



Facts & Figures

Refugees by the Numbers: A Snapshot of the World Refugee Crisis

- Asia hosted around 45% of all the people of concern to UNHCR [15 million], followed by Africa with 9.7 million [30%], Latin America with 3.5 million [10%], Europe with 3.4 million [10%], North America with 1.1 million [3.5%] and Oceania with 85,500 [0.2%].

- In 2007, the number of people of concern to UNHCR was a record 32.9 million.

They included:

- 9.9 million refugees30%
- 12.8 million internally displaced people 39%
- 5.8 million stateless people 17%
- 2.6 million returned refugees and IDPs 8%
- 740,000 asylum seekers2%
- 1,000,000 'others of concern' to UNHCR.

**Source: UNHCR*

Refugee Facts and United States

- 1 out of every 100 persons in the US is a refugee or the child of refugee.
- Since 1975, 2.7 million refugees have been resettled in the U.S.

Refugees resettled by Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) has provided refugee resettlement services since 1975. Resettling over 850 clients a year, it is the lead refugee resettlement program in Nevada. The program's goal is to help refugee clients achieve economic self-sufficiency in the shortest time possible. The resettlement organization provides orientation and guidance for refugees on housing and short-term financial and medical assistance from a federal grant. It also offers mandatory ESL instruction and assists clients in finding and securing employment.

Resettlement

Since January 2003, MRS has assisted in resettling 5,095 refugees in Southern Nevada. These clients represent 50 different countries and four regions of the world: 68% from Latin America, 20% from Africa, and 8% from Asia and 4% from Europe.

The number of clients resettled by MRS since January 2008 is 344. These clients represent 17 different countries and 4 regions of the world: 77% from Latin America, 11% from Africa, 11% from Asia, and 1% from Europe.