

Canada is recognized around the world for its leadership in offering safe haven to people who need refugee protection. In fact, Canada welcomes one out of every 10 refugees resettled globally. In 2016-2017, Canada resettled:

- 13,070 government-assisted refugees;
- 16,600 privately sponsored refugees; and
- 2,562 Blended Visa Office-Referred refugees from refugee populations all over the world.

In addition, Canada's domestic asylum system provided protection to 11,019 refugees who had come to Canada from all over the world in 2016-2017. Among these are Yazidis, a minority population that has suffered violence at the hands of Daesh in Iraq and Syria. The Government of Canada committed to resettle 1,200 highly vulnerable survivors from the Yazidi community by the end of 2017. As of March 2017, the Government of Canada had resettled 452 individuals.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada supports refugee protection and resettlement. As part of this, it also engages domestic and international stakeholders to develop and implement timely, efficient and effective refugee protection policies and programs.

For more information, please visit [Canada's refugee programs](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/index.asp).<sup>9</sup>

## REFUGEE INTEGRATION AND SUPPORT IN CANADA

Promoting human rights and protecting refugees has been a cornerstone of Canada's humanitarian tradition since the Second World War. Canada's Resettlement Assistance Program supports government-assisted refugees and persons in refugee-like situations admitted to Canada. These people are admitted under public policy considerations or on humanitarian and compassionate grounds when they first arrive in Canada. The program provides immediate and essential services. These services are generally delivered during the first four to six weeks following the client's arrival in Canada. There is also monthly income support, typically for up to 12 months.



As such, the Resettlement Assistance Program complements the broader range of Settlement Program services available to refugees. Blended Visa Office-Referred refugees are also eligible to receive up to six months of Resettlement Assistance Program income support.

Canada's Settlement Program helps new Canadians—including refugees—overcome barriers specific to newcomers. Federally funded settlement services provide newcomers with a range of information and support, including:

- language skills to achieve their integration goals;
- labour market services to find and retain employment commensurate with their education and experience; and
- community supports to build professional and personal networks.

These services support the full participation of newcomers, including refugees, in the economic, social, cultural and civic life of Canada. Services are available both before and after newcomers arrive.

In 2016-2017, 60,453 refugees (outside Quebec) received at least one settlement service. These services included:

- needs assessments;
- information and orientation;
- language training;
- employment-related services;
- community connections;
- support services (for example, translation and interpretation, and child care services); and
- referrals to other community-based services, such as health and social services.

9. <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/index.asp>