

Indiana Refugee Health Program ANNUAL HEALTH SCREENING SUMMARY



Indiana State
Department of Health

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Who is a Refugee?

A refugee is defined as someone who “owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country...” - 1951 United Nations Refugee Convention

Why do refugees need a health screening?



- Promote and improve the health of the refugee
- Prevent disease
- Familiarize refugees with the U.S. health-care system
- These screenings are usually conducted within 90 days post-arrival in the United States.

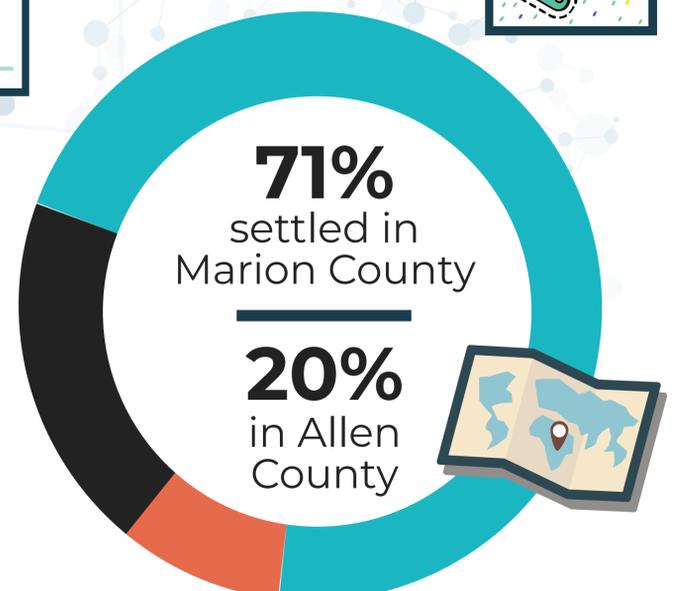
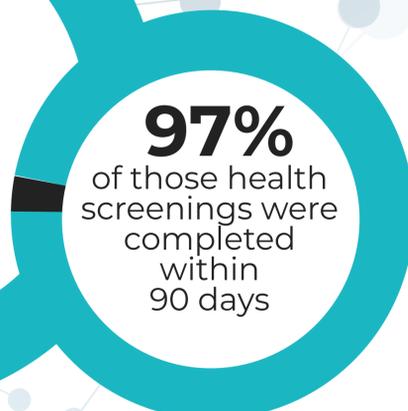
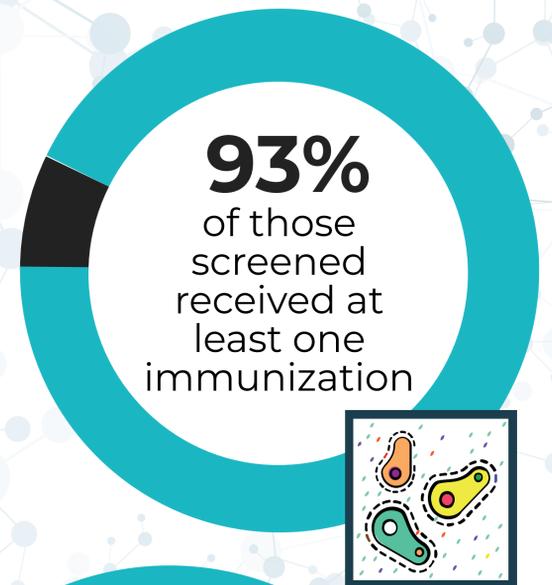
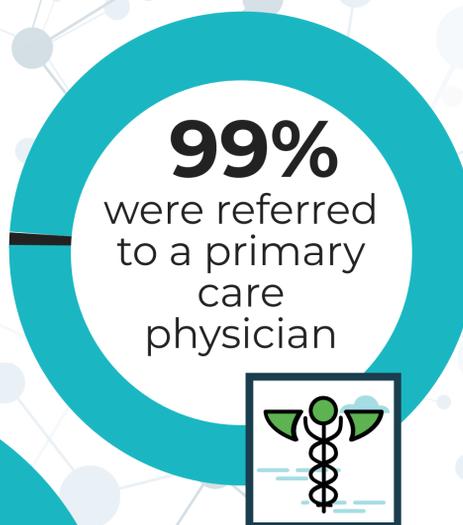
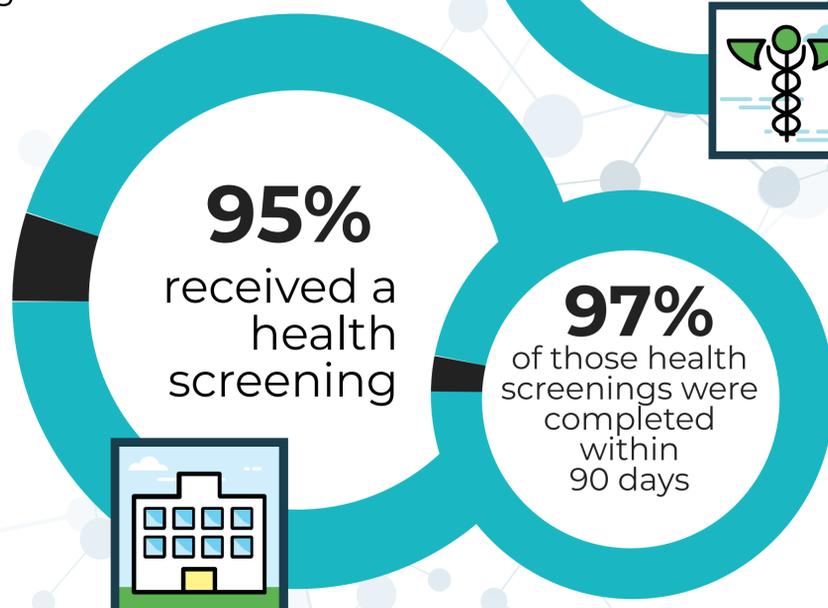
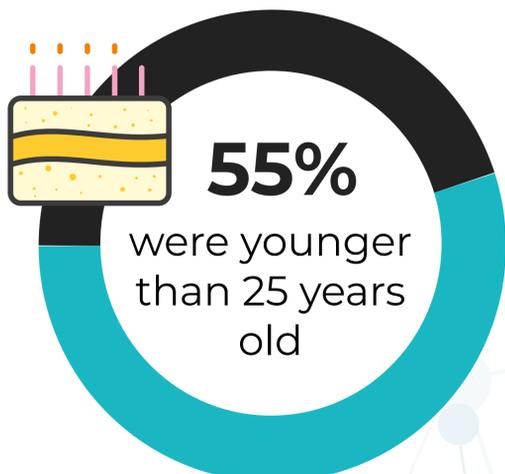


FFY 2018 by the numbers

- Indiana welcomed 533 new arrivals from 22 different countries.
- Top five countries of origin: Burma, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ukraine, Sudan

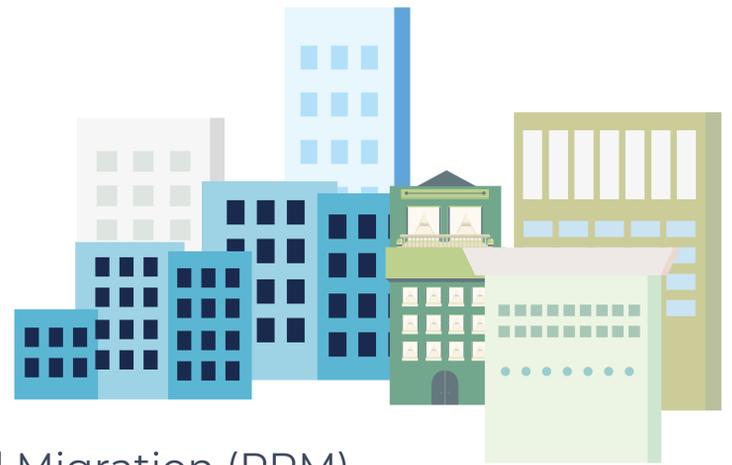
A refugee health screening includes:

- A physical exam
- Immunization assessment
- Tuberculosis screening
- Hepatitis screening
- HIV screening
- Sexually transmitted infections screening
- Intestinal parasite screening
- Lead screening for children younger than age 17
- Mental health screening
- Referrals



Did you know?

Refugee health screening in Indiana is a collaboration between 10 different agencies:



- U.S. Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM)
· <https://www.state.gov/j/prm/>
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
· <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr>
- U.N. Refugee Agency
· <https://www.unhcr.org/en-us/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Refugee and Immigrant Health
· <https://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/index.html>
- Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA)
· <https://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/5018.htm>
- Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH)
· <https://www.in.gov/isdh/24668.htm>
- Three local refugee resettlement agencies:
 - Catholic Charities – Fort Wayne <http://www.ccfwsb.org/>
 - Catholic Charities – Indianapolis <http://www.archindy.org/cc/refugee/>
 - Exodus Refugee Immigration Inc. <https://www.exodusrefugee.org/>
- Two local health departments:
 - Allen County Health Department
· <https://www.allencountyhealth.com/get-tested/other-screening-services/>
 - Marion County Public Health Department
· <http://marionhealth.org/programs/population-health/infectious-diseases-immunizations-and-refugee-health/>



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