

Seeking safe haven: a snapshot of Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel clients

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This presentation...

Provides **an overview of ongoing measures** to support those seeking safe haven from the invasion in Ukraine:

- launch of the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel program, or CUAET, in March 2022
- opening of a new Family Reunification PR Pathway for CUAET visa holders who have a family member in Canada
- what we know about Ukrainians who have arrived in Canada since March 2022

Outlines **IRCC's international crisis response** work:

- crises and mass arrivals to Canada in recent years
- release of *An Immigration System for Canada's Future*, a report which includes a recommendation for a Crisis Response Framework

International crises and mass arrivals to Canada in recent years



- **25,000** Syrian refugees resettled over a 100-day period in 2016-17
- refugees, who were outside Syria, came to Canada as GARs and PSRs
- to date, **47,155** Syrians have arrived in Canada



- over **40,000** Afghan refugees have arrived in Canada since 2021
- Most have come as GARs or PSRs
- Commitment has been met, but continuing to process eligible applications under Afghan special measures on a priority basis



- over **200,000** Ukrainians have arrived in Canada
- CUAET, launched in 2022, is a temporary program leveraging existing visa processes
- Provides flexibility to allow Ukrainians to return home at the end of hostilities



Canada launches new humanitarian PR pathway to welcome up to **11,000** Colombian, Haitian and Venezuelan nationals residing in Central and South America

An Immigration System for Canada's Future – *Crisis Response Framework*

*An Immigration System for
Canada's Future: Strengthening
our communities*
released on October 31

What we heard:

- Increase preparedness to respond quickly and respond in an equitable and sustainable way to global humanitarian crises within a framework with a transparent, evidence-based assessment mechanism

What we're doing:

- ✓ created new dedicated team(s) within IRCC
- ✓ exploring better ways to anticipate crises
- ✓ improving operational readiness
- ✓ developing a crisis response 'playbook'
- ✓ considering a suite of supports, including in-Canada, along the immigration continuum

Ukrainian measures

CUAET launched in March 2022

- temporary program leveraging existing TR visa processes, networks and infrastructure
- a temporary measure, not a resettlement program
- application intake closed July 15, 2023

over **1.2 million** CUAET applications received

over **200,000** Ukrainians arrived in Canada

PR Pathway for Family Members

- launched on October 23, 2023
- for CUAET visa holders who have a family member in Canada

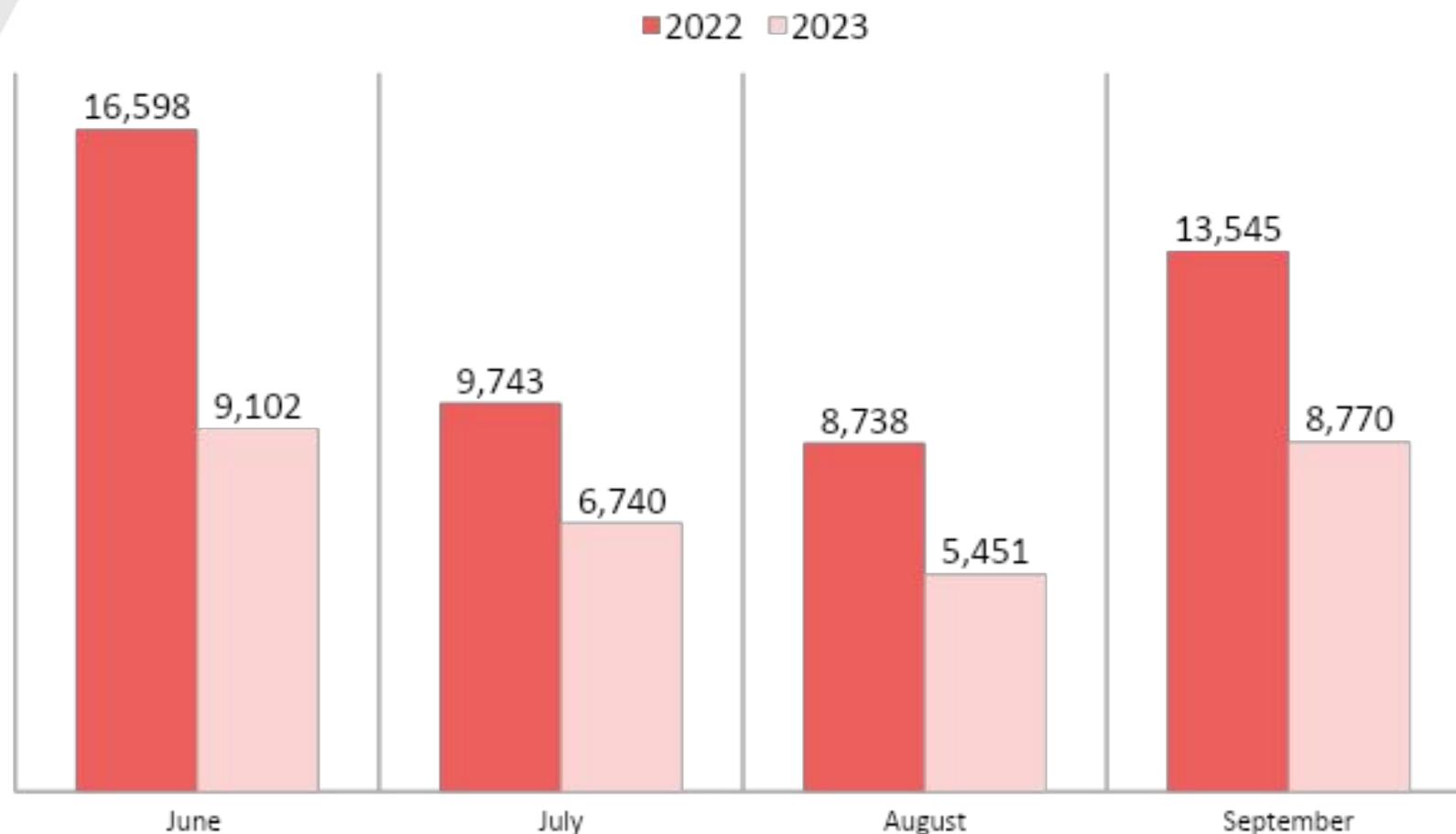
What we know about CUAET holders in Canada

almost **200,000**
approved for
CUTAI payments

over **30,000**
received
accommodation
for up to 14 nights

over **103,000**
have accessed
settlement
services

Monthly CUAET Arrivals



The number of CUAET holders arriving in Canada over the past few months is roughly **70%** of those arriving during the same period last year.

Client Profiles

IRCC data of CUAET holders who arrived in Canada between March and December 2022

Citizenship 95% hold Ukrainian citizenship

Gender 56% are female

Age 62% are between the ages of 20-49

Language 91% self-declared a knowledge of English

Marital Status 47% were married or common law, 44% single, and 8% separated, divorced or annulled

Prior Status 81% held a work permit, 15% had a visitor record, 4% a study permit, and <1% a TRP

Education 45% held a Masters degree, 28% a Bachelor's degree, 16% a diploma, and 2% a doctorate

Race / Ethnicity 88% identified their ethnicity / race as white

2SLGBTQI+ 3% identified as 2SLGBTQI+

Mother Tongue 49% completed the survey in Ukrainian, 28% in Russian, 23% in English and 1% in French

Early Settlement & Integration Results

IRCC survey results of early settlement and integration outcomes of adult CUAET holders who were in Canada as of December 2022

Geographic Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 54% reported living in Ontario or Alberta
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 71% reported that they were renting an apartment or house, 12% were renting a room, and 7% were staying with friends or family for free
IRCC-funded Settlement Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 55% have accessed at least one IRCC-funded settlement service
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 71% reported that they were working in Canada, with 82% working on a full-time basis
Future Outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 91% were considering becoming permanent residents

OUSH Survey (October 2023): Post-arrival Data

Demographics

Average household size: **2.6**
68% of age range is **18 to 64 years**
95% born in UKR or Russian Federation

Language and Education

29% no knowledge of English
5% some knowledge of French
72% bachelor's degree or higher

Access to Settlement Services

Govt-provided temporary hotel **98.3%**
Transportation assistance **86.6%**
Language training **82.3%**

Settlement Trends

By province:
ON-**28%**, AB-**16%**, BC-**13%**
By city:
Toronto-**17%**, Calgary-**15%**, Winnipeg-**10%**

Employment

79% integrated into workforce
19% looking for employment
47% working in same field

Thank you!

