



## The sources of water for refugees in Poland

Refugees in Poland are people from post-soviet countries :Chechnya, Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine. There is a very small community of people from Syria.

Since 1992 the status of refugee was given to 4875 people. Whereas 23 thousand people were given any kind of protection and help.

People from post-soviet countries are refugees because of financial reasons, they come to Poland for better paid work whereas people from Syria want to find safe place for their life because of the war in their country.

In Poland there are no camps for refugees. Those who cross the border officially are placed in special centers which are usually in the former recreation centers for Polish people, mainly on the outskirts of the cities. They are given a room, medical health and they are taught Polish language. The amount of money spent on one person is about 1300 PLN monthly which is quite a lot. The only problem is that they live in isolation from the rest of the society and in that way they cannot assimilate Polish customs and tradition because they do not keep in touch with Polish citizens. On the other side there are a lot of stereotypes among Polish citizens about the refugees attitude to Polish people which are mainly because of lack of knowledge about the problem. Unfortunately in the last year the problem is growing bigger because of Political reasons.

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