



Refugee Resettlement Program Fact Sheet

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 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. RRP 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. 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, there are two resettlement agencies; Catholic Charities and Lutheran Family Services (LFS). LFS provides social services and employment services through a Professional Services Contract (PSC) with the Human Service Department/Income Support Division (HSD/ISD).

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

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)	Number of Refugees
FFY14	285
FFY13	336
FFY12	216
FFY11	163
FFY10	271
FFY09	178

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

4. Refugee Resettlement Program Elements

► Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)

- Refugees and other eligible populations who do not qualify for Medicaid (adults without children) 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

- Lutheran Family Services 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 (ELT)
- Social adjustment

► **Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)**

- Refugees and other eligible populations who do not qualify for TANF (adults without children) 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)

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

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) Monthly Income Standards		
	100% FPG Limit	85% FPG Gross Limit	NM Works Cash Net Income
1	\$958	\$814	\$266
2	\$1,293	\$1,099	\$357
3	\$1,628	\$1,384	\$447
4	\$1,963	\$1,669	\$539
5	\$2,298	\$1,953	\$630
6	\$2,633	\$2,238	\$721
7	\$2,968	\$2,523	\$812
8	\$3,303	\$2,808	\$922
+ 1	+\$335	+\$285	+\$91

6. Funding

The Refugee Resettlement Program is 100% federally funded based on the average number of clients served in the past 3 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.

Federal Fiscal Year	Cash, Medical & Screenings	Social Services	School Impact Grant	Cuban/Haitian Grant	Formula or Discretionary Targeted Assistance Grant	TOTAL
FFY14	\$1,450,000	\$217,630	\$145,800	0	\$93,305	\$1,906,735
FFY13	\$1,450,000	\$191,719	\$150,000	0	\$150,000	\$1,941,719
FFY12	\$1,359,244	\$192,743	\$150,000	0	\$150,000	\$1,851,987
FFY11	\$1,349,403	\$170,989	\$150,000	0	0	\$1,647,392
FFY10	\$1,047,914	\$183,906	\$125,000	0	0	\$1,356,820
FFY09	\$1,500,000	\$186,408	\$125,000	\$100,000	0	\$1,981,408

7. FFY 14 Program Outcomes

- Number of RCA Recipients (Total during FFY 14) 107
- Number of Refuge TANF Recipients (Total during FFY 14) 77
- Number of Individuals Entering Employment (Total during FFY 14) 44
- Average Full-Time Salary (During FFY 14) \$8.69

8. Contact Information

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