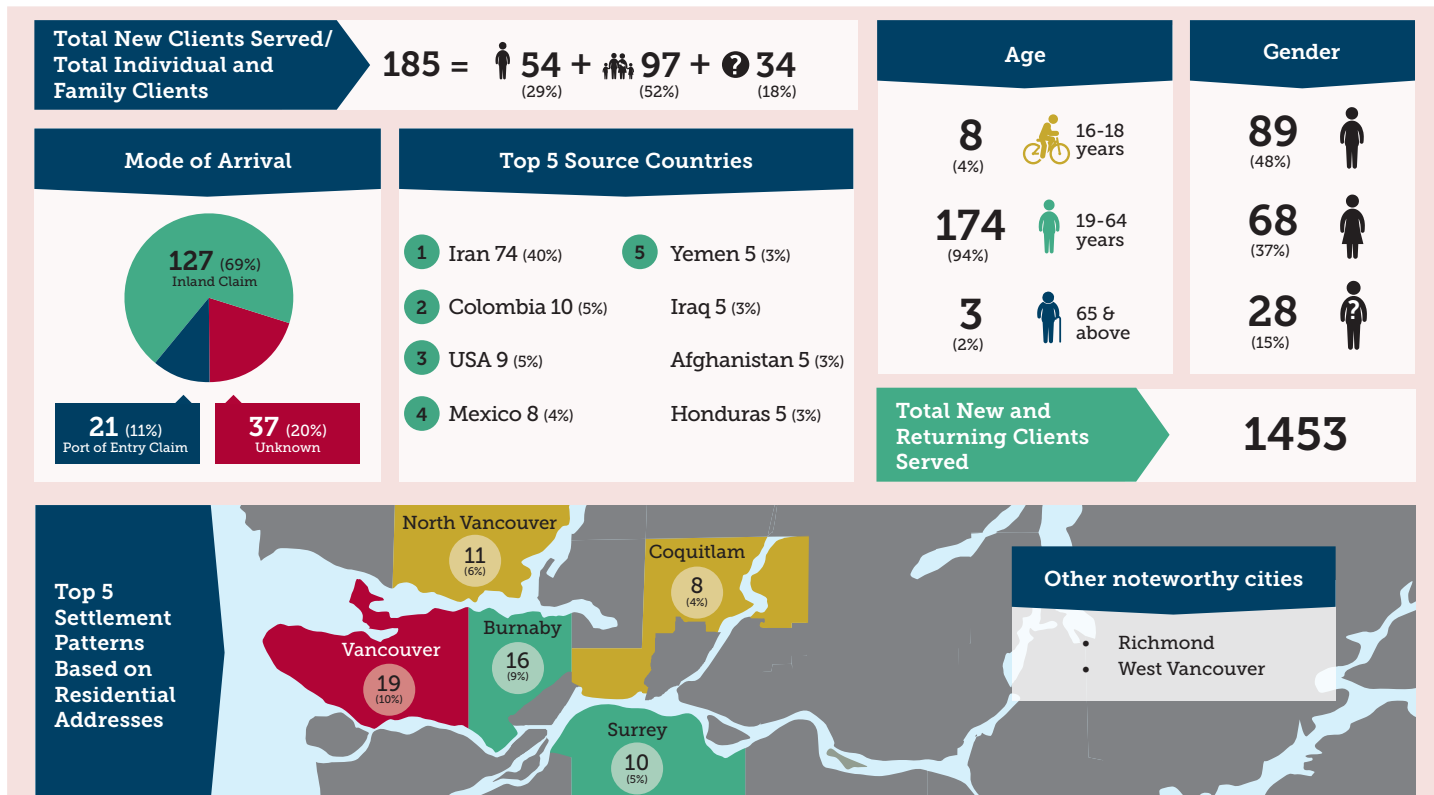


# BC REFUGEE HUB BULLETIN

Refugee Claimants // Arrival Highlights: Jul-Sep 2020



## ISSofBC SOS Program Quarterly Statistics of New Clients 16+ years old: Jul. to Sep. 2020



ISSofBC has reopened its offices for in-person services by appointment only in accordance with COVID-19 Safety protocols starting on July 27, 2020.

## ISSofBC SOS Program Trends and Observations: Jul. to Sep. 2020

- Due to the continued closure of the border, staff are seeing a slowing down in new claimants requesting support. However, there is an increase in number of claimants requesting their file transferred from other provinces to BC.
- Staff are providing support to claimants who are still awaiting their hearings, assisting in submitting extensions of work permits applications and troubleshooting clients' requests that are delayed due to government closures.
- In September there has been an increase in the number of clients who have received positive decision and staff are supporting clients submit PR applications.
- Due to the delay in the issuing of work permit extensions more clients are reliant on Income Assistance for survival, however due to the small amount of allowance clients are suffering a lot of hardships and have been referred to other community support services for survival.

## Definitions

**Refugee:** a person who is forced to flee from persecution and who is located outside of their home country.

**Refugee Claimant or Asylum Seeker:** a person who has fled their country and is asking for protection in another country. We don't know whether a claimant is a refugee or not until their case has been decided. 'Claimant' is the term used in Canadian law.

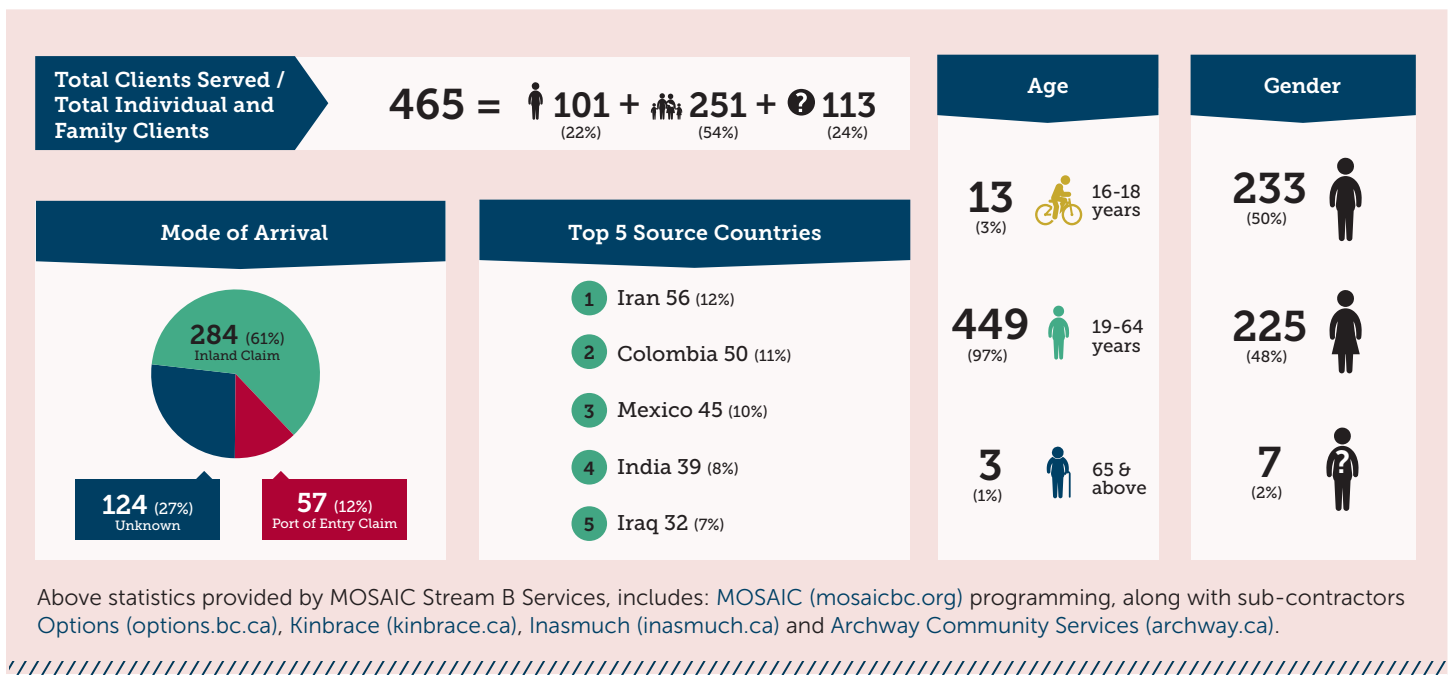
**Convention Refugee:** a person who meets the refugee definition in the 1951 Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. This definition is used in Canadian law and is widely accepted internationally. To meet the definition, a person must be outside their country of origin and have a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.

**Protected Person:** according to Canada's Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, a person who has been determined to be either (a) a Convention Refugee or (b) a person in need of protection (including, for example, a person who is in danger of being tortured if deported from Canada).

**Inland Claim:** An Inland claim is a refugee claim made at an Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) office.

**Port of Entry (POE):** A POE claim is a claim made at Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) upon arrival at a land border crossing, airport or seaport.

## MOSAIC Quarterly Statistics of New Clients 16+ years old: Jul. to Sep. 2020



## 2021-2023 Immigration Levels Plan

On October 30, 2020 Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) released details on the Government of Canada's Immigration Levels Plan for 2021-2023. Canada aims to welcome 401,000 new permanent residents in 2021, 411,000 in 2022, and 421,000 in 2023. Of those, total refugees and protected persons targets will be 59,500 in 2021, 60,500 in 2022, and 61,000 in 2023; this works out to approximately 15% of the total planned permanent resident admissions.

Category Targets Per Year	2021	2022	2023
<b>Overall Planned Permanent Resident Admissions</b>	<b>401,000</b>	<b>411,000</b>	<b>421,000</b>
Protected Persons in Canada and Dependents Abroad	23,500	24,500	25,000
Resettled Refugees—Government-Assisted	12,500	12,500	12,500
Resettled Refugees—Privately Sponsored	22,500	22,500	22,500
Resettled Refugees—Blended Visa Office-Referred	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>Total Refugees and Protected Persons</b>	<b>59,500</b>	<b>60,500</b>	<b>61,000</b>
Total Humanitarian & Compassionate and Other	5,500	5,500	6,000

For Government Assisted Refugees, the totals presented above includes new stream for up to 250 human rights advocates, journalists, and humanitarian workers at risk, beginning in 2021. For the Humanitarian and Compassionate category, this includes admissions of persons selected on humanitarian and compassionate grounds, for reasons of public policy, and in the permit holder class.

Source: [canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/notices/supplementary-immigration-levels-2021-2023.html](http://canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/notices/supplementary-immigration-levels-2021-2023.html)