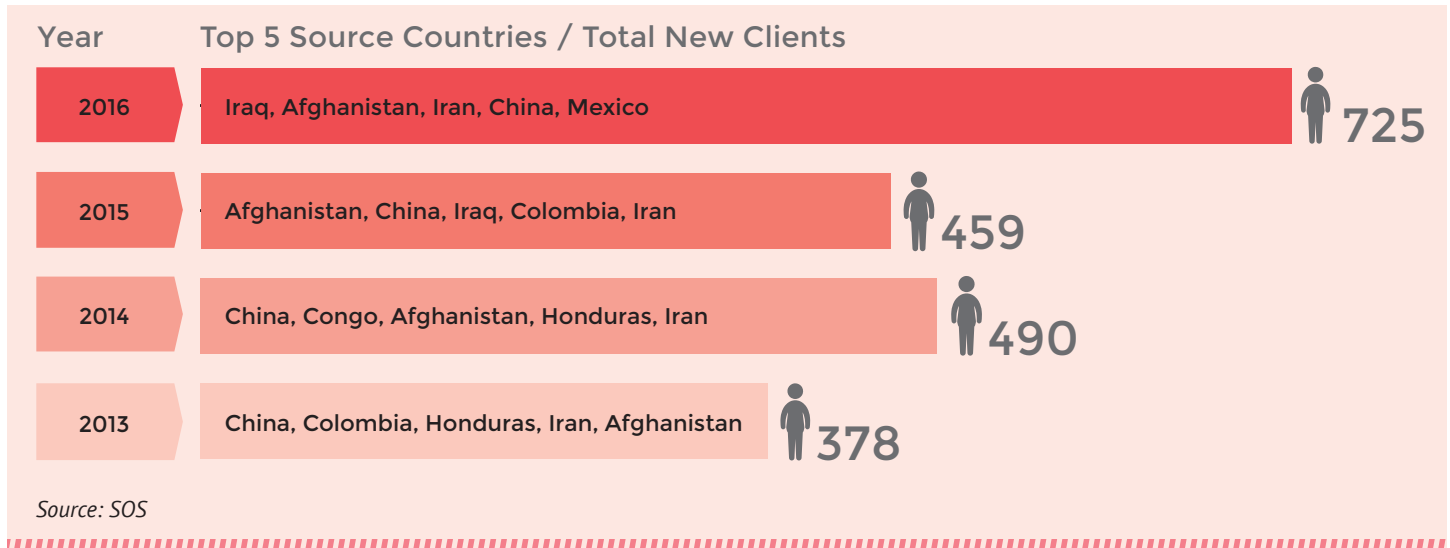
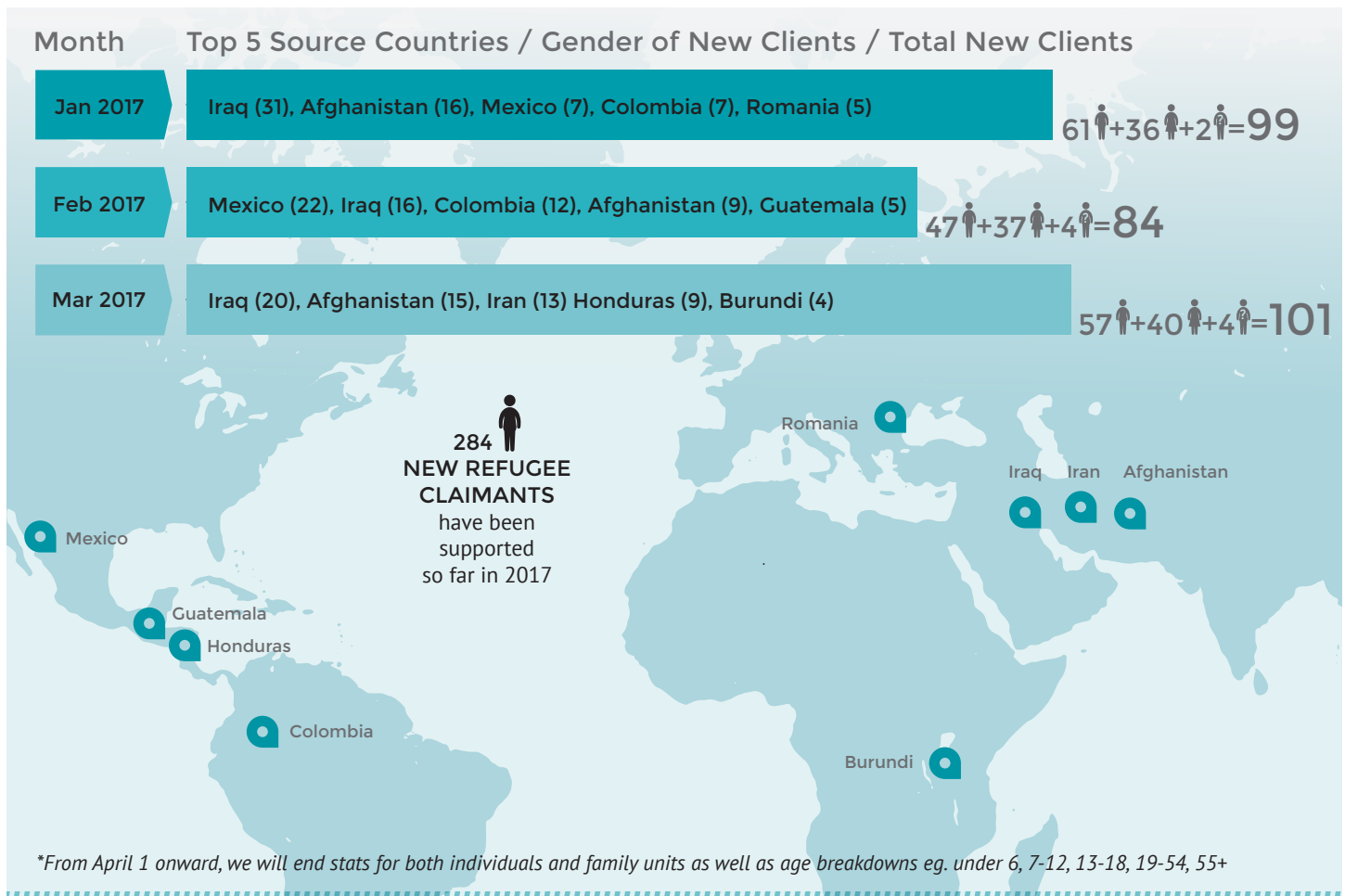


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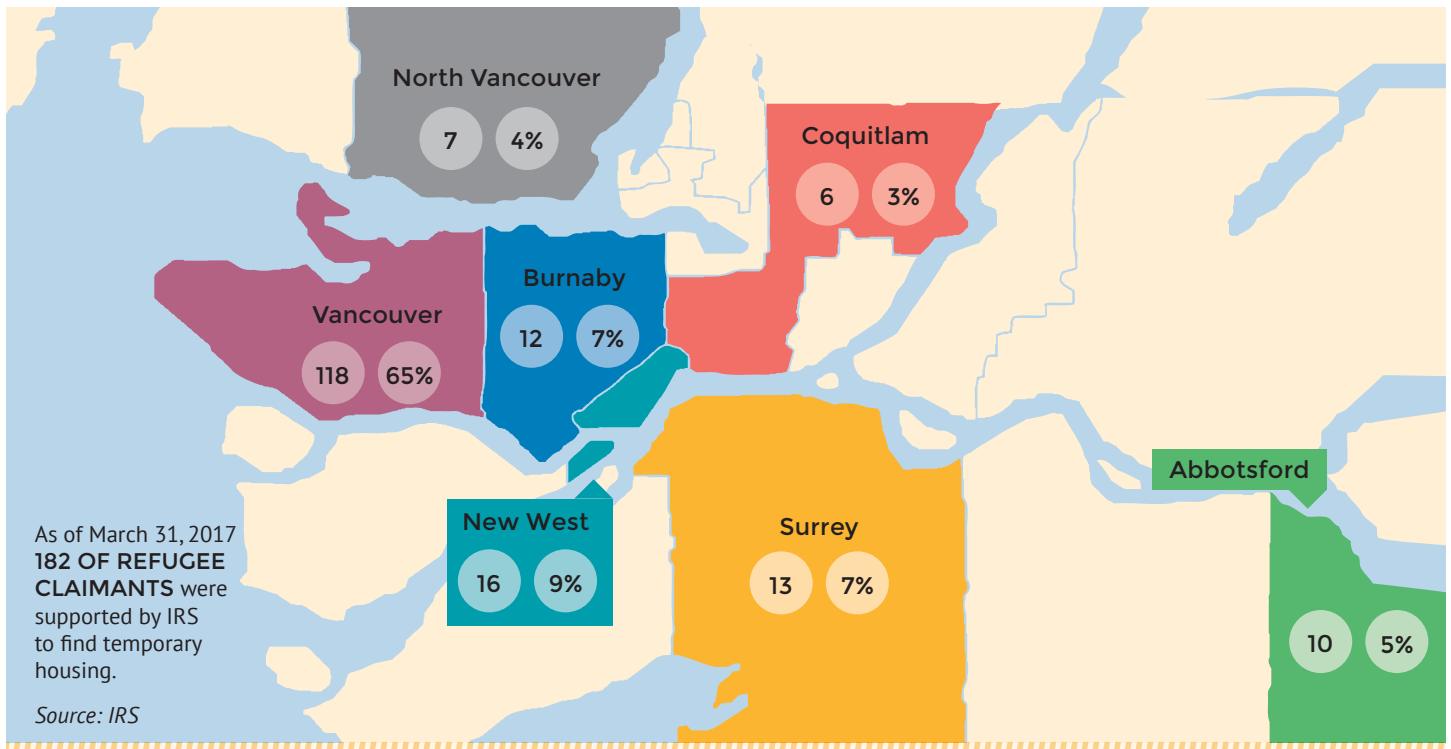
Historical Context: Annual Statistics to BC from 2013-2016



Monthly Stats of New Refugee Claimant Clients: First Quarter of 2017*



Temporary Housing Sites



Trends and Observations

THE NUMBER OF REFUGEE CLAIMANTS

to BC have steadily increased over the past four years with refugee claimants from Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and China being the most prevalent;



IN 2016 WE SAW

thirty refugee claimants from Mexico. Since Jan 1, 2017 we have seen 29 individuals;



AN ESTIMATED EIGHTY PERCENT

(80%) 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;

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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;

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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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