Data available as of 16 October 2022

65,886 TCNs ENTERED from Ukraine ↓ 60,329 TCNs EXITED 5,557 TCNs PRESENT in the country



34 Border Crossing Points (BCPs): Land BCPs with Ukraine and Romania One Airport

Since the onset of the war in Ukraine, people have been fleeing the crisis into the Republic of Moldova and other neighboring countries. This report presents findings based on cumulative and daily registrations by the General Inspectorate for Border Police (GIBP) and movements of refugees and other third-country nationals (TCNs) entering from Ukraine to the Republic of Moldova from all Border Crossing Points (BCPs) since 24 February 2022 and exiting the country from all BCPs towards Romania and Ukraine, as well as via flights. In addition, this report presents data on those who entered and are still present in the country.

Between 24 February and 16 October 2022, Ukrainian refugees represented 90 per cent (593,718) of all individuals registered at entry from Ukraine (UKR) to the Republic of Moldova (MDA). The remaining ten per cent (65,886) were Third Country Nationals (TCNs). Similarly, Ukrainian refugees represent 89 per cent (303,660) of all individuals registered leaving the Republic of Moldova towards Romania (ROU) during the reporting period and the remaining 11 per cent (35,893) were TCNs. This report focuses on the observable trends in the data on TCNs who entered the Republic of Moldova from Ukraine and analyzes data concerning their stay or their subsequent movement out of the country.

Third country nationals comprise ten per cent of all entries to the Republic of Moldova from Ukraine.

The graph in Figure 1 presents the number of TCNs who entered the Republic of Moldova through BCPs with Ukraine, highlighting the two main peaks. As shown in Figure 1.1, the first peak lasted until the beginning of March 2022, in the aftermath of the outbreak of the war, when refugees from Ukraine and TCNs started fleeing Ukraine. The second peak was registered mainly on 28 and 29 of September 2022, where most entries, or 82 per cent, were Israeli citizens, fleeing Ukraine and entering MDA. However, data reported from 28th of September onwards reveals a downward trend (367 entries on 30 Sep), decreasing to rates that are in line with flows prior to the spike in entries of Israeli nationals.

Figure 1: Daily entries of TCNs from BCPs on UKR-MDA border from 24 February to 16 October 2022, with spikes in numbers of entries highlighted

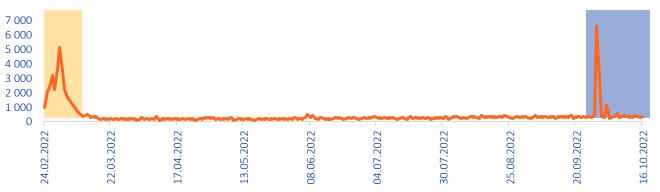


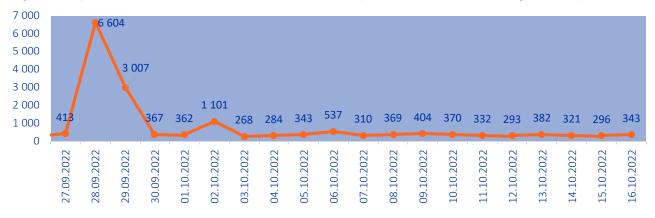
Figure 1.1: Daily entries of TCNs from BCPs on UKR-MDA border from 24 February to 10 March 2022, during the first spike in numbers of entries



Data Source: General Inspectorate for Border Police, Republic of Moldova

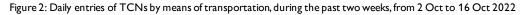
Note Moldovan authorities declared a state of emergency and closed the Moldovan air space as of 24 February. The airspace was reopened on 25 March.

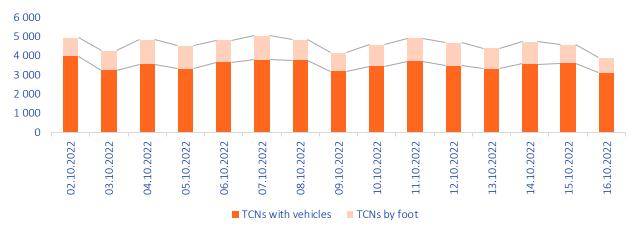
Figure 1.2: Daily entries of TCNs from BCPs on UKR-MDA border from 18 September to 16 October 2022, during the second spike in entries



Mode of entry from Ukraine

The administrative data of the national authorities reveals that 32 per cent of all persons registered at BCPs upon entry into the Republic of Moldova from Ukraine have entered by foot, while the remaining 68 per cent entered by vehicles. The share of those entering by foot was 92 per cent for Ukrainian refugees and 8 per cent for TCNs.





Entries from Ukraine to the Republic of Moldova

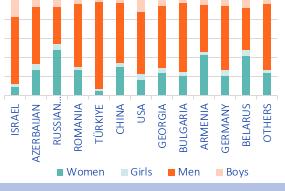
Some 65,886 TCNs of 135 different countries of origin and nationalities were registered while entering from Ukraine since 24 February 2022: the majority were men (65%) followed by women (23%) and children* (12%). The top countries of origin of those entering the Republic of Moldova so far were Israel (19%), Azerbaijan (11%), Russian Federation(RUS) (10%), Romania and Türkiye (8% each), China (6%), United States of America (4%), Georgia, Bulgaria and Armenia (3% each).

Figure 3: Number of entries of TCNs from BCPs on UKR-MDA border



* Children are below 18 years of age.

2 IOM Moldova – <u>https://moldova.iom.int/</u> IOM DTM Moldova – https://displacementiom.int/moldova Figure 4: Entries of TCNs by age and gender disaggregation from BCPs on UKR-MDA border



The highest shares of children were among nationals of Israel (33%), Azerbaijan (13%) and Russian Federation (11%), while the lowest shares were among nationals of France, Kazakhstan, Italy and Viet Nam (1% each).

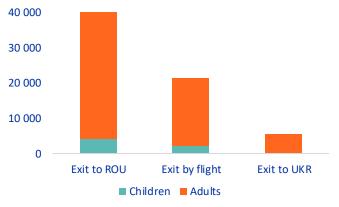
The highest shares of women were among nationals of Russian Federation (20%), Azerbaijan (13%), Romania (9%) China and Israel (7% each) while the lowest shares of women were among nationals from France, Italy, Kazakhstan, Türkiye and Uzbekistan (1% each).

Exits from the Republic of Moldova to Romania, Ukraine, and via flights

Among those registered upon entry from Ukraine by national authorities in the Republic of Moldova since 24 February 54 per cent (35, 893) TCNs have exited towards Romania during the reporting period, of whom 12 per cent (4,214) are children and 88 per cent (31,679) are adults. Out of 65,886 TCNs, 19,170 of them were reported to have left the country by flight and 5,557 TCNs were registered at exit BCPs towards Ukraine.



Figure 5: Number of TCNs exiting from MDA through BCPs, by age group



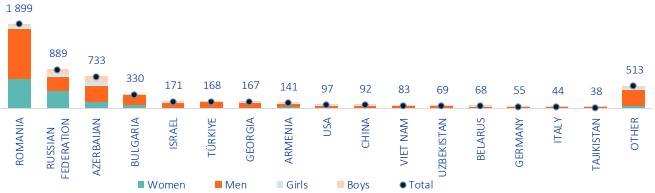
Presence in the country

Number of TCNs present in the Republic of Moldova

As of 16 October 2022, around 84,101 refugees from Ukraine and TCNs not in need of international protection, who entered through the BCPs from Ukraine to the Republic of Moldova on or after 24 February 2022, are reported to currently be present in the country. The vast majority of those still in the country (78,544 individuals or 93%) are Ukrainian refugees and the remaining 7 per cent (5,557) are TCNs. Among TCNs, 55 per cent were men, 29 per cent were women and the remaining 16 per cent were children.

Among TCNs currently in the Republic of Moldova, the reported top countries of origin were Romania (34%), Russian Federation (16%), Azerbaijan (13%), Bulgaria (6%), Israel, Türkiye, Georgia and Armenia (3% each).

Figure 6: Distribution of TCNs present in MDA as of 16 October 2022, by nationality, age and sex



For more updates on refugees from Ukraine in neighbouring countries, please visit: http://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine/location/10784