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# Countries, US states where Syrian refugees have settled

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Since the conflict in Syria began four years ago, Massachusetts has accepted the 11th most Syrian refugees of any US state. Still, the numbers of Syrian refugees placed here and elsewhere around the country are far lower than the totals seen in Europe and other parts of the world.

More than 4 million people have fled Syria since the conflict began in 2011.

Hundreds of thousands of the refugees have flocked to Europe, but only 2,200 have come to the United States since 2011, according to records kept by the US Department of State's Refugee Processing Center.

Most of the Syrian refugees, more than 1,800 of them, were placed in the US this year.

The states with the most Syrian refugees are: California (252); Texas (243); Michigan (207); Arizona (168); and Illinois (166).

Massachusetts has accepted 72 Syrian refugees.

Elsewhere in New England, 42 Syrian refugees have been placed in Connecticut; 3 have been placed

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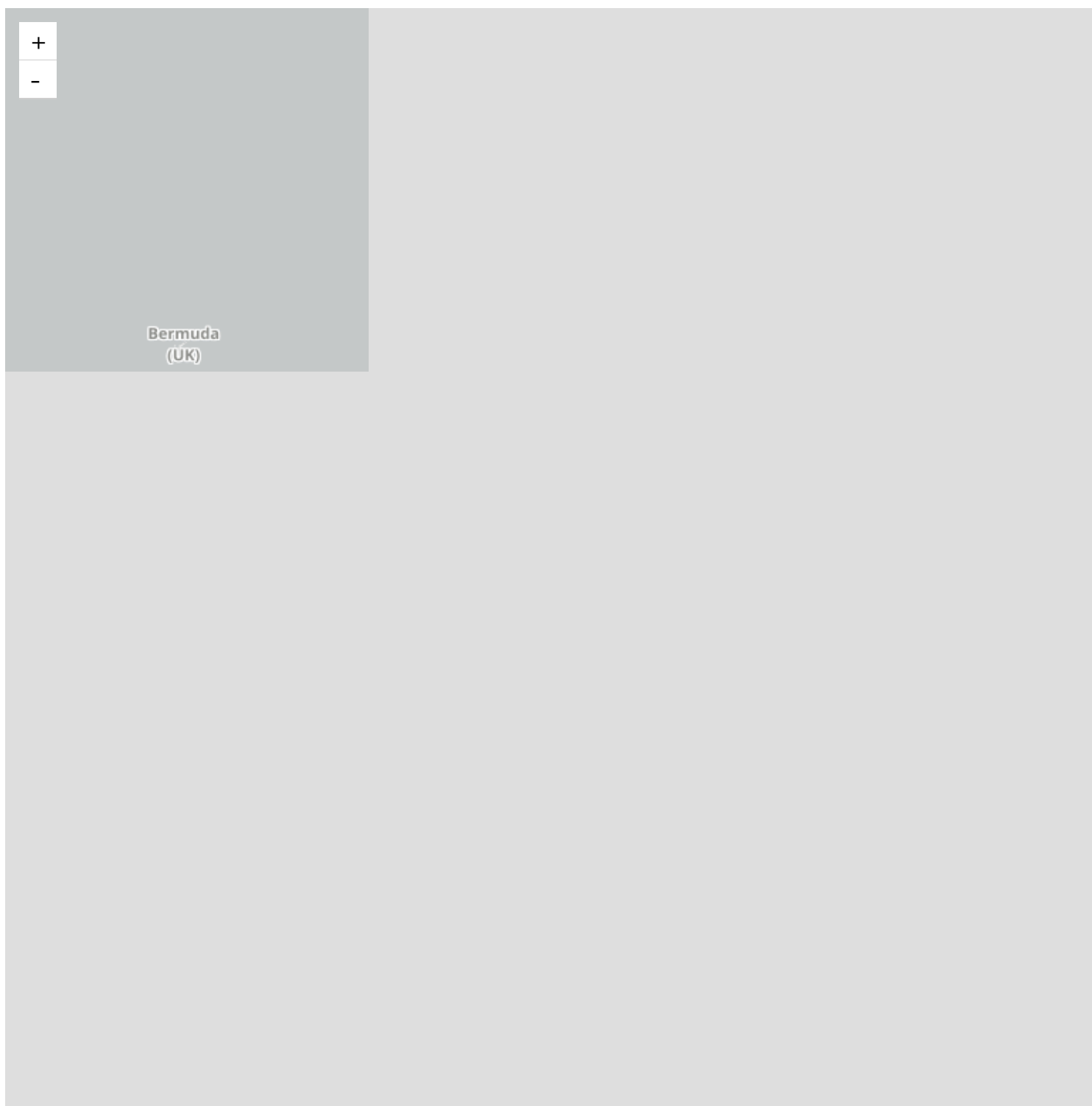
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**in New Hampshire; one in Maine, and none in Rhode Island or Vermont.**

## Where Syrian refugees have been placed in New England

Thirteen different towns and cities in the region have taken in Syrian refugees since 2011.



**Syrians represent a small fraction — less than 1 percent — of the more than 16,700 refugees of all nationalities that**

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have been placed in New England since 2011.

The picture is similar nationally, with 2,181 Syrian refugees placed in the United States since 2011, compared with 316,500 refugees overall.

With worldwide concern over the plight of refugees flooding out of the Middle East — and some European countries taking in huge numbers — the number of Syrian refugees settling here is expected to increase soon. The White House said in September that the United States would take in at least 10,000 during the next 12 months.

But on Monday, in the wake of the deadly terrorist attacks in Paris, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker joined several American governors in announcing they will not allow any Syrian refugees to move to their states.

The governors are responding to heightened concerns that terrorists might use the refugees as cover to sneak across borders. One of the attackers in Paris had a Syrian passport, and Paris prosecutors say fingerprints from the attacker match those of someone who passed through Greece in October.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for President Barack Obama said Sunday that the United States is moving forward with its plan to take in more Syrian refugees.

Globally, the largest settlement of Syrian refugees is in Turkey, where nearly 2.2 million have registered, followed by: Lebanon where more than 1 million Syrian refugees have registered; 245,134 in Iraq; and 205,578 in Serbia.

In Germany, 153,655 Syrian refugees have applied for asylum, according to data from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. About 8,050 Syrian refugees have applied for asylum in France, the data shows.

## Countries where Syrian refugees have gone

A look at the latest available counts of Syrian refugees by nation. (Note: Includes both registered refugees and asylum applications since 2011)

Country

Refugees

Turkey	2,181,293
Lebanon	1,075,637
Jordan	630,776
Iraq	245,134
Serbia	205,578
Germany	153,655
Egypt	127,681
Sweden	93,268
Hungary	71,845
Austria	27,379
Netherlands	22,159
Bulgaria	16,167
Denmark	14,533
Belgium	12,030
Norway	11,246
Switzerland	9,588
France	8,050
United Kingdom	7,735
Spain	6,253
Greece	4,588
Montenegro	2,964
Cyprus	2,889
Romania	2,364
Italy	2,183
<b>United States</b>	<b>2,181</b>
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	2,087
Finland	1,127
Malta	1,104
Poland	733

Luxembourg	496
Croatia	359
Czech Republic	308
Portugal	190
Slovenia	189
Albania	187
Ireland	113
Bosnia and Herzegovina	101
Latvia	89
Slovakia	61
Estonia	42
Lithuania	29
Iceland	19

**SOURCE: US Department of State Refugee Processing Center, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

## States where Syrian refugees have been placed

A breakdown of where Syrian refugees have settled in the US since 2011, when the Syrian conflict began.

State	Syrian refugees
California	252
Texas	243
Michigan	207
Arizona	168
Illinois	166
Pennsylvania	142
Florida	123
Kentucky	101
New Jersey	88
Ohio	76
<b>Massachusetts</b>	<b>72</b>

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Georgia	66
North Carolina	56
New York	51
Connecticut	42
Tennessee	42
Indiana	39
Maryland	39
Washington	38
Idaho	36
Missouri	29
Virginia	24
Louisiana	14
Utah	12
Colorado	9
Kansas	8
Nevada	8
Minnesota	7
New Mexico	6
Oregon	6
New Hampshire	3
Oklahoma	3
Wisconsin	2
Arizona	1
Maine	1
West Virginia	1
Alabama	0
Alaska	0
American Samoa	0
Delaware	0
Washington D.C.	0

Guam	0
Hawaii	0
Iowa	0
Mississippi	0
Montana	0
Nebraska	0
North Dakota	0
Puerto Rico	0
Rhode Island	0
South Carolina	0
South Dakota	0
Vermont	0
Virginia	0
Wyoming	0
Total	2,181

**SOURCE: US Department of State Refugee Processing Center**

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