



ISSofBC

# GAR

Government Assisted  
Refugee Bulletin  
2020 Calendar Year

## STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

METRO VANCOUVER/KELOWNA

1<sup>st</sup> quarter | JAN 01 - MAR 31, 2020

The quarterly **GAR** Bulletin provides insights on Government Assisted Refugee arrivals at **ISSofBC Welcome Centre** and their resettlement in Metro Vancouver and partner communities in the Province of British Columbia.

# Arrivals

97 GAR   
43 



arrived **directly** to BC

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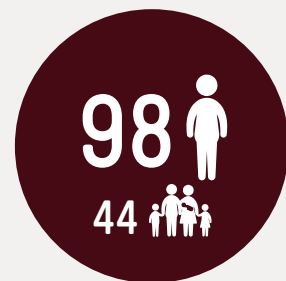
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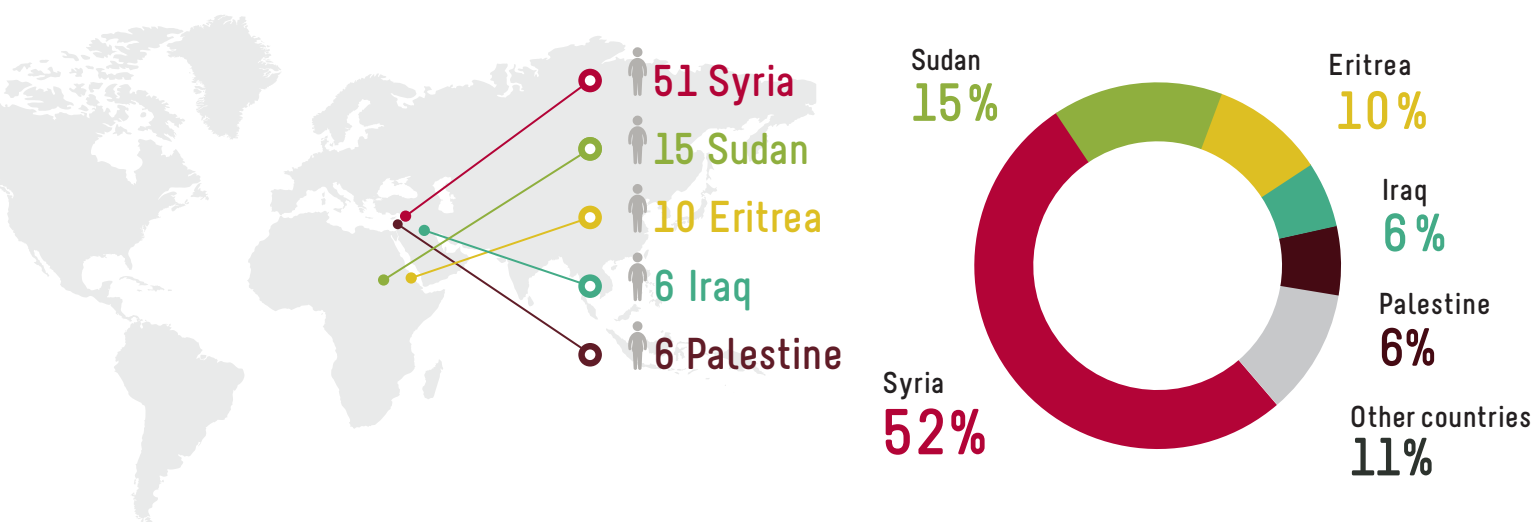
arrived as **secondary**  
**migrants** from **other**  
**provinces** to BC

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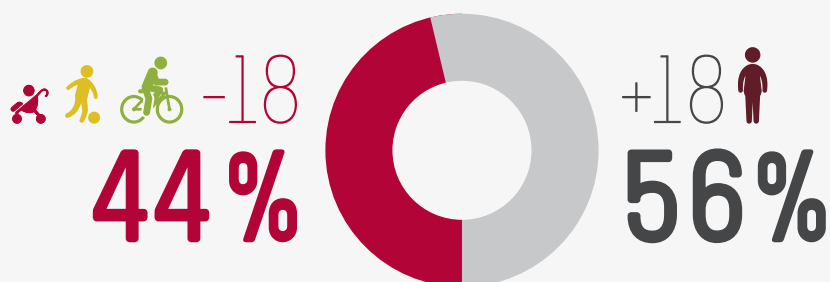
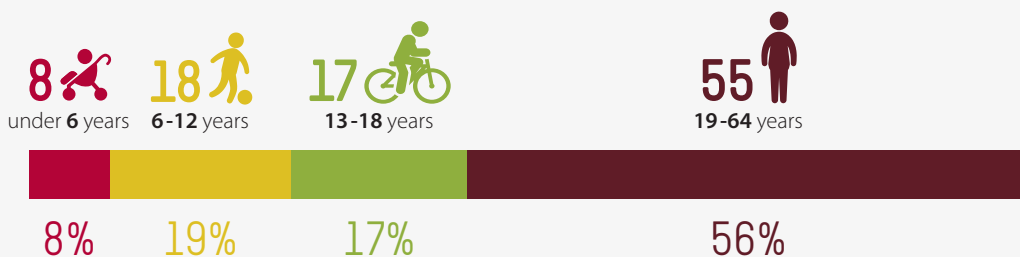
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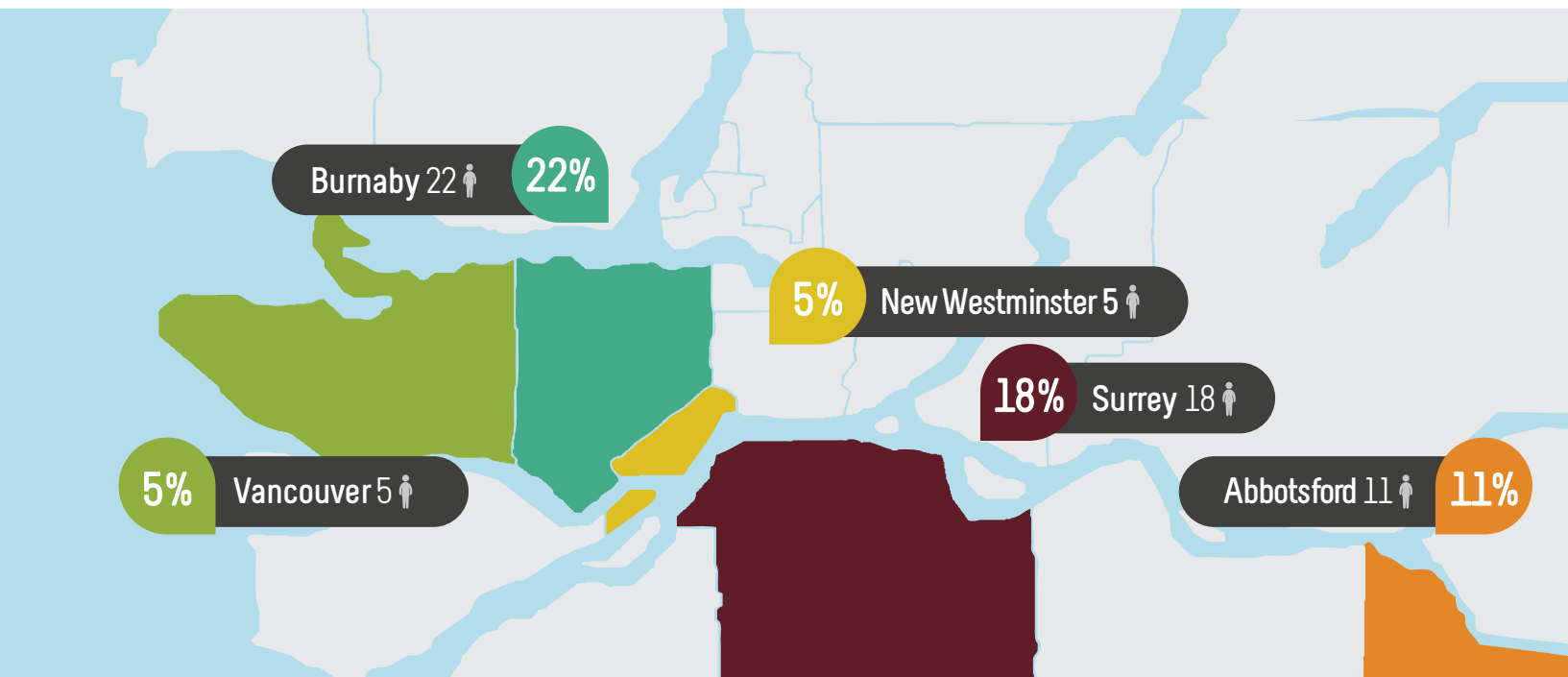
# Top 5 source countries



# Age breakdown



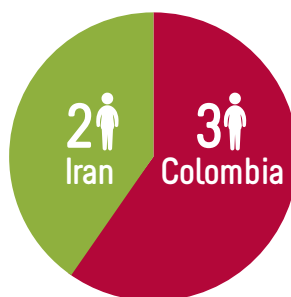
# Top 5 destinations by municipality



\* Breakdown of statistics by municipality are available upon request

Hub & spoke  
communities

KELOWNA



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1 unit from Uganda  
self-transferred  
from Saskatchewan

# Looking ahead

- The 2020 **GAR** target for Metro Vancouver and through **ISSofBC** sub contractor in **Kelowna** is 1,000 individuals;
- March 18 Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (**IRCC**) suspended all **GAR** arrivals to Canada in response to **COVID-19** - no arrivals are expected in April and likely May;
- Six **GAR** units remain in temporary housing as of April imposed by challenges of securing permanent housing during the **COVID-19** pandemic;
- **IRCC** remains confident the **GAR** target will be reached by **Dec 2020**.

