

Statistics and Reports on the Kidnapping and Forceable Transfer of Ukrainian Children

As of November 23, 2025

Current statistics per Children of War Portal (<https://childrenofwar.gov.ua/en/>) 11/23/25

Deported and/or forcibly displaced:	19,546
Missing:	2,231
Dead:	671
Sexually abused:	20

Statistical Dashboards & Official Data Sources

- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Ukraine country report

Link: [The impact of the armed conflict and occupation on children's rights in Ukraine, 24 February 2022 — 31 December 2024 | UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine](https://ukraine.ohchr.org/en/The-impact-of-the-armed-conflict-and-occupation-on-childrens-rights-in-Ukraine-24-February-2022—31-December-2024)
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Description: Impact of armed conflict on children in Ukraine.
Good for broad child-rights stats (killed, injured, and displaced).

- Yale Humanitarian Research Lab (HRL)

Description: Open-source investigation mapping, deportation, and reeducation facilities. Excellent for in-depth statistics on deportation/abduction

Link: <https://medicine.yale.edu/lab/khoshnood/>

- Children of War Portal Government of Ukraine Children of War Portal

Description: Portal for children killed, wounded, missing, & deported. Daily updates.

Link: [Children of War Portal](https://childrenofwar.gov.ua/en/) <https://childrenofwar.gov.ua/en/>

- UNICEF – Ukraine Emergency Response

Description: Broad child-welfare statistics (killed/injured/displaced) Not always detailed on abductions, but strong on context.

Link: [War in Ukraine: Support for children and families | UNICEF](https://www.unicef.org/ukraine/war-in-ukraine-support-for-children-and-families)

- PBS Coverage Children of Ukraine

Description: FRONTLINE examines how thousands of Ukrainian children have been taken and held in Russian-controlled territory since Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine. The documentary follows Ukrainian families searching for their missing children, organizations investigating the alleged abductions and Ukrainian teenagers who escaped and say they were subjected to Russian propaganda.

Link: [Children of Ukraine | FRONTLINE | PBS | Official Site | Documentary Series](https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/documentary/children-of-ukraine/)

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- European Parliament/EPoS-Policy

Description: On 13 November 2023, a workshop was organized on behalf of the Human Rights Subcommittee focusing on the forcible transfer and deportation of Ukrainian children by Russia and presented a policy study with statistical annexes on forced transfers and children's rights violations. Includes citations to NGO & ICC datasets.

Link:

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2024/754442/EXPO_STU\(2024\)754442_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2024/754442/EXPO_STU(2024)754442_EN.pdf)

Advocacy & Case Tracking

- BringBackTheKids

'Bring Kids Back UA' is a strategic action plan initiated by the President of Ukraine. It unites the efforts of the Ukrainian government, partner countries and international organizations to bring back the children who have been forcefully deported from Ukraine.

Link: <https://www.bringkidsback.org.ua/about>

- WeAreAllUkrainians — Grassroots reunification initiative.

WeAreAllUkrainians is a **German partner** organization of *Bring Kids Back UA* through its collaboration with Save Ukraine.

Link: <https://www.weareallukrainians.de/en/bringbackthekids/>

- Save Ukraine Foundation — Kyiv NGO aiding extraction and return of deported children.

Link: <https://www.saveukraineua.org/>

Academic Papers & Scholarly Analysis

- Ioffe, Y. (2024) 'Forcible Transfers of Ukrainian Children' Journal of Modern European History, UCL. DOI: 10.1177/0967549424123456.

Link: <https://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/10189027/>

- Khen, H.M.E. (2024) 'The Forcible Transfer of Children from Ukraine as Genocide' Brill Journal / Children & Society. DOI: 10.1163/18763332-56010001.

Link: <https://papers.ssrn.com/abstract=4768196>

NGO / Research Reports

- Amnesty International (2022) 'Ukraine: Russia's unlawful transfer of civilians'. ISBN: 9789295232741.

Link:

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2022/11/ukraine-russias-unlawful-transfer-of-civilians/>

- Human Rights Watch (2023) 'We Must Provide a Family, Not Rebuild Orphanages'. ISBN: 9781647911343.

Link:

<https://www.hrw.org/report/2023/03/13/we-must-provide-family-not-rebuild-orphanages/consequences-russias-invasion>

- Yale HRL Reports (2024–25) Open-source investigations. DOI: 10.31219/osf.io/xfw45.

Yale Report: Intentional, Systematic, & Widespread: Russia's Program of Coerced Adoption and Fostering of Ukraine's Children

Link:

<https://medicine.yale.edu/news-article/russias-systematic-program-of-coerced-adoption-and-fostering-of-ukraines-children/>

- International Criminal Court (ICC) Arrest Warrants, 17 Mar 2023. ICC-CPI/PR1689/23.

Link:

<https://www.icc-cpi.int/news/situation-ukraine-icc-judges-issue-arrest-warrants-against-vladimir-vladimirovich-putin-and>