

REFUGEES

A refugee is a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster ([Miriam Webster](#)).

There are currently 15.4 million refugees in the world.

Refugees are faced with three options after registering with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) as a refugee:

1) Return home safely, 2) Local integration, or 3) Third-country resettlement.

UNHCR

The self-stated purpose of the [UNHCR](#) is that "...the agency is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find

safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. It also has a mandate to help stateless people" (UNHCR 2012).

Moreover, the UNHCR has come to the aid of tens of millions of people around the world, currently staffs 7,685 people in more than 125 countries.

Sine 1975, over 3 million refugees have come to the US to seek asylum.

Refugees have made their new homes in all of our 50 states.

According to [the Presidential Memorandum](#) there will be an allotment of 70,000 admitted refugees in the fiscal year 2013.

IN THE UNITED STATES

South Asia: 31,000
East Asia: 17,000
Africa: 12,000
Latin Am./Caribbean: 5,000
Europe/Central Asia: 2,000
Unallocated: 3,000

INDIANA:

In 2011, **1,197 refugees** settled in the state of Indiana.



Of those,
1,011 refugees
came from

BURMA.

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