WHO IS A REFUGEE?

• UN definition (1951)
  • A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war, or violence. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group

• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25bwiSikRsI
65.3 MILLION FORCIBLY DISPLACED WORLDWIDE

21.3 million persons were refugees
- 16.1 million under UNHCR’s mandate
- 5.2 million Palestinian refugees registered by UNRWA

40.8 million internally displaced persons

3.2 million asylum-seekers

If these 65.3 million persons were a nation, they would make up the 21st largest in the world.

24 People worldwide are displaced from their homes every minute

SOURCE: UNHCR/2016 data
RESETTLEMENT STEPS

• U.S. Refugee Admission Process

• Reception and Placement Programming

• Life in the U.S.
FACTORS IMPACTING MIGRATION

**Push**
- Economic Opportunity (Employment; Funds to send home)
- Urban opportunity
- Education
- Better living conditions
- Family links
- Conflict
- Human Rights Violations
- Violence
- Persecution
- Social Change
- Lack of economic stability
- Weather/Global Warming
- Slavery/Trafficking

**Pull**
OVERARCHING CATEGORIES FOR MEASURING INTEGRATION

- Employment & economic sufficiency
- Education & training
- Children’s education
- Health & physical well being
- Housing
- Social bonding
- Social bridging
- Language & culture
- Safety & stability
- Civic engagement
LARGEST COMMUNITIES RESETTLED IN UTAH

Refugees Resettled in Utah by Country of Origin and Year

- Bhutan
- Burma
- DRC
- Iraq
- Somalia
- Sudan

- 2010
- 2011
- 2012
- 2013
- 2014
REFERENCES


THE CITY LIBRARY OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR REFUGEES PARTNERING WITH THE ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF UTAH

- The City Library (SLCPL) plays a critical role in the lives of refugees and immigrants in Salt Lake City.
- The City Library provides monthly computer classes at the Asian Association of Utah.
- When refugees come to The City Library, they are given an orientation and are shown the many resources available to them.
- The International Rescue Committee (IRC) offers guided tours of the Main Library.
- The City Library also works with Catholic Community Services of Utah to reach out to refugees and immigrants.

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Refugees using Marmalade Library’s Creative Lab
PUBLIC LIBRARIES SUPPORT REFUGEES

- Refugees learn many necessary skills at The City Library and are provided with Citizenship Kits.
- The City Library works collaboratively with the University of Utah to offer English language instruction, citizenship classes, mental health support, and additional resources.
- The City Library offers assistance with resumes and finding employment.

Refugees from AAU using the computers at Marmalade Library.

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PARTNERS

**English Skills Learning Center**
- English language classes
- Conversation practice
- Financial Literacy

**Department of Workforce Services**
- Summer refugee internship program
- World Refugee Day

**Resettlement agencies**
- International Rescue Committee
- Asian Association of Utah
- Catholic Community Social Services
OUTREACH

Granite School District
- Refugee Parent Orientation
- Refugee Family Night

Sunnyvale Neighborhood Center
- Part of Asian Association of Utah
- Summer reading program
- Afterschool programs

Bud Bailey Neighborhood Center
- Housing Authority of Utah
- Storytimes
- Afterschool programs
RESO URC ES

- Introduction to libraries for new Americans: http://guides.omahalibrary.org/newamericans/refugee
- Refugee outreach resources for library staff: www.ifla.org (Keyword Search: Public Libraries and Refugees)
- Catholic Community Social Services: https://www.ccsutah.org/
- International Rescue Committee: https://www.rescue.org/united-states/salt-lake-city-ut
- Refugee & Immigrant Center – Asian Association of Utah: http://aau-slc.org/
- University of Utah: Center for Research on Migration & Refugee Integration http://socialwork.utah.edu/research/center-for-research-on-migration-and-refugee-integration/
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