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# FY 2016 Refugee Resettlement Admissions Under the Obama Administration

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**Ceiling: 85,000**

**Total admissions: 84,994**

- Christians: 35,210 (41.4 percent)
- Muslims: 38,900 (45.8 percent)
- Animist, Buddhist, Hindu: 5,269 (6.2 percent)

## Top 10 Nationalities

- Congo (DRC and ROC combined): 16,386
- Syria : 12,587
- Myanmar (Burma): 12,347
- Iraq: 9,880
- Somalia : 9,020
- Bhutan: 5,817
- Iran: 3,750
- Afghanistan : 2,737
- Ukraine : 2,543
- Eritrea : 1,949

(**Note:** Sudan: 1,458)

Of the eight countries with specific security concerns, a total of 25,400 refugees (29.9 percent of all admissions, vs. 1.6 percent in FY 2018) were resettled in FY 2016 from:

- Chad: 2 (1 Christian, 1 Muslim)
- Iran: 3,750 (2,086 Christians, 405 Muslims, 501 Bahai, 263 Sabeans-Mandean, 226 Zoroastrian, 72 Jewish).
- Libya: 1 (Muslim)
- North Korea: 14 (6 Christians, 8 no religion)
- Syria: 12,587 (12,486 Muslims, 68 Christians)
- Somalia: 9,020 (9,012 Muslims, 8 Christians)
- Venezuela: 0
- Yemen: 26 (14 Muslims, 7 Jewish, 5 Christians)

(**Note:** 9,880 Iraqis were admitted in FY 2016: 7,853 Muslims and 1,524 Christians.)

## Monthly Admissions

- October 2015: 5,348
- November 2015: 3,692
- December 2015: 4,751
- January 2016: 4,376
- February 2016: 4,659
- March 2016: 6,229
- April 2016: 5,857
- May 2016: 6,511
- June 2016: 8,367
- July 2016: 9,308
- August 2016: 13,255
- September 2016: 12,641