

GAR

Government Assisted
Refugee Bulletin
2020 Calendar Year

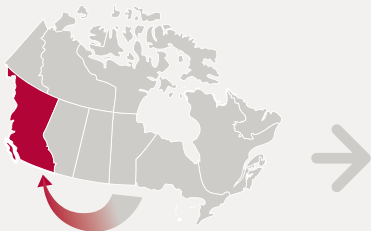
STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS
4th quarter
Oct 01, 2020 - Dec 31, 2020



Arrivals



Arrived **directly** to BC



arrived as **secondary migrants**
from **other provinces** to BC

41% of the **yearly total** arrived
from **Oct-Dec**

Oct-Dec

154 GAR

50

+

4 GAR

4

158

54

Jan-Dec

322 GAR

131

+

30 GAR

17






352

148








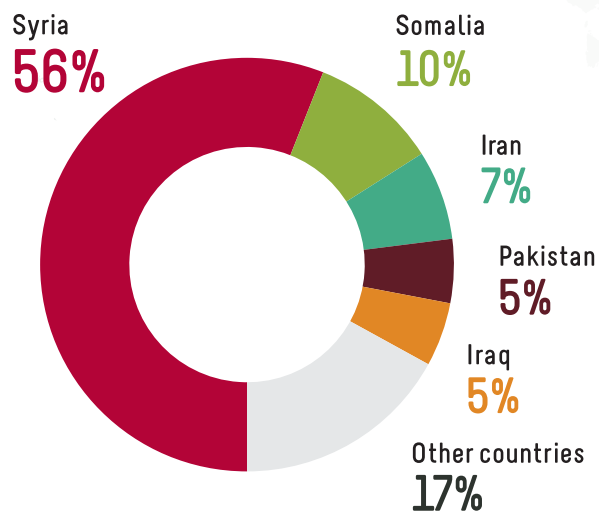
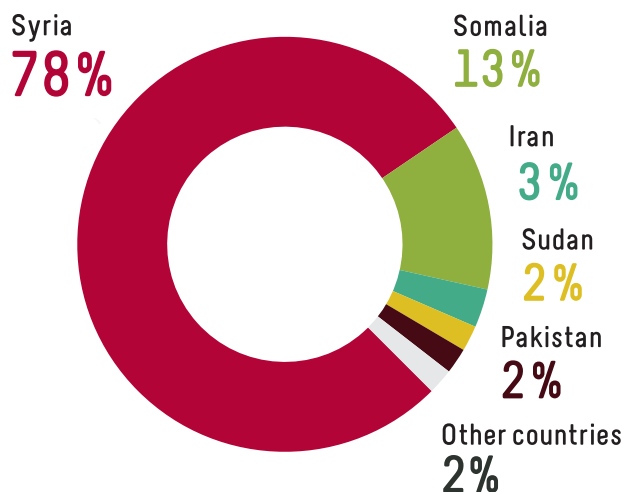
Top 5 source countries

Oct-Dec

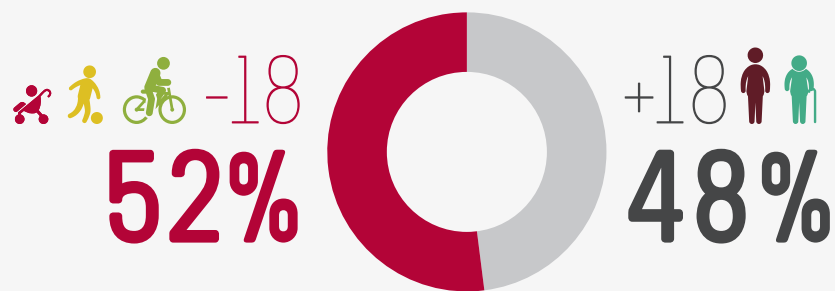
123  Syria
17  Somalia
5  Iran
3  Sudan
3  Pakistan

Jan-Dec

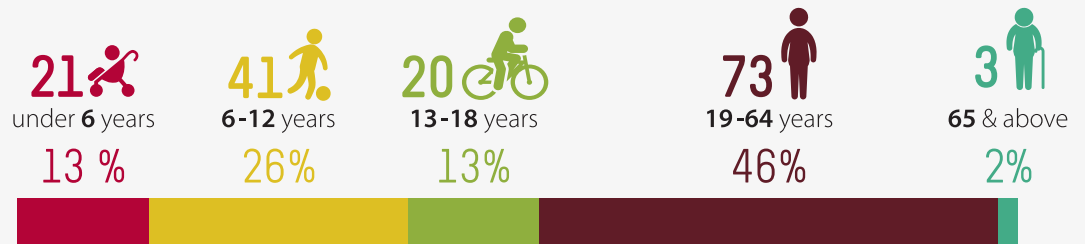
198  Syria
34  Somalia
23  Iran
19  Pakistan
19  Iraq



Age breakdown

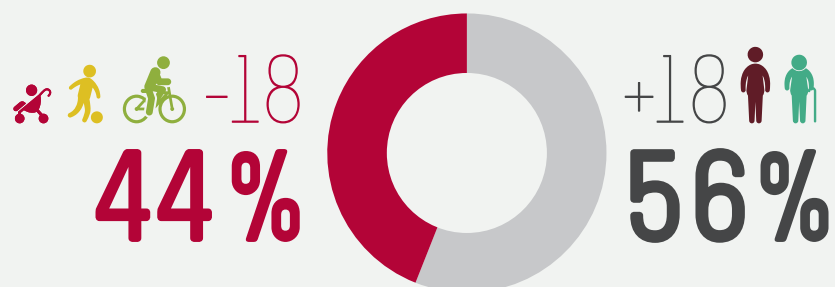
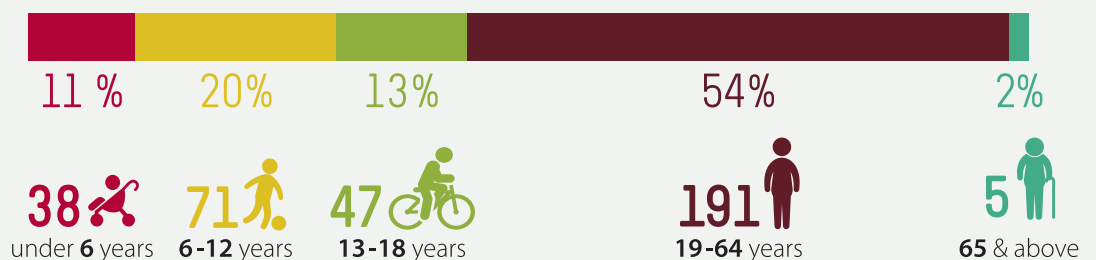


Oct-Dec



-VS-

Jan-Dec



Top 5 destinations by municipality

Oct-Dec



Surrey
48%



Abbotsford
7%



Langley
4%



Vancouver
4%



Port Coquitlam
3%



Jan-Dec



Surrey
40%



Burnaby
12%



Abbotsford
6%



New Westminster
5%



Vancouver
4%

Oct-Dec

One unit or 5 from
Syria were destined to
Kelowna in this quarter

5

KELOWNA

Jan-Dec

26

KELOWNA

=

19 Syria

4 Iran

+ 3 Colombia

Looking ahead

- » Minister Mendicino announced that Canada would increase the number of **Government Assisted Refugees to 12,500 each year from 2021–2023**. BC historically takes around 12% although IRCC and the BC Government have not finalized this year's target;
- » As in 2020, due to the continued impact of **Covid** worldwide, **GAR** arrival numbers this year may continue to be impacted;
- » The necessity of maintaining **14 day self-isolation** guidelines for incoming **GARs** will continue to impact the length of stay in transition housing and arrival flows from abroad;
- » Source countries are likely to remain the same from primarily the **Middle East and Eastern Africa Regions**; and,
- » The City of **Surrey will likely remain the #1 destination** within Metro Vancouver for **GAR** permanent housing.

