

## SEEKING REFUGE

### AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network Bulletin

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#### Marking the One-Year Anniversary of Russia's 2022 Invasion of Ukraine

February 24, 2023 marks the first anniversary of Russian President Vladimir Putin's recent invasion of Ukraine. Millions of Ukrainians have been forced to flee violence in search of safety and protection. According to the UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, more than **8 million refugees crossed borders into neighboring countries**, and many more are displaced inside the country.

Canada put forward supports for Ukrainian nationals affected by this invasion. To respond quickly to the crisis in Ukraine, the Canadian government took the step of opening a temporary resident visa category to create the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET). More than **150,000 Ukrainians and their family members** have found refuge in Canada between March 2022 and February 2023, while more than half a million temporary resident applications have been approved.

As the one-year anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine approaches, Stand with Ukraine events are being hosted across Canada acknowledging and paying tribute to the resilience of displaced Ukrainians and those lost during the conflict. To find an event in your area click on the following link: <https://www.ucc.ca/stand-with-ukraine/february-24-call-to-action/>

[#StandWithUkraine](#)



**Afghans** who have  
arrived in Canada  
since August 2021

**Ukrainian** nationals who  
have arrived in Canada  
since January 2022



as of February 2023:

28,285



as of February 2023:

167,585

Source: [Government of Canada - #WelcomeAfghans: Key Figures](#),  
[Government of Canada - Ukraine Immigration Measures: Key Figures](#)

[Afghan Resettlement Resources](#)

[Ukrainian Migration Resources](#)

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[Survey](#)



**AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network** is an initiative to strengthen community capacity to support resettled refugees and displaced Ukrainians through education, information dissemination, research and training. The Seeking Refuge bulletin has been created to keep service providers up-to-date on news, resources, and to provide information on frequently asked about topics related to recent migrations of displaced Ukrainians and resettled refugees. If you know someone who would like to receive this bulletin, please share this [link](#).

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