

How Utah Compares to Other States --Annual Number of Refugees

Finding Sanctuary in the Sun

Arizona has taken more refugees — legal immigrants who have fled war and persecution and passed a federal review — than all but three other states over the past six years.

Annual number of refugees per 100,000 population, 2005-10



Where refugees in Arizona came from

In the early 1980s, more than half the refugees in Arizona came from Vietnam. Now, Iraqi refugees are the largest group.

	LARGEST GROUP	2ND	3RD	4TH
'81-85	Vietnam 58%	Cambodia 25%	Ethiopia 6%	Romania 4%
'86-90	Vietnam 45%	Romania 14%	Laos 7%	Soviet Union 5%
'91-95	Vietnam 44%	Soviet states 13%	Iraq 10%	Bosnia 9%
'96-00	Bosnia 40%	Iraq 10%	Cuba 8%	Somalia 7%
'01-05	Somalia 15%	Cuba 15%	Sudan 12%	Bosnia 9%
'06-10	Iraq 25%	Myanmar 19%	Bhutan 11%	Somalia 9%

Note: Data is for fiscal years, which begin in October. Data for 2010 is through Sept. 13.

Source: Department of State; Arizona Department of Economic Security; Census Bureau