Ukrainians and Belarusians were top nationalities applying for asylum in first half of 2025

In the first half of 2025, until the end of June, Poland recorder 8,500 applications for international protection. The largest groups of applicants (approximately 77% in total) were citizens of Ukraine and Belarus.

Top three countries of origin:

- Ukraine – 5,000 applications
- Belarus – 1,600 applications
- Russia – 400 applications

Since the introduction of a temporary restriction on applications at the border with Belarus (since 27 March 2025), applications for international protection at Border Guard facilities located near the border with Belarus have constituted a small percentage of applicants.

In the first half of 2025, the Office for Foreigners issued decisions for 5,300 individuals, of which nearly 2,800 were positive decisions. These were primarily for citizens of:

- Ukraine – 1,500
- Belarus – 1,000
- Ethiopia – 60

1,000 people received negative decisions, the largest groups in this regard were citizens of:

- Ukraine – 500
- Russia – 130
- Belarus – 70

Proceedings involving nearly 1,500 people were dismissed, most often because the foreigner left Poland before a substantive decision was issued. This primarily concerned citizens of:

- Ukraine – 300 people
- Ethiopia – 100 people
- Tajikistan – 100 people

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As of 30 June 2025, 6,500 foreigners were receiving social assistance, including 765 in centres for foreigners.

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