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# Welcoming Washington: Statewide Refugee Advisory Council

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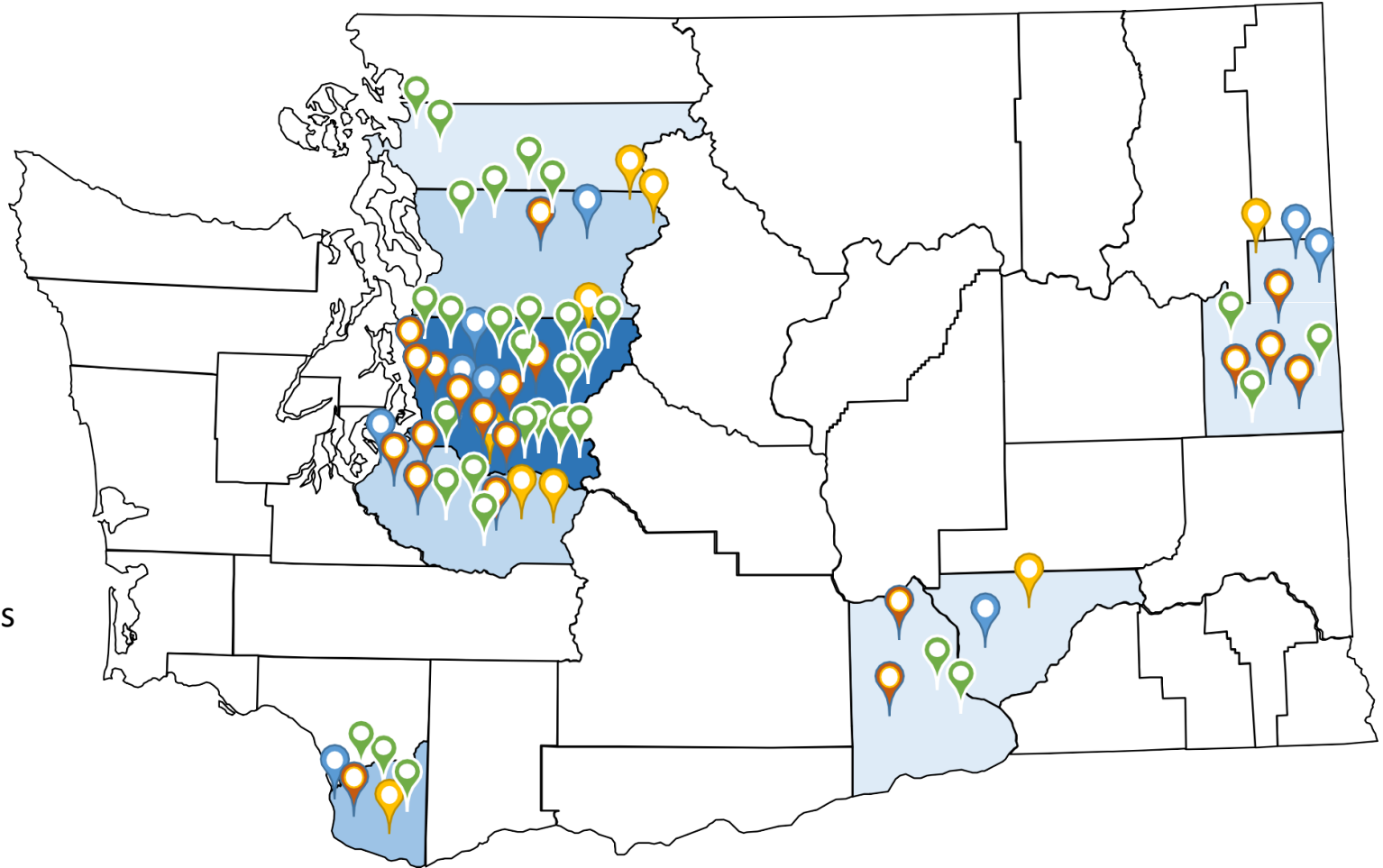
# Welcoming refugees is a collective effort.


## WA Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance


invests federal and state funding into local community across Washington to provide services and resources that help refugees and humanitarian immigrants achieve economic stability and supports long-term integration.


### Partners with more than 100 organizations:


- Refugee Resettlement Agencies
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Ethnic Community-Based Organizations
- Public Health Departments and Health Clinics
- School Districts
- Community Colleges
- Other State Agencies



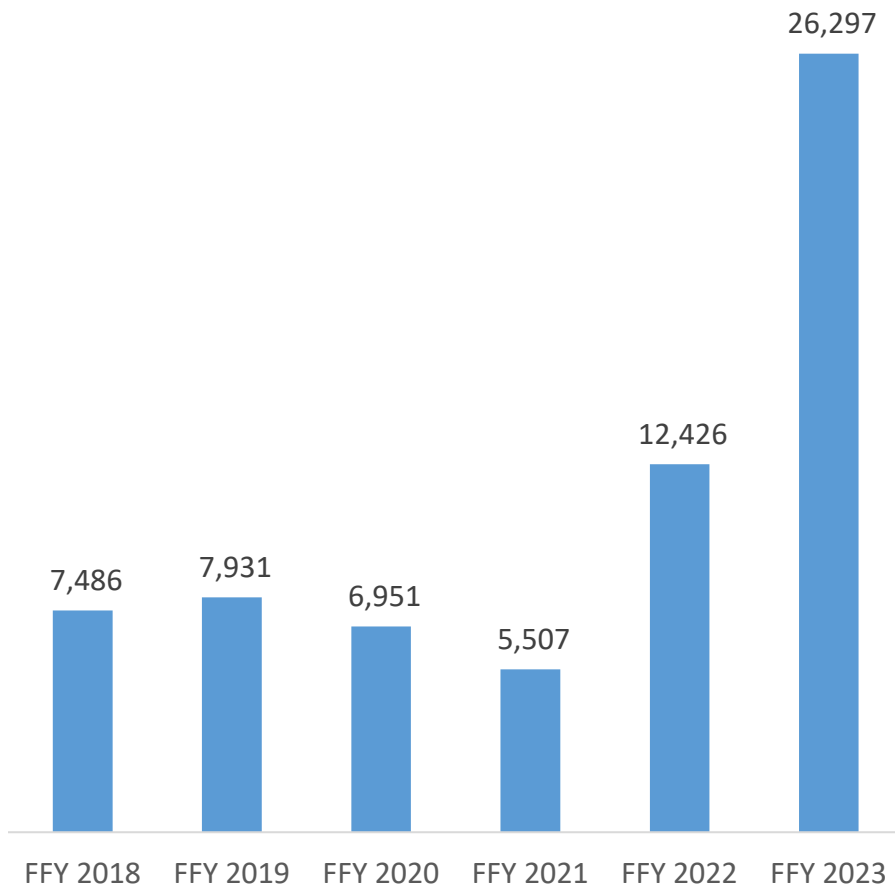
 Refugee Health & Wellness

 Employment & Training

 Immigration Assistance & Naturalization Services

 Whole Family Programs

# How many people are served by ORIA's Refugee Resettlement Programs?



Data collected and reported through the ORR-5.

## Serves all federal eligible immigrants, including:

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## Federally Funded Refugee Services may include:

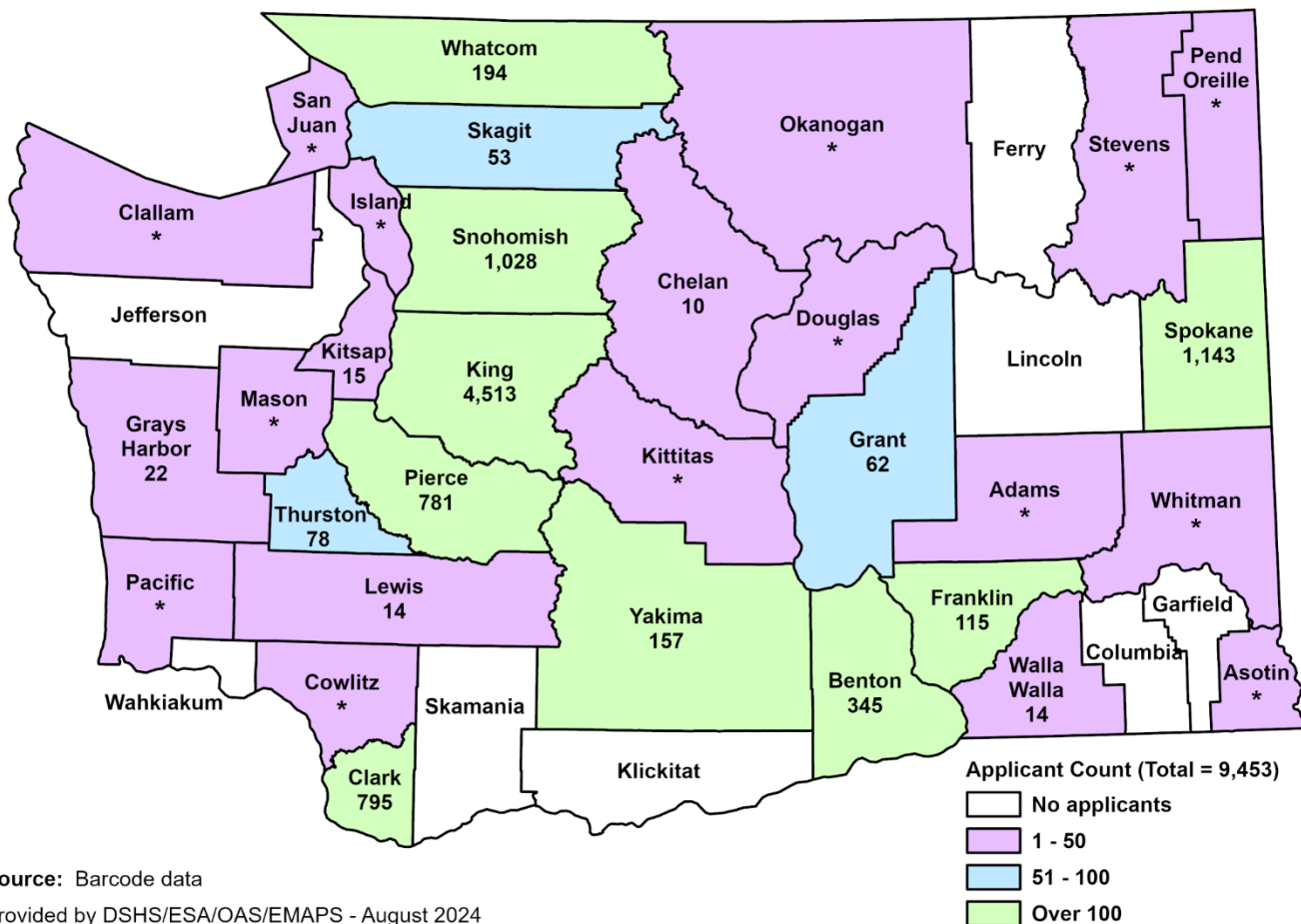
- Refugee Cash Assistance
- Refugee Medical Assistance
- Medical Screenings
- Refugee Support Services, including:
  - Health and Wellness
  - Employment & Training Services
  - Immigration-Related Legal Services
  - Whole Family Programs

## Pathways for New Arrivals for the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program

	Refugees		Humanitarian Pathways	Asylum-Seekers
<b>How do they arrive to the United States?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U.S. Refugee Admissions Program</li> <li>Travel Arranged by International Organization of Migration</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporter-Based applications</li> <li>Approved Travel Authorization</li> <li>Travel Independently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel independently.</li> <li>May enter the United States without inspection</li> </ul>
<b>Immigration Status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work Authorized</li> <li>Pathway to legal permanent residency and citizenship</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Varied humanitarian entrants</li> <li>Eligible to apply for EAD</li> <li>Pathways to LPR/Citizenship vary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask for asylum from USCBP</li> <li>Case with Immigration Judge</li> <li>Apply for asylum,</li> <li>Apply for EAD (150 days)</li> </ul>
<b>What initial welcome services do people receive?</b>	Reception & Placement Program	Welcome Corps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not eligible for R&amp;P resettlement services</li> <li>May be eligible to receive federal refugee resettlement services based on country of origin and immigration status.</li> </ul>	Not eligible for federal refugee resettlement services
	Refugee Resettlement Agencies	Private Sponsor Groups		Eligibility for federal or state cash, food, and medical assistance vary depending on country of origin and immigration status.
	Federal stipend \$1,325 per person	Privately raised funds \$2,235 per person		<b>Approved Asylum Status (Asylees)</b>
<b>Public Benefits</b>	Eligible to receive federal cash, food, and medical assistance		Eligibility for federal or state cash, food, and medical assistance vary depending on country of origin and immigration status.	Eligible to receive federal cash, food, and medical assistance
<b>Federal-Funded Refugee Support Services</b>	Eligible for federally funded programs and services, including Matching Grant, Preferred Communities, and ORIA-administered programs and services.		Certain HPs are eligible for federally funded programs and services, including Matching Grant, Preferred Communities, and ORIA-administered programs and services.	Eligible for federally funded programs and services, including Matching Grant, Preferred Communities, and ORIA-administered programs and services.

# Refugee and Humanitarian Immigrants in Washington in FY 2024

## Newly Arrived Refugee and Humanitarian Immigrant Applicants for DSHS Services by Residential County in Washington State: October 2023 - July 2024



Source: Barcode data

Provided by DSHS/ESA/OAS/EMAPS - August 2024

\* When necessary, values less than 10 (but greater than zero) are not displayed in order to help protect client confidentiality. These counties are denoted with an asterisk (\*).

### Newly Arrived Refugee Applicants for DSHS Services, July 2024

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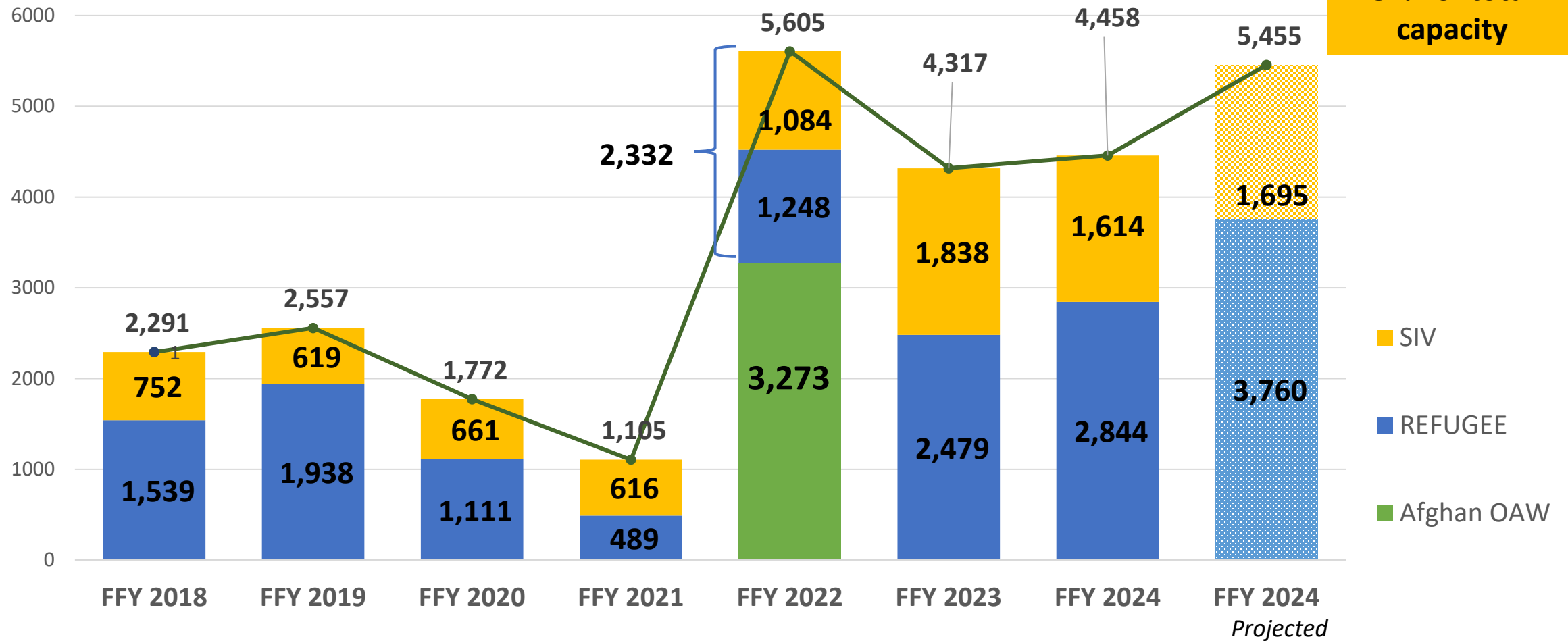
Unduplicated # of Newly Arrived Refugee Applicants	
July 2024	1,082
FFY 2024 (Oct. 2023 - Sep. 2024) To-Date	9,453
FFY 2023 (Oct. 2022 – September 2023)	14,652

Top 10 Newly Arrived Refugee Applicants by Country of Origin		
Country	# of Applicants July 2024	# of Applicants October 2023 - July 2024
Ukraine	484	2,928
Afghanistan	301	2,595
Cuba	53	468
Haiti	45	398
Mexico	11	280
Syria	*	273
Venezuela	25	216
Eritrea	23	180
Colombia	19	162
Russia	*	160

# Washington State Arrivals: Refugee, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) and Afghan Humanitarian Parolees – Operation Allies Welcome Arrivals FFY 2018 to FFY 2024 and Projected Numbers for FFY 2024

As of July, 2024

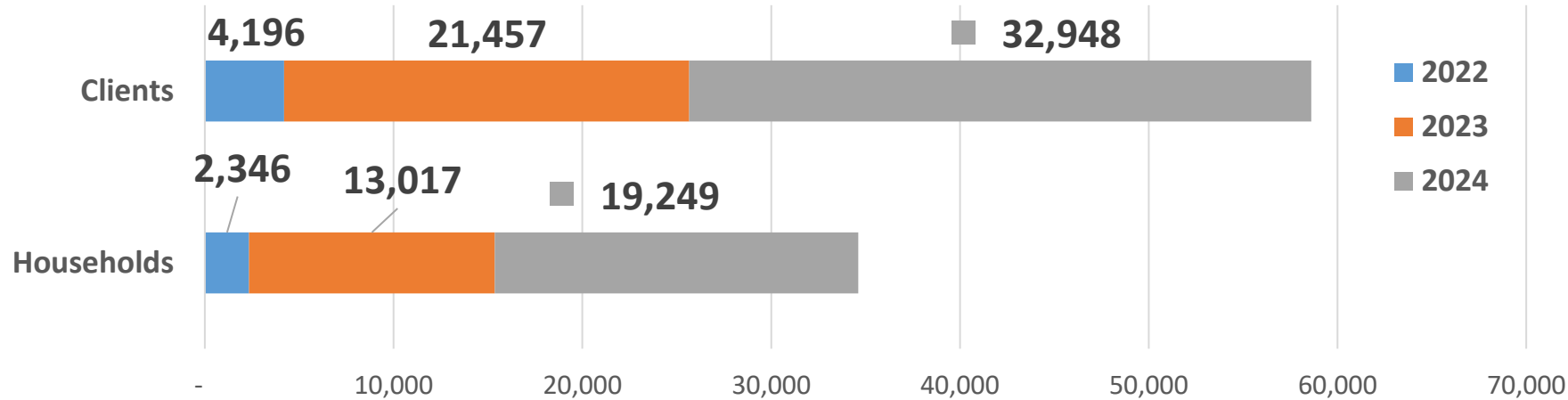
82% of total capacity



Sources: State Post-Arrival Demographics Report, Dept. of State, Bureau of Populations, Refugees and Migration  
Afghan Placement and Assistance Program - Weekly Departure Status Report

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

# Profile of DSHS Clients Who Arrived in the U.S. between January 2022 – June 2024: Non-federally qualified immigrants receiving State Family Assistance or Food Assistance Program



**37,105 unduplicated clients**

County of Residence <sup>5</sup>	# of Clients 2022-2024
King	17,887
Snohomish	4,219
Clark	3,027
Yakima	2,784
Pierce	2,601
Franklin	1,207
Benton	1,135
Grant	770
Spokane	704
Whatcom	457
Chelan	348
Mason	337
Thurston	291
Skagit	281
Douglas	226
Walla Walla	144

Country of Origin	# of Clients	# of Households
Mexico	7,533	3,342
Venezuela	7,213	4,806
Colombia	3,932	2,385
Russia	3,401	1,776
Nicaragua	1,417	1,108
Honduras	1,242	690
Angola	1,139	579
Peru	1,115	660
Guatemala	1,075	582

Source: DSHS-ESA/EMAPS Assignment #6099C using the ACES Data Warehouse as of the July 2024 load  
Date: This report was produced on June 15, 2024

# Washington Migrant and Asylum-Seeker Support Project ( WA MASS)

**Purpose:** To build a statewide network of organizations to deliver a coordinated response to meet the specific and immediate needs of recently arrived migrants and asylum-seekers.

**Pilot Project to provide up to one year of services for eligible migrants and asylum-seekers.**

Service Area	Number of Organizations	County Locations
Newcomer Navigation and Reception Hub	One primary organization	King, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, Skagit, Whatcom, Clark, Yakima, Benton, Franklin
Migrant Housing Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emergency Shelters and Hotels</li><li>• Transitional Housing Subsidies</li></ul>	Multiple Organizations	King, Pierce, Snohomish, Kitsap, Clark, Whatcom, Skagit
Immigration-Related Legal Services	One lead coordinating organization Multiple organization to provide client services	King, Pierce, Yakima, Chelan, Spokane, Whatcom, Skagit, Clark, Cowlitz
Culturally Responsive Case Management Services	Multiple Organizations	King, Thurston, Whatcom, Benton, Spokane, Pierce, Snohomish



# Participant Eligibility

## Eligibility Criteria:

- Be a non-citizen that entered the U.S. for the first time after Jan. 1, 2022, and
- Do not qualify for federal refugee resettlement services and benefits.

## Who is eligible for federal refugee resettlement (ORR) services?

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**These individuals are not eligible for the WA MASS services.**

# Participant Prioritization

- Lack federal Employment Authorization Document.
- Have been placed in removal proceedings because they were apprehended in the U.S. or at a port of entry without proper documentation.
- Have been unsheltered, staying in a building illegally, or staying in emergency shelter .
- Are a pregnant person or a member of a family with children under the age of 18.
- Persons with complex medical conditions
- An unaccompanied youth between the ages of 18 and 24
- Single women or single adults over the age of 65 years

# What's new for ORIA?

- Launch of the WA MASS Project – coming by Oct. 1, 2024
- Establishing Washington's Coalition for Welcoming Newcomers
- Regular newsletters and updates to website
- Expansion of ORIA's federally-funded services for refugees and humanitarian immigrants
- Request for continued or expanded funding for ORIA
- New team members

**Thank you!**

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# REFUGEE ADVISORY COUNCIL

August 2024

## COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

Bridging health and social services and their community.



# Community Health Outreach Worker Program for Humanitarian New Arrivals

**September 1, 2024 – September 30, 2026**

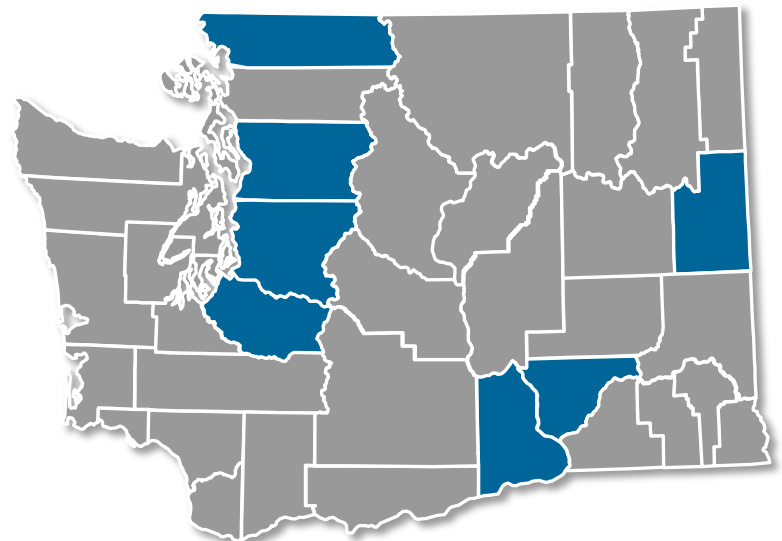
Serving ORR eligible populations


Areas of focus:

- Health Education: one-on-one or group
- Health Navigation: short-term or ongoing care
- Supplemental activities: community events

Partnering with 6 local health jurisdictions:

- Benton-Franklin Health District
- Public Health Seattle and King County
- Snohomish County Health Department
- Spokane Regional Health District
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
- Whatcom Health and Community Services





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<https://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/care-van-mobile-health-services>

# Contact Information

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## **Refugee and Immigrant Health Program**

Washington State Department of Health

206-418-5500

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## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AND STABILIZATION

# Started in September 2021 – serving Afghan Refugees

Served over 100 individuals, including children, with variety of stabilization services – housing, connection to benefits, education, referrals to legal system, healthcare, employment and other resources.

State Afghan Placement and Assistance (SAPA) January-September 2022

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# Ukrainian Refugee Stabilization

1,107 households/3,714 individuals got enrolled/served since May 2022  
Still enrolling about 20 new households every month.



- Case management
- Housing assistance
- Resource navigation
- Workshops
- Refugee student success navigation
- Support for families with children 0-5
- Employment & Career services



## EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

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- Renter Certification
- Cultural Orientation
- Financial Management
- Understanding Taxes



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- Mom's Emotional and Mental Health
- Kids' Vaccinations: FAQs
- Understanding the American Preschool System
- Developmental Milestones for Kids Ages 0-6
- Bringing the Family Together: Holiday Ideas for Families with Kids






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- Mental Health of the Ukrainian Refugee Students
- Learning English. Opportunities to improve it using educational resources
- Common and different in the educational system of the USA and Ukraine
- School orientation for High School Students. Opportunities for your success



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# OTHER SERVICES

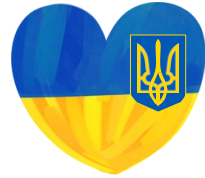
- Housing Stability Case Management  
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425-748-8779







## Were you displaced by Russia-Ukraine war, and arrived in Snohomish County? Or unable to return to Ukraine where you were residing before?

This program can help with resettlement services:

- Food Housing Healthcare
- Registration of cards for free transportation
- School and daycare registration for children
- Registration of discounts for electricity services
- Baby items
- Job search services
- Clothing and other essential needs

### To find out details:

Contact us by phone: 425-748-8779 (please leave a voicemail with your name, address, and phone number)

Contact us by email: [ukrainianresettlement@voaww.org](mailto:ukrainianresettlement@voaww.org)

Or visit us at the Welcome Center any Friday from 10:00am to 12:30pm (3025 Lombard Ave Everett, WA 98201)

## Програма стабілізації біженців з України

**Ви були змушені переїхати в зв'язку з Російсько-Українською війною і прибули до округу Снохоміш? Або ви не можете повернутися в Україну, де ви проживали раніше?**

Ця програма може допомогти з послугами з переселення:

- Продукти
- Житло
- Охорона здоров'я
- Оформлення карток для безкоштовного проїзду
- Оформлення знижки на послуги електропостачання
- Запис дітей до школи та садки
- Дитячі речі
- Послуги з пошуку роботи
- Одяг та інші необхідні потреби

### Щоб дізнатися деталі:

зателефонуйте 425-748-8779 (будь ласка, залиште голосове повідомлення, ваше ім'я, адресу проживання, і номер телефону)

напишіть на електронну адресу:  
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завітайте до нашого Центру для українських біженців, який відкритий кожної п'ятниці з 10:00 до 12:30 (3025 Lombard Ave Everett, WA 98201)

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Эта программа может помочь с услугами по переселению:

- Продукты
- Жилье
- Здравоохранение
- Оформление карточек для бесплатного проезда
- Оформление скидки на услуги электроснабжения
- Запись детей в школу и садки
- Детские вещи
- Услуги по поиску работы
- Одежда и другие необходимые потребности

### Чтобы узнать детали:

позвоните по телефону 425-748-8779 (пожалуйста, оставьте голосовое сообщение, ваше имя, адрес проживания и номер телефона)

напишите по электронному адресу:  
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посетите наш Центр для украинских беженцев, который открыт каждую пятницу с 10:00 до 12:30 (3025 Lombard Ave Everett, WA 98201)



We are pleased to announce several exciting updates:

1. **Expansion of Social Services:** Our agency has extended social services to the Marysville area. This expansion aims to better serve the community and provide essential support to those in need.
2. **New ORIA Funding for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole:** We have been awarded ORIA funding for Fiscal Year 2025 to support Ukrainians under humanitarian parole. This funding will enhance our ability to provide critical services and support to this group.
3. **New ORIA Funding for Citizenship Program:** We have also secured a new ORIA fund dedicated to our citizenship program. This additional funding will help us assist more individuals in navigating the path to citizenship.
4. **Community Outreach Initiatives:** KWA has been actively involved in community outreach efforts, providing re-parole legal assistance and conducting citizenship workshops. We have partnered with the Kabul Association and Volunteers of America to deliver these valuable services, helping to better meet the needs of our community.
5. **New Partnership with African Community:** We are excited to announce a new partnership with an African community coming soon. This collaboration will enable us to extend our services to this community, further broadening our outreach and support.
6. **Participation in Ukrainian Festival:** KWA is proud to be one of the vendors at the upcoming Ukrainian Festival on September 7th. We look forward to engaging with the community and showcasing our services at this vibrant event.

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## OUR PROGRAMS

- **Early Learning** for age 18mo-4yrs
- **Youth Support Program** for age 5-24yr
- **Congolese Health Board** for age 25+
- **Immigration Support** for Families/Individuals
- **Welcome Corps** for Families/Individuals

## SERVICES/ENROLLMENT

- **Housing support**
- **Immigration Support**
- **Advocacy**
- **Education**
- **Health**
- **Workforce Development**
- **Civic Engagement**
- **Refugees Resettlement**
- **Mental health support**
- **Translation**
- **Clothing bank**
- **Computer Literacy**
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