

# How many immigrants, refugees come to the United States, and which countries they come from

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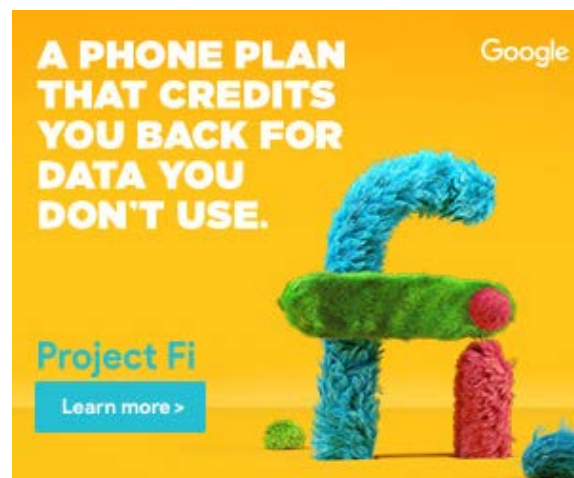
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President Trump put the issues of refugees and immigration front and center Friday when he ordered that the United States stop admitting refugees from Syria indefinitely, suspended the admission of refugees from other countries for 120 days, and suspended the entry of citizens of seven predominantly Muslim countries for 90 days.

Those countries are: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

Here is a big-picture look at where refugees and immigrants come from.

The United States in 2016 welcomed 96,874 refugees from countries around the world, including 15,479 from war-torn Syria alone, according to figures from the US Department of State's Refugee Processing Center.



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The United States also granted lawful permanent residence, or a "green card," to 52,365 immigrants from the seven now-banned countries during fiscal year 2015, the 12-month period that ended Sept. 30, 2015, which is the most recent data available from the Department of Homeland Security.

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## Children, women account for most Syrian refugees to US

Nearly three quarters of the Syrian refugees who were settled in the United States last year were either children or women, federal data show.

During that same stretch, the United States processed some 86,236 admissions of non-immigrant visitors from those seven nations, including people traveling for business, pleasure, or as students. And the US granted asylum to 2,825 people from those seven countries.

The order made special exemptions to the seven country travel ban, including for diplomats.

Below are some key statistics related to Trump's order.

### Key immigrant, refugee statistics

Refugee figures are for calendar year 2016, all other data is for fiscal year 2015, the 12-month period that ended Sept. 30, 2015. (Note: Non-immigrant visitor admissions represent counts of arrivals, not unique individuals. One individual can account for multiple admissions in a given year. Data are based on admissions to the US that involved the use of I-94 forms. Examples of I-94 form admissions include temporary visitors for business and pleasure, temporary workers, and students.)

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Country	Lawful permanent residents	Refugees	Granted asylum	Non-immigrant visitor admissions
Iran	13,114	4,152	674	35,266
Iraq	21,107	11,332	766	21,381
Libya	734	4	47	2,879
Somalia	6,796	10,786	178	359
Sudan	3,580	1,479	119	4,792
Syria	3,840	15,479	974	16,010
Yemen	3,194	27	67	5,549
<b>Total 7 countries</b>	<b>52,365</b>	<b>43,259</b>	<b>2,825</b>	<b>86,236</b>
<b>All world</b>	<b>1,051,031</b>	<b>96,874</b>	<b>26,124</b>	<b>76,638,236</b>

SOURCES: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, US Department of State's Refugee Processing Center

To see maps showing how many people come to the US from different countries around the world, click the links below.

- [Map of lawful permanent residents, by country](#)
- [Map of refugees, by country](#)
- [Map of people granted asylum, by country](#)
- [Map of non-immigrant visitors, by country](#)

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