

Data Collection Description

Corruption in Ukraine. Perceptions and Experience - Waves 1-8, 2007-2024

Data from eight waves of nationwide representative surveys on corruption, conducted by KIIS with USAID-funded projects MSI ACTION (2007, 2009), Pact's UNITER (2011, 2015), and ENGAGE (2018 -2024)

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Brief Description

This dataset contains data from the 'Corruption in Ukraine' survey, a series of nationally representative public opinion surveys conducted between 2007 and 2024 with the aim of assessing the perceptions, experiences, and attitudes of Ukrainians toward corruption. Using repeated measures across multiple time points, it provides unique data that allows for tracking changes in key corruption indicators over time.

The study specifically explores public attitudes toward corruption, personal experiences with corrupt practices, evaluations of the effectiveness of anti-corruption measures taken by authorities and other actors, and the willingness of individuals to engage in anti-corruption activities.

It also examines sector-specific corruption, including the perceived prevalence and personal experiences in areas such as healthcare, education, government agencies, the judiciary, the military, law enforcement, and business activities. Additionally, the survey includes detailed questions about specific institutions people engage with, such as public healthcare facilities and general education schools.

Launched in 2007, the study has been conducted periodically, with a total of eight survey waves completed to date. All surveys were carried out by the Kyiv International Institute of Sociology (KIIS) in collaboration with USAID-funded projects: ACTION/MSI (2007, 2009), UNITER/Pact (2011, 2015), and ENGAGE/Pact (2018, 2021, 2023, 2024).

Each wave surveyed over 10,000 respondents from the general population across Ukraine and employed a consistent methodology, enabling the tracking of changes in perceptions and experiences of corruption among Ukrainians throughout the entire research period.

The 2023 and 2024 surveys additionally explored the views and perceptions of corruption in Ukraine among specific categories of the Ukrainian population, namely internally displaced persons (IDPs, approximately 1,000 respondents) and refugees / externally displaced persons (approximately 2,000 respondents).

The presented collection includes data from all eight waves of the study to date, as follows:

1. **2007:** The first survey, which established the baseline for future research by assessing the initial levels of corruption perceptions and experiences among Ukrainians. Conducted in February-March 2007, with a total number of 10,580 respondents surveyed.
2. **2009:** The second survey, enabling a comparison of changes in corruption assessments since the 2007 baseline. Conducted in February-March 2009, it included 10,577 respondents.
3. **2011:** The third wave of the study, which continued to track trends in corruption practices and public attitudes toward them. This survey was conducted in March-April 2011, with 10,639 respondents.

4. **2015:** The fourth survey, conducted after the Revolution of Dignity, focused on evaluating the impact of political changes on corruption levels. Fieldwork took place in August-September 2015, with 10,173 respondents.
5. **2018:** The fifth wave, which examined the effectiveness of anti-corruption reforms and shifts in citizens' attitudes toward corruption. Conducted in July-August 2018, with 10,169 respondents interviewed.
6. **2021:** The sixth wave of the study, conducted in January-February 2021, surveyed 10,011 respondents.
7. **2023:** The seventh wave, carried out from December 2022 to February 2023, included three distinct population groups: the general population (10,117 respondents), internally displaced persons (1,029 respondents), and externally displaced persons (2,046 respondents), a total of 13,192 respondents.
8. **2024:** The eighth wave of the study, conducted from June to August 2024, involved 13,151 respondents, including 10,121 from the general population, 1,026 internally displaced persons, and 2,004 externally displaced persons.

The data collection includes datasets, field questionnaires, and technical reports for all eight survey waves. Each dataset is provided as a separate file in SAV format. Data from the 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2015 survey waves are available in English, while data from 2018, 2021, 2023, and 2024 are labeled in Ukrainian. Additionally, the collection includes converted datasets in CSV format, accompanied by codebooks.

Methodology

The study employs a repeated cross-sectional design, collecting data from different population samples at multiple time points. The baseline survey was conducted in 2007 and has been repeated every few years. To date, eight survey waves have been completed.

Each wave of the study followed a consistent methodology, enabling the tracking of changes in perceptions and experiences of corruption among Ukrainians over time.

Each wave surveyed over 10,000 respondents from the general population across Ukraine. The sample for each survey wave is designed to be representative of the adult population (18 years and older) at both the national level and within individual first-level administrative-territorial units (oblasts, the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, and cities with special status - Kyiv and Sevastopol) covered by the survey¹.

The surveys were conducted through face-to-face interviews using a multistage probability sampling approach, with quota selection at the final stage.

¹ The survey excluded territories that were temporarily occupied or near active hostilities at the time of the survey. In the 2015, 2018, and 2021 surveys, the population from the temporarily occupied territories of Crimea and Sevastopol, as well as certain areas of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts under non-government control, was excluded. In 2023, the survey excluded populations from Crimea, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Luhansk, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Kharkiv, and Kherson oblasts. In 2024, the survey excluded populations from Crimea, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Luhansk, Sumy, and Kherson oblasts.

The table below presents dates of fieldwork and number of respondents for each survey wave.

	2007	2009	2011	2015	2018	2021	2023	2024
Data collection	February 21 to March 21, 2007	February 19 – March 24, 2009	March 18 – April 26, 2011	August 15 – September 17, 2015	July 4 – August 11, 2018	January 15 – February 28, 2021	December 6, 2022 – February 2, 2023	June 20 – August 19, 2024
Sample size	10,580	10,577	10,639	10,173	10,169	10,011	10,117	10,121

The 2023 and 2024 surveys additionally explored the views and perceptions of corruption among specific categories of the Ukrainian population, namely internally displaced persons (IDPs, approximately 1,000 respondents) and externally displaced persons (EDPs, approximately 2,000 respondents).

	2023		2024	
	Internally displaced persons (IDPs)	Externally displaced persons (EDPs)	Internally displaced persons (IDPs)	Externally displaced persons (EDPs)
Sample size	1,029	2,046	1,026	2,004
Geographical area covered	18 administrative regions of Ukraine (17 oblasts and Kyiv city)	42 countries worldwide	20 administrative regions of Ukraine (19 oblasts and Kyiv city)	42 countries worldwide
Data collection method	Face-to-face interview	Online self-administered interview, interviews via messengers	Face-to-face interview	Online self-administered interview, interviews via messengers
Sampling method	Random walk approach; Time-location sampling	Snowball method	Random walk approach; Time-location sampling	Snowball method

A detailed description of the methodology for each survey wave can be found in the technical reports (in English) included as separate documents in the Files.

Survey results

Analytical reports based on the 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2015 survey results are available in Ukrainian and English on the official KIIS website:

- *Стан корупції в Україні. Порівняльний аналіз загальнонаціональних досліджень: 2007, 2009, 2011 та 2015*
https://www.kiis.com.ua/materials/pr/20161602_corruption/Corruption%20in%20Ukraine%202015%20UKR.pdf
- *Регіональні презентації дослідження КМІС "Стан корупції в Україні" (2007, 2009, 2011 та 2015).*
<https://www.kiis.com.ua/?lang=ukr&cat=reports&id=596&page=7&y=2016>
- *Corruption in Ukraine. Comparative Analysis of National Surveys: 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2015.*
https://www.kiis.com.ua/materials/pr/20161602_corruption/Corruption%20in%20Ukraine%202015%20ENG.pdf

The most recent survey results are available on the USAID/ENGAGE website:

- *Стан корупції в Україні 2024: сприйняття, досвід, ставлення.*
<https://engage.org.ua/stan-koruptsii-v-ukraini-2024-spryjniattia-dosvid-stavlennia/>
https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/vramk3ececqdyb2tfwmdid/Pact-USAID-ENGAGE-AC-Poll-2023-Analysis_UKR.pdf
- *National Corruption Perceptions and Experience Poll 2024.*
<https://engage.org.ua/eng/national-corruption-perceptions-and-experience-poll-2024/>
https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/rrgbjnowlbywqdua59pka/Pact-USAID-ENGAGE-AC-Poll-2024-Analysis_EN.pdf

List of files included in the data collection

2007 survey (baseline)

File name	Brief description
Corr2007_Ank_RU.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Russian.
Corr2007_Ank_UA.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Ukrainian.
Corr2007_Codebook_ENG.xlsx	Codebook accompanying the survey dataset, providing English labels for the codes used in the CSV file.
Corr2007.csv	Survey dataset in .csv format, converted from the original .sav file.
Corr2007.sav	Survey dataset in .sav format, containing data from 10,580 respondents and a total of 282 variables. The dataset includes both survey responses and technical information, such as respondent IDs, date of data collection, location codes, weighting coefficients, and some derived variables, created for analysis. The data is labeled in English.
Corr2007_TReport.pdf	A brief description of the research methodology (in English), including the study's purpose, timing, and sample.

2009 survey

File name	Brief description
Corr2009_Ank_RU.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Russian.
Corr2009_Ank_UA.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Ukrainian.
Corr2009_Codebook_ENG.xlsx	Codebook accompanying the survey dataset, providing English labels for the codes used in the CSV file.
Corr2009.csv	Survey dataset in .csv format, converted from the original .sav file.
Corr2009.sav	Survey dataset in .sav format, containing data from 10,577 respondents and a total of 300 variables. The dataset includes both survey responses and technical information, such as respondent IDs, date of data collection, location codes, weighting coefficients, and some derived variables, created for analysis. The data is labeled in English.
Corr2009_TReport.pdf	A brief description of the research methodology (in English), including the study's purpose, timing, and sample.

2011 survey

File name	Brief description
Corr2011_Ank_RU.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Russian.
Corr2011_Ank_UA.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Ukrainian.
Corr2011_Codebook_ENG.xlsx	Codebook accompanying the survey dataset, providing English labels for the codes used in the CSV file.
Corr2011.csv	Survey dataset in .csv format, converted from the original .sav file.
Corr2011.sav	Survey dataset in .sav format, containing data from 10,639 respondents and a total of 318 variables. The dataset includes both survey responses and technical information, such as respondent IDs, date of data collection, location codes, weighting coefficients, and some derived variables, created for analysis. The data is labeled in English.
Corr2011_TReport.pdf	Technical report (in English) outlining the methodology of the survey, including sections on the study's purpose, sampling procedure, fieldwork implementation, and quality control.

2015 survey

File name	Brief description
Corr2015_Ank_RU.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Russian.
Corr2015_Ank_UA.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Ukrainian.
Corr2015_Codebook_ENG.xlsx	Codebook accompanying the survey dataset, providing English labels for the codes used in the CSV file.
Corr2015.csv	Survey dataset in .csv format, converted from the original .sav file.
Corr2015.sav	Survey dataset in .sav format, containing data from 10,173 respondents and a total of 395 variables. The dataset includes both survey responses and technical information, such as respondent IDs, date of data collection, location codes, weighting coefficients, and some derived variables, created for analysis. The data is labeled in English.
Corr2015_TReport.pdf	Technical report (in English) outlining the methodology of the survey, including sections on the study's purpose, sampling procedure, fieldwork implementation, and quality control.

2018 survey

File name	Brief description
Corr2018_Ank_RU.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Russian.
Corr2018_Ank_UA.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Ukrainian.
Corr2018_Codebook_UKR_ENG.xlsx	Codebook accompanying the survey dataset, providing Ukrainian and English labels for the codes used in the CSV file.
Corr2018.csv	Survey dataset in .csv format, converted from the original .sav file.
Corr2018.sav	Survey dataset in .sav format, containing data from 10,169 respondents and a total of 412 variables. The dataset includes both survey responses and technical information, such as respondent IDs, date of data collection, location codes, weighting coefficients, and some derived variables, created for analysis. The data is labeled in Ukrainian.
Corr2018_TReport.pdf	Technical report (in English) outlining the methodology of the survey, including sections on the study's purpose, sampling procedure, fieldwork implementation, and quality control.

2021 survey

File name	Brief description
Corr2021_Ank_RU.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Russian.
Corr2021_Ank_UA.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Ukrainian.
Corr2021_Codebook_UKR_ENG.xlsx	Codebook accompanying the survey dataset, providing Ukrainian and English labels for the codes used in the CSV file.
Corr2021.csv	Survey dataset in .csv format, converted from the original .sav file.
Corr2021.sav	Survey dataset in .sav format, containing data from 10,011 respondents and a total of 408 variables. The dataset includes both survey responses and technical information, such as respondent IDs, date of data collection, location codes, weighting coefficients, and some derived variables, created for analysis. The data is labeled in Ukrainian.
Corr2021_TReport.pdf	Technical report (in English) outlining the methodology of the survey, including sections on the study's purpose, sampling procedure, fieldwork implementation, and quality control.

2023 survey

File name	Brief description
Corr2023_Ank_RU.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Russian.
Corr2023_Ank_UA.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Ukrainian.
Corr2023_Codebook_UKR_ENG.xlsx	Codebook accompanying the survey dataset, providing Ukrainian and English labels for the codes used in the CSV file.
Corr2023.csv	Survey dataset in .csv format, converted from the original .sav file.
Corr2023.sav	Survey dataset in .sav format, containing data from 13,192 respondents and a total of 479 variables. The dataset includes both survey responses and technical information, such as respondent IDs, date of data collection, location codes, weighting coefficients, and some derived variables, created for analysis. The data is labeled in Ukrainian.
Corr2023_TReport.pdf	Technical report (in English) outlining the methodology of the survey, including sections on the study's purpose, sampling procedure, fieldwork implementation, and quality control.

2024

File name	Brief description
Corr2024_Ank_RU.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Russian.
Corr2024_Ank_UA.pdf	Field questionnaire, in Ukrainian.
Corr2024_Codebook_UKR_ENG.xlsx	Codebook accompanying the survey dataset, providing Ukrainian and English labels for the codes used in the CSV file.
Corr2024.csv	Survey dataset in .csv format, converted from the original .sav file.
Corr2024.sav	Survey dataset in .sav format, containing data from 13,151 respondents and a total of 481 variables. The dataset includes both survey responses and technical information, such as respondent IDs, date of data collection, location codes, weighting coefficients, and some derived variables, created for analysis. The data is labeled in Ukrainian.
Corr2024_TReport.pdf	Technical report (in English) outlining the methodology of the survey, including sections on the study's purpose, sampling procedure, fieldwork implementation, and quality control.