

Global Trends in Forced Displacement

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UNHCR Operations



- UNHCR has more than 18,879 staff
- Nearly 91 per cent are based in the field.
- Work in 137+ countries and territories, with personnel based in a mixture of regional and branch offices and sub and field offices.

Who is a refugee?

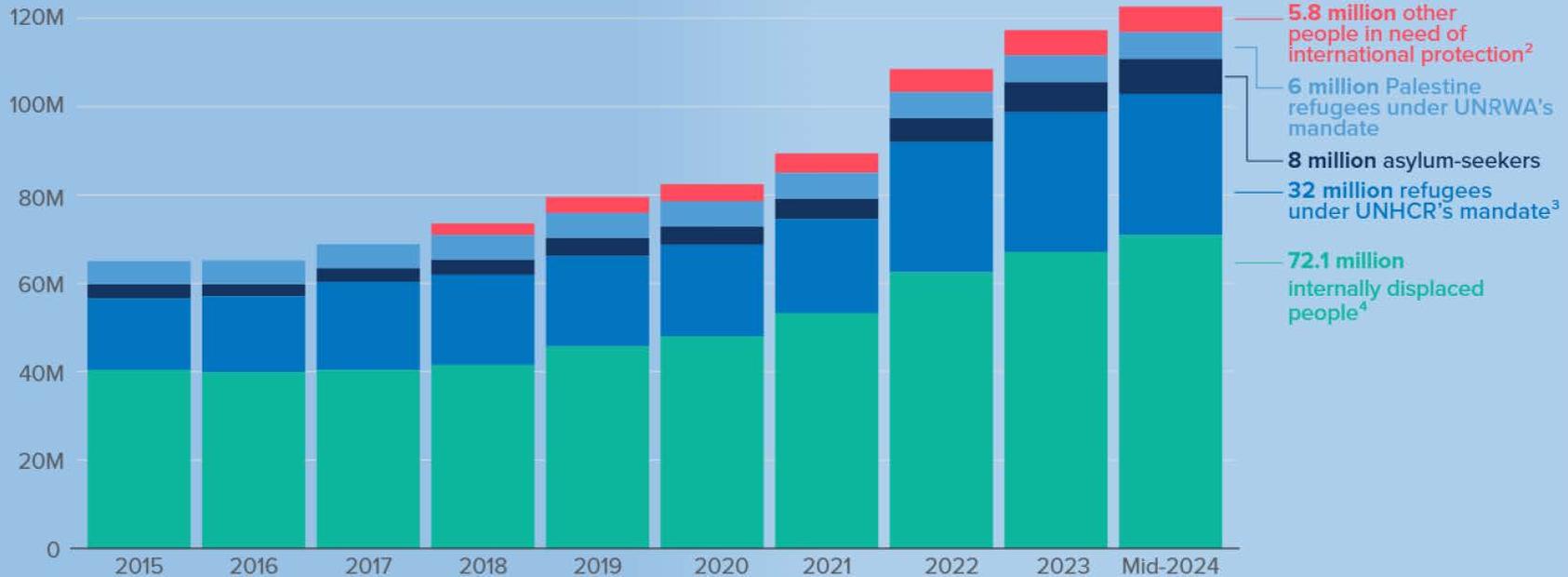
To get refugee protection, you need to show that you cannot return to your country of nationality or residence because you fear persecution due to your:

- race
- nationality
- religion
- membership in a particular social group
- political opinion

Trends at a Glance

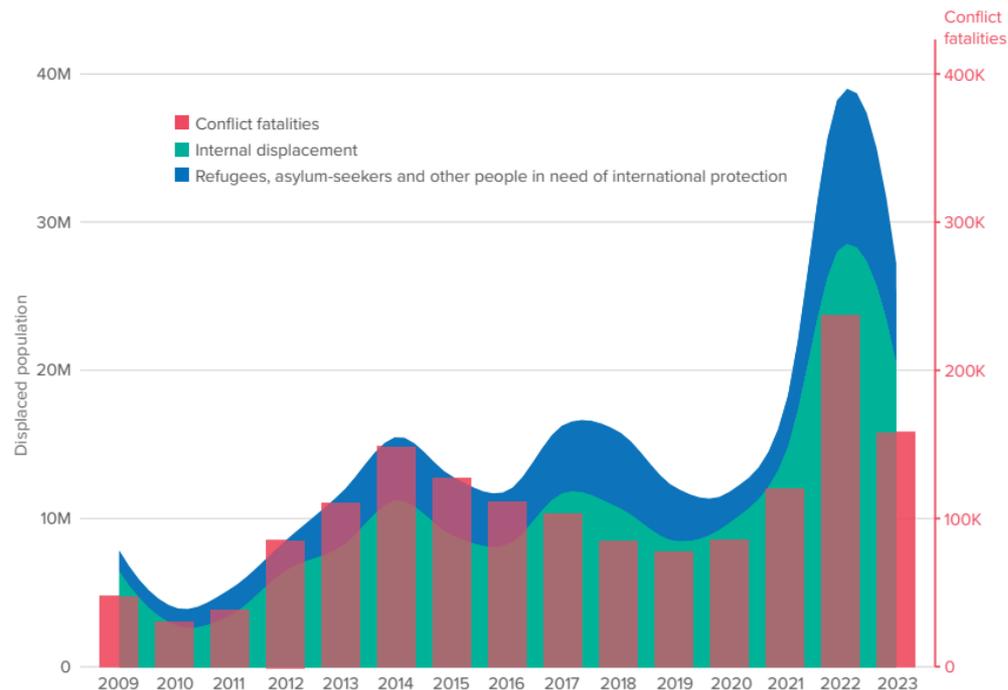
122.6 MILLION FORCIBLY DISPLACED WORLDWIDE¹

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



Forced displacement is a consequence of the failure to uphold peace and security

Figure 1 | Comparing conflict-related fatalities with the number of internally displaced people, refugees,²⁰ asylum-seekers and other people in need of international protection forced to flee during each year | 2009 - 2023



Specific situation of **refugees** in the world

43.7 MILLION

refugees as of June 2024 (+1 per cent), including:

- **5.4 million** people in a refugee-like situation (- 9 per cent).
- **5.8 million** other people in need of international protection (+ 1 per cent).
- **6.0 million** Palestine refugees under UNRWA's mandate.



Two-thirds

of refugees under UNHCR's mandate originate from just four countries.

Specific situation of **asylum-seekers** in the world

2.7 MILLION

people sought international protection in the first six months of 2024, including:

1.9 MILLION **373,400** **362,600**

new individual asylum applications were registered (+22 per cent).

people were recognized on a group basis (+121 per cent).

people received temporary protection (-28 per cent).

394,500

people were granted refugee status through individual status determination procedures (+6 per cent).

55 PER CENT

was the total protection rate in the first half of 2024.⁵¹

8 MILLION

asylum-seekers were pending a decision on their claims at mid-2024 (+17 per cent).

**Most refugees and
displaced people
stay as close to home
as possible**



**Most of the world's refugees are
hosted by neighbouring countries**



69% HOSTED
IN NEIGHBOURING
COUNTRIES

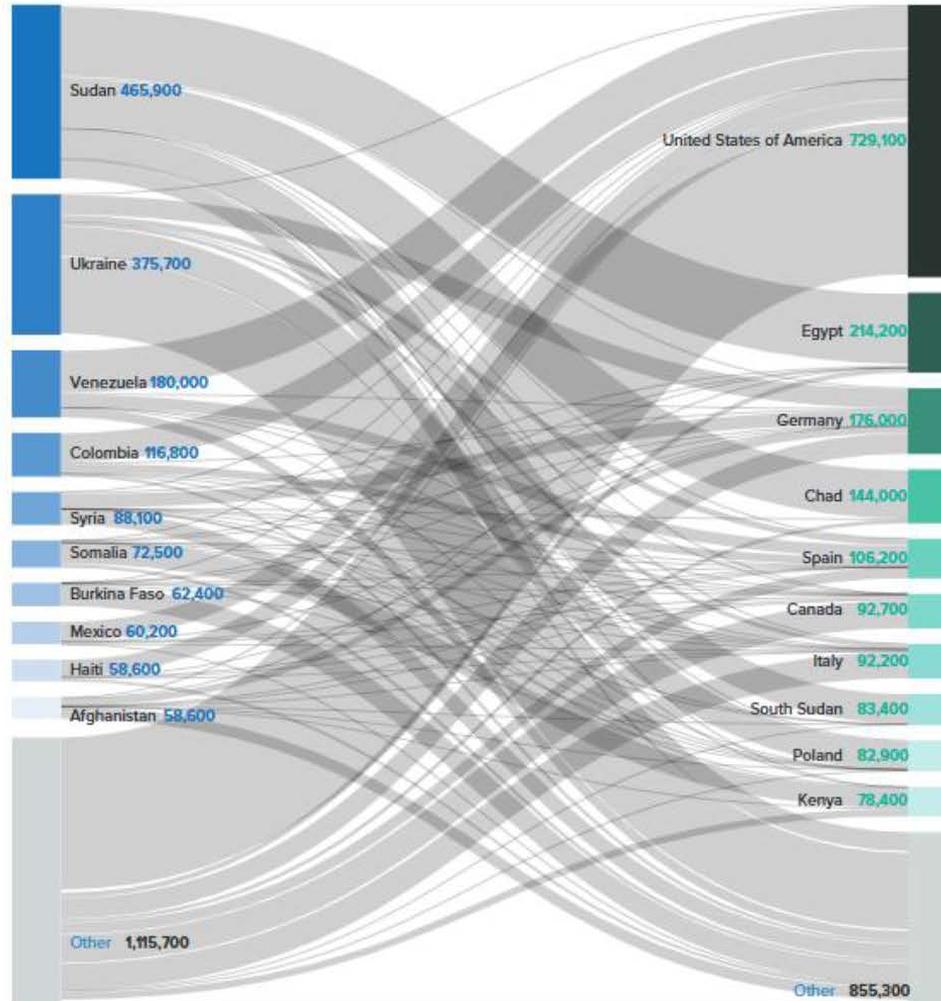
69 per cent of refugees and other people in need of international protection lived in countries neighbouring their countries of origin.

LOW-AND MIDDLE-
INCOME COUNTRIES
HOSTED

71%

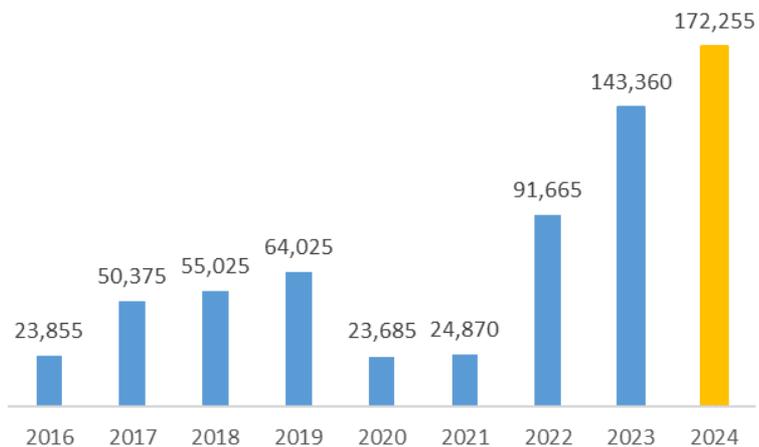
of the world's refugees and other people in need of international protection.⁵ The Least Developed Countries provided asylum to 22 per cent of the total.

Figure 9 | Key flows of people registered for new individual asylum applications, recognized on a group basis or granted temporary protection | Mid-2024

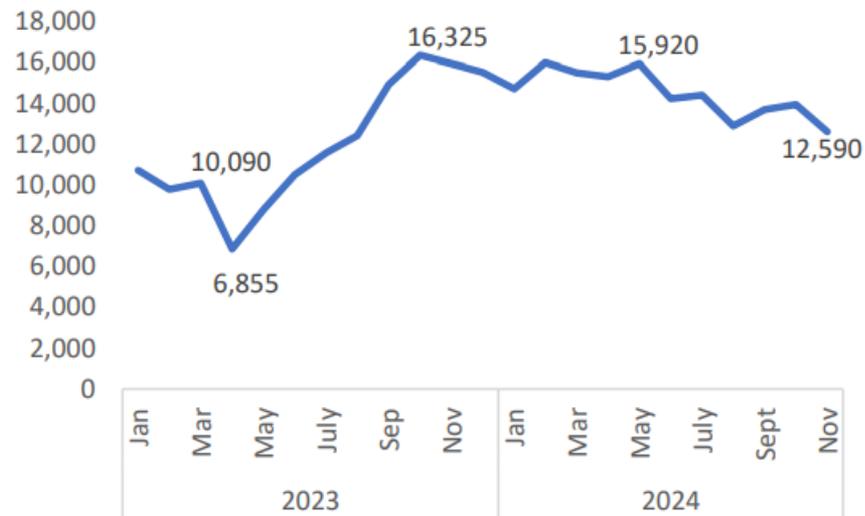


Canada

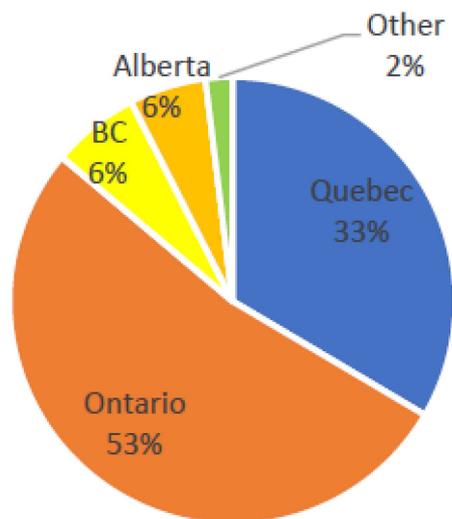
Asylum claims in Canada



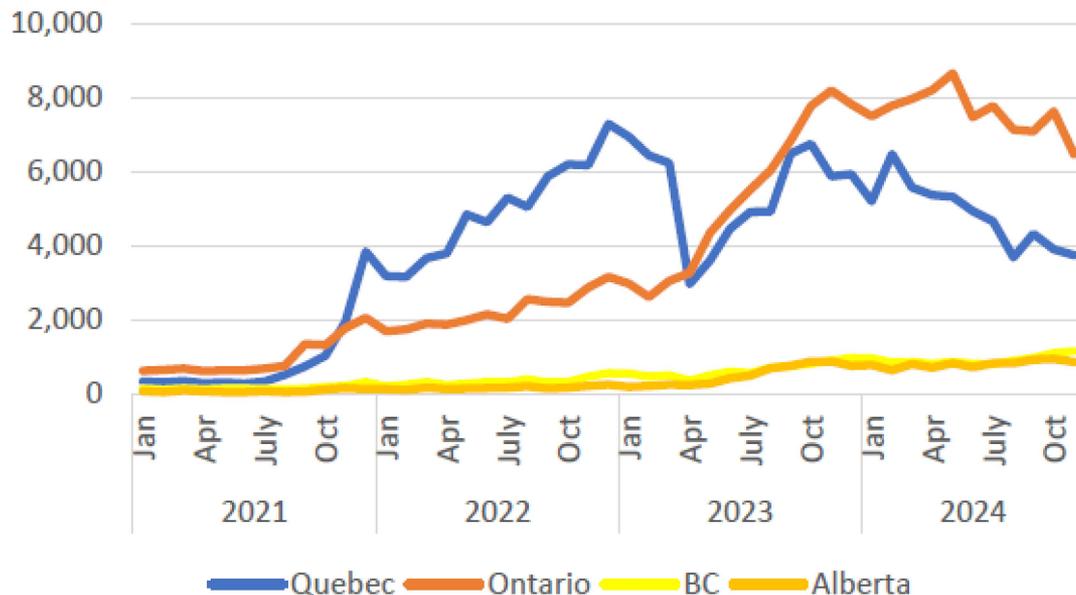
New asylum claims per month



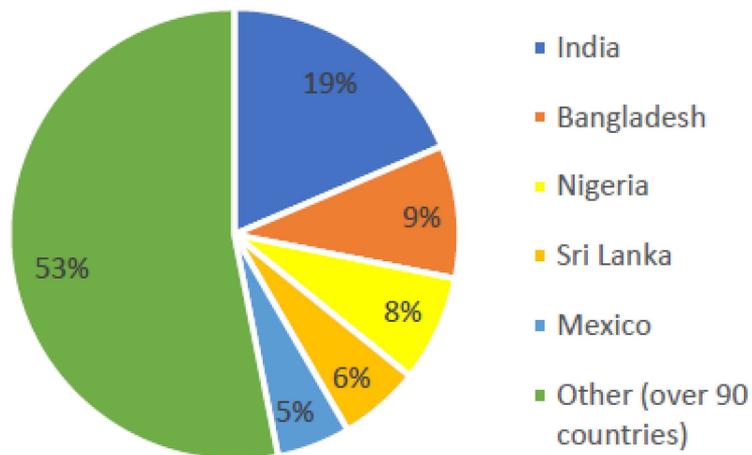
Province where the claim was made
Jan-Nov 2024



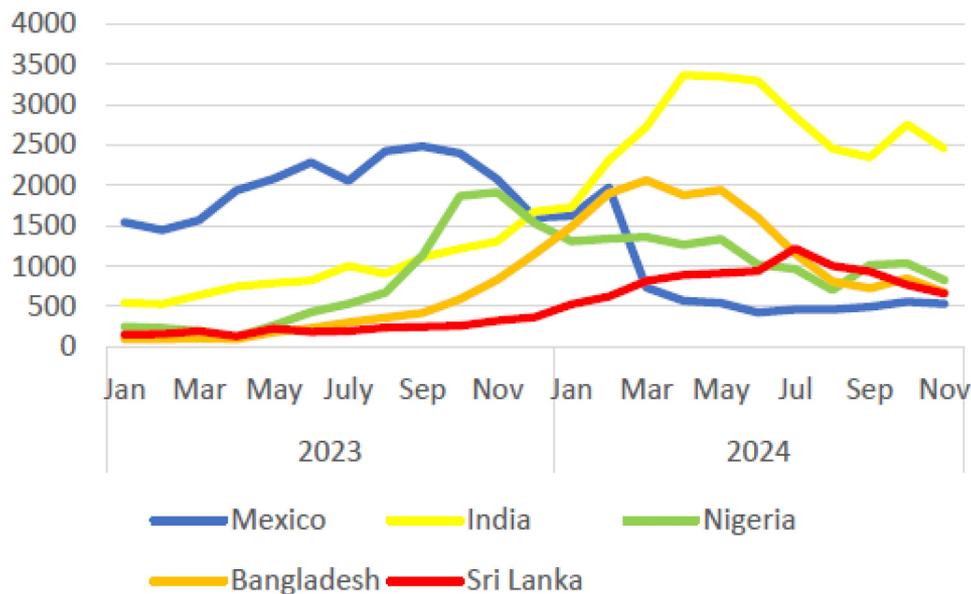
Monthly distribution of asylum claims in top four provinces



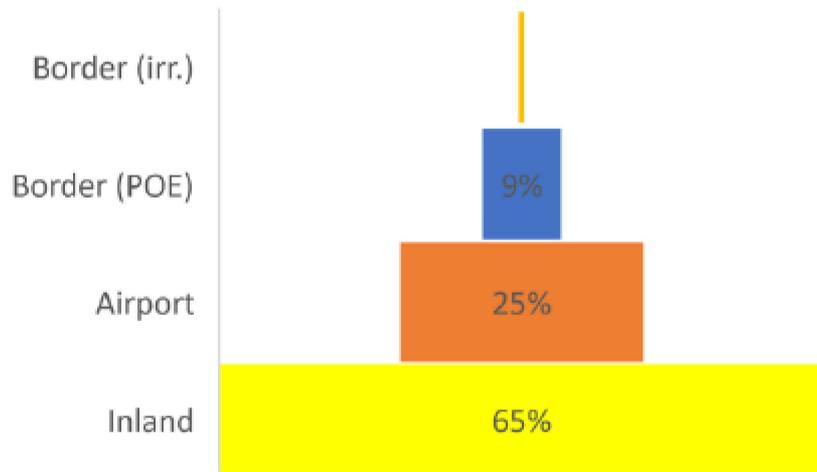
Top nationalities of asylum claims in Canada
Jan-Nov 2024



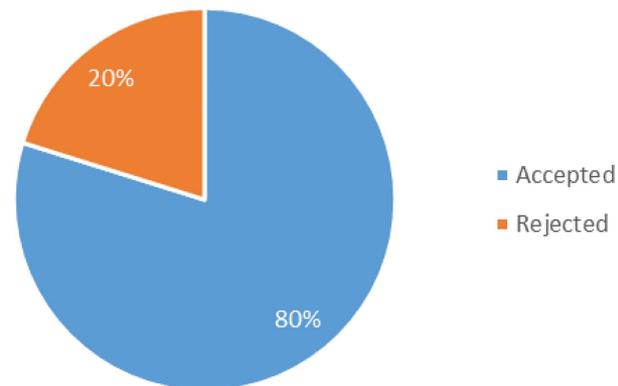
Top 5 sources countries of new asylum claims
in Jan-Nov 2024



Distribution of claims by office type
Jan-Nov 2024



Claims finalized on the merits at the RPD
2024

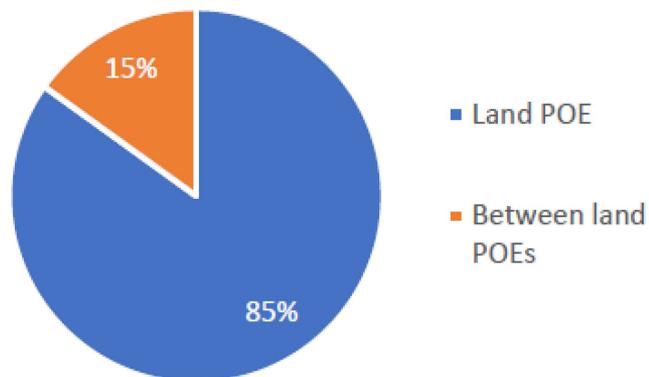


Southbound Migration

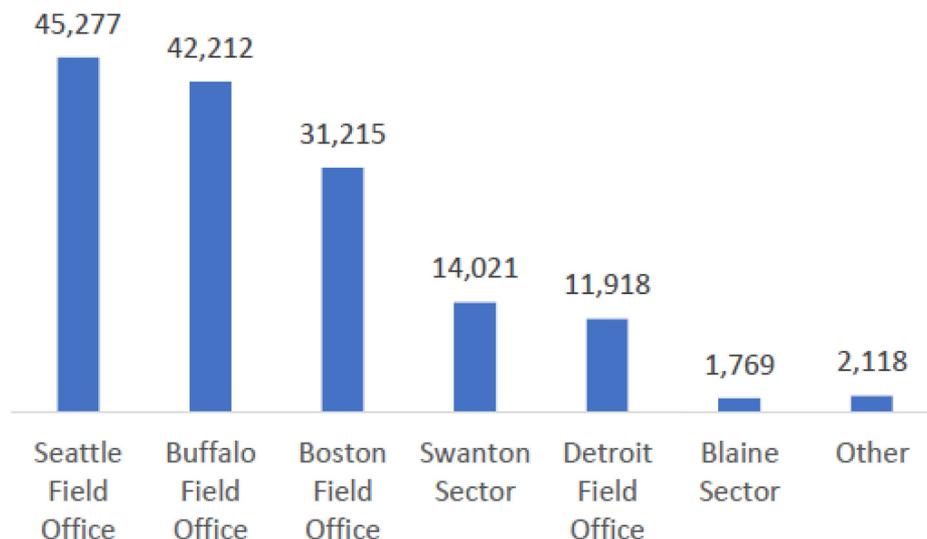
U.S. Northern border yearly apprehensions
(excluding Canadians)



US northern border apprehensions (excluding Canadians) Jan-Nov 2024



U.S. Northern border interceptions by sector (excluding Canadian nationals) Jan-Nov 2024





Questions and comments

