

# Social assistance benefits paid to Ukrainian citizens in 2022

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**PLN 364.8 million**

Amount of social assistance benefits to support Ukrainian citizens

In 2022, 1111.0 thousand people benefited from social assistance benefits. The total amount allocated for these benefits was PLN 364.8 million, which accounted for nearly 8% of the total amount paid in the country for both Polish and Ukrainian citizens.

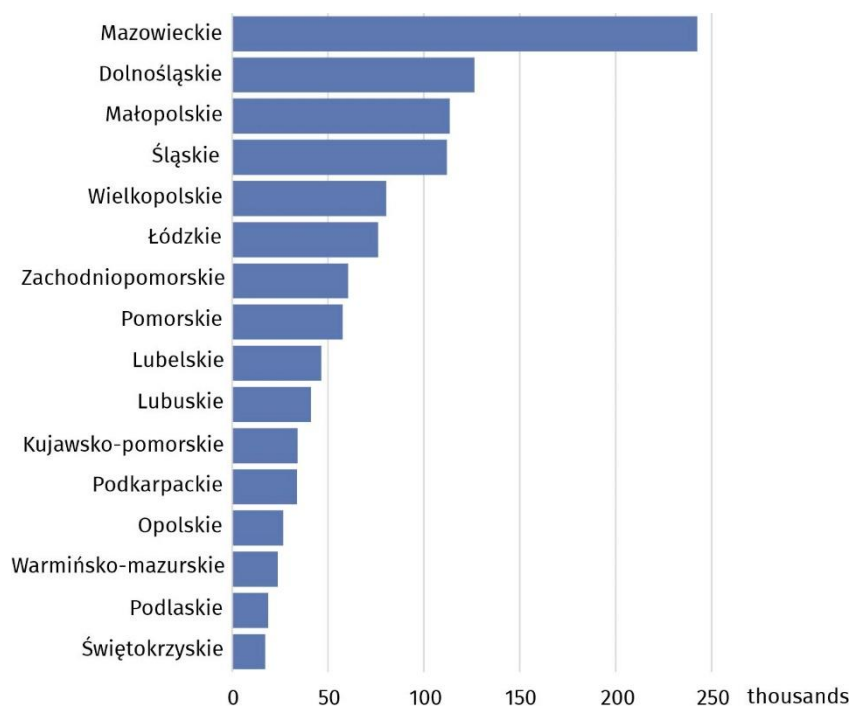
Residents of Ukraine who have arrived in Poland and whose stay has been recognised as legal, on the basis of the Act of 12 March 2022 on Assistance to Citizens of Ukraine in Connection with Armed Conflict on the Territory of that State (Journal of Laws 2022, item 583), are entitled to support within the framework of community social assistance. Monetary and non-monetary benefits may be granted to a citizen of Ukraine, under the rules and procedure of the Act of 12 March 2004 on social assistance.

The data used in this study comes from an administrative source, which is the Central Collection of the National Social Assistance Monitoring System of the Ministry of Family and Social Policy.

In Poland, 1111.0 thousand people and 612.0 thousand families benefited from social assistance benefits in 2022. The total amount of benefits provided was PLN 364.8 million.

Social assistance benefits were availed of by 612.0 thousand Ukrainian families (1111.0 thousand persons)

**Chart 1. Number of people supported by social assistance by voivodships<sup>a</sup> in 2022**



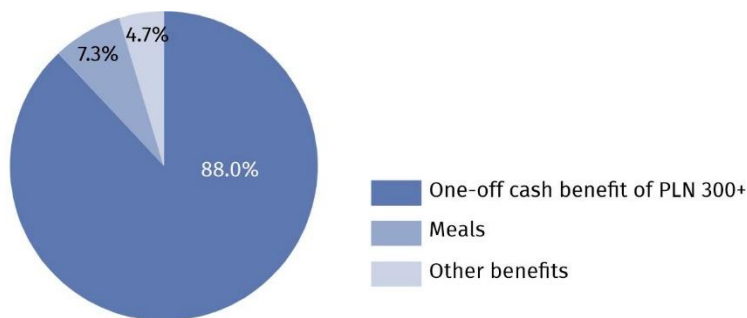
<sup>a</sup> Voivodships are sorted from the highest value to the lowest.

The largest number of persons from Ukraine benefited from social assistance benefits in Mazowieckie Voivodship – 242.6 thousand persons, i.e. 21.8% of all Ukrainian citizens who were granted support under community social assistance, and the smallest in Świętokrzyskie Voivodship – 17.4 thousand persons (1.6%).

The value of benefits provided to Ukrainian citizens was also highest in Mazowieckie Voivodship (PLN 75.7 million), i.e. 20.7% of the amount paid in the country. Significant amounts were also disbursed in the following voivodships: Dolnośląskie (PLN 40.9 million, i.e. 11.2%), Małopolskie (PLN 40.7 million, i.e. 11.1%) and Śląskie (PLN 35.6 million, i.e. 9.8%).

Most people benefited from a one-off cash benefit of PLN 300 per person (88.0% of all benefits provided)

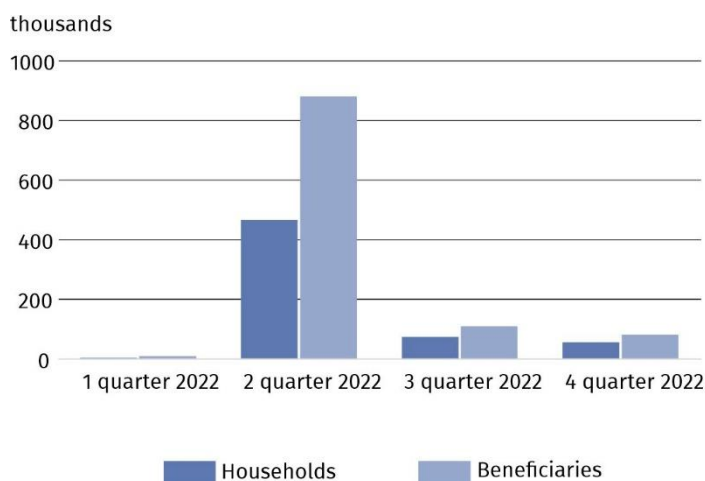
**Chart 2. The structure of benefits paid from the social assistance in 2022**



**One-off cash benefit in the amount of PLN 300 per person**

According to the Act of 12 March 2022 (Article 31 paragraph 1): "A citizen of Ukraine (...) shall be entitled to assistance in the form of a one-off cash benefit of PLN 300 per person for subsistence, in particular to cover expenses for food, clothing, footwear, personal hygiene products and housing fees." The payment of this benefit is based on an application submitted by the entitled person, his/her legal representative, temporary guardian or the person having actual custody of the child.

**Chart. 3 Number of households and beneficiaries supported in the form of a one-off cash benefit in 2022**



In 2022, the number of granted cash benefits of PLN 300 per person was equal to the number of benefit recipients and amounted to 1 070.3 thousand. The amount allocated for the payment of this benefit amounted to PLN 321.1 million, and 596.4 thousand Ukrainian households benefited from it.

A one-off cash benefit of PLN 300 per person benefited 1 070.3 thousand Ukrainian citizens

The largest number of beneficiaries occurred in Mazowieckie Voivodship – 235.2 thousand people, which accounted for 22.0% of recipients of a one-off cash benefit in the country and 133.2 thousand households (22.3% of all households that benefited from of this form of assistance).

The smallest number of beneficiaries occurred in Świętokrzyskie Voivodship – 16.9 thousand persons (9.0 thousand households).

### Meals served to citizens of Ukraine

Ukrainian citizens who have arrived in Poland can benefit from assistance such as one hot meal for children and adolescent and one hot meal for children in kindergarten per day (both based on Article 48 of the Act on Social Assistance). This assistance does not require an administrative decision. In addition, Ukrainian citizens may benefit from assistance in the form of earmarked allowance for providing food for children in kindergarten, based on Article 39 of the Law on Social Assistance Act. This is the earmarked allowance and this assistance requires an administrative decision.

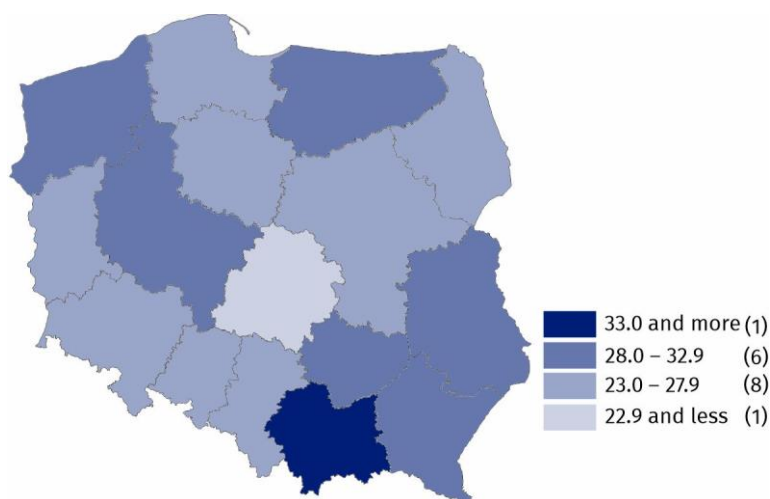
Social assistance benefits in the form of a meal in 2022 benefited 97.7 thousand people (68.9 thousand households). 2 705.7 thousand benefits with a total value of PLN 26.5 million were granted.

The largest number of benefit recipients was recorded in Mazowieckie Voivodship (17.7 thousand persons, i.e. 18.2% of all benefit recipients in the country), while the smallest number of benefit recipients was in Świętokrzyskie Voivodship (0.1 thousand persons).

In 2022, the number of benefits in the form of a meal per one recipient was 27.7. The highest number of benefits per one recipient was recorded in Małopolskie Voivodship (40.2 benefits), and the total number of benefits granted in the form of a meal in Małopolskie Voivodship amounted to 568.5 thousand. The lowest number of benefits in the form of a meal per one recipient was recorded in Łódzkie Voivodship (21.6 benefits).

In 2022, the number of people who benefited from social assistance benefits in the form of a meal amounted to 97.7 thousand – 2705.7 thousand meals were served

**Map 1. Number of meals per one beneficiary by voivodships in 2022**



### Other benefits

In addition to the above-mentioned benefits, Ukrainian citizens who arrived in Poland also benefited from other benefits, which were defined as "other benefits".

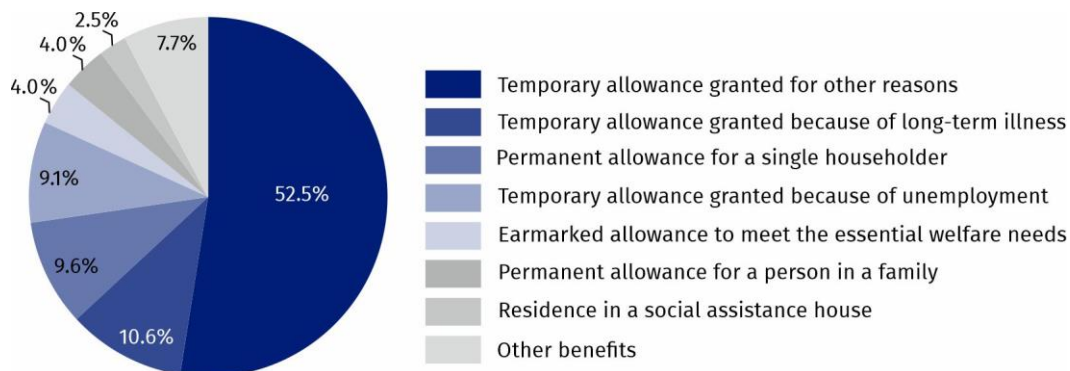
The number of benefit recipients of other benefits amounted to 33.3 thousand persons (28.5 thousand households), who were granted 67.9 thousand benefits with a total value of PLN 17.2 million.

In the group of other benefits granted, the largest amount was spent on temporary allowance granted for other reasons (PLN 9.0 million)

The largest number of benefit recipients was recorded in Mazowieckie Voivodship – 8.8 thousand persons (7.1 thousand households). The second in order was Wielkopolskie Voivodship, where the number of benefit recipients amounted to 4.2 thousand persons and the number of households was 3.8 thousand.

The highest share in other benefits granted in Poland was the temporary allowance granted for other reasons – the amount of this benefit amounted in 2022 PLN 9.0 million (52.5%). The next benefits were temporary allowance granted due to long-term illness – PLN 1.8 million (10.6%) and permanent allowance for a single householder – PLN 1.7 million (9.6%).

**Chart 4. The structure of other social assistance benefits in 2022**



The highest number of granted benefits from the "other" category was recorded in Mazowieckie Voivodship. They amounted to 13.1 thousand, which averaged 1.5 benefits per one benefit recipient. In all other voivodships the number of benefits per one benefit recipient was in the range of 1.5–2.9.

The highest amount for other benefits was spent in Łódzkie Voivodship (PLN 3.0 million, i.e. 17.4% of the total amount paid in the country). More than 10% of the total amount was spent in the following voivodships: Zachodniopomorskie (15.2%), Dolnośląskie (11.7%), and Wielkopolskie (11.2%). In the remaining voivodships, the amounts accounted for less than 7.7% of the total amount allocated for the payment of other benefits.

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