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## Russia's invasion of Ukraine in maps – latest updates

A visual guide to the war

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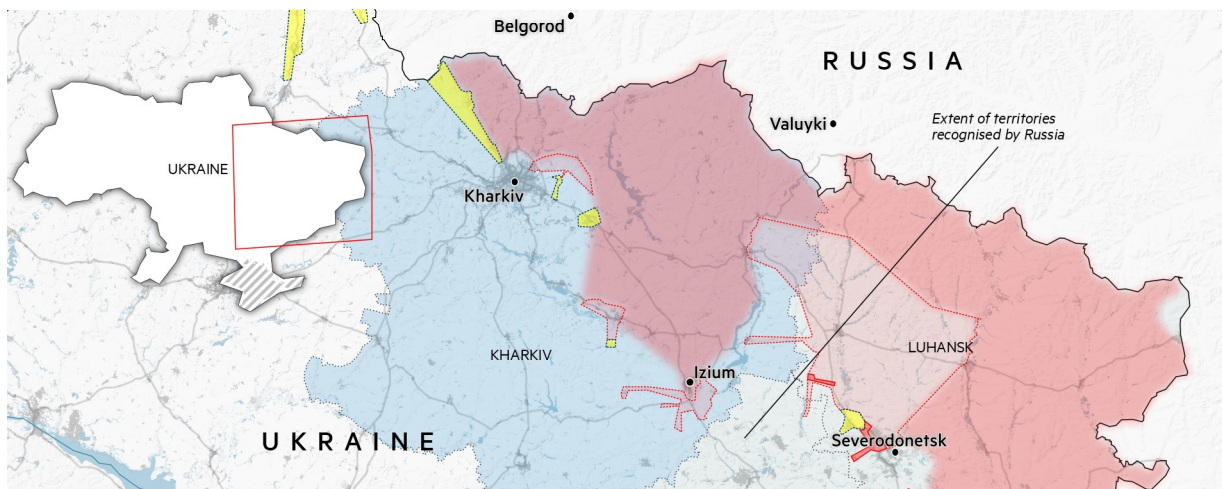
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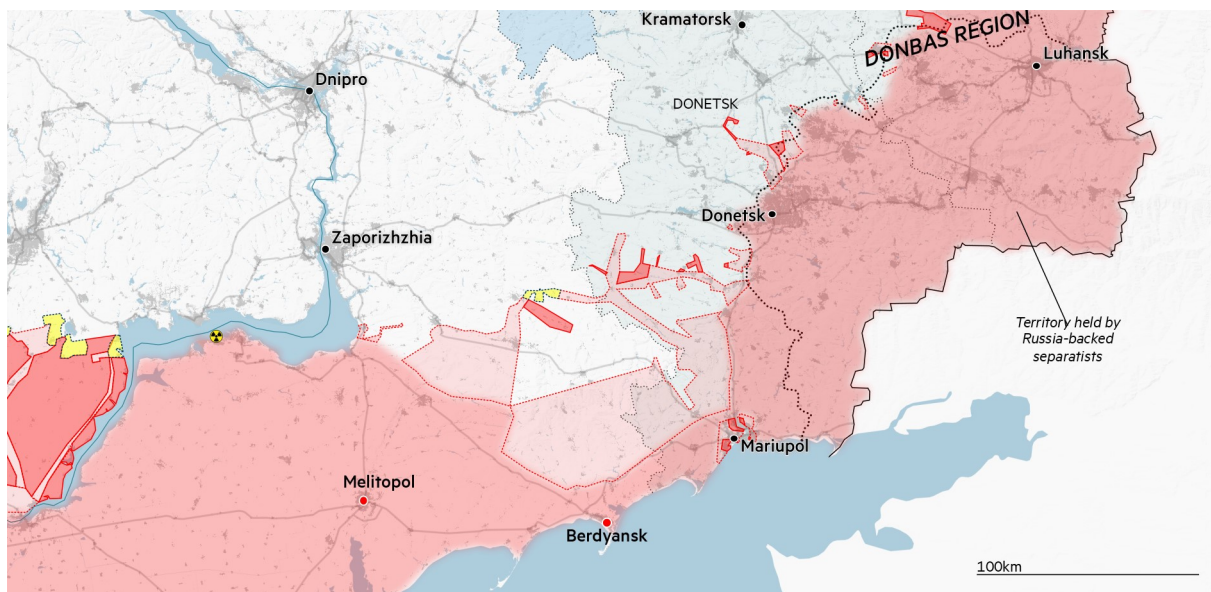
Skirmishes along the Donbas frontline and nearby regions continue as Russia readies its larger assault.

John Kirby, the Pentagon spokesman, said Russian troops that withdrew from Kyiv were heading from Belarus to Russia to be restaged in places such as **Belgorod** and **Valuyki** close to the Ukrainian border — where US military officials believe they will re-enter combat. The US is watching a convoy of Russian vehicles heading south towards **Izium** to prepare for fresh fighting.

## Russian forces focus on eastern Ukraine

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|  Key ground/naval attacks |  Russian military presence           |
|  Russian-claimed control  |  Ukrainian-claimed counter-offensive |
|  Assessed Russian advance |  Under Russian control               |
|  Nuclear power plant      |  Populated areas                     |





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\* Crimea was annexed by Russia in 2014 but this is not recognised by the international community © FT

## Other key maps and charts from the war

The shift in the conflict's focus towards the Donbas comes after Russia's failure to capture Kyiv during the first phase of the war. The Russians were defeated by a

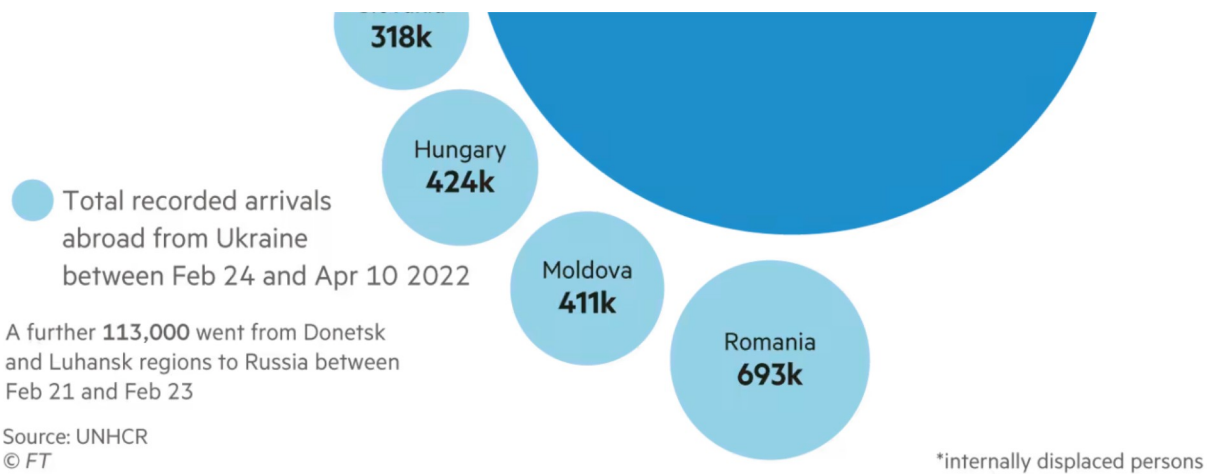
combination of factors, including geography, the attackers' blundering and modern arms — as well as Ukraine's ingenuity with [smartphones and pieces of foam mat](#).



The number of Ukrainians fleeing the conflict makes it one of the largest refugee crises in modern history.





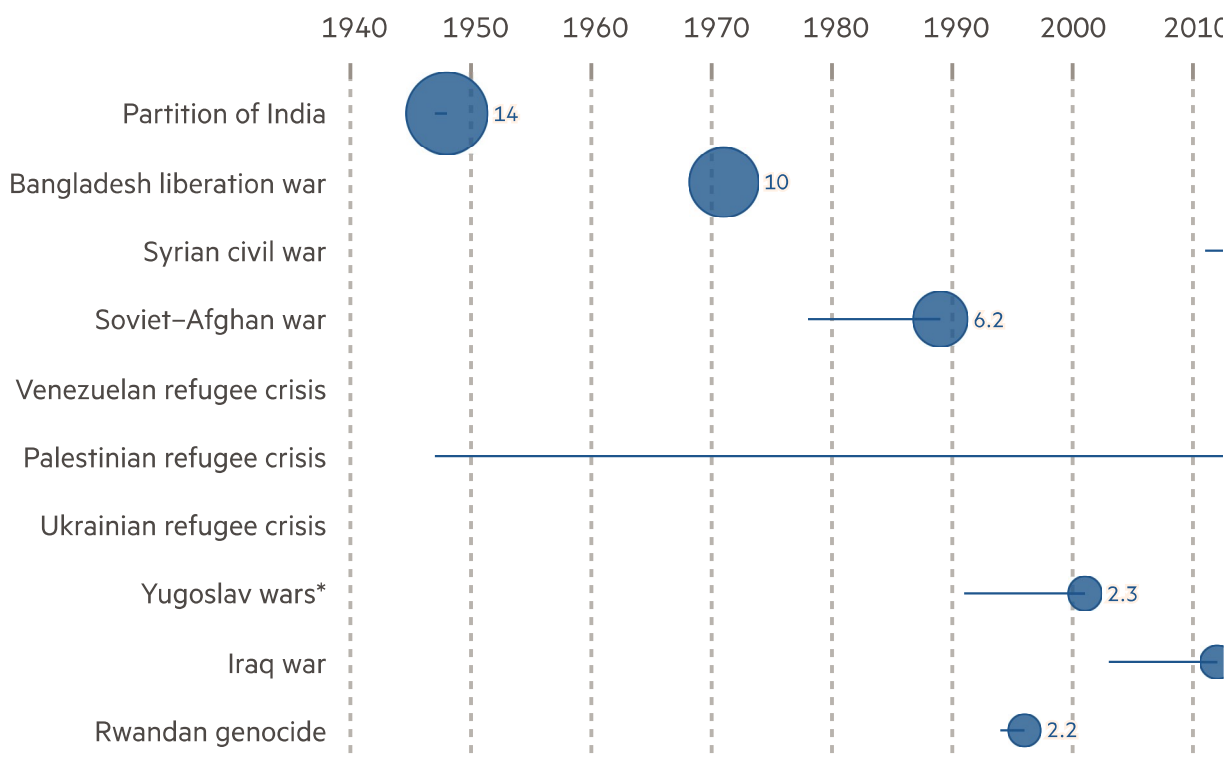


Nearly twice as many people have left Ukraine compared with those that fled the Iraq war, which spanned nine years — the fighting in Ukraine is only in its second month.

## How Ukraine's refugee crisis compares with others in recent history

Size of bubbles = number of refugees (mn); lines represent the length of the crisis (years)

Data excludes first and second world wars; Ukrainian figure updated Apr 10 2022



In mid-March, [an attack on a Ukrainian military base](#), which had been used by US troops to train Ukrainian soldiers, added to Russia's increasingly direct threats that Nato's continued support of Ukraine risked making it an enemy combatant in the war. On March 24, Nato agreed to establish four new multinational battle groups in Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia to add to troops in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

## Nato has expanded its military presence across Europe

Locations of Nato forces and key headquarters



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