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Syrian Resettlement in BC

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Beyond Trauma: Language Learning Strategies for New Canadians Living with Trauma

Discovering and engaging with community is what language learning is all about. In June 2016, LISTN (Language Instruction Support and Training Network) launched the IRCC funded publication "Beyond Trauma: Language Learning Strategies for New Canadians Living with Trauma". This resource is designed to meet the diverse needs of BC's English as an Additional Language student by providing approaches, strategies, and language goals for those who have experienced trauma.

Beyond Trauma provides a theme-based framework with lesson plans based on the Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB 1-3). Skill building (listening, speaking, reading and writing) as well as language building (grammar, sentence structure and vocabulary) are built into activities

that relate to topics such as family, friends, health and community. The accompanying teacher's guide provides context and supports for instructors to create a safe space for adult learners, and will also prove useful for educators working with varying age groups and contexts. Written by Amea Wilbur, EdD. and Diana Jefferies, B.A., these materials can be accessed at <http://www.listn.info/site/wp-content/uploads/01-beyond-trauma-complete-1.pdf>.

To inform on various options for adult English language learning, the Directory of EAL/ESL Courses & Employment Programs in British Columbia is now accessible through BC TEAL (<http://bctéal.org/esldirectory/>). This searchable database provides listings

of classes, courses and programs for EAL learners across the province. Information can be sorted by city or tuition type (free or cost options) with advanced search features also available. To ensure that this provincial directory is kept as up-to-date as possible, we would encourage providers currently not listed to add their information to by utilizing the 'For Service Providers Tab' (<http://bctéal.org/esldirectory/add.php>).

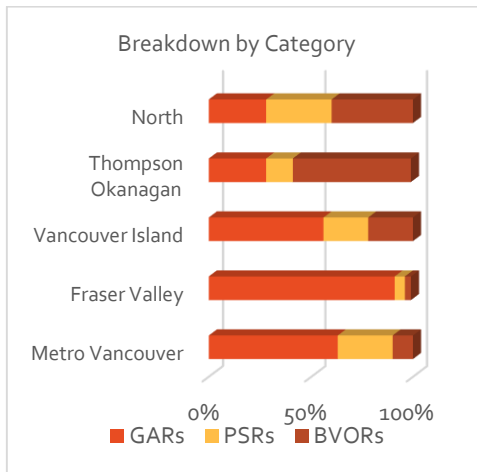
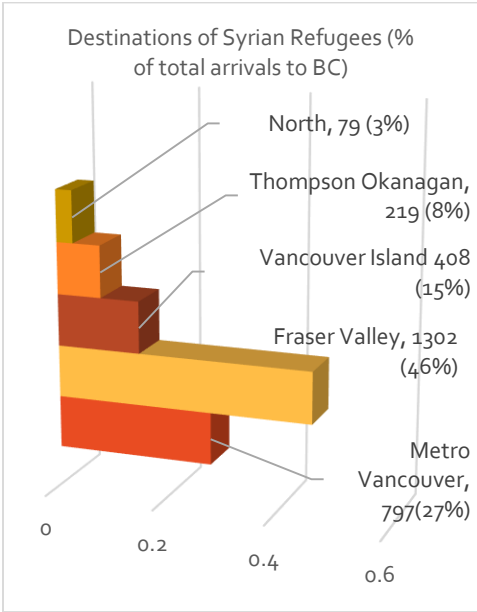
For more information, contact: Brenda Lohrenz by phone (778-772-4386) or email (blohrenz@listn.info)



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SYRIAN REFUGEES IN BC (NOV 4/15 – OCT 7/16)

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

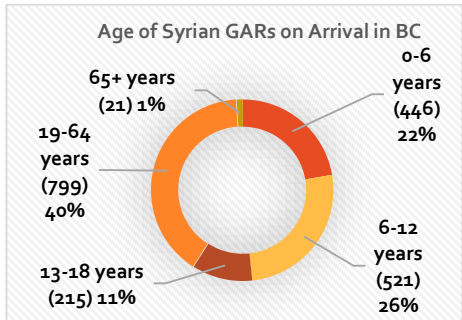


Updates on Syrian GARs in BC

There are two phases of resettlement:

- Operation Syrian Refugee (OSR) - Nov 4/15 – Feb 29/16, and
- Ongoing resettlement efforts (ORE) – March 1/16 – Present.

Since November 4, 2015 and as of October 7, 2016, BC has welcomed **2,002** Syrian GAR individuals / **477** family units.



Fifty-nine percent (59%) of Syrian GAR arrivals are age 18 and under. Thirty-seven 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 October 7, 2016,

- **55** Syrian GAR individuals / **17** units are in temporary accommodations (ORE)
- **1948** Syrian GAR individual / **460** units have moved into permanent housing

SYRIAN GAR ARRIVALS: NOV 4 – OCT 7

2002
Syrian GAR individuals

477
Syrian GAR units

BC'S RESPONSE: NOV 4 – SEPT 7

58
BC communities have welcomed Syrian refugees

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.refugeehub.issbc.org). For further information, please contact:

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OPERATION SYRIAN REFUGEE & ONGOING RESETTLEMENT

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCCC) is providing regular updates (Monday to Friday) on Milestones and Key Figures associated with Operation Syrian Refugee (OSR), as well as ongoing resettlement efforts (ORE) (see <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/welcome/milestones.asp>)

As of September 25, 2016, Canada has welcomed 31,444 Syrian refugees, including: 16,580 Government Assisted Refugees, 3,169 Blended Visa Office-Referred Refugees and 11,695 Privately Sponsored Refugees.

