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Introduction

This report summarizes the resettlement activities of UNHCR offices worldwide in 2010. 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 UNHCR 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 2010

- Submissions:** In 2010, UNHCR submitted 108,042 refugees for resettlement*. This is a 16 per cent decrease from 128,558 refugees in 2009. This shift was expected, not least because the pace of resettlement submissions carried over from 2008 and 2009 outweighed resettlement countries' capacity to process cases.
- Departures:** In 2010, 72,914 refugees departed to 28 countries of resettlement. Romania, Japan and Paraguay accepted resettled refugees for the first time. Departures decreased 14 per cent, from 84,657 refugees in 2009, due in particular to security clearance requirements.
- Origin:** The largest number of refugees submitted for resettlement were refugees from Iraq (26,746), followed by refugees from Myanmar (24,420) and Bhutan (20,617). In total the three nationalities made up 66 per cent of all submissions.
- Resettlement:** The three major countries of resettlement were: the United States of America (54,077), Canada (6,706) and Australia (5,636).
- Asylum:** The largest number of refugees were submitted from Nepal (20,662), followed by the Syrian Arab Republic (13,886) and Malaysia (12,648). Nepal was the country from which the most refugees departed (14,819), followed by Thailand (11,417), and Malaysia (7,955).

AT A GLANCE FIGURES

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Submissions	108,042	128,558	121,214	98,999	54,182
Departures	72,914	84,657	65,859	49,868	29,560
Countries of Asylum**	86	94	80	80	88
Countries of Origin**	71	77	68	65	67
Countries of Resettlement***	28	24	24	25	20

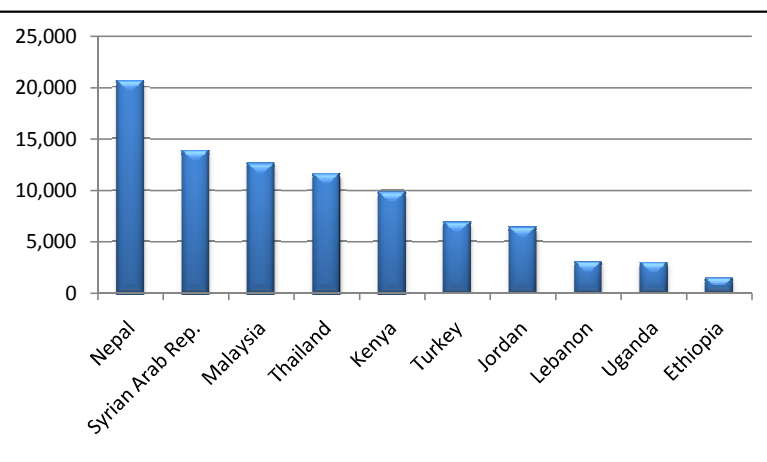
* This figure includes 5,817 individual resubmissions (1,910 cases)

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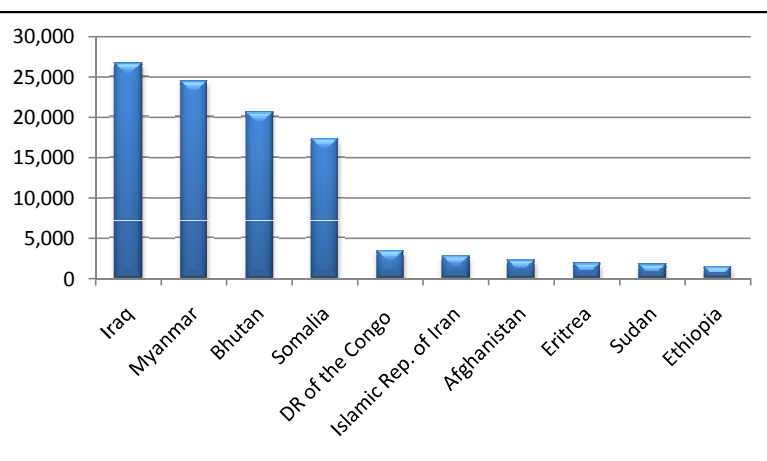
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Top Ten: UNHCR Resettlement Submissions in 2010

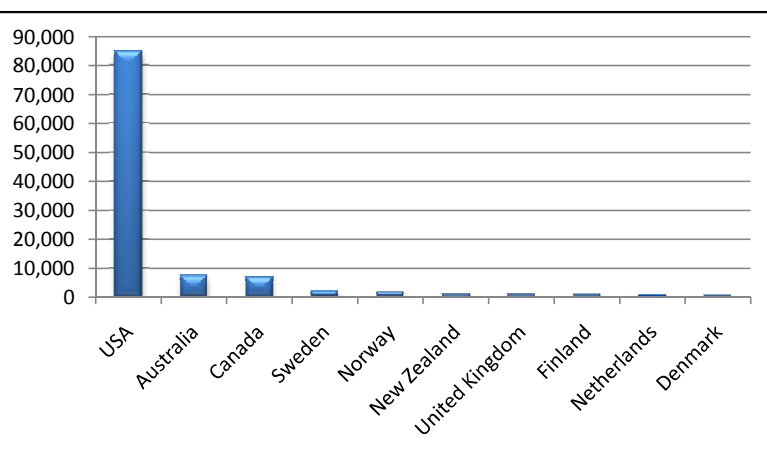
Country of asylum	Submissions (persons)
Nepal	20,662
Syrian Arab Rep.	13,886
Malaysia	12,648
Thailand	11,602
Kenya	9,878
Turkey	6,882
Jordan	6,383
Lebanon	3,066
Uganda	3,011
Ethiopia	1,494
All Others	18,530
TOTAL	108,042



Country/territory of origin	Submissions (persons)
Iraq	26,746
Myanmar	24,420
Bhutan	20,617
Somalia	17,371
DR of the Congo	3,479
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,786
Afghanistan	2,284
Eritrea	1,943
Sudan	1,761
Ethiopia	1,424
All others	5,211
TOTAL	108,042



Country of resettlement	Submissions (persons)
USA	84,963
Australia	7,287
Canada	6,889
Sweden	2,033
Norway	1,669
New Zealand	1,086
United Kingdom	1,072
Finland	888
Netherlands	661
Denmark	472
All Others	1,022
TOTAL	108,042

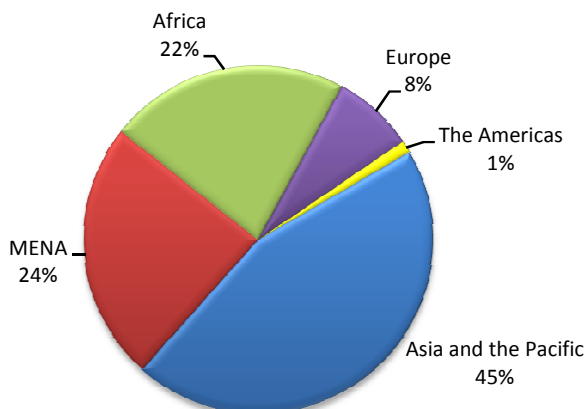


UNHCR Resettlement Submissions in 2010

Submissions by region of asylum

Asia and the Pacific	48,507
MENA	26,059
Africa	24,062
Europe	8,218
The Americas	1,196
Total	108,042

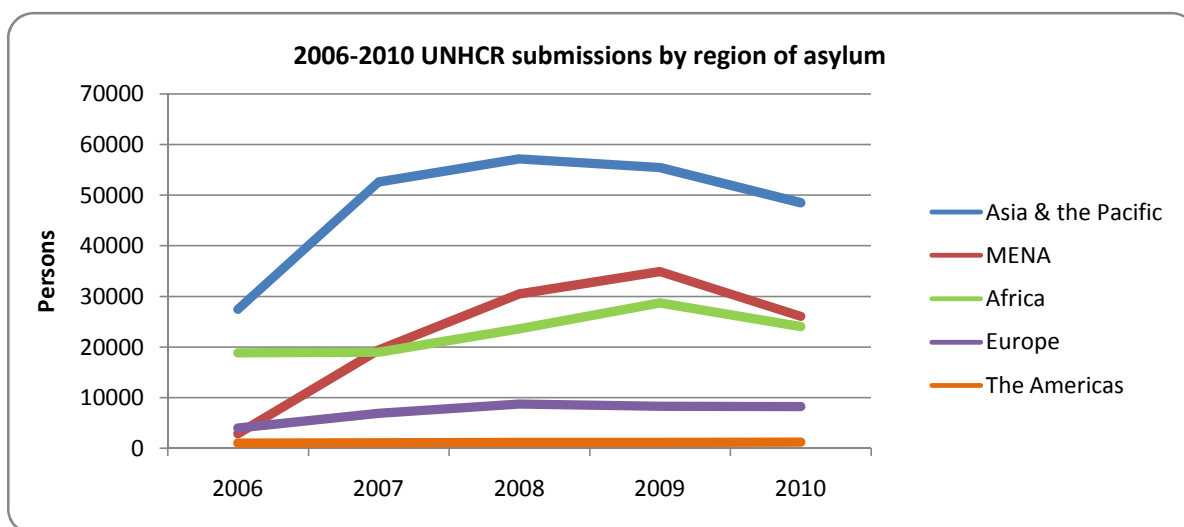
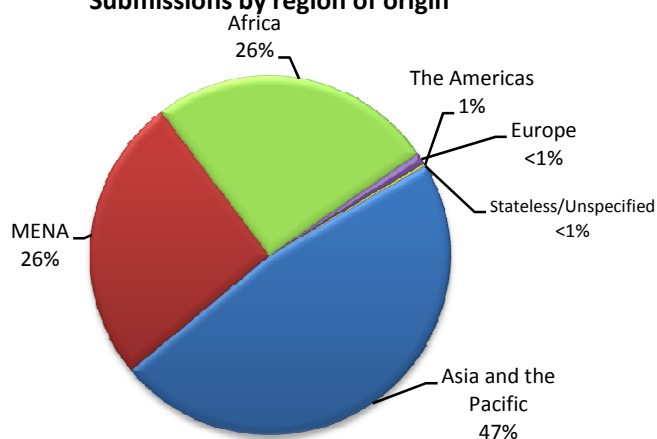
Submissions by region of asylum



Submissions by region of origin

Asia and the Pacific	51,135
MENA	27,840
Africa	27,689
The Americas	1,184
Europe	165
Stateless*/Unspecified	29
Total	108,042

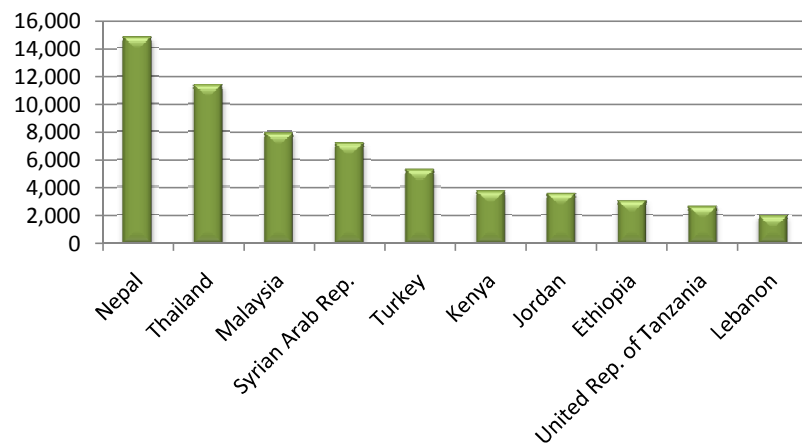
Submissions by region of origin



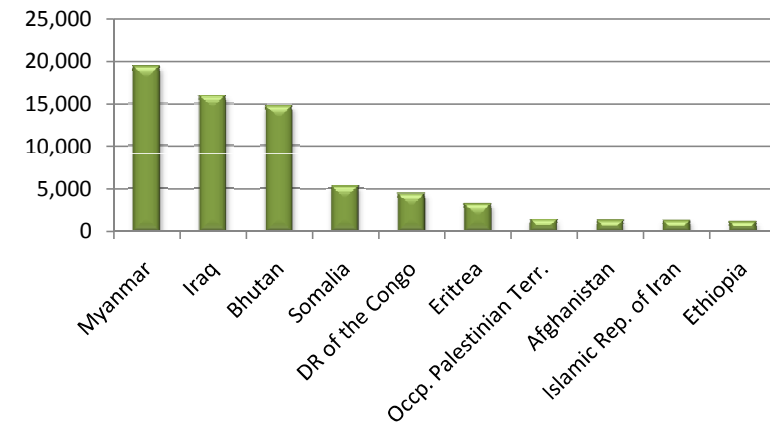
* Stateless refers only to refugees who are not considered nationals by any State under the operation of its law

Top Ten: UNHCR Resettlement Departures in 2010

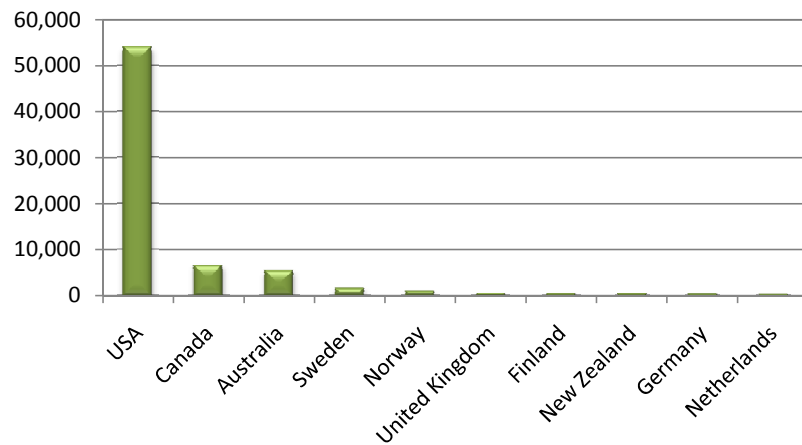
Country of asylum	Departures (persons)
Nepal	14,819
Thailand	11,417
Malaysia	7,955
Syrian Arab Rep.	7,213
Turkey	5,335
Kenya	3,773
Jordan	3,630
Ethiopia	3,098
United Rep. of Tanzania	2,668
Lebanon	2,018
All Others	10,988
Total	72,914



Country/territory of origin	Departures (persons)
Myanmar	19,436
Iraq	16,014
Bhutan	14,809
Somalia	5,391
DR of the Congo	4,510
Eritrea	3,316
Occp. Palestinian Terr.	1,489
Afghanistan	1,378
Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,328
Ethiopia	1,211
All Others	4,032
Total	72,914



Country of resettlement	Departures (persons)
USA	54,077
Canada	6,706
Australia	5,636
Sweden	1,789
Norway	1,088
United Kingdom	695
Finland	543
New Zealand	535
Germany	457
Netherlands	430
All Others	958
Total	72,914

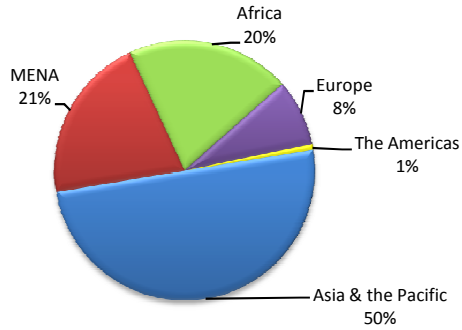


UNHCR Resettlement Departures in 2010

Departures by region of asylum

Asia & the Pacific	36,360
MENA	15,138
Africa	14,865
Europe	6,046
The Americas	505
Total	72,914

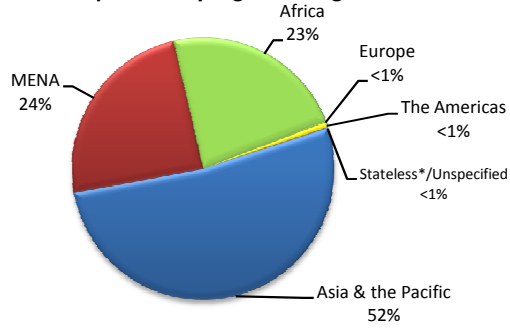
Departures by region of asylum



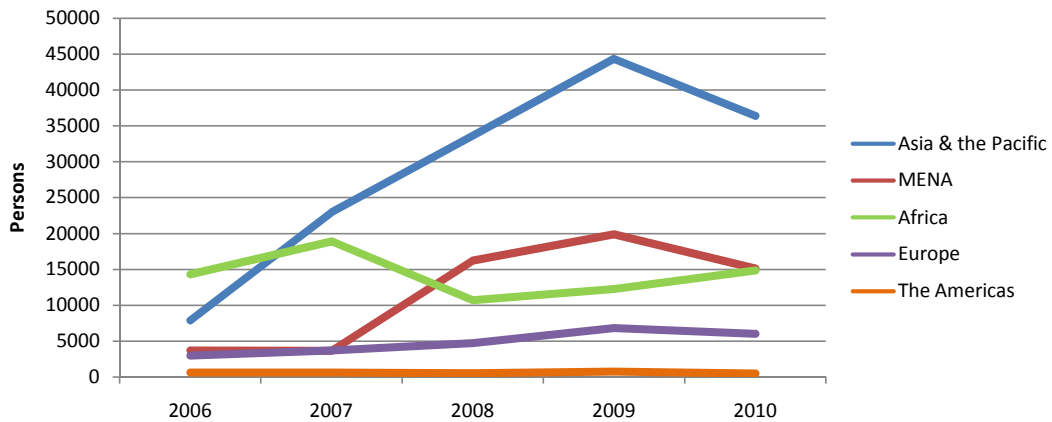
Departures by region of origin

Asia & the Pacific	37,951
MENA	17,747
Africa	16,559
Europe	111
The Americas	490
Stateless*/Unspecified	56
Total	72,914

Departures by region of origin



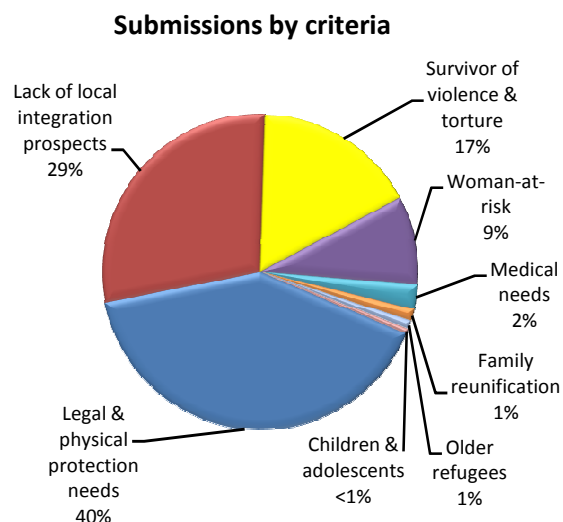
2006-2010 UNHCR departures by region of asylum



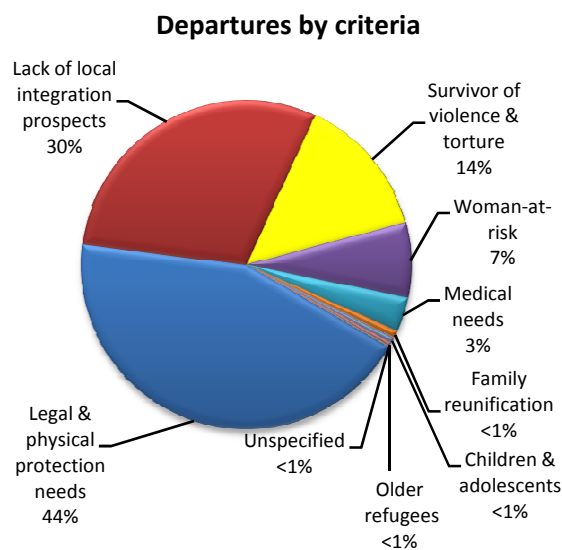
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UNHCR Resettlement Submissions and Departures by Criteria in 2010

Resettlement Criteria	Submissions	
	(cases)	(persons)
Legal & physical protection needs	13,925	40,213
Lack of local integration prospects	9,820	33,988
Survivor of violence & torture	5,752	19,778
Woman-at-risk	3,113	8,533
Medical needs	866	3,456
Family reunification	426	1,061
Older refugees	291	484
Children & adolescents	181	529
Grand Total	34,374	108,042



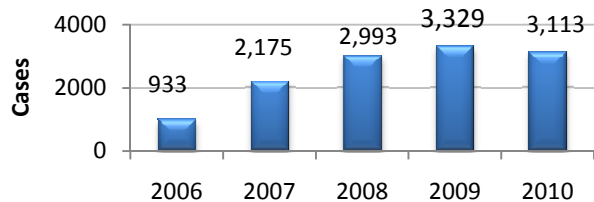
Resettlement Criteria	Departures (persons)
Legal & physical protection needs	31,837
Lack of local integration prospects	21,782
Survivor of violence & torture	10,215
Woman-at-risk	5,357
Medical needs	2,447
Family reunification	562
Children & adolescents	370
Older refugees	321
Unspecified	23
Grand Total	72,914



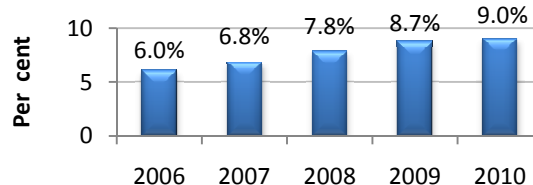
UNHCR Resettlement Submissions and Departures Under the Woman-at-Risk (AWR) Criterion in 2010

Top ten: submissions under woman-at-risk criterion by country of asylum			
Country of asylum	cases	persons	% cases
Syrian Arab Rep.	628	1,649	20.2
Malaysia	470	487	15.1
Turkey	228	525	7.3
Kenya	213	761	6.8
Jordan	169	319	5.4
Thailand	156	430	5.0
Islamic Rep. of Iran	143	680	4.6
Nepal	138	492	4.4
Sudan	129	394	4.1
Rwanda	87	349	2.8
All Others	752	2,447	24.3
Total	3,113	8,533	100

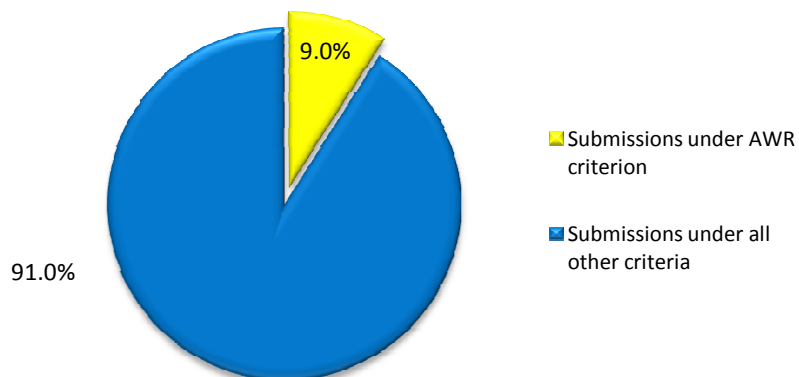
Submissions under the woman-at-risk criterion, 2006-2010 (cases)



Woman-at-risk cases as a percentage of total resettlement submissions by UNHCR, 2006-2010



Woman-at-risk cases as a percentage of total resettlement submissions by UNHCR in 2010



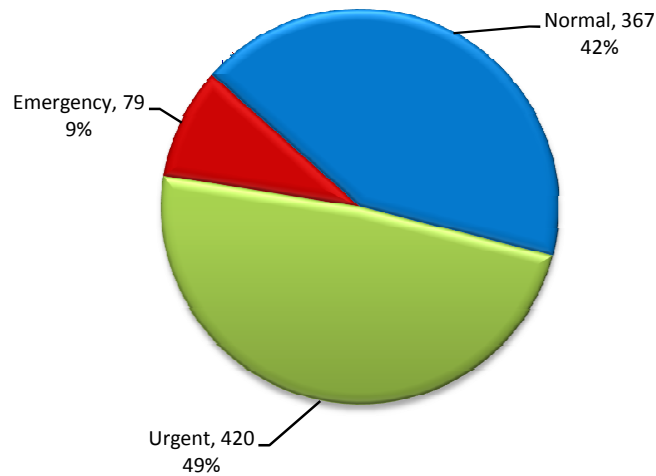
Total woman-at-risk case submissions: 3,113
 Total global case submissions: 34,374

UNHCR Resettlement Submissions and Departures Under the Medical Needs Criterion in 2010

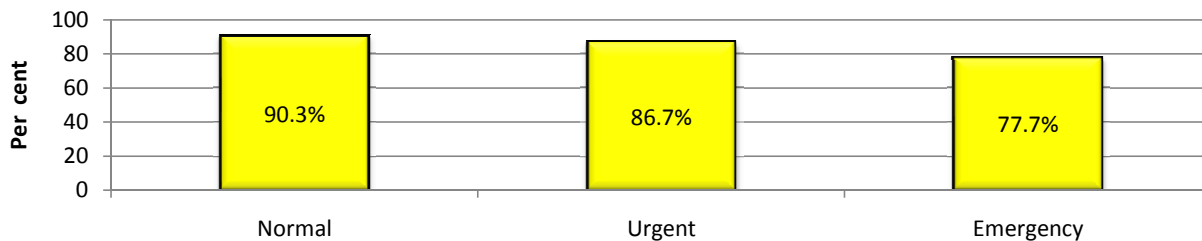
Top ten: submissions under medical needs criterion by country/territory of origin			
Country/territory of origin	cases	persons	% cases
Iraq	182	641	21.0
Bhutan	172	1,037	19.9
Myanmar	169	339	19.5
Somalia	100	519	11.5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	62	138	7.2
DR of the Congo	60	356	6.9
Afghanistan	24	77	2.8
Congo	17	29	2.0
Central African Rep.	15	79	1.7
Sudan	12	62	1.4
All others	53	179	6.1
Total	866	3,456	100

Top ten: submissions under medical needs criterion by country of asylum			
Country of asylum	cases	persons	% cases
Turkey	187	520	21.6
Nepal	172	1,037	19.9
Malaysia	140	212	16.2
Kenya	56	350	6.5
Syrian Arab Rep.	38	157	4.4
Thailand	30	120	3.5
Yemen	22	94	2.5
Chad	20	117	2.3
Ethiopia	17	71	2.0
Burundi	16	111	1.8
All others	168	667	19.3
Total	866	3,456	100

Medical cases submitted by priority

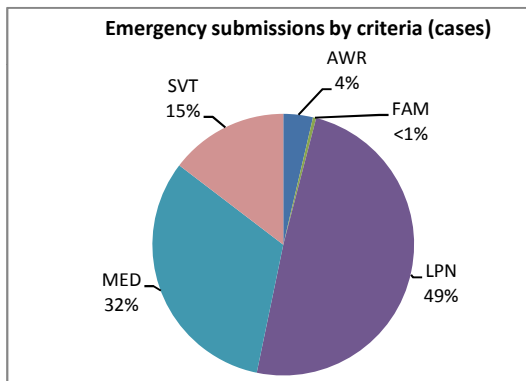
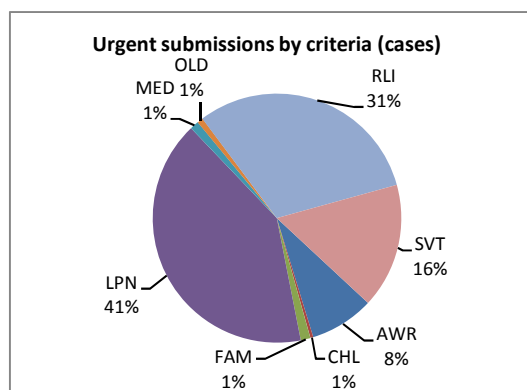
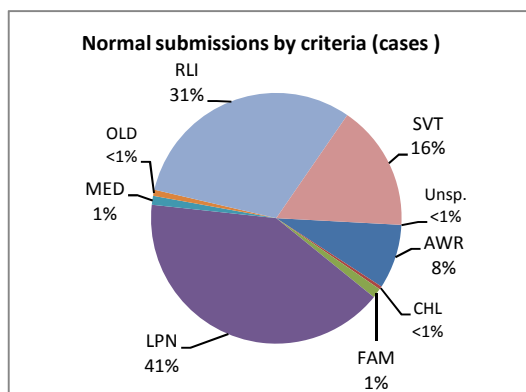


Acceptance rates by resettlement countries of medical cases by priority of UNHCR submissions



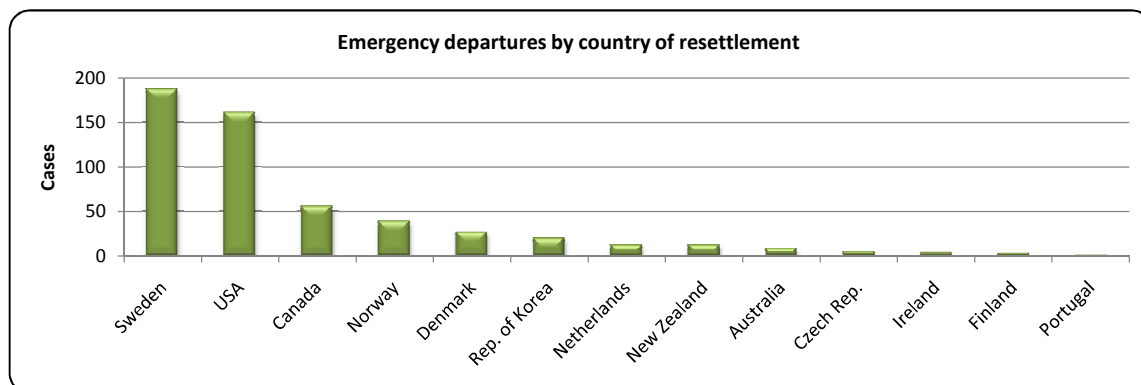
UNHCR Resettlement Submissions and Departures by Priority and Criteria in 2010

Priority	Submissions			Departures	
	cases	persons	% persons	persons	% persons
Normal	31,709	99,695	92.3	65,399	89.7
Urgent	2,419	7,722	7.1	6,977	9.6
Emergency	246	625	0.6	538	0.7
Total	34,374	108,042	100.0	72,914	100.0



Criteria Codes

- AWR Woman-at-risk
- CHL Children and adolescents
- FAM Family reunification
- LPN Legal & physical protection needs
- MED Medical needs
- OLD Older refugees
- RLI Lack of local integration prospects
- SVT Survivor of violence and torture

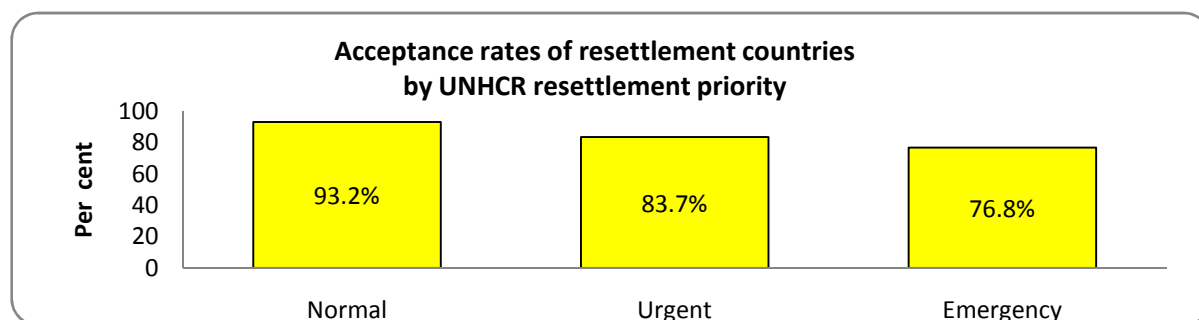


Acceptance Rates of UNHCR Submissions by Resettlement Countries in 2010

Global average acceptance rate¹ 92.2%

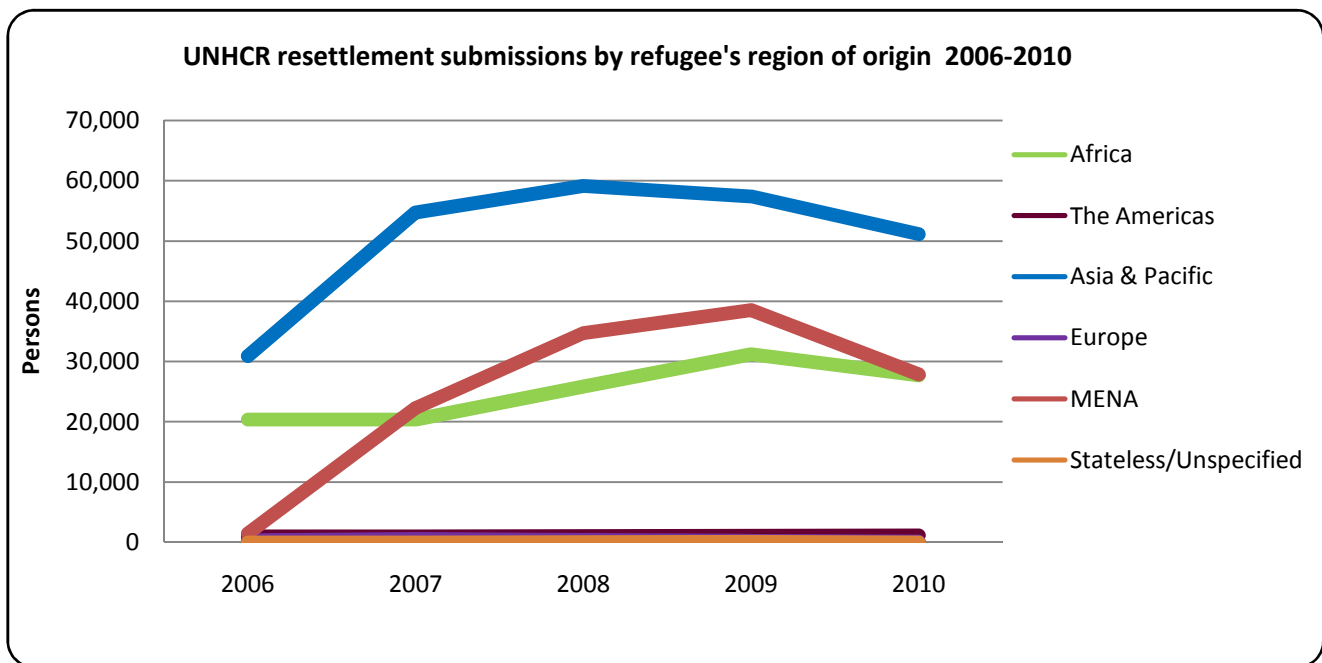
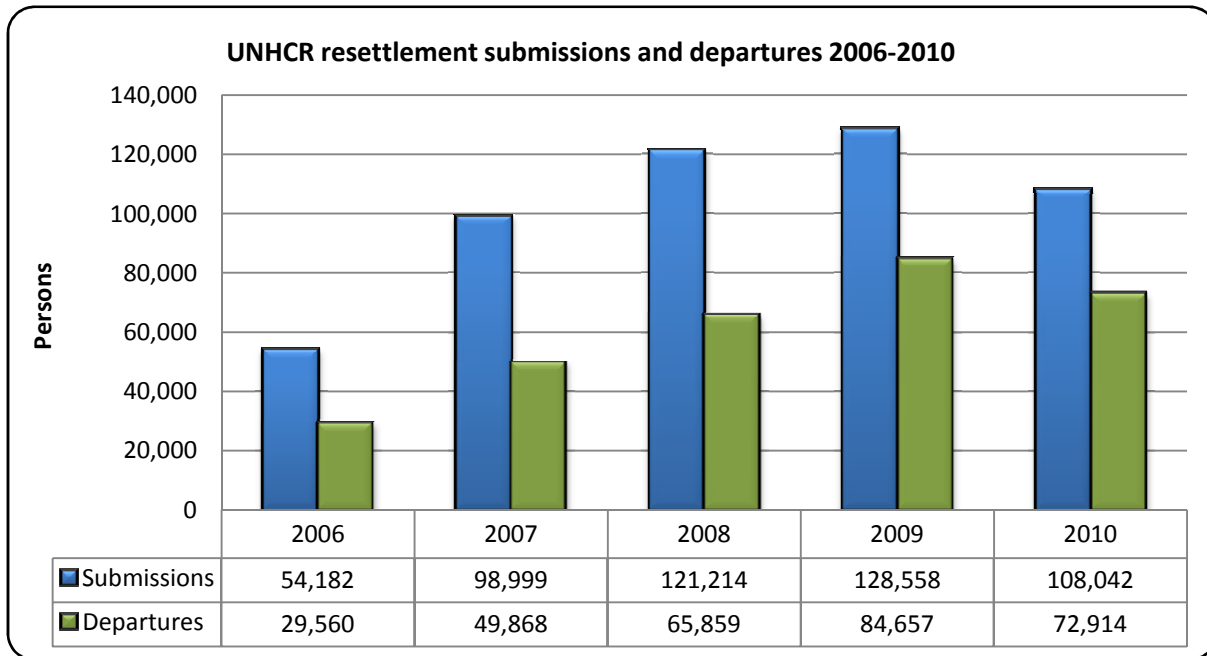
Acceptance rates of resettlement countries by top ten country/territory of origin		
Country/territory of origin	submissions (persons)	% acceptance
Bhutan	20,617	99.8
Myanmar	24,420	97.6
Eritrea	1,943	91.4
DR of the Congo	3,479	90.1
Sudan	1,761	87.6
Iraq	26,746	87.5
Islamic Rep. of Iran	2,786	87.3
Somalia	17,371	86.5
Occupied Palestinian Territory	752	84.5
Afghanistan	2,284	77.2

Acceptance rates of resettlement countries by UNHCR resettlement criteria	
Resettlement criteria	% acceptance
Lack of local integration prospects	96.5
Legal & physical protection needs	93.0
Children and adolescents	91.2
Older refugees	90.8
Family reunification	88.0
Woman-at-risk	87.3
Survivor of violence and torture	87.1
Medical needs	86.8
Global average acceptance rate	92.2



1 - 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 Submissions and Departures 2006 - 2010



UNHCR Resettlement Departures 2006- 2010 (persons)

Country of resettlement	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Countries with regular resettlement programmes					
Argentina	19	32	78	8	23
Australia	4,647	6,056	5,171	6,720	5,636
Brazil	50	163	19	30	28
<i>Bulgaria (implementation as of 2012 onwards)</i>					
Canada	5,218	5,998	5,663	6,582	6,706
Chile	42	32	45	66	6
Czech Republic		8	23	17	48
Denmark	750	480	403	488	386
Finland	548	714	675	710	543
France	1	5	276	179	217
<i>Hungary (implementation as of 2012 onwards)</i>					
Iceland		30	29		6
Ireland	119	107	89	194	20
<i>Japan (pilot programme)</i>					
Netherlands	327	425	580	347	430
New Zealand	622	629	894	675	535
Norway	871	978	722	1,367	1,088
Paraguay					13
Portugal		12	5	26	24
Romania					38
Spain		3	8		
Sweden	1,571	1,772	1,596	1,880	1,789
Uruguay				14	17
United Kingdom	349	348	697	969	695
United States of America	14,382	32,007	48,828	62,011	54,077
Countries with special resettlement programmes / ad-hoc resettlement intake					
Austria	1	1			
Belgium	14	17	6	54	2
Germany	10	3		2,064	457
Greece			2		
Israel		1			
Italy	6	40	30	191	58
Luxembourg				28	
Palau					3
Republic of Korea			23	20	23
Switzerland	13	7	12	17	19
Grand Total	29,560	49,868	65,874	84,657	72,914

Protracted Refugee Situations¹ Where Resettlement Takes Place

Comparison of UNHCR Resettlement Submissions and Departures 2008 - 2010

Country/territory of Origin	Country of Asylum	Total Population ³	Submissions			Departures		
			2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
Afghanistan	Pakistan ²	1,739,935	217	414	122	59	109	157
Afghanistan	Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,022,494	467	577	895	470	588	389
Somalia	Kenya	310,280	6,193	9,552	8,143	2,417	3,606	2,776
Myanmar	Thailand	104,107	20,363	19,490	11,142	16,607	16,518	10,825
Bhutan	Nepal	85,908	23,516	22,113	20,617	8,779	17,428	14,809
Eritrea	Sudan	64,109	215	545	979	271	283	614
DR of the Congo	United Rep. of Tanzania	63,275	749	2,030	502	249	531	1,993
Burundi	United Rep. of Tanzania	53,823	526	243	34	2,953	795	618
Sudan	Uganda	20,836	18	73	23	100	52	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 Palestinians refugees who under the mandate of UNRWA.

2 - Afghan refugee figures for Pakistan include individually recognized Afghan refugees (2,800), registered Afghans in refugee villages who are assisted by UNHCR (756,000), and registered Afghans outside refugee villages who are living in a "refugee-like" situation (981,000). Individuals in all categories have been issued a Proof of Registration Card by the Government of Pakistan. Following the completion of the registration exercise in 2007, those living outside refugee villages are now in the "refugee-like" category. They do not receive direct UNHCR material assistance but they benefit from advocacy and reintegration support upon return.

3 - Population of UNHCR assisted, as at End-Year 2009

2010 Per Capita Resettlement by Country of Resettlement

Country of resettlement	2010 (persons)	National population*	Resettled refugees per capita
Countries with regular resettlement programmes			
Australia	5,636	21,512,000	3,817
Norway	1,088	4,855,000	4,462
Canada	6,706	33,890,000	5,054
Sweden	1,789	9,293,000	5,195
United States of America	54,077	317,641,000	5,874
New Zealand	535	4,303,000	8,043
Finland	543	5,346,000	9,845
Denmark	386	5,481,000	14,199
Netherlands	430	16,653,000	38,728
Iceland	6	329,000	54,833
United Kingdom	695	61,899,000	89,063
Uruguay	17	3,372,000	198,353
Czech Republic	48	10,411,000	216,896
Ireland	20	4,589,000	229,450
France	217	62,637,000	288,650
Portugal	24	10,732,000	447,167
Paraguay	13	6,460,000	496,923
Romania	38	21,190,000	557,632
Chile	6	17,135,000	2,855,833
Japan (<i>pilot programme</i>)	27	126,995,000	4,703,519
Brazil	28	195,423,000	6,979,393
Countries with special resettlement programmes / ad-hoc resettlement intake			
Germany	457	82,057,000	179,556
Switzerland	19	7,595,000	399,737
Italy	58	60,098,000	1,036,172
Argentina	23	40,666,000	1,768,087
Republic of Korea	23	48,501,000	2,108,739
Belgium	2	10,698,000	5,349,000
Grand Total	72,911	1,189,761,000	16,318

* National population: United Nations, Population Division,
"World Population Prospects: The 2008 Revision", New York, 2008