

# Wiki Herald



**A way to inform and motivate  
the wiki community.  
Ukrainian experience**



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# Why do people edit Wikipedia? What motivates them?

Several motivations drive people to add content to Wikipedia:

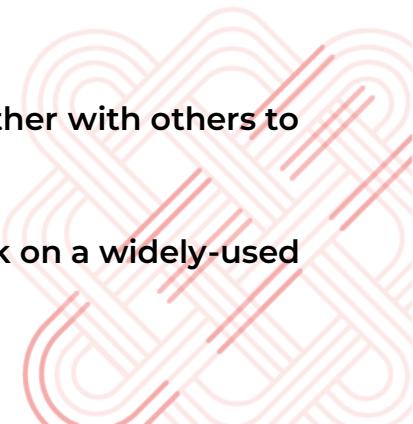
**Interest in a Topic:** Many Wikipedia contributors are motivated by their interest in a specific topic or subject matter. They want to share their knowledge and contribute to improving the information available on that topic online.

**Helping Others:** Some individuals are motivated by the desire to help others by spreading valuable information and improving the quality of Wikipedia articles.

**Contributing to a Global Resource:** Many contributors are motivated by the idea that their contributions will be available to a worldwide audience.

**Community and Collaboration:** Some contributors find motivation in working together with others to create and edit articles. They appreciate the sense of community and shared goals.

**Personal Fulfillment:** For many contributors, the opportunity to leave a lasting mark on a widely-used platform like Wikipedia is personally fulfilling.



# Why do people edit Wikipedia? What motivates them?

**Skill Development:** Editing and creating Wikipedia articles can develop various skills, including writing, research, critical thinking, and source evaluation.

**Sense of Importance:** Contributors often believe that their contributions are important for preserving knowledge and combating misinformation.

**Public Recognition:** Wikipedia acknowledges and recognizes contributors' efforts through features like user profiles, edit histories, and discussion pages

**Altruism:** Many Wikipedia contributors are driven by a sense of altruism and a desire to make information freely available to all, without financial or other barriers.

**Fighting Misinformation:** Some contributors are motivated by a mission to combat misinformation and ensure that accurate and reliable information is available on Wikipedia.

**Academic or Professional Benefits:** For scholars, researchers, and professionals, contributing to Wikipedia can enhance their professional reputation and expertise in a particular field



# **What motivates people to add content to Wikipedia in colonial nations or post-colonial countries?**

While many of the motivations mentioned earlier can apply, there are some unique factors that may motivate people to add content to Wikipedia in such contexts:

**Cultural Preservation:** People in post-colonial countries may be motivated to contribute to Wikipedia to showcase, preserve and promote their native culture, languages, and history.

**National Identity:** Contributing to Wikipedia can be seen as a way to assert and promote national identity by providing accurate and comprehensive information about their country's history, culture, and achievements.

**Language Revitalization:** In countries where indigenous languages were suppressed during colonial periods, contributing to Wikipedia in their native language can be a means of language revitalization. It allows speakers of these languages to create and maintain content in their own language.

**Historical Revisionism:** In some post-colonial countries, there may be efforts to rewrite or reinterpret history to challenge colonial narratives or promote a more balanced perspective. Wikipedia can be a platform for presenting alternative viewpoints and challenging historical inaccuracies.

**Does the popularity of Wikipedia  
depend on the country's colonial past?**

Yes, it does, and this is

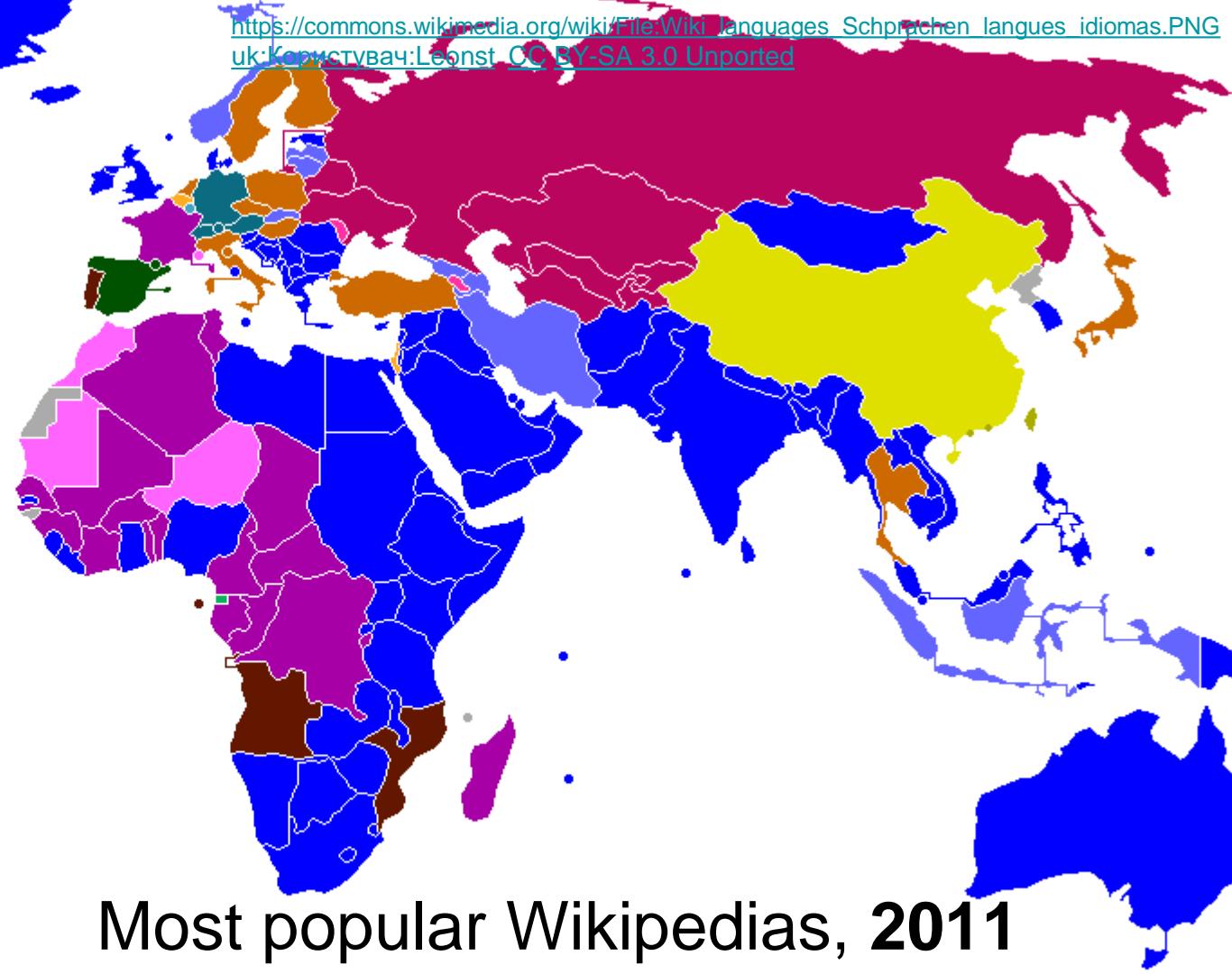
# **Neo-Lingvo-Colonialism**

The next two slides demonstrate this phenomenon





Former colonial possessions, 1911



Most popular Wikipedias, 2011

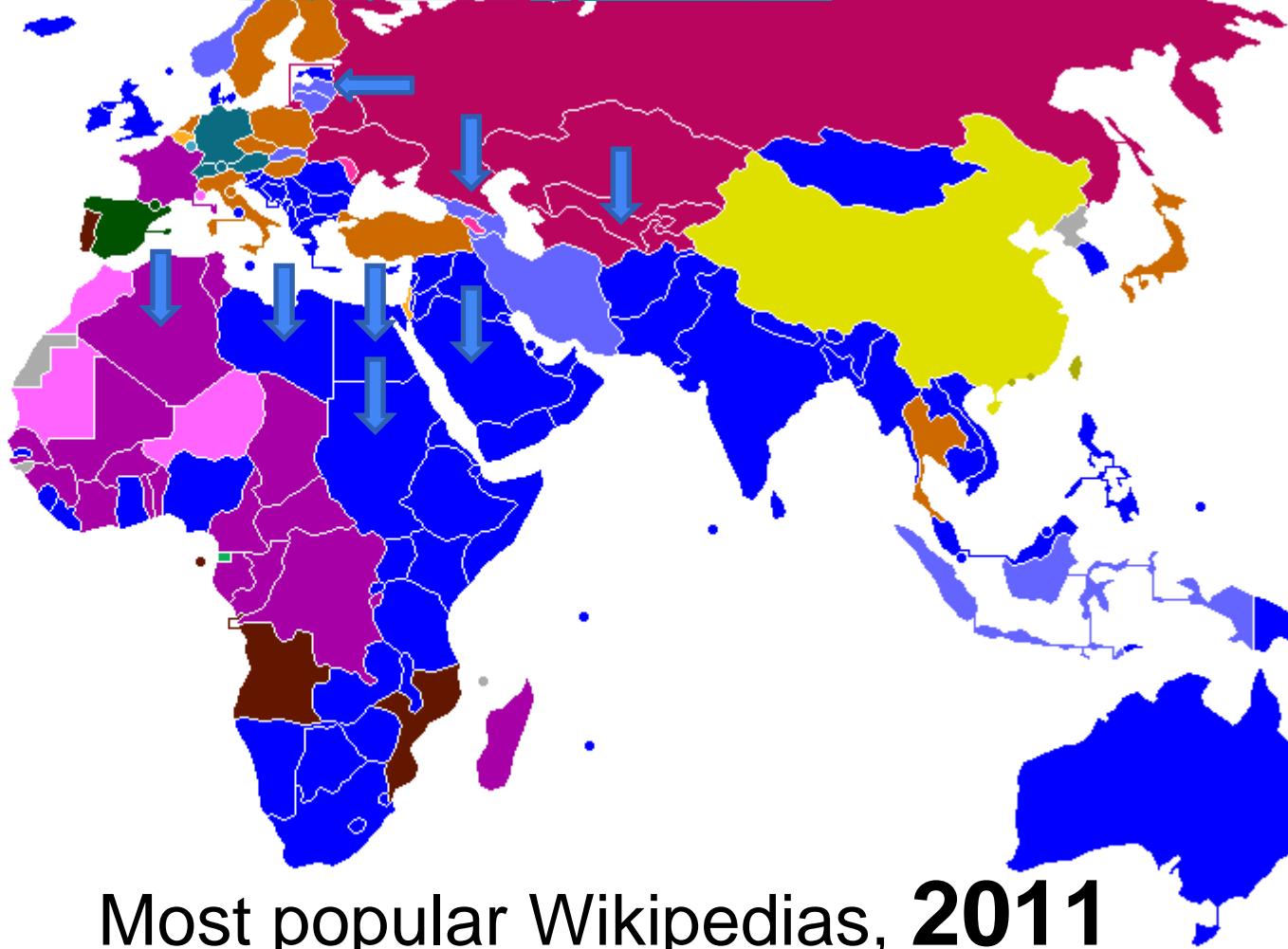
# **The most popular Wikipedias in post-colonial countries**

## **What changed from 2011 to 2021 ?**

# **Lingvo Decolonization !!!**

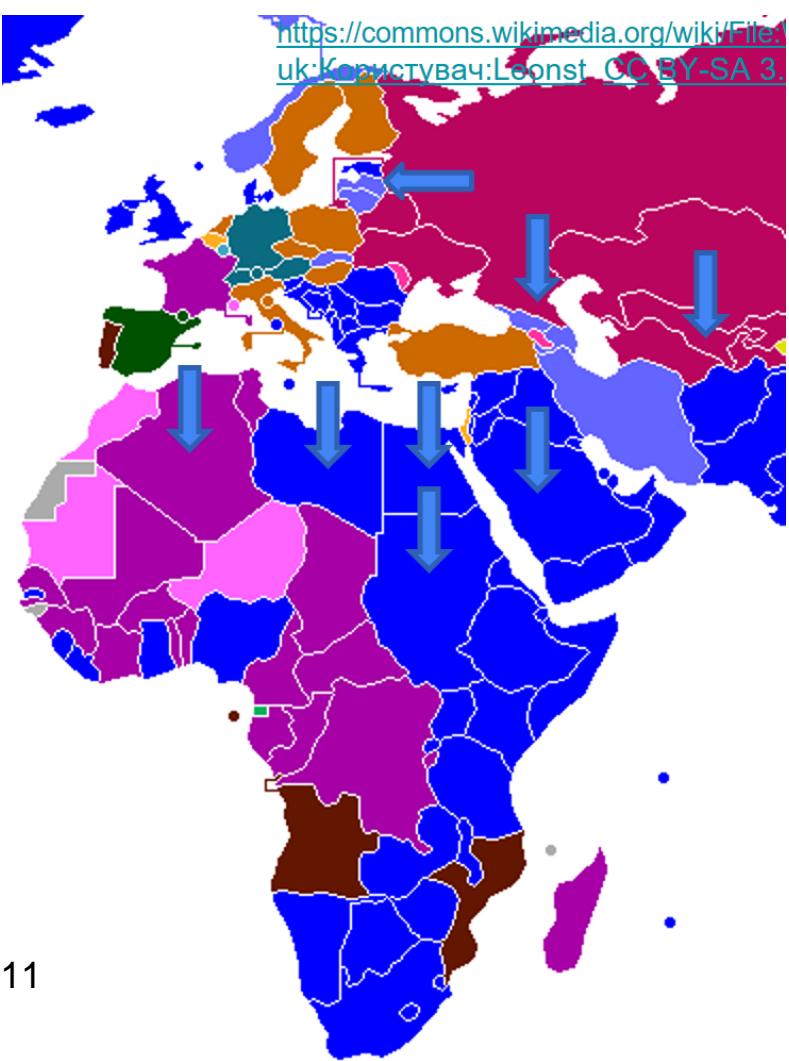
The next three slides demonstrate this phenomenon







Most popular Wikipedias, 2021



## WikiHerald *(ВікіВісник – in Ukrainian)*

<https://uk.wikipedia.org/wiki/ВП:ВВ>

Provides statistics about Ukrainian Wikipedia:

- **in comparison** with other wikipedias that are "neighboring" in terms of indicators;
- in chronological **dynamics**

# Wiki Herald

Published in electronic form,  
monthly  
113 issues have already been  
published

Published since 2014 (113 issues),  
on Wikipedia itself, and is also  
duplicated in the most popular  
section on the Wikipedia forum.

When any important milestone is  
reached, the information is also  
disseminated in the national  
media.

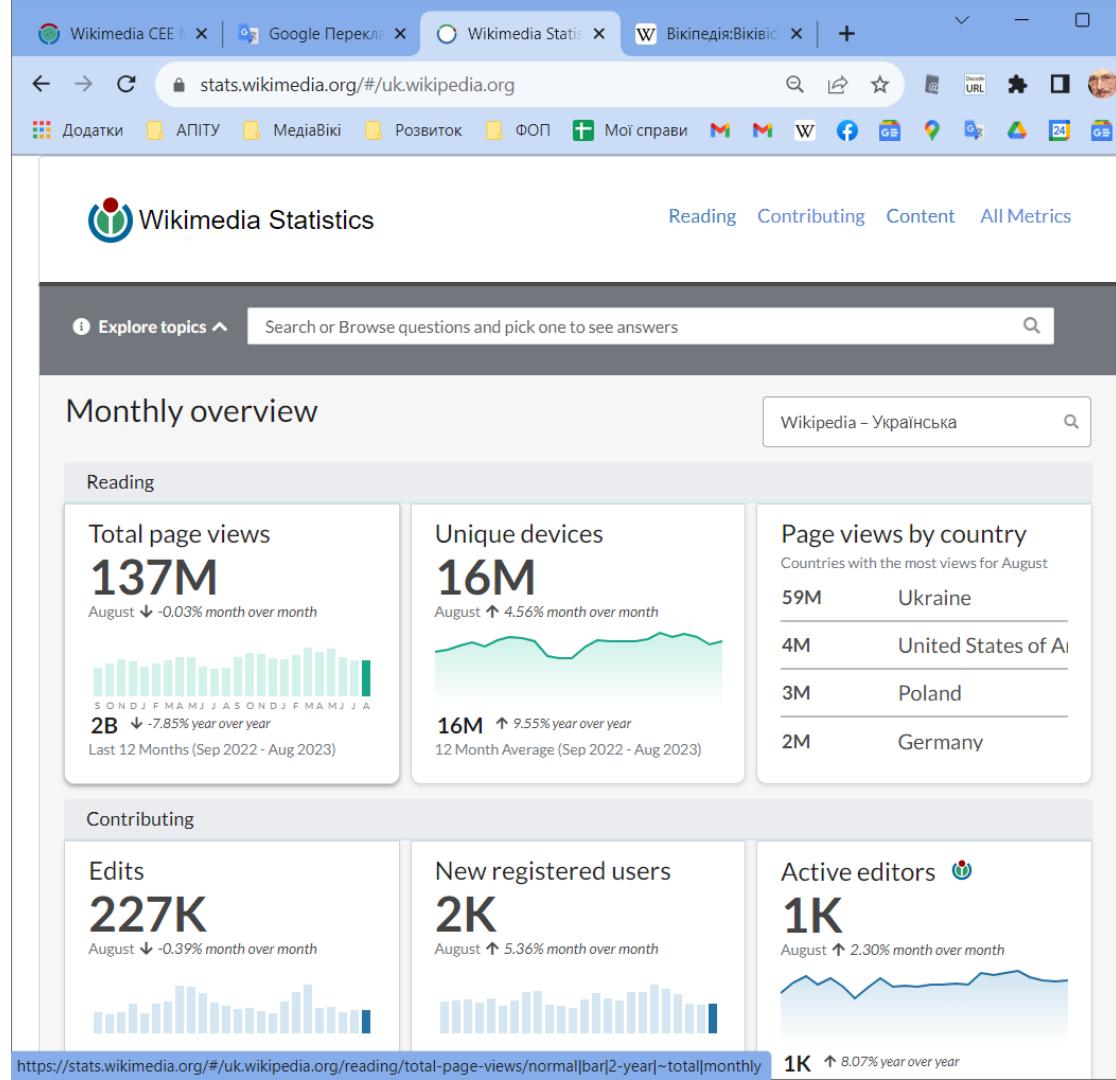
The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [uk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Вікіпедія:Віківісник](https://uk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Вікіпедія:Віківісник). The page title is "Вікіпедія:Віківісник". The main content area displays a table titled "Вісник основних подій і статистики української Вікіпедії" (Newsletter of major events and statistics of the Ukrainian Wikipedia). The table lists years from 2014 to 2023, each with a list of months (01-12) followed by a series of numbers (e.g., 01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12). Below the table, there is a note about the monthly digest "Щомісячний дайджест «Вікімедіа Україна»" and links to "Signpost" and "Category:Wikimedia Highlights". The browser interface includes a toolbar with various icons and a search bar at the top.

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Категорії (+<sup>+</sup>): (+)

# Sources of Wikipedia statistics

<https://stats.wikimedia.org/#/uk.wikipedia.org>



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[https://wikitech.wikimedia.org/  
wiki/Data\\_Engineering](https://wikitech.wikimedia.org/wiki/Data_Engineering)



The screenshot shows a browser window with several tabs open at the top, including "Wikimedia CEE", "Google Перекл.", "Data Engineering", and "Вікінформація:Віківід". The main content is the "Data Engineering" page on Wikitech. The page features a large blue header with the text "DATA ENGINEERING". Below the header are four blue cards with icons and text: "What we own" (trophy icon), "Currently working on" (calendar icon), "OKRs" (star icon), and "Contact Us" (envelope icon). The page also includes sections for "Our Mission" and "About Data Engineering". The sidebar on the left contains links to various Wikimedia services like Wikidata, MediaWiki, and Special pages.

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**Data Engineering**

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Our Mission

About Data Engineering

The infrastructure and services that the **Data Engineering team** maintains, empower our users to

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Admin log: RelEng  
Incident status  
Deployments [curr]  
SRE Team Help  
  
Cloud VPS & Toolforge  
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Toolforge portal  
Request VPS project  
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Tools  
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Related changes  
Special pages  
Permanent link  
Page information  
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Print/export  
Create a book

# Sources of Wikipedia statistics

The Wikipedia itself:

<https://uk.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?diff=40000000>

<https://uk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Statistics>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "uk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Спеціальна:Статистика". The page content is in Ukrainian. At the top left is the Wikipedia logo with the text "Вікіпедія Вільна енциклопедія". On the left side, there is a sidebar with links such as "Головна сторінка", "Поточні події", "Нові редактування", "Нові сторінки", "Випадкова стаття", "Участь", "Портал спільноти", "Кнайпа", "Довідка", "Пожертвувати", "Сторінка для медіа", "Інструменти", "Завантажити файл", and "Спеціальні сторінки". The main content area is titled "Статистика" and contains the message "Тотожного елемента Вікіданих не знайдено [створити]". Below this, there are sections for "Статистика сторінок", "Статей", "Сторінок" (with a note about including talk pages and redirects), "Завантажено файлів", "Статистика редактувань" (with a note about edits since the creation of the project), "Кількість редактувань з моменту установки Вікіпедії", "Середня кількість редактувань на сторінку", "Статистика користувачів", "Зареєстрованих користувачів (спісок членів)", "Активні користувачі (спісок членів)", and a note about active users being those who made edits within the last 30 minutes.

# Statistics of Wikipedia

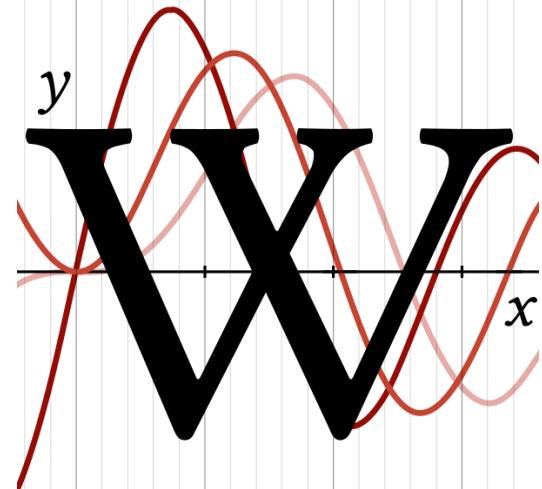
For the researched period

(usually last month, in  
Januaries also last year):

- Activity (who edited, patrolled, thanked)
- What was done (Size & Quality)



- Impact (Viewed articles)



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## **Who worked (Activity)**

The **number of edits** in Ukrainian Wikipedia at the beginning of August: 40,060 thousand; at the end of the month: 40,274 thousand. During the month, 214 thousand edits were made, which is 63 thousand or 22.7% less than in August a year ago.

**3,554 registered users performed action** in the last month (+13.8% compared to last year).

**823 users per month made 10 or more edits** (+8.8% to last year), including 228 users — 100 or more edits (+7 users), including 31 users — 1,000 or more edits (-4 users).

More than 3000 edits were made by 6 users (last year there were 9 of them): Leonid Panasiuk (3731), Irinniada (3536), Mr.Rosewater (3311), Jphwra (3249), Seva Seva (3088), Olbiopontik (3036).

## **Who worked (Activity)**

During the month, **14,957 patrols were made** (-23.6% compared to last year), of which 1,230 patrols were carried out by Yurko Gradovskyi, 1,038 by Jphwra, and 734 by Leonid Panasiuk.

In August, **1,481 thanks were given** (197 fewer than last year). A total of **297 users thanked** (+6 compared to last year). **457 users received thanks** (+42 compared to last year).

Thanked the most - Nickispeaki - 124.

Thanked the most number of colleagues - Nickispeaki - 73.

Received the most thanks - Leonid Panasyuk - 36.

Received thanks from the largest number of colleagues - Leonid Panasyuk - 18. (*More details here*).

## **What was done (Size)**

The **number of articles** exceeded 1 284 thousand. This is the 15th place in the world.

During the month, **5,206 articles were created** (according to other data, 5,222), which is 4,472 articles less than in August last year (-46%).

The **gap** with the Vietnamese Wikipedia has narrowed by 4,068 articles to 2,272 articles. If the growth trend of all Wikipedias continues, we will catch up with the Vietnamese in the second half of September.

According to the number of articles created in August, Ukrainian Wikipedia took **6th place** among all wikipedias and **5th place** among wikipedias with more than 1 million articles.

## What was done (Size)

Data from a ranking,  
created by Janusz Dorożyński,  
[[user:Ency]]

[https://uk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Вікіпедія:Основний\\_міжмовний\\_ренкінг\\_2023-09-01](https://uk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Вікіпедія:Основний_міжмовний_ренкінг_2023-09-01)

Беларуская,  
Беларуская (тарашкевіца)  
Polski,  
Русский,  
Українська

Rank	Wikipedia	All articles	in August
1	<a href="#">Англійська</a>	6 707 553	16 033
2	<a href="#">Ладинська</a>	180 512	11 110
3	<a href="#">Німецька</a>	2 832 237	9 788
4	<a href="#">Французька</a>	2 549 555	9 004
5	<a href="#">Іспанська</a>	1 888 692	6 723
6	<a href="#">Українська</a>	1 284 950	5 222
7	<a href="#">Російська</a>	1 935 593	5 023
8	<a href="#">Китайська</a>	1 374 948	4 922
9	<a href="#">Польська</a>	1 579 542	3 935
10	<a href="#">Італійська</a>	1 824 682	3 905
11	<a href="#">Японська</a>	1 385 902	3 636
12	<a href="#">Перська</a>	972 527	3 199
13	<a href="#">Арабська</a>	1 216 377	3 153
14	<a href="#">Корейська</a>	644 443	2 918
15	<a href="#">Індонезійська</a>	659 129	2 877

## What was done (Quiality)

As of the end of August: **depth: 55.45**, or +0.48 to the previous month

Among wikipedias with more than 500,000 articles, the Ukrainian Wikipedia ranks 18th in depth.

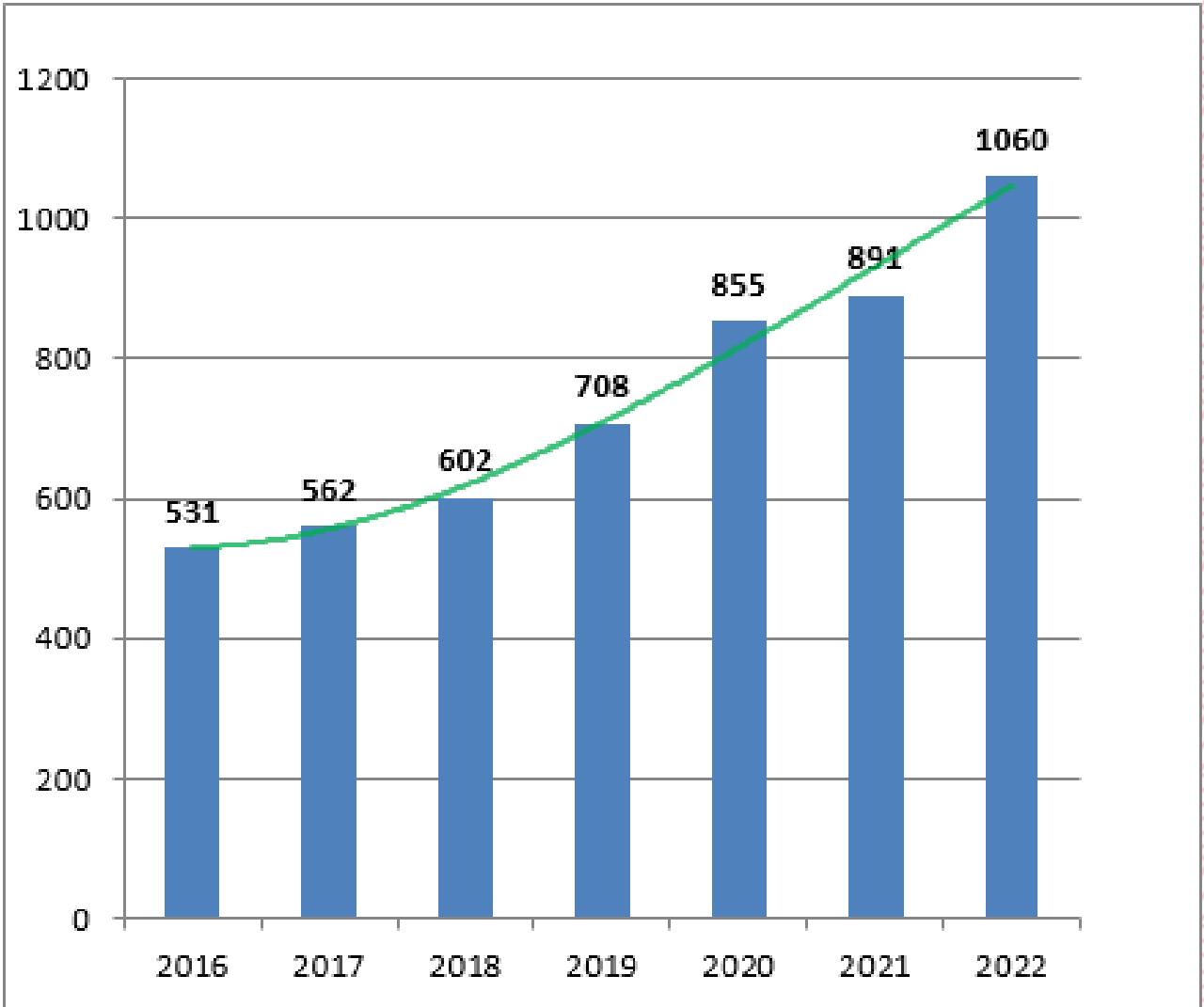
number of articles that are raw machine translation (marked by the Machine Translation template): 2,584, or 46 more than a month ago.

	Language	Depth	Articles
1	<a href="#">Англійська</a>	1201,24	6 707 449
2	<a href="#">В'єтнамська</a>	721,98	1 287 204
3	<a href="#">Французька</a>	258,89	2 549 568
4	<a href="#">Арабська</a>	257,57	1 216 363
5	<a href="#">Китайська</a>	206,92	1 374 929
6	<a href="#">Іспанська</a>	199,51	1 888 640
7	<a href="#">Португальська</a>	192,99	1 107 945
8	<a href="#">Італійська</a>	185,11	1 824 681
9	<a href="#">Корейська</a>	167,34	644 410
10	<a href="#">Турецька</a>	164,38	530 757
11	<a href="#">Сербська</a>	160,93	673 443
12	<a href="#">Російська</a>	154,12	1 935 591
13	<a href="#">Перська</a>	151	972 522
14	<a href="#">Індонезійська</a>	132,2	659 100
15	<a href="#">Німецька</a>	93,14	2 832 231
16	<a href="#">Японська</a>	89,42	1 385 905
17	<a href="#">Угорська</a>	60,31	529 590
18	<a href="#">Українська</a>	55,45	1 284 932

**Articles  
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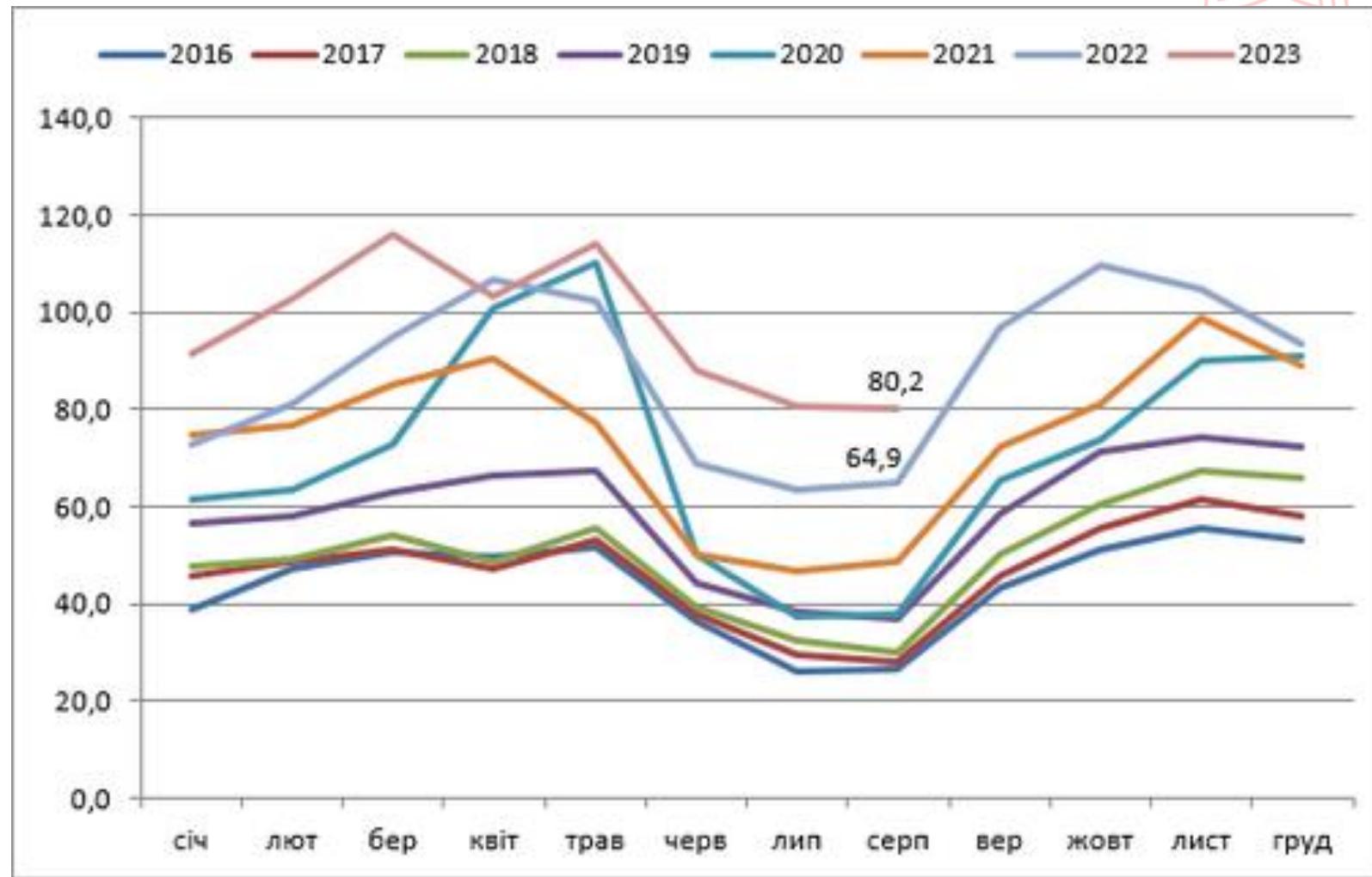
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# Articles Viewed

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## Articles Viewed

The number of article views for the month was 80.2 million, which is 24% more than in this month a year ago!

Including: mobile devices 56.5 million views (+30% compared to last year), stationary PCs 22.9 million (+10%), mobile application: 0.75 million (+7%).

In August, Ukrainian Wikipedia was viewed from 15,551,332 devices (+37% compared to August last year).

## **Articles Viewed**

**From the territory of Ukraine, 174 million views of Wikipedia articles in all languages were performed during the month (-2 million until August of last year), including**

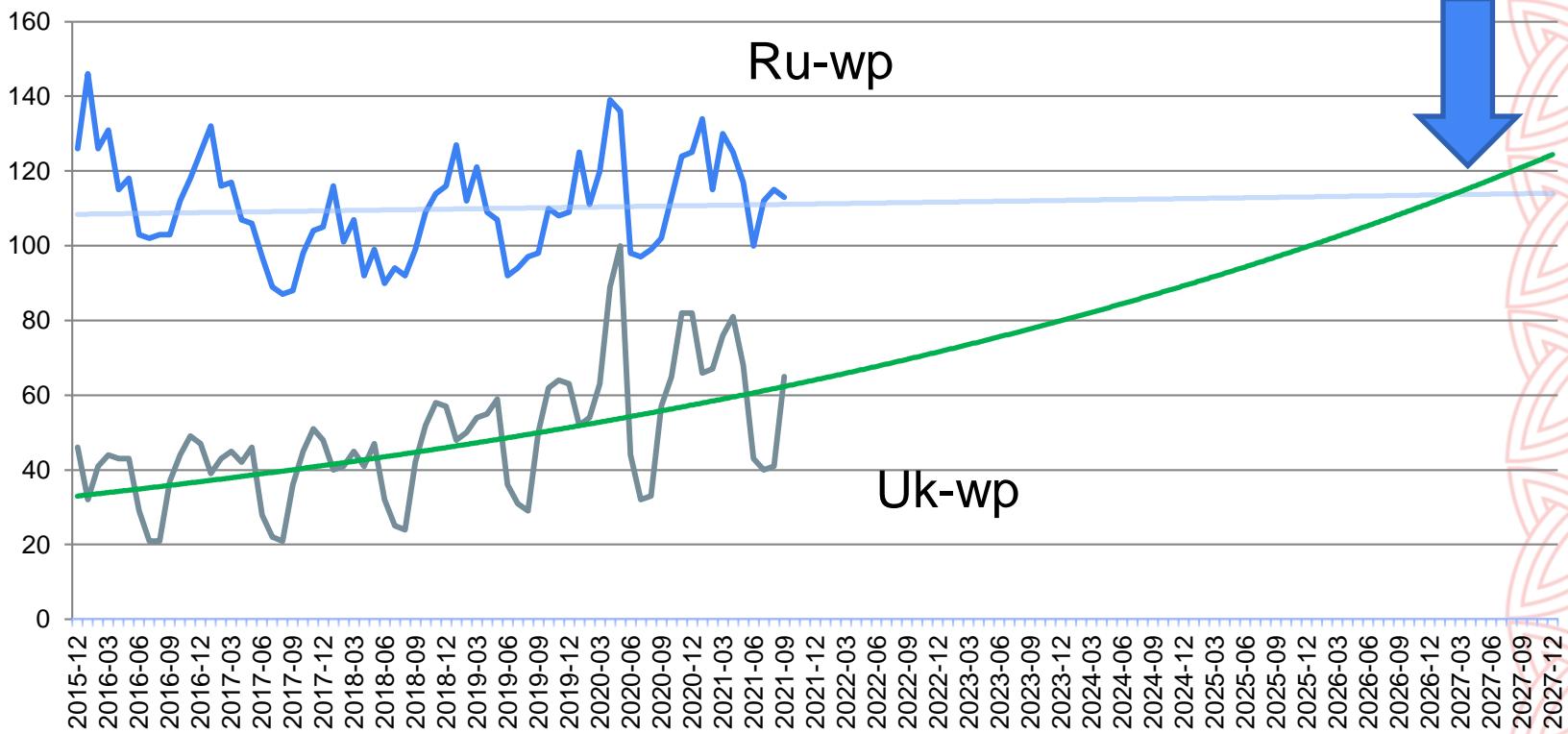
- 59 million views of **Ukrainian Wikipedia (+7 million)**,
- 87 million of **Russian (-10 million)**,
- 16 million of English ( -1 million).
- **The share of Ukrainian increased from 30% to 34%, the share of Russian fell from 55% to 50%,**
- In August 2020, from the territory of Ukraine, the Russian Wikipedia was viewed 3.0 times more often than the Ukrainian one.
- In August 2021 - 2.8 times more often,
- in August 2022 - 1.87 times more often,
- in August 2023 - only 1.47 times more

## Articles Viewed

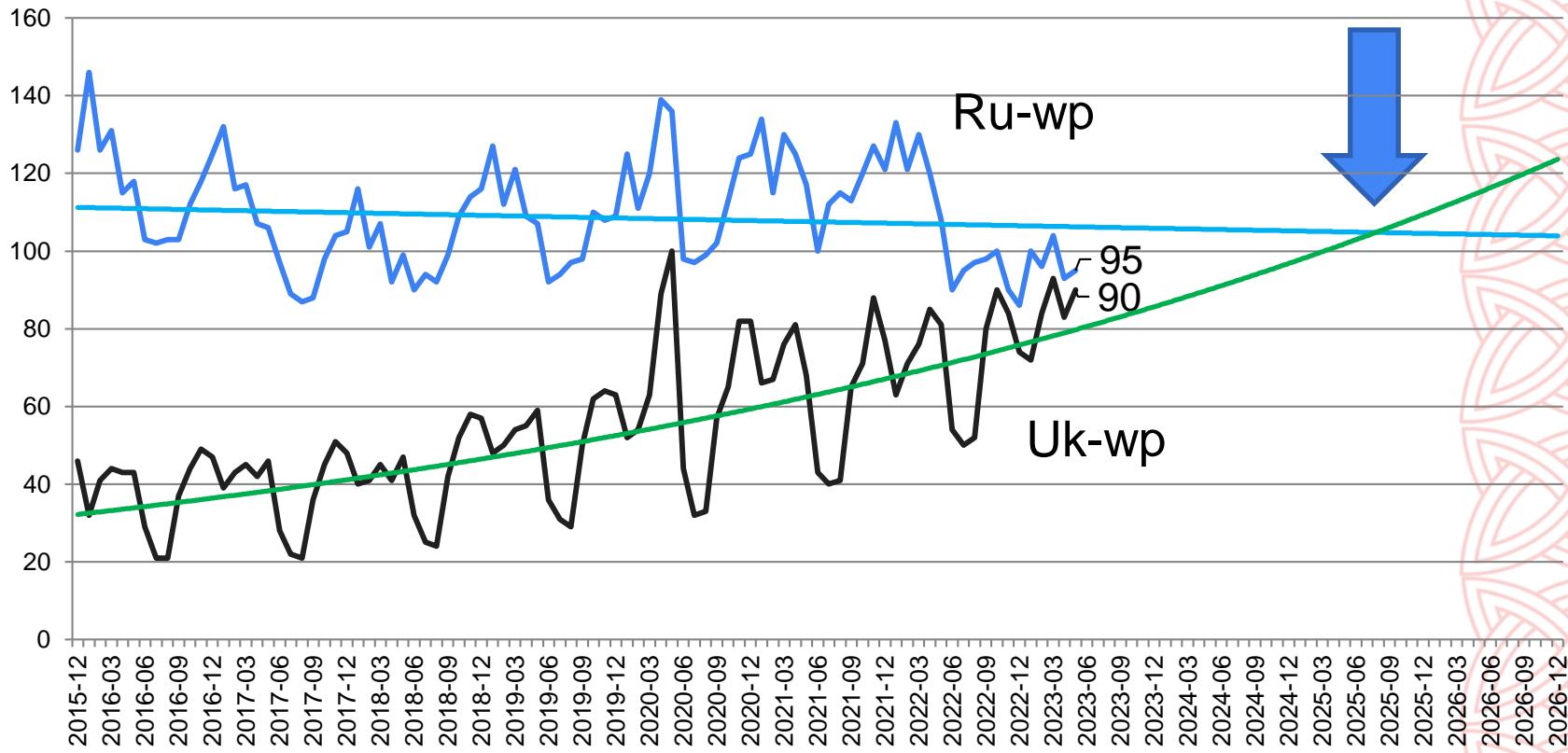
During the year, the Ukrainian Wikipedia overtook the Swedish Wikipedia in terms of visitors, but lost to the Korean one and remained in the world ranking at 17th place, as it was a year ago. "Neighboring" language sections:

Wikipedia	Rank 2023	Views August 2023	Rank 2022	Views August 2022
<a href="#">Англійська</a>	1	7 799 815 475	1	7 220 648 638
<a href="#">Японська</a>	2	958 362 123	2	1 049 276 465
<a href="#">Іспанська</a>	3	882 043 808	3	824 951 892
<a href="#">Російська</a>	4	829 761 410	4	803 464 120
<a href="#">Німецька</a>	5	816 971 229	5	778 746 964
<a href="#">Французька</a>	6	738 345 725	6	758 853 681
<a href="#">Італійська</a>	7	493 588 102	7	465 213 497
<a href="#">Китайська</a>	8	387 927 703	8	385 526 030
<a href="#">Португальська</a>	9	241 452 046	9	241 742 847
<a href="#">Перська</a>	10 (+2)	227 752 519	12	186 080 527
<a href="#">Арабська</a>	11 (-1)	222 292 047	10	200 872 576
<a href="#">Польська</a>	12 (-1)	220 329 005	11	196 285 235
<a href="#">Турецька</a>	13	138 562 830	13	119 385 785
<a href="#">Індонезійська</a>	14 (+1)	129 973 474	15	112 917 454
<a href="#">Нідерландська</a>	15 (-1)	126 119 856	14	114 501 132
<a href="#">Корейська</a>	16 (+6)	95 697 930	22	54 251 013
<a href="#">Українська</a>	17	<b>80 171 197</b>	17	<b>64 854 282</b>
<a href="#">Шведська</a>	18 (-2)	75 514 871	16	70 792 252
<a href="#">Гінді</a>	19 (+1)	69 591 249	20	58 516 342

# Articles Viewed in Ukraine, October 2021



# Articles Viewed in Ukraine, June 2023



# **ONLY TOGETHER**

**we can shape the  
future we want**

**The best way to  
explore the future  
is to create it**





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