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Introduction

This report summarizes the resettlement activities of UNHCR offices worldwide in 2009. The information for this report is drawn from the UNHCR Resettlement Statistical Reports (RSR), which are reported by UNHCR country offices on a quarterly basis.

Certain information in this report is organized by regions, reflecting the five UNHCR Regional Bureaus: 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 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 Resettlement Regional Hubs, Regional Offices as well as Headquarters.

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Summary of Major Trends in 2009

Submissions: In 2009, UNHCR submitted 128,558 refugees for resettlement, the highest number in 16 years.*

This is a six per cent increase from 121,214 refugees in 2008 and is more than double the number in 2005 (46,260 refugees).

Departures: In 2009, 84,657 refugees departed to 24 countries of resettlement , the largest number since the early 1990s.

Departures increased 29 per cent, from 65,859 refugees in 2008 and is more than double 2005 (38,507 refugees).

Origin: The largest number of refugees submitted for resettlement were refugees from Iraq (36,067), followed by refugees from Myanmar (30,542) and Bhutan (22,114). In total the three nationalities made up 70 per cent of all submissions.

Resettlement: The three major countries of resettlement were: the United States of America (62,011), Australia (6,720) and Canada (6,582). Germany (2,064) received the largest number of resettled refugees in Europe in 2009.

Asylum: The largest number of refugees were submitted from Nepal (22,139), followed by Thailand (19,879) and the Syrian Arab Republic (18,888).

Nepal was the country from which the most refugees departed (17,442), followed by Thailand (16,835), and the Syrian Arab Republic (10,383).

AT A GLANCE FIGURES

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Submissions	128,558	121,214	98,999	54,182	46,260
Departures	84,657	65,859	49,868	29,560	38,507
Countries of Asylum**	94	80	80	88	73
Countries of Origin**	77	68	65	67	69
Countries of Resettlement***	24	24	25	20	23

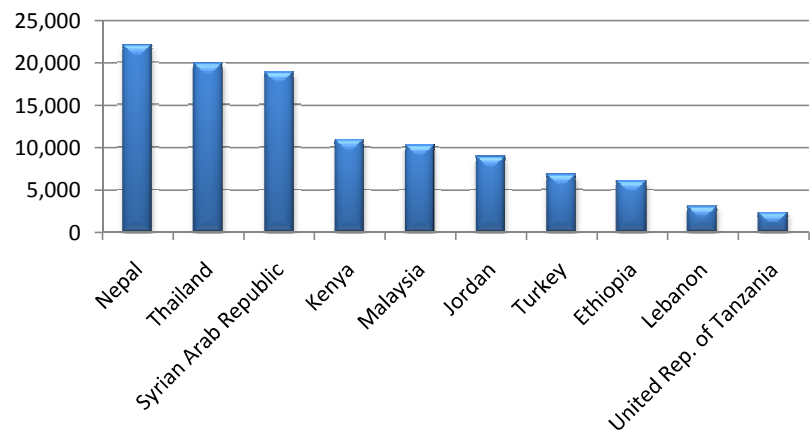
* This figure includes 7,142 individual resubmissions (2,202 cases)

** based on submissions

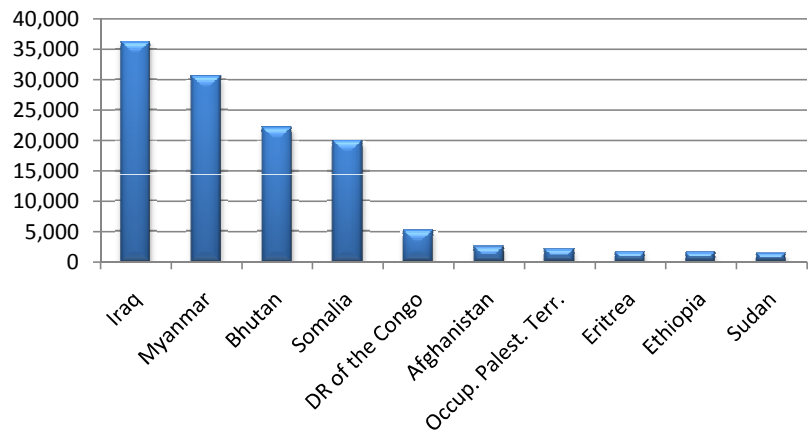
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Top Ten: UNHCR Resettlement Submissions in 2009

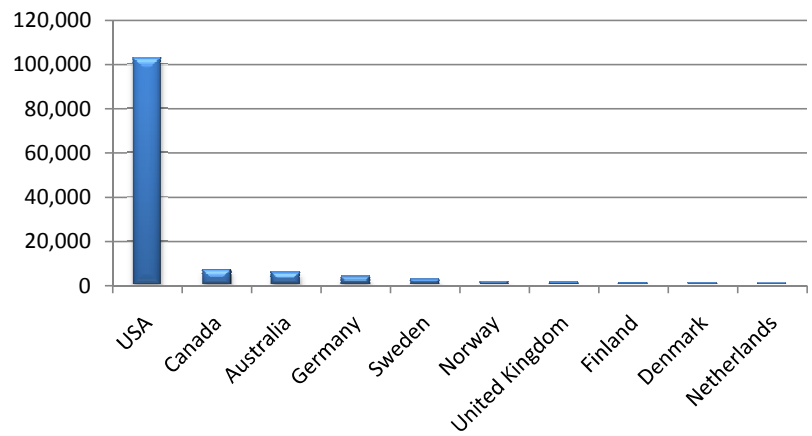
Country of asylum	Submissions (persons)
Nepal	22,139
Thailand	19,879
Syrian Arab Republic	18,888
Kenya	10,904
Malaysia	10,228
Jordan	8,920
Turkey	6,744
Ethiopia	6,014
Lebanon	3,000
United Rep. of Tanzania	2,306
All Others	19,536
Total	128,558



Country/territory of origin	Submissions (persons)
Iraq	36,067
Myanmar	30,542
Bhutan	22,114
Somalia	19,838
DR of the Congo	5,023
Afghanistan	2,440
Occup. Palest. Terr.	1,971
Eritrea	1,554
Ethiopia	1,477
Sudan	1,351
All Others	6,181
Total	128,558



Country of resettlement	Submissions (persons)
USA	102,586
Canada	6,985
Australia	5,638
Germany	3,603
Sweden	2,462
Norway	1,707
United Kingdom	1,166
Finland	993
Denmark	861
Netherlands	838
All Others	1,719
Total	128,558

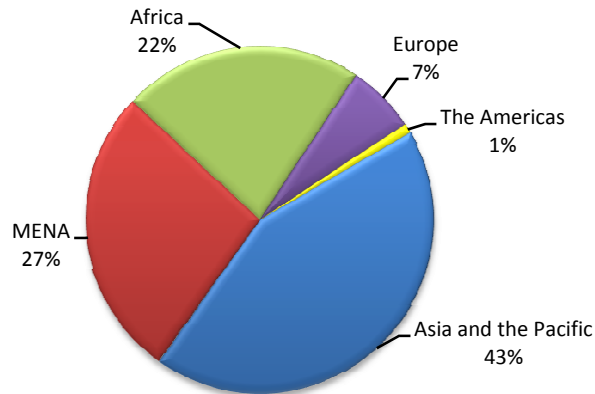


UNHCR Resettlement Submissions in 2009

Submissions by region of asylum

Asia and the Pacific	55,461
MENA	34,932
Africa	28,741
Europe	8,286
The Americas	1,138
Total	128,558

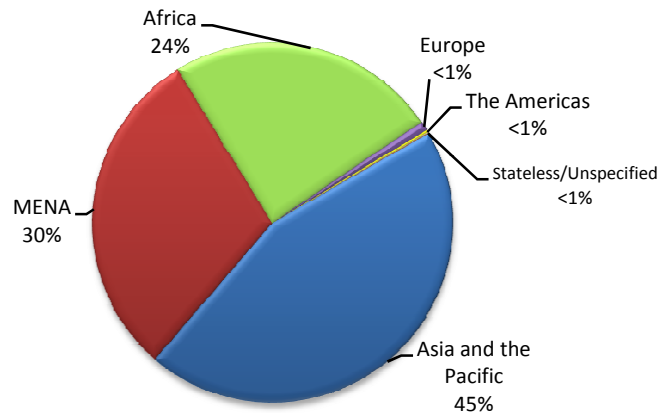
Submissions by region of asylum



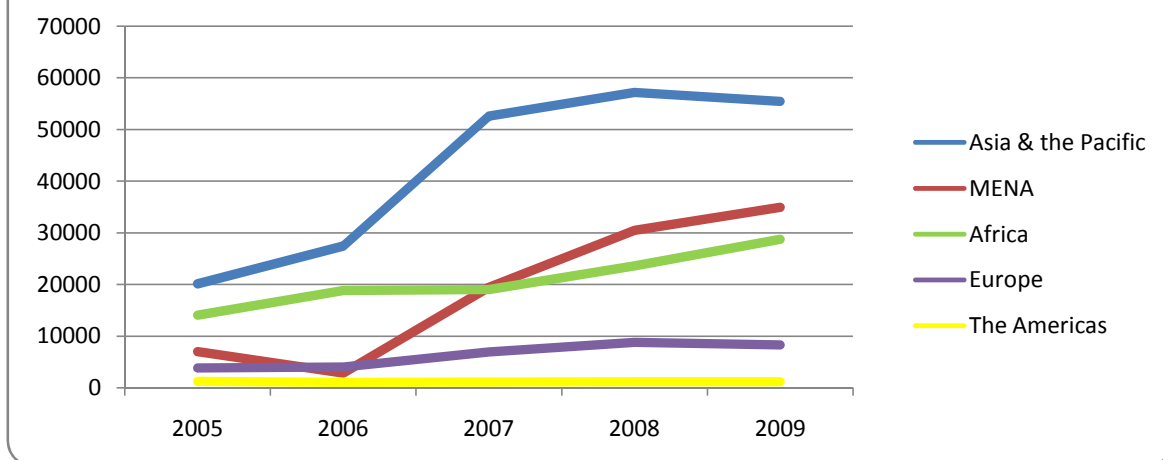
Submissions by region of origin

Asia and the Pacific	57,360
MENA	38,510
Africa	31,217
The Americas	1,134
Europe	245
Stateless*/Unspecified	92
Total	128,558

Submissions by region of origin

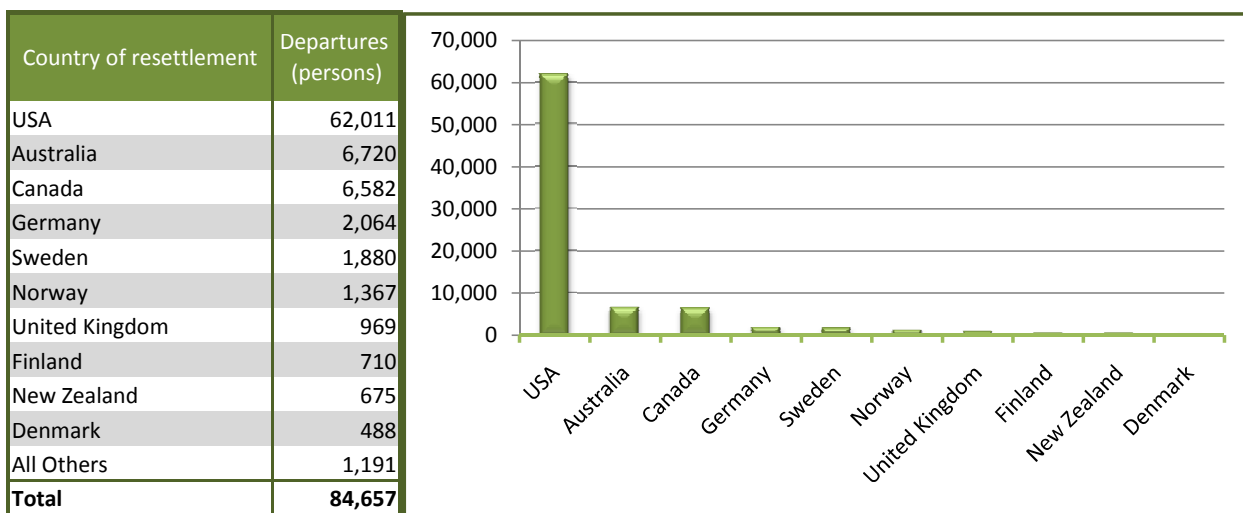
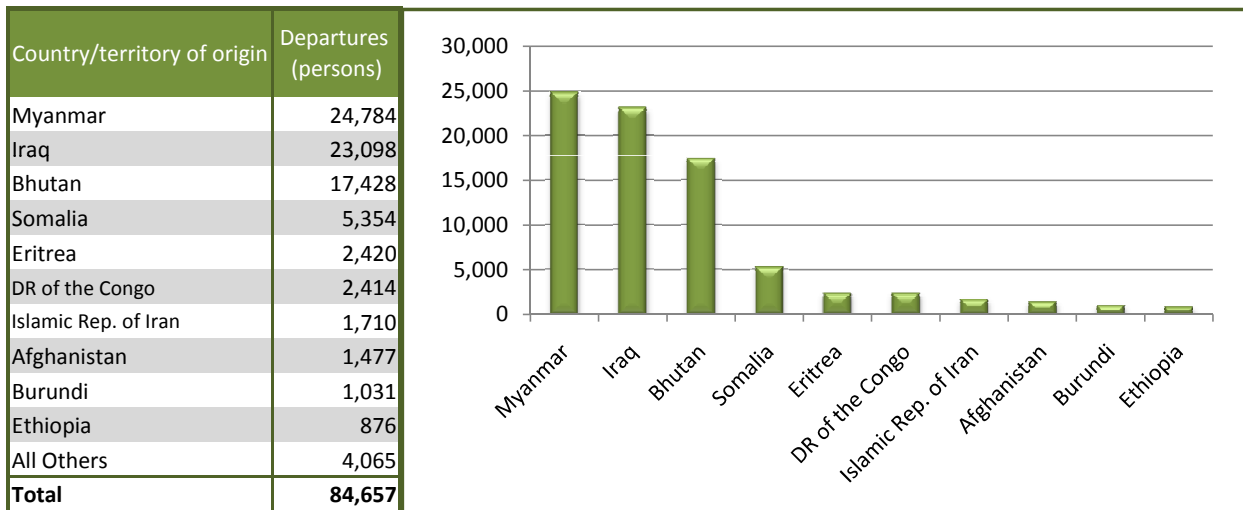
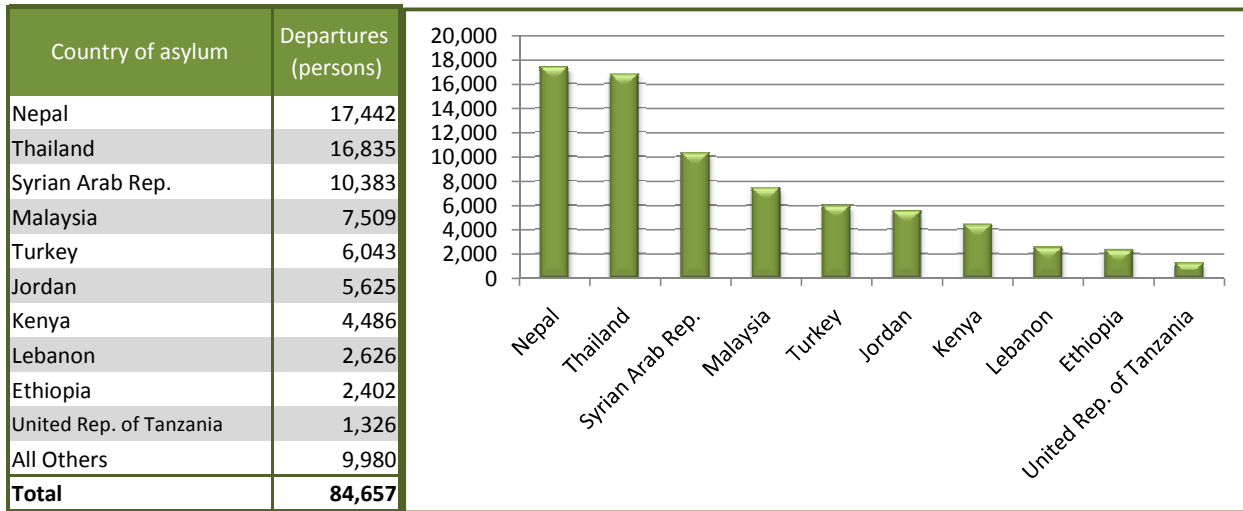


2005-2009 UNHCR submissions by region of asylum



* 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 2009

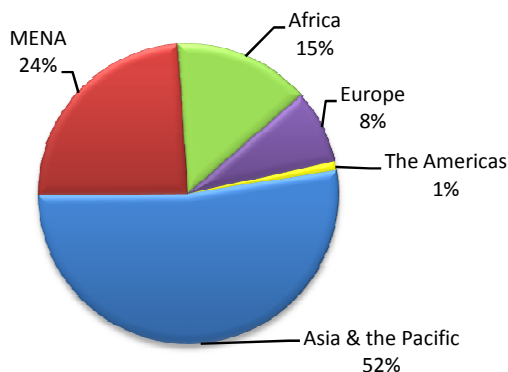


UNHCR Resettlement Departures in 2009

Departures by region of asylum

Asia & the Pacific	44,332
MENA	20,358
Africa	12,380
Europe	6,828
The Americas	759
Total	84,657

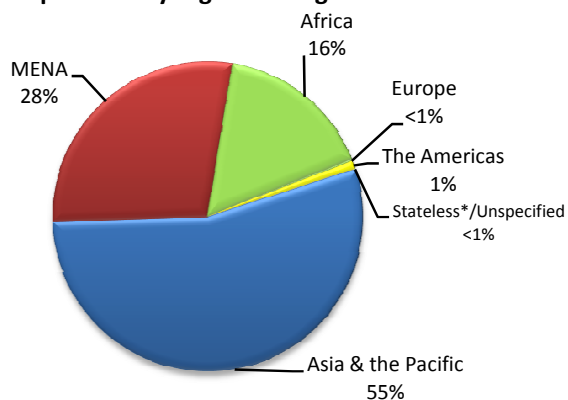
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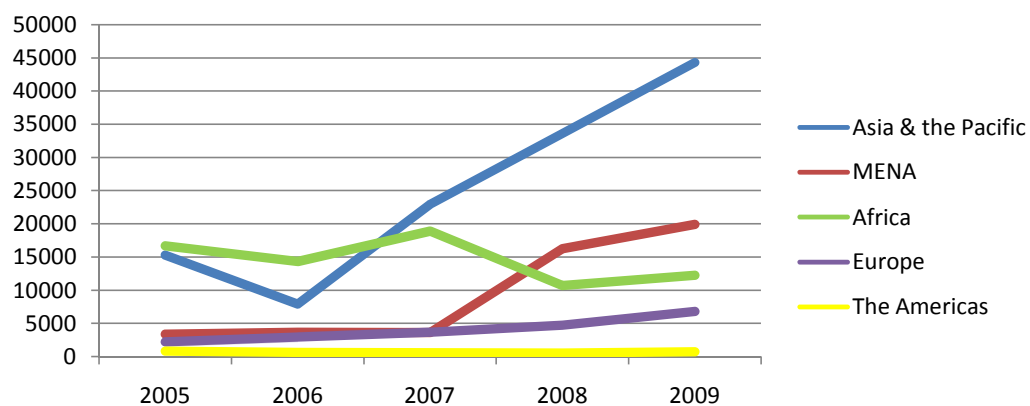
Departures by region of origin

Asia & the Pacific	46,116
MENA	23,789
Africa	13,863
Europe	155
The Americas	724
Stateless*/Unspecified	10
Total	84,657

Departures by region of origin



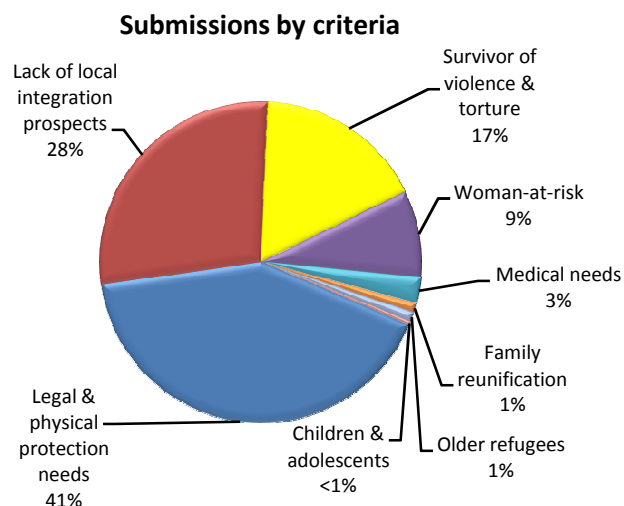
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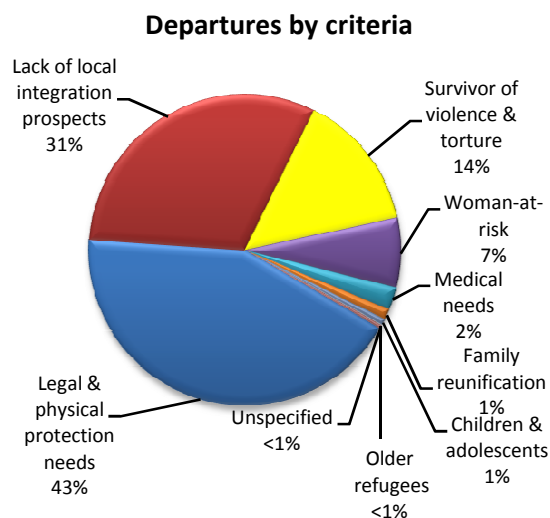
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UNHCR Resettlement Submissions and Departures by Criteria in 2009

Resettlement Criteria	Submissions	
	(cases)	(persons)
Legal & physical protection needs	15,768	49,608
Lack of local integration prospects	10,647	40,694
Survivor of violence & torture	6,514	22,520
Woman-at-risk	3,329	9,809
Medical needs	992	3,896
Family reunification	360	842
Older refugees	352	622
Children & adolescents	154	567
Grand Total	38,116	128,558

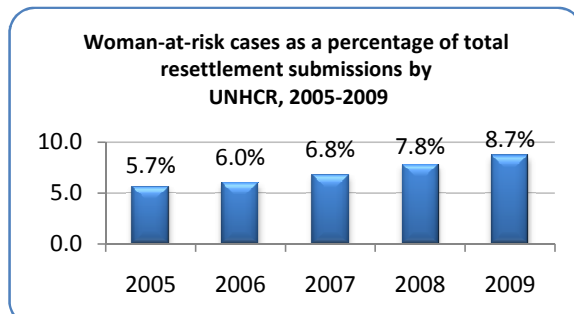
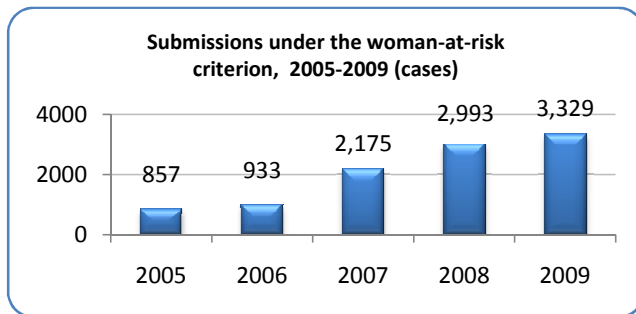


Resettlement Criteria	Departures (persons)
Legal & physical protection needs	36,158
Lack of local integration prospects	26,472
Survivor of violence & torture	12,138
Woman-at-risk	6,122
Medical needs	1,992
Family reunification	935
Children & adolescents	514
Older refugees	310
Unspecified	16
Grand Total	84,657

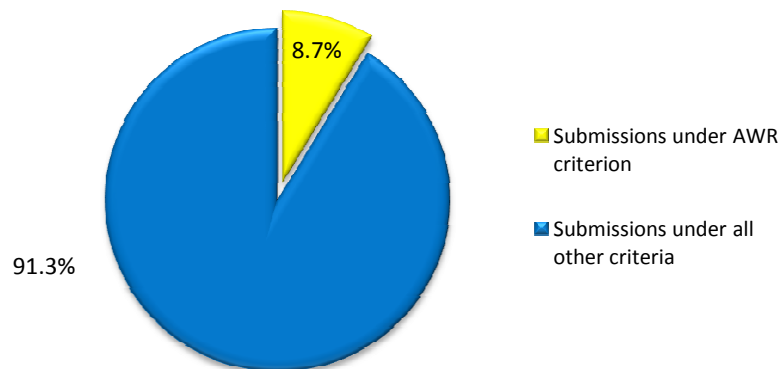


UNHCR Resettlement Submissions and Departures Under the Woman-at-Risk (AWR) Criterion in 2009

Top ten: submissions under woman-at-risk criterion by country of asylum			
Country of asylum	cases	persons	% cases
Syrian Arab Rep.	826	2,184	24.8
Jordan	378	832	11.4
Thailand	266	820	8.0
Kenya	238	942	7.1
Malaysia	225	236	6.8
Nepal	199	699	6.0
Turkey	131	298	3.9
Islamic Rep. of Iran	114	504	3.4
Ecuador	101	314	3.0
South Africa	82	318	2.5
All Others	769	2,662	23.1
Total	3,329	9,809	100



Woman-at-risk cases as a percentage of total resettlement submissions by UNHCR in 2009



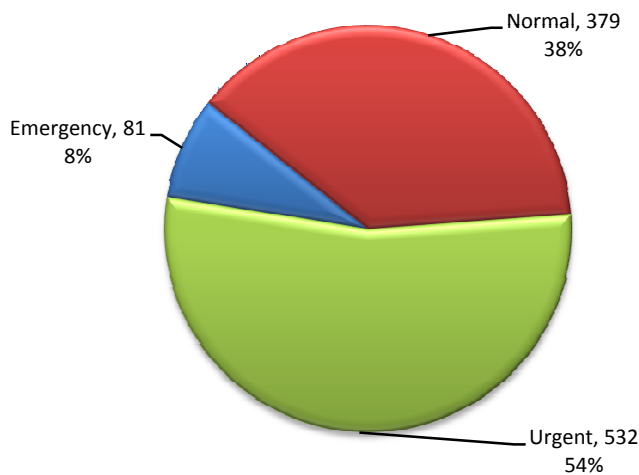
Total woman-at-risk case submissions: 3,329
 Total global case submissions: 38,116

UNHCR Resettlement Submissions and Departures Under the Medical Needs Criterion in 2009

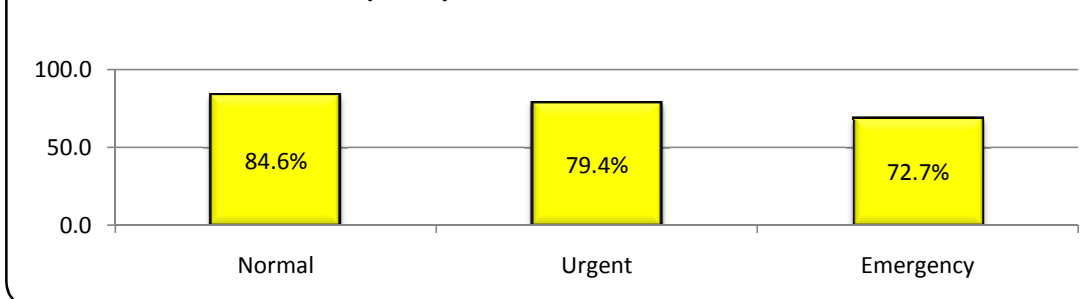
Top ten: submissions under medical needs criterion by country/territory of origin			
Country/territory of origin	cases	persons	% cases
Iraq	287	933	28.9
Somalia	169	750	17.0
Myanmar	147	343	14.8
Bhutan	110	698	11.1
DR of the Congo	60	322	6.0
Occup. Palest. Terr.	32	144	3.2
Liberia	27	79	2.7
Sudan	27	119	2.7
Afghanistan	23	94	2.3
Islamic Rep. of Iran	21	95	2.1
All others	89	319	9.2
Total	992	3,896	100

Top ten: submissions under medical needs criterion by country of asylum			
Country of asylum	cases	persons	% cases
Turkey	236	689	23.8
Nepal	115	716	11.6
Malaysia	109	164	11.0
Kenya	73	374	7.4
Ethiopia	63	256	6.4
Syrian Arab Rep.	51	226	5.1
Iraq	41	200	4.1
Thailand	39	170	3.9
Egypt	32	79	3.2
Uganda	29	126	2.9
All others	204	896	20.6
Total	992	3,896	100

Medical cases submitted by priority



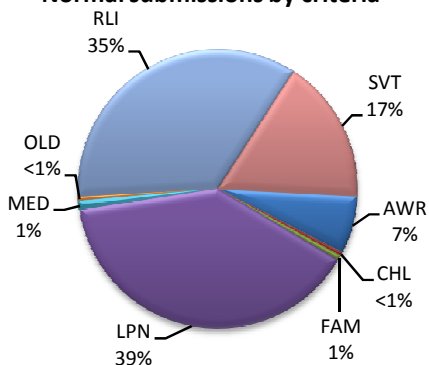
Acceptance rates by resettlement countries of medical cases by priority of UNHCR submissions



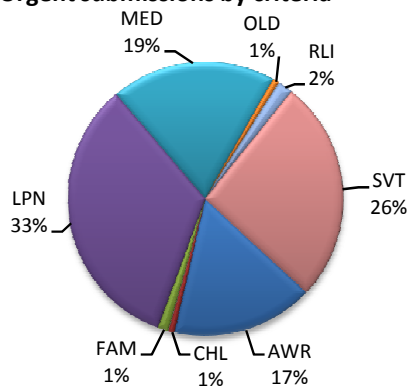
UNHCR Resettlement Submissions and Departures by Priority and Criteria in 2009

Priority	Submissions			Departures	
	cases	persons	% persons	persons	% persons
Normal	33,850	115,668	90.0	77,144	91.1
Urgent	3,847	11,868	9.2	6,860	8.1
Emergency	419	1,022	0.8	653	0.8
Total	38,116	128,558	100.0	84,657	100.0

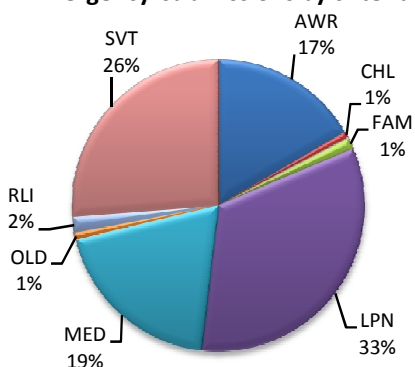
Normal submissions by criteria



Urgent submissions by criteria



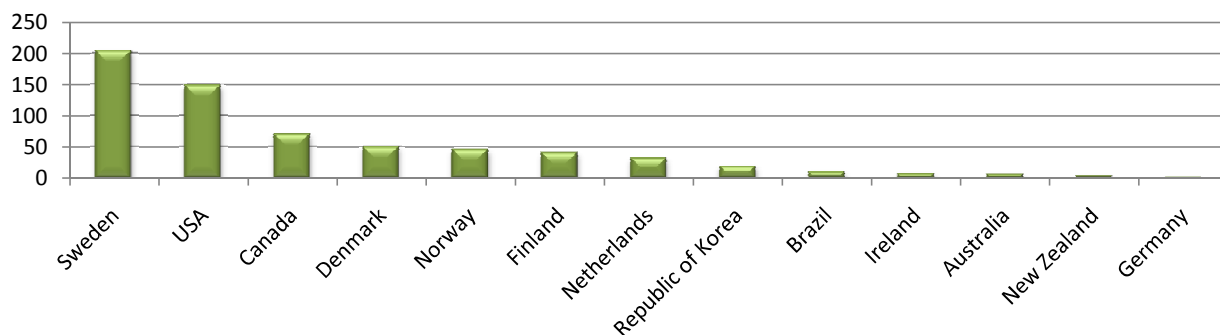
Emergency submissions by criteria



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

Emergency departures by country of resettlement

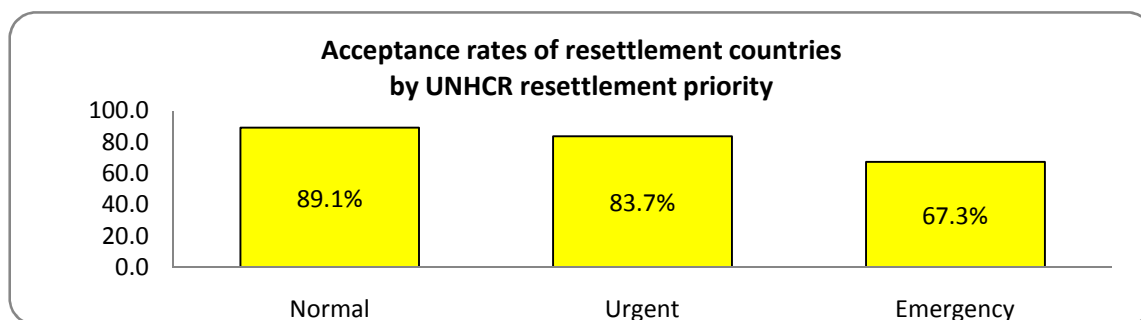


Acceptance Rates of UNHCR Submissions by Resettlement Countries in 2009

Global average acceptance rate¹ 88.3%

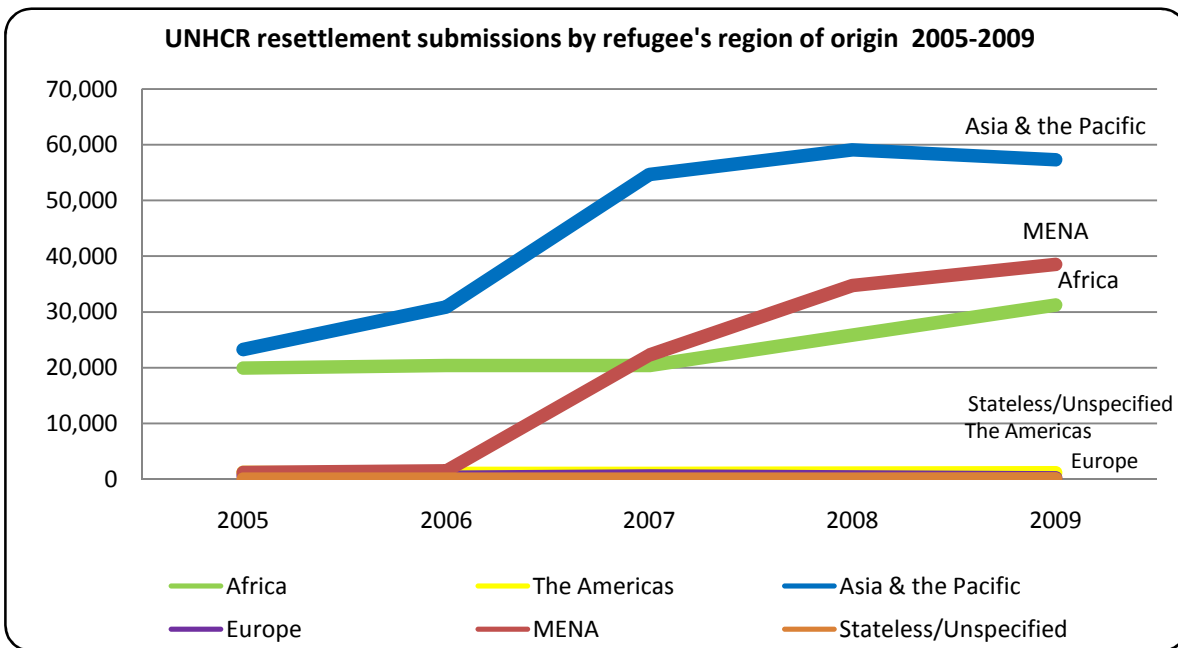
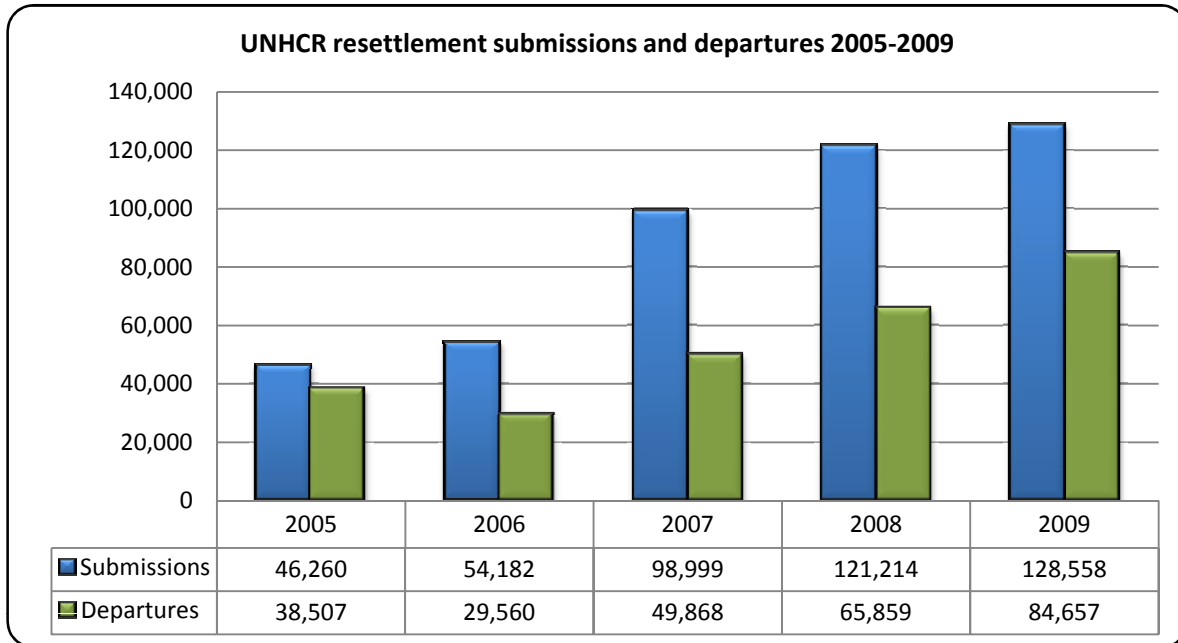
Acceptance rates of resettlement countries by top ten country/territory of origin		
Country/territory of origin	submissions	% acceptance
Bhutan	22,114	99.6
Myanmar	30,542	95.9
Eritrea	1,554	91.9
Occup. Palest. Terr.	1,971	88.1
DR of the Congo	5,023	86.9
Sudan	1,351	84.8
Ethiopia	1,477	82.0
Iraq	36,067	78.0
Afghanistan	2,440	76.2
Somalia	19,838	67.6

Acceptance rates of resettlement countries by UNHCR resettlement criteria	
Resettlement criteria	% acceptance
Lack of local integration prospects	95.3
Children and adolescents	94.0
Legal & physical protection needs	89.3
Family reunification	85.6
Woman-at-risk	84.9
Older refugees	83.4
Medical needs	79.5
Survivor of violence and torture	76.6
Global average acceptance rate	88.3



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 2005 - 2009



UNHCR Resettlement Departures 2005- 2009

Country of resettlement	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Argentina	31	19	32	78	8
Australia	5,117	4,647	6,056	5,171	6,720
Austria		1	1		
Belgium	23	14	17	6	54
Brazil	76	50	163	19	30
Canada	5,811	5,218	5,998	5,663	6,582
Chile	52	42	32	45	66
Czech Republic	15		8	46	17
Denmark	454	750	480	403	488
Finland	584	548	714	675	710
France	2	1	5	276	179
Germany	14	10	3		2,064
Greece				2	
Iceland	31		30	29	
Ireland	116	119	107	89	194
Israel			1		
Italy	2	6	40	30	191
Luxembourg					28
Netherlands	479	327	425	580	347
New Zealand	307	622	629	894	675
Norway	636	871	978	722	1,367
Poland	1				
Portugal			12	5	26
Republic of Korea				23	20
Spain	8		3	8	
Sweden	1,190	1,571	1,772	1,558	1,880
Switzerland	27	13	7	12	17
United Kingdom	242	349	348	697	969
Uruguay					14
USA	23,289	14,382	32,007	48,828	62,011
Grand Total	38,507	29,560	49,868	65,859	84,657

Protracted Refugee Situations Where Resettlement Takes Place

Comparison of UNHCR Resettlement Submissions and Departures 2007 - 2009

Country/territory of Origin	Country of Asylum	Total Population ²	Submissions			Departures		
			2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
Afghanistan	Pakistan ¹	764,935	288	217	414	51	59	109
Afghanistan	Islamic Rep. of Iran	935,595	570	467	577	737	470	588
Burundi	United Rep. of Tanzania	240,480	5,589	526	243	5,865	2,953	795
Sudan	Uganda	56,883	234	18	73	157	100	52
Somalia	Kenya	259,121	4,554	6,193	9,552	4,798	2,417	3,606
Eritrea	Sudan	57,999	551	215	545	375	271	283
Myanmar	Thailand	111,555	29,693	20,363	19,490	14,335	16,607	16,518

1 - UNHCR figures for Pakistan only include Afghans living in camps who are assisted by UNHCR. According to a 2005 Government census of Afghans in Pakistan and subsequent voluntary repatriation during the year, there are an additional 1.3 million Afghans living outside camps, some of whom may be refugees. Those Afghans living outside camps receive no UNHCR assistance except facilitated voluntary repatriation.

2 - Population of UNHCR assisted, as at End-Year 2008