RESULTS OF SURVEY
«YOUTH OF UKRAINE - 2015»
carried out by GfK Ukraine for the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine with the financial support of the UN organizations in Ukraine

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ABOUT THE SURVEY

Analytical research «Youth of Ukraine - 2015» was carried out by GfK Ukraine on request of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine with the financial support of the UN organizations in Ukraine – members of the UN Working Group on Youth, in particular UN Population Fund (UNFPA), UN Development Programme (UNDP), The UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF), UN Volunteers programme (UNV) and Office of UN Resident Coordinator.

The target group of the research is Ukrainian youth – citizens of Ukraine at the age from 14 to 35 years who permanently live on the territory of Ukraine (except for the temporarily occupied and uncontrolled territories).

The research was conducted using the methods of online interview (for Internet users) and personal interview at respondent’s home (for Internet non-users and village inhabitants). The sample of 2852 respondents is representative for Ukrainian population (except for the temporarily occupied and uncontrolled territories) of the corresponding age group by gender, age, oblast of residence, settlement size and share of Internet users.

The survey was conducted from September 18 till October 7, 2015. Main results of the research are presented in infographics.
## CIVIL ACTIVITY OF YOUTH

### Do you know youth civic organizations and their activities in Ukraine?
- Know about the existence of youth civic organizations: **62%**
- Take part in activities of such organizations, but are not their members: **6%**
- Are members of such organizations: **2%**

### Have you participated in any civil initiatives in the last 12 months? (including financial support of initiatives or direct participation)
- Yes: **54%**
- Most often youth have participated in the initiatives aimed at support of army: **36%**
- Took part in discussions of regulations and budgets (at national and local levels): **5%**

### Have you ever volunteered?
- Have ever volunteered: **36%**
- Volunteered in the last 12 months: **22%**

### Share of youth who haven't participated in certain civil initiatives, but are potentially interested in them
- Providing help to children in crisis situations: **60%**
- Participation in actions to protect personal rights and interests: **60%**
- Actions aimed at local infrastructure development (e.g., cleaning the park, children’s playground improvement): **56%**
- Fighting against corruption through reporting about such cases to media and competent authorities: **55%**
MOBILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO EMIGRATE

Would you like to emigrate from Ukraine?

- **82%** would not
- **4%** plan to do it
- **13%** searching for the opportunity
- **1%** Other/Difficult to answer

Countries which have been visited by youth

- **Russian Federation**: 19%
- **Poland**: 12%
- **Turkey**: 7%
- **Egypt**: 6%
- **Belarus**: 6%

Have you visited other countries?

- **37%** visited other countries
- **23%** visited EU countries
- **22%** visited CIS countries

Do you know about possibilities for youth provided by the EU youth program ‘Erasmus+’?

- **10%** know about the program
- **1%** participated in the program
- **1%** plan to participate in the program
**NATIONAL AND PATRIOTIC ORIENTATIONS**

**What language do you usually speak...**

- Ukrainian: 51% Ukrainian, 43% Russian
- Russian: 31% Ukrainian, 31% Russian
- Ukrainian and Russian languages equally: 18% Ukrainian, 25% Russian
- Other: 1% Ukrainian, 0% Russian

**Are you ready for armed defense of your country? % among men**

- 39% Already took part in military operations and/or feel ready for it
- 17% may consider this option
- 10% difficult to answer
- 35% are not ready

**Are you proud to be a citizen of Ukraine?**

- 81% yes
- 8% no
- 11% Other/difficult to answer

**The most proud**

- Volynska: 97% yes
- Rivnenska: 97% yes
- Luhanska: 97% yes
- Ivano-Frankivska: 97% yes
- Donetska: 59% yes
- Odeska: 62% yes

**The least proud**

- Ivano-Frankivska: 35% Ukrainian
- Odeska: 31% Ukrainian
- Volynska: 31% Ukrainian
- Luhanska: 25% Ukrainian
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FINANCIAL NEEDS AND FINANCIAL OPTIMISM

Will you be able to reach a desired financial status in Ukraine?

- 1% Already reached
- 43% Yes
- 39% No

Lack money even for necessary foodstuff

Mentioned, that in the last 12 months they lacked money for medical treatment for themselves/ spouse/children

Don’t have their own housing

Lack money for leisure (mostly for travelling)

Lack money for purchasing durables such as furniture, refrigerator, TV

67% among them are sure that they will not be able to buy it in the next 5 years

49% in the 30-34 age group don’t have their own housing

Most often youth lack money for travelling abroad

62% or within Ukraine

50%

Will you be able to reach a desired financial status in Ukraine?
Education level (already obtained or acquiring)

- 18% Secondary
- 17% Vocational technical education
- 14% Basic higher
- 49% Complete higher
- 2% Academic Degree

How are you going to choose your speciality? / (for those who've finished education)

- 49% Speciality meets interests, hobbies, skills
- 30% Speciality will provide a decent income
- 16% According to the advice of parents, relatives

How have you chosen your last speciality? (multiple choice)

- 15% Prestigious speciality
- 11% Education for this speciality can (could) be obtained for free
- 6% As a result of professional orientation test
EMPLOYMENT

9% unemployed and searching for a job

Why don’t you have a job now? % of unemployed

- 29% Dismissed from previous place of employment
- 20% Recently finished studying
- 13% Have been on maternity leave
- 8% Have changed the place of residence
- 6% Other reasons

60% Have a job

among them 51% have job relevant to their speciality

Do you have a CV that you send to employers? % of unemployed

- 50% Yes
- 50% No
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- **59%** played sports or did physical exercises in the last 7 days
- **44%** don’t have harmful habits
- **27%** drank alcoholic beverages in the last week
- **27%** smoke (among them **67%** would like to quit)
- **26%** haven’t played sports or had any physical activity over the last year
- **19%** quit smoking
- **10%** used drugs at least once
MOST POPULAR SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

30% Fitness/physical exercises
20% Jogging
17% Football
15% Swimming
14% Cycling
8% Volleyball
4% Yoga
3% Basketball
3% Boxing
3% Extremals
3% Breakdancers
2% Rollers
2% Tracers (parkour)

What kind of PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES have you done in the last 12 months?

Belonging to youth subcultures related to sports or physical activities

8% Football fans
3% «street workout»
3% Extremals
2% Breakdancers
2% Rollers
2% Tracers (parkour)
In your opinion, Ukraine should...
(multiple choice)

- Join the European Union: 49%
- Join NATO: 28%
- Ukraine should be non-aligned independent state: 31%
- Make the Union with Russia: 7%
- Ukraine should create own geopolitical union: 6%
- Difficult to answer: 10%
PRIORITIES OF STATE YOUTH POLICY

- Promotion of youth employment and self-employment
  - Primary directions of state youth policy in opinion of young people
  - Knowledge that correspondent activities are carried out in the region of respondent’s residence

- Assistance for youth housing

- Support of talented youth

- Promoting healthy and safe lifestyle among youth

- Support of young people who are in difficult circumstances

- Sport activities for youth

- Development of network of youth centers and youth clubs

- Forming of youth national-patriotic consciousness