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ORIA Program Overview

The Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (ORIA) uses federal and state resources to administer 14 different programs across the state that help people who have refugee or another eligible immigration status achieve economic stability and integrate into life in the United States. Data provided in this section highlights four prominent ORIA programs:

- **The Limited English Proficient (LEP) Pathway** – as part of the Washington WorkFirst program, ORIA partners with 16 different organizations to provide employment services and 14 organizations to offer vocational English language programs. Employment services include activities such as job skills training, job search, employment placement, and retention assistance. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are offered by colleges and community-based organizations and are based on the student’s skill level. Curricula is focused on lessons that help participants gain the vocabulary needed in the workplace and other areas of their lives. Participants eligible for the LEP Pathway program may be recipients of ESA’s cash assistance programs, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), State Family Assistance (SFA), or Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), or have a refugee or humanitarian immigrant status and have been in the country less than five years.
- **The Naturalization Services (NS) Program** – assists with the application and preparation process to help low-income permanent residents become U.S. citizens. ORIA partners with the City of Seattle’s New Americans Program and 13 community-based organizations. Services include preparing the application and fee waiver requests, assistance in obtaining test exemptions when appropriate, and interview preparation. Providers offer classes in American history and civics, as well as English language training needed for the citizenship test.
- **Promoting Refugee Integration, Mobility and Empowerment (PRIME) Program** – provides people with refugee and humanitarian immigrant status a continuum of services that are community based, comprehensive, and client centered. The services promote their integration into new communities, and increase their mobility through coaching on how to independently navigate community systems and resources. Participants use the knowledge gained to empower themselves and rebuild their lives as they fulfill their dreams or goals.
- **ORIA Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET) Program** – provides employment services to refugees and immigrants who are not receiving federal cash assistance, such as TANF or Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), but receive federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Individuals who have active SNAP benefits are eligible for Washington’s Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET) program. Participation is voluntary and may include job search, job search training (soft skills), educational services (adult basic education and ESL), workforce skills training (vocational education), assistance with establishing small businesses, post-employment services, support services, and other employment opportunities.

Additional information, including the eligibility criteria, funding sources, and services/benefits provided, is available [here](#).

Highlights

In SFY 2022, the LEP Pathway Program served a total of 4,383 unduplicated clients. Out of those served, 2,944 clients (67.2%) participated in Employment Services, of which 1,151 (39.1%) successfully entered employment, and 2,265 clients received English as a Second Language (ESL) services.

In SFY 2022, the Naturalization Service Program served a total of 3,826 clients and helped 1,287 people become U.S. citizens.

In SFY 2022, the PRIME Program served a total of 2,324 clients.

In SFY 2022, ESA’s Basic Food Employment and Training Program (BFET) served a total of 534 clients.

TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCES: Data reported in this chapter were extracted from the ESA – MyRIA and eJAS databases in October and November 2022.

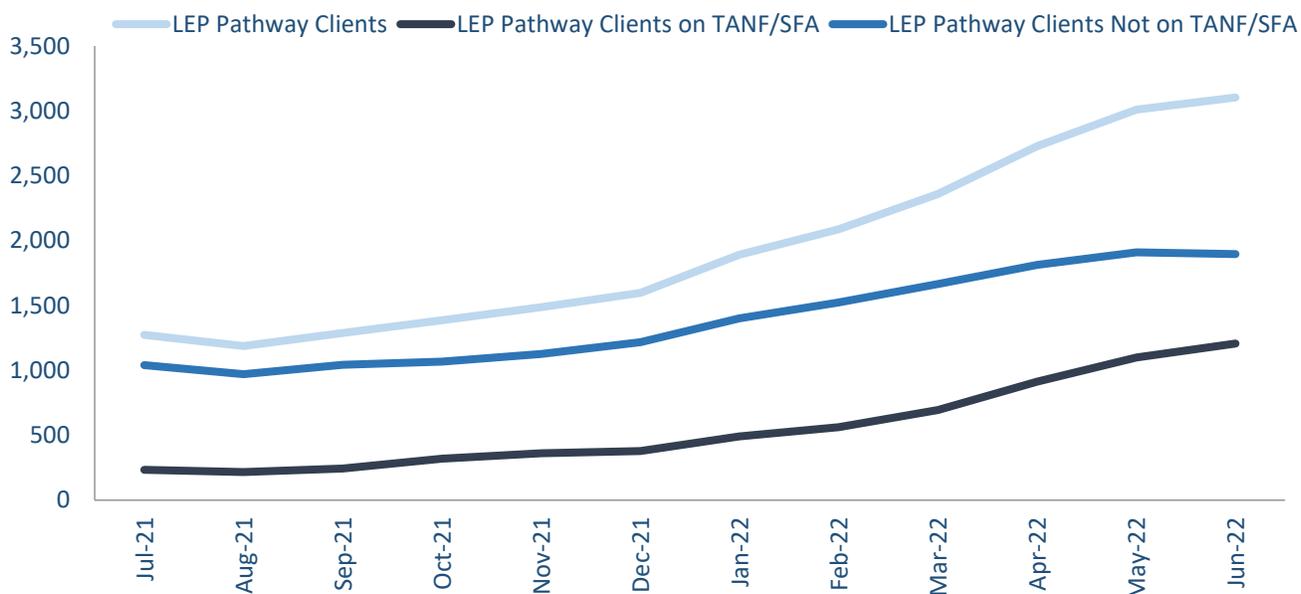
DATA NOTES:

- Percentages may not add up to expected totals due to rounding.
- Regional reports present the number of clients served by ORIA service providers in each DSHS region. A client’s residence and service provider are usually in the same region.
- Primary language results are based on the client’s self-reported data in ESA’s ACES database.
- Primary language is the language in which the client wishes to communicate with DSHS, as indicated on the client’s application or eligibility review.

Selected ORIA Program Overview, SFY 2021 and SFY 2022

	SFY 2021 (July 2020-June 2021)	SFY 2022 (July 2021-June 2022)	Change	
Average Number of LEP Pathway Clients Per Month & Range	1,891 (1,700 - 2,056)	1,950 (1,188 - 3,103)	3.2% (Increase)	↑
Average Number of LEP Pathway Clients on TANF/SFA Per Month & Range	347 (246 - 487)	560 (217 - 1,207)	61.4% (Increase)	↑
Average Number of LEP Pathway ESL Clients Per Month & Range	1,009 (722 - 1,210)	1,250 (683 - 2,020)	23.9% (Increase)	↑
Average Number of LEP Pathway Clients Who Received Employment Services Per Month & Range	1,082 (885 - 1,190)	935 (598 - 1,470)	-13.6% (Decrease)	↓
Average Number of LEP Pathway Clients Who Received Employment Services and Entered Employment Per Month & Range	66 (47 - 97)	105 (50 - 228)	57.8% (Increase)	↑
Average Number of Clients Receiving Naturalization Services Per Month & Range	590 (444 - 766)	563 (458 - 684)	-4.7% (Decrease)	↓
Average Number of PRIME Clients Per Month & Range	451 (355 - 620)	376 (246 - 644)	-16.7% (Decrease)	↓

LEP Pathway Clients, SFY 2022



SFY 2022	Total LEP Pathway Clients	LEP Pathway Clients on TANF/SFA		LEP Pathway Clients Not on TANF/SFA	
		Total	Percent	Total	Percent
July	1,273	233	18.3%	1,040	81.7%
August	1,188	217	18.3%	971	81.7%
September	1,289	245	19.0%	1,044	81.0%
October	1,386	319	23.0%	1,067	77.0%
November	1,487	361	24.3%	1,126	75.7%
December	1,598	380	23.8%	1,218	76.2%
January	1,892	492	26.0%	1,400	74.0%
February	2,087	563	27.0%	1,524	73.0%
March	2,361	694	29.4%	1,667	70.6%
April	2,727	914	33.5%	1,813	66.5%
May	3,010	1,100	36.5%	1,910	63.5%
June	3,103	1,207	38.9%	1,896	61.1%
Mo. Avg.	1,950	560	28.7%	1,390	71.3%
Annual Unduplicated	4,383	1,978	45.1%	2,405	54.9%

LEP Pathway Clients by Primary Language, June 2022 Snapshot

ESA’s Community Services Offices (CSOs) collect information about a client’s primary language during the initial application interview for public assistance. The information presented in the chart below reflects the language in which the client preferred to receive communication from DSHS. A number of contributing factors lead to English being selected as the primary language for a client, such as preference for documents to be written in English. LEP Pathway providers test and work with clients in the appropriate language using bilingual-bicultural staff or telephonic interpretation based on the needs of the clients.

Language	# of Clients	% of Total
Total	3,103	100.0%
Dari	1,035	33.4%
Ukrainian	465	15.0%
Russian	363	11.7%
English	332	10.7%
Pashto	239	7.7%
Arabic	149	4.8%
Spanish	110	3.5%
Farsi	85	2.7%
Tigrigna	66	2.1%
Somali	50	1.6%
French	31	1.0%
Amharic	28	0.9%
Swahili	24	0.8%
Vietnamese	19	0.6%
Burmese	14	0.5%
Romanian	13	0.4%
Oromo	10	0.3%
Other Languages ¹ / Languages with Fewer than 10 Clients	70	2.3%

¹ Any languages not on the ACES language list.

LEP Pathway Clients by DSHS Region, June 2022 Snapshot

ESA’s ORIA partners with 16 different employment providers and 14 different ESL providers to offer services in each of DSHS’s three regions. Data is based on the DSHS region in which a client’s ORIA service provider is located. A client’s residence and service provider are usually in the same region. ORIA’s services concentrate in areas with the highest numbers of recent refugees arrivals, such as King County in Region 2.

Region ²	# of Clients	% of Total
Region 1	1,014	32.7%
Region 2	1,606	51.8%
Region 3	483	15.6%
Total	3,103	100.0%

² Data shows the number of clients served by ORIA service providers by region. Clients generally live in the same region as their service provider.

LEP Pathway Clients by Country of Origin, SFY 2022

Country	# of Clients	Percent
Total	4,383	100.0%
Afghanistan	2,071	47.3%
Ukraine	936	21.4%
Eritrea	123	2.8%
Somalia	122	2.8%
Ethiopia	118	2.7%
Iraq	118	2.7%
Russia	104	2.4%
Congo, Democratic Republic of	90	2.1%
Mexico	58	1.3%
Iran	51	1.2%
Sudan	49	1.1%
Syria	43	1.0%
Moldova	42	1.0%
Cuba	34	0.8%
Myanmar (Burma)	32	0.7%
Marshall Islands	28	0.6%
Honduras	22	0.5%
Vietnam	22	0.5%
Micronesia	17	0.4%
Venezuela	15	0.3%
Angola	14	0.3%
El Salvador	14	0.3%
Central African Republic	12	0.3%
Columbia	11	0.3%
Guatemala	11	0.3%
Countries with Fewer Than 10 Clients	172	3.9%
Unknown/Not Reported	54	1.2%

Demographics of LEP Pathway Clients, June 2022 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Total Clients	3,103	100.0%

Gender	All Clients	
Female	1,688	54.4%
Male	1,415	45.6%
Unknown	0	0.0%

Time in the U.S.	All Clients	
Less Than 2 Years	2,045	65.9%
2 – 5 Years	856	27.6%
6 – 10 Years	103	3.3%
>10 Years	67	2.2%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	32	1.0%

Immigrant Status	All Clients	
Refugee³	1,277	41.2%
Special Immigrant	1,147	37.0%
Temporary Residents as Amnesty Beneficiaries	252	8.1%
Parolee Paroled One Year Or More	137	4.4%
Asylee	95	3.1%
Lawful Permanent Resident Nonresident	90	2.9%
Citizen Of Marshall Islands/Micronesia	21	0.7%
Cuban/Haitian Entrants	14	0.5%
Immigration Status Categories with Fewer than 10 Clients	27	0.9%
Other/Not Reported	43	1.4%

³ Refugees includes Afghan and Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees who did not enter the U.S. with refugee status, but were eligible for all federal benefits available to refugees.

Demographics of LEP Pathway Clients, June 2022 Snapshot (continued)

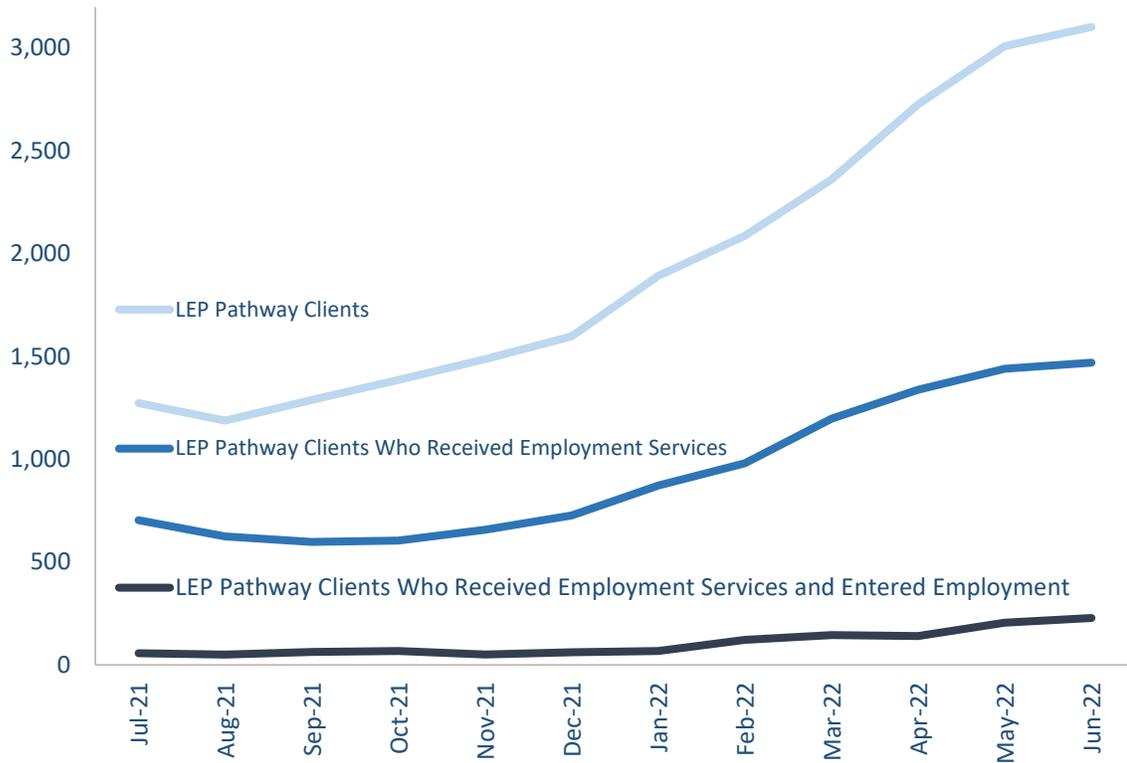
ESL Level ⁴	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Level 1	711	22.9%
Level 2	288	9.3%
Level 3	268	8.6%
Level 4	148	4.8%
Level 5	83	2.7%
Level 6	27	0.9%
Other ⁵	1,578	50.9%

Age	All Clients	
16 – 24 Years Old	453	14.6%
25 – 34 Years Old	1,255	40.4%
35 – 44 Years Old	890	28.7%
45 – 54 Years Old	365	11.8%
55 – 64 Years Old	121	3.9%
65 and Older	19	0.6%
Avg. Age of Clients	34.7 Years Old	

⁴ English as a Second Language (ESL) proficiency levels are based on Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) standards. ESL Level 1 indicates the client’s English proficiency skills are at the low end of the scale, while higher ESL levels indicate higher English proficiencies.

⁵ Includes LEP Pathway clients who did not receive ESL services.

LEP Pathway Clients Who Received Employment Services, SFY 2022



SFY 2022	# of LEP Pathway Clients	LEP Pathway Clients Who Received Employment Services		LEP Pathway Clients Who Received Employment Services and Entered Employment	
		# of Clients	Percent	# of Clients	Percent ⁶
July	1,273	704	55.3%	57	8.1%
August	1,188	624	52.5%	50	8.0%
September	1,289	598	46.4%	63	10.5%
October	1,386	605	43.7%	67	11.1%
November	1,487	657	44.2%	51	7.8%
December	1,598	727	45.5%	62	8.5%
January	1,892	872	46.1%	67	7.7%
February	2,087	981	47.0%	122	12.4%
March	2,361	1,197	50.7%	145	12.1%
April	2,727	1,338	49.1%	140	10.5%
May	3,010	1,441	47.9%	206	14.3%
June	3,103	1,470	47.4%	228	15.5%
Mo. Avg.	1,950	935	47.9%	105	11.2%
Annual Unduplicated	4,383	2,944	67.2%	1,151	39.1%

⁶ Percent is based on the number of LEP Pathway clients who received Employment Services.

LEP Pathway Clients Who Received Employment Services by Primary Language, June 2022 Snapshot

Language ⁷	# of Clients	% of Total
Total	1,470	100.0%
Dari	417	28.4%
Ukrainian	287	19.5%
English	158	10.7%
Russian	140	9.5%
Pashto	131	8.9%
Spanish	70	4.8%
Arabic	69	4.7%
Tigrigna	35	2.4%
Farsi	32	2.2%
Somali	31	2.1%
Amharic	16	1.1%
Vietnamese	12	0.8%
Swahili	10	0.7%
French	10	0.7%
Other Languages⁸/Languages with Fewer than 10 Clients	52	3.5%

⁷ Client self-reported data from ACES.

⁸ Any languages not on the ACES language list.

LEP Pathway Clients Who Received Employment Services by DSHS Region, June 2022 Snapshot

Region ⁹	# of Clients	% of Total
Region 1	568	38.6%
Region 2	452	30.7%
Region 3	450	30.6%
Total	1,470	100.0%

⁹ Data is based on the DSHS region in which a client’s ORIA service provider is located. A client’s residence and service provider are usually in the same region.

LEP Pathway Clients Who Received Employment Services by Country of Origin, SFY 2022

Country	# of Clients	Percent
Total	2,944	100.0%
Afghanistan	1,331	45.2%
Ukraine	557	18.9%
Somalia	107	3.6%
Eritrea	99	3.4%
Ethiopia	95	3.2%
Iraq	82	2.8%
Congo, Democratic Republic of	71	2.4%
Russia	67	2.3%
Mexico	48	1.6%
Iran	44	1.5%
Sudan	42	1.4%
Cuba	30	1.0%
Syria	30	1.0%
Moldova	26	0.9%
Myanmar (Burma)	20	0.7%
Honduras	16	0.5%
Marshall Islands	16	0.5%
Micronesia	14	0.5%
Vietnam	13	0.4%
Angola	12	0.4%
Countries with Fewer than 10 Clients	179	6.1%
Unknown/Not Reported	45	1.5%

Demographics of LEP Pathway Clients Who Received Employment Services, June 2022 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Total Clients	1,470	100.0%

Gender	All Clients	
Female	619	42.1%
Male	851	57.9%
Unknown	0	0.0%

Time in the U.S.	All Clients	
Less Than 2 Years	1,181	80.3%
2 – 5 Years	144	9.8%
6 – 10 Years	68	4.6%
>10 Years	53	3.6%
Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	24	1.6%

Immigrant Status	All Clients	
Refugee¹⁰	577	39.3%
Special Immigrant	407	27.7%
Temporary Residents as Amnesty Beneficiaries	202	13.7%
Parolee Paroled One Year Or More	104	7.1%
Lawful Permanent Resident Noncitizen	59	4.0%
Asylee	52	3.5%
Cuban/Haitian Entrants	13	0.9%
Immigration Status Categories with Fewer than 10 Clients	24	1.6%
Other/Not reported	32	2.2%

¹⁰ Refugees includes Afghan and Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees who did not enter the U.S. with refugee status, but were eligible for all federal benefits available to refugees.

Demographics of LEP Pathway Clients Who Received Employment Services, June 2022 Snapshot (continued)

ESL Level ¹¹	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Level 1	178	12.1%
Level 2	65	4.4%
Level 3	66	4.5%
Level 4	38	2.6%
Level 5	27	1.8%
Level 6	4	0.3%
Other ¹²	1,092	74.3%

Age	All Clients	
16 – 24 Years Old	227	15.4%
25 – 34 Years Old	573	39.0%
35 – 44 Years Old	425	28.9%
45 – 54 Years Old	185	12.6%
55 – 64 Years Old	56	3.8%
65 and Older	4	0.3%
Avg. Age of Clients	34.6 Years Old	

¹¹ English as a Second Language (ESL) proficiency levels are based on Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) standards. ESL Level 1 indicates the client’s English proficiency skills are at the low end of the scale, while higher ESL levels indicate higher English proficiencies.

¹² Includes LEP Pathway clients who received Employment Services, but did not receive ESL services.

LEP Pathway Clients Who Received ESL Services, SFY 2022



SFY 2022	LEP Pathway ESL Clients		
	LEP Pathway Clients	# of Clients	Percent
July	1,273	698	54.8%
August	1,188	683	57.5%
September	1,289	809	62.8%
October	1,386	924	66.7%
November	1,487	994	66.8%
December	1,598	1,040	65.1%
January	1,892	1,216	64.3%
February	2,087	1,358	65.1%
March	2,361	1,493	63.2%
April	2,727	1,767	64.8%
May	3,010	2,003	66.5%
June	3,103	2,020	65.1%
Monthly Average	1,950	1,250	64.1%
Annual Unduplicated	4,383	2,265	51.7%

LEP Pathway Clients Who Received ESL Services by Primary Language, June 2022 Snapshot

Language	# of Clients	% of Total
Total	2,020	100.0%
Dari	758	37.5%
Russian	279	13.8%
Ukrainian	219	10.8%
English	208	10.3%
Pashto	135	6.7%
Arabic	107	5.3%
Farsi	62	3.1%
Spanish	55	2.7%
Tigrigna	38	1.9%
Somali	26	1.3%
French	22	1.1%
Swahili	17	0.8%
Amharic	16	0.8%
Burmese	12	0.6%
Other Languages¹³/ Languages with Fewer than 10 Clients	66	3.3%

¹³ Any languages not on the ACES language list.

LEP Pathway Clients Who Received ESL Services by DSHS Region, June 2022 Snapshot

Region ¹⁴	# of Clients	% of Total
Region 1	473	23.4%
Region 2	1,325	65.6%
Region 3	222	11.0%
Total	2,020	100.0%

¹⁴ Data is based on the DSHS region in which a client's ORIA service provider is located. A client's residence and service provider are usually in the same region.

LEP Pathway Clients Who Received ESL Services by Country of Origin, SFY 2022

Country	# of Clients	% of Total
Total	2,265	100.0%
Afghanistan	1,167	51.5%
Ukraine	523	23.1%
Russia	61	2.7%
Iraq	55	2.4%
Ethiopia	48	2.1%
Eritrea	45	2.0%
Congo, Democratic Republic of	36	1.6%
Somalia	33	1.5%
Sudan	30	1.3%
Syria	27	1.2%
Moldova	23	1.0%
Mexico	21	0.9%
Iran	19	0.8%
Myanmar (Burma)	19	0.8%
Marshall Islands	13	0.6%
Venezuela	11	0.5%
Vietnam	10	0.4%
Countries with Fewer Than 10 Clients	110	4.9%
Unknown/Not Reported	14	0.6%

Demographics of LEP Pathway Clients Who Received ESL Services, June 2022 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Total Clients	2,020	100.0%

Gender	All Clients	
Female	1,263	62.5%
Male	757	37.5%
Unknown	0	0.0%

Time in the U.S.	All Clients	
Less Than 2 Years	1,182	58.5%
2 – 5 Years	751	37.2%
6 – 10 Years	49	2.4%
>10 Years	27	1.3%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	11	0.5%

Immigrant Status	All Clients	
Refugee¹⁵	892	44.2%
Special Immigrant	872	43.2%
Temporary Residents as Amnesty Beneficiaries	71	3.5%
Asylee	50	2.5%
Lawful Permanent Resident Noncitizen	45	2.2%
Parolee Paroled One Year Or More	43	2.1%
Citizen Of Marshall Islands/Micronesia	14	0.7%
Immigration Status Categories with Fewer than 10 Clients	19	0.9%
Other/Not Reported	14	0.7%

¹⁵ Refugees includes Afghan and Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees who did not enter the U.S. with refugee status, but were eligible for all federal benefits available to refugees.

Demographics of LEP Pathway Clients Who Received ESL Services, June 2022 Snapshot (continued)

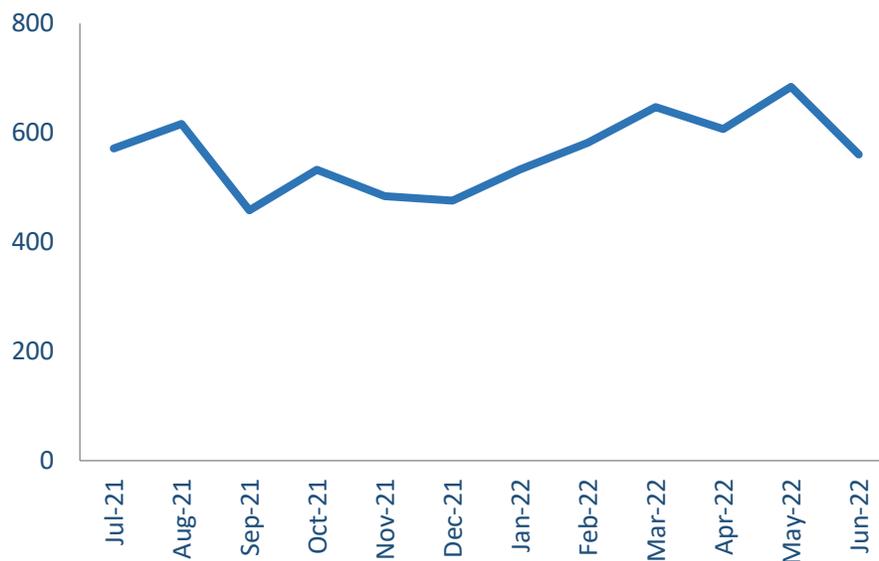
ESL Level ¹⁶	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total
Level 1	698	34.6%
Level 2	283	14.0%
Level 3	261	12.9%
Level 4	139	6.9%
Level 5	72	3.6%
Level 6	27	1.3%
Other ¹⁷	540	26.7%

Age	All Clients	
16 – 24 Years Old	281	13.9%
25 – 34 Years Old	824	40.8%
35 – 44 Years Old	577	28.6%
45 – 54 Years Old	234	11.6%
55 – 64 Years Old	87	4.3%
65 and Older	17	0.8%
Avg. Age of Clients	34.9 Years Old	

¹⁶ English as a Second Language (ESL) proficiency levels are based on Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) standards. 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.

¹⁷ Includes clients receiving ESL instruction who were not tested or whose ESL level was not reported during the reporting period.

Naturalization Services (NS) Clients, SFY 2022¹⁸



SFY 2022	# of Reported NS Clients	# of Naturalization Application Assistance Reported	# of Naturalized Clients Reported by Providers ¹⁹
July	571	122	90
August	616	147	126
September	458	155	67
October	532	157	112
November	484	169	45
December	476	151	100
January	533	138	72
February	582	147	105
March	647	159	126
April	607	156	114
May	684	144	207
June	560	124	123
Mo. Avg.	563	147	107
Annual Unduplicated	3,826	1,769	1,287

¹⁸ Monthly counts are based on the service billing report month. Services are provided based on funding available; more services are paid at the start of the fiscal year when funds are available. As funds are depleted towards the end of the year, so are the reports of services provided to clients.

¹⁹ Naturalized: U.S. citizenship was conferred.

Naturalization Service Clients by Primary Language, June 2022 Snapshot

Language	# of Clients	% of Total
Total	560	100.0%
English	156	27.9%
Russian	62	11.1%
Spanish	61	10.9%
Arabic	50	8.9%
Dari	27	4.8%
Somali	25	4.5%
Ukrainian	25	4.5%
Vietnamese	23	4.1%
Farsi	20	3.6%
Burmese	17	3.0%
Cambodian (Khmer)	15	2.7%
Tigrigna	13	2.3%
Korean	12	2.1%
Other Languages²⁰/Languages with Fewer than 10 Clients	54	9.6%

²⁰ Any languages not on the ACES language list.

Naturalization Service Clients by DSHS Region, June 2022 Snapshot

Region ²¹	# of Clients	% of Total
Region 1	106	18.9%
Region 2	311	55.5%
Region 3	143	25.5%
Total	560	100.0%

²¹ Data is based on the DSHS region in which a client’s ORIA service provider is located. A client’s residence and service provider are usually in the same region.

Naturalization Service Clients by Country of Origin, SFY 2022

Country	# of Clients	% of Total
Total	3,826	100.0%
Afghanistan	469	12.3%
Ukraine	465	12.2%
Iraq	432	11.3%
Vietnam	282	7.4%
Mexico	280	7.3%
Somalia	203	5.3%
Moldova	151	3.9%
Russia	148	3.9%
Ethiopia	128	3.3%
Cambodia Kampuchea	112	2.9%
Syria	103	2.7%
Myanmar (Burma)	100	2.6%
Iran	96	2.5%
Congo, Democratic Republic of	84	2.2%
Korea (South)	77	2.0%
Eritrea	72	1.9%
Philippines	53	1.4%
Sudan	44	1.2%
Bhutan	42	1.1%
China	27	0.7%
Pakistan	26	0.7%
India	25	0.7%
Colombia	24	0.6%
Kazakhstan	23	0.6%
Nepal	23	0.6%
Kenya	21	0.5%
Egypt	18	0.5%
Thailand	16	0.4%
Belarus (Belorussia)	15	0.4%
Cuba	14	0.4%
El Salvador	12	0.3%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	0.3%
Georgia	10	0.3%
Morocco	10	0.3%
Peru	10	0.3%
Western Samoa	10	0.3%

Naturalization Service Clients by Country of Origin, SFY 2022 (continued)

Country	# of Clients	% of Total
Countries with Fewer than 10 Clients	165	4.3%
Other Countries ²²	26	0.7%

²² Other countries not on the ACES country of origin list.

Demographics of Naturalization Service Clients, June 2022 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total
Total Clients	560	100.0%

Gender	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total
Female	344	61.4%
Male	216	38.6%
Unknown	0	0.0%

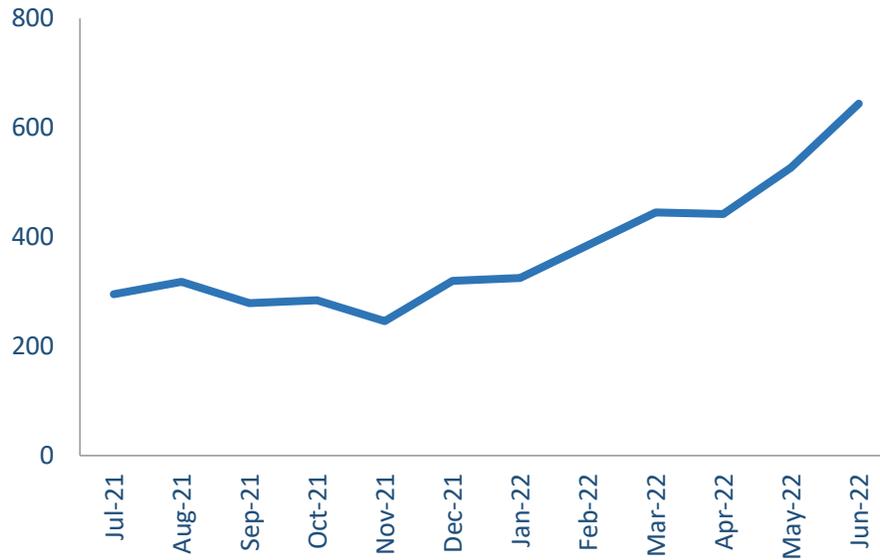
Time in the U.S.	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total
Less Than 2 Years	0	0.0%
2 – 5 Years	202	36.1%
6 – 10 Years	265	47.3%
More Than 10 Years	91	16.3%
Not Reported	2	0.4%

Immigrant Status	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total
Refugee²³	271	48.4%
Non-Refugee	217	38.8%
Special Immigrant	53	9.5%
Asylee	14	2.5%
Lawful Permanent Resident Noncitizen	2	0.4%
Cuban/Haitian Entrants	1	0.2%
Other/Not Reported	2	0.4%

Age	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total
15 and Younger	21	3.8%
16 – 24 Years Old	61	10.9%
25 – 34 Years Old	122	21.8%
35 – 44 Years Old	143	25.5%
45 – 54 Years Old	76	13.6%
55 – 64 Years Old	51	9.1%
65 and Older	86	15.4%
Average Age of Clients	42.4 Years Old	

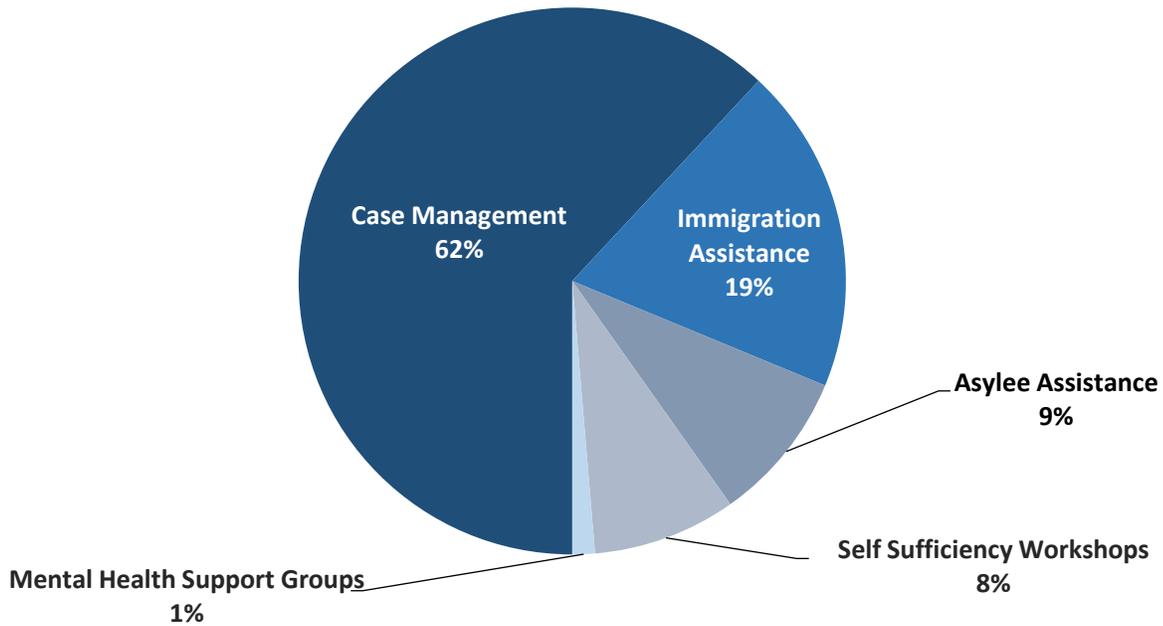
²³ Refugees includes Afghan and Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees who did not enter the U.S. with refugee status, but were eligible for all federal benefits available to refugees.

PRIME Clients, SFY 2022



SFY 2022	Total PRIME Clients
July	295
August	318
September	279
October	284
November	246
December	320
January	325
February	385
March	445
April	442
May	527
June	644
Mo. Avg.	376
Annual Unduplicated	2,324

PRIME Services by Category, SFY 2022



PRIME Service Category	# of Services	Percent of Total Services	# of Unduplicated Clients ²⁴
Asylee Assistance	512	9.0%	192
Case Management	3,542	61.9%	985
Immigration Assistance	1,105	19.3%	885
Mental Health Support Groups	76	1.3%	58
Self Sufficiency Workshops	485	8.5%	403
Total	5,720	100.0%	

²⁴ Numbers reflect unduplicated clients within each service category. A client may receive more than one type of services in the SFY. In this case, the client is counted in each service category.

PRIME Clients by Primary Language, June 2022 Snapshot

Language	# of Clients	% of Total
Total	644	100.0%
Dari	194	30.1%
English	123	19.1%
Russian	110	17.1%
Ukrainian	57	8.9%
Pashto	54	8.4%
Tigrigna	23	3.6%
Arabic	15	2.3%
Farsi	14	2.2%
Spanish	13	2.0%
Other Languages²⁵/ Languages with Fewer than 10 Clients	41	6.4%

²⁵ Any languages not on the ACES language list.

PRIME Clients by DSHS Region, June 2022 Snapshot

Region²⁶	# of Clients	% of Total
Region 1	72	11.2%
Region 2	490	76.1%
Region 3	82	12.7%
Total	644	100.0%

²⁶ Data shows the number of clients served by ORIA service providers by region. Clients generally live in the same region as their service provider.

PRIME Clients by Country of Origin, SFY 2022

Country	# of Clients	% of Total
Total	2,324	100.0%
Afghanistan	922	39.7%
Ukraine	614	26.4%
Eritrea	124	5.3%
Ethiopia	75	3.2%
Somalia	67	2.9%
Moldova	55	2.4%
Iraq	53	2.3%
Russia	47	2.0%
Dem. Rep. Congo	33	1.4%
Turkey	32	1.4%
Syria	28	1.2%
Iran	27	1.2%
Burma	26	1.1%
Sudan	18	0.8%
Kenya	13	0.6%
Honduras	12	0.5%
Pakistan	12	0.5%
El Salvador	11	0.5%
Colombia	10	0.4%
Kazakhstan	10	0.4%
Other/Countries with Fewer than 10 Clients	135	5.8%

Demographics of PRIME Clients, June 2022 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total
Total Clients	644	100.0%

Gender	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total
Female	276	42.9%
Male	368	57.1%
Unknown	0	0.0%

Time in the U.S.	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total
Less Than 2 Years	478	74.2%
2 – 5 Years	166	25.8%
6 – 10 Years	0	0.0%
Greater Than 10 Years	0	0.0%

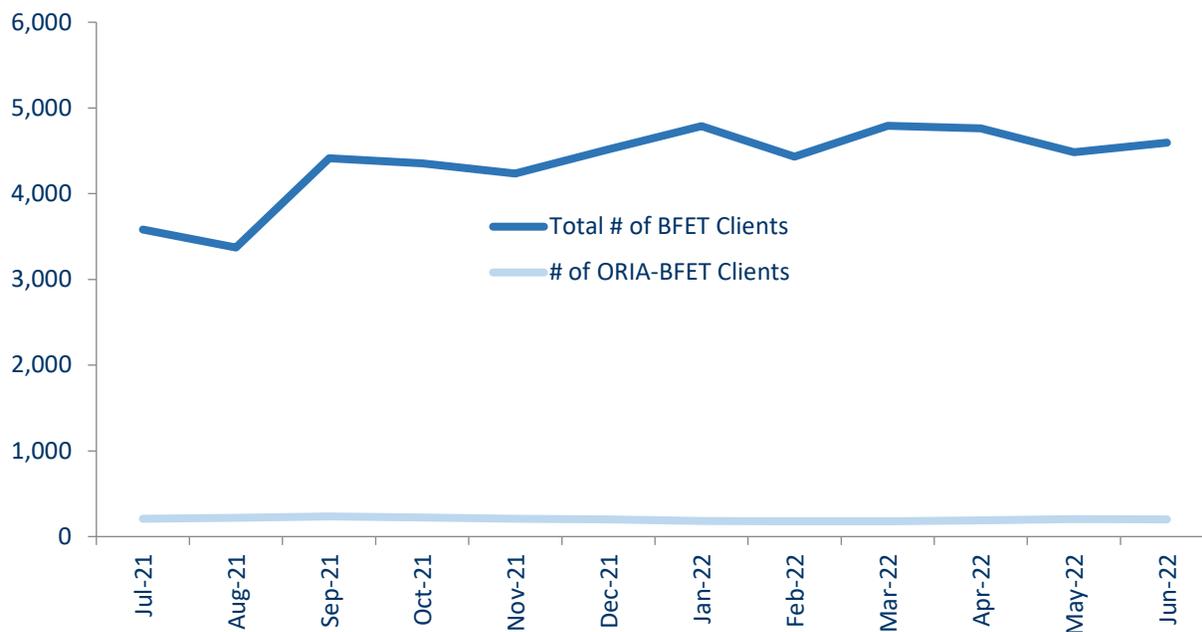
Immigrant Status ²⁷	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total
Parolee Paroled One Year Or More	327	50.8%
Refugee²⁸	204	31.7%
Asylee	71	11.0%
Special Immigrant	42	6.5%

Age	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total
< 16 Years Old	3	0.5%
16 – 24 Years Old	130	20.2%
25 – 34 Years Old	226	35.1%
35 – 44 Years Old	168	26.1%
45 – 54 Years Old	72	11.2%
55 – 64 Years Old	31	4.8%
65 and Older	14	2.2%
Avg. Age of Clients	34.5 Years Old	

²⁷ See Glossary at the end of this chapter for definitions.

²⁸ Refugees includes Afghan and Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees who did not enter the U.S. with refugee status, but were eligible for all federal benefits available to refugees.

ORIA Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET) Clients²⁹, SFY 2022



SFY 2022	Total # of BFET Clients	# of ORIA BFET Clients ³⁰
July	3,490	186
August	3,433	198
September	4,491	221
October	4,213	211
November	3,957	197
December	4,025	179
January	4,070	184
February	3,855	158
March	4,237	160
April	4,325	163
May	4,268	183
June	4,437	187
Mo. Avg.	4,067	186
Annual Unduplicated	10,312	534

²⁹ A typical BFET activity lasts over 30 days, so the monthly client counts include duplications.

³⁰ BFET clients served by DSHS Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (ORIA).

Demographics of ORIA-BFET Clients, June 2022 snapshot

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Total Clients	187	100.0%

Gender		
	All Clients	
Female	106	56.7%
Male	81	43.3%
Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	0	0%

Race/Ethnicity		
	All Clients	
Hispanic or Latino	1	0.5%
Not Hispanic or Latino³¹	186	99.5%
White	57	30.5%
Black/African American	70	37.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	34	18.2%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0.0%
Two or More Races	0	0.0%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	25	13.4%

Marital Status		
	All Clients	
Separated	10	5.3%
Married	115	61.5%
Never Married	44	23.5%
Divorced	8	4.3%
Widowed	10	5.3%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	0	0.0%

Immigrant Status		
	All Clients	
Refugee³²	110	58.8%
Lawful Permanent Resident Noncitizen	49	26.2%
Asylee	14	7.5%
Parolee Paroled One Year or More	6	3.2%
Temporary Residents as Amnesty Beneficiaries	2	1.1%
Deportation Withheld	1	0.5%

³¹ Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin.

³² Refugees includes Afghan and Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees who did not enter the U.S. with refugee status, but were eligible for all federal benefits available to refugees.

Demographics of ORIA-BFET Clients, SFY 2022 (continued)

Characteristic	All Clients	
	Number	% of Total Clients

Immigrant Status ³³ (continued)		All Clients	
Amerasian	1	0.5%	
Other/Not Reported	4	2.1%	

Homeless Status		All Clients	
Homeless ³⁴	9	4.8%	

Education Status		All Clients	
Less than a High School Diploma	54	28.9%	
High School Graduate or GED	79	42.2%	
Some College or College Degree	38	20.3%	
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	16	8.6%	

Age		All Clients	
Under 18 Years Old	2	1.1%	
18 - 24 Years Old	24	12.8%	
25 - 34 Years Old	61	32.6%	
35 - 44 Years Old	55	29.4%	
45 - 54 Years Old	33	17.6%	
55 - 64 Years Old	10	5.3%	
65+ Years Old	2	1.1%	
Average Age of Clients		36.8 Years	

³³ See Glossary at the end of this chapter for definitions.

³⁴ Homeless is defined (based on the self-reported living arrangement code in ACES) as: homeless without housing, homeless with housing (staying temporarily with family or friends—commonly referred to as "couch surfing"), emergency shelter, or domestic violence shelter.

Glossary

Definitions of Immigrant and USCIS Entry Status

Amerasian – U.S. citizen-fathered child born in Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia or Thailand after 1950 and before Oct 22, 1982.

Asylee – A person granted protection from removal from the U.S. 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.

Citizen of Marshall Islands/Micronesia – These individuals are not U.S. citizens or nationals, but they may enter the U.S. as non-immigrants without visas and may stay without a time restriction. They may work, travel and apply for permanent residency status in the U.S. during their stay. Admission to the U.S. is not guaranteed and the U.S. has the right to set terms and conditions on the stay.

Conditional Entrant – An individual who is admitted to the U.S. under a provision of the pre-1980 immigration law because of persecution or fear of 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, Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act, Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act, or those granted “special status” under the Refugee Education Assistance Act.

Lawful Permanent Resident Noncitizen – A noncitizen who has been granted the legal right to live and work in the U.S. and travel outside the U.S. without interference.

Non-Refugee – Immigrants served by the LEP Pathway and Naturalization Services programs who do not meet the definition of refugee (see next page). These persons include: Citizen of Marshall Islands/Micronesia, Conditional Entrant, Lawful Permanent Resident, Parolee Paroled One Year or More, Permanent Residence Under Color of Law, Temporary Resident Ineligible (Not Valid After 10/15/06), Temporary Protected Status Individuals, Temporary Residents as Amnesty Beneficiaries, and the spouse or child of a U.S. citizen whose visa petition has been approved and has a pending application for adjustment of status.

Outreach Participants for Naturalization Services – Individuals who meet one of these criteria: (1) refugees who arrived in the U.S. on or after August 22, 1996, who are currently receiving SSI, have been in the U.S. for at least four years, and have not naturalized; (2) refugees who are currently receiving Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) cash assistance; or (3) lawful permanent residents whose only barrier to receiving SSI is naturalization, including those who are currently receiving ABD and unable to meet the federal requirement of 40 work quarters or have been in the U.S. for less than 10 years.

Parolee Paroled One Year or More – A person allowed entry into the U.S. by the Department of Homeland Security for urgent medical or humanitarian reasons or other emergencies.

Permanently Residing Under Color of Law – Noncitizens who are not considered "qualified aliens" under federal law for purposes of determining eligibility for public assistance, who are residing in the U.S. indefinitely, and whose presence USCIS is aware of but is not taking steps to enforce their departure.

Refugee – A noncitizen who has been given permission to live in the U.S. 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. Refugee categories under federal law include: persons who enter the U.S. as refugees, Cuban-Haitian Entrants, Amerasians, asylees, Special Immigrant Visa holders, and victims of human trafficking.

Special Immigrant – A person who qualifies for a green card (permanent residence) under the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) due to particular reasons. In recent years, this status has been given to Afghanistan or Iraq nationals who support the U.S. Armed Forces as translators and Iraq nationals who worked for or on behalf of the U.S. Government in Iraq. In order to apply for immigration documents under this status, an individual must fill out a petition documenting his or her circumstances and submit the petition to USCIS.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Individuals – The Secretary of Homeland Security may designate a foreign country for TPS due to conditions in the country that temporarily prevent the country's nationals from returning safely, or in certain circumstances, where the country is unable to handle the return of its nationals adequately. During a designated period, individuals who are TPS beneficiaries or who are found preliminarily eligible for TPS upon initial review of their cases are not removable from the U.S., may obtain work authorization and may be granted authorization to travel. TPS does not lead to permanent residency status but while in TPS individuals may apply for nonimmigrant status, file for an adjustment to his or her immigration status and apply for other immigration benefits or protection which he or she is eligible to receive.

Temporary Residents as Amnesty Beneficiaries – Lawful temporary residents under the amnesty program of the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA), including those admitted under Sections 210 ("special agricultural workers") and 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

Victim of Human Trafficking – Individuals who are or were subject to a form of modern-day slavery in which traffickers typically lure victims with false promises of employment and a better life. Traffickers often take advantage of poor, unemployed individuals who lack access to social safety nets. There are two types of immigration relief provided to victims of human trafficking and related crimes: (1) T nonimmigrant status (T visa) and (2) U nonimmigrant status (U visa). Victims of severe forms of human trafficking are eligible for a T visa, which allows victims to remain in the U.S. to assist in the investigation or prosecution of human traffickers. Once a T visa is granted, a victim can apply for permanent residence after three years. The U visa provides immigration protection to crime victims who have suffered substantial mental or physical abuse as a result of trafficking or related crimes and allows victims to remain in the U.S. and assist law enforcement authorities in the investigation or prosecution of the criminal activity.

Withholding of Removal – A special type of order issued by an immigration judge to a person who demonstrates more than a 50 percent chance that they will be persecuted if they return to their home country. The person is permitted to remain in the country.