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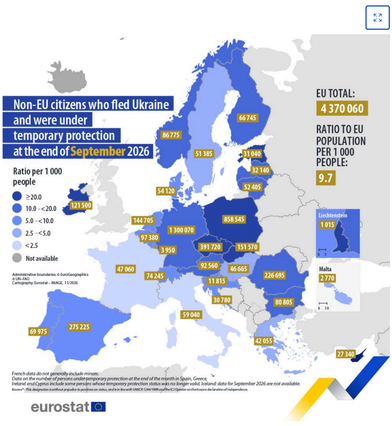
Temporary protection for 4.37 million in September 2026



On 30 September 2026, 4.37 million non-EU citizens who fled Ukraine because of Russia's war of aggression held temporary protection status in the EU. Compared with 31 August 2026, the number of people from Ukraine under temporary protection decreased by 61 055 (-1.4%).

Germany (1 300 070 people; 29.7% of the EU total), Poland (858 545; 19.6%) and Czechia (391 720; 9.0%) hosted the largest number of beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine.

Between the end of August and the end of September 2026, the number of people under temporary protection increased in 25 of the 27 EU countries. The 3 largest absolute increases were in Germany (+5 515; +0.4%), Romania (+3 900; +1.8%) and Italy (+2 505; +4.4%). The 2 countries where the numbers fell were Poland (-80 850; -8.6%) and Czechia (-6 640; -1.7%).



Source datasets: migr_asytpsm and migr_asytpspop

Czechia recorded the highest ratio of temporary protection beneficiaries per thousand inhabitants (35.9), followed by Slovakia (28.0) and Cyprus (27.4), compared with 9.7 at EU level.

On 30 September 2026, Ukrainian citizens represented 98.5% of all beneficiaries of temporary protection in the EU. Adult women made up 44.1% of the total, adult men 27.9%, and minors 28.0%.

The data in this article refer to the attribution of temporary protection status under Council Implementing Decision 2022/382 of 4 March 2022, which recognises a mass influx of displaced persons from Ukraine due to the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine and introduces temporary protection.

On 15 July 2026, the European Council adopted the decision to extend the temporary protection for these people from 4 March 2027 to 4 March 2028.

For more information

- Statistics Explained on temporary protection for persons fleeing Ukraine
- Thematic section on the impact of the war in Ukraine
- Thematic section on migration and asylum
- Database on asylum statistics

Methodological notes

- The breakdown of beneficiaries by age and sex is based on available data and excludes cases with unknown values.
- Temporary protection applies in situations of a mass influx or imminent mass influx of displaced people from non-EU countries who cannot return to their country of origin. They are granted immediate and temporary protection, particularly where there is a risk that the asylum system cannot process the inflow efficiently, in the interests of both these people and others requesting protection.
- Countries apply different approaches to deregistering people under temporary protection and, where this is not done on a continuous basis, this can result in large month-to-month decreases in the number of registered beneficiaries.
- Where relevant, data might not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Country notes

- The observed decline in Poland mainly reflects administrative changes, notably the transition to standard temporary residence permits and the updating of active files through the removal of inactive records.
- France: data generally exclude minors.
- In Spain, Greece, Ireland and Cyprus, the number of persons under temporary protection at the end of the month includes some people whose temporary protection status was no longer valid.
- Iceland: data for September 2026 are not available.

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