

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS: ARRIVAL OF AFGHAN REFUGEES IN CANADA

Data Current to October 27, 2023—Based on Arrivals Since August 2021



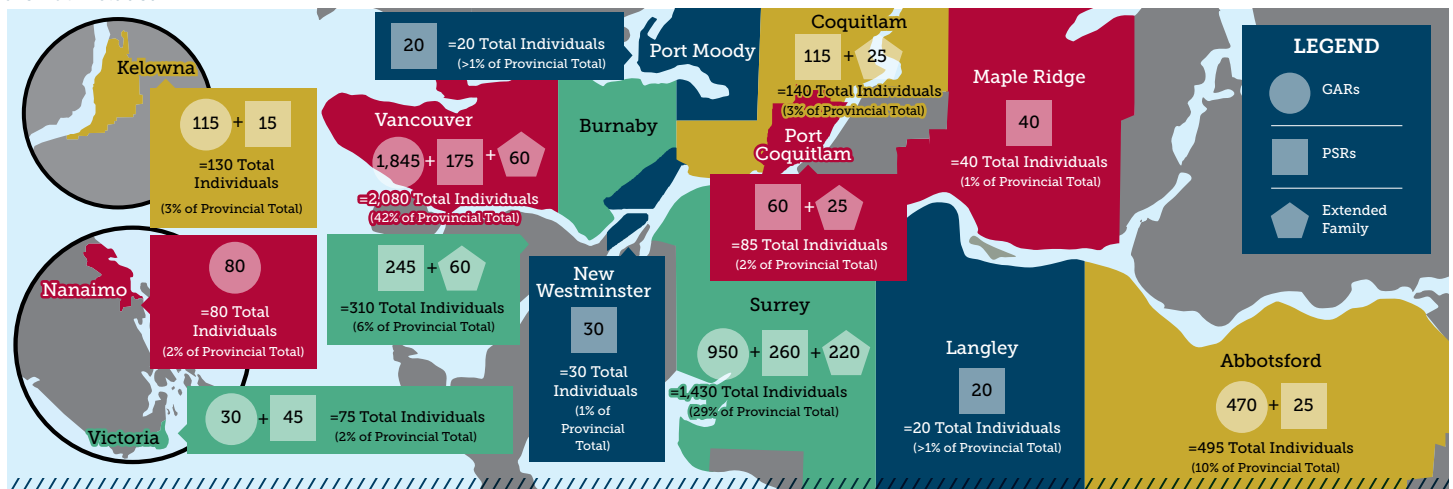
Afghan Refugee Arrivals

The Government of Canada committed to welcoming 40,000 refugees and vulnerable Afghans to Canada. As of November 24, 2023, Canada has welcomed **42,905** Afghans to Canada, under all streams, since August 2021. This has been done through the following programs:

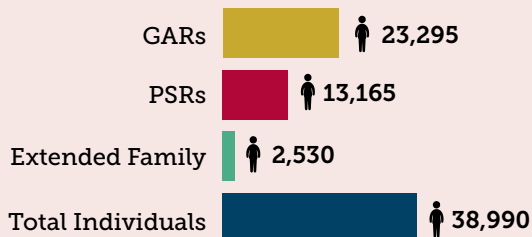
- › the Special Immigration Measures Program for Afghans who assisted the Government of Canada
- › a humanitarian program
- › a permanent residence pathway for extended family members of former interpreters

Destination of Arrivals: GARs, PSRs, Extended Family, and Total Individuals

*Destination arrival city is not necessarily the final city of settlement. There are 70 people whose destination communities could not be confirmed and are not included.



National Totals: GARs, PSRs, Extended Family and Total Individuals



- › **12,645** have arrived through the Special Immigration Measures Program for those who assisted the Government of Canada, under the government-assisted refugee program.
- › **21,635** have arrived through the humanitarian program, under the government-assisted refugee and privately sponsored refugee programs.
- › **2,855** have arrived through the pathway for extended family members of former interpreters.

Glossary

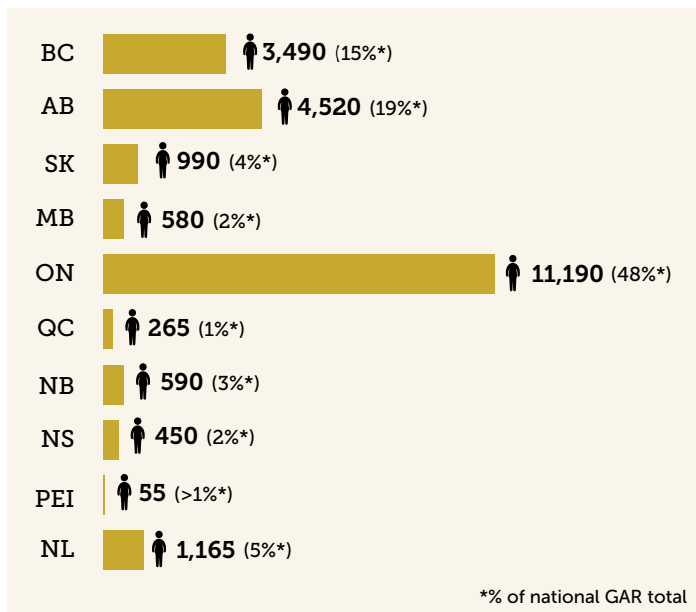
Government-assisted refugee (GAR)—A person who is outside Canada and has been determined to be a Convention refugee and who receives financial or other support from the Government of Canada or Province of Quebec for up to one year after their arrival in Canada. They are usually selected from applicants referred by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and other referral organizations.

Privately sponsored refugee (PSR)—A person outside Canada who has been determined to be a Convention refugee or member of the Country of Asylum class and who receives financial and other support from a private sponsor for one year after their arrival in Canada.

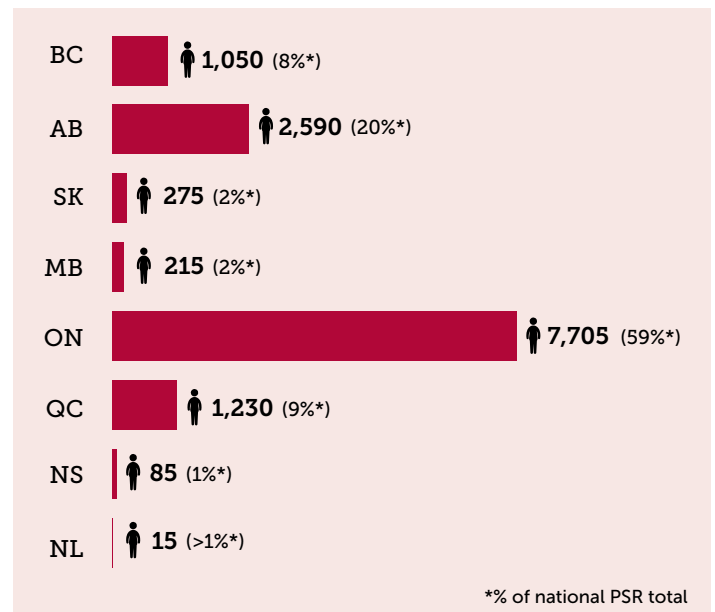
Extended Family Members of Former Interpreters—This permanent residence pathway resettles extended family members of former interpreters. For extended family members to be eligible, the interpreters must a) already live in Canada and b) have resettled in Canada under public policies from 2009 or 2012.

Source: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/afghanistan/key-figures.html#communities>

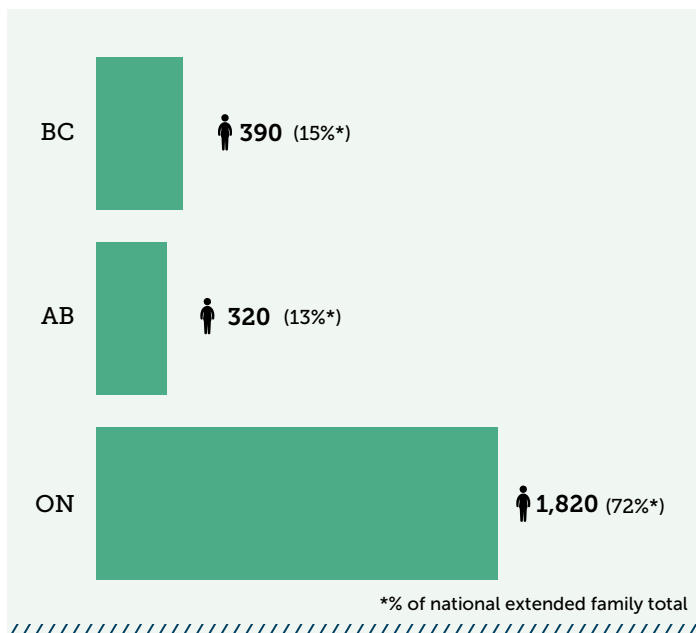
Provincial Totals: GARs



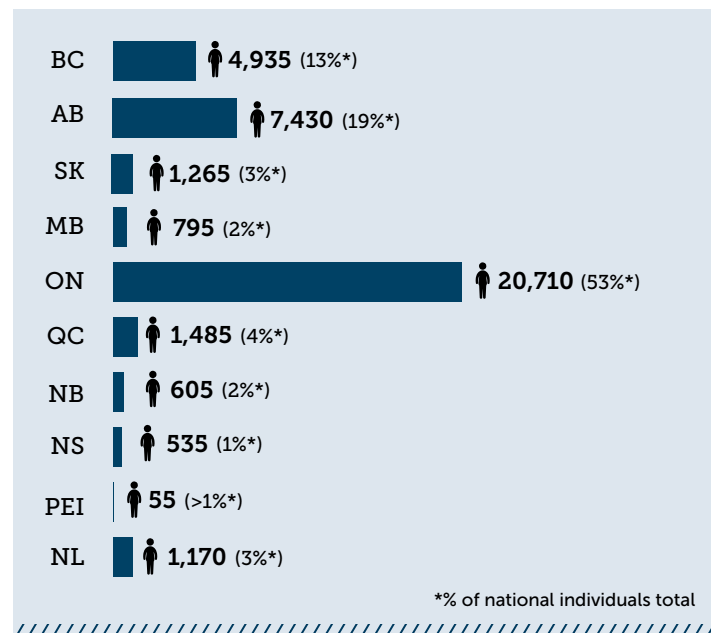
Provincial Totals: PSRs



Provincial Totals: Extended Family



Provincial Totals: Total Individuals

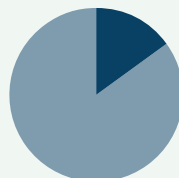


Key Takeaways

British Columbia has welcomed approximately **13%** of all Afghan refugees and their extended family members.



British Columbia has welcomed nearly **15%** of all Afghans settled as Government-Assisted Refugees.



British Columbia has welcomed the **THIRD** largest number of Afghan refugees of any province and territory, behind Ontario and Alberta.



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