

US Refugee facts

- Nearly one in every 100 Americans is a former refugee or the child of a refugee.
- Less than 1% of the refugees around the world were resettled in 2006.
- California and Florida have each resettled more refugees than any country other than the US.
- Refugees from 36 countries were resettled to the US in 2006. An estimated 2.68 million refugees have come to the United States since 1975. The largest number, some 300,000, came from Vietnam . Significant numbers of refugees have also arrived from Laos, Cambodia, the former Yugoslavia, Liberia, Somalia, Iran, Afghanistan, Cuba, and the former Soviet Union. Over the past 10 years the US has resettled on average 58,000 refugees each year, more than all other resettlement countries combined.

Sites of interest:

www.unrefugees.org - to support UNHCR

www.unhcr.org - includes information on UNHCR resettlement

www.state.gov/prm - includes US policy info, fact sheets, and refugee numbers