

Tennessee Office for Refugees

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

To: Representatives of local government
Chairperson, Budget Committee (of city council or county legislative body)
Chairpersons, House and Senate Committees on State and Local Government
Local Refugee Resettlement Program Directors

From: Louisa Saratora, State Refugee Coordinator

Date: February 3, 2022

Re: Quarterly report on refugee resettlement for the period October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Herein, please find information on actual arrivals for the period of this report.

Tennessee remains a very strong and welcoming state for refugees fleeing persecution in their homelands. Thank you for your continued support and concern for the well-being of refugees in your community. Please contact me (lsaratora@cctenn.org or 615-354-6287) or your local refugee resettlement agency(ies) if you have any questions. Local agency contact information is below.

Agency	Contact Person	Address	Phone	Email
Bridge Refugee Services – Chattanooga	Marina Peshterianu	4791/A Hal Drive Chattanooga, TN 37416	423-954-9288	marinapesh@aol.com
Bridge Refugee Services – Knoxville	Drocella Mugorewera	4420 Whittle Springs Road Knoxville, TN 37917	865-540-1311	dmugorewera@bridgerefugees.org
Catholic Charities – Nashville	Kellye Branson	2806 McGavock Pike Nashville, TN 37214	615-259-3567	kbranson@cctenn.org
Nashville International Center for Empowerment	Gatluak Thach	417 Welshwood Drive Suite 100 Nashville, TN 37211	615-315-9681	gatluak@empowernashville.org
World Relief – Memphis	PJ Moore	5340 Quince Road Suite A Memphis, TN 38119	901-341-0220	pjmoore@wr.org

This report serves to meet the reporting requirements under the Refugee Absorptive Capacity Act (Public Chapter No. 316).

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Arrival data for the period October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Anticipated Arrivals:

The U.S. Department of State allocates refugees based on where the resettlement agency is located. Initial estimates for FFY 2022 have not yet been finalized.

Actual Arrivals:

For the period of this report, actual new arrivals to counties were as follows:

Davidson	13
Hamilton	25
Knox	5
Rutherford	14
Shelby	14
Williamson	1

Age Breakdown:

The age breakdown for these arrivals is as follows:

Minors	29
Employable adults	43
Seniors	0

Information Requests:

Requests for information this quarter came from students and from media outlets.

No complaints were received.