



# IT RESEARCH UKRAINE 2023: ADAPTABILITY AND RESILIENCE AMIDST WAR





# TRESEARCH UKRAINE

The only comprehensive and detailed study of the tech industry in Ukraine during the war, which will provide an understanding of the current market situation today and a forecast for the future development of the industry in order to:



implement changes and make informed business decisions based on precise analytical data



optimize business processes and investments



select the right trajectory for company growth



evaluate potential risks and prepare for new challenges



According to the response from State Statistics Service of Ukraine, official data for Ukraine's GDP in 2023 will be published by March 2024.

As of the data collection and preparation of macroeconomic indicators calculation and research report publication, the reporting year has not concluded. Consequently, changes and adjustments may occur in the balance of payments.

Properly calculating the economic impact of the industry's activities and all derived indicators is impossible for year-over-year representation.

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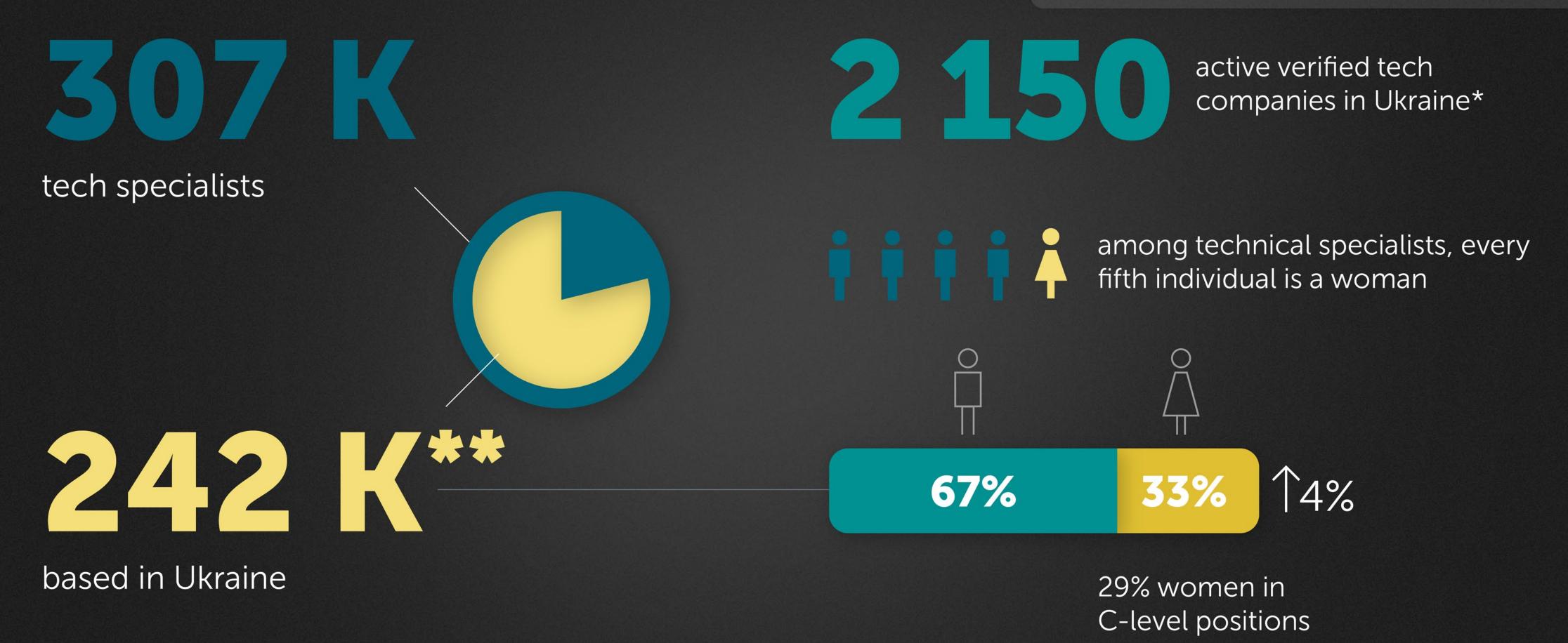
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1.1 Key Indicators

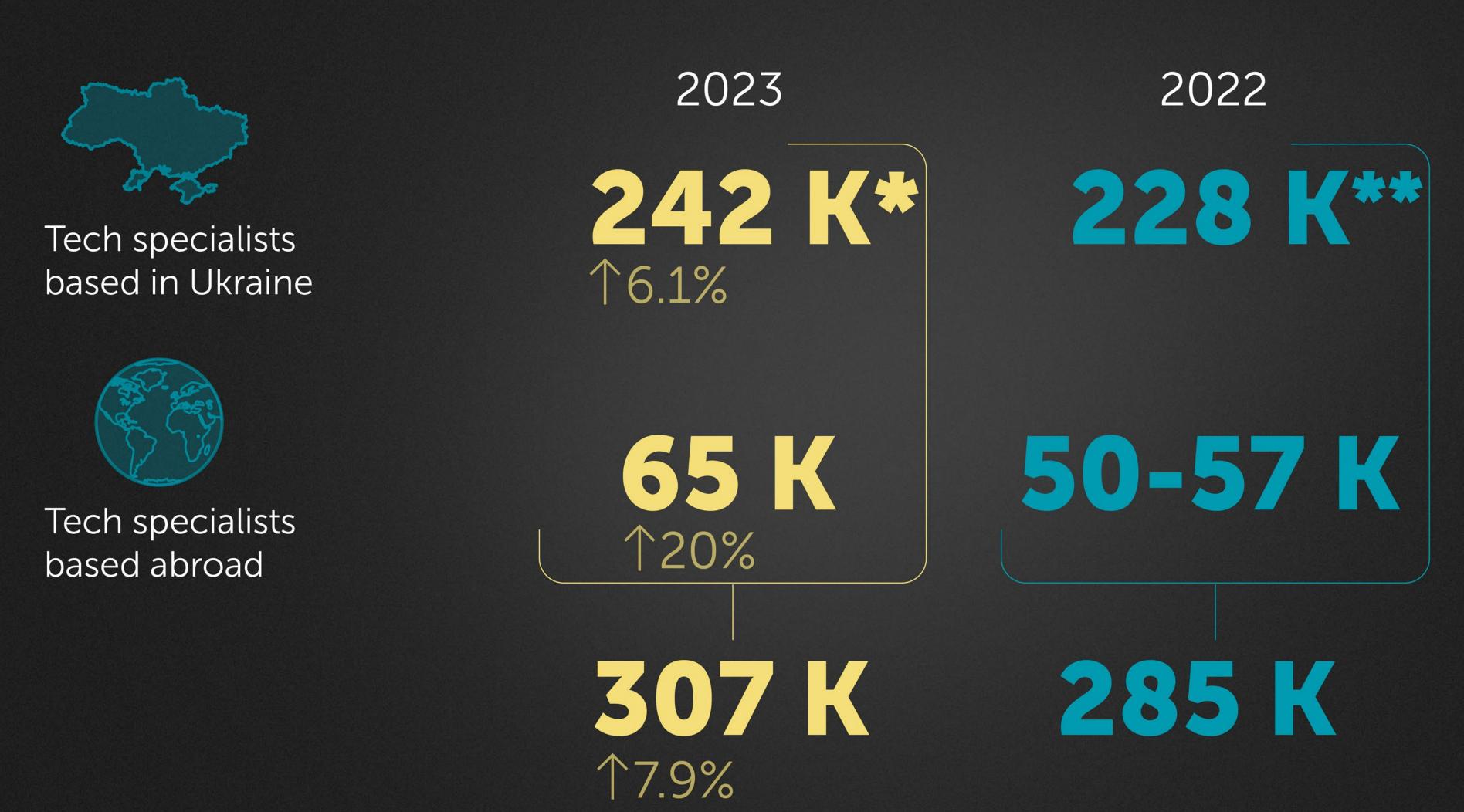
Ukraine's tech potential redefines global market



<sup>\*</sup> Tech companies are companies that provide information and computer services, including the delivery of software products, consulting services related to software development, software testing, business analysis, and other types of consulting services related to information or computer technologies. The following types of companies are excluded from consideration: internet service providers, computer hardware stores, and institutions that involve tech specialists in their activities but whose end product is not the aforementioned services. For calculation and verification purposes, the focus is on active tech companies based on the indication of a single commercial brand or name. Therefore, if a company is registered as several LLCs, it is counted as one unit. This approach is also applied to large service companies, taking into account products that are fully or partially part of the business.

\*\* As of August 2023.

### 1.1 Key Indicators



<sup>\*</sup> As of August 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> As of May 2022.

1.2 Tech Industry: A Key Driver of the Economy

The tech industry's role in Ukraine's economy



Total economic effect of Ukraine's tech industry\*



tech industry turnover in 2022



Taxes paid by representatives of the tech industry to budgets at various levels for the year 2022\*\*



S238 million

Direct tech investments in Ukraine in 2022\*\*\*

<sup>\*</sup> The total economic effect of the tech industry consists of a direct effect - the gross value added (GVA) of the industry: the difference between the proceeds from the sale of tech services and products and the operating expenses of companies, as well as an indirect effect: additional GVA generated by related sectors of the economy.

<sup>\*\* 21.4</sup> billion UAH, according to the State Tax Service, based on the NBU exchange rate of 36.56 UAH per USD (calculated on October 2, 2023).

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Net inflow of foreign investments, including reinvestment, according to the NBU data. Data for 2022. See Slide 3.

1.2 Tech Industry: A Key Driver of the Economy

The tech industry's role in Ukraine's economy



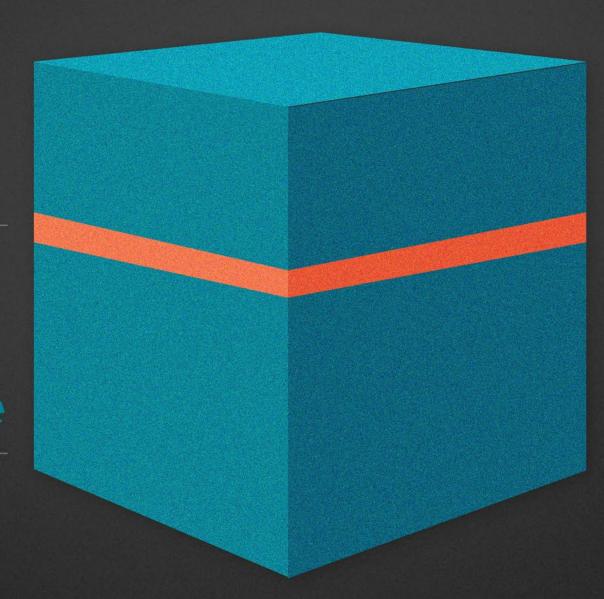


\$5.5 billion\*

Contribution of the tech industry to Gross Value Added (GVA\*\*)

\$130.6 billion\*\*\*

Total GVA of Ukraine



\$161 billion

Nominal GDP of Ukraine in 2022

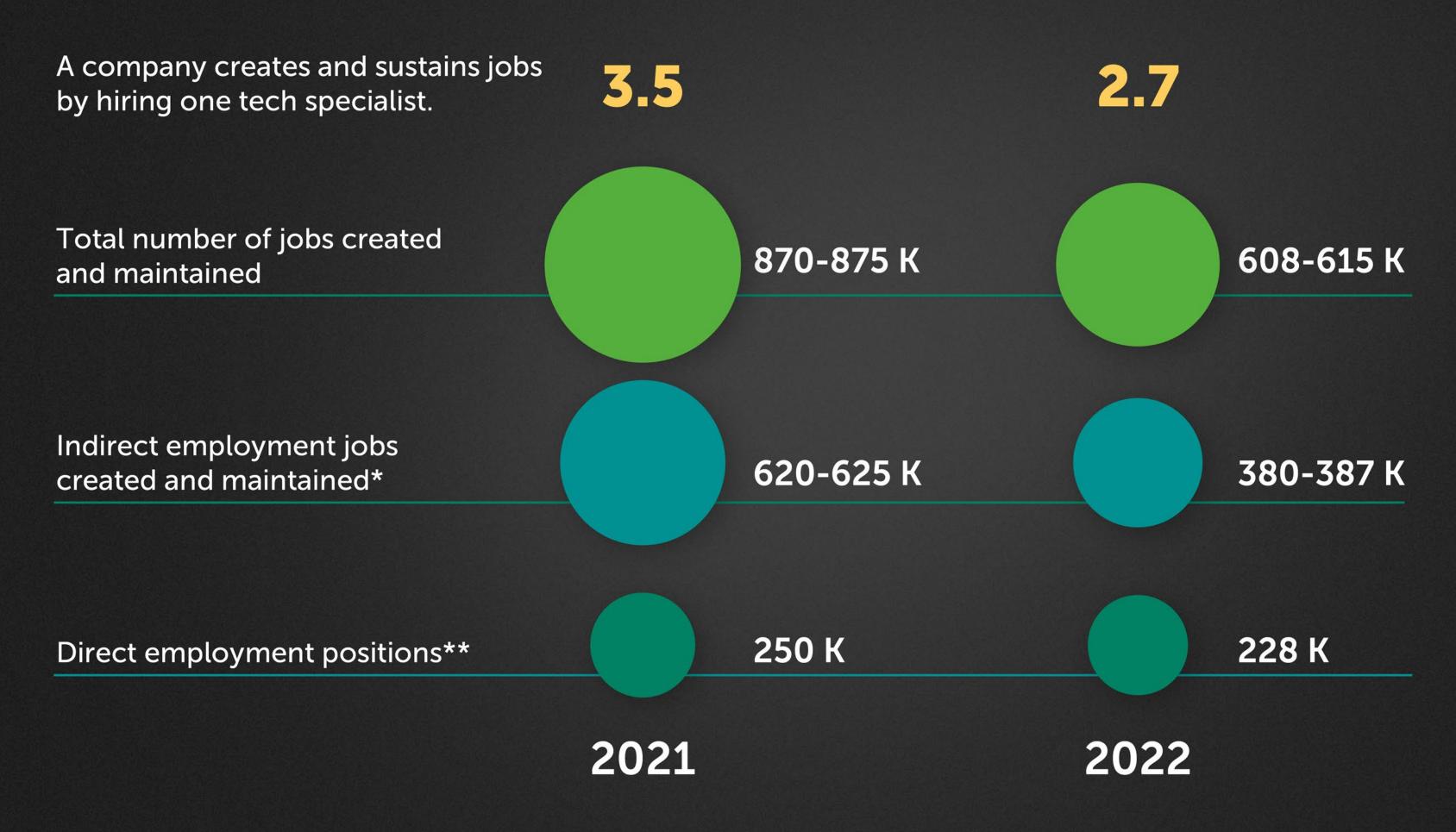
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<sup>\*\*\* 4.78</sup> trillion UAH, at the exchange rate of NBU 36.56 UAH per USD (calculated on October 2, 2023). Data for 2022. See Slide 3.

1.2 Tech Industry: A Key Driver of the Economy

### Dynamics of job creation and preservation by the tech industry



<sup>\*</sup> Indirect employment positions are created through additional sales, income, and employment generated by entrepreneurial activities supplying goods and services necessary for the functioning and production of products in the tech industry. Additionally, they result from the induced effect: additional employment created by consumer spending earned through direct or indirect economic activities within the tech industry and related sectors benefiting from additional consumption.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Direct employment positions – jobs for specialists directly employed in tech companies and self-employed in the field (freelancers).

1.2 Tech Industry: A Key Driver of the Economy

# **Dynamics of the Ukrainian tech industry**

Turnover of the tech industry

2021 \$7.89 billion

2022 \$7.97 billion 10.9%

Forecast **\$8.0** bill on 10.45%

Tech industry's impressive performance in tough conditions

1.2 Tech Industry: A Key Driver of the Economy

# **Dynamics of the Ukrainian tech industry**

Export revenue volume

\$6.94 billion

\$7.35 billion 2022

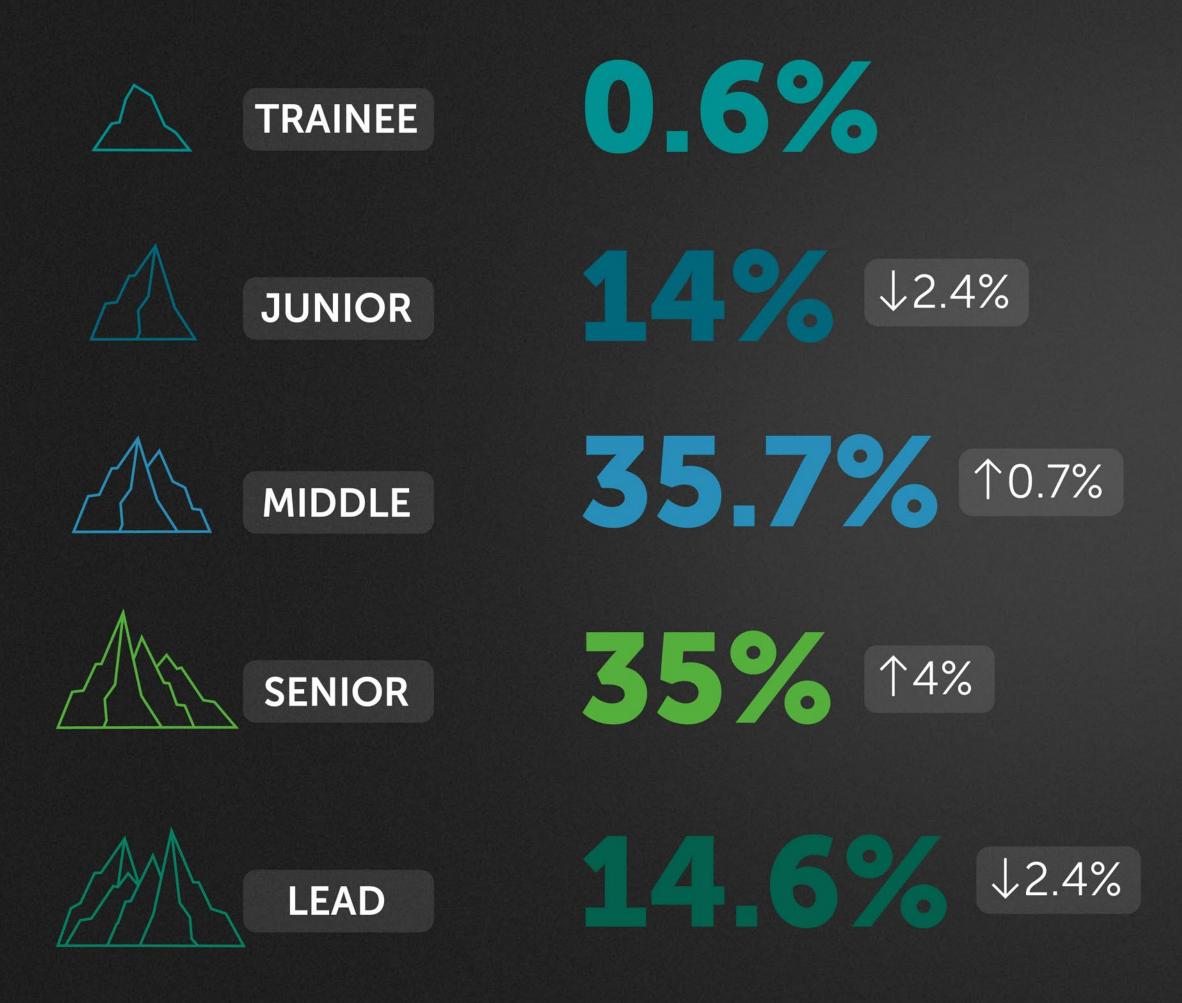
Forecast **\$6.78 - \$7.18** billion

41.5%

Computer services make up a significant portion of the total export structure of all services and remain a key sector ensuring foreign currency inflow into the economy despite the crisis.

<sup>\*</sup> According to NBU data as of November 30, 2023.

1.3 Tech Talent Pool



Ukraine is rich in highly skilled technical talents who drive the global technology market. 42.6% have general work experience in the tech industry of more than 6 years, with 7.8% having over 15 years of experience.

59.8%

of all tech specialists in Ukraine have technical specializations

>83%

of the entire pool of technical talents consists of specialists with qualifications at the Middle, Senior, and Lead levels

### 1.3 Tech Talent Pool

# How many children do tech specialists have?

Among all tech specialists	67.9%	18.9%	11.4%	1.6%	1.6%
Among men	65.2%	20.1%	13.2%	1.4%	0.1%
Among women	73.7%	16.4%	7.8%	1.9%	0.2%

The majority of tech specialists fall within the age range of 26 to 35 years old.

Among tech specialists, 32.1% have children, with 58.8% having one child, and 5.6% being parents of three or more children.

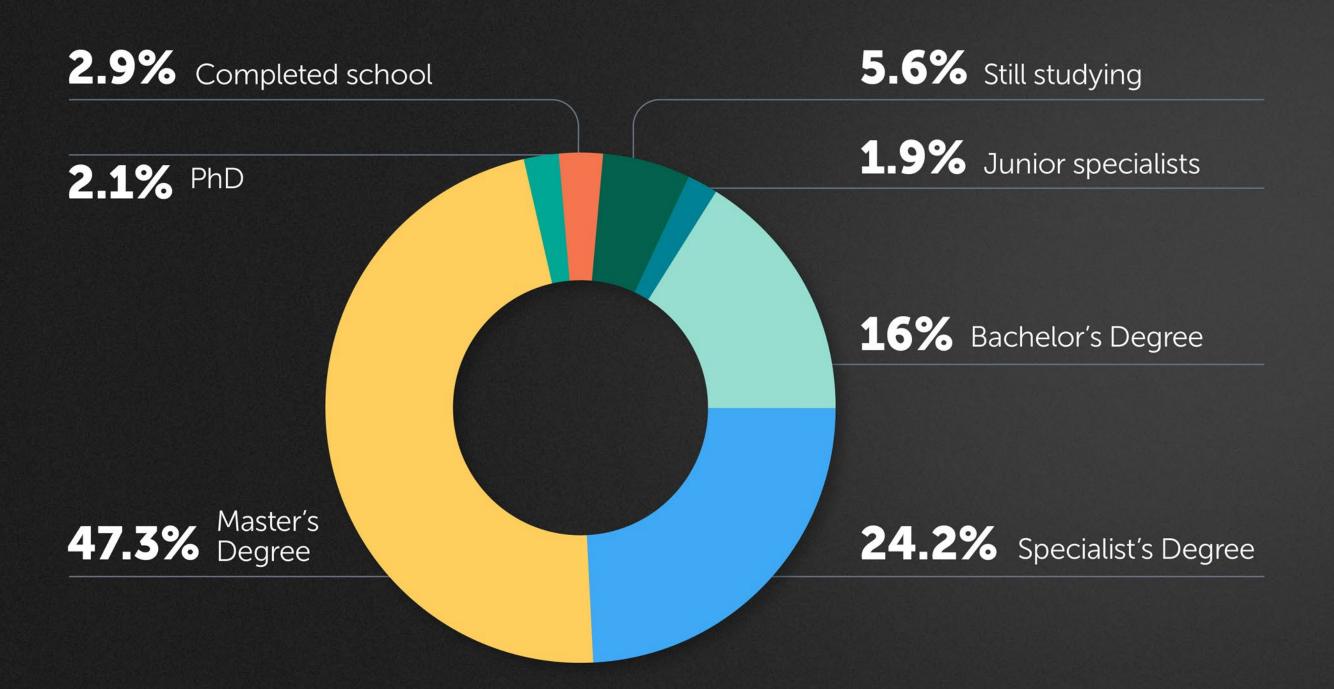
# Average age of a tech specialist



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### 1.3 Tech Talent Pool

### **Education level**



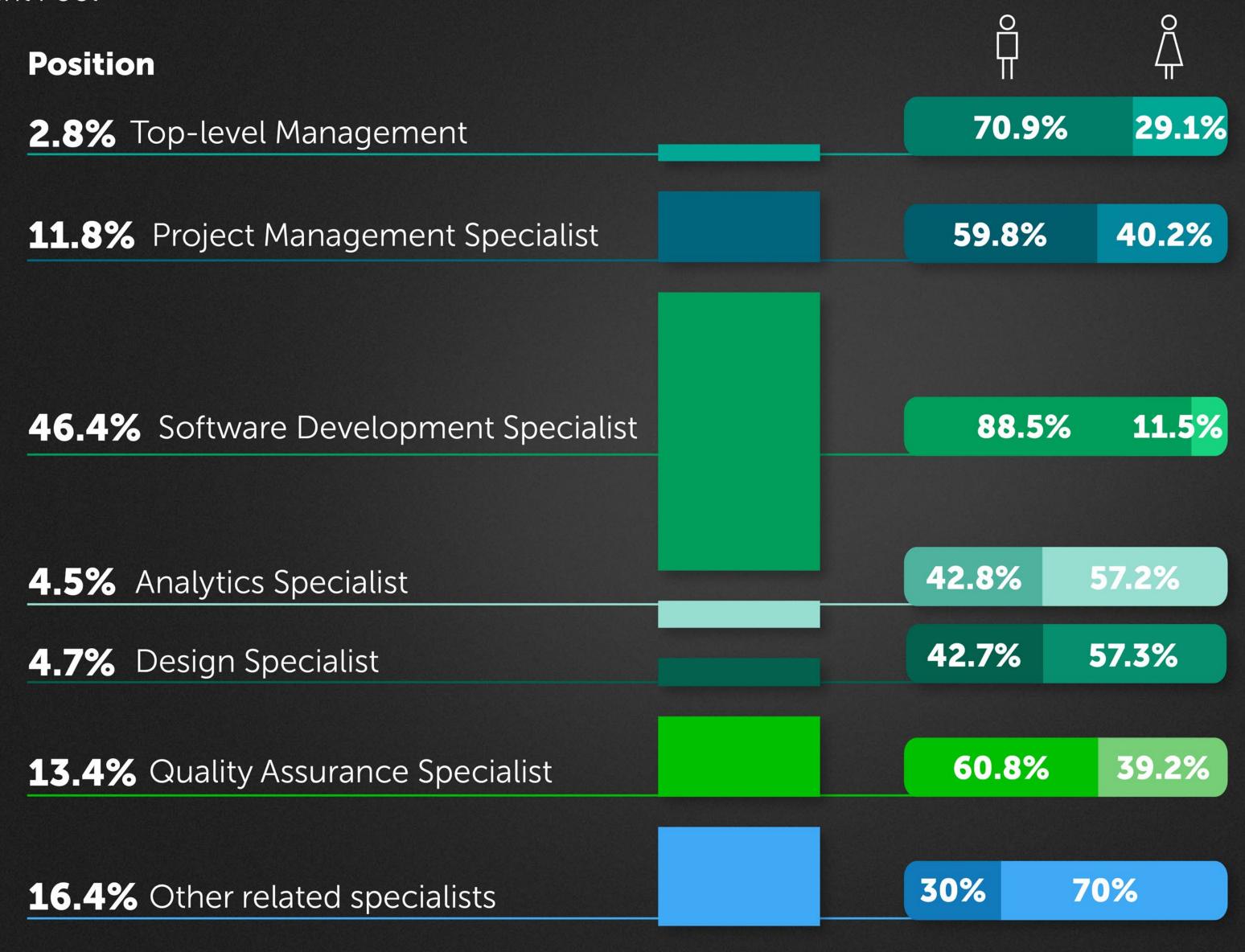
Almost half of those employed in the tech industry have obtained or are pursuing technical education related to computer science.

# Educational specialization of tech specialists\*

Technical specialization	Non-technical specialization	
70.9%	35.6%	
47.3%	23.6%	
Technical specialization related to computer science	Technical sp unrelated to	ecialization computer science

<sup>\*</sup> Respondents had the option to choose more than one answer.

1.3 Tech Talent Pool

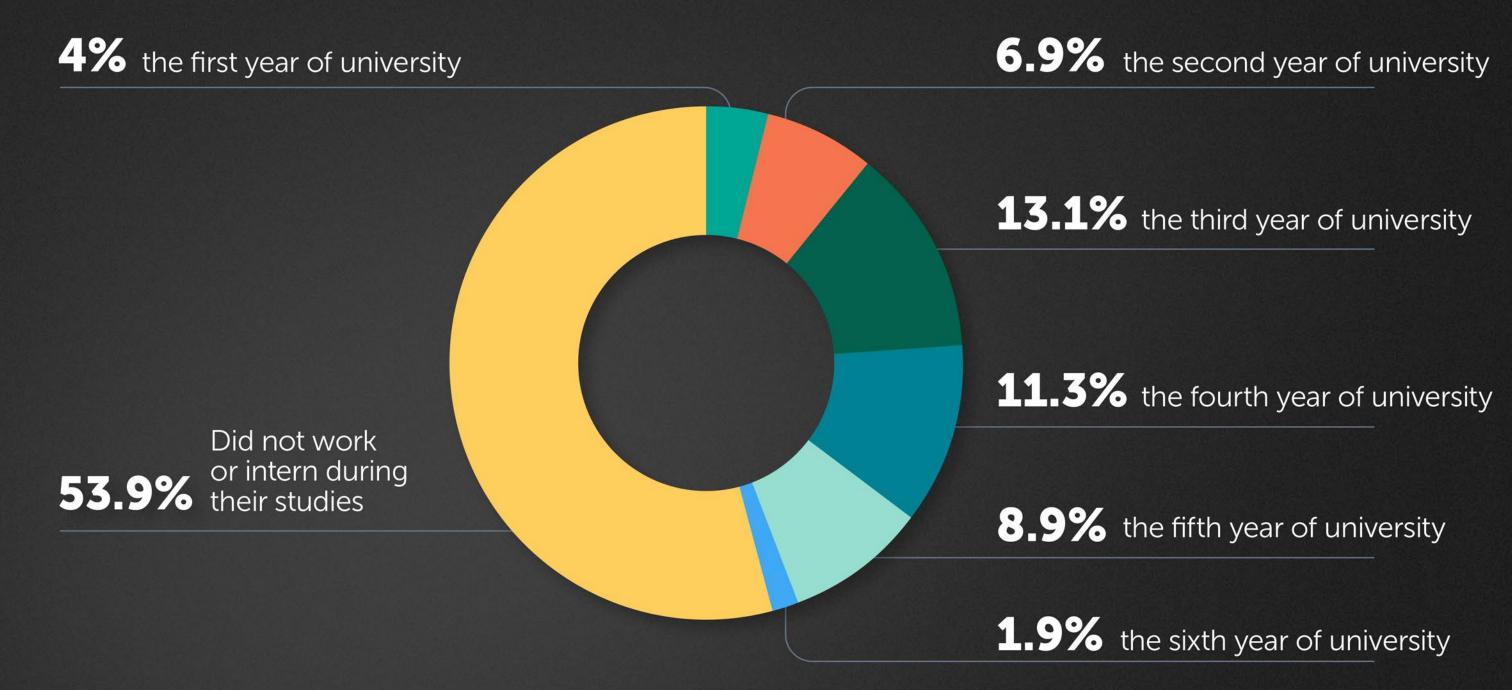


Almost half of all tech specialists work in the position of Software Development Specialist, and their share has decreased by 4% compared to the previous year.

1.4 Professional Profile of Tech Specialists

Almost half of tech specialists started working or interning at a tech company during their studies, typically beginning around the third year of university.

# Internship start in a tech company during

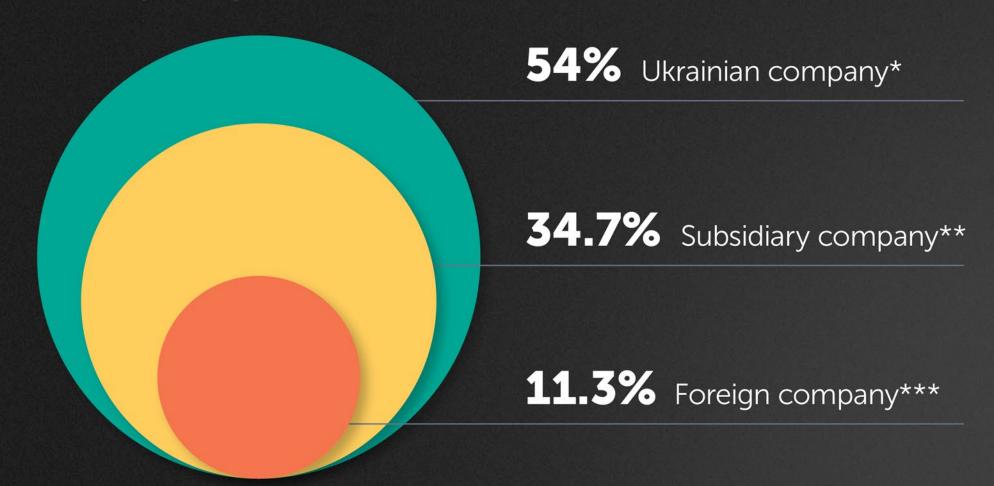


### Work experience in tech



1.4 Professional Profile of Tech Specialists

### **Company origin**



The share of tech specialists working in large companies has increased by **6.4%**. This year, **40.4%** are employed in large companies, compared to **34%** in 2022.

Half of tech specialists work in companies of Ukrainian origin.



# **Company size**



<sup>\*</sup> Founded in Ukraine.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Founded abroad, with a presence in Ukraine.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Founded abroad, with no presence in Ukraine.

1.4 Professional Profile of Tech Specialists



of tech specialists were unemployed at the time of the study

found their first job in the tech industry in 2023

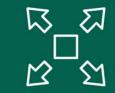
# 47.7%

of tech specialists noted that their work has changed

- Moved to another project within the company
- **33.4%** Changed their workplace
- Changed their position within the company
- **12.0%** Moved to the bench (on standby)
  - **5.9%** Transitioned to part-time employment

### Other changes accounted for 10.9%:

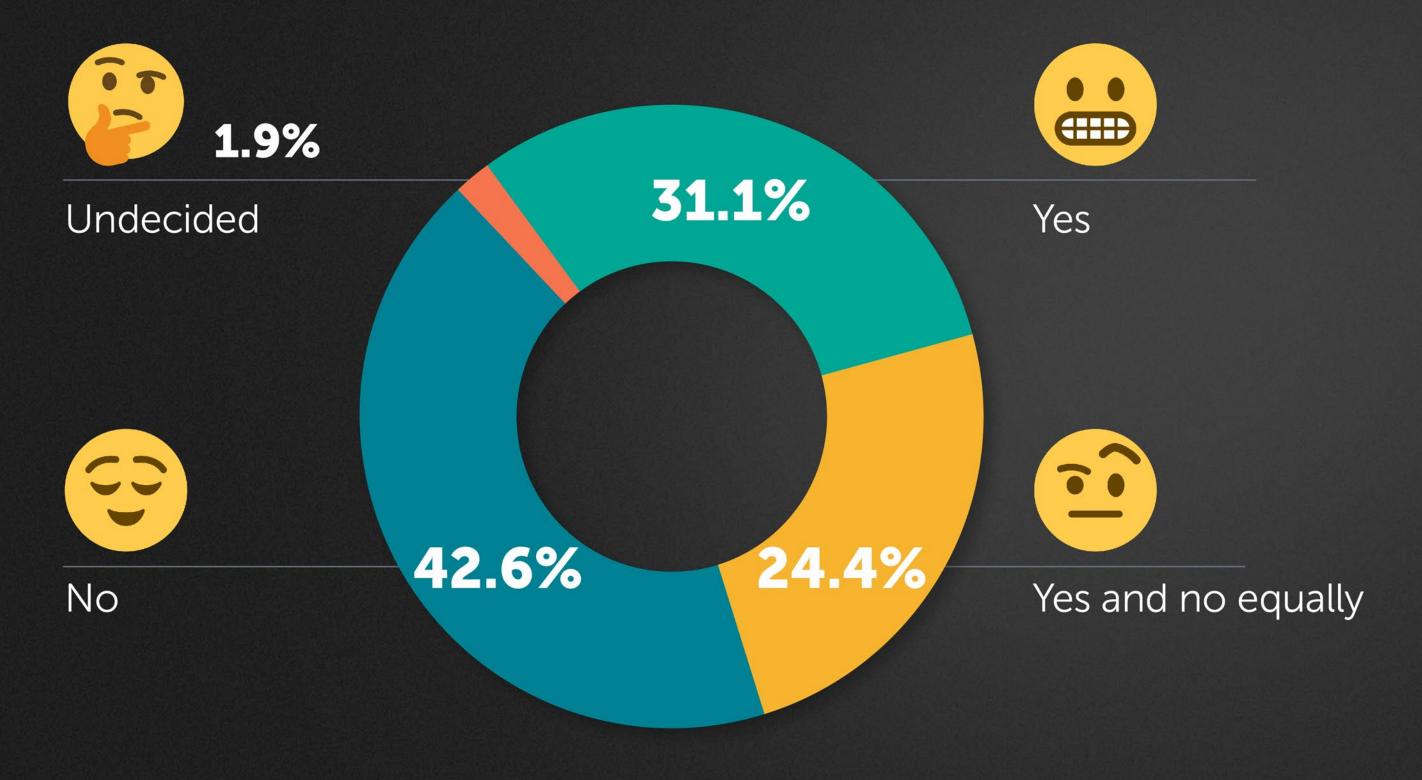
- Increased workload
- Decreased workload
- Reduction in compensation / freezing of salary reviews
- Found a new job
- Transitioned to remote work
- Took a sabbatical / maternity leave
- Were mobilized into the Ukrainian Armed Forces



In the extended version of IT Research Ukraine, gain access to detailed data on the changes in the work of tech specialists, including the percentage of those who were in unpaid reserve and how many tech specialists were able to return to work in 2023.

1.4 Professional Profile of Tech Specialists

# Do tech specialists worry about the possibility of losing their jobs?



# 1/3

of tech specialists are concerned about losing their jobs this year. There is more anxiety among those who have already been on standby.

QA Engineers perceive the highest risk of job loss.

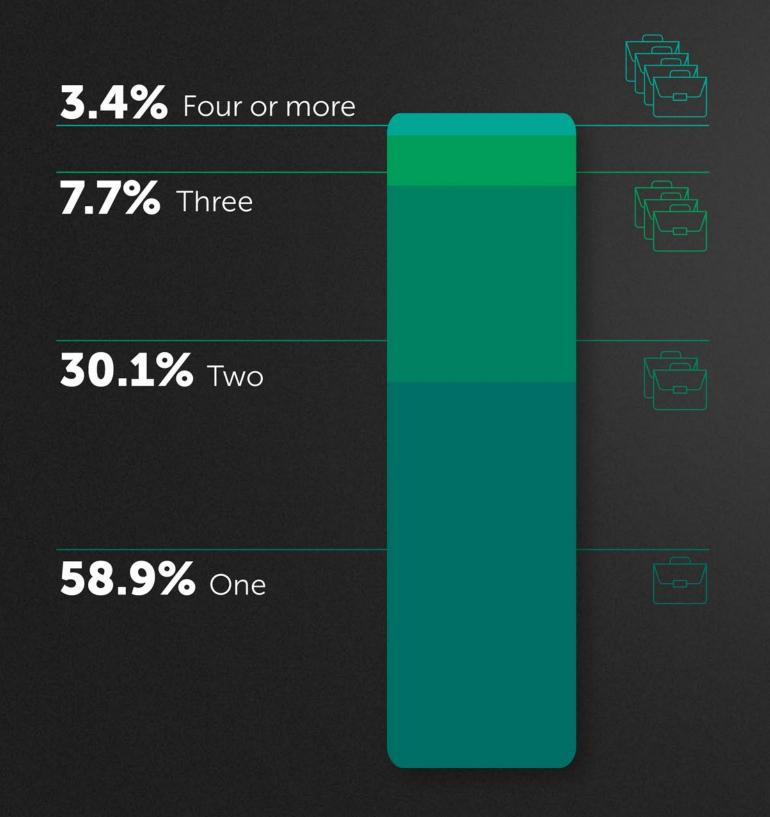
Project managers and senior managers are the least worried.

1.4 Professional Profile of Tech Specialists

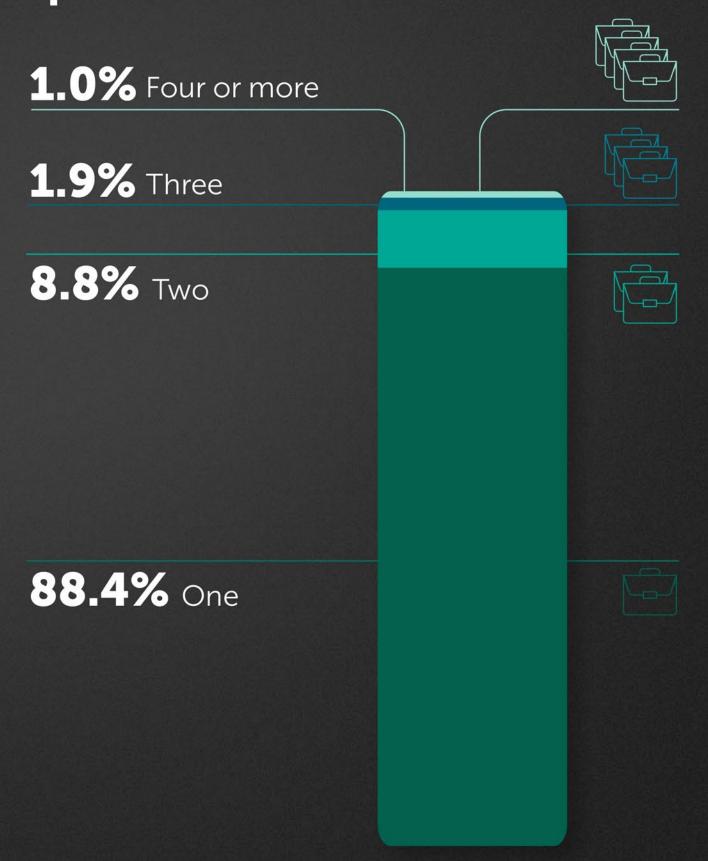


Discover the percentage of tech specialists who simultaneously held multiple jobs and the duration of this experience in the extended version of IT Research Ukraine.

# The number of companies / freelance projects that tech specialists worked for simultaneously



# The number of companies / freelance projects that tech specialists continue to work for simultaneously



1.4 Professional Profile of Tech Specialists

# What is missing within the company to provide additional motivation for tech specialists to engage in long-term collaboration?

Availability of interesting projects



Developed corporate governance



Company values and mission that align with their beliefs



Availability of interest groups, extracurricular activities within the company



Low level of bureaucracy



Availability of a comfortable office and convenient location



Other reasons



41.4%

of tech specialists claim that the company provides them with everything necessary to continue working in the company.

1.5 Income and Expenses of Tech Specialists



In the extended version of IT Research Ukraine, obtain data on how many tech specialists undergone a financial reward review in 2023, the median salary increase, and more detailed analytics on income changes in the tech industry.

# How have incomes changed over the past year?



42% consider their financial reward sufficient



<sup>\*</sup> Among those for whom such a review is stipulated in the contract; in 5.9%, a planned review of financial compensation is not provided for by the contract.

1.5 Income and Expenses of Tech Specialists

\$2630

Median income of individuals engaged in the tech sector in Ukraine

**\$2 360** in 2022







Learn more about the specific compensation ranges for 100+ positions in the tech industry – get access to the IT RESEARCH: SALARY REPORT.

# Are tech specialists ready for a potential decrease in financial compensation?

Yes	19.0%
Equally yes and no	18.9%
No	62.1%

<sup>\*</sup> Technical specialists include: Software Development Specialist (Software Engineer / Web Developer (Frontend / Backend / Full Stack), DevOps Engineer, Mobile Developer, Data Scientist / Machine Learning Engineer, Solution Architect, Database Administrator (DBA), Blockchain Developer, etc.), Quality Assurance Specialists (QA (manual, automation), QA Lead).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Non-technical specialists include: Top-level Management, Project Management Specialist (PM, Delivery Manager, Team Lead, Product Manager, Scrum Master, etc.), Analytics Specialists (Business Analyst, Web Data Analyst), Design Specialists (Web-designer, UI / UX Specialist, Graphic Design Specialist), and other related Specialists (HR, Marketing Manager, SEO Specialist, Recruiter, Sales Manager, Technical Writer, Finance Analyst, PR Manager, etc.).

1.5 Income and Expenses of Tech Specialists

# How have expenses changed over the past year?

44.8% Expenses increased significantly

28.1% Expenses increased but not significantly

9.7% Expenses remained the same

**12.6%** Refused to answer

**2.7%** Expenses decreased but not significantly

**2.1%** Expenses significantly decreased

tech specialists indicate that their expenses increased in 2023 compared to 62% last year.

The largest portion of income goes towards basic necessities such as housing and food. The remaining expenses typically account for no more than 25% on average.

More than 80% of tech specialists have the capacity to save, with an average of a quarter of their income being set aside. Every tenth individual manages to save more than half of their monthly earnings.

1.5 Income and Expenses of Tech Specialists

# Monthly expenses breakdown

213 of tech specialists allocation of tech specialists allocation.\* This is +4.6% compared to 2022. of tech specialists allocate a portion

~38% Basic needs [food, housing, clothing, debt repayment]



~16% Additional needs [leisure, hobbies, transportation, etc.]







of tech specialists allocate a portion of their budget to charity

among them donate more than a quarter of their income



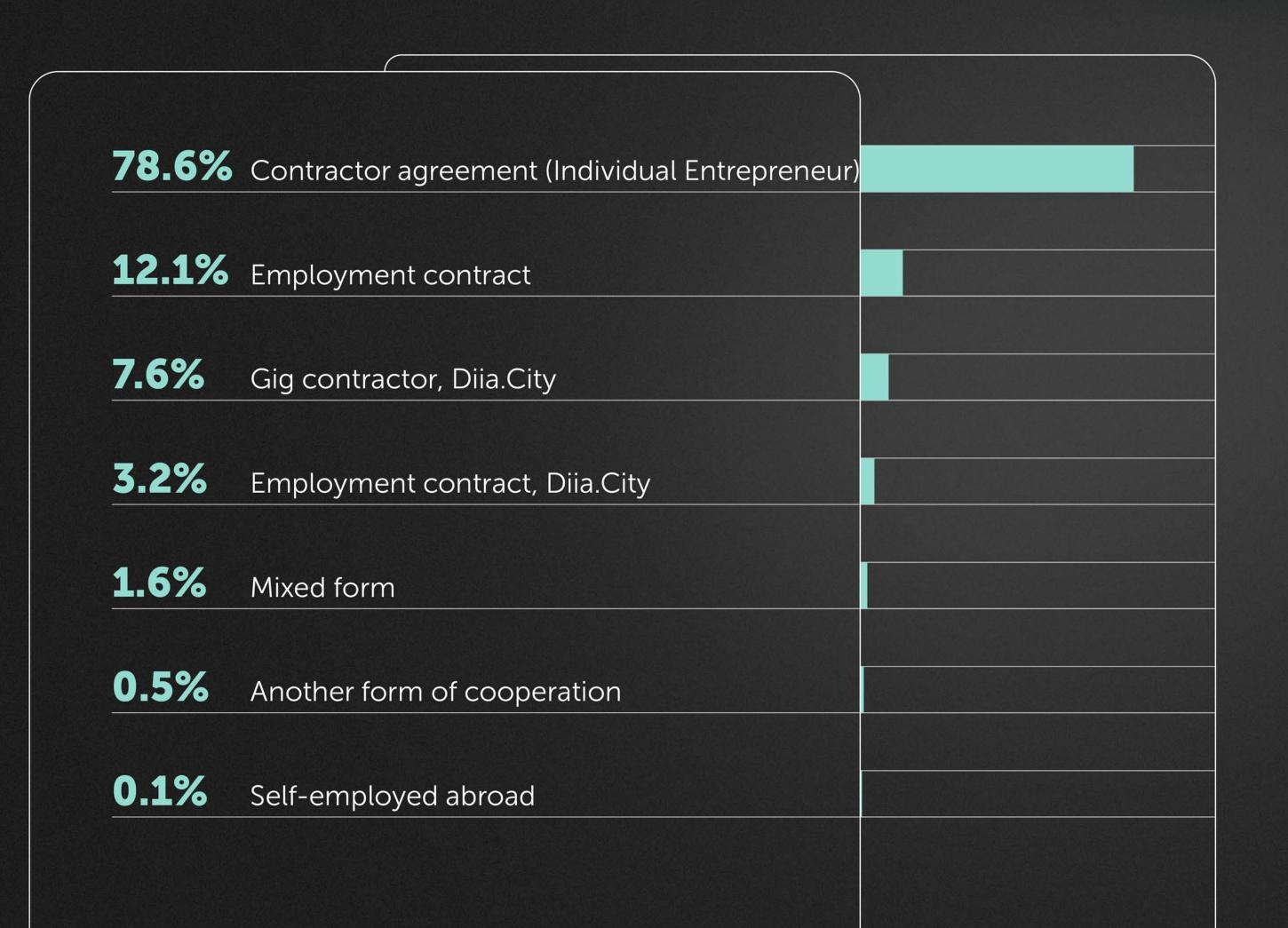
average monthly charitable donation of a tech specialist

1.6 Employment Forms of Tech Specialists

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Obtain more detailed information about the legalization of tech specialists abroad and the percentage of specialists in various job categories who are planning or already engaged in this matter in the extended version of IT Research Ukraine.

# **Employment forms**



In 2023, the structure of employment forms for tech specialists changed. The number of Individual Entrepreneurs decreased by

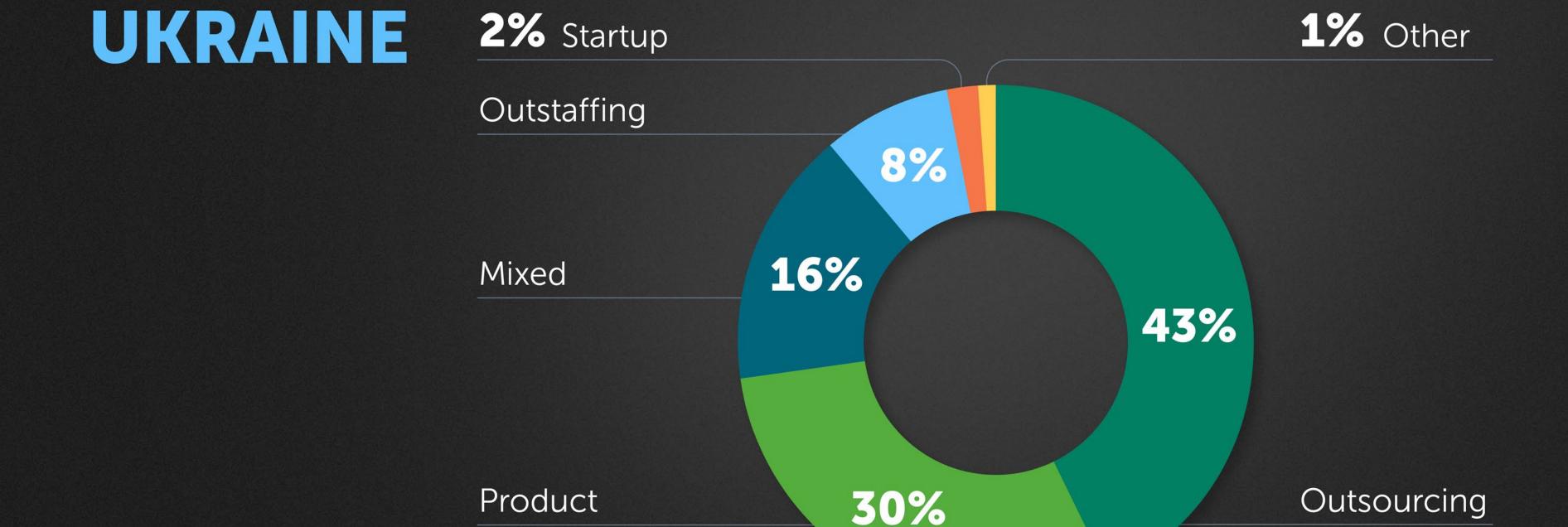


compared to the previous year, notably due to the transition to gig contracts.

1.6 Employment Forms of Tech Specialists

Tech specialists' engagement in companies by business model type

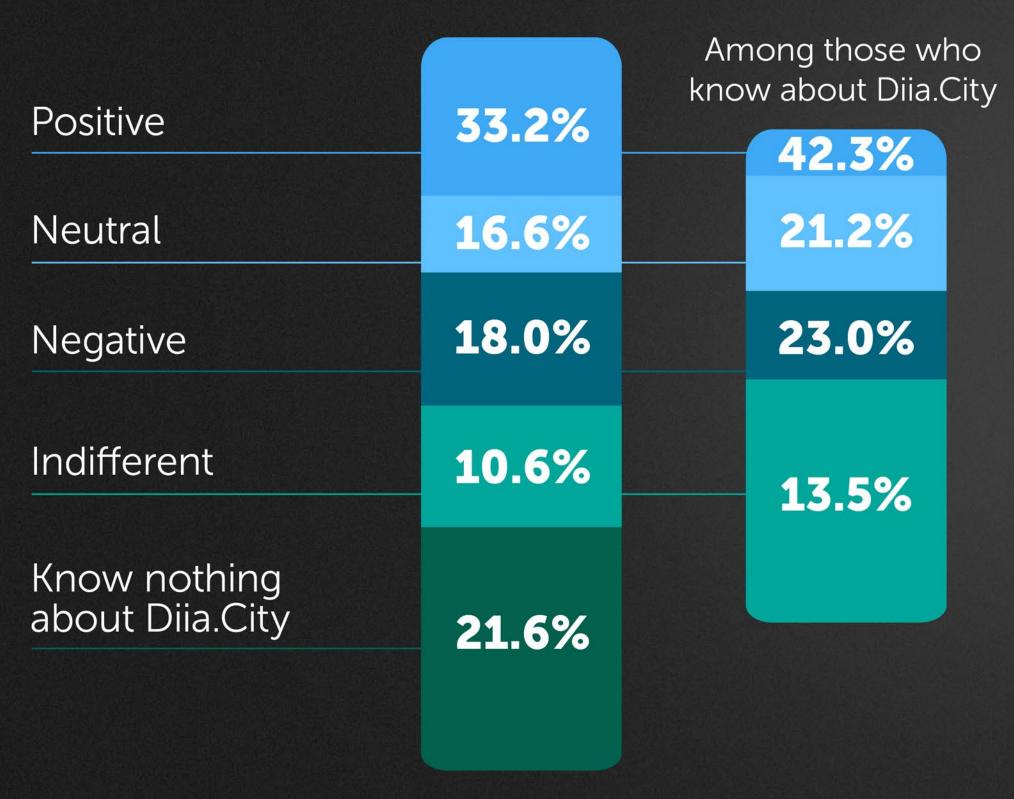
More than 51% of Ukraine's tech specialists work in service companies.



1.7 Attitudes of Tech Specialists Towards Government Initiatives and Programs

The attitude towards the project is mostly positive or neutral. 17% of tech specialist have changed their attitude from the moment of the establishment of Diia. City to a positive view of this initiative.

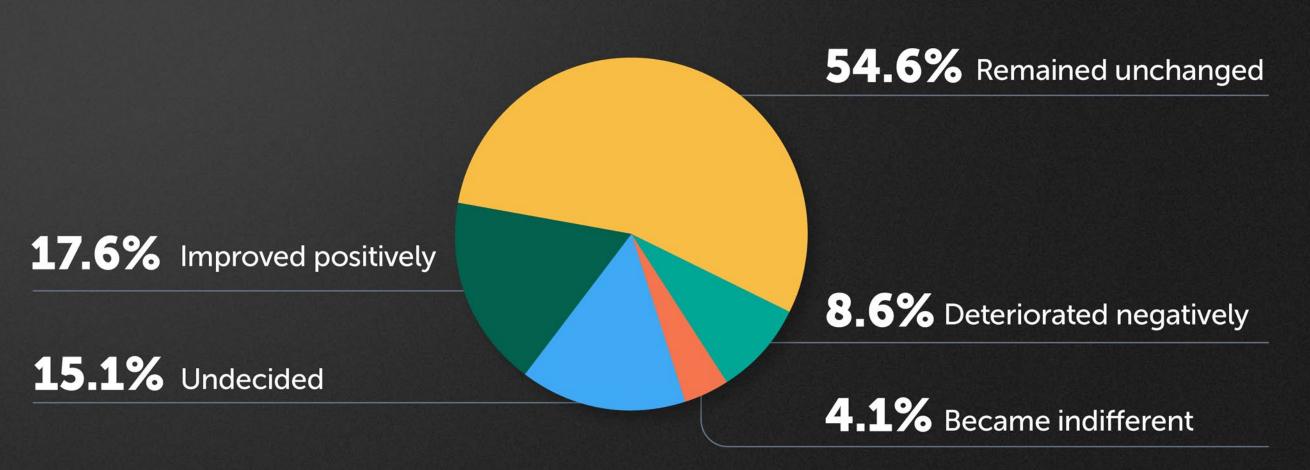
# Tech specialists' attitude towards Diia. City





4 out of 5 tech specialists are aware of the unique legal and tax environment for the development of tech businesses in Diia.City\*.

# How have the opinions of tech professionals about Diia. City changed since its founding?



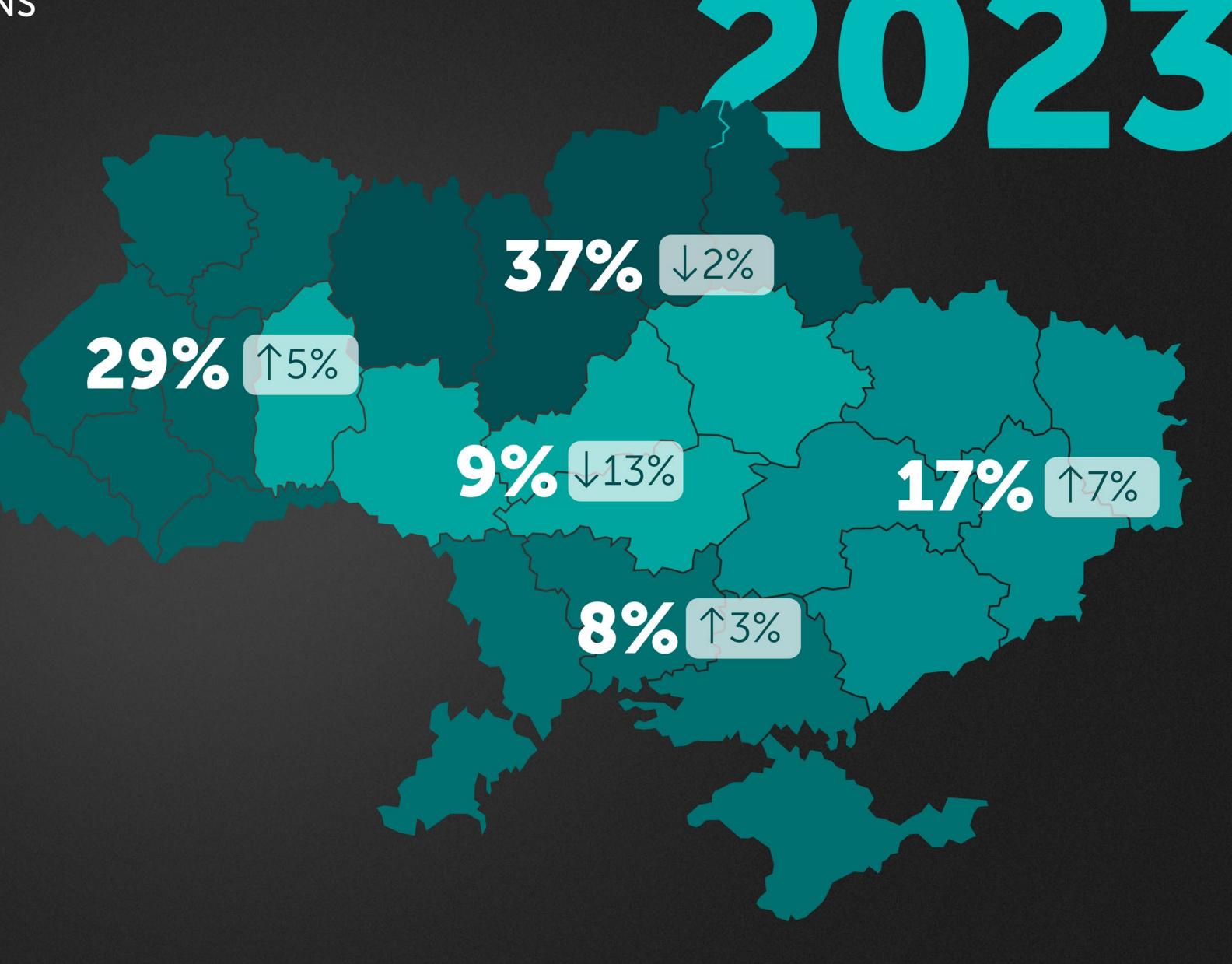
<sup>\*</sup> As of the end of November 2023, over 700 companies are residents of Diia. City, employing nearly 56 thousand professionals.

2.1 Technical Talent Pool. Regional Specifics

More than 1/3 of industry specialists reside in the North, while over 1/4 are in the West.

In 2023, the number of tech professionals in the West of Ukraine increased compared to the previous year, according 24% to IT Research Resilience data

ng access the most comprehensive tech industry research.



<sup>\*</sup> Central – Vinnytsia, Kirovohrad, Khmelnytskyi, Cherkasy, Poltava regions North – Kyiv city and the region, Zhytomyr, Chernihiv, Sumy regions West – Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Zakarpattia, Ternopil, Chernivtsi, Rivne, Volyn regions South – Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson regions

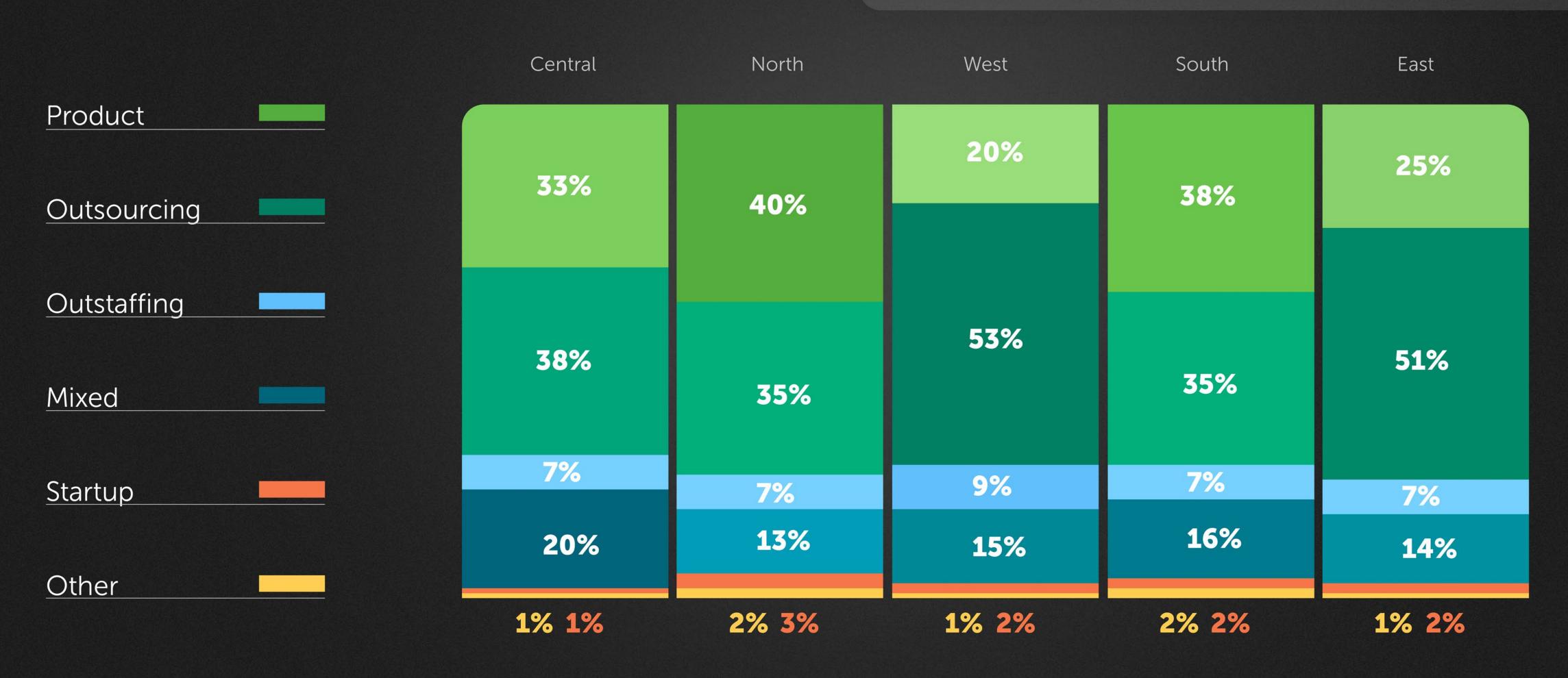
East – Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhia, Donetsk regions.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Assessment of the actual number of tech specialists based in the regions as of August 2023.

2.1 Technical Talent Pool. Regional Specifics

# Tech specialists' engagement in companies by business model type

Regional differences are evident: the highest proportion of employment in product companies is found in the Northern and Southern macroregions. Tech specialists in western regions are more frequently involved in service companies.



2.2 Northern Macroregion

# Kyiv Hub



**\$256.01 M\*** 

Total taxes paid by tech companies in the region in 2022.\*\*



2.8 jobs

are created and sustained by a tech company when hiring one tech industry specialist in Kyiv region.

Kyiv Hub has managed to maintain its position as the tech industry leader, both in terms of the number of direct employment positions and the number of preserved and created jobs in other industries.

Kyiv and the Kyiv region remain key leaders in the Ukrainian market.

The growth in tax revenues from tech companies in the Kyiv region in 2022 was 12% higher than in 2021.



40.1%

The share of the hub in the structure of the nominal turnover of the industry in 2022.\*\*\*



230-233 K

The total number of jobs created and saved by the local tech industry in 2022.\*\*\*\*

<sup>\* 9.359</sup> billion UAH, according to State Tax Service of Ukraine data, at the NBU exchange rate of UAH 36.56, as of the time of calculation on October 2, 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The total amount of taxes includes the following types of taxes: Individual Entrepreneurs Single Tax, Legal Entities Single Tax, Personal Income Tax, the Value-Added Tax (VAT) overall, Military Levy, Tax on Income of Legal Entities and other taxes.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The indicator takes into account the tax residency of tech market participants within the location. Source: analytics from the research agency Fama, calculation base - estimation of the number of registered participants in regional tech markets in 2022 according to the State Tax Service of Ukraine, and the State Statistics Service of Ukraine data.

2.2 Northern Macroregion

# Kyiv Hub



Taxes paid by tech companies in the region for the first half of 2023.\*



85 606 16.1%

Number of Individual Entrepreneurs (IE) in the tech industry.\*\*



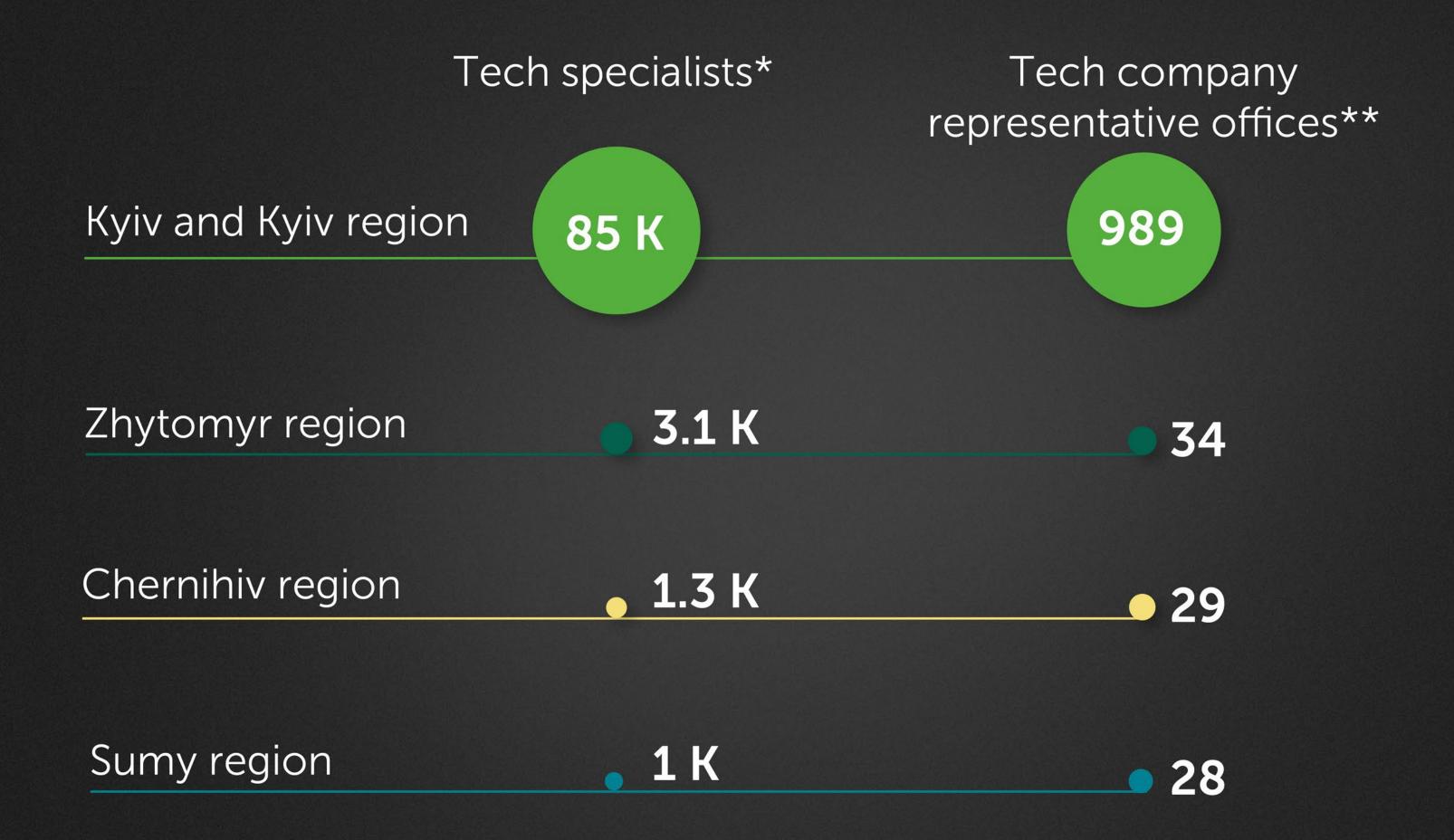
26.2% (as of July 1, 2023)

Share of the Individual Entrepreneurs Single Tax from the tech industry in the city's overall Individual Entrepreneurs Single Tax payment.

<sup>\* 5.654</sup> billion UAH, according to State Tax Service of Ukraine data, at the NBU exchange rate of UAH 36.56, as of the time of calculation on October 2, 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Classification of Types of Economic Activity (KVED) codes taken into account in the calculation are: 58.21, 58.29, 62.01, 62.02, 62.03, 62.09, 63.11, 63.12. The indicator, calculated based on the number of Individual Entrepreneurs (as of July 1, 2023), reflects the number of specialists working in the selected KVED codes and may also include freelancers and specialists providing tech services in related industries.

### 2.2 Northern Macroregion



<sup>\*</sup> Estimation of the actual number of specialists in the region as of August 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The number of verified active tech companies that meet at least two of the following criteria: presence of a public name, existence of a website, presence of at least three employees, (preferably) physical representation in the form of an office or coworking space, active public communication on the website and/or social networks, published job vacancies in the last six months, responsiveness to inquiries, and answering calls and/or emails.

2.3 Western Macroregion

# Lviv Hub



**■** \$59.45 M\*

Total taxes paid by tech companies in the region in 2022.\*\*



are created and sustained by a tech company when hiring one tech industry specialist in Lviv region.

The war has reshaped the regional structure of Ukraine's tech industry: Lviv region has become a focal point for relocation and now holds the second position in terms of the number of employed professionals.

The growth in tax revenues from tech companies in the Lviv region in 2022 was 27.4% higher than in 2021.



14%

The share of the hub in the structure of the nominal turnover of the industry in 2022.\*\*\*



2 122-124 K

The total number of jobs created and saved by the local tech industry in 2022.\*\*\*\*

<sup>\* 2.173</sup> billion UAH, according to State Tax Service of Ukraine data, at the NBU exchange rate of UAH 36.56, as of the time of calculation on October 2, 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The total amount of taxes includes the following types of taxes: Individual Entrepreneurs Single Tax, Legal Entities Single Tax, Personal Income Tax, the Value-Added Tax (VAT) overall, Military Levy, Tax on Income of Legal Entities and other taxes.

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<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> The indicator is a local summary of the created and sustained jobs of direct and indirect employment, considering the induced effect in the reporting year.

2.3 Western Macroregion

## Lviv Hub



**\$34.55 M** 

Taxes paid by tech companies in the region for the first half of 2023.\*



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**17.8%** 

Number of Individual Entrepreneurs (IE) in the tech industry.\*\*



47% (as

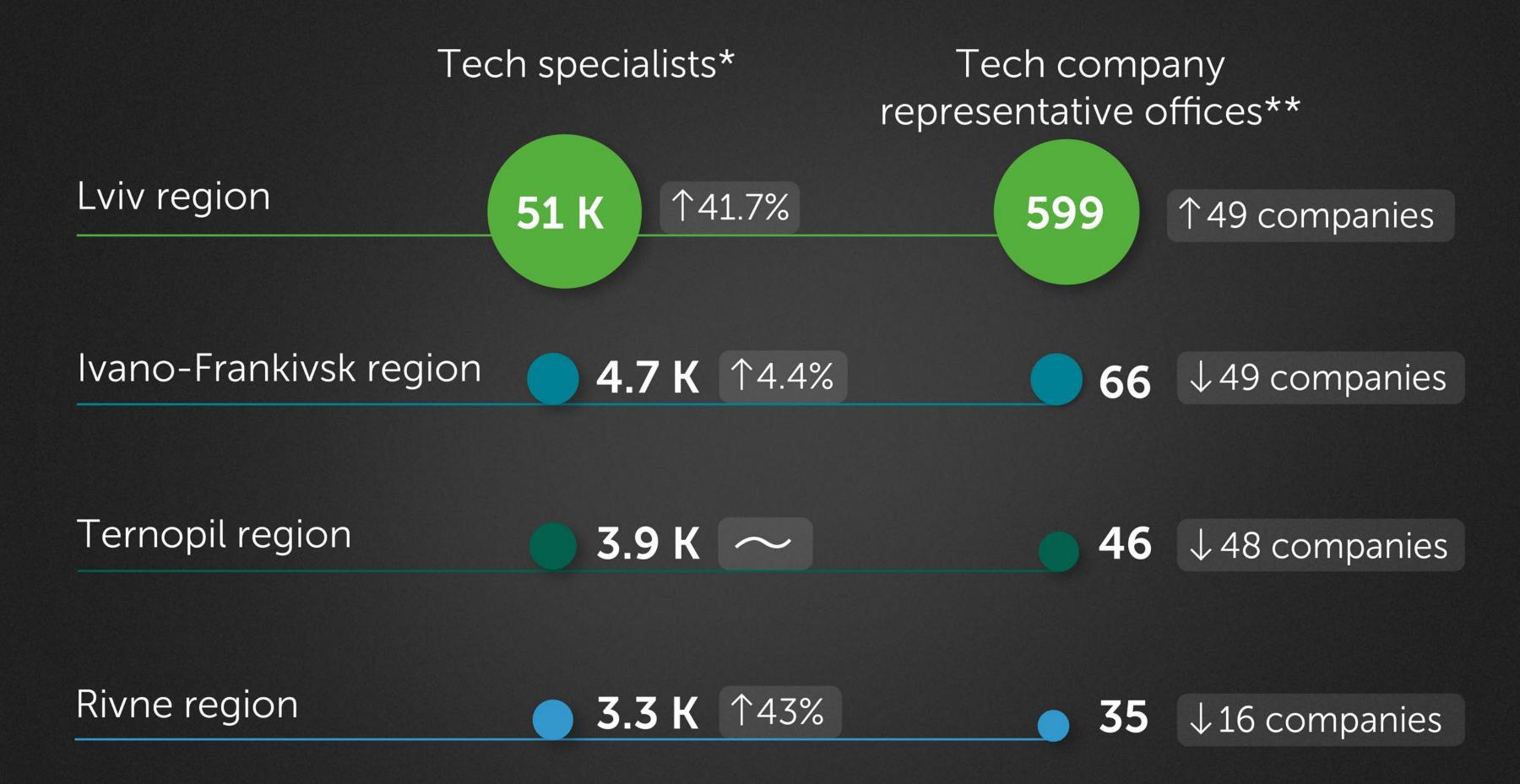
(as of July 1, 2023)

Share of the Individual Entrepreneurs Single Tax from the tech industry in the city's overall Individual Entrepreneurs Single Tax payment.

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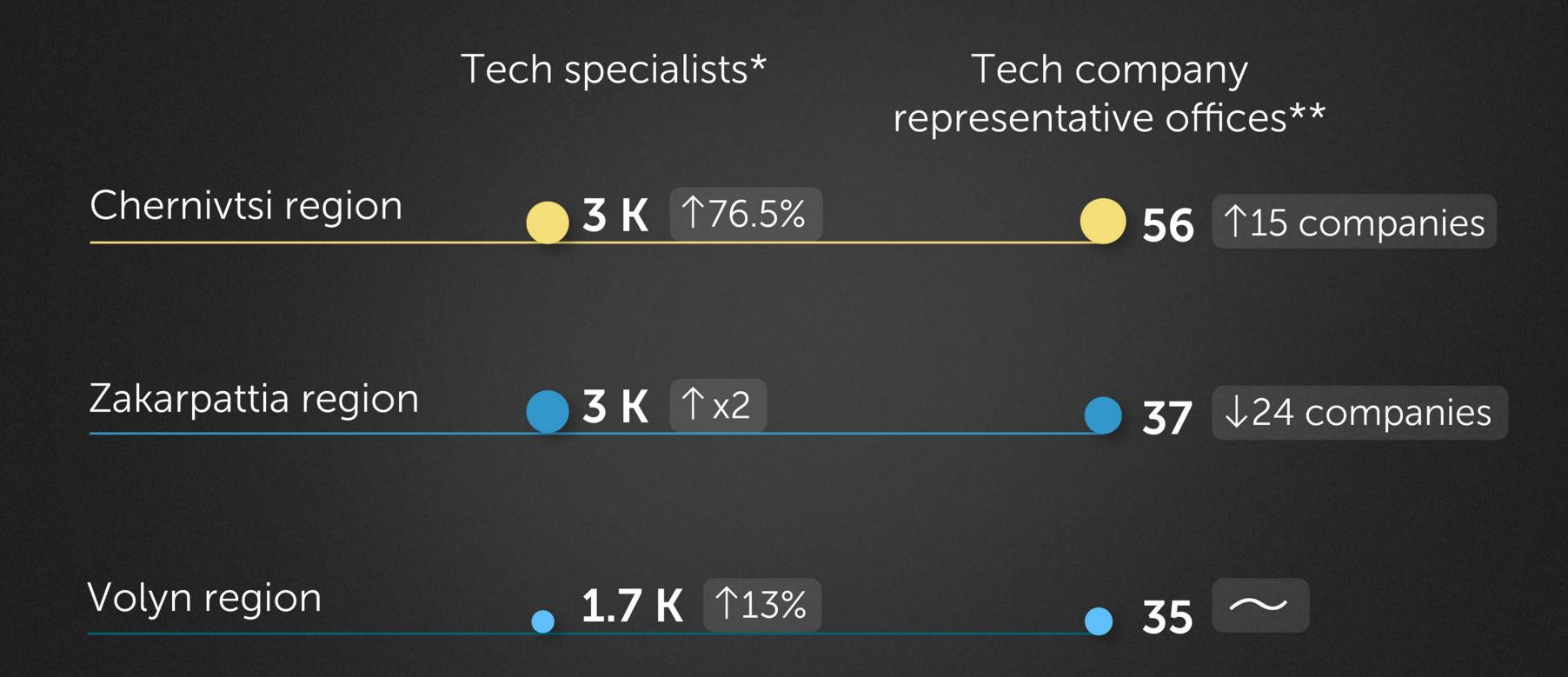


<sup>\*</sup> Estimation of the actual number of specialists in the region as of August 2023.

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<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The dynamics of the number of company representations in 2023 compared to 2022 are calculated based on the data from the IT Research Resilience study.

#### 2.3 Western Macroregion



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#### 2.4 Eastern Macroregion

# Kharkiv Hub



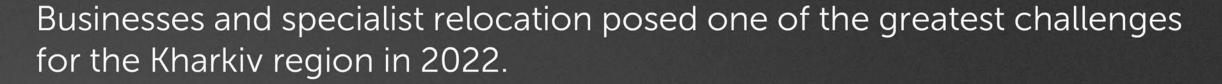
\$68.33 M\*

Total taxes paid by tech companies in the region in 2022.\*\*



2.2 jobs

are created and sustained by a tech company when hiring one tech industry specialist in Kharkiv region.



However, based on the tax payments to various levels of local budgets, tech specialists from the Kharkiv region did not change their registration. This is evident from the receipts of the Single Tax, which in 2023 remain at the same level as in 2022.

The increase in tax revenues from tech companies in the Kharkiv region in 2022 amounted to 17.8%, surpassing the figures from 2021.



15.6%

The share of the hub in the structure of the nominal turnover of the industry in 2022.\*\*\*

<sup>\* 2.498</sup> billion UAH, according to State Tax Service of Ukraine data, at the NBU exchange rate of UAH 36.56, as of the time of calculation on October 2, 2023.

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2.4 Eastern Macroregion

## Kharkiv Hub



\$28.84 M

Taxes paid by tech companies in the region for the first half of 2023.\*



35 679

11.1%

Number of Individual Entrepreneurs (IE) in the tech industry.\*\*



50.7% (as of July 1, 2023)

Share of the Individual Entrepreneurs Single Tax from the tech industry in the city's overall Individual Entrepreneurs Single Tax payment.

<sup>\* 1.054</sup> billion UAH, according to State Tax Service of Ukraine data, at the NBU exchange rate of UAH 36.56, as of the time of calculation on October 2, 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Classification of Types of Economic Activity (KVED) codes taken into account in the calculation are: 58.21, 58.29, 62.01, 62.02, 62.03, 62.09, 63.11, 63.12. The indicator, calculated based on the number of Individual Entrepreneurs (as of July 1, 2023), reflects the number of specialists working in the selected KVED codes and may also include freelancers and specialists providing tech services in related industries.

2.4 Eastern Macroregion

# Dnipro Hub



**■** \$38.4 M\*

Total taxes paid by tech companies in the region in 2022.\*\*



are created and sustained by a tech company when hiring one tech industry specialist in Dnipro region.

Due to extensive internal migration, business relocations, and the disruption of universities in the eastern regions, Dnipro saw a growth of over 30% in tech industry employment in 2022.



7.5%

The share of the hub in the structure of the nominal turnover of the industry in 2022.\*\*\*



\_, 60-61 K

The total number of jobs created and saved by the local tech industry in 2022.\*\*\*\*

<sup>\* 1.404</sup> billion UAH, according to State Tax Service of Ukraine data, at the NBU exchange rate of UAH 36.56, as of the time of calculation on October 2, 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The total amount of taxes includes the following types of taxes: Individual Entrepreneurs Single Tax, Legal Entities Single Tax, Personal Income Tax, the Value-Added Tax (VAT) overall, Military Levy, Tax on Income of Legal Entities and other taxes.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The indicator takes into account the tax residency of tech market participants within the location. Source: analytics from the research agency Fama, calculation base – estimation of the number of registered participants in regional tech markets in 2022 according to the State Tax Service of Ukraine, and the State Statistics Service of Ukraine data.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> The indicator is a local summary of the created and sustained jobs of direct and indirect employment, considering the induced effect in the reporting year.

2.4 Eastern Macroregion

# Dnipro Hub



\$24.25 M

Taxes paid by tech companies in the region for the first half of 2023.\*



23 243 115.4%

Number of Individual Entrepreneurs (IE) in the tech industry.\*\*



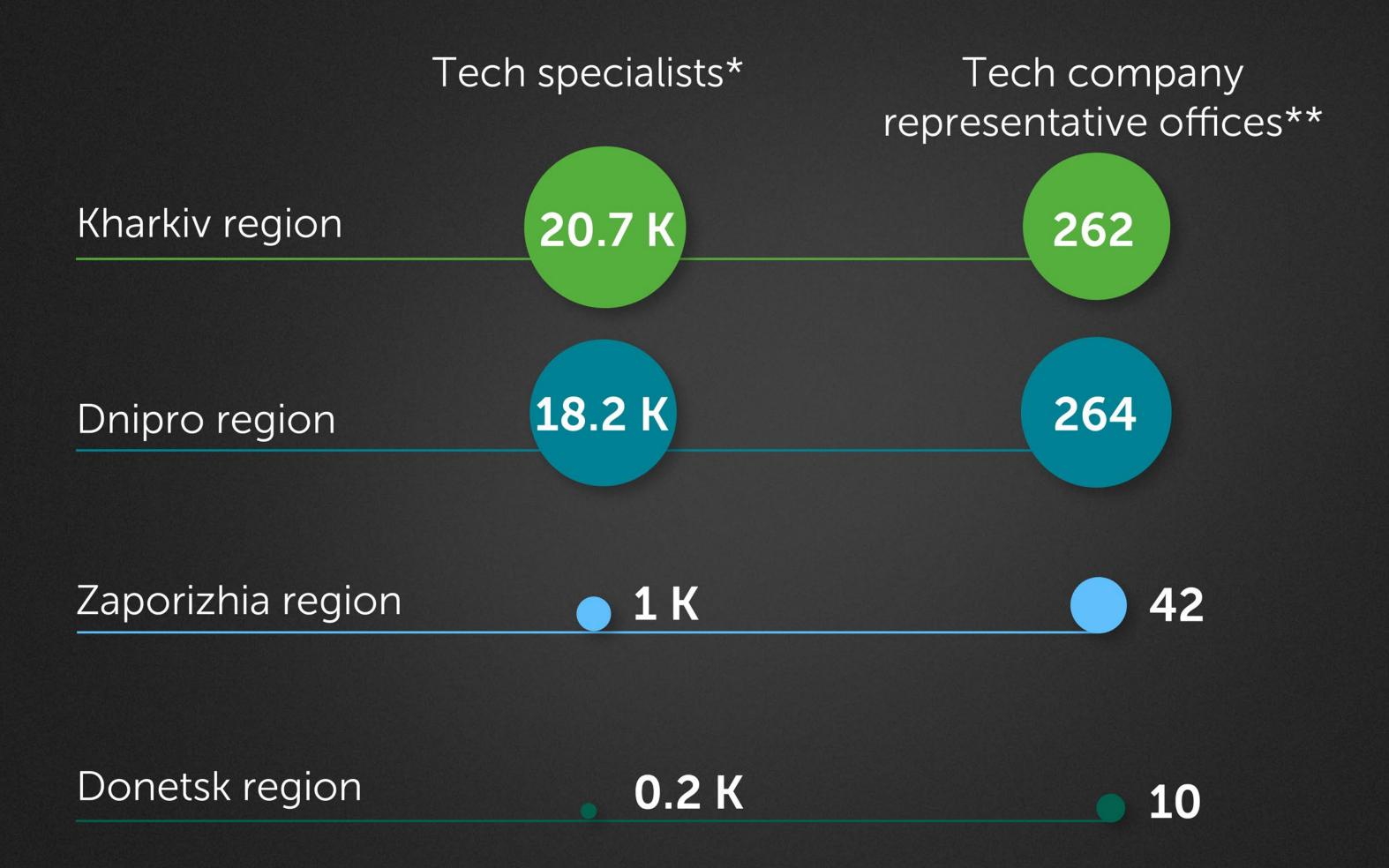
39.1% (as of July 1, 2023)

Share of the Individual Entrepreneurs Single Tax from the tech industry in the city's overall Individual Entrepreneurs Single Tax payment.

<sup>\* 1.054</sup> billion UAH, according to State Tax Service of Ukraine data, at the NBU exchange rate of UAH 36.56, as of the time of calculation on October 2, 2023.

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#### 2.4 Eastern Macroregion



<sup>\*</sup> Estimation of the actual number of specialists in the region as of August 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The number of verified active tech companies that meet at least two of the following criteria: presence of a public name, existence of a website, presence of at least three employees, (preferably) physical representation in the form of an office or coworking space, active public communication on the website and/or social networks, published job vacancies in the last six months, responsiveness to inquiries, and answering calls and/or emails.

2.5 Southern Macroregion

# Odesa Hub



**\$27.15 M\*** 

Total taxes paid by tech companies in the region in 2022.\*\*



are created and sustained by a tech company when hiring one tech industry specialist in Odesa region.

Cumulative tax revenues indicate a growing trend in the tech industry in the Odesa region in 2022. The increase in tax revenues from tech companies in the Odesa region in 2022 amounted to 18.7% more than in 2021.



The share of the hub in the structure of the nominal turnover of the industry in 2022.\*\*\*



33-34 K

The total number of jobs created and saved by the local tech industry in 2022.\*\*\*\*

<sup>\* 0.992</sup> billion UAH, according to State Tax Service of Ukraine data, at the NBU exchange rate of UAH 36.56, as of the time of calculation on October 2, 2023.

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2.5 Southern Macroregion

### Odesa Hub



Taxes paid by tech companies in the region for the first half of 2023.\*



14 210 17.8%

Number of Individual Entrepreneurs (IE) in the tech industry.\*\*



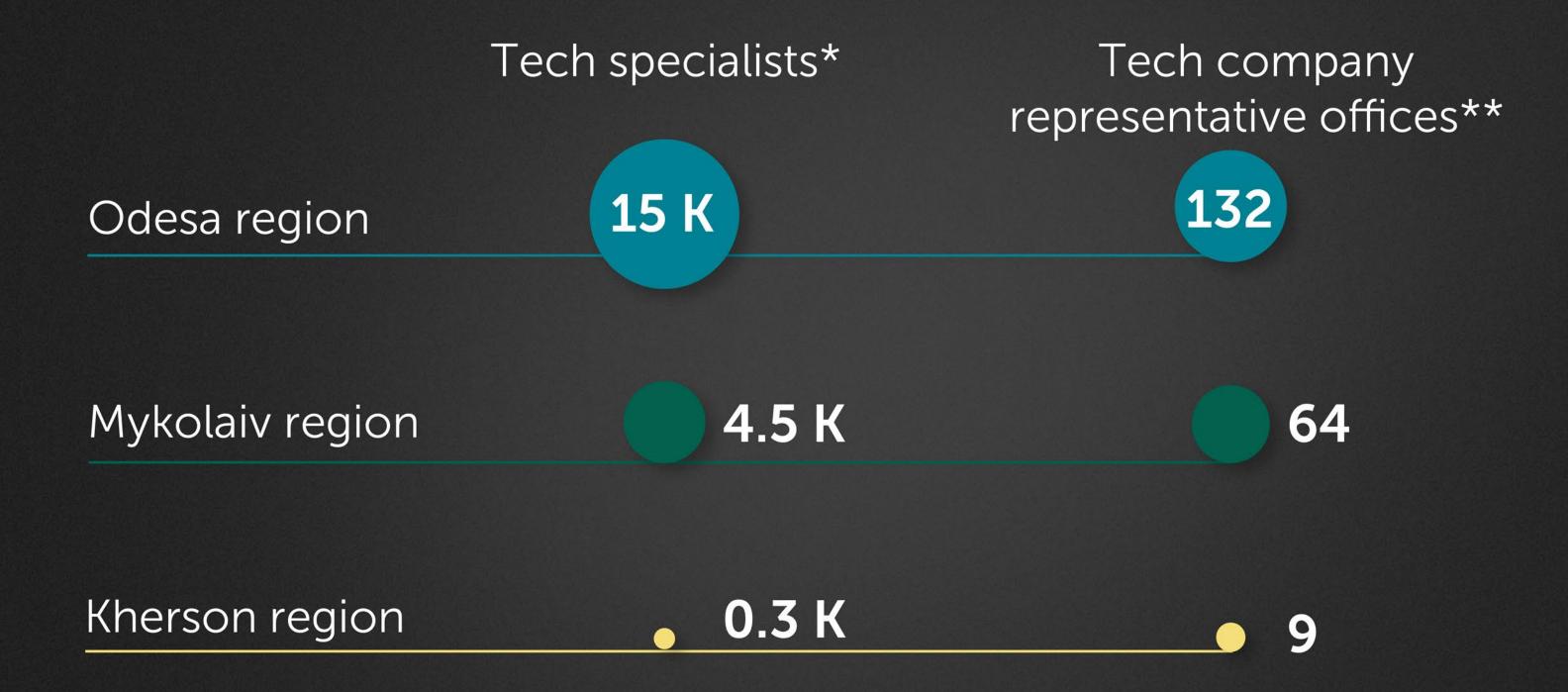
26.5% (as of July 1, 2023)

Share of the Individual Entrepreneurs Single Tax from the tech industry in the city's overall Individual Entrepreneurs Single Tax payment.

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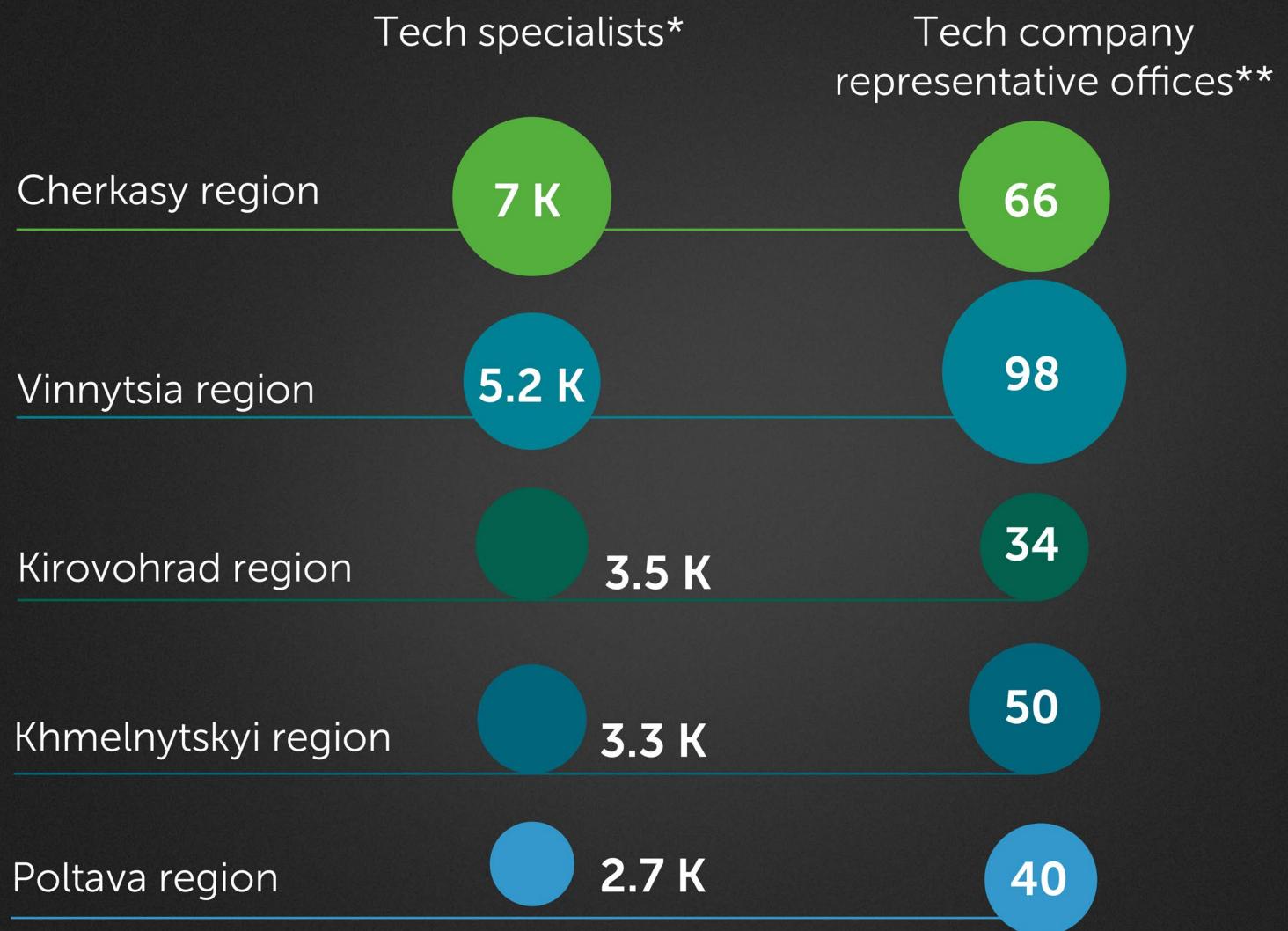
#### 2.5 Southern Macroregion



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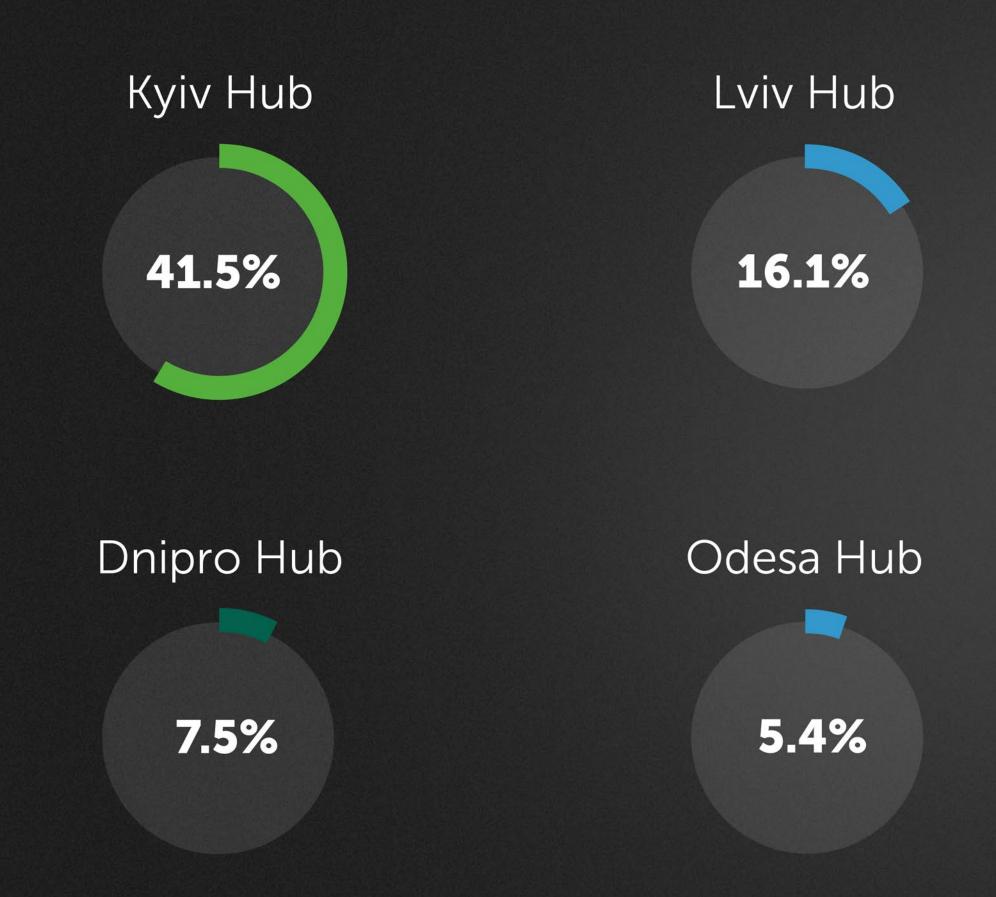
2.6 Central Macroregion



<sup>\*</sup> Estimation of the actual number of specialists in the region as of August 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The number of verified active tech companies that meet at least two of the following criteria: presence of a public name, existence of a website, presence of at least three employees, (preferably) physical representation in the form of an office or coworking space, active public communication on the website and/or social networks, published job vacancies in the last six months, responsiveness to inquiries, and answering calls and/or emails.

2.7 Shares of the Largest Tech Hubs in the Structure of the Temporary Direct Economic Impact of the Tech Industry, Adjusted for Migration in 2022







# Indicator of the temporary direct economic impact of the tech industry, adjusted for migration.

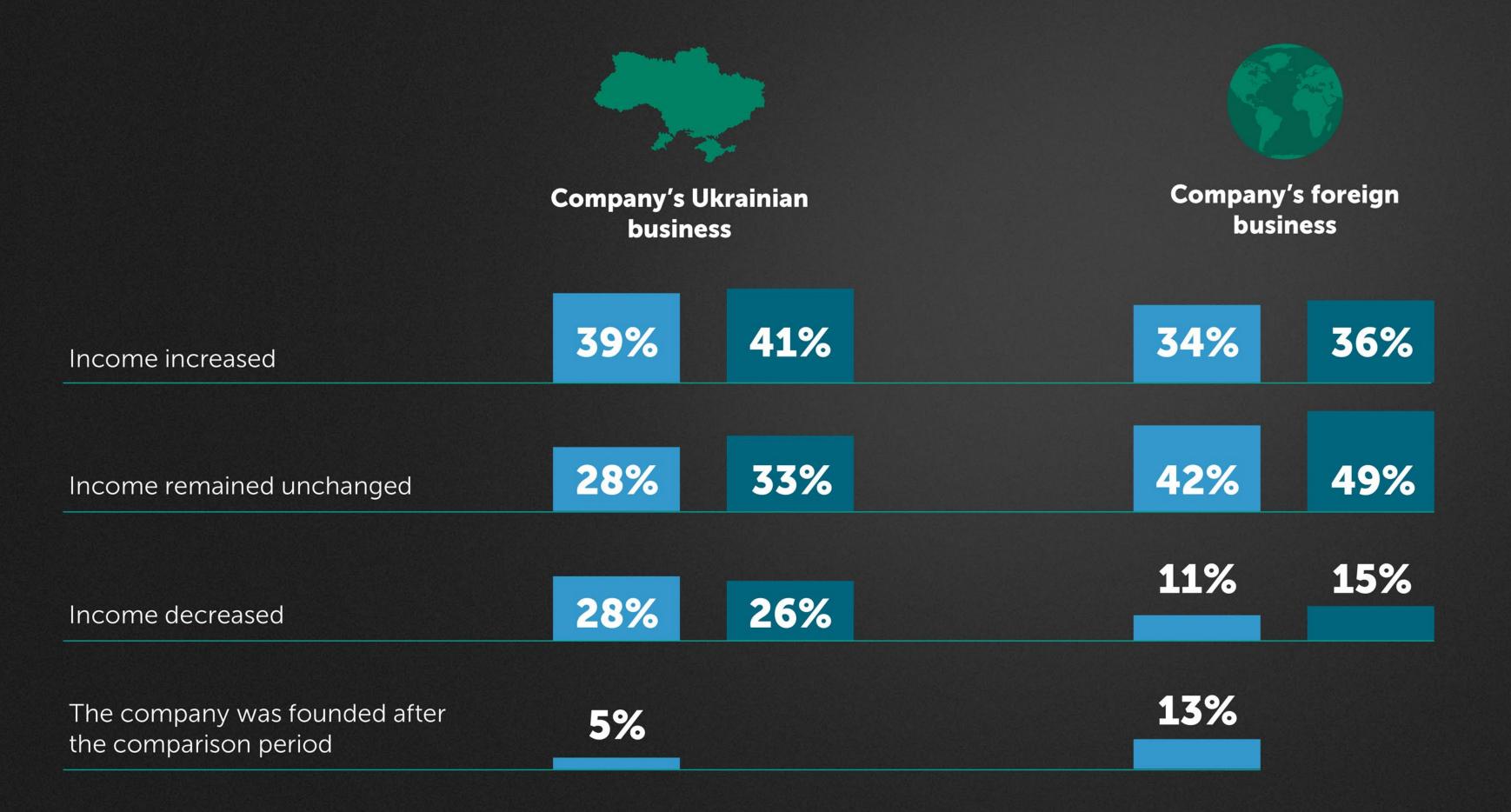
The approach to calculating the proportions of contributions from regional markets to the formation of the national direct economic impact of the industry is based on the actual presence of tech specialists in tech hubs. Unlike the calculation of the share of nominal turnover based on tax residency, this indicator takes into account the direct effect on local economies, including through local consumption. Thus, the consequences of relocations and the specifics of the tech industry functioning in wartime conditions are considered.\*

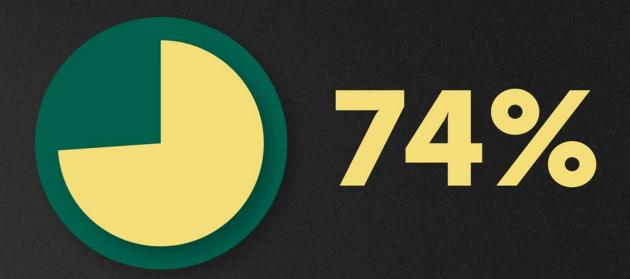
<sup>\*</sup> Source: the research agency Fama analytics, calculation base – estimation of the number of actual participants in regional tech markets in 2022 according to the IT Research Resilience data, the State Tax Service of Ukraine, the State Statistics Service of Ukraine, and the World Bank data.



3.1 Business Activity, Revenues, and Expenditures of Companies

Changes in companies' revenues as of the second quarter of 2023 depending on the diversification of the geographical scope of operational activities compared to the results for the period

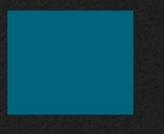




In the majority of companies, the income in 2023 either remained unchanged or increased compared to the previous year.



compared to 2021



compared to 2022

3.1 Business Activity, Revenues, and Expenditures of Companies

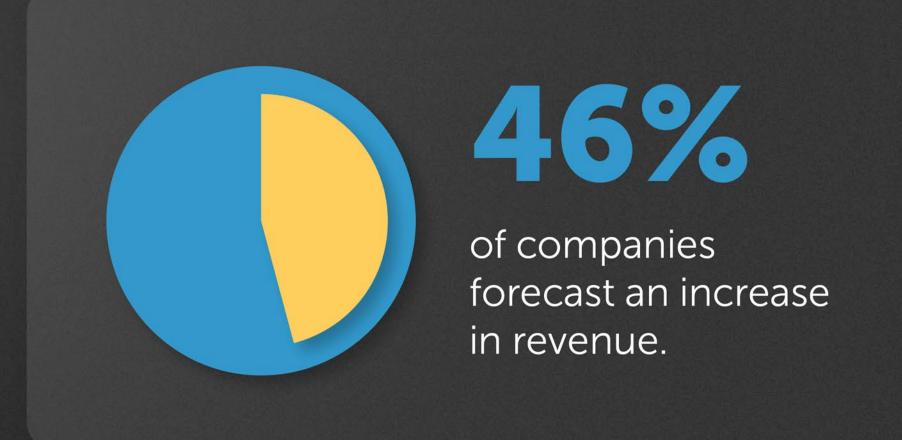
#### CEOs' projection for the company's revenue at the close of 2023

#### Company's Ukrainian business

46%	30%	24%
Income will increase	Income remain unchanged	Income will decrease

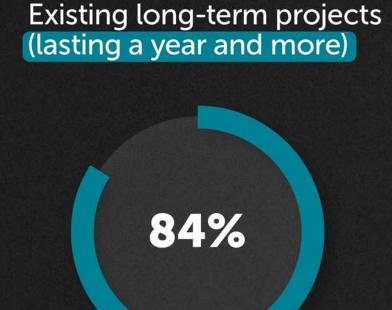
#### Company's foreign business

41%	44%	15%
Income will increase	Income remain unchanged	Income will decrease



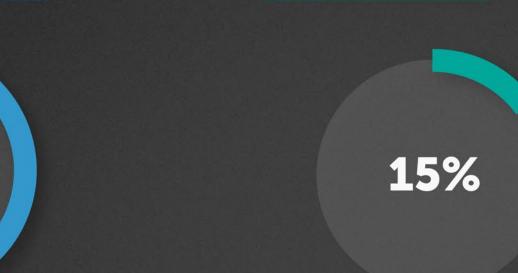
3.1 Business Activity, Revenues, and Expenditures of Companies

#### Tech companies are engaged in various projects\*



Existing short-term projects (lasting less than a year)

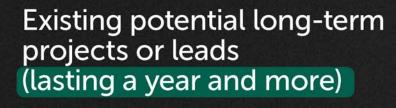
66%

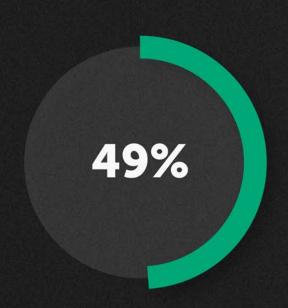


Active projects are almost completed, and there are no new ones.

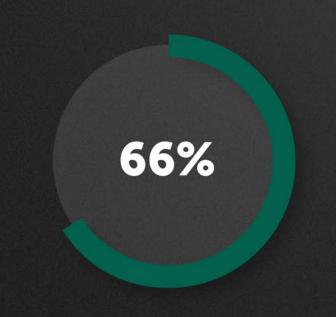


of companies report an increase in the number of new potential projects.





Existing potential short-term projects or leads (lasting less than a year)



The company has no active projects at all (no clients)

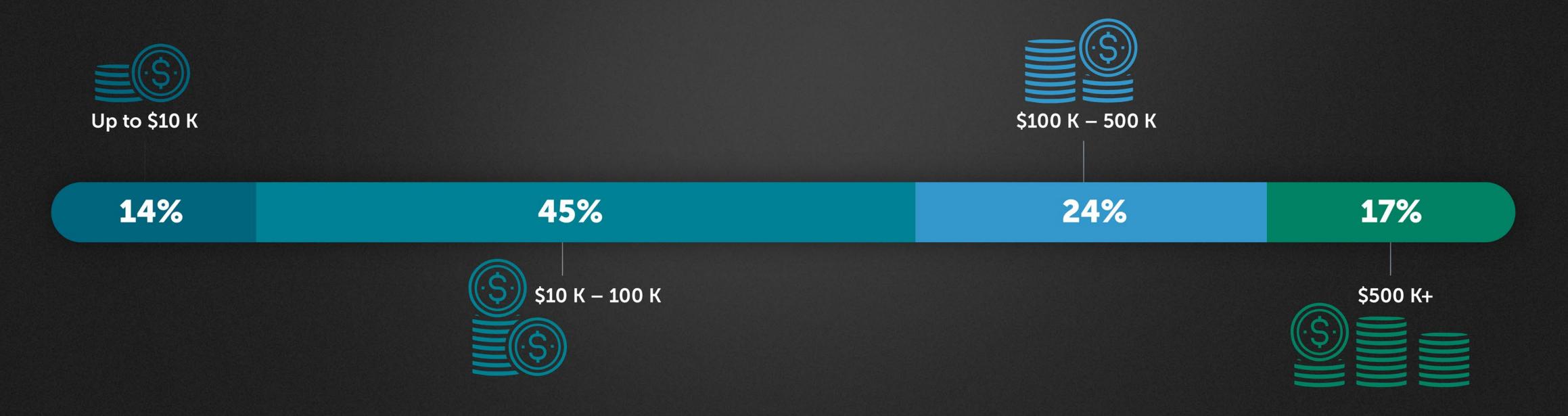


<sup>\*</sup> Respondents could choose multiple answer options.

3.1 Business Activity, Revenues, and Expenditures of Companies

of companies financially support the implementation of projects that bring us closer to victory (wartime projects).\*

#### Funds allocated by tech companies to wartime projects



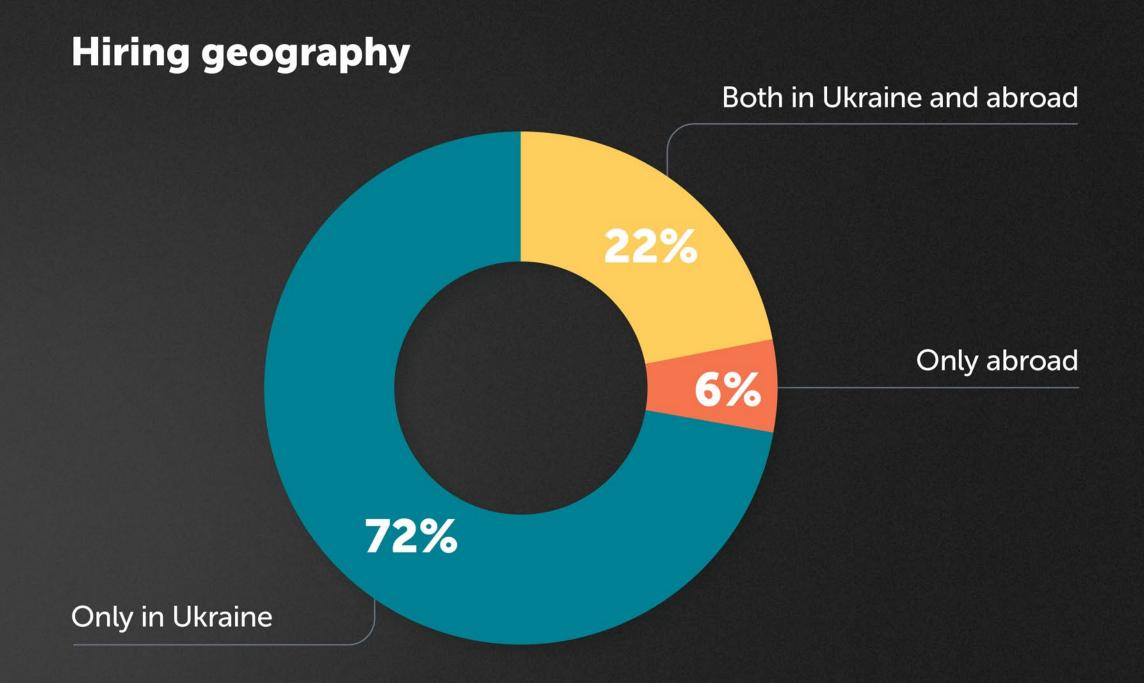
<sup>\*</sup> By wartime projects, we mean financial support for the Armed Forces of Ukraine or Territorial Defense, humanitarian missions, equipment procurement, etc.

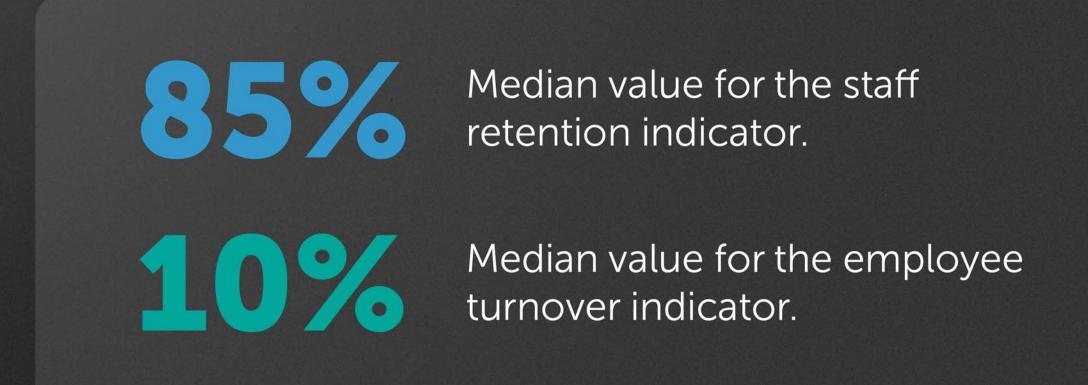
3.2 Employees and Contractors: Demand for Talent, Hiring, and Reserves

85%

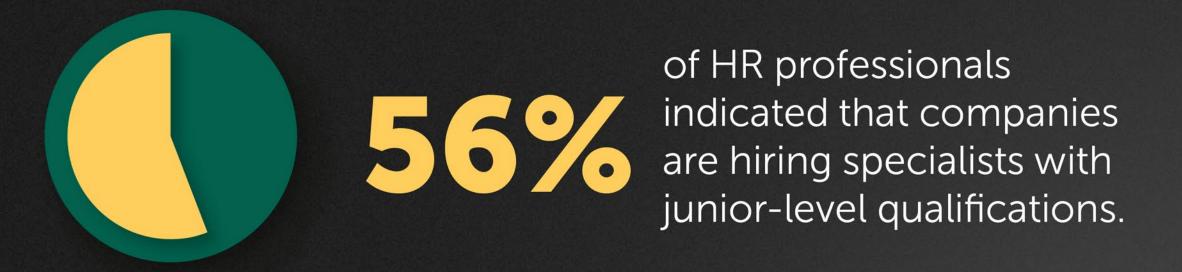
of companies continue hiring for open positions.\* **56%** of them are actively seeking candidates from external sources.

Change in the company's staff size over the course of a year			How has the company's retention rate changed	
	in Ukraine	abroad	compared to the same period in 2022?	
Increased	34.5%	39.6%	34.0%	
Remained unchanged	27.3%	50%	45.7%	
Decreased	38.2%	10.4%	20.2%	

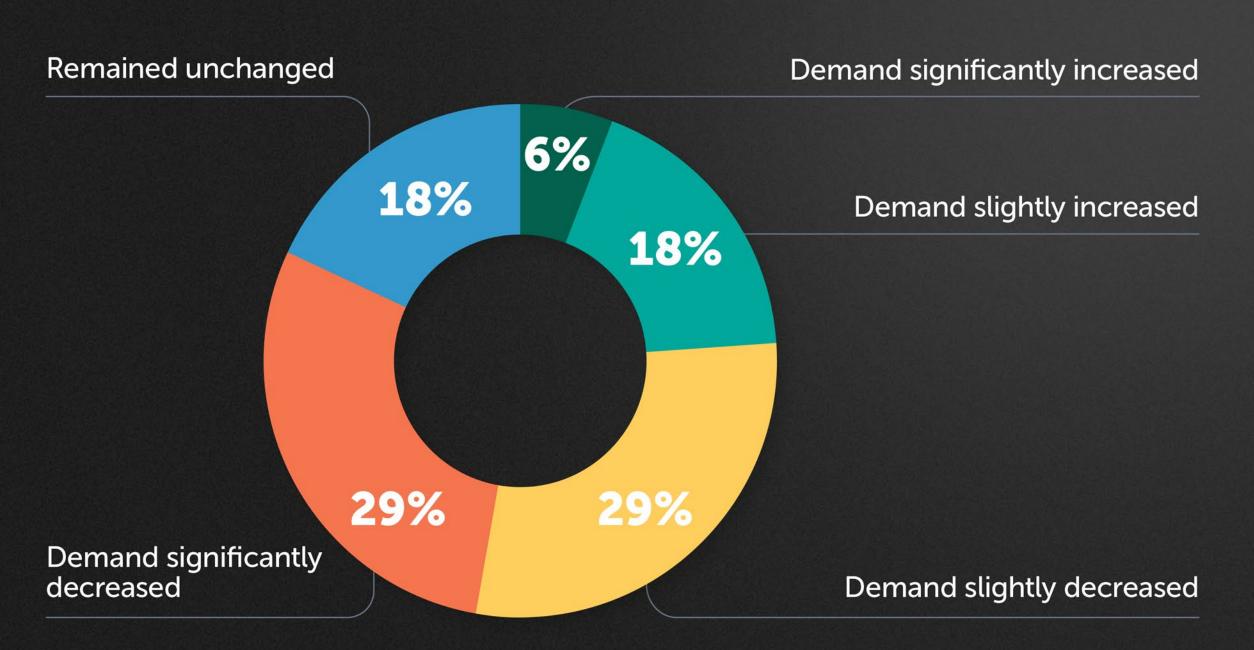




3.2 Employees and Contractors: Demand for Talent, Hiring, and Reserves

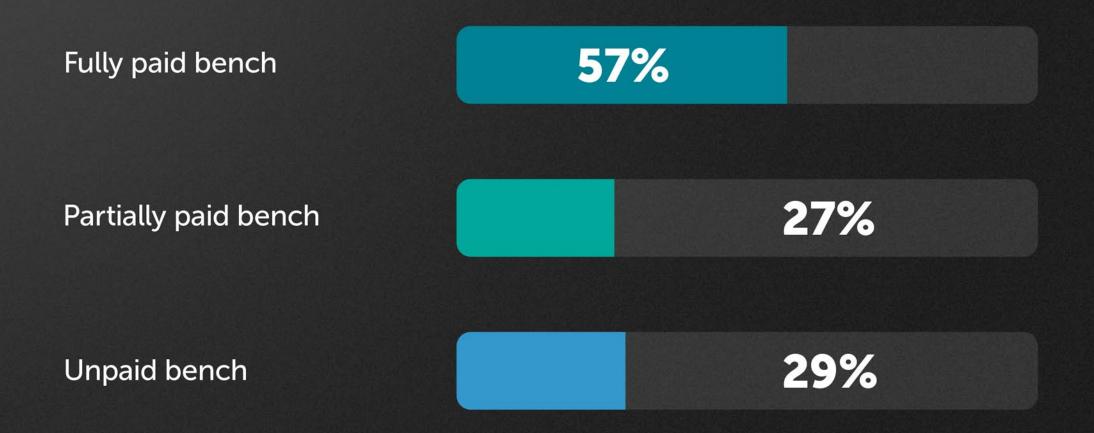


#### Change in demand for talent over the past year:



of the companies had employees in reserve as of the survey period.

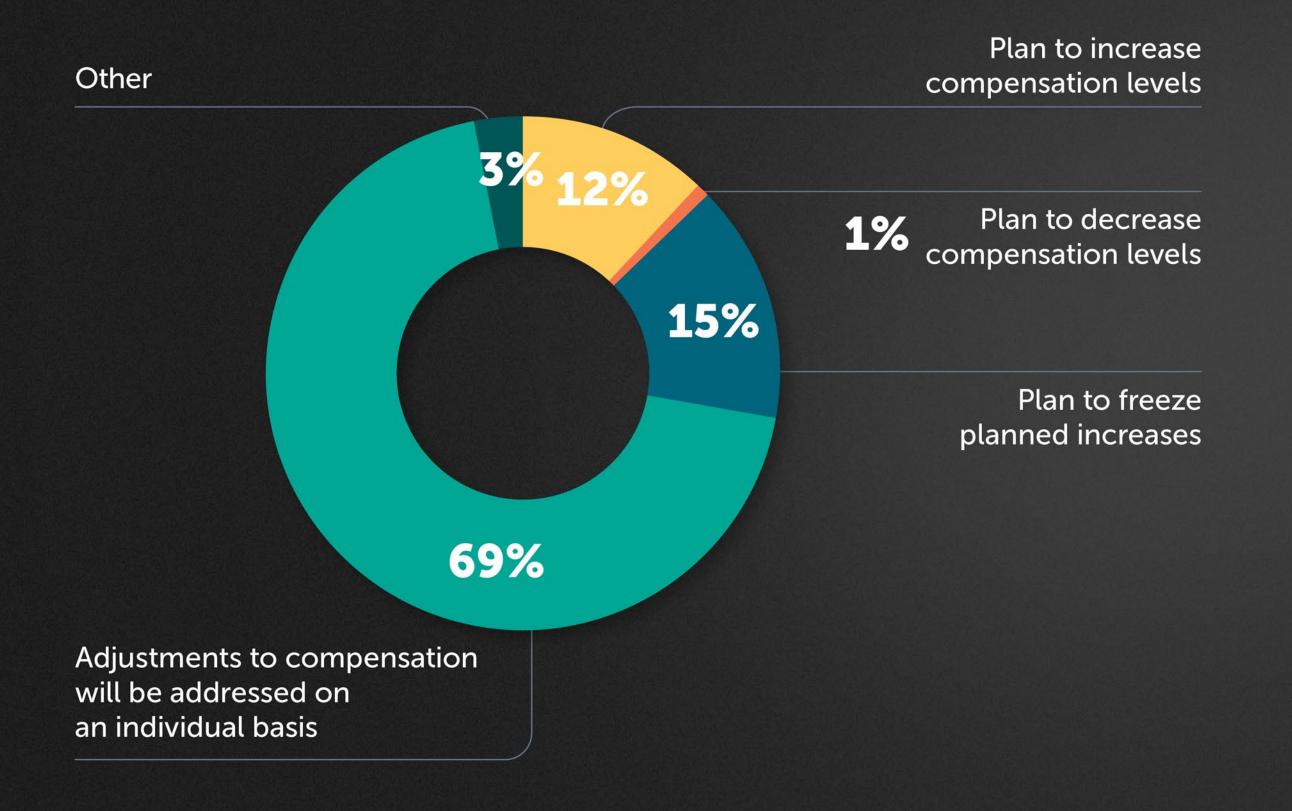
# Compensation terms for professionals transferred to the bench\*:

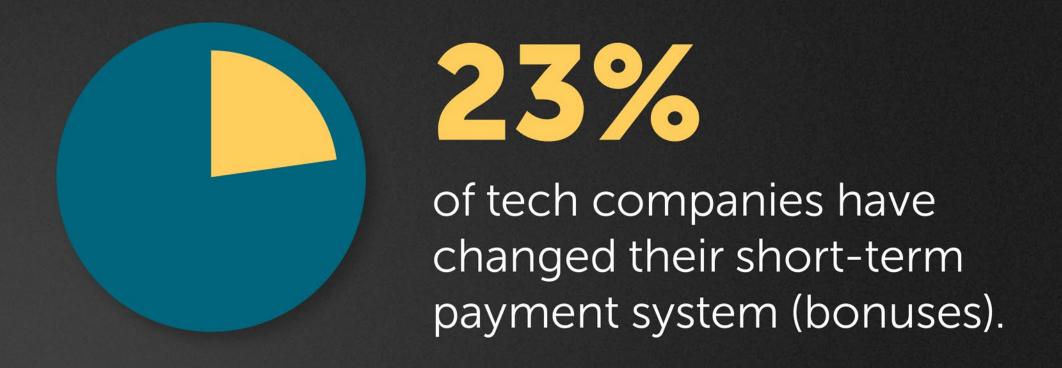


\* Respondents could choose multiple answers.

#### 3.3 Changes in Compensation Policy

#### Changes in compensation policies across companies\*





17%

of tech companies have frozen planned compensation increases in the last six months.

<sup>\*</sup> Among those who declared plans to change the compensation policy.

#### 3.3 Changes in Compensation Policy

# Features of the compensation policy for personnel mobilized in the Armed Forces of Ukraine\*

Monthly fixed financial aid	18%
Permanent partial compensation of wages	16%
Permanent full compensation of wages	13%
Diversified policy: full compensation for several months, followed by partial compensation	10%
One-time financial aid payment	9%
Monthly financial aid payment for each family member or person the mobilized individual is supporting	0%
One-time financial aid payment for each family member or person the mobilized individual is supporting	0%
Job preservation	48%
The company does not have a compensation policy for individuals mobilized to the Armed Forces of Ukraine	13%
Other	15%

#### Duration of the period during which the company makes payments under the military leave package from the time of mobilization\*\*

Until returning from military service	50%
Up to three months from the time of mobilization	16%
From three months to six months from the time of mobilization	3%
From six months to a year from the time of mobilization	9%
More than a year from the time of mobilization	14%
Other	8%

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of the surveyed companies have mobilized specialists in their staff. Their proportion generally does not exceed 5% of the headcount.

48%

of the companies ensure job retention.

Companies support their employees mobilized to the Armed Forces of Ukraine by ensuring job retention, providing a fixed amount, or partial compensation of their remuneration.

Among companies providing a fixed amount to mobilized employees, the average amount is

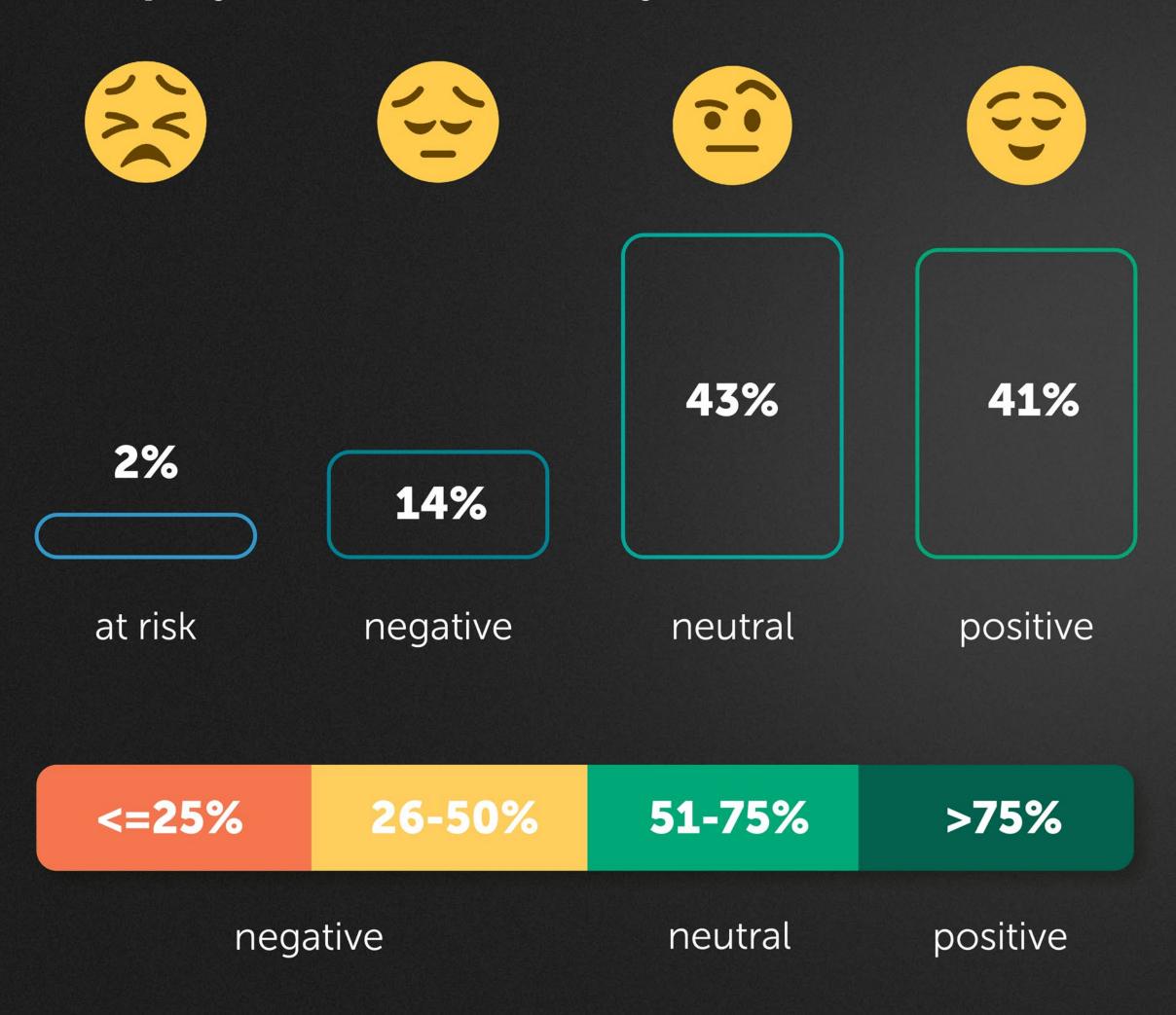
**\$1 000** per month.

<sup>\*</sup> Respondents could choose multiple answers.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Among those who have such expenses.

3.4 Company Health According to CEO Assessments

#### "Company health" assessment by the CEO



CEOs assess the company's health positively. Last year, this figure was 78%.

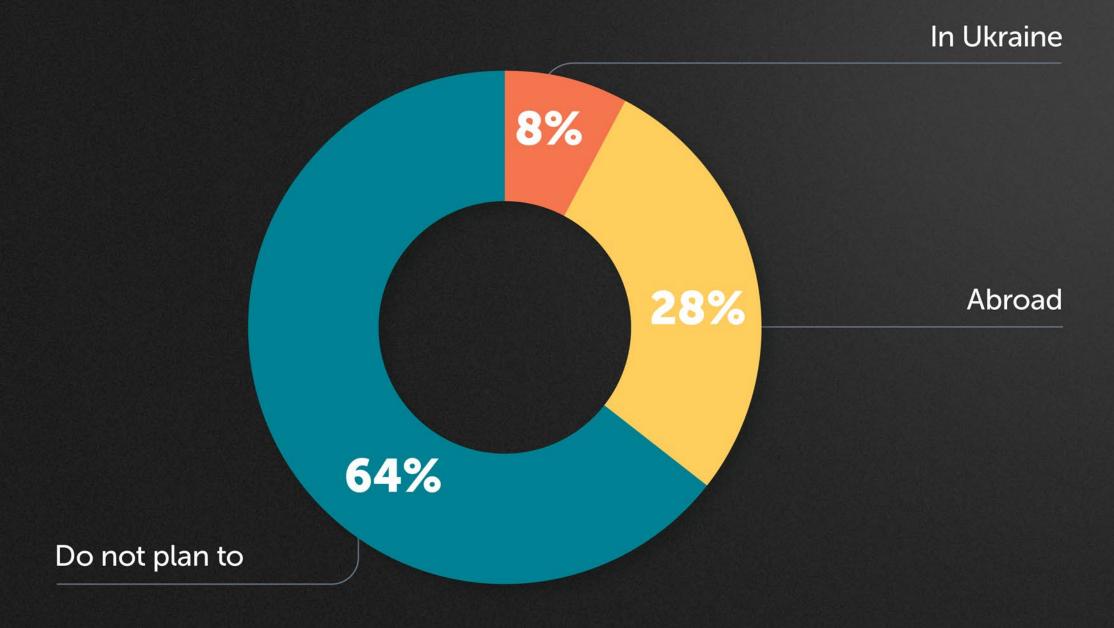
#### "Company Health"

A comprehensive indicator that includes business activity, financial metrics, overall team well-being, social responsibility, and more. Those who rate 75% or higher are classified as "positive health condition", while those rating below 75% fall into "neutral" or "negative" category.

3.5 Plans for Opening Offices in Ukraine and Abroad

of CEOs have plans to close an office in Ukraine.

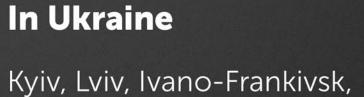
#### Plans to open a new representative office in the short-term perspective





of tech company CEOs plan to open new offices in the coming year. The most popular choice for a new location is Poland.





Vinnytsia, Mykolaiv



**3%** Poland 3% USA 2% | Europe

2% Portugal **1%** Great Britain

Austria

France

Czech Republic

Germany

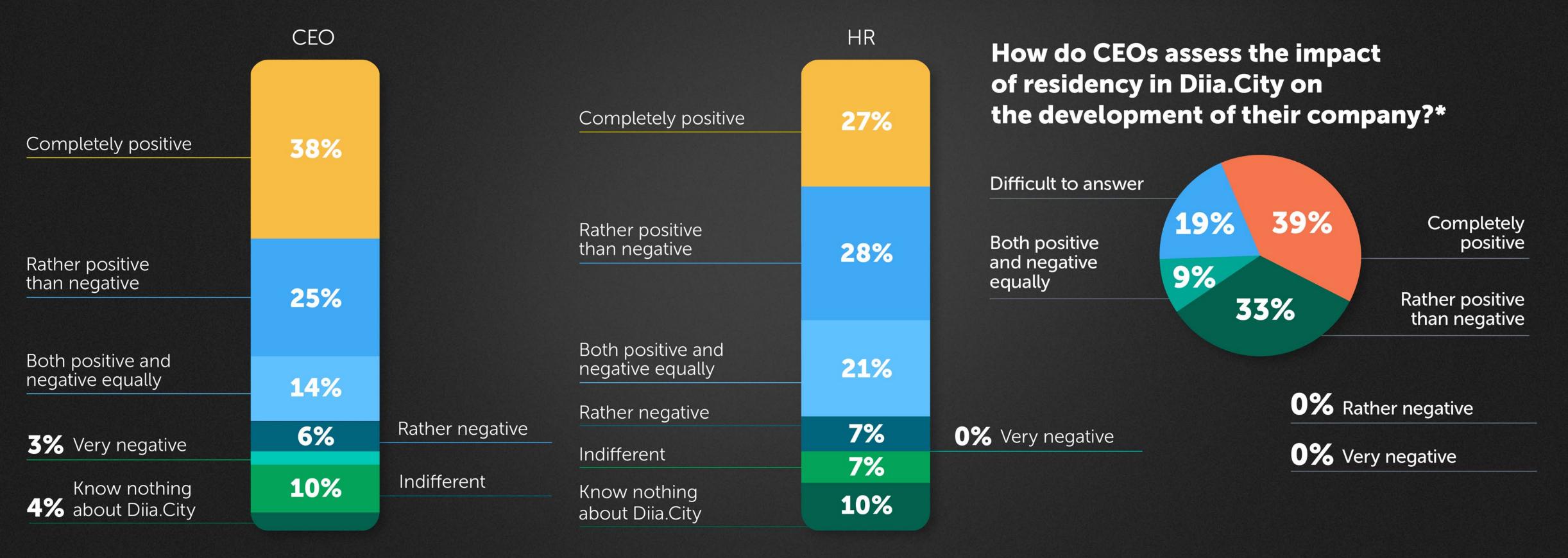
Spain



3.6 Attitudes of CEOs and HR Professionals in Tech Companies Towards Government Initiatives and Programs

As of the end of November 2023, over 700 companies are residents of Diia. City, employing nearly 56 thousand professionals.

#### **Attitudes towards Diia.City**



<sup>\*</sup> Among the surveyed CEOs who have a company-resident of Diia. City in their business structure.

#### 4.1 Movement Vectors



A significant portion of migration occurs within the same region. The most common departures were from the Kyiv, Lviv, Kharkiv regions.

Additionally, 9% left from Ivano-Frankivsk.

The outflow from western regions and the influx into the Kyiv and Kharkiv regions indicate a trend of internally displaced tech specialists returning home because the situation has become controlled and more stable.

4.1 Movement Vectors

Relocation by macro-regions\*

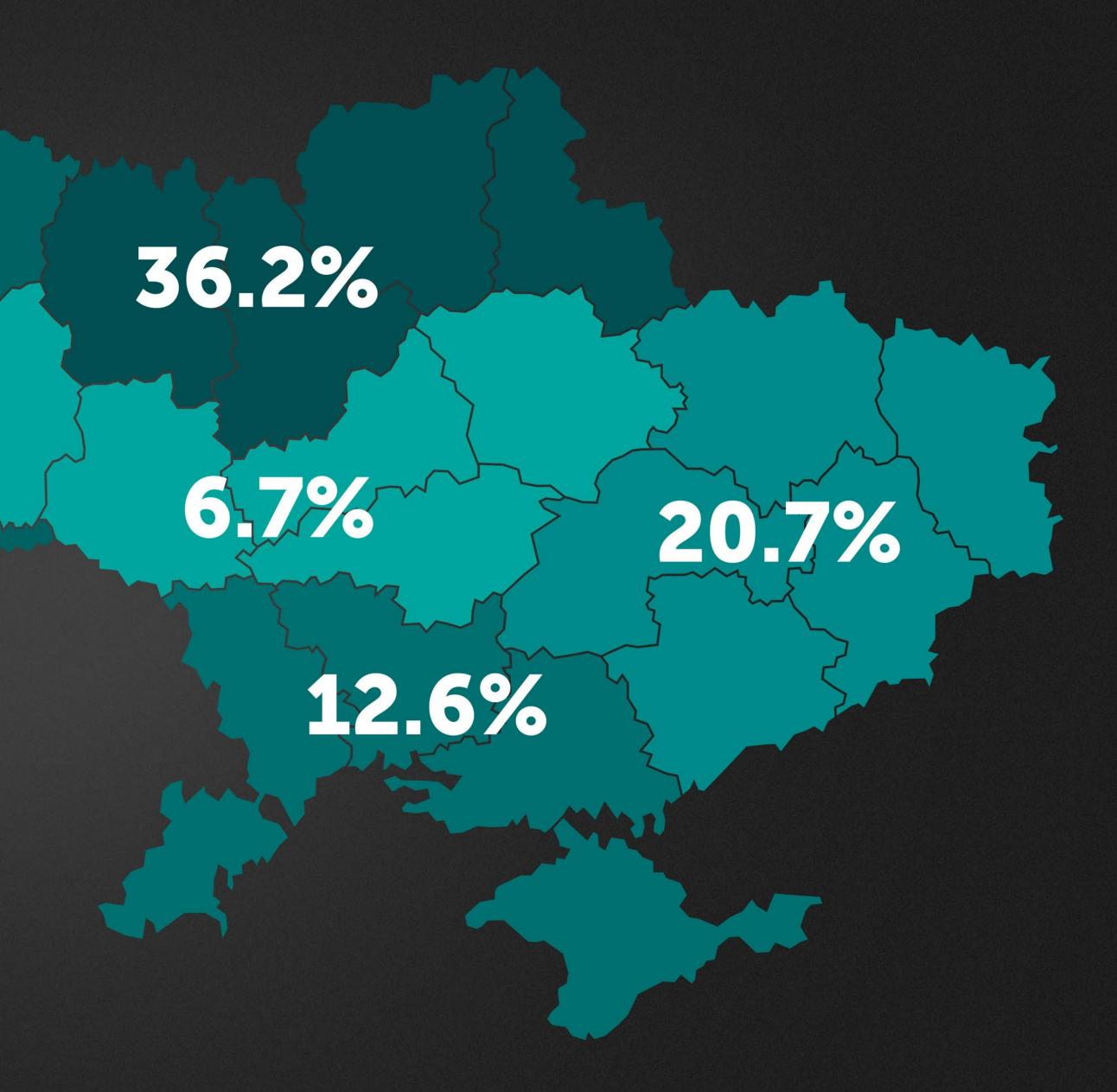
23.8%

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of tech specialists changed their place of residence last year.

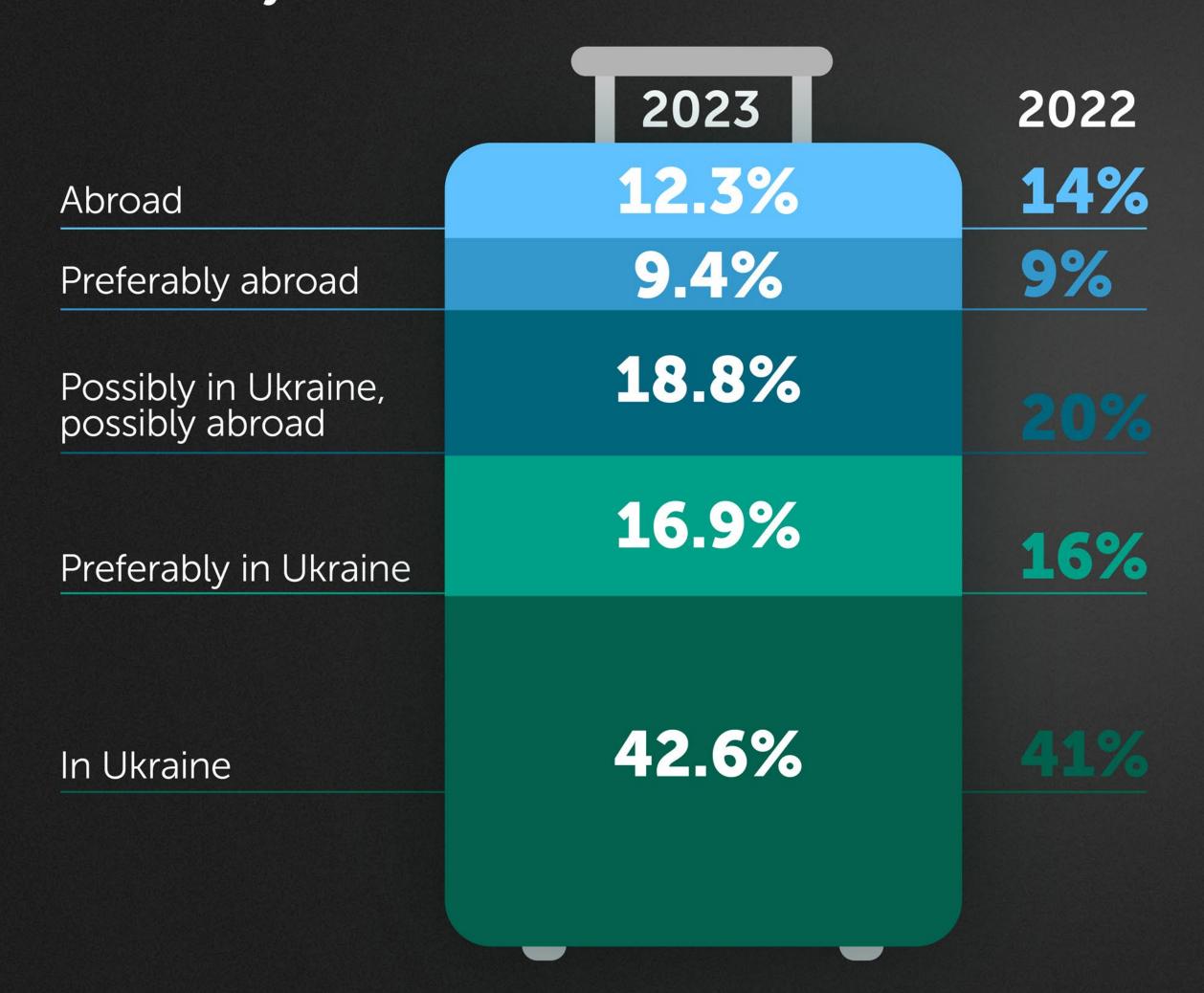
Every fifth tech specialist among those who changed their place of residence returned from abroad this year. This accounts for approximately 5% of the total.

On average, they move no more than twice. One out of every five tech specialists moves three times or more.



#### 4.2 Overall Migration Attitudes

If you had no limitations in choosing a place of residence, where would you like to live?



59.5%

of tech specialists want to live in Ukraine (+2.5% compared to 2022).

8%

of tech specialists plan to change their place of residence within this year, while another third are undecided. Among those who have changed their place of residence, the percentage willing to move further is significantly higher than those who have not relocated.

4.2 Overall Migration Attitudes

Specialists who are planning to relocate or are undecided were asked to choose their desired destinations. More than half of them indicated that they want to move abroad.

9 K – 11 K or 4% of tech specialists in Ukraine may potentially move abroad during this year.

Where would you like to relocate?*		Among those who are planning to relocate	Among those who are undecided
Abroad	57.8%	47.6%	60.7%
To another region / city / village in Ukraine	32.7%	42.2%	29.9%
To their home region / city / village in Ukraine	19.3%	24.6%	17.8%

<sup>\*</sup> Relocation directions among those who plan to change their place of residence or are still hesitating.

4.3 Migration Decision-Changing Factors

The tech industry continues to work towards Ukraine's collective victory in the full-scale war.

Migration attitudes represent the tech market's responses to possible events.

Tech specialists were presented with a list of conditions over a one-year time frame. Based on their assessment of each of these conditions, we explored the overall migration inclination and identified strategies for the future.

Migration balancer

Migration balancer indicates the change of the overall migration attitudes depending on the suggested scenarios in favor of living in Ukraine or moving abroad. The indicator

is calculated separately for each respondent but is given as an average group value for each scenario / factor.

The indicator varies from -4 to +4.

-4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4

A fundamental change of position in favor of going abroad

Change of position in favor of going abroad

Change of position in favor of staying in Ukraine

Change of position in favor of staying in Ukraine

#### 4.3 Migration Decision-Changing Factors

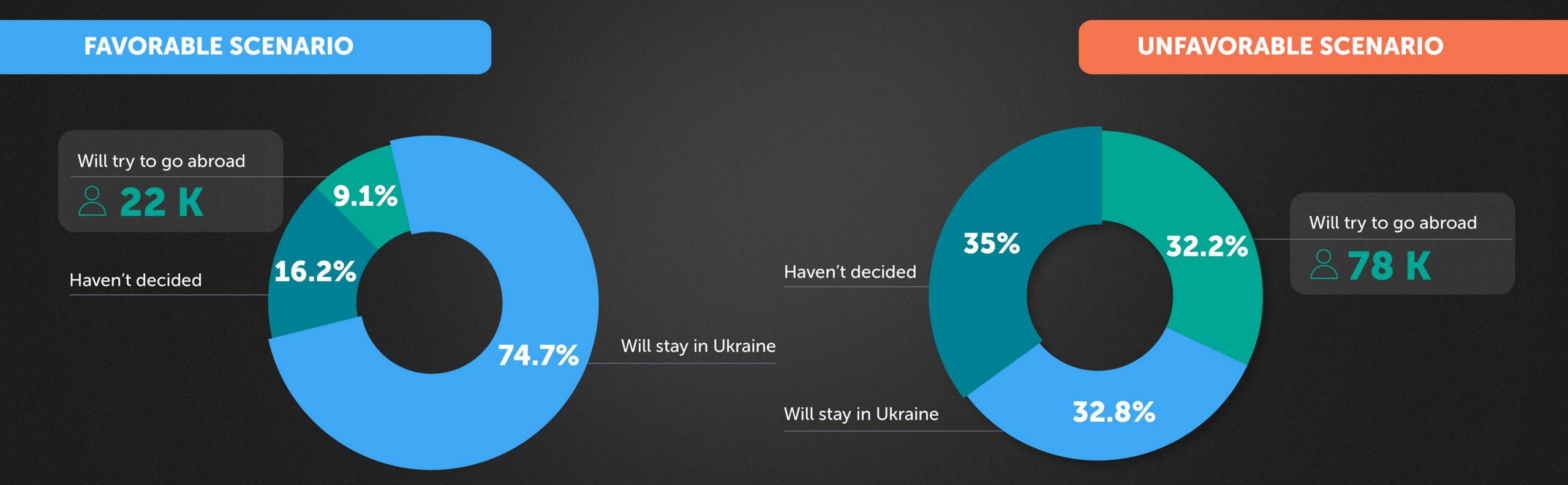
Factors relating to individual choices to stay in Ukraine						
	Will stay in Ukraine	Undecided	Will try to move abroad	Indicator of migration balancer 2023	Indicator of migration balancer 2022	
The modernization of the state is based on liberalization of the economy, the introduction of economic freedoms, including minimal taxation	81%	12%	7%		0.58	
Clients agree to cooperate with tech specialists located in Ukrain	78%	13%	9%	1.94		
Lack of tech specialists, a significant number of vacancies	74%	14%	12%	1.81	0.34	
Employers create conditions and / or additional incentives for working in safe regions (locations) in Ukraine	73%	16%	<u>11%</u>	1.79	0.3	
Receiving an attractive job offer in Ukraine	82%	10%	8%	2.04		
The opportunity to go on international business trips without restrictions	61%	17%	22%			

#### 4.3 Migration Decision-Changing Factors

Factors relating to individual choices to stay in Ukraine					
	Will stay in Ukraine	Undecided	Will try to move abroad	Indicator of migration balancer 2023	Indicator of migration balancer 2022
The state's security strategy is based exclusively on professional army development	61%	18%	21%	1.41	0.14
Loss of tech job in Ukraine	46%	24%	30%	0.94	-0.72
Lack of positions for tech specialists in Ukraine	43%	23%	34%	0.85	-0.69
Employers create conditions and/or additional incentives for relocating (moving abroad)	42%	22%	36%	0.80	-0.68
The recovery and functioning of the economy are strictly regulated by the state, in particular regarding conditions for busines operation, taxation, etc.	42%	24%	34%	0.81	-0.75

4.4 Future Scenarios

Even in the most positive scenario, there is a risk of losing human capital. However, compared to 2022, the projected outflow volume is 2% smaller.

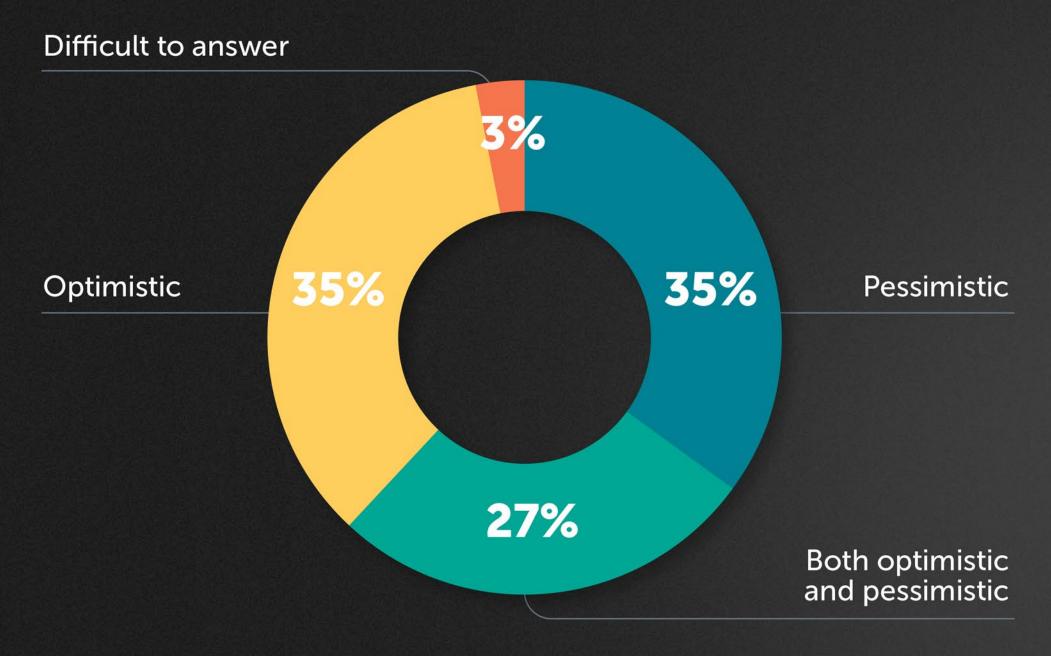


# ECONOMIC EXPECTATIONS AND FORECASTS FROM TECH MARKET PLAYERS

#### 5. ECONOMIC EXPECTATIONS AND FORECASTS FROM TECH MARKET PLAYERS

5.1 Expectations of Tech Specialists

#### Forecasts for the state of the tech industry in a year



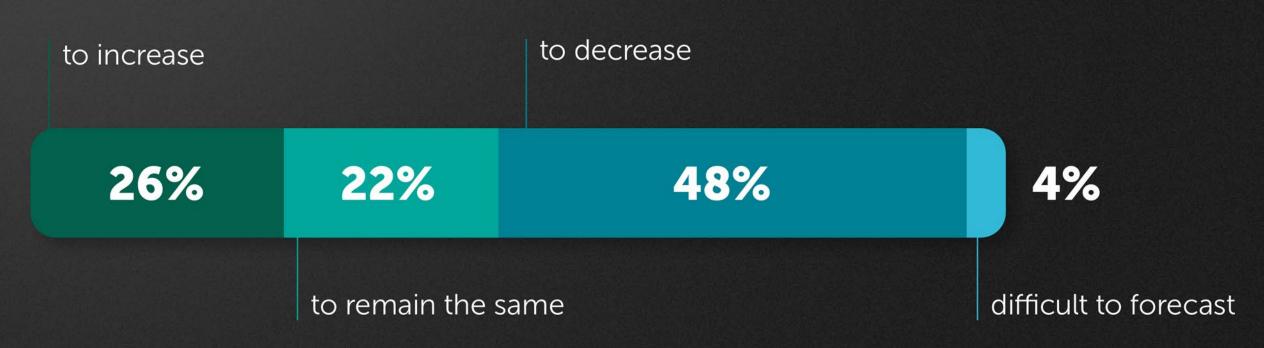
tech specialists remain optimistic about Ukraine's tech industry economic future

were optimistic in 2022

# Over the next 12 months, tech specialists expect a median salary



# Forecasts on the number of vacancies in Ukraine's tech market in a year

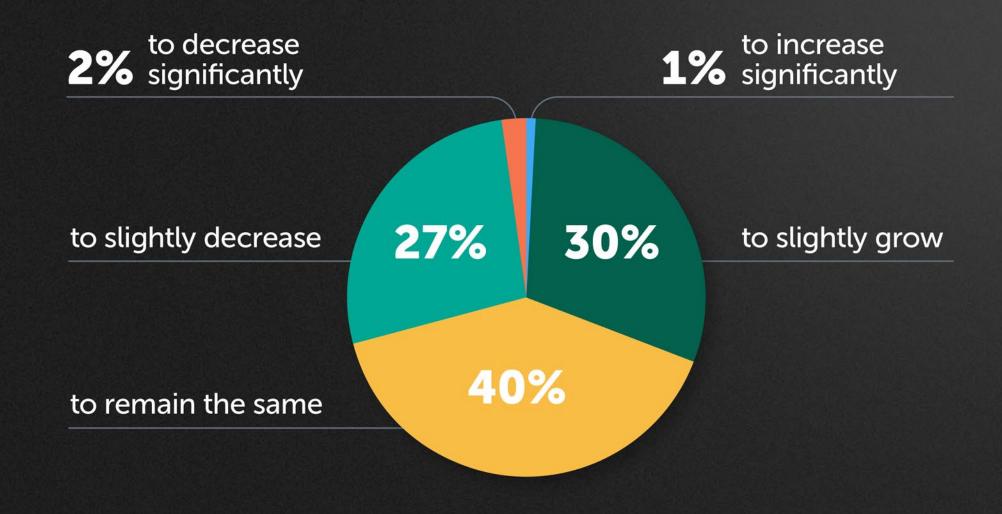


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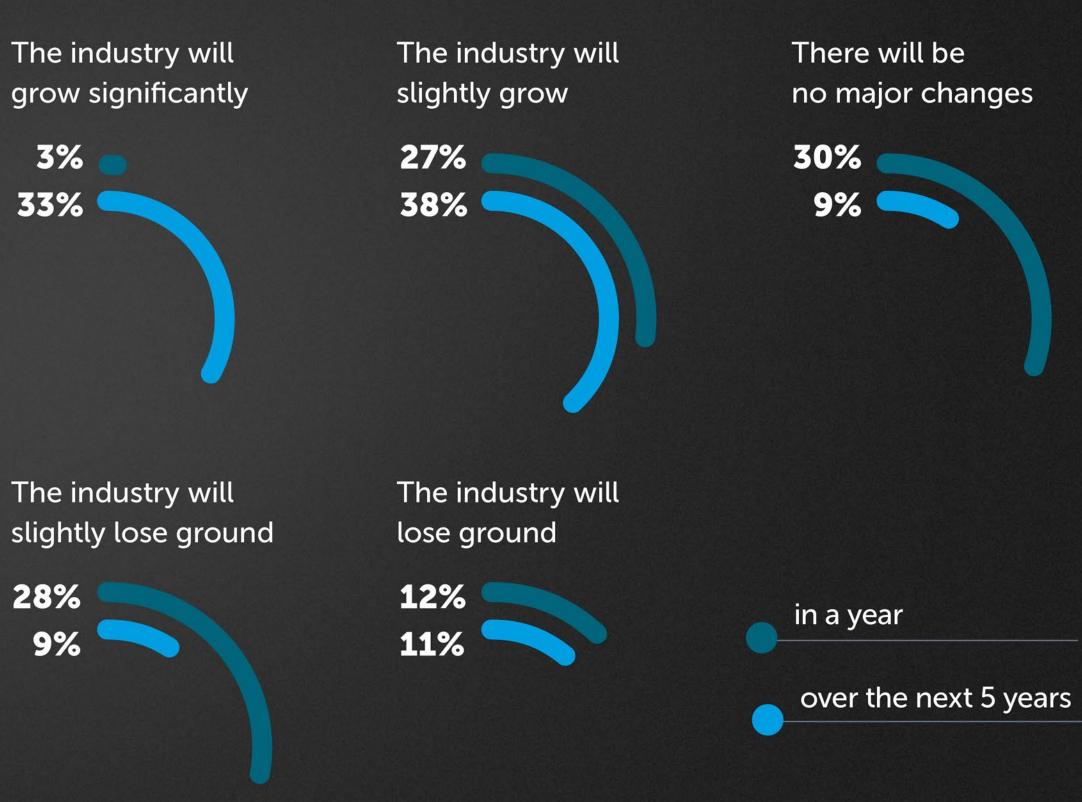
5.2 CEO's Expectations

Short-term forecasts of tech companies' CEOs are moderately optimistic, and long-term ones are strongly optimistic.

# Over the next 12 months, CEOs expect median salary in Ukraine's tech industry



# CEOs' forecasts for the growth of the tech industry in Ukraine



#### 5. ECONOMIC EXPECTATIONS AND FORECASTS FROM TECH MARKET PLAYERS

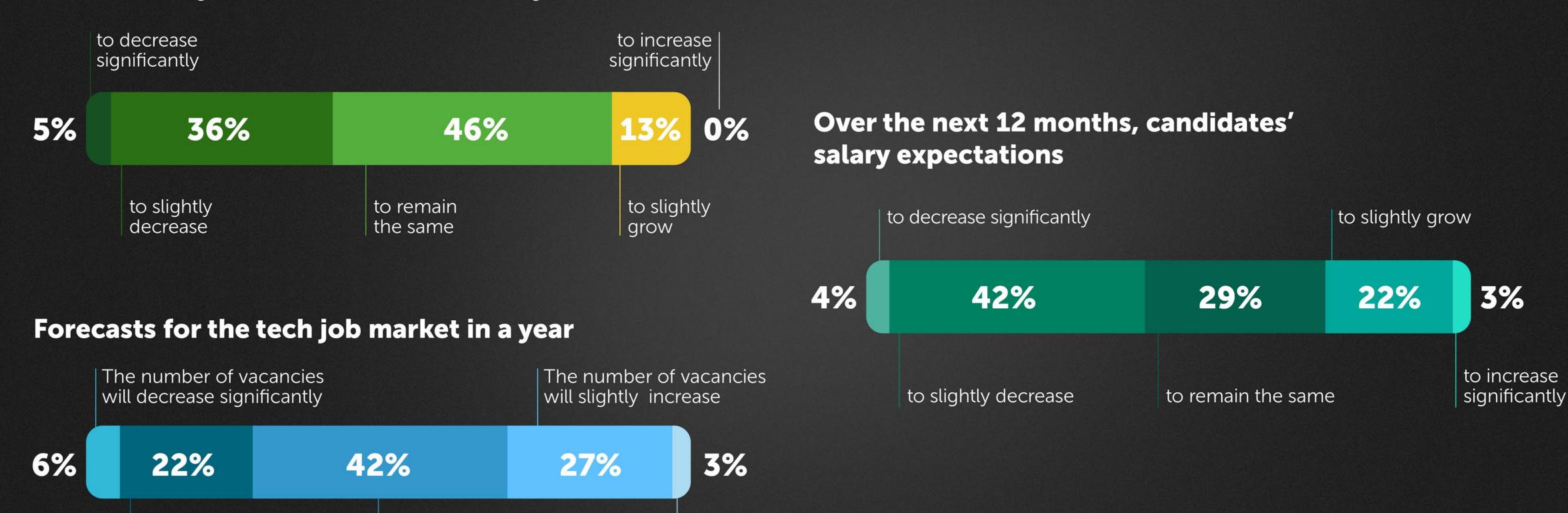
5.3 Expectations of HR Specialists

# Over the next 12 months, HR specialists expect median salary in Ukraine's tech industry

The number of vacancies There will be

no major changes

will slightly decrease



The number of vacancies

will increase significantly



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