

## What Do We Know About Refugees?

LIRS prepared a quiz for Refugee Sunday in June 2016 so that people could test how much they know about refugees. ([http://refugeesunday.lirs.org/files/2016/06/RS\\_Quiz\\_2016.pdf](http://refugeesunday.lirs.org/files/2016/06/RS_Quiz_2016.pdf))

1. How many refugees are there in the world today?
  - a. 1 million
  - b. 5 million
  - c. 15 million
  - d. 20 million
2. How many refugees have been resettled by Lutherans in the U.S. since LIRS's founding in 1939?
  - a. 142,000
  - b. 212,000
  - c. 500,000
  - d. 622,000
3. What are the three largest refugee populations in the United States?
  - a. Refugees from the former Soviet Union, Vietnamese and Bosnians
  - b. Iraqis, refugees from the former Soviet Union and Vietnamese
  - c. Vietnamese, Burmese and Iraqis
  - d. Iraqis, Syrians and Congolese
6. How many refugees have fled Syria?
  - a. 1.3 million
  - b. 3.14 million
  - c. 4.84 million
  - d. 11.44 million
7. What is the average amount of time a refugee lives in a refugee camp?
  - a. 9 months
  - b. 1 year
  - c. 4 years
  - d. 17 years
8. What percentage of refugees are ever resettled?
  - a. Less than 1%
  - b. 5%
  - c. 15%
  - d. 50%
9. Which country hosts the most refugees?
  - a. Turkey
  - b. Pakistan

Answers for the LIRS quiz:

1. **How many refugees are there in the world today?**  
20 million people around the world are refugees, meaning they have been forced to flee their homes and have had to cross into another country to find safety. Another 40 million people have fled from their homes for the same reasons, but are called "internally displaced persons" because they have remained within their own country.  
(<http://www.unhcr.org/figures-at-a-glance.html>)
2. **How many refugees have been resettled by Lutherans in the U.S. since LIRS's founding in 1939?**  
500,000. Lutherans have welcomed over 500,000 refugees and helped them restart their lives.  
(<http://lirs.org/>)
3. **What are the three largest refugee populations in the United States?**  
Refugees from the former Soviet Union, Vietnamese and Bosnians (<http://america.aljazeera.com/watch/shows/america-tonight/america-tonight-blog/2013/10/13/the-5-biggest-refugeegroupsofthelast20years.html>)  
The former Soviet Union: 380,000  
Vietnam: 182,000  
Bosnia: 169,000  
Iraq: 106,000  
Burma: 104,000  
Congo: 20,000
4. **What percentage of refugees are women and children?**  
80%. (<https://www.womensrefugeecommission.org/youth/763-girlsstories>)
5. **From which countries do the 3 largest refugee populations come?** Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan.  
5.1 million Palestinian refugees  
4.84 million Syrian refugees  
2.59 Afghan refugees  
(<http://www.unhcr.org/figures-at-a-glance.html>)
6. **How many refugees have fled Syria?**  
4.84 million. 6.6 million more Syrians have become internally displaced within Syria, but have not yet crossed an international border.  
(<http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>)
7. **What is the average amount of time a refugee lives in a refugee camp?**  
17 years. Many refugees have nowhere to call home and live for long periods of time in temporary camps.  
(<http://www.state.gov/j/prm/policyissues/issues/protracted/>)
8. **What percentage of refugees are resettled?**  
Less than 1%. Most refugees will never be able to participate in the resettlement process and will either wait to return home or attempt to integrate into the countries to which they fled.  
(<http://www.unhcr.org/resettlement.html>)
9. **Which country hosts the most refugees?**  
Turkey. Turkey hosts 1.59 million refugees.  
(<http://www.unhcr.org/figures-at-a-glance.html>)
10. **How many refugees were resettled in the United States last year?**  
69,933. The U.S. plans to resettle 85,000 refugees in fiscal year 2016.  
(<http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/just-facts/refugees-fact-sheet>)