



1. What is the Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP)?

The Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) is a federally funded program, through the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that helps refugees and other eligible populations resettle in New Mexico. The program provides cash assistance, medical assistance, health screening, employment and social services to Refugees, Cuban/Haitian Entrants, Asylees, Iraqi and Afghani Special Immigrants (S.I.V.) and federally Certified Victims of Human Trafficking. Also, many of the arriving immigrants served by the RRP are also eligible for and receive public assistance benefits such as TANF, Medicaid, and SNAP (food stamps).

2. HSD Resettlement Contracts

In New Mexico, Catholic Charities is the sole contracted state resettlement agency in State Fiscal Year 12. They provide social services and employment services through a Professional Services Contract (PSC) with the Human Service Department/Income Support Division (HSD/ISD). Through a second PSC, funded by a discretionary grant from ORR, Catholic Charities carries out a comprehensive School Impact Program. The program provides school registration and orientation support, advocacy and liaison services, an after-school tutoring and mentoring program and a summer enrichment program for eligible children from 5 to 18.

3. FFY11 Arrivals to of Refugees and Other Eligible Populations

Country of Origin	Refugee/Cuban Haitian Entrant		Asylee		Iraqi S.I.V./ Legal Resident		Trafficking Victims/ Parolees		TOTAL	
	Cases	Individuals	Cases	Individuals	Cases	Individuals	Cases	Individuals	Cases	Individuals
Afghanistan	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
Bhutan	10	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	32
Burma	29	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	43
Burundi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congo (DRC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cuba	7	16	0	0	0	0	36	45	43	61
Haiti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hong Kong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iran	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Iraq	21	54	0	0	1	1	0	0	22	55
Kenya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nepal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pakistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra Leone	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Somalia	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	8
Sudan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	77	163	0	0	1	1	36	45	114	209

4. Number of Refugees Resettled in New Mexico by Federal Fiscal Year

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)	Number of Refugees
FFY03	96
FFY04	200
FFY05	128
FFY06	145
FFY07	203
FFY08	241
FFY09	178
FFY10	271
FFY11	163

(NOTE: Table includes only Refugees and Cuban/Haitian Entrants. It does not include Asylees, S.I.V. Cases, Parolees, or Certifies victims of Human Trafficking)

5. Refugee Resettlement Program Elements

► **Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)**

- Refugees and other eligible populations who do not qualify for Medicaid (single adults) are eligible for RMA.
- RMA is available for the first 8 months from the date of arrival in the U.S.

► **Refugee Health Screening**

- The New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) provides comprehensive health screening for all newly arrived refugees. DOH screens refugees for both physical and mental health problems and provides appropriate referrals for treatment and follow-up services.

► **Refugee Social Services**

- Catholic Charities provides comprehensive case management services for all refugees and other eligible immigrant populations.
- Services are available for first five years in the U.S. to eligible immigrant populations.
- Services include:
 - Case Management
 - Employment preparation
 - Job placement
 - Skills training
 - English language training
 - Social adjustment

► **Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)**

- Refugees and other eligible populations who do not qualify for TANF (single adults) are eligible for RCA.
- RCA is available for the first 8 months from the date of arrival (once funding through a separate federal matching grant administered by the resettlement agency ends, 120 days after arrival).
- Income and Resource Limits are the same as TANF.
- Eligible Immigrant status for RCA must be validated prior to receiving services as follows:
 - 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 Amerasians
 - Iraqi and Afghani Special Immigrant Visa holders

► **TANF and other Support Services**

In addition, to those initial resettlement support services mentioned above, the following supports are available to refugees and other eligible populations:

- **TANF:** All refugees and other qualified populations are evaluated for TANF eligibility. General TANF eligibility includes: legal immigration status, a dependent child in the household, and income below 85% of FPG. Refugees and other qualified populations can receive TANF assistance for up to five years.
- **Medicaid:** All refugees and other qualified populations are evaluated for Family Medicaid. Family Medicaid eligibility mirrors the above TANF requirements.

Refugees and other qualified populations also are evaluated for other federal benefit programs based on income limits. For these programs, there is no maximum benefit time period. These programs include:

- **SNAP** (Food Stamps)
- **LIHEAP** (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

6. Refugee Cash Assistance Guidelines (Note: Table is the same as TANF Guidelines)

Cash Assistance & Support Services October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012						
Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) Monthly Income Standards			Monthly Benefit		
	100% FPG Limit	85% FPG Gross Limit	NM Works Cash Net Income	15% Budgetary Adjustment*	Maximum Monthly Benefit	General Assistance
1	\$908	\$772	\$266	\$39	\$227	\$245
2	\$1,226	\$1,042	\$357	\$53	\$304	\$329
3	\$1,545	\$1,313	\$447	\$67	\$380	\$412
4	\$1,863	\$1,584	\$539	\$80	\$459	\$496
5	\$2,181	\$1,854	\$630	\$94	\$536	\$580
6	\$2,500	\$2,125	\$721	\$108	\$613	\$664
7	\$2,818	\$2,395	\$812	\$121	\$691	\$748
8	\$3,136	\$2,666	\$922	\$138	\$784	\$849
+ 1	+ \$319	\$270	+ \$91	+ \$14	+ \$77	+ \$84
DEDUCTIONS			WORK INCENTIVES			
Dependent Care: for a child under age 2 = \$200 for a child age 2 and over = \$175			Earned Income Disregard: Single parent = \$125 & 1/2 remainder Two-parent = \$225 & 1/2 remainder			
Note: Transition Bonus Program suspended effective Feb. 1, 2011.			*15% Budgetary Adjustment is subtracted from eligible benefit amount to determine monthly payment.			

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7. Funding

The Refugee Resettlement Program is 100% federally funded based on the average number of clients served in the past 5 years. Funding for refugees and other immigrant populations receiving TANF,

Medicaid and SNAP is reflected in the source of funding for those public assistance programs and is not supplemented through the RRP.

► **Funding History**

Federal Fiscal Year	Cash, Medical & Screenings	Social Services	School Impact Grant	Cuban/Haitian Grant	Discretionary Targeted Assistance Grant	TOTAL
FFY12	*	*	\$150,000	0	\$150,000	
FFY11	\$1,349,403	\$170,989	\$150,000	0		\$1,647,392
FFY10	\$1,047,914	\$183,906	\$125,000	0		\$1,356,820
FFY09	\$1,500,000	\$186,408	\$125,000	\$100,000		\$1,981,408
FFY08	\$1,101,929	\$164,505	\$125,000	\$100,000		\$1,491,434
FFY07	\$1,016,000	\$184,459	\$125,000	\$100,000		\$1,425,459
FFY06	\$967,000	\$251,084	\$100,000	0		\$1,318,084

*Final FFY12 allocations for Cash and Medical & Screenings, as well as Social Services have not yet been made.

8. FFY 11 Program Outcomes

- Number of RMA Recipients (Monthly average during FFY 11) 54
- Number of RCA Recipients (Monthly average during FFY 10) 30
- Number of Refuge TANF Recipients (Total during FFY 11) 137
- Number of Individuals Entering Employment (Total during FFY 11) 187
- Average Full-Time Salary (During FFY 11) \$8.19

9. Contact Information

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