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# GAR

Government Assisted  
Refugee Bulletin  
2020 Calendar Year

## STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

METRO VANCOUVER

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter | APR 01 - JUN 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

2 GAR   
1 



arrived **directly** to BC

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1 GAR 



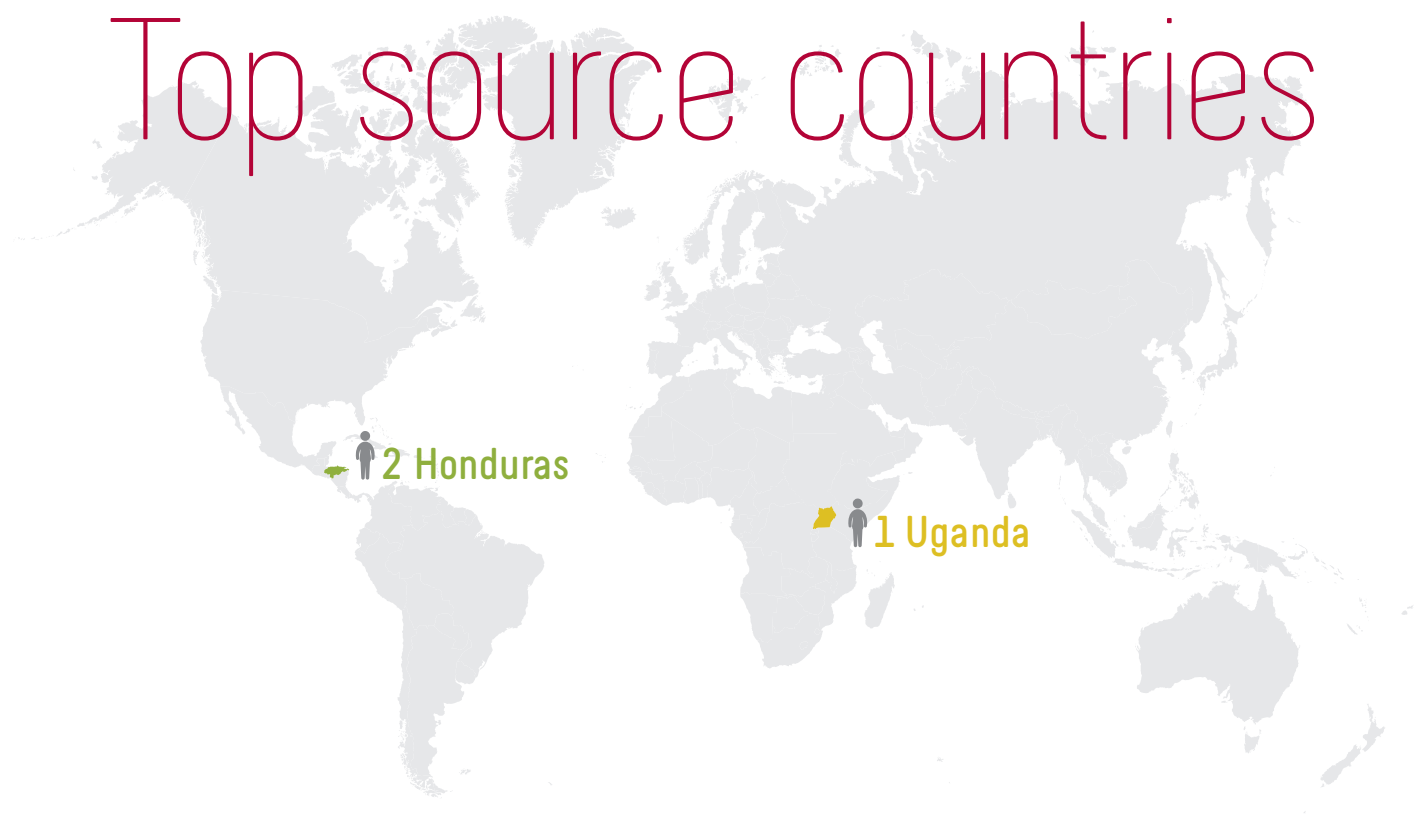
arrived as **secondary**  
**migrants** from **other**  
**provinces** to BC

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3   
2 



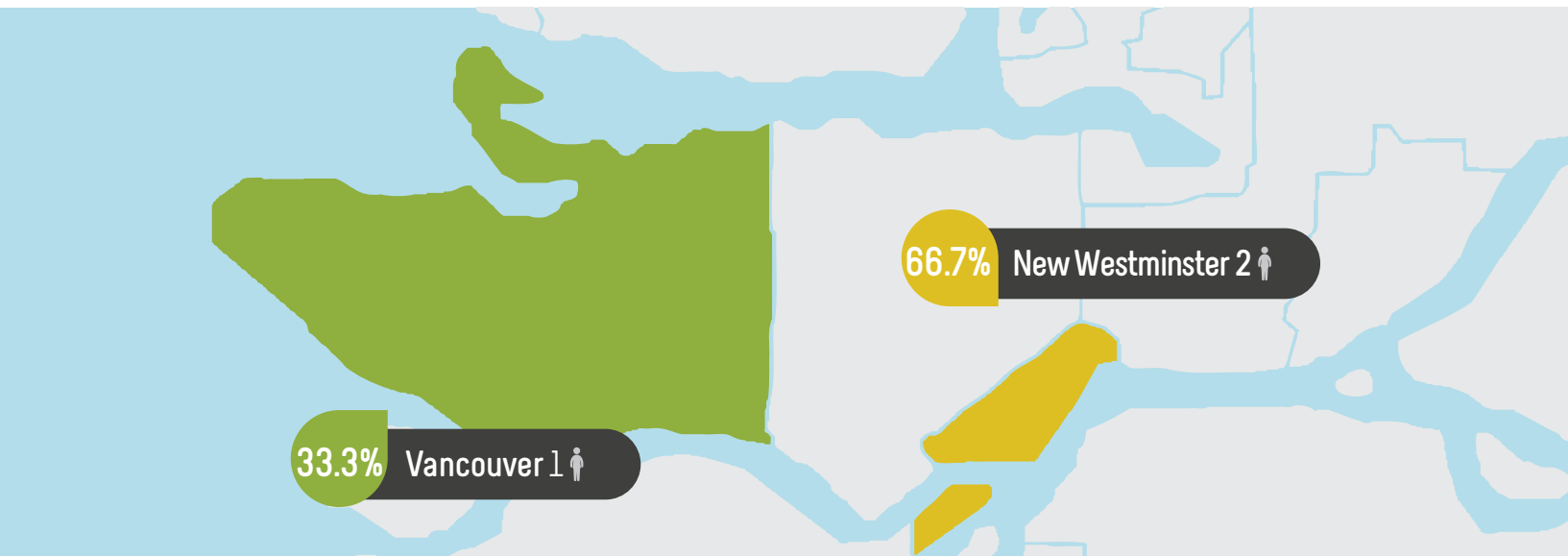
# Top source countries



# Age breakdown



# Top destinations by municipality



\* Breakdown of statistics by municipality are available upon request

## Looking ahead

- After almost 3-month suspension of Canada's resettlement program due to COVID-19, we are expecting so far **16 GAR** families or 37 individuals in September and early October;
- Projected **GAR** source countries include Syria, Somalia, Yemen, Palestinian Territories, Iraq, Iran and Pakistan;
- **GAR** targets for BC will not be met in 2020 as it's too early to forecast the projected number;
- Similar to any travellers arriving in Canada from abroad, all **GARs** must undergo 14-day quarantine upon arrival; and,
- For various reasons such as a decrease in international students, tourists and Temporary Foreign Workers, the search for permanent housing for **GAR** families is somewhat easier now than prior to **COVID-19** which has reduced the length of stay in temporary housing.