

# Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) and Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

Economic Services Administration • Community Services Division

The Department of Social and Health Services' Economic Services Administration's **Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)** program is a federally funded cash assistance program that provides up to eight months of cash assistance to single and married adults with eligible immigration status, and who do not have children under the age of 18.

**Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)** is a federally funded medical assistance program available to refugees and eligible immigrants for up to eight months for those who are otherwise ineligible for Washington Apple Health. Since the expansion of Medicaid, less than 1% of all refugee families are ineligible for Washington Apple Health. In an average year, fewer than 50 refugees a year receive RMA.

## DSHS seeks to improve the lives of clients receiving RCA by:

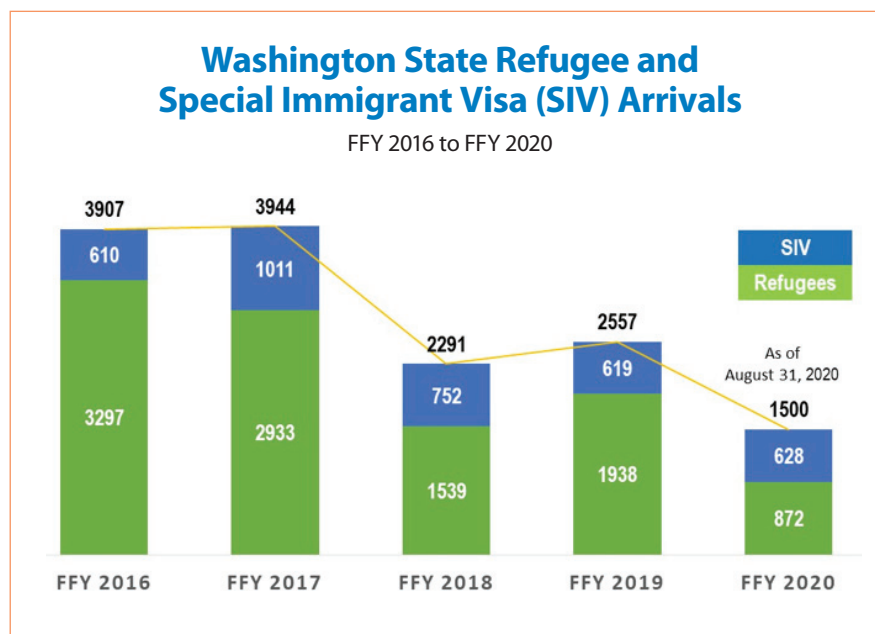
- Ensuring refugees receive consistent referrals to employment, education and social service providers.
- Coordinating across systems, agencies and programs by increasing accountability to advance economic security.

## Who is eligible for RCA?

- Refugees
- People granted asylum ("asylees")
- Certified Victims of Human Trafficking
- Amerasians
- Cuban-Haitian Entrants
- Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders from Iraq and Afghanistan

## Who are refugees?

Refugees are individuals and families who are unable to return to their home country due to a well-founded fear of persecution based on their race, religion, ethnicity, membership in a particular group or political opinion. They resettle through the federal U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.



### More information:

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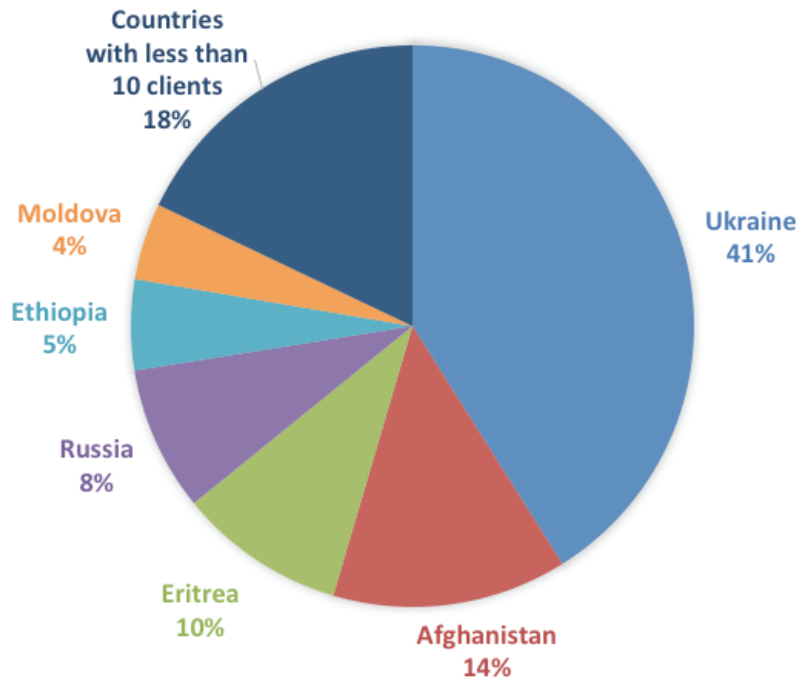
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# Refugee Cash Assistance Facts 2019

## RCA Caseload by Country of Origin

June 2019 Snapshot



## RCA Caseload 2008-2019

State Fiscal Year	Monthly Average Cases
2008	336
2009	447
2010	605
2011	464
2012	348
2013	414
2014	425
2015	428
2016	454
2017	569
2018	324
2019	211

## Expenditures for State Fiscal Year 2019

Month	Total Caseload	Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Case
July	193	\$63,142	\$327.16
August	192	\$63,826	\$332.43
September	206	\$63,453	\$308.02
October	209	\$67,717	\$324.00
November	227	\$73,227	\$322.59
December	232	\$77,522	\$334.15
January	221	\$75,647	\$342.30
February	215	\$72,853	\$338.85
March	217	\$70,848	\$326.49
April	204	\$69,025	\$338.36
May	204	\$63,340	\$310.49
June	209	\$67,079	\$320.95
Average	211	\$68,973	\$326.89

## RCA Caseload by DSHS Region and Community Service Office of Issuance

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