



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 over 37.6 million refugees around the world, with 72 percent from just five countries: Syria, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Venezuela, and South Sudan.
3. 41 percent of the world's refugees are under age 18.
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. 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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