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Dallas Refugee Community

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A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT REFUGEES IN DALLAS

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Who is a refugee?

The 1951 UN Convention relating to Status of Refugees states that the term “refugee” shall apply to any person who:

“...owing to well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country.”
Where do they come from?

Texas Refugee Health Program Arrivals to Dallas County by Country of Origin, CY2011

- Burma 44%
- Nepal 7%
- Iraq 9%
- Somalia 1%
- Sudan 1%
- Zimbabwe 1%
- Afghanistan 1%
- Eritrea 3%
- Cuba 3%
- China 4%
- Congo (Democratic Republic) 2%
- Ethiopia 3%
- Iran 4%
- others with over 1% shown

*Countries with over 1% shown
**Arrivals came from 31 countries total

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Resettlement Agencies

Texas Refugee Health Program Arrivals to Dallas County by Voluntary Agency, CY2011

- Catholic Charities: 27%
- International Rescue Committee: 39%
- Refugee Services of Texas: 22%
- Self-Referral: 8%
- World Relief: 4%

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Texas Department of State Health Services
Vickery Meadow

SMU to Vickery Meadow: 3.3 miles
Path to Self-Sustainability

- Language
- Culture
- Healthcare
- Education
- Employment
- Citizenship