

UPDATE

Resettlement of Afghan Allies in Tennessee

When will Afghans arrive

Resettlement agencies in Tennessee have been welcoming Afghans for several weeks, and cases will continue to arrive gradually through February. As temperatures fall with the onset of winter, the aim is to resettle all Afghans at military bases to their new communities by February 15.

Anticipated arrival numbers

After the initial resettlement of Afghans, cities have been able to update assessments to reflect the capacity of each city's capacity for resettlement. Approximately 600 arrivals are now anticipated in Tennessee: 80% in Nashville, and smaller numbers in Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Memphis. This is an increase from the previous anticipated arrival number of 415 and is based on community capacity assessments. Resettlement agencies are responsible for receiving and serving arrivals. The Governor's Office receives weekly reports from the federal Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration with information about Afghan resettlement throughout the state.

Capacity assessments

Anticipated arrival numbers are reached on a city-by-city basis according to capacity assessments. Assessments include collaboration with each city's resettlement agency, local government, public school system, police department, public health department, private medical providers, and other agencies providing services to refugees. Capacity involves a community's ability to welcome vulnerable individuals and families into a place they can call home.