

Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSR) Annual Data Summary

Annual Report 2019



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S1: PSR ADMISSION LEVELS (in persons)

2019 Levels Plan			
Category	Target	Admissions	% Achieved
GAR	9,300	9,956	107%
BVOR	1,650	981	59%
PSR	19,000	19,150	101%
Total	29,950	30,087	100%

PSR Category	Grand Total
Sponsorship Agreement Holders	12,612
Groups of 5	5,287
Community Sponsors	525
MIDI	726
Grand Total	19,150

Analysis: 2019 Global Admission Levels

- **GAR and PSR admissions** exceeded their targets at 107% and 101% respectively.
- Meanwhile, **BVOR admissions** only met 59% of the 2019 target. This is fewer than the 1,126 admitted in 2018 (75% of 2018 target of 1,500).
- The PSR target has consistently been achieved, despite significant growth in the program after Operation Syrian Refugees in 2015 (the **PSR target was only 6,300 in 2015**).
- SAHs' proportion of PSR landings remained relatively constant at 65.9% as compared to 66.2% in 2018.

Guiding notes:

- 'Admissions' refer to the number of persons who have arrived in Canada.
- Admission levels for ALL of Canada including Quebec.

Data source: GCMS as of March 2, 2020

S2: 2019 PSR ADMISSIONS BY REGION (in persons)

Region	Mission	PSR Admissions
Middle East	Abu Dhabi	3,050
	Amman	1,160
	Ankara	2,905
	Beirut	2,059
	Cairo	375
	Tel Aviv	1,200
Africa	Accra	80
	Dakar	8
	Dar-Es-Salaam	1,551
	Nairobi	2,584
	Pretoria	391
Asia	Colombo	249
	Hong Kong	40
	Islamabad	503
	Manila	1
	New Delhi	603
	Singapore	757
	Sydney Australia	6
Europe-Maghreb	Bucharest	1
	Kyiv	2
	London England	20
	Moscow	40
	Paris	36
	Rome	1,452
	Vienna	16
Americas	All	17
Other	Other	44
Grand Total		19,150

Analysis: PSR Admissions

- **The Middle East** accounted for a majority of PSR admissions at **56.1% of all PSR admissions**.
 - Of these cases, **Abu Dhabi had the most admissions, accounting for 15.9% of all PSR admissions**.
 - It is worth noting that while **Rome accounts for 93% of admissions from Europe-Maghreb**, a majority of its caseload deals with African cases.
 - In Asia, **Singapore predominates with 35.1% of all admissions from Asia** while **Nairobi had over half of all admissions from Africa at 56%**.

Guiding notes

'Admissions' refer to the number of persons who have arrived in Canada.
 Admission levels for ALL of Canada include PSRs with sponsors in Quebec.
 - Other smaller regions with admissions and inventory data may not be included.

S3: 2019 PSR APPROVAL RATES (in persons)

2019 Privately Sponsored Refugee Approval Rates by Processing Region, Mission, and Sponsorship Type

	SAH	G5	CS	MIDI	Overall
Middle East	86%	90%	94%	84%	87%
Abu Dhabi	93%	96%	95%	92%	93%
Amman	96%	66%	100%	100%	93%
Ankara	92%	91%	93%	87%	91%
Beirut	69%	74%	78%	64%	69%
Cairo	95%	100%	100%	100%	97%
Tel Aviv	97%	100%	100%	100%	97%
Africa	86%	87%	87%	93%	86%
Accra	71%	100%	63%	-	70%
Dakar	29%	31%	-	100%	33%
Dar-Es-Salaam	93%	95%	85%	93%	94%
Nairobi	85%	86%	100%	100%	85%
Pretoria	77%	63%	86%	100%	70%
Asia	96%	92%	100%	100%	95%
Bangalore	-	100%	-	-	100%
Hong Kong	100%	100%	100%	-	100%
Islamabad	96%	90%	-	100%	95%
Manila	100%	-	-	-	100%
New Delhi	100%	89%	100%	100%	96%
Shanghai	0%	-	-	-	0%
Singapore	94%	95%	100%	-	94%
Sydney Australia	100%	100%	-	-	100%
Europe, Gulf & Maghreb	84%	78%	50%	30%	80%
Bucharest	100%	0%	-	-	20%
Kyiv	50%	0%	-	-	40%
London England	65%	100%	-	-	66%
Moscow	100%	100%	-	-	100%
Paris	80%	50%	-	-	79%
Rabat	100%	-	-	-	100%
Rome	86%	79%	50%	75%	81%
Vienna	71%	33%	-	0%	44%
Warsaw	0%	-	-	0%	0%
Americas	54%	38%	0%	-	47%
Overseas Approval Rate ¹	87%	87%	92%	85%	87%
Overall Approval Rate ²	84%	29%	24%	84%	53%

Analysis: PSR Approval Rates

- The overall approval rate for the PSR program is 53%. 84% for SAHs, 29% for G5s and 24% for CSs.
- The overall *overseas* approval rate is 87% without significant differences between streams.
 - Asia is the **region with the highest overseas approval rate at 95%** while **Europe, Gulf & Maghreb is the lowest at 80%**
 - The **lowest overseas approval rates for SAHs** are from Shanghai and Warsaw at 0% and Dakar at 29%. **Beirut is also notable at 69%.**

2019 Sponsorship Decisions (In Cases) and Approval Rates of Privately Sponsored Refugee Applications Processed at ROC-O by Sponsorship Type

Sponsorship Decision	Sponsorship Type			
	SAH	G5	CS	Total
Positive	5,333	3,102	113	8,548
Failed	156	6,243	622	7,021
Withdrawn	61	115	5	181
Total	5,550	9,460	740	15,750
Sponsorship Approval Rate	96%	33%	15%	54%

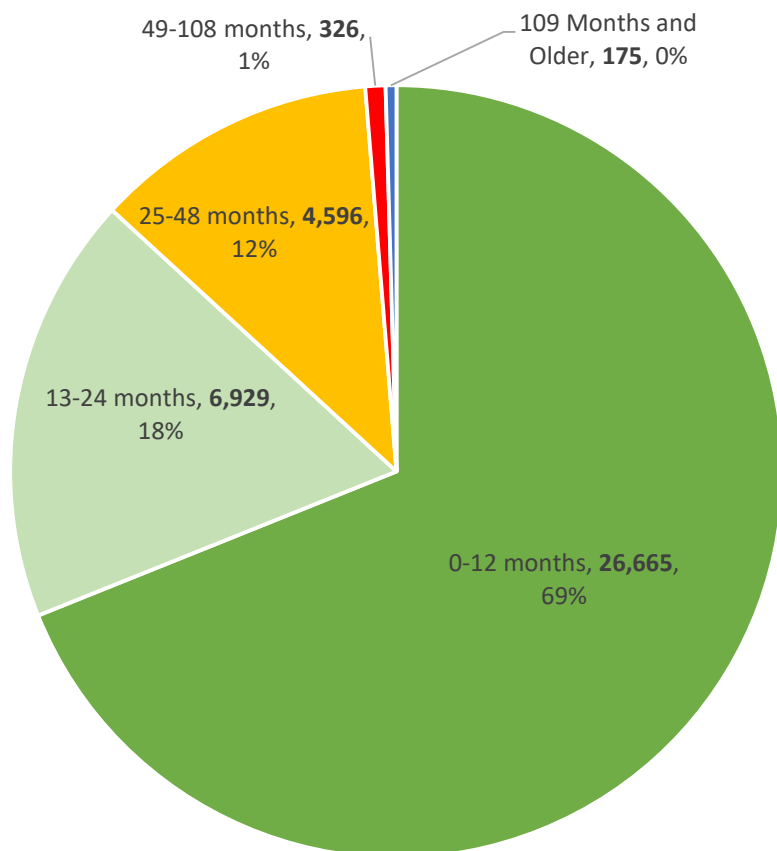
Data source: Cognos (CBR) as of March 2, 2020

MIDI stands for Ministère de immigration, Diversité et Inclusion du Québec

¹Approval Rates does not include decisions made at ROC-O

²Includes Decisions made at ROCO

S4: AGE OF THE PSR INVENTORY (in persons)



Analysis: Age of PSR Applications

- **86.8% of cases were less than 2 years old.**
- **18% of the inventory was between 13 and 24 months old.**
- **69% of all applications were 1 year old or less (1-12 months).** This is an improvement from 2018, when only 47% of all applications were 1 year old or less.
- The number of cases that are **4 years older or more is now at only 1%** which is down from 4% in 2018.

Data source: CBR as of March 2, 2020

Guiding Notes

- 'PSR Inventory' refers to all applications received by IRCC and includes applications at sponsorship stage at Resettlement Operations Centre-Ottawa (ROCO) and at missions overseas.

- 'PSR Inventory' includes prospective applications that require further processing before they can be promoted into the system and become eligible for referral to the Visa offices.

S5: PSR INVENTORY BY REGIONS (in persons)

PSR Inventory								
		SAHs		G5s	CSs	MICC	Other	Total
		Federal	Quebec					
Middle East	Abu Dhabi	536	1,095	143	26	323	0	2,123
	Amman	1,132	83	190	25	35	0	1,465
	Ankara	968	997	1,808	93	161	0	4,027
	Beirut	1,416	653	61	15	138	0	2,283
	Cairo	395	44	272	19	33	0	763
	Tel Aviv	2,394	49	271	26	15	0	2,755
Africa	Accra	87	4	15	4	15	0	125
	Dakar	51	28	37	0	20	0	136
	Dar-Es-Salaam	1,612	154	2,314	30	52	0	4,162
	Nairobi	2,317	27	2,620	39	2	2	5,007
	Pretoria	442	48	346	13	20	0	869
Asia	Bangalore	0	0	6	0	0	0	6
	Colombo	36	0	3	0	0	0	39
	Hong Kong	36	7	7	1	0	0	51
	Islamabad	55	74	124	8	48	0	309
	Manila	10	0	3	12	0	0	25
	New Delhi	193	156	440	48	33	0	870
	Singapore	822	15	201	19	4	0	1,061
	Sydney Australia	32	0	0	0	0	0	32
Europe-Maghreb	Kyiv	8	2	4	0	0	0	14
	London England	2	4	0	0	0	0	6
	Moscow	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
	Paris	54	1	22	0	17	0	94
	Rabat	0	5	0	0	7	0	12
	Rome	943	12	567	5	13	0	1,540
	Vienna	40	4	6	0	3	0	53
	Warsaw	4	8	0	0	4	0	16
Americas	All	35	4	5	2	5	0	51
ROC-O	All	817	8	9,379	666	52	0	10,922
TOTAL	All	14,437	3,482	18,844	1,051	1,004	2	38,820

Analysis: PSR inventory

- **The top 3 highest inventories worldwide were at:**
 - Nairobi (5,007 persons).
 - Dar-Es-Salaam (4,162 persons)
 - Ankara (4,027 persons)
- **Overall inventories by region were broken down as follows:**
 - Middle East (34.5% of all persons)
 - Africa (26.4% of all persons)
 - Europe-Maghreb (4.5% of all persons)
 - Asia (6.2% of all persons)
- **Within regions, the highest inventories were at the following missions:**
 - Nairobi (48.6%) of African missions
 - Singapore (44.3%) of all Asian missions
 - Rome (88.6%) of all Europe-Maghreb missions
 - Ankara (30.0%) of all Middle Eastern missions

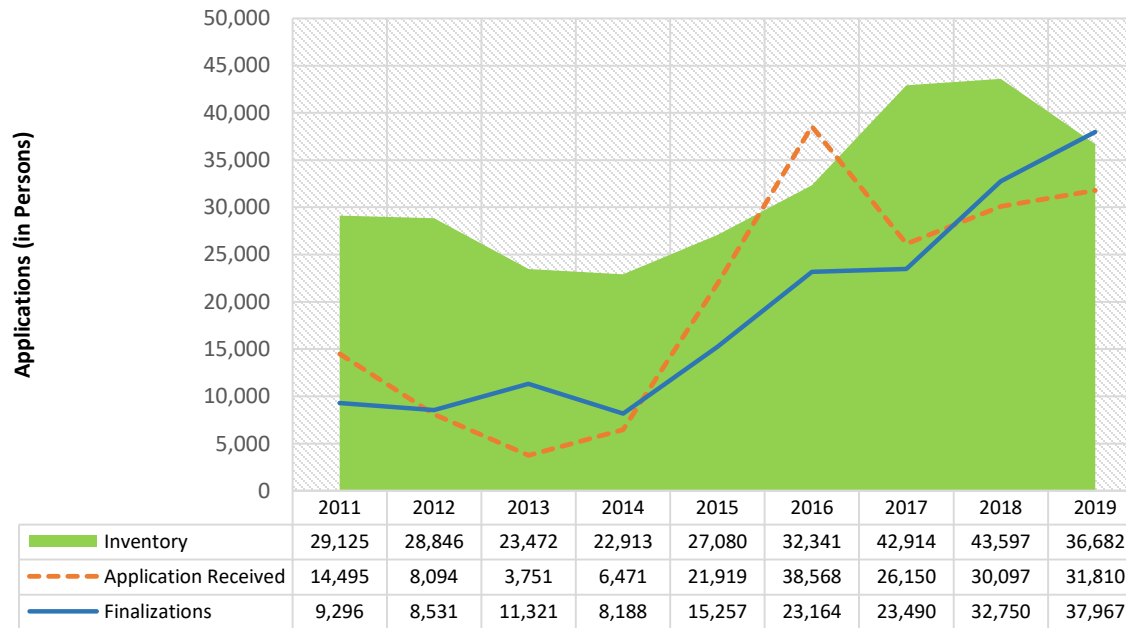
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- MIDI stands for Ministère de immigration, Diversité et Inclusion du Québec
- 'Other' are mainly prospective applications not yet defined under a PSR group in GCMS.

Data source: IRCC GCMS as of March 4, 2020

S6: GLOBAL PSR INVENTORY TREND 2011-2019

Global PSR Inventory 2011-2019



Analysis: Global PSR inventory

- **Between 2018 and 2019** the size of the **inventory** decreased by **15.9%** compared to **between 2017 and 2018** when the inventory grew by (1.6%).
- **In 2019**, the number of applications finalized **increased by 15.9%**, compared to **2018**, when the number of applications finalized **increased by 39.4%**
- There was a **5.7% increase in the number of applications received** in 2019 compared to those received in 2018.

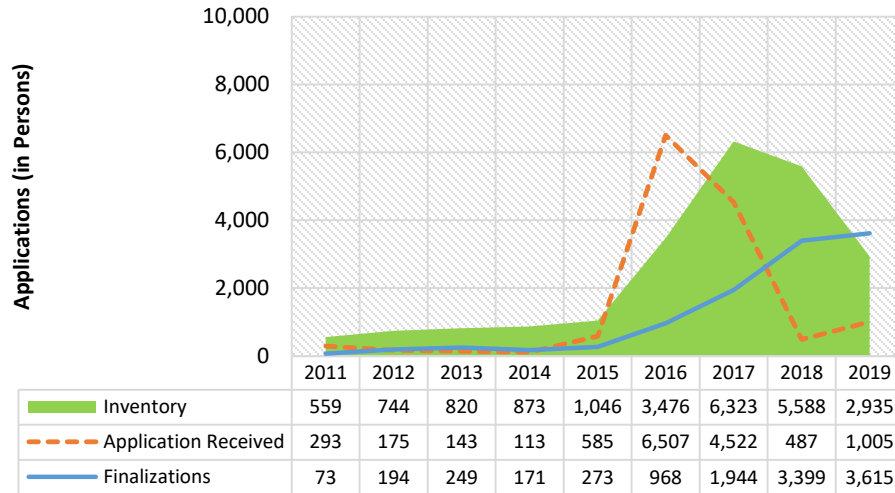
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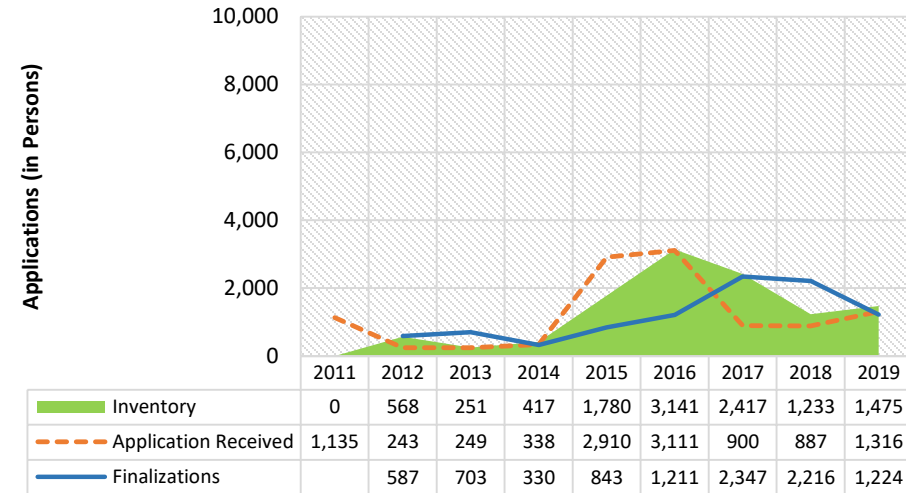
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S7: PSR INVENTORY TRENDS BY KEY MISSIONS 2011-2019

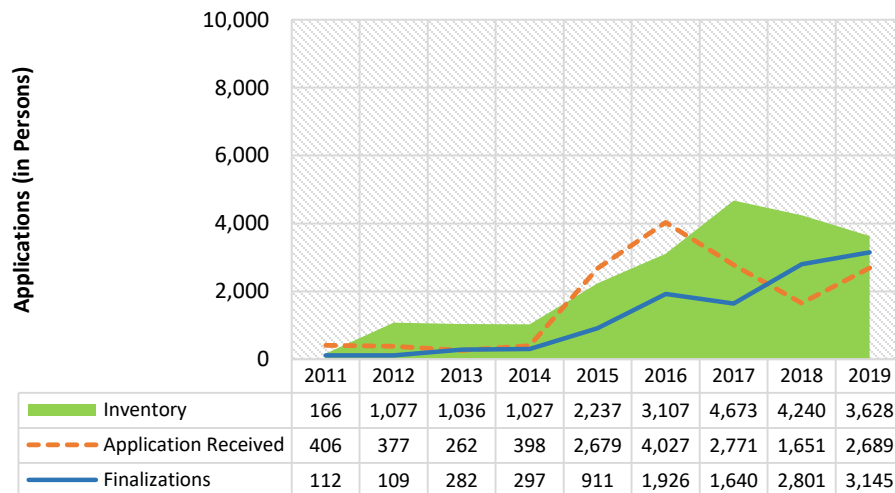
Abu Dhabi: PSR Year-end Inventory



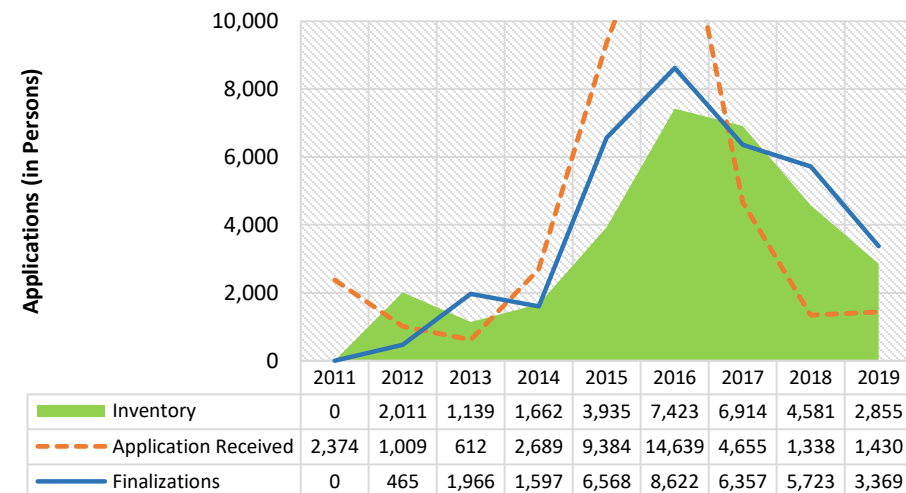
Amman: PSR Year-end Inventory



Ankara: PSR Year-end Inventory



Beirut: PSR Year-end Inventory

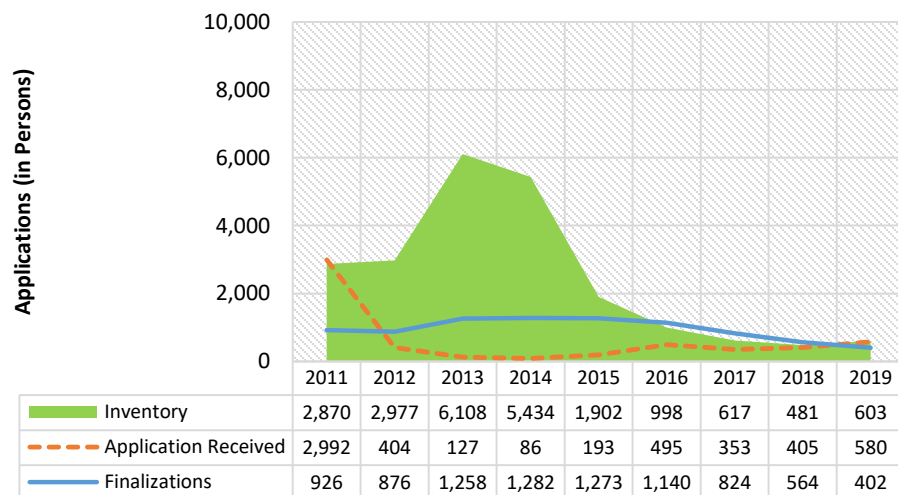


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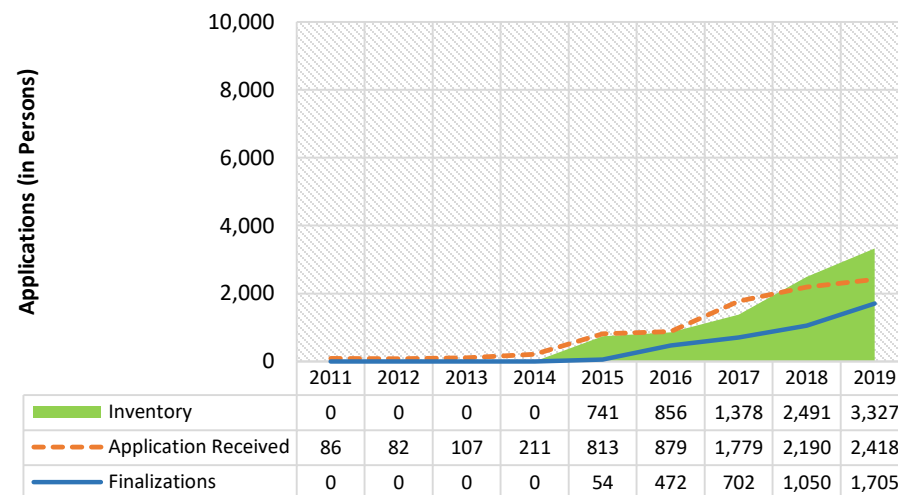
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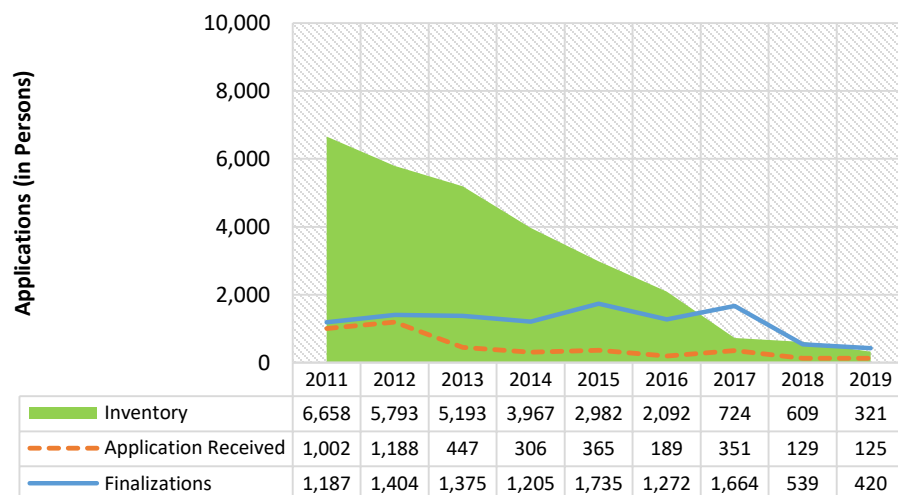
Cairo: PSR Year-end Inventory



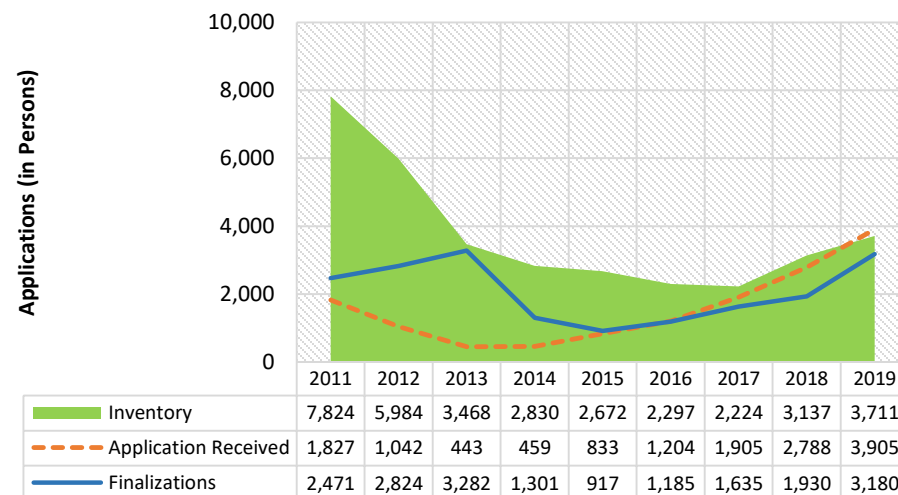
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Islamabad: PSR Year-end Inventory



Nairobi: PSR Year-end Inventory

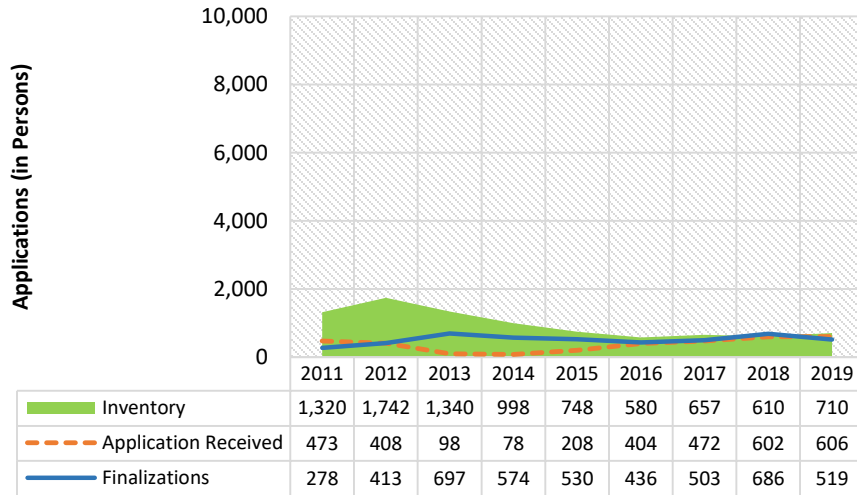


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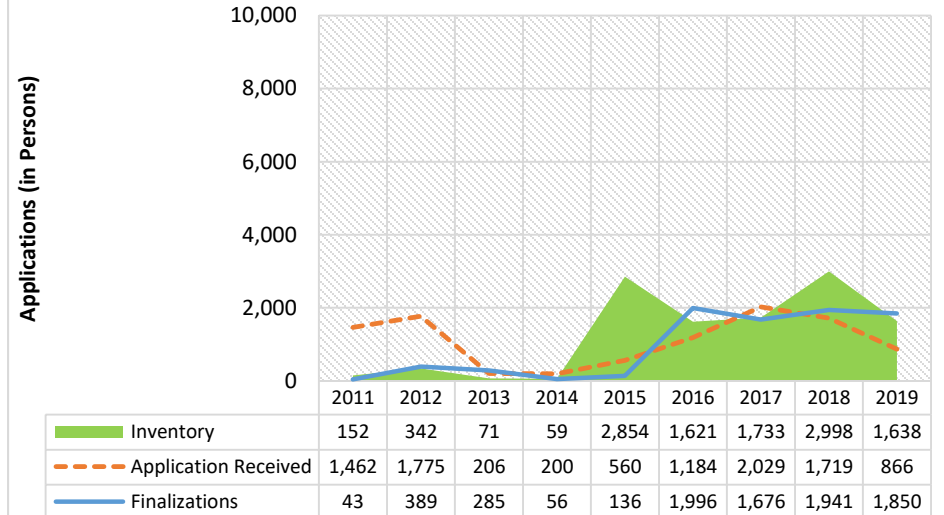
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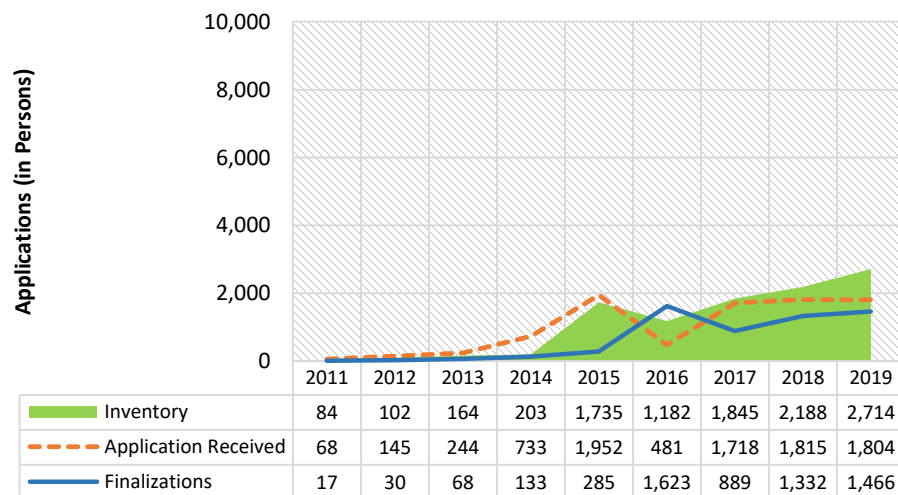
Pretoria: PSR Year-end Inventory



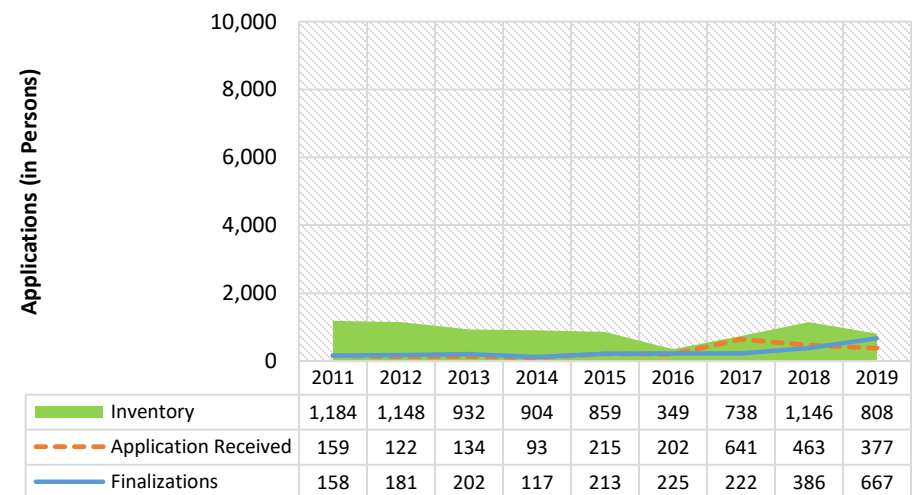
Rome: PSR Year-end Inventory



Tel Aviv: PSR Year-end Inventory



New Delhi: PSR Year-end Inventory



S10: TOP 10: PSR SOURCE COUNTRIES 2017-2019

Top 10 Source Countries for Privately Sponsored Refugees 2017

Rank	Country of Citizenship	Admissions
1	Syria	6,613
2	Eritrea	3,278
3	Iraq	2,628
4	Afghanistan	1,713
5	Ethiopia	681
6	Somali Republic	640
7	Stateless	232
8	Pakistan	202
9	Congo, Democratic Republic of	179
10	Burundi	106
	Total Top 10	16,272
	Other Countries	451
Total Admissions		16,723

Top 10 Source Countries for Privately Sponsored Refugees 2018

Rank	Country of Citizenship	Admissions
1	Syria	7,003
2	Eritrea	3,783
3	Iraq	3,057
4	Afghanistan	1,753
5	Ethiopia	842
6	Somali Republic	715
7	Pakistan	267
8	Stateless	204
9	Congo, Democratic Republic of	176
10	Burundi	133
	Total Top 10	17,933
	Other Countries	637
Total Admissions		18,570

Top 10 Source Countries for Privately Sponsored Refugees 2019

Rank	Country of Citizenship	Admissions
1	Eritrea	4,889
2	Syria	4,822
3	Iraq	2,512
4	Afghanistan	2,250
5	Ethiopia	1,139
6	Somali Republic	1,010
7	Pakistan	879
8	Congo, Democratic Republic of	317
9	Stateless	204
10	Burundi	197
	Total Top 10	18,219
	Other Countries	931
Total Admissions		19,150

Analysis: PSR source countries

- Between 1980 and 2019, Canada welcomed **346,201** PSRs (1)
- Throughout 2017-2019, Syria and Eritrea consistently remain the top 2 source country for PSR admissions
- In 2019, Eritrea had the most PSR admissions than any other country for the first time since 2015.

(1): 197,994 (1980-1997) and 74,777 (1998-2015) from the Government of Canada open data <http://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/ad975a26-df23-456a-8ada-756191a23695> recorded by IRCC Data Protocol Unit, 31 January 2019 plus the total admissions for 2016-2018 identified in the table above. .