

Wisconsin Refugees

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Refugee & Immigrant Integration Section

- The Refugee Assistance Services Program Section is currently a part of the WI Dept. of Children and Families.

The State Refugee Coordinator

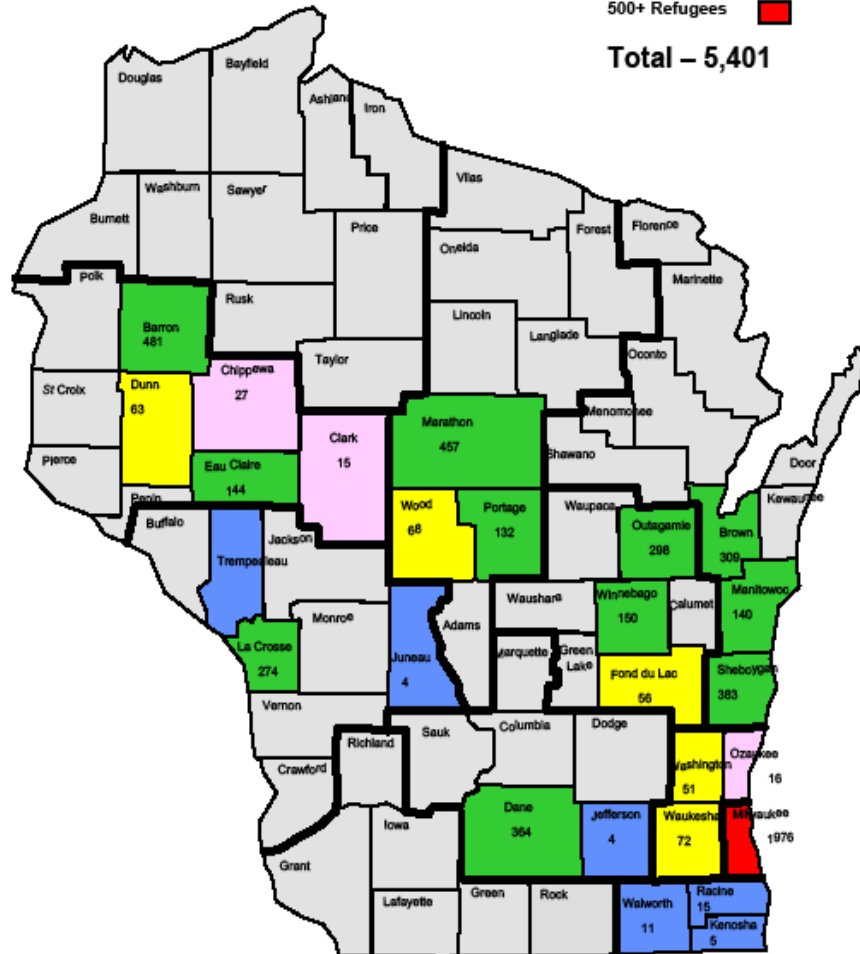
- This is single point of contact for refugee services throughout WI.

Refugee Population in Wisconsin

2003 – 2007

- 0-15 Refugees ■
- 16-30 Refugees ■
- 31-100 Refugees ■
- 100-500 Refugees ■
- 500+ Refugees ■

Total – 5,401



Current Refugee Data

- 5715 current refugees (2004-08);
- 553 new in 2009 expected (Somali and Burmese)
- 70% receive FoodShares:
 - i.e., Most are employed but low wage for family size. Few remain on W-2 or RCA very long.

Refugee Work Today

- Over 70,000 refugees & former refugees (now citizens) across the state.
- Most new refugees are resettling in the Milwaukee metropolitan area where the active VOLAGs are.
 - 2350 currently in Milwaukee Region (almost 50%)
 - Burmese: 680 (soon will exceed Somali numbers)
 - Somali: 864 (Barron and Milwaukee)
 - Hmong: 3575 (through 2009-11, most will naturalize!)
= NO longer refugees soon
 - Bhutanese starting to arrive (Madison);
 - some Iraqis/Afghanis

Why and How Milwaukee? VOLAGs

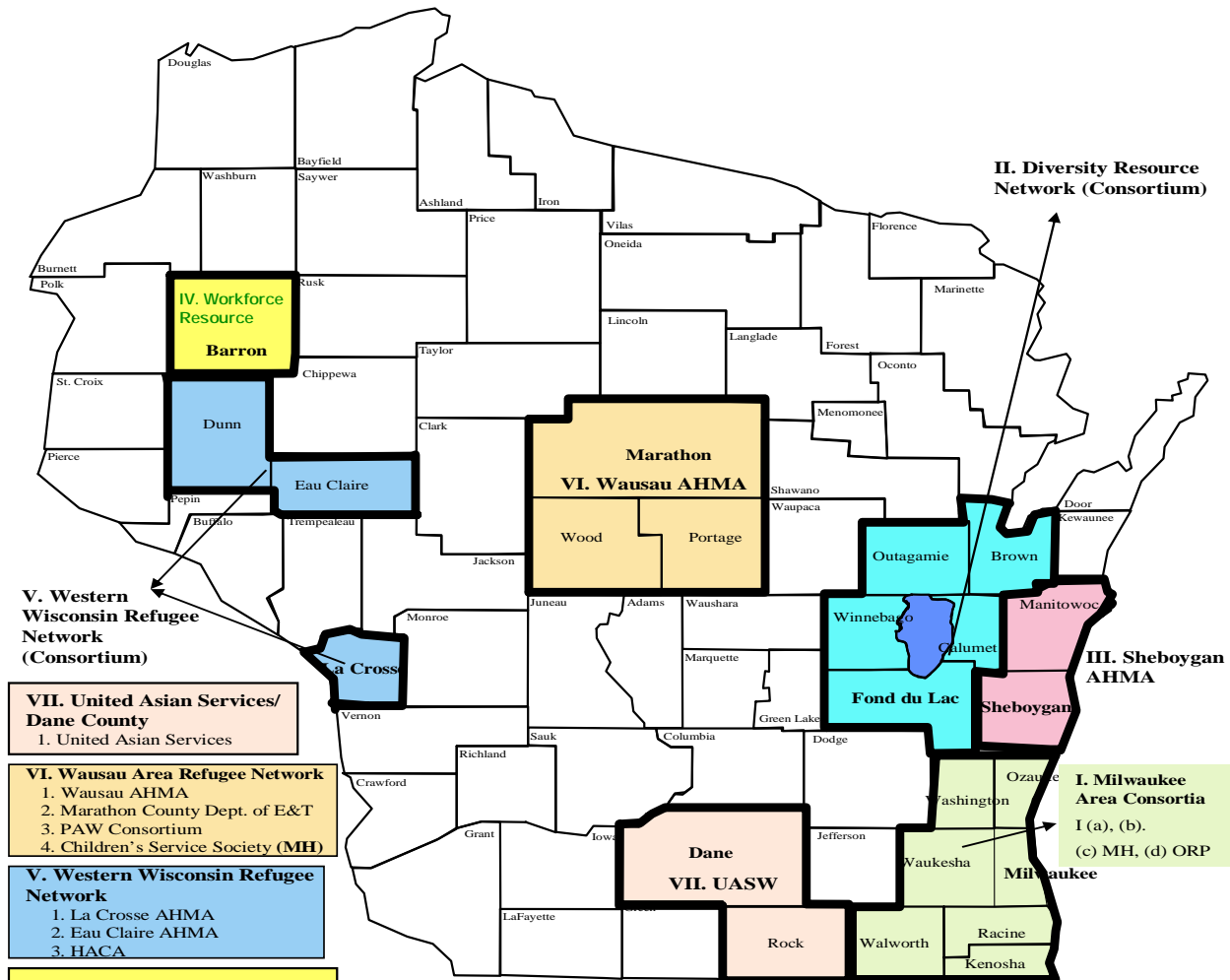
- **US Dept. of State and National Refugee Resettlement Organizations**
 - US Conference of Catholic Bishops
 - Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services
 - US Committee on Immigrants and Refugees
 - Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society
- **Local Affiliates—VOLAG (Voluntary Agency)**
 - Catholic Charities of Archdiocese of Milwaukee
 - Lutheran Social Services of Milwaukee
 - International Institute of Wisconsin
 - Jewish Family Services of Milwaukee

Roles: State vs. VOLAGs

- VOLAGs are responsible for bringing refugees and for getting them started.
 - First 90 days (including initial health screening).
- State funds refugee agencies/ VOLAGs for supportive services to empower refugees to become economically and personally self-sufficient.
 - Employment & Training/Road to Work
 - Preventive Health
 - Older Refugee Program

Refugee Consortia

- Office of Refugee Services (US DHHS/ACF) funds refugee support services—no WI state tax dollars
- Partly annual allocation based on current refugee population / partly competitive grants
- The Refugee Assistance Services Program Section sub-awards through RFP process
- “Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services”
- Encourage regional consortia to ensure “wrap-around” services for local refugees



V. Western Wisconsin Refugee Network (Consortium)

VII. United Asian Services/ Dane County
1. United Asian Services

VI. Wausau Area Refugee Network
1. Wausau AHMA
2. Marathon County Dept. of E&T
3. PAW Consortium
4. Children's Service Society (MH)

V. Western Wisconsin Refugee Network
1. La Crosse AHMA
2. Eau Claire AHMA
3. HACA

IV. Refugee Agency in Barron
1. Workforce Resource

III. Sheboygan HMA
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2. Hmong Community Center of Manitowoc

II. Diversity Resource Network
1. ADVOCAP
2. HAP of Fox Valley
3. New CAP
4. Catholic Charities of Green Bay

I (b) UW-Milwaukee CUCD Consortium
1. UW-M CUCD
2. Hmong Amer. Women's Assoc.
3. Pan-African Community Assoc.

I (c) Mental Health
1. Sebastian Family Psychology

I (d) Older Refugee Program
1. Milwaukee Christian Center

I (a) Milwaukee Area Refugee Consortium
1. Jewish Family Services
2. Catholic Charities
3. International Institute
4. International Learning Center
5. Lao Family Community
6. Lutheran Social Services
7. MAXIMUS
7. International Learning Center

I. Milwaukee Area Consortia
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(c) MH, (d) ORP

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Barron

Dunn

Eau Claire

La Crosse

Dane VII. UASW

Fond du Lac

Winnebago

Manitowoc

Sheboygan

Outagamie

Brown

Waukesha

Milwaukee

Marathon

Wood

Portage

Juneau

Adams

Waushara

Monroe

Marquette

Green Lake

Sauk

Columbia

Dodge

Richland

Grant

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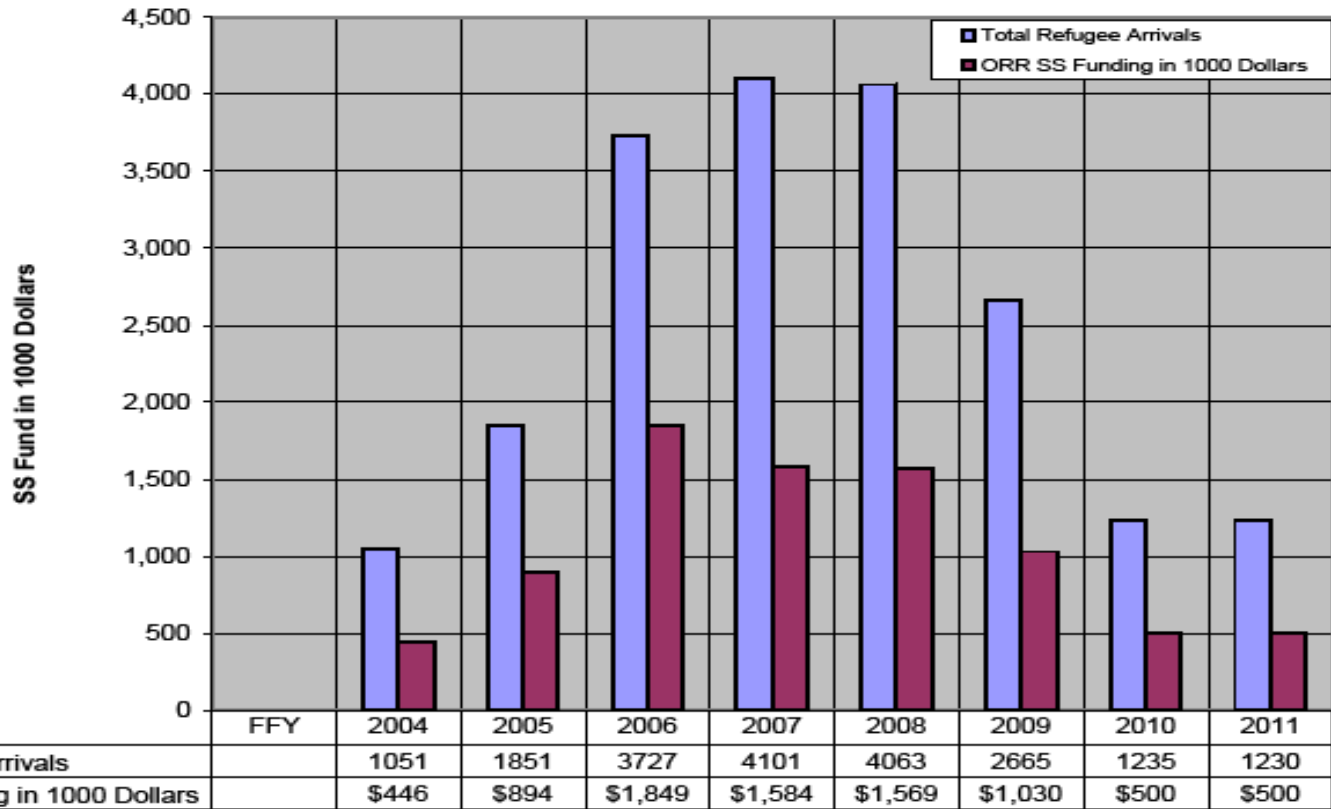
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Future and Refugee

- Refugee must wait 5 years before allowed to become citizen (naturalize)
- Most Hmong reaching this point and soon will become citizens (NOT eligible for refugee services!)
- Anticipate / guess about 450-550 new refugees for the next couple of years

SS Funding Allocation 2004 - Projected 2010 & 2011



Contact

Questions Welcome!

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