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# Ukrainian refugee crisis: Situation in Poland

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# Refugees movement

## Border crossings from Ukraine (since 24 February 2022)

**6,782,275**

Source - UNHCR, Government

Last updated 11 Oct 2022

## Border crossings to Ukraine (since 28 February 2022)

**4,798,663**

Source - UNHCR, Government

Last updated 11 Oct 2022

## Refugees from Ukraine registered for Temporary Protection or similar national protection schemes

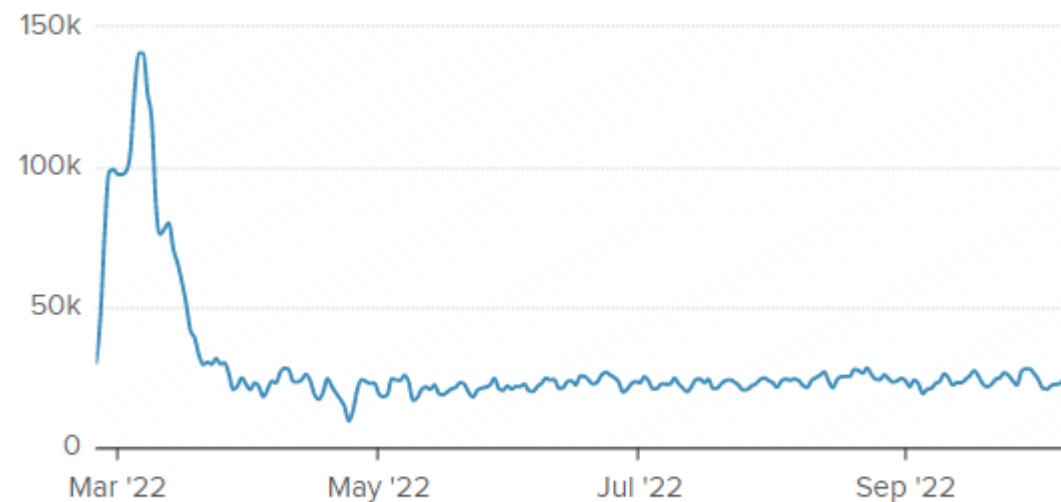
**1,422,482**

Source - UNHCR, Government

Last updated 03 Oct 2022

Ca. 4 milion in the peak moment (April 2022)

## Border crossings from Ukraine - by date



The inflow and outflow of refugees has stabilized, both at ca. 25,000 a day

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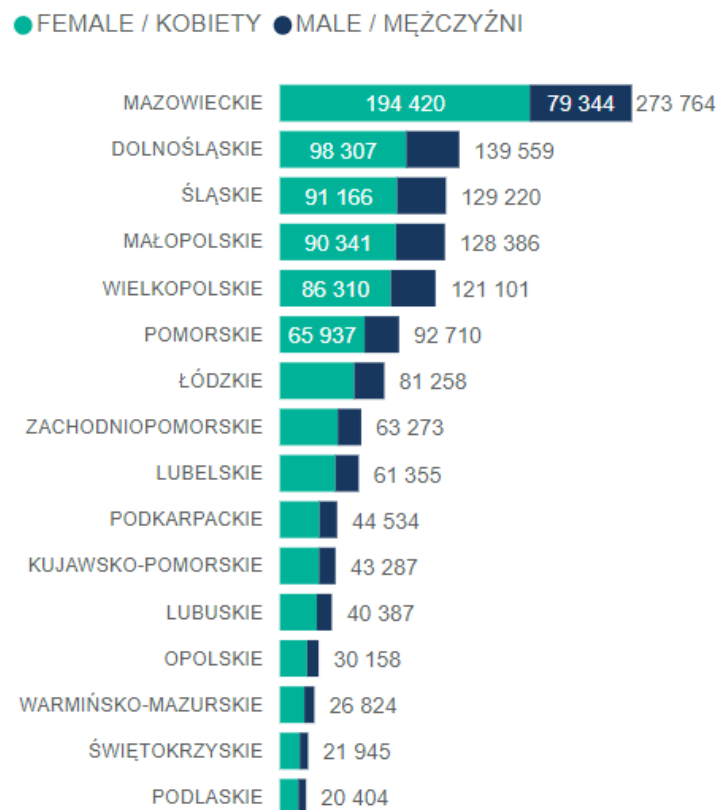


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# Key population statistics

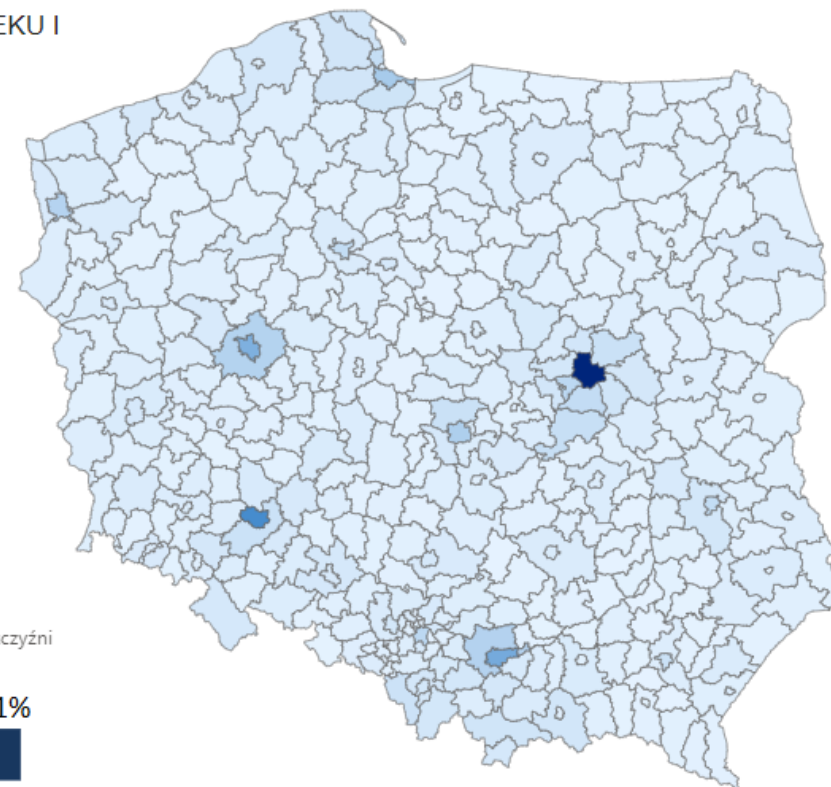
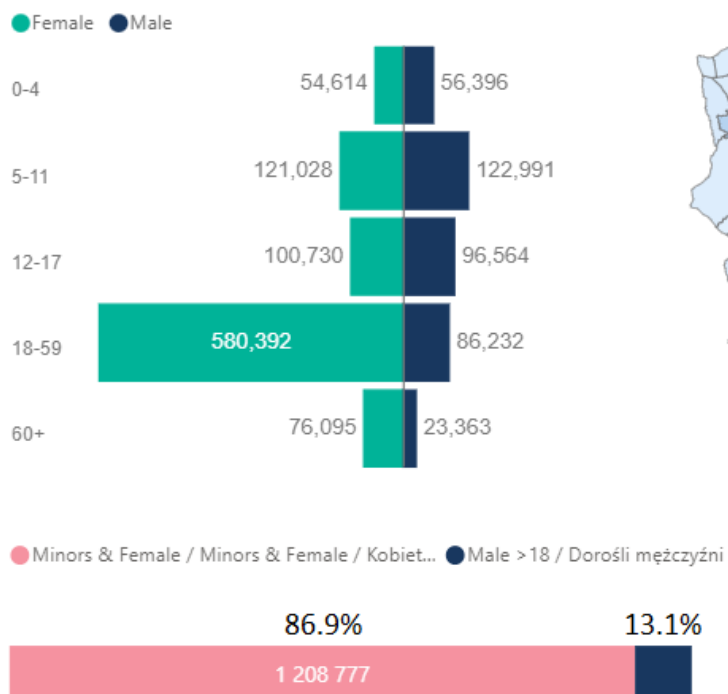
(according to PESEL registry)

PERSONS BY VOIVODESHIP & POWYAT/  
OSOBY WEDŁUG WOJEWÓDZTW I POWIATÓW



1 391 344 REGISTERED PERSONS  
as of 19 września, 2022

PERSONS BY AGE AND SEX / OSOBY WEDŁUG WIEKU I  
PŁCI\*



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# Housing situation

- ❑ **Housing situation in PL grim even before the war**
- ❑ No long-term government/municipal initiatives (so far only a 4 months allowance for hosts)
- ❑ NGOs capable only of minor housing initiatives
- ❑ Fatigue among solidarity host families
- ❑ Rents went through the roof (25-33% in first 2 weeks), private rental market drained, affecting PL citizens too
- ❑ **Minimum wage is not enough to pay rent in major cities**
- ❑ Refugees staying in temporary shelter much longer than planned, esp. vulnerable groups
- ❑ Number of people returning to temporary shelter raising
- ❑ **Major humanitarian crisis still possible (winter!)**
- ❑ So far no rough sleeping refugees reported (but...)
- ❑ **Growing number of Polish rough sleepers and extremely poor in housing**





# Other key issues

- Poverty / basic subsistence
  - labour market / small municipalities vs. major cities / „over-qualification” / minimum wages
  - inflation / energy & fuel prices / rents
  - pre-school child care
- Language
- Accessing services / administrative issues / knowledge of legal system / refugees in PESEL registry
- Psychological condition / PTSD
- Education
- Vulnerable groups with multiple issues (Roma refugees!)
- Support fatigue / possible perception changes among Polish society
- Possible new waves of refugees**





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# What are NGOs doing now?

- Reception
- Shelter & housing:
  - beds in existing homeless shelters & hostels
  - temporary shelters for refugees (running or providing on-site services)
  - existing supported housing usage
  - renovating municipal stock & unused buildings (v. small numbers!)
- Food, clothes, other in-kind help (incl. to UA)
- Social, legal, medical, psychological support
- Language courses, translations
- Day-care for children, education support
- Ambulance transports for ill, disabled, wounded (incl. from UA & to EU)
- Employment aid (also in refugee services & social enterprises)
- Integration & cultural events
- Fundraising



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