Refugee Resettlement
In Madison/Wisconsin

An Introduction

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Define Refugee:

An individual who has a well-founded fear of persecution due to race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion, **who has fled their country of origin and cannot safely return.** In the context of the United States, all refugees arriving in the U.S. have been vetted and approved prior to arrival in the country.
Define Special Immigrant Visa (SIV):

A special, expedited resettlement process category for *Iraqi or Afghan nationals who worked with the US Armed Forces* or under Chief of Mission authority, often as a translator or interpreter, and Iraqi nationals who worked for or on behalf of the U.S. Government in Iraq.
Define Asylum Seeker:

A person forced to leave their country and directly seek legal status in the US, rather than abroad. Asylum seekers become asylees when they are granted legal status by the U.S. government.
U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP)

- UNHCR
- U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Intelligence Agencies
- 1 of 9 Resettlement Agencies (HIAS, LIRS, IRC, etc)
- Local Resettlement Affiliates (~350 across the US)
- Thousands of private citizens who volunteer to help refugees
Refugee Admissions by Region
Fiscal Year 1975 through February 29, 2020

Based on the terms of a settlement in Doe et a. v. Trump et al., No. 17-0178 (W.D. Wash), certain refugee applicants that arrive in FY 2020 and any future fiscal years are counted toward the FY 2018 refugee admissions ceiling.
Resettlement in Madison/Wisconsin
Wisconsin Refugee Admissions by Nationality

- Afghanistan
- Bhutan
- Burma
- DRC
- Eritrea
- Iraq
- Somalia
- Syria
### Significant Refugee Populations in Wisconsin

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**Largest Resettlement Locations**

1. Milwaukee – 7,087
2. Fox Valley – 847
3. Madison - 612

http://ireports.wrapsnet.org/Interactive-Reporting/
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