Canada - Mexico High

Trends on Migration Flows

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Refugee Claims from the Americas

Top source countries so far in 2017:

- Haiti
- United States (U.S.)
- Colombia
- Mexico
- Venezuela

Push factors:

- U.S. immigration policies
- Violent crime
- Political instability
- Economic hardship



Key Trends in the Americas

Key Irregular Movements

- Claims made after entering illegally between-the-ports
- U.S. is a main transit point
- Human smuggling via

South/ Central America - Mexico - U.S. corridor

Improperly documented arrivals by air

Top transit cities for improperly documented arrivals by air:

- Mexico City, Cancun
- Nassau, Bahamas
- U.S.: New York, Washington, D.C.
- Panama City
- Bogota

Top nationalities for improperly documented arrivals by air (non-Americas):

Hungary, China, Ghana, Iran, Albania, Turkey, Sri Lanka

Serious Inadmissibility

Serious Inadmissibilities - Top 10 Countries from the Americas					
2016		Rank	2017 (January to September)		Rank
U.S.	4,059	1	U.S.	2,802	1
Jamaica	148	3	Mexico	174	2
Haiti	101	4	Jamaica	108	5
Mexico	88	6	Haiti	89	6
Colombia	76	10	Colombia	71	7
Chile	63	12	Cuba	35	15
El Salvador	41	22	Guatemala	30	19
Cuba	40	23	Chile	28	21
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	37	27	El Salvador	22	26
Dominican Republic	34	29	Guyana	19	29

Forecasts – Anticipated Trends in 2017

- Canada will receive a greater number of refugee claimants from the Americas in 2017. Top source countries will likely be: Haiti, U.S. Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela.
- The U.S. will remain a key transit point for irregular migration of nationals from the Americas and third country nationals, especially between the ports.
- Anticipated increase in inadmissibility reports from nationals in the Americas.