

This factsheet provides an overview of data from Round 4 of the Conditions of Return Assessment (CoRA), which was conducted in July and August 2023 in 70 hromadas across 20 oblasts. For access to the full report and operational dataset - which provide location and hromada-level population estimates and conditions data, please email DTMUkraine@iom.int.¹

CONTEXT

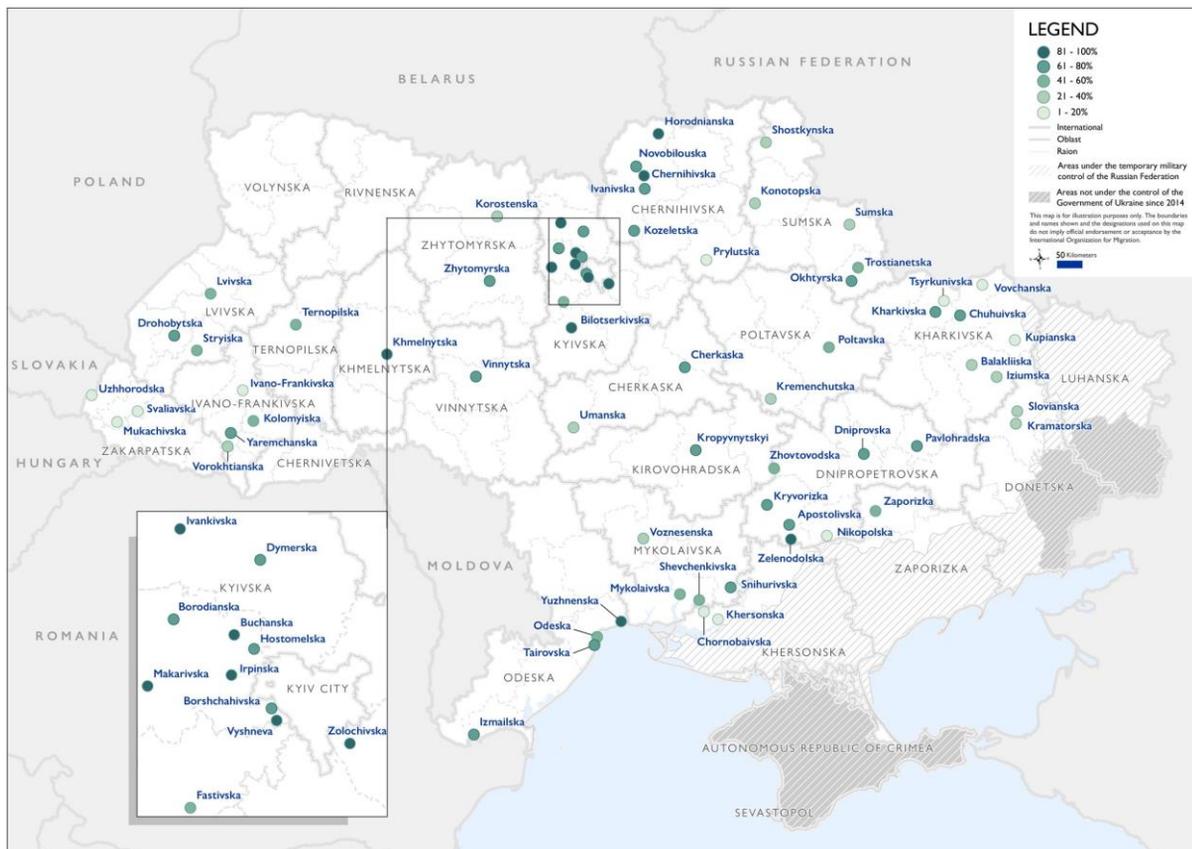
As of 25 September 2023, an estimated 3,674,000 people remain internally displaced in Ukraine with an estimated 6,203,600 displaced abroad according to UNHCR. IOM estimates that 4,573,000 people have returned to their place of habitual residence in Ukraine following a period of displacement, 22 per cent of whom returned from abroad.²

To inform targeted interventions aimed at alleviating the vulnerability that stems from poor structural and social conditions in areas of return, the CoRA provides granular data on where returns are occurring, where those who have returned are most vulnerable and why.

RETURNS TO SEVERE CONDITIONS

Nearly a third of the estimated returnee population reside in locations which recorded high severity for one or more drivers of severity. This equates to approximately 680,000 people residing in high severity conditions in 57 locations, amidst 186 return locations assessed.

Map 1: Hromadas assessed in Round 4 by rate of return



BRIEF METHODOLOGY

The CoRA employs a multi-sectoral location-level assessment (MSLA) methodology conducted with local authority key informants (KIs) at the settlement or city-raion level. Hromadas are selected in consultation with partners and programme teams, with a purposive sample of locations assessed in each.

The assessment is based on 20 indicators divided into 5 'drivers': (1) livelihoods, (2) utilities and services (3) residential destruction, (4) safety and security, and (5) public life. The indicators describe the critical or minimum conditions required for return to be a durable solution to displacement. The scores of each indicator and driver are grouped into three categories: low, medium, and high severity of living conditions. For more information on the methodology, please refer to the full report.

Coverage of the Conditions of Return Assessment Round 4

20 Oblasts	46 Raions	70 Hromadas	186 Locations
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¹ The data included in the full report and operational dataset are classified as 'restricted' under the OCHA Data and Information Sensitivity Classification for Ukraine

² International Organization for Migration (IOM), [Population Snapshot report, Round 14: UNHCR](#).

KEY FINDINGS – DRIVERS OF SEVERITY



LIVELIHOODS

- Returns are more likely to occur in areas with improved living conditions, likely driven by economic recovery and increased job opportunities. In half of all settlements in which **few or no residents seeking work can find suitable job opportunities**, fewer than 40 per cent of the displaced population had returned. Nevertheless, eight per cent of returnees in assessed locations reside in an area where at least one sector that provides significant employment remains severely impacted by the war and is yet to recover.
- The severity of livelihoods was highest in Chornobaivska (Khersonska Oblast) and in Kupianska, Tsyrukunivska, and Vovchanska Hromadas (Kharkivska Oblast). These areas are experiencing a slow recovery across all sectors of the economy attributed to the material damage caused by the war, which has resulted in infrastructure destruction, high unemployment rates, possibly resulting in a decline in household consumption.
- In Round 4, KIs reported more severe livelihoods conditions in 11 hromadas scattered across the country, including Buchanska, Borodianska, Ivankivska, Irpinska, Vyshneva, Hostomelska, Zhovtovodska, Pavlohradaska, Novobilouska, Vorokhtianska, and Yuzhnenska.



RESIDENTIAL DESTRUCTION

- Up to 18 per cent of returnees reside in a location **where more than 40 per cent of the residences have been damaged or destroyed** by the war (est. **400,900 returnees in 26 locations**).
- **Extensive residential structure damage does not appear to deter return.** Almost half of the locations (46%) with high levels of structural damage (>40% damaged) also indicated high rate of return (61-100%).
- In five locations, in Borodianska, Hostomelska, Zaporizka, and Odeska Hromadas, conditions worsened compared to Round 3. Among locations with high severity for residential destruction, only a few buildings were undergoing reconstruction. The reported increase in residential destruction may not necessarily indicate worsening conditions but may result from residents identifying and reporting damage more systematically, as well as more comprehensive damage assessments by authorities to support mandated recovery plans, often led by most recent returnees.



UTILITIES AND SERVICES

- Up to 75 per cent of returnees reside in a location where key informants reported that there had been **damage to at least one primary or secondary school** (est. **1,710,000 returnees in 15 locations**).



PUBLIC LIFE

- Up to 48 per cent of returnees reside in locations where residents are somewhat or very **concerned about tensions within their community**, most often deriving from the allocation of humanitarian aid, social assistance or compensation schemes (est. **1,092,000 returnees in 73 locations**).



SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Up to 17 per cent of returnees reside in locations where residents are aware of **mines and/or unexploded ordnance (UXOs)** (est. **397,000 returnees in 45 locations**). Returns may also occur in areas where there is awareness of the presence of mines and/or unexploded ordnance (UXOs). In more than one-third (40%) of all locations where mines and/or UXOs are present, more than 60 per cent of the previously displaced population have returned.
- Ten assessed hromadas were considered high severity for safety and security. Each of them recorded both the presence of mines and/or UXOs and at least one episode of a long-range attack in the month preceding data collection. Demining efforts were present in eight of these hromadas, however in assessed locations of Kharkivska and Khersonska Oblasts no ongoing demining activities were reported.
- High severity conditions for safety and security may influence the rate of return in Iziumska, Kupianska and Vovchanska (Kharkivska Oblast), Nikopolska (Dnipropetrovska Oblast) and Khersonska (Khersonska Oblast) Hromadas, were recorded return rates were between 1-20 per cent of the displaced population.

Severity of conditions

High Medium Low

Oblast	Raion	Hromada	Return %	Livelihoods				Utilities and Services				Residential Destruction			Safety and Security				Public Life		
				Recovery of agr.	Recovery of industry	Recovery of business	Public sector	Employment	Purchasing power	Govt. services	Police and law courts	Electricity disruptions	Water disruptions	Education	Healthcare	Residential Damage	Reconstruction	Mines/UXO	Demining activities	Military presence	Long-range attacks
Cherkaska	Cherkaskyi	Cherkaska	61-80%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium
Cherkaska	Uman'skiy	Uman'ska	21-40%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low
Chernihiv	Chernihiv'skiy	Chernihiv	81-100%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Chernihiv	Chernihiv'skiy	Horodnianska	81-100%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
Chernihiv	Chernihiv'skiy	Ivanivka	61-80%	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Low
Chernihiv	Chernihiv'skiy	Kozivka	61-80%	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
Chernihiv	Chernihiv'skiy	Novobukova	61-80%	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Chernihiv	Prykarpatskiy	Prykarpattia	1-20%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Low
Dnipropetrovka	Kryvorizkiy	Apostolivka	61-80%	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low
Dnipropetrovka	Dniprov'skiy	Dniprovka	61-80%	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low
Dnipropetrovka	Kryvorizkiy	Kryvorivka	61-80%	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	High	Low	Low
Dnipropetrovka	Nikopol'skiy	Nikopol'ka	1-20%	High	High	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	High	Medium	Medium
Dnipropetrovka	Pavlohrad'skiy	Pavlohrad	61-80%	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low
Dnipropetrovka	Kryvorizkiy	Zelenovka	81-100%	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low
Dnipropetrovka	Kamianskiy	Zhovtovoiska	41-60%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low
Donetska	Kramatorskiy	Kramatorska	21-40%	High	High	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	High	High	High
Donetska	Kramatorskiy	Stovarenka	21-40%	High	High	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	High	High	Medium
Ivano-Frankivska	Ivano-Frankiv'skiy	Ivano-Frankivka	1-20%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
Ivano-Frankivska	Kolomyjskiy	Kolomyjska	41-60%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
Ivano-Frankivska	Nachivnianskiy	Vorolivnianska	21-40%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Ivano-Frankivska	Nachivnianskiy	Yaremchanska	61-80%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
Kharkivska	Izium'skiy	Balivka	21-40%	High	High	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Kharkivska	Chuhuiv'skiy	Chuhuivka	61-80%	Low	High	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low

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Object	Raion	Hromada	Return %	Livelihoods				Utilities and Services				Residential Destruction			Safety and Security			Public Life			
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Kharkivka	Iziumskiy	Iziumskaya	31-40%	High	High	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	High	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High	Medium	Low
Kharkivka	Khar'kovskiy	Khar'kovskaya	61-80%	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High	Medium	High	Medium	Low
Kharkivka	Kupianskiy	Kupianskaya	1-20%	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	Low	Low	High	High	High	Low	High	High	Medium	High
Kharkivka	Khark'kovskiy	Tsykhanivskaya	1-20%	High	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Low	Low	High	High	High	Low	Medium	High	Medium	Low
Kharkivka	Chuhurivskiy	Vovchanskaya	1-20%	High	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	Low	Low	High	High	High	Low	Medium	High	Medium	High
Khersonka	Khersonskiy	Chornobailivskaya	1-20%	High	High	High	High	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	High	High	High	Low	High	High	Medium	High
Khersonka	Khersonskiy	Khersonskaya	1-20%	High	High	Medium	Medium	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	High	High	Medium	High	High	Medium	High
Khmelnytska	Khmelnytskiy	Khmelnytskaya	81-100%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	High	High	Low	Low	Medium	High	Medium	Medium
Khmelnytska	Kropyvnytskiy	Kropyvnytskaya	61-80%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	High	High	Low	Low	Low	High	Medium	Medium
Kyivka	Blizozerkivskiy	Blizozerkivskaya	81-100%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Medium	Medium
Kyivka	Bucharskiy	Bucharskaya	61-80%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	High	High	Low	Low	High	High	Low	Low	Medium	High	Medium	Low
Kyivka	Bucharskiy	Borzhnahaivskaya	61-80%	High	High	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	High	High	Low	Low	Medium	High	Medium	Medium
Kyivka	Vyshhorodskiy	Bucharskaya	81-100%	High	High	Low	Low	Low	High	High	High	Low	Low	High	High	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Medium
Kyivka	Vyshhorodskiy	Dymaria	61-80%	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Kyivka	Fashevskiy	Fashevskaya	41-60%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Kyivka	Bucharskiy	Horozovskaya	61-80%	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	High	High	Low	Low	Medium	High	Low	Low
Kyivka	Bucharskiy	Iripivskaya	81-100%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
Kyivka	Vyshhorodskiy	Ivanivskaya	81-100%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	High	High	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Medium
Kyivka	Bucharskiy	Muzarskaya	81-100%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	High	Low	Low	Medium	Low	High	Low
Kyivka	Bucharskiy	Vyshneva	81-100%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	High	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	Medium
Kyivka	Borzhnahaivskiy	Zolochivskaya	81-100%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	High	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low
Lvivka	Drohobyzskiy	Drohobyzskaya	61-80%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	High	High	Low	Low	High	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Lvivka	Lvivskiy	Lvivskaya	41-60%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	High	High	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium

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Lvivska	Strykyi	Stryka	41-60%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
Mykolaivska	Mykolaivskyi	Mykolaivka	41-60%	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low
Mykolaivska	Mykolaivskyi	Shecherbinka	41-60%	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low
Mykolaivska	Bashanskiy	Snhurivka	61-80%	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Mykolaivska	Voznesenskyi	Voznesenka	21-40%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	Low
Odeska	Izmailskyi	Izmailka	61-80%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	Medium
Odeska	Odeskyi	Odeska	41-60%	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	Medium
Odeska	Odeskyi	Tairovka	61-80%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	Medium
Odeska	Odeskyi	Yuzhenivka	81-100%	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	Medium
Polovtska	Kremenchukyyi	Kremenchukivka	21-40%	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Low
Polovtska	Polovtskyi	Polovka	41-60%	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
Sumiska	Konotopskyi	Konotopivka	21-40%	Medium	High	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Sumiska	Okhtyrskyi	Okhtyrka	61-80%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Sumiska	Shostkyivskyi	Shostkyivka	21-40%	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium
Sumiska	Sumskyi	Sumka	21-40%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Low
Sumiska	Okhtyrskyi	Trontseivka	41-60%	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low
Terнопil'ska	Terнопil'skyi	Terнопil'ska	41-60%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Vinnyc'ka	Vinnyc'kyi	Vinnyc'ka	61-80%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low
Zakarpats'ka	Mukachivskyi	Mukachivka	1-20%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	High	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium
Zakarpats'ka	Mukachivskyi	Svalivka	1-20%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Medium
Zakarpats'ka	Uzhhorodskyi	Uzhhorodivka	1-20%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium
Zaporiz'ka	Zaporiz'kyi	Zaporiz'ka	41-60%	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	Medium
Zhytomyr'ska	Korosten'skyi	Korostenivka	21-40%	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Medium	Medium
Zhytomyr'ska	Zhytomyrskyi	Zhytomyrivka	61-80%	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low



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