

## Refugee and Immigration Assistance Program

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### Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Program

This section summarizes data on selected Limited English Proficient (LEP) individuals being served by ESA's Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (RIA) section.

RIA provides services to refugees and other LEP individuals and families to help them become self-sufficient and adjust to life in the United States. Data provided in this section are for RIA clients who receive services through the following programs:

- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families/State Family Assistance (TANF/SFA) – provides cash assistance to needy families with children.
- LEP Pathway Program – provides employment services including job skills training, job search and employment placement assistance. The program also provides work experience and community service placements, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.
- Refugee Resettlement Assistance (RRA) – provides home management workshops and information and referral to access services such as healthcare, school enrollment for children, subsidized housing, elderly services, and transportation.
- Naturalization – provides services that prepare low-income refugees and legal immigrants for U.S. citizenship testing.

#### **Highlights:**

- The average monthly number of RIA clients who received the services listed above was 3,355 in SFY 2008.
- 26.83% of RIA clients have resided in the U.S. less than one year and 31.38% have resided in the U.S. between two and five years.
- The majority of RIA clients (61.20%) in June 2008 were female. 21.8% of RIA clients were between 30 and 39 of years age.
- The average monthly number of adult RIA clients who received temporary assistance for needy families/state family assistance (TANF/SFA) services was 2,307 (6.82%) in SFY 2008.

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### Selected RIA Clients Characteristics SFY 2007 and SFY 2008

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

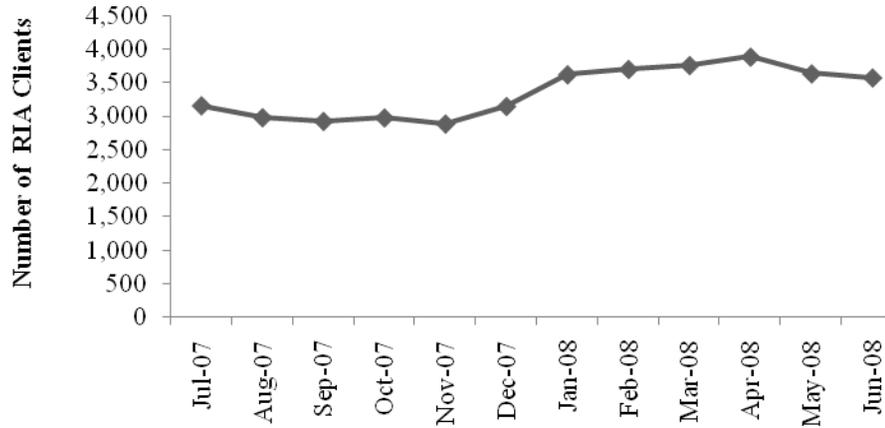
	SFY 2007 (July 2006 – June 2007)	SFY 2008 (July 2007 – June 2008)
Average Number of RIA Clients Per Month (Range)	3,310 (3,059 - 3711)	3,355 (2,924 – 3,887)
Average Number of RIA Clients with Resettlement Assistance (RRA) Service Per Month (Range)	444 (275 – 606)	464 (305 – 638)
Average Number of RIA Clients with ESL Per Month (Range)	1,537 (1,319 – 1,664)	1,467 (1,177 – 1,668)
Average Number of RIA Clients who received Naturalization Services Per Month (Range)	491 (408 – 575)	563 (436 – 788)
Average Number of RIA Clients with TANF/SFA Per Month (Range)	2,554 (2,319 – 2,693)	2,307 (2,105 - 2,513)
Average Number of RIA Adult TANF/SFA Clients Employed Per Month(Range)	452 (428 – 470)	425 (398 - 441)

**Note:** RIA clients are defined as TANF clients who are in the LEP Pathway for employment and/or ESL services. RIA clients also include Individuals who do not receive TANF but who achieved an LEP Pathway, RRA or NaturalizationOutcome.

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### RIA Clients SFY 2008

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

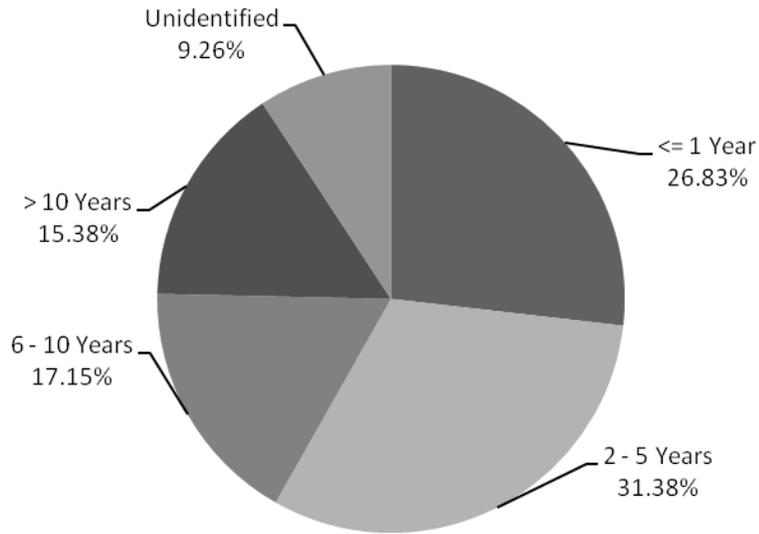


SFY 2008	Clients
July	3,159
August	2,979
September	2,924
October	2,976
November	2,885
December	3,148
January	3,622
February	3,702
March	3,761
April	3,887
May	3,636
June	3,575
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>3,355</b>

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### RIA Clients Length of Stay in the U.S. June 2008

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data



SFY 2008	Clients	
	Number	Percent
<= 1 Year	959	26.83%
2 - 5 Years	1122	31.38%
6 - 10 Years	613	17.15%
> 10 Years	550	15.38%
Unidentified	331	9.26%
<b>State Total</b>	<b>3,575</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Note:** The Unidentified group refers to RIA clients whose entry date into the U.S. is unknown.

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### RIA Client Demographics June 2008

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,575</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
<b>Female</b>	2,188	61.20%
<b>Male</b>	1,380	38.60%
<b>Unknown</b>	7	0.20%
<b>Immigration Status*</b>		
<b>Amerasian</b>	10	0.3%
<b>Asylee</b>	79	2.2%
<b>Battered Alien</b>	55	0.3%
<b>Conditional Entrant</b>	5	0.1%
<b>Deportation Withheld</b>	3	0.1%
<b>Parolee</b>	170	4.8%
<b>Permanent Resident Alien</b>	987	27.6%
<b>Permanent Resident Under Color of Law</b>	191	5.3%
<b>Refugee</b>	1,818	50.9%
<b>Unknown</b>	302	8.4%
<b>Age</b>		
<b>1-17 Years Old</b>	28	0.8%
<b>18-20 Years Old</b>	145	4.1%
<b>21-29 Years Old</b>	772	21.6%
<b>30-39 Years Old</b>	941	26.3%
<b>40-49 Years Old</b>	783	21.9%
<b>50-55 Years Old</b>	268	7.5%
<b>56-59 Years Old</b>	104	2.9%
<b>60-64 Years Old</b>	120	3.4%
<b>65+ Years Old</b>	414	11.6%
<b>Mean Age of Adults</b>	40.8 Years Old	
<b>Median Age of Adults</b>	39.0 Years Old	

\* See Glossary for definitions of immigration status at the end of this section.

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### RIA Clients by Region June 2008

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Region 1</b>	263	9.6%
<b>Region 2</b>	202	5.7%
<b>Region 3</b>	341	9.5%
<b>Region 4</b>	1,753	49.0%
<b>Region 5</b>	374	10.5%
<b>Region 6</b>	298	8.3%
<b>Unknown</b>	344	9.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,575</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Note:** Some Regions are unknown because DSHS does not collect regional information from clients who are not receiving public assistance, but who receive a RIA service.

## Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Program

### RIA Clients by Country of Origin June 2008

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

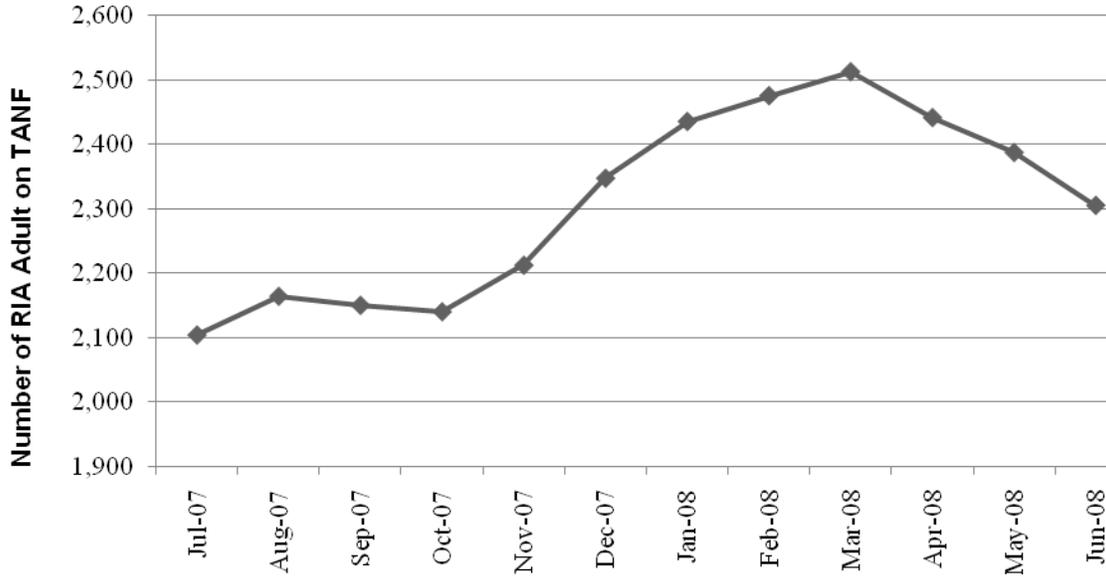
	Number	Percent
UNKNOWN	577	16.5%
AFGHANISTAN	23	0.7%
BELARUS	15	0.4%
BOLIVIA	18	0.5%
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	16	0.5%
BURMA	105	3.0%
BURUNDI	31	0.9%
CAMBODIA KAMPUCHEA	37	1.1%
CANADA	7	0.2%
CHINA	6	0.2%
COLUMBIA	6	0.2%
CUBA	9	0.3%
EITHOPIA	137	3.9%
El Salvador	7	0.2%
ERITREA	29	0.8%
GEORGIA	4	0.1%
GUATEMALA	7	0.2%
HONDURAS	4	0.1%
IRAN	58	1.7%
IRAQ	77	2.2%
KAZAKHSTAN	14	0.4%
KENYA	24	0.7%
KOREA (SOUTH)	7	0.2%
KYRGYSTAN	5	0.1%
LAOS	5	0.1%
LIBERIA	6	0.2%
MARSHALL ISLANDS	62	1.8%
MEXICO	195	5.6%
MICRONESIA	13	0.4%
MOLDOVIA	143	4.1%
MONTENEGRO	8	0.2%
MOROCCO	13	0.4%
OTHER COUNTRY	50	1.4%
PHILIPPINES	6	0.2%
ROMANIA	5	0.1%
RUSSIA	359	10.3%
SAUDI ARABIA	5	0.1%
SOMALIA	622	17.8%
SUDAN	43	1.2%
UKRAINE	581	16.6%
UZBEKISTAN	21	0.6%
VIETNAM	137	3.9%
Countries with 3 or less clients	78	2.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,575</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Note:** The following countries have three or less clients: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belize, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Croatia, Fiji, The Gambia, Guinea, Haiti, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palau, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Rwanda, Spain, Surinam, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Uganda, United Kingdom, Western Samoa

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### RIA TANF/SFA Clients SFY 2008

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data



SFY 2008	# TANF/SFA Adults	# RIA TANF/SFA Adults	% of RIA TANF/SFA Adults
July	32,958	2,105	6.39%
August	33,189	2,165	6.52%
September	32,565	2,151	6.61%
October	32,528	2,141	6.58%
November	32,521	2,213	6.80%
December	33,245	2,348	7.06%
January	34,126	2,436	7.14%
February	34,376	2,476	7.20%
March	35,106	2,513	7.16%
April	35,334	2,442	6.91%
May	35,274	2,388	6.77%
June	34,909	2,306	6.61%
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>33,844</b>	<b>2,307</b>	<b>6.82%</b>

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### RIA TANF/SFA Clients By Language June 2008

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
ALBANIAN	1	0.04%
AMHARIC	30	1.30%
ARABIC	73	3.17%
BURMESE	36	1.56%
CAMBODIAN(KHMER)	29	1.26%
CHINESE	4	0.17%
ENGLISH	560	24.28%
FARSI	35	1.52%
FRENCH	1	0.04%
HINDI	1	0.04%
HMONG	3	0.13%
JAPANESE	1	0.04%
KOREAN	12	0.52%
LAOTIAN	2	0.09%
OROMO	24	1.04%
OTHER LANGUAGE	47	2.04%
PASHTO	2	0.09%
PERSIAN	2	0.09%
POLISH	1	0.04%
PUNJABI	5	0.22%
ROMANIAN	4	0.17%
RUSSIAN	609	26.41%
SAMOAN	7	0.30%
SERBO-CROATIAN	9	0.39%
SOMALI	351	15.22%
SPANISH	266	11.54%
SUDANESE	9	0.39%
SWAHILI	24	1.04%
TAGALOG	1	0.04%
THAI	2	0.09%
TIGRIGNA	22	0.95%
TONGAN	1	0.04%
TRUKESE	5	0.22%
TURKISH	1	0.04%
UKRAINIAN	38	1.65%
VIETNAMESE	87	3.77%
VISAYAN	1	0.04%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,306</b>	<b>100%</b>

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### RIA TANF/SFA Client Demographics June 2008

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

<b>ESL Level</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Level 1	565	24.5%
Level 2	421	18.3%
Level 3	379	16.4%
Level 4	316	13.7%
Level 5	161	7.0%
Level 6	60	2.6%
Level 7	6	0.3%
Unknown	398	17.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,306</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>Immigration Status*</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Amerasian	7	0.3%
Asylee	59	2.6%
Battered Alien	11	0.5%
Conditional Entrant	5	0.2%
Deportation Withheld	3	0.1%
Parolee	158	6.9%
Permanent Resident Alien	616	26.7%
Permanently Residing Under Color Of Law	184	8.0%
Refugee	1,023	44.4%
Unknown	240	10.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,306</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Note:** ESL proficiency levels are based on Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) standards. CASAS is used to assess language proficiency levels in four areas – speaking, listening, reading, and writing. ESL level 1 indicates the client's English proficiency skills are at the low end of the scale, higher ESL levels indicate higher English proficiencies.

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### RIA TANF/SFA Adults by Region June 2008

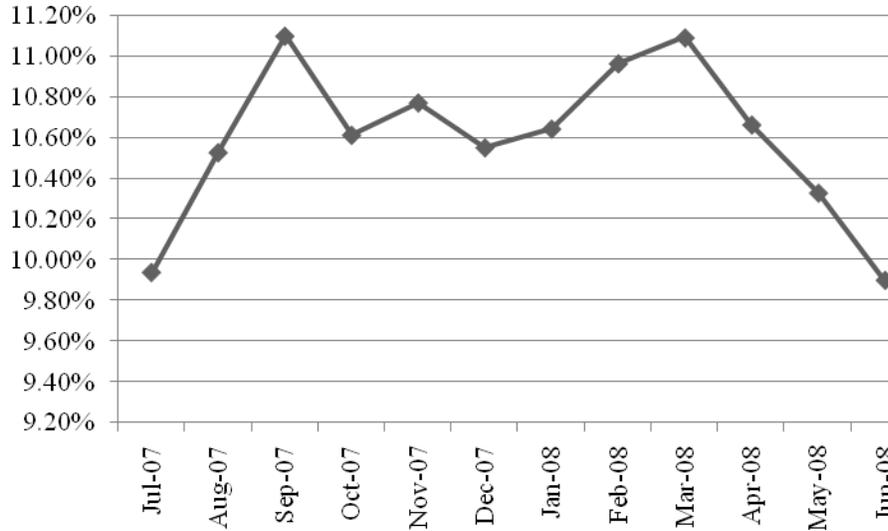
Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

	Number	Percent
Region 1	183	7.9%
Region 2	188	8.2%
Region 3	252	10.9%
Region 4	1,258	54.6%
Region 5	265	11.5%
Region 6	160	6.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,306</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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### RIA TANF/SFA Adults with Employment SFY 2008

Sources: ESA ACES Data



#### Percent of RIA Clients on TANF/SFA Employed

SFY 2008	# RIA Clients	# Adults TANF/SFA Employed	# RIA Clients on TANF/SFA Employed	% of Clients on TANF/SFA Employed
July	3,159	4,267	424	9.94%
August	2,979	4,189	441	10.53%
September	2,924	3,828	425	11.10%
October	2,976	3,750	398	10.61%
November	2,885	4,010	432	10.77%
December	3,148	3,952	417	10.55%
January	3,622	4,021	428	10.64%
February	3,702	3,912	429	10.97%
March	3,761	3,921	435	11.09%
April	3,887	3,929	419	10.66%
May	3,636	4,270	441	10.33%
June	3,575	4,102	406	9.90%
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>3,355</b>	<b>4,013</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>10.58%</b>

**Note:** Clients with employment means TANF/SFA adults who worked either full or part time during the report month.

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### RIA English as a Second Language Clients (ESL) SFY 2008

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

SFY 2008	RIA Clients	RIA Clients With ESL	
		Number	Percent
July	3,159	1,177	37.3%
August	2,979	1,273	42.7%
September	2,924	1,305	44.6%
October	2,976	1,323	44.5%
November	2,885	1,414	49.0%
December	3,148	1,514	48.1%
January	3,622	1,581	43.6%
February	3,702	1,629	44.0%
March	3,761	1,668	44.3%
April	3,887	1,606	41.3%
May	3,636	1,585	43.6%
June	3,575	1,525	42.7%
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>3,355</b>	<b>1,467</b>	<b>43.7%</b>

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### RIA ESL Client Demographics June 2008

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Total</b>	1,525	100%
<b>Gender</b>		
<b>Female</b>	1014	66.5%
<b>Male</b>	511	33.5%
<b>ESL level</b>		
<b>Unknown</b>	174	11.4%
<b>Level 1</b>	422	27.7%
<b>Level 2</b>	317	20.8%
<b>Level 3</b>	264	17.3%
<b>Level 4</b>	211	13.8%
<b>Level 5</b>	98	6.4%
<b>Level 6</b>	37	2.4%
<b>Level 7</b>	2	0.1%
<b>Age</b>		
<b>18 – 20 Years Old</b>	9	0.6%
<b>21 – 29 Years Old</b>	323	21.2%
<b>30 – 39 Years Old</b>	477	31.3%
<b>40 – 49 Years Old</b>	376	24.7%
<b>50 – 55 Years Old</b>	107	7.0%
<b>56 – 59 Years Old</b>	26	1.7%
<b>60 – 64 Years Old</b>	15	1.0%
<b>65+ Years Old</b>	5	0.3%
<b>Unknown</b>	187	12.3%
<b>Mean Age of Adults</b>	37.1 Years Old	
<b>Median Age of Adults</b>	36.0 Years Old	

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### RIA ESL Clients by Region June 2008

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Region 1</b>	93	6.10%
<b>Region 2</b>	140	9.18%
<b>Region 3</b>	203	13.31%
<b>Region 4</b>	799	52.39%
<b>Region 5</b>	126	8.26%
<b>Region 6</b>	147	9.64%
<b>Unknown</b>	17	1.11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Note:** Some Regions are unknown because DSHS does not collect regional information from clients who are not receiving public assistance, but who receive a RIA service.

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### RIA ESL Clients by Primary Language June 2008

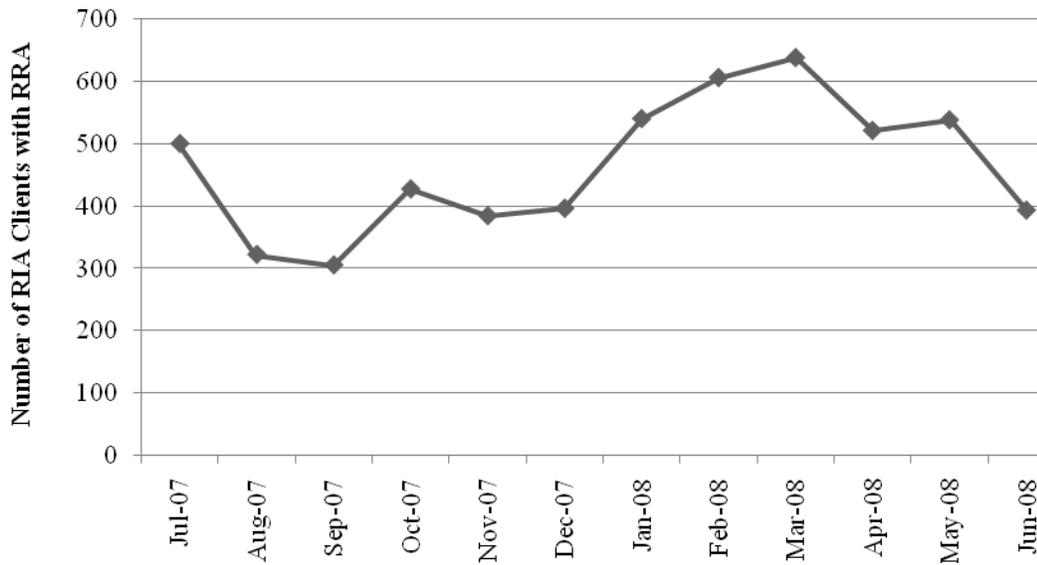
Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

<b>Primary Language</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
UNKNOWN	17	1.11%
ALBANIAN	1	0.07%
AMHARIC	23	1.51%
ARABIC	42	2.75%
BURMESE	16	1.05%
CAMBODIAN(KHMER)	13	0.85%
CHINESE	3	0.20%
ENGLISH	320	20.98%
FARSI	29	1.90%
FRENCH	1	0.07%
HINDI	1	0.07%
HMONG	3	0.20%
JAPANESE	1	0.07%
KOREAN	3	0.20%
OROMO	18	1.18%
OTHER LANGUAGE	19	1.25%
PASHTO	2	0.13%
PERSIAN	1	0.07%
PUNJABI	3	0.20%
ROMANIAN	3	0.20%
RUSSIAN	436	28.59%
SAMOAN	3	0.20%
SERBO-CROATIAN	4	0.26%
SOMALI	239	15.67%
SPANISH	197	12.92%
SUDANESE	5	0.33%
SWAHILI	15	0.98%
TAGALOG	1	0.07%
THAI	2	0.13%
TIGRIGNA	18	1.18%
TONGAN	1	0.07%
TRUKESE	4	0.26%
TURKISH	1	0.07%
UKRAINIAN	32	2.10%
VIETNAMESE	47	3.08%
VISAYAN	1	0.07%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>100%</b>

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### RIA Refugee Resettlement Assistance (RRA) Clients SFY 2008

Source: ESA MAPPER Data

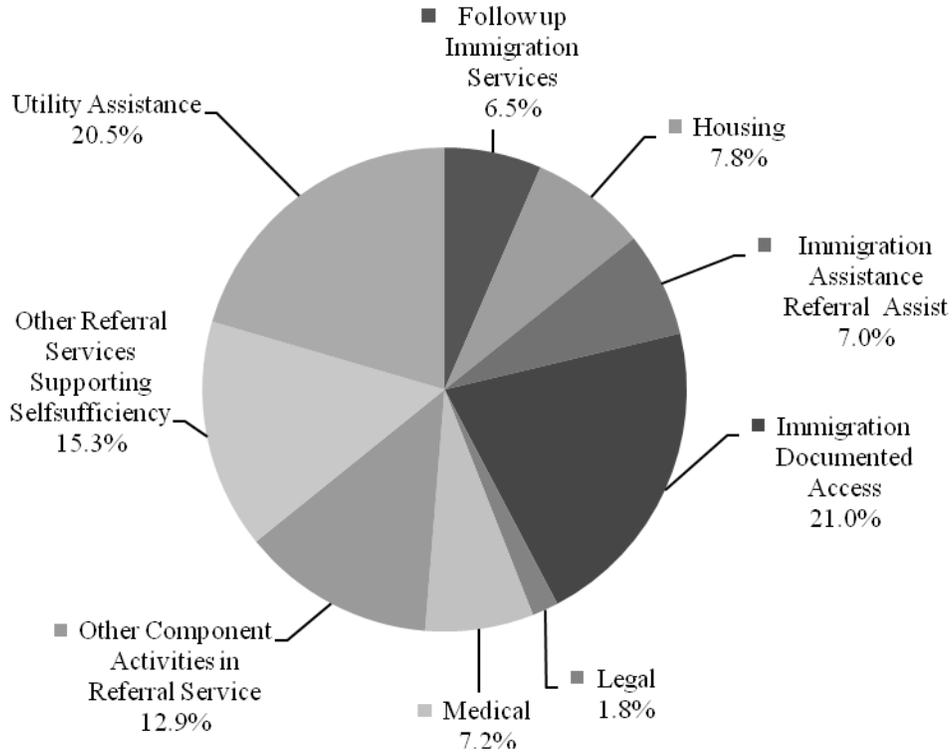


SFY 2008	RIA Clients	RIA Clients with RRA	
		Number	Percent
July	3,159	500	15.8%
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September	2,924	305	10.4%
October	2,976	427	14.3%
November	2,885	384	13.3%
December	3,148	396	12.6%
January	3,622	540	14.9%
February	3,702	606	16.4%
March	3,761	638	17.0%
April	3,887	521	13.4%
May	3,636	538	14.8%
June	3,575	393	11.0%
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>3,355</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>13.8%</b>

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### RIA RRA Clients by Services Provided SFY 2008

Source: ESA MAPPER Data



**Note:** "Other Component Activities in Referral Service" includes referrals to elderly services, immigration adjustment access, family violence referrals, and workshops on access to technology, education resources, health & safety, financial literacy, and family self-sufficiency.

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### RIA RRA Clients by Region June 2008

Source: ESA MAPPER Data

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Region 1</b>	15	3.8%
<b>Region 2</b>	64	16.3%
<b>Region 3</b>	235	59.8%
<b>Region 4</b>	17	4.3%
<b>Region 5</b>	59	15.0%
<b>Region 6</b>	15	3.8%
<b>Unknown</b>	3	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Note:** Some Regions are unknown because DSHS does not collect regional information from clients who are not receiving public assistance, but who receive a RIA service.

## Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Program

### RIA Clients who Received Naturalization Services (NS) SFY 2008

Source: ESA MAPPER Data

SFY 2008	RIA Clients	RIA Clients who Received NS	Submitted Naturalization Application (N-400)	Clients who Naturalized	Outreach Clients who Naturalized	Outreach Clients who Had Pre-Screening Service
July	3,159	644	180	170	70	30
August	2,979	495	96	141	56	27
September	2,924	526	76	107	58	23
October	2,976	542	112	64	24	25
November	2,885	471	82	31	15	24
December	3,148	486	84	33	10	19
January	3,622	908	94	201	80	29
February	3,702	828	110	70	28	19
March	3,761	768	98	54	24	23
April	3,887	1095	152	91	35	53
May	3,636	837	146	46	19	49
June	3,575	755	122	42	17	33
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>3,355</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,156 (unduplicated)</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>341</b>

**Naturalization Services (NS):** Assistance with completion and submittal of the application for Naturalization, payment of the Naturalization application fee and required finger printing fees, fee waiver requests, citizen training and instruction, including classes in American history and civics, English language training needed for the citizenship test, and assistance in obtaining test exemptions when appropriate.

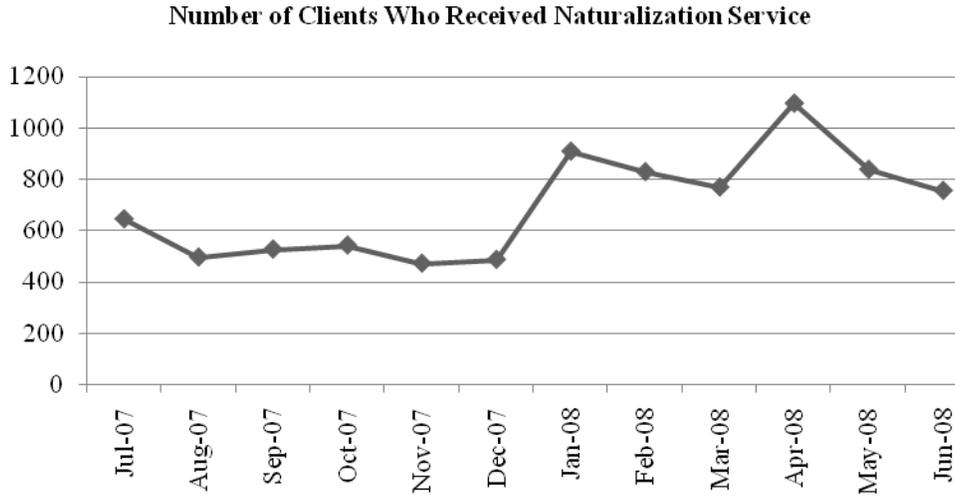
**Naturalized:** U.S. citizenship is conferred.

**Outreach Clients:** Refugees who entered the U.S. after August of 1996 who are eligible to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are limited to these benefits for 7 years from their date of entry unless they naturalize. Services in the Outreach Project include informing SSI recipients in advance of their limited time frame to receive federal benefits and to inform recipients ineligible for federal benefits because they are not citizens of the free naturalization services available in their area. Outreach clients receive priority services from RIA's Naturalization Service providers.

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**RIA Clients who Received NS  
SFY 2008**

Source: ESA MAPPER Data



<b>SFY 2008</b>	<b># of Clients who Received NS</b>
<b>Jul-07</b>	644
<b>Aug-07</b>	495
<b>Sep-07</b>	526
<b>Oct-07</b>	542
<b>Nov-07</b>	471
<b>Dec-07</b>	486
<b>Jan-08</b>	908
<b>Feb-08</b>	828
<b>Mar-08</b>	768
<b>Apr-08</b>	1,095
<b>May-08</b>	837
<b>Jun-08</b>	755
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>696</b>

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### RIA NS Clients Demographics June 2008

Source: ESA MAPPER Data

<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	362	47.9%
Male	193	25.6%
Unknown	200	26.5%
<b>Country of Origin</b>		
UNKNOWN	361	47.8%
AFGHANISTAN	4	0.5%
BELIZE	2	0.3%
BOLIVIA	5	0.7%
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	1	0.1%
CAMBODIA KAMPUCHEA	12	1.6%
EITHOPIA	11	1.5%
ERITREA	1	0.1%
IRAN	5	0.7%
IRAQ	6	0.8%
KAZAKHSTAN	4	0.5%
KOREA (SOUTH)	1	0.1%
KYRGYSTAN	2	0.3%
LIBERIA	1	0.1%
MOLDOVIA	23	3.0%
MOROCCO	2	0.3%
ROMANIA	1	0.1%
RUSSIA	90	11.9%
SOMALIA	16	2.1%
SUDAN	5	0.7%
UKRAINE	167	22.1%
UZBEKISTAN	2	0.3%
VIETNAM	33	4.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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### Glossary Definitions of Immigrant Status

- Amerasian** – U.S. Citizen-fathered children born in Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia or Thailand after 1950 and before Oct 22, 1982.
- Asylee** – A person granted protection from removal from the US by the Department of Homeland Security who is unable or unwilling to return to his or her home country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a social group .
- Battered Alien**– A qualified immigrant based on the fact that she or he was battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by a spouse or parent or another member of the household, or is the parent or child of an individual who has been so abused.
- Conditional Entrant** -An individual who was admitted to the US under a provision of pre-1980 immigration law, because the individual was persecuted or feared persecution in his or her home country.
- Deportation Withheld** –The formal removal of an alien from the United States when the alien has been found removable for violating the immigration laws. Deportation is ordered by an immigration judge without any punishment being imposed or contemplated.
- Parolee** – An alien allowed entry to the US by the Department of Homeland Security for urgent medical or humanitarian reasons or other emergencies.
- Permanent Resident Alien** – A person who has been granted the legal right to live and work in the US and travel outside the US without interference.
- Permanently Residing Under Color of Law** – non-citizens who are not considered "qualified aliens" under federal law, who are residing in the US indefinitely, and USCIS is aware of their presence but is not taking steps to enforce their departure.
- Refugee** - a noncitizen given permission to live in the US because he or she was persecuted, or has a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, nationality, religion, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group, in his or her home country.