

UA students migration to PL, CZ, SK and HU: human capital perspectives

Case of Slovakia

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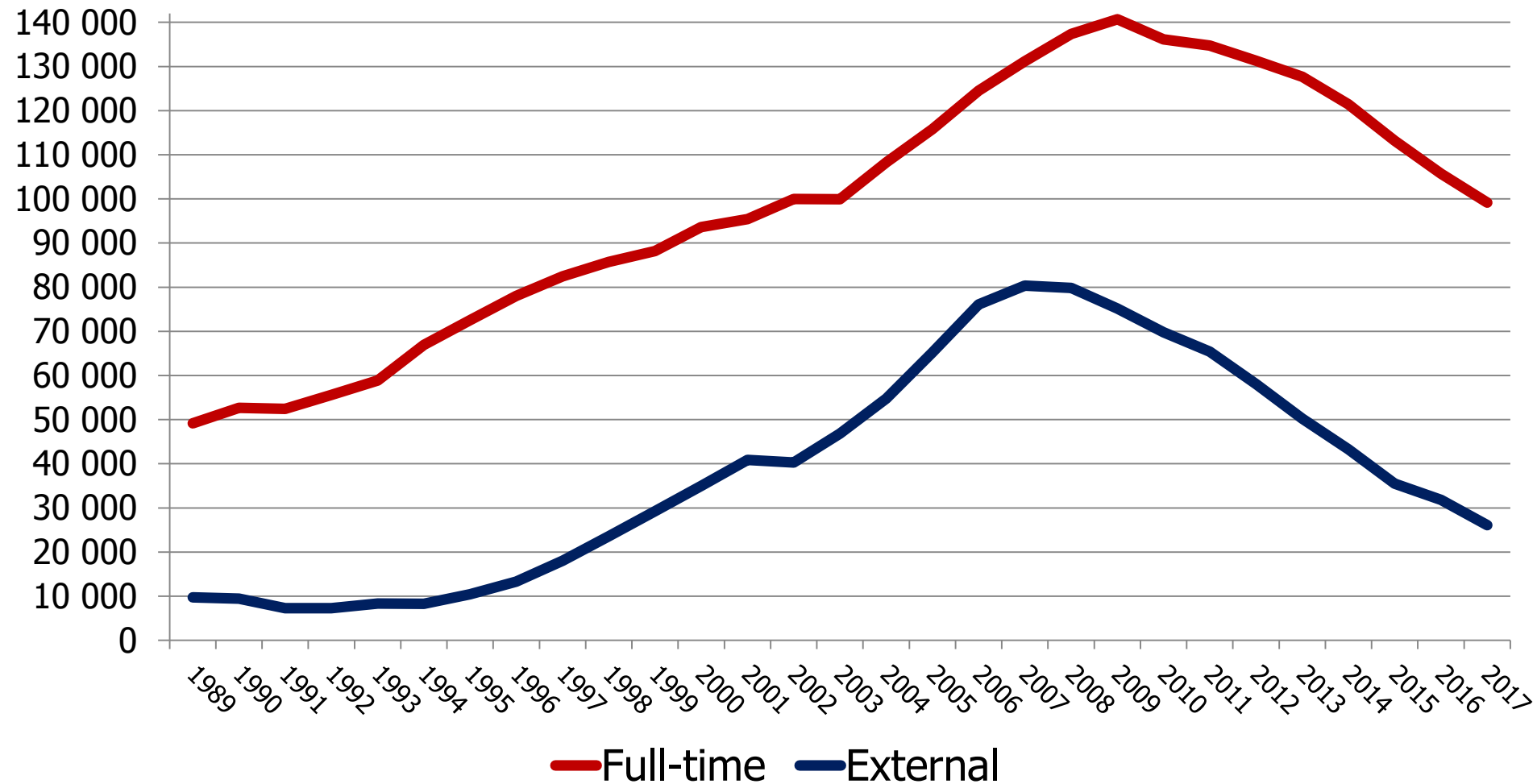
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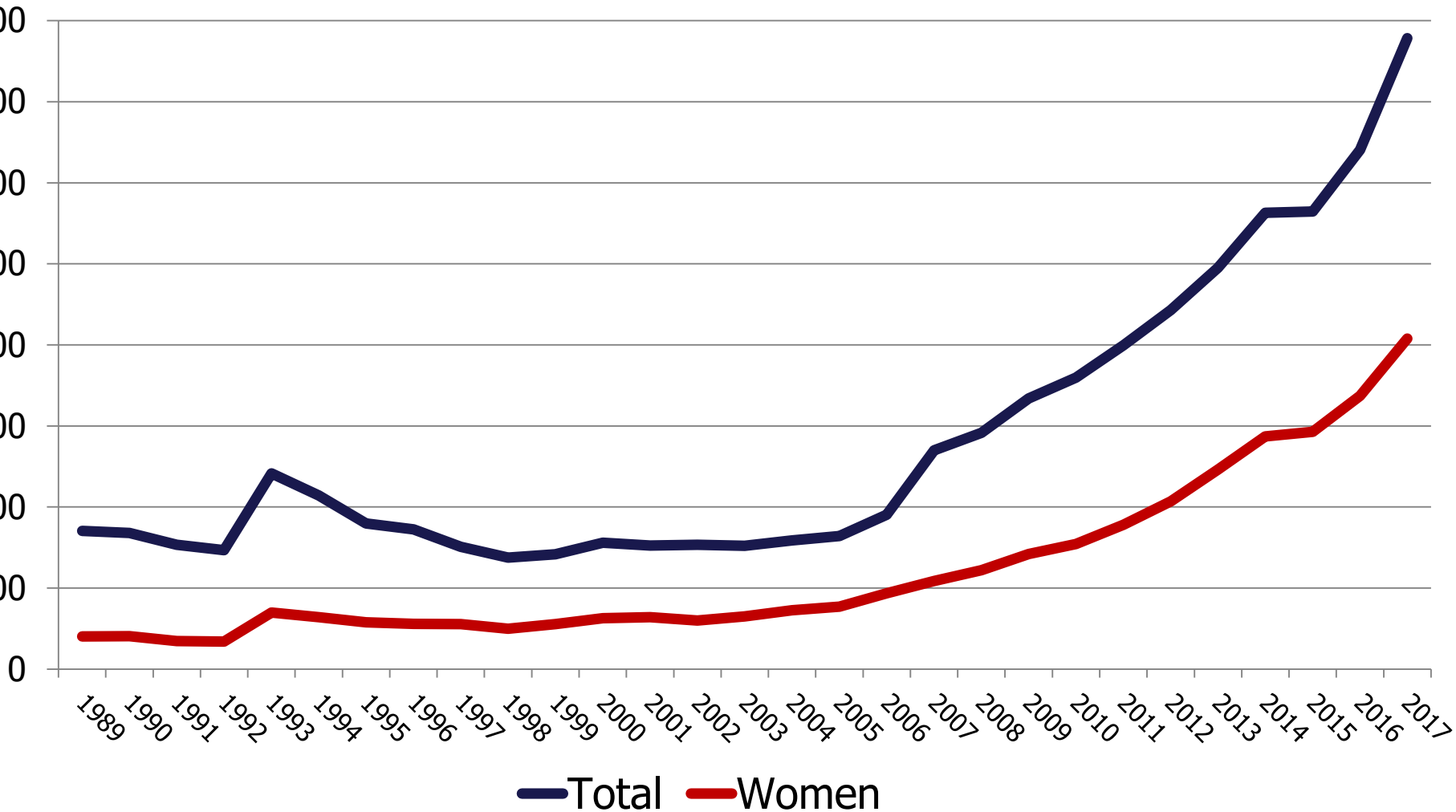
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Key trends: Slovak students at SK UNIs



Key trends: Foreign students at SK UNIs (full-time study)



Key trends: Foreign/UA students at SK UNIs

| | Public UNIs | | | | Private UNIs | | | | State UNIs | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------|----------|-------|--------------|-------|----------|-------|------------|-------|----------|-------|
| 2017/2018 I. & II. level | Full-time | | External | | Full-time | | External | | Full-time | | External | |
| | Total | Women | Total | Women | Total | Women | Total | Women | Total | Women | Total | Women |
| Ukraine | 1 822 | 900 | 21 | 10 | 26 | 13 | 18 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Total foreign students | 6 865 | 3 545 | 428 | 246 | 704 | 432 | 2 554 | 1 827 | 214 | 99 | 117 | 94 |
| Ukraine - PhD | 37 | 19 | 19 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total foreign students - PhD | 187 | 79 | 412 | 117 | 2 | 0 | 79 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 2013/2014 I. & II. level | Full-time | | External | | Full-time | | External | | Full-time | | External | |
| | Total | Women | Total | Women | Total | Women | Total | Women | Total | Women | Total | Women |
| Ukraine | 175 | 98 | 23 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 603 | 344 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total foreign students | 4 388 | 2 123 | 424 | 222 | 518 | 316 | 4 569 | 3 261 | 47 | 23 | 253 | 201 |
| Ukraine - PhD | 8 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total foreign students - PhD | 174 | 80 | 592 | 141 | 36 | 12 | 96 | 31 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 |

Research among the UA students in Slovakia

- Carried out from late FEB – mid MAY 2018
- We tried to reach as many UA students studying in Slovakia as possible (1 822)
- Method: on-line survey, anonymous, 30 questions, in UA language, currently studying or just graduated (1 year after study)
- Received 313 questionnaires, we included 265 into analysis, 235 students currently studying, 30 graduates

UA students in Slovakia: respondents according to UNI they study at

| | No. | % |
|---|-----|-------|
| Technická univerzita v Košiciach | 48 | 18,11 |
| Prešovská univerzita v Prešove | 107 | 40,38 |
| Slovenská technická univerzita v Bratislave (STU) | 10 | 3,77 |
| Katolícka univerzita v Ružomberku | 9 | 3,40 |
| Univerzita Komenského v Bratislave | 21 | 7,92 |
| Slovenská poľnohospodárska univerzita v Nitre (SPU) | 15 | 5,66 |
| Žilinská univerzita v Žiline | 3 | 1,13 |
| Univerzita Pavla Jozefa Šafárika v Košiciach (UPJŠ) | 13 | 4,91 |
| Univerzita Mateja Bela v Banskej Bystrici | 14 | 5,28 |
| Trenčianska univerzita Alexandra Dubčeka v Trenčíne | 3 | 1,13 |
| Univerzita sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Trnave (UCM) | 3 | 1,13 |
| Univerzita Konštantína Filozofa v Nitre | 2 | 0,75 |
| Ekonomická univerzita v Bratislave | 13 | 4,91 |
| Others (1 respondent from each UNI) | 4 | 1,50 |

UA students in Slovakia: How long do you live in the Slovakia?

| | No. | % |
|-------------------|-----|------|
| Less than 1 year | 69 | 26,0 |
| 1-2 years | 115 | 43,4 |
| 3-4 years | 44 | 16,6 |
| 5-8 years | 5 | 1,9 |
| More than 8 years | 2 | 0,8 |
| N/A | 30 | 11,3 |

UA students in Slovakia: What grade and year do you study in?

| | No. | % |
|-----------------|-----|------|
| Bachelor 1 year | 107 | 40,4 |
| Bachelor 2 year | 42 | 15,8 |
| Bachelor 3 year | 30 | 11,3 |
| Bachelor 4 year | 4 | 1,5 |
| Masters 1 year | 22 | 8,3 |
| Masters 2 year | 23 | 8,7 |
| PhD | 7 | 2,6 |
| N/A | 30 | 11,3 |

UA students in Slovakia: What is your major field of study?

| | No. | % |
|--|-----|-------|
| Education (pedagogy, andragogy) | 18 | 6,79 |
| Arts and humanities (computer graphics, philology, history, culture, philosophy) | 27 | 10,19 |
| Social sciences (sociology, political science, economics, journalism) | 66 | 24,91 |
| Business, administration and law (management, finances, administration, law, business, marketing, logistics) | 73 | 27,55 |
| Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics (biology, psychics, biotechnology, chemistry, mathematics) | 14 | 5,28 |
| Information and communication technologies (IT) | 12 | 4,53 |
| Engineering, manufacturing and construction (metallurgy, avionics, electronics) | 32 | 12,08 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary | 1 | 0,38 |
| Health and welfare | 6 | 2,26 |
| Services (tourism, transport, hotel and restaurant services, security) | 9 | 3,40 |
| N/A | 7 | 2,64 |

UA students in Slovakia: Where did you study before you came to Slovakia?

| | No. | % |
|-------------------|-----|-------|
| Slovakia | 12 | 4,53 |
| Other EU country | 13 | 4,91 |
| Other 3rd country | 2 | 0,75 |
| Ukraine | 211 | 79,62 |
| N/A | 27 | 10,19 |

UA students in Slovakia: Do you understand and speak Slovak language?

| | No. | % |
|---|-----|------|
| Yes, I can speak fluently and use it also in academic field | 77 | 29,1 |
| Yes, I can speak fluently | 57 | 21,5 |
| Yes, I can use it in everyday conversations | 82 | 30,9 |
| Yes, I understand it, can write, but I have only a basic vocabulary | 42 | 15,8 |
| Yes, I understand it, but cannot speak or write | 7 | 2,6 |

UA students in Slovakia: Whom do you interact most with in your everyday life?

| | No. | % |
|--------------------------------------|-----|------|
| Mostly Ukrainians | 70 | 26,4 |
| Both Ukrainians and Slovaks | 106 | 40,0 |
| Mostly Slovaks | 60 | 22,6 |
| Mostly other foreigners | 3 | 1,1 |
| Both Ukrainians and other foreigners | 26 | 9,8 |

UA students in Slovakia: Who pays for your education?

| | No. | % |
|--|-----|------|
| Grant program | 141 | 53,2 |
| Parents | 72 | 27,2 |
| Other relatives | 3 | 1,1 |
| Myself | 41 | 15,5 |
| Loan | 7 | 2,6 |
| Inheritance or other passive income (dividends, revenue) | 1 | 0,4 |

UA students in Slovakia: What factors influenced your decision to study abroad?

(more than 1, but max 3 answers were allowed)

| | No. | % |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Better future employment chances in the Ukraine | 11 | 1,6 |
| Better future employment chances in the EU | 129 | 18,3 |
| I wanted to get a diploma from the European university for further employment in Ukraine | 28 | 4,0 |
| I wanted to get a diploma from the European university for further employment in the EU | 179 | 25,4 |
| I wanted to study the major/program that are not available in Ukraine | 2 | 0,3 |
| Easier requirements to enroll into the universities than in Ukraine | 28 | 4,0 |
| I could not get a higher education in my native language in Ukraine | 2 | 0,3 |
| Better study equipment in the universities | 47 | 6,7 |
| I wanted to get a new cultural experience | 77 | 10,9 |
| I wanted to improve the knowledge of a foreign language | 44 | 6,2 |
| Unsatisfactory living conditions in Ukraine (health care system, transport infrastructure, social situation etc.) | 124 | 17,6 |
| Armed conflict on the territory of Ukraine | 26 | 3,7 |
| I wanted to live closer to my family / relatives | 4 | 0,6 |
| Other | 4 | 0,6 |

UA students in Slovakia: What factors influenced your decision to study in Slovakia?

(more than 1, but max 3 answers were allowed)

| | No. | % |
|--|-----|------|
| Prospects to easily find a job in Slovakia after studies (not necessarily field-related) | 37 | 5,4 |
| Prospects to find a good job in Slovakia after studies (field-related) | 57 | 8,2 |
| The quality of education in the certain university | 36 | 5,2 |
| The quality of education of the certain major/program | 30 | 4,3 |
| Easier requirements to enroll into the universities than in other countries? | 100 | 14,5 |
| Prospects of studying in native language | 5 | 0,7 |
| Informative promotional campaign of the university | 23 | 3,3 |
| Prospects of studying for free or with some discount | 165 | 23,9 |
| Lower living cost than in other countries | 60 | 8,7 |
| Better social care than in other countries (benefits, payments) | 4 | 0,6 |
| Better living conditions than in other countries (health care system, transport infrastructure, housing market etc.) | 21 | 3,0 |
| Easier requirements to get a permit for the long-term stay in the country | 38 | 5,5 |
| I wanted to live closer to the relatives that are in Slovak Republic | 7 | 1,0 |
| It is safer here than in other countries | 21 | 3,0 |
| Convenient transport connection with the Ukraine | 84 | 12,2 |
| Other | 3 | 0,4 |

UA students in Slovakia: What factors influenced your decision to choose your university?

(more than 1, but max 3 answers were allowed)

| | No. | % |
|--|-----|------|
| I will have higher chances of employment after I graduate | 53 | 20,0 |
| Availability of certain program I like to study | 116 | 43,8 |
| Status /Quality of the university | 88 | 33,2 |
| Advice from relatives/friends | 100 | 37,7 |
| My relatives/friends studied/study here | 60 | 22,6 |
| Financial aid from the university | 12 | 4,5 |
| Existing adaptation program for foreign students | 36 | 13,6 |
| Location of the University: easy transport connection with Ukraine | 77 | 29,1 |
| Other | 1 | 0,4 |

UA students in Slovakia: Are you satisfied with your experience of studying in Slovakia?

| | No. | % |
|--|-----|------|
| I am completely unsatisfied | 3 | 1,1 |
| I am mostly unsatisfied | 3 | 1,1 |
| I am neither satisfied, nor dissatisfied | 48 | 18,1 |
| I am mostly satisfied | 136 | 51,3 |
| I am completely satisfied | 75 | 28,3 |

UA students in Slovakia: How people approach you in everyday life when they realize that you are Ukrainian?

| | No. | % |
|------------------------------|-----|------|
| Very unfriendly | 2 | 0,8 |
| Mostly unfriendly | 13 | 4,9 |
| Both friendly and unfriendly | 55 | 20,8 |
| Mostly friendly | 111 | 41,9 |
| Very friendly | 84 | 31,7 |

UA students in Slovakia: Do you combine your studies with a work?

| | No. | % |
|--|-----|------|
| Yes, I work part time (including irregular work) | 151 | 57,0 |
| I have worked before, but I do not work now | 25 | 9,4 |
| No, I don't work | 86 | 32,5 |
| I work full time | 2 | 0,8 |
| N/A | 1 | 0,4 |

UA students in Slovakia: What are your plans after you graduate?

| | No. | % |
|----------------------------------|-----|------|
| Go back to Ukraine | 17 | 6,4 |
| Stay in the Slovak Republic | 53 | 20,0 |
| Move to another EU country | 94 | 35,5 |
| Move to a country outside the EU | 12 | 4,5 |
| Do not know yet | 59 | 22,3 |
| N/A | 30 | 11,3 |

UA students in Slovakia: If you decide to go back to Ukraine, what are the main reasons for that?

(those who want to go back to UA: more than 1, but max 3 answers were allowed)

| | No. | % |
|--|-----|------|
| It is easier to find a job in Ukraine (not necessarily field-related) | 2 | 4,9 |
| It is easier to find a job in Ukraine (study field-related) | 3 | 7,3 |
| I want to use what I have learnt here for my home country | 15 | 36,6 |
| I want to live closer to my Ukrainian friends and relatives | 6 | 14,6 |
| I do not like to live in Slovak Republic | 0 | 0,0 |
| I have a bad experiences in Slovak Republic connected to my Ukrainian origin | 1 | 2,4 |
| I want to live in the cultural environment which I come from | 11 | 26,8 |
| I won't get a permit to stay here after my studies | 2 | 4,9 |
| I won't be able to find a good job here | 1 | 2,4 |
| Other | 0 | 0,0 |

UA students in Slovakia: If you decide to stay in Slovakia, what are the main reasons for that?

(those who want to stay in SK: more than 1, but max 3 answers were allowed)

| | No. | % |
|---|-----|------|
| It is easier to find a job here (study field-related) | 26 | 13,1 |
| It is easier to find a job here (not necessarily field-related) | 10 | 5,1 |
| Higher salaries in Slovakia compared to Ukraine | 44 | 22,2 |
| Better living conditions | 50 | 25,3 |
| Unstable political situation in Ukraine | 23 | 11,6 |
| Armed conflict on the territory of Ukraine | 8 | 4,0 |
| I want to gain new experience abroad | 15 | 7,6 |
| I want to live closer to my family | 4 | 2,0 |
| My partner lives here | 14 | 7,1 |
| Easier to get a permission for a long-term stay than in other countries | 4 | 2,0 |
| Other | 0 | 0,0 |

UA students in Slovakia: If Slovakia wants to encourage more UA students to come and study here, what should it do?

| | No. | % |
|---|-----|------|
| Spread more information about the possibility to study in Slovakia | 142 | 18,5 |
| Offer grants to prospective students | 134 | 17,5 |
| Make it easier to work part-time during the studies | 58 | 7,6 |
| Enhance the quality of the study programs | 45 | 5,9 |
| Offer more study programs in English language | 80 | 10,4 |
| Offer better accommodation in student dormitories | 79 | 10,3 |
| Provide more advice in legal questions | 62 | 8,1 |
| Provide help on employment | 154 | 20,1 |
| Easier requirements to get a permit for the long-term stay in the country | 9 | 1,2 |
| Nothing to change | 4 | 0,5 |
| Other | 0 | 0,0 |



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