



# Refugee resettlement by the numbers: FY17 vs. FY18 Arrivals Comparison

October 1 – August 31 timeframe unless otherwise indicated

## Overall Admissions<sup>1</sup>

- Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) refugee admissions level set at 45,000—a historic low.
- **11 months through FY18, the US had only admitted 19,899 refugees—less than half this level. This represents a more than 60% drop compared to the same FY17 period when 51,392 refugees were resettled.**
- The US is on track to resettle no more than 22,000 refugees in FY18.
- In 2017, global resettlement spots fell by 46% compared to 2016 and there was a 94% gap between resettlement needs and actual spaces in 2017.<sup>2</sup>

## Admissions by Select Countries of Origin

Country of origin	FY18 (Oct-Aug)	FY17 (Oct-Aug)	% Change
Iran	35	2,459	-99%
Iraq	130	6,740	-98%
Somalia	250	5,953	-96%
Syria	60	6,509	-99%
Yemen	0	21	-100%

**Iraqi P-2s:** As of August 15, just **48 U.S.-affiliated Iraqis** as the pipeline of those awaiting processing stands at more than 100,000.<sup>3</sup> By contrast, last year, the U.S. admitted over 3,000 U.S.-affiliated Iraqis through the direct access program created by Congress.

**Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Recipients:** Arrivals of SIV recipients from Iraq and Afghanistan are down 46% in the first 11 months of FY18 compared to the same period last year, with just 9,786 arrivals compared to 18,241.

## Arrivals of Key Religious and Ethnic Groups

No religious or ethnic group has been spared by the drop in arrivals in FY18.

Religious or ethnic group	FY17 (Oct-Aug)	FY18 (Oct-Aug)	% change
Muslim	22,861	3,129	-86%
Christian	23,876	13,960	-42%
Yezidis (from Iraq and Syria)	445	5	-99%
Rohingya <sup>4</sup>	1,026	699	-32%

## Arrivals by Key Processing Countries

Refugee admissions from critical allies hosting more than their fair share has plummeted in FY18.

Processing Country	FY17 (Oct-Aug)	FY18 (Oct-Aug)	% change
Jordan	3,800	47	-99%
Lebanon	900	40	-96%
Turkey	6,300	168	-97%
Kenya	5,000	672	-87%

<sup>1</sup> <http://ireports.wrapsnet.org>

<sup>2</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/5b28a7df4.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-refugees-iraq-exclusi/exclusive-pentagon-raises-alarm-about-sharp-drop-in-iraqi-refugees-coming-to-u-s-idUSKCN1L51N9>

<sup>4</sup> As reported in WRAPS under ethnicity.