

UKRAINIAN DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE HAGUE

A STUDY INTO WORK, LANGUAGE AND LIVING CONDITIONS

This infographic presents the key findings of research conducted in 2024 on the situation of Ukrainian displaced persons living in The Hague. Through a survey and interviews, we gained insights into their working lives, their living conditions and challenges related to learning English and Dutch. The research was conducted by The Hague University of Applied Sciences.

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JOBS DO NOT MATCH QUALIFICATIONS

Half of the Ukrainian displaced persons in our study are employed. The majority of the working Ukrainians have a temporary contract. Nearly 25% have a zero-hour contract or work through an employment agency. However, their jobs do not align with their previous work experience and education. The Dutch language is the biggest obstacle to find a job that matches their qualifications.



HOUSING COULD BE IMPROVED

- Most Ukrainian respondents are hosted in municipal housing. Just over half of our respondents are satisfied with their housing.
- However, it is difficult to live with so many other people in a small space. Complaints concern the lack of privacy, sharing rooms, kitchens and bathrooms.
- Respondents express a lack of autonomy and feel supervised by location managers

LEARNING DUTCH TURNS OUT DIFFICULT

- 1 out of 3 respondents does not speak English nor Dutch. This group is especially vulnerable, for example when it comes to finding a job or navigating Dutch life independently
- Ukrainians indicate that they want to learn the Dutch language
- Obstacles are long waiting lists at language providers, timeslots that do not fit their work schedule or courses below their requested level. Uncertainty about the future, due to their status makes it unclear whether learning Dutch is truly useful.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Provide more Dutch language courses of various levels and timeslots
- Invest in projects that guide Ukrainians to jobs that match their qualifications; for example to provide specific education and skills training
- Pay attention to the discomforts of municipal housing