

Canada

May 2018

50,440

New refugee applications recorded in Canada during 2017, i.e. a **211%** increase in comparison with 2016 (23,930).

26,980

Refugees admitted to Canada in 2017 under its resettlement program; this figure includes Private Sponsorship arrivals.

81.26

Million Canadian dollars donated in 2017 by the Government of Canada to UNHCR, i.e. a **30%** decrease in comparison with 2016 (116.26).

HIGHLIGHTS

OVER 700,000 Refugees resettled to Canada since 1959.

10.3 MILLION Canadian dollars from private donors in 2017.

472% Rate of increase over the last six years for funds raised through private sector partnerships.

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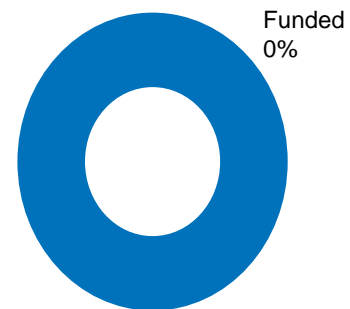
Refugees (recognized in 2017)	13,559
Asylum Seekers (pending decisions)	43,278

Source: Immigration and Refugee Board

FUNDING (AS OF MAY 2018)

USD 1.88 M

requested for the Canada situation



Unfunded 100%
1.88 M

UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 28 National Staff
- 1 International Staff

Offices:

- 1 Branch Office in Ottawa
- 4 Offices in Montreal, Toronto (Field Unit and Private Sector Partnerships) and Vancouver



Map Sources: UNCS, UNHCR
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Working with Partners

- UNHCR works with various departments and agencies of the Canadian federal government, primarily Global Affairs Canada (GAC), Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) and the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB). In addition, UNHCR also liaises with provincial and municipal governments, as well as with both national and local civil society organisations.
- The Office participates in regular government and civil society consultations as well as public events on issues pertaining to the improvement of the asylum system, alternatives to detention (particularly for minors), reduction of statelessness, global displacement and refugee issues.
- UNHCR Canada and Paramount Fine Foods CEO Mohamad Fakhri have launched a partnership to promote the role of the private sector in supporting refugee integration in Canada and the work of UNHCR more broadly.

Main Activities

Protection

- Support the Canadian government in aligning changes to its asylum and detention system to international standards.
- Observe border processing of asylum seekers, with emphasis on the influx of those who enter irregularly to improve access to Canada for persons in need of international protection.
- Encourage the Canadian government to adopt a statelessness determination mechanism.
- Support the Canadian government to standardize its data collection of persons of concern in a regular/ timely manner.
- Support the Canadian government by providing technical assistance to build asylum capacities in other countries, in particular in the Americas region.

Durable Solutions

- Advocate for increased resettlement of UNHCR identified needs.
- Promote the resettlement of refugees with urgent protection or special needs.
- Support and develop additional immigration pathways for refugees to Canada such as scholarships and labour mobility.
- Promote the expansion of durable solutions opportunities in other countries through technical support.

External Relations

- Build political support for refugees and UNHCR operations by maintaining and extending strong relationships with the Government of Canada, particularly Parliament (MPs, Senators, parliamentary committees) as well as key ministries such as Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), and central agencies such as the Privy Council Office (PCO) and Finance Canada.
- Leverage political and public support for UNHCR to mobilise additional financial resources for global operations.

Communications

- Improve public awareness of and support for refugees, particularly among youth, and promote the social and economic contributions of refugees in Canadian society.
- Produce and distribute public information on refugees, internally displaced and stateless persons, through various media and public events.

Donor Relations

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