

N.C. REFUGEE HEALTH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 5-YEAR PERIOD SFYs 2007-2011

DESCRIPTION OF ARRIVALS

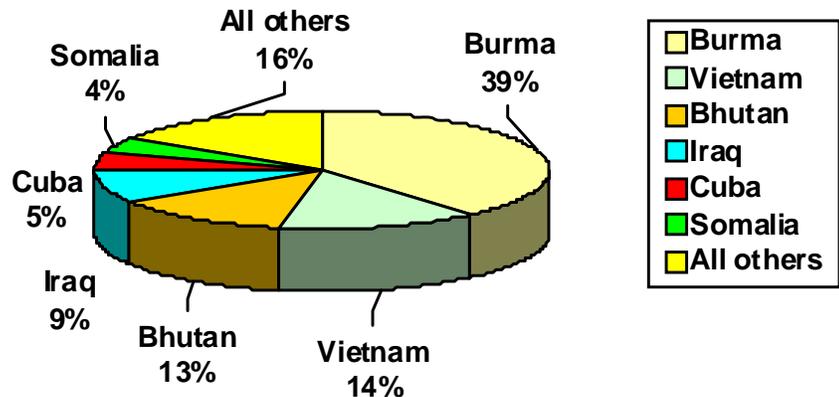
During the project period (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2011) of the grant period, North Carolina received 11,201 arrivals from different 51 countries.

Among all refugee arrivals, there was a fairly equal portion of males and females.

- 4,416 (39%) were under 18 years of age
- 1,429 (13%) were 5 years and under
- 3,475 (31%) were school age
- 5,830 (52%) were between 18 and 49 years of age
- 6,514 (58%) were between 18 and 64 years of age
- 271 (2%) were 65 years or older
- 955 (9%) were 50 years or older

Health conditions were noted for 2,595 arrivals on their DS-2053 Medical Examination for Immigrant or Refugee Applicant document. Around 800 were noted to have tuberculosis concerns. Thirty-one were known to be HIV+. Five percent of arrivals were not sponsored by a resettlement agency. Twelve percent of arrivals were from an African country. Nearly four percent were from former Soviet states.

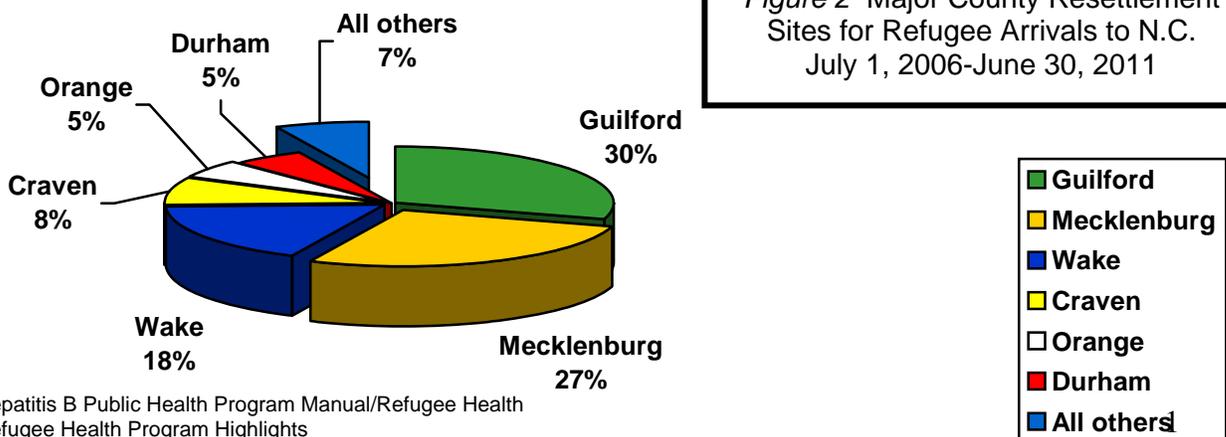
Figure 1 Major Countries of Origin for Refugee Arrivals to N.C. July 1, 2006-June 30, 2011



RESETTLEMENT SITES

During the grant period (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2011), refugees were resettled in 48 N.C. counties with the majority resettled in Guilford (3,340); Mecklenburg (3,029); Wake (1,983); Craven (900); Orange (590); and Durham (585).

Figure 2 Major County Resettlement Sites for Refugee Arrivals to N.C. July 1, 2006-June 30, 2011



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SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS

Major health problems of new arrivals seemed to be incomplete immunizations, dental problems, tuberculosis infection and parasite infection. Tables 1 through 3 include summarized demographic and health data for this project period.

Table 1. Number and Description of Refugee Arrivals in grant period

ARRIVALS	SEX		IMMIGRATION STATUS				HEALTH STATUS
	M	F	REFUGEE	PAROLEE	ASYLEE	TRAFFICKING	CLASS B
All Sites							
11,201	5815	5386	10599	185	208	6	2595
% of total	52%	48%	95%	2%	2%	<1%	23%

Table 2. Health Assessments Provided by Local Health Depts in Grant Period

RESETTLEMENT SITE	ARRIVALS	SCREENED	RECEIVED PE	AVERAGE # DAYS UNTIL SEEN
Guilford	3340	2595 (78%)	1329	69 days
Mecklenburg	3029	2578 (85%)	2542	37 days
Wake	1983	1743 (88%)	Refers out	57 days
Craven	900	793 (88%)	777	25 days
Orange	590	575 (98%)	Refers out	30 days
Durham	585	471 (81%)	Refers out	39 days
All other counties	774	576 (74%)	457	All Sites: Number of Days Until Care was Initiated. Mean: 48 days Median: 38 days <31 days 41% <90 days 88%
TOTAL	11201	9331 (83%)	5105+ (46%)	

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Table 3. Selected Health Assessment Results on Refugees Screened in Grant Period

HEALTH CONDITION	NUMBER SCREENED	% POSITIVE
Incomplete Immunization	8521	7844 (92%)
TB Infection (TST) (>10mm)	7836	1720 (22%)
TB Disease (CXR)	1339	38 (3% suspicious of TB) 65 (5% abnormal, not TB)
Intestinal Parasite Infection	6132	1625 (27%)
Hepatitis B	7113	
Immune		2420 (34%)
Nonimmune		3926 (55%)
Carrier		281 (4%)
Active Case		9 (<1%)
Not a carrier, immunity unknown		477 (7%)
STD	3431	41 (1%)
Mental Health	2979	21 (<1%)
Hearing	3517	93 (3%)
Vision	3858	529 (14%)
Dental	3895	1252 (32%)
Lead	680	45 (7%)
Pregnancy	1398	130 (9%)