



# **Immigrants & Refugees from the world → Columbus, OH**

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# Definitions

## **Refugee:**

“Persons who are outside their country of origin for reasons of feared persucution, conflict, generalized violance, or other circumstances that have seriously disturbed public order, and as a result, require international protection”

## **Migrant:**

“Some who changes their country of usual residence, irrespective of the reason for migration or legal status”

“A person who moves away from his or her place of usual residence, whether within a country or across an international border, temporarily or permanently, for a variety of reasons”

## **Asylum Seeker:**

“Someone also seeking international protection (like a refugee) from dangers in his or her country, but whose claim for refugee status has not been deterined legally”

[CFR Definition Video \(stop at 1:30\).](#)

# Definitions

## **Immigrant:**

“Someone who makes a conscious decision to leave his or her home and move to a foreign country with the intention of settling there”

This country of residence usually becomes their new home- many reasons people move- in search for a better life, jobs, economic reasons, family...

# World Facts

- **12.8 MILLION** people are refugees from Afghanistan or Syria
- **43 MILLION** people are refugees globally
- **Oct 8: 250,000** people have fled Lebanon to Syria due to airstrikes.
- **Nigerian flooding** caused **640,000** displaced and **200** plus deaths

**Other: Bangladesh flooding, mpox outbreak in Africa, Yemen (Sa'ada) flooded.**

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**Refugee State Department Data**

Department of State  
 Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration  
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Cumulative Summary of Refugee Admissions

Regions (Based on the Nationality of the Principal Applicant)

Fiscal Year	Africa	Asia	Europe Central Asia	Former Soviet Union	Kosovo	Latin America Caribbean	Near East South Asia	PSI	Total
1975	0	135,000	1,947	6,211	0	3,000	0	0	146,158
1976	0	15,000	1,756	7,450	0	3,000	0	0	27,206
1977	0	7,000	1,755	8,191	0	3,000	0	0	19,946
1978	0	20,574	2,245	10,688	0	3,000	0	0	36,507
1979	0	76,521	3,393	24,449	0	7,000	0	0	111,363
1980	955	163,799	5,025	28,444	0	6,662	2,231	0	207,116
1981	2,119	131,139	6,704	13,444	0	2,017	3,829	0	159,252
1982	3,412	73,755	11,109	2,760	0	580	6,480	0	98,096
1983	2,645	39,245	11,867	1,342	0	691	5,428	0	61,218
1984	2,749	51,978	10,096	721	0	150	4,699	0	70,393
1985	1,951	49,962	9,233	623	0	151	5,784	0	67,704
1986	1,322	45,482	8,503	799	0	131	5,909	0	62,146
1987	1,990	40,099	8,396	3,699	0	323	10,021	0	64,528
1988	1,593	35,371	7,510	20,411	0	2,497	8,368	733	76,483
1989- Fleeing Communism	1,902	45,722 *	8,752	39,602	0	2,604	6,938	1,550	107,070
1990- Immigrant Act of 1990	3,453	51,598 *	6,094	50,628	0	2,305	4,979	3,009	122,066
1991	4,420	53,522 *	6,837	39,226	0	2,253	5,342	1,789	113,389
1992	5,470	51,899 *	2,915	61,397	0	3,065	6,903	882	132,531
1993	6,967	49,817 *	2,582	48,773	0	4,071	6,987	251	119,448
1994	5,860	43,564 *	7,707	43,854	0	6,156	5,840	0	112,981
1995	4,827	36,987 *	10,070	35,951	0	7,629	4,510	0	99,974
1996	7,604	19,321 *	12,145	29,816	0	3,550	3,967	0	76,403

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1997	6,065	8,594*	21,401	27,331	0	2,996	4,101	0	70,488
1998	6,887	10,854*	30,842	23,557	0	1,627	3,313	0	77,080
1999	13,043	10,206*	24,497	17,410	14,161	2,110	4,098	0	85,525
2000	17,561	4,561*	22,561	15,103	0	3,232	10,129	0	73,147
2001	19,020	4,163*	15,794	15,978	0	2,975	11,956	0	69,886
2002	2,551	3,512*	5,459	9,969	0	1,934	3,706	0	27,131
2003	10,714	1,724*	2,506	8,744	0	455	4,260	0	28,403
2004	29,104	8,084*	9,254	0	0	3,577	2,854	0	52,873
2005	20,745	12,076*	11,316	0	0	6,699	2,977	0	53,813
2006	18,126	5,659*	10,456	0	0	3,264	3,718	0	41,223
2007	17,483	15,643*	4,560	0	0	2,976	7,620	0	48,282
2008	8,935	19,489*	2,343	0	0	4,277	25,147	0	60,191
2009	9,670	19,850*	1,997	0	0	4,857	38,280	0	74,654
2010	13,305	17,716*	1,526	0	0	4,982	35,782	0	73,311
2011	7,685	17,367*	1,228	0	0	2,976	27,168	0	56,424
2012	10,608	14,366*	1,129	0	0	2,078	30,057	0	58,238
2013	15,980	16,537*	580	0	0	4,439	32,390	0	69,926
2014	17,476	14,784*	959	0	0	4,318	32,450	0	69,987
2015	22,472	18,469*	2,363	0	0	2,050	24,579	0	69,933
2016	31,624	12,518*	3,957	0	0	1,340	35,555	0	84,994
2017	20,232	5,173*	5,205	0	0	1,688	21,418	0	53,716
2018	10,582	3,671*	3,612	0	0	959	3,848	0	22,672
2019	16,366	5,030	4,994	0	0	809	2,801	0	30,000
2020	4,160	2,129	2,578	0	0	948	1,999	0	11,814
2021	6,219	776	983	0	0	400	3,033	0	11,411
2022	11,358	2,215	2,351	0	0	2,485	7,056	0	25,465
2023	24,481	6,262	2,765	0	0	6,312	20,194	0	60,014
2024	34,017	7,540	3,180	0	0	25,358	29,939	0	100,034
Total	485,708	1,506,323	347,037	596,571	14,161	165,956	528,643	8,214	3,652,613

\* Includes Amerasian Immigrants

Based on the terms of a settlement in *Doe et al. v. Trump et al.*, No. 17-0178 (W.D. Wash), certain refugee applicants that arrive in FY 2020 and any future fiscal years are counted toward the FY 2018 refugee admissions ceiling.

# 2024

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Country of Chargeability	Refugee Admissions Ceiling	FY Total Admitted to the U.S.	Refugee Admissions by Month											
			OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
<b>Fiscal Year 2024</b>														
<b>Africa</b>	<b>30,000 - 50,000</b>													
Eritrea		2,411	110	132	102	190	201	228	293	288	70	106	188	503
Mauritania		3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger		8	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Togo		2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Republic of South Sudan		1,322	102	137	107	144	120	103	86	127	121	46	45	184
Mali		188	0	18	13	70	37	26	0	3	11	0	5	5
Guinea - Bissau		1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberia		36	0	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	20	8	2
Senegal		92	2	5	7	28	3	15	3	1	2	0	1	25
Chad		10	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	4	0	0
Angola		2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
The Gambia		16	0	0	0	0	0	8	6	0	0	0	0	2
Sierra Leone		6	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Africa		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Uganda		54	4	3	20	6	6	1	0	1	0	1	4	8
Burundi		590	57	17	10	37	96	97	111	37	17	15	35	61
Ivory Coast		74	1	14	18	24	5	0	0	4	4	4	0	0
Zimbabwe		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tanzania		6	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Djibouti		3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Somalia		4,801	232	234	304	187	326	317	548	635	404	364	389	861
Cameroon		125	0	20	12	38	18	9	0	9	1	3	0	15
Sudan		2,184	92	163	171	146	298	197	158	200	121	208	150	280
Rwanda		226	23	8	3	22	23	44	74	10	0	0	15	4
Nigeria		112	0	0	9	26	42	9	17	0	4	0	0	5
Kenya		11	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	5	0	0
Ethiopia		504	35	23	31	35	107	22	36	43	11	26	11	124
Central African Republic		864	10	29	40	101	215	170	100	35	25	49	23	67
Burkina Faso (U Volta)		4	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dem. Rep. Congo		19,923	1,920	1,884	1,909	1695	2373	1993	1548	1290	618	894	1,503	2,296

Congo		353	1	0	1	93	53	96	67	27	0	0	14	1
Guinea		84	5	16	13	29	10	3	3	3	0	0	0	2
<b>Total Africa</b>		<b>34,017</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>2,713</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>2,882</b>	<b>3,946</b>	<b>3,344</b>	<b>3,056</b>	<b>2,715</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>4,446</b>
<b>East Asia</b>	<b>10,000 - 20,000</b>													
Korea, Republic of South		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Vietnam		120	25	28	7	12	11	4	1	1	14	5	5	7
China		8	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	1
Indonesia		4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Cambodia		60	3	1	0	1	17	13	1	1	18	0	1	4
Burma		7,347	309	606	393	765	826	765	601	389	381	341	516	1,455
<b>Total East Asia</b>		<b>7,540</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>1,467</b>
<b>Europe and Central Asia</b>	<b>2,000 - 3,500</b>													
Uzbekistan		55	0	18	12	8	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	9
Kazakhstan		111	58	14	6	9	17	5	0	0	0	0	0	2
Germany		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Norway		1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden		3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia		34	0	11	13	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkmenistan		8	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	3	0
Azerbaijan		11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Ukraine		1,448	109	168	167	181	100	85	223	191	40	49	34	101
Russia		349	18	16	25	70	55	64	37	9	2	0	41	12
Moldova		368	113	47	45	20	53	14	8	5	17	13	27	6
Armenia		320	71	9	0	13	22	13	56	23	14	21	15	63
Kyrgyzstan		80	24	15	0	14	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	20
Belarus		391	26	24	24	48	56	45	18	44	11	13	39	43
<b>Total Europe and Central Asia</b>		<b>3,180</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>267</b>
<b>Latin America/Caribbean</b>	<b>35,000 - 50,000</b>													
Canada		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Guyana		4	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peru		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Venezuela		12,878	357	228	214	475	1230	563	449	937	1163	1299	2,310	3,653
Cuba		258	22	17	10	6	21	12	1	10	33	29	39	58
Brazil		3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nicaragua		3,299	122	160	142	216	146	153	139	584	259	419	436	523
Jamaica		17	4	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1

Honduras		905	71	52	72	175	136	51	39	53	82	29	69	76
El Salvador		1,332	106	150	115	118	205	100	81	62	62	94	97	142
<b>Guatemala</b>		5,017	217	247	321	540	595	300	254	443	336	412	655	697
Colombia		1,382	131	117	35	102	300	37	38	112	96	92	183	139
Costa Rica		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Haiti		260	26	26	13	1	17	33	14	30	30	24	16	30
<b>Total Latin America/Caribbean</b>		<b>25,358</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>1,640</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>2,233</b>	<b>2,061</b>	<b>2,399</b>	<b>3,807</b>	<b>5,319</b>
<b>Near East/South Asia</b>	<b>30,000 - 45,000</b>													
Egypt		4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Nepal		8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3
Iran		472	53	60	45	17	30	29	44	39	22	60	42	31
Iraq		2,282	137	199	114	227	86	82	77	200	181	225	372	382
Pakistan		856	59	66	117	157	82	76	48	32	67	32	44	76
Palestine		31	6	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	14
Jordan		9	0	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Syria</b>		11,274	1,907	1,359	1,215	1356	981	594	369	450	422	341	695	1,585
India		7	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Afghanistan</b>		14,708	751	1,080	1,071	1723	1299	1037	812	1111	1096	1199	1,460	2,069
Turkey		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sri Lanka (Ceylon)		12	0	1	1	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Lebanon		6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Tunisia		2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yemen		203	36	13	8	22	8	8	8	6	0	6	14	74
Libya		49	0	0	0	9	0	3	1	20	0	0	9	7
Bangladesh		2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Algeria		13	0	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	4	1	0
<b>Total Near East/South Asia</b>		<b>29,939</b>	<b>2,952</b>	<b>2,790</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>3,525</b>	<b>2,490</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>1,789</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>4,244</b>
<b>Unallocated Reserve</b>	<b>0</b>													
			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Unallocated Reserve</b>														
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>100,034</b>	<b>7,361</b>	<b>7,468</b>	<b>6,968</b>	<b>9,198</b>	<b>10,251</b>	<b>7,439</b>	<b>6,388</b>	<b>7,477</b>	<b>5,761</b>	<b>6,458</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>15,743</b>

# 2001

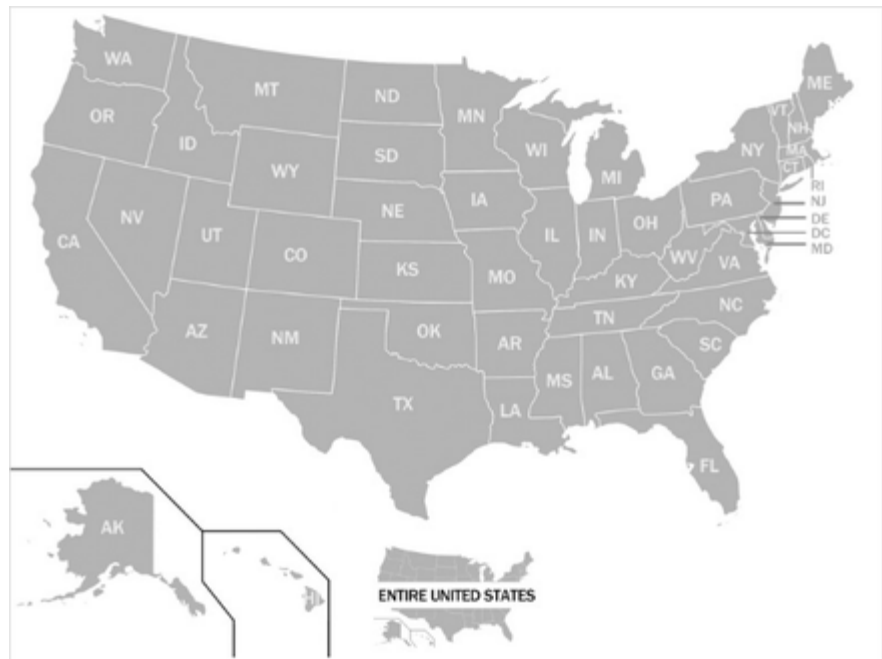
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<b>Fiscal Year 2001</b>														
<b>Africa</b>	<b>20,000</b>													
Angola		34	0	0	0	7	0	16	0	0	1	0	1	9
Central African Republic		1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congo		10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	4
Dem. Rep. Congo		264	0	2	35	26	0	7	55	33	33	21	7	45
Gambia		5	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Somalia		4,946	127	473	398	506	582	504	288	356	204	608	397	503
Rwanda		84	0	5	2	4	0	10	10	15	18	7	3	10
Zimbabwe		6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Burundi		109	0	1	2	1	5	11	0	5	5	55	0	24
Ghana		4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Liberia		3,442	314	356	98	12	743	401	96	143	277	325	243	434
Reunion		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Senegal		4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Uganda		12	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Djibouti		12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	9
Kenya		6	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Nigeria		85	0	0	2	1	7	1	1	1	54	2	15	1
Sudan		5,944	89	291	717	392	432	436	559	567	684	351	671	755
Mauritania		202	0	6	188	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Namibia		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tanzania		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cameroon		5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1
Eritrea		114	0	2	1	16	12	18	3	2	6	22	22	10
Ethiopia		1,457	24	78	90	232	228	158	136	104	81	118	66	142
Ivory Coast		1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Togo		279	6	1	9	0	39	84	11	15	58	16	24	16
Chad		7	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Sierra Leone		1,984	685	60	144	21	76	124	28	207	7	37	116	479
<b>Total Africa</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>19,020</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>2,142</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>1,572</b>	<b>2,442</b>

<b>East Asia</b>	<b>6,000</b>														
Vietnam		3,546	121	184	261	228	309	388	248	274	207	240	342	744	
Indonesia		4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	
China		15	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	2	3	0	4	0	
Malaysia		5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	
Thailand		3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Burma		544	25	56	53	54	86	68	54	40	37	12	33	26	
Cambodia		23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	9	
Laos		23	7	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total East Asia</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>4,163</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>779</b>	
<b>Europe and Central Asia</b>	<b>20,000</b>														
Poland		4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	
Greece		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
Slovenia		2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bosnia and Herzegovina		13,827	822	902	679	839	976	917	1075	1402	1610	1945	1,398	1,262	
Montenegro		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Serbia		1,795	12	8	384	14	211	102	2	14	102	109	492	345	
Yugoslavia		54	5	8	0	12	8	1	7	2	0	1	5	5	
Croatia		104	2	1	21	0	12	4	2	0	0	5	24	33	
Macedonia		2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Albania		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	
<b>Total Europe and Central Asia</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>15,794</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>1,418</b>	<b>1,714</b>	<b>2,063</b>	<b>1,922</b>	<b>1,645</b>	
<b>Former Soviet Union</b>	<b>17,000</b>														
Turkmenistan		7	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
Armenia		26	3	0	3	0	0	10	0	0	0	5	5	0	
Belarus		984	112	114	97	106	120	105	16	62	36	86	64	66	
Moldova		1,199	127	133	73	49	115	111	72	105	54	37	83	240	
Ukraine		7,313	649	973	438	556	714	839	512	481	540	473	550	588	
Uzbekistan		693	103	90	52	41	67	83	19	22	44	67	68	37	
Kyrgyzstan		116	7	16	19	10	15	9	6	9	5	2	14	4	
Lithuania		44	10	5	5	2	2	0	0	4	4	2	10	0	
Georgia		51	8	4	4	6	8	4	3	0	3	4	4	3	
Tajikistan		8	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics		10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	
Russia		4,596	466	571	284	394	527	488	230	279	306	343	360	348	
Estonia		58	4	18	0	0	7	0	7	2	1	7	3	9	

Azerbaijan		450	50	82	11	39	53	64	18	9	25	20	45	34
Kazakhstan		290	10	37	27	20	31	19	43	20	9	44	12	18
Latvia		133	23	10	12	5	13	9	5	30	0	13	5	8
<b>Total Former Soviet Union</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>15,978</b>	<b>1,572</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>1,223</b>	<b>1,355</b>
<b>Latin America/Caribbean</b>	<b>3,000</b>													
Cuba		2,946	101	250	152	148	243	239	262	439	352	372	214	174
Argentina		5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Haiti		24	1	0	10	3	0	4	1	1	0	0	3	1
<b>Total Latin America/Caribbean</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>2,975</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Near East/South Asia</b>	<b>10,000</b>													
Lebanon		5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Morocco		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Syria		8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Tunisia		10	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Iran		6,461	295	530	407	421	607	480	460	868	651	560	578	604
Iraq		2,465	63	245	63	96	370	227	100	241	212	201	133	514
Pakistan		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Algeria		31	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	6	2
Sri Lanka (Ceylon)		2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Egypt		24	0	0	0	0	9	1	0	5	1	1	0	7
Afghanistan		2,930	76	46	114	195	350	171	28	53	191	205	778	723
Yemen		7	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bahrain		3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Libya		5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Near East/South Asia</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>11,956</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>1,864</b>
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>69,886</b>	<b>4,358</b>	<b>5,581</b>	<b>4,869</b>	<b>4,467</b>	<b>7,025</b>	<b>6,117</b>	<b>4,369</b>	<b>5,856</b>	<b>5,829</b>	<b>6,342</b>	<b>6,813</b>	<b>8,260</b>

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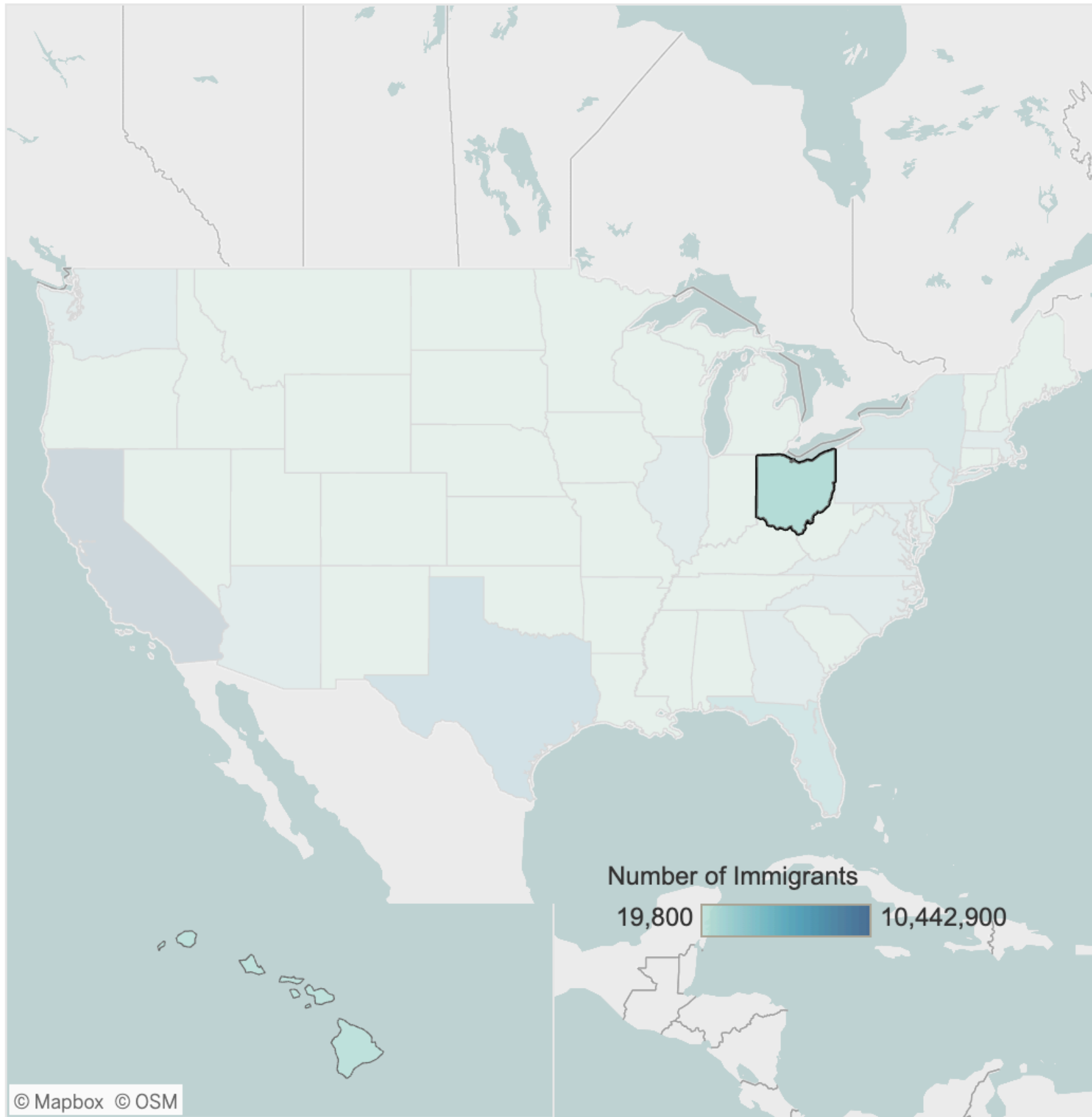


**State Demographics Data - OH**

Get up-to-date Census data on immigrants in the United States with the Migration Policy Institute's State Immigration Data Profile tool—population size, location, country of birth, language and education,...

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**U.S. Immigrant Population by State and County, 2018-2022**



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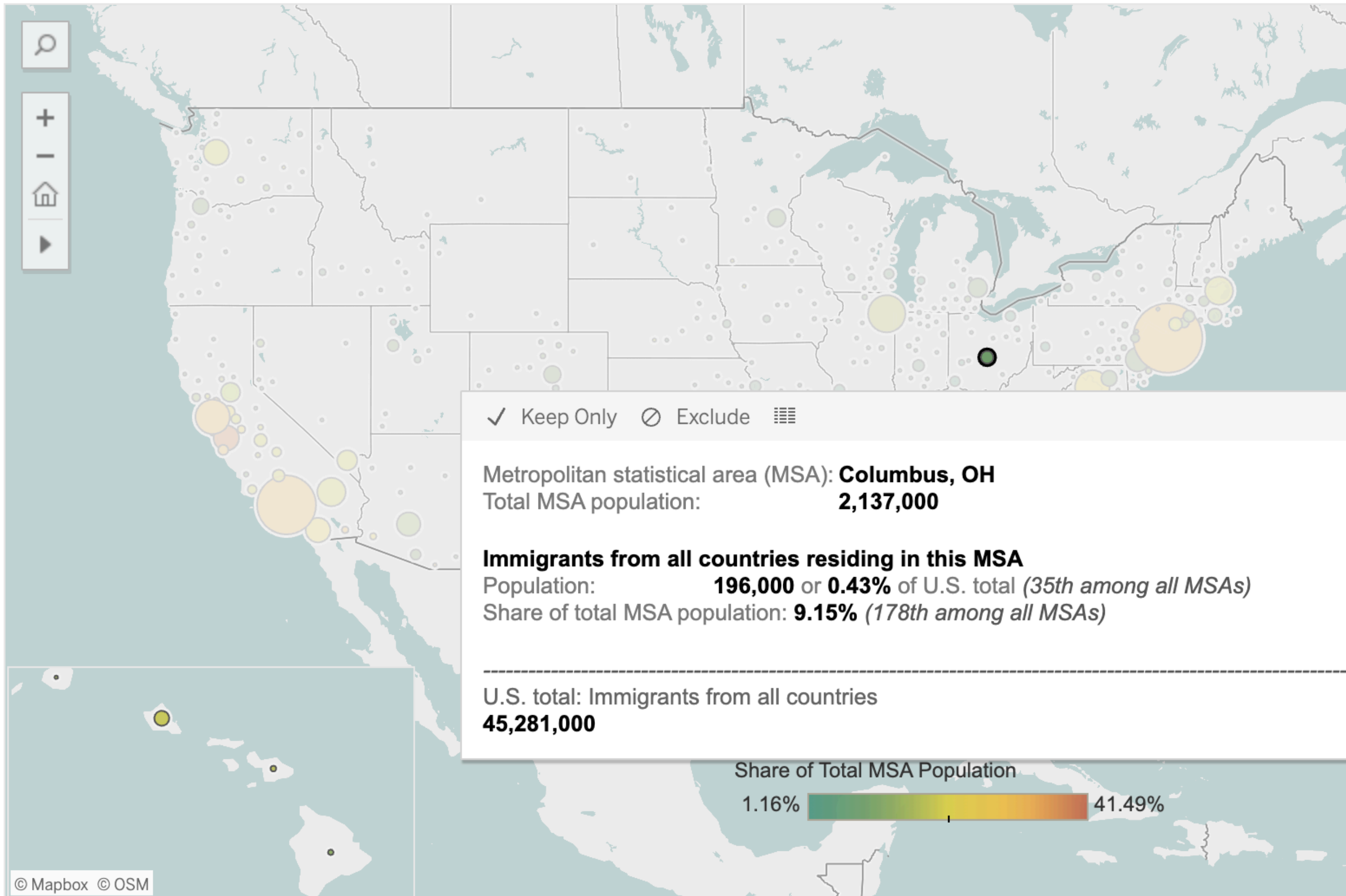
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**Total immigrant population  
from all countries  
in the United States:  
45,280,700**

**Top Counties**

Franklin County, Ohio	158,800
Cuyahoga County, Ohio	95,100
Hamilton County, Ohio	49,000
Summit County, Ohio	29,800
Butler County, Ohio	27,900
Montgomery County, Ohio	26,800
Warren County, Ohio	19,300
Delaware County, Ohio	18,300
Lucas County, Ohio	15,900
Lake County, Ohio	12,600
Lorain County, Ohio	8,800
Stark County, Ohio	8,300
Greene County, Ohio	7,700
Licking County, Ohio	6,800
Fairfield County, Ohio	6,500

# U.S. Immigrant Population by Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), 2018-2022



**Columbus,  
OH**

# Recent News

## SEPTEMBER

City of Columbus announced a Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

“The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Shelter and Services Program has awarded the city a \$6.6 million grant to provide shelter for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers”

Community Briefing- Immigrants Make Columbus

Thoughts?

What do **YOU** want to  
see from this committee  
/ what policies should be  
implemented in  
Columbus

# Columbus Now

From August to September 2024 the refugees commonly entering Columbus, OH were/ are people displaced from Venezuela, Afghanistan, and Congo-  
However Somalian numbers have been growing as well.

# Main Groups Coming to Columbus

- Afghans
  - “In 1979, the Soviet Union (now Russia) invaded Afghanistan, causing thousands of citizens to leave their homes and become internally Displaced Persons”
  - Some leave now due to family settled, links to the US (such as serving for US military), or on Special Immigration Visas.
  - Now: Extreme weather conditions, food insecurity, abuse towards women and men, and ongoing crisis since Afghan-Soviet war and Afghanistan war.

# Main Groups Coming to Columbus

- Bhutan (Bhutanese-Nepali):
  - “The Lhotshampa (most refugees), Lhostampa was targeted during an ethnic cleansing in the 1980's by a ruling ethnic groups, Druk. In 1990, protests for democracy led to arrest and torture of activists and the Bhutanese gov't expelled all Lhotsampas for Bhutan”
    - Some have spent years or decades in refugee camps in Nepal

# Main Groups Coming to Columbus

- Burmese (Burma/ Myanmar)
  - “Since 1989, this country has suffered a civil war for decades and the gov’t is a military dictatorship.”
  - August 2017: Massive scale violence against Rohingyans broke out. Forcing more than 742,000 people (half children) to see refuge in Bangladesh.
    - Entire villages burned to the ground, thousands of families killed/ separated...
  - 2021 military coup/ attacks on Rohingya community by Junta and Rebel Arakan Army.

# Main Groups Coming to Columbus

- DR of Congo (Congolese)
  - Rebel groups fill spaces by national armies and seek to obtain mineral wealth.
    - Since 2017, in Eastern DRC, rebel groups have attacked 9,313 civilians, kidnapped 5,297, and killed at least 3,867/ millions displaced”
  - 2022
    - Spike in violence in Eastern provinces of Inure, North Kivu and South Kivu- Over 6.2 million displaced and 1 million have sought asylum in Africa.
  - Oct 2023
    - Ongoing fighting between Congolese army and non-state armed groups in eastern DRC- displaces populations in South/ North Kivu

# Main Groups Coming to Columbus

- Ethiopians (Ethiopia)
  - Hosts Internatly Displaced People and Asylum Seekers (close to one million) from South Sudan, Somalia, and Eritrea.
  - Tigray Region
    - Amhara and Afar regions armed conflict broke out Nov of 2020. Federal gov't vs regional forces. Since 1994 Ethiopia has had a federal system in which different ethnic groups control the affairs of 10 regions.

# Main Groups Coming to Columbus

- Eritrean (Eritrea)
  - The country was established in 1993, no democratic elections were held and the gov't remained under the power of only one political party- the People's Front for Democracy and Justice.
  - Now- Required indefinite national service with little pay as well as persucution of miniority religions, such as Pentecostal.
  - One-man dictatorship- gained independence in 1993 and in 2001 Isaias closed all indpendent newspapers and arrested journalists. Lots of forced labor and continious human rights abuses.

# Main Groups Coming to Columbus

- Iraqi (Iraq)
  - Since 2003 invasion US, violence has been brought by Islamic State terror attacks- 2014-2017 millions were displaced.
  - 2014- Escalation surged when ISIS launched attacks in northern Iraq.
  - Armed groups and small scale military operations continue to carry out unpredictable attacks throughout the country
  - 5th most vulnerable country to climate change and global warming

# Main Groups Coming to Columbus

- Somalia
  - 1990s
    - Somalia was in a civil war between Mahdi and Aidid factions- destroyed Somali agriculture- leading to starvation and death. Absence of central gov't= failed state.
    - 1993- Battle of Mogadishu
  - Feb 2023- Clashed around city of Laascaanood caused increasing internal displacement.
  - Horn of Africa is facing severe drought- worst in 40 years
  - Refugees from Somalia have been living in refugee camps for 30 years.

# Main Groups Coming to Columbus

- Ugandan (Uganda)
  - The current president, Yoweri Museveni, has held power for 30 years. Citizens rights are continuously violated with police open firing on peaceful protests.
    - Attacks on civil society groups
    - Sexual Harassment in workplace
  - Ugandan members of LGBTQ+ community are discriminated against by law.
    - May 26- President Museveni signed a bill into law criminalizing same-sex conduct, also a crime of “promotion of homosexuality”

# Main Groups Coming to Columbus

- Syrian (Syria)
  - Feb 6, 2023 two powerful earthquakes struck southeastern Turkiye and northern Syria.
  - March 2011- violent gov't crackdown on public demonstrations in support of teenagers who were arrested for anti-gov't graffiti in southern town of Daria. These sparked public demonstrations throughout Syria which the government violently suppressed.
    - Turned into a civil war- ongoing
  - 2012-2016- Battle of Aleppo

# Refugee Road

- During the Revolutionary War the US congress set aside land for Canadians who served in the Continental Army against the British.
  - They set aside part of Ohio territory
- 67 were awarded land as most stayed loyal to the British- the rest was returned to Congress and auctioned off.
- 100,000 acre tract

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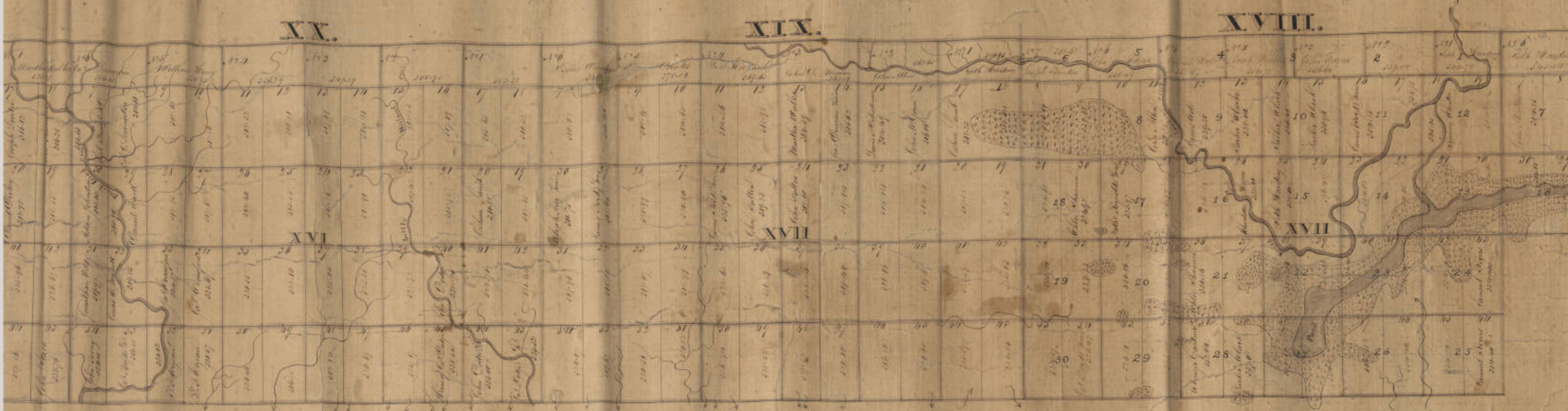
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REFUGEE LAND

*Surveyed by Emattian Seaford,  
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Profile of the foreign-born population in

# Columbus, Ohio

## Immigrant population

The foreign-born population in Columbus and Ohio represent an important and diverse share of their local communities, many of whom live in mixed-status families.

### Columbus Metro Area



155,800 immigrants reside in Columbus or 10 percent of the total population.

### Ohio



513,600 immigrants reside in Ohio, or 15 percent of the total population.

## Population at risk of deportation

81K

80,700 non-citizens residing in Columbus are potentially at risk of deportation.

243K

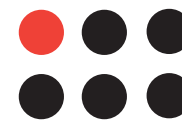
243,300 non-citizens residing in Ohio are potentially at risk of deportation.

## Children and families

### Columbus Metro Area

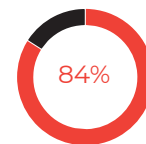


There are 72,500 children in Columbus with at least one immigrant parent.



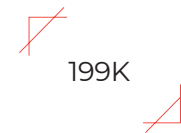
One in six children in Columbus has at least one immigrant parent.

1 in 6

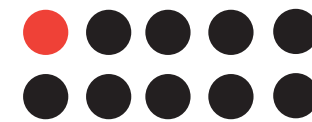


The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in Columbus are U.S. citizens.

### Ohio

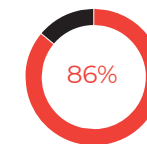


There are 199,000 children in Ohio with at least one immigrant parent.



Nearly one in 10 children in Ohio has at least one immigrant parent.

1 in 10



The vast majority of children with at least one immigrant parent in Ohio are U.S. citizens.

## Local community ties



52,900 immigrants in Columbus have lived in the United States for more than 15 years.



26,100 immigrants in Columbus are homeowners.



9,100 immigrants in Columbus are entrepreneurs



31,400 immigrants in Columbus are students enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

## Economic and labor force contributions

Immigrants in Columbus and Ohio contribute critical tax dollars to the local economy and are indispensable members of the workforce.

### Columbus Metro Area

**\$4.3B** immigrant-led households earned \$4.3 billion.

**\$383M** immigrants contributed \$383 million in combined state and local taxes.

**\$794M** immigrants contributed \$794 million in federal taxes.

**\$3.2B** This means immigrant-led households have an estimated \$3.2 billion in spending power.

### Ohio

**\$16.1B** immigrant-led households earned \$16.1 billion.

**\$1.4B** immigrants contributed \$1.4 billion in combined state and local taxes.

**\$3B** immigrants contributed \$3 billion in federal taxes.

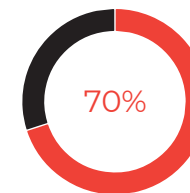
**\$11.7B** This means immigrant-led households have an estimated \$11.7 billion in spending power.

## Labor force participation

### Columbus Metro Area

**92K** workers

92,300 immigrant workers participate in the city's labor force.

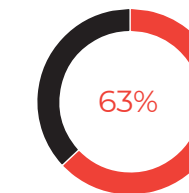


70 percent of the city's immigrants participate in the labor force, greater than the share among the city's native-born population (68 percent).

### Ohio

**268K**

285,600 immigrant workers participate in the state's labor force.



63 percent of the state's immigrants participate in the labor force, comparable to the share among the state's native-born population (63 percent).

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# Village's

## German

1:00, 3:56, 6:25

We went here!

INTERACTIVE MAP

## Italian

## Hungarian

WOSU Hungarian Village

# **Hungarian Village**

- Area first settled by British and Nova Scotian settlers after Congress granted these people land for their service in the American Revolutionary War**
- Germans settled in this area in the mid-19th century and into the 20th century Hungarian, Croatian, and Italians settled in the area.**
- The Hungarian Reformed Church was established in 1913 and many more came to Columbus during the Hungarian Revolution of 1956**

# Italian Village

- **This was one of Columbus' first suburbs annexed to the city in 1862.**
- **1896, St. John Baptist Italian Catholic Church was established and shaped the Italian American community.**
- **In the early 1970s, residents took action to preserve this village and against the threat of more historical buildings being destroyed.**



**The End**