

US REFUGEE ADMISSIONS

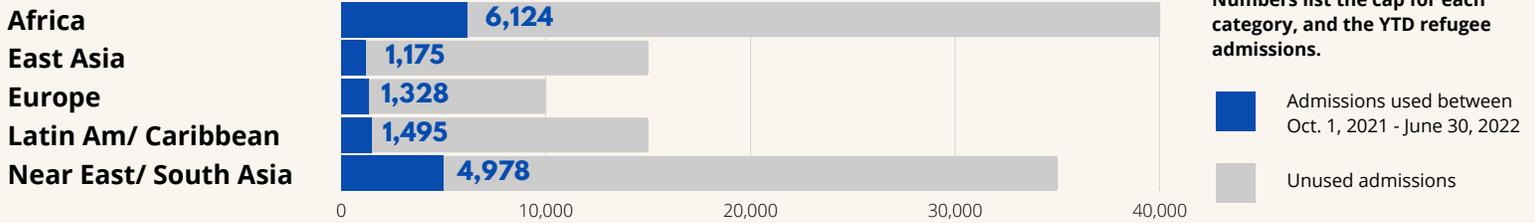
Q1 - Q3 Fiscal Year 2022

Admission Goals

Beginning his first full fiscal year (FY) in office, President Biden set a refugee admissions goal of 125,000 – signaling that this administration would rebuild and strengthen the US refugee resettlement program. The 125,000 was set to be fulfilled by the following regional allocations: Africa (40,000), East Asia (15,000), Europe and Central Asia (10,000), Latin America/Caribbean (15,000), Near East/South Asia (35,000), and an unallocated reserve of 10,000.

Actual Arrivals

Oct. 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



Top 5 States Welcoming Refugees

1. California - 1,369
2. Texas - 1,276
3. New York - 951
4. Michigan - 713
5. Washington - 693



Top 5 Countries of Origin

1. DRC - 3,735
2. Syria - 3,525
3. Sudan - 1,308
4. Burma - 1,129
5. Ukraine - 1,028

Q1 - Q3 Total

The US resettled **15,100** refugees out of the 125,000 goal, or **12%**.

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Rebuilding Resettlement

In May 2022, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reported that there were over 100 million forcibly displaced people around the world – the greatest displacement crisis in history. Of those 100 million forcibly displaced people, over 31 million are refugees, and nearly half are under the age of 18.

Since the decimation of the resettlement program under the Trump administration, advocates and service providers have sought to work alongside President Biden to rebuild essential infrastructure overseas and domestically. While Biden had set a resettlement goal of 125,000 for the 2022 Fiscal Year, only 15,100 people have been resettled (as of June 30th) with three months remaining.

Over the last year, the United States has responded to a number of major displacement crises – including welcoming 86,000 relocated Afghans and creating the Uniting for Ukraine program to offer temporary protection to displaced Ukrainians. Afghan arrivals were able to receive resettlement and placement services by the US resettlement network, necessitating a rapid upscale from services providers who had received little support the previous four years. *However, neither of these populations were admitted through the US Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP), meaning that the resettlement network was not able to access the full breadth of needed support in order to rebuild the program itself.*

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Rebuilding Cont.

RCUSA applauded the Biden administration for acting swiftly to offer relief to displaced Afghans and Ukrainians; however, in addition to providing this swift relief, the coalition urges the administration to make a concerted effort to fully and meaningfully restore the refugee resettlement program to ensure that vulnerable displaced people in need of long-term protection, and refugees from areas facing protracted conflicts, have a more equitable opportunity for resettlement. As humanitarian crises worsen across the globe, with the largest displacement crisis in record history, the United States must resume its place as a global leader in protection by strengthening and building systems that work in concert with one another to offer permanent safety.

Now is also the time for the Biden administration and Congress to prepare for the annual consultations, mandated by US law, to discuss the next fiscal year's refugee admissions goal and the administration's plan to reach that goal. RCUSA is calling for an FY23 refugee admissions goal of 200,000.

RCUSA recommends:

- President Biden meaningfully consult with Congress and, by September 30th, set a refugee admissions goal for Fiscal Year 2023 of 200,000;
- President Biden appoint a senior-level White House coordinator on the US resettlement program to focus on programmatic improvements to increase refugee arrivals and expand our capacity to welcome;
- Congress introduce and pass the Afghan Adjustment Act, creating a pathway to permanent status for Afghans who were paroled into the United States through Operation Allies Welcome;
- Congress appropriate the needed funds to rebuild domestic and international resettlement infrastructure;
- Congress introduce and pass the Refugee Protection Act, signaling the first major re-envisioning of refugee and asylum protections since formal resettlement began in 1980.

Region	Q3 Arrivals	FYTD Arrivals	FYTD Goal	FYTD %
Africa	2,325	6,124	30,000	20%
East Asia	447	1,175	11,250	10%
Europe	463	1,328	7,500	18%
Latin Am/Carib	603	1,495	11,250	13%
Near East/South Asia	2,504	4,978	26,250	19%
Total	6,342	15,100	93,750	16%

Number Explainer

From the first to third quarters of FY22 (October 2021 - June 2022), the US welcomed a total of 15,100 refugees from 48 different countries. Regionally, this included: 6,124 from Africa, 1,175 from East Asia, 1,328 from Europe, 1,495 from Latin America/Caribbean, and 4,978 from Near East/South Asia. The chart at left includes the arrival numbers for the third fiscal quarter (April 2022 - June 2022), admissions for the fiscal year to date, where refugee admissions for each region should be for the fiscal year to date, and the percentage of each regional goal that have been resettled. In order to be on track to meet the goal of 125,000 refugees resettled by the end of the fiscal year, the US should be resettling at least 10,416 refugees per month, totaling 93,750. Thus far, the US is only averaging 1,677. Data was obtained from WRAPSNet.