

US REFUGEE ADMISSIONS

2022 Fiscal Year

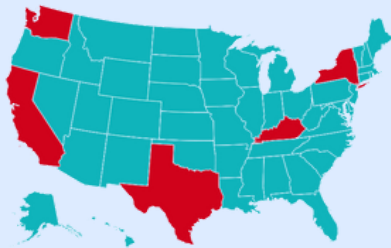
Admission Goals

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.

FY22 (Oct. 1 2021, Sep. 30, 2022) Arrivals

The US resettled **25,465** refugees out of the 125,000 goal, or **20%**.

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Top 5 States Welcoming Refugees

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

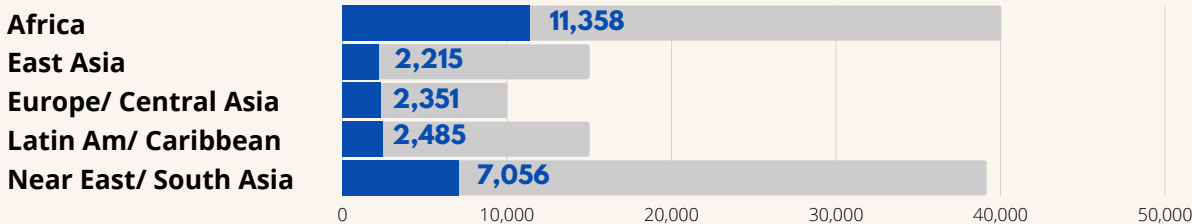


Top 5 Countries of Origin

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

Actual Arrivals

Oct. 1, 2021 - Sep. 30, 2022



Numbers list the cap for each category, and the YTD refugee admissions.

- Admissions used between Oct. 1, 2021 - Sep. 30, 2022
- Unused admissions

Rebuilding Resettlement

Between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022 the US welcomed 25,465 individuals through the United States Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP), meeting only 20% of the formal 125,000 goal. While the USRAP was significantly underutilized in FY22, the US government responded to a number of pressing humanitarian crises by launching two new programs: Operation Allies Welcome (to welcome evacuated and relocated Afghans), and Uniting for Ukraine (to provide temporary protection for Ukrainians fleeing Russian invasion). In conjunction with other small accommodations, these programs facilitated the welcome of over 76,000 Afghans and about 100,000 Ukrainians respectively.

Refugee advocates worked to secure full refugee resettlement benefits for arriving Afghans, spurring a swift expansion of the resettlement network, coupled with supplemental funding from Congress. However, additional investments are critically needed to fully restore and strengthen the domestic and international USRAP infrastructure. The USRAP can, and should, serve as the cornerstone of US humanitarian protection and has the expertise and framework of support services to ensure that any new arrival, regardless of nationality or faith tradition, can be safe and secure.

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Rebuilding (continued)

As the world faces the greatest forced displacement crisis in history, it will take a global response that invests in all durable solutions in concert with one another, ensuring that the greatest number of vulnerable people have access to the type of safety they need.

For the 2023 fiscal year, President Biden has maintained the refugee admissions goal of 125,000. The efforts given to Operation Allies Welcome and Uniting for Ukraine have demonstrated that meeting this goal is more than possible when the proper resources are dedicated. While RCUSA recommended a refugee admissions goal of 200,000 to better reflect the vast need, we welcomed the news of 125,000 and expect the US to do everything in its power to meet this goal.

In order to achieve this goal and rebuild humanitarian protection across the country, RCUSA recommends:

- President Biden make permanent the senior-level White House coordinator on the US resettlement program to focus on policy and 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 robust 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
- President Biden fully restore asylum protections and do everything in his power to end anti-asylum policies, like Title 42.

| Region | Q4 Arrivals | FYTD Arrivals | FYTD Goal | FYTD % |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| Africa | 5,231 | 11,358 | 40,000 | 28% |
| East Asia | 1,040 | 2,215 | 15,000 | 15% |
| Europe | 1,023 | 2,351 | 10,000 | 24% |
| Latin Am/Carib | 990 | 2,485 | 15,000 | 17% |
| Near East/South Asia | 2,080 | 7,056 | 35,000 | 20% |
| Total | 10,364 | 25,465 | 125,000 | 20% |

Number Explainer

During the 4th quarter of FY22 (July 2022 - September 2022), the US welcomed a total of 10,364 refugees. Regionally, this included: 5,231 from Africa, 1,040 from East Asia, 1,023 from Europe, 990 from Latin America/Caribbean, and 2,080 from Near East/South Asia. The chart at left includes the arrival numbers for the fourth fiscal quarter (July 2022 - September 2022), and the final admissions for the fiscal year, the overall goal for each region, and the percentage of each regional goal that was ultimately resettled. The US failed to meet its refugee admissions goal of 125,000, filling only 20% of capacity. The US averaged 2,122 refugees per month. Data was obtained from WRAPSNet.