



RESPONDING TO RECENT REFUGEE CRISES: Lessons from Hamilton

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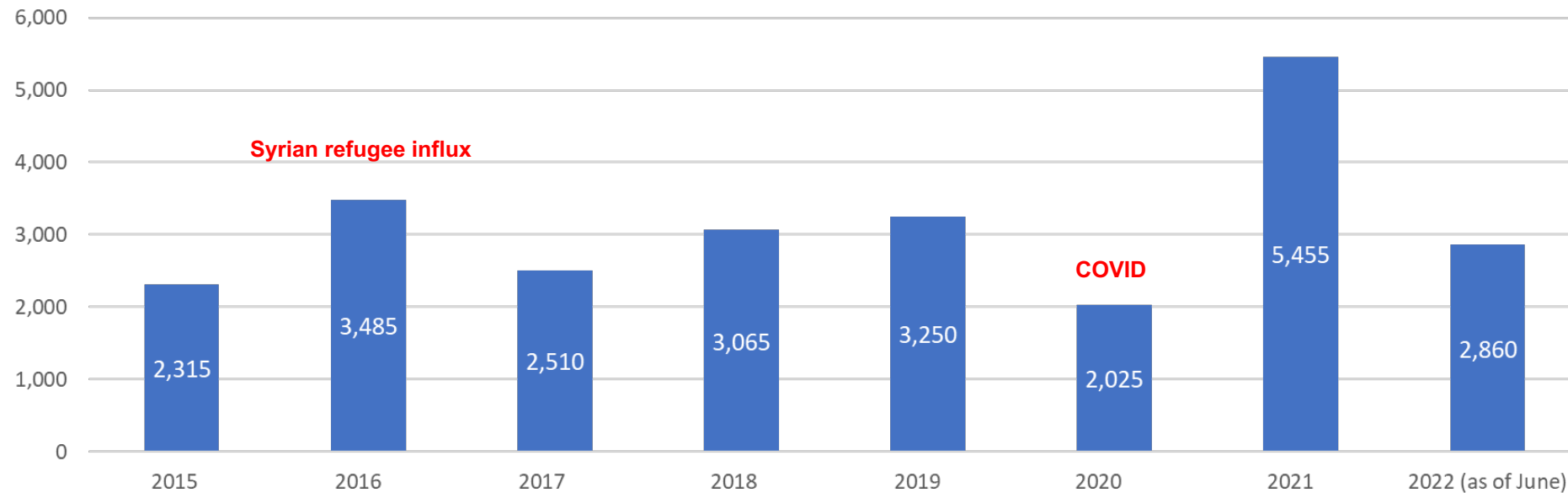
Introduction to HIPC

- Formed in 2009, housed in Economic Development Division of City of Hamilton
- Includes 33 members representing various sectors/communities
- Diverse membership
- Priorities include economic stability, social inclusion and community engagement



Immigration to Hamilton

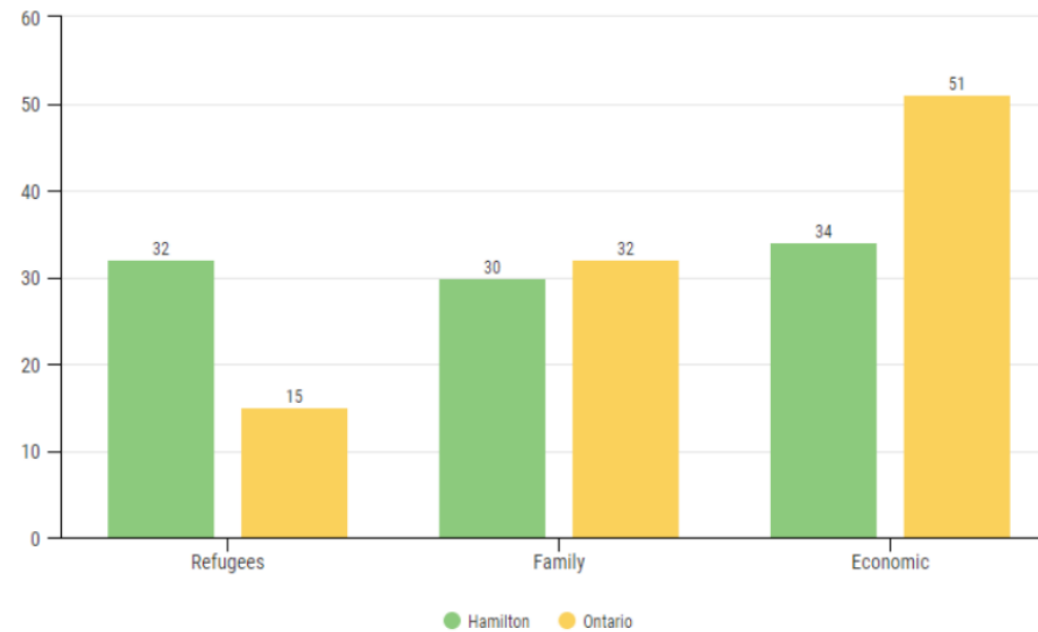
Number of permanent resident admissions in Hamilton (2015-2022)



Immigration has been on the rise in Hamilton, with 2021 seeing a record high number of immigrant admissions

Immigrant categories in Hamilton

Recent Immigrants in Hamilton (%)



In 2016, Hamilton had a bigger share of newcomers in the refugee category than Ontario's average.

Recent refugee arrivals

Ukraine



- Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) launched Mar 2022 to welcome unlimited number of Ukrainians.
- Ukrainian arrivals to Hamilton: around 2,000

Afghanistan



- Special measures announced by Government of Canada Aug 2021 to bring 40,000 Afghan refugees.
- New Afghans to Hamilton: almost 600.

Other parts of the world



- Wesley continues to welcome Government-Assisted Refugees (GARs) from various parts of the world, including Africa, Middle East and South America
- In 2022, Wesley has welcomed 450 non-Afghan GARs so far

Welcoming and supporting Ukrainians




- Bringing key stakeholders together for a coordinated, proactive response
- Connecting community organizations to City's emergency response


Welcoming and supporting Afghans





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Afghan Resettlement in Hamilton

This page provides information and resources for persons wishing to support Afghan resettlement in meaningful ways, locally and beyond. We will update it regularly with new resources and reliable and accurate information.

Please exhaust the information here before connecting directly with local organizations supporting the resettlement – they are extremely busy focusing on supporting our newest neighbours.

- + What Do We Know?
- + How is Afghan resettlement being supported in Hamilton?
- + How can I sponsor refugees and support family reunification?
- + How can I help now?
- + How can I stay informed?
- Welcome Guide for Afghans

If you are new to Hamilton and would like to learn more about the services available to you in the city. Download our Welcome to Hamilton guide below!

[Guide in Pashto](#) [Guide in Dari](#)

- Creating a local taskforce to coordinate efforts
- Connecting with local ethno-cultural association

What has worked?

- ✓ Being proactive to respond to emerging crises
- ✓ Facilitating collaboration among settlement & non-settlement organizations to support refugees
- ✓ Including/leveraging municipal government that has broader interests and resources, including public health, housing, social assistance
- ✓ Connecting with the informal, volunteer-driven associations helping co-ethnics

Questions for you

- ❓ What are other ways that LIPs/RIFs can promote equitable welcome for all refugees?
- ❓ How has your LIP/RIF responded to the arrival of Afghans and Ukrainians?

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