**TABLE 1: Recognized Mexican Refugee Claims, 2000-2014 (UNHCR, 2015)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Canada** | **USA** | **Other**  |
| 2000 | 322 | 84 | 2 |
| 2001 | 237 | 75 | 0 |
| 2002 | 290 | 68 | 0 |
| 2003 | 597 | 94 | 0 |
| 2004 | 665 | 104 | 0 |
| 2005 | 697 | 89 | 0 |
| 2006 | 931 | 109 | 0 |
| 2007 | 378 | 113 | 0 |
| 2008 | 606 | 161 | 0 |
| 2009 | 516 | 212 | 4 |
| 2010 | 653 | 164 | 6 |
| 2011 | 1042 | 337 | 5 |
| 2012 | 568 | 560 | 10 |
| 2013 | 182 | 430 | 13 |
| 2014 | 93 | 687 | 6 |
| **Totals** | 7777 | 3487 | 46 |
| **Percentage** | 70% | 29.6% | 0.4% |

**Source:** UNHCR Statistical Online Population Database.

**Note:** Countries in the “Other” category included: Australia, Italy, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Panama, Belgium, Cayman Islands, Luxemburg, Trinidad & Tobago.

**Table 2: Mexican Asylum/Refugee Claims Filed During the Year, 2000-2014 (UNHCR)s**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Canada** | **USA** | **Other** |
| 2000 | 1,310 | 9,145 | 11 |
| 2001 | 1,669 | 21,484 | 3 |
| 2002 | 2,397 | 23,748 | 8 |
| 2003 | 2,576 | 11,660 | 7 |
| 2004 | 2,918 | 1,763 | 16 |
| 2005 | 3,541 | 1,581 | 10 |
| 2006 | 4,948 | 1,673 | 20 |
| 2007 | 7,028 | 2,551 | 33 |
| 2008 | 8,069 | 2,713 | 24 |
| 2009 | 9,296 | 2,295 | 74 |
| 2010 | 1,299 | 3,879 | 106 |
| 2011 | 763 | 8,304 | 95 |
| 2012 | 382 | 11,067 | 123 |
| 2013 | 110 | 10,077 | 105 |
| 2014 | 65 | 13,987 | 64 |
| **Total** | 46,355 | 125,927 | 699 |
| **Percentage** | 26.8% | 72.8% | 0.04% |

**Source:** UNHCR Statistical Online Population Database.

**Note:** There are 38 countries in the “other” category in Western Europe, Central America and the Caribbean, and Australia. No country in the “other” category received more than 20 applications in a given year. Most countries received from 1-2 applications in a given year.

**TABLE 3: IRB Decisions—Principal Applicants from Mexico, 2007-2012**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year | **Total** | **Gender** | **Positive** | **Negative** | **Withdrawn or Abandoned** |
|  |  | **male** | **female** | **male** | **female** | **male** | **female** | **male** | **female** |
| 2007 | 2,150 | 1488*69%* | 662*31%* | 88*5.9%* | 96*14.5%* | 793*53%* | 322*49%* | 604*41%* | 243*37%* |
| 2008 | 1,958 | 1323*68%* | 633*32%* | 125*9.4%* | 131*21%* | 1198*91%* | 502*79%* | n/a | n/a |
| 2009 | 3,497 | 2429*69%* | 1066*30%* | 109*4.5%* | 108*10%* | 1178*48%* | 515*48%* | 1132*47%* | 438*41%* |
| 2010 | 3,374 | 2342*69%* | 1032*31%* | 145*6.2%* | 141*14%* | 1300*56%* | 502*49%* | 894*38%* | 387*38%* |
| 2011 | 3,389 | 2384*70%* | 1005*30%* | 224*9.4%* | 209*21%* | 1663*70%* | 622*62%* | 495*21%* | 172*17%* |
| 2012 | 1660 | 1161*70%* | 499*30%* | 129*11%* | 134*27%* | 862*74%* | 295*59%* | 167*14%* | 70*14%* |
| Total*%* | 16,028-- | 11,127*66%* | 4,897*29%* | 820*7.4%* | 819*16.7%* | 6,994*63%* | 2,758*56%* | 3,292*30%* | 1,310*27%* |

**Source**: IRB claim data that is published by Sean Rehaag (2008, 2013).

**Note:** “Gender” includes total number of male and female principal applicants per year along with the percent of males and females relative to the total. The values reported for decisions that were “positive”, “negative” or “withdrawn/abandoned” include the total male and female principal applicants in each category. The percent value, indicates the percent for each gender (i.e. in 2007, 4 % of male applicants and 4.5% of female applicants received a positive decision).

**TABLE 4: IRB Decisions—Domestic Violence as a Basis of the Initial Claim for Principal Applicants, 2008-2012**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Total Claims** | **DV Related Claims** | **Male** | **Female** | **Positive** | **Negative** | **Other** | **Dependants** |
| 2008 | 1,958 | 94 | 6 | 88 | 21 | 51 | 22 | 74 |
| 2009\* | 3,497 | 366 | 19 | 347 | 89 | 199 | 78 | 238 |
| 2010 | 3,374 | 73 | 1 | 72 | 21 | 38 | 14 | 36 |
| 2011 | 3,389 | 45 | 0 | 45 | 16 | 24 | 5 | 23 |
| 2012 | 1660 | 17 | 2 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| **Total** | 13,878 | 595 | 28 | 567\* | 152 | 316 | 127 | 377 |
| ***% of Total******% of Female******% DV Claims*** | *--* | *4.3%**--* | *0.2%**5%* | *4.1%**14%\***95%* | *26%* | *53%* | *21%* | ---- |

**Source:** Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) data, obtained through a request for information.

**Note:** In 2009, the IRB reported that 7% of all claims were gender-related. From 2008-2012, 14% of female principal applicants indicated domestic violence as a basis of their initial claim. 95% of all claims that indicated domestic violence were submitted by female applicants, with an approval rate of 26%.

TABLE 5: Summary of IRB Written Decisions for Mexican Claimants, 2007-2012

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | Total (%) |
| # of Claims Reviewed | 18 | 19 | 12 | 13 | 6 | 8 | 76 |
| Reasons for Denial |
| Credibility | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 29 (38%) |
| Internal Flight Alternative | 9 | 14 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 42 (55%) |
| State Protection | 8 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 48 (63%) |
| Combo of 2 or more | 5 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 35 (46%) |
| Type of Violence |
| Physical Abuse | 14 | 17 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 63 (83%) |
| Verbally Threatened | 8 | 12 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 40 (53%) |
| Emotional Abuse | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 12 (16%) |
| Kidnapped or attempt to Kidnap | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 (3%) |
| Sexual Abuse | 4 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 24 (32%) |
| Abuse (no further description) | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 (9%) |
| Reports of Seeking Help |
| Did seek police/state protection | 11 | 14 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 53 (70%) |
| Did seek to relocate | 8 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 34 (45%) |

**Source:** We retrieved this sample of IRB written decisions through the CANLII and LexisNexis/Quicklaw databases