

FACTS ABOUT REFUGEES



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DID YOU KNOW?



The U.S. resettlement program is the largest in the world and the U.S. has been the global leader in resettling refugees since the 1970s. The president determines the refugee admission cap each fiscal year which begins October 1st. **Last year, 62,500 refugees were allowed to enter the U.S., and this year, 125,000 refugees will be allowed to enter the U.S.**

WHO IS A REFUGEE?



Refugees are people who have fled their countries of origin and meet the United Nations' criteria of having a "well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, membership of a particular social group or political opinion." Unless the situation changes in their home country, refugees cannot return home and must resettle permanently in another country, but this process can take years and refugees go to refugee camps before they find their new forever home.

REFUGEE ORIGIN COUNTRIES

REFUGEE HOST COUNTRIES

26.4M
THERE WERE 26.4 MILLION REFUGEES BY THE END OF 2020 – THE HIGHEST EVER SEEN

REFUGEE CHILDREN ARE
5 TIMES
MORE LIKELY TO BE OUT OF SCHOOL THAN THEIR PEERS

68%
OF REFUGEES ORIGINATE FROM JUST FIVE COUNTRIES

39%
OF REFUGEES ARE HOSTED IN FIVE COUNTRIES

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

6.7 MILLION



VENEZUELA

4.0 MILLION



AFGHANISTAN

2.6 MILLION



SOUTH SUDAN

2.2 MILLION



MYANMAR

1.1 MILLION



TURKEY

3.7 MILLION



COLOMBIA

1.7 MILLION



PAKISTAN

1.4 MILLION



UGANDA

1.4 MILLION



GERMANY

1.2 MILLION



WHAT IS A REFUGEE CAMP?



Refugee camps are temporary facilities built to provide protection and assistance for refugees. Camps are not established to provide permanent solutions, but they do offer a safe haven for refugees to meet basic needs. Refugee camps offer services like; food, water, shelter, medical treatment to help refugees.

6M
6 MILLION REFUGEES LIVE IN CAMPS—MORE THAN 22% OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF REFUGEES

+50%
MORE THAN HALF THE REFUGEES LIVING IN ZA'ATARI & AZRAQ ARE CHILDREN

BETWEEN 2018 AND 2020, NEARLY 1 MILLION CHILDREN WERE BORN IN REFUGEE CAMPS

14 YEARS
IS THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY FOR A FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL IN A REFUGEE CAMP

80,000
IS THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES WHO HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THE U.S. SINCE 1990

HOW CCA HELPS



Catholic Charities Atlanta has been welcoming refugees to the Atlanta area since the 1953. The services we offer help refugees achieve economic and social self-sufficiency within 9months of arriving in the U.S. This includes greeting families at the airport, finding stable housing and furnishing their apartment, assisting with job placement, enrolling in English language classes, establishing household budgets, enrolling children in school and ensuring families are involved socially and integrating into the community.

Learn more about Refugee Services here:
<https://catholiccharitiesatlanta.org/refugee-services>