# Asylum Claims in a Global Context



# GLOBAL TRENDS: PERSONS OF CONCERN (Jan-June 2023)

# Trends at a Glance

## 110 MILLION FORCIBLY DISPLACED WORLDWIDE

By the end of June as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations or events seriously disturbing public order.

36.4 million refugees

30.5 million refugees under UNHCR's mandate

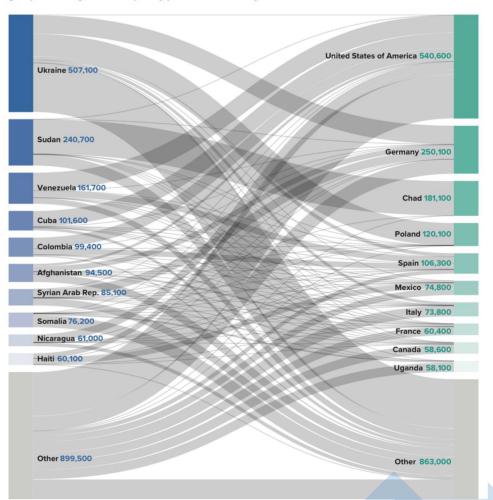
5.9 million Palestine refugees under UNRWA's mandate

62.5 million internally displaced people at end-2022<sup>2</sup>

6.1 million asylumseekers 5.3 million other people in need of international protection<sup>3</sup>



Figure 10 | Key flows of people registered for new individual asylum applications, recognized on a group basis or granted temporary protection | January – June 2023



## Canada in Context

If we compare total number of asylum claims existing worldwide at mid-year 2023 (end of June, 6.1 million) vs in Canada (about 110,000):

Canada hosted 2% of asylum claims



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## Canada by the Numbers

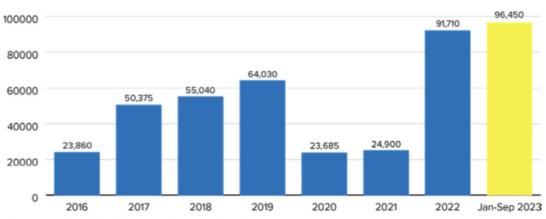
# The total number of claims from Jan to Sep 2023

96,450

1.5 times higher than the same period in 2022.

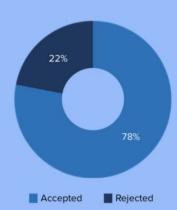
If this trend continues, Canada may receive nearly **140,000 claims** in **2023** — 50,000 more than in 2022.

### Asylum claims in Canada | 2016-2023



Data source: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

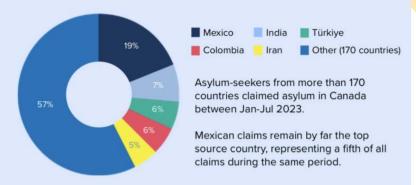
### Claims finalized on the merits at the Refugee Protection Division of the IRB | Jan-Jun 2023



More than three-quarters of refugee claimants who had their case finalized by the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) between Jan-Jun 2023 were recognized as refugees fleeing persecution in need of international protection.

Data source: Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada

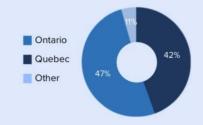
#### Top five nationalities of asylum claims in Canada | Jan-Jul 2023



Data source: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

#### Province where the claim was made | Apr-Sep 2023

Between April and September 2023, Ontario received 47% of all asylum claims, closely followed by Quebec which received 42% of all claims. "Other" includes claims mainly in British Columbia, Alberta and the rest of Canada.



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