Refugees in Georgia

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

61,409

Number of likely refugees in Georgia in 2015

Between 2016 - 2018 a total of

5,406

refugees were resettled in Georgia

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

1. DRC 26.2%
2. Burma 18.5%
3. Syria 11.0%
4. Bhutan 8.5%
5. Somalia 7.2%

Year	Number of refugees resettled
2016	3473
2017	1075
2018	858

TAXES AND SPENDING POWER IN 2015

$1.6B

Refugee Household Income

$1.2B

Total Spending Power

State & Local Taxes Paid	$133.6M
Federal Taxes Paid	$274.1M
Total Taxes Paid	**$407.7M**

New American Economy

Source: New American Economy, From Struggle to Resilience: The Economic Impact of Refugees in America (2015)
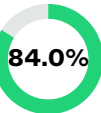
POPULATION

3.4M
Number of likely refugees

Share of refugees who have been in the U.S. for 16 to 25 years and became citizens •••••••••• **84.0%**
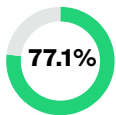
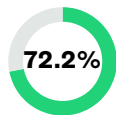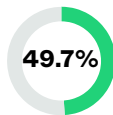Share of refugees who have been in the U.S. for more than 25 years and became citizens •••••••••• **89.4%**

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**

WORKFORCE

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

77.1%
Refugees

72.2%
Other Immigrants

49.7%
US-Born

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 Entreprenuership, 2015

U.S.-Born	9.0%
Non-Refugee Immigrants	11.5%
Refugees	13.0%

181,463
Refugee entreprenuers

$4.6B
Business Income of Refugee Entreprenuers