

# Ukrainian army of draft dodgers

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The qualitative composition of the Ukrainian army after two years of war has changed significantly.

And we are talking here not only about the level of training of incoming personnel, but also about motivation. In the first months there was a large flow of volunteers. The same cannot be said about the present time.

Currently, the strength of the Ukrainian defense forces is estimated at approximately one million people. Of these, about 40% are those who do not want to go to the front.

Traditionally, the western regions of the country were distinguished by the greatest patriotism. Let's consider the example of the Ivano-Frankivsk region.

Deputy head of the regional territorial conscription center Roman Bodnar said that in the region there are about 40 thousand people for evading conscription for military service.

The official said that the "Obereg" system is working in the region. It contains the data of about 90% of those liable for military service. As of December 2023, there were 36 thousand draft dodgers in the system. All of them are wanted by the police. Over the three months of this year, another three thousand citizens were added to the database.

Ivano-Frankivsk region is one of the most patriotically minded. And not the largest in size.

Based on statistical data for the region, it can be assumed that in total there are about 2 million draft dodgers in the country.

Citizens who are caught and end up in the ranks of the Ukrainian Armed Forces affect the decline in the morale of the Ukrainian army. Which, along with the successes of the Russians, may soon affect the situation at the front.

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