IOM Poland INTEGRATION SNAPSHOT

Social Cohesion and Inclusion

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Overview

In March of 2023, IOM Poland launched its Integration Survey to assess the progress and needs relating to labour and social integration of refugees from Ukraine in Poland.

The aim of the assessment is to gain an understanding of the employment situations, housing needs, financial resilience, social cohesion, barriers to accessing services, and short-medium term needs of refugees. In the 1 September - 30 November 2023 period, a total of 1,232 surveys were conducted.

This report provides a snapshot of the social integration of Ukrainian refugees in Poland for the period of September through November of 2023, as well as an overview of key trends based on data collected from March 2023 through November (page 2).

Key Findings

- The length of time spent in Poland is a significant determinant of the level of social integration of respondents. Those who had lived in Poland for more than 12 months at the time of interview had a higher average social integration score* (0.32) compared to those who had lived in Poland for less than 12 months (0. 23).
- The level of social integration reduced consistently as the age of respondents increased, with those 18-24 years old having a much higher average score (0.40), and those over having a lower average score (0.24).
- Students, business owners, and those employed full-time had the highest levels of social integration (>0.39), as compared to those who were retired, unemployed, or carried out family responsibilities, who had the lowest scores (<0.22).

KEY FIGURES

Total respondents



Respondents identify as female



Respondents with

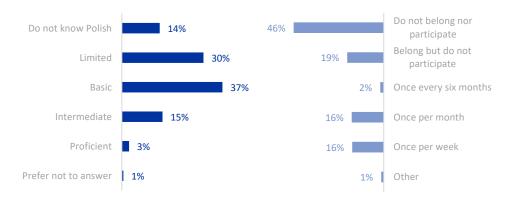
RESPONDENTS PER VOIVODESHIP OF RESIDENCE



INTEGRATION INDICATORS

How well can you speak, listen, read and write in Polish? N=1,232

How often do you participate in group activities? N=1,232



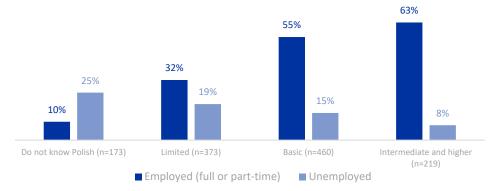
In the last 2 months, how often did you share meals in your free time with Polish friends? N=1,232

65% Never

7% Almost every day 8% Once a week 8% Twice

1% Other -

Employment status by Polish language knowledge



Respondents' social integration scores were calculated using three indicators from the survey: 1) self-reported Polish language ability, 2) frequency of sharing meals with Polish friends, and 3) level of participation in social, cultural or political groups or associations in Poland. Response options were assigned a value between 1 and 5, with 1 being given to the answers that suggest the lowest integration and 5 to the answers that suggest the highest integration. The total scores were adjusted to a 0 to 1 scale, with 0 being the least socially integrated and 1 being the most. The average score of all respondents was 0.28, with a range of scores from 0 to 1.

SOCIAL INTEGRATION SCORE OVER TIME

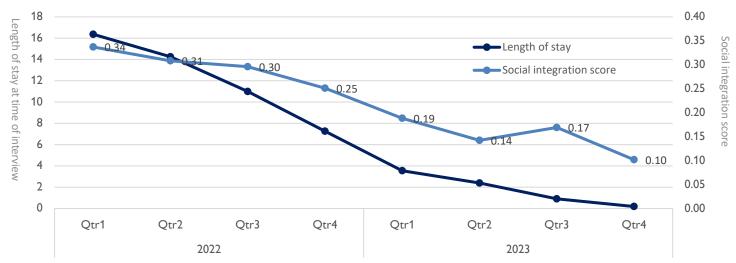
SOCIAL INTEGRATION SCORES BY VOIVOIDSHIP

Social integration score average per Voivodeship (N=2,870; March-November 2023)



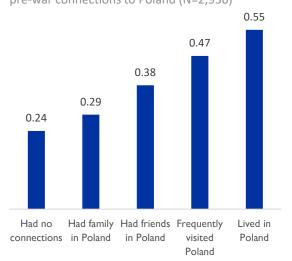
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Average social integration score by arrival month and average length of stay in Poland (N=2,922; March-November 2023)



CONNECTIONS TO POLAND

Average social integration score by prior, pre-war connections to Poland (N=2,936)



LENGTH OF STAY IN POLAND

Average social integration score by length of time spent in Poland

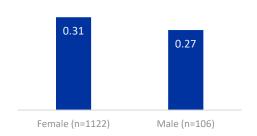


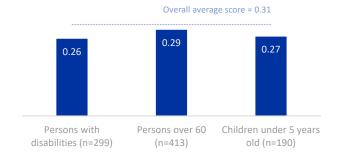
GENDER

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WITH VULNERABILITIES

Average social integration score by gender identity (September-November 2023)

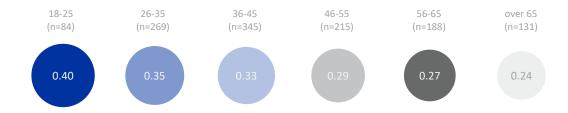
Average social integration score by household members with specific vulnerabilities (September-November 2023)





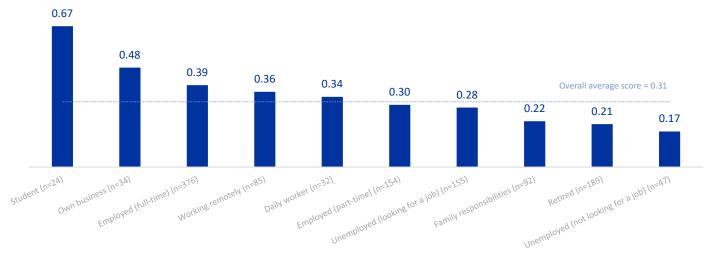
AGE

Average social integration score by age groups (September-November 2023)

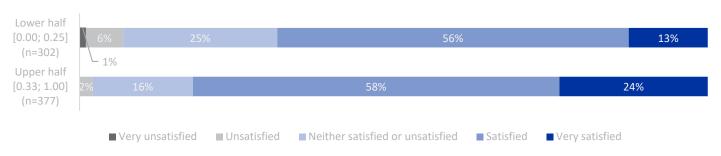


EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Average social integration score by top 10 most popular employment status (September-November 2023)



Satisfaction with current employment situation by integration score (September-November 2023)





METHODOLOGY

This report provides an overview of the social cohesion and integration of refugees from Ukraine currently residing in Poland. The findings are based on Integration and Social Inclusion Surveys conducted by IOM Poland between 13 March and 30 November 2023, with a focus on surveys conducted in the reporting period of 1 September – 30 November 2023. The survey exclusively included adults (18+) and targeted refugees who arrived in Poland after February 24, 2022. The report focuses on Ukrainian nationals who left Ukraine after February 24, 2022, citing the war as the reason for their displacement. Due to the very limited number of surveys conducted with Third Country Nationals (<1%), this report exclusively reflects the findings from surveys conducted with Ukrainian nationals.

Respondents were selected through a simple random sample approach by enumerators in various locations across Poland, including collective sites, humanitarian distribution points, transit hubs, public spaces and IOM integration centers. Face-to-face surveys were conducted in Ukrainian, Russian, and Polish by trained IOM data collectors in eight voivodeships across Poland. Data collection and storage were facilitated through a mobile application. The sample is not representative of all refugees from Ukraine in Poland, and the results should be considered indicative.

IOM Poland's Integration and Social Inclusion Survey aims to capture data on employment situations, economic resilience, social cohesion, access to services, barriers to education, accommodation, and primary needs of Ukrainian refugees in Poland. This survey is part of a longitudinal study in which consenting participants are contacted two months after the initial survey for a follow-up round via phone interview.

This survey was developed in coordination with IOM Poland's Labour Market and Social Inclusion unit based on the key integration components outlined in IOM's Toolkit on Facilitating Pathways to Inclusive and Cohesive Societies (Integration Toolkit), and with indicators largely derived from IOM/The Immigration Policy Lab's Migration Integration Index.

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