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## STATE OF UKRAINIANS＇MENTAL HEALTH．THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARDS PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP DURING THE WAR

within the initiative of First Lady Olena Zelenska to create a national program of mental health and psychosocial support

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Data collection method: a survey self-administered via the mobile application.

Target audience of the study: men and women aged 18-60 who lived in cities with a population of 50 thousand and more on the territory of Ukraine before the beginning full-scale war.

Number of successful interviews: 2100

Field period of the survey: September 22 - September 26, 2022

## SURVEY OF UKRAINIIANS： PECULIARITIES OF MENTAL HEALTH DURING FULL－SCALE WAR

## SUBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT OF ONE‘S OWN MENTAL HEALTH

$41 \%$ of respondents evaluated their state of mental health as satisfactory, while half ( $51 \%$ ) determined it as an average state. For the most part, people are guided by their own feelings/observations in determining their mental health state.

## Assessment of mental health

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| Satisfactory state <br> $(8+9+10)$ | $\mathbf{4 1 \%}$ |
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[^0]How respondents determine their mental health state:


## EMOTIONS WHICH MOST PREVAIL IN THE MOOD OF UKRAINIANS RECENTLY

More than a third of respondents declare that they have recently felt tension ( $42 \%$ ), hope ( $41 \%$ ) and fatigue ( $41 \%$ ).


## FEELING OF STRESS AND CAUSES OF STRESS

$71 \%$ of respondents have recently felt stressed or very nervous. The war is most often mentioned among the causes of stress (72\%), financial difficulties are in second place (44\%). Among the aspects of war that cause stress, the safety of loved ones is in the first place (63\%)


Base: all respondents, $\mathrm{N}=2100$


Base: respondents who have recently felt stressed or very nervous, $\mathrm{N}=1481$


Base: respondents who have recently felt stressed or very nervous due to full-scale war, $\mathrm{N}=1057$

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## FEELING OF STRESS OR STRONG NERVOUSNESS RECENTLY

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## by gender and age

Women and people aged 25-34 years feel stress more often, while people aged 55-60 years, on the contrary, feel it less often compared to representatives of other age groups.


## CAUSES OF FEELING OF STRESS OR STRONG NERVOUSNESS RECENTLY

## by gender and age

War is the dominant cause of stress in all gender and age groups, but women and people aged 55-60 mention this cause more often. Young people (people aged 18-24), on the contrary, feel stress due to the war slightly less often than representatives of other age groups, but they are more often concerned about other issues - work, family matters, the coronavirus pandemic, communication with friends and romantic relationships.

|  | Total | Men | Women | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-60 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Full-scale war with Russia | 72\% | 68\% | 74\% | 57\% | 71\% | 70\% | 74\% | 86\% |
| Financial difficulties | 44\% | 42\% | 46\% | 33\% | 49\% | 42\% | 47\% | 45\% |
| The socio-political situation in the country | 30\% | 30\% | 29\% | 32\% | 25\% | 27\% | 37\% | 30\% |
| The state of one's own health | 25\% | 22\% | 28\% | 28\% | 22\% | 22\% | 29\% | 32\% |
| Unemployment | 25\% | 24\% | 25\% | 24\% | 24\% | 25\% | 24\% | 27\% |
| Work, work issues | 23\% | 25\% | 22\% | 34\% | 20\% | 22\% | 24\% | 20\% |
| High level of inflation in the country | 23\% | 28\% | 19\% | 24\% | 22\% | 18\% | 31\% | 21\% |
| Family matters and relationships | 22\% | 19\% | 24\% | 30\% | 26\% | 20\% | 18\% | 18\% |
| Health status of loved ones | 20\% | 17\% | 23\% | 22\% | 18\% | 19\% | 17\% | 34\% |
| The hryvnia exchange rate / fall in the hryvnia exchange rate | 19\% | 23\% | 17\% | 18\% | 21\% | 19\% | 21\% | 13\% |
| The coronavirus pandemic, quarantine | 6\% | -5\% | 7\% | 12\% | 7\% | 4\% | 6\% | 6\% |
| Communication with friends, acquaintances | 5\% | 6\% | -5\% | 18\% | -4\% | -4\% | 2\% | 7\% |
| Romantic relationship Base: $\mathrm{N}=$ | [5\% 1481 | - $4 \%$ 621 | 6\% 860 | $10 \%$ <br> 151 | 6\% $363$ | 7\% | 1\% 346 | 1\% 165 |

[^1]Statistically significant differences higher / lower for the age group
compared to the sample as a whole. Women are compared to men.

## NEGATIVE STATES WHICH PEOPLE HAVE FELT RECENTLY

The largest share of respondents recently felt such negative states as anxiety, tension (50\%), bad mood (45\%), poor sleep (41\%) and irritation \& anger (38\%). Among women, compared to men, there was recorded manifestation of a greater number of negative conditions. Among the audience aged 24-34, there are significantly more people who have recently felt bad mood, anger/irritation, fatigue, reduced productivity and eating disorders. Among the respondents aged 55-60, there are significantly more people who had sleep disorders ( $47 \%$ vs $41 \%$ )

|  | Total | Men | Women | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-60 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Anxiety, tension | 50\% | 42\% | 57\% | 44\% | 51\% | 48\% | 52\% | 51\% |
| Bad mood | 45\% | 39\% | 51\% | 38\% | 53\% | 44\% | 44\% | 40\% |
| Sleep disorders | 41\% | 34\% | 47\% | 35\% | 38\% | 40\% | 44\% | 47\% |
| Irritation, anger | 38\% | 31\% | 44\% | 37\% | 44\% | 39\% | 37\% | 27\% |
| Feeling of fatigue | 32\% | 24\% | 40\% | 40\% | 37\% | 32\% | 32\% | 18\% |
| Emotional instability | 29\% | 22\% | 35\% | 32\% | 31\% | 24\% | 29\% | 30\% |
| Lack of mental harmony | 26\% | 21\% | 30\% | 26\% | 27\% | 25\% | 27\% | 23\% |
| Reduced productivity | 25\% | 21\% | 30\% | 30\% | 31\% | 22\% | 25\% | 20\% |
| Obsessive negative thoughts | 25\% | 22\% | 28\% | 32\% | 27\% | 20\% | 24\% | 29\% |
| Apathy | 25\% | 20\% | 29\% | 24\% | 29\% | 26\% | 23\% | 16\% |
| Depression | 24\% | 22\% | 27\% | 24\% | 26\% | 24\% | 25\% | 21\% |
| Lack of motivation | 23\% | 22\% | 25\% | 39\% | 26\% | 21\% | 23\% | 14\% |
| Constant desire to cry | 13\% | 4\% | 21\% | 15\% | 15\% | 10\% | 13\% | 10\% |
| Eating disorders <br> Base: $\mathrm{N}=$ | $12 \%$ 2100 | $10 \%$ | 15\% | 14\% | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \% \\ \hline 476 \end{array}$ | 10\% 629 | 11\% | 9\% |
| Base: all respondents Which of these have you felt recently? |  |  |  |  | atistically si mpared to | $\overline{\text { ant }}$ differen mple as a | gher / lowe Women are | age group, ed to men. |

## WAYS TO COPE WITH STRESS OR STRONG ANXIETY

## by gender and age

In general, among the ways to cope with stress, the respondents mention surfing the Internet (39\%), communicating with loved ones (31\%) and watching TV, movies or series (29\%) most often. Ways to cope with stress also differ depending on gender and age groups. Thus, for example, young people (people aged 18-24) most often cope with stress with the help of music (men listen to it more often), while women spend time with loved ones, people aged $55-60$ take sedatives.

|  | Total | Men | Women | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-60 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Surfing the Internet | 39\% | 38\% | 39\% | 35\% | 39\% | 35\% | 44\% | 41\% |
| Communicate with friends, family | 31\% | 28\% | 33\% | 33\% | 32\% | 29\% | 31\% | 30\% |
| Watch TV / movies / series | 29\% | 30\% | 27\% | 28\% | 35\% | 22\% | 35\% | 23\% |
| Spend time with loved ones | 24\% | 21\% | 28\% | 20\% | 27\% | 23\% | 23\% | 29\% |
| Listen to music | 24\% | 29\% | 20\% | 43\% | $31 \%$ | 23\% | 18\% | 11\% |
| Work significantly more | 20\% | 20\% | 19\% | 17\% | 17\% | 21\% | 19\% | 23\% |
| Engage in favorite activities, hobbies | 19\% | 18\% | 20\% | 30\% | 20\% | 15\% | 21\% | 19\% |
| Consume alcohol | 16\% | 23\% | 11\% | 16\% | 17\% | 16\% | 19\% | 13\% |
| Take medications for stress / to calm down | 16\% | 8\% | 23\% | 11\% | 12\% | 14\% | 17\% | 27\% |
| Read books | 15\% | 12\% | 17\% | 13\% | 15\% | 13\% | 16\% | 20\% |
| Eat more sweet / tasty food | 14\% | 9\% | 18\% | 20\% | 18\% | 14\% | 11\% | 7\% |
| Relax in nature | 13\% | 13\% | 14\% | 7\% | 13\% | 14\% | 11\% | 24\% |
| Do sports Base: $\mathrm{N}=$ | $10 \%$ 2100 | $10 \%$ 1008 | 10\% 1092 | $18 \%$ <br> 225 | 11\% | $10 \%$ 629 | 10\% | ${ }^{\mathbf{3 \%}}$ |

The slide shows the alternatives that received more than $10 \%$ mentions

## SURVEY OF UKRAINIANS： EXPERIENCE OF SEEKING PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP DURING FULL－SCALE WAR

## GENERAL EXPERIENCE OF CONTACTING TO A SPECIALIST

About half of the respondents (46\%) have never visited a psychologist/psychotherapist and do not plan to do so in the future (a significantly higher share is among the $45+$ audience). A third of respondents, although they have not visited specialists before, do not rule it out if necessary (the highest share of such people is recorded among women and the 25-34 age group). $7 \%$ of respondents had experience of visiting a psychologist/psychotherapist, and only $1 \%$ have regular sessions.

|  | Total | Men | Women | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-60 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Visit a psychologist/psychotherapist | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \% \\ & 7 \% \end{aligned}$ | 1\% | 10\% | 6\% | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1\% } \\ & 9 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1\% } \\ & 7 \% \end{aligned}$ | 0,3\% $5 \%$ | 5\% |
| regularly |  |  |  | 13\% |  |  |  | 23\% |
| Visit a psychologist/psychotherapist when a problem or need arises | 35\% |  | 39\% |  | 40\% | 36\% |  |  |
| Have never visited a psychologist / psychotherapist, but do not rule it out |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Have never visited and do not plan to | 46\% | 53\% | 39\% |  | 41\% | 42\% | 53\% |  |
| Not sure / prefer not to say |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 11\% | 10\% | 12\% | 9\% | 9\% | 13\% | 10\% | 11\% |
| Base: $\mathrm{N}=$ | 2100 | 1008 | 1092 | 225 | 476 | 629 | 491 | 278 |

## FEELING OF THE NEED FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP DURING THE PAST 6 MONTHS

As for the feeling of need for psychological help during the past 6 months, respondents almost equally divided into those who have such feeling and those who do not have so: $42 \%$ felt the need, and $38 \%$ did not. In general, women and people aged $18-24$ felt the need for psychological help during this time significantly more often than men and other age groups. At the same time, people aged 55-60, on the contrary, did not feel the need for psychological help significantly more often. In general, the feeling of need for such support decreases with age.


[^2]During the past 6 months, have you felt that you need psychological help?
(talk to someone, talk about your state)

## SEEKING PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP DURING THE PAST 6 MONTHS

The vast majority of respondents (88\%) have not sought psychological help in the last 6 months, only $27 \%$ of them indicate that they intend to do so someday, while $61 \%$ do not plan to do so. Thus, $5 \%$ of respondents sought help (more often these are women and people aged 18-24). In general, the intention to seek psychological help decreases with age


## PROBLEMS CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT TO SEEK PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP

According to the surveyed respondents, among the problems that are sufficient for seeking psychological help, the most often mentioned are being in captivity ( $45 \%$ ), loss of the loved one due to war $(43 \%)$, the presence of problems with psychological / mental health due to war ( $40 \%$ ), participation in hostilities ( $39 \%$ ) and occupation ( $38 \%$ ). People aged $35-44$ less often mention all these problems, with the exception of the last one. Women and people aged 18-24 consider most of the proposed problems sufficient to seek psychological help more often than men and the sample as a whole, while people aged 55-60 more often than other age groups say that such problems are only being in captivity, loss of loved one or housing due to war.


[^3]
## GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO CURRENTLY NEED FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP

According to about half of the respondents，people who have lost a loved one due to war（ $53 \%$ ），as well as military personnel who took part in hostilities（ $51 \%$ ）need for psychological help at the moment the most．This hierarchy is unchanged among gender and age groups．In general，women and people aged $55-60$ mention a larger number of social groups who need for psychological help more often than men and other age groups．Women and people aged 18－24 also slightly more often mention that all Ukrainians currently need for psychological help．


## GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO CURRENTLY NEED FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP THE MOST

The hierarchy of social groups who currently need for psychological help the most is almost the same as the answers in general. Thus, in the opinion of about half of the respondents, those soldiers who took part in hostilities ( $51 \%$ ), as well as those who lost a loved one due to the war ( $48 \%$ ) currently need for psychological help the most. There are differences in answers among gender and age groups


## BARRIERS TO SEEKING PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP

Among the barriers to seeking psychological help during the last 6 months, the surveyed respondents most often mention the insignificance of their own problems ( $31 \%$ ), confidence in their ability to cope independently ( $26 \%$ ), the presence of people who currently have a greater need for help ( $20 \%$ ), as well as the cost of such assistance ( $20 \%$ ). The last three reasons are also more often mentioned by women as barriers, while people aged 18-24 also more often do not have time to seek.

|  | Total | Men | Women | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-60 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Do not consider their problems sufficient for seeking | 31\% | 32\% | 29\% | 21\% | 23\% | 29\% | 32\% | 53\% |
| Were confident that they would be able to to cope independently | 26\% | 22\% | 31\% | 21\% | 25\% | 24\% | 31\% | 30\% |
| There are enough of those who need it more now | 20\% | 17\% | 23\% | 13\% | 20\% | 20\% | 22\% | 25\% |
| It is expensive | 20\% | 14\% | 25\% | 23\% | 21\% | 19\% | 21\% | 14\% |
| Do not think it will help | 15\% | 17\% | 13\% | 11\% | 15\% | 13\% | 18\% | 16\% |
| This is not the time | 13\% | 13\% | 13\% | 17\% | 13\% | 10\% | 14\% | 12\% |
| Not ready to share the experience, worries | 12\% | 11\% | 14\% | 7\% | 17\% | 13\% | 10\% | 13\% |
| Did not know where to seek | 10\% | 7\% | 13\% | 19\% | 13\% | 9\% | 6\% | 7\% |
| Do not want to show the weakness | 9\% | 9\% | 9\% | 5\% | 9\% | 10\% | 11\% | 5\% |
| Do not trust in psychologists | 8\% | 9\% | 7\% | 6\% | 7\% | 8\% | 10\% | 9\% |
| Did not have time to seek | 8\% | 8\% | 7\% | 24\% | 9\% | 6\% | 4\% | $4 \%$ |
| Feel shame / fear Base: $\mathrm{N}=$ | 7\% 1833 | $\begin{gathered} 7 \% \\ 887 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \% \\ & 946 \end{aligned}$ | 13\% | 10\% | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \% \\ & 544 \end{aligned}$ | 4\% | $\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{4 \%} \\ 245 \end{array}$ |

The slide shows the alternatives that received more than $2 \%$ mentions (Total)
Base: respondents who did not seek psychological help during the last 6 months
Statistically significant differences higher / lower for the age group,

SURVEY OF UKRAINIANS:
KNOWLEDGE OF MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS AND TRUST IN THEM

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## TRUST IN ORGANIZATIONS

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Respondents trust Diya the most (37\%), and the Ministry of Veterans Affairs - the least (3\%). A quarter of respondents trust the World Health Organization (25\%) and UNICEF (24\%), every fifth ( $21 \%$ ) - the Ministry of Health. The lowest level of trust in almost all of the listed organizations was recorded among representatives of the 45-54 age group, and the highest - among people aged $18-24$ and $25-34$ years.


## TRUST IN STATE AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Armed Forces of Ukraine are trusted the most (59\%). The highest level of trust in the Armed Forces of Ukraine was recorded among representatives of the age categories 5560 years ( $73 \%$ ) and $45-54$ years ( $68 \%$ ), the lowest - respectively among young people (18-24 years) and middle-aged people ( $35-44$ years). Next in terms of trust are the President of Ukraine ( $44 \%$ ) and volunteer organizations ( $25 \%$ ). The president of Ukraine is most trusted by young people (18-24 years old) and people of pre-retirement age ( $55-60$ years old). In general, respondents trust the courts (2\%) and the State Tax Service (1\%) the least.


## TRUST IN PERSONS / SOURCES OF INFORMATION IN PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH ISSUES

Specialists in the field of psychology are the most trusted: psychologists / psychotherapists (27\%), psychologists / psychotherapists on a free hotline (14\%), psychiatrists (13\%), while the least trusted are bloggers (2\%), pharmacists (1\%). Every fifth respondent trusts only his own opinion. According to gender and age distribution, psychologists / psychotherapists and psychiatrists are most trusted by women and persons aged 18-24. In addition, among other age groups, young people (18-24 years old) trust family doctors (17\%) and psychologists' articles on the Internet (23\%) the most.


## SURVEY OF UKRAINIANS:

SOURCES OF
INFORMATION WHICH ARE USED BY PEOPLE

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## SOURCES USED IN THE LAST MONTH

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In the last month, the largest share of respondents used social networks ( $67 \%$ in general, and a higher share of usage is recorded among women), watched YouTube videos ( $67 \%$ ) and used messengers ( $58 \%$ in general, and a higher share of usage is recorded among women and the $25-34$ audience). In addition, about half of the respondents watched TV and read online media in the last month ( $52 \%$ of users each).


## SOCIAL NETWORKS USED IN THE LAST MONTH


The most popular social networks among respondents are Facebook ( $83 \%$ of users) and Instagram ( $61 \%$ of users). Whereas Facebook is more popular among the $35-54$ audience, and Instagram - among the 18-34 audience. In addition, among the 18-24 audience, there are also significantly higher shares of TikTok and Twitter users

|  | Total | Men | Women | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-60 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Facebook | 83\% | 83\% | 83\% | 63\% | 77\% | 88\% | 88\% | 87\% |
| Instagram | 61\% | 50\% | 70\% | 87\% | 80\% | 60\% | 49\% | 34\% |
| TikTok | 38\% | 36\% | 39\% | 62\% | 37\% | 36\% | 35\% | 29\% |
| Twitter | 11\% | 16\% | 7\% | 20\% | 12\% | 10\% | 8\% | 9\% |
| Linkedin | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 5\% | 8\% | 4\% | 2\% |  |
| Base: $\mathrm{N}=$ | 1414 | 624 | 790 | 134 | 334 | 426 | 348 | 172 |

Base: respondents who used social networks for the last month Statistically significant differences higher / lower for the age group

## MESSENGERS USED IN THE LAST MONTH

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The most popular messengers among respondents are Telegram ( $91 \%$ of users) and Viber ( $89 \%$ of users). Telegram is more popular among the 18-24 audience, and Viber - among the 45-54 audience. In addition, among the 18-24 audience, there are significantly lower shares of Viber, Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp and Skype users.

|  | Total | Men | Women | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-60 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Telegram | 91\% | 90\% | 91\% | 97\% | 88\% | 89\% | 94\% | 90\% |
| Viber | 89\% | 88\% | 89\% | 77\% | 84\% | 92\% | 94\% | 93\% |
| Facebook Messenger | 58\% | 58\% | 57\% | 38\% | 58\% | 60\% | 60\% | 65\% |
| WhatsApp | 35\% | 34\% | 36\% | 26\% | 38\% | 36\% | 40\% | 28\% |
| Skype | 9\% | 11\% | 7\% | 4\% | 11\% | 9\% | 11\% | 5\% |
| Base: $\mathrm{N}=$ | 214 | 546 | 68 | 140 | 305 | 363 | 282 | 125 |

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Messengers and social networks are the most popular among respondents - $93 \%$ and $90 \%$ use them every day, respectively. According to the frequency of usage, other popular sources are online media, TV, YouTube and radio ( $68 \%, 61 \%, 58 \%$ and $36 \%$ of respondents are considered to be their daily users, respectively). Among the indicated sources of information, respondents use print media the least often - the vast majority ( $37 \%$ ) use them once a month or even less often.


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## SURVEY OF UKRAINIANS: PROFILE OF THE INTERVIEWED UKRAINIANS*

## RELOCATION OF UKRAINIANS* DUE TO THE FULL-SCALE WAR

More than half ( $57 \%$ ) of the surveyed respondents remained at their place of residence since the beginning of the war, while $41 \%$ - left their place of residence ( $18 \%$ of them - have already returned home, and $23 \%$ - still remain far from their own home). In general, residents of the Western and Central regions remained at their place more often than residents of other regions, while residents of the East - left their place of residence, and residents of Kyiv and the North - more often migrated, but have already returned home.


[^5] Base: all respondents
Which of the following phrases best reflects your actions in the situation of Russia's war against Ukraine:

## DIRECTION OF RELOCATION DUE TO THE FULL-SCALE WAR

The vast majority ( $62 \%$ ) of respondents were forced to relocate to another oblast due to the war, while $19 \%$ - migrated within their oblast, and $18 \%-$ migrated abroad. Residents of the Eastern region migrated to another oblast more often than residents of other regions, while residents of the Southern region - migrated within their oblast, and residents of the Western region - migrated abroad.


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## RELOCATION IN CASE OF AGGRAVATION. DESIRE TO RETURN TO UKRAINE

More than half of the respondents who currently remain in Ukraine intend to stay at their current place of residence in the event of a worsening of the situation in the country, while $24 \%$ - intend to relocate within the country further from the epicenter of hot events, and $9 \%$ - plan to go abroad in such case. When it comes to those who are currently abroad (forced to leave due to the war), $64 \%$ of respondents intend to return at the first opportunity, while $11 \%$ - most likely left permanently, and $19 \%$ - have not yet decided.

In case of aggravation of the situation
would rather...
Intention to return (currently abroad)
(currently in Ukraine)

| Would rather stay at current <br> location |
| :--- |
| Would rather relocate further <br> from the epicenter of hot events <br> within Ukraine |
| Would rather relocate abroad |

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## SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Gender


Region (before the war)

| $16 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| East | ■West | $\boxed{ } \quad$ Kyiv | ■ North | ■Centre | ■South |



The size of the settlement (before the war)


Having children


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## SURVEY OF EXPERTS

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Data collection method: a survey self-administered via the mobile application.

Target audience of the study: psychologists and
psychotherapists working in Ukraine, namely:

- Military psychologists, psychologists of the rehabilitation center for veterans
- Psychologists / social workers of the IRC, psychologists / social workers of a volunteer organization that works with people with disabilities
- Psychologists/psychotherapists with private practice
- Psychiatrists / psychotherapists with private practice

Number of successful interviews: 73.
Field period of the survey: September 22 - September 29, 2022

## SURVEY OF EXPERTS: EXPERIENCE OF PROVIDING PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP DURING THE FULL-SCALE WAR

## PROVISION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP DURING THE WAR: GROUPS OF SERVICE RECIPIENTS

The interviewed experts most often provided psychological help to civilians who went through traumatic experience (67\%), IDPs (54\%). Also, less than half declare experience in child / adolescent therapy and work with foreign migrants. People with disabilities and pregnant women are the groups with which the interviewed experts had the least contact.


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## PROVISION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP DURING THE WAR: WHAT THE RECIPIENTS FELT

Most often, those who sought psychological help experienced changes in physical and emotional activity. This manifests itself through a feeling of inner anxiety and tension (including panic attacks), inability to control one's emotions, impaired sleep, as well as physical and emotional exhaustion (reduced productivity, lack of motivation, feeling of fatigue). The least common symptoms are eating disorders and PTSD.


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## PROVISION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP DURING THE WAR: TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE

Among the recipients of psychological help, most often there are persons who were near or directly in the zone of active hostilities, including those who had experience of evacuation from a dangerous zone. Also, most of the experts worked with people who suffered losses as a result of the war (income, housing, property, loved ones) and acquired problems with mental and psychological health.


## SURVEY OF EXPERTS: PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH OF UKRAINIANS

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None of the interviewed experts evaluated the state of psychological health of Ukrainians as satisfactory, the majority evaluated it at an average level. In their opinion, persons who have directly encountered the consequences of war (loss of the person, participation in hostilities, being in occupation or near active hostilities) need psychological help the most.
The state of psychological health of the population of Ukraine (subjective expert assessment)
$26 \%$

|  |  | Nee |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All Ukrainians | 45\% | 22\% |
| Those who lost a loved one as a result of the war | 45\% | 54\% |
| Military personnel who were involved in hostilities | 42\% | 54\% |
| Civilians with experience of being in the occupation | 47\% | 49\% |
| Civilians who were close to active hostilities | 41\% | 43\% |
| Those whose relatives are in the Armed Forces of Ukraine | 44\% | 33\% |
| Children | 30\% | 17\% |
| Refugees abroad | 33\% | 14\% |
| Internally displaced persons | 38\% | 13\% |
| Teenagers | 33\% | 11\% |
| Those who suffered material losses as a result of the war | 34\% | 7\% |

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## PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH: <br> ATTITUDE AMONG UKRAINIANS

In general, according to experts, there is no developed culture of caring for one's psychological health among Ukrainians. Less than $15 \%$ of the interviewed experts consider that Ukrainians are aware of the importance of psychological health and have a serious attitude towards it, and that Ukrainians are also ready to change their attitude towards psychological health.


## PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP: STEREOTYPES

According to experts, the most common stereotypes are that only mentally ill people need psychological help and that people can cope with psychological problems individually. About a third declare that Ukrainians do not see the difference between a psychologist and a psychiatrist. Also, a third indicate that all the following stereotypes are equally common.


## PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH: AWARENESS OF IMPORTANCE

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According to the overwhelming majority of experts, women and the young generation ( $18-35$ years old) are the groups who are most aware of the importance of psychological health among the population of Ukraine.


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## PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP: WHO IS INCLINED TO SEEK HELP

According to the vast majority of experts, women and millennials (25-35 years old) are the groups who are inclined to seek psychological help. In second place are young people aged 18-24. More than a third also declare that there were cases when parents have asked them for assistance for their children of younger / teenage age or when teenagers sought help individually. Among the interviewed experts, there are none who declare that men and older people (60+) are more likely to apply.


## PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP: DRIVERS OF SEEKING HELP

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According to respondents, awareness and availability contribute to seeking psychological help, including the presence of positive feedbacks and awareness of ways to get help. $56 \%$ of the surveyed experts indicate the subjective feeling of necessity as a driver. The least effective circumstances are information from the state, advice from relatives and personal acquaintance with a psychologist / psychotherapist.


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## PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP: HOW TO CHANGE THE ATTITUDE OF UKRAINIANS

According to experts, in order to improve the attitude of Ukrainians to psychological health and psychological help, it is necessary to act comprehensively, namely:

1) raise public awareness about the importance of mental health, ways to identify psychological problems and places to get psychological help through information campaigns, positive feedback from ordinary citizens, etc.;
2) support initiatives at the state level, including the implementation of a nationwide program to restore and preserve the psychological health of Ukrainians;
3) Increase the comfort of receiving psychological services and trust in specialists by controlling the licensing process.

Conduct information campaigns aimed at forming a positive perception of
psychological help
 To create comfortable centers of psychological help

Support psychological initiatives at the state level
Share the positive experience of receiving psychological help from
ordinary citizens

To implement a nationwide program to restore and preserve the
psychological health of Ukrainians


60\%
More actively inform about the places of receiving psychological help
To control the licensing process of providers of psychological help


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[^0]:    Base: all respondents, $\mathrm{n}=2100$
    Please assess the state of your psychological (mental) health. Answer on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means 'I have a lot of problems with my psychological health' and 10 means 'I do not have problems with my psychological health at all' On the basis of what do you make such a conclusion?

[^1]:    The slide shows alternatives that received more than $4 \%$ of mentions
    Base: respondents who have recently felt stressed or very nervous

[^2]:    Base: all respondents

[^3]:    Base: all respondents

[^4]:    Base: respondents who used the relevant source

[^5]:    Ukrainians - residents of cities with population of 50 thousand and more, $\overline{\text { g ged }} 18 \mp \overline{\text { years }}, \overline{w h o} \bar{u} \overline{s e} \overline{\text { smartphones }}$

[^6]:    Yes, I have children under the age of 6 Yes, I have children aged 12-17

    - I do not have children

[^7]:    Yes, I have children aged 6 to 11 years

    - Yes, I have children aged 18 and / or older

[^8]:    In your opinion, how can the attitude of Ukrainians to psychological health and psychological help be improved/changed?

