



**IVANO-FRANKIVSK REGION –
A RELIABLE PARTNER**



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Geographical Location

The distance from Ivano-Frankivsk to Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, is 550 km.

Distances by road to important economic centers of Europe:

- Warsaw - 500 km;
- Bucharest - 640 km;
- Budapest - 660 km;
- Bratislava - 760 km;
- Vienna - 840 km;
- Vilnius - 950 km;
- Sofia - 1030 km;
- Prague - 1000 km;
- Berlin - 1100 km;
- Rome - 1900 km;
- Paris - 2060 km;
- London - 2450 km.

Distances to major seaports:

- Rotterdam – 1750 km;
- Antwerp – 1760 km;
- Hamburg – 1320 km;
- Gdansk – 860 km;
- Odesa - 795 km.

Distances to international freight and passenger checkpoints for crossing the state border with:

- Romania – 180 km;
- Poland – 200 km;
- Slovakia – 300 km;
- Hungary – 320 km.





Transport Infrastructure

The region has well-established international and interregional bus connections: buses of 64 international routes from countries such as Italy, Poland, the Czech Republic, Spain, Latvia, Moldova and more than 100 interregional ones pass through the territory of the region (well-established connections with the neighboring Zakarpattia, Lviv, Ternopil, Chernivtsi regions, with settlements of Volyn, Khmelnytskyi, Rivne, Vinnytsia, Zhytomyr regions and the city of Kyiv).

The level of provision of regular bus services to populated areas of the region is one of the best indicators in the country and is more than 97 per cent. 829 public bus routes operate stably, including:

- 615 suburban (including 313 intra-district);
- 214 - intercity.

The length of public highways of state importance passing through the territory of the region is 1004.1 km.

Main highways:

- international: M-12 Stryi – Znamianka;
- national: H-09 Mukacheve – Lviv; H-10 Stryi – Mamalyha; H-18 Ivano-Frankivsk – Ternopil;
- regional: P-20 Sniatyn – Tiaziv; P-21 Dolyna – Khust; P-24 Tatariv – Kamianets-Podilskyi; P-38 Bohorodchany – Huta; P-62 Kryvorivnia – Chernivtsi.

The total length of railways is 495.6 km. There are 35 railway stations in the region. The density of railways is 35.5 km per 1000 km. sq. The main railway junctions are Ivano-Frankivsk, Kalush, Kolomyia.

In the southwestern part, 4.4 km from the center of the city of Ivano-Frankivsk, there is the international airport "Ivano-Frankivsk" with a Class B airfield, a runway (2500 x 44 m) and an air terminal capacity of 120 people/hour. It is designed to receive aircrafts of index 6 (code 4C) with restrictions and lighter aircraft. Until February 24, 2022, the airport received and dispatched aircraft (served regular, charter, domestic, international passenger, cargo and special flights and performed the functions of a spare for Lviv airport), carried out their commercial, ground and technical maintenance. Customs and border control was carried out at the airport.





Natural Resources

Ivano-Frankivsk region is one of the most forested regions in Ukraine with a significant share of mountainous settlements. Forest lands occupy almost 46% of the territory of the region or 640 thousand hectares. In terms of forest coverage, Prykarpattia ranks second in Ukraine after Zakarpattia Oblast. In the national area of forest resources, the share of forests in the region is 6%. Here is the highest peak of Ukraine - Mount Hoverla.

The raw material base of the region consists of fuel and energy minerals (gas, oil, condensate, peat) - 24.1%, raw materials for the production of construction materials - 54.7%, underground water and mud - 15.6%, mining and chemical minerals (rock, potassium and magnesium salts, carbonate raw materials for liming acidic soils, carbonate raw materials for the sugar industry, sulfur) - 4.4%, mining minerals - 1.0%. In total, about 300 deposits of 25 types of various minerals have been explored.

In terms of total reserves of surface water, the region ranks 3rd in Ukraine. 8,294 rivers flow in the region.





Labor Market

Population - 1.35 million people (urban - 0.6 million, rural - 0.7 million).

There are a total of 805 settlements in the region, of which 15 are cities (the most populated cities are Ivano-Frankivsk - 238.2 thousand, Kalush - 65.0 thousand, Kolomyia - 60.8 thousand). 240 settlements have mountain status, which is 12.7% of the total area of the region, where almost 30.0% of the population lives. There are 897 men per 1,000 women. Age structure of the population: up to 15 years - 18%, 16-59 years - 61%, over 60 years - 21%.

Out of the total economically active population (594.5 thousand people):

- 543.0 thousand - employed,
- 51.5 thousand are unemployed.

The unemployment rate according to the methodology of the International Labor Organization as of January 1, 2022 for persons of working age was 8.7%. The largest share of full-time employees is concentrated in the field of education (27.7% of the average registered number of full-time employees in the region), industry (23.2%), and health care and social assistance (14.9%).

As of December 1, 2021, the legally established minimum wage in Ukraine is equivalent to \$238 US per month, and the average salary of full-time employees in the region (according to the results of 2021) is \$439 US, which contributes to the competitiveness of the workforce compared to other countries and regions of Ukraine.

Average salary by type of economic activity (according to the results of 2021):

- in the region as a whole - \$439 US
- agriculture, forestry and fishing - \$497 US
- industry - \$509 US
- construction - \$283 US
- trade - \$315 US
- transport - \$463 US
- temporary accommodation and organization of food - \$352 US
- information and telecommunications - \$363 US
- financial and insurance activities - \$524 US.

Notwithstanding the rather low salary, workforce in the region is highly-educated.

At the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, more than 150,000 internally displaced persons (hereinafter referred to as IDPs) found refuge in the region, and almost 87,000 people were in transit in the region.





Educational Resources

The network of higher education institutions of Ivano-Frankivsk region is represented by 11 institutions (hereinafter - higher education institutions): 4 universities (3 universities have the status of "national"), 4 institutes, 1 academy, 1 faculty, 1 branch, of which: 7 state-owned institutions, 4 privately owned. Specialists with higher education are trained according to 135 specialties in universities (institutes, academies). A total of 25,200 students study in the higher education institutions of the region, almost 3,000 scientific and pedagogical workers work.

15,700 students study in institutions of professional preliminary higher education 60 specialties. The network of vocational pre-higher education includes 27 institutions, of which by legal status: 10 are separate legal entities and 17 are structural units of universities located both on the territory of the region and outside its borders; by form of ownership: 20 - state-owned institutions, 6 - communal, 1 - private. There are 5,000 teaching staff working in vocational pre-higher education institutions.

In institutions of higher and professional pre-university education there work 1,699 candidates of sciences, 391 doctors of science, 312 teachers with the scientific degree of professor, 16 teachers with the scientific title of senior researcher, 1194 associate professors.

Leading institutions of higher education in Ivano-Frankivsk region

Name of the educational institution	Number of:		
	students	scientific pedagogical (pedagogical) employees	specialties
Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University	10915	846	68
Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas	4744	518	28
Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University	6144	907	8
Higher educational institution «King Danylo University»	1457	147	15

Leading institutions of vocational pre-higher education in Ivano-Frankivsk region

Name of the educational institution	Number of:		
	students	scientific pedagogical (pedagogical) employees	specialties
Ivano-Frankivsk Vocational College of Technology and Business	1303	103	7
Separate structural unit «Ivano-Frankivsk Vocational College of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University»	1471	68	7
Separate structural unit «Specialized College of Electronic Devices of Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas»	1089	84	9
Separate structural unit «Ivano-Frankivsk Vocational College of Lviv National University of Nature Management»	1334	96	9
Separate structural unit «Nadvirna Vocational College of the National Transport University»	972	114	11
Separate structural unit «Kolomyia Polytechnic College of the National University «Lviv Polytechnic»	907	73	9

Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion of Russia on the territory of Ivano-Frankivsk region, educational institutions have been moved together with institutions of vocational pre-higher education, which are separate structural units. In particular:

- Luhansk Educational and Scientific Institute named after E.O. Didorenko of Donetsk State University of Internal Affairs;
- Donbass National Academy of Construction and Architecture together with the separate structural unit «Druzhkiv Housing and Communal Vocational College DNABiA»;
- Kherson State University together with the separate structural unit «Beryslav Vocational Pedagogical College named after V. F. Benkovskyi» and Genichesk Vocational College;
- Ivan Kozhedub Kharkiv National University of the Air Force;
- Severodonetsk Vocational College of Culture and Arts named after Serhii Prokofiev;
- Rubizhnyi Industrial and Pedagogical College.





Economic Potential

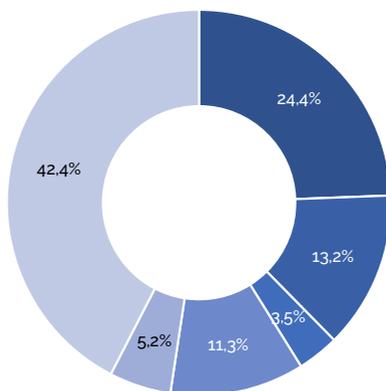
The development strategy of Ivano-Frankivsk region for 2021-2027 provides the implementation of a set of tasks, programs and projects, the result of which is to ensure the well-being and high quality of life of the residents of Prykarpattia in the conditions of the development of a competitive and innovative economy based on the preservation of cultural traditions, natural features and advantages of the region.

The priority types of economic activity, which are determined according to the principles of smart specialization, are:

1. Production of cement, lime and gypsum mixtures.
2. Production of basic chemical products, fertilizers and nitrogen compounds, plastics and synthetic rubber in primary forms.
3. Animal husbandry.
4. Production of wood products.
5. Activities in the field of information technologies, IT sector.
6. Creative industries.

The share of gross added value of the region in the total amount of gross added value of Ukraine is 2.2%. The key role is always played by such spheres of economic activity as industry (24.4%), agriculture, forestry and fishing (13.2%), wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (11.3%), transport, warehousing economy, postal and courier activities (5.2%), construction (3.5%).

The structure of gross added value by main types of economic activity



- Industrial activities (24,4%)
- Agriculture, forestry, fisheries (13,2%)
- Construction (3,5%)
- Wholesale, retail trade, repair of motor vehicles (11,3%)
- Transport, warehousing, postal and courier delivery (5,2%)
- Other types of economic activity (42,4%)





Industry

Ivano-Frankivsk region holds the priority in the Western region for the production of crude oil, including oil obtained from bituminous materials; natural gas from oil fields; production of spruce wood, lengthwise sawn or split, divided into parts or peeled, with a thickness of more than 6 mm; production of plasticized polyvinyl chloride, mixed with other substances, in primary forms; non-refractory ceramic construction bricks; machines for processing wood, bark, bone, ebonite, hard plastics and similar hard materials; leather from whole hides of cattle; portland cement; electricity.





Alternative Energy

The potential of renewable energy sources is about 1 million tons of oil equivalent:

- 37% – biomass potential (livestock, crop production, logging waste, woodworking waste (sawdust));
- 20% – geothermal energy potential;
- 17% – solar energy potential;
- 15% – wind energy potential (average annual wind speed – 5,5 m/s);
- 11% – hydrotechnical potential of small rivers.

As of April 1, 2023, the following are working in Ivano-Frankivsk region:

- 1124 industrial solar power plants with a total capacity of 244.4 MW, which received a license for the electricity production and supply at the green tariff, and 16 operating industrial solar power plants with a total capacity of 72 MW, which produce electricity for the budget sphere individual objects needs;
- 5 mini hydroelectric power plants with a total capacity of 3.9 MW;
- 1 biogas plant for waste processing with a capacity of 0.66 MW;
- 1 biogas plant, the capacity of which is 1.2 MW;
- the first stage of a wind power plant with a capacity of 0.6 MW and the second stage of a wind power plant with a capacity of 5.8 MW;

The total capacity of alternative energy sources in the region is more than 329 MW (14.3% of the region's total power capacity).





Machinery Industry

The machinery industry is promising and provides the production of electric cable products, washing machines, electrical equipment, integrated electronic circuits, tools, and equipment for automatic regulation and control.

The state-owned enterprise «Production Association «Karpaty» (Ivano-Frankivsk) is the leading manufacturer of the industry, which produces cable and conductor products and electrical components for automotive equipment of the world brands Audi, Mercedes, Opel, and Skoda. The enterprise is export-oriented and provides investment income for updating the material and technical base.

LLC «Leoni Wiring Systems UA GmbH» (Kolomyia) is a successful example of attracting a foreign investor of the LEONI concern to establish serial production of cable networks for the automotive industry.

LLC «Electrolux Ukraine» (Ivano-Frankivsk) manufactures a wide range of automatic household washing machines under the brands Electrolux, Zanussi, and AEG. LLC sells household and professional goods on domestic and international markets every year.





Chemical Industry

The industry produces products of heavy organic synthesis, urea-formaldehyde resins, aerosols (silicon dioxide), small-volume chemical products, household chemicals, etc.

LLC «Karpatnaftokhim» (Kalush) is a modernized enterprise, which produces chemical and petrochemical products, according to European standards. Ukraine is the only producer of ethylene, propylene, benzene, C-9 fraction, polyethylene, as well as caustic soda and PVC (polyvinyl chloride). In 2021, LLC increased the capacity to produce liquid oxygen, which is necessary to meet the medical institutions' needs.

LLC «Karpatsmoly» (Kalush) is one of the largest producers of urea-formaldehyde resins of types E-1, ½ E-1, and E-0 and UMF, MUF, and MF melamine resins in Ukraine.





Wood Processing Industry

The main wood processing industry products are chipboard and fiberboard, plywood, veneer, lumber, sawn products, wooden building structures, packaging, carpentry, paper bags, and others.

One of the powerful manufacturers of chipboard and decorative paper (film) for lamination is the structural division of Swiss Crono LLC (Kalush district), which has ensured the smooth operation of a modern production complex thanks to the implementation of annual investment programs.

LLC «Uniplyt» (Kalush district) is the wood processing industry leader in the segment of fiberboard, decorated fiberboard, plywood, and lumber production. LLC has maintained a leading position in the Ukrainian market for a long time, constantly expanding its export potential, using its technological developments and the professionalism of its employees. The main consumers of products are the furniture, construction, and packaging industries.

Among the producers of wood products are Svyspan Limited LLC (Nadvirna district), Tarkett Vinisin LLC (Kalush city), Osmoloda LLC (Kalush district), TC-Partner LLC (Kalush district), Verhovyna district forestry, Pamibro LLC (Kalush district) and others.





Agriculture

The agroindustrial complex is an important strategic branch of Prykarpattia economy, which ensures the food security of the region.

The land fund of the region is 1,392.7 thousand hectares, of which 621.1 thousand hectares are occupied by agricultural land, including 400.7 thousand hectares of arable land.

In general, almost 600 agricultural enterprises work in the agriculture of Ivano-Frankivsk region, of which 414 are farms and 260 thousand personal peasant farms.

An important region's agriculture development direction is a plant growing – grain, technical, and vegetable crops. In the field of animal husbandry, such areas as meat and dairy cattle breeding have been determined for the coming years.

The largest agroindustrial enterprises of Prykarpattia, which have a significant share in the total volume of agricultural products gross production: LLC «Goodwelly Ukraine» (operates in the field of pig breeding, grain, and industrial crops cultivation, and the field of renewable energy sources); farm «Potochyshe» and private agricultural enterprise «Native land» (in the field of dairy cattle breeding and production of dairy products); farms «Tyblevych» and «Toro» (in the field of meat cattle breeding); company «Continental Farmers Group», LLC «Stern Agro», «Perspektyv» branch of «Zernoprodukt MHP» (private joint-stock company), private enterprise «Agrofirma «Vilkhivtsi» (engaged in the of cereals, industrial crops cultivation and of grown crop storage); private enterprises «Aronia» and «Stepan

Melnychuk» (in the field of horticulture); farms «Eko Berry» and «Best Berry» (in the field of berry growing); farm «Prometheus» (in the field of vegetable growing) and many others.





Light Industry

The light industry is represented by enterprises of textile production, clothing production, leather production, leather products, and other materials.

Tyskhutroliuks LLC (Ivano-Frankivsk district) sews fur products – men's, women's, and children's hats, as well as coats, half coats, jackets, fur accessories, and fur-lined products. Modern technological processes mainly use equipment and chemical materials of well-known companies. Implementation works on the introduction of new advanced fur processing and dyeing technologies are underway.

LLC «Trox Ukraine» (Kolomyia) is a successful enterprise producing awnings for passenger cars based on the use of advanced technologies.





Construction Industry

Construction industry enterprises are manufacturers of a wide range of products, namely: Portland cement, gypsum, building mixtures, roofing materials, elements of prefabricated structures made of cement, concrete or artificial stone, tiles, and slabs, pipes, non-refractory ceramic bricks, etc.

A private joint-stock company «Ivano-Frankivskcement» (Ivano-Frankivsk district) is a powerful high-tech production complex producing more than 300 types of construction materials.

A private joint-stock company «Ivano-Frankivskcement» produces every third ton of cement sold in Ukraine. The enterprise is also the only domestic manufacturer of asbestos-free (fiber-cement) slate sheets using new technology.

«Ivano-Frankivskzalizobeton» (additional liability company, Ivano-Frankivsk) is a well-known company in the field of construction and specializes in the production of reinforced concrete products, structures, ready-mixed concrete on innovative equipment using modern technologies.

Ivano-Frankivsk Regional State (Military) Administration is an active participant and reliable partner in the implementation of the «Business Relocation» program implemented by the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine.

During the period of its operation, more than 80 economic entities that were located in or near the combat zone moved to the region, about 10 more enterprises are in the stage of transportation and search for production premises.

The main number of displaced enterprises was located in the industrial centers of Kalush and Ivano-Frankivsk, much less in other cities of the region (Kolomyia, Dolyna, Nadvirna).

Among the relocated enterprises, which have already resumed their activities at the new location, the largest share is made up of enterprises of mechanical engineering and metalworking (27.1%), light industry (18.8%), provision of design services, information activities, IT sphere, etc. (14.6%), wholesale and retail trade (14.6%), woodworking and printing activities (10.4%), food industry (4.2%).

Taking into account the needs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, enterprises make decisions regarding the repurposing of the main industries, which allows them to continue their operation and is an example of fighting in the rear. These include the activities of sewing and metalworking enterprises, which have changed the range of products.





Information Technologies

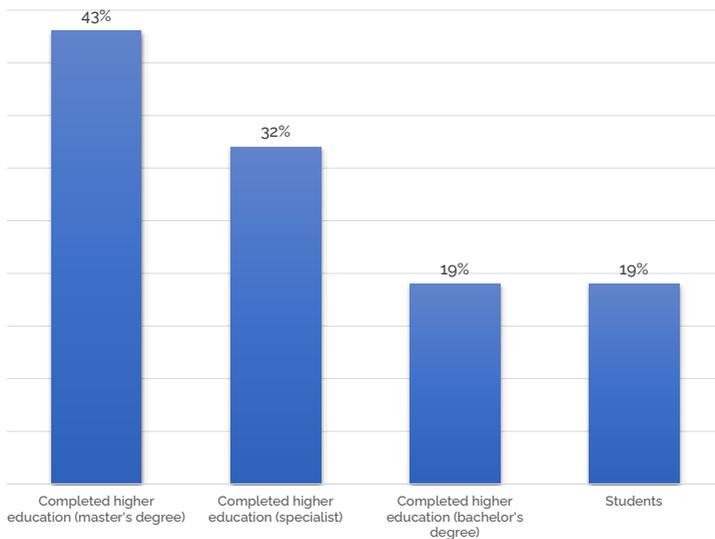
According to the results of IT RESEARCH 6/0 and IT RESEARCH Resilience of the Lviv IT-Cluster in Ivano-Frankivsk region, more than 2,600 specialists and 70 companies work in the IT sphere, the vast majority of which are engaged in outsourcing.

In the city of Ivano-Frankivsk, there is an IT cluster that unites IT specialists of Ivano-Frankivsk and was created to assist in the formation of a competitive national information technology industry in the city and the region. The main goals: promoting the development of IT as a priority industry of the region, representing the interests of the IT industry in the region developing cooperation and integration of educational institutions to solve practical tasks, creating comfortable conditions and an environment for IT specialists, etc.

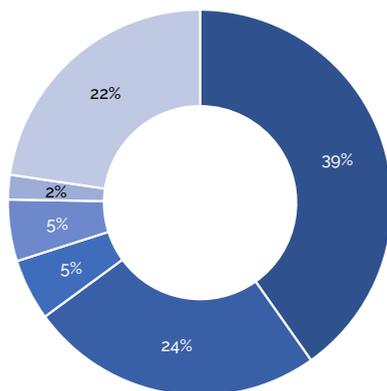
According to the structure of the region's IT market, 28% of specialists represent companies with a size of 11 to 50 employees, 26% work in companies with a size of more than 400 employees, 20% - in companies with 51 to 100 employees.

According to the form of employment, 85% of specialists are registered as individual entrepreneurs, 15% - work under an employment contract, 2% - other. 94% of IT specialists have completed higher education.

Educational and qualification level of IT specialists



Popular higher education institutions among IT specialists



- Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas (39%)
- Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University (24%)
- Lviv Polytechnic National University (5%)
- Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (5%)
- Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University (2%)
- Other higher education institutions (22%)

IT specialists are also trained by the following educational institutions in the field:

- Ivano-Frankivsk King Danylo University;
- College of Electronic Devices at Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas;
- Ivano-Frankivsk Financial and Commercial Cooperative College named after S. Granat;
- Kalush College of Economics, Law, and Information Technology at Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas.

Knowledge and skills in the IT field can be acquired through commercial courses:

- IT Cluster Academy;
- Programming Academy.

During the period of martial law, the number of IT companies in the region increased to 115, and the number of IT specialists reached 4,500 individuals.

In April-May 2022, an estimated number of relocated to the region IT professionals (excluding freelancers) reached 2,131. The structure of the IT market in the region has undergone some changes in terms of the number of employees in companies: 37% of IT specialists were employed in companies with 501 or more employees (compared to 26% in similar-sized companies in 2021), while 16% of IT specialists worked in companies with 11 to 50 employees (down from 28% in 2021).





Innovative Activity

Innovative activity is one of the most significant prerequisites for effective socio-economic development of Ivano-Frankivsk region.

Important components of the innovation infrastructure include the «Precarpathian University» Science Park, «New Energy» Scientific Town, «Promprylad. Renovation» Innovation Center, «Business Incubator» Entrepreneurship Development Center, and the public organization «Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Organization of the Society of Inventors and Rationalizers of Ukraine».

The «Promprylad. Renovation» project is successfully implemented in Ivano-Frankivsk city, aiming to create an innovation center that will foster the development of important business sectors, revitalize economic activity, and provide value to the city residents.

The main directions of implementing the innovation policy in the region include providing support for the development of innovation ecosystems, creating conditions for the production of intellectual products, including opportunities for their commercialization within or outside the region, fostering the creation of industry clusters as progressive forms of cooperation, popularizing the innovation culture, and promoting key achievements in this field.





Small and Medium-sized Business

The stable development of entrepreneurship is the foundation of a competitive economy in the region. According to the «Regional Doing Business» rating in recent years, Ivano-Frankivsk region has been recognized as one of the most business-friendly regions in Ukraine for starting and conducting business.

As of the beginning of 2023, there were 73,800 business entities operating in the region, including 13,600 legal entities (companies) and 60,200 individual entrepreneurs.

As of the beginning of 2023, the number of employees in the region amounted to 195,900.

The region has established a well-developed infrastructure to support small and medium-sized businesses, public organizations, and entrepreneurs. There are 61 Administrative Service Centers (ASCs) that provide administrative services, and the effective operation of 16 Taxpayer Service Centers has been established. The implementation of various innovative technologies contributes to business development, such as the provision of e-services in ASCs and the use of electronic reporting systems in state statistical and tax authorities. During the period of martial law, the development of entrepreneurship

becomes extremely important for the economy of the region and Ukraine as a whole. In order to stimulate business activity, comprehensive changes to legislation and state programs aimed at supporting the Ukrainian economy are being implemented by the government. Grant assistance is an effective measure for the establishment of new businesses and the recovery of relocated enterprises. One of the donors providing such assistance is the International Organization for Migration (IOM), which financially supported 36 micro and small businesses as part of the project «SME Development: Economic Integration of Internally Displaced Persons and Business Recovery.» One-third of these businesses have relocated to Ivano-Frankivsk region.





Tourism

Ivano-Frankivsk region is one of the leading tourist and resort-recreational regions of Ukraine, with a significant number of cultural heritage sites, nature reserves, developed infrastructure, and transportation network. Picturesque natural landscapes and a wide range of attractions contribute to the development of various types of tourism, such as cultural and educational tourism, mountain skiing, hiking, ecological tourism, rural tourism, cycling tourism, gastronomic tourism, water tourism, and more.

The tourist infrastructure includes over 1,700 tourist and recreational establishments with a capacity of at least 10 places. There are also around 200 business entities providing organized tourism services, out of which 38 have tour operator licenses. Additionally, there are 11 tourist information centers in the region.

The Prykarpattia region is home to 10 ski resorts, 5 national nature parks, and over 3,500 historical and cultural monuments. Ancient and valuable landmarks such as the Church of St. Panteleimon in Halych (12th century), the Maniava Skete of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (17th century), and the wooden churches of the Hutsul and Boiko regions are well-known beyond the country's borders. The Churches of the Descent of the Holy Spirit in Rohatyn and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin in Nyzhnii Verbizh were included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2013.

Ivano-Frankivsk region is also famous for its intangible cultural heritage. In 2019, the traditions of Kosiv painted ceramics were inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. In 2022, the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe's Assembly officially approved the inclusion of the National Museum of Hutsul and Pokuttia Folk Art named after Y. Kobrynskyi as a new partner of the «European Route of Ceramics».

Some of the most interesting tourist attractions in the region include the Bukovel ski and spa resort, the cities of Yaremche, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kolomyia, the Carpathian, Halych, and Verkhovyna National Parks, the Hutsulshchyna National Park, the Ancient Halych National Preserve, the Museum of Pysanka (Ukrainian Easter eggs) Painting, the Dniester Canyon, the Maniava Skete of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and Maniavsky Waterfall, Dovbush Rocks in Bubnyshche, Hoshiv Monastery, the Carpathian Tram (narrow-gauge railway), Heritage Center of Vyhoda narrow-gauge railway, the UNDERHILL Land of History Park, the Hutsul Land Ethnopark, and others.





Culture

In the region, there are 1,533 institutions of culture and art, namely:

- Institutions of club culture type - 707;
- Library institutions - 721;
- Art schools - 58;
- Ivan-Frankivsk Professional Art College named after Denys Sichynskyi - 1;
- Professional College of Culture and Art (Kalush) - 1;
- Educational and Methodological Center for Culture and Tourism of Prykarpattia - 1;
- Theater institutions - 4;
- Regional Philharmonic - 1;
- Museums - legal entities - 28;
- Regional Center of Folk Art «Hutsulska Hrazhda» - 1;
- Scientific-Editorial Department «Inventory of Monuments of History and Culture. Ivano-Frankivsk Region» - 1;
- Kalush City Park of Culture and Recreation named after I. Franko - 1;
- State institution «Kolomyia Small Philharmonic» - 1;
- Cinemas - 3.

There are 3944 objects of cultural heritage registered at the state level, including 107 objects of national significance, among them:

- 1,490 archaeological objects (including 12 of national significance);
- 869 historical objects (including 4 of national significance);
- 142 monuments of monumental art (including 1 of national significance);
- 1,443 architectural and urban planning objects (including 90 of national significance).

In the region, the following institutions are functioning: Ivan Franko National Academic Drama Theater, Ancient Halych National Reserve, Ivan Franko National Academic Hutsul Song and Dance Ensemble «Hutsulia», and the branch of the National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War – «Heroes of the Dnipro» Museum.

According to the decision of UNESCO, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast is represented by two World Heritage Sites:

- The Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit (1598) in the city of Rohatyn;
- The Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1808) in the village of Nyzhnii Verbizh, Kolomyia district.

THE CHURCH OF THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ROHATYN



The Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit in Rohatyn is a wooden Christian temple located in the city of Rohatyn, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast. It is a monument of national significance in folk architecture and monumental art. Currently, it is used as a museum dedicated to wooden architecture and painting from the 16th to the 19th centuries, serving as a branch of the Museum of Arts of Prykarpattia.

The Church of the Holy Spirit in Rohatyn is a wooden, three-sectioned, single-storey church with a square central log structure, a pentagonal five-wall altar, and an elongated porch.

The central log structure is topped with a square roof with two halls. The church is situated on a small elevation in the western part of Rohatyn. Due to the low-rise nature of the surrounding buildings, the church serves as an architectural dominant. It is classified as an archaic monument of wooden architecture in Halychyna.

According to legends, in the early 16th century, Anastasia Lisovska, the future wife of the ruler of the Ottoman Empire, Roxolana, often came to pray at the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, as her father, Father Luka Lisovskyi, served as a priest there.

THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IN THE VILLAGE OF NYZHNIY VERBIZH



The Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a wooden church located in the village of Nyzhnii Verbizh, Kolomyia district, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast. It was built between 1756 and 1808. The church is an outstanding monument of architecture and monumental art.

Situated in the western part of the village on a hill slope, it belongs to the well-preserved rare five-domed churches of the Hutsul school.

According to legends, the current Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was built with funds provided by Grygor Melnyk, a member of the Opryshok movement, who lived to be 114 years old. He is also said to be buried near the church.





International Cooperation

International cooperation is actively developing in the region. Bilateral agreements on socio-economic, scientific-technical, and cultural cooperation have been signed and implemented with regions of the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Austria, Romania, Canada, the People's Republic of China, and other countries. These agreements contribute to the development of economic ties and the implementation of joint educational, cultural, and scientific-technical projects.

Since the full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation, the priorities of cooperation have shifted. The main focus of meetings and achieved agreements with international partners has been the support of internally displaced persons, implementation of projects related to supporting relocated businesses, and the rehabilitation of military personnel.

Despite the state of war, the expansion of international cooperation in the region and the normative-legal framework continues. In December 2022, a Declaration of Cooperation was signed between Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast of Ukraine and the Pilsen Region of the Czech Republic, aiming to develop partnership in the fields of industry, agriculture, transportation, and trade; science, technology, and education; healthcare and social sphere; local self-government; culture and arts; and tourism and sports development.

As a result of implementing dozens of international technical assistance projects, strategic approaches to territorial development planning were introduced in the region. The environment for the development of small

businesses and tourism improved, efforts were made to enhance the efficiency of energy resource utilization, and the adoption of energy-saving technologies was promoted. Additionally, efforts were made to improve the ecological situation in the region.

The largest donors include the European Union, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Government of the Swiss Confederation, and the Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO). Assistance within the framework of projects has been provided in the following areas: decentralization and support for regional development, energy efficiency, development of social infrastructure and services, culture and historical heritage, tourism, ecology and waste management, healthcare and its reform, security, and more.

The region actively participates in cross-border cooperation programmes. Ivano-Frankivsk Region has participated in three joint operational programmes under the European Neighborhood Instrument 2014-2020 (ENI CBC). In total, as of the second half of 2023, 44 international technical assistance projects have been implemented in the region, with the regional state administration as the beneficiary.

During the period of 2021-2023, work was underway to prepare new cross-border cooperation programmes, Interreg NEXT, for the period of 2021-2027. Within the Interreg NEXT Poland-Ukraine 2021-2027, a large infrastructure project «Environmental Safety - Creating a Ukrainian-Polish Forest Fire Management Network in the Carpathian Region» was prepared. Its aim is to protect the biodiversity of valuable ecosystems in the Carpathian region by preventing or minimizing the consequences of forest fires.





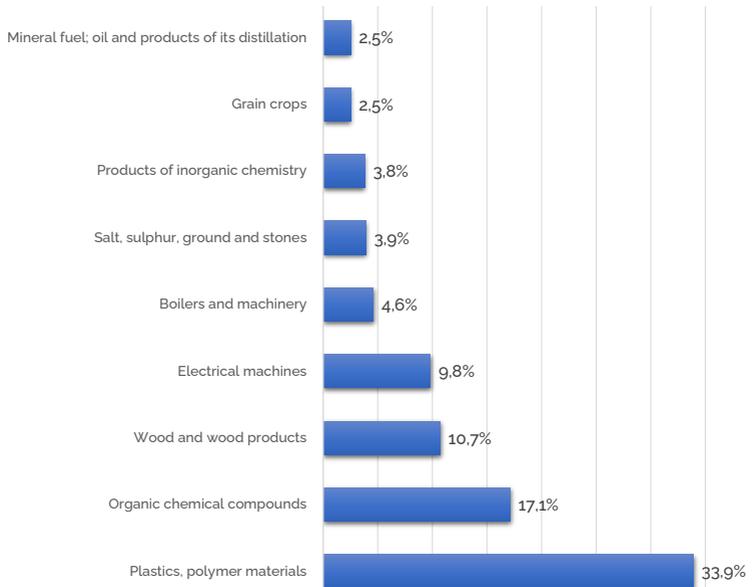
Foreign Trade

In 2021, the volume export of goods of the region amounted to USD 1,165.3 million, import – USD 996.1 million. The balance of foreign trade in the region was positive and accounted to USD 169.2 million. The coverage ratio of export to import was 1.17.

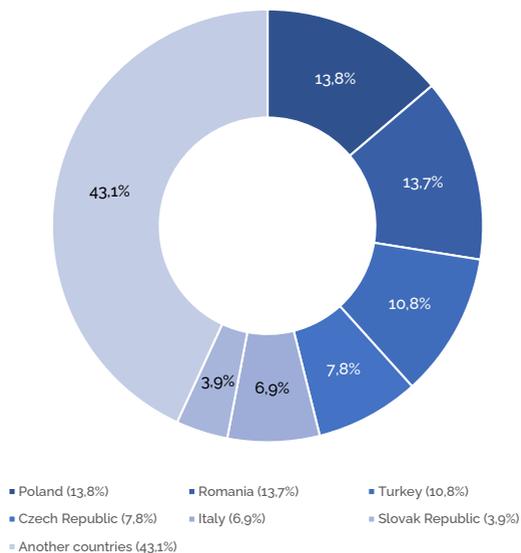
Foreign trade operations were realized with 127 countries of the world.

Significant amounts of the goods are exported to the countries of the European Union – 63.9% of the total volume.

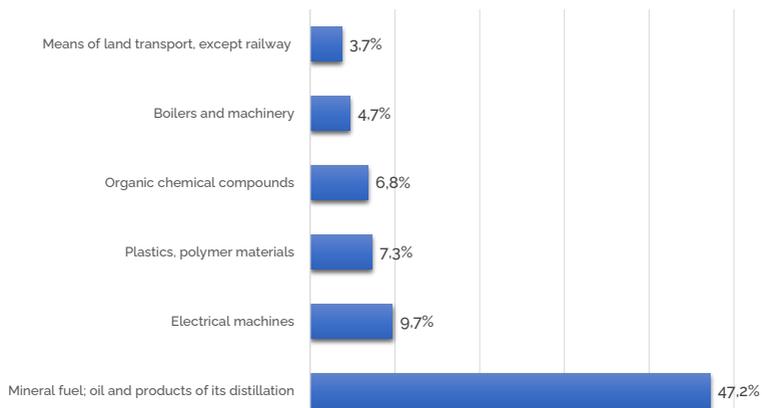
Commodity structure of export of Ivano-Frankivsk region



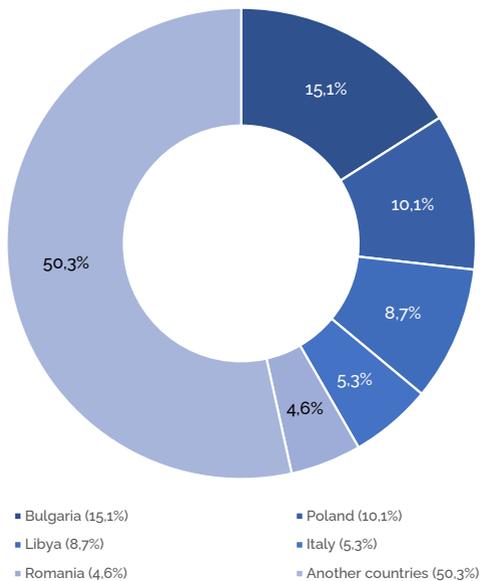
Leading partner countries of Ivano-Frankivsk region in terms of export volumes



Commodity structure of import of Ivano-Frankivsk region



Leading partner countries of Ivano-Frankivsk region in terms of import volumes



Export volumes of regional services amounted to USD 69.0 million (16th place among the regions of Ukraine), import - USD 26.3 million. The positive balance of foreign trade in services amounted to USD 42.7 million.

Under the influence of full-scale russian aggression, exports from the region decreased significantly for various reasons: supply chain disruption, preservation of production capacities of enterprises in the field of chemical and related industries, the products of which the region specializes in; decreasing interest in cooperation with Ukrainian business due to the unstable situation in the country, etc. As a result, the volume of export and import of goods of the region in January-April 2023 amounted to USD 195.1 and 159.8 million US dollars. The balance of foreign trade in the region is positive and has amounted to USD 29.1 million. The export-import ratio was 1.23.





Foreign Investment

The volume of foreign direct investments (equity instruments) involved since the beginning of investing in the economy of the region as of 12.31.2021 amounted to USD 601.6 million, which was USD 443.5 per person.

Investments came from non-residents of 43 countries. High priority place in the investment into the economy of Ivano-Frankivsk region belongs to the countries of European Union. USD 359.6 million were directed to economy of the region from the EU countries, which accounted for 59.8% of the total volume.

Industrial enterprises remain attractive for foreign investors, who have invested USD 368.4 million (61.2% of the total volume);

- agriculture – 17.7%;
- service industry – 11.7%;
- transport – 3.8%;
- trading – 3.6%.



ENTERPRISE WITH FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

In the region effectively operating almost 300 enterprises with foreign investments (as of 31.12.2021), which mostly produce industrial and food processing products and have a positive impact on the economic development of the region, introducing modern technologies, stimulating the production process of competitive products, facilitating their entry into international markets.

Foreign investments are successfully operating at the enterprises: PJSC «Ivano-Frankivskcement» (production of more than 300 types of construction materials, the main of which are cement, slate and gypsum), LLC 3 Betony»(production of reinforced concrete structures), LLC «Electrolux Ukraine» (production of automatic washing machines), LLC «Tarkett Vinisin» (production of PVC floor coverings and parquet blanks), LLC «Goodwelly Ukraine» (pig farming), LLC «Stern Agro|» (growing of grain crops and seeds oilseeds), LLC «Grain Processing Company «YUMAS» (production the products of the flour-milling and groats industry), LLC «Solid Ukraine» (production of parquet and products from glued wooden panels); LLC «Viva Décor» (production of wallpapers), LLC «LEONI Wiring Systems UA GmbH» and LLC «Pas Ukraine» (production of electric cable products for passenger cars), LLC «Dena Metal Ukraine» (production of wire products by contact welding), LLC «Trox Ukraine» (production of textile products of a non-production nature (including protective disposable packaging for cars), LLC «Maigal» (production of brooms and brushes) and others.

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Industrial Parks

The development of a network of industrial parks is an effective tool for influencing both the socio-economic development of the region and increasing the competitiveness of the territorial communities, in which the industrial parks are located.

Dolyna Industrial Park was the first in Ukraine to be included (02.03.2014) in the Register of Industrial Parks of Ukraine (hereinafter - IP).

Initiator of creation: Dolyna City Council. The IP was created for 30 years. Land plot area: 15,00 ha. Managing company: «Dolyna-Invest» utility company of the Dolyna City Council. The priority areas of activity for determining the functional purpose of the industrial park are the light, food, woodworking and automobile industries. It is planned to create 2,030 workplaces. 25 million UAH must be raised for the arrangement of the IP.

On August 30, 2021, the Ministry of Economy included the IP «KalushIndustrial HUB» in the Register of Industrial Parks of Ukraine, the initiator of its creation is LLC «Ch.A.S». The IP is located in the city of Kalush on a plot of private property with a total area of 18.7306 ha. The IP was created for 30 years. In 2022, «KalushIndustrial HUB» is one of five parks selected by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to implement the «GEIPP Ukraine» project as part of the international program for the global development of eco-industrial parks.

Functional purpose: mechanical engineering; production of machines and devices of the electro technical industry; woodworking and furniture production; metalworking industry; production of finishing materials; production of construction and thermal insulation materials; processing of polymers, production of plastic products; other purpose (depending on the urgency of placing a specific production on the territorial community). It is planned to create about 1,200 workplaces and attract investments in the amount of approximately 532 million UAH.

Since 2019, the private IP «Arkan» (Arkan. Precarpathian Industrial Park) with an area of 19.3 ha has been operating on the territory of PJSC «Ivano-Frankivsk Armature Plant» (brownfield type), which offers for rent premises furnished at its own expense at the request of residents. The IP contains 62,000 m² of industrial premises, 12,800 m² of administrative and office premises, 9,000 m² of auxiliary premises, all the necessary communications are connected to it: an electrical substation with a capacity of 25 MW, its own water sources, a sewage main, a gas distribution station. The convenient infrastructure is also adapted: quick access to one of the city's central highways, a raised railway line (with an unloading crane), close distance to the airport. The park is focused on production with high added value: machine tool building, robotics, instrument building, electro technical industry, household machines and devices, and other industries.

Work is underway to create industrial parks in the communities of Ivano-Frankivsk, Kalush and Kolomyia districts.

In October 2014, the Burshtyn City Council approved the concept of the IP «Burshtyn» with an area of 20.4535 ha and prepared a land planning project for the site. On the territory of IP it is planned to place processing, machine-building and other industries.

The IP «Bodnariv» is planned to be created on the basis of a public-private partnership on the territory of the former flax factory in the Bodnariv village of the Kalush district. The project of the IP envisages the development of the concept, the arrangement of the infrastructure and the creation of 5 enterprises by 2027.

The creation of the IP «Galitsia» was initiated by the Kalush City Council, for its placement two plots of industrial land with a total area of 19.8035 ha were defined. In accordance with the approved concept, the development of priority types of activities of the industrial park are foreseen: production of glass, glass products, construction materials from clay, cement, lime, gypsum mixtures, production of products from concrete, gypsum, cement and placement of enterprises of other industries. The implementation of the project will contribute to the development of industrial and logistics potential, the activation of innovative activities, the increase of revenues to the budgets of all levels, the creation of about 500 new workplaces in the territory of the Kalush City Council.

Work is underway to include into the Register of industrial (industrial) parks the «Iskra» IP, which was created on the territory of a sulfur mine in the Zahaipil village of the Pidhaichykvivska Territorial Community of Kolomyia District.

Stimulating the development of industrial parks is an effective tool for attracting investments, thanks to which new working places are created and revenues for the budget are increasing. Its relevance is special in the conditions of martial law, because the infrastructure of industrial parks has become an advantage when making decisions for business relocation from the war zone.





Actual Projects

«Modernization of Ivano-Frankivsk International Airport» will ensure the stable operation of the airport, expansion of the geography of air traffic, attraction of airlines and includes: construction of a new artificial runway, modernization of the power supply system, replacement of lighting equipment and purchase of an instrument landing system, installation of an airport locator; modernization of the premises of the existing airport, improvement of the quality of passenger service, purchase of special equipment.

Development of industrial park «Dolyna» in the city of Dolyna, Ivano-Frankivsk region. The goal is to increase the competitiveness of the industrial park «Dolyna» in order to create preconditions for attracting investments in the construction of new industrial facilities, through the development of the basic engineering infrastructure of the land plot and its wide promotion in interested circles.

Arrangement of the infrastructure of the industrial park «Kalush Industrial HUB» (Kalush) to attract investors and residents will contribute to the creation and operation of companies in the field of mechanical engineering on its territory; production of machines and devices of the electro technical industry; woodworking and furniture production; metalworking industry; production of finishing materials; production of construction and thermal insulation materials; processing of polymers, production of plastic products, etc.

The Dniester Regional Landscape Park is a tourist and recreational destination aimed at the development of a nature reserve along the Dniester River with the aim of creating a quality tourist product, developing tourist facilities, increasing the number of tourists in the region, and

provides the development of land management projects with appropriate cartographic materials and arrangement of the territory of the regional landscape park.

International Scientific Center «Observatory» (Pip Ivan Chornohirskiy) - a platform for the development of ecological infrastructure of the cross-border Carpathian region - reconstruction, arrangement and equipment of the International Scientific Center «Observatory» on Mount Pip Ivan for scientific research (in the field of astronomy, ecology, meteorology and climatology), educational, tourist goals and needs of the mountain rescue service, which will contribute to the development of Ivano-Frankivsk region and international cooperation with the border states and other countries of the Carpathian and Alpine regions.

The International Meeting Center for Students of Ukraine and the Republic of Poland is a unique platform for European integration development and intercultural dialogue of youth from different countries. The goal is to create (build) an International meeting center for students of Ukraine and the Republic of Poland, which will be a unique environment for Ukraine for the development of cultural, educational, scientific and innovative practical (start-ups) cooperation and implementation of joint projects within the framework of the European Union youth exchange program for mutual knowledge and overcoming stereotypes and the expansion of student exchanges to the countries of the post-Soviet space and the EU.

Promprylad. Renovation is an innovation center on premises of an old plant, which works at the intersection of four directions of development of the region: new economy and urban planning, modern art and education. A social impact platform that generates and scales impact-oriented initiatives aimed at ensuring the sustainable development of the Ivano-Frankivsk ecosystem in public, social and economic development.

PRIORITY AREAS FOR INVESTMENT:

- alternative energy and energy-saving technologies;
- industry: mechanical engineering, chemical, woodworking, light industry;
- agriculture, food processing industry;
- IT technologies;
- tourist and recreational complex.







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