

Refugee Claimant Statistical Factsheet: January–October 2024



Introduction

The following data on Asylum Claims has been sourced from the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Open Source Data website. The data available and shown below is for the time period of January to October 2024. This data provides an overview of Refugee Claims in Canada and more specifically in British Columbia.

ASYLUM CLAIMANTS BY OFFICE TYPE, JANUARY–OCTOBER 2024

Canada—Asylum Claimants by Claim Office Type, Province of Claim and Claim Year

OFFICE TYPE—AIRPORT	TOTAL	%
Quebec	20,680	54%
Ontario	16,760	44%
Alberta	465	1%
British Columbia	460	1%
AIRPORT TOTAL	38,365	100%

OFFICE TYPE—BORDER	TOTAL	%
Quebec	6,955	55%
Ontario	4,380	35%
Alberta	310	2%
British Columbia	1,010	8%
BORDER TOTAL	12,655	100%

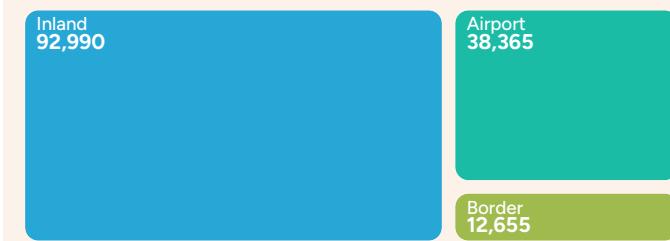
OFFICE TYPE—INLAND	TOTAL	%
Quebec	21,990	54%
Ontario	56,265	44%
Alberta	7,220	1%
British Columbia	7,515	1%
INLAND—TOTAL	92,990	100%

OFFICE TYPE—OTHER	Total
OTHER—TOTAL	25

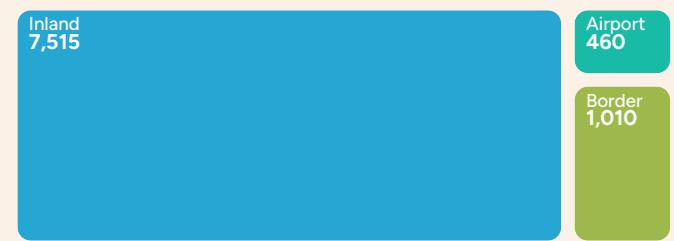
*Office type*¹ refers to where the claim was made. A refugee claimant can make their claim at any “port of entry” when arriving in Canada, which means at an airport, seaport, or land border, by speaking to a Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) officer and completing an eligibility interview. A refugee claimant may also make a claim at an inland office within Canada.

This table shows the total number of asylum claimants in Canada from January to October 2024, broken down by claim office type, province of claim, and claim year.

Asylum Claimants in Canada by Office Type



Asylum Claimants in British Columbia by Office Type

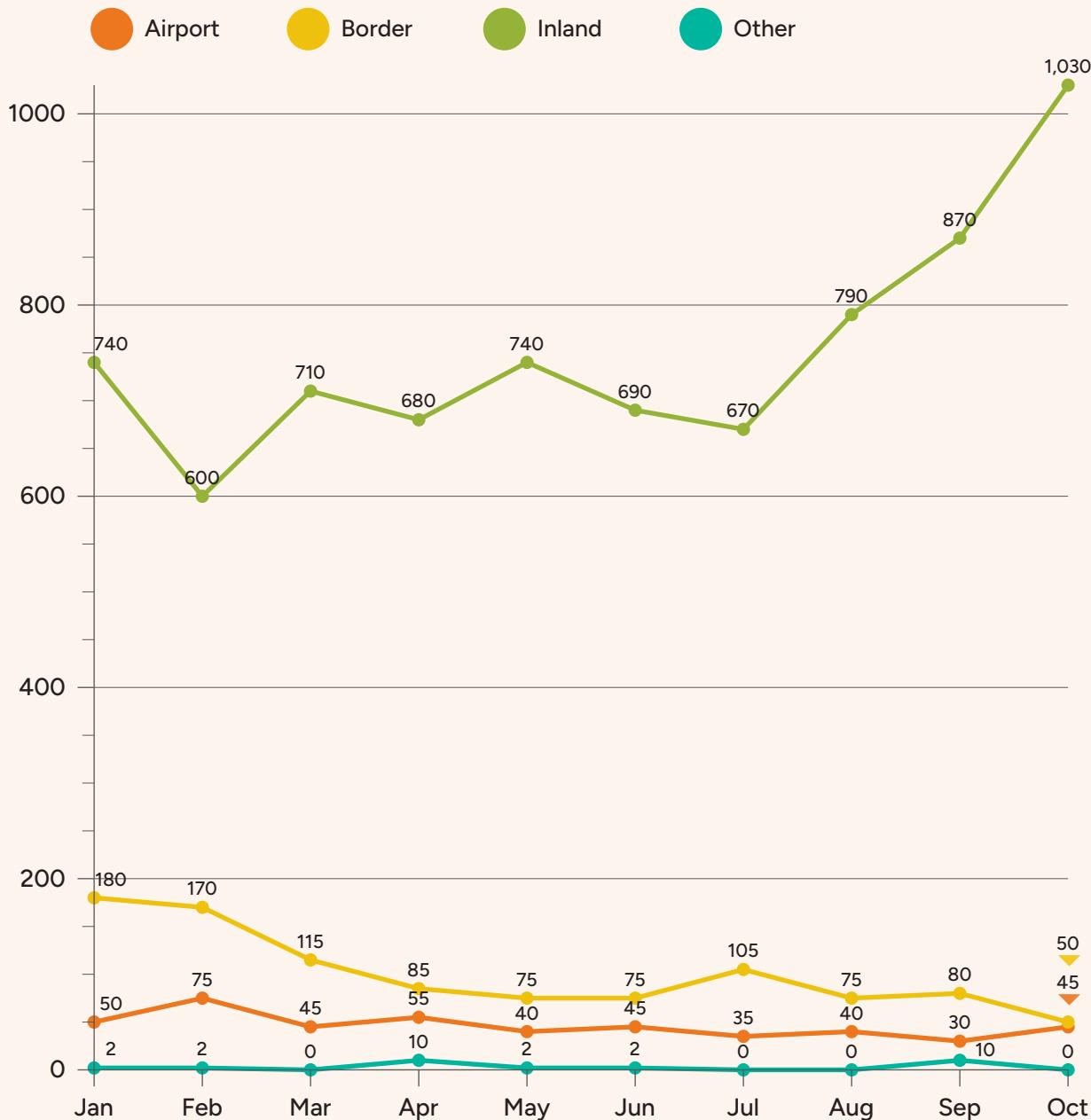


The hierarchy charts provide a summary of the total number of asylum claimants in Canada compared to British Columbia from January to October 2024, categorized by claim office type.

¹ irb-cisr.gc.ca/en/applying-refugee-protection/Pages/index.aspx#:~:text=Make%20a%20claim%20at%20any,claim%20online%2C%20you'll%20need

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Monthly Refugee Claims in BC by Office Type



This line graph shows the monthly trend in the total number of asylum claimants in British Columbia from January to October 2024, highlighting that inland offices consistently have the highest number of claimants by a large margin.

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ASYLUM CLAIMANTS BY AGE, JANUARY–OCTOBER 2024

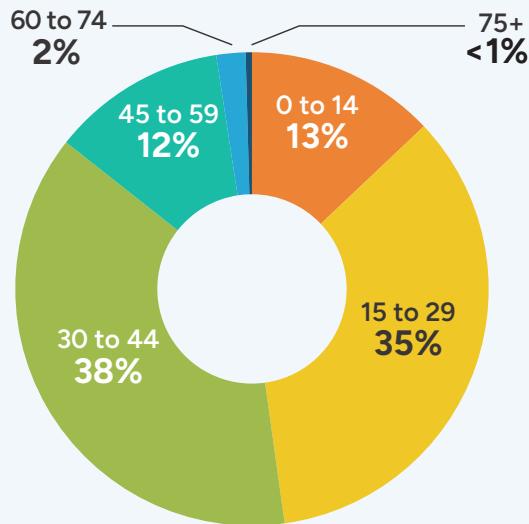
Canada—Asylum Claimants by Province of Claim and Age

	QUEBEC		ONTARIO		MANITOBA		ALBERTA		BRITISH COLUMBIA	
PROVINCE	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%
0 to 14 years of age	6,230	13%	10,655	14%	165	10%	1,285	16%	1,225	14%
15 to 29 years of age	17,880	36%	26,065	34%	675	41%	2,270	28%	3,320	37%
30 to 44 years of age	18,695	38%	29,010	37%	590	36%	3,065	38%	3,215	36%
45 to 59 years of age	5,575	11%	9,755	13%	205	12%	1,065	13%	1,025	11%
60 to 74 years of age	1,050	2%	1,585	2%	20	1%	255	3%	175	2%
75 years of age and above	205	0%	330	0%	--	0%	50	1%	35	0%
TOTAL	49,635	100%	77,400	100%	1,655	100%	7,990	100%	8,995	100%

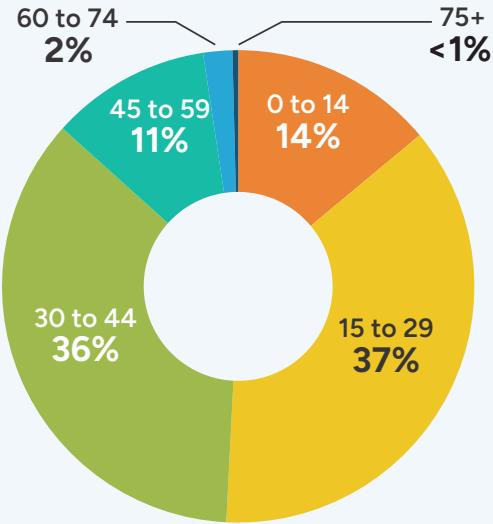
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This table shows the total number of asylum claimants in Canada from January to October 2024, broken down by claim office type, province of claim, and claim year.

Asylum Claimants in Canada by Age



Asylum Claimants in BC by Age



This pie chart illustrates the distribution of Asylum Claimants in Canada from January to October 2024, categorized by age group. The top age group is the 30 to 44 year olds (54,575), followed by 15 to 29 years old (50,210), combined these two groups make up 71.93% of the population in Canada from January to October of 2024.

This pie chart shows the total number of Asylum Claimants in British Columbia from January to October 2024, categorized by age group. The top age group is 15 to 29 years old (3,320), followed by 30 to 44 year olds (3,215), combined these two groups make up 72.61% of the population in British Columbia from January to October of 2024.

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ASYLUM CLAIMANTS BY GENDER, JANUARY–OCTOBER 2024

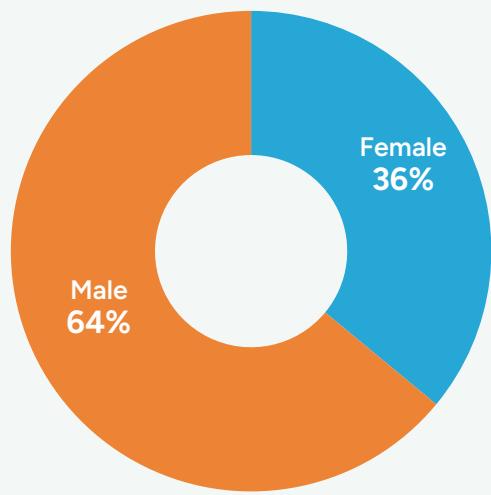
Canada—Asylum Claimants by Province of Claim and Gender

	QUEBEC		ONTARIO		MANITOBA		ALBERTA		BRITISH COLUMBIA	
PROVINCE	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%
Female	18,235	37%	27,385	35%	510	31%	3,295	41%	3,535	39%
Male	31,385	63%	49,975	65%	1,150	69%	4,700	59%	5,465	61%
Another gender	--	--	5	0%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Gender not stated	10	0%	35	0%	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTAL	49,630	100%	77,400	100%	1,660	100%	7,995	100%	9,000	100%

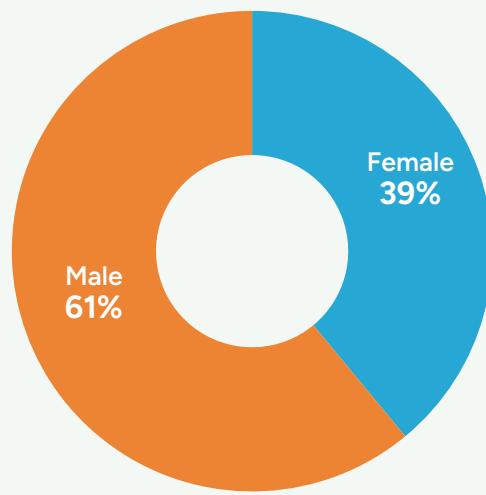
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This data table presents the total number of Asylum Claimants in Canada from January to October 2024, categorized by gender and broken down by province of claim. The 5 provinces listed above have the highest number of claims in Canada.

Asylum Claimants in Canada by Gender



Asylum Claimants in British Columbia by Gender



This pie chart and data table illustrate the total percentage distribution of asylum claimants in Canada compared to British Columbia from January to October 2024, categorized by gender.

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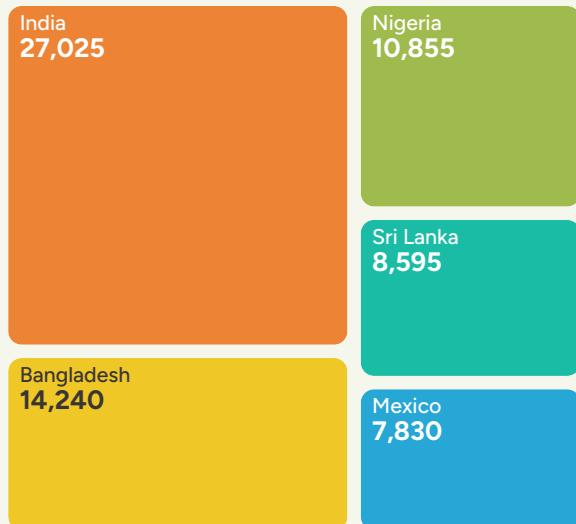
ASYLUM CLAIMANTS BY TOP COUNTRIES, JANUARY–OCTOBER 2024

Canada—Asylum Claimants by Province and Country of Citizenship

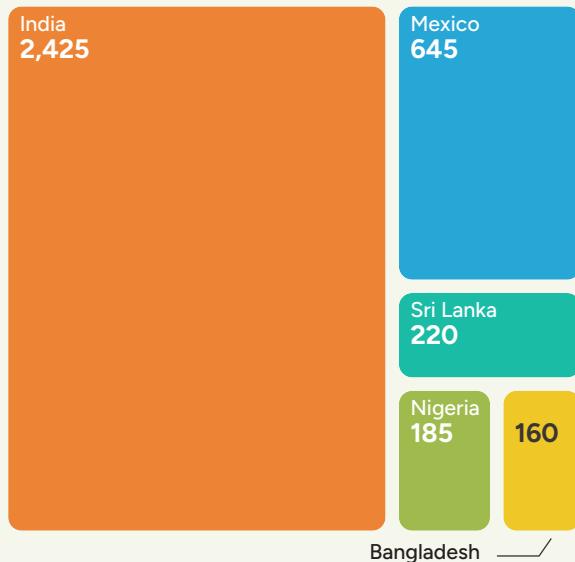
	INDIA		BANGLADESH		NIGERIA		SRI LANKA		MEXICO	
	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%
Quebec	8,710	32%	3,515	25%	2,710	25%	1,290	15%	3,435	44%
Ontario	15,075	56%	10,375	73%	7,190	66%	6,965	81%	3,210	41%
Alberta	815	3%	190	1%	770	7%	120	1%	540	7%
British Columbia	2,425	9%	160	1%	185	2%	220	3%	645	8%
TOTAL	27,025	100%	14,240	100%	10,855	100%	8,595	100%	7,830	100%

This data table presents the total number of asylum claimants in Canada from January to October 2024, broken down by province of claim and the top countries of citizenship, which are: India, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Mexico.

Asylum Claimants in Canada by Top Countries of Citizenship



Asylum Claimants in British Columbia by Top Countries of Citizenship



The hierarchy charts summarize the total number of Asylum Claimants in Canada compared to British Columbia from January to October 2024, categorized by the top countries of citizenship.

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