

March 12, 2024

An update on the current situation...

Share Hope has helped to settle 347 displaced Ukrainians within 136 families, across our region since the invasion began in Feb 2022. We currently have another 17 people within 5 families who are still inquiring about settling in Prince George by the end of March 2024.

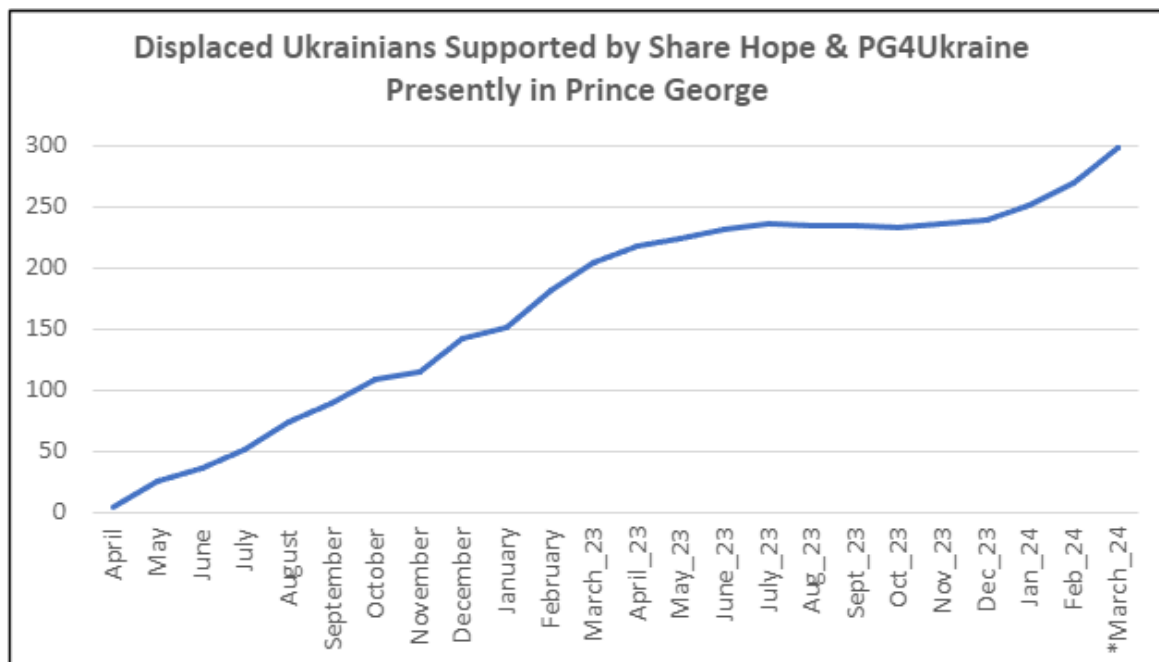
As of March 12th, 2024, there are 268 displaced Ukrainians registered with Share Hope who remain here in Prince George and 306 across the region. For February we saw 19 arrivals and 30 expected in March. We certainly experienced an increased trend in the number of enquiries for winter travel since a slower trend over the fall months.

Of the 42 who have left Prince George, 34 have moved to other cities in Canada to accept better jobs or move closer to other family and friends who have since arrived elsewhere. We have seen a gradual trickle of people leaving our city to go back to Ukraine, currently 8 have gone back home.

We continue to set up accommodations with furniture and household items for most families (79 to date) since we started this campaign. As people arrive many begin attending classes at CNC and at IMSS for English language supports.

Currently there are several families who are struggling to find jobs due largely to a lack of proficient English language skills. We are struggling to continue to provide short term settlement support as some experience a longer journey to get fully independent of our various supports. On average, Share Hope provided financial supports to 13 families each month during 2023, from a high of 20 families in March down to 4 families in December. This number is now trending upwards with the late surge. In the past 3 months we have been averaging approx. \$1,500 per family.

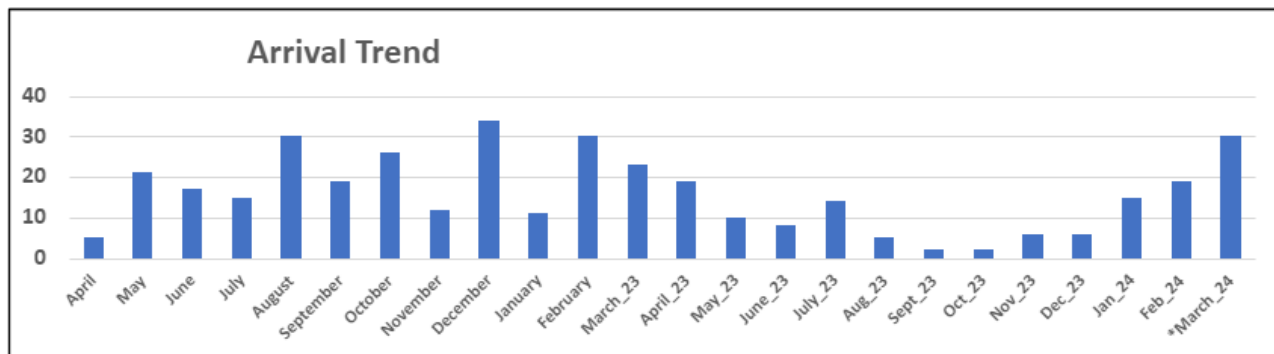
Number of Displaced Ukrainians Share Hope has helped to settle in Prince George



3/12/2024 Share Hope - Ukrainians in(coming to) PG

268	Presently in Prince George	100	Families
306	Presently in Northern Region via Share Hope involvement	115	Families in Northern Region
41	Left PG after some time here	21	Families or Individuals
347	People helped in Northern Region via Share Hope involvement	136	Families helped in Northern Region

17	In bound to PG or engaged with by Share Hope	5	Families
506	Total engaged with both in Canada & overseas since March 2022	191	Families
142	Changed their minds on PG before coming	50	Families



Share Hope's Current Situation

- The local community of Ukrainian newcomers is growing stronger and more independent.
- Many recent arrivals are struggling to find work, while earlier arrivals are quite successful.
- Common struggles are finding jobs, mental health supports, access to daycare, transportation.
- Permanent Resident status is now the key discussion point and anxiety as there is no clear path.
- The first wave in '22 have 1 year to get Permanent Residence or will have to leave Canada in 2025.
- We expect several of the newest arrivals will experience a far more challenging transition in their settlements due to the rising unemployment levels and cost of living increases.
- There are over 736,000 approved applicants with CUAET (Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel) Visas who could still travel to Canada at any time.
- If they arrive on, or after, April 1st 2024 with a previously approved CUAET Visa, they won't receive a Work Permit at the point of entry. They will not be eligible to receive federal supports offered under the CUAET measures. They will have to apply for a Work Permit through the "general requirements" application once they are here. And they can only stay for 6 months.
- The Canadian government is expecting a surge of up to 90,000 arrivals during Jan-March 2024.

CUAET statistics as of Feb 27, 2024: 1,189,320 applied, 960,091 approved, 248,726 arrived.

Last day to enter Canada under the CUAET special measures is March 31, 2024.