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Evacuees board a train at a  
railway station in eastern Ukraine.

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# Introduction

- UNHCR's mandate
- Global Trends (12 June 2025)
- Data Transformation Strategy 2020 - 2025

# Refugee/ Uchodźca

A person who owing to **well-founded fear** of being **persecuted** for **reasons** of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion,  
is **outside the country of [their] nationality**  
and is **unable** or, owing to such fear, is **unwilling** to **avail [themselves] of the protection of that country**;  
or who, **not having a nationality** and being outside the country of [their] former habitual residence, is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to return to it.

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# Subsidiary protection/ Ochrona uzupełniająca

A person who **does not qualify as a refugee** but in respect of whom **substantial grounds have been shown** for believing that the person concerned, if **returned to [their] country of origin**, or in the case of a stateless person, to [their] **country of former habitual residence**, **would face a real risk of suffering serious harm** defined as:

- (a) the death penalty or execution; or
- (b) torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of an applicant in the country of origin; or
- (c) serious and individual threat to a civilian's life or person by reason of indiscriminate violence in situations of international or internal armed conflict.

and is **unable**, or, owing to such risk, **unwilling to avail** himself or herself of the **protection of that country**.

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# Refugee or subsidiary protection sur place

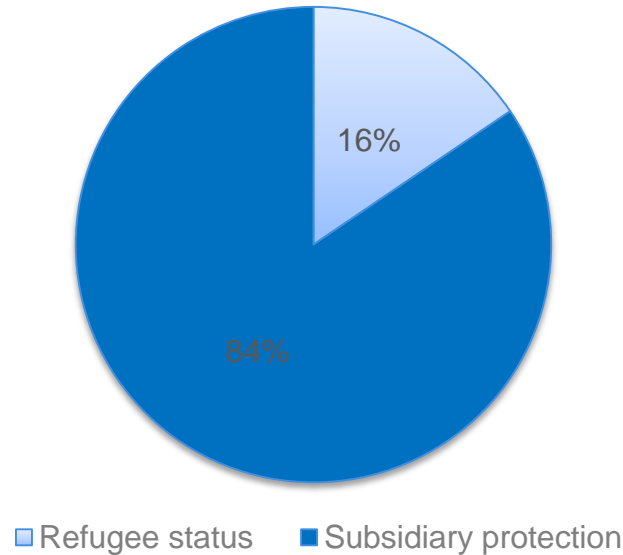
A **foreigner** may have a **well-founded fear of persecution** or a **real risk of suffering serious harm**, **caused by events that occurred after leaving the country of origin.**

A well-founded fear of persecution or a real risk of suffering serious harm may be caused by the foreigner's actions after leaving the country of origin, in particular when they were an expression and continuation of beliefs or sexual orientations held in the country of origin.

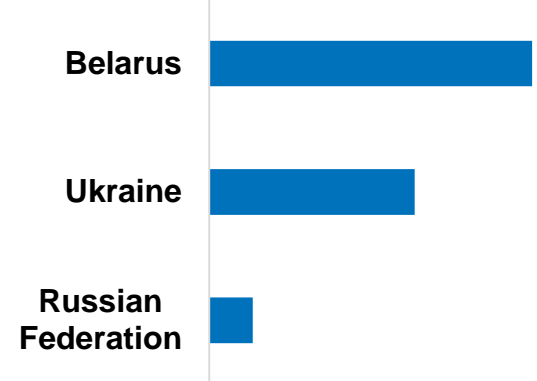
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# Refugee and subsidiary protection

Valid residence permit due to refugee status  
(3,131) and subsidiary protection (17,046)



## Top 3 nationalities:



# Asylum seeker

## Osoba ubiegająca się o ochronę międzynarodową

An asylum-seeker is a person who is **seeking international protection**.

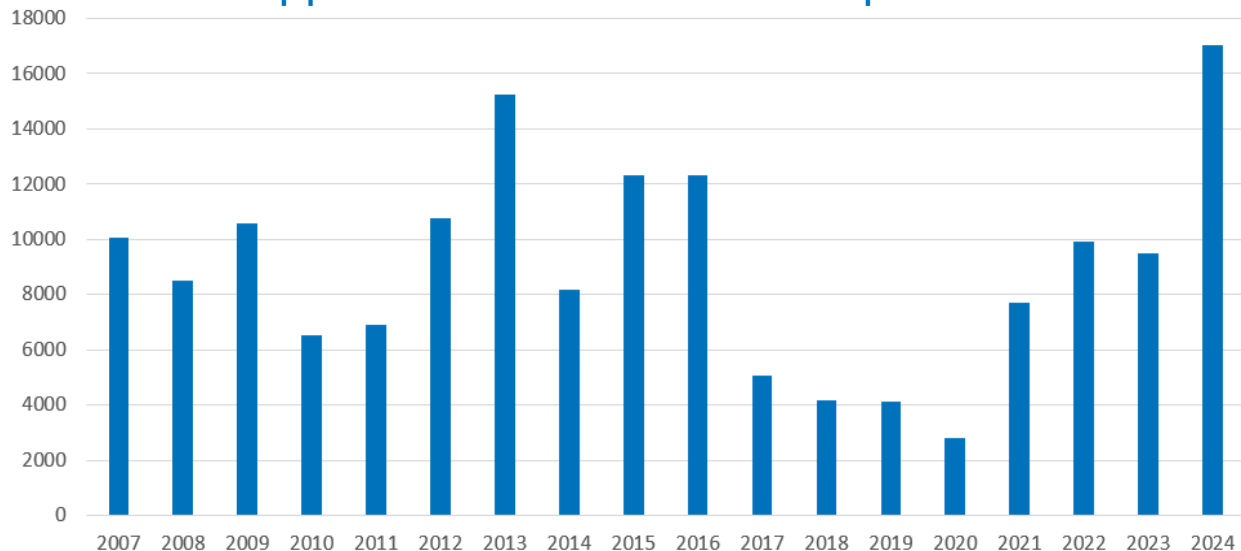
Their request for international protection, has yet to be processed, or they may not yet have requested asylum, but they intend to do so.

- When someone crosses an international border seeking safety, they often need to apply to be legally recognized as a refugee. While they seek asylum and await the outcome of their application, they are referred to as asylum-seekers and should be protected. **Not all asylum-seekers will be found to be refugees, but all refugees were once asylum-seekers.**

# Asylum seeker

## Osoba ubiegająca się o ochronę międzynarodową

### Applications for international protection



**In 2025, number of persons that applied for IP: 7,471**

**Top 3 nationalities:**

- Ukraine
- Belarus
- Russia

Source: Office for Foreigners as of 31.05.2025

# Temporary protection/ Ochrona czasowa

**Foreigners arriving en masse** in the Republic of Poland who **left their country of origin** or a **specific geographical area** due to **foreign invasion, war, civil war, ethnic conflicts** or **gross violations of human rights**

may be granted temporary protection in the territory of the Republic of Poland, regardless of whether their arrival was spontaneous or was the result of assistance provided to them by the Republic of Poland or the international community.

\* Temporary protection activated for people fleeing Ukraine due to armed conflict - *Act on Assistance to Citizens of Ukraine in the Context of the Armed Conflict in Ukraine* (“the Special Act”)

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# Temporary protection/ Ochrona czasowa



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Refugees from Ukraine registered in Poland, by district (powiat)

as of 10 June 2025

986 790 (active registration\*)

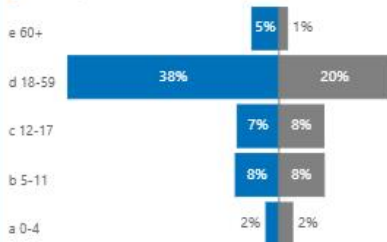
Refugees from Ukraine with active registration for temporary protection (PESEL UKR)\* as of 10 June 2025

1 943 863 (cumulative\*\*)

Refugees from Ukraine who applied for temporary protection in Poland

Age gender disaggregation

Female Male

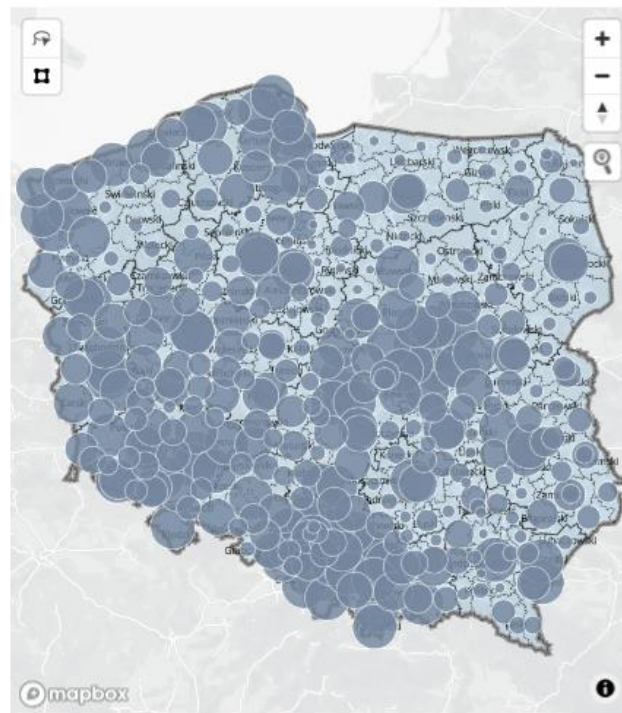
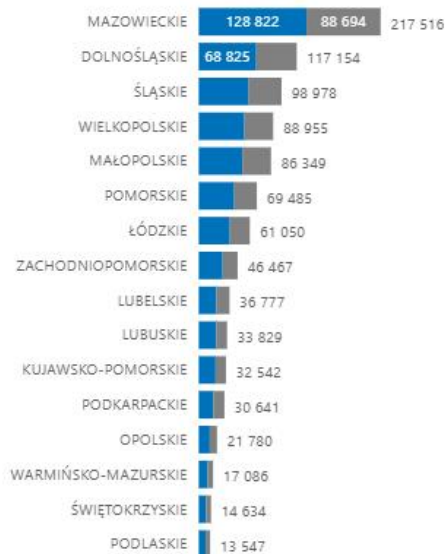


\*The number reflects the total of persons with active registration in the register of citizens of Ukraine and their family members who have been assigned a PESEL number under the special law.

\*\*The cumulative number of persons registered so far including those whose records were inactivated due to leaving Poland for more than 30 days Detailed age.

## Refugees by Gender and Voivodeship/powiat\*

Female Male



Act on Assistance to Citizens of Ukraine in the Context of the Armed Conflict in Ukraine ("the Special Act")

# Asylum/Azyl

A **foreigner** may, **upon their request**, be granted asylum in the Republic of Poland, when it is necessary to **ensure his/her protection** and when it **is in the important interest of the Republic of Poland**.

\* To issue a decision granting asylum, the Office for Foreigners needs a consent of the minister responsible for foreign affairs.

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# Migrant

People staying outside their country of origin who are **not asylum-seekers or refugees**.

They **can return to country of origin** – no risk of persecution or serious violation of human rights.

*Migrant can reside in Poland based on residence permits due to work, studies, family reunification, etc. issued according to the Act on foreigners*

# Thank you!