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Syrian Resettlement in BC

REFUGEE READINESS FUND NEWSLETTER #9

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Resources for Refugees

Resources and programs to assist Syrian refugees in their resettlement.

Online Videos

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's has now dubbed the following videos into Arabic (available on the Department's YouTube channel):

- First Two Weeks in Canada: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VE56ooJkUAo>)
- Language Training for Canada video has now also been dubbed into Arabic: (<https://youtu.be/epNZbEuC3YM>)

Canada - B.C. Job Grant Refugee Fund

- The Refugee Fund provides an opportunity for industry/sector and employer associations to meet their labour market needs while helping refugees gain skills and employment in British Columbia. Further information on the Fund and how to apply is available at the Work BC website: (<https://www.workbc.ca/Employer-Resources/Canada-BC-Job-Grant/Canada-B-C-Job-Grant-Refugee-Fund.aspx>)

Immigrant Employment Council of BC

- MentorConnect Program (<http://www.iecbc.ca/our-initiatives/mentorconnect>)
- Connector Program (<http://www.iecbc.ca/our-initiatives/connector-program>)
- Immigrant Hiring Tools and Resources for Employers (<http://www.iecbc.ca/employer-resources/find-talent>)

WorkSafeBC

- WorkSafeBC has translated the Rights and Responsibilities document into Arabic: (<http://refugeehub.issbc.org/resource-centre/>)

Caring for Kids New to Canada

Evidence-based resources on health care for immigrant and refugee children, youth and families: (<http://www.kidsnewtocanada.ca/>)



The Refugee Readiness Hub has moved

Your feedback has helped us to update and improve the BC Refugee Readiness Hub.

New tabs include: Success Stories, News and Events, Private Sponsorship and BC Refugee Readiness Teams. Information and resources are being added on an ongoing basis.

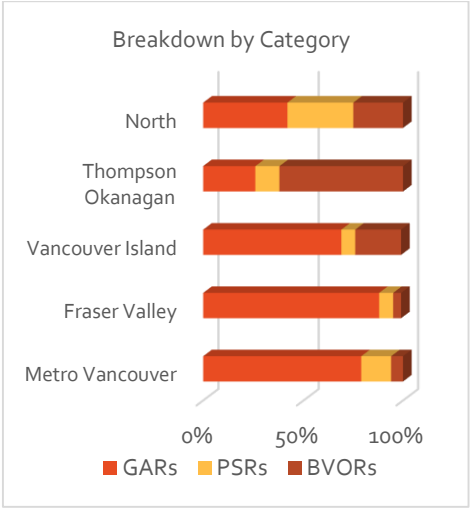
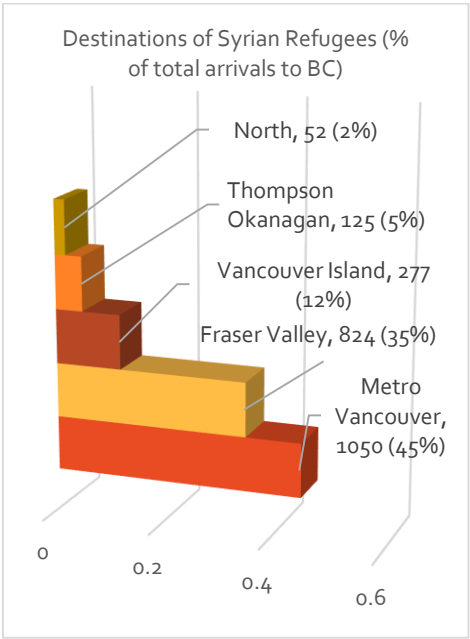
Please visit our new site at: <http://refugeehub.issbc.org/>.



BC Refugee Readiness Fund is part of the WelcomeBC umbrella of services, made possible through funding from the Province of British Columbia

SYRIAN REFUGEES IN BC (NOV 4/15 – MAR 18/16)

The following information reflects PSRs and BVORs admitted, as well as GAR settlement patterns. Geographic regions are consistent with BC Refugee Readiness Team boundaries.



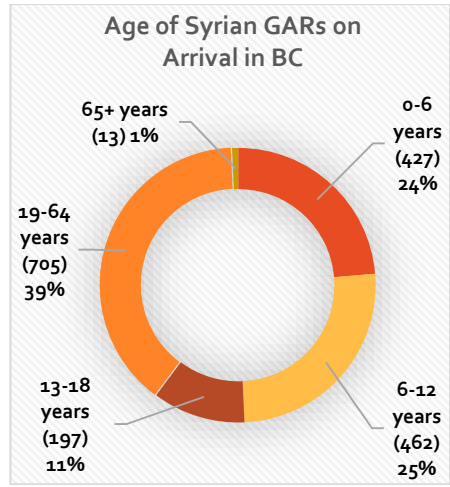
OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEES

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCCC) is providing regular updates (Monday to Friday) on Milestones and key figures associated with Operation Syrian Refugees (see <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/welcome/milestones.asp>)

As of March 8, 2016, Canada has welcomed 26,176 Syrian refugees, including: 14,992 Government Assisted Refugees, 2,224 Blended Visa Office-Referral Refugees and 8,960 Privately Sponsored Refugees.

Updates on Syrian GAR Arrivals in BC

Since November 4, 2015 and as of March 18, 2016, BC has welcomed 1804 Syrian GAR individuals / 414 family units.

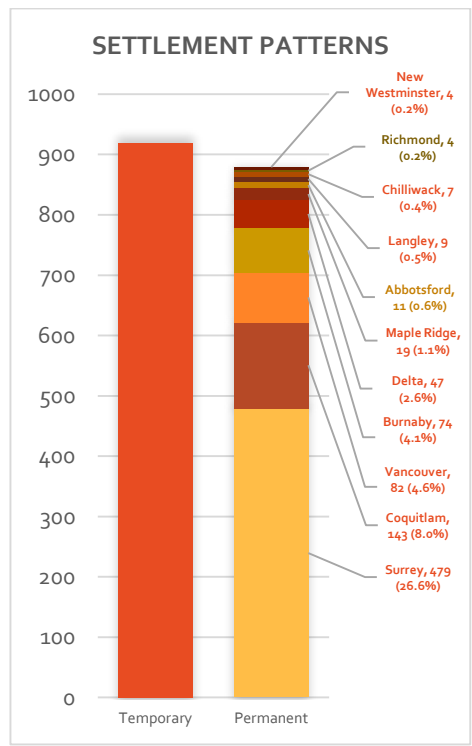


Sixty percent (60%) of Syrian GAR arrivals are age 18 and under. Thirty-five percent (37%) of Syrian GAR arrivals are of school age (6 – 18 years). Almost one in four arrivals are children under age 6.

Syrian GAR Settlement Patterns

As of March 16, 2016,

- 919 Syrian GARs individuals / 207 units remain in temporary accommodations
- 875 Syrian GAR individuals / 207 units have moved into permanent housing



BRITISH COLUMBIAN'S RESPONSE

On November 10th, 2015 ISSofBC held a Call to Action to encourage people across BC to aid in the resettlement of Syrian refugees through offers of housing, employment & volunteering. We are humbled by the response. To date,

1,268 housing leads, plus over **110** units offered by developers, property managers and owners for temporary and permanent accommodation

5,767 people have come forward to offer their time and talent.

284 job leads have been submitted to our survey

SYRIAN GAR ARRIVALS: NOV 4 – MAR 18

1804 Syrian GAR individuals

414 Syrian GAR units

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Additional information, resources and training materials are available on our website (<http://www.issbc.org/prim-corp-nav/our-work-with-refugees>), as well as the Refugee Resettlement Hub (www.issbc.org/refugee-readiness-hub). For further information please contact:

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