Refugee Resettlement

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Refugee: "owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of her/his nationality, and is unable to, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself/herself of the protection of that country."





Additional "refugee-eligible" populations include asylees, certified victims of trafficking (VOTs), Cuban – Haitian Entrants Special Immigrant Visa holders (SIVs), Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URMs).

Region	Regional Ceiling FY 2015	Primary populations	
Africa	17,000	Somalis in Kenya and Ethiopia; Eritreans in Ethiopia, Congolese	
East Asia	13,000	Burmese in Thailand and Malaysia	
Europe and Central Asia	1,000	Religious minorities from the former Soviet Union	
Latin America	4,000	Cubans (many) and Colombians (few)	
N. East/ S. Asia	33,000	Iraqis, Iranian religious minorities, Bhutanese in Nepal	
Unallocated Reserve	2,000	Available for use as needed for any region	
Total	70,000		



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Region	Regional Ceiling FY 2016	Primary populations	
Africa	25,000	Somalis in Kenya and Ethiopia; Eritreans in Ethiopia, Congolese	
East Asia	13,000	Burmese in Thailand and Malaysia	
Europe and Central Asia	4,000	Religious minorities from the former Soviet Union	
Latin America	3,000	Cubans (many) and Colombians (few)	
N. East/ S. Asia	34,000	Iraqis, Iranian religious minorities, Bhutanese in Nepal	
Unallocated Reserve	6,000	Available for use as needed for any region	
Total	85,000		



Recent trends:

2012 – 58,000 refugees resettled.

2013 – 69,730 refugees resettled.

2014 – 69,987 refugees resettled.

2015 – 69,933 refugees resettled.



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- 2012 2,039 refugees (1458) refugee eligible (581)
- 2013 2,410 refugees (1789) refugee eligible (621)
- 2014 2,496 refugees (1813) refugee eligible (683)
- 2015 2,250 refugees (1735) refugee eligible (515)

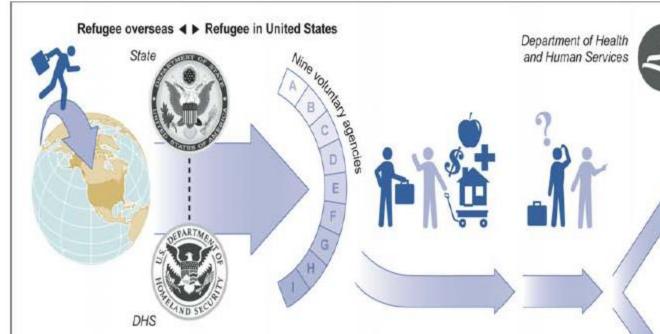
Proposed to PRM 2016			
Affiliate	Individuals with U.S. Ties	Individuals Without U.S. Ties	Total Approved for FY 2016 (Individuals)
LIRS - Colorado Springs	80	70	150
LIRS - Colorado Springs (URM)	0	10	10
ECDC - Denver	420	105	525
EMM - Denver	200	0	200
LIRS - Denver	490	110	600
LIRS - Denver (URM)	0	10	10
LIRS - Greeley	165	0	165
Total - Colorado	1355	305	1660
Denver	1335		
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Colorado Springs	160		
Greeley	165		

Between 1.5%-3% of refugees resettling in U.S. come to Colorado.

Current largest populations: Communities from Burma, Bhutanese, Iraqis, Somalis.

Refugees are resettled in Denver metropolitan area, Colorado Springs, Greeley, Ft. Morgan, Ft. Collins.

PATH OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT



Overseas processing

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) approves refugees for admission to the United States. The Department of State (State) processes refugees overseas.

Voluntary agency assignment

Refugees are assigned to one of nine national-level voluntary agencies, which have multiple local affiliates.

Initial reception and placement

Representatives from voluntary agencies greet refugees upon arrival. Voluntary agencies provide housing and other basic needs for 30-90 days with funding from State.

Program placement

Voluntary agencies help refugees apply for the assistance they are likely eligible to receive.

Temporary assistance from ORR*

- Eight months of cash assistance (4 to 6 months for Matching Grant)
- Medical assistance
- Social services, such as employment assistance and citizenship services, for up to 5 years
- Administered by local voluntary agencies or by a government agency

Other public assistance

- Type and duration of assistance varies
- Administered by various government agencies
- Includes Supplemental Security Income and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

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