

Context & Methodology

More than 4.6 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the escalation of conflict on 24 February 2022. From among them, 2,669,637 have been displaced to Poland (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, 1,932 interviews were conducted with people crossing from Ukraine into Poland. 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 12 April. 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	1,741	95%
Male	87	5%



Nationality of the respondent

Ukrainian	98%
Other	1%
Russian	1%



Respondents reporting travelling with the following population groups¹

Children 0-5 years of age	18%
Children 6-18 years of age	62%
Elderly (65+ years of age)	11%
Pregnant and lactating women	1%
Persons with disabilities	4%

Number of people traveling with respondents

Alone	10%
1 - 4	77%
5 +	13%



Most reported pre-displacement employment status of respondents²

Wholesale and retail trade	22%
Social services	12%
Education (including students and teachers)	12%
Health care	9%

Origins and Arrivals

100% of respondents reported holding a passport

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

Active conflict (incl. troops) in the settlement	68%
Damage in or near the settlement	34%
Worry that active fightings will come to the settlement	15%

Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin⁴

Kyiv	440	23%
Kharkiv	249	13%
Donetsk	244	13%
Dnipropetrovsk	149	8%
Chernihiv	104	5%

Reason for selecting border crossing²

Chose randomly	36%
Someone else made the decision	24%
Most direct route to border	18%
Most convenient for future plans	10%

Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing²

Foot	681	37%
Bus	681	37%
Train	270	15%
Car	189	10%

Intentions

Top 3 intended destination countries of respondents

Poland	35%
Germany	21%
Spain	7%

61% of respondents intending to stay in Poland plan to stay in the country as long as conflict in Ukraine continues

27% of respondents intending to stay in Poland 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	39%
Advised by reception center	24%
Destination close to Ukraine	23%
Meeting displaced family or friends	11%

Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents

Staying with family/friend	33%
Found host through social media/volunteer	28%
Don't know yet	12%
Rented accommodation	9%
Accommodation provided by authorities	7%

¹Multiple responses permitted. The sum might exceed 100%. ² Top four choices indicated by respondents. ³ Top three choices indicated by respondents. ⁴ Top five choices indicated by respondents.