

Refugee Claimant Statistical Factsheet: British Columbia, 2024 + 2025

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 2024 to November 2025. This data provides an overview of Refugee Claims in British Columbia.

Note: December 2025 data was unavailable at the time of publication of this factsheet.

ASYLUM CLAIMANTS BY OFFICE TYPE (JANUARY 2024–NOVEMBER 2025)

British Columbia Asylum Claimants by Office Type and Claim Year

This table shows the total number of asylum claimants in British Columbia in 2024 and 2025, broken down by claim office type and claim year.

CLAIM OFFICE TYPE	2024		2025	
	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%
Airport	535	5%	290	3%
Border	1,150	10%	655	6%
Inland	9,690	85%	9,605	91%
TOTAL	11,375	100%	10,550	100%

British Columbia Asylum Claimants by Office Type and Claim Year

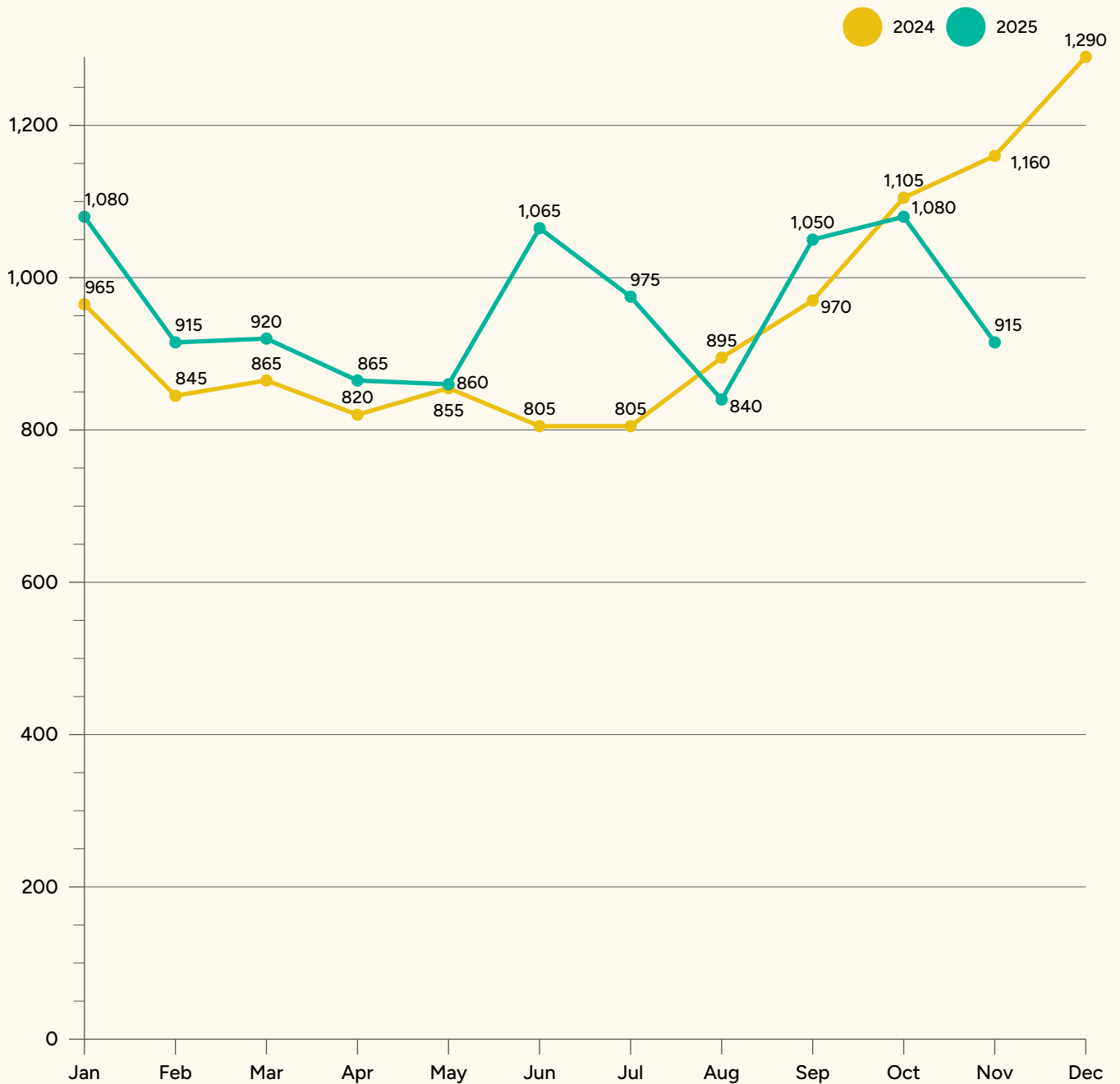


Office type¹ refers to where the claim was made. A refugee claimant can make their claim at any “port of entry” when arriving in Canada, which means at an airport, seaport, or land border, by speaking to a Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) officer and completing an eligibility interview. A refugee claimant may also make a claim at an inland office within Canada.

¹ irb-cisr.gc.ca/en/applying-refugee-protection/pages/crp-step-1.aspx

ASYLUM CLAIMANTS BY MONTH (JANUARY 2024–NOVEMBER 2025)

British Columbia Asylum Claimants by Month and Claim Year



Refugee claim volumes in British Columbia fluctuate across the year, with 2025 starting slightly higher than 2024 and showing more month-to-month variation, including a spike in June and a dip in August. In contrast, 2024 claims rise more steadily in the second half of the year, reaching the highest levels by November and December.

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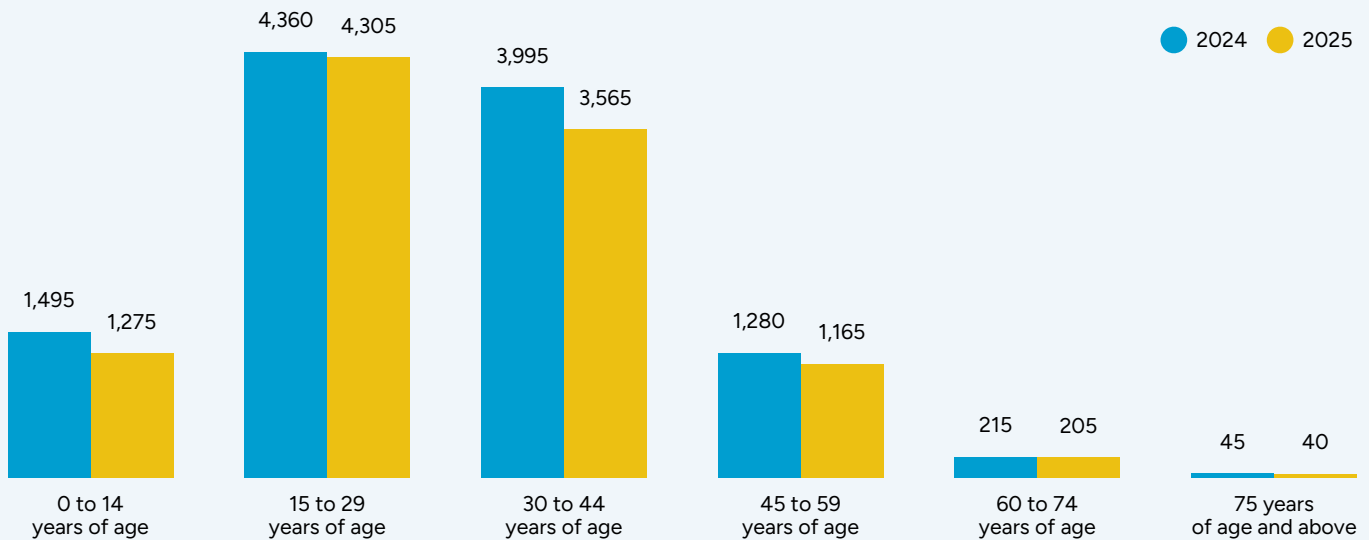
ASYLUM CLAIMANTS BY AGE (JANUARY 2024–NOVEMBER 2025)

British Columbia Asylum Claimants by Age and Claim Year

This table provides the total number of asylum claimants in British Columbia in 2024 & 2025, broken into age groups.

AGE	2024		2025	
	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%
0 to 14 years of age	1,495	13%	1,275	12%
15 to 29 years of age	4,360	38%	4,305	41%
30 to 44 years of age	3,995	35%	3,565	34%
45 to 59 years of age	1,280	11%	1,165	11%
60 to 74 years of age	215	2%	205	2%
75 years of age and above	45	<1%	40	<1%
BRITISH COLUMBIA TOTAL	11,390	100%	10,555	100%

British Columbia Asylum Claimants by Age and Claim Year



The distribution of asylum claimants in British Columbia is concentrated among younger adults, with the 15–29 and 30–44 age groups making up the largest share in both years. Overall, there is a slight decline across most age groups from 2024 to 2025, particularly among those aged 30–44, while the overall age pattern remains consistent.

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ASYLUM CLAIMANTS BY GENDER (JANUARY 2024–NOVEMBER 2025)

British Columbia Asylum Claimants by Gender and Claim Year

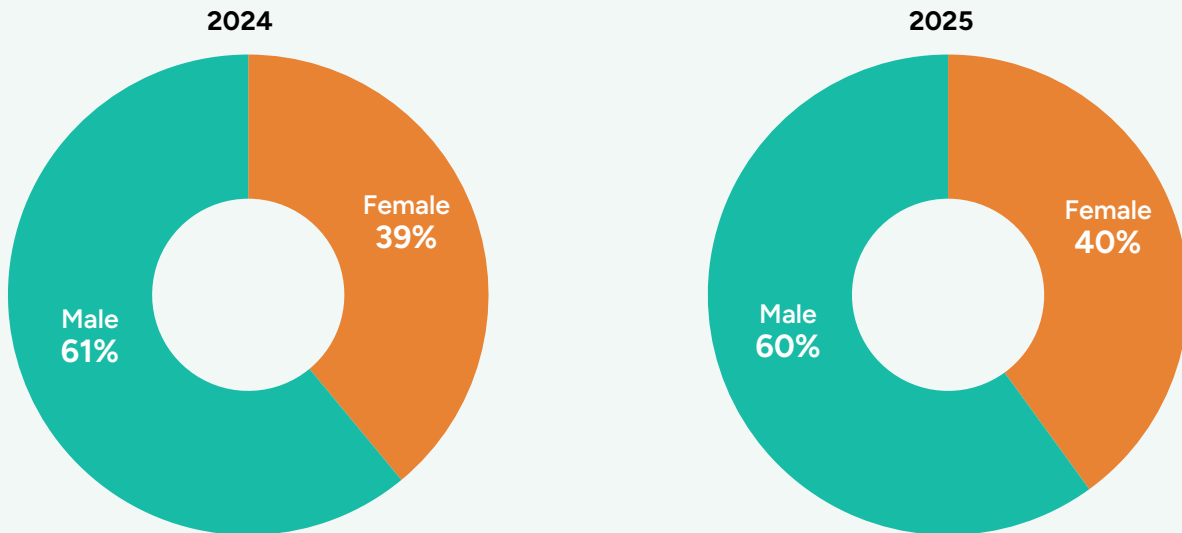
This table presents the total number of Asylum Claimants in British Columbia in 2024, categorized by gender.

GENDER	2024		2025	
	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%
Female	4,395	39%	4,180	40%
Male	6,990	61%	6,365	60%
Another gender	0	--	--	--
Gender not stated	--	--	--	--
TOTAL	11,390	100%	10,555	100%

Please note that all values between 0 and 5 are shown as "--".

This is done to prevent individuals from being identified when IRCC data is compiled and compared to other publicly available statistics. All other values are rounded to the closest multiple of 5 for the same reason; as a result of rounding, data may not sum to the totals indicated.

British Columbia Asylum Claimants by Gender and Claim Year



Overall, the gender distribution of asylum claimants in British Columbia remained largely stable year over year, with males representing about 60–61% and females about 39–40% of total claims despite a slight overall decrease in total claimants in 2025.

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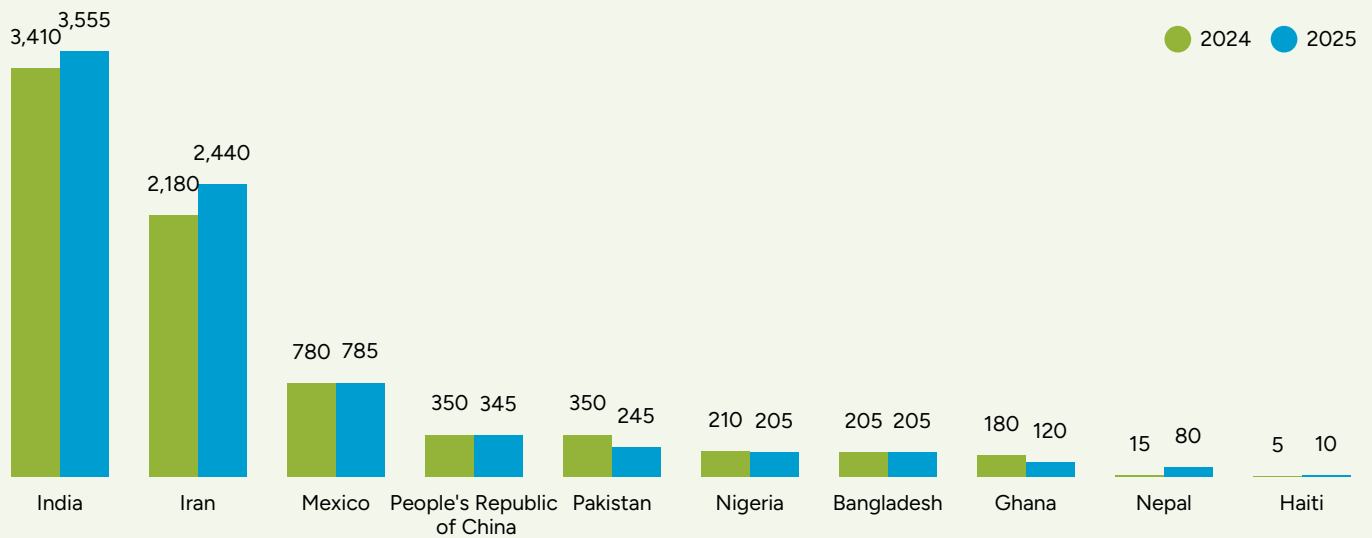
ASYLUM CLAIMANTS BY TOP COUNTRIES (JANUARY 2024–NOVEMBER 2025)

British Columbia Asylum Claimants by Top Country and Claim Year

This table presents the top asylum claimants by top 10 countries of citizenship for 2024 and 2025.

COUNTRIES	2024	2025
	TOTAL	TOTAL
India	3,410	3,555
Iran	2,180	2,440
Mexico	780	785
People's Republic of China	350	345
Pakistan	350	245
Nigeria	210	205
Bangladesh	205	205
Ghana	180	120
Nepal	15	80
Haiti	5	10

British Columbia Asylum Claimants by Top Country and Claim Year



India and Iran account for the highest number of claims in both years with increases in 2025. Most other countries show relatively lower totals and minor fluctuations, including small declines from Pakistan and Ghana.

Source: open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/b6cbcf4d-f763-4924-a2fb-8cc4a06e3de4

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