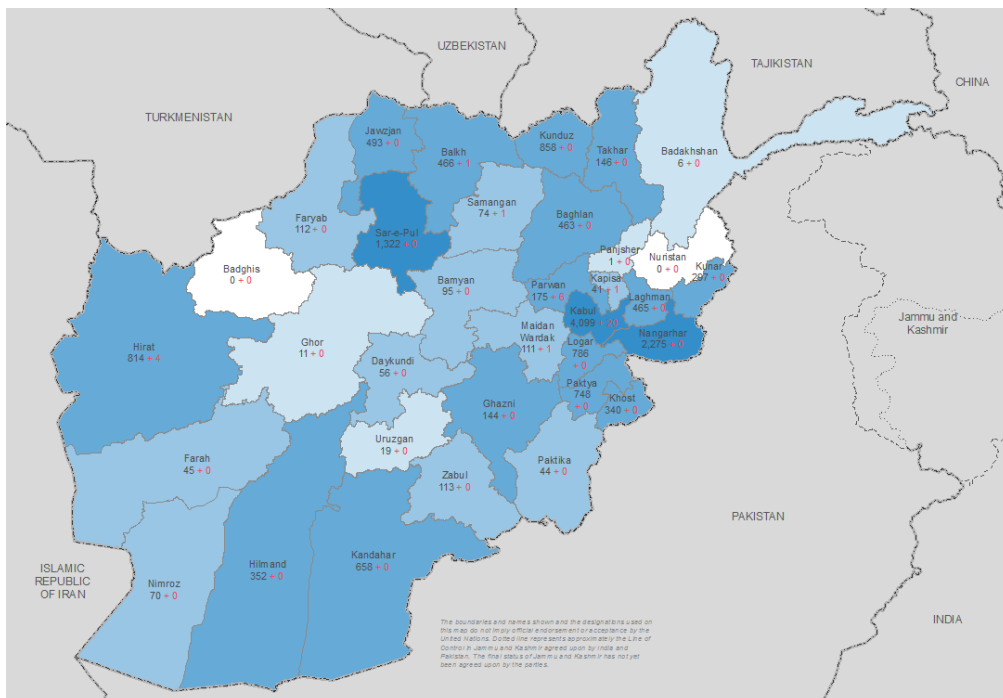


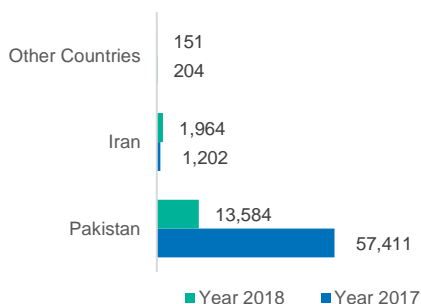
During last week (26 – 31 December 2018), **34** Afghan refugees returned to Afghanistan (**0** from Pakistan, **25** from Iran and **9** from other countries)

15,699 Afghan refugees returned to Afghanistan in 2018, out of which **13,584** from Pakistan, **1,964** from Iran and **151** from other countries (as of 31 December 2018)

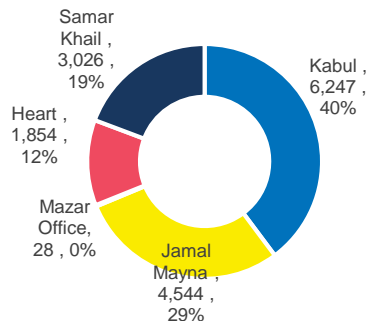
This is **73%** less compared to the same period in 2017, when **58,817** Afghan refugees returned to Afghanistan



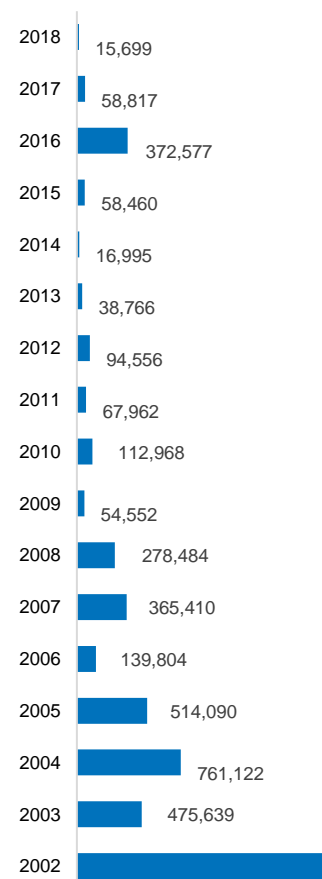
ASSISTED RETURN BY COUNTRY OF ASYLUM



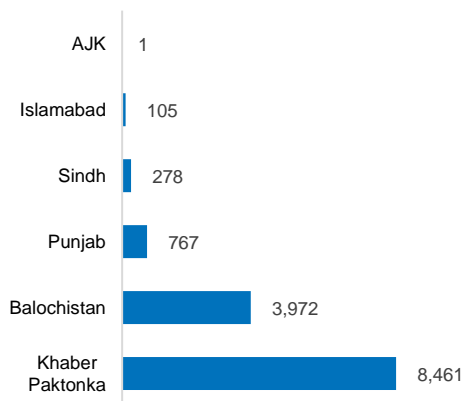
ASSISTED RETURN BY ENCASHMENT CENTERS



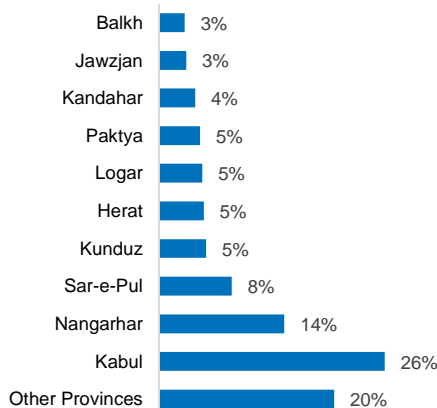
REFUGEE RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN 2002-2018



RETURN FROM PAKISTAN BY PROVINCE OF ASYLUM



TOP 10 PROVINCES OF DESTINATION



Detailed breakdown and weekly comparison

Date	2018	2017	Pakistan			Iran			Other countries		
	(total)	(total)	2018	2017	Comp %	2018	2017	Comp %	2018	2017	Comp %
January	113	63	6	-	0%	76	58	31%	31	5	520%
February	83	53	-	-	0%	66	41	61%	17	12	42%
March	1,612	139	1,484	-	0%	125	117	7%	3	22	-86%
April	2,833	11,786	2,730	11,747	-77%	86	28	207%	17	11	55%
May	2,539	19,485	2,374	19,417	-88%	145	48	202%	20	20	0%
June	771	2,207	681	2,161	-90%	79	27	300%	11	19	-89%
July	2,274	8,428	1,980	8,208	-76%	286	214	34%	8	6	33%
August	1,374	5,815	1,046	5,389	-81%	324	392	-17%	4	34	-88%
September	1,675	3,825	1,434	3,719	-61%	241	92	162%	-	14	-100%
October	1,362	4,188	1,026	4,097	-75%	317	74	328%	19	17	12%
November	904	2,603	772	2,548	-70%	120	44	173%	12	11	9%
December	159	225	51	125	-59%	99	67	48%	9	33	-73%
Total	15,699	58,817	13,584	57,411		1,964	1,202		151	204	

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