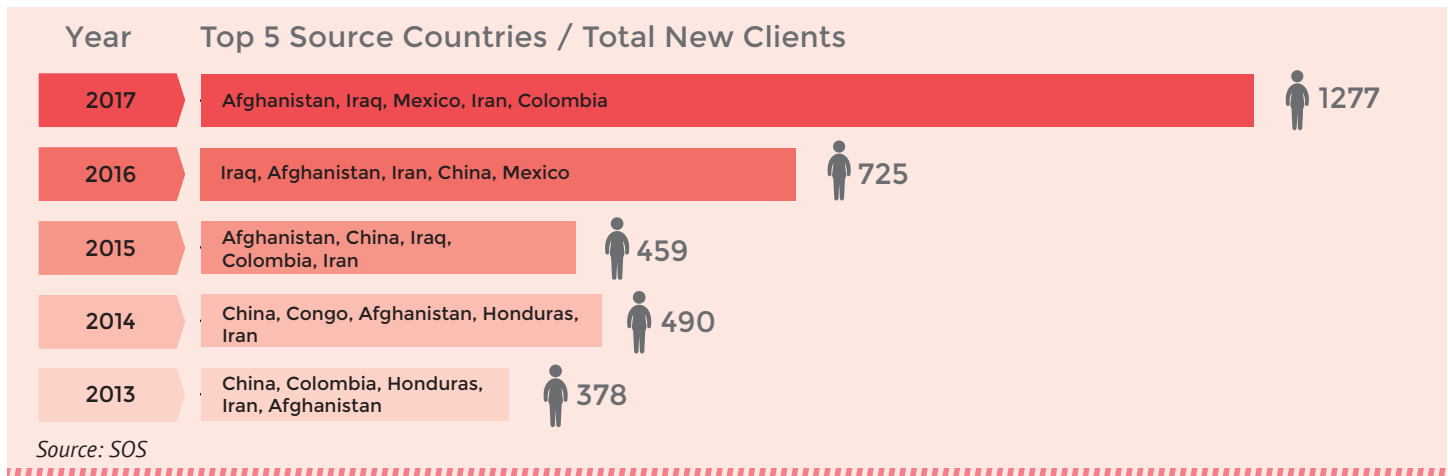


Refugee Claimants Statistical Highlights

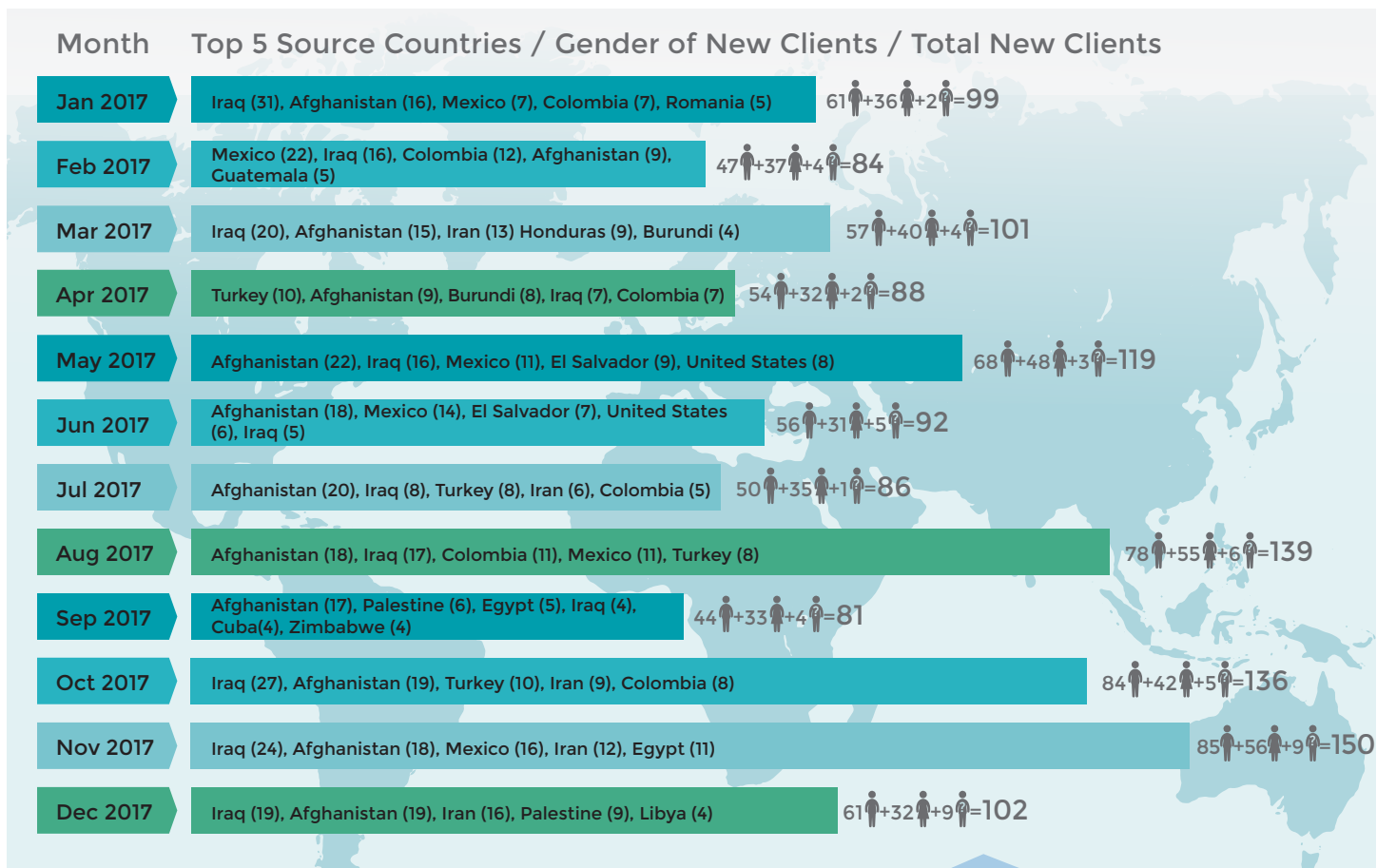
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Historical Context: Annual Statistics to BC from 2013-2017



Monthly Stats of New Refugee Claimant Clients: 2017*



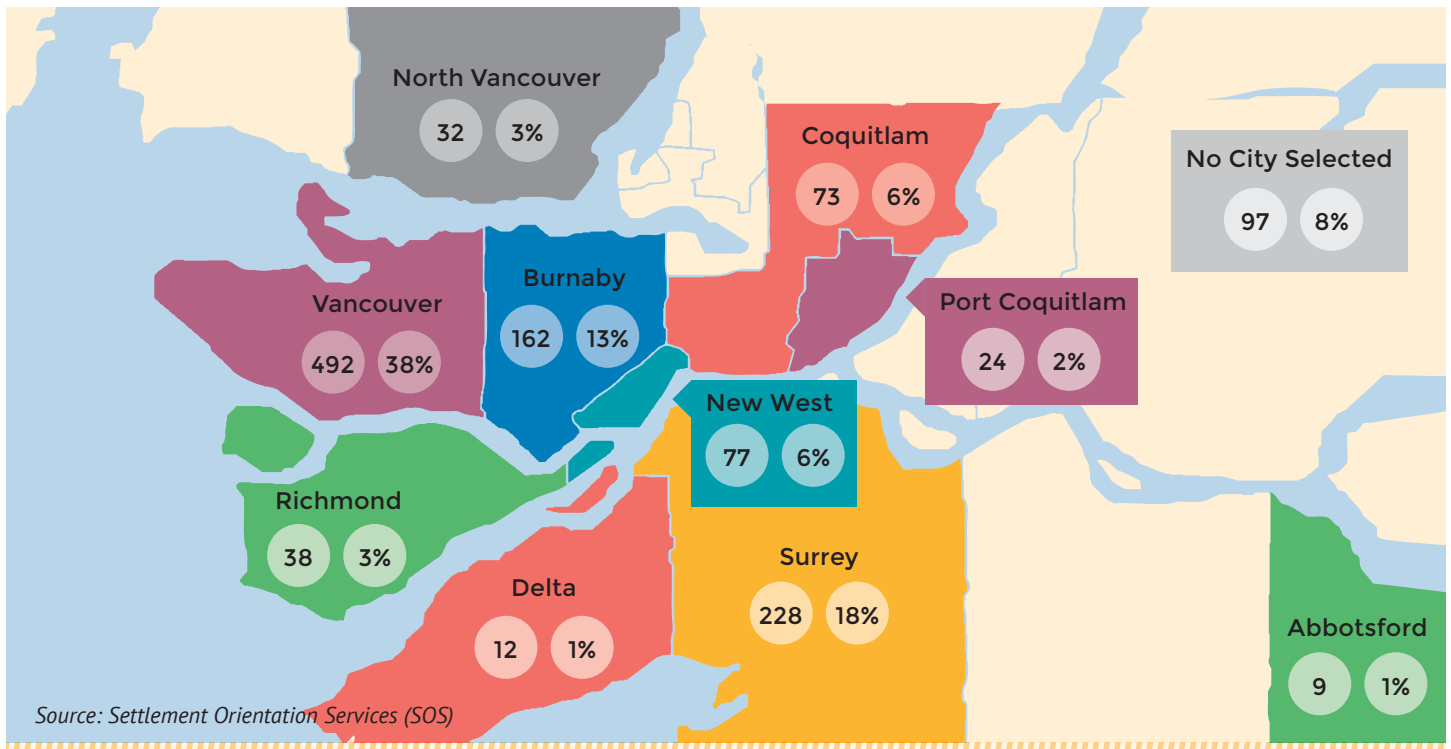
Jan 1, 2017-Dec 31, 2017: **1277** new refugee claimants / **1914** total clients served
 Jan 1, 2016-Dec 31, 2016: **725** new refugee claimants / **1156** total clients served

76%
INCREASE

in the number of new refugee claimants arriving in 2017 compared to 2016

*All statistics reflected in this section are provided by Settlement Orientation Services (SOS)

Top 10 Temporary and Permanent Housing Sites for 2017



Trends and Observations

74% OF OUR CLIENTS were from the 3 top languages: Spanish (26%), Arabic (25%), Farsi/Dari (23%);



IN 2017 WE SAW a small wave of refugee claimants from Turkey (47 individuals arriving);



AN ESTIMATED NINETY PERCENT (90%) of refugee claimants walk across the US border at the Peace Arch Park;



For More Information

INLAND REFUGEE SOCIETY (IRS): Assists and supports refugee claimants in meeting their immediate needs and in adapting to their new home; including orientation, information, referrals, English Classes, temporary housing, food, transportation, and other services;

CONTACT: Ilona Beiks, Vice President, IRS | T: 778 873-3094 | E: stonecircle@shaw.ca | W: inlandrefugeesociety.ca

SETTLEMENT ORIENTATION SERVICES (SOS): Providing multi-lingual pre settlement and health promotion supports including providing orientation to asylum process, facilitating links to legal aid, etc;

CONTACT: Mona Hassannia, Manager, SOS | T: 604 684-2561 loc 3008 | E: mona.hassannia@sosbc.ca | W: sosbc.ca

VANCOUVER ASSOCIATION FOR SURVIVORS OF TORTURE (VAST): Providing Individual trauma therapy, trauma-informed psycho-social support groups, and documentation, education, advocacy and referrals;

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ISSOFBC WELCOME CENTRE: A regional service support hub for refugees, with or without legal status, and immigrants.

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