



The Refugee Resettlement Program Fact Sheet

The Refugee Resettlement Program is a federally funded program that provides cash assistance, medical assistance, health screening, employment and social services to refugees, asylees, Cuban/Haitian Entrants, Iraqi and Afghani Special Immigrants and federally Certified Victims of Human Trafficking who are in their first eight months of residency in the United States.

1. Funding

The Refugee Resettlement Program is 100% federally funded based on the average number of clients served in the past 5 years.

► Recent Funding

Federal Fiscal Year	Cash, Medical & Screenings	Social Services	Discretionary Grants	Total
FFY08	\$ 850,000*	\$175,000	\$230,000	\$1,225,000
FFY07	\$ 702,289	\$176,000	\$225,000	\$1,103,289
FFY06	\$1,046,258	\$251,084	\$225,000	\$1,522,342
FFY05	\$ 978,000	\$176,018		\$1,054,018

*...Estimated

2. Client Demographics

► FFY08 Client Demographics

Country of Origin	Refugee	Asylee	Cuban Entrant	Iraqi S.I.V.	Trafficking Victim	TOTAL
Afghanistan	1					1
Bhutan	8					8
Burundi	20					20
Congo (DRC)	18					18
Cuba	63		28			91
Ethiopia	3					3
Iran	4					4
Iraq	63			1		64
Nepal	7					7
Pakistan		1				1
Somalia	7					7
Syria	9					9
Thailand					1	1
Venezuela	2					2
Vietnam	5					5
TOTAL:	211	1	28	1	1	241

3. Program Elements

a. Eligibility – Refugee Cash Assistance

- If Ineligible for TANF based on Immigrant Status, Refugee Cash Assistance is available but limited to the first 8 months in the US
- Income and Resource Limits are the same as TANF
- Eligible Immigrant status for Refugee Cash Assistance:
 - Refugees, admitted under INA § 207
 - Cuban and Haitian entrant as defined under 45 CFR § 401.2
 - Certified Victim of Human Trafficking
 - Asylees, granted asylum under INA § 208
 - Certain Amerasian
 - Iraqi and Afghani Special Immigrant

Cash Assistance Standards

Standard of Need Increased by 15% January 1, 2008

Household Size	85% FPG Poverty Gross Limit for Cash	Standard of Need
1	\$ 737	\$266
2	\$ 992	\$357
3	\$1,247	\$447
4	\$1,502	\$539
5	\$1,757	\$630
6	\$2,012	\$721
7	\$2,267	\$812
8	\$2,522	\$922
For each additional member add:		
	+\$247	+\$ 90
Deductions:		
◆ Dependent Care: For Dependent under age 2 = \$200 For Dependent 2 and over = \$175		
Work Incentive		
◆ Earned Income Disregard Single Person = 125 and ½ remainder Two Person = \$225 and ½ remainder		

b. Eligibility – Refugee Medical Assistance

- New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) provides health screens for all newly arrived refugees. DOH screens refugees for physical and mental health problems and provides referrals for follow-up services for treatment.
- If ineligible for Medicaid, based on Immigrant Status, Refugee Medical Assistance is available but limited to the first 8 months in the US
- Requirements for Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)
 - Lawful Immigrant status as defined above
 - Meets AFDC standards set July 16, 1996 or 200 % of FPL standard

c. Eligibility – Refugee Social Services

- Lawful immigrant status as defined above
- Available for first five years in the US

d. Social Services

- Provided by Catholic Charities through a Professional Services Agreement. Services include:
 - Employment preparation
 - Case Management
 - Job placement
 - Skills training
 - English language training
 - Social adjustment

4. Historical Information

a. Number Resettled in New Mexico

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)	Number of Refugees
FFY 01	285
FFY 02	190
FFY 03	96
FFY 04	200
FFY 05	128
FFY06	145
FFY07	203
FFY08	241

5. FFY08 Refugee Program Outcomes

OUTCOMES MEASURED	Oct 1, 2007 – Jan 1, 2008		Feb 1, 2008 – May 31, 2008		June 1, 2008 – Sept 30, 2008	
New Refugee Cash Enrollments	0		2		1	
Active Refugee Medical Cases	28		21		20	
Total Employment Caseload	181		175		319	
Entered Fulltime Employment	71	39.2%	60	34.3	68	21.3%
Entered Part-Time Employment	4	2.2%	4	2.3	7	2.2%
Average Fulltime Salary at Entry	\$8.25		\$8.50		\$8.10	
Average Part-Time Salary at Entry	\$7.70		\$7.25		\$9.05	
90 Day Fulltime Employment Retention	71.8%		80.0%		58.8%	
90 Day Part-Time Retention	100%		50.0%		28.6%	