

Family benefits paid to Ukrainian citizens in 2022

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PLN 130.5

was allocated to support Ukrainian citizens in the form of family benefits

In 2022, PLN 130.5 million was allocated to support Ukrainian citizens in the form of family benefits, which accounted for 1.1% of the total amount of family benefits paid to both Polish and Ukrainian citizens. 64.4% was paid for the payment of family allowances with supplements. The care capital in the amount of PLN 97.2 million was also paid, and under the government programme "Family 500+" PLN 1737.1 million was allocated for the child-raising benefit.

Residents of Ukraine who came to Poland in connection with the ongoing warfare and whose stay was recognised as legal under the of Act 12 March 2022 on assistance for citizens of Ukraine in connection with the armed conflict on the territory of that country (Journal of Laws of 2022 item 583) – are entitled to family benefits implemented by gminas (respectively, under the rules and in the mode specified in these provisions, excluding the condition of having a residence card with the annotation "access to the labour market").

The source of data for this study was the collections of the Ministry of Family and Social Policy of Poland (National Family Benefits Monitoring System, report on the material and financial implementation of family benefits) and the Social Insurance Institution (ZUS KSI 08).

Family benefits

In 2022, citizens of Ukraine submitted 102.9 thousand applications for establishing the right to family benefits in Poland. The largest number of applications was submitted in Małopolskie Voivodship – 13.7 thousand, which constituted 13.3% of all applications. Mazowieckie Voivodship was next in terms of the number of submitted applications – 13.3 thousand (12.9%). The percentage of submitted applications did not exceed 3.0% in three voivodships: Opolskie (3.0%), Świętokrzyskie (2.4%) and Podlaskie (2.3%).

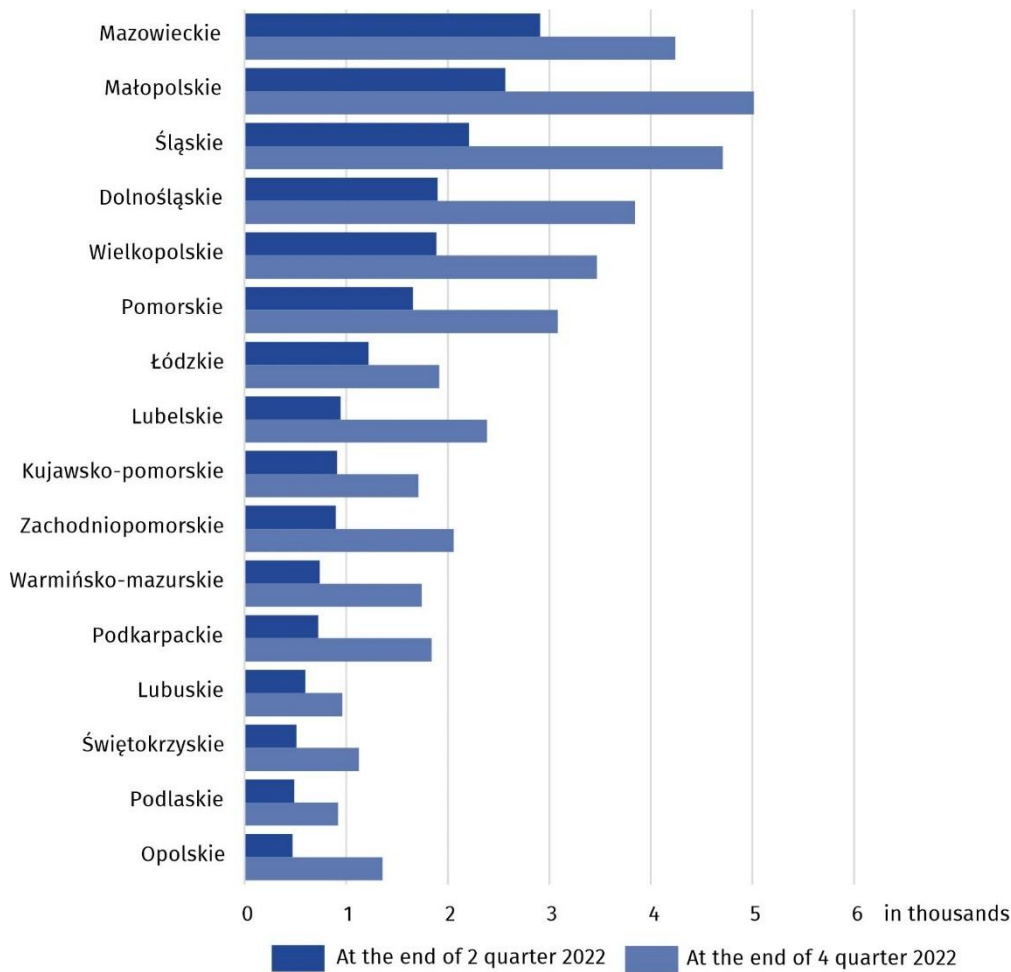
At the end of 2022, family benefits were collected by 20.6 thousand families from Ukraine. Compared to the state at the end of the second quarter of 2022, a decrease in the number of families by 48.9% was observed, with the highest recorded in Opolskie Voivodship (by 65.4%) and the lowest in Mazowieckie Voivodship (by 31.4%).

At the end of 2022, the highest percentage of Ukrainian families receiving family benefits was recorded in Mazowieckie Voivodship (14.1%). In Lubuskie, Opolskie, Podlaskie and Świętokrzyskie voivodships, the share of families collecting family benefits did not exceed 3.0%.

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At the end of 2022, 797 temporary carers were receiving family benefits

Chart 1. Number of families of Ukrainian citizens receiving family benefits by voivodships (in thousands)^a



^a Voivodships are sorted from highest to lowest according to data up to the end of 4 quarter 2022.

In 2022, family benefits in the amount of PLN 130.5 million were paid to citizens from Ukraine in Poland. The largest amount was paid in Mazowieckie Voivodship (PLN 16.8 million), which accounted for 12.9% of expenditure incurred for this purpose in Poland. The smallest amount was paid out in Podlaskie Voivodship (PLN 3.0 million).

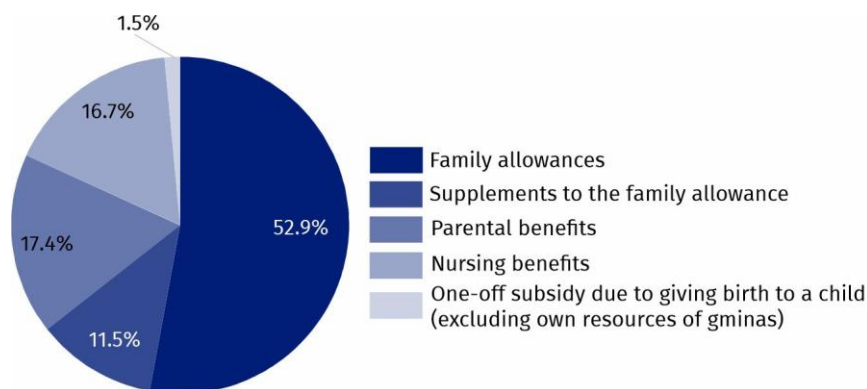
Among family benefits paid to Ukrainian nationals in Poland, family benefits with supplements, i.e. benefits addressed to families with children, prevailed.

Their value amounted to PLN 84.1 million, which accounted for 64.4% of the value of family benefits paid in total. Children under the age of 18 accounted for 99.2% of the total number of children for whom family benefits were paid. Parental benefits accounted for 17.4% of benefits paid out (PLN 22.6 million), and nursing benefits, i.e. those addressed to persons with disabilities, 16.7% (PLN 21.8 million). The smallest share in the structure of expenditure was accounted for subsidy due to giving birth to a child – 1.5%, i.e. PLN 1.9 million.

In Mazowieckie Voivodship, family benefits amounting to PLN 16.8 million were paid out, which accounted for 12.9% of the total amount in Poland

Family benefits with supplements accounted for 64.4% of family benefits paid to Ukrainian citizens

Chart 2. The structure of expenditure on family benefits paid to citizens of Ukraine in 2022



Nursing benefits accounted for 16.7% of family benefits paid to Ukrainian citizens

The main criterion for entitlement to family allowance is having a dependent child(ren) and an average income per person in the family not exceeding the income threshold, which was PLN 674.0 per person and, if there is a disabled child in the family, PLN 764.0 per person.

Table 1. Family allowances by age in 2022

Specification	Expenditures		Number of benefits	
	in PLN million	in %	in thousand	in %
Total	69.1	100.0	593.5	100.0
including a child aged by:				
until the age of 5	13.3	19.2	140.2	23.6
over 5 years of age until the age of 18	55.2	79.9	448.4	75.6
over 18 years of age until the age of 21	0.2	0.2	1.2	0.2
over 21 years of age until the of 24	0.5	0.7	3.7	0.6

Children between 5 and 18 years of age accounted for 79.9% of the total number of children entitled to family allowances

In 2022, the total amount of expenditure on family benefits was PLN 69.1 million. Citizens of Ukraine received 593.5 thousand family benefits, including 140.2 thousand (23.6% of all children for whom family benefits were paid) for children up to the age of 5; over 5 to the age of 18 – 448.4 thousand (75.6%); over 18 to the age of 21 – 1.2 thousand (0.2%); over 21 to the age of 24 – 3.7 thousand (0.6%) benefits. In nine voivodships: Lubuskie, łódzkie, Małopolskie, Mazowieckie, Podlaskie, Śląskie, Świętokrzyskie, Warmińsko-mazurskie and Zachodniopomorskie, no benefit was paid to persons over 21 and under 24.

In the total amount of family allowances, supplements for raising a child in a large family (PLN 5.4 million – 35.9%), for bringing up the child as a single parent (PLN 4.1 million – 26.9%) and for starting the school year (PLN 3.1 million – 20.6%) prevailed. The least amount was spent on allowances for childcare during parental leave (PLN 0.1 million – 0.8%).

In 2022, 57.1 thousand allowances for raising a child in a large family were granted, which accounted for 45.5% of the total number of family allowances granted (125.3 thousand).

In Poland, 31.4 thousand nursing benefits were paid to Ukrainian citizens, in the total amount of PLN 21.8 million.

PLN 21.8 million has been allocated for the payment of 31.4 thousand care benefits to Ukrainian citizens

More than half of the value of nursing benefits were attendance benefits (PLN 16.6 million, i.e. 76.4%). Nursing allowances were paid in the amount of PLN 5.0 million, i.e. 23.0% of nursing benefits, and special attendance benefits in the amount of PLN 0.1 million (0.6%).

Chart 3. The structure of expenditure on nursing benefits paid to citizens of Ukraine in 2022

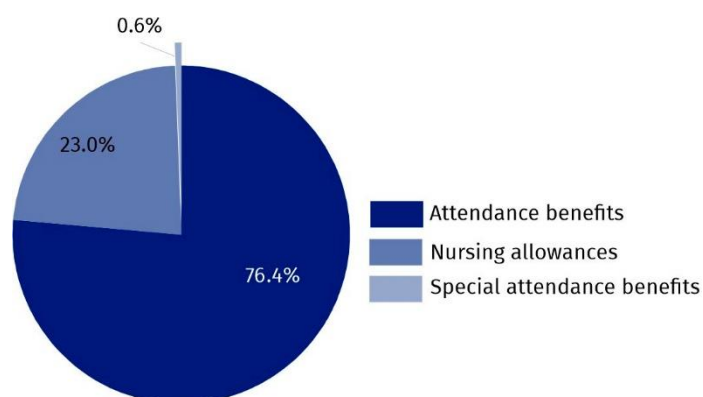


Table 2. Supplements to family allowance in 2022

Specification	Expenditures		Number of benefits	
	in PLN million	in %	in thousand	in %
Total	15.0	100.0	125.3	100.0
In respect of:				
a childbirth	1.3	8.8	1.4	1.1
child care during parental leave	0.1	0.8	0.3	0.3
single parenting	4.1	26.9	21.1	16.9
education and rehabilitation of a disabled child	0.6	4.0	5.6	4.5
start of a school year	3.1	20.6	33.5	26.8
starting education in a school outside of the place of residence	0.5	3.0	6.2	4.9
bringing up a child in a large family	5.4	35.9	57.1	45.5

Family care capital

Another social benefit paid by Poland to citizens from Ukraine was the family care capital (RKO). This benefit was granted by the Social Insurance Institution (ZUS) for children aged between 12 and 35 months for the second and each subsequent child regardless of family income. When submitting the application, the child's parent decided on the form of the benefit payment, i.e. whether they wanted to receive the benefit in the amount of PLN 500 for 24 months or in the amount of PLN 1 000 for 12 months. Citizens from Ukraine applying

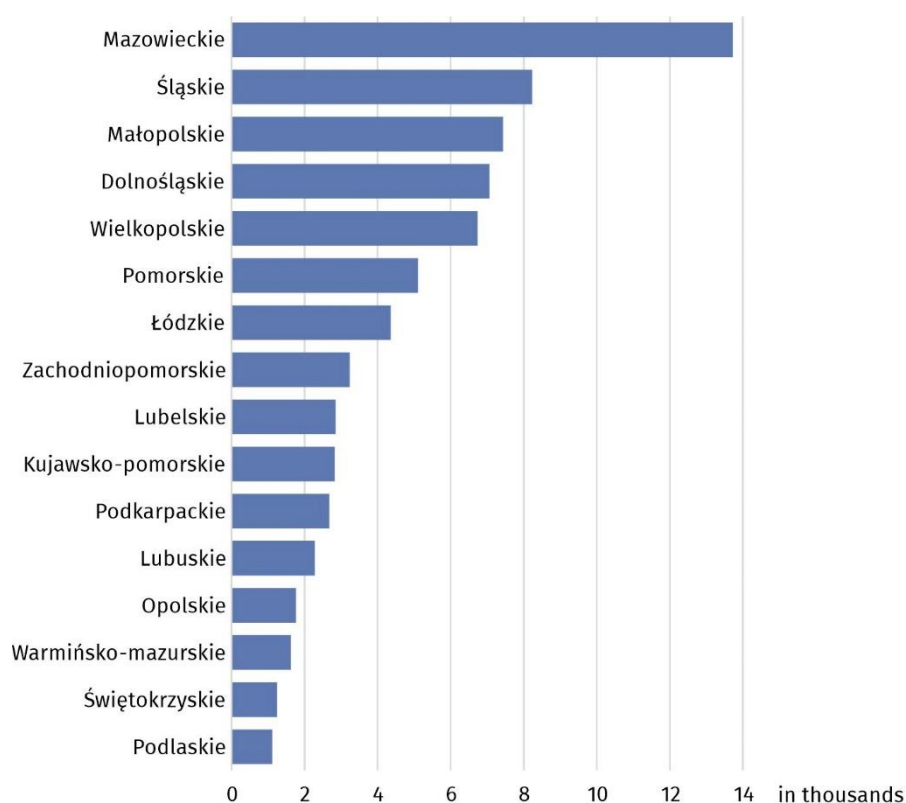
for RKO¹ submitted a special application in Ukrainian (form RKO-U) in electronic form through the ZUS Electronic Services Platform.

By the end of 2022, Ukrainian citizens had submitted 22.5 thousand electronic applications for RKO in Poland, of which applicants with a foreign address accounted for 0.2% (0.1 thousand). The largest number of applications was submitted in Mazowieckie Voivodship – 4.2 thousand, which accounted for 18.9% of all applications. Next in terms of the number of submitted applications was Śląskie Voivodship – 2.5 thousand (11.0%) and Małopolskie – 2.4 thousand (10.5%). The percentage of submitted applications did not exceed 2.0% in two voivodships: Świętokrzyskie and Podlaskie (1.7% each).

In 2022, citizens from Ukraine were paid care capital in Poland in the amount of PLN 97.2 million. The largest amount was paid out in Mazowieckie Voivodship – PLN 18.4 million, which accounted for 19.0% of the expenditure incurred in Poland.

During the period under review, 72.3 thousand care capitals were paid out to Ukrainian citizens. The total number of RKO disbursed was dominated by capital payments in the amount of PLN 1 000 per month (92.9% of capitals disbursed in Poland). The largest number of care capitals in the amount of PLN 1 000 per month were paid out in Mazowieckie Voivodship (13.0 thousand) for a total amount of PLN 17.9 million. The least amount of capitals of this amount was paid out in Świętokrzyskie Voivodship (1.1 thousand) and in Podlaskie Voivodship (1.0 thousand).

Chart 4. Number of RKO paid by voivodships^a in 2022 (in thousands)



^a Voivodship are sorted from the highest value to the lowest.

In Poland, Ukrainian citizens submitted 22.5 thousand RKO requests

In Mazowieckie Voivodship, RKO was paid in the amount of PLN 18.4 million, which accounted for 19.0% of the expenditure incurred for this purpose in Poland

¹ [The Social Insurance Institution \(ZUS\)](#)

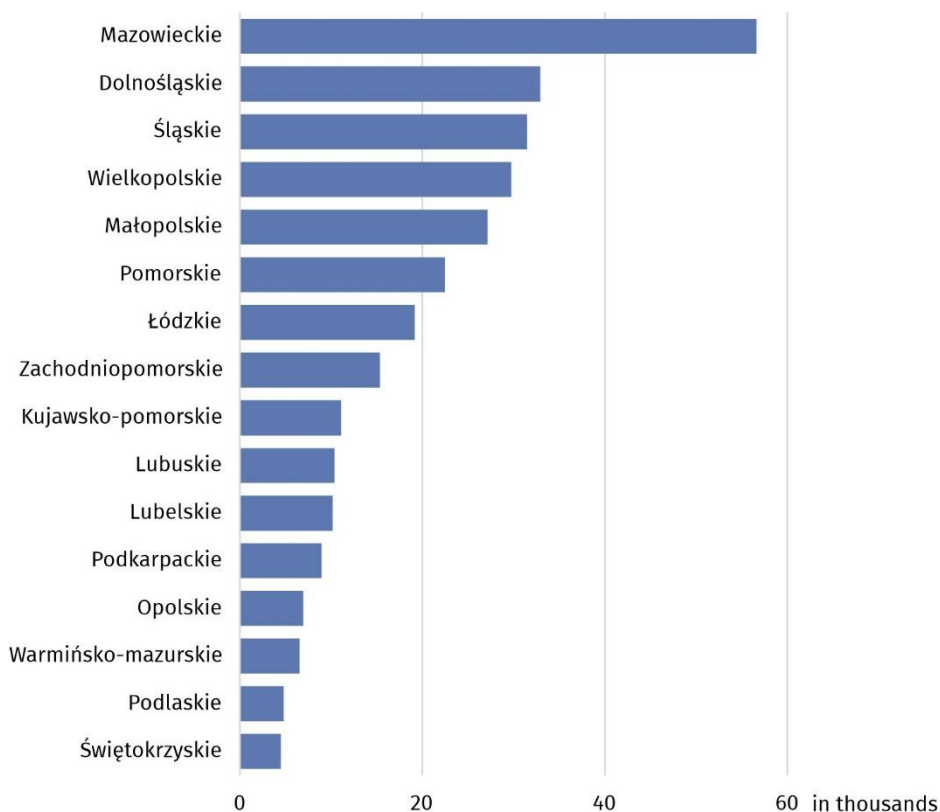
Child-raising benefits

As a part of the government programme "Family 500+", each child aged up to 18 is entitled to a child-raising benefit in the amount of PLN 500, regardless of the amount of income per person received in the family.

In 2022, expenditure on child-raising benefits for citizens from Ukraine amounted to PLN 1737.1 million, of which expenditure for applicants with a foreign address accounted for 0.2% (PLN 3.6 million). The largest amount was paid in Mazowieckie Voivodship – PLN 331.6 million, which accounted for 19.1% of expenditure incurred by Poland. The following voivodships were Dolnośląskie and Śląskie (10.6% each) and Wielkopolskie (9.7%). The lowest amount was paid in Podlaskie and Świętokrzyskie Voivodships (1.7% each).

At the end of 2022, the child-raising benefit was paid to 298.8 thousand Ukrainian children. The highest percentage of Ukrainian children for whom the benefit was paid was recorded in Mazowieckie Voivodship (18.9%). In Opolskie, Podkarpackie, Podlaskie, Świętokrzyskie and Warmińsko-mazurskie Voivodships, the share of children receiving benefits did not exceed 3.0%.

Chart 5. Number of Ukrainian children paid child-raising benefits by voivodships^a at the end of 2022 (in thousands)



a Lack of assignment to a specific voivodship of applicants with a foreign address (0.5 thousand children).

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