

Czech Republic

September 2024

Czech Republic remains among the **main destinations for refugees from Ukraine**, hosting the highest number per capita among EU countries. While new arrivals continue, the response is increasingly shifting towards inclusion.

Czech Republic has adopted a **whole-of-society approach**, with collaboration between the government, local authorities, international organizations, civil society partners, the private sector, and refugee communities.

In support of the Czech Government's response, UNHCR protection interventions have ensured information and **legal aid, support for integration, MHPSS, and psychological first aid**.

POPULATION STATISTICS (as of mid-2024)*

Refugees	361,568
Asylum-seekers	1,077
Stateless people	497
Others of concern	531

Top three countries of origin* (as of mid-2024)

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Ukraine	359,495	Ukraine	150
Russian Federation	495	Russian Federation	83
Myanmar	209	Uzbekistan	53

*UNHCR mid-2024 Trends and UNHCR data finder

UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of 4 August, **359,495 refugees from Ukraine** were recorded in the Czech Republic.

Monitoring of Legal Framework: UNHCR monitors legislative and policy amendments impacting refugees' access to protection and rights. Amendments to temporary protection procedures and entitlements were introduced in January 2024. Refugees are informed about these changes through the [Czechia HELP webpage](#) and through legal partners. UNHCR also provided legal comments and observations on legislative amendments to Lex Ukraine ('Lex Ukraine VII').

Protection Response: From Jan - Sept 2024, UNHCR and partners provided protection services including information, free legal aid, and integration support to 10,829 refugees. During this period, 538 refugees received mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) through UNHCR's funded NGO and refugee-led organizations.

Support to the Most Vulnerable: UNHCR has expanded its outreach with refugee communities, focusing on groups at heightened risk. Participatory assessments have been conducted in 13 of 14 regions in the Czech Republic, with special attention to vulnerable individuals including older people, persons with disabilities, and refugee youth.

HIGHLIGHTS

MoU with Charles University on Refugee Law

UNHCR has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Charles University's Faculty of Law to strengthen collaboration on refugee law education and research. This partnership focuses on updating the Migration and Refugee Law Programme curriculum and expanding opportunities for refugee students in higher education.

Study on Ukrainian Refugees in Collective Accommodation

UNHCR and IOM conducted a **joint assessment of Ukrainian refugees in collective accommodation**. The study involved consultations with 114 residents across seven regions and various stakeholders, including government representatives, NGOs, and housing experts. Requested by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the final report offers detailed recommendations for enhancing social support and implementing sustainable housing solutions.



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Ukrainian Women Find Strength in Pilsen

After fleeing Ukraine, psychologist Tetiana Viter and former lawyer Maria Markova have rebuilt their lives in Pilsen, Czech Republic. Tetiana founded a support group for refugee women, creating a close-knit community. Meanwhile, Maria opened a store featuring Ukrainian products, bridging cultures and fostering connections.

Supported by UNHCR's integration programs, both women exemplify resilience, contributing to their new communities while staying connected to their roots.

Key Priorities

- **Access to territory and asylum:** UNHCR works with partners to ensure that individuals seeking protection in the Czech Republic can access the territory, providing [information and legal assistance](#) at key entry points such as Prague Airport and at reception and accommodation centres. UNHCR monitors the implementation of asylum procedures in the Czech Republic and collaborates with partners to ensure all asylum-seekers receive comprehensive assistance.
- **Integration and social cohesion:** UNHCR complements the Ministry of the Interior's program by co-funding projects in 60 municipalities across all 14 regions to enhance integration and social cohesion between refugees and host communities. Additionally, UNHCR works to strengthen the capacity of State authorities and civil society for better inclusion of international protection beneficiaries.
- **Protection monitoring:** UNHCR conducts Protection Profiling and Monitoring to collect and analyse data on the risks and needs of Ukrainian refugees (for more details, please see the [Operational Data Portal](#)).
- **Gender-based violence (GBV):** UNHCR has developed GBV referral pathways in Prague to improve [response mechanisms](#). Through its partner proFem, specialized GBV services are provided at the PORT center. Additionally, UNHCR works with UNFPA Ukraine to offer Ukrainian refugees remote, confidential [psychotherapeutic support](#) via the Aurora platform.
- **Community empowerment and self-reliance:** UNHCR partners with 16 Refugee-Led Organizations (RLOs) across four regions in the Czech Republic, providing financial grants to empower refugee communities and promote self-reliance. The RLO [Kalyna](#), for instance, engages directly with both

refugees and host communities providing a safe space for exchanges, in addition to mental health and psychological support and language classes.

Working with Partners

- To respond to the needs of people fleeing Ukraine, as well as other refugees and asylum-seekers, UNHCR works with seven partners: the Agency for Migration and Adaptation, Association for Integration and Migration, La Strada, Organization for Aid to Refugees, proFem, Romodrom, and Slovo 21.
- UNHCR collaborates with governmental partners, including the Ministry of Interior through co-funding the grant program for integration at the municipal level, as well as the Refugee Facilities Administration and the Office of the Ombudsperson to ensure that people in need of international protection can benefit from a favourable protection environment in the Czech Republic.

Statelessness

- Czech Republic has acceded to both the 1954 and 1961 UN Conventions on Statelessness, in 2004 and 2001 respectively.
- UNHCR supports the capacity development of State authorities and the judiciary on statelessness issues, monitors the implementation and quality of statelessness determination procedures, and provides assistance through partners, including information, legal counselling, and representation.
- As of 30 June 2024, there are 610 stateless persons registered in the Czech Republic (source: Ministry of Interior).

UNHCR Presence in Czech Republic

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16 National Staff
4 International Staff

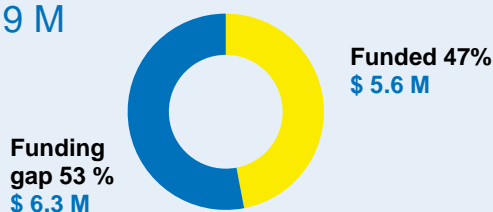
Offices:

1 National Office in Prague

Financial Information (as of 30 September 2024)

Financial requirements for 2024

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