

# Refugee Cash Assistance and Refugee Medical Assistance

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** program is a federally funded cash assistance program that provides up to 12 months of cash assistance to single and married adults with an eligible immigration status, and who do not have dependents.

**Refugee Medical Assistance** is a federally funded medical assistance program available to refugees and eligible immigrants for up to 12 months for those who are 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 arrivals a year receive RMA.

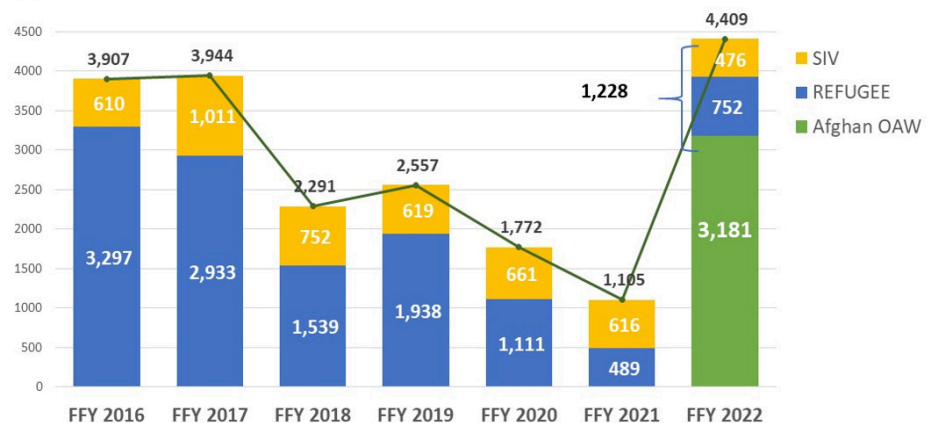
## DSHS seeks to improve the lives of clients receiving RCA by:

- Ensuring all participants 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.
- Citizens and nationals of Afghanistan paroled into the U.S. between July 31, 2021 and Sept. 30, 2022.
- Citizens and nationals of Ukraine paroled into the U.S. between Feb. 24, 2022 and Sept. 30, 2023.
- Amerasians.
- Cuban-Haitian Entrants.
- Special Immigrant Visa holders from Iraq and Afghanistan.

### Washington State Arrivals: Refugee, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) and Afghan Humanitarian Parolees - Operation Allies Welcome Arrivals (Partial FFY 2022: Oct. 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022)



Source: State Post-Arrival Demographics Report, Dept. of State, Bureau of Populations, Refugees, and Migration Afghan Placement and Assistance program - Weekly Departure Status Report.

## Who are refugees?

Refugees are people 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.

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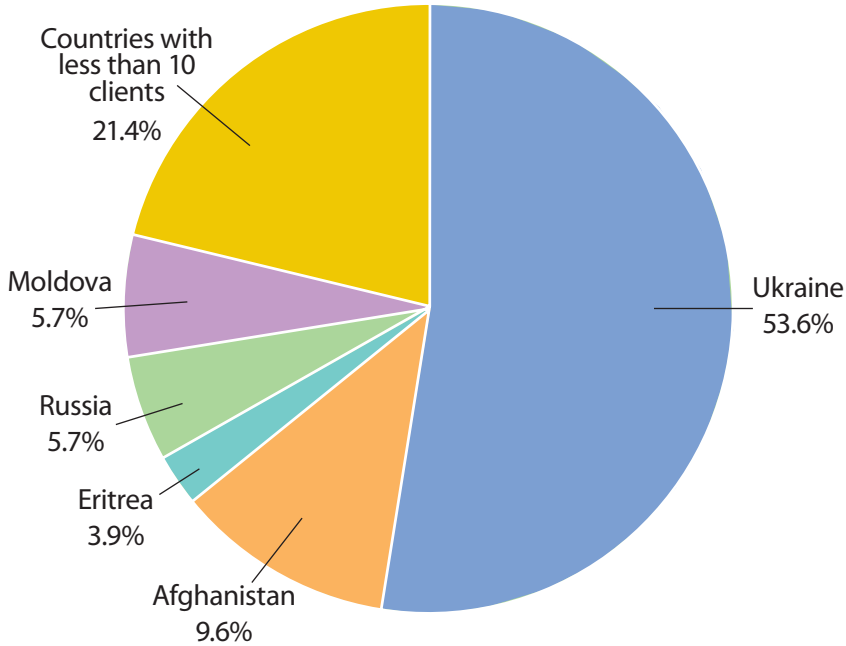
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# Refugee Cash Assistance Facts 2021

## RCA Caseload by Country of Origin

June 2021 Snapshot



## RCA Caseload 2009-2021

State Fiscal Year	Monthly Average Cases
2009	447
2010	605
2011	464
2012	348
2013	414
2014	425
2015	428
2016	454
2017	569
2018	324
2019	211
2020	268
2021	175

## Expenditures for State Fiscal Year 2021

Month	Total Caseload	Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Case
July	272	\$87,185	\$371.00
August	252	\$76,271	\$354.75
September	263	\$77,619	\$346.51
October	189	\$56,502	\$342.44
November	199	\$62,243	\$359.79
December	212	\$66,306	\$356.48
January	230	\$70,468	\$355.90
February	223	\$67,810	\$364.57
March	226	\$68,632	\$363.13
April	214	\$67,661	\$371.76
May	87	\$25,789	\$373.75
June	86	\$24,936	\$346.33
Average	204	\$62,619	\$357.82

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

June 2021 Snapshot

