

## **SYRIAN REFUGEES ARRIVING IN CANADA**

*Government-Organized flights from December 10<sup>th</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.*

### **Purpose of Report:**

This report provides basic statistical information on Syrian Refugees destined for Canada and Ontario including destination communities in Ontario, refugee category, breakdown by age, family size, and sex.

The format of this report will evolve based on the availability and quality of data and feedback from recipients.

### **Reporting Period:**

This report covers the period of **December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016** (Dec 10<sup>th</sup> was the arrival date of the first government-organized flight to Canada). A total of **57 flights** have arrived in Toronto (35) and Montreal (22) as the two points of entry for all Syrian refugees in the above mentioned time period.

A total of 14,269 refugees have arrived in Canada, of which 6,114 are estimated to be in Ontario, representing 43% of arrivals to date.

### **Data Sources and Limitations:**

Information in this report comes from Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and uses 1) the list of government-organized flights posted on the IRCC website identifying destination communities and 2) detailed reports sent to the provinces by IRCC confirming basic information such as refugee category, ages, family size and sex.

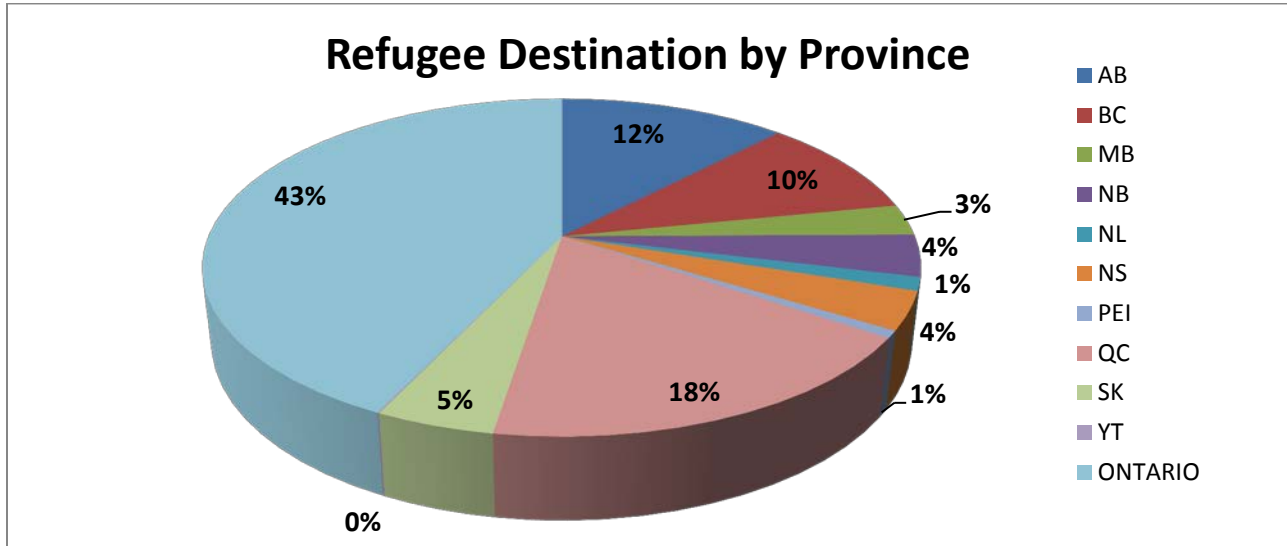
Detailed data on the first two flight arrivals (Dec. 10 and Dec 15) is not available from IRCC. There were 298 refugees destined for Ontario on two flights and information is not included in the charts and tables (#3 to #6) at this point.

Given the rapid implementation of the Syrian Refugee initiative, there are some data quality issues resulting in some variation in counts in certain charts and tables. There are also issues identified in the incorrect identification of refugee categories and efforts are underway to correct the data where applicable. It is expected that this will normalize over time.

### **Acronyms and Age:**

There are three refugee categories identified as: GARs – Government Assisted Refugees; PSRs – Privately Sponsored Refugees; BVORs – Blended Visa Office Referrals. Adults and Children have been identified as between the ages of 0 to 17 as children and adults from the ages of 18 to 60+.

Chart 1 – Refugee Destination by Province

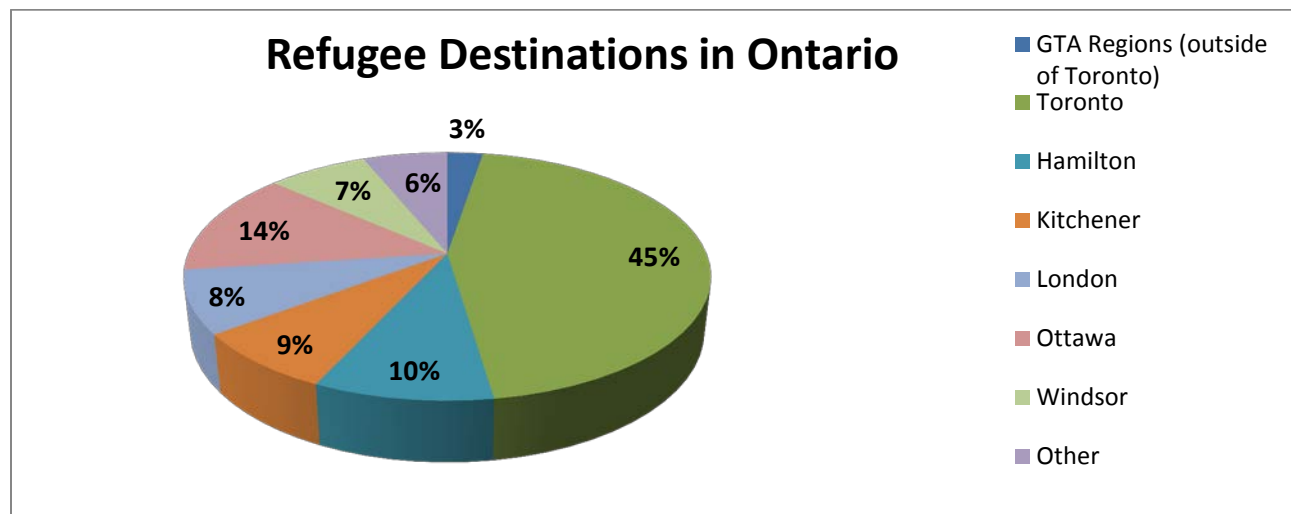


Percentages in Pie chart have been rounded up.

Table 1 –Breakdown of Refugee Destinations by Province

DETAILED BREAKDOWN		
Province	Grand Total	Percentage of Total
AB (Alberta)	1,745	12.23%
BC (British Columbia)	1,375	9.64%
MB (Manitoba)	425	2.98%
NB (New Brunswick)	569	3.99%
NL (Newfoundland - Labrador)	183	1.28%
NS (Nova Scotia)	522	3.66%
PEI (Prince Edward Island)	94	0.66%
QC (Quebec)	2,586	18.12%
SK (Saskatchewan)	646	4.53%
YT (Yukon)	10	0.07%
<b>ONTARIO</b>	<b>6,114</b>	<b>42.85%</b>
<b>TOTAL - CANADA</b>	<b>14,269</b>	

Chart 2 – Refugee Destinations within Ontario

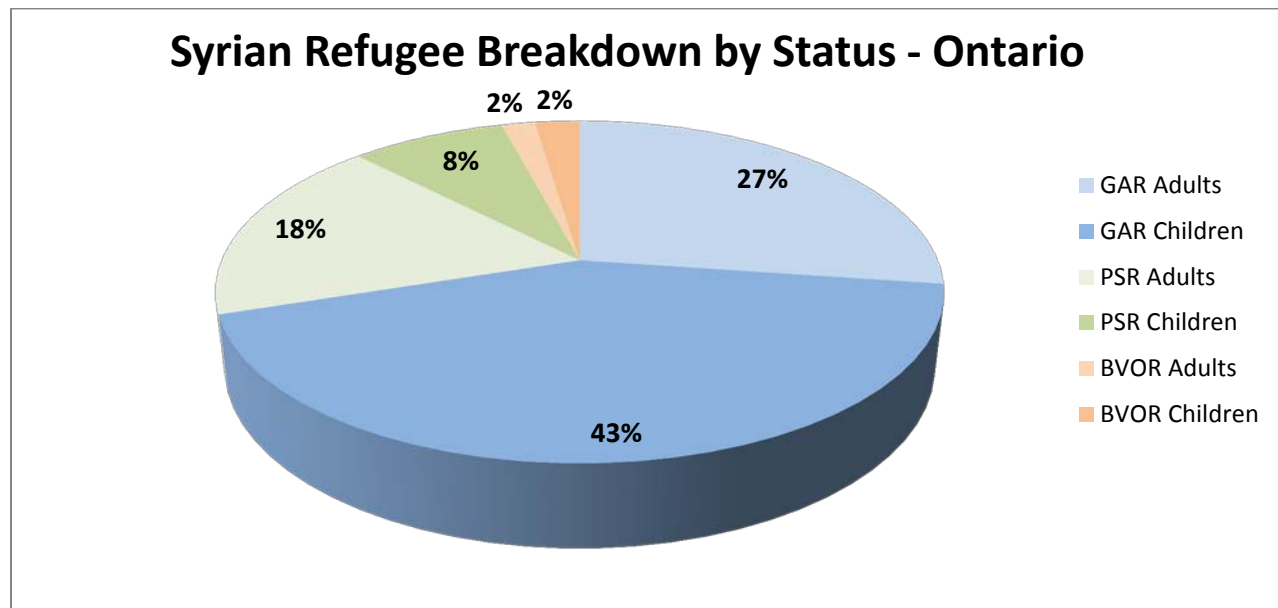


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Table 2 – Detailed Breakdown of Refugee Destinations within Ontario

Notes		Total	% of Ontario Total
<b>GTA Regions (outside of Toronto) include destinations identified in IRCC data going to:</b>	Burlington (Halton Region)	16	0.26%
	Oakville (Halton Region)	1	0.02%
	Brampton (Peel Region)	12	0.20%
	Caledon (Peel Region)	4	0.07%
	Mississauga (Peel Region)	35	0.57%
	Maple (York Region)	36	0.59%
	Markham (York Region)	18	0.29%
	Newmarket (York Region)	1	0.02%
	Richmond Hill (York Region)	2	0.03%
	Thornhill (York Region)	21	0.34%
	Ajax (Durham Region)	2	0.03%
	Oshawa (Durham Region)	5	0.08%
	Pickering (Durham Region)	7	0.11%
<b>Toronto includes destinations identified in IRCC data going to:</b>	Etobicoke	11	0.18%
	North York	443	7.25%
	Scarborough	97	1.59%
	Toronto	2,219	36.29%
<b>Toronto total</b>		<b>2,770</b>	<b>45.31%</b>
<b>Destinations with over 2% of arrivals:</b>	Hamilton	583	9.53%
	Kitchener	570	9.32%
	London	502	8.21%
	Ottawa	839	13.73%
	Windsor	450	7.36%
<b>Other destinations:</b>	Communities in Ontario with less than 2% of arriving refugees (for full list see Appendix 1)	240	3.92%
<b>Ontario Total</b>		<b>6,114</b>	<b>100%</b>

Chart 3 – Breakdown by Refugee Status – Ontario



Percentages in Pie chart have been rounded up.

Table 3 – Adults/Children by Refugee Status - Ontario

Category	Total	Total %
GAR Adults	1,582	27.22%
GAR Children	2,486	42.77%
<b>GAR Total</b>	<b>4,068</b>	<b>69.99%</b>
PSR Adults	1,025	17.64%
PSR Children	477	8.21%
<b>PSR Total</b>	<b>1,502</b>	<b>25.85%</b>
BVOR Adults	104	1.79%
BVOR Children	138	2.37%
<b>BVOR Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>4.16%</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>5,812</b>	<b>100%</b>

Chart 4 – Breakdown by Age and Refugee Category – Ontario

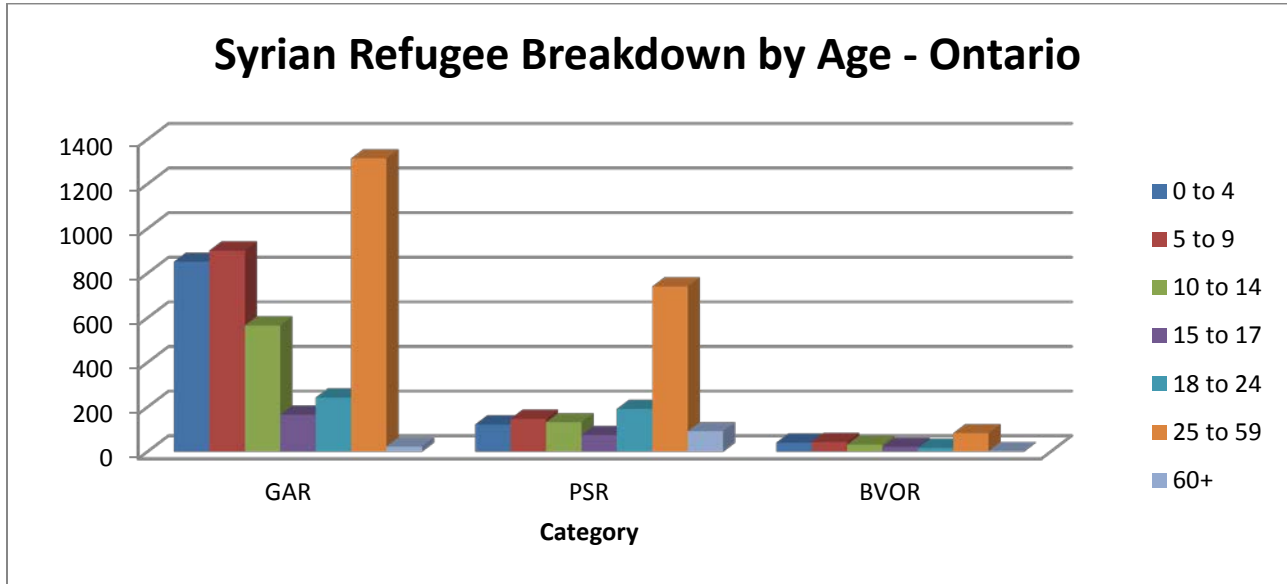


Table 4 – Breakdown by Age and Refugee Category - Ontario

Age Range	GAR	PSR	BVOR	Total
0 to 4	852	122	41	1,015
5 to 9	902	148	44	1,094
10 to 14	566	132	31	729
15 to 17	166	75	22	263
18 to 24	243	192	18	453
25 to 59	1,315	741	83	2,139
60+	24	92	3	119
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,068</b>	<b>1,502</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>5,812</b>

Chart 5 – Breakdown by Family Size and Refugee Category – Ontario

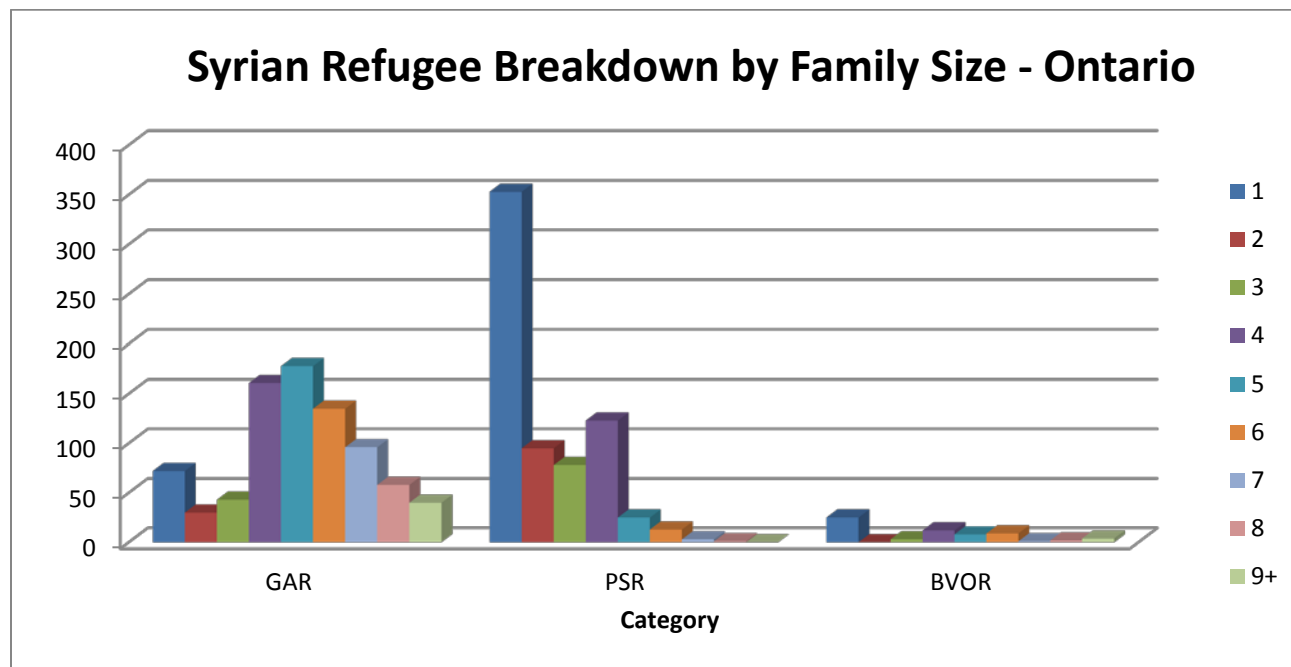


Table 5 – Breakdown by Family Size and Refugee Category - Ontario

Family Size	GAR	PSR	BVOR	Total
1 - Singles <sup>1</sup>	72	353	25	450
2	30	95	0	125
3	43	78	3	124
4	161	123	12	296
5	178	25	8	211
6	135	13	9	157
7	96	3	1	100
8	58	1	2	61
9+	40	0	4	44
<b>Total Family Groupings</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1,568</b>

<sup>1</sup> PSRs over the age of 19 complete their own application but may be part of a family grouping.

Chart 6 – Breakdown by Sex and Refugee Category - Ontario

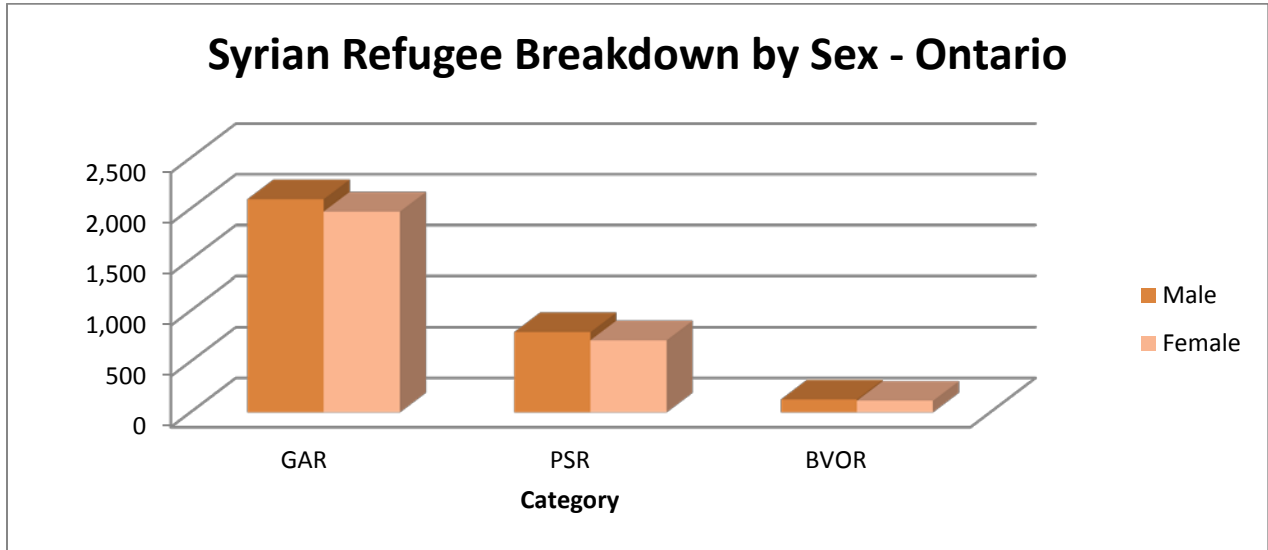


Table 6 - Breakdown by Sex and Refugee Category - Ontario

Sex	Category			Total
	GAR	PSR	BVOR	
Male	2,095	791	127	3,013
Female	1,973	711	115	2,799
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,068</b>	<b>1,502</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>5,812</b>

## Appendix 1

Communities in Ontario with less than 2% of arriving refugees include:

Destination	Total	Total%
Barrie	10	0.16%
Brantford	2	0.03%
Brockville	5	0.08%
Bruce County, Saugeen Shores	14	0.23%
Bruce County, South Bruce Peninsula (Warton)	5	0.08%
Chatham-Kent	7	0.11%
Cornwall	4	0.07%
Essex County, Leamington	5	0.08%
Essex County, Tecumseh	2	0.03%
Guelph	1	0.02%
Grey County, Owen Sound	6	0.10%
Haldimand County (Fisherville)	4	0.07%
Kawartha Lakes (Lindsay)	11	0.18%
Kingston	17	0.28%
Niagara Region, Fort Erie	2	0.03%
Niagara Region, Grimsby	7	0.11%
Niagara Region, Lincoln	12	0.20%
Niagara Region, Niagara Falls	1	0.02%
Niagara Region, Niagara-on-the-Lake	2	0.03%
Niagara Region, Pelham (Fonthill)	16	0.26%
Niagara Region, St. Catharines	14	0.23%
Norfolk County (Port Rowan)	7	0.11%
North Bay	6	0.10%
Northumberland County, Cobourg	3	0.05%
Oxford County, Ingersoll	7	0.11%
Perth County, St. Marys	7	0.11%
Peterborough County, Cavan-Monaghan (Millbrook)	4	0.07%
Peterborough City	10	0.16%
Sault Ste. Marie	1	0.02%
Simcoe County, Bradford-West-Gwillimbury (Bradford)	11	0.18%
Simcoe County, Essa (Thornton)	2	0.03%
Simcoe County, Penetanguishene	4	0.07%
Stratford	17	0.28%
Sudbury	14	0.23%
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>3.92%</b>