New audience for Ukrainian brands — how 4.6 million IDPs live in Ukraine: work, income, consumer trends — survey by Gradus Research

To help Ukrainian brands understand the new segment of consumers and find an approach to them, Gradus Research company conducted a large-scale study of the lives of internally displaced persons: places of residence, basic needs, employment, and changes in income and consumption. In general, according to official data of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine only, the number of IDPs is 4.6 million as of October 3, 2022, and according to unofficial data, it is much bigger. And only by understanding the needs and realities of life of this large segment of the audience, businesses in regions where internally displaced persons currently live can turn them into their customers.

They mostly migrate from East to West

Residents of Eastern Ukraine migrate the most — 61%. As well as South residents, but with a significantly lower percentage — 21%. Residents of the West and Center more often stay at their permanent place of residence. And Kyivans and residents of the North more often declare returning home after temporary migration.

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RELOCATION DUE TO THE WAR

Stayed at home Left their homes Left their homes but have already come back



Lviv region remains the most popular destination for internal migration, as do other regions of Western Ukraine in general.



Many more need jobs and safe housing

65% need money — this number is similar to the number of those who remained at their permanent place of residence. However, as many as 40% need work, and 29% need safe housing. This is significantly more than among those who did not move (27% and 19%, respectively).

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FAMILIES' NEEDS Relocated Stayed Relocated Total within Ukraine at home* abroad -6% 46% 66% 68% 65% Money 27% 40% 31% Access to work 31% 29% 19% Safe place to live 23% 30% Food 18% <mark>18%</mark> 20% 9% Opportunity to go <mark>13%</mark> 6... <mark>16%</mark> 14% abroad 17% 6... Medications 11% 12% Numbers that are statistically significantly higher / lower for a group, compared to the sample as a whole 6... 23% 1... Accommodation 12% Access to health 8% 13% 1<mark>2%</mark> Numbers that are statistically significantlyhigher/lower, compared to the previous 10% services 7% 7% Access to education 8% <mark>9%</mark> wave of the study Base: N= 2000 1211 663 126

More often than other Ukrainians, they lose their jobs and income because of the war

Among IDPs, a much lower share of people has a job — 55% (compared to 66% among those who have not changed their place of residence). At the same time, 82% talk about a decrease in income due to the war — this is the highest indicator among all categories.

"The losses and needs actualized in internally displaced persons due to the war make them extremely motivated. After all, they want to get back to the way lived before. That is why employers have the opportunity to find an employee not only with good qualifications but also with an incentive to work well," comments Evgeniya Bliznyuk, CEO & Founder of Gradus Research.

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Changes in income



More often they feel danger, but the attitude of the local population is assessed as friendly

The number of internally displaced persons who feel safe is much lower than among other audiences — 23%. However, 85% declare the friendly attitude of the local population towards them.



They receive humanitarian aid, but the consumer basket does not differ from the rest of the population

52% of IDPs say they receive humanitarian aid from the state, this figure is higher than that of those who did not move (24%). Basically, they receive help in the form

of food products (77%), money (50%), and hygiene products (27%). At the same time, the basket of internally displaced persons has not changed — IDPs buy the same products as those who did not leave their homes due to the war.



In general, we see that internally displaced Ukrainians experience more difficulties with finding a job, income, and housing, compared to citizens who remained in their permanent residence. However, the desire to return to the usual living conditions stimulates them to adapt faster and makes them an active segment of the audience whose needs and consumer preferences should definitely be got into account by brands.

The survey was conducted by Gradus Research company using the method of self-filling the questionnaire in the mobile application. The Gradus online panel displays the population structure of cities with more than 50,000 residents aged 18-60 by gender, age, settlement size, and region. Period of the survey: September 23-26, 2022, sample size: 2,000 respondents.