

Welcoming Washington: Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance

Refugee School Impact Presentation
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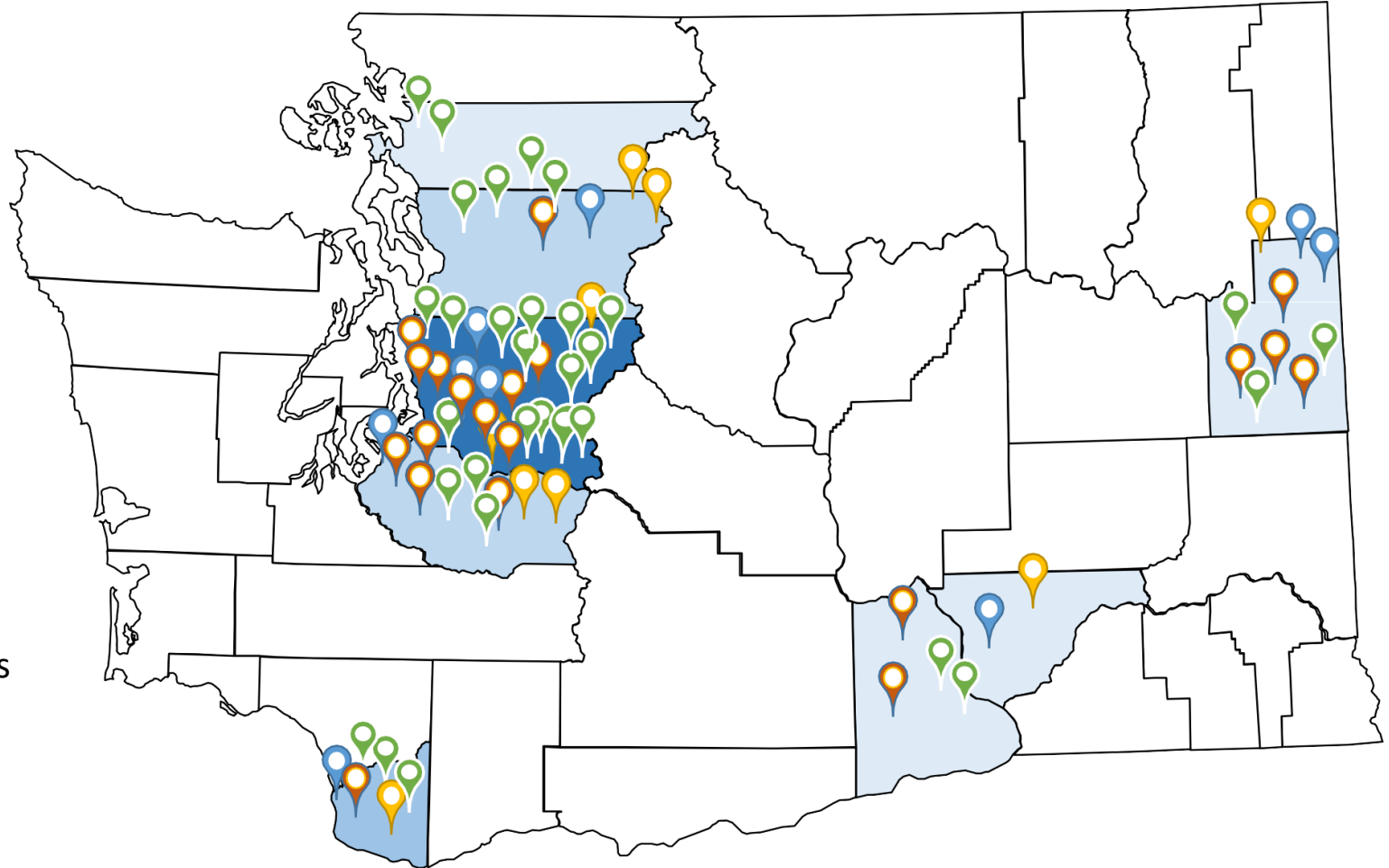
Welcoming refugees is a collective effort.

ESA's Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance

invests federal and state funding into local community across Washington to provide services and resources that help refugees and humanitarian immigrants achieve economic stability and supports long-term integration.

Partners with more than 65 organizations:

- Refugee Resettlement Agencies
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Ethnic Community-Based Organizations
- Public Health Departments and Health Clinics
- Community Colleges
- Other State Agencies



Refugee Health & Wellness



Employment & Training



Immigration Assistance & Naturalization Services

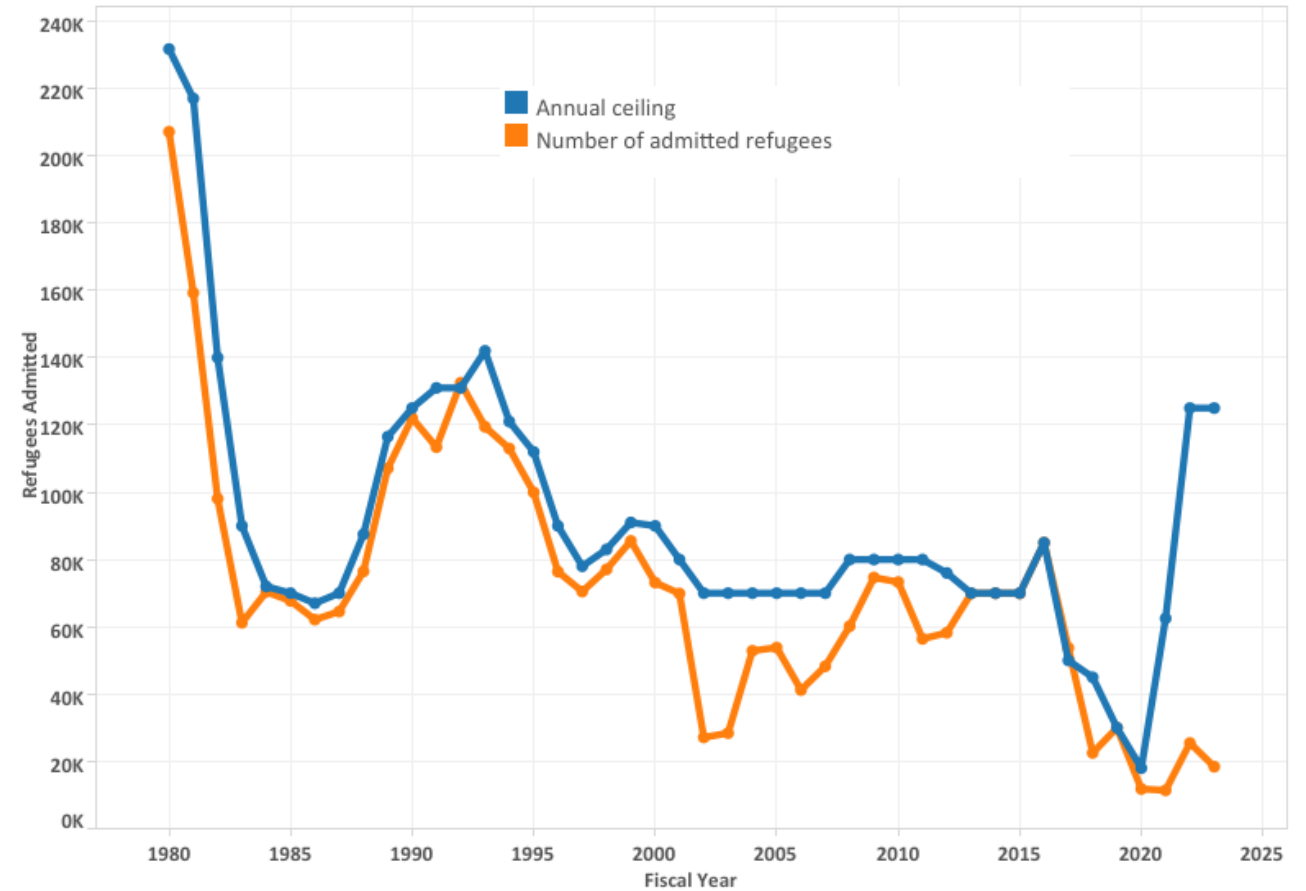


Whole Family Programs

U.S. Refugee Admissions Program

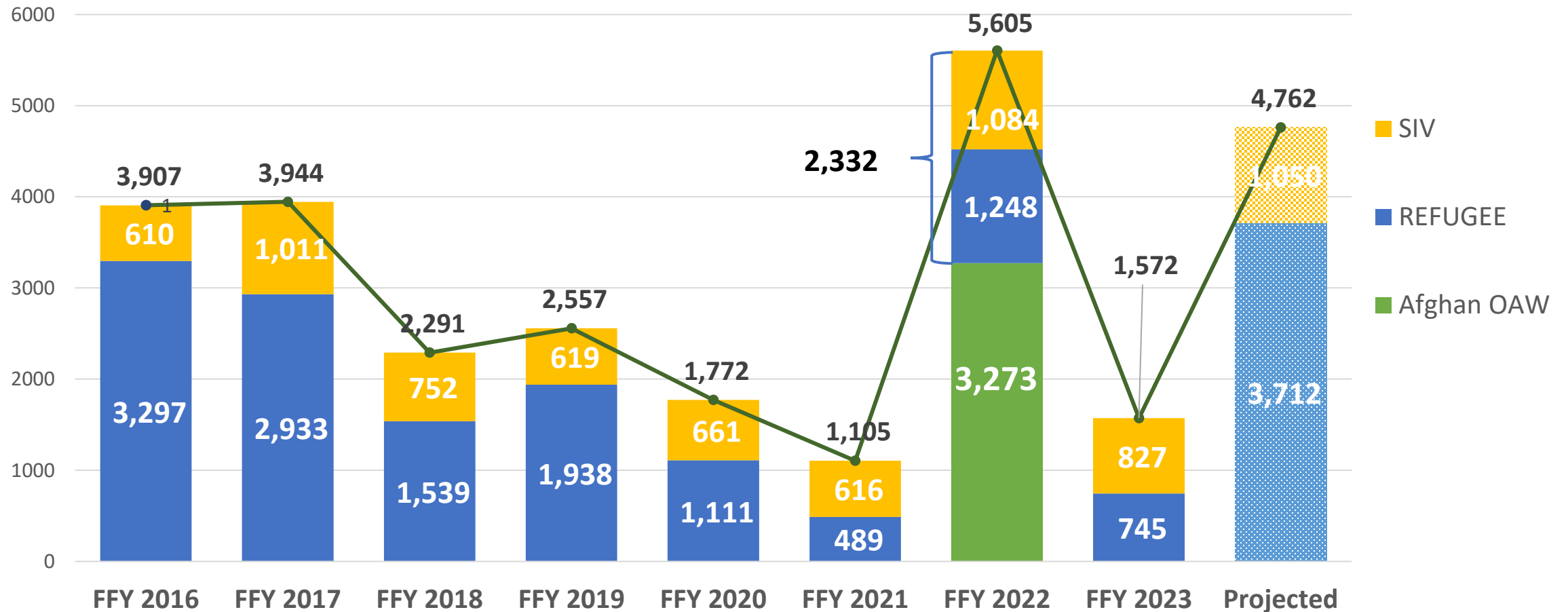
How has the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program changed over time?

U.S. Refugee Admissions & Refugee Resettlement Ceilings, FY 1980-2023 YTD*














Migration Policy Institute (MPI) Data Hub
<http://migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub>

Washington State Arrivals: Refugee, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) and Afghan Humanitarian Parolees – Operation Allies Welcome Arrivals FFY 2016 to FFY 2023 (March 2023) and Projected Numbers



Sources: State Post-Arrival Demographics Report, Dept. of State, Bureau of Populations, Refugees and Migration
Afghan Placement and Assistance Program - Weekly Departure Status Report

Refugee Resettlement Agencies in Washington

County of Resettlement	Refugee Resettlement Agency	National Agency
Benton-Franklin	World Relief - Richland	world relief 
Clark County	Lutheran Community Services Northwest	 Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
Puget Sound Region - King - Pierce - Snohomish	Diocese of Olympia (EMM) International Rescue Committee Jewish Family Services Lutheran Community Services Northwest World Relief Western Washington	   world relief   Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
Spokane County	World Relief – Spokane	 world relief 
Thurston County – opened in 2023	World Relief Western Washington	world relief 
Whatcom County – opened in 2023	World Relief Western Washington	world relief 

Washington State Arrivals: U.S. Refugee Admission Program

FFY 2023: Oct. 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023 (Year to Date)

Month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	FFY 2023 Arrivals Monthly				
						RE	SIV	AM	PRL	TOTAL
October	198	187	88	44	57	135	136	14		285
November	290	141	183	55	104	123	139	0		262
December	170	142	319	102	66	89	140	3		232
January	258	151	304	49	85	115	112	1		228
February	198	145	278	56	203	60	134	6	5	205
March	140	160	162	15	73	186	166	5	3	360
April	90	183	0	26	135					0
May	164	195	2	36	153					0
June	145	256	17	87	216					0
July	130	350	41	157	199					0
August	222	336	114	276	347					0
September	286	311	264	202	694					0
Totals	2,291	2,557	1,772	1,105	2,332	708	827	29	8	1,572

Nationality*	Individuals YTD	% of arrivals
Afghanistan	965	61.39%
Ukraine	201	12.79%
Syria	78	4.96%
Dem. Rep. Congo	47	2.99%
Burma	41	2.61%
Vietnam	29	1.84%
Iran	23	1.46%
Honduras	22	1.40%
Somalia	20	1.27%
Eritrea	16	1.02%

AGE DATA*		
Age Range	Individuals YTD	% of arrivals
0-4 years	76	7.44%
5-11 years	236	23.11%
12 - 17 years	114	11.17%
18-59 years	495	48.48%
60+	25	2.45%

Sources: State Post-Arrival Demographics, Department of State Refugee Processing Center
 Provided by: WA State Office of Refugee & Immigrant Assistance (ORIA), DSHS
 April 19, 2023

Uniting for Ukraine (U4U)

On April 21, 2022, President Biden announced Uniting for Ukraine, a new streamlined process to provide Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members who have fled Russia's unprovoked war of aggression opportunities to come to the United States and stay temporarily, with a period of parole up to two years. Ukrainians participating in Uniting for Ukraine must have a supporter in the United States who agrees to provide them with financial support for the duration of their stay in the United States. For more information, visit www.DHS.gov/Ukraine.



243,088 U4U supporter applications filed,

165,000 U4U beneficiaries approved for travel,

128,000 U4U arrivals paroled into the United States,

This is the cumulative total of individuals who have arrived at ports of entry and were paroled into the United States under U4U.

Location of U.S.-based Supporters by Top Metro Areas
(Assumed destination of beneficiaries)

Metro Area	Total	% of Total
New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	37,086	15%
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	28,902	12%
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	13,927	6%
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	10,585	4%
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	10,110	4%
Sacramento-Roseville-Folsom, CA	8,476	3%
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	6,715	3%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL	6,622	3%
Cleveland-Elyria, OH	4,908	2%
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	4,828	2%

Location of U.S.-based Supporters by Top States

State	Total	% of Total
New York	32,284	13%
Illinois	29,247	12%
California	28,141	12%
Washington	20,933	9%
Florida	16,448	7%
Pennsylvania	13,587	6%
New Jersey	12,714	5%
Ohio	8,559	4%
Texas	7,205	3%
Michigan	5,958	2%

Ukrainian Arrivals in Washington January 2022 - March 2023

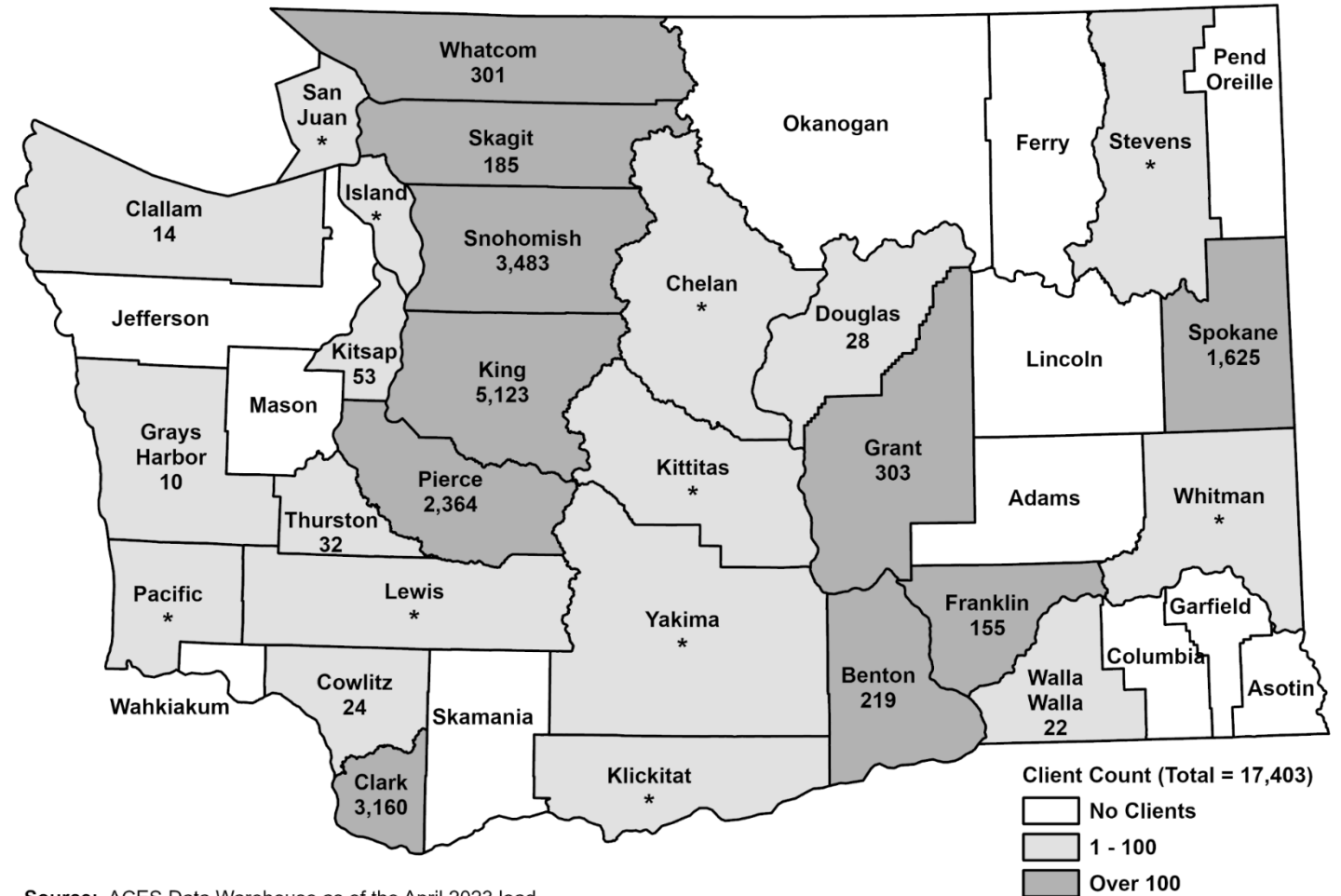
17,403 Ukrainians have arrived in Washington and received cash, food, and/or medical assistance from DSHS.

8,092 Ukrainian households received food assistance from DSHS.

Please join the Washington Ukrainian Welcoming Task Force for more information about our statewide effort.

Email: oriainfo@dshs.wa.gov

Ukrainian Clients on Select Cash, Food, and Apple Health Medical Programs
by County in Washington State, January 2022 - March 2023



Source: ACES Data Warehouse as of the April 2023 load
Provided by DSHS/ESA/OAS/EMAPS Assignment #M5655 - April 2023

* When necessary, values less than 10 (but greater than zero) are not displayed in order to help protect client confidentiality. These counties are denoted with an asterisk (*).

New Pathways for Refugees and Immigrants

Welcome Corps – Private Sponsorship

- Designated for refugees
- Group of five adults that pass security screenings
- Min. of \$2,375 per refugee
- Provide basic supports for up to 90-days, including long-term housing
- Make connections to local services
- Receive training and supports

Supporter Processes Programs

- Available for people from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, Ukraine and Venezuela
- Have a supporter in the U.S.
- Must be outside the U.S.
- Undergo and pass security and screening
- Receive travel authorization and enter as humanitarian parolees
- Only Cubans, Haitians and Ukrainians are eligible for federal benefits and refugee services

Washington Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance

HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS	EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROGRAMS	IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION ASSISTANCE	WHOLE FAMILY SERVICES
Culturally Relevant and Linguistically Appropriate Services			
Medical Screenings Cathy Vue	LEP Pathway Program Employment Services Paige Vogel	Naturalization Services Raphael Ro	PRIME Program (Case Management and Self-sufficiency workshops) Teresa Fiorini
Refugee Mental Health Services Cathy Vue	LEP Pathway Program ESL Services Ashley Mai	PRIME Immigration Assistance Services Teresa Fiorini	Refugee School Impact Program Whitney Eich
Refugee Health Promotion Program Cathy Vue	ORIA-Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET) Program McKenzie Nassiri	Immigration-Related Legal Services for Afghans Yana Cosme	Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program Molly Daggett
Refugee Elders Program Cathy Vue	CLEVER Program (Career Ladder for Educated and Vocationally Experienced Refugees) Paige Vogel		Refugee Youth Mentoring (18-24 years old) Whitney Eich
			Community Outreach, Orientation & Education Mandana Matanagh Kazempour
	FAP E&T (Food Assistance Employment and Training) McKenzie Nassiri		Housing Stabilization Services Rachael Wright



Thank you!

For more information, check out our [website](#).

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