

# UNHCR Global Resettlement Statistical Report 2011



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# Introduction

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This report summarizes the resettlement activities of UNHCR offices worldwide in 2011. The information for this report is drawn from the UNHCR Resettlement Statistical Reports (RSR), which are submitted by UNHCR country offices on a quarterly basis.

Certain information in this report is organized by regions, reflecting the five UNHR Regional Bureaux: Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, and MENA (Middle East and North Africa).

For the purposes of this report, country of asylum refers to the country from which refugees are submitted to and from which they departed for resettlement. Country of resettlement refers to the country to which refugees are submitted for resettlement and to which they arrive on resettlement. Country of origin refers to the country where refugees derive their nationality. The submission figures include those made through UNHCR Regional Resettlement Hubs, Regional Offices as well as Headquarters.

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# Summary of Major Trends in 2011

## 91,843 Submissions

In 2011, UNHCR submitted 91,843 refugees for resettlement. \*

This is a 15 per cent decrease from 108,042 refugees in 2010. Submission levels declined for a variety of reasons, not least due to the time involved in processing complex cases for certain refugee populations undergoing large-scale resettlement. Decrease levels may also be attributed to the decision taken by UNHCR to align its submission levels more closely with resettlement country processing capacities in order to prevent an increasing backlog of cases for certain refugee populations.

## 61,649 Departures

In 2011, 61,649 refugees departed to 22 countries of resettlement.

Departures decreased 15 per cent, from 72,914 refugees in 2010, in part due to the introduction of new security screening requirements by some resettlement countries, and also due to the challenges encountered by resettlement countries in accessing populations in host countries experiencing volatile security situations.

## 77 Countries of Origin

The largest number of refugees submitted for resettlement were refugees from Myanmar (21,290), followed by refugees from Iraq (19,994), Somalia (15,719) and Bhutan (13,092). In total, the four nationalities made up more than three-quarters of all submissions.

## 22 Countries of Resettlement

The three major countries of resettlement were: the United States of America (43,215 persons departed), Canada (6,827) and Australia (5,597).

## 79 Countries of Asylum

The largest number of refugees were submitted from Malaysia (13,731), followed by Nepal (13,248) and Kenya (10,518).

Nepal was the country from which the most refugees departed (18,151), followed by Thailand (9,569) and Malaysia (8,370).

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
<b>Submissions</b>	91,843	108,042	128,558	121,214	98,999
<b>Departures</b>	61,649	72,914	84,657	65,859	49,868
<b>Countries of Asylum**</b>	79	86	94	80	80
<b>Countries of Origin**</b>	77	71	77	67	63
<b>Countries of Resettlement***</b>	22	28	24	24	25

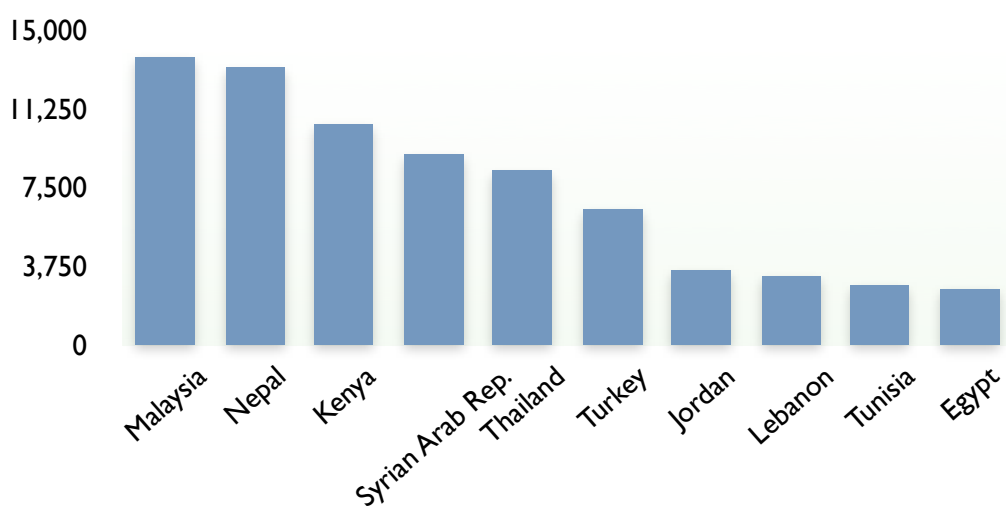
\* This figure includes 4,029 individual resubmissions (1,400 cases)

\*\* Based on submissions

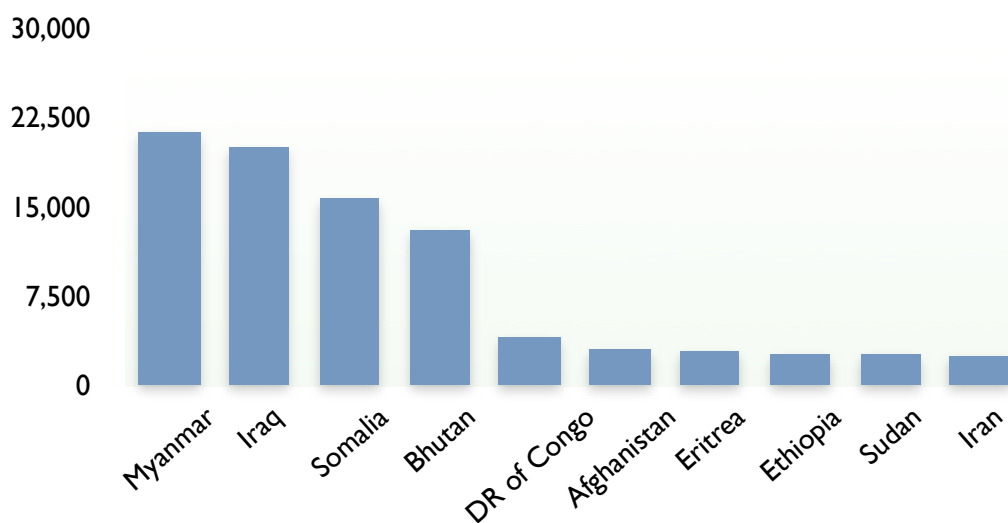
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# Top Ten: UNHCR Resettlement Submissions in 2011

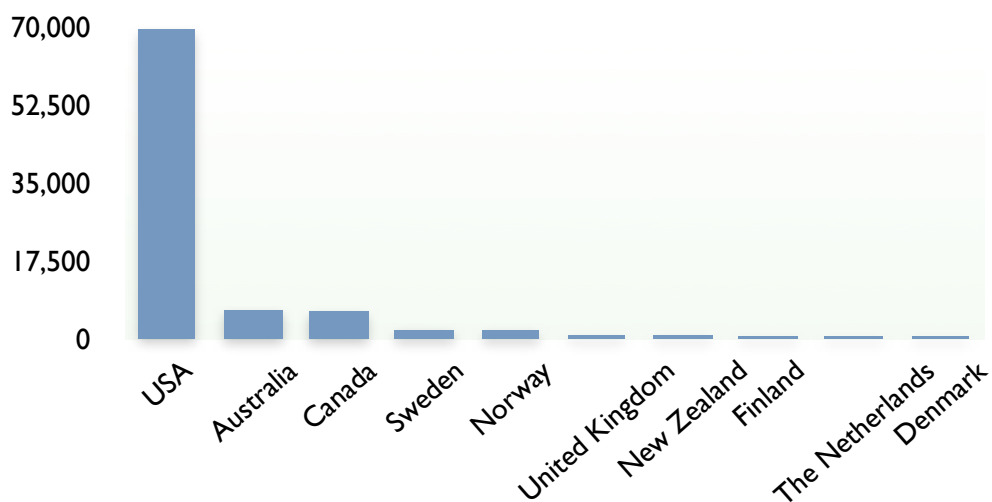
Country of Asylum	Persons
Malaysia	13,731
Nepal	13,248
Kenya	10,518
Syrian Arab Rep.	9,089
Thailand	8,316
Turkey	6,475
Jordan	3,552
Lebanon	3,308
Tunisia	2,857
Egypt	2,684
All Others	18,065
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,843</b>



Country of Origin	Persons
Myanmar	21,290
Iraq	19,994
Somalia	15,719
Bhutan	13,092
DR of Congo	4,079
Afghanistan	3,041
Eritrea	2,916
Ethiopia	2,607
Sudan	2,517
Islamic Rep. Iran	2,496
All Others	4,092
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,843</b>



Country of Resettlement	Persons
USA	69,655
Australia	6,692
Canada	6,404
Sweden	2,206
Norway	2,010
United Kingdom	939
New Zealand	870
Finland	796
The Netherlands	717
Denmark	698
All Others	856
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,843</b>



# UNHCR Resettlement Submissions in 2011

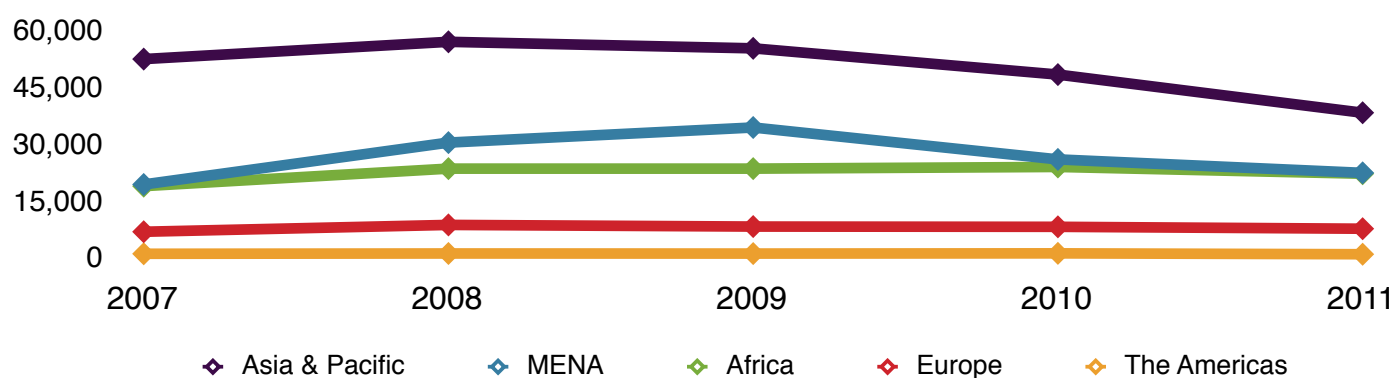
## Submissions by Region of Asylum

	Cases	Persons	Per cent Total (persons)
Asia & Pacific	14,485	38,404	41.8%
MENA	8,759	22,493	24.5%
Africa	6,128	22,267	24.2%
Europe	3,851	7,716	8.4%
The Americas	260	963	1.0%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>33,533</b>	<b>91,843</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Submissions by Region of Origin

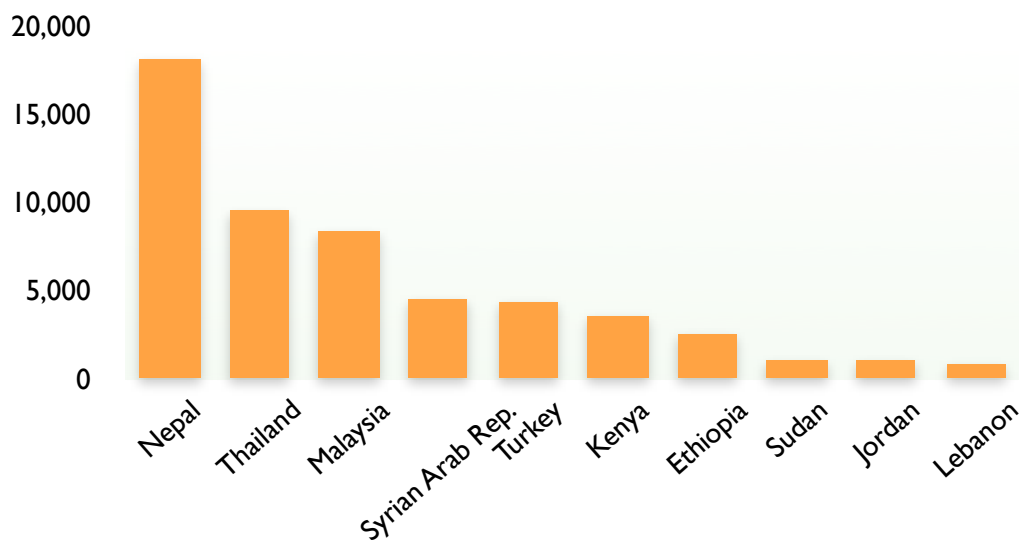
	Cases	Persons	Per cent Total (persons)
Asia & Pacific	15,877	41,294	45.0%
Africa	10,403	29,049	31.6%
MENA	6,933	20,325	22.1%
The Americas	252	945	1%
Europe	47	214	<1%
Stateless/Unspec.	11	16	<1%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>33,533</b>	<b>91,843</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## UNHCR Submissions by Region of Asylum 2007-2011

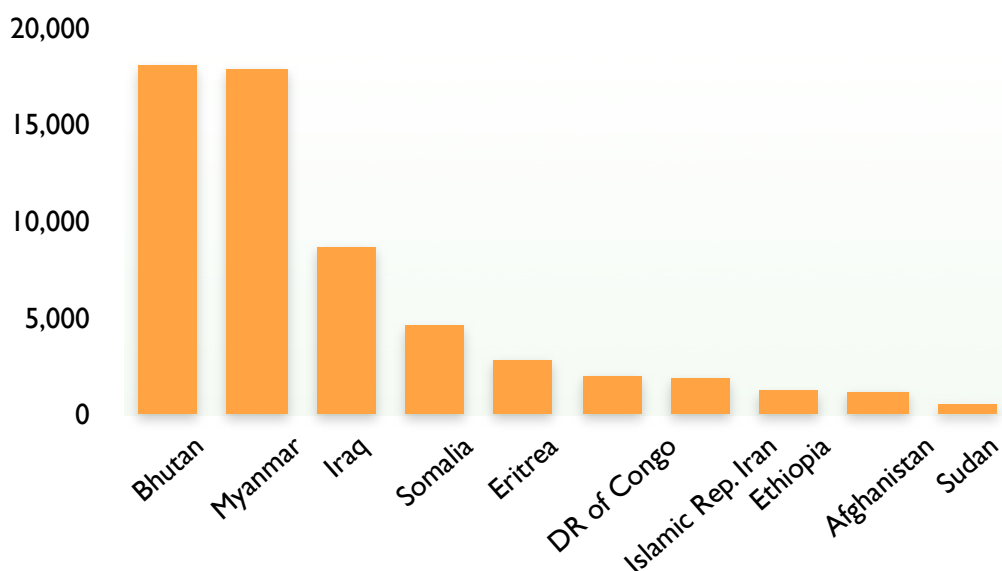


# Top Ten: UNHCR Resettlement Departures in 2011

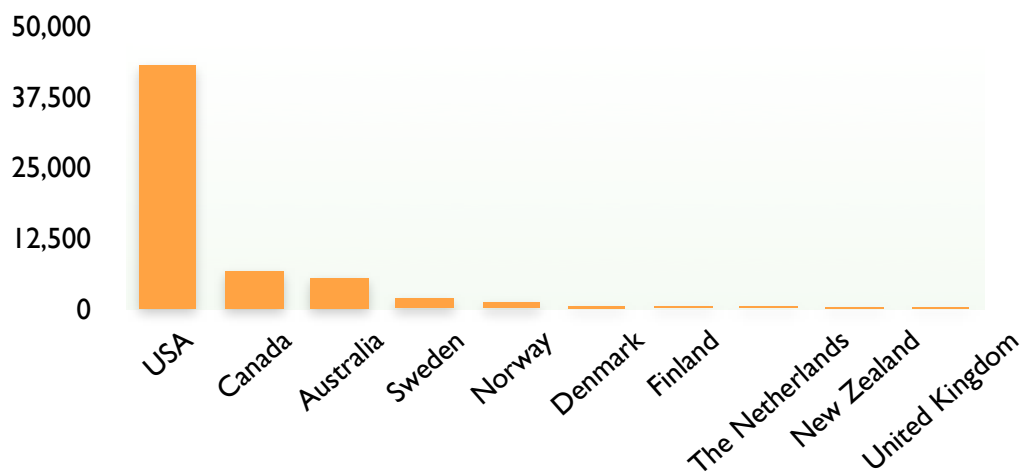
Country of Asylum	Persons
Nepal	18,151
Thailand	9,569
Malaysia	8,370
Syrian Arab Rep.	4,560
Turkey	4,388
Kenya	3,581
Ethiopia	2,566
Sudan	1,057
Jordan	1,050
Lebanon	825
All Others	7,532
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,649</b>



Country of Origin	Persons
Bhutan	18,068
Myanmar	17,899
Iraq	8,677
Somalia	4,636
Eritrea	2,836
DR of Congo	2,032
Islamic Rep. Iran	1,910
Ethiopia	1,269
Afghanistan	1,206
Sudan	547
All Others	2,569
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,649</b>



Country of Resettlement	Persons
USA	43,215
Canada	6,827
Australia	5,597
Sweden	1,896
Norway	1,258
Denmark	606
Finland	573
The Netherlands	479
New Zealand	477
United Kingdom	424
All Others	297
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,649</b>



# UNHCR Resettlement Departures in 2011

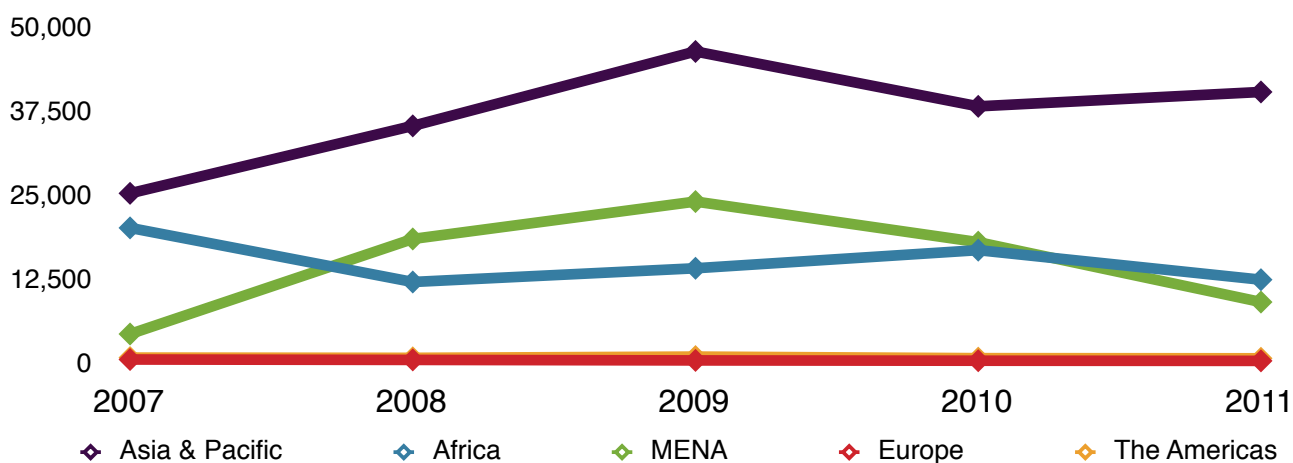
## Departures by Region of Asylum

	Persons	Per cent Total (persons)
Asia & Pacific	37,975	61.6%
Africa	10,431	16.9%
MENA	7,833	12.7%
Europe	4,916	8.0%
The Americas	494	<1%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>61,649</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Departures by Region of Origin

	Persons	Per cent Total (persons)
Asia & Pacific	40,091	65.0%
Africa	12,163	19.7%
MENA	8,838	14.3%
The Americas	470	<1%
Europe	87	<1%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>61,649</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## UNHCR Departures by Region of Asylum 2007-2011





## UNHCR Resettlement by Submission Category in 2011\*

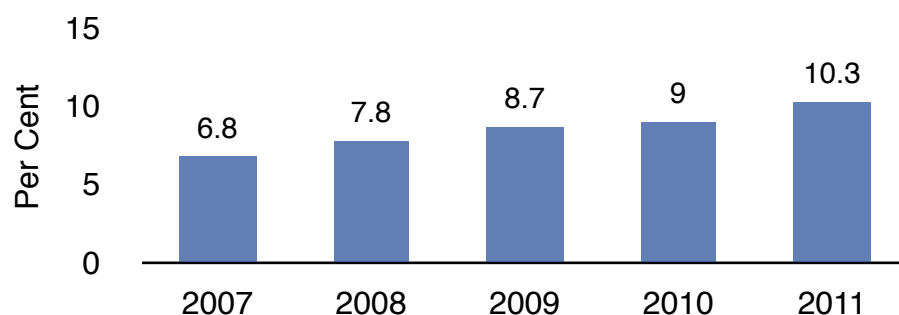
Category	Cases Submitted	Persons Submitted	% Cases Submitted
Legal and/or physical protection needs	15,355	36,736	45.8%
Lack of foreseeable alternative durable solutions	7,149	24,149	21.3%
Survivors of violence and/or torture	6,088	17,857	18.2%
Women and girls at risk	3,463	8,465	10.3%
Medical needs	704	2,869	2.1%
Family reunification	371	915	1.1%
Older Refugees	203	481	<1%
Children and adolescents at risk	200	368	<1%
Unspecified	0	3	<1%
Grand Total	33,533	91,843	100.0%

Category	Persons Departed	% Persons Departed
Lack of foreseeable alternative durable solutions	24,094	39.1%
Legal and/or physical protection needs	23,216	37.7%
Survivors of violence and/or torture	6,492	10.5%
Women and girls at risk	4,416	7.2%
Medical needs	2,153	3.5%
Family reunification	751	1.2%
Older Refugees	312	<1%
Children and adolescents at risk	192	<1%
Unspecified	23	<1%
Grand Total	61,649	100.0%

*\*The revised UNHCR Resettlement Handbook issued in July 2011 includes some basic resettlement terminology changes, including the change from Resettlement Criteria to Resettlement Submission Category. "Lack of local integration prospects" resettlement criterion is renamed as "Lack of foreseeable alternative durable solutions" submission category. The resettlement criterion "Older refugees" will no longer be a separate submission category since specific vulnerabilities and protection needs of older refugees have been mainstreamed.*

# UNHCR Resettlement Under the Women and Girls at Risk Category in 2011

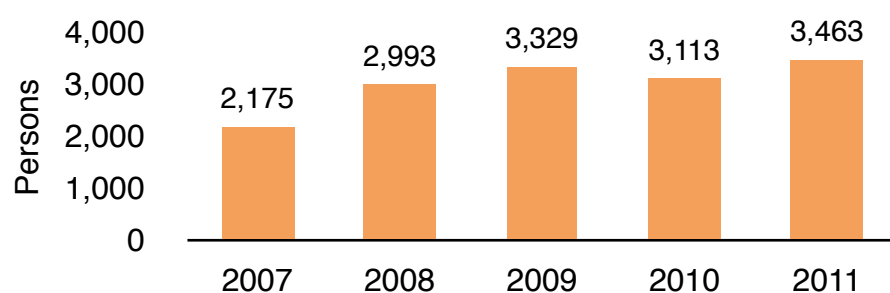
Women and Girls at Risk Cases as a Percentage of Total Resettlement Submissions by UNHCR, 2007 - 2011



Top 10 Country of Asylum: Submissions Under the Women and Girls at Risk Category (AWR), 2011

Asylum Country	Cases Submitted	Persons Submitted	% AWR Cases Submitted	Persons Departed	% AWR Cases Departed
Malaysia	807	832	23.3%	283	6.4%
Syrian Arab Rep.	397	919	11.5%	592	13.4%
Kenya	303	1,115	8.7%	420	9.5%
Turkey	255	581	7.4%	360	8.2%
Islamic Rep. of Iran	245	990	7.1%	382	8.7%
Egypt	234	529	6.8%	98	2.2%
Thailand	152	392	4.4%	234	5.3%
Jordan	111	208	3.2%	92	2.0%
Nepal	109	324	3.1%	496	11.2%
Rwanda	103	416	3.0%	286	6.5%
All Others	747	2,159	21.5%	1,173	26.6%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,463</b>	<b>8,465</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,416</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

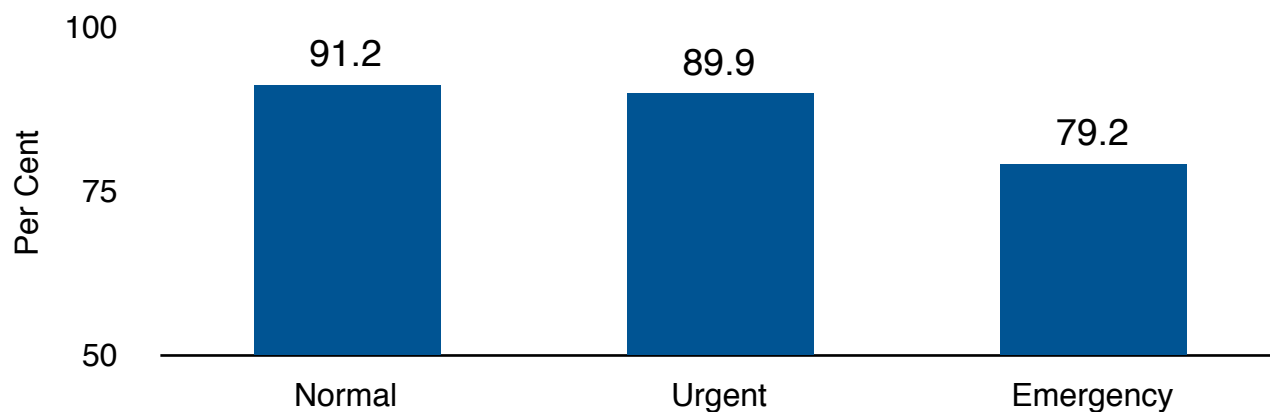
Submissions Under the Women and Girls at Risk Category, 2007 - 2011 (Cases)



## UNHCR Resettlement Under the Medical Needs Category in 2011

Top Ten Submissions by Country of Asylum	Cases	Top Ten Submissions by Country of Origin	Cases	Top Ten Departures by Country of Resettlement	Persons
Turkey	150	Somalia	161	USA	1,541
Malaysia	110	Myanmar	133	Canada	197
Kenya	92	Iraq	96	Sweden	115
Nepal	69	Bhutan	68	Australia	77
Ethiopia	55	Islamic Rep. of Iran	57	Norway	77
Thailand	28	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	52	Denmark	59
Burundi	27	Afghanistan	42	Netherlands	39
Egypt	26	Sudan	22	Finland	33
Islamic Rep. of Iran	20	Eritrea	20	New Zealand	8
Uganda	15	Ethiopia	9	Ireland	6
All Others	112	All Others	44	France	1
Grand Total	704	Grand Total	704	Grand Total	2,153

Resettlement Country Approval Rate Under the Medical Needs Category by Priority

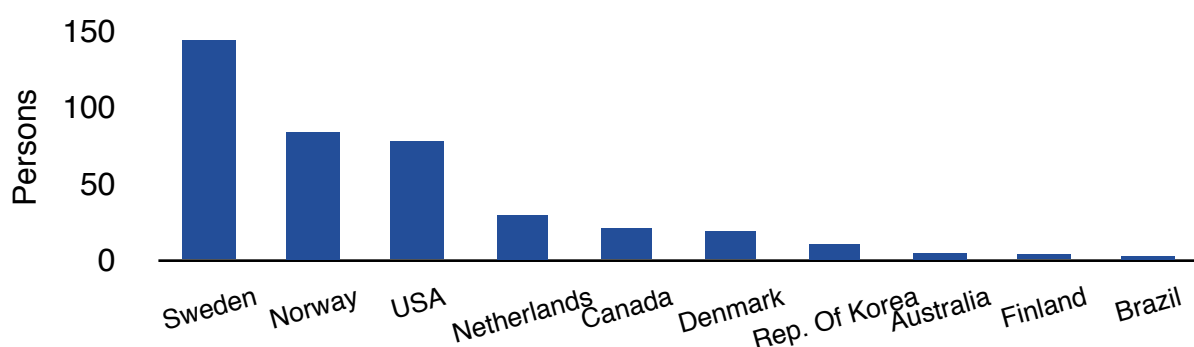


# UNHCR Resettlement by Priority and Category in 2011

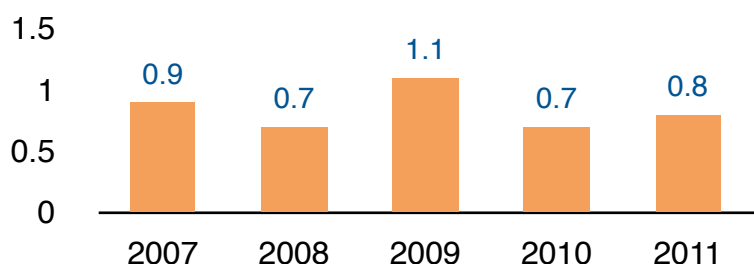
## UNHCR Submissions and Departures by Priority

	Submissions			Departures	
	Cases	% Cases	Persons	Persons	% Persons
Normal	28,619	85.3	81,266	56,679	91.9
Urgent	4,653	13.9	9,825	4,568	7.4
Emergency	261	0.8	749	399	0.7
Unspecified			3	3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,533</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>91,843</b>	<b>61,649</b>	<b>100.0</b>

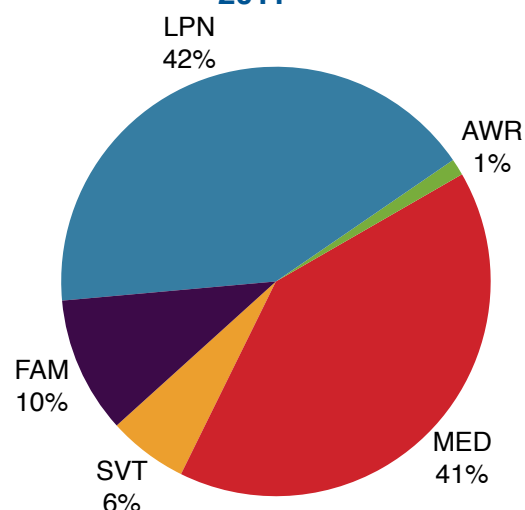
## UNHCR Emergency Departures by Country of Resettlement



## Emergency Cases as a Percentage of Total Resettlement Submissions by UNHCR, 2007 - 2011



## UNHCR Emergency Departures by Category, 2011



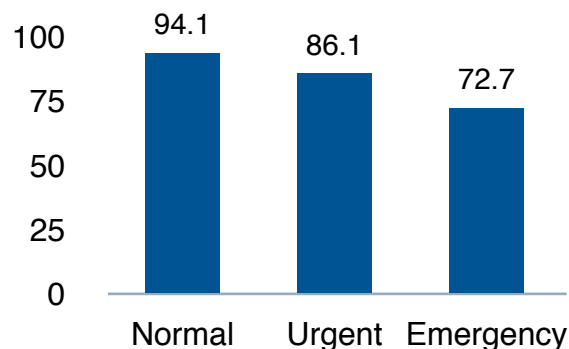
# Acceptance Rates of UNHCR Submissions by Resettlement Countries in 2011

Global Average Acceptance Rate\* is 93.3%

## Acceptance Rate of UNHCR Submissions by Resettlement Countries and by Top Ten Countries of Origin 2011

Country of Origin	Persons Submitted	% Persons Accepted
Bhutan	13,092	99.5
Myanmar	21,290	98.4
Islamic Rep. Iran	2,496	91.5
Iraq	19,994	91.3
DR of Congo	4,079	91.1
Eritrea	2,916	90.1
Sudan	2517	85.8
Somalia	15,719	84.1
Afghanistan	3,041	80.0
Ethiopia	2,607	79.1
All Others	4,092	79.3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>91,843</b>	<b>93.3</b>

## Acceptance Rate of Resettlement Countries by UNHCR Resettlement Priority 2011



## Acceptance Rates of UNHCR Submissions by Submission Category in 2011

Category	Acceptance Rate
Older refugees	100.0
Family reunification	94.6
Lack of foreseeable alternative durable solutions	90.3
Survivor of violence and/or torture	84.9
Legal and/or physical protection needs	79.0
Medical needs	77.7
Women and girls at risk	76.0
Children and adolescents at risk	69.8

\* Acceptance rates are based on resettlement decisions reported by resettlement States to UNHCR field offices. A decline decision by resettlement country does not necessarily mean the case is ineligible for resettlement submission according to UNHCR policy. UNHCR may resubmit the case to another resettlement country.

## UNHCR Resettlement Departures 2007–2011 (persons)

Country of Resettlement	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Countries with regular resettlement programmes</b>					
Argentina	32	78	8	23	24
Australia	6,056	5,171	6,720	5,636	5,597
Brazil	163	19	30	28	23
Bulgaria (implementation as of 2012 onwards)					
Canada	5,998	5,663	6,582	6,706	6,827
Chile	32	45	66	6	22
Czech Rep.	8	23	17	48	
Denmark	480	403	488	386	606
Finland	714	675	710	543	573
France	5	276	179	217	42
Hungary (implementation as of 2012 onwards)					
Iceland	30	29		6	
Ireland	107	89	194	20	36
Japan				27	18
Netherlands	425	580	347	430	479
New Zealand	629	894	675	535	477
Norway	978	722	1,367	1,088	1,258
Paraguay				13	13
Portugal	12	5	26	24	28
Romania				38	
Spain	3	8			
Sweden	1,772	1,596	1,880	1,789	1,896
United Kingdom	348	697	969	695	424
USA	32,007	48,828	62,011	54,077	43,215
Uruguay			14	17	
<b>Countries with special resettlement programmes/ ad-hoc resettlement intake</b>					
Austria	1				
Belgium	17	6	54	2	19
Germany	3		2,064	457	22
Greece		2			
Israel	1				
Italy	40	30	191	58	
Luxembourg			28		
Palau				3	
Rep. of Korea		23	20	23	11
Switzerland	7	12	17	19	39
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>49,868</b>	<b>65,874</b>	<b>84,657</b>	<b>72,914</b>	<b>61,649</b>

# Protracted Refugee Situations<sup>1</sup> Where Resettlement Takes Place, 2009–2011

## Comparison of UNHCR Resettlement Submissions and Departures, 2009-2011

Country/territory of origin	Country of Asylum	Total Population <sup>2</sup>	Submissions			Departures		
			2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
Afghanistan	Pakistan	1,899,942	414	122	326	109	157	160
Afghanistan	Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,027,577	577	895	1,453	588	389	474
Somalia	Kenya	351,773	9,552	8,143	8,439	3,606	2,776	2,102
Myanmar	Thailand	95,718	19,490	11,142	7,766	16,521	10,825	9,214
Bhutan	Nepal	72,242	22,113	20,617	13,092	17,428	14,809	18,068
Eritrea	Sudan	66,278	545	979	980	283	614	931
DR of the Congo	United Rep. of Tanzania	60,186	2,030	502	4,079	531	1,993	185
Burundi	United Rep. of Tanzania	47,350	243	34	230	795	618	41
Sudan	Uganda	19,382	73	23	22	52	14	14

1 - For statistical purposes, UNHCR defines a protracted refugee situation as a refugee population of 25,000 persons or more who have been in exile for at least five consecutive years. Figures do not cover industrialized countries and exclude Palestinian refugees who under the mandate of UNRWA.

2 - Population of UNHCR assisted, as at year-end 2010.

## Per Capita Resettlement by Country of Resettlement in 2011

Country of Resettlement	Persons Resettled in 2011	National Population	Population per Refugees Resettled
<b>Countries with regular resettlement programmes</b>			
Argentina	24	40,412,000	1,683,833
Australia	5,597	22,268,000	3,979
Brazil	23	194,946,000	8,475,913
Canada	6,827	34,017,000	4,983
Chile	22	17,114,000	777,909
Denmark	606	5,550,000	9,158
Finland	573	5,365,000	9,363
France	42	62,787,000	1,494,929
Ireland	36	4,470,000	124,167
Japan	18	126,536,000	7,029,778
Netherlands	479	16,613,000	34,683
New Zealand	477	4,368,000	9,157
Norway	1,258	4,883,000	3,882
Paraguay	13	6,455,000	496,538
Portugal	28	10,676,000	381,286
Sweden	1,896	9,380,000	4,947
United Kingdom	424	62,036,000	146,311
USA	43,215	310,384,000	7,182
<b>Countries with special resettlement programmes / ad-hoc resettlement intake</b>			
Belgium	19	10,712,000	563,789
Germany	22	82,302,000	3,741,000
Rep. of Korea	11	48,184,000	4,380,364
Switzerland	39	7,664,000	196,513
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>61,649</b>	<b>1,122,470,000</b>	<b>18,207</b>

\*National Population: United Nations, Population Division, "World Population Prospects: The 2010 Revision", New York, 2010.