

## Refugees and Asylees

A **refugee** is a person outside his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return to his or her country of nationality because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. An **asylee** is a person who meets the definition of refugee and is already present in the United States or is seeking admission at a port of entry. Refugees are required to apply for Lawful Permanent Resident (“green card”) status one year after being admitted, and asylees may apply for green card status one year after their grant of asylum.

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### Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Immigration Data and Statistics

Since the passage of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, the Office of Immigration Statistics has responsibility to carry out two statutory requirements: 1) to collect and disseminate to Congress and the public data and information useful in evaluating the social, economic, environmental, and demographic impact of immigration laws; and 2) to establish standards of reliability and validity for immigration statistics collected by the Department’s operational Components.

<https://www.dhs.gov/immigration-statistics>

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### Department of State (DOS) Bureau of Population Refugees and Migration (PRM)

Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing Systems (WRAPS) is a collaborative computer system built to assist in the processing of refugees to the United States. People all around the world use WRAPS to process and track the movement of refugees from various countries to the U.S. for resettlement.

<https://www.wrapsnet.org/admissions-and-arrivals/>

Since the passage of the Refugee Act in 1980, which incorporated this definition of refugee into the INA, the United States has admitted more than 3.1 million refugees.

<https://www.state.gov/refugee-admissions/>

**DOS Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices**

<https://www.state.gov/reports-bureau-of-democracy-human-rights-and-labor/country-reports-on-human-rights-practices/>

See Section 2. Respect for Civil Liberties, Subsection F. Protection of Refugees.

**White House and The Presidential Determination**

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/10/08/memorandum-for-the-secretary-of-state-on-presidential-determination-on-refugee-admissions-for-fiscal-year-2022/>

**European Union Agency for Asylum**

<https://euaa.europa.eu/>

**UNHCR**

[Operational Data Portal](#)

**Migration Policy Institute**

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/refugees-and-asylees-united-states-2021>