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- Kabul: 20%
- Kandahar: 22%
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- Undocumented or holder of Afghan Citizen Card (ACC)

Situation map

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Sources:
- UNHCR, IOM

1 An umbrella term that includes all returns including deportations, assisted VolRep and other returns of Afghans of all statuses such as PoR cardholders, ACC holders, and the undocumented.

2 Return figures from 5 November onwards may fluctuate till validation process is concluded.