

# Afghan Resettlement to Canada in the aftermath of the fall of Kabul and pandemic

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# The hotel “problem”

- Long stays in hotels:
  - Delay the initial integration process
  - Cause difficulties with families
  - Limit agency (food choice, getting acquainted with new city)
  - Often far away from parks and other necessities
- Difficulty securing hotel rooms in summer 2022
- Difficulty securing hotel rooms in fall of 2022 as pandemic restrictions removed
- Backlog of refugees coming

Wilkinson 2017, 2019;

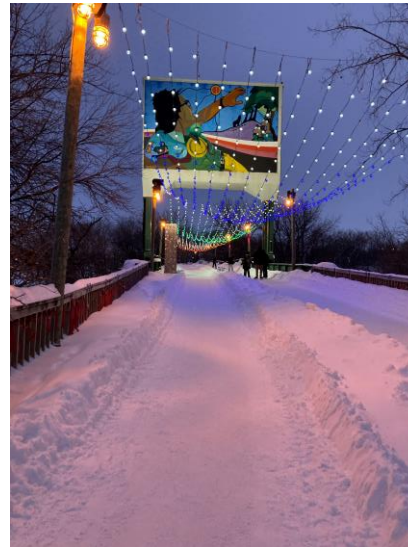
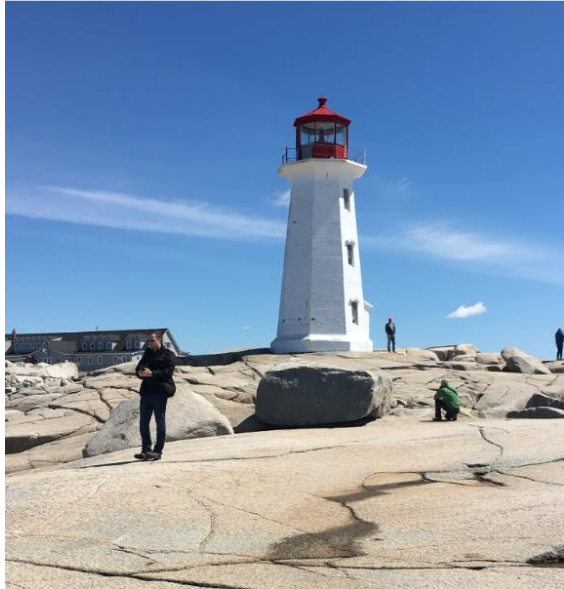
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# The Toronto and Calgary “problem”

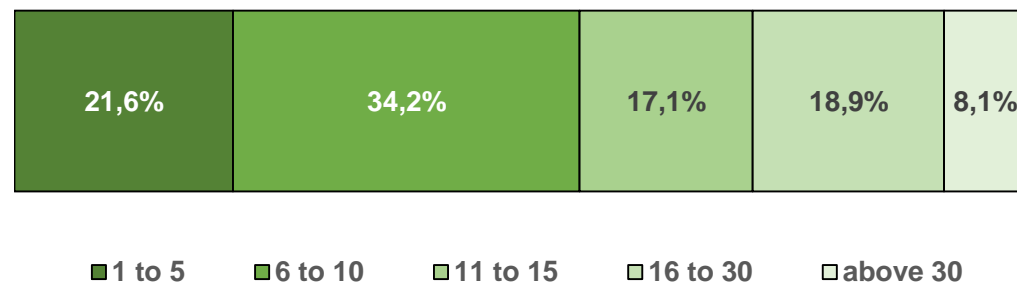
- Friends and family told me to move there
- Those are the only cities they “know”



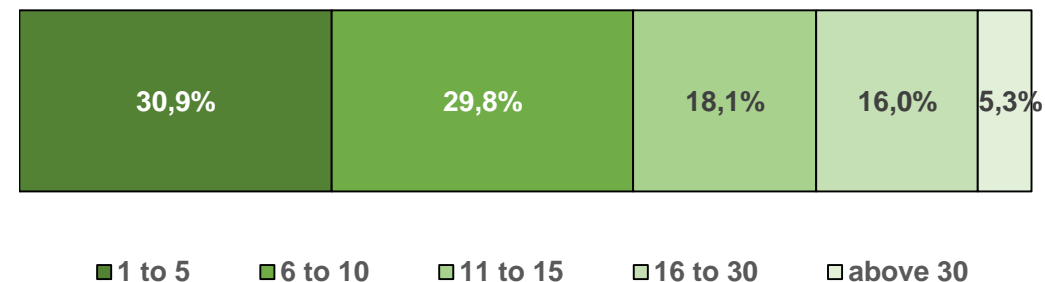
# The Family Reunification “Problem”

**79% of the respondents said they had left immediate family members in Afghanistan;  
60% of them had up to 10 members left behind**

Total number of people in your family  
(including those in your hotel and those you  
had to leave behind in Afghanistan) (111)



How many family members did you leave  
behind in Afghanistan? (94)



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