

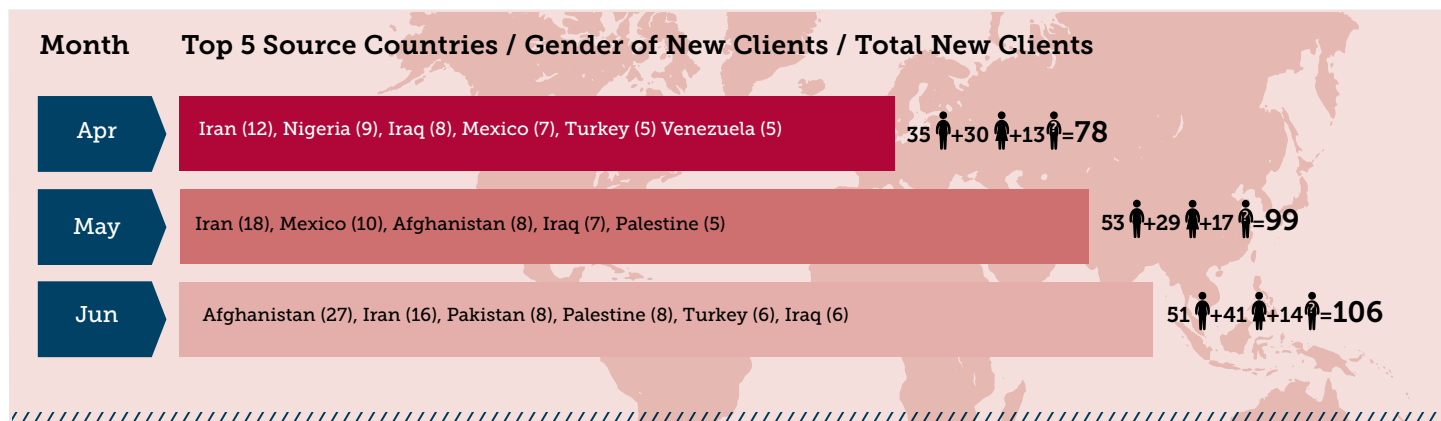
BC REFUGEE HUB BULLETIN

Refugee Claimants // April-June 2018

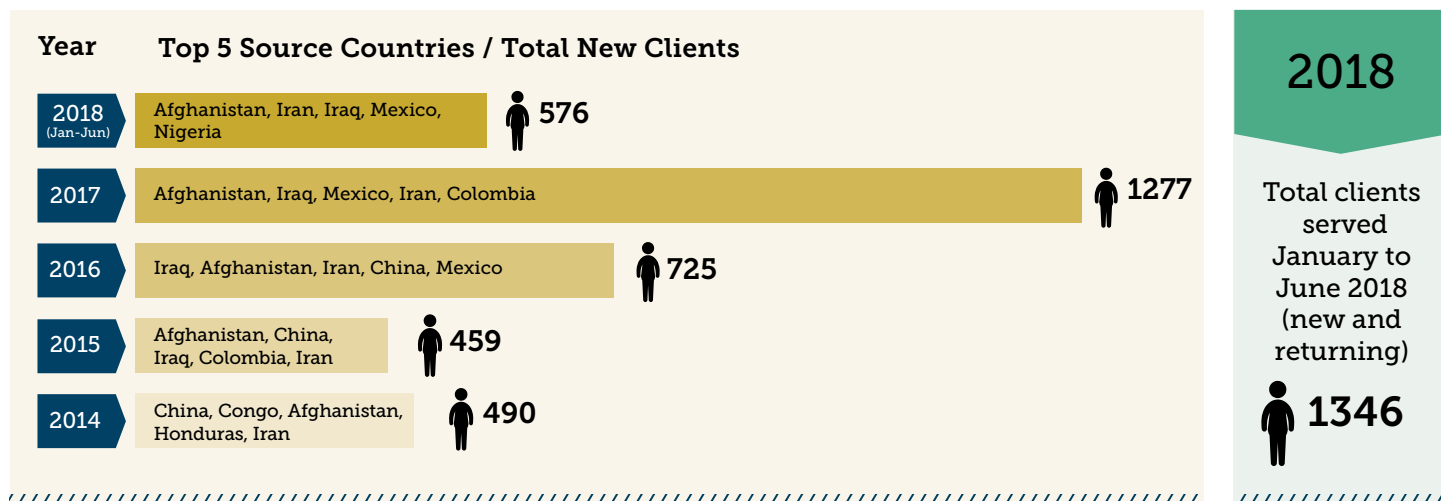


COMBINED STATISTICS, TRENDS AND OBSERVATIONS from Settlement Orientation Services (SOS) | ISSoBC

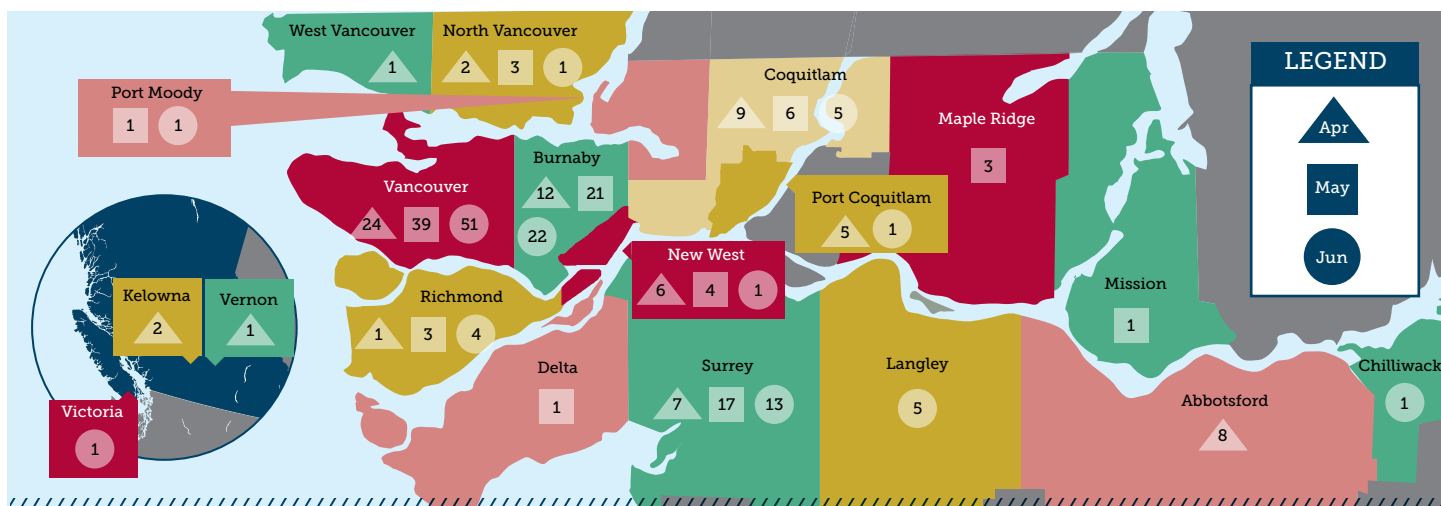
Monthly Statistics of New Refugee Claimant Clients: April to June 2018



Historical Context: Annual Total New Clients to BC from 2014 to Present

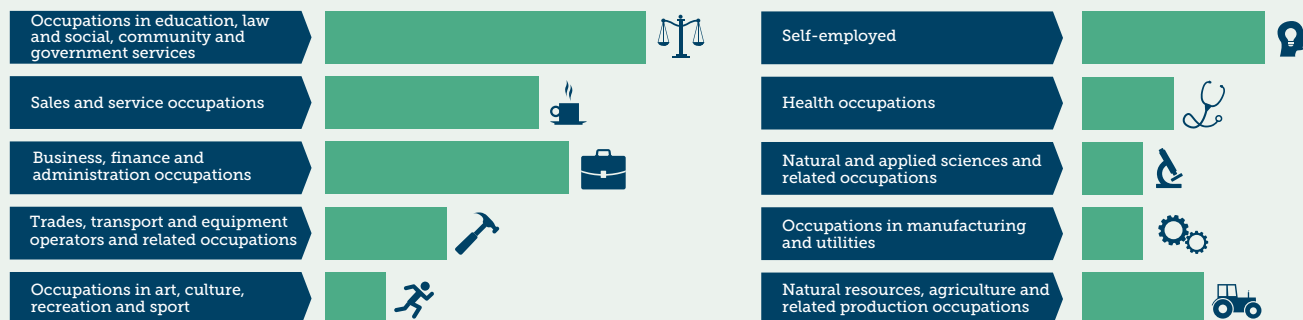


Top 10 Settlement Patterns Based on Residential Addresses: April to June 2018



Skills Inventory of Refugee Claimants: April to June 2018

The following are highlights of the skills inventory that was reported from April to June 2018 by Refugee Claimants



Trends and Observations: Second Quarter 2018

There's been a small spike in the number of **NIGERIAN REFUGEES** coming to BC. This trend is in line with what the rest of Canada has been seeing as well.



SOS now has a **HOUSING SEARCH WORKER** who is able to assist refugee claimants in finding permanent accommodations.



ACCESS PRO BONO is now able to serve our francophone clients on a weekly basis via telephone for legal advice.



Resources and Research

RESEARCH: ISSofBC has released a report, Refugee Claimants in BC: Understanding Current Irregular Arrival Trends – examines the profile and experiences of recent Refugee Claimants or asylum seekers to BC, how they are faring, and how findings affect future trends. The report was based on a first-language survey of over 300 Refugee Claimants awaiting their asylum hearings.



NEWCOMER.INFO is a web-based texting service that is aimed at improving access to service by bringing useful information within easy reach of newcomers, particularly those prevented by low income and lack of English from seeking in-person services. The pilot that's currently underway involving refugee claimants is expected to redefine how newcomers will be served in the future. Clients can sign up by going to: www.sosbc.ca/en/contact/newcomer-info



Looking Ahead

SOS, VAST, ISSofBC – are opening a new service support hub in the Surrey–Guildford area, working in collaboration with MOSAIC for expanded supports to Refugee Claimants in the Fraser Valley Area.

For More Information

BC REFUGEE HUB: A provincial online resource hub where users can read the latest status of refugee arrivals, find tools, training, resources and local settlement programs and services in British Columbia.

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SETTLEMENT ORIENTATION SERVICES (SOS): Providing multi-lingual pre settlement and health promotion supports including providing orientation to asylum process, facilitating links to legal aid, etc.

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VANCOUVER ASSOCIATION FOR SURVIVORS OF TORTURE (VAST): Providing Individual trauma therapy, trauma-informed psycho-social support groups, and documentation, education, advocacy and referrals.

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ISSOFBC WELCOME CENTRE: A regional service support hub for refugees, with or without legal status, and immigrants.

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