



RETURN UKRAINE'S CHILDREN

The repercussions of the Russian invasion extend beyond the soldiers in the frontline trenches, engulfing civilians in villages and cities alike. Missiles have injured and killed children, decimated homes, schools, hospitals, and energy grids. Children have been raped, kidnapped, left orphaned, forced into bomb shelters, and had their education disrupted. The scars of these harrowing experiences have been devastating for Ukraine's children and will leave an enduring impact.

While it's challenging to ascertain the precise numbers due to ongoing attacks, compounded by the difficulty of obtaining data from the Russian-occupied areas, the following data highlights the enormity of the situation.

CHILDREN KILLED

As of February 21, 2025, the **known number of children killed reached 669** ([UNICEF](#)).

CHILDREN WOUNDED

UNICEF reports that **1,854 children were injured** ([UNICEF](#)). The number of casualties rose 54% in 2024 over 2023.

CHILDREN FORCIBLY DEPORTED OR DISPLACED

19,546 children have been forcibly deported by Russia to Russian-controlled areas, according to Ukraine's National Information Bureau.

The **Russian Federation claims** to have deported **744 000** ([Children of War Portal](#))

CHILDREN REFUGEES

An estimated 5.1 million Ukrainian children have been displaced from their homes since the invasion in 2022, finding shelter in other countries or being internally displaced. ([Children of War Portal](#))

CHILDREN SEXUALLY ABUSED

Sixteen known cases of sexual abuse have been established by the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine. ([Children of War Portal](#))

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Approximately 4000 educational facilities have been damaged or destroyed since the start of the 2022 full-scale invasion according to the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, severely impacting the consistency and quality of education opportunities for millions.

