

# Mixed Movements Official Data

Darien Province, Panama-Colombia Border

December 2022

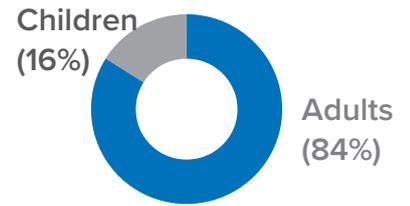
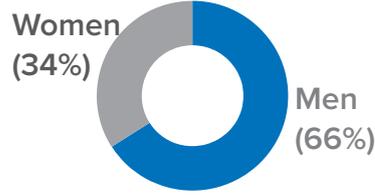
**Total Entries 2022:**

**227,987**

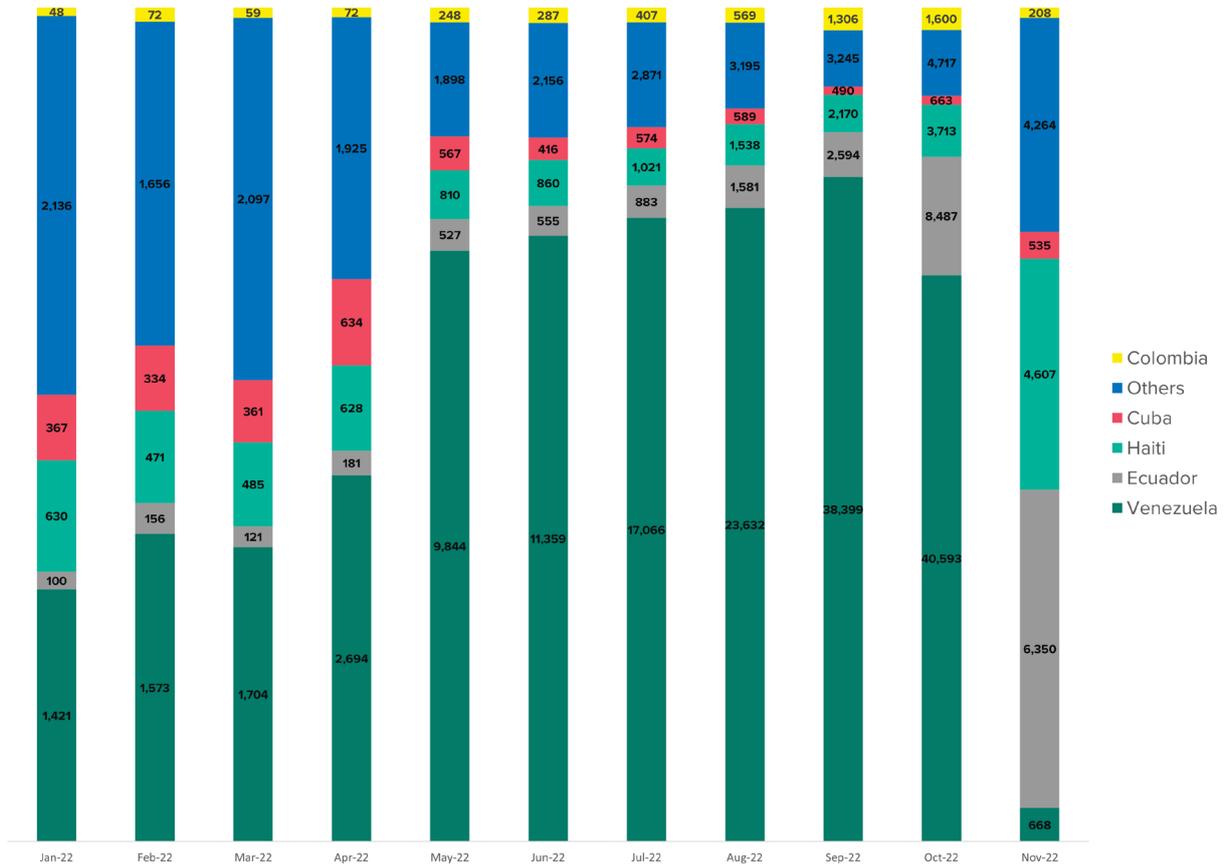
**Entries Nov. 2022:**

**16,632**

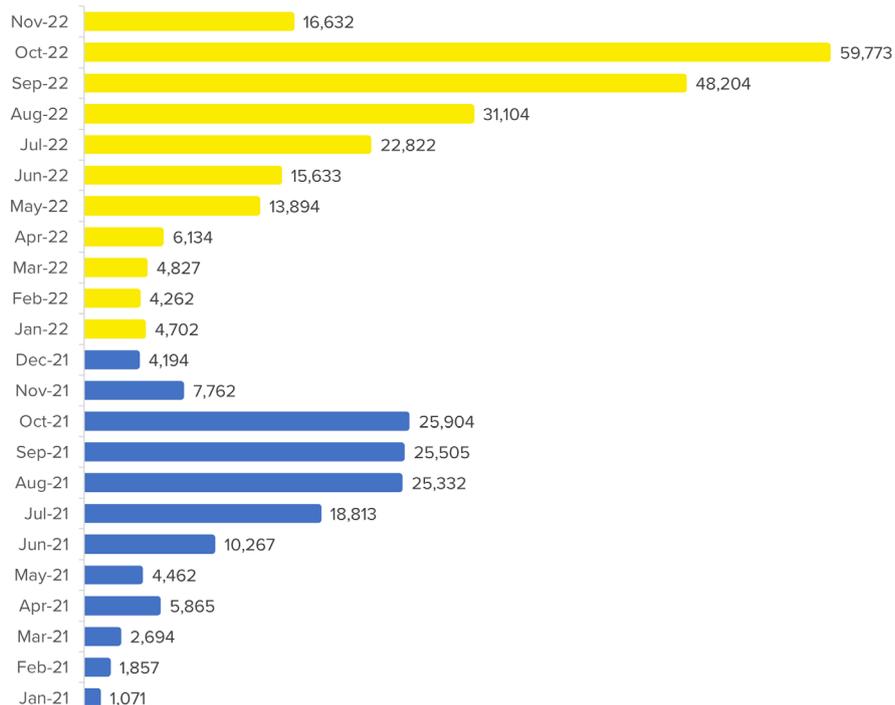
Source: Panama Migration (December, 2022)



**Main Nationalities:**



**Irregular entries 2021-2022:**



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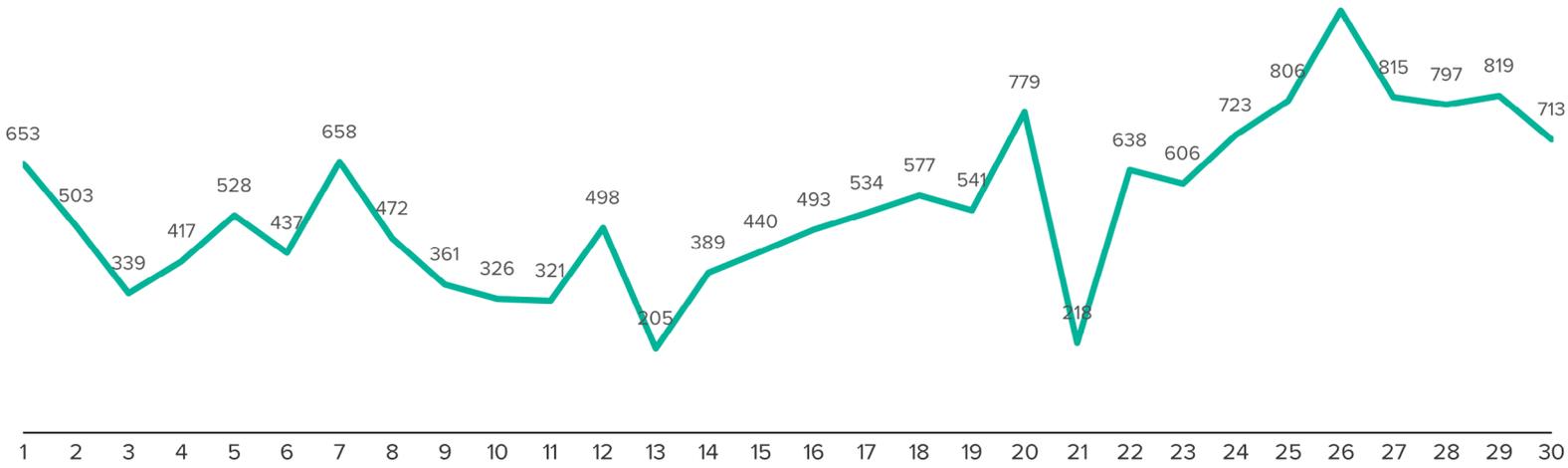
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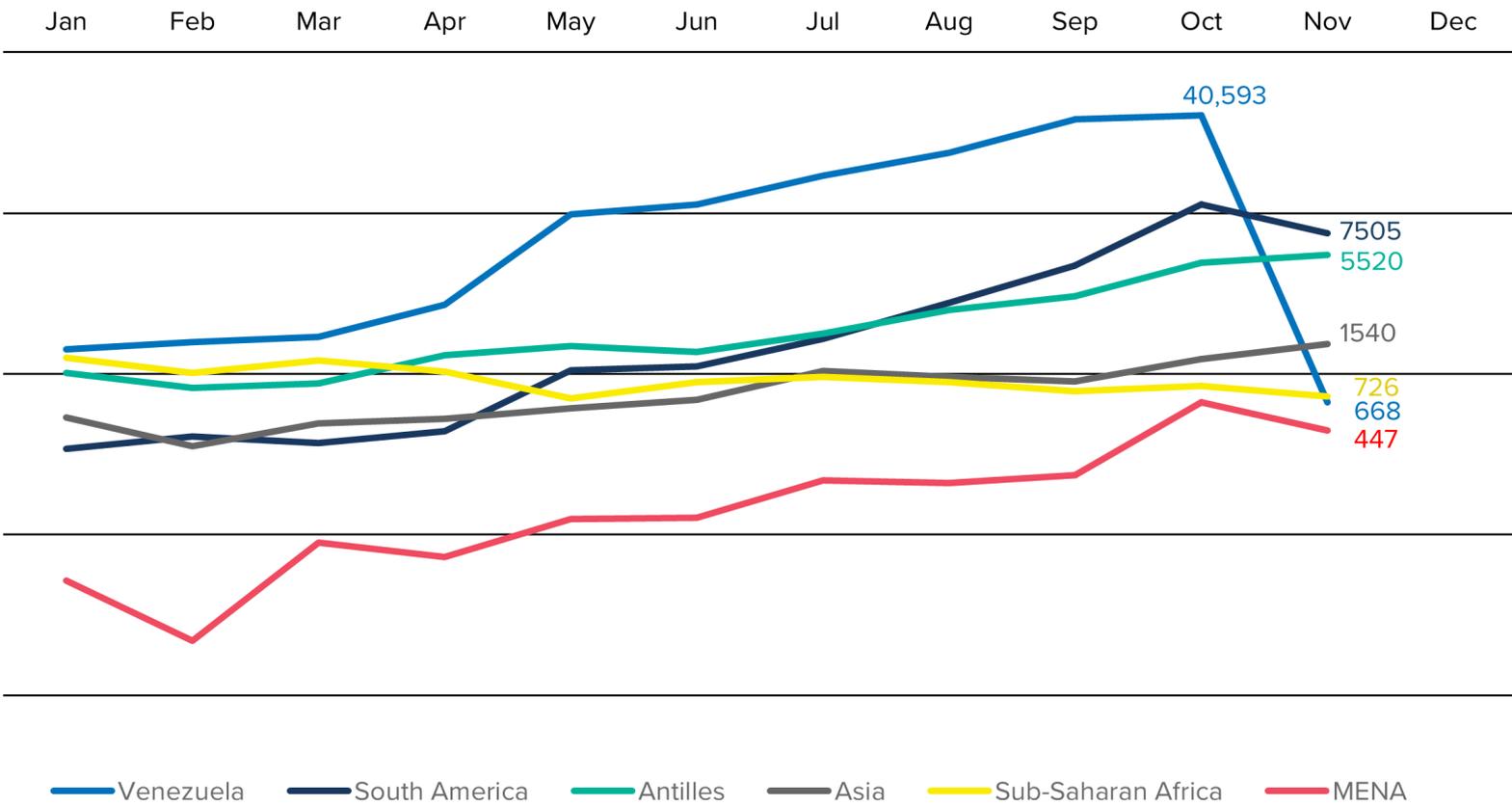
## Daily arrivals in Noviembre 2022:

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## Monthly arrivals in 2022 by region of origin

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Note: There are 1197 entries reported from "other nationalities" not categorized in this analysis.

# Mixed Movements: Border Protection Monitoring

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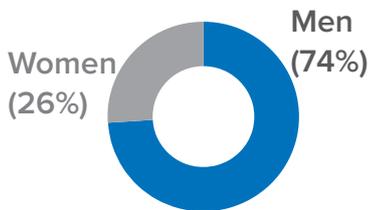
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The UN Agency for Refugees (UNHCR) collects monthly information on the characteristics, vulnerabilities and protection needs of refugees and migrants who enter Panama through the province of Darien at the southern border with Colombia. The information is compiled through individual interviews conducted at the migratory reception stations (ERM) of San Vicente and Lajas Blancas. The preliminary results presented here are indicative only and should not be interpreted as representative of the total population of refugees and migrants who cross the border through the Darien jungle.



### Demography

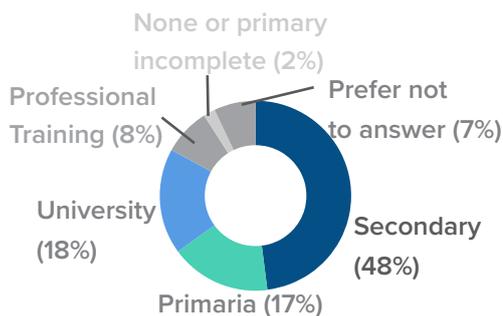
#### Sex of interviewed individuals



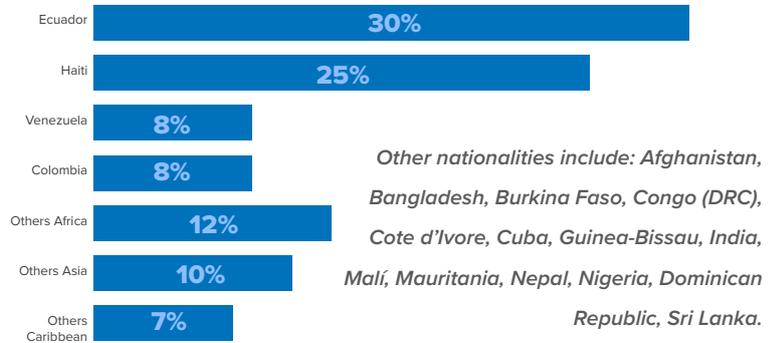
#### Average age

33 years

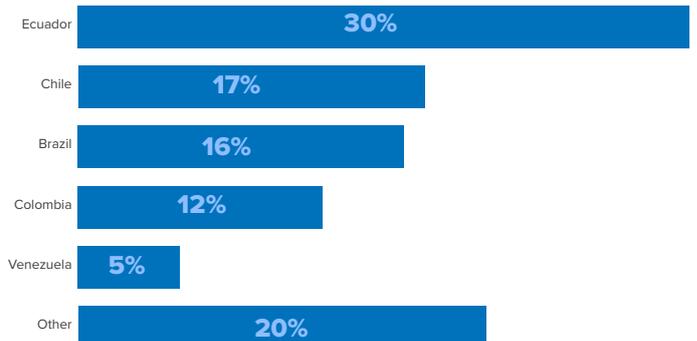
#### Highest education level reached by interviewed individuals



### Nationality of interviewed individuals



### Country of residence in the last year



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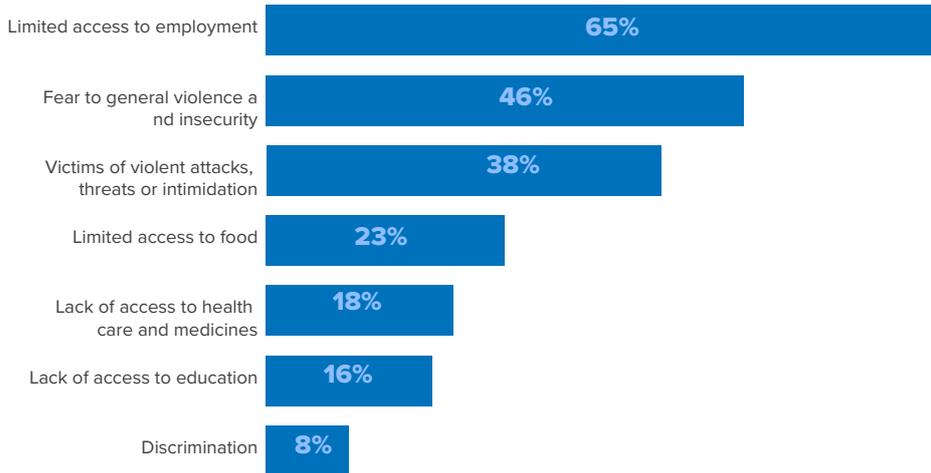
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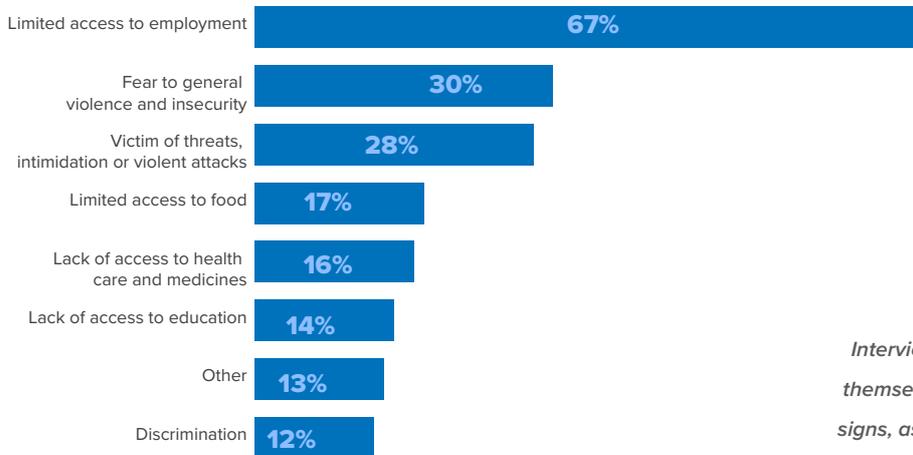
**74% of the interviewed individuals left their country of origin/residence:**

**Less than four weeks ago**

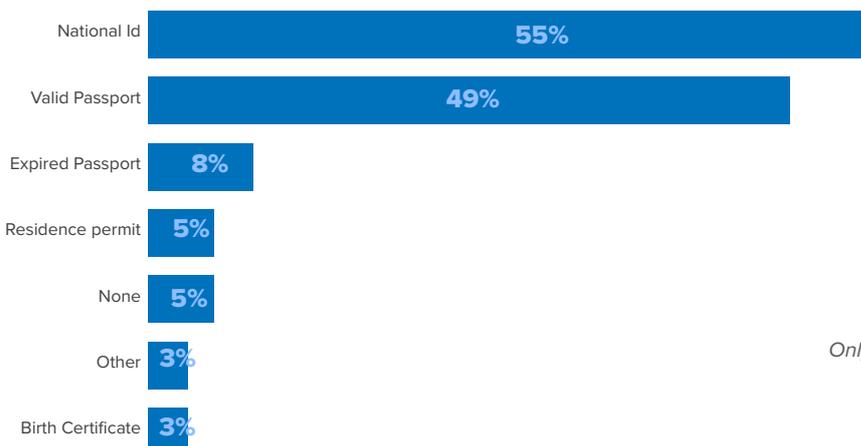
## Main reasons for leaving country of origin



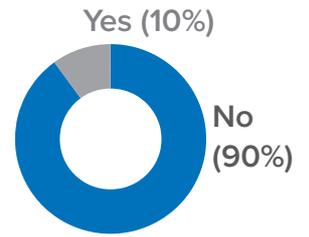
## Main reasons for leaving country of residence



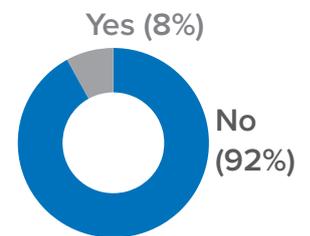
## Documents carried by the family



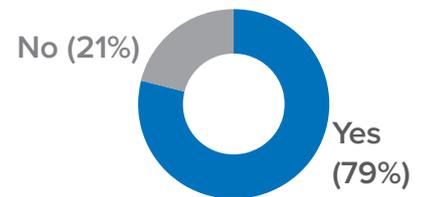
**Do you intend to stay in Panama?**



**Have you previously applied for asylum?**



**Did you pay any person to guide you through the jungle?**



*Interviewed people who reported not paying a guide, described guiding themselves through the jungle using the existing informal colored plastic signs, as well as having traveled with other groups that did have a guide.*

**Most of interviewed individuals (76%) reported United States as their final destination country followed by Canada (10%) and not want to answer (5%)**

*Only 33% of interviewed venezuelans reported having the intention to return to their country in the next 12 months.*

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## 7 out of 10 people

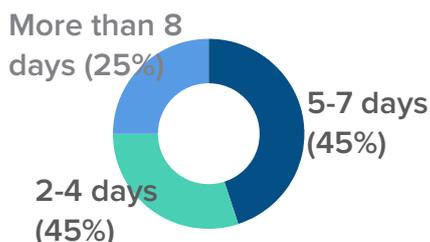
interviewed reported receiving information about the journey and making decisions about it based on the information received from friends and relatives who had already made. They also received information through social network mainly TikTok (20%), Facebook (15%) and Whatsapp (13%).



Two out of ten interviewed individuals reported traveling with a survivor of violence in their group (sexual, physical or psychological)

*This figure likely represents an underestimation of these incidents, when compared with other reports and information*

## Reported duration of the trip through the Darien Jungle:

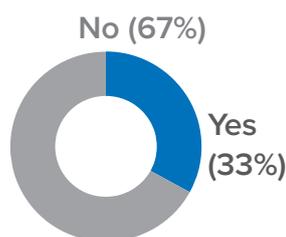


At least 12% of interviewed individuals reported traveling with pregnant or/and lactating women



14% of respondents reported traveling with someone with a critical or chronic medical condition

## Did you experience any mistreatment or abuse during the journey through the jungle?



One out of ten interviewed individuals reported traveling with an accompanied children in their group.

More than 31% of interviewed individuals reported being victim of robbery and fraud during their journey through the jungle

**Additionally, 16% reported being victim of threats, intimidation and other incidents**



At least 14% of interviewed individuals reported having a single parent traveling with children in their group

## Main needs

71%

Cash

23%

Food for the family

20%

Clothes

19%

Health care

19%

Internet

16%

Legal info and assistance

5%

Others

4%

Water

*The greatest need reported was cash to pay for outbound transportation from the transit center (ERM) to another ERM nearby the border with Costa Rica.*

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Data Sources: UNHCR Protection Monitoring, conducted on the 5th to 7th December 2022.

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