

Refugee and Asylee Protection in the U.S.

Refugee Admissions to the U.S are Shrinking



The refugee admissions ceiling for Fiscal Year 2021 has been set at **15,000**, the lowest in the history of the modern US refugee program.

This is the **fourth successive year** the administration has set a record low refugee admissions ceiling.

Asylum Claims Should Not Impact Resettlement



Processing and providing relief to asylum seekers arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border **does not justify** the marked decrease in refugee resettlement.

Resources devoted to processing asylum claims and taking in refugees come from **completely different pools**.

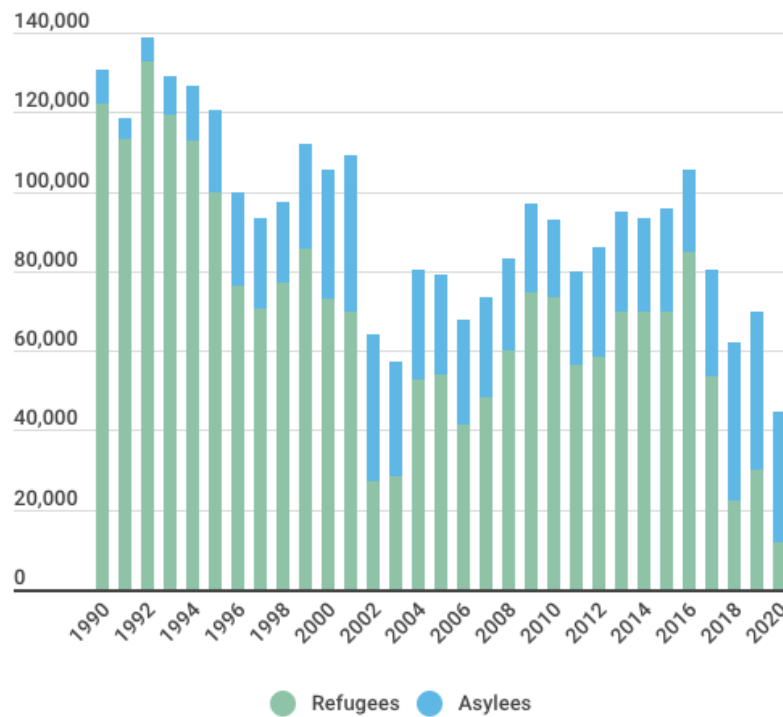
The U.S. is protecting fewer people than it has before.



Even after combining refugee resettlement and asylum relief, the U.S. is projected to have **offered fewer total individuals protection** in the past three fiscal years than in any three-year period for which data is available.

Since 1980, the average refugee admissions ceiling has been **95,000**. The current administration has **averaged under 60,000** total people protected a year, even after combining refugee resettlement and asylum relief.

Change in U.S. Refugee Resettlement & Asylum Relief 1990-2020



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