

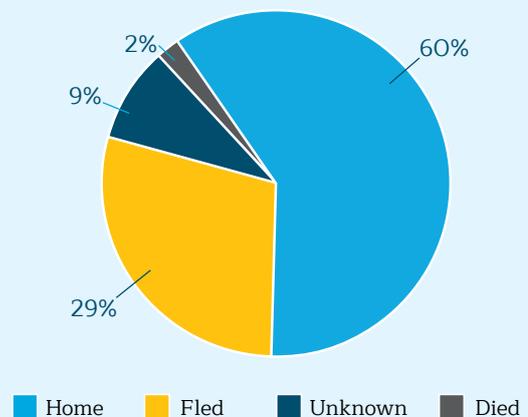
Factsheet

Update on the situation of older persons in Eastern Ukraine - September 2022

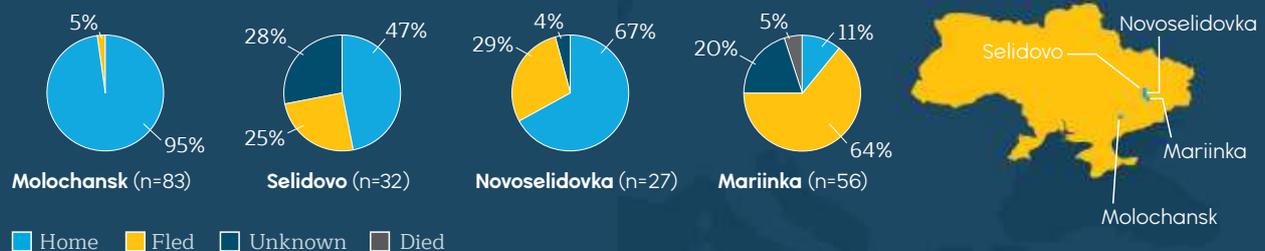
Older persons at risk in Eastern Ukraine

A recent Dorcas' inquiry shows that a relatively large number of older persons stay at home instead of fleeing the area, even when they live close to the line of contact. In total, 60% of older persons (see pie-chart for all figures) decided to stay in their homes. This makes them vulnerable to the detrimental effects of the conflict between the Ukrainian and Russian armies. The fact that many older persons decide to stay at home, with all the associated risks, is confirmed by our data regarding older persons in IDP facilities. Older persons and persons with a disability are underrepresented in such facilities, which means that they would not or could not flee their homes.

Situation of older persons in Eastern Ukraine (n=225)



Situation of older persons in:



Representation in IDP facilities (Zaporizhya)



6,3 %

women over 65

11,3% of total population*



1,6 %

men over 65

5,7% of total population*



5 %

Ukrainians with a disability

13% of total population*

*Source: The World Factbook, 2020

Older persons underrepresented in IDP camps

Older persons and persons with a disability are underrepresented in IDP facilities. Their presence in these facilities is much lower than their relative presence in Ukraine. This means that individuals from these groups more often cannot or will not flee their homes. That makes them vulnerable to abuse, shelling, torture and detention.