




**Refugee:** A person forced to flee their home country to escape war, violence or persecution.

**Resettlement:** Refugees who are resettled go to another country that has agreed to admit them and ultimately grant them permanent residence.

**Why is refugee resettlement important?** Resettlement is a life-saving solution for the most vulnerable refugees in the world, and is also an important way to share responsibility and support the countries that host the majority of the world's refugees.

## 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

- 1 Refugees do not apply for resettlement themselves. UNHCR identifies vulnerable cases to be considered for resettlement.
- 2 Only the most vulnerable refugees are considered. All refugees who are referred must fit at least one category, some of which include:
  -  Physical protection needs
  -  Survivors of violence or torture
  -  Women & girls at risk
- 3 Countries decide which refugees to admit for resettlement.
- 4 Persons who have committed serious crimes or who might pose a security threat are not eligible for refugee status or resettlement.
- 5 Refugee resettlement saves lives.

## RESETTLEMENT TO THE U.S. IN FISCAL YEAR 2023

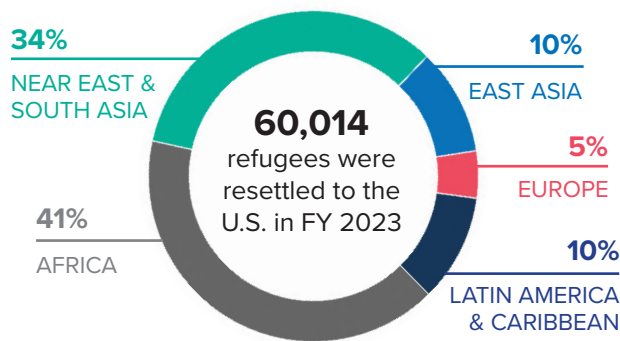
The United States has a long history of welcoming refugees and has historically been one of the largest refugee resettlement countries in the world. FY2023 data covers October 2022 - September 2023.

### TOP STATES FOR RESETTLEMENT

1. Texas
2. New York
3. California
4. Pennsylvania
5. Arizona
6. North Carolina
7. Ohio
8. Kentucky
9. Michigan
10. Washington

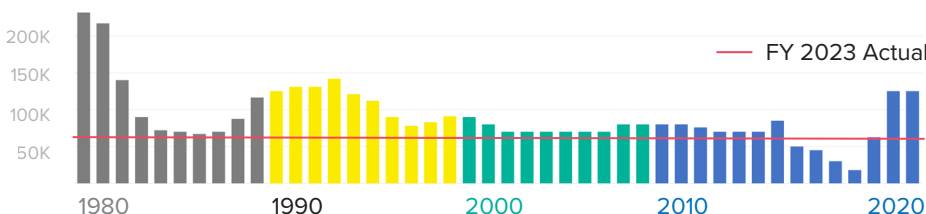
47 states received refugees for resettlement

### REFUGEES RESETTLED TO THE U.S. BY REGION OF ORIGIN\*



\*includes refugees resettled with and without UNHCR assistance

### U.S. REFUGEE ADMISSIONS CEILING



## 2022 GLOBAL FIGURES AT A GLANCE






There are **35.3 million** refugees worldwide. Only **1 in 309** are resettled.

**24 countries around the world** accepted refugee resettlement submissions from 84 different countries of origin.

1.5 million refugees are in need of resettlement but **only 7% were resettled.**

## U.S. RESETTLEMENT PROCESS

In addition to UNHCR's screening, the U.S. conducts its own vetting process to decide whether to accept a refugee for resettlement. The entire process can take up to 2 years.

- 1  UNHCR and NGO partners refer a refugee to be considered for resettlement and provides detailed background information.
- 2  The U.S. government screens the refugee and decides whether to admit them for resettlement. This process includes:
  - 8 U.S. government agencies
  - 5 Separate security databases
  - 6 Background checks
  - 2 In-person interviews
- 3  If the refugee is approved, the State Department assigns the case to one of 10 U.S. NGOs or a private sponsor.
- 4  Travel arrangements are coordinated by the International Organization for Migration and partners.
- 5  The NGO or private sponsor welcomes the refugee and helps them integrate and become economically self-sufficient in their new U.S. community.

## TOP COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN FOR REFUGEES RESETTLED TO THE U.S.

- 1 Democratic Republic of Congo
- 2 Syria
- 3 Afghanistan
- 4 Myanmar