



# SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION BASED ON SURVEY RESULTS



**SUPPORT FOR MIGRATION AND ASYLUM  
MANAGEMENT IN UKRAINE (IMMIS)**



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of Ukraine

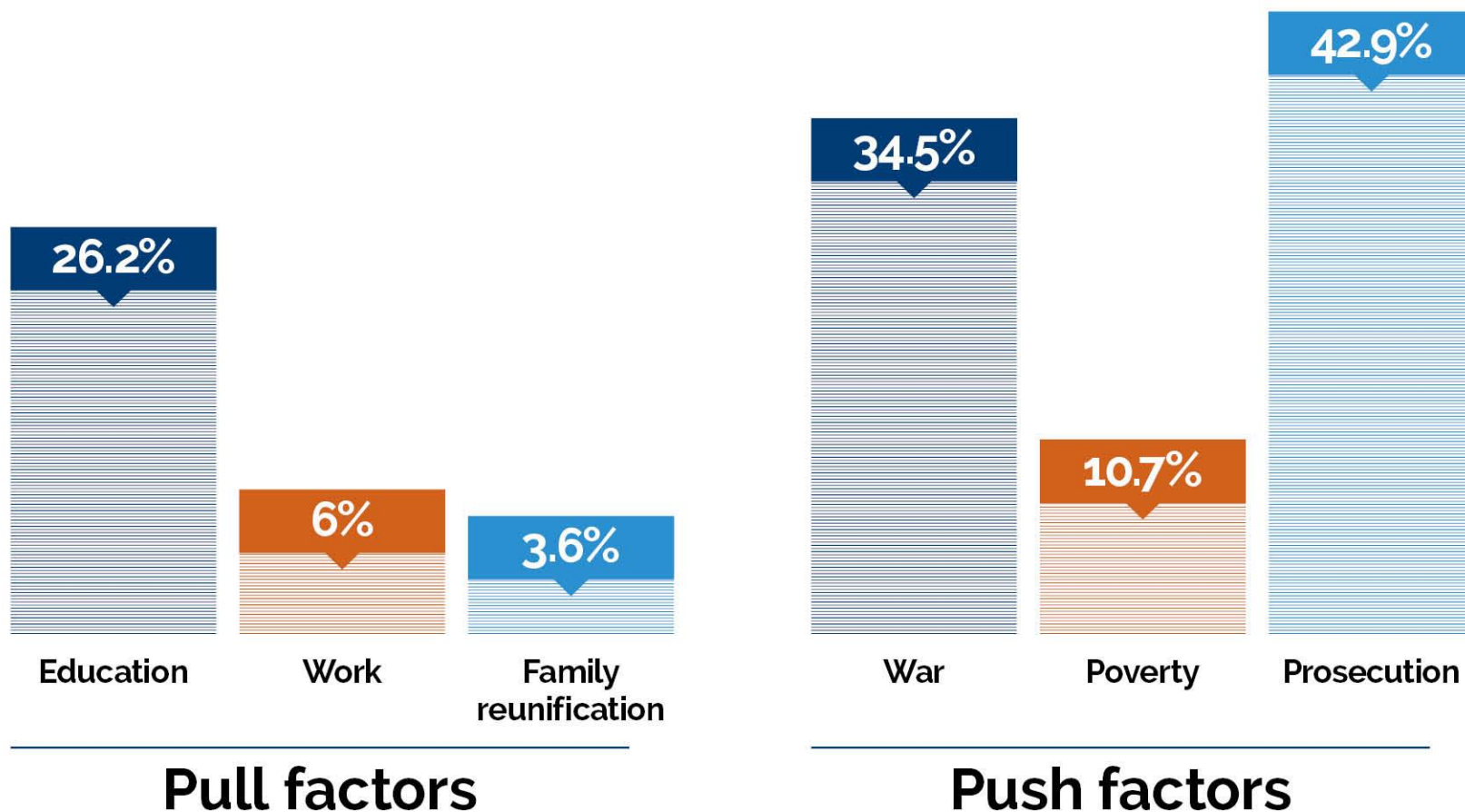


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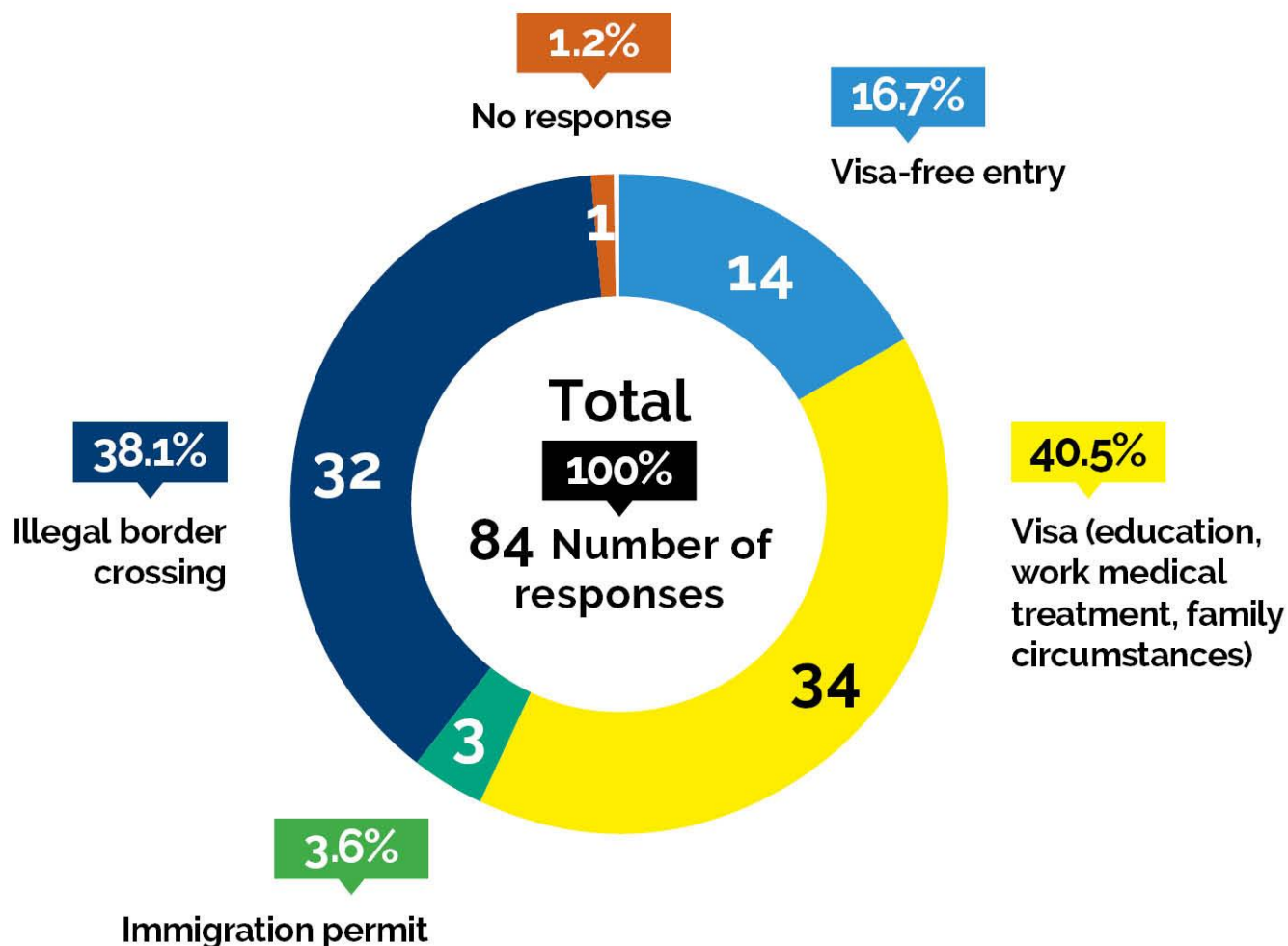
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## REASONS WHY RESPONDENTS ENTER UKRAINE



## DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONDENTS BY GROUNDS FOR BORDER CROSSING



## LEGAL STATUS OF RESPONDENTS AT THE TIME OF SURVEY

more than

- **20%** With no grounds for the stay in Ukraine
- **38.6%** With irregular status experience

Including 40% of Syrians, about half of Afghans, more than 70% of Somalis who had such experience.

- **The periods of residence in Ukraine irregularly were from a few weeks to six years.**

A third of respondents with relevant experience experienced irregular residence for over one year.

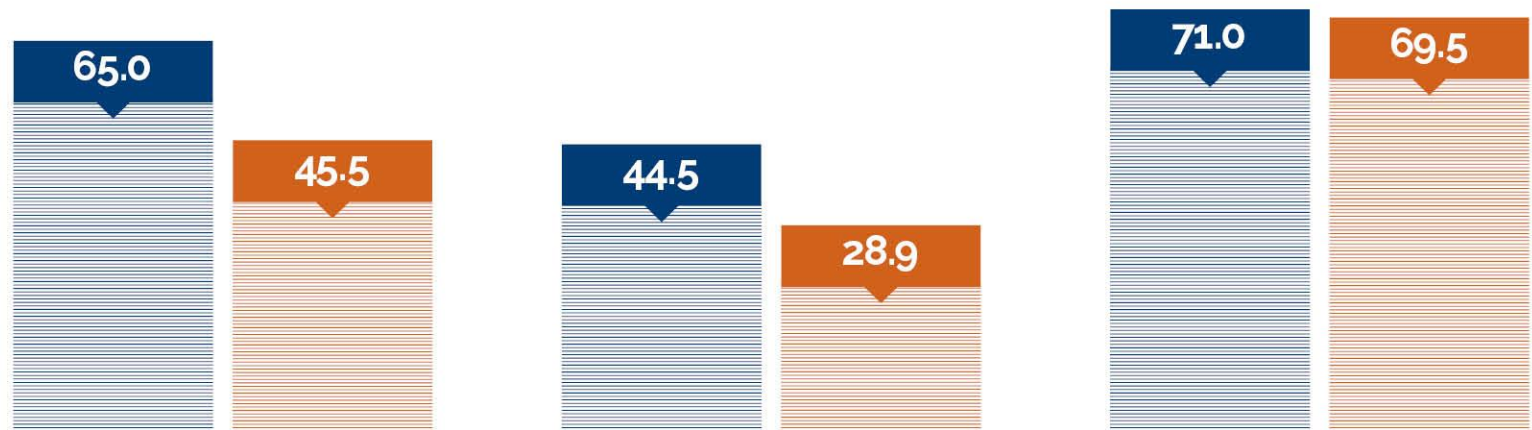


## COMPOSITION OF IRREGULAR MIGRANTS

**”** *The most numerous are former students or those who were expelled due to the failure to pay. They make the half, probably. The second group are those who were transferred to Ukraine, mainly from Russia, they make a third, probably. The third group are those who stayed after their visas had expired but could not find any other grounds to stay.”*

*(From the interview with the leader of a migrant community)*

# AVERAGE PERCENTAGE OF SUCCESSFUL ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSINGS AT THE TIME OF ENTERING AND EXITING UKRAINE AND AVERAGE PERCENTAGE OF IRREGULAR MIGRANTS DETECTED IN THE TERRITORY OF UKRAINE ACCORDING TO THE ESTIMATES OF DIFFERENT GROUPS OF RESPONDENTS, %



average percentage  
of successful illegal  
border crossings  
to enter Ukraine

average percentage  
of successful illegal  
border crossings  
to exit Ukraine

average percentage  
of irregular migrants  
detected in the territory  
of Ukraine

■ migrants' estimates

■ experts' estimates

## REASONS FOR HAVING IRREGULAR LEGAL STATUS

- **Imperfect, long and non-transparent procedure for obtaining documents**
- **Unawareness of migrants of the requirements to obtaining documents**
- **Cases of corruption, deception by smugglers and unofficial intermediaries**
- **Failure to submit documents due to lack of hope for receiving the status**
- **Problems of irregular status arising from registration of marriage**
- **Problems that irregular migrants lacking documents will face in the future after their stay in TAC**



## ESTIMATION OF THE NUMBER OF IRREGULAR MIGRANTS

According to the experts,

up to **25%** of immigrants may stay in the country without permits

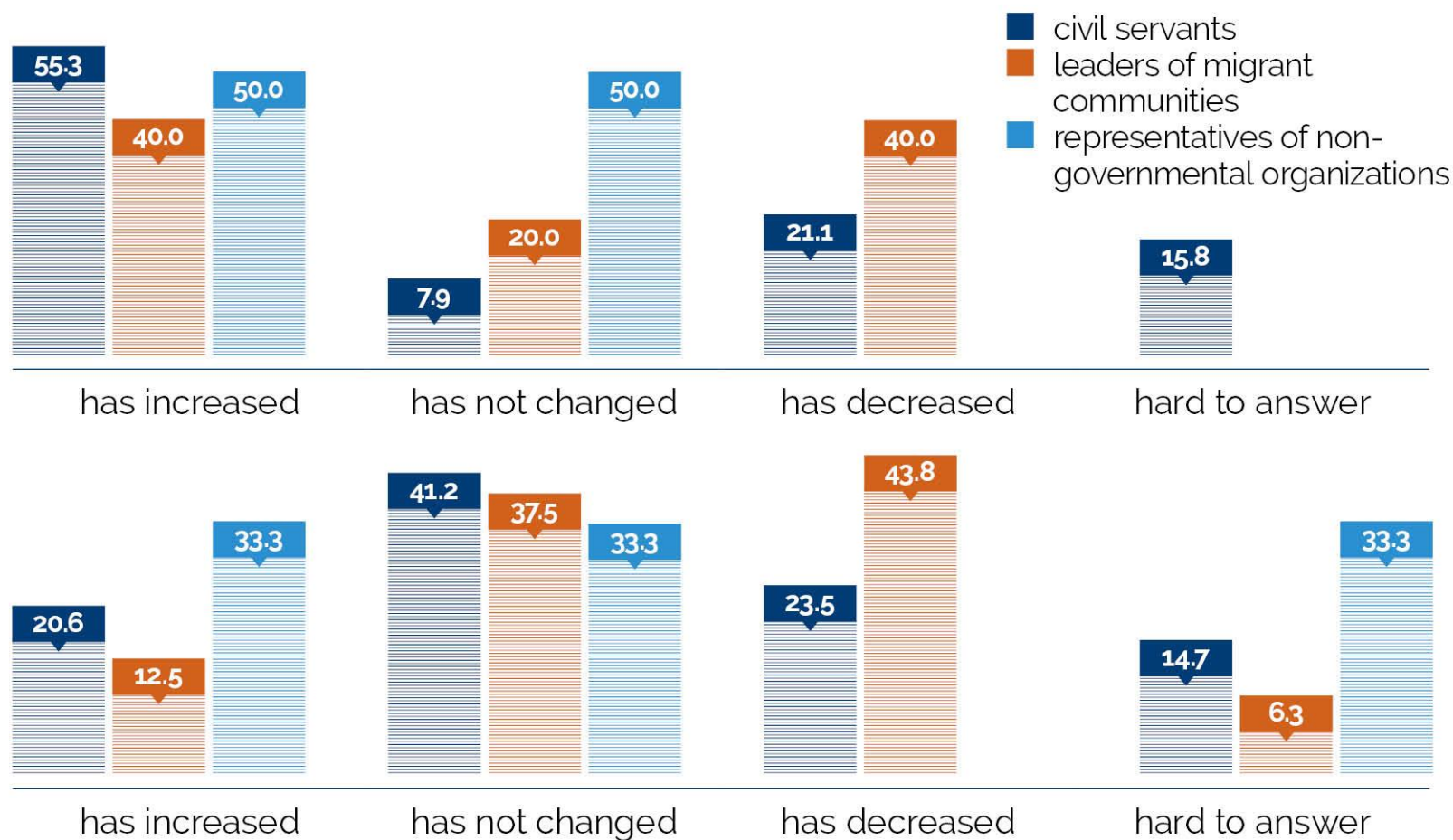
- 86.9% of civil servants who are experts
- 94.2% of community leaders,
- 84.7% of NGO representatives shared this opinion.

32.5% of surveyed migrants believed that

up to **25%** of the compatriots do not have documents for staying in Ukraine

At the same time, migrants from Eritrea, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh said that the proportion of irregular migrants among their compatriots was 70–90%.

## DISTRIBUTION OF EXPERTS' RESPONSES REGARDING THE CHANGE IN THE SHARE OF IRREGULAR MIGRANTS AFTER THE YEAR 2014 AND FOR THE LAST YEAR, %



## FUTURE PLANS OF IRREGULAR MIGRANTS

Potential scenarios	experts' estimates	migrants' estimates
return to the home country	<b>18.6</b>	<b>7.4</b>
leave for another country	<b>43.3</b>	<b>42.9</b>
continue to stay in Ukraine with irregular status	<b>9.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>
settle the status and stay in Ukraine	<b>36.9</b>	<b>48.5</b>