

OVERVIEW

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Pakistan collects data on the outflows of Afghans at the Torkham (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) and Chaman (Balochistan) border crossing points (BCPs) to better understand the movements of Afghans returning to Afghanistan. The data presented below is harmonised with those from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), who also cover Ghulam Khan (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Badini and Bahramcha (Balochistan).

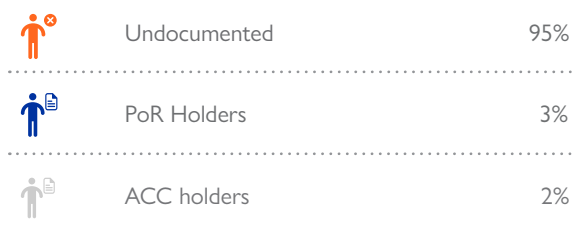
On 26 September 2023, the Ministry of Interior in Pakistan announced its decision to enact its “Illegal Foreigners’ Repatriation Plan (IFRP)”. Since 1 January 2023, IOM identified 557,436 returns at the five BCPs. Eighty-four per cent (467,919) of the annual returns have occurred in the last quarter of 2023 when the IFRP was enacted.

KEY FINDINGS

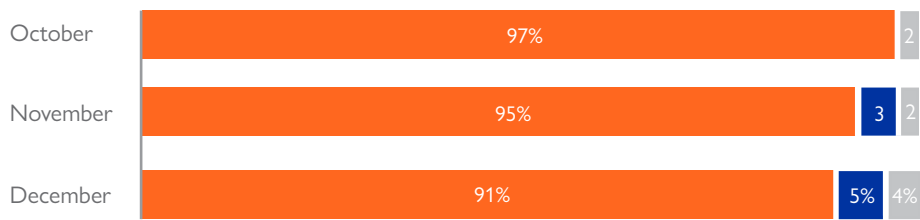
- During this reporting period, 467,919 Afghan nationals returned to Afghanistan, including 300,813 (64%) through the Torkham BCP, 158,354 (34%) through the Chaman BCP, 7,289 (2%) through the Ghulam Khan BCP, 1,300 (0.2%) through the Badini BCP and 163 (0.0%) through the Bahramcha BCP. Among these, border authorities deported 28,147 individuals due to a lack of valid documentation.
- Between October and December 2023, DTM teams have observed a 91 per cent increase in returns as compared to the previous quarterly report (July to September 2023).
- In terms of reasons for outflows, during the current reporting period, 86 per cent of the surveyed returnee families indicated they are moving back to Afghanistan due to fear of arrest. Twenty-two per cent also indicated no employment as an important reason to leave Pakistan.

467,919 AFGHAN NATIONALS RETURNED TO AFGHANISTAN BETWEEN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER 2023

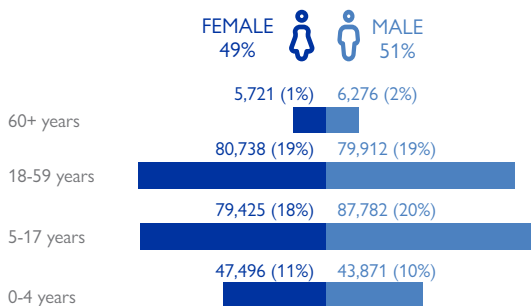
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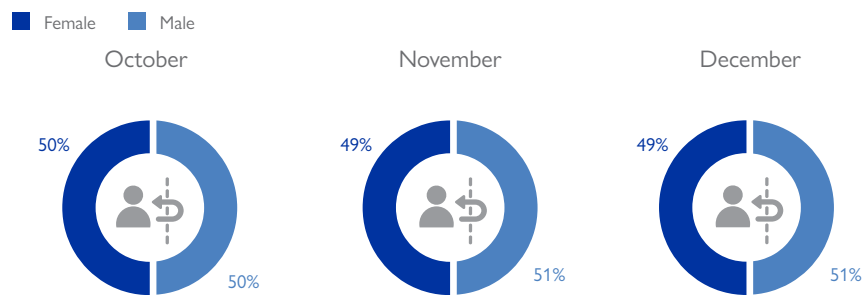
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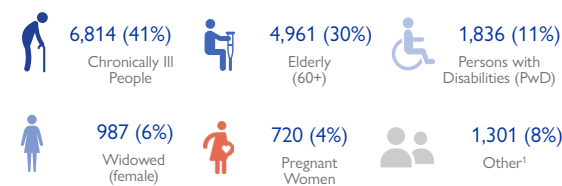
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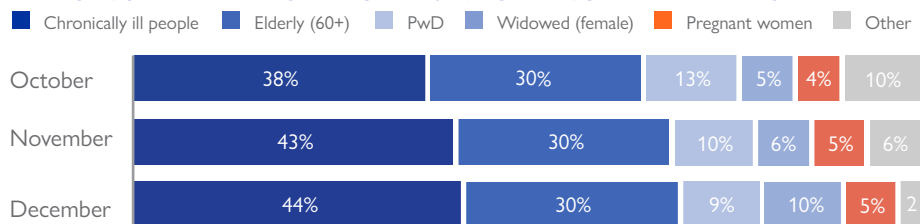
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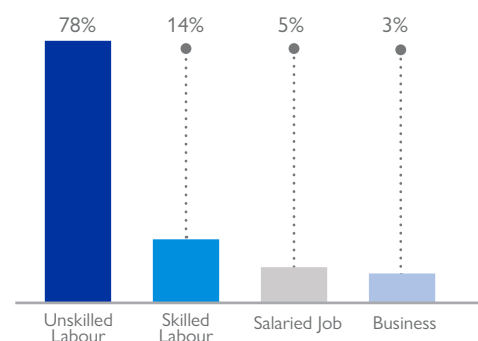


TYPE OF VULNERABILITY OF RETURNEES WHO ARE VULNERABLE BY MONTH*

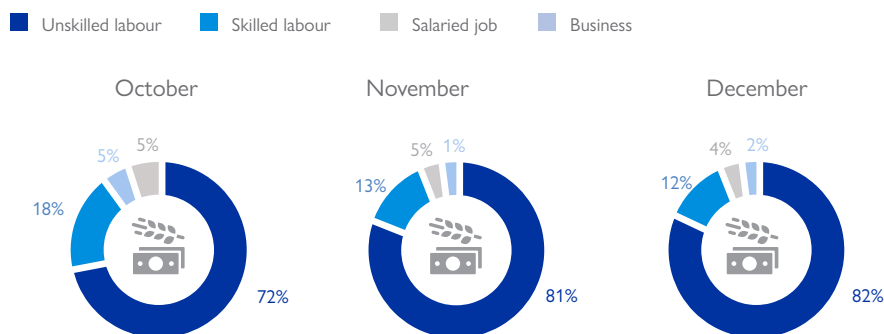


Note: Percentages are expressed as a proportion of the total number of vulnerable persons.

OCCUPATION OF THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD IN PAKISTAN*

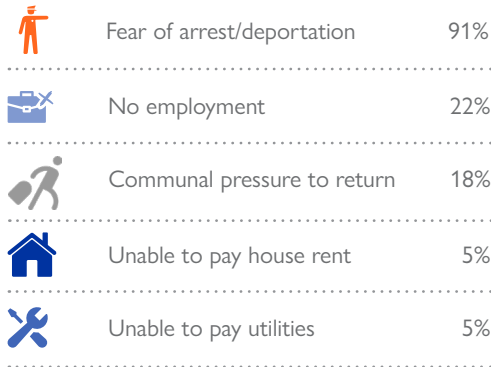


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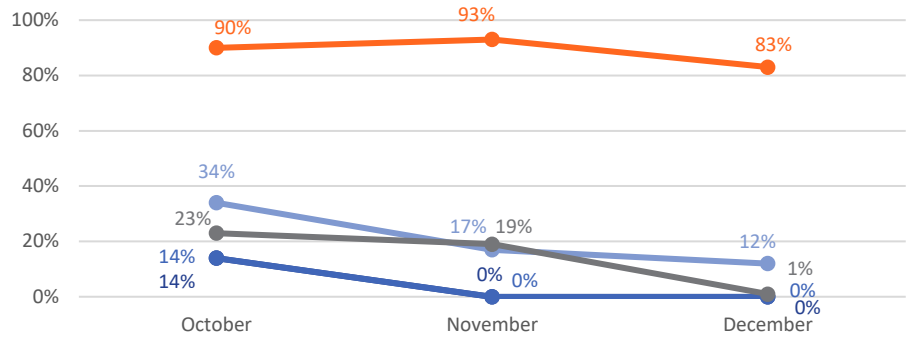


* This visual only applies to ACC holders and undocumented Afghans returning through Torkham and Chaman.
¹ Other vulnerable persons include: divorced (female), unaccompanied minors, drug addicts and mentally ill persons.

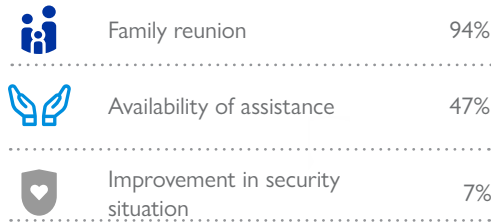
REASONS FOR OUTFLOW (TOP 5)
(Multiple answers, N = 20,045)*



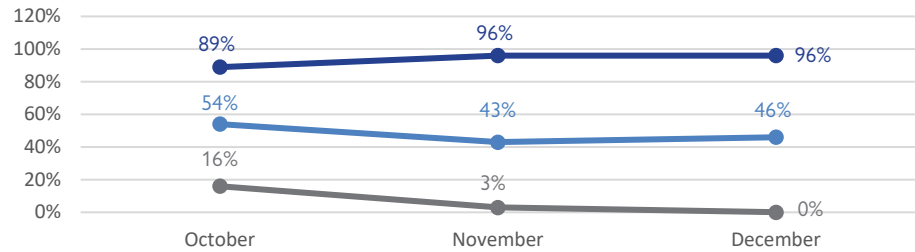
MONTHLY TREND*



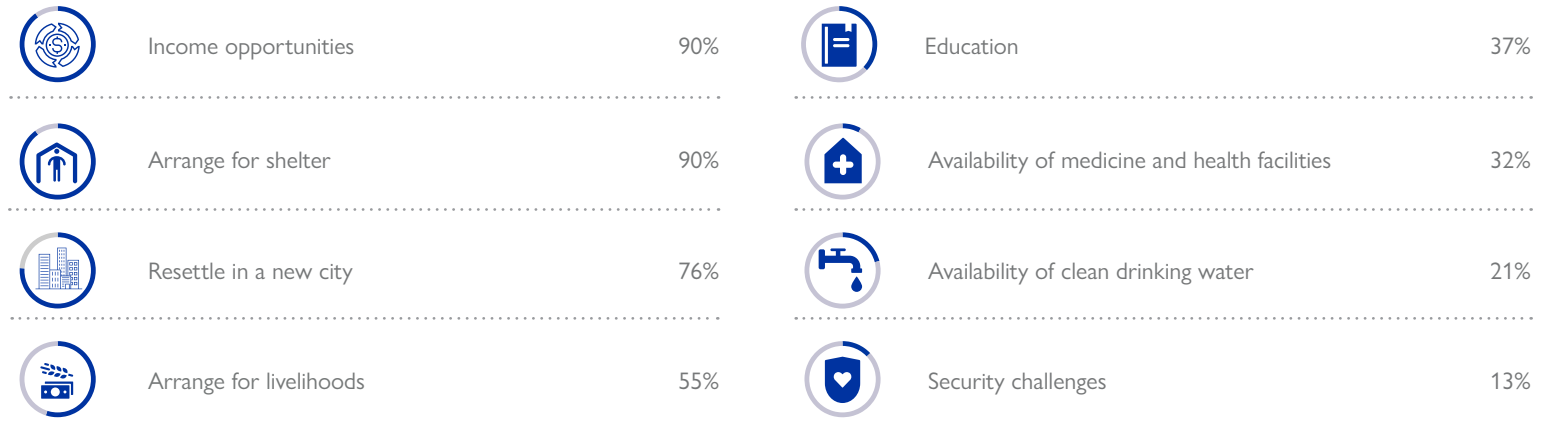
REASONS FOR DESTINATION (TOP 3)
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MONTHLY TREND*

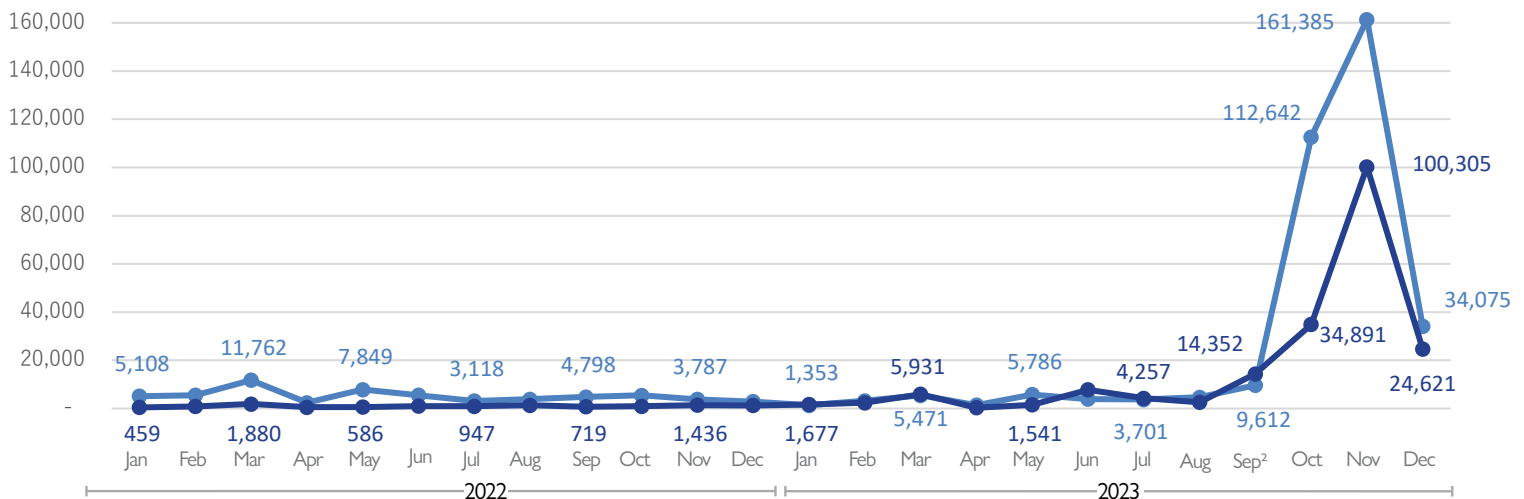


CHALLENGES RETURNEES EXPECT TO FACE IN AFGHANISTAN (TOP 8) (Multiple answers, N = 20,405)*



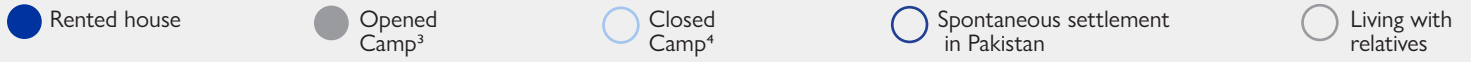
2022 - 2023 RETURN TREND

— Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Torkham and Ghulam Khan) — Balochistan (Chaman, Bahramcha and Badini)

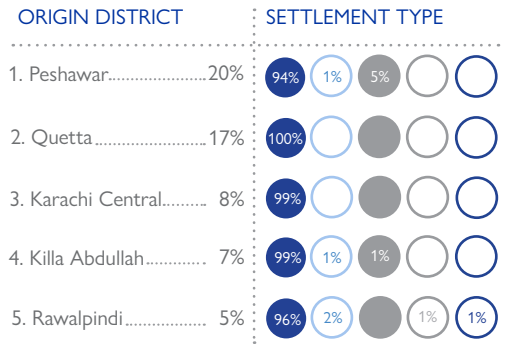
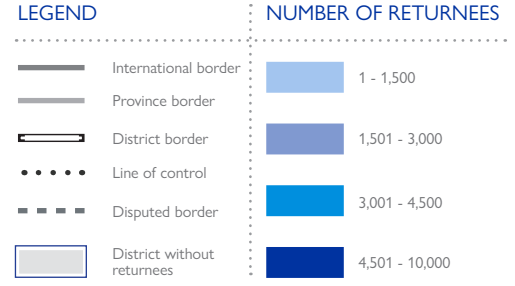


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 † As of 15 September 2023, IOM and UNHCR have harmonized their flow monitoring data, therefore, data prior to 15 September 2023 does not include PoR holders.

SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND



DISTRICTS OF ORIGIN IN PAKISTAN OF RETURNEES

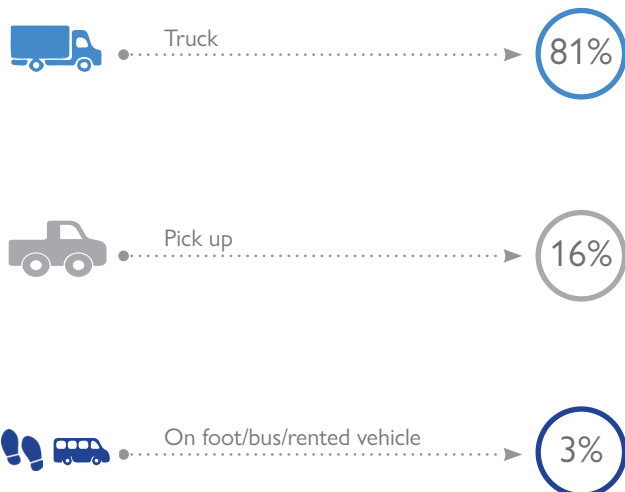


Note: This map and the following legend focus on the top 5 districts of origin in Pakistan during the reporting period of October to December 2023.

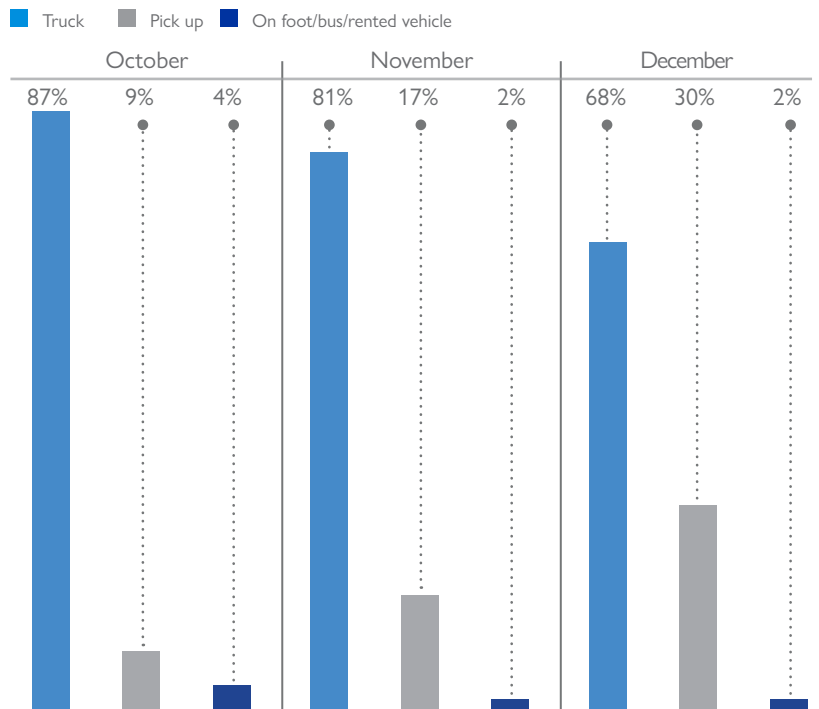
Disclaimer: Dotted line represents approximately the line of control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties. The designations employed and the presentation of material on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of IOM or United Nations concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

TRANSPORTATION TYPE FROM ORIGIN TO BORDER

Average type of vehicle used until border point between October and December 2023

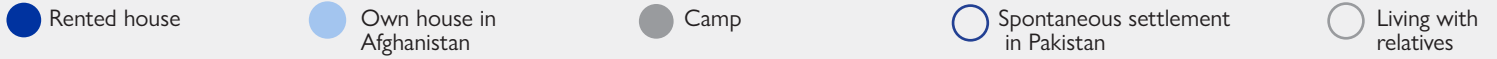


TRANSPORTATION TYPE BY MONTH

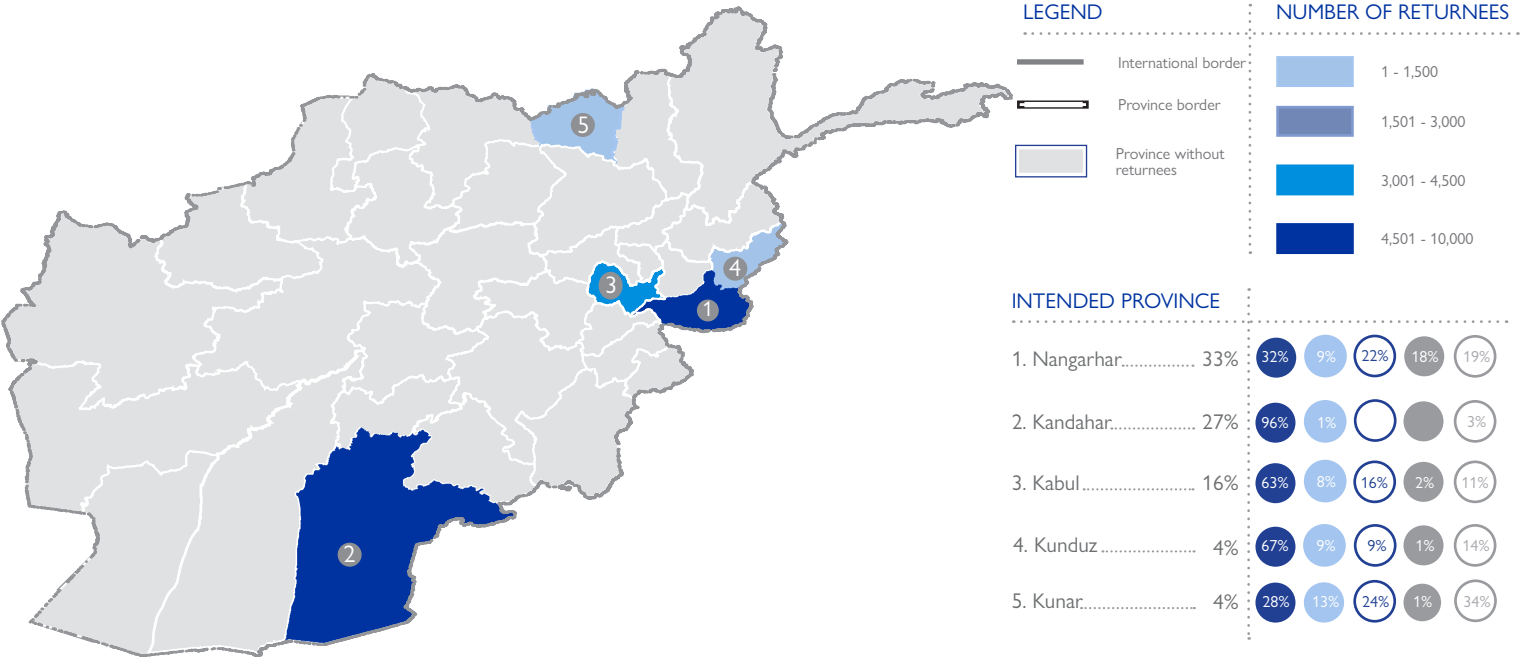


³ Closed camps are closed refugee villages in which individuals from every category of Afghan refugees have the option to choose their place of residence.
⁴ Opened camps are opened refugee villages. These are official camps overseen by the Commissionerate for Afghan Refugee and only PoR holders are officially allowed to reside in these.

SETTLEMENT TYPE LEGEND



PROVINCE OF INTENDED RETURN IN AFGHANISTAN

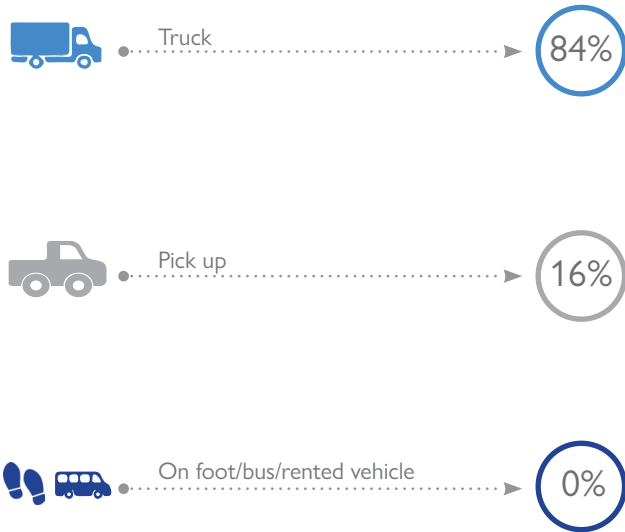


Note: This map and the following legend focus on the top 5 provinces of intended destination in Afghanistan only during the reporting period of October to December 2023

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TRANSPORTATION TYPE FROM BORDER TO FINAL DESTINATION

Average type of vehicle used from border point to final destination between October and December 2023



TRANSPORTATION TYPE BY MONTH

