

# Refugees in Arizona

A Snapshot of the Demographic and Economic Contributions of Refugees



Refugees have an enduring legacy on the American communities they have come to call home, and cities and towns across the United States have seen firsthand the significant positive economic impact that has come with resettling this population. Refugees have entrepreneurship and homeownership rates that far exceed that of other immigrants. Many aging and once declining communities—from Utica, New York to St. Louis, Missouri—have credited young, entrepreneurial refugees with reinvigorating their local economy and commercial main streets.

## POPULATION

**40,123**

Number of likely refugees in Arizona in 2015

Between 2016 - 2018 a total of

**6,927**

refugees were resettled in Arizona

### Top Five Countries of Origin of Refugees Resettled Between 2016 - 2018

1. DRC	36.5%
2. Syria	15.7%
3. Somalia	12.9%
4. Iraq	9.5%
5. Burma	5.5%

Year	Number of refugees resettled
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2016	4829
2017	1044
2018	1054

## TAXES AND SPENDING POWER IN 2015

**\$1.0B**

Refugee Household  
Income

**\$780.9M**

Total Spending Power

State & Local Taxes Paid	\$83.1M
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Federal Taxes Paid	\$168.3M
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<b>Total Taxes Paid</b>	<b>\$251.4M</b>
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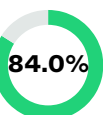
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### POPULATION

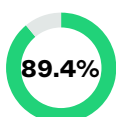
**3.4M**

Number of likely refugees

Share of refugees who have been in the U.S. for 16 to 25 years and became citizens

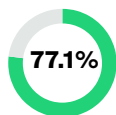


Share of refugees who have been in the U.S. for more than 25 years and became citizens

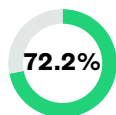


### WORKFORCE

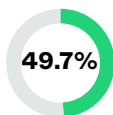
Immigrants and refugees are more likely to be of working age than their counterparts.



Refugees



Other Immigrants



US-Born

### TAXES & SPENDING POWER

**\$77.2B**

Refugee Household Income

**\$56.3B**

Total Spending Power

State & Local Taxes Paid

**\$6.4B**

Federal Taxes Paid

**\$14.5B**

**Total Taxes Paid**

**\$20.9B**

#### Breakdown of Refugees in the Workforce by Industry

Manufacturing	20.3%
Health Care	14.2%
General Services	10.0%
Retail Trade	9.9%
Tourism	8.8%

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

#### Rates of Entrepreneurship, 2015

U.S.-Born 9.0%

Non-Refugee Immigrants 11.5%

Refugees 13.0%

**181,463**

Refugee entrepreneurs

**\$4.6B**

Business Income of Refugee Entrepreneurs