Refugees have an enduring legacy on the American communities they have come to call home, and cities and towns across the United States have seen firsthand the significant positive economic impact that has come with resettling this population. Refugees have entrepreneurship and homeownership rates that far exceed that of other immigrants. Many aging and once declining communities—from Utica, New York to St. Louis, Missouri—have credited young, entrepreneurial refugees with reinvigorating their local economy and commercial main streets.

### Population

**42,898**

Number of likely refugees in Ohio in 2015

Between 2016 - 2018 a total of **8,002** refugees were resettled in Ohio

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### Top Five Countries of Origin of Refugees Resettled Between 2016 - 2018

1. Bhutan .................. 30.6%
2. DRC ......................... 22.3%
3. Somalia ................... 12.6%
4. Syria ....................... 10.3%
5. Iraq ........................ 5.6%

### Taxes and Spending Power in 2015

- **Refugee Household Income**: $1.1B
- **Total Spending Power**: $819.4M
- **State & Local Taxes Paid**: $102.5M
- **Federal Taxes Paid**: $180.1M
- **Total Taxes Paid**: $282.6M

**UNITED STATES IN 2015**

**POPULATION**

3.4M
Number of likely refugees

- Share of refugees who have been in the U.S. for 16 to 25 years and became citizens: 84.0%
- Share of refugees who have been in the U.S. for more than 25 years and became citizens: 89.4%

**TAXES & SPENDING POWER**

- $77.2B
  Refugee Household Income
- $56.3B
  Total Spending Power

- Total Taxes Paid: $20.9B
  - State & Local Taxes Paid: $6.4B
  - Federal Taxes Paid: $14.5B

**WORKFORCE**

Immigrants and refugees are more likely to be of working age than their counterparts.

- Refugees: 77.1%
- Other Immigrants: 72.2%
- US-Born: 49.7%

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Rates of Entrepreneurship, 2015

- U.S.-Born: 9.0%
- Non-Refugee Immigrants: 11.5%
- Refugees: 13.0%

- 181,463
  Refugee entrepreneurs
- $4.6B
  Business Income of Refugee Entrepreneurs