

Refugee Resettlement by the Numbers: FY17 vs. FY18 Arrivals Comparison

October 1 – June 30 timeframe (unless otherwise indicated)

Overall Admissions¹

- Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) refugee admissions level set at 45,000—a historic low.
- **Three-quarters of the way through FY18, the US had only admitted just over 1/3 of this level, resettling 16,230 refugees through June—an almost 70% drop compared to the same FY17 period when 49,255 refugees were resettled.**
- The US is on track to resettle no more than 21-22,000 refugees in FY18—less than half of the 45k ceiling.
- In 2017, global resettlement spots fell by 46% compared to 2016 and there was a 94% gap between resettlement needs and actual spaces in 2017.²

State-by-State Admissions (Oct. 1 – June 30)

FY17: 49,255

FY18: 16,230

Percent Drop: nearly 70%

State	FY17	FY18
Alabama	62	33
Alaska	55	18
Arizona	2,131	747
Arkansas	45	44
California	4,763	965
Colorado	1,072	309
Connecticut	409	100
Delaware	16	11
District of Columbia	2	1
Florida	1,588	424
Georgia	1,767	539
Hawaii	3	0
Idaho	557	263
Illinois	1,563	529
Indiana	975	371
Iowa	587	399
Kansas	559	263

State	FY17	FY18
Kentucky	1,499	601
Louisiana	65	18
Maine	261	51
Maryland	1,007	310
Massachusetts	1,004	324
Michigan	2,368	500
Minnesota	1,495	593
Mississippi	6	2
Missouri	1,158	317
Montana	88	59
Nebraska	1,057	286
Nevada	458	165
New Hampshire	303	122
New Jersey	349	96
New Mexico	147	50
New York	2,826	993
North Carolina	1,766	710

State	FY17	FY18
North Dakota	353	152
Ohio	2,476	1,109
Oklahoma	238	71
Oregon	896	338
Pennsylvania	1,948	680
Rhode Island	190	62
South Carolina	217	90
South Dakota	295	156
Tennessee	982	276
Texas	4,397	1,206
Utah	665	247
Vermont	219	87
Virginia	929	283
Washington	2,545	957
West Virginia	13	1
Wisconsin	881	302
Wyoming ³	0	0

Admissions by Country of Origin

Top 5 Nationalities Resettled in FY17

	Country	% of FY17 Resettlement (entire FY)	% of FY18 Resettlement (Oct-June)	FY17 Arrivals (Oct-June)	FY18 Arrivals (Oct-June)	% change
#1	DRC	17%	31%	8,656	4,998	-42%
#2	Iraq	13%	0.74%	6,580	120	-98%
#3	Syria	12%	0.30%	6,397	49	-99%
#4	Somalia	11%	1.54%	5,685	250	-96%
#5	Myanmar	9%	17%	4,673	2,771	-41%

- **So far in FY18, the top 5 countries for resettlement have shifted to (in order): DRC, Myanmar, Bhutan, Ukraine, and Eritrea.** All of these countries were among the top 10 countries for resettlement in FY17.

Iraqi P-2s: As of August 15, just **48 U.S.-affiliated Iraqis** as the pipeline of those awaiting processing stands at more than 100,000.⁴ By contrast, last year, the U.S. admitted over 3,000 U.S.-affiliated Iraqis through the direct access program created by Congress.

¹ <http://ireports.wrapsnet.org>

² <https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/5b28a7df4.pdf>

³ Does not have a refugee resettlement program.

⁴ <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-refugees-iraq-exclusi/exclusive-pentagon-raises-alarm-about-sharp-drop-in-iraqi-refugees-coming-to-u-s-idUSKCN1L51N9>

Arrivals from 11 Countries Requiring Additional Security Clearances⁵

- In the first 9 months of FY18, just 3% of all refugee arrivals have come from these 11 countries, compared to 44% in FY16 & FY17.
- Certain demographic profiles from these 11 countries require automatic additional security clearances known as Security Advisory Opinions (SAOs). SAOs are an additional security mechanism to screen refugees through a multi-agency process above and beyond the security vetting all refugees are subject to.⁶
- The Administration's October 24 Executive Order introduced increased information and vetting requirements for all refugees and paused resettlement from these 11 countries for 90 days pending further security reviews. It also expanded automatic SAO clearance requirements for these 11 countries to include female refugees and younger refugees, ages 14- and 15-years old.

Country	FY17 (Oct-June)	FY18 (Oct-June)	% change
Egypt	9	1	-89%
Iran	2,379	32	-99%
Iraq	6,580	120	-98%
Libya	3	1	-67%
Mali	6	0	-100%
North Korea	12	3	-75%
Palestine	66	0	-100%
Somalia	5,685	250	-96%
South Sudan	162	11	-93%
Sudan	886	56	-94%
Syria	6397	49	-99%
Yemen	21	0	-100%
Total	22,206	523	-98%

Arrivals of Key Religious and Ethnic Groups

- No religious or ethnic group has been spared by the drop in arrivals in FY18.
- In FY17 Muslim refugees made up 43% of all arrivals and Christians made up 47%. So far in FY18, Muslim refugees make up 16% of refugee arrivals and Christians 67%.

Religious or ethnic group	FY17 (Oct-June)	FY18 (Oct-June)	% change
Muslim	21,674	2,550	-88%
Christian	22,573	10,950	-51%
Iraqi Yezidis	410	5	-99%
Syrian Yezidis	26	0	-100%
Yezidis total	436	5	-99%
Rohingya ⁷	1,009	575	-43%

Arrivals by Key Processing Countries

- The U.S. has often leveraged its commitment to resettle a small percentage of the most vulnerable refugees to encourage major refugee-hosting countries to continue supporting refugee populations and to secure refugee-friendly policies like access to jobs, education and other critical services.
- In the first nine months in FY18, refugee admissions from critical allies hosting more than their fair share has plummeted:
 - In **Jordan**, where 1 in 14 persons is a refugee, majority Syrian, just 41 refugees have been resettled through June. By contrast, in FY17, the US resettled more than 3,800 refugees from Jordan.
 - In **Kenya**, home to the world's largest refugee camp for more than 2 decades, just 606 refugees have been resettled compared to more than 5,000 last year.

Processing Country	FY18 (Oct-June)
Jordan	41
Lebanon	26
Turkey	131
Kenya	606

Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Recipient Admissions

- In the first 9 months of FY18, Iraqi and Afghan SIV arrivals have dropped almost 40% compared to the same period last year.
- In recent months, SIV arrivals have steadily declined without explanation—there were just 271 SIV arrivals in the month of June—a stark drop compared to the monthly FY17 average of over 1,700 SIV arrivals.

Country	FY17 (Oct-June)	FY18 (Oct-June)	% change
Afghanistan	13,391	8,795	-34%
Iraq	1,968	471	-76%
Total	15,359	9,266	-40%

Iraqi and Afghan SIV Monthly Arrivals

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
FY17	1,694	1,824	1,574	1,845	2,097	1,900	1,155	1,671	1,599	15,359
FY18	1,934	2,113	1,052	1,225	1,030	555	605	481	271	9,266

⁵ Note: the tables below just include the 11 nationalities requiring automatic additional security checks (known as Security Advisory Opinions) for all refugees ages 14-50 (inclusive). Refugees from other nationalities may be subject to discretionary SAO checks.

⁶ <http://www.rcusa.org/blog/security-advisory-opinion-fact-sheet>

⁷ As reported in WRAPS under ethnicity.