INCOME AND EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF HOUSEHOLDS DISPLACED FROM UKRAINE

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ABOUT

As part of its monthly, longitudinal survey on people displaced by the conflict in Ukraine, between 13 February and 7 March 2023, IMPACT Initiatives, in partnership with Save the Children International (SCI), interviewed by phone 3,647 adults displaced from Ukraine. They were asked about their occupation, household income and expenditure patterns. Respondents were located in 24 European countries. They were identified through convenience sampling among people who have crossed the border from Ukraine. Therefore, the findings shown in this factsheet are not statistically representative. Sampling was done as part of a data collection initiative implemented in partnership with UNHCR at border crossings, transit sites, and reception centers in Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, and Moldova. Respondents were also sampled through the dissemination of an invitation to participate via social media.[1] All the figures mentioned in this factsheet refer to households displaced outside of Ukraine. The survey questionnaire was developed together with SCI. The longitudinal survey is funded by Global Affairs Canada, Swiss Development Cooperation and SCI.

RESPONDENTS

Gender and age group

93% women   **7% men**

AGE GROUP	18 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	51 - 64	65+
% of respondents	13%	40%	26%	16%	5%

Current host country (top 6)[2]

Poland	Germany	Slovakia	Moldova	Czech Republic	Romania
47%	18%	6%	4%	4%	4%
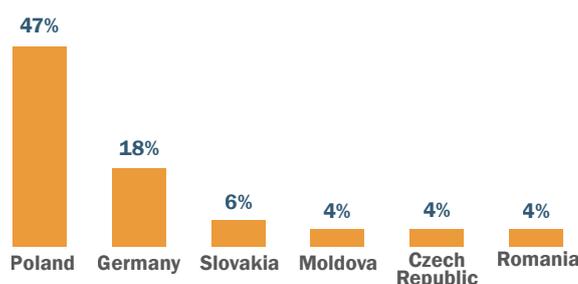
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Average % of female and male household members per age group

Female	Age	Male
2%	0 - 2	1%
3%	3 - 5	3%
8%	6 - 12	8%
5%	13 - 17	5%
48%	18 - 64	10%
5%	65+	2%

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	1	2	3	4	5+
% of respondents	15%	29%	27%	16%	13%
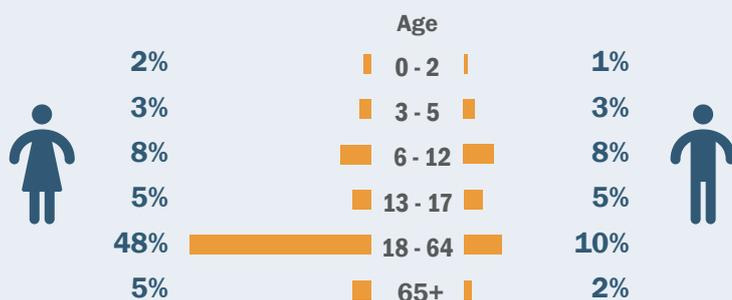
18% of households with a person with disabilities

4% of households with pregnant or breastfeeding women

2% of households with children separated from their usual caregivers

[1]Viber, Facebook, and Telegram.
[2]Out of 24 countries.

For more details on the study, please contact ukraine.refugee-survey@impact-initiatives.org. Please also consult the IMPACT website for other publications of the project, including the first of two factsheets on child protection.

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LIVELIHOOD AND INCOME

% of respondents by current occupation (top 5)[1]

- 36% Paid labor in current country
- 33% Not working
- 13% Caregiver for a child
- 7% Retired
- 5% Remote paid labor in Ukraine
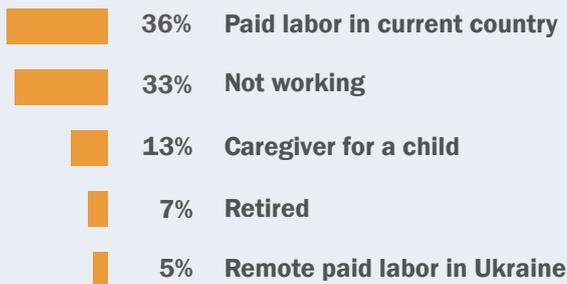
[1]Respondents had to select only one response.

% of working respondents by job category (top 5)[2]

- 17% Cleaners and helpers
- 8% Personal Services Workers
- 8% Teaching professionals
- 8% Labourers in mining, construction, manufacturing and transport
- 7% Food preparation assistants

[2]Subset of respondents working in host country or engaging in remote work in Ukraine or elsewhere. Respondents had to select only one response.

% of respondents by most common household income sources in previous month (top 5)[3]

- 52% Refugee/migrant assistance from host government
- 47% Employment in host country
- 14% Social security from Ukraine
- 13% Social security from host country
- 12% Support from family/community in Ukraine
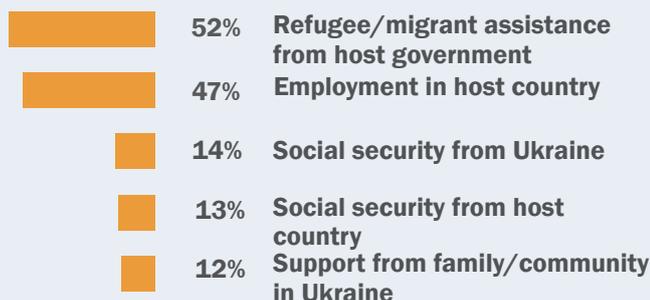
[3]Unrelated to amount of income. Households can have multiple income sources.

311 EUR median income per person in the previous month[4]

[4]Calculated by dividing total household income by number of household members. Including government and UN/NGO assistance.

13% of households could put money into savings in previous month, saving a median amount of **187 EUR** (self-reported)

Monthly median household income (EUR) by income source and household size

Median was calculated across households that reported income in the respective category in the previous month.
Average share of household income, excluding assistance/social security, is indicated in the second column. Households can have multiple types of income sources.

INCOME SOURCE	SHARE	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 1	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 2	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 3	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 4	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 5+
Total income, excluding assistance and social security		598	619	641	658	897
Employment in host country	70%	600	641	641	652	747
Payments from family/friends in Ukraine	9%	377	320	310	311	427
Savings	9%	132	214	427	223	600
Employment in Ukraine (remote)	5%	302	348	235	335	614
Payments from family/friends outside of Ukraine	4%	339	427	631	641	769
Loans (formal and from family/friends)	1%	257	107	267	169	NA
Business earnings	1%	929	NA	1,388	361	1,175
Employment outside host country (remote)	0%	NA	267	NA	464	NA
Renting out	0%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Selling off own assets	0%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other income sources	1%	1,068	154	509	191	641
Social security from host country		443	268	591	395	724
Social security from Ukraine		75	100	80	75	56
Refugee assistance from host government		484	130	214	320	427
Refugee assistance from UN/NGOs		139	160	305	343	240

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EXPENDITURE

% of respondents by most common type of household expenditure in previous month (top 5)[1]

92%	Food and beverages
76%	Communication/technology
72%	Personal hygiene products
59%	Transport
44%	Clothes/shoes
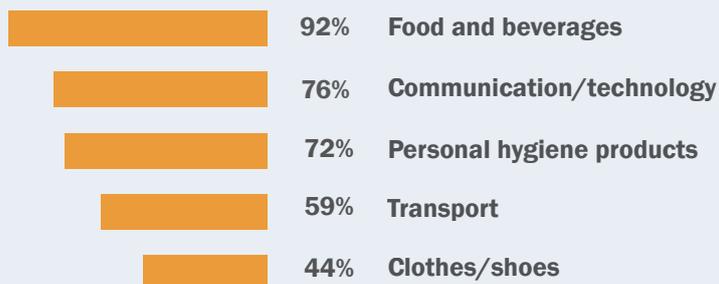
264 EUR
median expenditure per person in the previous month[2]

[2]Calculated by dividing total household expenditure by number of household members.

[1]Unrelated to amount of expenditure. Households can have multiple types of expenses.

Monthly median household expenditure (EUR) by expenditure category and household size

Median was calculated across households that reported expenses in the respective category in the previous month.
Average share of household expenditure is indicated in the second column. Households can have multiple types of expenses.

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	SHARE	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 1	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 2	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 3	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 4	HOUSEHOLD SIZE = 5+
Total expenditure		443	598	749	854	1,068
Food and beverages	46%	178	214	294	297	427
Rent for accommodation	18%	228	336	384	420	491
Clothes/shoes	6%	50	70	85	100	107
Utility bills	6%	52	77	107	100	144
Physical health	5%	43	47	50	56	64
Transport	5%	30	32	48	43	72
Personal hygiene products	4%	20	21	30	32	40
Money transfers to Ukraine to support family/friends	3%	145	107	107	150	130
Communication	3%	10	16	20	21	27
Education	1%	59	43	49	43	65
Remote expenses in Ukraine	1%	53	64	50	60	52
Childcare	1%	NA	43	50	64	73
Work-related costs and investments	0%	39	74	100	21	38
Mental health and psychosocial services	0%	84	27	21	NA	19
Resettlement/family reunification	0%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other types of expenses	1%	42	50	70	104	118

% of respondents by type of remittances sent in previous month

85%	No remittances
10%	Money
3%	In kind
1%	Money and in kind
1%	Prefer not to say
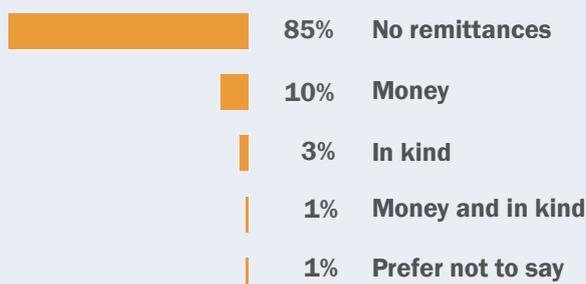
% of respondents sending remittances in previous month, by frequency

85%	Once
12%	Twice
3%	Three times
0%	Four times
0%	More than four times

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