

Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Program

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

ORIA 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 (NS) – provides services that prepare low-income refugees and legal immigrants for U.S. citizenship testing.

Highlights:

- The average monthly number of RIA clients increased to 3,559 in SFY 2009 from 3,355 clients in SFY 2008, a 6% increase.
- 31% of RIA clients have resided in the U.S. less than or equal to one year, and 30% have resided in the U.S. between two and five years.
- The majority of RIA clients (59%) in June 2009 were female, and 29% were between 30 and 39 years of age.
- The average monthly number of adult RIA clients who received TANF/SFA services in SFY 2009 was 1,658, or about 4% of the total adults receiving TANF/SFA.

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Selected RIA Program Characteristics SFY 2008 and SFY 2009

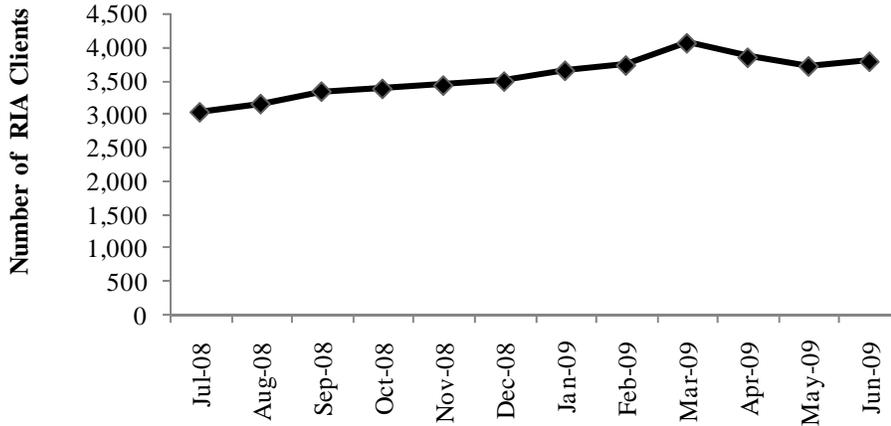
Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

	SFY 2008 (July 2007 – June 2008)	SFY 2009 (July 2008 – June 2009)
Average Number of RIA Clients Per Month (Range)	3,355 (2,924 – 3,887)	3,559 (3,040 – 4,067)
Average Number of Adult RIA Clients with TANF/SFA Per Month (Range)	1,118 (776 – 1,758)	1,658 (1,013 – 2,640)
Average Number of RIA Clients with ESL Per Month (Range)	552 (456 - 843)	503 (445 - 590)
Average Number of RIA Clients with Resettlement Assistance (RRA) Service Per Month (Range)	464 (305 – 638)	535 (354 – 685)
Average Number of RIA Clients who received Naturalization Services Per Month (Range)	563 (436 – 788)	854 (693 – 961)
Average Number of RIA Adult TANF/SFA Clients Employed Per Month (Range)	425 (398 – 441)	501 (442 - 577)

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**RIA Clients
SFY 2009**

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

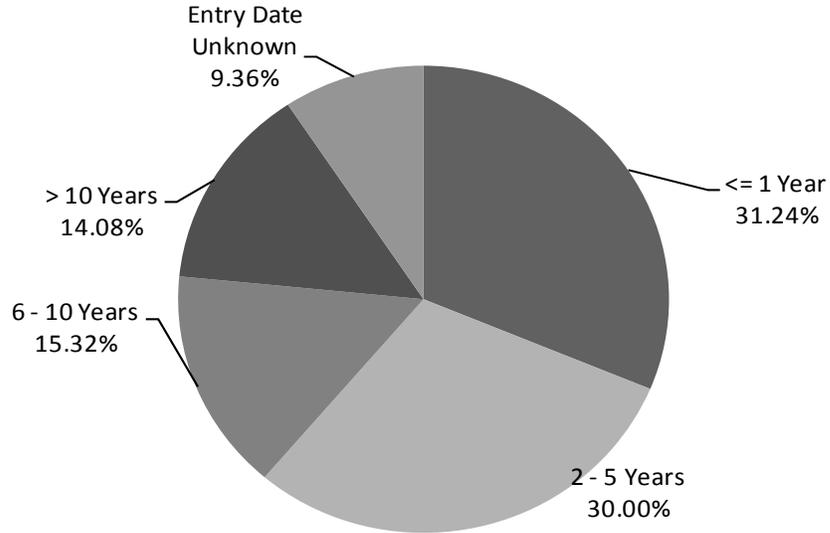


SFY 2009	Clients
July	3,040
August	3,162
September	3,348
October	3,388
November	3,438
December	3,498
January	3,658
February	3,737
March	4,067
April	3,853
May	3,723
June	3,793
Mo. Avg.	3,559

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**RIA Clients
Length of Stay in the U.S.
June 2009**

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data



June 2009	Caseload	
	Number	Percent
Less than or equal to 1 Year	1,185	31.24%
Two – Five Years	1,138	30.00%
Six – Ten Years	581	15.32%
Greater than Ten Years	534	14.08%
Entry Date Unknown	355	9.36%
Total	3,793	100%

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RIA Client Demographics June 2009

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

Characteristic	Number	Percent
TOTAL	3,793	100%
Gender		
Female	2,236	59.0%
Male	1,547	40.8%
Unknown	10	0.2%
Immigrant Status¹		
Amerasian	11	0.3%
Asylee	70	1.8%
Battered Alien	5	.01%
Conditional Entrant	0	0.0%
Deportation Withheld	0	0.0%
Parolee	217	5.7%
Permanent Resident Alien	1,148	30.3%
Permanent Resident Under Color of Law	191	5.0%
Refugee	1,815	47.9%
Unknown	335	8.8%
Age		
1-17 Years Old	16	0.4%
18-20 Years Old	114	3.0%
21-29 Years Old	875	23.1%
30-39 Years Old	1,133	29.9%
40-49 Years Old	877	23.1%
50-55 Years Old	264	7.0%
56-59 Years Old	101	2.7%
60-64 Years Old	83	2.2%
65+ Years Old	320	8.4%
Unknown	10	0.3%
Mean Age of Adults	37.8 Years Old	
Median Age of Adults	37.0 Years Old	

¹ See page 24 of this section for Immigrant Status definitions.

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RIA Clients by Region June 2009

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

Region	Number	Percent
Region 1	295	7.8%
Region 2	139	3.7%
Region 3	353	9.3%
Region 4	2,044	53.9%
Region 5	368	9.7%
Region 6	332	8.8%
Unknown¹	262	6.9%
Total	3,793	100%

¹ 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 Clients by Country of Origin June 2009

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

Country	Number	Percent
Afghanistan	29	0.8%
Armenia	4	0.1%
Belarus	21	0.6%
Bolivia	10	0.2%
Bosnia-Herzegovina	6	0.2%
Burma	187	4.9%
Burundi	21	0.6%
Cambodia Kampuchea	34	0.9%
Canada	6	0.2%
China	7	0.2%
Columbia	6	0.2%
Cuba	18	0.5%
Ethiopia	125	3.3%
El Salvador	10	0.3%
Eritrea	39	1.0%
Georgia	6	0.2%
Guatemala	5	0.1%
Iran	49	1.3%
Iraq	85	2.2%
Kazakhstan	16	0.4%
Kenya	18	0.5%
Korea (South)	5	0.1%
Kyrgystan	9	0.2%
Laos	4	0.1%
Liberia	4	0.1%
Marshall Islands	73	1.9%
Mexico	168	4.4%
Micronesia	18	0.5%
Moldovia	182	4.8%
Montenegro	8	0.2%
Morocco	15	0.4%
Russia	300	7.9%
Saudi Arabia	4	0.1%
Somalia	576	15.2%
Sudan	28	0.7%
Thailand	6	0.2%
Togo	4	0.1%
Ukraine	391	10.3%
Uzbekistan	32	0.8%
Vietnam	122	3.2%
Unknown	903	23.8%
Other Countries ¹	163	4.3%
Countries with 3 or less clients ²	70	1.6%
Total	3,793	100.0%

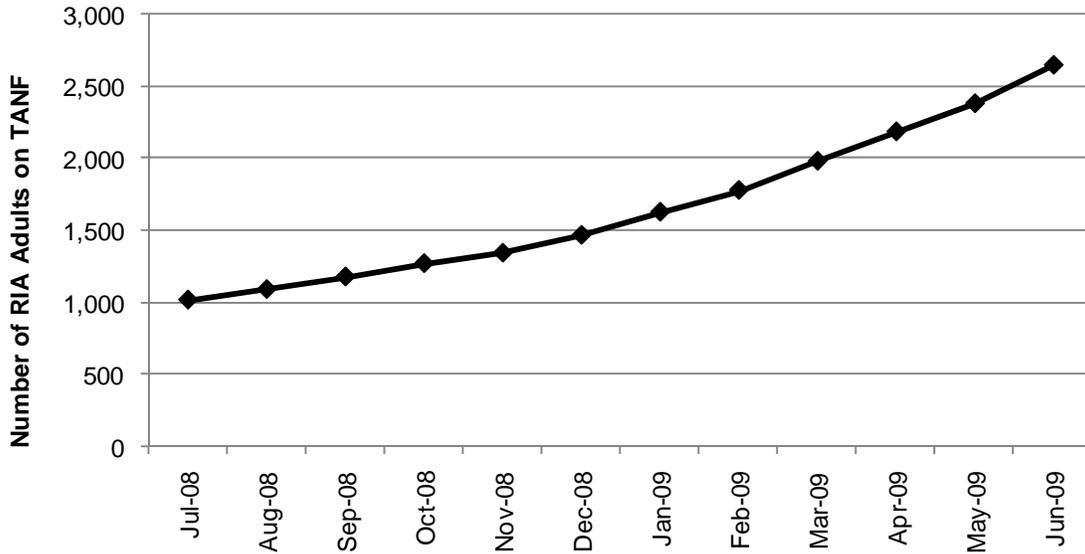
¹ Caseworker chose "other" as Country of Origin.

² The following countries have three or less clients: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Belorussia, Brazil, Cameroon, Chad, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, France, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Korea (North), Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Malta, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tonga, Turkey, Uganda, Western Samoa, Yemen, Zambia.

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RIA TANF/SFA Adult Clients SFY 2009

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data



SFY 2009	TANF/SFA Adults	RIA TANF/SFA Adults	
		Number	Percent
July	35,381	1,013	2.86%
August	36,171	1,086	3.00%
September	36,593	1,173	3.21%
October	37,302	1,266	3.39%
November	37,923	1,338	3.53%
December	39,471	1,462	3.70%
January	41,107	1,622	3.95%
February	41,941	1,773	4.23%
March	43,147	1,975	4.58%
April	44,073	2,179	4.94%
May	44,433	2,374	5.34%
June	44,663	2,640	5.91%
Mo. Avg.	40,184	1,658	4.13%

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RIA TANF/SFA Adult Clients By Language June 2009

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

<u>Language</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Albanian	1	0.04%
Amharic	34	1.29%
Arabic	80	3.03%
Bulgarian	2	0.08%
Burmese	85	3.22%
Cambodian (Khmer)	18	0.68%
Chinese	6	0.23%
Czech	1	0.04%
English	647	24.51%
Farsi	30	1.14%
French	6	0.23%
Hindi	2	0.08%
Hmong	2	0.08%
Japanese	1	0.04%
Kikuyu	1	0.04%
Korean	3	0.11%
Laotian	2	0.08%
Oromo	22	0.83%
Persian	109	4.13%
Polish	5	0.19%
Punjabi	1	0.04%
Romanian	8	0.30%
Russian	10	0.38%
Samoan	710	26.89%
Serbo-Croatian	3	0.11%
Slovak	1	0.04%
Somali	2	0.08%
Spanish	372	14.09%
Sudanese	232	8.79%
Swahili	2	0.08%
Tagalog	23	0.87%
Tamil	2	0.08%
Tigrigna	1	0.04%
Tongan	23	0.87%
Trukese	1	0.04%
Turkish	8	0.30%
Ukrainian	1	0.04%
Vietnamese	32	1.21%
Other	45	1.70%
Total	2,640	100%

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RIA TANF/SFA Adult Client Demographics June 2009 & Annual Unduplicated

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

ESL Level ¹	June 2009	Percent	Annual Unduplicated	Percent
Level 1	723	12.7%	838	24.1%
Level 2	448	17.0%	541	15.6%
Level 3	425	16.1%	511	14.7%
Level 4	413	15.6%	495	14.2%
Level 5	203	7.7%	263	7.6%
Level 6	87	3.3%	122	3.5%
Level 7	5	0.2%	7	0.2%
Not Tested	336	12.7%	700	20.1%
Total	2,640	100.0%	3,477	100.0%

Immigrant Status ²	June 2009	Percent	Annual Unduplicated	Percent
Amerasian	8	0.3%	9	0.3%
Asylee	46	1.7%	65	1.9%
Battered Alien	4	0.2%	7	0.2%
Conditional Entrant	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Cuban / Haitian Entrant	0	0.0%	2	0.1%
Parolee	211	8.0%	227	6.5%
Permanent Resident Alien	778	29.5%	1,046	30.1%
Permanent Resident Under Color of Law	187	7.1%	285	8.2%
Refugee	1,141	43.2%	1,447	41.6%
Unknown	264	10.0%	388	11.2%
Total	2,640	100.0%	3,477	100.0%

¹ English as a second language (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.

² See page 24 of this section for Immigrant Status definitions.

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RIA TANF/SFA Adults by Region June 2009

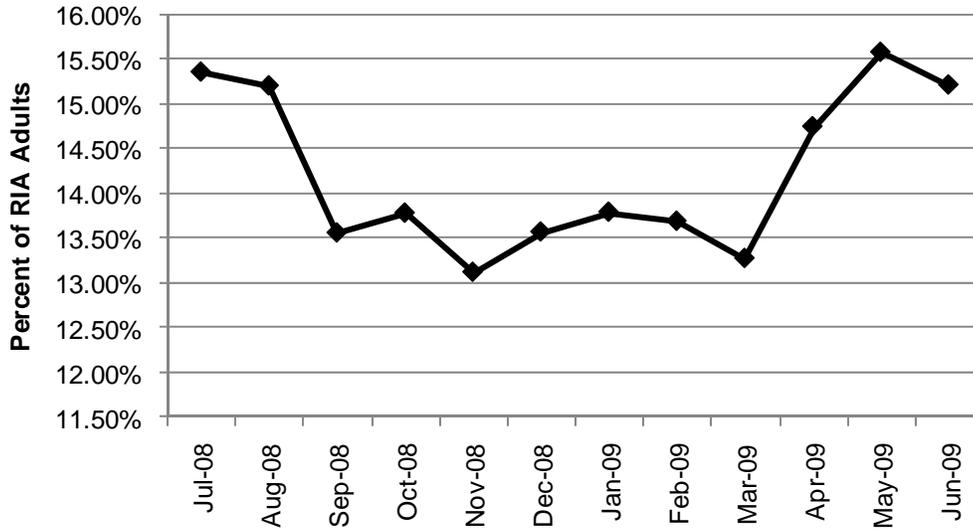
Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

Region	Number	Percent
Region 1	168	6.4%
Region 2	119	4.5%
Region 3	269	10.2%
Region 4	1,568	59.4%
Region 5	276	10.5%
Region 6	240	9.1%
Total	2,640	100.0%

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RIA TANF/SFA Adults with Employment¹
SFY 2009

Sources: ESA ACES Data



SFY 2009	RIA	RIA TANF/SFA Adults with	
	Adults	Number	Percent
July	3,002	461	15.36%
August	3,118	474	15.20%
September	3,305	448	13.56%
October	3,346	461	13.78%
November	3,370	442	13.12%
December	3,457	469	13.57%
January	3,619	499	13.79%
February	3,697	506	13.69%
March	4,024	534	13.27%
April	3,825	564	14.75%
May	3,704	577	15.58%
June	3,767	573	15.21%
Mo. Avg.	3,520	501	14.23%

¹ Adults 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 2009

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

SFY 2009	RIA Clients	RIA Clients With ESL	
		Number	Percent
July	3,040	446	14.7%
August	3,162	445	14.1%
September	3,348	483	14.4%
October	3,388	510	15.1%
November	3,438	457	13.3%
December	3,498	460	13.2%
January	3,658	544	14.9%
February	3,737	518	13.9%
March	4,067	590	14.5%
April	3,853	584	15.2%
May	3,723	484	13.0%
June	3,793	516	13.6%
Mo. Avg.	3,559	503	14.1%

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RIA ESL Client Demographics June 2009

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

Characteristic	Number	Percent
TOTAL	516	100%
Gender		
Female	302	58.5%
Male	214	41.5%
ESL level		
Level 1	162	31.4%
Level 2	64	12.4%
Level 3	89	17.2%
Level 4	68	13.2%
Level 5	37	7.2%
Level 6	10	1.9%
Level 7	2	0.4%
Not Tested	84	16.3%
Age		
18 – 20 Years Old	9	1.7%
21 – 29 Years Old	119	23.1%
30 – 39 Years Old	201	39.0%
40 – 49 Years Old	141	27.3%
50 – 55 Years Old	30	5.8%
56 – 59 Years Old	11	2.1%
60 – 64 Years Old	4	0.8%
65+ Years Old	1	0.2%
Mean Age of Adults	36.7 Years Old	
Median Age of Adults	36.0 Years Old	

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RIA ESL Clients by Region June 2009

Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

Region	Number	Percent
Region 1	11	2.13%
Region 2	70	13.57%
Region 3	166	32.17%
Region 4	195	37.79%
Region 5	11	2.13%
Region 6	62	12.02%
Unknown¹	1	0.19%
Total	516	100%

¹ 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 2009

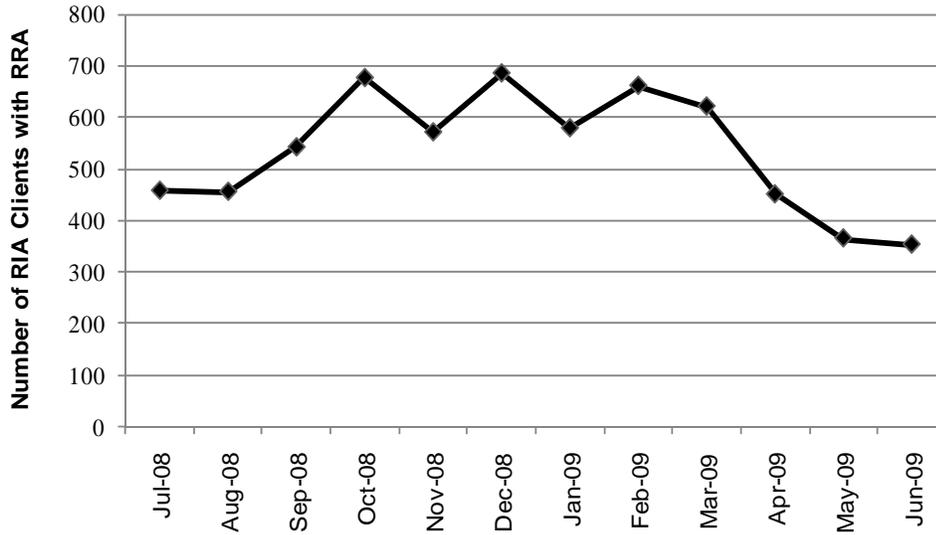
Sources: ESA-ACES and MAPPER Data

Primary Language	Number	Percent
Amharic	5	0.97%
Arabic	20	3.88%
Burmese	16	3.10%
Cambodian (Khmer)	1	0.19%
Chinese	1	0.19%
English	120	23.26%
Farsi	6	1.16%
French	2	0.39%
Hindi	2	0.39%
Hmong	1	0.19%
Korean	1	0.19%
Laotian	1	0.19%
Oromo	2	0.39%
Persian	3	0.58%
Punjabi	3	0.58%
Romanian	2	0.39%
Russian	146	28.29%
Somali	40	7.75%
Spanish	77	14.92%
Sudanese	1	0.19%
Swahili	3	0.58%
Tigrigna	1	0.19%
Trukese	3	0.58%
Ukrainian	9	1.74%
Vietnamese	18	3.49%
Unknown	1	0.19%
Other	31	6.01%
Total	516	100%

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RIA Refugee Resettlement Assistance (RRA) Clients SFY 2009

Source: ESA MAPPER Data

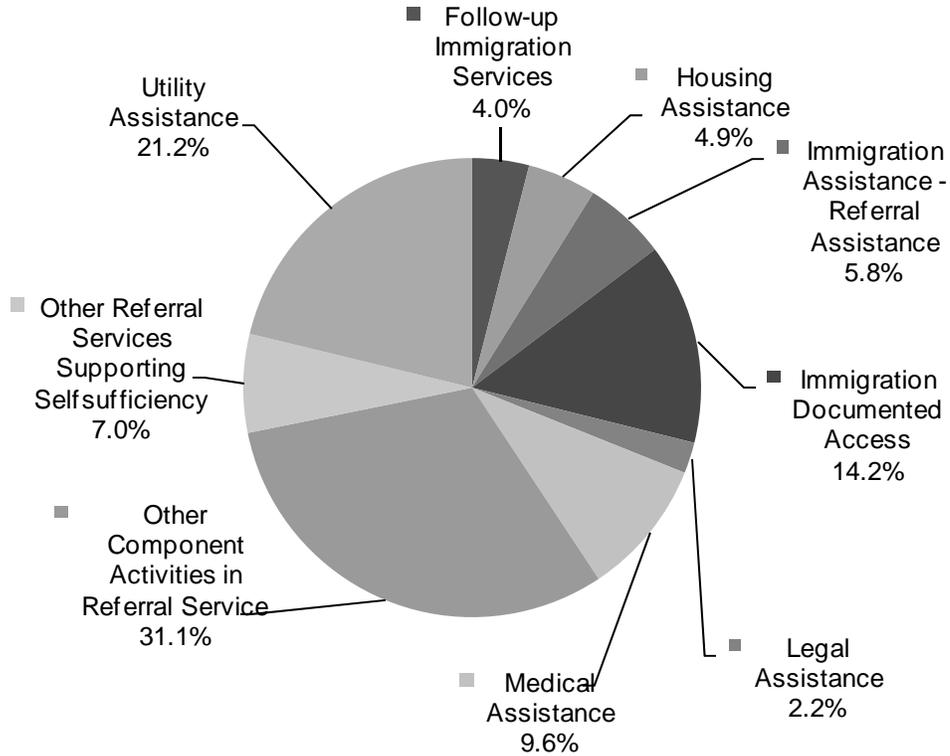


SFY 2009	RIA Clients	RIA Clients with RRA	
		Number	Percent
July	3,040	458	15.1%
August	3,162	456	14.4%
September	3,348	542	16.2%
October	3,388	676	20.0%
November	3,438	571	16.6%
December	3,498	685	19.6%
January	3,658	579	15.8%
February	3,737	661	17.7%
March	4,067	621	15.3%
April	3,853	451	11.7%
May	3,723	366	9.8%
June	3,793	354	9.3%
Mo. Avg.	3,559	535	15.0%

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RIA RRA Clients by Services Provided¹ SFY 2009

Source: ESA MAPPER Data



RRA Service Type	Clients	Percent
Follow-up Immigration Services	231	4.0%
Housing Assistance	285	4.9%
Immigration Assistance – Referral Assistance	343	5.8%
Immigration Documented Access	834	14.2%
Legal Assistance	129	2.2%
Medical Assistance	566	9.6%
Other Component Activities in Referral Service	1,827	31.1%
Other Referral Services – Self Sufficiency	410	7.0%
Utility Assistance	1,246	21.2%
Total	5,871	100.0%

¹ "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, and financial.

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RIA RRA Clients by Region¹ June 2009 & Annual Unduplicated

Source: ESA MAPPER Data

Immigrant Status	June 2009	Percent	Annual Unduplicated	Percent
Region 1	1	0.3%	617	10.5%
Region 2	1	0.3%	208	3.5%
Region 3	68	19.2%	732	12.5%
Region 4	252	71.2%	3,429	58.4%
Region 5	26	7.3%	529	9.0%
Region 6	1	0.3%	312	5.3%
Unknown	5	1.4%	44	0.7%
Total	354	100%	5,871	100.0%

¹ 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 Clients who Received Naturalization Services (NS) SFY 2009

Source: ESA MAPPER Data

SFY 2009	RIA Clients	RIA Clients who Received NS ¹	Submitted Naturalization Application (N-400)	Clients who Naturalized ²	Outreach Clients ³ who Naturalized	Outreach Clients who Had Pre-Screening Service
July	3,040	782	106	75	23	35
August	3,162	841	153	81	33	49
September	3,348	902	163	97	38	44
October	3,388	941	122	140	48	40
November	3,438	940	95	174	69	31
December	3,498	781	105	128	42	18
January	3,658	961	113	169	82	39
February	3,737	881	126	146	68	34
March	4,067	918	137	148	61	37
April	3,853	835	146	71	38	31
May	3,723	770	151	25	14	13
June	3,793	693	125	18	7	23
Mo. Avg.	3,559	854	129	106	44	33
Total Unduplicated		3,553	1,532	1,272	523	385

¹ 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.

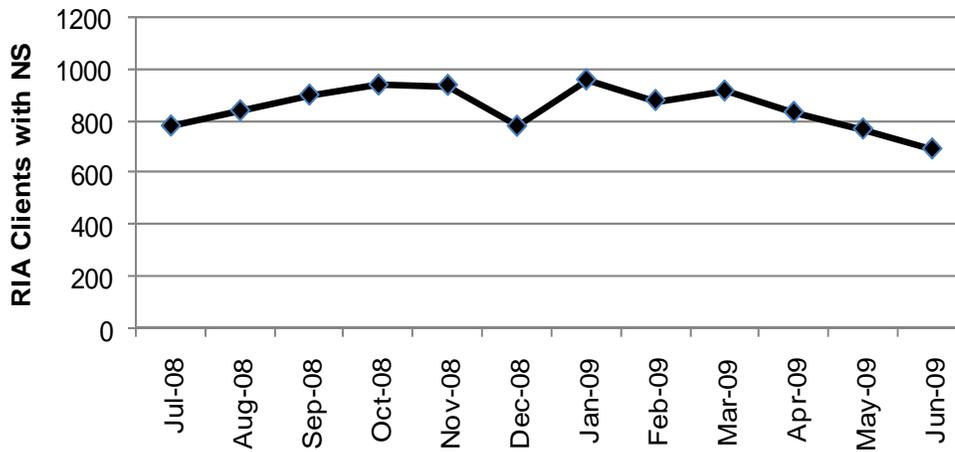
² Naturalized: U.S. citizenship is conferred.

³ 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 2009

Source: ESA MAPPER Data



SFY 2009	Clients who Received NS
July	782
August	841
September	902
October	941
November	940
December	781
January	961
February	881
March	918
April	835
May	770
June	693
Mo. Avg.	854

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**RIA NS Clients Demographics
June 2009**

Source: ESA MAPPER Data

Characteristic	Number	Percent
TOTAL	693	100%
Gender		
Female	318	45.9%
Male	191	27.6%
Unknown	184	26.5%
Immigrant Status¹		
Amerasian	2	0.3%
Asylee	10	1.4%
Battered Alien	1	0.1%
Parolee	6	0.9%
Permanent Resident Alien	361	52.1%
Permanent Resident Under Color of Law	5	0.7%
Refugee	278	40.1%
Unknown	30	4.3%
Age		
18 – 20 Years Old	17	2.5%
21 – 29 Years Old	41	5.9%
30 – 39 Years Old	81	11.7%
40 – 49 Years Old	92	13.3%
50 – 55 Years Old	61	8.8%
56 – 59 Years Old	40	5.8%
60 – 64 Years Old	53	7.6%
65+ Years Old	308	44.4%
Mean Age of Adults	56.6 Years Old	
Median Age of Adults	61.0 Years Old	

¹ See page 24 of this section for Immigrant Status definitions.

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RIA NS Clients by Country of Origin June 2009

Country	Number	Percent
Afghanistan	2	0.3%
Bolivia	5	0.7%
Bulgaria	1	0.1%
Burundi	1	0.1%
Cambodia Kampuchea	10	1.4%
Columbia	1	0.1%
Cuba	1	0.1%
Ethiopia	1	0.1%
Eritrea	12	1.7%
Estonia	1	0.1%
Iran	1	0.1%
Kenya	2	0.3%
Kyrgystan	1	0.1%
Mexico	7	1.0%
Moldovia	4	0.6%
Morocco	38	5.5%
Russia	2	0.3%
Somalia	28	4.0%
Sudan	3	0.4%
Thailand	1	0.1%
Ukraine	4	0.6%
Uzbekistan	3	0.4%
Unknown	564	81.4%
Total	693	100.0%

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Glossary

Definitions of Immigrant and INS Entry Status, and Citizenship

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.

Born in U.S. – a person born in the United States.

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.

Cuban / Haitian Entrant – A national of Cuba or Haiti who was paroled in the U.S., whether the parole document expressly stated “Cuban/Haitian entrant” or not, or was granted any other special status. Includes nationals of these countries who are in the U.S. under a variety of circumstances, including persons paroled on any basis, those involved in deportation proceedings, asylum applicants, those granted adjustment to lawful permanent resident status under the Cuban Adjustment Act, the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act, or the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act, or those granted “special status” under the Refugee Education Assistance Act.

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.

Non-Refugee – An alien lawfully admitted into the US for permanent residence under any status other than Refugee, Asylee, Amerasian, Cuban/Haitian entrant, Conditional Entry, ORR Certified Victim of Human Trafficking with T-2, T-3, T-4, or T-5 Visa, Special Immigrant from Iraq or Afghanistan.

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.

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Resident Alien – an immigrant who has been granted a status that allows him or her to reside and work permanently in the U.S. It is the same as lawful permanent resident, or “Green Card” holder.

U.S. Citizen – The following individuals are considered to be citizens of the U.S.:

1. Persons born in the U.S. or its territories (Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; also residents of the Northern Mariana Islands who elected to become U.S. citizens).
2. Legal Immigrants who have naturalized after immigrating to the U.S.
3. Persons born to at least one U.S. citizen parent may be a U.S. citizen under certain conditions.
4. Individuals under the age of eighteen automatically become citizens when they meet the following conditions on or after February 27, 2001:
 - (1) The child is a lawful permanent resident
 - (2) At least one of the parents is a U.S. citizen by birth or naturalization; and
 - (3) The child resides in the U.S. in the legal and physical custody of the citizen parent
5. For those individuals who turned eighteen before February 27, 2001, the child would automatically be a citizen if still under eighteen when he or she began lawful permanent residence in the U.S. and both parents had naturalized. Such a child could have derived citizenship when only one parent had naturalized if the other parent were dead, a U.S. citizen by birth, or the parents were legally separated and the naturalizing parent had custody.

U.S. National – a person who owes permanent allegiance to the U.S. and may enter and work in the U.S. without restriction. The following are the only persons classified as U.S. Nationals:

1. Persons born in American Samoa or Swain’s Island after December 24, 1952
2. Residents of the Northern Mariana Islands who did not elect to become U.S. citizens