

Resettlement by Country

Refugee Resettlement

The Convention relating to the Status of Refugees does not require any country to bring refugees to its shores. Nevertheless, many do or accept a quota of UNHCR's referrals of refugees with particularly compelling needs for protection. Traditionally, wealthy countries with strong immigration histories have accepted the largest numbers of refugees for resettlement. Recently, however, several developing countries have also begun accepting refugees for resettlement. Below are listed the major resettlement countries in the order of the ratios of refugees they accept to their own populations.

A doctor in Vermont gives a check-up to a newly arrived refugee. Credit: Rose A. Murphy



Host Country	Refugees Resettled	Host Population	Ratio of Resettled Refugees to Host Population
Australia	8,742	21,300,000	1:2,400
Canada	10,804	33,300,000	1:3,100
Sweden	2,209	9,200,000	1:4,200
United States	60,191	304,500,000	1:5,100
Norway	910	4,800,000	1:5,300
New Zealand	750	4,300,000	1:5,700
Finland	749	5,300,000	1:7,100
Iceland	29	300,000	1:10,300
Denmark	373	5,500,000	1:14,700
Netherlands	544	16,400,000	1:39,500
Ireland	101	4,500,000	1:44,600
United Kingdom	709	61,300,000	1:86,500
Chile	150	16,800,000	1:112,000
Argentina	51	39,700,000	1:1,778,400
Brazil	117	195,000,000	1:1,670,000
Italy	30	59,900,000	1:2,000,000
TOTAL:	86,460		