UNHCR Slovakia has been implementing a Protection Profiling exercise to regularly collect and analyze data about the profiles, needs and intentions of refugees and third-country nationals from Ukraine and monitor changes over time. The purpose is to strengthen and promote an evidence-based protection response. This dashboard presents the main results based on 2,808 interviews conducted between 17 May and 24 August 2022.

Methodology

Interviews have been conducted throughout Slovakia, including 55% in border and transit locations, 7% collective accommodation sites, and 12% assistance points in major cities.

Trained enumerators from UNHCR and partners digitally collect the data through Kobo Toolbox, which is safely stored in UNHCR server. While respondents are randomly selected to reduce bias, non-probability sampling is used and results cannot necessarily be extrapolated to the population of refugees from Ukraine as a whole. The results reflect refugees’ situation and intentions at the time of data collection.

RESPONDENT PROFILE

99% of respondents are citizens of Ukraine. Most are women (85%), holding higher levels of education (51%) with university or higher degrees, and 23% with vocational training and with diverse professional experiences, particularly in services such as education, healthcare and trade related sectors. 79% of those surveyed were working in Ukraine before their displacement.

Nationality

99 %

of respondents were Ukrainian nationals

Gender

85 %

of respondents were females

Education level

University 51%
Vocational 23%
Secondary 23%
Post university 1%
Primary 1%
No education 0%

Top occupational sectors

Education 13%
Wholesale & retail 10%
Healthcare 7%
Public administration 5%
Social services 5%
Hotel & restaurant 4%
Mining industry 4%
Beauty salon 3%
IT 3%

Employment status before leaving Ukraine

Employed 79%
Retired 11%
Housekeeping 6%
Unemployed 3%
Student 2%

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The majority of respondents (83%) are separated from some of their immediate family members, the primary reason being the restriction of freedom of movement for men due to martial law (53% of households). Besides 50% of households have family members who did not want to leave Ukraine such as older persons. Women and children represent 88% of all family members that left Ukraine together and 10% of family members are over 60 years old.

More than half of respondents were forced to leave their place of origin between end-February and April 2022. The top three places of origin are Kharkivska, Kyiv City and Donetsk. 17% were not carrying an international biometric passport. 12% arrived with their internal passports.

Among the 73% who travelled accompanied, 94% were displaced with their close family.

**Immediate family age group and gender**

- **Female**
  - 60 +: 7%
  - 18 - 59: 42%
  - 5 - 17: 15%
  - 0 - 4: 3%

- **Male**
  - 60 +: 3%
  - 18 - 59: 10%
  - 5 - 17: 17%
  - 0 - 4: 4%

**Passport type**

- **Biometric**: 83%
- **Internal**: 12%
- **Non-biometric**: 5%

**Top 10 places of origin**

- Kharkivska: 18%
- Kyiv city: 13%
- Donetsk: 11%
- Dnipropetrovska: 8%
- Kyivska: 8%
- Zakarpatska: 8%
- Odeska: 5%
- Zaporizka: 4%
- Mykolaiiska: 3%
- Khersonska: 3%

**Date of departure**

- March: 43%
- April: 11%
- May: 6%
- June: 14%
- July: 16%

**Documents carrying during travel**

- National passport: 90%
- Id Card: 53%
- Temporary protection: 41%
- Birth certificate: 25%
- Asylum certificate: 5%
- Refugee card: 4%
- Residence permit: 1%

**Travelling with**

- 74% of respondents travelled accompanied

**Separation reasons**

- Military conscription: 53%
- Did not want to leave: 50%
- Unable to move/travel: 30%

**Overview**

- Displacement patterns
- Situation in host country
- Intentions

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The majority of respondents were staying in hosted (33%) or rented accommodation (21%), while 16% were still staying in collective sites at the time of the interview and reception or transit centres. 9% of respondents have relatives in Slovakia. The top three urgent needs reported by respondents are employment, accommodation and cash assistance. Respondents report preferring to receive information on financial aid services and work opportunities, followed by medical care and accommodation.

### Current accommodation - Top 5

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<td>Older persons</td>
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### Urgent needs*

- **Accommodation**: 40%
- **Employment**: 40%
- **Cash**: 32%
- **Material assistance**: 24%
- **Healthcare**: 21%
- **Food**: 19%
- **Education**: 15%
- **Family reunification**: 10%
- **Information about services**: 8%
- **Psychosocial support**: 7%
- **Legal advice**: 6%
- **Transportation**: 5%
- **A way to contact my family**: 1%

### Information needs*

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### Preferred information channel*

- **Social media**: 56%
- **Organisation websites**: 26%
- **By phone**: 23%
- **In person information**: 22%
- **Government websites**: 17%
- **From friends/family**: 14%
- **Written information**: 5%
- **Other**: 3%
- **Radio**: 2%

### Preferred social media channel*

- **Facebook**: 34%
- **Telegram**: 34%
- **Viber**: 21%
- **Instagram**: 6%
- **Whatsapp**: 5%

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The large majority (64%) report plans to stay in Slovakia in the near future, with safety, family ties and employment as the main reasons. This compares to 52% of people intending to return within 3 months in July. People interviewed in August stated that they intended to stay in Slovakia. Only 15% report plans to move back to Ukraine in the near future, but 78% are uncertain as to when exactly they would do so. 90% have concerns about returning to Ukraine in near future. The main reason behind intention to return was the perception at the time of the interview that the situation has improved, followed by family visits and intention to help family members to leave Ukraine (27%). 6% reported plans to move to another host country and 17% were uncertain about their plans.

### Near future intentions

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### Why: Reasons to stay

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### Concerns about returning*

- **Yes**: 10%
- **No**: 90%

### Where: % returning to the same Oblast

89%

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### PLANNING TO MOVE BACK TO UKRAINE

### Why: Reasons to return

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### Where to: Top 5 destination

- **Germany**: 23%
- **Czech Republic**: 9%
- **Austria**: 8%
- **Poland**: 8%
- **Canada**: 6%
- **France**: 6%

* The analysis in this section excludes respondents interviewed on the same day they were departing from their current host country.

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