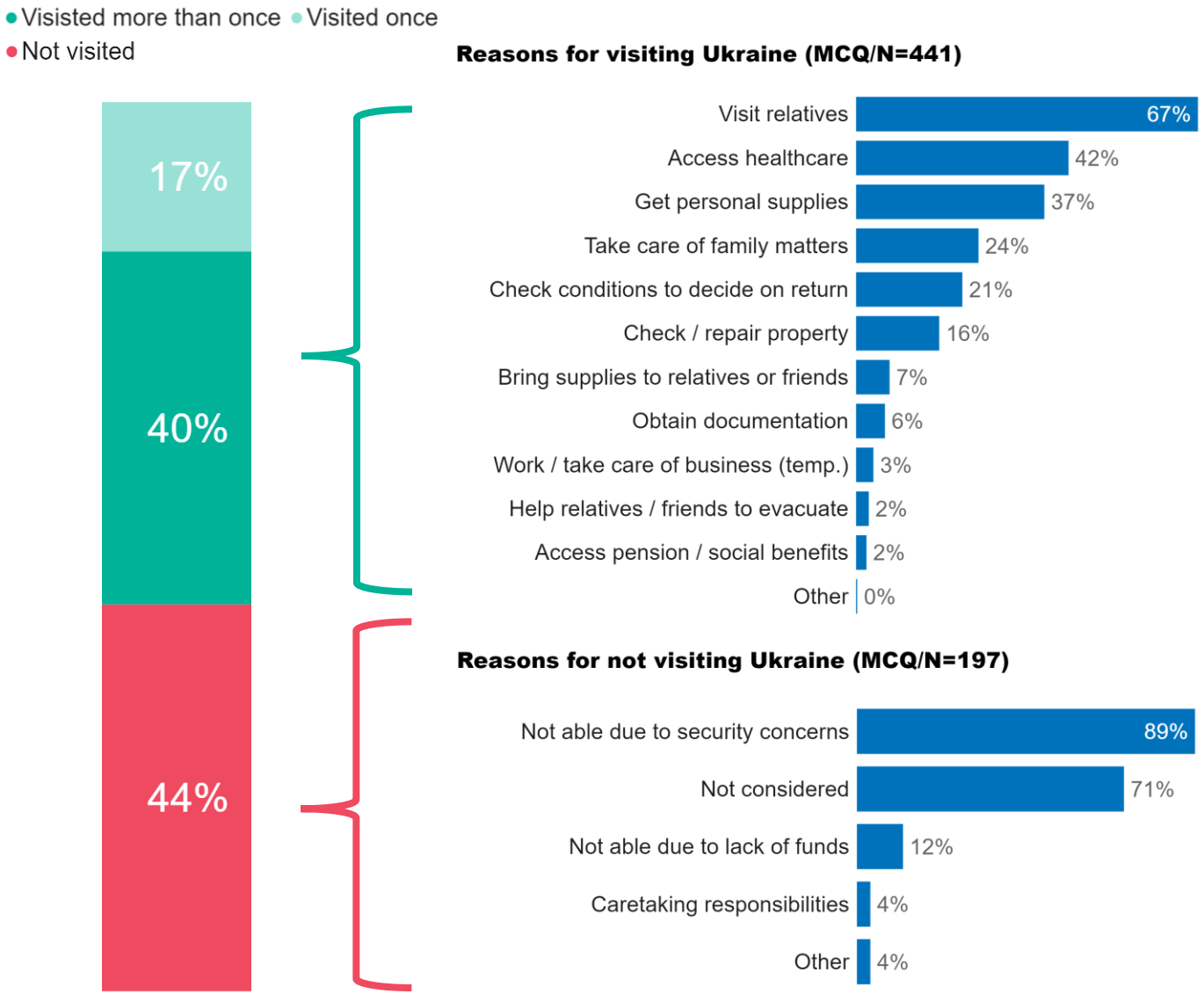
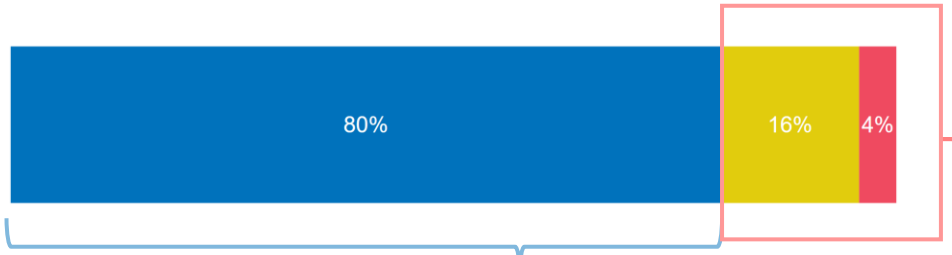


EDUCATION

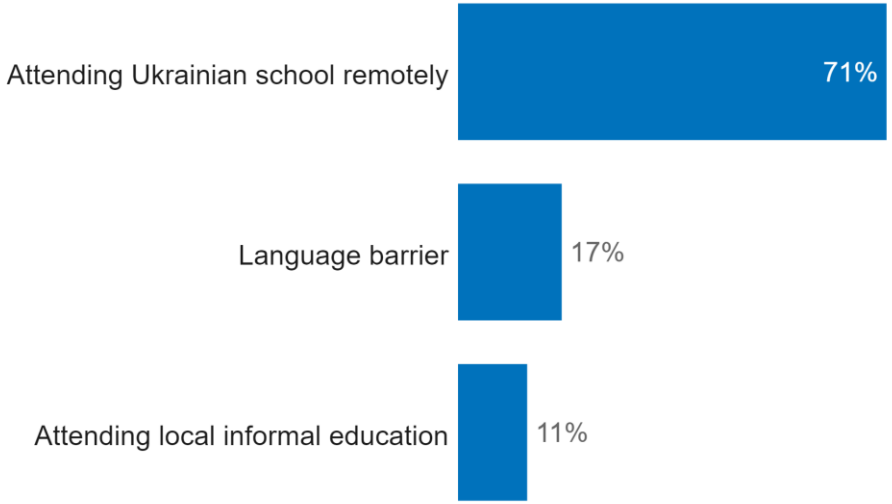
ATTENDANCE / ENROLMENT IN 2023-2024

Enrollment of school-aged refugee children (6-17yrs) [N=496]

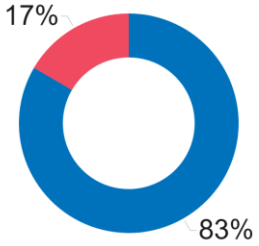
- In-person HU school (possibly comb. with online UA school)
- Online UA school only
- Out of (formal) education



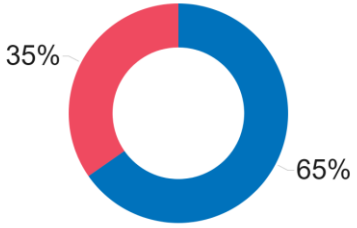
Main reasons for non-enrollment in HU school among school-aged children [N=95]



Primary school (6-13yrs) [N=350]



Secondary school (14-18yrs) [N=170]



46% of children are enrolled in HU school and online UA school

SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION & LIVELIHOOD

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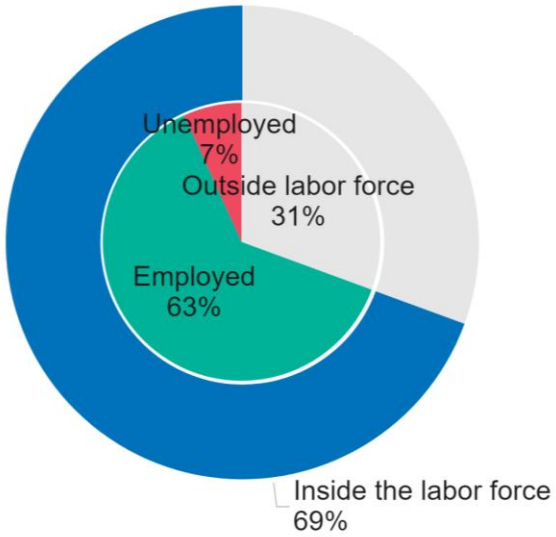
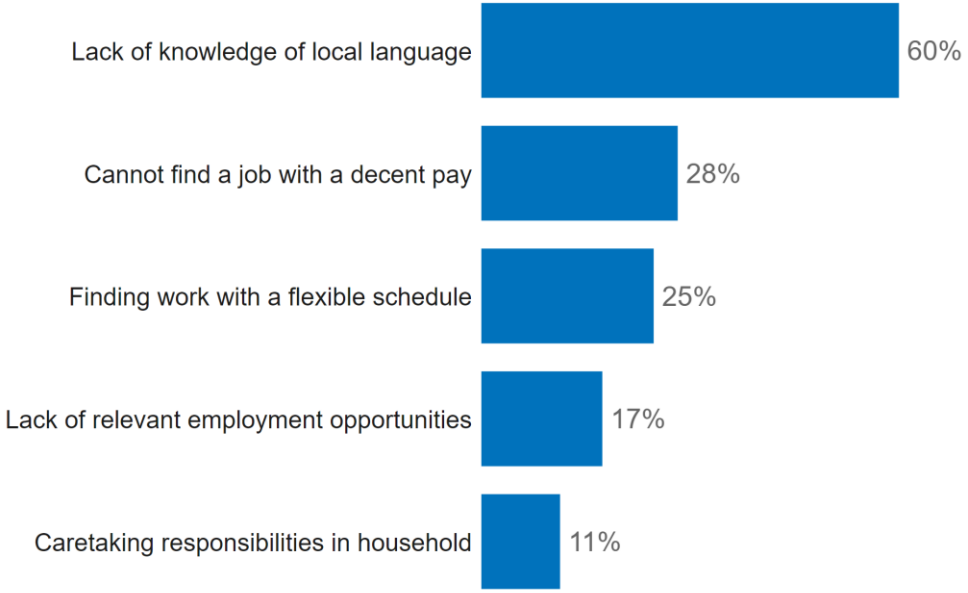
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION AND EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS

Labor force participation - out of working age population (N=1,092)



Difficulties encountered when looking for work (MCQ/N=835)



Employment: Employment includes individuals of working age who have engaged in income-generating activities in the past week. This encompasses formal employment, self-employment, agricultural/fishing work, diverse income generation, temporary absence from paid roles, and unpaid contributions to family businesses.

Unemployment: # of working-age who were not employed during the past week (as per the definition above), who looked for a paid job or tried to start a business in the past 4 weeks, and who are available to start working within the next 2 weeks if ever a job or business opportunity becomes available.

Outside labor force: # working-age individuals (who were not employed during the past week, and who either cannot start working within the next 2 weeks if a job or business opportunity becomes available, or did not look for a paid job or did not try to start a business in the past 4 weeks.

Inside labor force: Employed and Unemployed

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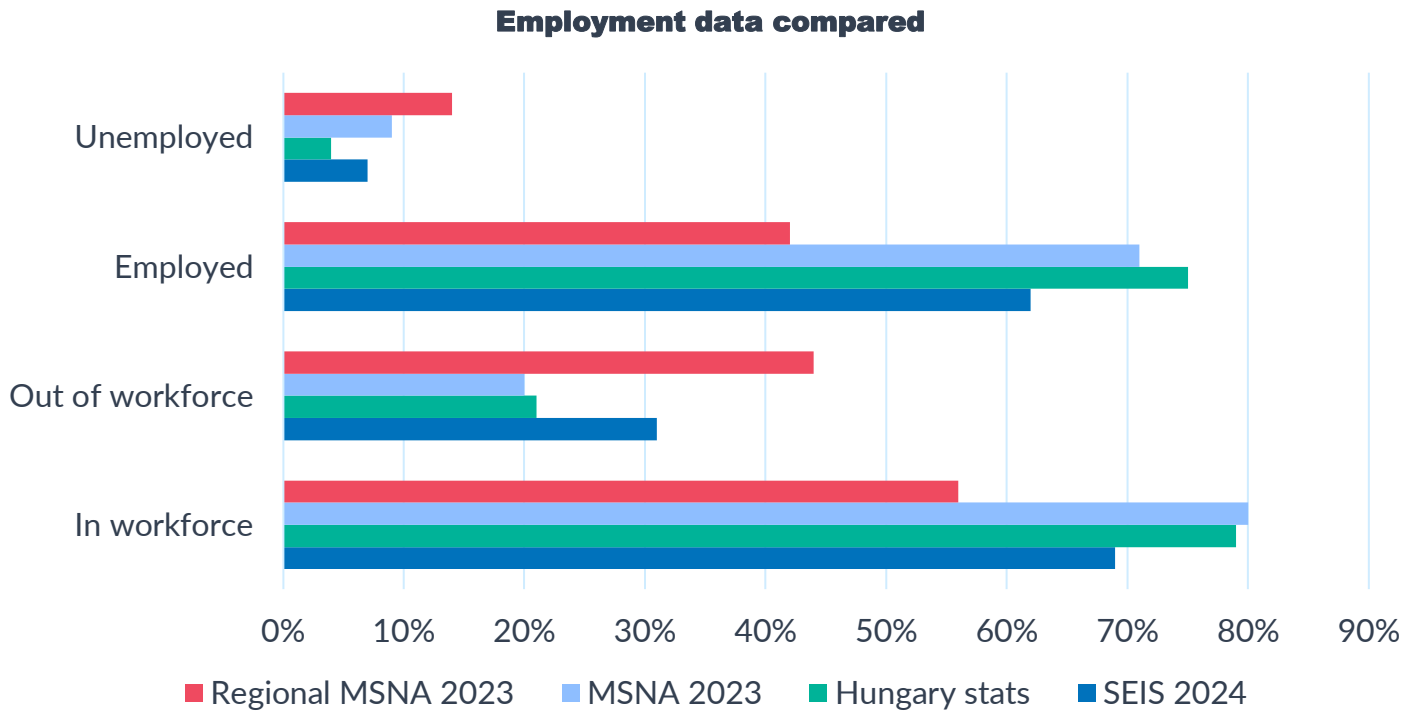
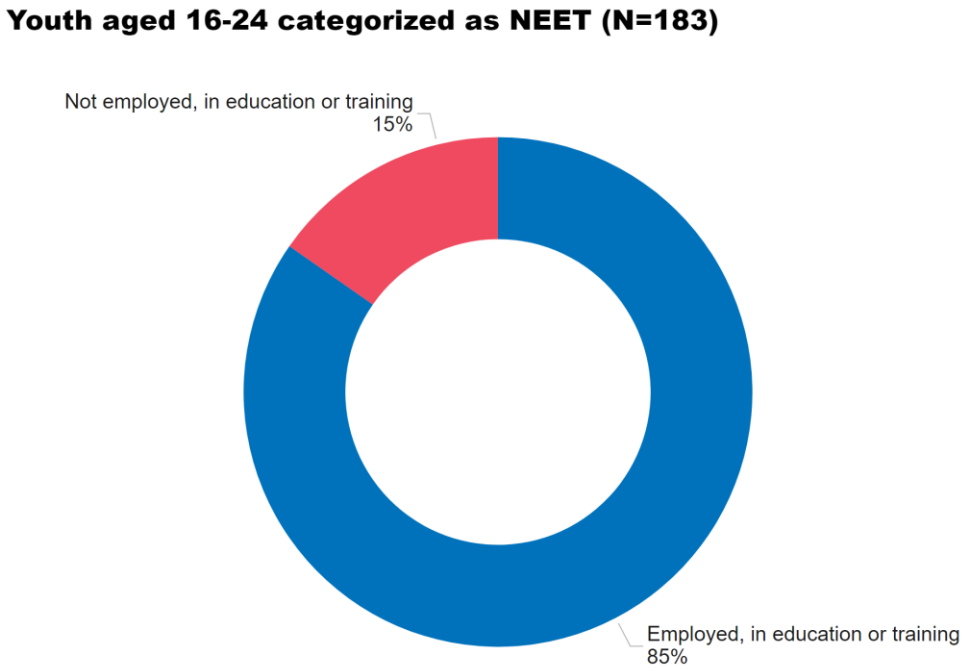
NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, OR TRAINING (NEET)





HEALTH

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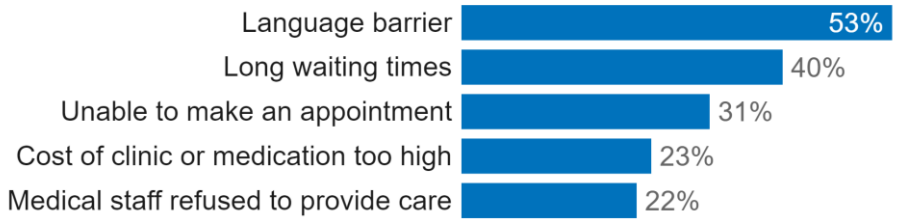
ACCESS

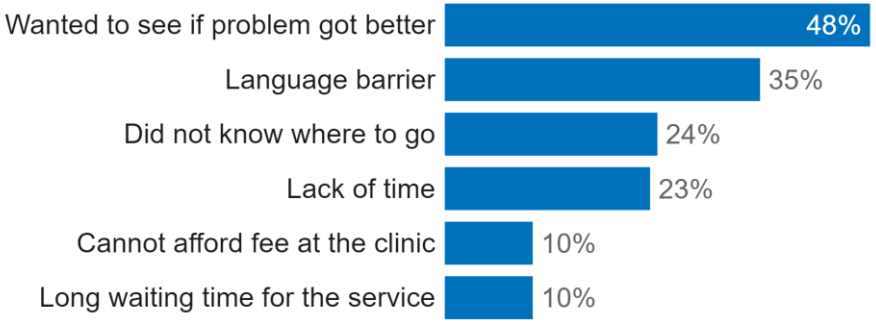
22% Unable to access needed healthcare in the last 30 days.

58% Unable to access needed MHPSS in the last 30 days.

Type(s) of barriers faced when accessing healthcare (MCQ/N=111) Top 5



Reason(s) for not accessing MHPSS (MCQ/N=122)



Households with older person(s) or chronically ill member(s)
+14-15%

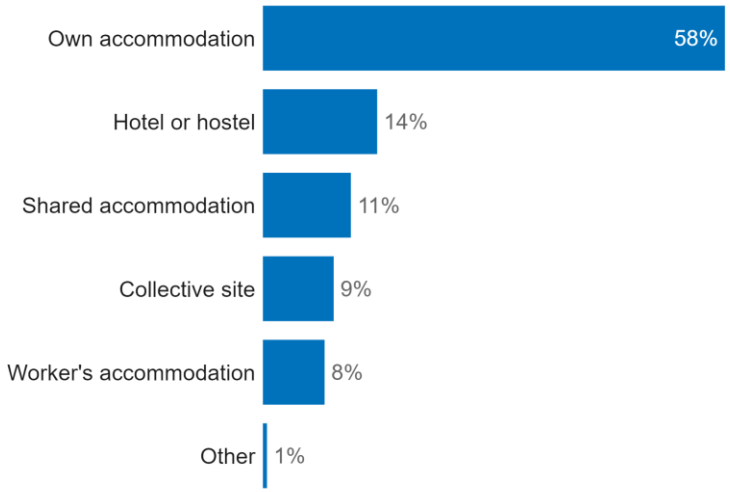
Average household expenditure on healthcare per month
21,000 Ft.

Households with member(s) with a disability
+38%

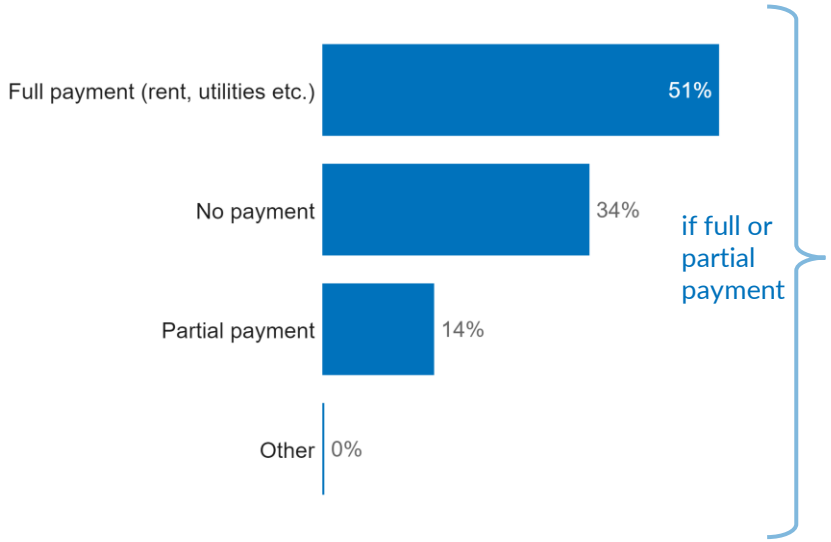
ACCOMMODATION

LIVING AND PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

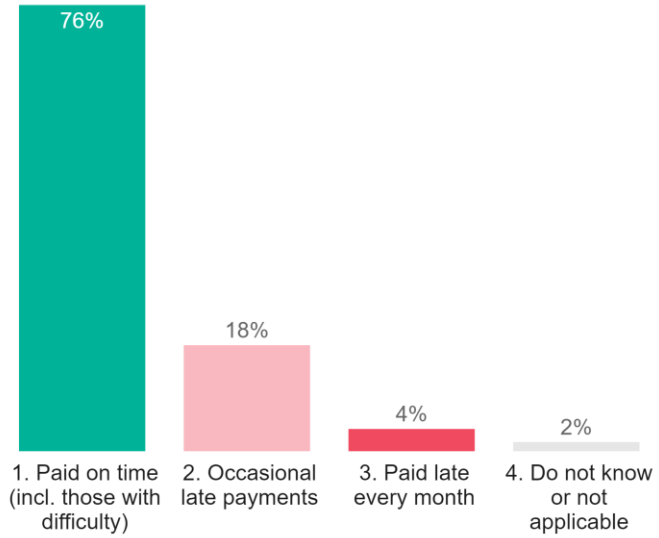
Type of accommodation household is residing in (N=792)



Type of payment arrangement for accommodation (N=786)



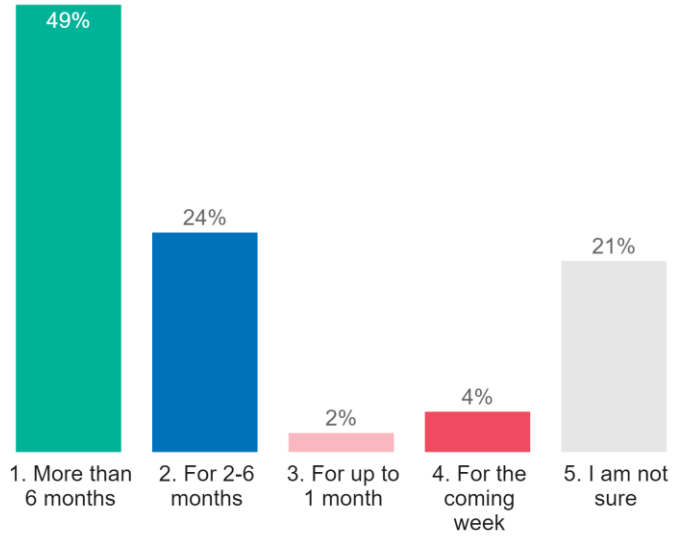
Households facing difficulty paying rent (N=446)



ACCOMMODATION

PRESSURE TO LEAVE AND SECURITY OF TENURE

Maximum length of stay in current accommodation (N=773)



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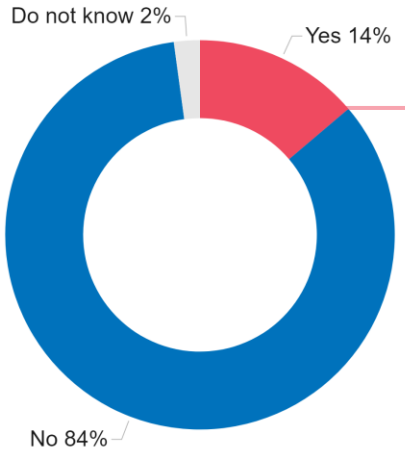
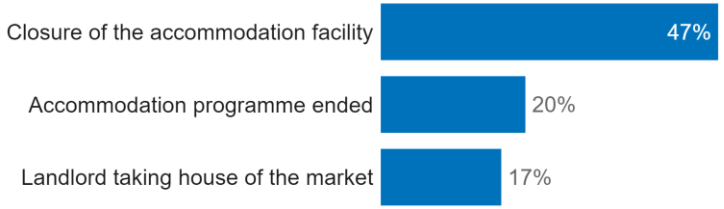
Household under pressure to leave current accommodation (N=232)



Reason for pressure to leave accommodation (MCQ/N=30) Top 3



Households with a written occupancy agreement
69%

Households with a verbal occupancy agreement
28%

Households without occupancy agreement
2%

ACCOMMODATION

LIVING CONDITIONS

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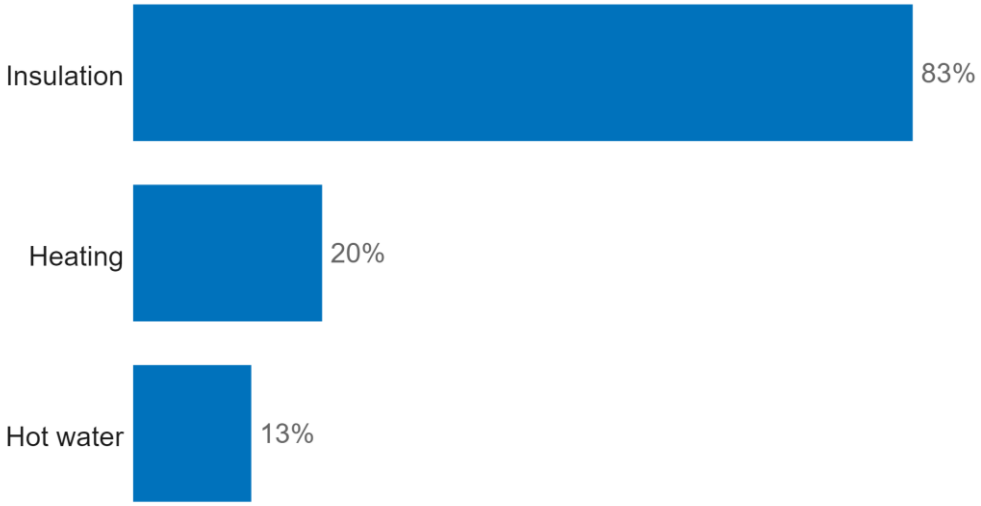
28% Facing at least one issues with current accommodation arrangements

8% Facing winterization issues with current accommodation arrangements

Issues with accommodation (MCQ/N=218) Top 3

Type of issues with accommodation in relation to winter (MCQ/N=40)



Updates from the Inclusion Working Group

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Topics Discussed

- **Impact of legislative change regarding state-subsidized accommodation**
  Effective August 21, 2024

- **Back to School 2024/2025**

Immediate impact- based on reports from the field

Overview

- **Approx. 4,000 refugees** accommodated in collective shelters
- **Approx. 3,000** lost eligibility, few hundreds got leniency requests

Main alternatives:

1. **Alternative Housing:** Shared rentals/room rentals – very expensive, limited access
2. **Stay at Shelter for a Fee or** in Exchange for Services or Work**:** Fee per person/month – fee often not affordable and likely to be a temporary solution; uncertainty, risk of exploitation
3. **Return to Ukraine:** Primarily affecting women and children.
4. **Temporary Stay/Refusal to Leave:** Some temporarily stayed, some refused to leave/ moved to other shelters temporarily

Responses

- Situation Monitoring, fieldwork coordination
- Municipalities and NGO shelter providers are making efforts to continue accommodating refugees, some even operating waiting list
- Lawsuits have been initiated on behalf of some of those whose leniency requests were denied
- IWG: call for coordinated response, including collecting and sharing information about needs and possible solutions
- Message from the Deputy Commissioner for Fundamental Rights Ombudsman for the Rights of National Minorities in Hungary

Immediate needs / longer-term needs

- Emergency shelter
- Emergency cash support
- Material & food support
- Rental support, support with finding decent & affordable rentals
- Collect contact details / distribute information
- Re-inclusion support (employment, schooling)

Back to School 2024 – Joined messages

Refugee parents should receive detailed information about education options available to children and youth to allow them to make informed decisions taking **into account the quality and continuity of education**

- Ensure **parents receive accurate information on education options** available for their children. Information provided should explain all benefits and disadvantages of each option in formats and languages that are easily accessible for refugees.
- Launch of information campaigns should be **targeted at maximizing enrolment of refugee in the national education system** of the host country including educational rights and obligations of TP status holders in Hungary, recognition of grades, and at the same time.
- Information should also be provided on options to retain a **link with the Ukrainian education system**, which learning options are available and how these can be graded and certified, which is important for continuity and quality of education.
- **Parents should evaluate the quality and continuity of these education options before considering them**. When complementary forms of education in addition to education in the national school system are considered, parents should ensure that any learning that takes place is recognized and rewarded with official grades or certificates, to protect against their children losing out on credentials and to avoid lack of documentation on academic achievement and skills.

Feedback from community

- Interest in kindergartens/schools with Ukrainian-speaking teachers and groups.
- Hesitation to enroll due to fear of bullying, lack of support, language barriers, and concerns about recognition of education in Ukraine.
- Reports from some families about being denied enrollment for their children.
- Some Hungarian-speaking refugee families report part-time attendance after enrollment.

New developments- Updates from participants

Accredited School for Ukrainian Students Opened (Unity report)

- Unity reported that they opened an accredited school for children from Ukraine. Students receive Hungarian certificate, teaching is conducted in Ukrainian based on an adapted curriculum.

First Public Ukrainian-Hungarian Bilingual School Opened

- The House of Ukrainian Traditions led the long-term preparatory work for the opening of the first public Ukrainian-Hungarian bilingual school and now oversees its management.

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