

Understanding the Challenges and Needs of Foreign Born Populations in Baltimore and Maryland

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MISSION AND VISION

MISSION

The mission of the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration is to protect, promote and improve the health and well-being of all Marylanders and their families through provision of public health leadership and through community-based public health efforts in partnership with local health departments, providers, community based organizations, and public and private sector agencies, giving special attention to at-risk and vulnerable populations.

VISION

The Prevention and Health Promotion Administration envisions a future in which all Marylanders and their families enjoy optimal health and well-being.

Overview

- Brief overview of terminology
- Distribution of foreign-born population in Maryland
- Data on humanitarian immigrants in Maryland
- STI health screening data for humanitarian immigrants

Terminology

- Lots of terms used interchangeably: foreign-born, immigrant, migrant, refugee, asylee, etc.
- Meanings and implications depend on who is providing the definition
- Important to know the differences because it dictates eligibility for services

Foreign born

- Are often non-citizens, but could also be naturalized citizens of the country in which they live or are citizens by descent, typically through a parent. The term encompasses both immigrants and expatriates, but is not synonymous with either.
- Basically, you were born in another country other than that in which you reside

Immigrant vs. Migrant

- Immigrant: A person who comes to another country to take up permanent residence
- Migrant: A person who attempts to permanently relocate to a new country, but may be subject to removal by the government of that country...

...but really, a migrant is anyone who leaves his/her country of origin to seek residence in another country

Humanitarian Immigrants

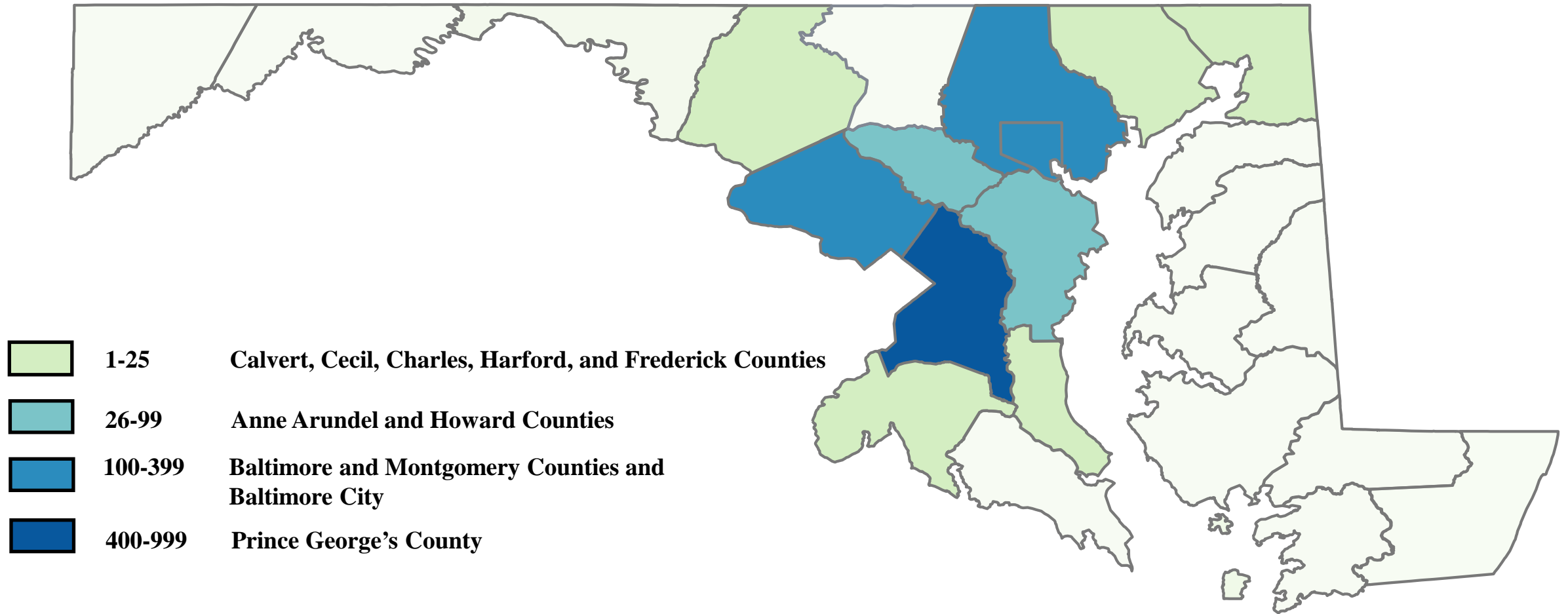
- Refugee—Any person who is outside his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return to that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. Persecution or the fear thereof must be based on the alien's race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. People with no nationality must generally be outside their country of last habitual residence to qualify as a refugee.
- Asylee—An alien in the United States or at a port of entry who is found to be unable or unwilling to return to his or her country of nationality, or to seek the protection of that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. Persecution or the fear thereof must be based on the alien's race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. For persons with no nationality, the country of nationality is considered to be the country in which the alien last habitually resided.

Humanitarian Immigrants (cont.)

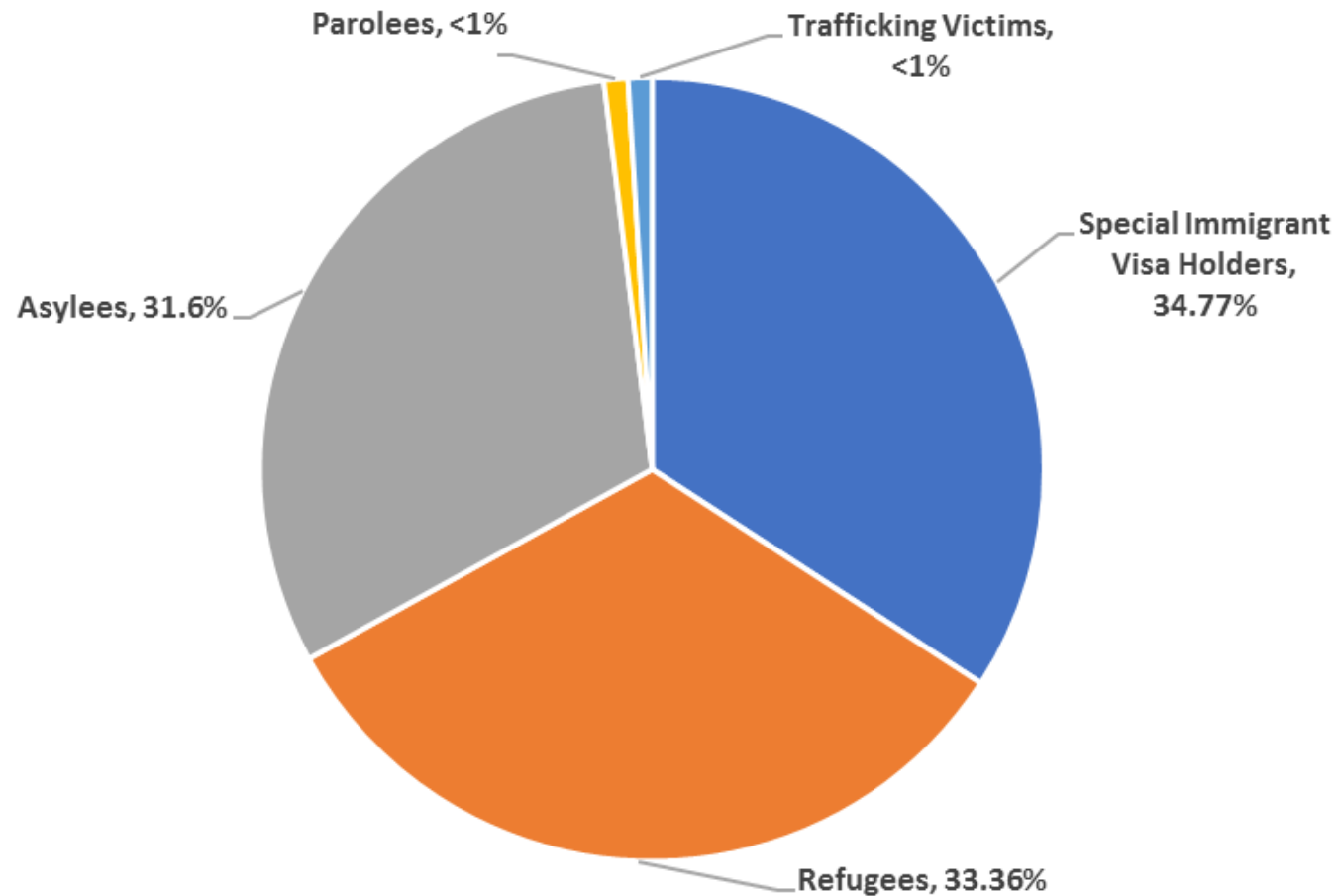
- Special Immigrant Visa Holders—persons who worked with the U.S. Armed Forces or under Chief of Mission authority as a translator or interpreter in Iraq or Afghanistan.
- Parolee—an alien allowed into the U.S. for urgent humanitarian reasons. This status is often temporary admission to the U.S. with an expectation to leave when the conditions supporting their parole cease to exist.

Humanitarian Immigrants in Maryland

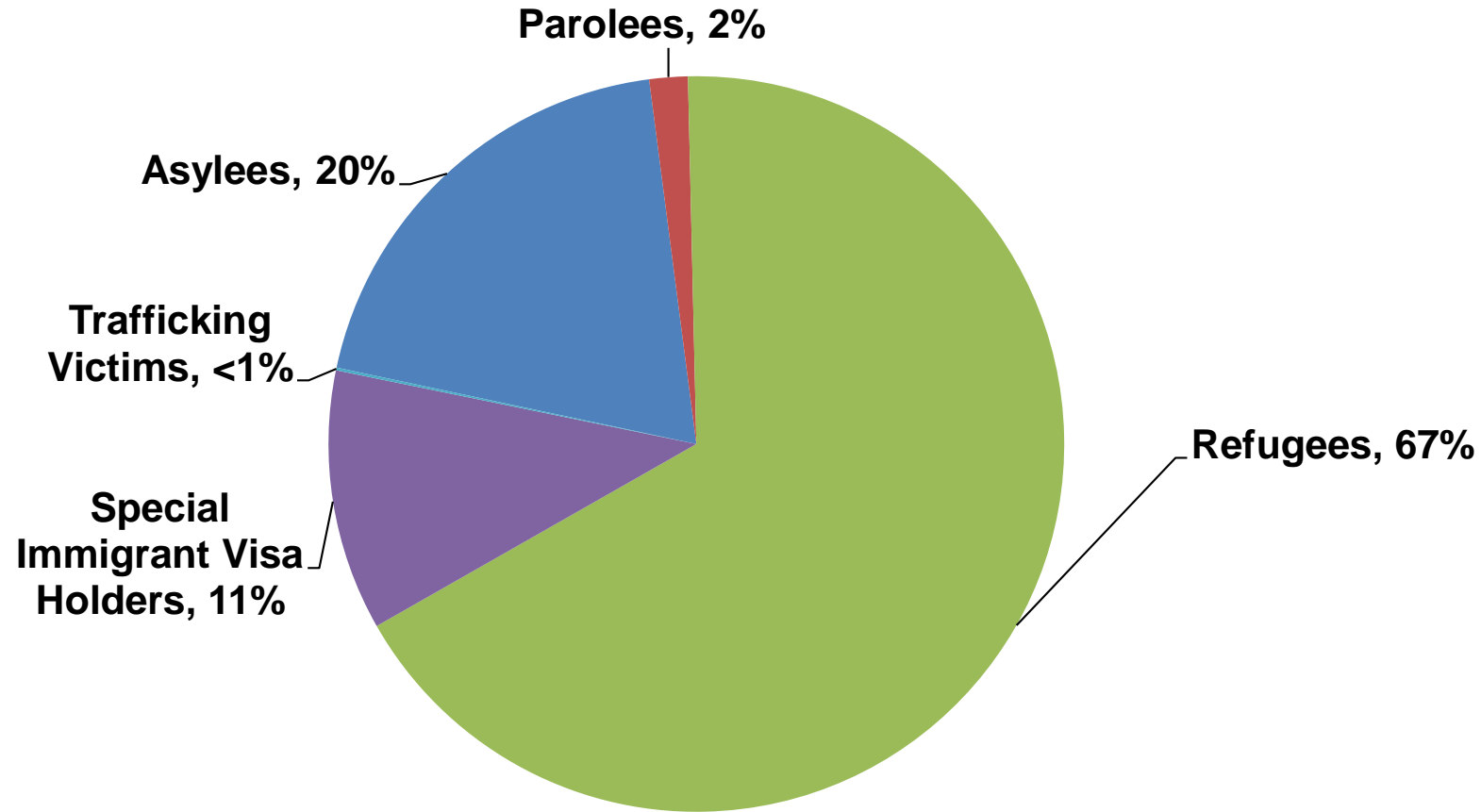
Humanitarian Immigrant Resettlement by Maryland Jurisdiction, FFY 2018



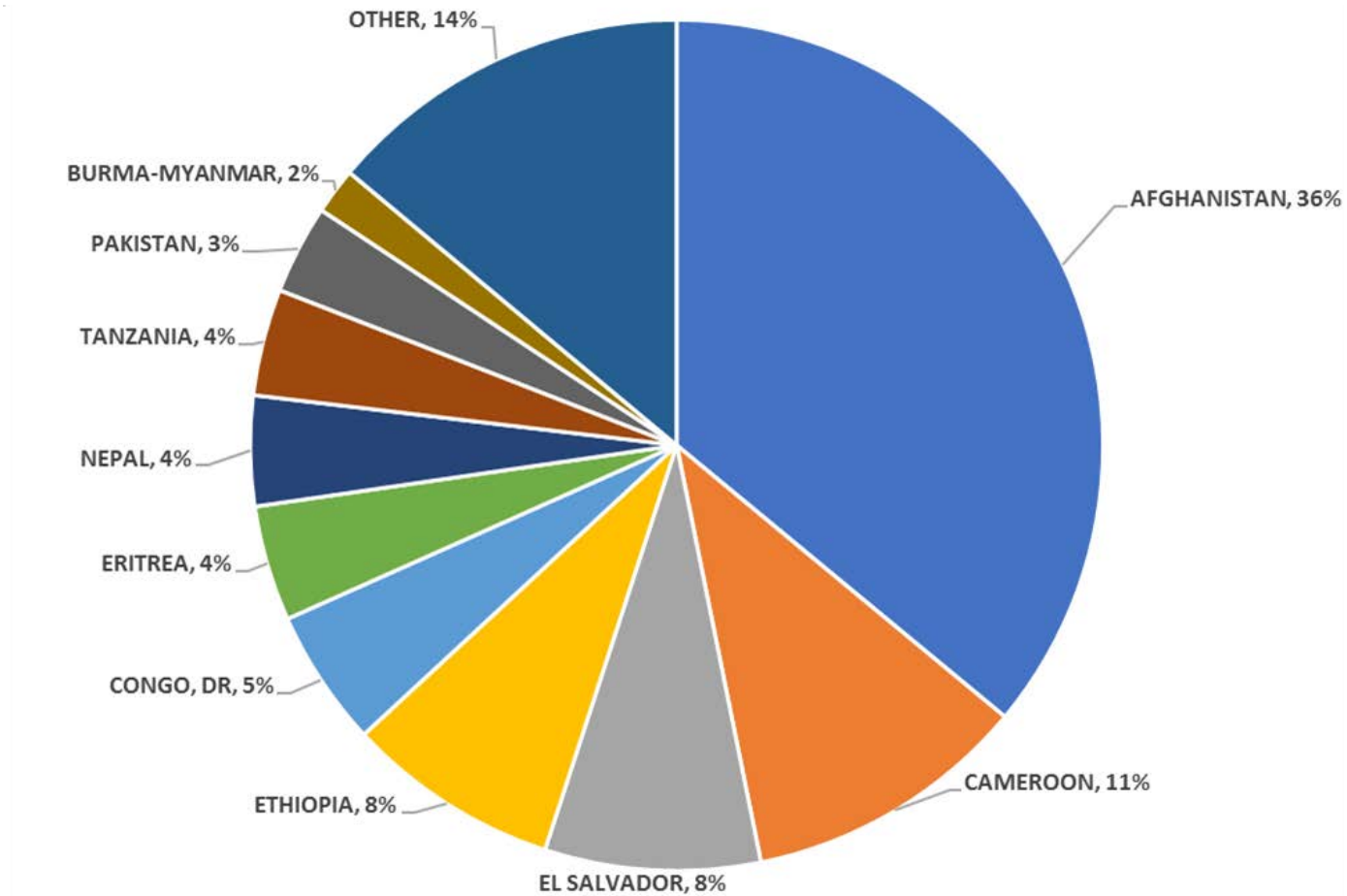
Maryland Arrivals by Immigration Status, FFY 2018 (Total: 1,481)



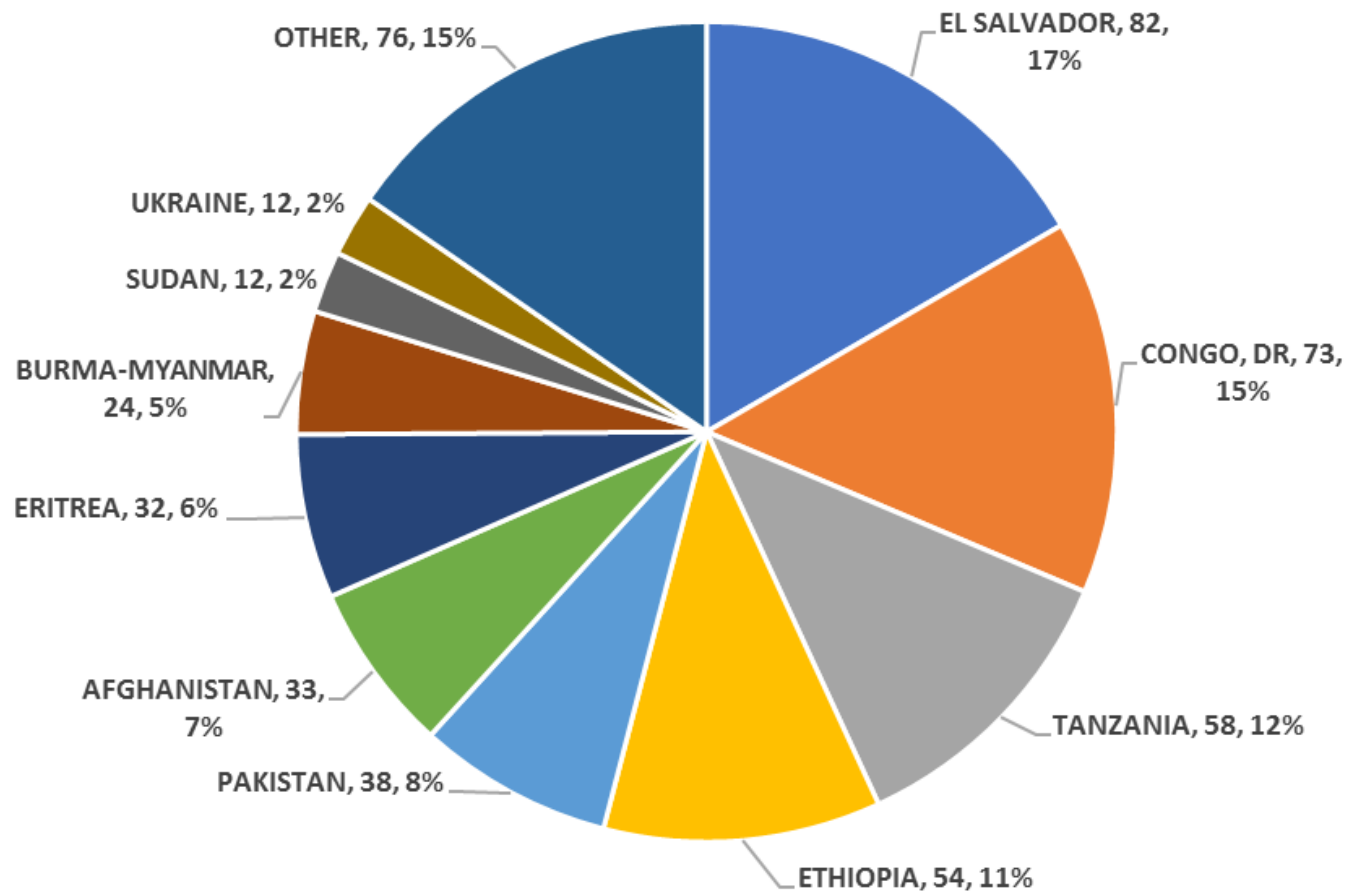
Maryland Arrivals by Immigration Status, FFY 2016 (Total: 2,632)



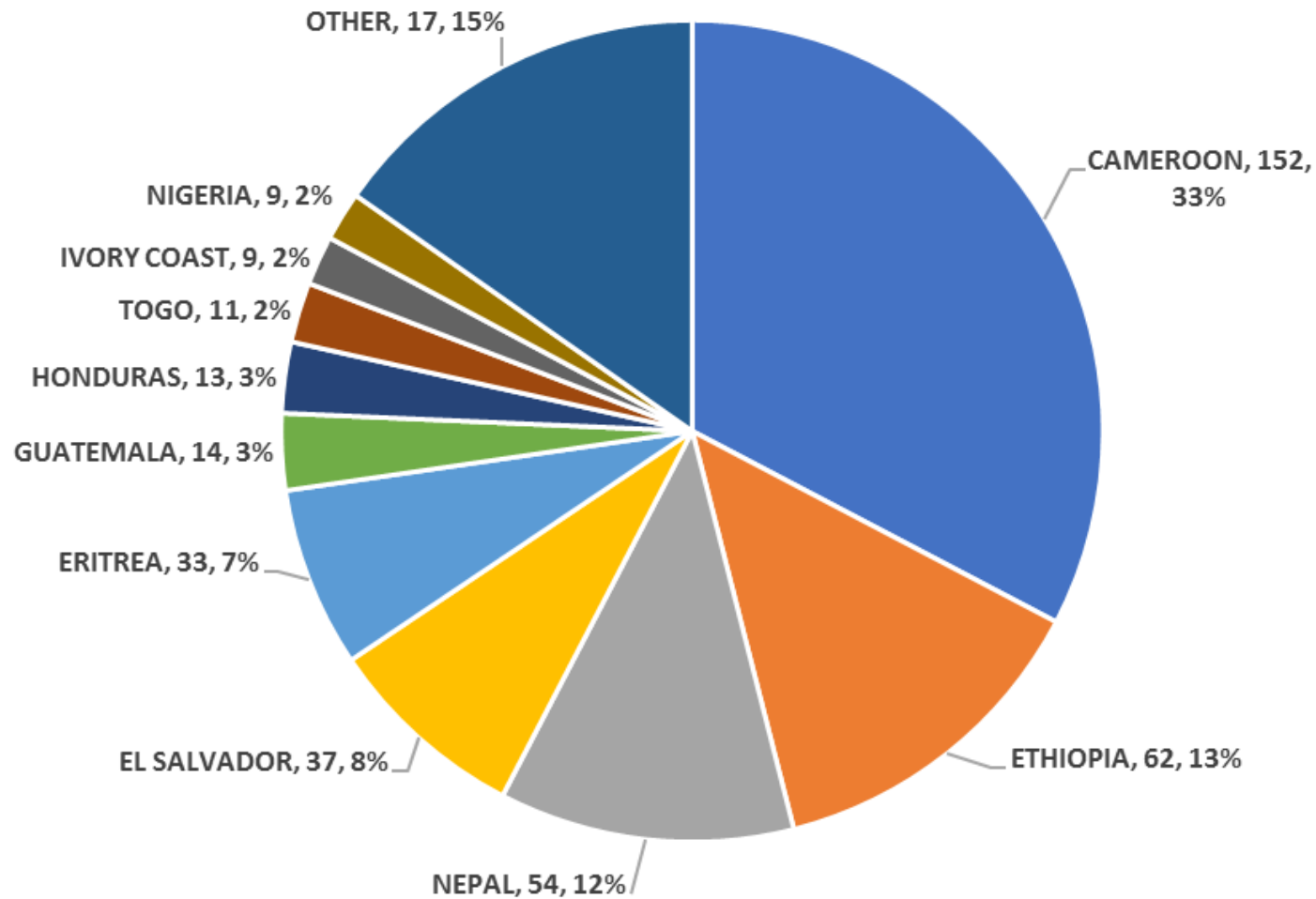
Country of Birth of Humanitarian Immigrants, FFY 2018 (Total: 1,479)



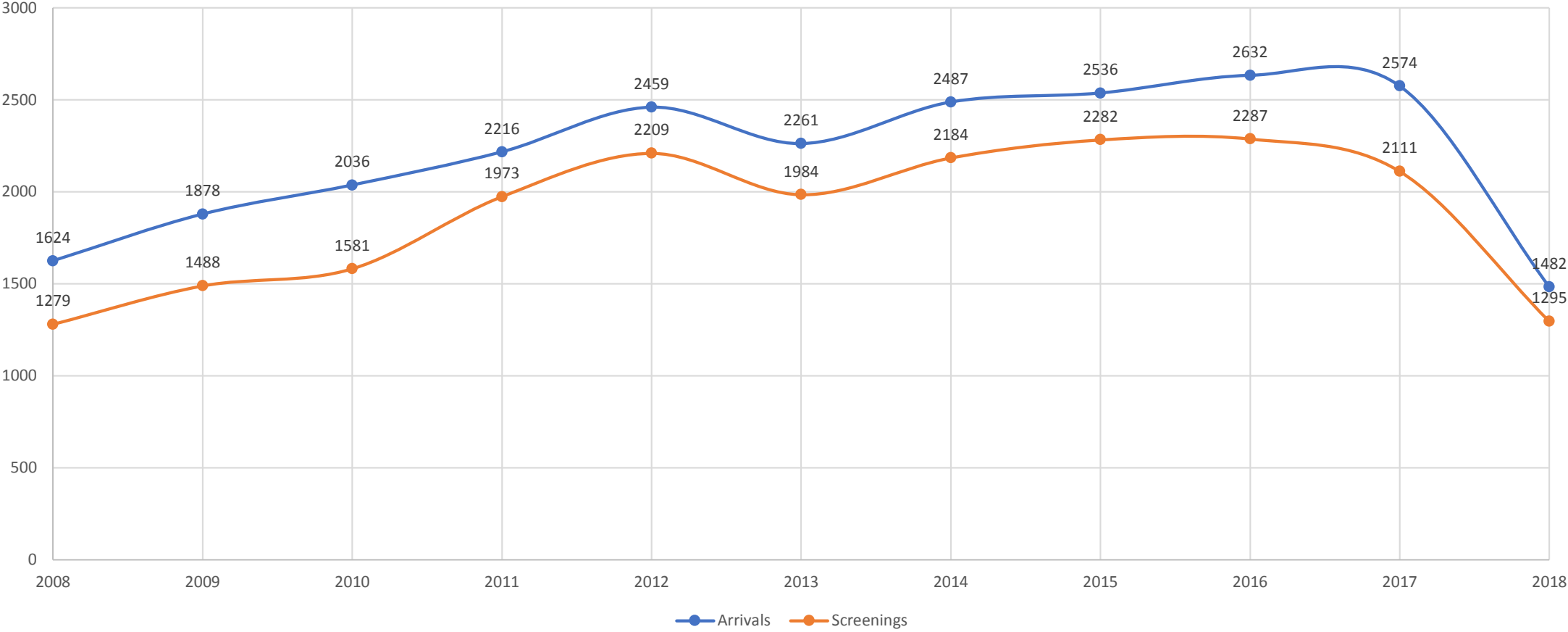
Refugee Arrivals by Country of Birth, FFY 2018 (Total: 494)



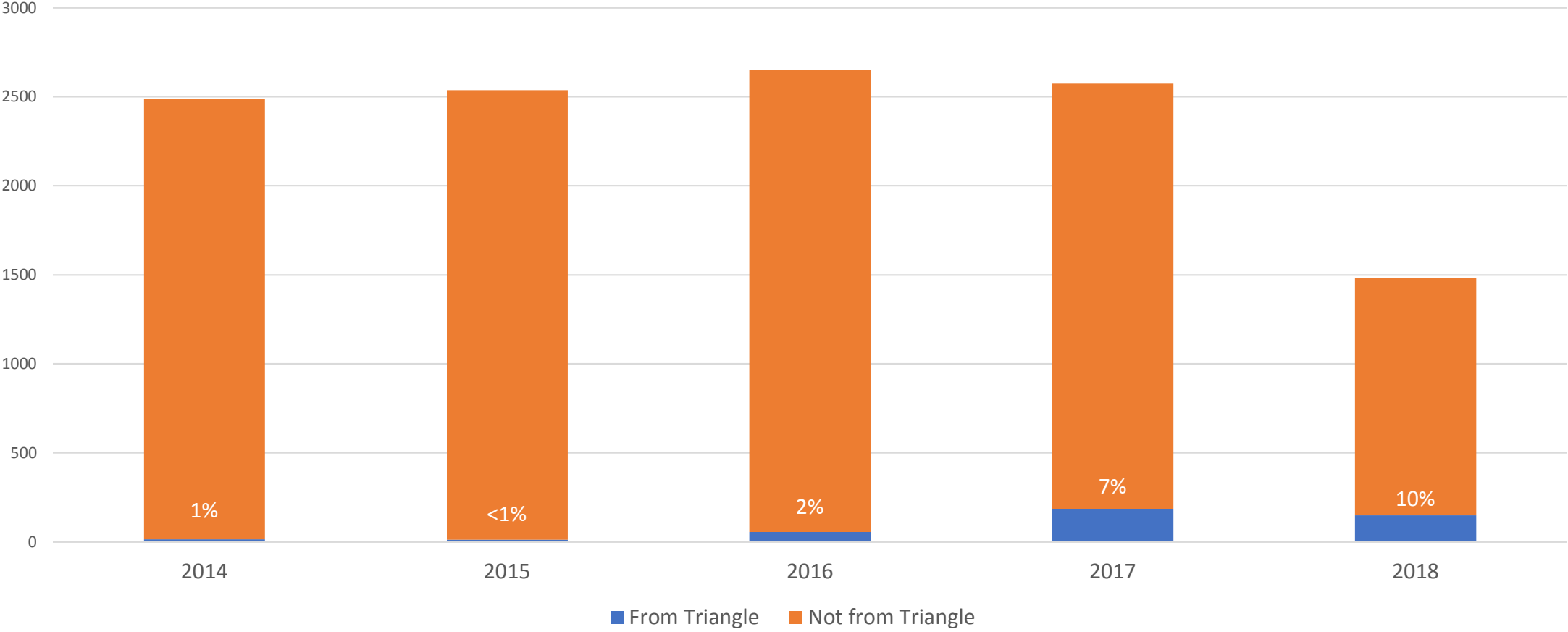
Asylee Arrivals by Country of Birth, FFY 2018 (Total: 465)



Arrivals and Health Screens, FFY08-FFY18, Maryland



Percent of Arrivals from Northern Triangle Countries, FFY14-FFY18



Languages of Maryland's Immigrant Communities

Top 5 Languages of Humanitarian Immigrants (excl. English)		Top 5 Languages Spoken in the Immigrant Community ¹	
Pashto	19%	Spanish	44%
Dari	17%	Chinese	7%
Spanish	11%	French (incl. Cajun)	5%
Kiswahili	8%	West African (Yoruba, Twi, Igbo)	4%
French	6%	Korean	4%

Source: <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/data/state-profiles/state/language/MD>

STI testing and treatment snapshot, FFY18

Total number screened		1,295
Syphilis	US syphilis screen	1,055
	Number positive	12
	Number confirm positive	8
	Positive Rate (per 1000)	7.58
	Percent treated	75%--(other 2 RPR(+), confirmatory (-))
Chlamydia	Number Tested	161
	Number positive	4
	Positive Rate (per 1000)	24.8
	Percent treated	75%
Gonorrhea	Number Tested	158
	Percent positive	<1%
	Positive Rate (per 1000)	6.3
	Number treated	0
HIV	Number Tested	1,277
	Number positive	12
	Positive Rate (per 1000)	9.4
	Percent treated	25%
Note: Only 1 HIV/syphilis co-infection		



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