

Refugees and Resettlement: A global perspective

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Two Milestones for Refugee Protection



1950

UNHCR founded

1951 Global refugee population =
1,250,000 persons



1951 Refugee Convention signed



65.6 million
forcibly displaced people worldwide



Refugees
22.5 million

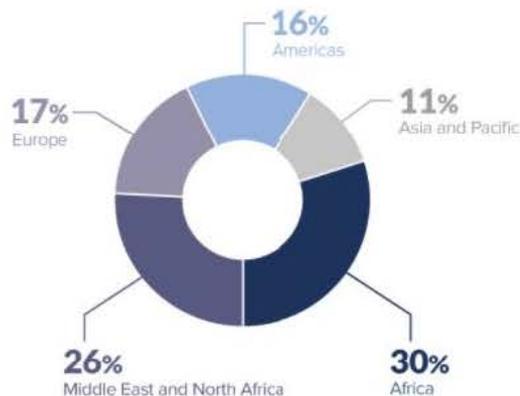
17.2 million under UNHCR mandate
5.3 million Palestinian refugees registered by UNRWA



Stateless people
10 million

Refugees resettled
189,300 in 2016

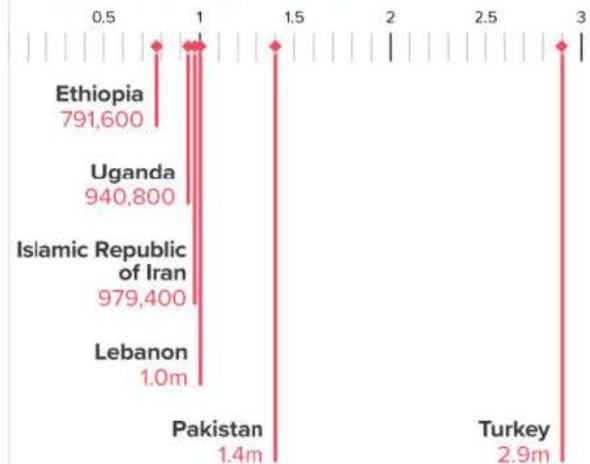
Where the world's displaced people are being hosted



55% of refugees worldwide came from three countries



Top hosting countries



28,300 people
a day forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution

10,966 staff
UNHCR employs 10,966 staff (as of 30 June 2017)

130 countries
We work in 130 countries (as of 30 June 2017)

We are funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions, with 87 per cent from governments and the European Union.

Who is a refugee?

- **Refugee:** is a person who is outside of his or her country of nationality due to a well-founded fear of being persecuted on account of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or for being a member of a particular social group; and is unable or unwilling to return to her or his country.



Where are the 22.5 million refugees?

UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

GLOBAL TRENDS
FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN 2015



UNHCR's work



Protection



Assistance



Durable Solutions

Two refugee situations



Syria

Central America





Total Persons of Concern

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5,163,987

Last Updated 27 Jul 2017

Source - UNHCR, Government of Turkey

Registered Syrian Refugees

5,163,987

This figure includes 2 million Syrians registered by UNHCR in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon, 3 million Syrians registered by the Government of Turkey, as well as more than 30,000 Syrian refugees registered in North Africa.

Regional demographic breakdown below is based on available data from Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon

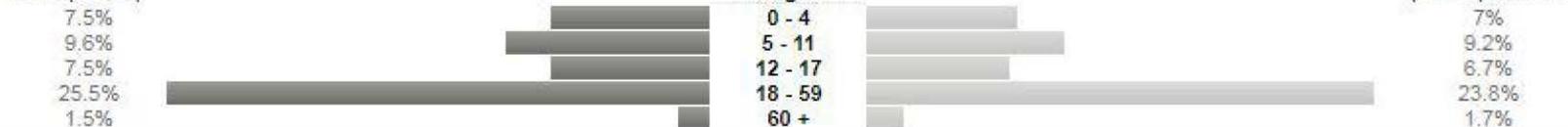
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Demography

Male (51.5%)

(48.5%) Female



Syrian refugee facts

- 80 % are women or children
 - 40 % are under 12 years of age
- Only 9% live in camps
- More than 99% of Syrians are:
 - Registered with iris scans or fingerprints
- Less than 1% have been resettled
 - Syrians are not resettled from Europe



Crisis - Central America

NORTHERN TRIANGLE OF CENTRAL AMERICA



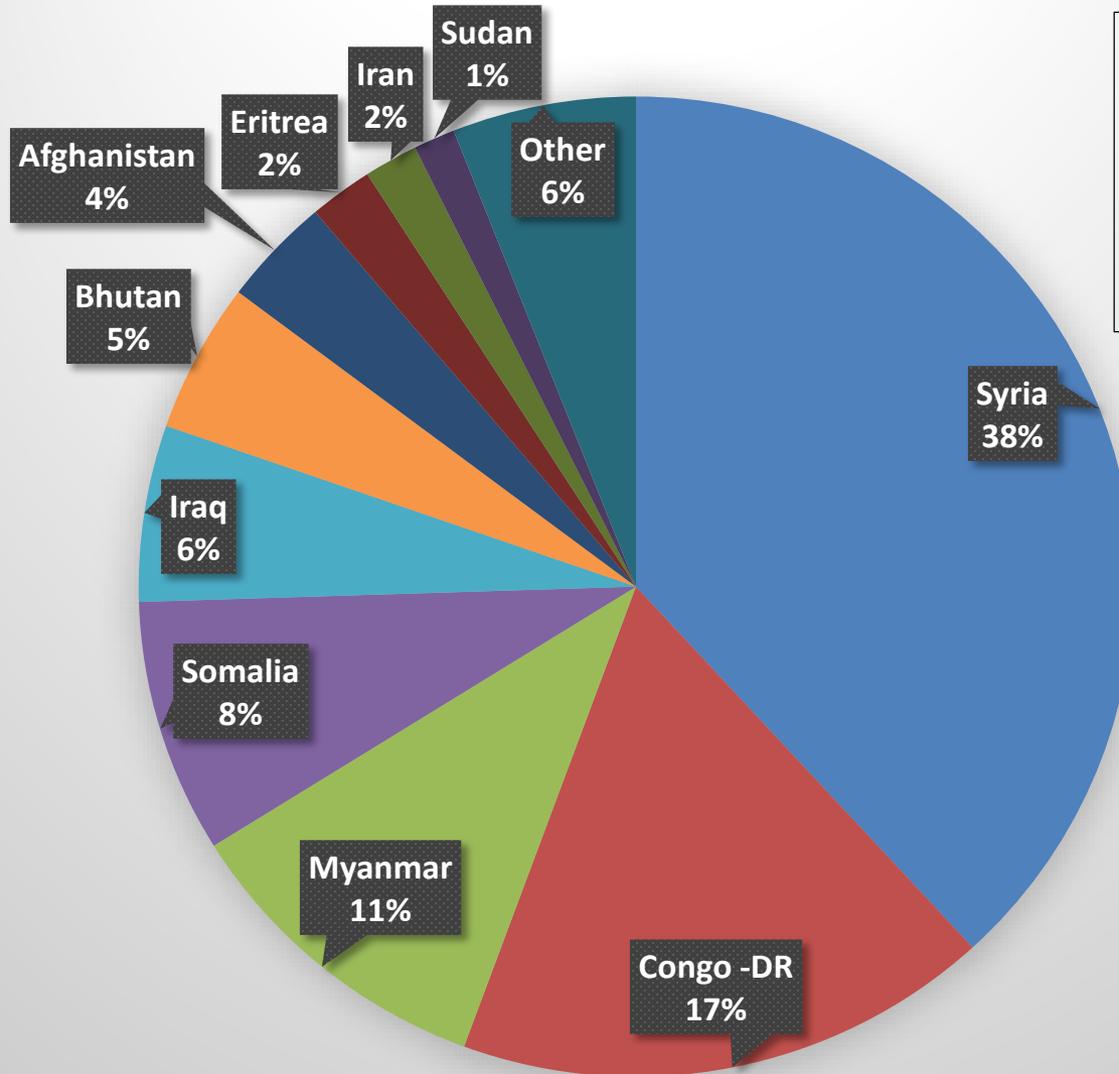
570,000 People of Concern

UNHCR and resettlement

- Resettlement - protects the most vulnerable refugees, reunites families, relieves protracted situations, and supports countries who host the vast majority of refugees.



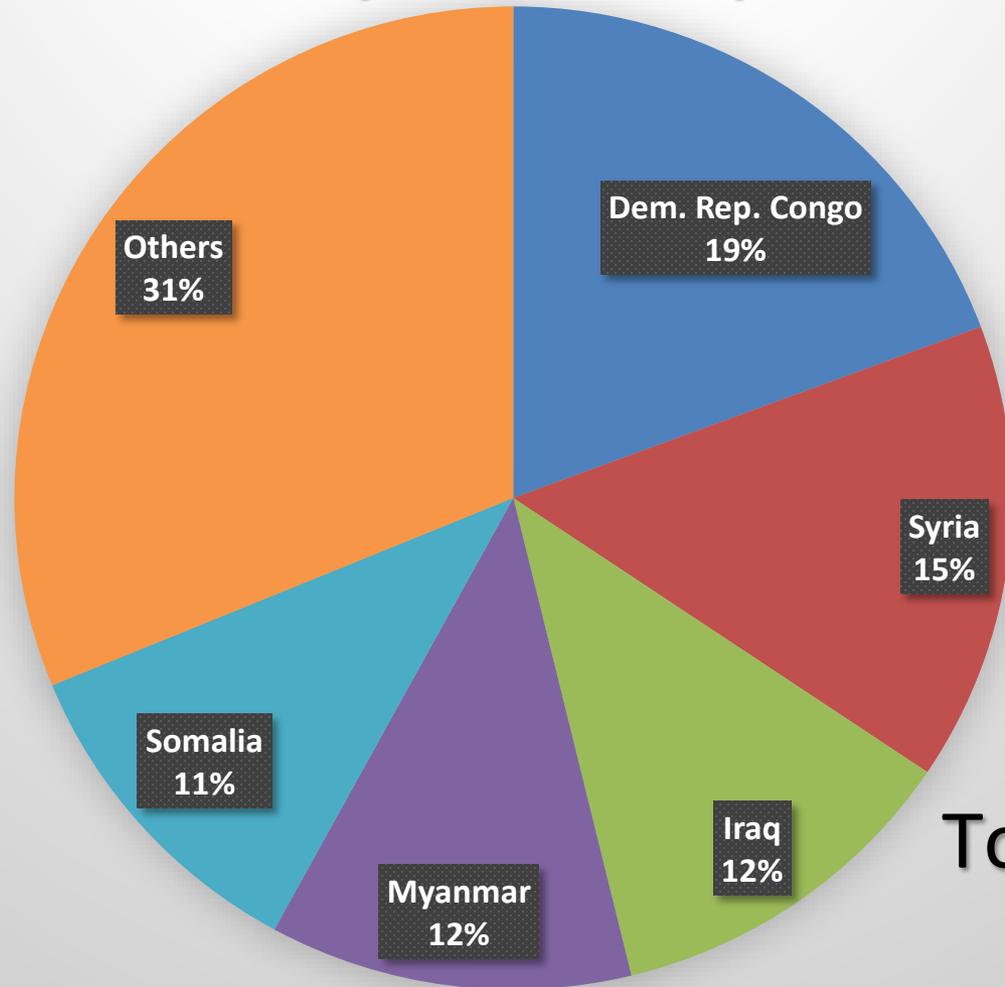
Who was resettled last year?



Global Resettlement
125,800

Resettlement to the U.S.

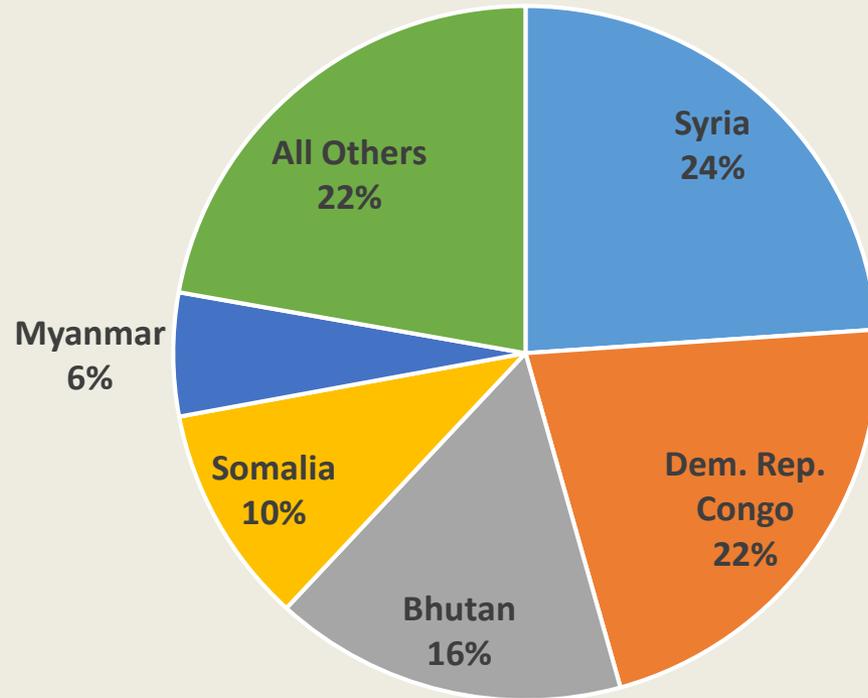
01 January 2016 - 31 July 2017



Total Arrivals
121,875

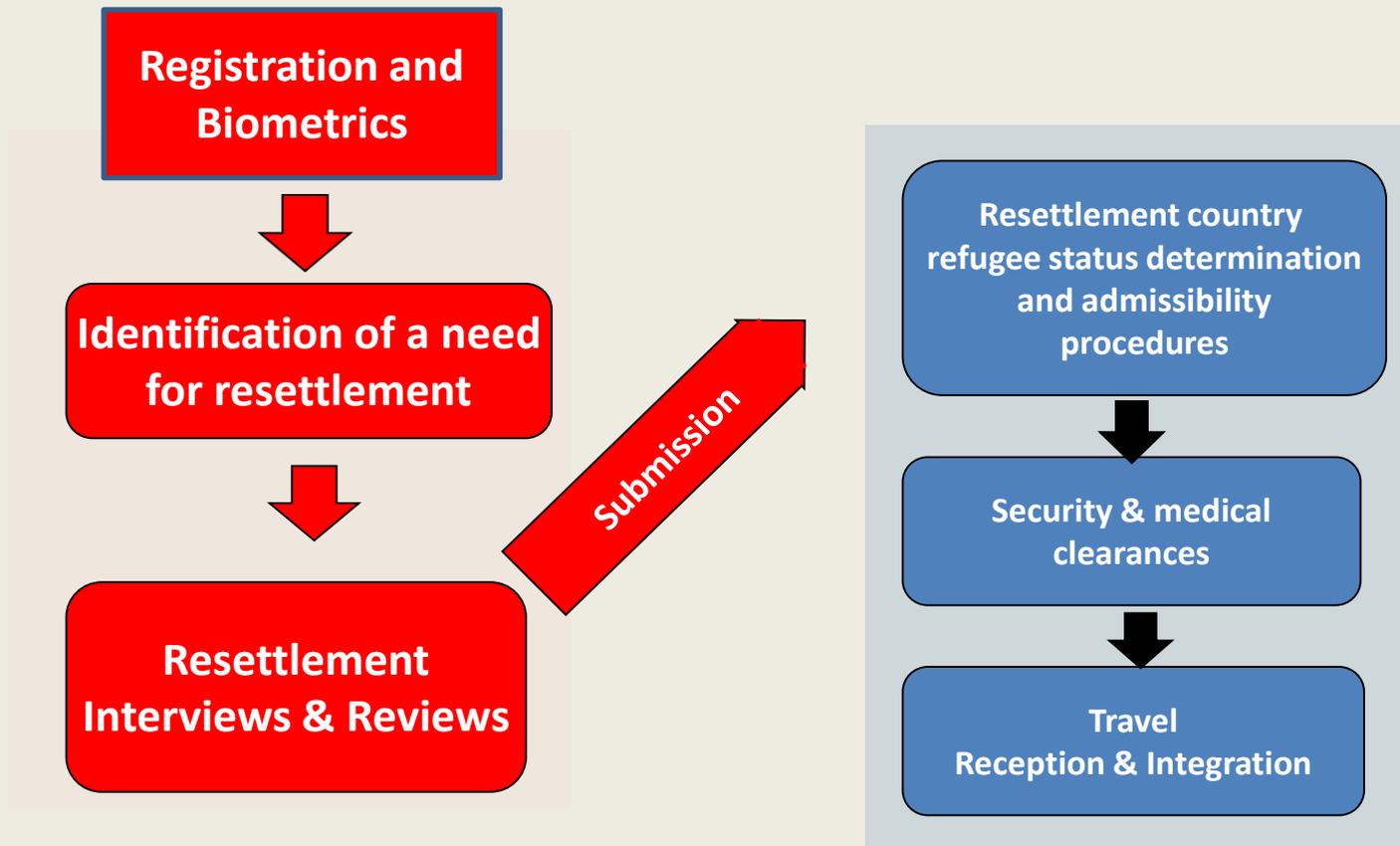
Resettlement to Pennsylvania

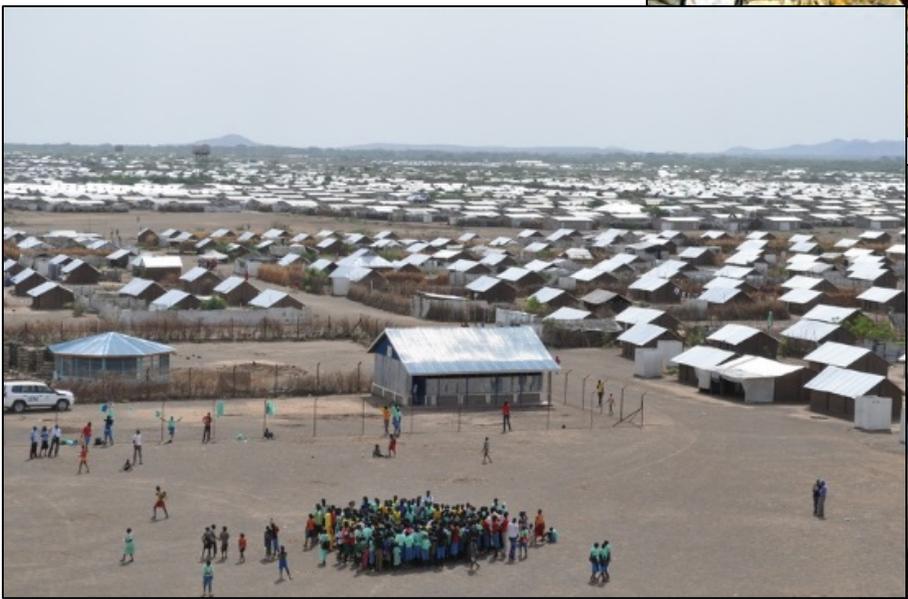
Arrivals to Pennsylvania by Top Nationalities 01 Jan 2016 –31 July 2017



Total: 4,637

UNHCR's Role in Resettlement





Identifying the 1%



Reasons for resettlement

- Legal or Physical Protection (35%)
- Survivors of Violence or Torture (19%)
- Women and Girls-at-Risk (12%)
- Medical Needs (1-2%)
- Family Reunification (1-2%)
- (minor) Children and Adolescents (1-2%)
- No Prospect for Other Durable Solutions (30%)



Current challenges

1. **Record numbers** of refugees and displaced.
2. Providing protection in **more complex and dangerous** situations.
3. Ensuring **security** for refugees and hosting and receiving communities.
4. Responding to **changing U.S. policies and restrictions** on refugees and asylum seekers.

Thank you for helping refugees to rebuild
their lives!



For More Info See: [UNHCR.ORG](https://www.unhcr.org)