



Facts About Refugees

1. A refugee is a person who has been forced to leave his/her homeland and is unable to return because she or he has experienced persecution or has a well-founded fear of persecution. Persecution can be related to race, nationality, religion, political opinions, or membership in a particular social group.
2. There are 26.4 million refugees around the world, with 67 percent from five countries: Syria, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Myanmar, and Somalia.
3. More than half of the world's refugees—51 percent—are children.
4. Most refugees wait an average of 17 years in a refugee camp or in urban areas outside a camp before returning to their country or resettling in a new country.
5. Each year, less than one percent of the world's refugees are resettled to a new country.
6. Turkey is the top hosting country for refugees with a total of 3.7 million. Lebanon hosts the largest number of refugees relative to its national population.
7. Refugees are the most thoroughly vetted individuals entering the United States, with vetting taking a minimum of several years and most often many more years.

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