

# Refugee Resettlement Myths Busted

the truth about refugees

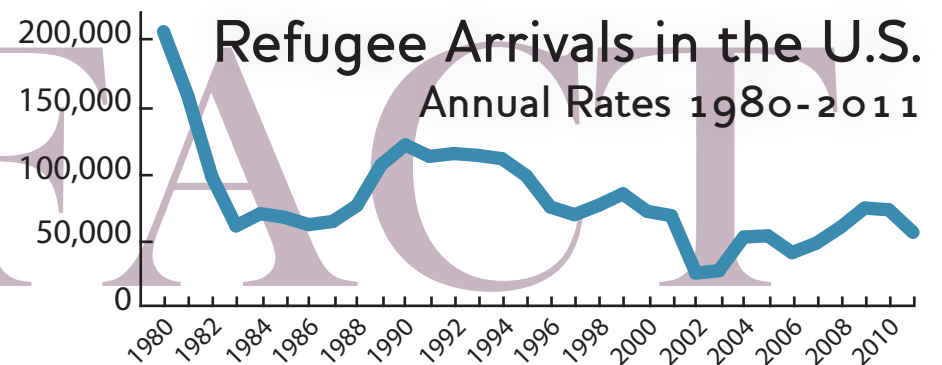


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**The U.S. is admitting more refugees than ever before.**

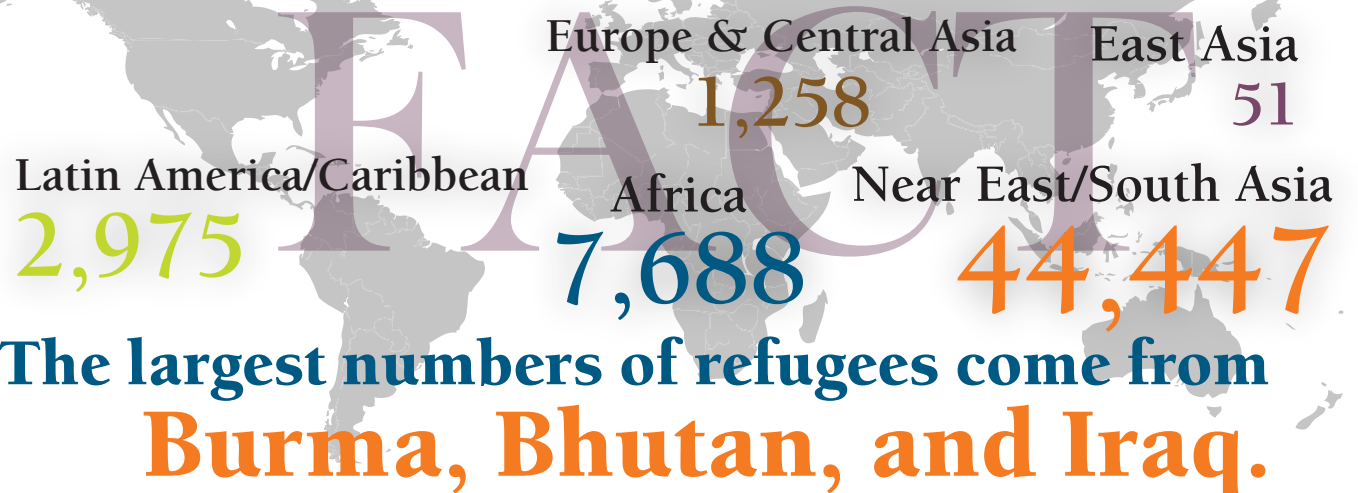
There were only **56,419** refugees admitted in 2011.

Since the Refugee Act of 1980, the U.S. has admitted as many as **207,000** refugees in 1980 and as few as **26,000** refugees in 2002.



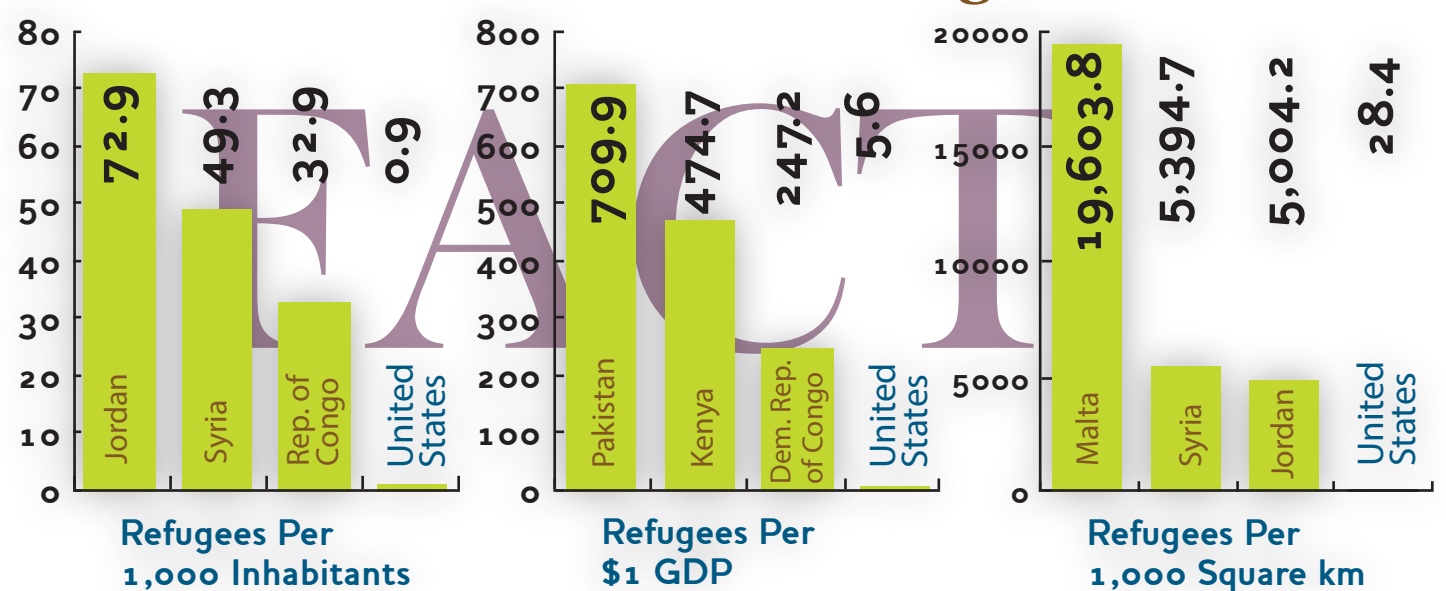
**Most refugees resettled to the U.S. come from Africa.**

In 2011 the U.S. government resettled over **six times** as many refugees from the Near East/South Asia than from Africa.



**The U.S. bears most of the responsibility of resettling refugees.**

The United States only resettles a **small fraction of refugees in the world.**



**Most refugees** spend years, even decades in a camp or urban setting waiting for the situation in their home country to improve.

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