

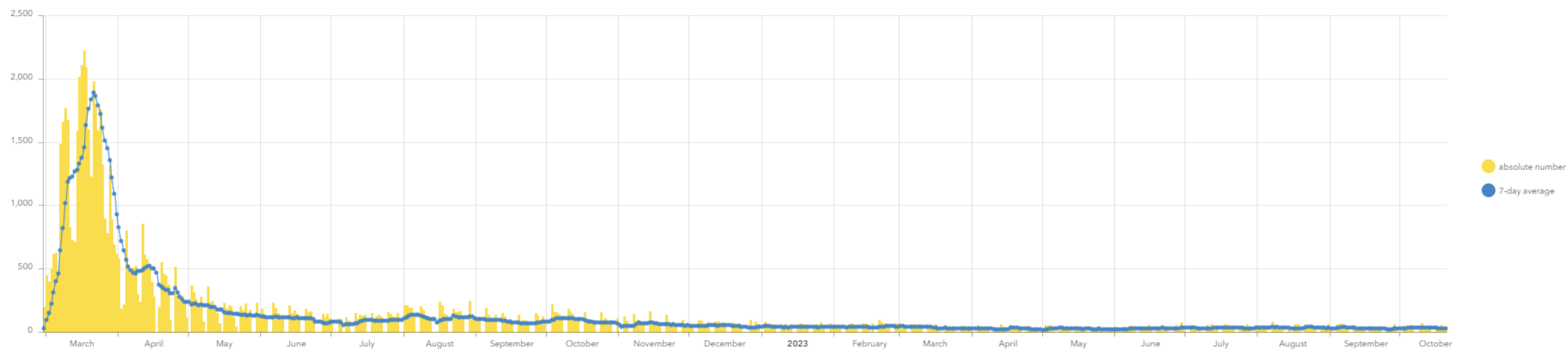
Ukraine situation response and recent developments in Lithuanian education system

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General overview

- 81 781 Ukrainian refugees in Lithuania
- 3% of total population



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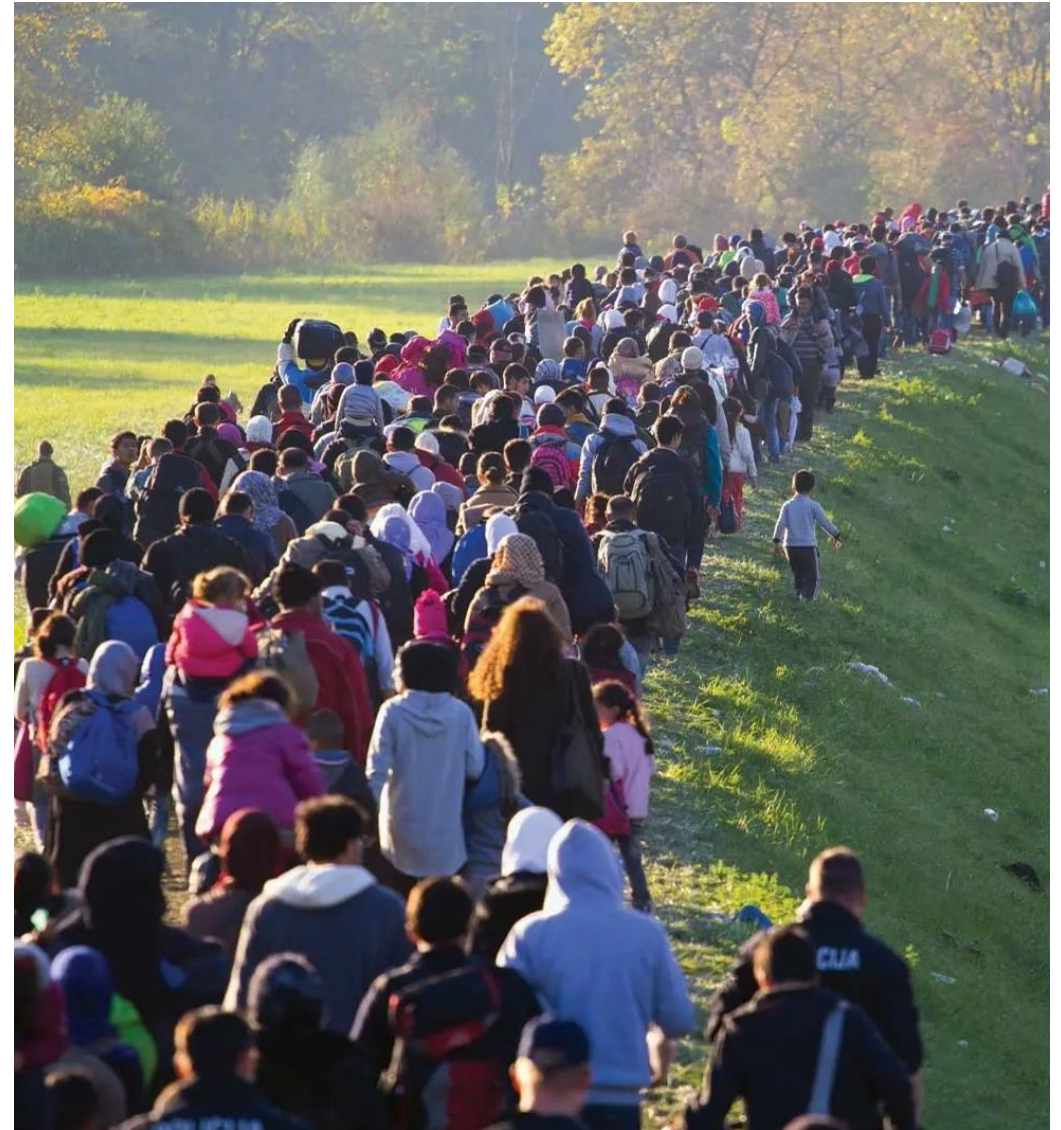
**Early childhood education and care,
Primary and Secondary Education**



Lessons learned from 2021 Belarus–EU border crisis

- The state must guarantee education according to pre-school, primary, basic and secondary education programs to foreigners
- Too few teachers know how to work with foreign children
- Great need for educational assistance

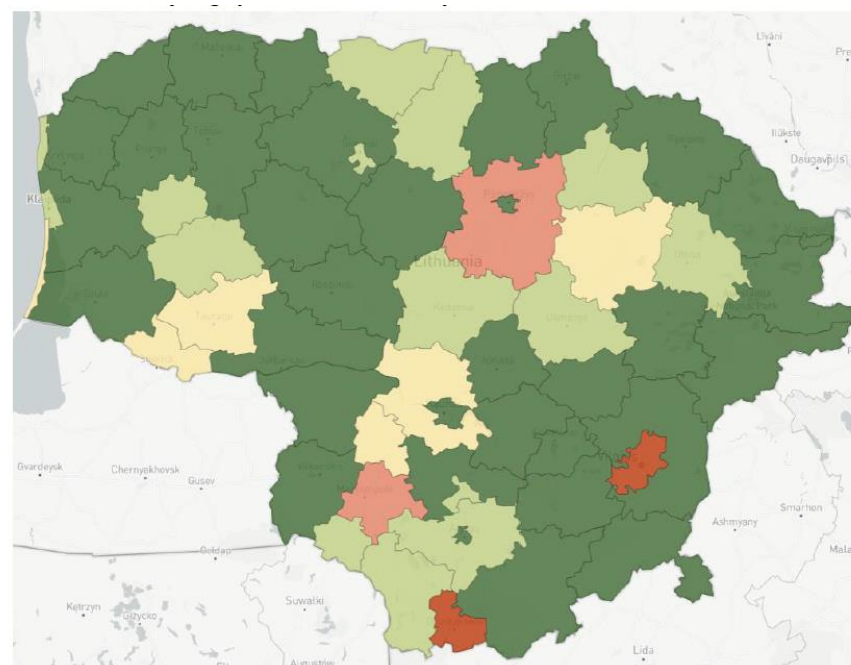
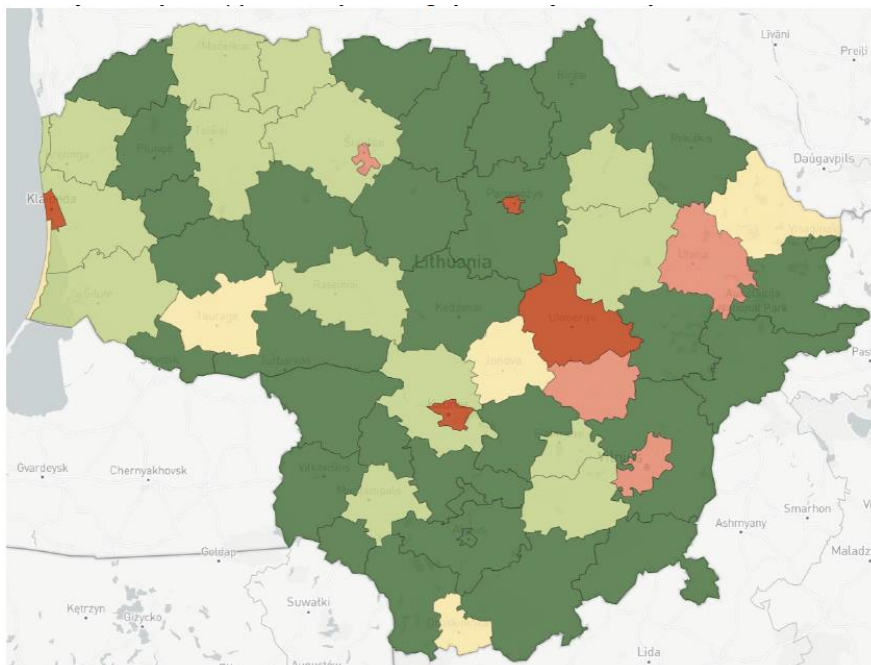
“At least it’s not happening in big numbers...”



Ukrainian Children in Lithuanian Education System

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- September 2023 – 11 877 Ukrainian children were registered in the country's educational institutions
- The capacity of schools to accept more Ukrainian students in pre-school institutions – 3 109 and in primary and secondary institution – 26 466.



The principles

- Highest concentration at all levels (country, local self-government, schools)
- Make timely decisions
- Provide methodological assistance to municipalities, schools, teachers
- Make the legal regulation of education "friendly" for the inclusion of Ukrainian children
- Promote flexibility and diversity in the organization of the educational process, autonomy of municipalities and schools
- Show empathy and a positive attitude towards the education of war-affected Ukrainian children

Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)

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- Admission of Ukrainian children to educational institutions is carried out according to the general procedure, likewise all children who are eligible to get a free place in ECEC institutions;
- Pre-school and pre-primary education is carried out in the state language (Lithuanian), Ukrainian children are integrated into Lithuanian groups
- At the parents' request and if possible, joint groups of Russian (as minority living in Lithuania) and Ukrainian children are formed in the educational institution, where education is organized in Russian
- Preschool education is carried out according to the preschool curriculum prepared by the institution, guided by the criteria of preschool education programs and the methodological recommendations of preschool education
- Pre-primary education is carried out in accordance with the Pre-primary Curriculum and the Pre-Primary Education Framework

Primary and Secondary Education

- The majority of Ukrainian students attend schools where instruction is organized in the Lithuanian language. Here, the education could be organized in two ways:
 - First, by establishing the intensive Lithuanian language training classes or groups (where the Lithuanian language is intensively taught for one year and the aim is for the children to reach the level B1 and to prepare next year to study in general classes);
 - Alternatively, students are immediately integrated into general classes, and they are provided with additional help to learn the Lithuanian language (immersion method).
- There are also 6 schools operating in Lithuania that implement the Ukrainian curriculum, these schools have received a special permission from the government and 3 187 students are studying there.
- The following support is provided for Ukrainian students: **services of educational support specialists, non-formal education classes and other.**

Ukrainian students and Matriculation Examinations

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Up to 2024 some exceptions from general rules to acquire Secondary education certificate are applied for Ukrainian students:

- Ukrainian students are entitled to exemption from Lithuanian language examination (which is the only compulsory examination for all students);
- Subject examination papers are translated into the Ukrainian language.

Matriculation Examinations

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- In 2022 - 268 students registered, 224 were taking the examinations;
- In 2023 - 88 students registered, 77 were taking the examinations;
- Selected Matriculation examinations cover different Curriculum (Mathematics, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Foreign languages (English, Russian, German), History, Information technology, Arts, Technologies.

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Vocational Education and Training



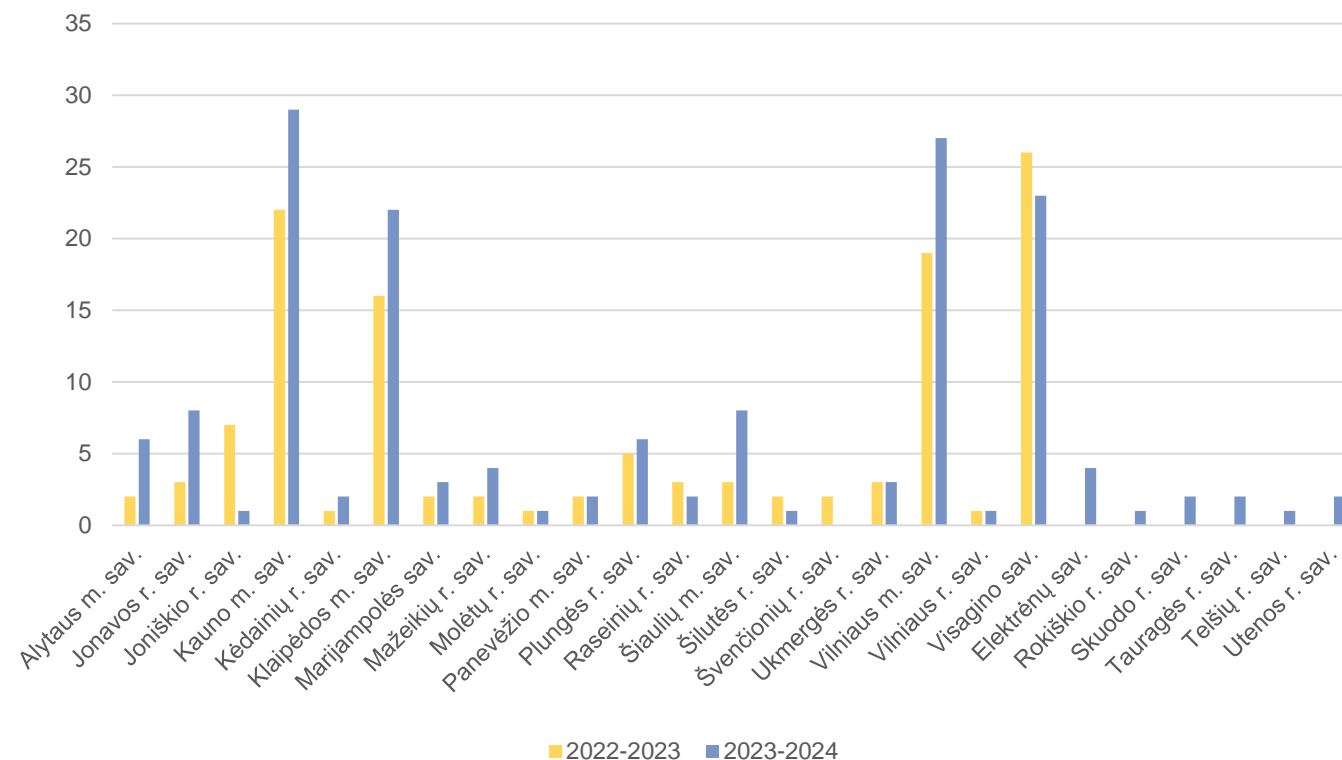
Vocational Education and Training

- Admission of students to professional training programs is carried **out in a general manner**;
- Pupils from Ukraine are provided with vocational training by registered vocational training providers in Lithuania according to vocational training programs in the Lithuanian language, if possible, in other languages in which the right to carry out the relevant programs has been granted, in the way that the organization of vocational training is determined by the legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania;
- All students from Ukraine has the opportunity to learn **Lithuanian language** and **receive educational assistance**.

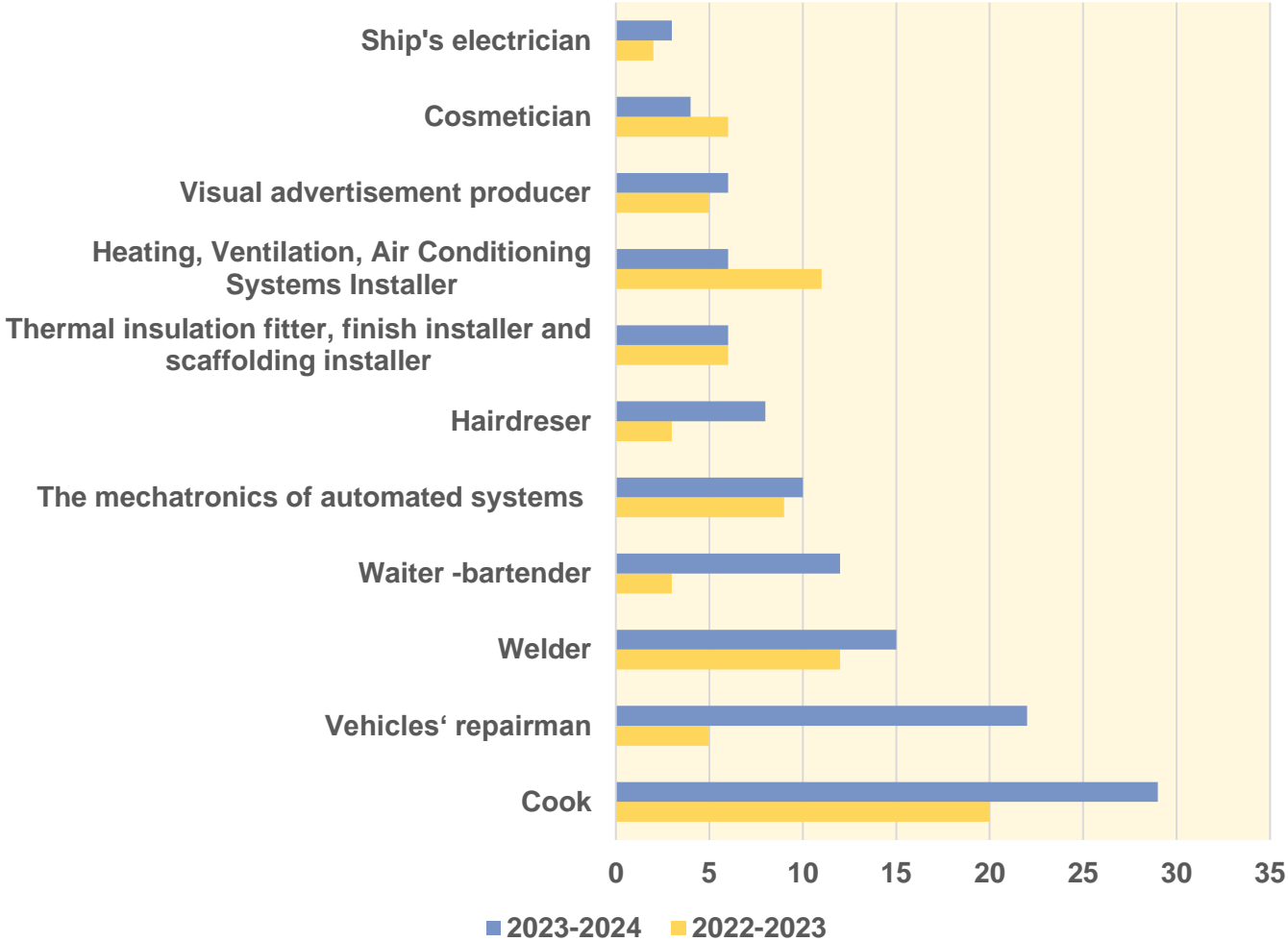
25 out of 44 VET schools in Lithuania has admitted Ukrainian students.

166 Ukrainians are currently studying in Vocational schools (according to the data of September 2023).

Number of Ukrainian students in Lithuanian vocational schools



The most popular VET programmes, chosen by Ukrainian students



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Higher Education



Higher Education (1)

- **Admission procedures for bachelor studies:** Ukrainian citizens seeking state support to study in Lithuania must meet the established requirements: a matriculation certificate and two passed state matriculation exams, or a high school diploma and a passed entrance exam, which is organized by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine;
- In 2023, the priority will be given to Ukrainian high school graduates who have obtained their matriculation certificates in Lithuania;
- **Financial support – study cost reduction:** Most Lithuanian higher educations chose not to apply study fees for Ukrainian students;
- To alleviate financial burden of HEI's the Ministry reimburses 60 % of study costs for Ukrainian students;
- For year 2022, there were 700 state funded Ukrainian students. For 2023, the goal is to support 350 students (admission procedures has not ended yet).

Higher Education (2)

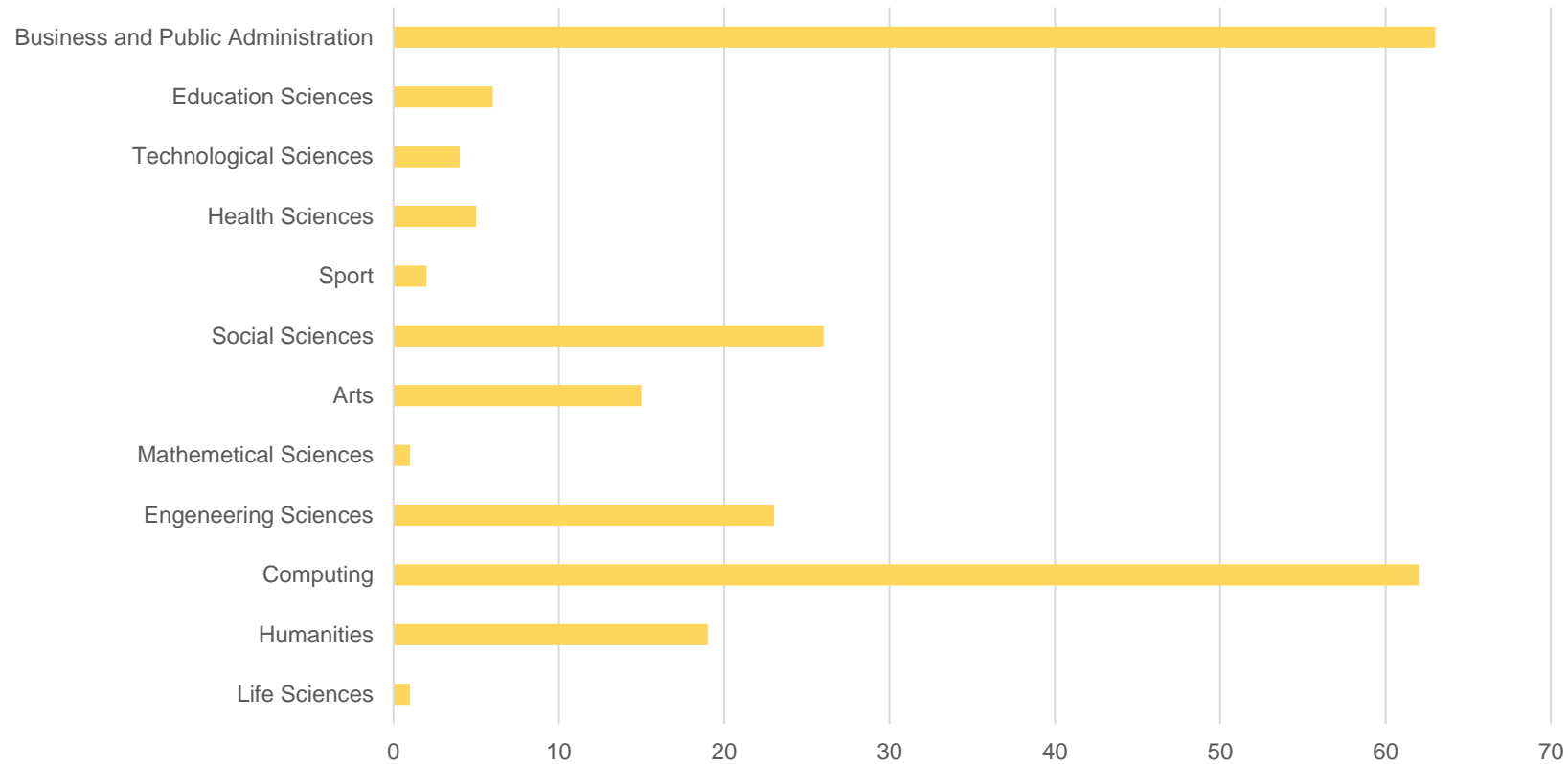
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- Scholarships for Ukrainian students arriving to Lithuania from the beginning of the Russian military invasion to Ukraine: **a monthly 300 EUR scholarship.**
- **Support for Master degree studies:**
- 60 Ukrainian students quota, fully covering study costs and a larger 490 EUR monthly scholarship;
- The quota increased from 30 to 60 since 2022.

Preliminary information on students admission to HE studies

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UA students enrolled in bachelor and integrated study programmes in 2023



- In most cases Refugees from Ukraine can continue study and seek employment without formal recognition of education or qualifications. However, sometimes formal recognition will be necessary to gain access to specific employment or study.
- Formal recognition is a procedure offered by competent authorities to determine whether education and/or qualification are comparable to the Lithuanian qualification usually required for access to this profession or to a specific level of study.
- Crediting of study subjects due to interrupted studies is available for both documented and undocumented students.



Thank You !

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