

# 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

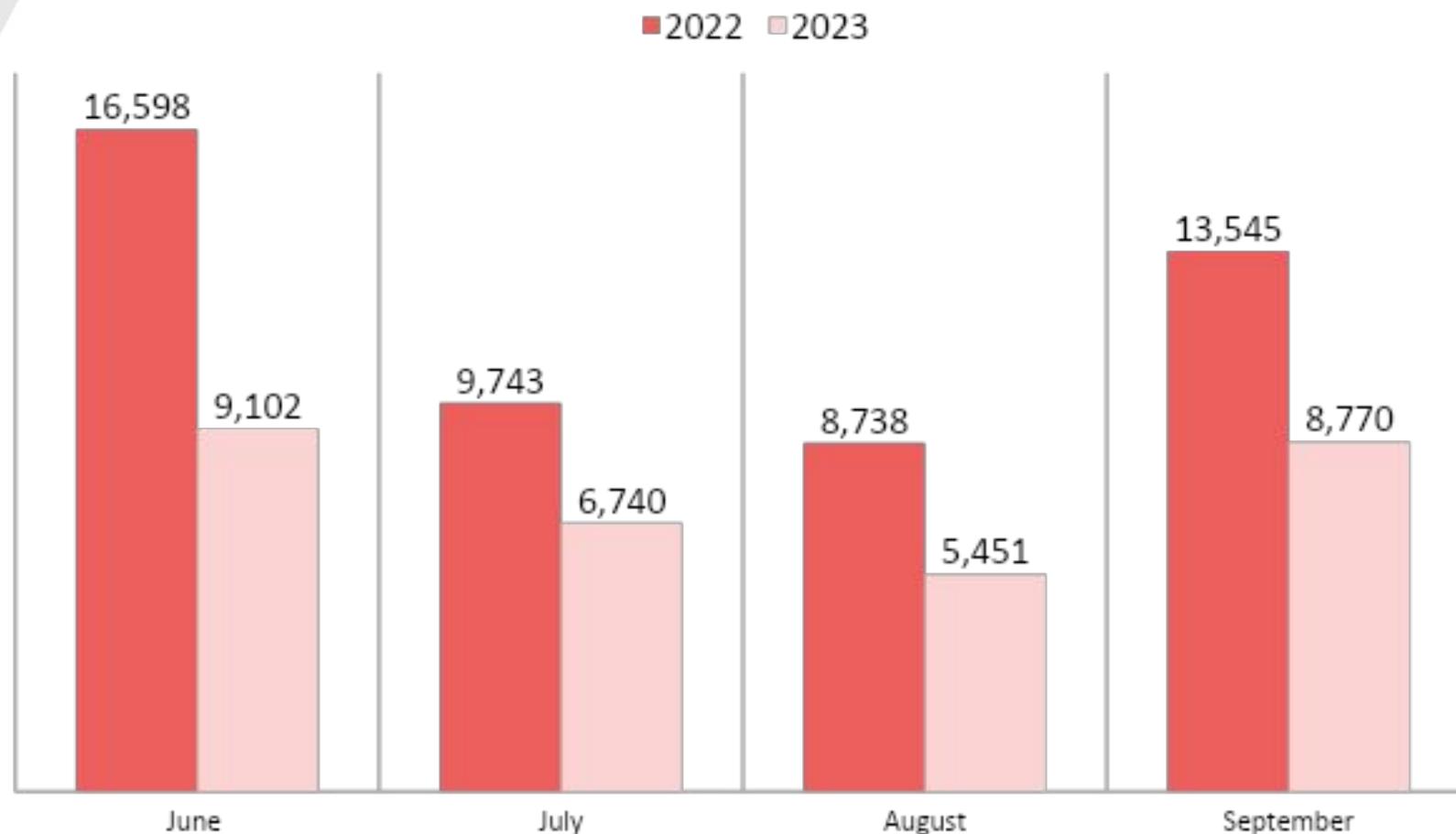
# What we know about CUAET holders in Canada

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*

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

# 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!**

