

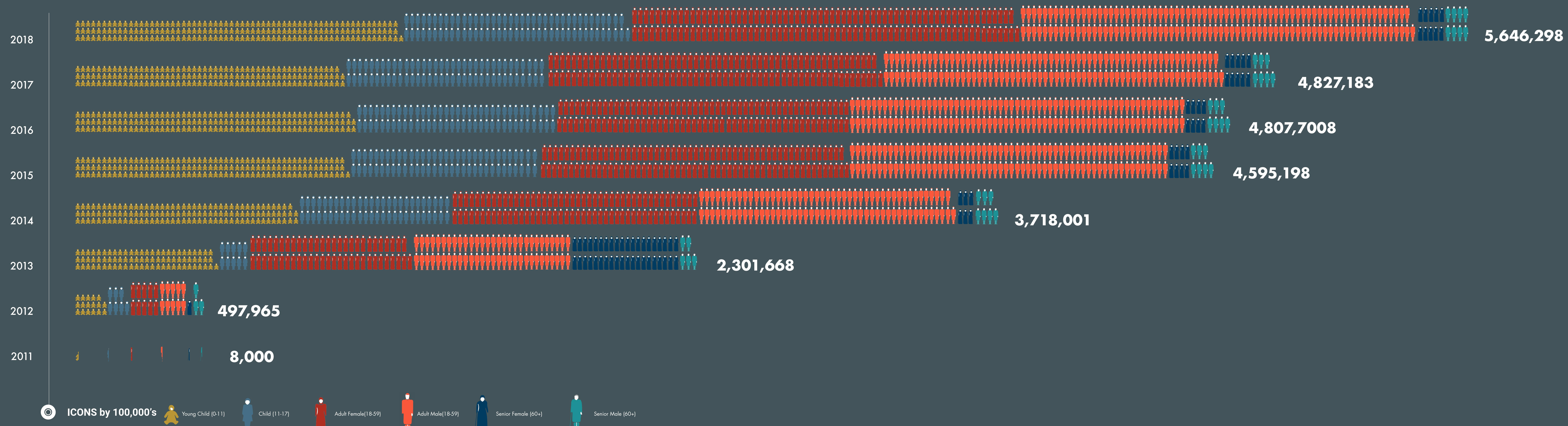
SYRIAN MIGRATION

(2011-2018 as of 12/9)

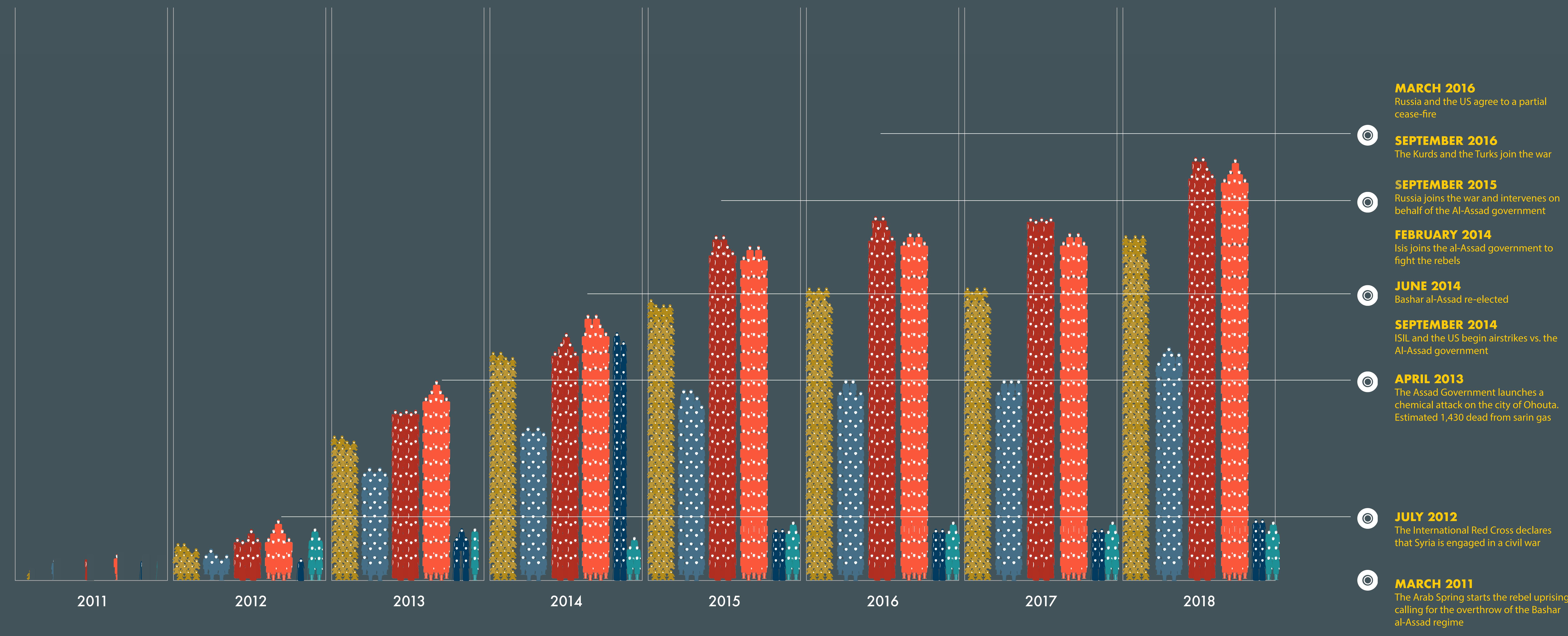
The Syrian war has horrified all people around the world – The U.S. involvement began almost with the start – when the start of the Arab Spring uprising in 2011, which rocked the entire Middle east.

The 2010-11 Arab Spring uprisings in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Bahrain and Yemen inspired major protests in Syria. The Syrian Army intervened in March 2011 and the Syrian government crackdown gradually increased in violence, escalating to major military operations to suppress resistance. In April, hundreds died in clashes between the Syrian Army and opposition forces, which included armed protestors and defected soldiers. As Syria descended into civil war, it quickly became divided into a complex patchwork of shifting alliances and territories between the Assad government, rebel groups, the majority-Kurdish SDF, and Salafi jihadist groups (including ISIL). Up to half a million people has died in the war, including around a hundred thousand civilians.

By May 2011, millions of people had fled from the war to neighboring countries, with even larger numbers displaced within Syria itself.



Breakdown of Refugees by Age



Young Child (0-11)	2,688	167,316	773,360	1,249,248	1,543,987	1,615,387	1,621,933	1,897,156
Child (11-17)	1,120	69,715	322,233	520,520	643,328	673,078	675,806	790,482
Adult Women (18-59)	1,904	118,515	547,797	884,884	1,093,657	1,144,233	1,148,870	1,343,819
Adult Men (18-59)	2,032	126,483	584,624	944,372	1,167,180	1,221,156	1,226,104	1,434,160
Senior Women (60+)	136	8,465	391,328	63,206	78,118	81,731	82,062	95,987
Senior Men (60+)	120	74,694	34,525	55,770	68,928	72,116	72,408	84,695

What does the age breakdown of Syrian Refugees tell us?

ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS OF (SYRIAN REFUGEES) ARE WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Rumors and misinformation have been an integral part of anti-refugee campaigns across the world, among them the claim that migrants and refugees are suspiciously young, able-bodied, and male — in other words, like "soldiers," "terrorists," or "invaders."

A FULL THIRD OF THEM ARE KIDS UNDER 12 YEARS OLD.

Refugee demographics do skew on the side of youth. Syria is a country with a large population of young people, especially in comparison to greying Europe. The majority of Syrians are between 25 and 54 years old, and only 4.02% of Syria's population is older than 65 as of 2017.