

Newcomer Health Program Update

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Eligibility for Newcomer Health Services

Limited to Office of
Refugee Resettlement
(ORR) Eligible
Populations

Refugees

- According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), a refugee is a person who:
- *“owing to a 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 to or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country”*



Logo courtesy of UNHCR

Other ORR-eligible statuses

- Aslyees
- Amerasians
- Cuban and Haitian Entrants
- Special Immigrant Visa Holders (SIVs)
- Unaccompanied Refugee Minors
- Victims of Trafficking
- Victims of Torture
- Afghan Humanitarian Parolees*
- Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees**

*Blanket eligibility ended 9/30/2023

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Spouses and children of prior arrivals remain eligible



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Resettlement Assistance

Resettlement Agencies Operating in Virginia



Logo courtesy of Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington



Commonwealth Catholic Charities



Logo courtesy of Commonwealth Catholic Charities



Logo courtesy of Church World Service



Empowering refugees
and immigrants
since 1983

Logo courtesy of Ethiopian Community Development Council



Logo courtesy of International Rescue Committee



Logo courtesy of Lutheran Social Services NCA



Logo courtesy of REACTDC



Currently not providing initial resettlement services

Primary Resettlement Sites

- Charlottesville (IRC)
- Fredericksburg (CCDA)
- Harrisonburg (CWS)
- Newport News (CCC)
- Northern Virginia (CCDA, ECDC, LSS, REACTDC)
- Richmond (CCC, IRC)
- Newport News (CCC)
- Roanoke (CCC)
- Winchester (CWS)



Resettlement Services

Initial Resettlement (first 90 days)

Housing

Benefits Application

Health Screening

School Enrollment

Ongoing Services (up to 5 years)

Employment

School Assistance

Health Navigation

English Language Classes

Data for Federal Fiscal Year 2025

October 1, 2024 –
September 30, 2025

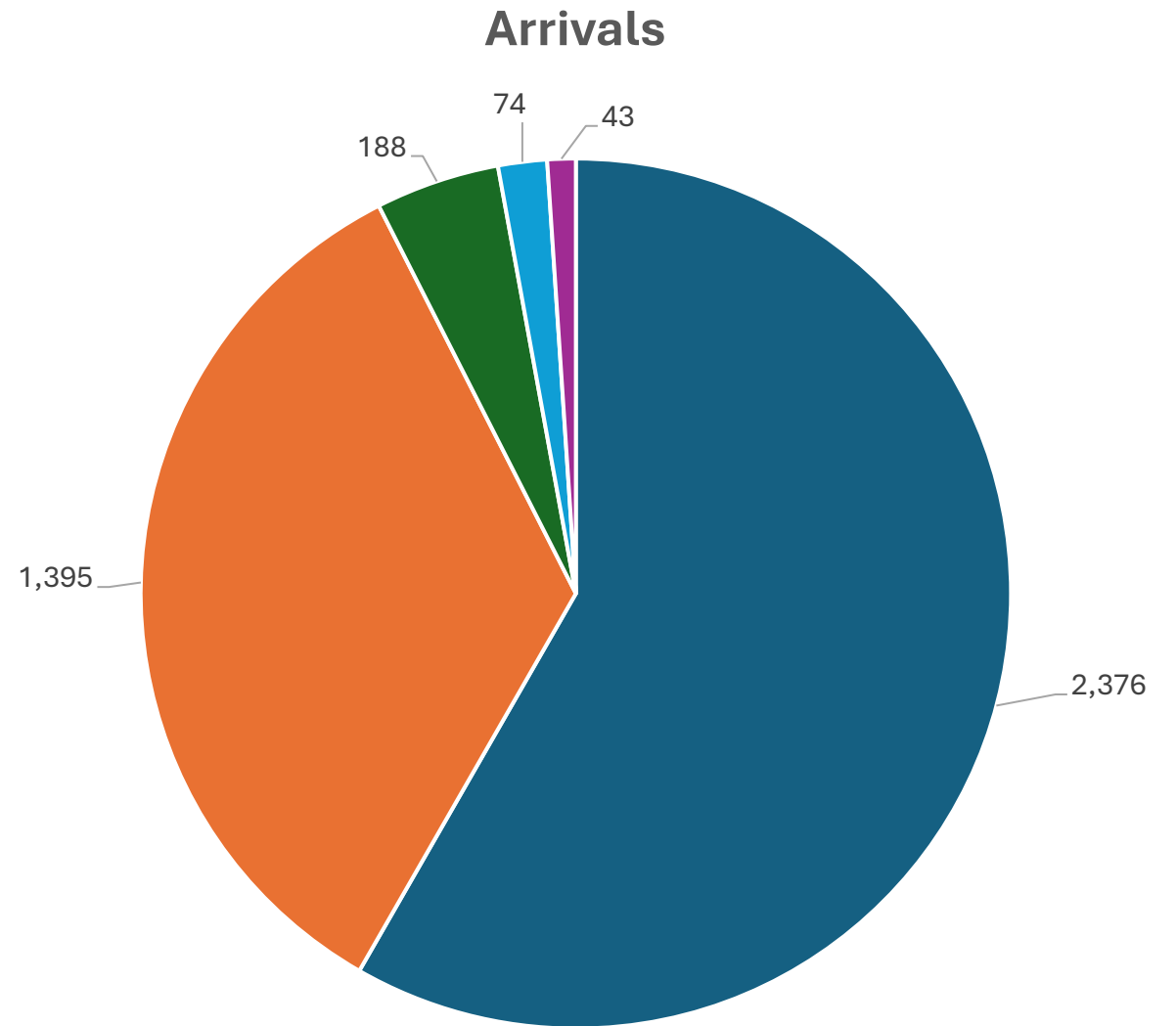
Total Arrivals



4,128






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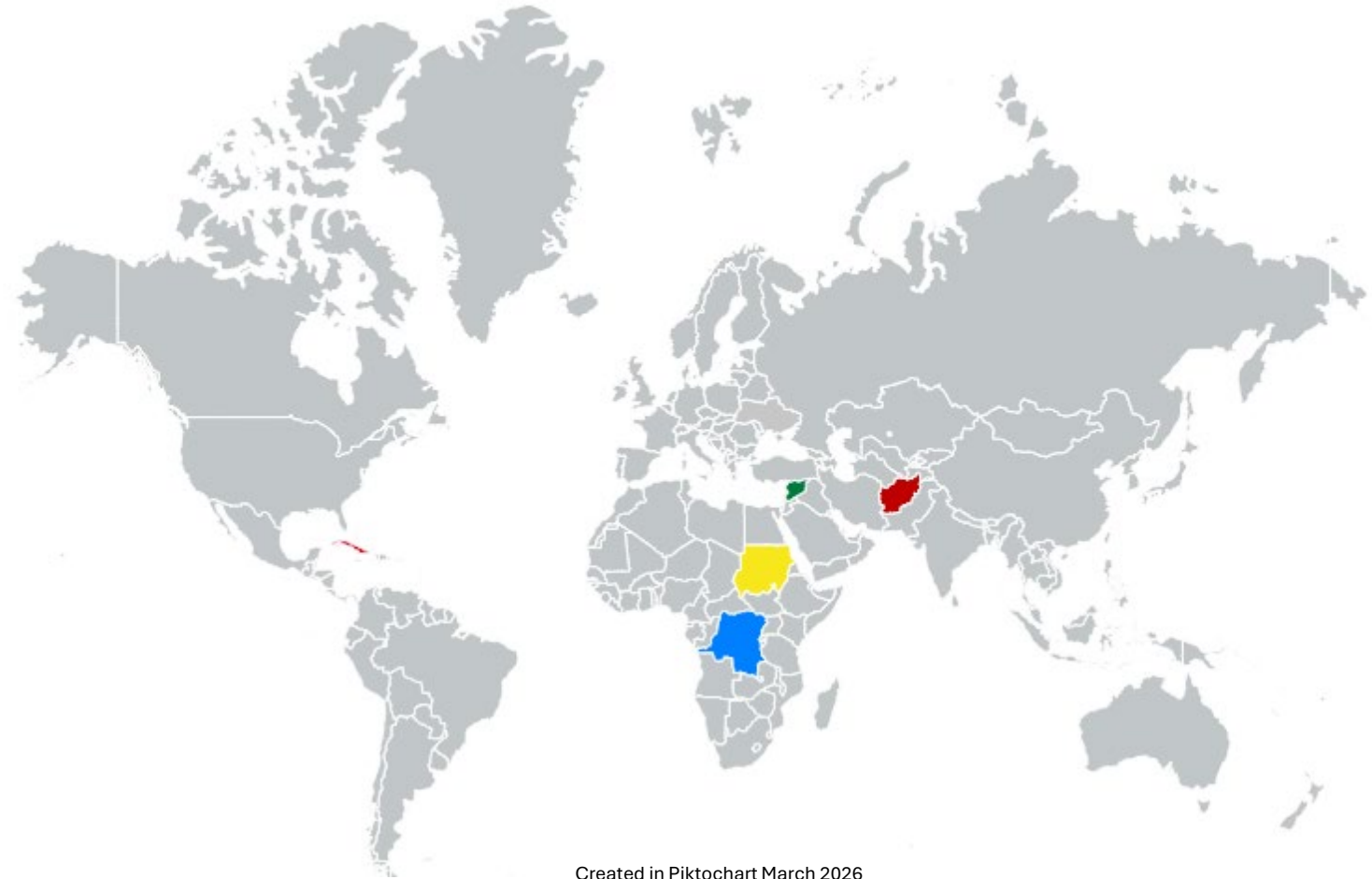
Arrivals by Visa Type



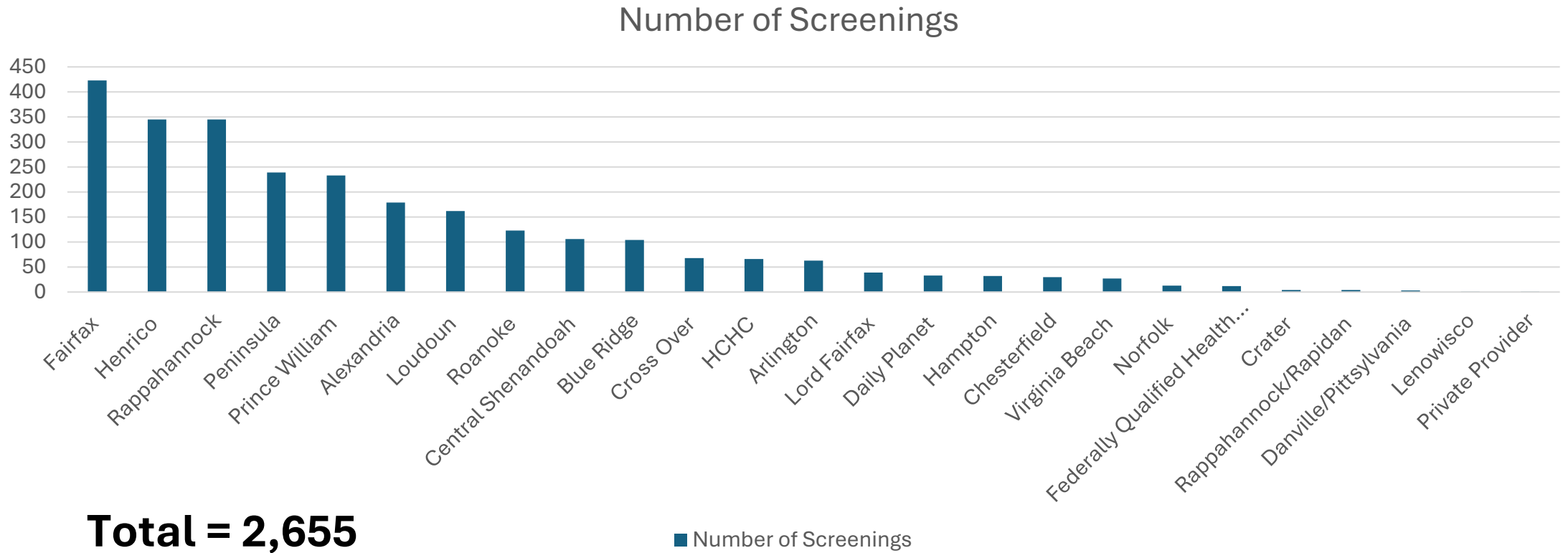
- SIV
- Refugee
- Asylee
- Parolee (Afg or Ukr)
- Cuban/Haitian

Arrivals by Country of Origin

-  Afghanistan (3,480) – 84%
-  DRC (95) – 2%
-  Syria (73) – 1.7%
-  Cuba (47) – 1%
-  Sudan (41) – 1%

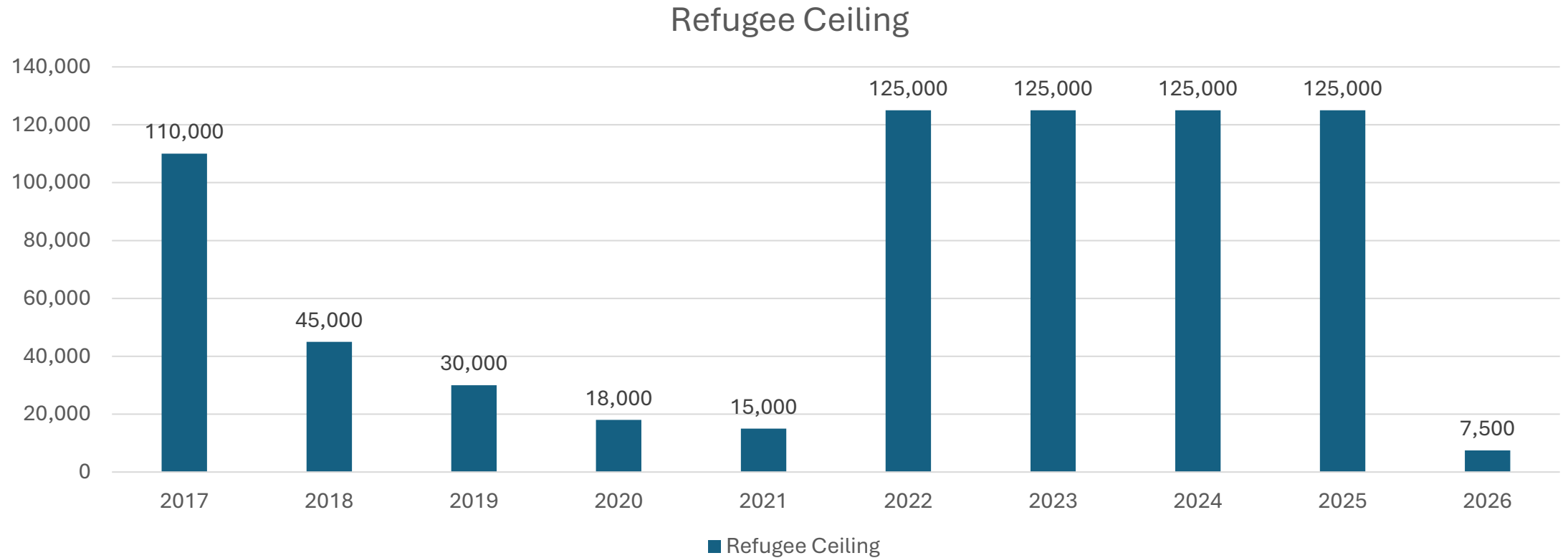


Health Screenings FFY25



Current Landscape

Presidential Determination



Restrictions

- Travel ban for individuals from
 - Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Burma (Myanmar), Chad, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Laos, Libya, Mali, Niger, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Yemen
- SIV Program halted



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Office of Refugee Resettlement Changes



“Refugee
Medicaid”
eligibility
shortened
from 12 to
4 months



Cease in
funding
programs
not
directly
affiliated
with states



Changes
to Refugee
Support
Service
funding

Changes in Eligibility due to H.R. 1

SNAP

- Refugees and other ORR eligible individuals are no longer eligible for SNAP

Medicaid

- As of October 1, 2026, refugees and other ORR eligible individuals will not be eligible for Medicaid

The
following
will remain
eligible



- Children less than 19 years of age
- Pregnant women

Potential Change in Resettlement Model



Resettlement
Agency Led

State Led

Questions

Please Provide Feedback

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