

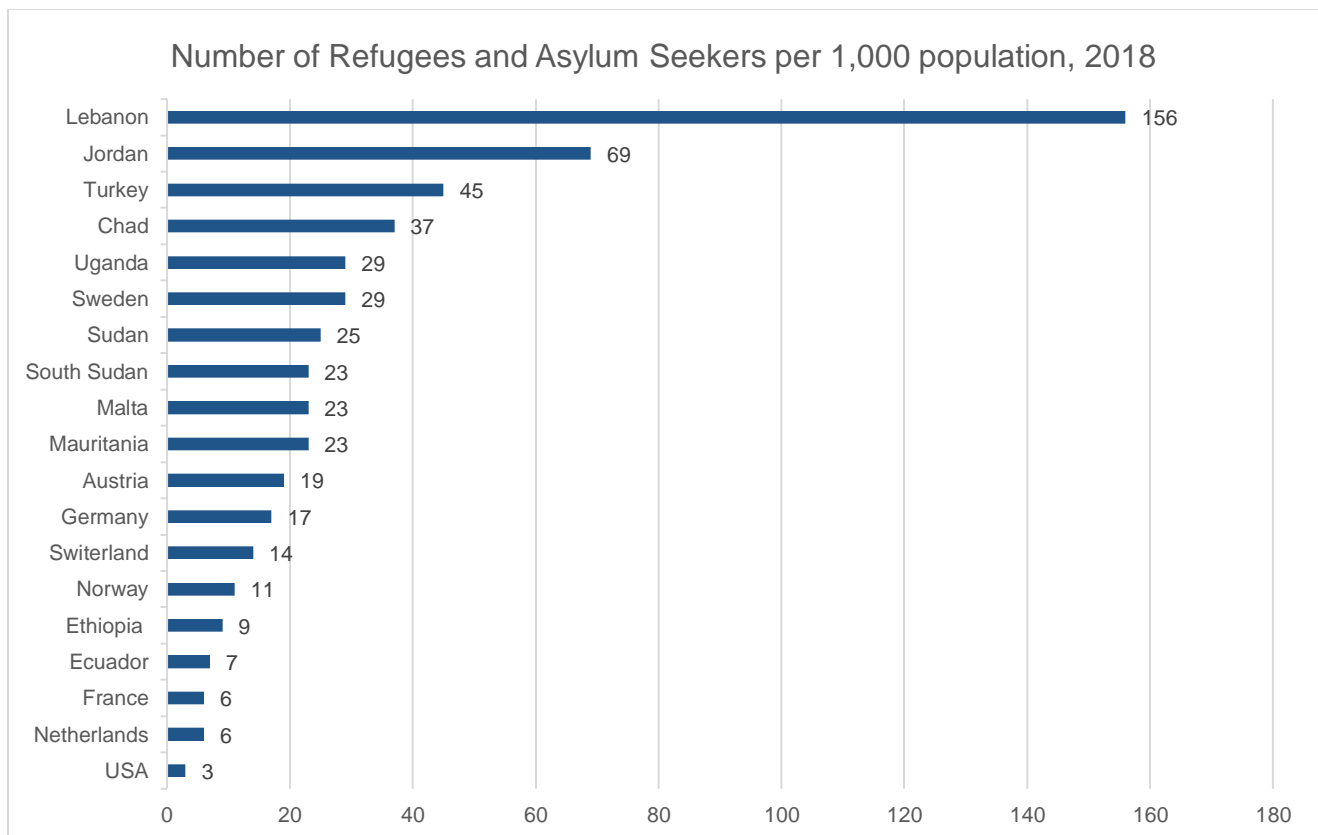
U.S. Refugee Resettlement Remains at Record Lows Halfway into FY 2019

Despite **record-breaking levels of global displacement**, the Trump Administration has **drastically reduced refugee resettlement** since taking office. The United States **welcomed only 22,491 refugees in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018—a 71% drop in resettlement from 2016 when 84,994 refugees were resettled**. The United Nations Refugee Agency estimates that more than **one million** refugees globally may currently need resettlement.

Yet in September 2018, **the Trump Administration set a refugee admissions ceiling of 30,000 for FY 2019**, the lowest in the history of our nation's resettlement program, after a previous low of 45,000 in FY 2018. Halfways through the fiscal year, the administration is **not on track** to meet even this low threshold. In the first six months of this fiscal year, the United States **resettled only 12,151 refugees. At the current rate, the Trump Administration will resettle 71% fewer refugees than were resettled during Fiscal Year 2016.**

United States Lagging Behind in Refugee Admissions

Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo **claimed** that the United States is “the most generous nation in the world when it comes to protection-based immigration” citing U.S. resettlement of refugees and processing of new and pending asylum cases. But even considering these figures together as a measure of the U.S. commitment to admitting refugees, **the United States lags far behind many refugee resettlement and frontline refugee hosting countries that protect far more refugees and asylum seekers on a per capita basis.**



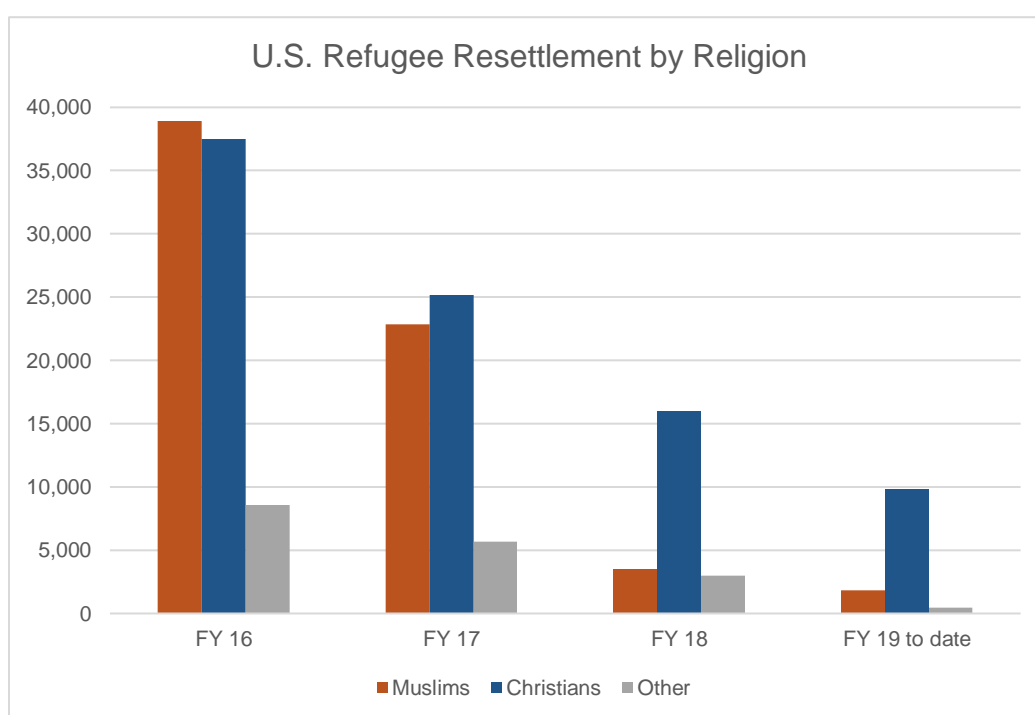
Sources: [Refugees and Asylum Seekers](#), [Country Populations](#)

Cuts in Resettlement Have Disproportionately Affected Muslim Refugees

Religion	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19 to date	Projected Percent Change (16 vs 19)
Christians	37,521	25,194	16,018	9,844	-48%
Muslims	38,900	22,861	3,495	1,854	-90%
Other	8,573	5,661	2,978	453	-89%
Total	84,994	53,716	22,491	12,151	-71%

Although there have been decreases in admissions across all religions, at the current rate in **FY 2019, admissions for Muslims are down by 90% compared to FY 2016**. In FY 2016, **46% of admitted refugees identified as Muslims**, however so far in **FY 2019 only 15% of admitted refugees identified as Muslim**.

Source: [Refugee Processing Center](#)



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Very Few Refugees Are Being Resettled from Countries Previously Subject to the Refugee Bans

In the first months of 2017, President Trump implemented refugee bans, which barred refugees from 11 countries, including 9 Muslim majority countries, from entering the United States and resulted in steep declines in refugee resettlement. While the refugee ban was officially lifted in January 2018, additional “security measures” adopted by the Trump Administration continue to severely impede the resettlement of refugees. **Only 608 refugees from the 11 banned countries have been admitted to the United States during the first half of FY 2019**. In comparison, **36,952 refugees from the 11 banned countries were admitted during FY 2016**. Notably, **only 168 Iraqis have been admitted so far during FY 2019**, which includes U.S.-affiliated Iraqis. **Currently the backlog for P2 Special Immigrant Visas for U.S.-affiliated Iraqis is approximately 100,000 people**.

11 Countries Affected by the Muslim Bans	Admitted During FY 16	Admitted During FY 17	Admitted During FY 18	Admitted in FY 19 to date	Projected Percent Change (FY16 vs FY19)
Egypt	21	9	1	1	-90%
Iran	3,750	2,577	41	63	-97%
Iraq	9,880	6,886	140	168	-97%
Libya	1	3	1	0	-100%
Mali	6	6	0	0	-100%
Korea, North	14	12	5	1	-86%
Somalia	9,020	6,130	257	27	-99%
Republic of South Sudan	189	176	13	5	-95%
Sudan	1,458	980	76	124	-83%
Syria	12,587	6,557	62	218	-97%
Yemen	26	21	2	1	-92%
Total	36,952	23,357	598	608	-97%

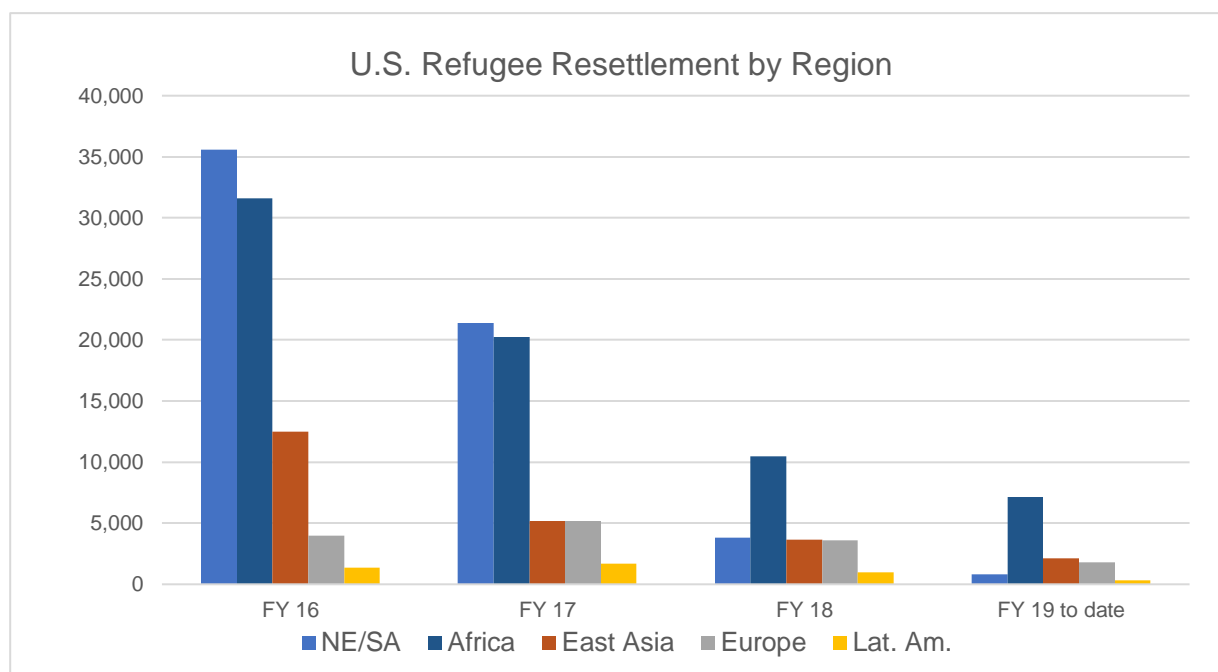
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Refugee Resettlement from the Middle East and South Asia Has Fallen Drastically, While Europe Has Seen A Relatively Small Drop

Compared to FY 2016, **refugee admissions from the Near East and South Asia region are experiencing an enormous drop, which at year-end would result in a 95% decline in resettlement.** In FY 2016 refugee from the Near East and South Asia made up about 42% of all resettled refugees, whereas they comprise less than 7% of U.S. refugee resettlement this year. Overall refugee admissions are down 71% since FY 2016, with the European region experiencing the smallest change in resettlement numbers with a 10% decline.

Regions	Admitted During FY16	Admitted During FY17	Admitted During FY18	Admitted in FY19 to date	Projected Percent Change (FY16 vs FY19)
Near East / South Asia	35,555	21,418	3,797	820	-95%
Africa	31,624	20,232	10,459	7,124	-55%
East Asia	12,518	5,173	3,668	2,106	-66%
Europe	3,957	5,205	3,612	1,773	-10%
Latin America / Caribbean	1,340	1,688	955	327	-51%
Total	84,994	53,716	22,491	12,150	-71%

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State Resettlement Numbers

The chart below illustrates state-by-state admissions for Fiscal Years 2016 thru the first half of 2019.

State	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19 to date
Alabama	120	63	36	0
Alaska	128	70	42	14
Arizona	4110	2,250	1,000	451
Arkansas	8	59	59	26
California	7,909	5,160	1,368	666
Colorado	1,647	1,144	486	286
Connecticut	819	432	156	57
Delaware	0	16	21	4
District of Columbia	6	2	1	4
Florida	2,983	1,698	591	285
Georgia	3,017	1,872	829	489
Hawaii	0	3	0	0
Idaho	1,135	628	359	202
Illinois	3,125	1,705	708	405
Indiana	1,893	1,042	493	383
Iowa	995	658	536	256
Kansas	914	580	383	195
Kentucky	2,405	1,618	896	513
Louisiana	173	84	28	6
Maine	607	288	62	75
Maryland	1,653	1,072	465	273
Massachusetts	1,734	1,089	464	198
Michigan	4,258	2,536	647	490
Minnesota	2,635	1,627	723	247
Mississippi	13	9	3	6
Missouri	2,072	1,227	482	278
Montana	27	92	115	59
Nebraska	1,441	1,194	343	160
Nevada	753	469	213	116
New Hampshire	515	339	162	110
New Jersey	536	379	163	109
New Mexico	342	155	65	57
New York	5,026	3,098	1,281	780
North Carolina	3,342	1,916	937	572
North Dakota	540	420	162	52
Ohio	4,194	2,867	1,405	500
Oklahoma	534	260	92	88
Oregon	1,293	1,002	437	196
Pennsylvania	3,219	2,147	908	474
Rhode Island	337	204	86	46
South Carolina	350	242	108	75
South Dakota	426	314	206	51
Tennessee	1,959	1,048	420	266
Texas	7,802	4,768	1,697	1,101
Utah	1,192	714	320	192
Vermont	386	235	133	84
Virginia	1,471	1,043	439	257
Washington	3,233	2,923	1,552	708
West Virginia	25	13	1	2
Wisconsin	1,691	942	404	287
Wyoming	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	84,994	53,716	22,491	12,151

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