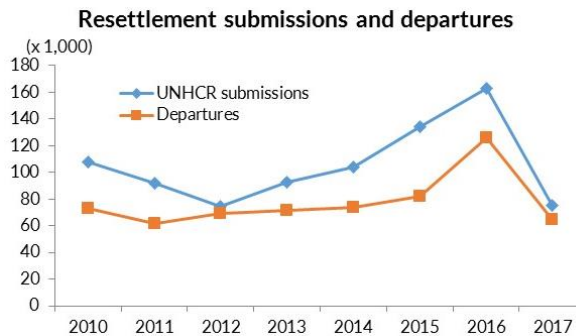




2017 in review

Against a change in the global resettlement landscape which has been characterized by fluctuations in state quotas, UNHCR was provided with resettlement places for only 75,188 refugees in 2017, a 54 per cent drop compared to 2016 (163,206). As such, 2017 witnessed the first drop in available resettlement places after four consecutive years of significant increases leading up to the 20-year high recorded in 2016.



75,188

UNHCR submissions

65,109

Departures

35

Number of States accepting UNHCR submissions

91%

Global acceptance rate of UNHCR submissions

10%

Urgent/emergency UNHCR submissions

51%

Children submitted to resettlement States

48%

Women and girls submitted to resettlement States

Submissions by country of asylum

Turkey	17,166	23%
Lebanon	13,830	18%
Jordan	8,466	11%
United Rep. of Tanzania	4,821	6%
Malaysia	3,285	4%

Submissions by country of origin

Syrian Arab Rep.	37,332	50%
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	12,936	17%
Myanmar	5,346	7%
Iraq	3,040	4%
Eritrea	2,947	4%

A total of 83 UNHCR operations referred refugees to resettlement States in 2017. Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan were the top three, driven mainly by the Syrian refugee crisis and together accounting for more than half (52%) of all submissions worldwide. Syrians also constituted the largest refugee population to be submitted for resettlement by UNHCR in 2017 (37,332 or 50% of all submissions).

Submissions by destination

United States	26,782	36%
United Kingdom	9,218	12%
Sweden	5,955	8%
France	5,207	7%
Canada	4,118	5%

Departures by destination*

United States	24,559	38%
Canada	8,912	14%
United Kingdom	6,202	10%
Australia	4,027	6%
Sweden	3,346	5%

The United States continued to be the main recipient of UNHCR's resettlement submissions in 2017 (26,782), despite recording a 75 per cent drop compared to 2016 (108,197 submissions). Despite this decrease, more than one third (38%) of all departures recorded during the year were to the United States (24,559).

UNHCR resettlement progress in 2017

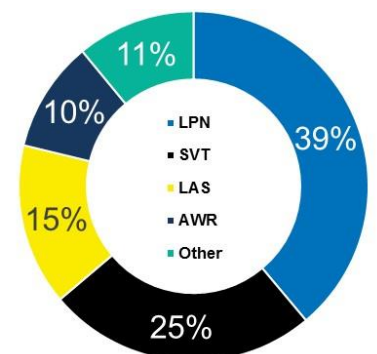
Region of asylum	Resettlement needs**	Planned submissions***	Actual submissions	Needs vs. submissions	Planned vs. actual subm.
Africa	441,523	55,387	21,507	5%	39%
Asia/Pacific	153,358	9,200	7,983	5%	87%
The Americas	7,773	1,752	1,054	14%	60%
Europe	306,950	52,950	17,413	6%	33%
MENA	280,915	50,500	27,231	10%	54%
Total	1,190,519	169,789	75,188	6%	44%

**Source: [Projected Global Resettlement Needs 2017](#) (published June 2016)

***Planned submissions are based on quotas that were expected to be made available by States, while actual submissions are based on the actual quotas that were effectively made available.

Of the 1.19 million refugees in need of resettlement, UNHCR had planned to submit close to 170,000 in 2017. However, the absence of sufficient quotas provided by States resulted in a lower number of resettlement submissions in 2017.

*Departure figures reported by UNHCR may not match resettlement statistics published by States as Government figures may include submissions received outside of UNHCR resettlement processes.



Submissions by category (cases)

LPN = Legal and Physical Protection Needs; SVT = Survivors of Violence and Torture; AWR = Women and Girls at Risk; LAS = Lack of Foreseeable Alternative Durable Solutions.