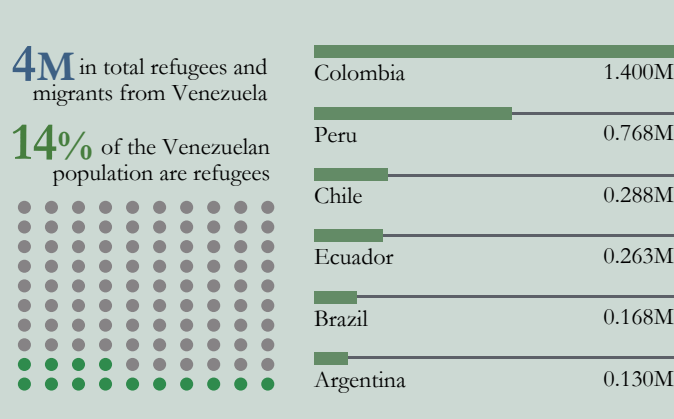
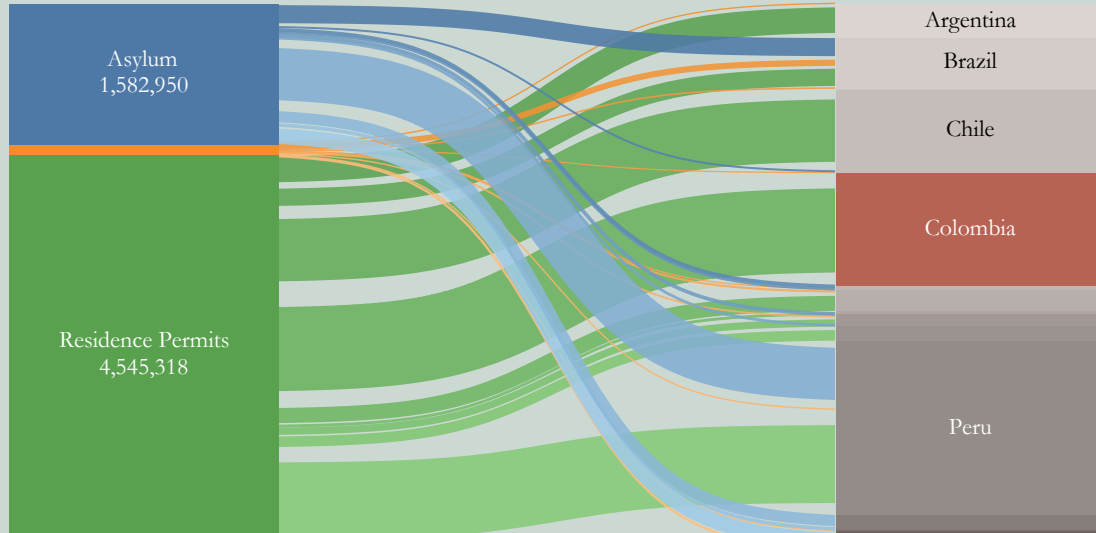


A Staggering Exodus into Colombia

Due to the ongoing economic and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, approximately 1.4 million Venezuelans have fled to Colombia in recent years. In this visualization report, we are going to provide analysis on where majority of Venezuelan refugees and/or asylum seekers are currently distributed around the globe and how the inflow of Venezuelans has impacted Colombia's economy and societal development.

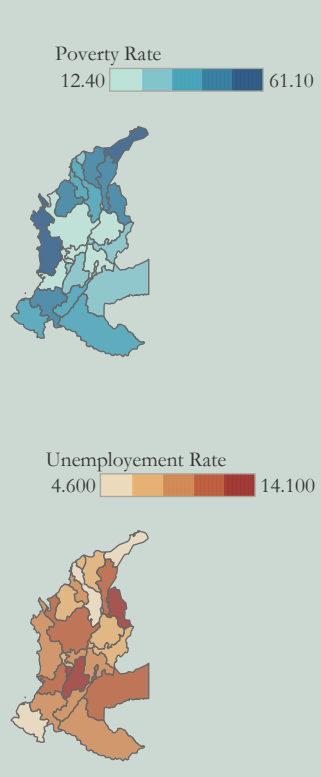
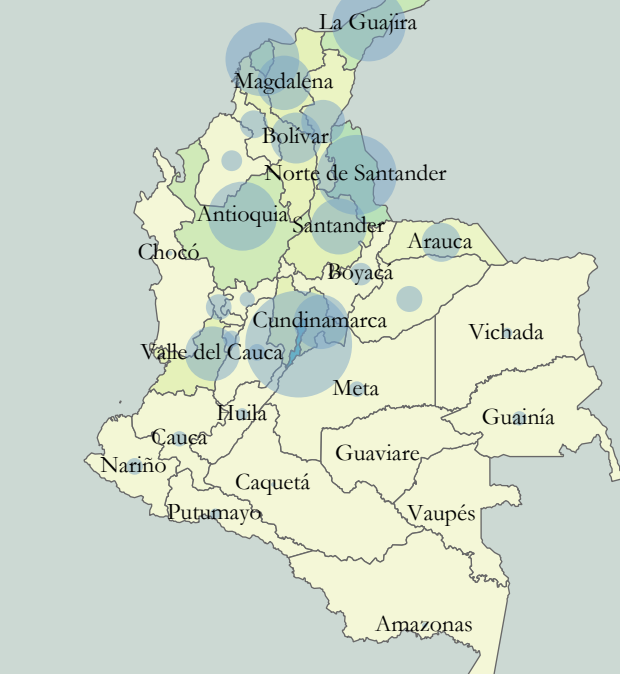


Where are Venezuelans going?



Compared with other major destination countries, Colombia showed hospitality to Venezuelan refugees by granting them the most **residence permits**. In the meantime, we have seen their effort in welcoming **asylum seekers** and **refugees**.

Venezuelans in Colombia



Border provinces/departments are the largest recipients of Venezuelans. Inland municipal and capital of the country, **Bogota**, attracted Venezuelans with its strong economies, abundant job opportunities, and population diversity. The mass inflow of Venezuelans may further intensify the existing **poverty** and **unemployment** issues in the **border zone**.

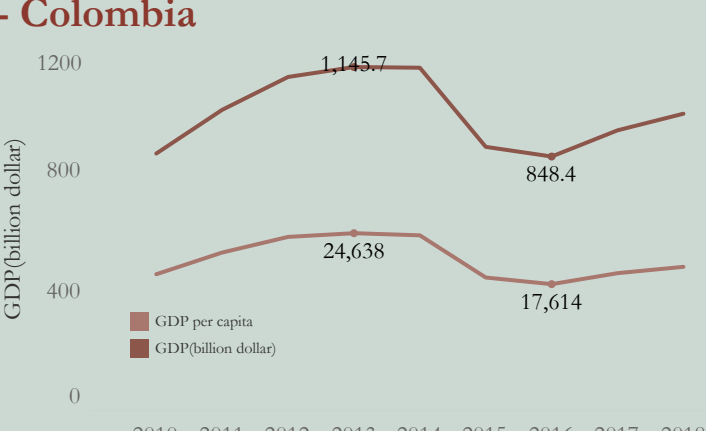


ECONOMY UNDER CRISIS

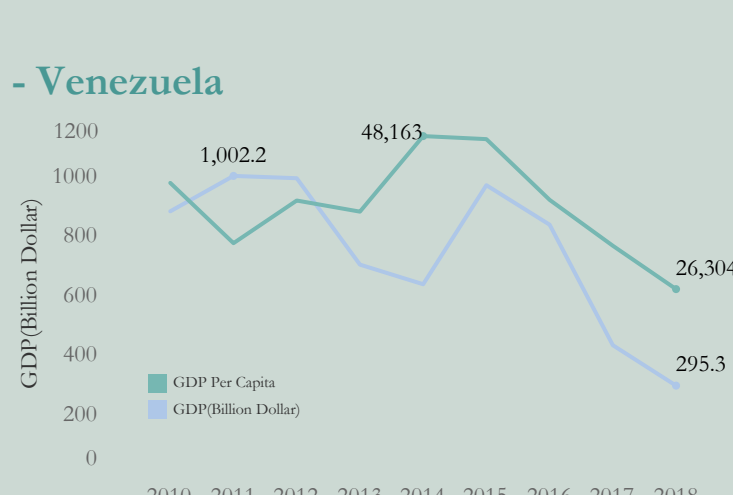
COLOMBIA Versus VENEZUELA

GDP & GDP Per Capita

- Colombia



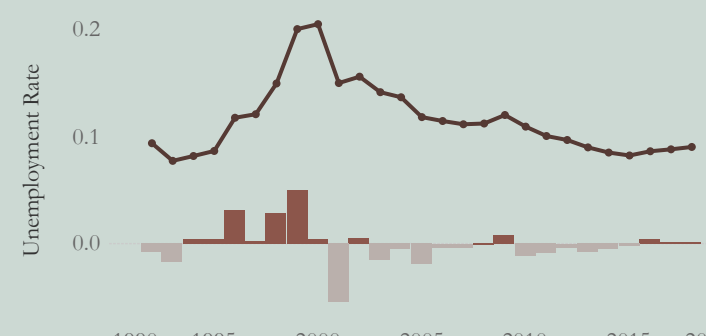
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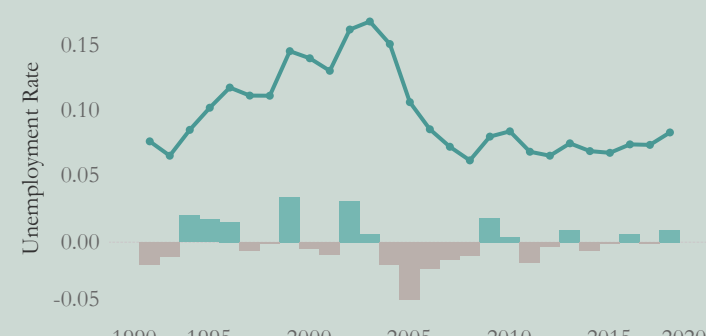
Both the GDP and the GDP Per Capita in Colombia have shown an increasing trend in recent years. However, Venezuela has experienced a significant drop in its GDP and GDP per capita.

Unemployment Rate

- Colombia



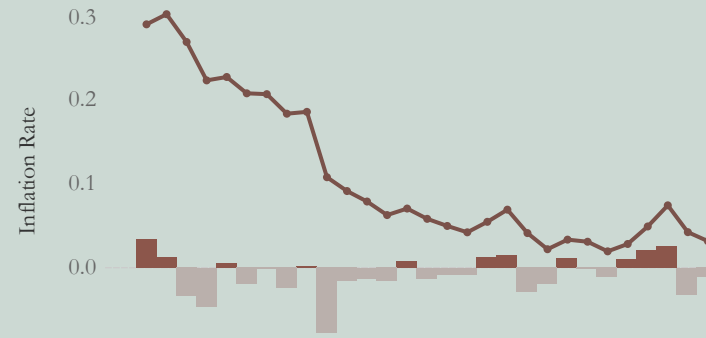
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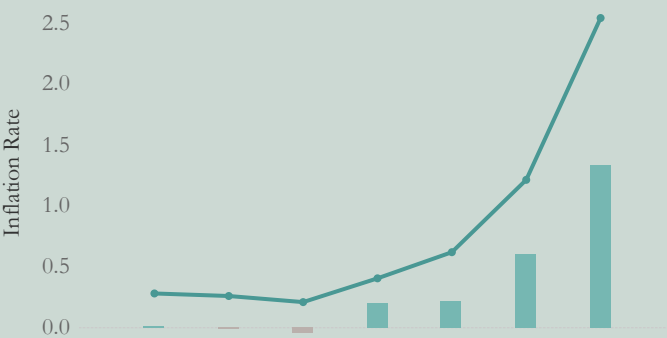
The increase in unemployment rates in the two countries is insignificant. As such, the minimal increase may not have been the main reason behind Venezuelans' mass migration.

Inflation Rate

- Colombia



- Venezuela



In contrast with the decreased inflation rate in Colombia, the unprecedented surge in Venezuela's figure is probably the main driving force behind the mass migration.



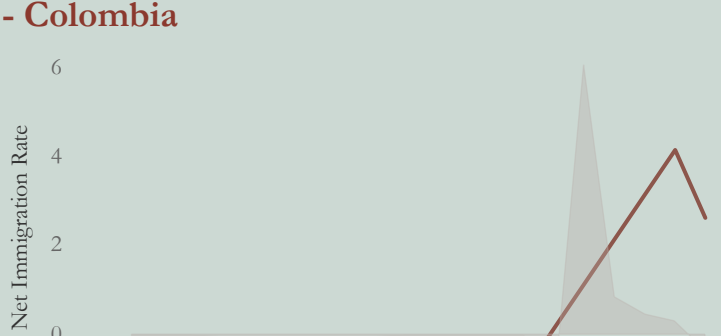
THE FUTURE OF MIGRATION



Keywords standing out in conversations with refugees include "food," "belonging," "security," "shelter," "job," to name a few. These words echo with Venezuelans' longing for a brighter tomorrow and a new journey filled with love and hope.

Net Migration

- Colombia

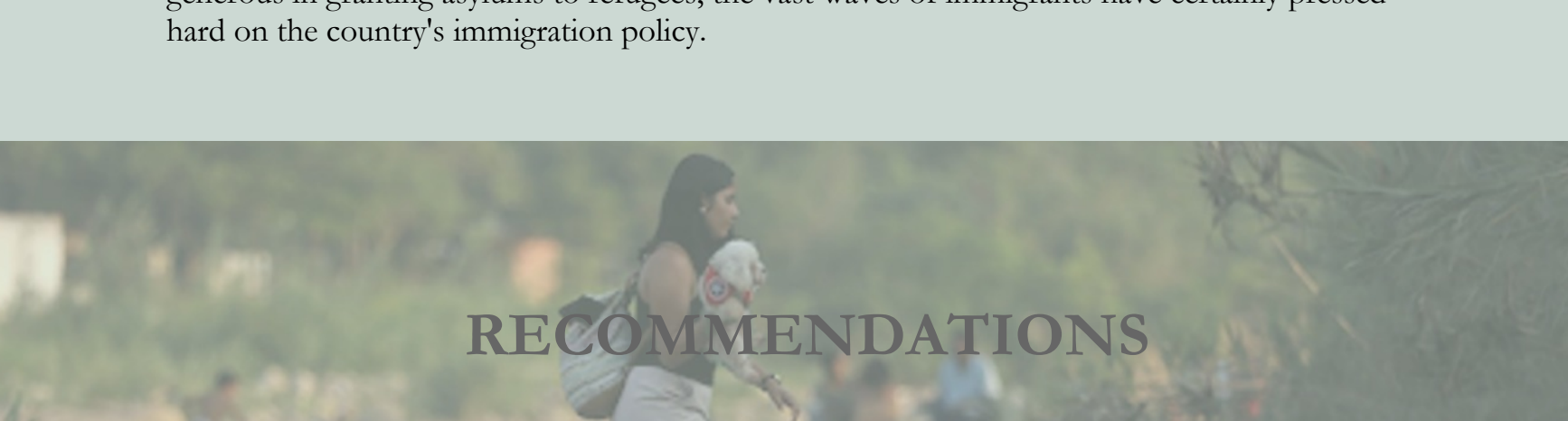


Refugee Granted Asylum

- Colombia



There has been a notable surge in Colombia's net migration rate. While Colombia has been very generous in granting asylums to refugees, the vast waves of immigrants have certainly pressed hard on the country's immigration policy.



RECOMMENDATIONS

For Venezuelans Residing in Colombia:

- Fully capitalize on Venezuelan labor supply and help legalize their presence in Colombia through work permits
- Set up more clinics in departments where Venezuelan migrants are most populated to help meet their primary health needs
- Annually assess Venezuelan migrants' eligibility for greater healthcare benefits that include primary care, reproductive health care, and mental health services
- Allocate more funding and resources to the field of education and provide an equal opportunity to refugees' children
- Establish committees and/or organizations to help Colombia's government improve and standardize the immigration integration process

For Venezuelans Migrating to Colombia:

- Set limits on the number of Venezuelans migrating into the heavily populated areas (e.g., border zone, Bogota, etc.)
- Collect in advance potential migrants' preferences regarding areas/departments/cities for residence and work
- Identify and evaluate key drivers behind involuntary migration (e.g., economic reasons, poverty, unemployment, etc.) and work on creating more legal avenues of migration
- Collaborate with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to develop an effective strategy of transferring potential migrants to other recipient countries

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