

FACTS ABOUT

REFUGEES



♥ SERVING THOSE IN NEED

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, 25,500 refugees entered the U.S., a 123% increase from 2021.**

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

75%

OF REFUGEES ORIGINATE FROM COUNTRIES SUCH AS:

SYRIA

6.8 MILLION



AFGHANISTAN

5.7 MILLION



VENEZUELA

5.4 MILLION



UKRAINE

5.7 MILLION



SOUTH SUDAN

2.2 MILLION



25%

OF REFUGEES ARE FROM COUNTRIES SUCH AS:

D.R. CONGO

931,000



SOMALIA

790,000



CENTRAL AFRICA REP.

748,000



SUDAN

836,000



108.4M

PEOPLE IN 2022 WERE FORCIBLY DISPLACED WORLDWIDE AS A RESULT OF PERSECUTION, CONFLICT, VIOLENCE OR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

REFUGEE CHILDREN ARE **5 TIMES**

MORE LIKELY TO BE OUT OF SCHOOL THAN THEIR PEERS

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

APPROXIMATELY 385,000 CHILDREN ARE BORN IN REFUGEE CAMPS PER YEAR

17 YEARS **26.3 MILLION**

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

REFUGEES WORLDWIDE, 50% ARE CHILDREN

1 IN EVERY 103 PEOPLE

WORLDWIDE IS CURRENTLY SEEKING REFUGE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.

10 STATES

HOST 70% OF ALL THE USA'S NATURALIZED CITIZENS PENNSYLVANIA (2.5%), MASSACHUSETTS (2.7%), VIRGINIA (2.8%), GEORGIA (3.1%), ILLINOIS (3.6%), NEW JERSEY (4.3%), NEW YORK (10.1%), FLORIDA (11.4%), TEXAS (11.6%), AND CALIFORNIA (17.6%).

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 9 MONTHS 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: [CATHOLICCHARITIESATLANTA.ORG/REFUGEE-SERVICES](https://www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org/refugee-services)