

Refugee 101: Resettlement, Refugee Health, and Refugee Resources

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What is a Refugee?

A refugee is an individual forced to leave his/her country of origin based upon persecution or fear of persecution due to:

- race;
- religion;
- nationality;
- or membership in a particular group or political party.



- An official entity such as a government or United Nations Refugee Agency determines whether a person seeking international protection meets the definition of refugee (outside of US)
- Refugees are granted legal status of “refugee” by U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

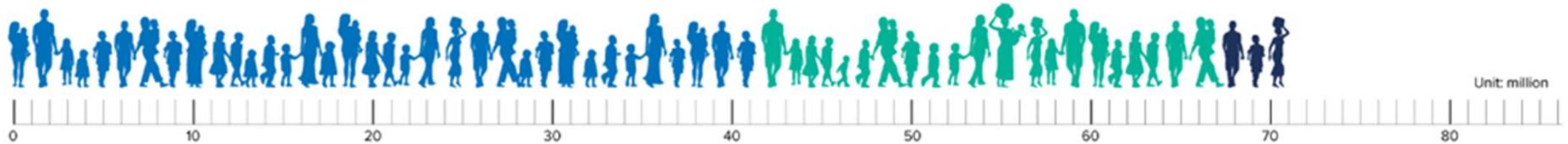
Refugee-eligible populations

- ✓ **Refugee**
- ✓ **Asylee**
 - meet refugee persecution requirements; present in the US or seek admission at a port of entry; granted asylee status by a US immigration court
- ✓ **Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM)**
 - children identified overseas who are eligible for resettlement, but do not have a parent or a relative available to provide for their long-term care
- ✓ **Cuban/Haitian Parolee**
 - a discretionary authority that allows for the temporary entry into the US for urgent humanitarian reasons or for significant public benefit (medical; family reunification; civil/criminal court proceedings; other emergent requests)
- ✓ **Special Immigrant Visa Holder (SIV)**
 - certain Iraqis and Afghans who have worked as translators or interpreters, or who were employed by, or on behalf of, the US government
- ✓ **Victims of Human Trafficking (VOT)**
 - victims of certain crimes who have suffered mental or physical abuse and are helpful to law enforcement or government officials in the investigation or prosecution of criminal activity
- ✓ **Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ)**
 - under the age of 21; abused, neglected, or abandoned by one or both parents
- ✓ **Secondary Migrant**
 - migrated to a second state after initial resettlement



Global Perspective

70.8 million forcibly displaced people worldwide



Internally Displaced People
41.3 million

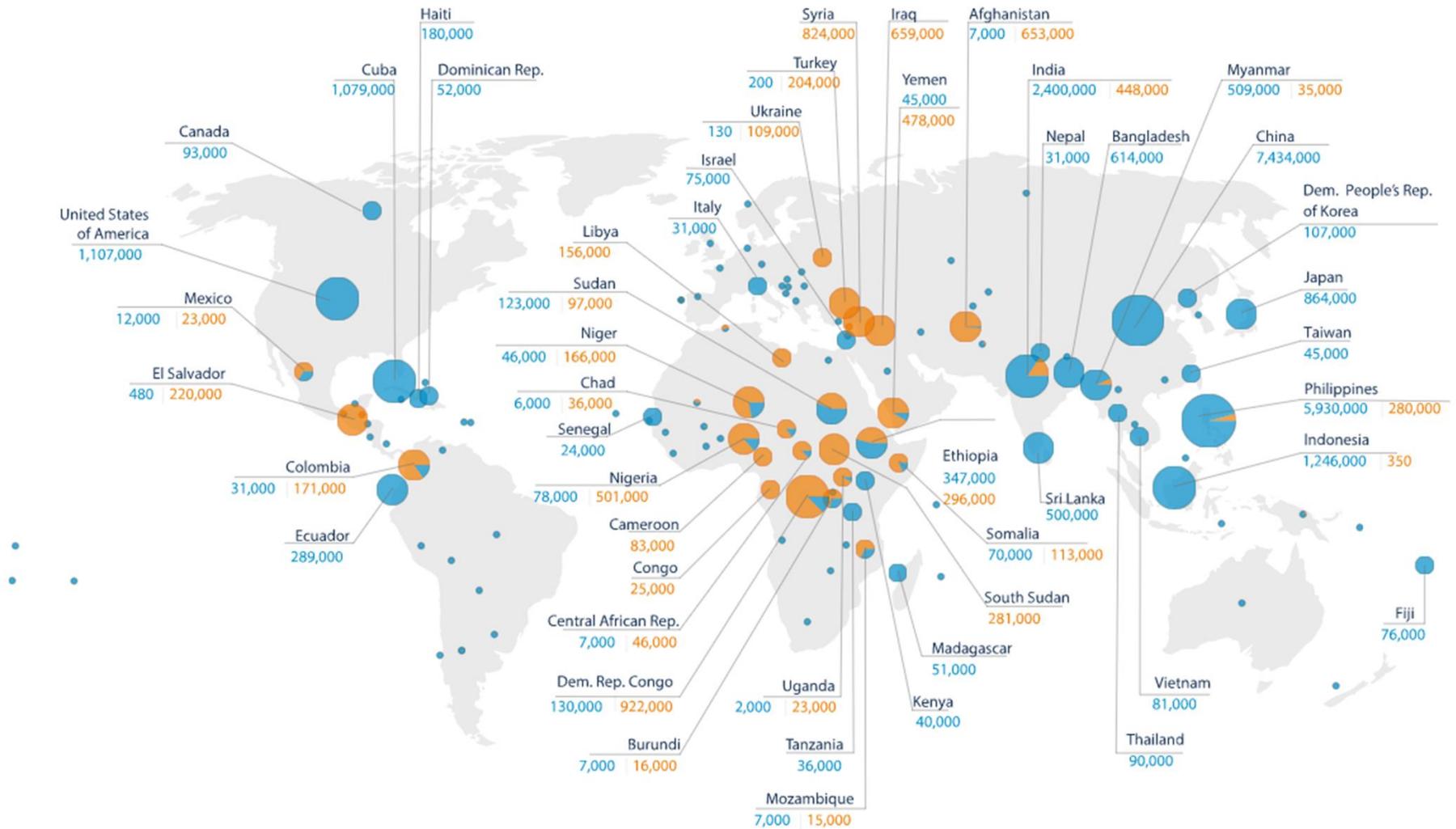
Refugees
25.9 million

20.4 million under UNHCR's mandate
5.5 million Palestinian refugees under UNRWA's mandate

Asylum-seekers
3.5 million

New displacements by conflict and disasters in 2016

 TWEET THIS MAP



■ Conflict
■ Disasters



United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees – Seeks Durable Solution...

❑ **Voluntary Repatriation** - returning to one's home country
If returning home is not feasible because of ongoing instability or conflict, then...

❑ **Integration** in the second country of asylum - establishing roots in the host or asylum country
If the refugee is not sufficiently protected in the original host country or is considered to be particularly vulnerable for various reasons (e.g., disabled/injured, women-at-risk, etc.), then...

❑ **Resettlement** to a third country - establishing a new life in a new country

Path to Refugee Resettlement

1 Register with U.N. **2** Interview with U.N. **3** Get refugee status from U.N. **4** Get referral to the United States **5** Interview with State Dept. **6** First background check **7** Possible higher-level background check **8** Another background check **9** Fingerprint screenings #1 **10** #2 **11** and #3 **12** Review by U.S. immigration **13** Possible new review **14** Homeland Security in-person review and **15** approval **16** Contagious disease screening **17** Cultural orientation **18** Resettlement agency match **19** Multi-agency security check **20** Final security check at airport

National Trends

The US Domestic Response

Region	FY 2015 Arrivals	FY 2016 Ceiling	FY 2016 Arrivals	Proposed FY2017 Ceiling	Revised FY 2017 Ceiling	FY2017 Arrivals	FY 2018 Ceiling	FY 2018 Arrivals	FY 2019 Ceiling	FY 2019 Arrivals	FY 2020 Ceiling
Africa	22,472	25,000	31,624	35,000	16,000	20,232	19,000	10,459	11,000	16,366	Religious Persecution; Lautenberg/Specter Amenments = 5,000
East Asia	18,456	13,000	12,518	12,000	5,000	5,173	5,000	3668	4,000	5,030	
Europe and Central Asia	2,363	4,000	3,957	4,000	1,500	5,205	2,000	3612	3,000	4,994	Refugee Crisis in Iraq = 4,000
Latin America/ Caribbean	2,050	3,000	1,340	5,000	1,500	1,688	1,500	955	3,000	809	El Salv, Guate, Hond = 1,500
Near East/South Asia	24,579	34,000	35,555	40,000	3,500	21,418	17,000	3797	9,000	2,801	*Other refugees = 7,500
Total	69,920	85,000	84,994	110,000	50,000	53,716	45,000	22,491	30,000	30,000	18,000

1980: 207,116 (SE Asians)
 1989: 107,070 (Eastern European/Soviet Jews)
 1999: 85,285 (Bosnians)
 2002: 28,286 (effect of 9/11)
 2008: 60,107 (first Bhutanese)
 2015: 69,920 (Iraqi, Burmese, Somali)
 2016: 84,994 (Congo, Syria, Burma, Iraq, Somalia)
 2017: 53,716 (Congo, Iraq, Syria, Somalia, Burma) (travel bans)
 2018: 22,491 (Congo, Burma, Ukraine, Bhutan, Afghanistan)
 2019: 30,000 (Congo, Burma, Ukraine, Eritrea, Afghanistan)

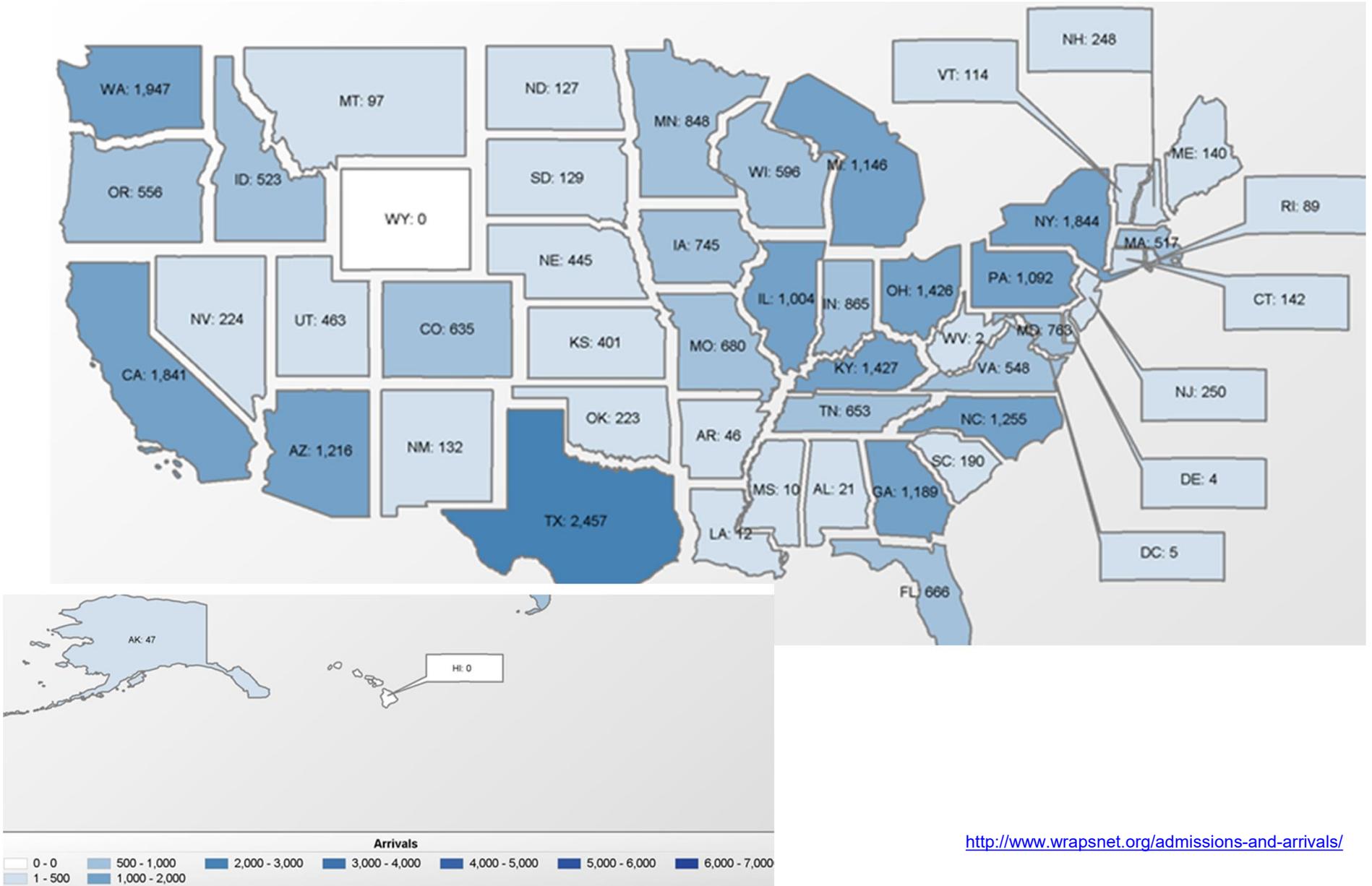
*Referred toUSRAP;
 follow to join;
 Australia/Nauru/PNG;
 ready to depart

<https://www.politico.com/f/?id=0000016d-bb51-d0d8-af6d-ff79261f0002>

Source: <http://www.wrapsnet.org/archives/>

Refugees in US

FFY2019 - 12,321 cases; 30,000 individuals



Reception & Placement Program

Voluntary Agencies

Church World Service

Episcopal Migration Ministries

Ethiopian Community Development Council

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

International Rescue Committee

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

World Relief

~267 local affiliates in ~130 communities across the nation

Colorado has 3 affiliates in 3 primary communities



The First 90 Days of Refugee Resettlement



Initial Reception and Placement

Resettlement Services in Colorado

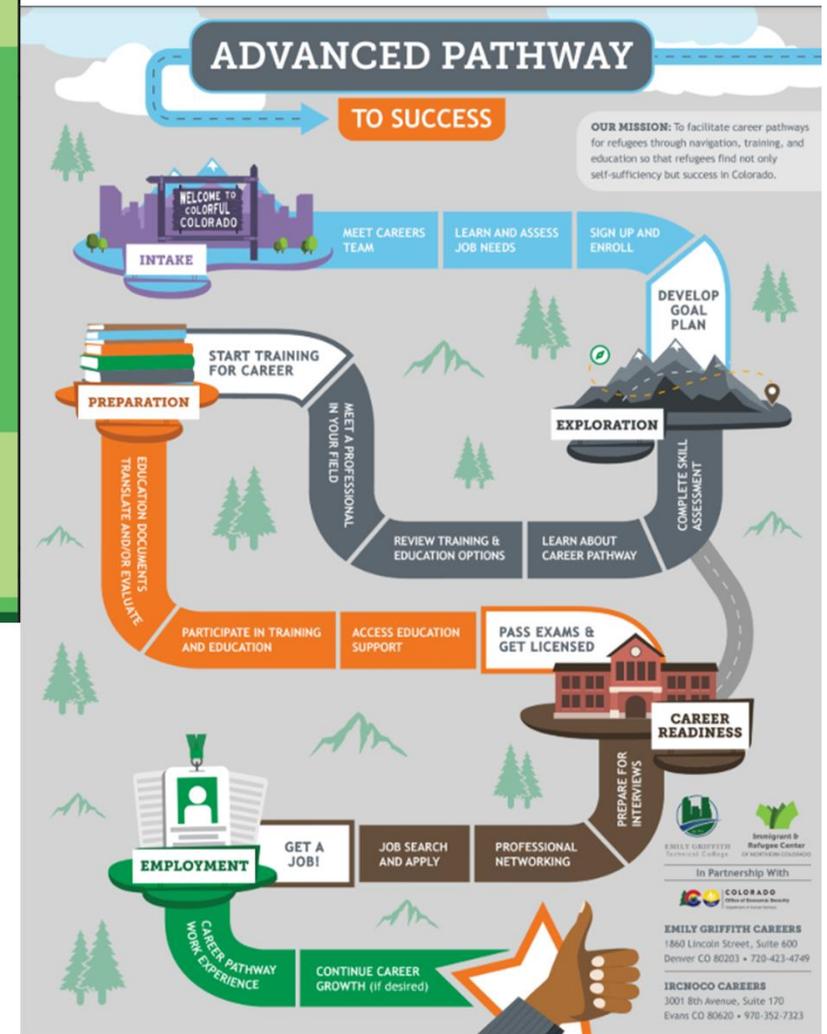
- Case management
- Employment services, including job development, career counseling, and job club (average wage: \$14.36*; 90 day retention: 93%*; arrival to first job: 51* days average)
- Cultural Orientation
- Referral/coordination to health and mental health screening
- ESL
- Job training for health professionals and for new skill areas such as tailoring
- Supports for school aged children and their parents
- Supports for elderly and their caregivers
- Legal services

*as of December 2019

Resettlement Services in Colorado

- CAREERS Program Videos - Watch an [overview of the CAREERS program](#) and [CAREERS participants](#) share their personal journeys and academic and employment success in their native language (with English subtitles) and learn about the different ways the CAREERS program supports refugees and immigrants. Feel free to share!
- [Refugee and Immigrant Services](#) webpages on [EmilyGriffith.edu](#) - features information relevant to refugees, immigrants, and English language learners (not only Emily Griffith students). Information includes:
 - **English** - Emily Griffith program and classes
 - **Education** - GED/HSE, Career and Technical Education (CTE), short-term workforce training, apprenticeship, community college, university, admissions, financial aid, and evaluation of foreign education
 - **Careers** - CAREERS Program, work documents, job search process and tips, networking, getting licensed, and employment laws and rights
 - **Resources & Community Partners** - links to resources and our partners.
- **Email Address (immigrant.services@emilygriffith.edu)** - Use for CAREERS referrals and general inquiries about services, support, and Emily Griffith programs for refugees and immigrants.
 - For information specific to English programs use **720-423-4750** or email [LearnEnglish@Emily Griffith.edu](mailto:LearnEnglish@EmilyGriffith.edu)
- **CAREERS Program Flyers** - See attached and share with clients, hang in community spaces, and use as a reference when introducing program to clients.

Resettlement Services in Colorado



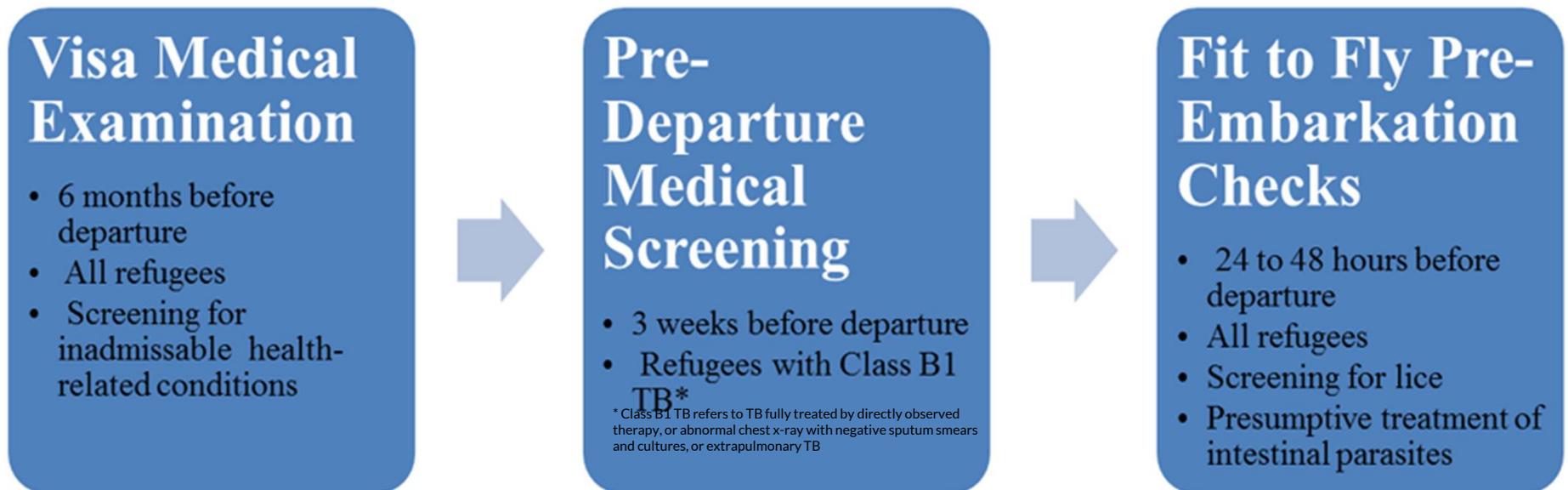
Refugee Medical Screening

Refugee Medical Screening

- Overseas medical examination
 - √ Required for all refugees accepted to resettle in the US
 - √ Conducted by panel physicians appointment by US consul or International Organization of Migration
 - √ Screening for inadmissible health conditions, and to identify physical and mental health conditions, diseases, and disabilities that require follow-up after US arrival
 - √ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - technical instructions
- Domestic medical examination
 - √ Newly arrived refugees receive a medical screening to:
 - Ensure follow-up of health conditions identified overseas
 - Identify persons with diseases of potential public health importance
 - Identify health conditions that may adversely impact effective resettlement (e.g. job placement, language training, or school attendance)
 - √ Conducted primarily by FQHCs in Colorado
 - √ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - guidelines

Overseas Refugee Medical Screening

Medical Assessment of US-Bound Refugees**



Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/immigranthealth/profiles/bhutanese/medical-screening/index.html>

**US-bound Bhutanese refugees (slight variation by country)

Overseas Refugee Medical Screening COVID-19

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided the International Organization for Migration (IOM) with specific interim predeparture guidance for identification of US-bound refugees with signs or symptoms of COVID-19
 - Refugees with signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 will be held for the CDC-recommended isolation period and referred for medical evaluation before they are cleared to travel
 - Close contacts of confirmed or probable cases (test positive for COVID-19 or who meet CSTE probable case definition) will be quarantined for the CDC-recommended period and observed for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 before they are cleared to travel
 - Predeparture SARS-CoV-2 testing is not routinely available at this time; in a few cases, symptomatic refugees and their close contacts may have access to testing.
- All IOM US points of entry started distribution of the COVID-19 self-monitoring kits on Monday, Aug 10th. The kit will be provided to each arriving case (one per family) and will contain the attached leaflet, a digital thermometer, and several alcohol pads.

Overseas Refugee Medical Screening COVID-19

After Travel for Refugees

- Stay home as much as possible for the first 14 days after arrival.
 - o For advice on how to safely meet basic household needs within your local community, see CDC's webpage about running essential errands. {refer to above CDPHE link, too}
- When around others, stay at least 6 feet or 2 meters from other people who are not from your household. It is important to do this everywhere, both indoors and outdoors.
- Wear a mask to keep your nose and mouth covered when you are outside of your home.
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Watch your health: Look for symptoms of COVID-19, and take your temperature if you feel sick.
- Avoid being around people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19

What To Do If You Get Sick If you get sick with fever, cough, or other symptoms of COVID-19:

- Stay home and take other precautions. Avoid contact with others until it's safe for you to end home isolation.
- You might have COVID-19; most people are able to recover at home without medical care.
- If you have questions, such as the need for an interpreter to talk to a doctor, call your resettlement agency case worker. [INSERT HOW TO CONTACT RA]
- Stay in touch with your doctor. If you are worried about your symptoms, call or text a health care provider before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room. [INSERT HOW TO CONTACT SCREENING CLINIC] and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.
- If you have an emergency warning sign (including trouble breathing), call 911 to get emergency medical care immediately.
- If you live in close quarters with others, take additional precautions to protect them.



Domestic Refugee Medical Screening

Domestic medical screening within 90 days of arrival:

- Follow-up of Class A & B health conditions identified overseas (i.e. Latent TB)
- Identify and facilitate timely treatment and control of potential communicable disease of public health importance (i.e. Hep B)
- Identify and provide services to address health conditions that adversely impact effective resettlement (i.e. mental health)

Screening within 30 days = Colorado's Goal

Domestic Refugee Medical Screening

Domestic Refugee Health Guidelines

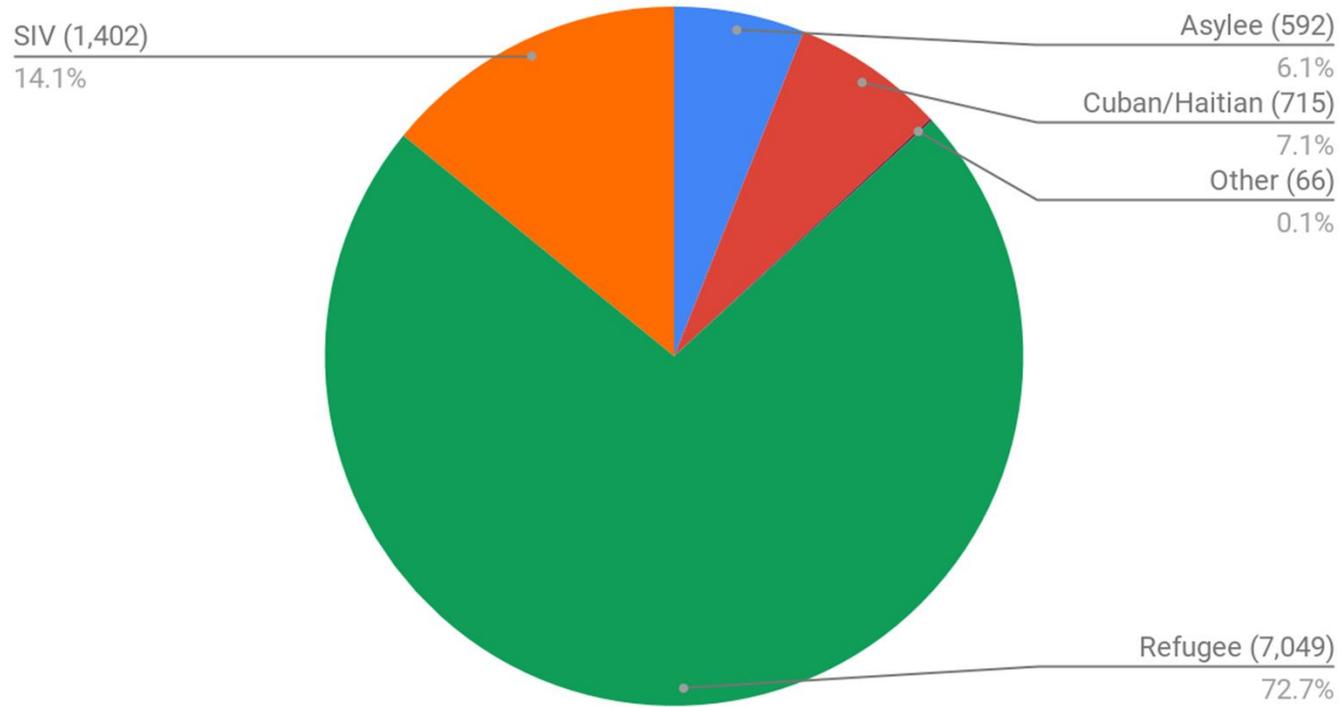
- General
- History and Physical
- Hepatitis
- HIV
- Immunizations
- Intestinal Parasites
- Lead Screening
- Mental Health
- Malaria
- Nutrition and Growth
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- TB

<p>FAQs: Refugee Health Program</p> <p>Guidelines Development</p> <p>General Guidelines</p> <p>Guidelines for the History and Physical</p> <p>Hepatitis Screening Guidelines</p> <p>HIV Infection Screening Guidelines</p> <p>Immunizations Guidelines</p> <p>Intestinal Parasite Guidelines</p> <p>Lead Screening Guidelines</p> <p>Malaria Guidelines</p> <p>Mental Health Screening Guidelines</p> <p>Nutrition and</p>	<p>Checklist and Disease-Specific Guidelines for Medical Screening</p> <p>Domestic Medical Screening Checklist</p> <p>This checklist has been developed to summarize the guidelines. For more details about any specific task, click the links within the text to read specific sections of the complete guidelines.</p> <p>Full Text of All Domestic Guidelines</p> <p>Currently 12 guidelines are available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Guidelines• Guidelines for the History and Physical• Hepatitis Screening Guidelines• HIV Infection Screening Guidelines• Immunizations Guidelines• Intestinal Parasite Guidelines• Lead Screening Guidelines• Mental Health Screening Guidelines• Malaria Guidelines• Nutrition and Growth Guidelines• Sexually Transmitted Diseases Guidelines• Tuberculosis Guidelines	<p>Health Insurance Marketplace</p> <p>Prevention saves lives. Marketplace plans cover free preventive care.</p> <p>LEARN MORE</p>
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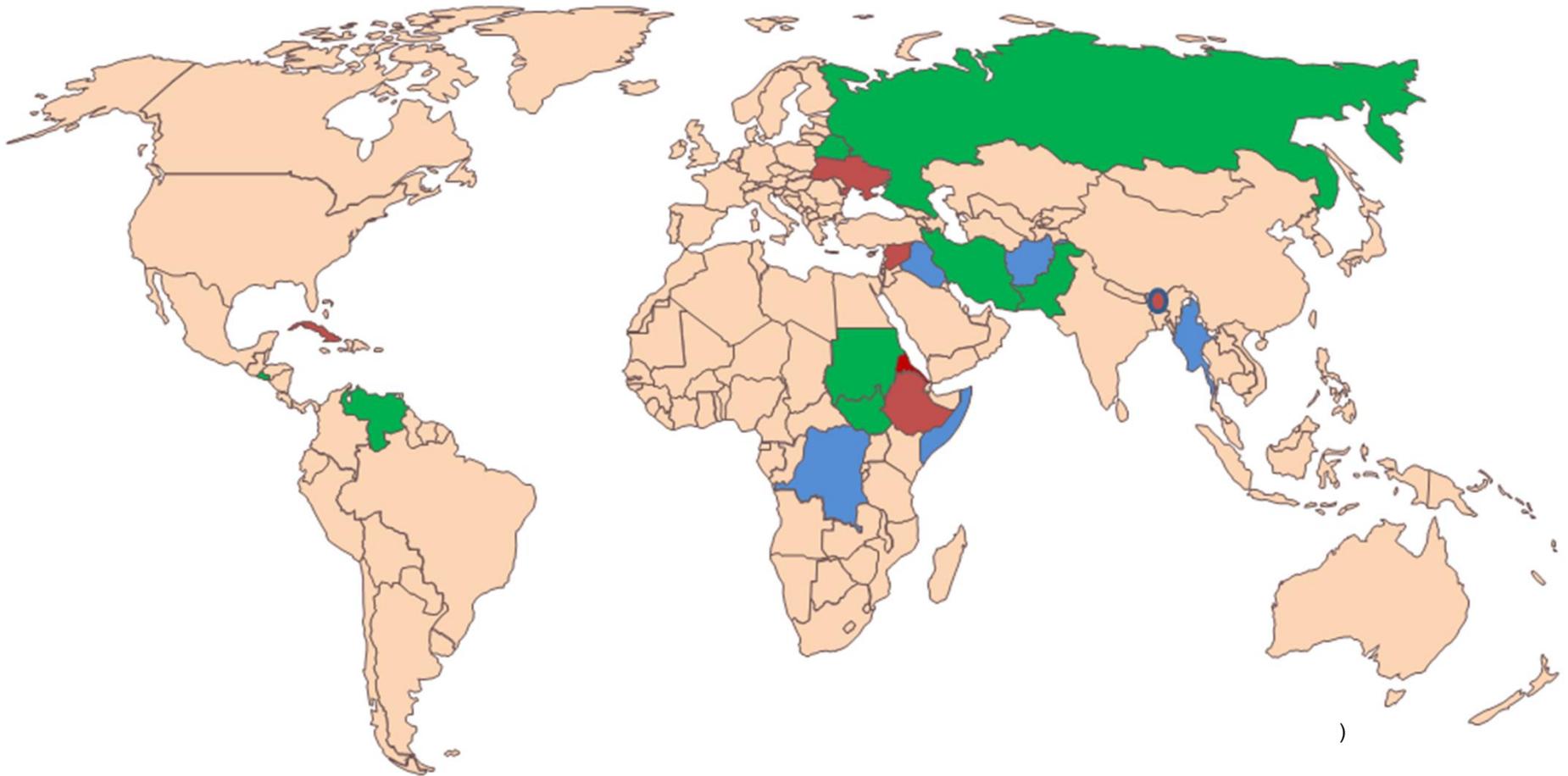
<https://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/guidelines/domestic/domestic-guidelines.html>

Refugees in Colorado Demographics

Arrivals by Immigration Status - June 1, 2014 - May 30, 2019



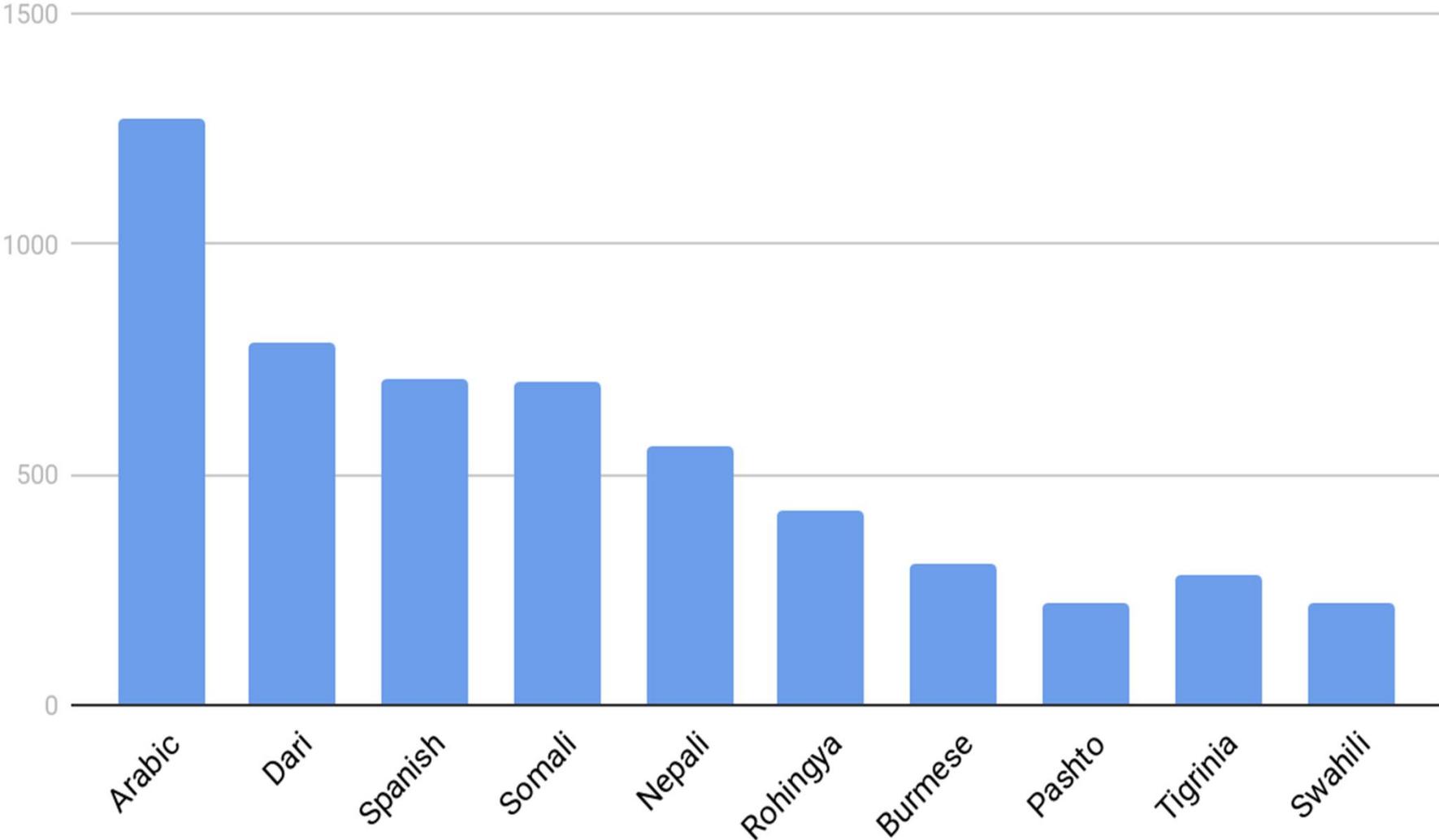
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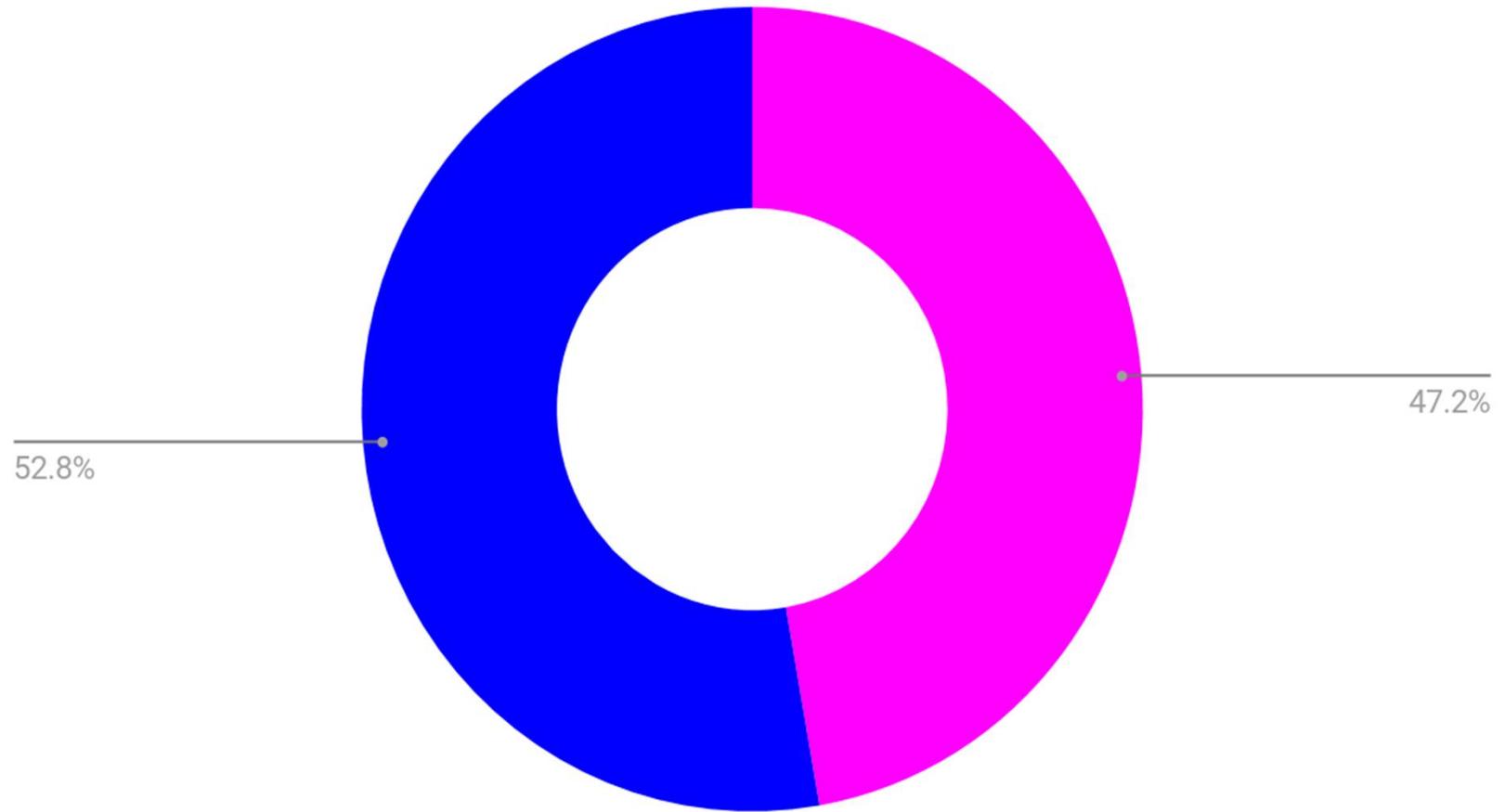
- over 1000 arrivals (Afghanistan, Burma, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq, Somalia)
 - 100 – 999 arrivals (Bhutan, Cuba, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Syria, Ukraine)
 - 30 – 99 arrivals (Belarus, El Salvador, Iran, Pakistan, Russia, Sudan, Venezuela)
- Plus additional arrivals from 53 other countries

World map by www.freeworldmaps.net

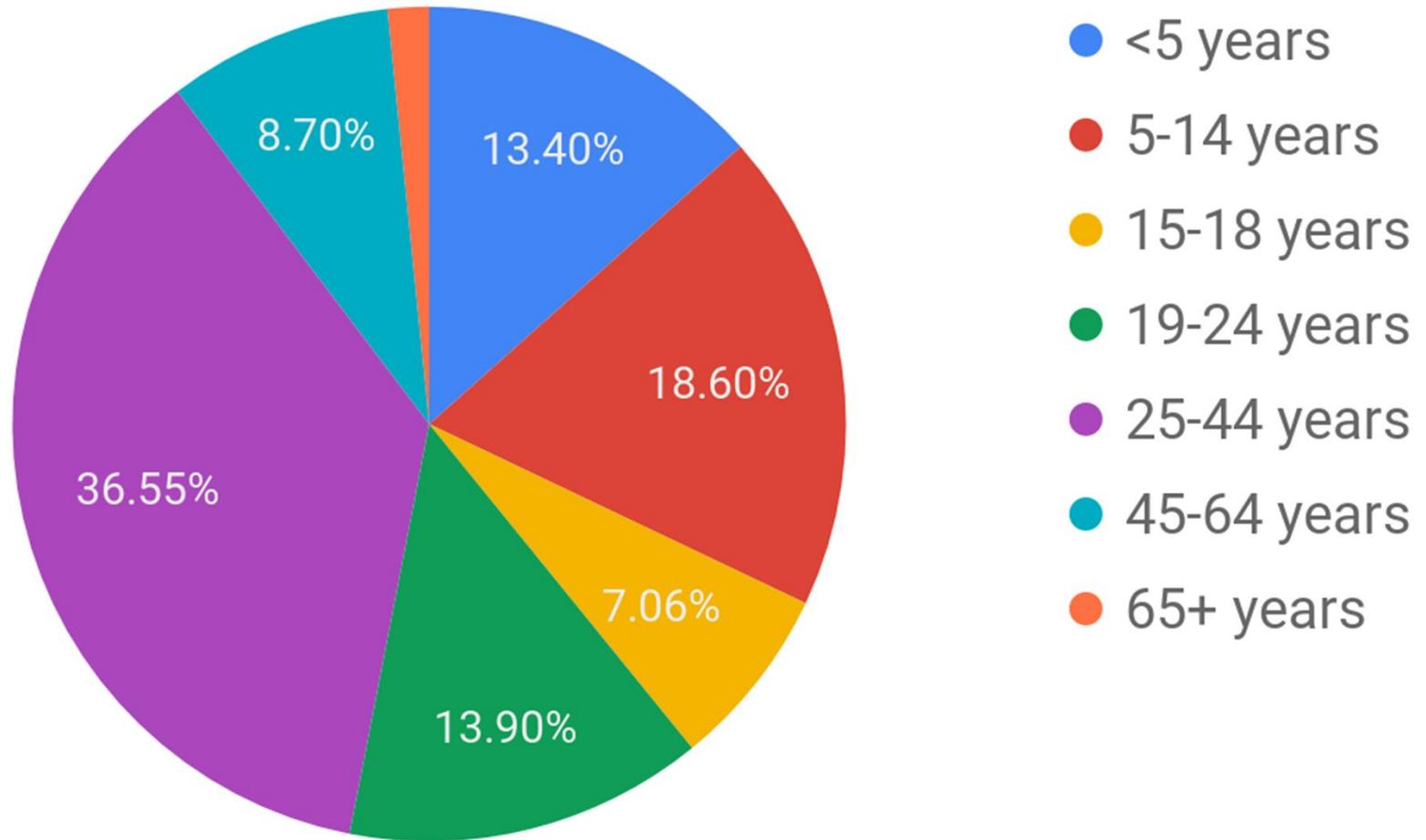
Top 10 Refugee Languages



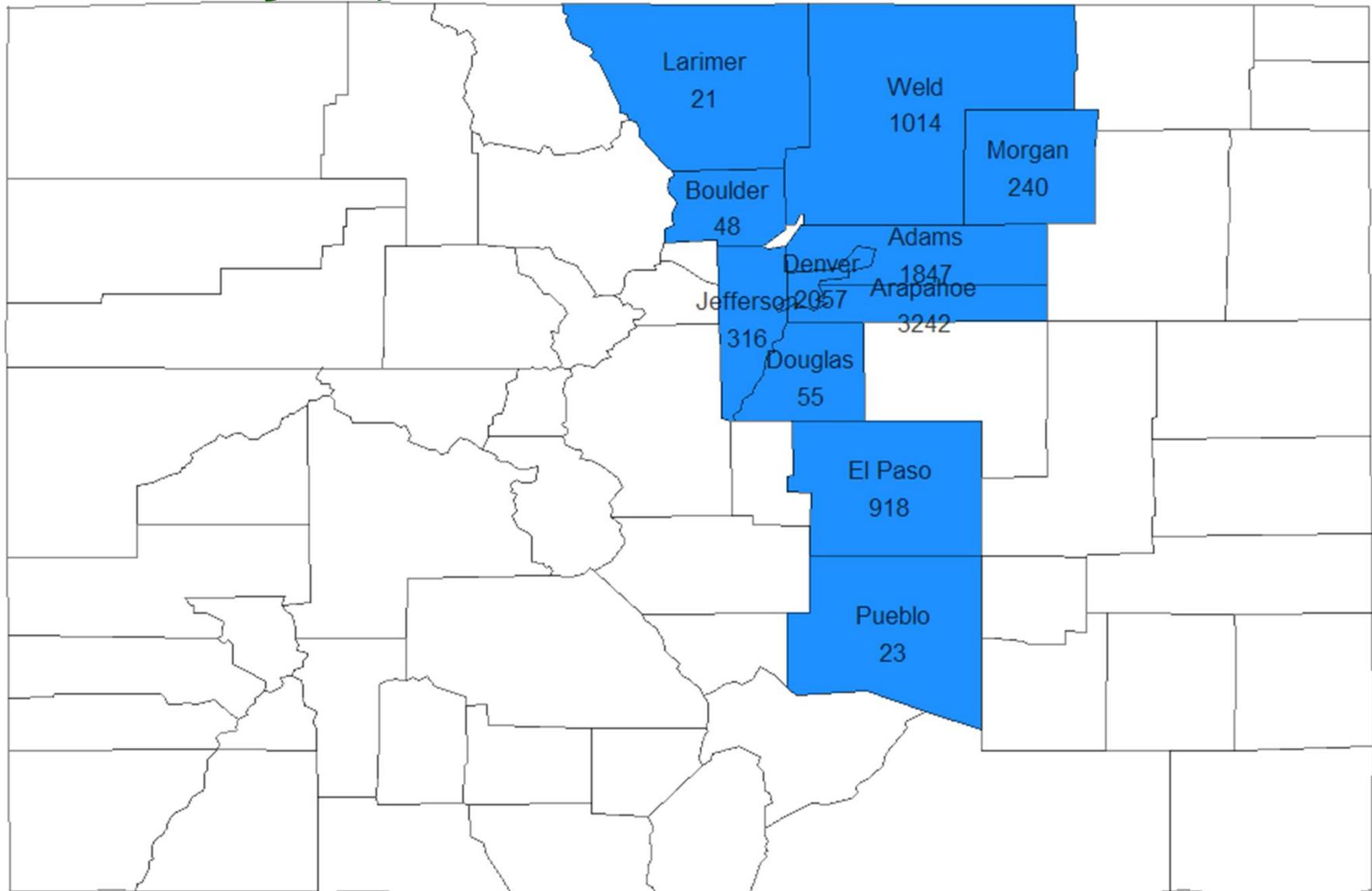
Gender



Age Group at Arrival



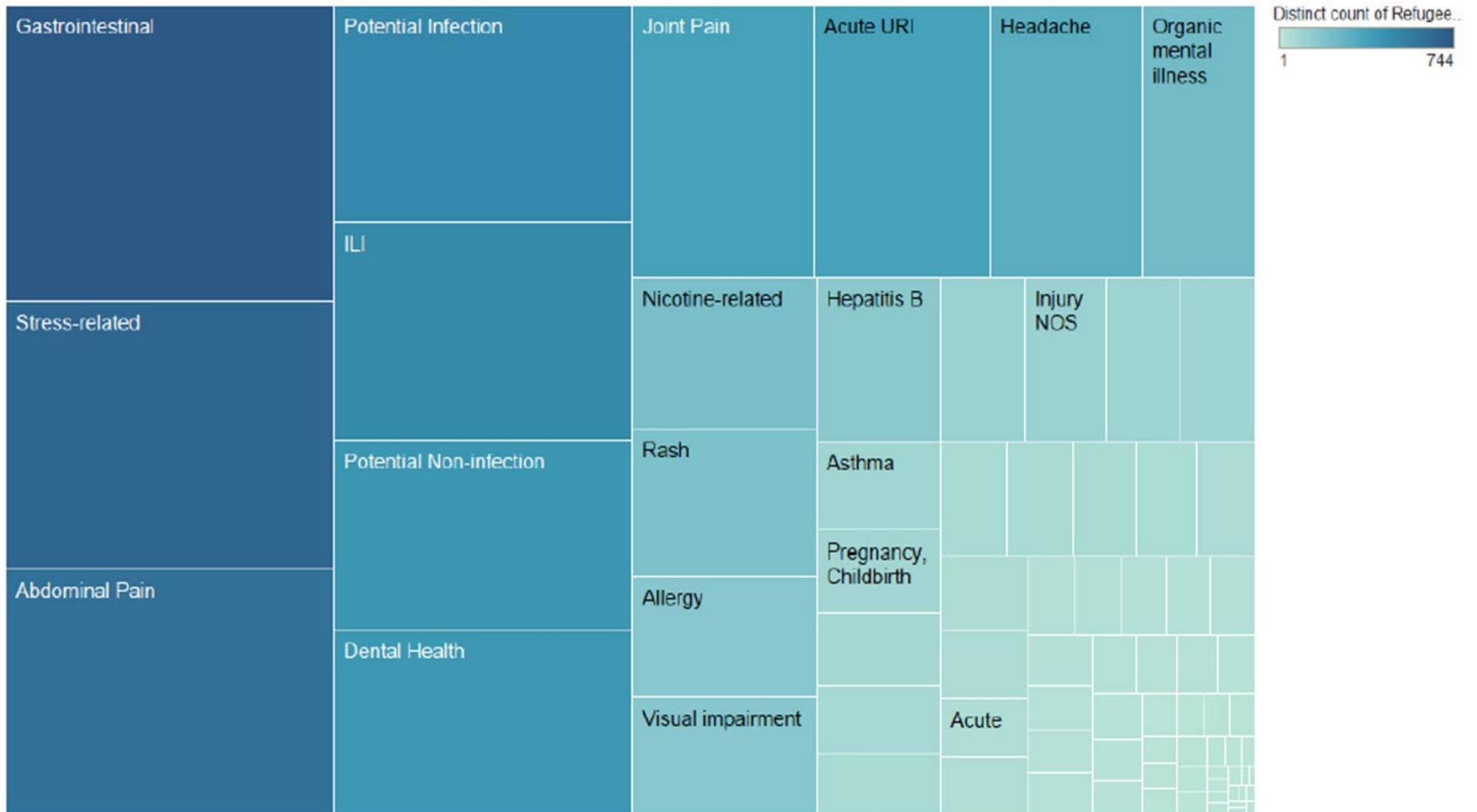
County of Residence at Arrival



Refugee Health Data

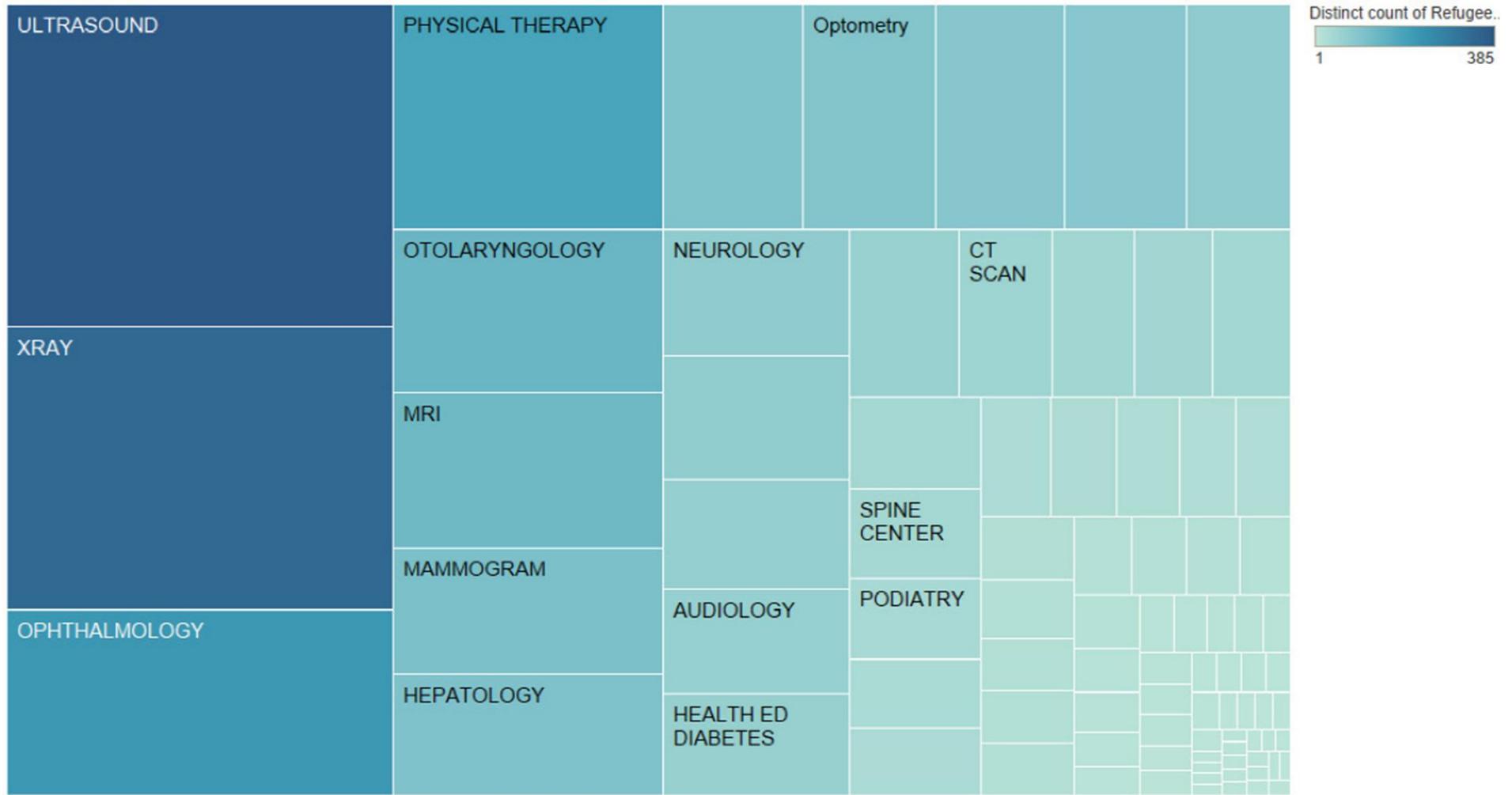
Refugee Health Data - CO - 2014-2019

Diagnosis Codes

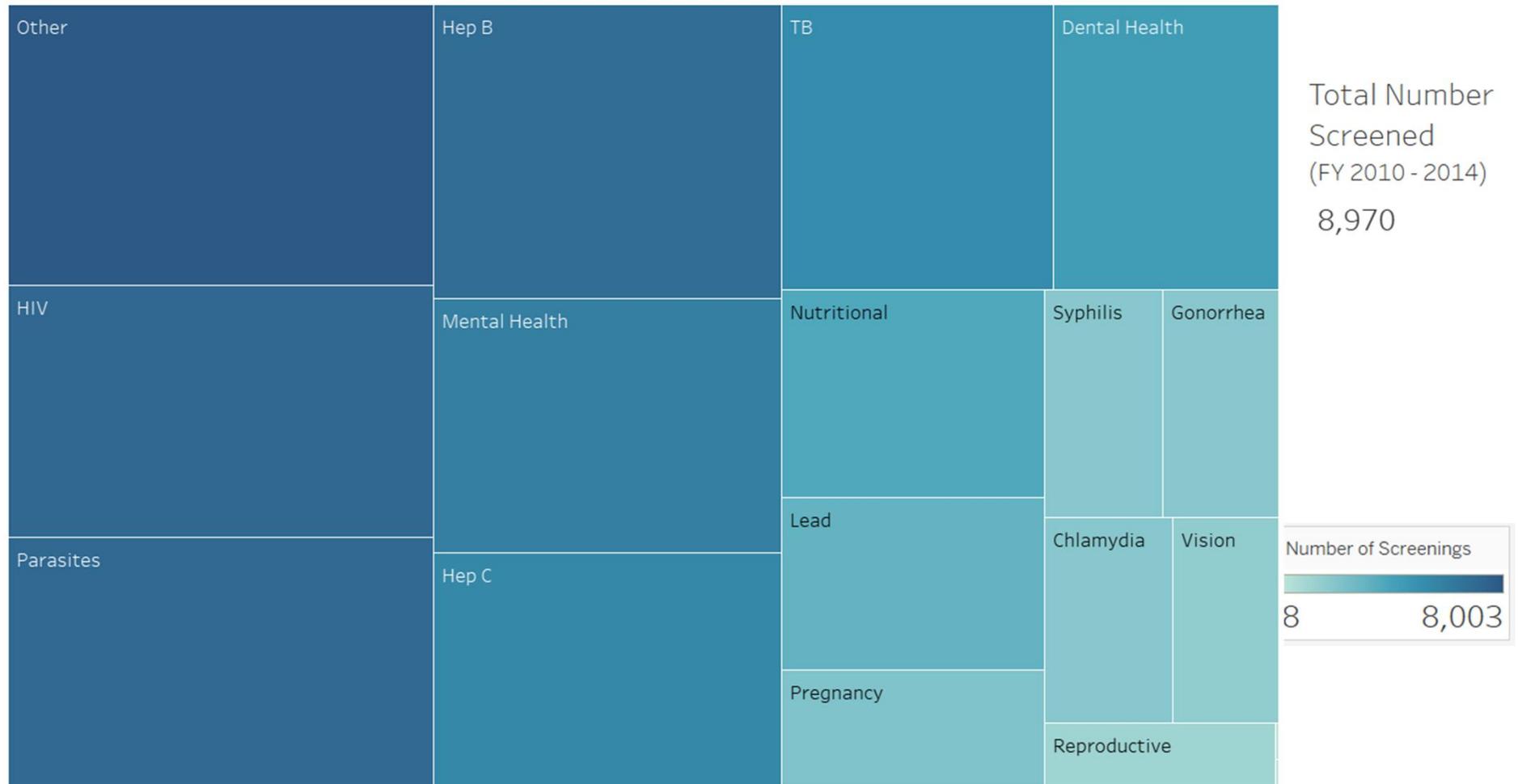


Refugee Health Data - CO - 2014-2019

Specialty Care/Referrals



Types of Screening Conducted



Dashboard for each COE Site

Total Number of Arrivals

unique IDs arrived at COE site (both primary & secondary)

- Cuban/Haitian entrant
- Domestic Asylee
- Overseas Asylee
- Parolee
- Refugee
- SIV
- Unaccompanied refugee minor
- Unknown
- Victim of trafficking



Area graph of number of arrivals overtime with colors representing immigration status.

Filters

Arrival Year

2010

2020

Trimester

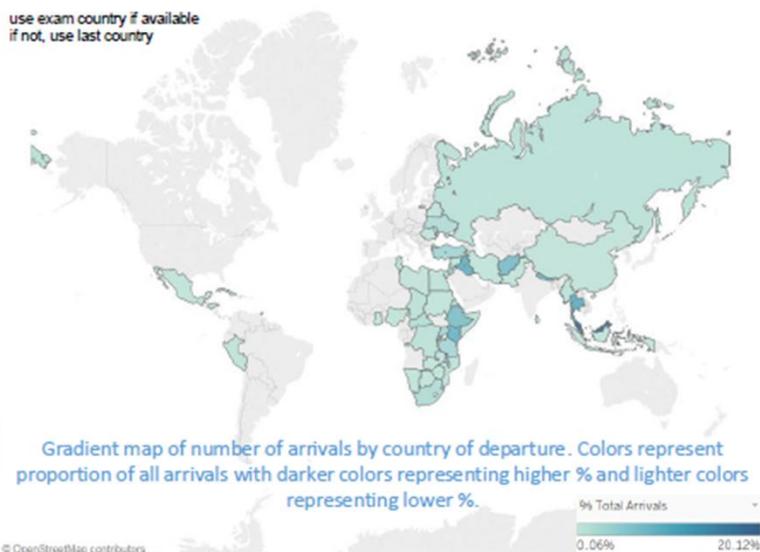
- Trimester 1
- Trimester 2
- Trimester 3

Arrival Status

- Primary
- Secondary
- Unknown

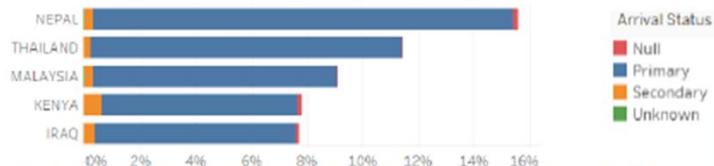
Number of Arrivals by Country of Departure

use exam country if available if not, use last country



Gradient map of number of arrivals by country of departure. Colors represent proportion of all arrivals with darker colors representing higher % and lighter colors representing lower %.

Top 5 Countries with the Highest Number of Arrivals



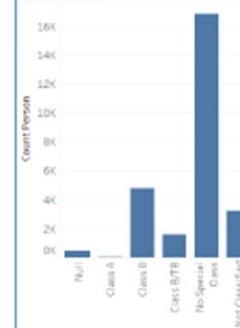
Bar chart of the top five countries with the highest proportion of arrivals. Colors represent arrival status.

Arrivals by Immigration Status

Amerasian	0.01%
CAM	0.00%
Cuban/Haitian entrant	0.04%
Domestic Asylee	3.69%
Overseas Asylee	3.69%
Parolee	2.95%
Refugee	81.61%
SIV	6.79%
Unaccompanied refug..	0.61%
Unknown	0.21%
Victim of trafficking	0.41%

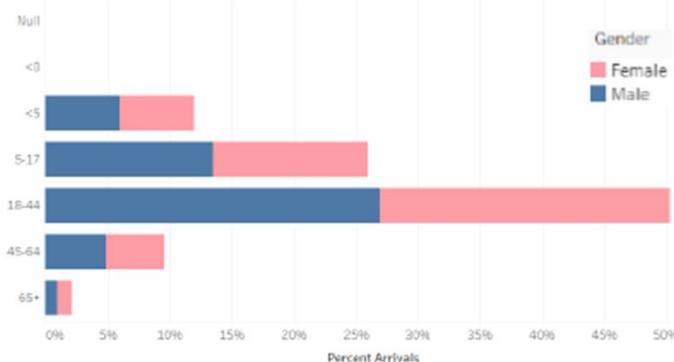
Proportion of arrivals by immigration status

Arrivals by Medical Classification



Proportion of arrivals by medical classification

Arrivals by Age Group and Gender



Dashboard for each COE Site

Total Number of Arrivals

Percent of Arrivals that Completed Refugee Health Screenings

screening is complete if there is screening/appointment date

Screening Rate OverTime



Percent of arrivals that completed refugee health screening (blue line) and percent of those that did not complete screening (red line) overlaying on top of total number of arrivals (green bars) overtime.

Filters

Arrival Year

2010 2020

Trimester

Trimester 1
Trimester 2
Trimester 3

Arrival Status

Primary
Secondary
Unknown

Screening Appointment Status

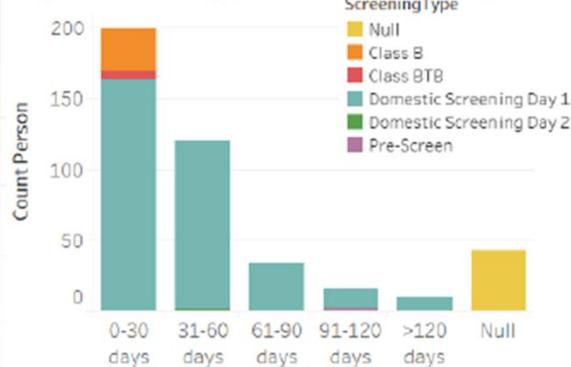
Null
Complete
Incomplete

Screening Type (%)

Chlamydia	19.66%
Dental Health	48.16%
Gonorrhea	19.68%
Hearing	0.09%
Hep B	76.59%
Hep C	60.88%
HIV	80.23%
Lead	34.10%
Malaria	0.07%
Mental Health	97.26%
Nutritional	41.03%
Other	89.48%
Parasites	79.57%
Pregnancy	23.03%
Reproductive	11.10%
Syphilis	20.13%
TB	58.13%
Vision	16.27%

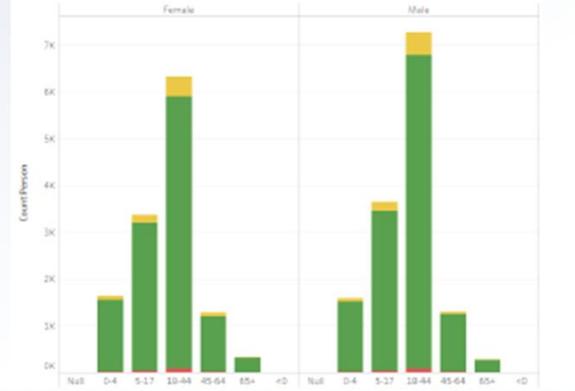
List of conditions that were screened for with % representing the proportion of refugee health screenings that included screening for that condition. Denominator: total number of arrivals that completed a refugee health screening.

Days to Screening (Time from arrival to screening date)



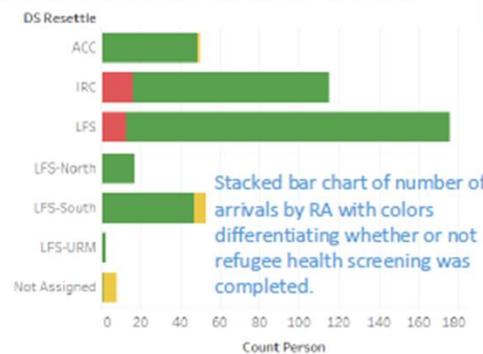
Number of completed screenings by number of days from arrival to completion of screening. Colors represent screening type completed.

Gender and Age by Screening Completion



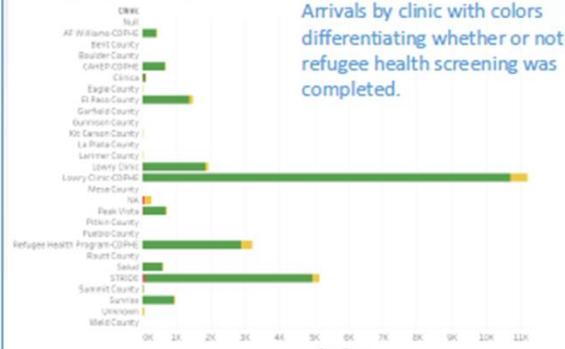
Stacked bar chart of number of arrivals by gender and age group with colors differentiating whether or not refugee health screening was completed.

Screening Completeness by Resettlement Agency



Stacked bar chart of number of arrivals by RA with colors differentiating whether or not refugee health screening was completed.

Screening Completeness by Clinic



Arrivals by clinic with colors differentiating whether or not refugee health screening was completed.

Refugee Integration Survey and Evaluation Results

Refugee Health and Physical Well-Being

- Most refugees visited a doctor for a routine physical exam
- Some refugees don't know how to make an appointment to see a doctor
- Many refugees have health care coverage (insurance, an HMO, or Medicaid)
- Few refugees visit the dentist or a dental clinic for a routine exam

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Doctor visit	71.6%	87.5%	86.4%	74.2%
How to make a doctor's appointment	32.4%	55.3%	51.6%	63.8%
Health care coverage	96.9%	49.7%	58.4%	75.7%
Dental visit	17.8%	11.4%	2.9%	13.2%

Source: The Refugee Integration Survey and Evaluation (RISSE) Report, Colorado Department of Human Services, Colorado Department of Refugee Services



Refugee Health and Resettlement Resources

Association of Refugee Health Coordinators - refugee health publications and resources - <https://refugeehealthcoordinators.wordpress.com/resources/>

CARES Listserv - 900+ users post resources, questions, notifications, job postings, publications/articles - groups.google.com (search "CARESNETWORK" then request to join)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention -Immigrant and Refugee Health - <https://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/index.html>

Colorado Centers of Excellence in Refugee Health - <https://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/centers-of-excellence.html>;
<https://sites.google.com/state.co.us/refugeecoe/>

Colorado Refugee Connect - volunteer matching website
<https://www.corefugeeconnect.org/>

Colorado Refugee Immunization Provider Resource Hub - <https://www.immunizecolorado.org/healthcare-professionals/colorado-refugee-immunization-provider-resource-hub>; <https://www.corefugeeiz.org/>

Colorado Refugee Services Program website - additional statistics and information pertinent to Colorado resettlement -
<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/about-refugees#Reports>

Economic and Fiscal Impact of Refugees in Colorado - impacts of refugee resettlement - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F2Wt0NvSei2nlwH-PC7nTr6MPRbqcxm9/view>

HealthReach - patient education materials - <https://healthreach.nlm.nih.gov/>

Office of Refugee Resettlement - refugee health programs and resources - <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/refugee-health>

Refugee Health Technical Assistance Center - access to care tools and resources - <https://refugeehealthta.org/access-to-care/>

Refugee Integration Survey and Evaluation - five year longitudinal survey (refugee integration)- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oS9Xp9Hw2PGOT-3C3is6pnPPrwtYx0lf/view>

Refugee Processing Center - Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration reports and statistics - <https://www.wrapsnet.org/>

STRIDE Community Health - translated health educational documents - https://stridechc-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/lhart_stridechc_org/EuCe0NH_Actlv5igJWane1YB9XDlRggFVvf4pE8TpHQD6w?e=cBZWRZ

Switchboard - resource hub for refugee employment, education, health and monitoring and evaluation - <https://switchboardta.org/about/>

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - <https://www.unhcr.org/en-us/about-us.html>

U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants - refugee health resources - <https://refugees.org/healthresources>

Refugee Health and Resettlement Resources

Multilingual COVID-19 Materials

CDPHE public health guidance and resources - <https://covid19.colorado.gov/guidance-resources>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - [multi-lingual CDC print resources](#)

Searchable database - [Washington State Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance](#)

Resources for deaf and hard of hearing populations - [University of Rochester Medical Center](#)

Compiled list of resources - [Switchboard](#)

Videos - [Immigrant and Refugee Center of Northern Colorado](#) and [New American Neighbors](#)

