

RSTP Bulletin

The latest news and updates on Canada's Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Programs

Highlights from the 2019 PSR Annual Dashboard

The Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Annual Dashboard is produced by IRCC and provides a snapshot of what was achieved (and not achieved) in the program in the preceding year. Highlights from the 2019 edition are below.

From 1980 to 2019, Canada resettled 346,201 refugees through the PSR program.

In 2019, there was a 5.7% increase in the number of PSR applications received compared to 2018.

The overall approval rate for PSR applications in 2019 was 53%, with it being:

- 84% for SAHs;
- 29% for Groups of Five; and,
- 24% for Community Sponsors.

The 2019 PSR landing target was exceeded by 107%, with 19,150 refugees arriving in Canada through the program.

Of the 19,150 refugees that arrived in Canada through the PSR program:

- 12,612 were sponsored by Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs);
- 5,287 were sponsored by Groups of Five;
- 525 were sponsored by Community Sponsors; and,
- 726 were sponsored by groups in Quebec.

Refugees located in the Middle East accounted for 56.1% of the arrivals (10,749 persons in total).

The top 10 source countries for refugees sponsored and resettled to Canada through the PSR program in 2019 were:

1. Eritrea
2. Syria
3. Iraq
4. Afghanistan
5. Ethiopia

6. Somalia
7. Pakistan
8. The Democratic Republic of the Congo
9. Stateless
10. Burundi

ICYMI: Recording of Promising Practices in Supporting Resettlement during COVID-19 and the French Travel Resumption Resource Kit Now Available!

A recording of a webinar with RAP SPOs on their experience welcoming Government Assisted Refugees (GARs) during the pandemic can be viewed [here](#).

During the webinar, the panelists discussed:

- What are some key learnings about planning for and receiving GARs during the pandemic?
- What are some best practices the sponsorship community could adapt as they plan to welcome refugees sponsored under the PSR program?

The RSTP Travel Resumption Resource Kit for refugee sponsors is now available in French on the RSTP website [here](#).

The kit:

- Outlines the procedure that IRCC will follow before booking travel for sponsored refugees during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Summarizes the mandatory entry requirements that all persons arriving or entering Canada must follow, including sponsored refugees;
- Provides readiness checklists that sponsors can use to prepare a quarantine plan to ensure the refugees comply with the entry requirements and any instructions provided to them on arrival;
- Collates publicly available information and resources on COVID-19 that can assist sponsors and sponsored refugees; and,
- Shares best practices from sponsors that have welcomed refugees during the pandemic.

UPCOMING RSTP ONLINE WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

Welcoming Refugees During the Pandemic

Northern Alberta

Date: Tuesday August 18, 2020

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm MDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6358051740416857102>

Atlantic Provinces

Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm ADT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4061606257394300427>

FRANÇAIS

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4813025697913188620>

British Colombia

Date: Friday, August 21, 2020

Time: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm PDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8901255121120185355>

Calgary

Date: Monday, August 24, 2020

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm MDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/721204170236612876>

Manitoba

Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Time: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm CDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2039097499053886475>

Saskatchewan

Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm CST

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8029948231266431757>

Ontario

Date: Friday, August 28, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm EDT

Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6728549775893374735>

Q&A for Sponsors with the Public Health Agency of Canada

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm EDT

Registration:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7558465550537845004>

August Monthly Webinars

How to Submit a Refugee Sponsorship Application to ROC-O Via Email and Updating Applications After Submission

Date: Tuesday August 18, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM EDT

Registration:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6645533349214288142>

Preparing for Arrival and Providing Post-Arrival Support: Handling Unrealistic Expectations and Practicing Ethical Consideration

Date: Tuesday August 25, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM EDT

Registration:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7809239963377997070>

Preparing and Transitioning to Month 13

Date: Thursday August 25, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM EDT

Registration:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4221283932805413134>



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