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3.4 MLN CHILDREN HAVE LIMITED ACCESS TO WATER, 1.5 MLN CHILDREN FACE MENTAL PROBLEMS – UNICEF UKRAINE REPRESENTATIVE

Currently, about 3.4 million children in Ukraine have limited access to water and sanitation, said Munir Mammadzadeh, UNICEF Representative in Ukraine.

“We know that about 3.4 million children have problems with access to water and sanitation, and the problem is especially acute in the frontline regions,” he said in an interview with [Interfax-Ukraine](#).

That is why the supply of drinking water and hygiene kits is one of the key tasks for UNICEF. In addition, the UN Children’s Fund is working with water utilities on large-scale projects to restore infrastructure to make drinking water available. According to Mammadzadeh, even if children are not directly exposed to the risk of hostilities or attacks, the lack of normal life and anxiety also significantly affects their mental health.

UNICEF pays a lot of attention to the psychological problems of children and adolescents in the context of war.

“This is one of the areas where a lot of work is being done, as 1.5 million children in Ukraine today face problems such as depression, insomnia, and anxiety. We also know that during this thousand days, children have spent 2,800 to 4,800 hours in shelters while regular alarms sound – these estimates show the scale of the war’s impact on children: since the beginning of the war, they have spent an average of 4 to 6.5 months in shelters,” Mammadzadeh said.

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The government maintains its forecast of 7% growth in Ukrainian exports in 2025, despite a smaller-than-expected harvest of late crops this year, Deputy Minister of Economy and Trade Representative of Ukraine Taras Kachka said.

“This is an absolutely objective, I would even say trivial forecast. Obviously, there may be a more optimistic forecast,” Taras Kachka he told *Interfax-Ukraine* on the sidelines of the conference “Reform Matrix: Fundamentals of enhancing economic growth for EU accession” conference in Kyiv.

At the end of October, the National Bank of Ukraine in the tables to the Inflation Report improved its estimate of growth in exports of goods and services in 2025 to only 0.9% from 0.5%, or \$57.7 billion, but in the text of the report itself predicted a decline in exports of goods and services in 2025 due to a smaller harvest and weak demand for IT services, with growth resuming in 2026 due to the gradual return of the economy to normal operating conditions. At the same time, Kachka emphasized that it is necessary to take into account not only the volume of the entire harvest, but also the mix of crops in it, especially in terms of exports.

“For example, if you look at the fact that this year we have a smaller share of corn, respectively, we have a larger share of soybeans, a larger share of rapeseed, a larger share of sunflower – these are the goods for which we have better prices in general,” he explained.

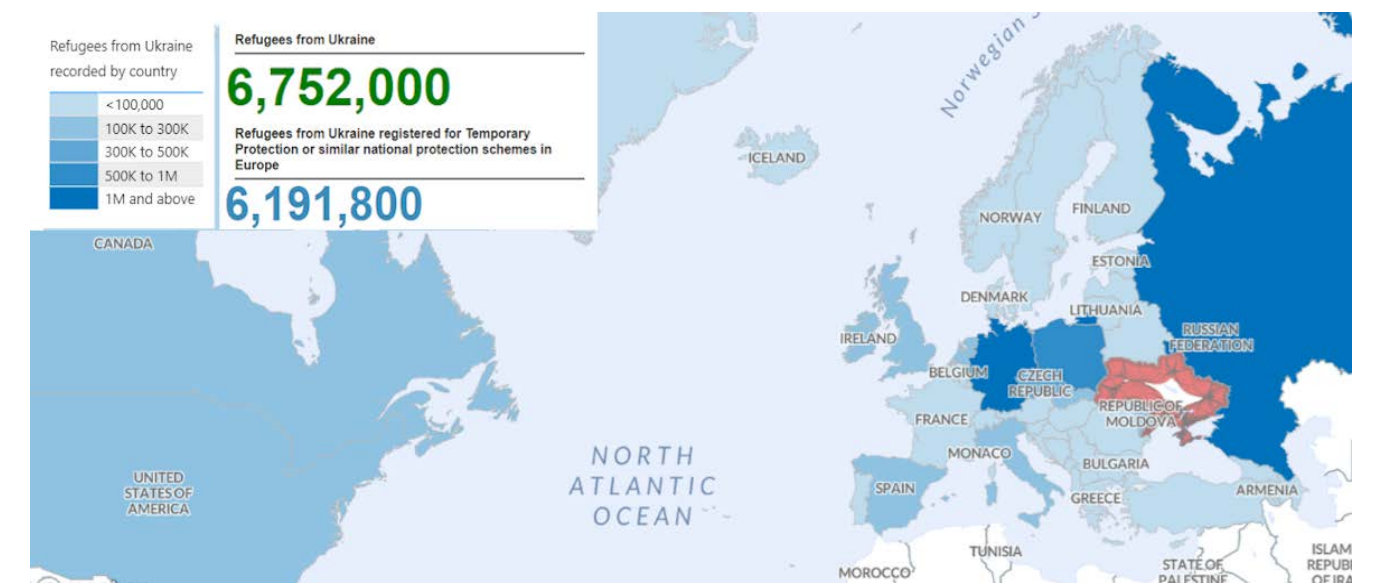
“Therefore, growth in grains and oilseeds for the next year is quite possible and organic. And now, when we analyze the market, we realize that it is actually possible to earn more with less,” Kachka summarized regarding agricultural exports.

Regarding exports of metallurgical products, he noted that much will depend on decisions in North America regarding duties, as this is an important market for Ukraine. According to him, exports of metallurgical products are growing and may exceed 20% this year, both for semi-finished products, pig iron, and finished products.

According to the NBU’s balance of payments, exports of goods and services from Ukraine increased by 8.4% to \$41.33 billion over the first nine months of this year, including 10.3% to \$28.64 billion in goods and 4.4% to \$12.69 billion in services.

Imports of goods and services increased by 0.9% to UAH 66.66 billion, including 6.2% to UAH 49.65 billion, while services decreased by 1.9% to UAH 17.01 billion.

NUMBER OF REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE IN SELECTED COUNTRIES AS OF 31.08.2024



KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS OF UKRAINE AND WORLD IN JANUARY-AUGUST 2024

In the first eight months of 2024, Ukraine's economy demonstrated steady positive dynamics amid recovery from the crisis. The National Bank of Ukraine estimated real GDP growth in the second quarter at 3.7% compared to the same period last year, which is in line with the April forecast. In July, this figure accelerated to 4.4% (compared to 3.1% in June and 3.5% in May), which was the result of an earlier and faster harvest.

"Ukraine's economic successes in 2024 show that the country is beginning to overcome the consequences of the crisis. However, against the background of these indicators, it is important to take into account the growth of the negative foreign trade balance. This is a signal of the need to strengthen domestic production and increase export potential to avoid imbalances in the future," said Maksim Urakin, founder of the Experts Club information and analytical center.

According to the State Statistics Service, the negative balance of Ukraine's foreign trade in goods in January-August 2024 increased by 6.5% compared to the same period last year and amounted to \$17.613 billion. The main reason for the increase was a slowdown in export growth amid accelerated imports. At the same time, Ukraine's international reserves grew by 13.7%, reaching \$42.33 billion, thanks to the attraction of long-term concessional financing from international partners.

"The growth of reserves to record levels is an important signal of confidence from international partners. However, it is important to realize that inflation remains a challenge. In August, inflation was 7.5% year-on-year after 5.4% in July and 4.8% in June. High inflation can significantly reduce the purchasing power of the population," Urakin emphasized.

Ukraine's public debt also changed in the second quarter of 2024. The total amount of state and state-guaranteed debt in hryvnia equivalent increased by UAH 243.7 billion, and in dollar equivalent by \$1.1 billion. At the same time, the weighted average debt service rate decreased from 6.24% to 5.6% per annum, which indicates an increase in the efficiency of debt management.

At the global level, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) left unchanged its forecast for global economic growth in 2024 at 3.2%, but improved its expectations for 2025 to 3.3%. The main drivers of global growth remain emerging market countries, including China and India, whose economies are expected to grow by 5% and 7% respectively.

“The global economy continues to move forward, but faces key challenges, including inflation and high interest rates. Interestingly, the IMF has adjusted its expectations for oil prices – they are expected to rise slightly in 2024, but decline in 2025. This underscores the importance of the stability of commodity markets for developing countries,” said Maksim Urakin.

The European economy shows more modest results. According to IMF forecasts, the Eurozone's GDP will grow by only 0.9% in 2024, while Germany's economy will grow by only 0.2%.

"Europe is facing many challenges – from the energy crisis to the slowdown in industrial growth. For Ukraine, this is an opportunity to strengthen its position in trade relations with the EU by exporting competitive goods and services," the expert emphasized.

The economic indicators of Ukraine and the world in January-August 2024 show mixed results. Steady GDP growth and strengthened reserves are accompanied by inflationary risks and a negative trade balance. The global economy, while moving forward, is being held back by inflation and geopolitical factors.

"It is crucial for Ukraine to focus on creating an attractive investment climate, increasing labor productivity and developing export opportunities. This will be the key to sustainable economic growth and financial stability in the future," summarized Maksim Urakin.



184 COMPANIES IN UKRAINE UNDER NSDC SANCTIONS

More than 15% of sanctioned companies will be under restrictions for life

184 companies in Ukraine are currently under NSDC sanctions, according to the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine. Most of these businesses are located in Kyiv, Odesa, and Lviv. Most often, these companies are engaged in wholesale trade, except for the trade in motor vehicles and motorcycles.

“ *Most of the companies appeared on the sanctions list after a series of updates in 2024. So this year, the number of such businesses has almost tripled: by 119 companies. By contrast, the fewest companies were added to the sanctions list in 2023 – only 10 (5.4%).* ”

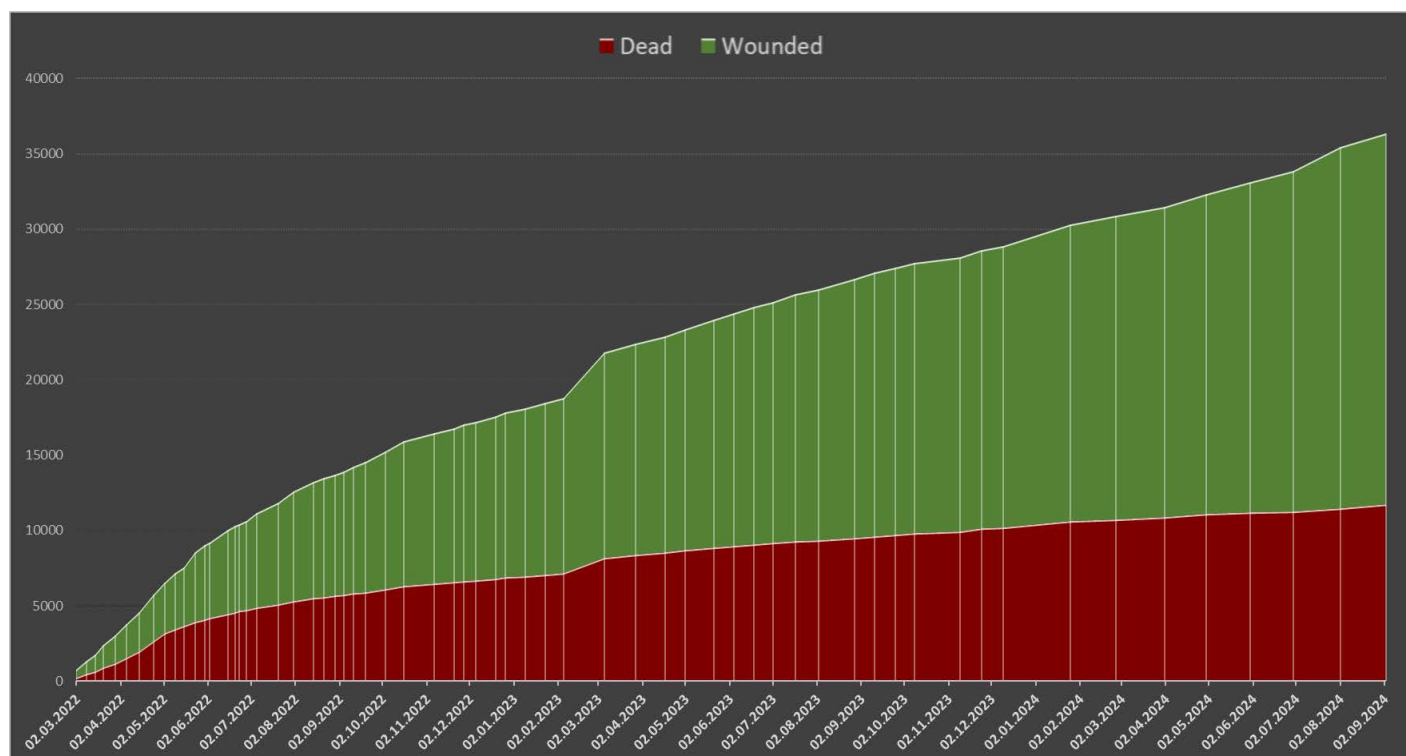


Every second company in the total number will be under sanctions until 2027. Another 19.4%, or 36 businesses, will be released from the restrictions no earlier than 2034. The sanctions are in place for an indefinite period of time, with 15.1% or 28 companies.

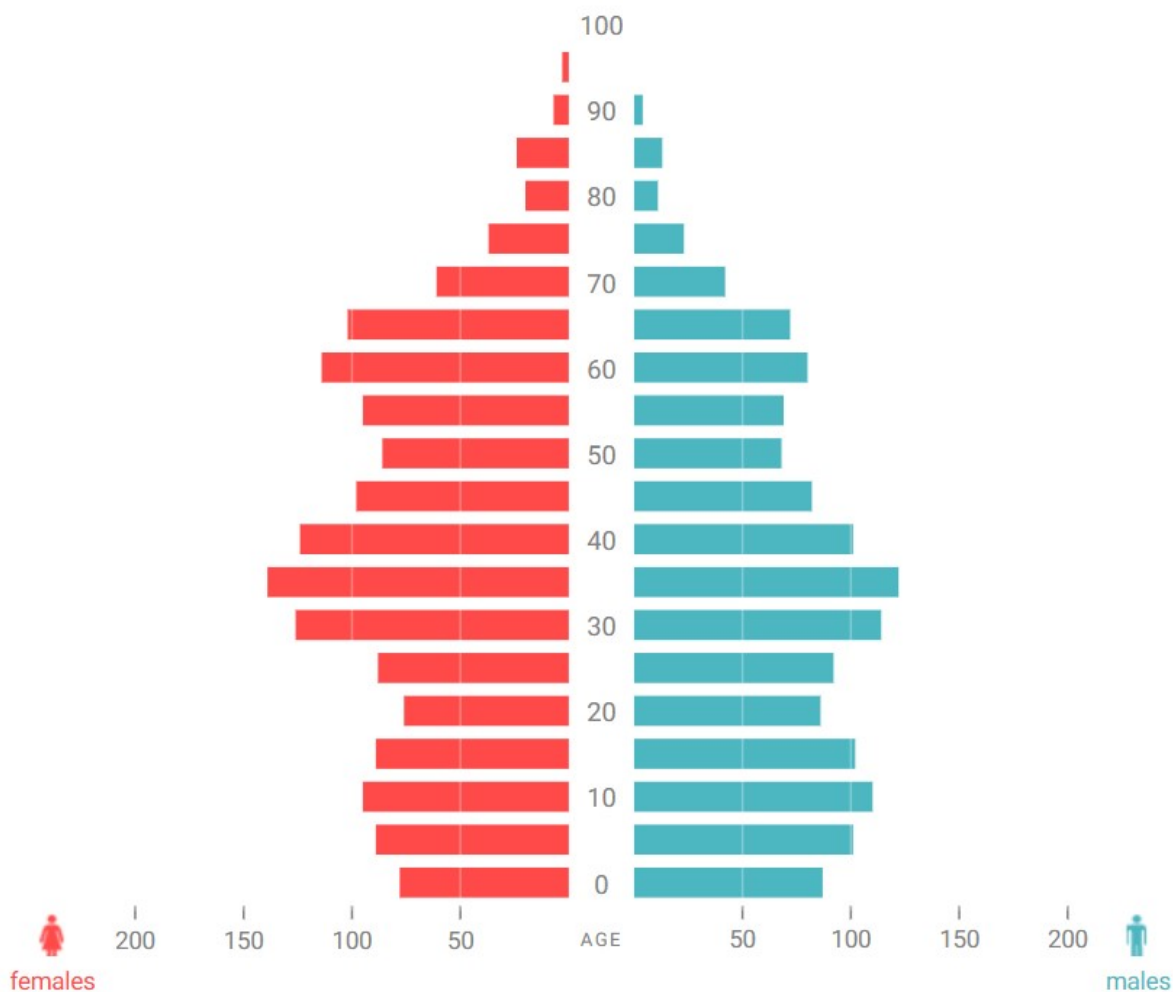
The majority of these businesses are wholesale trade, except for trade in motor vehicles and motorcycles – 61 companies (33.2%). Another 10.3% are engaged in specialized construction work – 19 companies. Film production and construction of buildings are in the top three, with 7 companies or 3.8% each.

Most businesses under sanctions are located in Kyiv – 102 in total. There are significantly fewer companies in Odesa region – 17 or 9.2%. Lviv region is also among the leaders in terms of the number of companies – 13 or 7.1%.

NUMBER OF DEAD AND WOUNDED CIVILIANS IN UKRAINE FROM 24.02.2022 TILL 31.08.2024 UN DATA



AGE-SEX PYRAMID OF THE POPULATION OF UKRAINE FOR 2024 (THOUSAND PEOPLE)



«KYIVSTAR» TO INVEST ALMOST UAH 1.5 BLN IN RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM

Kyivstar, Ukraine's largest mobile operator, intends to invest UAH 1.43 billion in the radio frequency spectrum 1940-1945/2130-2135 MHz and 2355-2395 MHz, the company's press service said on Tuesday. At the same time, it is specified that obtaining additional radio frequency spectrum for 15 years will significantly strengthen the company's capabilities to expand 4G coverage and improve the quality of services in all regions of the country.

The company emphasized the important role of Kyivstar in the development of the electronic communications industry in Ukraine, in particular in the introduction of 4G. The press service recalled that it was Kyivstar that offered the state an innovative approach to solving the problem of fragmented spectrum of frequencies – in 2018, the company supported the proposal of the national regulator, returning to the state the frequency band in the 1800 MHz range. This allowed for a transparent auction, which resulted in the state budget receiving UAH 5.43 billion and consumers receiving high-quality 4G coverage across the country.

In 2020, Kyivstar returned the frequency band in the 900 MHz band to the state for the second time voluntarily and free of charge.

“To further bridge the digital divide between urban and rural areas, it was important to deploy 4G also in the lower 900 MHz frequency band, which allows for wider coverage, especially along roads and in remote areas. But the spectrum deficit and fragmentation in this band slowed down the technological development of the market,” Kyivstar's press service said.

EXPORTS OF IT SERVICES IN UKRAINE: 4-6% DROP IN 2024

Exports of IT services in 2024 will decline by 4-6% compared to 2023 and may amount to \$6.3-6.4 billion, Lviv IT Cluster predicts.

“The decline in IT services exports that began in 2023 continues. Under the optimistic scenario, by the end of 2024, it will decrease by 4% compared to 2023. Under the pessimistic scenario, this figure will reach 6%. We should expect \$6.3-6.4 billion. Thus, in 2024, the tech industry will not show growth for the second year in a row compared to last year,” follows a study by IT Research Ukraine conducted by the Lviv IT Cluster.

At the same time, despite the challenges of a full-scale war, the technology industry in Ukraine remains one of the key industries and provides significant foreign exchange earnings. The IT sector is the largest exporter of services in Ukraine, accounting for 38% of total exports of services. In total exports, IT ranks second after food exports, the study says.

According to the data, 2118 IT companies operate in Ukraine. Half of them are service companies, including 47% outsourcing and 3% outstaffing. Another 31% of companies are product companies. The rest have a mixed business model.

45.7% of the IT companies surveyed said they do not plan to open new representative offices in the short term, 17.1% plan to open in Ukraine, and 34.3% abroad. Most want to open a representative office in Poland. In addition, 6% of CEOs plan to close their office in Ukraine.

The number of specialists working in the IT industry in 2024 decreased by 1.6% to 302 thousand. Most of them, 238 thousand people, live and work in Ukraine. The number of Ukrainian specialists abroad also decreased to 62-64 thousand people against 65 thousand in 2023, the study says. The average age of a Ukrainian IT specialist is 31.5 years. The majority of respondents, 68%, do not have children.

UKRAINE INCREASED STEEL PRODUCTION BY 5.7% IN OCTOBER, RANKING 23RD IN WORLD

Ukrainian steelmakers increased steel production by 5.7% year-on-year to 604 thousand tons from 571 thousand tons in October this year, but decreased by 0.1% compared to the previous month, when they produced 610 thousand tons.

At the same time, Ukraine took 23rd place in the ranking of 71 countries that are global producers of this product, compiled by the World Steel Association (Worldsteel).

According to Worldsteel, in October 2024, half of the top ten countries, except for Japan, the United States, Russia, South Korea, and Iran, recorded an increase in steel production compared to October 2013.

The top ten steel producing countries in October are as follows: China (81.880 million tons, up 2.9% by October 2023), India (12.456 million tons, up 1.7%), Japan (6.925 million tons, down 7.8%), the United States (6.551 million tons, down 2%), and the Russian Federation (5.6 million tons, down 15.2%), South Korea (4.487 million tons, down 18.3%), Germany (3.217 million tons, up 14.7%), Brazil (3.075 million tons, up 16.2%), Turkey (2.998 million tons, up 0.7%) and Iran (2.960 million tons, down 1.9%).

Overall, in October this year, steel production increased by 0.4% year-on-year to 151.193 million tons.



UKRAINE RECEIVES \$235 MLN IN CONCESSIONAL FINANCING FROM JAPAN THROUGH WORLD BANK

Ukraine's state budget has received \$235 million in concessional financing from the Government of Japan under the World Bank's new systemic projects, the Resilient, Inclusive and Environmentally Balanced Enterprise (RISE) and the Increasing Access to and Resilience of Education in Crisis-affected Ukraine (LEARN).

As the Ministry of Finance reported in a press release on Wednesday, the RISE program received a \$130 million loan that will be used to address critical issues that hinder the growth and sustainable development of the private sector.

The Ministry clarified that the \$105 million in Japanese funds received under the LEARN project is the result of the Ukrainian government's implementation of measures to ensure safe face-to-face learning in schools by providing subventions for shelters and school buses in 2024.

The projects are implemented using the Program-for-results (PforR) financial instrument, when funds are allocated after Ukraine has achieved some of the results.

The Ministry of Finance noted that by the end of 2024, Ukraine expects to raise another \$120 million and \$95 million under RISE and LEARN, respectively.

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METINVEST IS READY TO INVEST IN EUROPE AND EXPAND ITS PRESENCE THERE

Metinvest Mining and Metallurgical Group is ready to invest in Europe and expand its presence in the market, including steel production, and is currently in the process of mergers and acquisitions of some European steel assets, said Alexander Vodovez, Chief Executive Officer of the Group, at the European Business Summit in Brussels.

“We are negotiating with several European companies to come to Ukraine. We are currently in the process of merging and acquiring some European steel assets, as we have a huge resource base and want to use it properly,” said the top manager.

According to the head of Metinvest's CEO's office, before the war, the group employed about 120,000 people and accounted for about 5% of Ukraine's GDP. But with the start of the full-scale invasion, the company lost almost 50% of its enterprises, particularly in Mariupol and Avdiivka. Today, Metinvest employs about 60,000 people in Ukraine, Italy, the United States, Bulgaria and the United Kingdom. About 9,000 of the company's employees serve in the Ukrainian Armed Forces, and about 1,000 employees have been killed. The group's enterprises operate under the threat of shelling, with some facilities located just 10 km from the frontline.

Vodoviz emphasized the importance of entering the EU market, especially as Ukraine fights Russian aggression.

“Ukraine has the largest resource base on the European continent. And we can offer Europe access to these resources. In return, we want access to European technologies and the financial system to implement projects both in Ukraine and in the EU. But we do not need free money – we are ready to compete. We are ready to be part of the economic society of Europe and want this accession process to be completed as soon as possible,” stated the head of Metinvest's CEO's office.



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HOUSING COMMISSIONING IN UKRAINE INCREASED BY 23% – STATE STATISTICS SERVICE

Housing commissioning in Ukraine in January-September 2024 increased by 23% compared to the same period in 2023 – up to 6 million 732.9 thousand square meters, the State Statistics Service reported.

According to the report, 3 million 504.8 thousand square meters of housing were put into operation in cities in nine months, which is 7.5% higher than in the first three quarters of last year. In rural areas, compared to last year, 47.2% more housing was commissioned – 3 million 228.1 thousand square meters.

“ *In total, 79.1 thousand apartments were commissioned in January-September 2024, which is 18.9% more than in January-September 2023. At the same time, 53.1 thousand apartments were commissioned in apartment buildings. In cities, 49.2 thousand apartments were commissioned, in villages – 29.9 thousand.* ”

In the first nine months of the year, Kyiv region commissioned the most housing – 1 million 395.1 thousand square meters, or 14.9 thousand apartments (20.7% of the total), exceeding the figure for the comparable period in 2023 by 38.4%. Next comes Lviv region with 783.3 thousand square meters, or 9.2 thousand apartments (11.6% and +44.4%, respectively); Ivano-Frankivsk region – 457.1 thousand square meters, or 5.2 thousand apartments (6.8%, +13.6%); Vinnytsia region – 347.2 thousand square meters, or 4.7 thousand apartments (5.2%, minus 46%).

In Kyiv, 814.4 thousand square meters of housing, or 12.1 thousand apartments (12.1%, minus 2.9%), were commissioned in the first nine months of the year.

According to the State Statistics Service, the largest increase in housing commissioning in January-September was recorded in Kherson region, where the figure increased 11 times compared to the same period in 2023, to 3.4 thousand square meters (0.1% of the total), as well as in Donetsk region – six times, to 19.7 thousand square meters (0.3%), and in Zaporizhzhia region – four times, to 33.2 thousand square meters (0.5%).

CONSTRUCTION OF TWO FACTORIES WILL START IN INDUSTRIAL PARK “BELAYA TSERKVA”

Industrial park (IP) “Belaya Tserkva” intends to start construction of two more factories in 2025, said Alexander Protsyuk, business development director of the industrial park.

“We now have five operating plants, three more are under construction and next year we will lay two more plants. That is, it will be more than 1 thousand jobs for Bila Tserkva, which is a significant achievement for a city of 250 thousand residents,” he said during the Ukrainian Automotive and Mobility Forum 2024 in Lviv.

Protsyuk recalled that since the beginning of the full-scale military invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation IP “Bila Tserkva” managed to attract three foreign investors – one of the world’s largest manufacturers of everyday goods company Unilever, manufacturer of spare parts for electric vehicles InTiCa Systems, and a supplier of thin slab structures Finnish Peikko Group (whose plant is under construction – IF-U).

“InTiCa was the first company in Ukraine to obtain war risk insurance, and I will say that the quality of Ukrainian products is an order of magnitude higher than in its Czech division, where Ukrainians work, and in its Mexican division, which works for the American market. And now InTiCa is at a crossroads – they would very much like to move the plant from the Czech Republic to Ukraine, but they are worried about the Vienna risks. But I think we will expand their plant at our location,” Protsyuk said.

He also added that the work with Unilever and Peikko Group lasted more than a year. “For these three successful cases we have four unsuccessful ones – these are large multinational companies, which for various reasons refused to enter or expand business in Ukraine,” – said the director of business development of IP “Bila Tserkva.

Regarding the attractiveness of the park for investors, Protsyuk emphasized that for production cases location is certainly important (for example, in border areas), but equally important is access to high-quality but expensive labor and quick access to communications.

RAIFFEISEN BANK FORECASTS UKRAINE'S GDP GROWTH IN 2025 BY 4.9%, EXCHANGE RATE AT END OF 2025 WILL BE 45.5 UAH/\$1

Ukraine's economy in 2025 will grow by 4.9% with a slight decrease in inflation rate compared to this year to 8%, such macro forecast of Raiffeisen Bank (Kiev) was shared by the head of its board of directors Alexander Pizaruk.

"As for the dollar exchange rate, we expect devaluation of about 8% in 2025, and the exchange rate itself will be 45.5 UAH/\$1 at the end of 2025. The baseline scenario is based on the hypothesis that security risks will improve from the second half of 2025," he said.

"But we do not have two fundamentally different development scenarios. All preliminary forecasts on the end of the war did not come true. The head of the NBU said this at the meeting of the European Business Association, and I am ready to sign these words that let's stop predicting and making mistakes, and let's just work," – said at the same time the head of Raiffeisen.

According to him, even if the ceasefire is at the end of the first quarter, it will not dramatically affect performance in 2025.

"It could have an impact on 2026. So even such important things affect with a certain lag. 2025 will be influenced by the current dynamics of inflation growth and the need to curb it," Pizaruk said.

"But the rates on deposits in US dollars and euros may slightly decrease in response to the relevant decisions of the Fed and the ECB, although they remain quite low in Ukraine now," – suggested the head of Raiffeisen Bank.

Commenting on the impact of the situation on the front on the mood of the population and business, he stated that this is reflected in the foreign exchange market.

"We observe a significant increase in demand for cash currency, although the supply also remains high. This leads to an increase in interventions by the National Bank, which, fortunately, has reserves for this purpose, formed at the expense of international currency aid," Pizaruk said.

ALTERRA GROUP PLANS NETWORK OF 7 INDUSTRIAL PARKS IN UKRAINE

The development company Alterra Group, which is currently implementing the Formatsiya.Lviv industrial park project, intends to build a network of seven such parks, said Olena Podolska, head of the company's international business unit.

“*Lviv will be our first park, then we will go to Rivne, two will be in Kyiv, and then we will return to the western region – Ivano-Frankivsk, Vinnytsia, and Khmelnytsky,*” she said during the Ukrainian Automotive and Mobility Forum 2024 in Lviv, organized by the Ukrainian Automotive and Mobility Cluster with the support of the USAID Competitive Economy of Ukraine Program.

Podolska noted that there are already several local manufacturers who plan to open 10,000 square meters of production facilities in the Formation.Lviv IP, including the USP sandwich panel manufacturer.

In addition, during the forum, the CEO and owner of Lois Motors LLC, which is implementing a project to create a light electric vehicle LUAZ and plans to scale it up, announced his interest in locating his production in the park.

"I plan to scale up the project and cooperate with the Formatsiya.Lviv industrial park to open either a car production facility for people with disabilities or the next stage of our production," he said during the forum.



AIRBALTIC HAS READY-MADE PLAN TO FLY BACK INTO UKRAINE ONCE SAFE

AirBaltic said it's developed a plan to resume flights to Ukraine at short notice of the airspace reopening, three years after the Russian invasion severed the country's air links.

The Latvian airline plans to shift capacity from other destinations into Ukraine once safe to do so, Chief Executive Officer Martin Gauss said on Monday in an interview. AirBaltic would also want to keep some aircraft in Ukraine overnight, a practice known as night-stopping, he said.

"We can be flying tonight if it's safe," he said. "I would even fly empty there if it's clear we can fly out and would sell the tickets, and the tickets are sold."

Optimism for the end of the war in Ukraine is gaining momentum, with US President-elect Donald Trump saying he could settle the country's conflict with Russia. Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskiy has suggested he'd accept a cease-fire with Russia that left parts of his country occupied in return for NATO security guarantees over the rest.

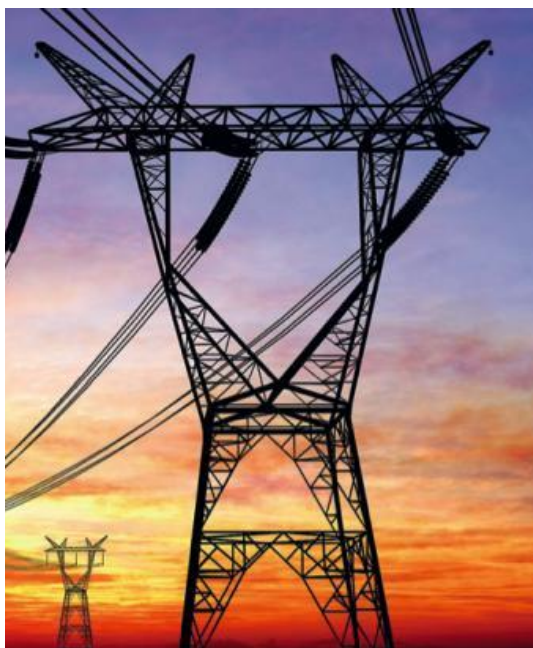
German Chancellor Olaf Scholz arrived in Kyiv on Monday and offered additional military aid, which stands to strengthen Zelenskiy's hand in any cease-fire talks.

AirBaltic had a strong market in Ukraine and previously operated flights from Kyiv, Lviv and Odesa but was forced to suspend all flights when the airspace closed because of the conflict. Airlines are now assessing when and how to restart flights into Ukraine when the airspace reopens. Ryanair Holdings Plc has promised to base 30 aircraft there and help rebuild the country's aviation industry once the war ends. Opening the airspace and airports would provide AirBaltic with an additional key market, given that Ukraine travel demand is high, Gauss said. The carrier would also be able to cross Ukraine's airspace to fly a more direct route south of Latvia to destinations such as Dubai and Greece.

ELECTRICITY IMPORTS TO UKRAINE DECREASED BY 9%

In November 2024, Ukraine remained a net importer of electricity, but its total imports decreased by 9% compared to October – to 165 million kWh, D.Trading LLC reported.

“ According to its analytical report provided to the *Energoreforma* portal, most of the electricity was imported to Ukraine from Slovakia (55.5 million kWh). Poland ranks second (41.4 million kWh), Hungary third (33.3 million kWh), followed by Romania (28.6 million kWh) and Moldova (6.1 million kWh).



The largest volume of electricity imports per day was on November 1 – 12 million kWh, or more than 4% of total electricity consumption in Ukraine.

According to the company, in November, as in October, imports did not reach the maximum technically permitted capacity of 1700 MW, reaching only 1300 MW in the evening peak.

"In general, the utilization of the offered cross-section fell to 42% (in October it was 72%). But at the same time, the volume of the offered crossing was 54% higher than in October – 390.7 million kWh. The interconnection with Hungary was used by 24%, with Poland – by 87%, with Romania – by 31%, with Slovakia – by 64%, with Moldova – by 27%," the report says.

According to the company's estimates, last month, imports, taking into account all costs, were economically feasible in only 20% of hours from Hungary (145 hours), Romania (142 hours) and Slovakia (136 hours). From Poland, imports were reasonable in 35% of all hours (254 hours).

UKRAINE INCREASED GRAIN EXPORTS IN 2024-2025 MY

Ukraine exported 17.497 mln tonnes of grains and pulses since the beginning of 2024-2025 marketing year (MY) as of November 25, including 3.098 mln tonnes shipped in November, the press service of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food reported, citing the data of the State Customs Service.

According to the report, as of November 27, 2023, the total shipments amounted to 12.693 mln tonnes, including 3.453 mln tonnes in November.

At the same time, in general, in 2024-2025 MY the exports of all major crops are significantly higher than last year. Thus, since the beginning of the current season, Ukraine has exported 8.629 mln tonnes of wheat (5.755 mln tonnes in 2023/24 MY), 1.86 mln tonnes of barley (870 thsd tonnes), 10.8 thsd tonnes of rye (0.9 thsd tonnes), and 6.689 mln tonnes of corn (5.936 mln tonnes). The total export of Ukrainian flour since the beginning of the season as of November 25 is estimated at 30.1 thsd tonnes (in 2023/24 MY – 48.8 thsd tonnes), including 27.4 thsd tonnes of wheat (46.7 thsd tonnes).



“MHP” REDUCED SALES OF SUNFLOWER OIL BY 11%

In January-September 2024, MHP, Ukraine’s largest chicken producer, reduced sales of sunflower oil by 11% compared to the same period in 2023, to 330.24 thousand tons.

“The decline is primarily due to a change in the recipe for oilcake production, which led to a decrease in oil production,” the holding company said in a report to the London Stock Exchange.

“In January-September 2024, MHP also reduced sales of soybean oil by 9% compared to the same period in 2023, to 35.46 thousand tons.



Revenue of the vegetable oils segment in January-September 2024 decreased by 27% to \$355 mln, which led to a decrease in adjusted EBITDA (excluding IFRS 16) to \$42 mln compared to \$71 mln in the same period last year, which the agricultural holding explains by a decline in both world oil prices and sales volumes.

UKRAINE HAS EXPORTED ALMOST 18 MLN TONS OF GRAIN SINCE BEGINNING OF SEASON

Ukraine has exported 17.978 mln tonnes of grains and pulses since the beginning of 2024-2025 marketing year (MY) as of November 28, of which 3.579 mln tonnes were shipped in November, the press service of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food reported, citing the State Customs Service data.

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The total export of Ukrainian flour since the beginning of the season as of November 28 is estimated at 31.3 thsd tonnes (in 2023-2024 MY – 49.2 thsd tonnes), including 28.6 thsd tonnes of wheat (47.1 thsd tonnes).

UKRAINIAN FARMERS RECEIVED €1.5 BLN IN GRANTS FROM EU

During negotiations with representatives of the European Union in Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Agrarian and Land Policy discussed the prospects of receiving grants and financing for the Ukrainian agricultural sector, as well as the introduction of Common Agricultural Practice (CAP) after joining the European Union, MP Serhiy Labaziuk (For the Future party) said in a telegram channel.

Christian Ben Hell, Head of the Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry and Food Safety Sector of the EU Delegation to Ukraine, informed that Ukrainian farmers have already received grants worth EUR 1.5 billion.

“My colleagues suggest not to tax pomegranates for farmers in any way, as this is actually humanitarian aid. The EU considers it incorrect to take part of it into the budget,” said the MP.

The participants of the meeting stated that the EU requirements for agriculture have been met by more than 71%. In the course of further adaptation of the European legislation, the MPs emphasized the need to introduce changes taking into account the interests of Ukrainian producers.

“Ukrainian farmers want to work with the European market, but this figure will be about 20%. The rest will be transit or export to other countries,” said Labaziuk.



UKRAINIAN SUGAR FACTORIES HAVE PRODUCED 1.2 MLN TONS OF SUGAR SINCE BEGINNING OF 2024/25 SEASON

Since the beginning of the 2024/25 season, sugar factories-members of the National Association of Sugar Producers Ukrtsukor have produced 1.165 million tons of sugar as of November 21, the association's press service reports.

“*Ukrainian sugar factories have already accepted 9 million tons of sugar beet for processing, from which they produced 1.165 million tons of sugar, which is almost equal to the same date last year,*” the statement said.

The industry association noted that in the season 2024/2025 MY sugar beet processing in Ukraine is carried out by 29 sugar factories, 28 of which are members of the association.

At the same time, Ukraine has almost completed the harvesting of sugar beet, which was harvested in the amount of 11.9 million tons from an area of 251.2 thousand hectares with an average yield of 47.6 tons per hectare. As reported by Interfax-Ukraine, citing data from the Ukrtsukor association, 37 sugar factories operated in Ukraine in 2023. One plant in Kharkiv region, which is located in the de-occupied territory, was not ready to enter the processing season, as farmers in the region did not sow sugar beets.

UKRAINE IS APPROACHING RECORD OF SOYBEAN EXPORTS IN 2024-2025 MY

The Ukrainian soybean market is showing outstanding results – exports since the beginning of 2024-2025 marketing year (July-June) amounted to 445 thsd tonnes, which creates preconditions for a new record, according to the analytical cooperative “Start”, created within the framework of the All-Ukrainian Agrarian Council.

The analysts emphasized that despite the pace of exports, the Ukrainian market depends on global trends, such as fluctuations in prices for American and Brazilian soybeans.

“*Ukrainian soybeans are usually sold at a discount compared to US soybeans, which is about \$5-7 per ton. However, now the price of US soybeans is almost equal to the Ukrainian one, which is a favorable signal for domestic exporters. Negative trends in the physical markets, in particular, the fall in the price of soybeans in Chicago, have not yet affected our sales volumes,*” the experts said.

They pointed out that seasonal trends indicate a possible increase in soybean prices in December-March, which is traditionally an active period for trade. Prices for soybeans will gradually rise to \$420-440 per ton, which is \$20-30 more than the current figures, according to Pusk.

“December is always active for the market due to the preparation for the Christmas holidays. Processing companies will increase purchases of soybeans, as most of them have covered their needs only for the first half of December. This creates high demand, which, in turn, will contribute to the price increase,” the experts explained and recommended producers who have the opportunity to postpone sales until February-March to maximize the benefits.



60 UKRAINIAN DAIRIES HAVE BEEN ACCREDITED IN EU

The European Union has accredited 60 Ukrainian dairy plants, Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Vitaliy Koval said in a telegram. "The Ministry of Agrarian Policy supports the dairy industry. Our priorities are the development of livestock and agro-processing. For this purpose, UAH 1 billion has been allocated in the budget for the next year," he wrote after participating in the All-Ukrainian conference Dairy Business 2024.



The Minister added that thanks to the initiative of the First Lady, Ukraine is introducing milk as a compulsory product for primary school children – 200 ml per day.

According to the State Statistics Committee, in January-October 2024, Ukraine exported 101.6 thousand tons of dairy products worth \$250.1 million. In physical terms, exports grew by 10% compared to the same period last year, and revenue by 13%.

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