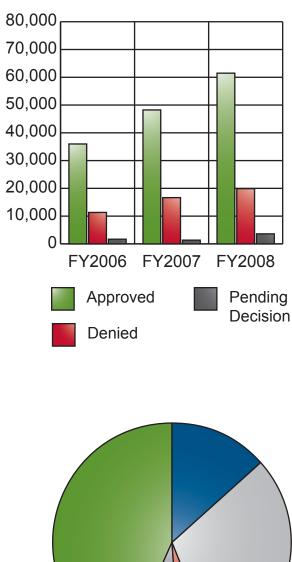
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The U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) is an interagency partnership involving several governmental and non-governmental organizations, both overseas and domestically, whose mission is to identify qualified refugees for resettlement to the United States. The Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (DOS/PRM) coordinates and manages the USRAP overall while the authority to interview and adjudicate applications for refugee status rests with USCIS.

Specially-trained officers from the Refugee Affairs Division (RAD) make refugee case status decisions on a case-by-case basis after analyzing the applicant's testimony, case file information, security check results and country conditions. Refugee Corps Officers were deployed to 71 countries to interview more than 99,000 refugee applicants from 59 nations, a 44 percent increase over FY 2007. In addition, USCIS increased refugee processing circuit rides by 26 percent, supporting the admission of 60,192 refugees from around the world, the highest level of admissions since FY 2001.

USCIS officers conducted 29 circuit rides to the Middle East to interview more than 23,000 Iraqi refugee applicants. Ultimately, 13,823 Iraqi refugees were admitted to the United States in FY 2008.



Refugee Processing Data

