Population Data for Refugee and Special Immigrant Visa Holders Resettled in New York State
FFY 2021

A total of 900 Refugees and Special Immigrant Visa holders (SIVs) resettled in New York State in FFY 2021.

- Upstate New York resettled 641 refugees (91% of all refugees resettled in FFY 2021) and 174 SIVs (88% of total)
- New York City resettled 61 refugees (9% of total) and 24 SIVs (12% of total)

For FFY 2021, 5 of the top 6 arrival counties are in Upstate NY.

The top seven countries from which refugees/SIVs have resettled in FFY 2021 come from five regions. Asia is represented by Burma; African countries by The Democratic Republic of Congo and Sudan; Europe by Ukraine and the Mideast by Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.

Over 78% of all refugee and SIV arrivals were from four source countries: The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Syria, Afghanistan, and Burma. We continue to track this trend and address service needs accordingly.

Refugee and Special Immigrant Visa Arrivals by Country FFY 2021
Afghan Evacuee Arrival
As of 12/14/21, 1,299 Afghan evacuees have been resettled in New York State through the federal Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) to local resettlement affiliates or community partners. The breakout of resettlement is as follows: Albany 210, Amityville 14, Buffalo 321, New York 154, Rochester 223, Syracuse 266, Utica 71, and Yonkers 40.

Refugee Services, Persons Served
(As captured in the BRS Information Network (BIN). BIN is a web based, data management application that allows contractors to create client Applications for Services, verify client eligibility, record client service history, and prepare Claims for Payment for the OTDA Bureau of Refugee Services. OTDA users maintain program and contract information to assist with monitoring contractors for program and contract compliance.)

BIN Data/Refugees
During FFY 2021, a total of 4,466 refugees from 66 countries of origin were served. The top seven countries (Burma, Democratic Republic of Congo, Syria, Somalia, Congo, Afghanistan and Iraq) account for 3,361, or 75% of the total refugee population served.

BIN Data/Special Immigrant Visa Holders (SIVs)
During FFY 2021, a total of 278 SIVs from Iraq and Afghanistan were served, 275 from Afghanistan and 3 from Iraq.

BIN Data/Asylees
During FFY 2021, a total of 368 asylees from 61 countries were served. The top seven countries are Honduras, El Salvador, China, Guinea, Russia, Uzbekistan and Ukraine. They account for 145, or 40% of the total Asylee population served.

BIN Data/Entrants
During FFY 2021, 47 Cuban/Haitian entrants were served.

Refugee Services, Persons Served -- County

BIN Data/Refugees
Of the 4,466 refugees served in FFY 2021, 4,242 (95%) were served Upstate and 224 (5%) were served in NYC. The top five counties of refugees served are Upstate, (Onondaga, Erie, Oneida, Monroe and Albany) accounting for 4,198 (94%) of all served.

BIN Data/Special Immigrant Visa Holders (SIVs)
Of the 278 SIVs served in FFY 2021, 263 (95%) were served Upstate and 15 (5%) were served in NYC. The top four counties of SIVs served are Upstate, (Monroe, Albany, Onondaga, and Erie) accounting for 245 (88%) of all served.

BIN Data/Asylees
Of the 368 asylees served in FFY 2021, 324 (88%) were served in NYC and 44 (12%) were served Upstate. The distribution of asylees served is dramatically different than both refugee arrivals and refugees served. The top five counties for asylees served are Kings, Queens, Bronx, New York and Erie.

BIN Data/Entrants
Of the 47 Cuban entrants served in FFY 2021, 43 (91%) were served in Onondaga county.

Trafficking Victims
County-identifying information has been withheld for purposes of confidentiality. New York State confirmed 301 confirmed victims in calendar year 2020, and 293 confirmed victims as of 12/15/2021, who are eligible for the Response to Human Trafficking Program, and . It should be noted that to our knowledge New York State is the only State that has a State confirmation process.