

Refugee Resettlement in Louisville



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Meeting Agenda



- **Refugee Resettlement in Louisville & Approved Capacity**– Becky Jordan, KOR, Ky. State Refugee Coordinator
- **Immigration Status Definitions** – Alex Miniard, KRM, Communications & Outreach Manager
- **Refugee Arrival 2023 Data (YTD)** – Becky Jordan, KOR, Ky. State Refugee Coordinator, (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023)
- **Refugee Resettlement Program updates** – Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM), Migrant & Refugee Services (MRS, Catholic Charities of Louisville), International Rescue Mission (IRC)
- **Partner Announcements/Updates**
- **Q&A**

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- **State Refugee Coordinator's office located in Louisville**
 - Kentucky Office for Refugees (KOR)
 - ✦ Department of Catholic Charities of Louisville
- **Three Refugee Resettlement Agencies**
 - Catholic Charities – Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)
 - Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM)
 - International Rescue Committee (IRC)

Department of State Approved Capacity



Louisville Total (2024)

Agency	Proposed Refugees	Proposed Special Immigrant Visas (SIV's)
Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM)	760	20
International Rescue Mission (IRC)	250	30
Catholic Charities, Migrant & Refugee Services (MRS)	680	20
TOTAL	1,690	70

Immigration Statuses



- **REFUGEE**
 - ❖ After crossing an international border in fear for their life, registered with and protected by UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)
 - ❖ Approved for resettlement BEFORE arrival to US
 - ❖ Granted full access to agency support and services
 - ❖ Pathway to residency & citizenship; not subject to deportation back to a dangerous environment
- **INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSON (IDP)**
 - ❖ Has fled their home in fear for their life due to war, natural disaster, conflict, etc., but remain within their home country
 - ❖ Remains under the protection of their own country's government
- **ASYLUM SEEKER**
 - ❖ Has left their country of origin to seek international protection, but are awaiting claim decision
 - ❖ Must prove they meet the definition of a refugee; subject to deportation
 - ❖ Eligible for some agency support and government services, but not yet granted full access
- **PAROLEE/EVACUEE**
 - ❖ Formal admission to US under Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
 - ❖ Response to a large-scale emergency

Immigration Statuses (continued)



- **Special Immigrant Visa (SIV)**
 - ❖ Iraq or Afghan national who has worked directly with and aided the U.S. Armed Forces/government abroad for at least 12 months (most as interpreters)
 - ❖ Entitled to full resettlement services; automatic pathway to citizenship
 - ❖ Granted immediate Legal Permanent Residency (Green Card) to U.S. (Rather than eligibility after one year, as with refugee status)
 - ❖ Many Afghans in the evacuation were SIVs, awaiting final approval or were in the application process
- **Cuban, Nicaragua, Haitian, or Venezuelan (CNHV) Entrants or Parolees**
 - ❖ Cuban, Nicaraguan, Haitian or Venezuelan national eligible for private sponsorship through Biden administration Humanitarian Parole Program
 - ❖ Eligible for certain agency services, government benefits and additional support
 - ❖ Many Cubans and Haitians currently arriving to Louisville have gained entry to U.S. via this program

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- **Immigration Status Questions ?**

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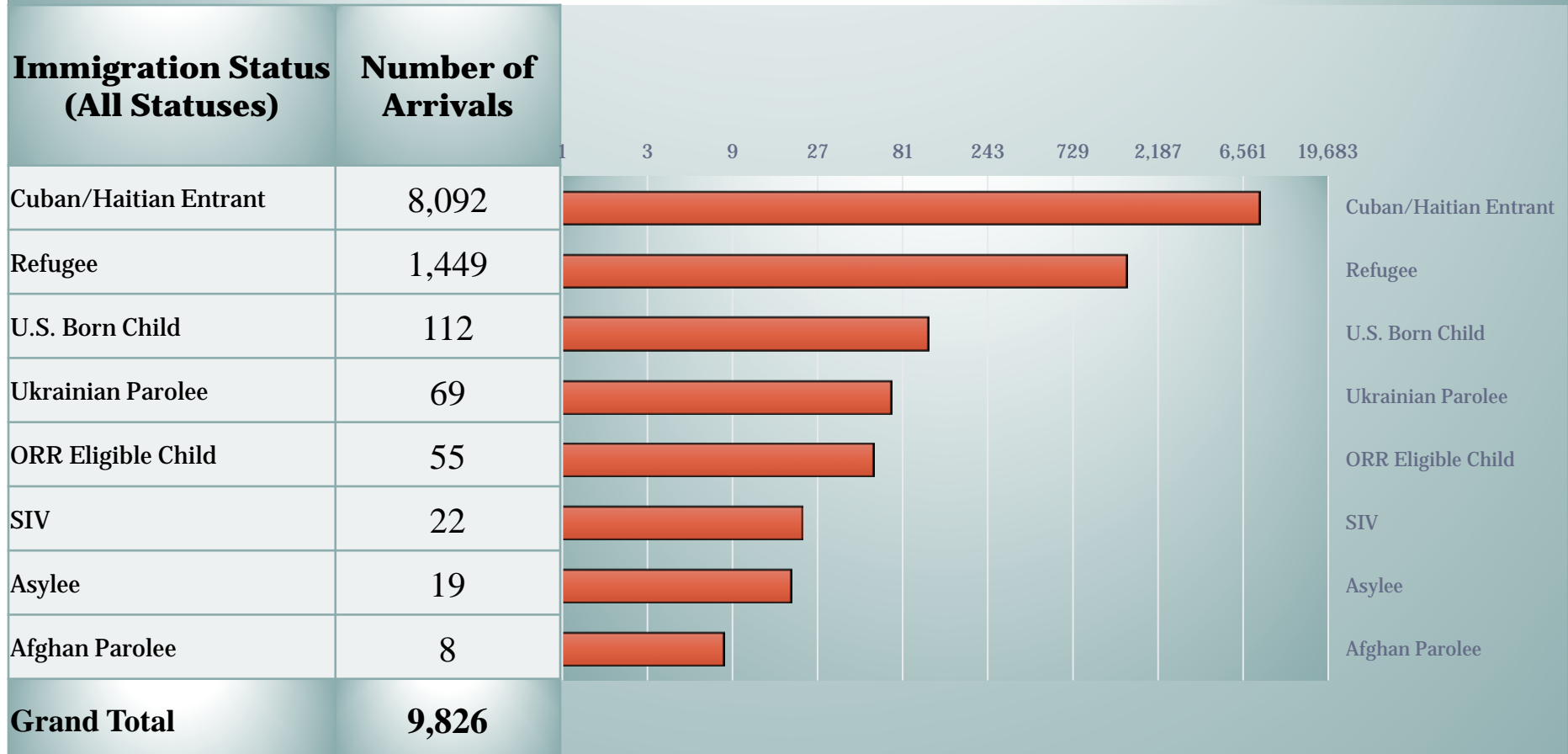


- **Refugee Resettlement Data**
 - **2023 Totals (10-1-22 to 9-30-23)**
 - **2024 Quarter 1 Totals (10-1-23 to 11-30-23)**

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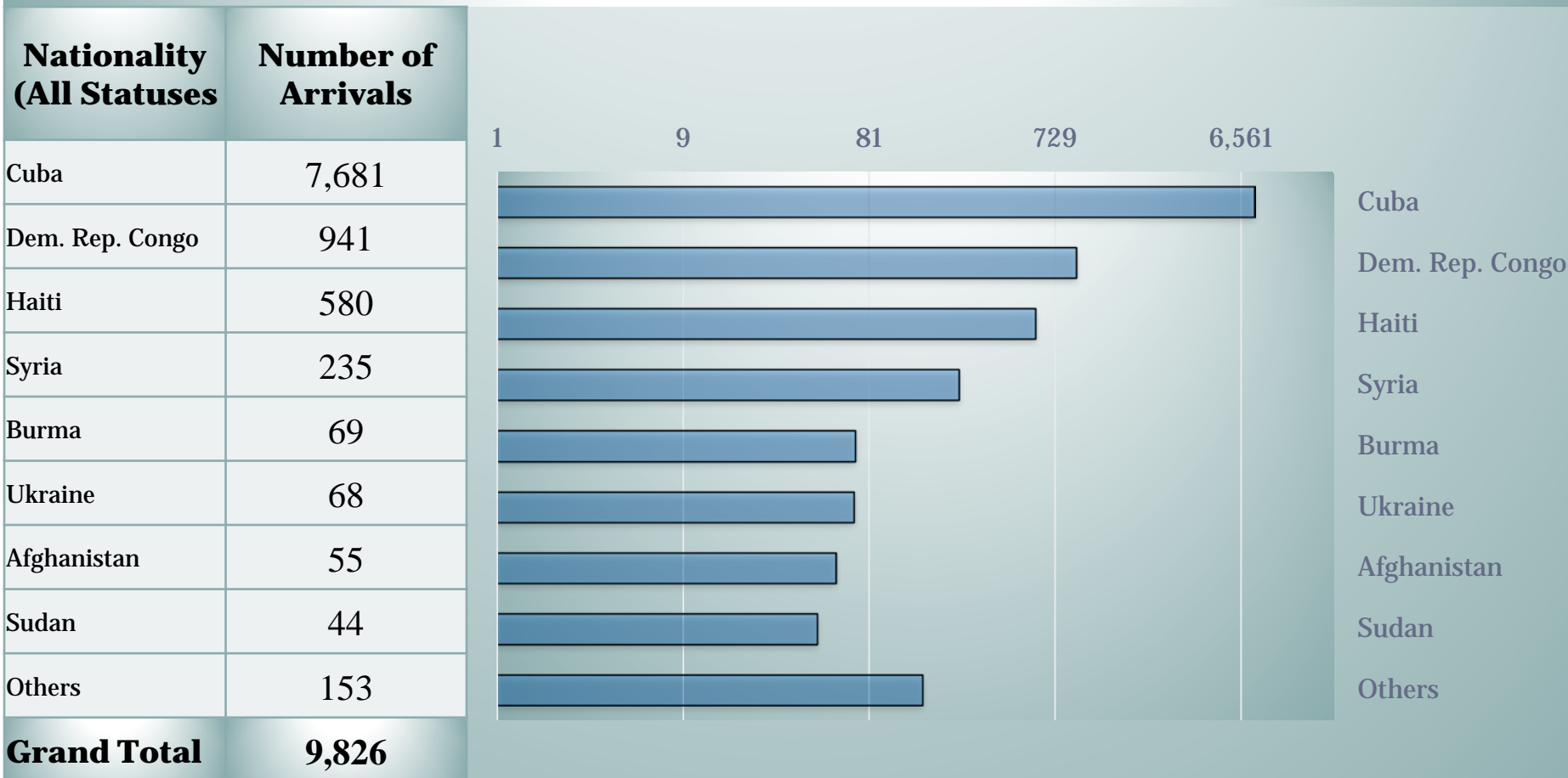
Arrivals By Immigration Status **FY 2023** October 01, 2022 – September 30, 2023



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Arrivals By Nationality **FY 2023** October 01, 2022 – September 30, 2023

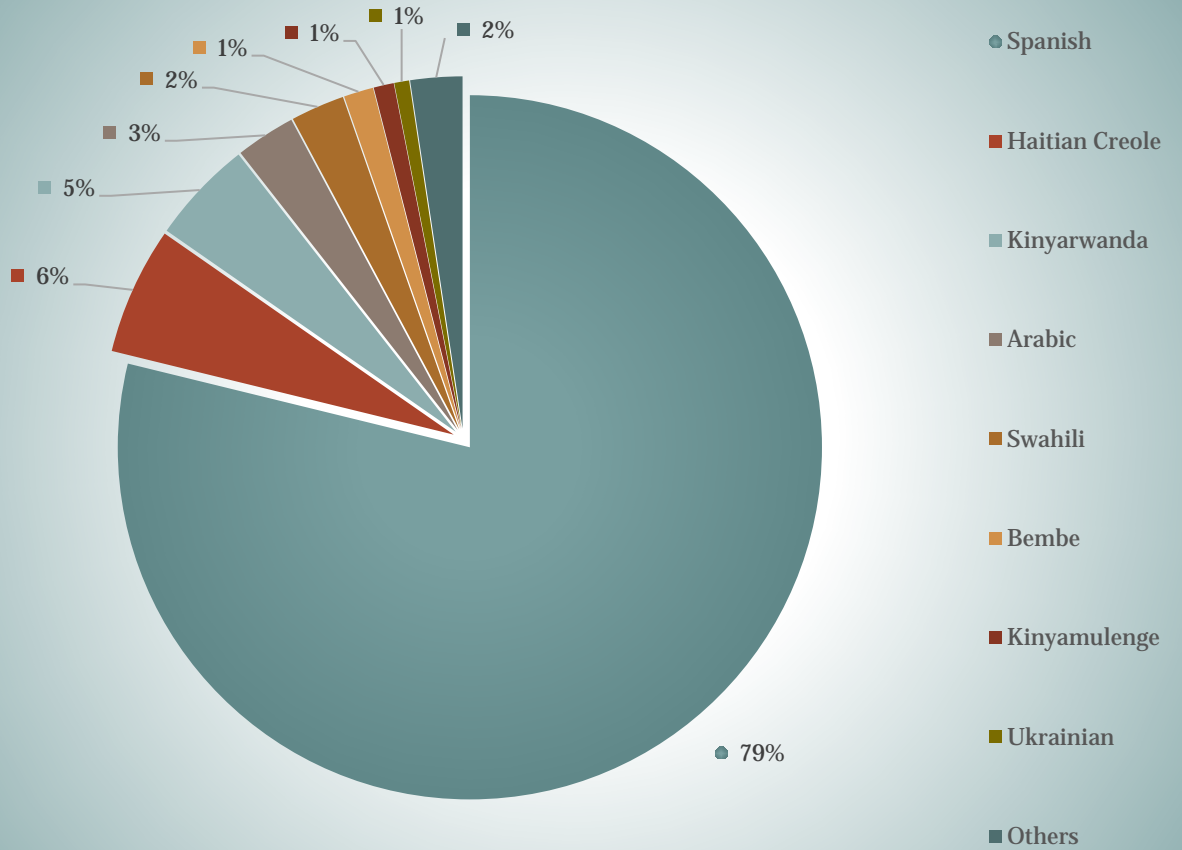


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Arrivals by Primary Language FY 2023
October 01, 2022 – September 30, 2023

Primary Language	Number of Arrivals
Spanish	7,745
Haitian Creole	575
Kinyarwanda	467
Arabic	270
Swahili	243
Bembe	134
Kinyamulenge	91
Ukrainian	67
Others	234
Grand Total	9,826

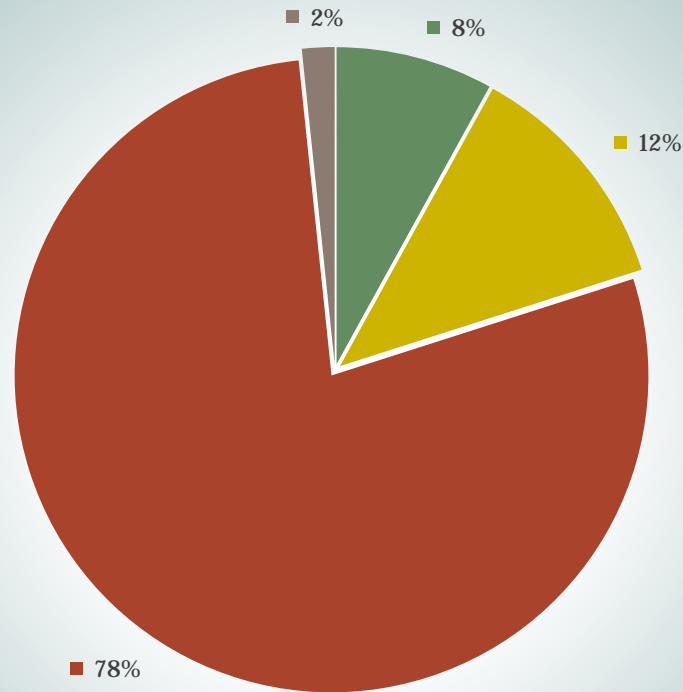


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Arrivals by Age Group **FY 2023** October 01, 2022 – September 30, 2023

Age Group	Number of Arrivals
Young Children (0-5)	788
School Age (6-17)	1,184
Working Age (18-64)	7,691
65 and over	163
Grand Total	9,826



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Employment Data FY 2023 October 01, 2022 – September 30, 2023

Employment Information

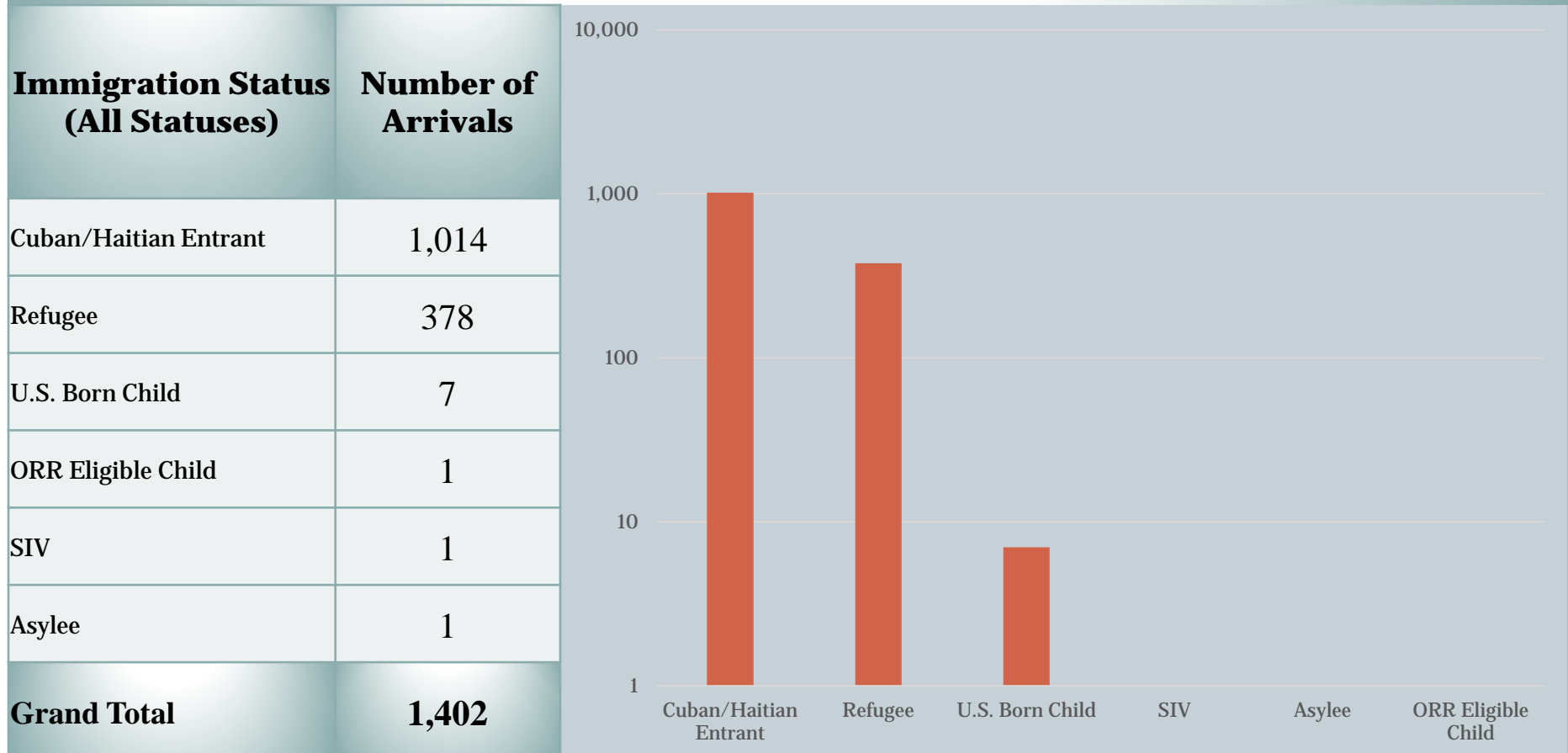
Total # of Job Placements	1060
Total # of Employers	336
Average Wage	\$17.00
Full Time Status	95 %

Top 5 Employers	Number of Job Placements
Amazon	253
GE & GE Appliances	56
Ceva Logistics	45
JBS Swift	31
Teasdale Latin Foods	25
Other	650

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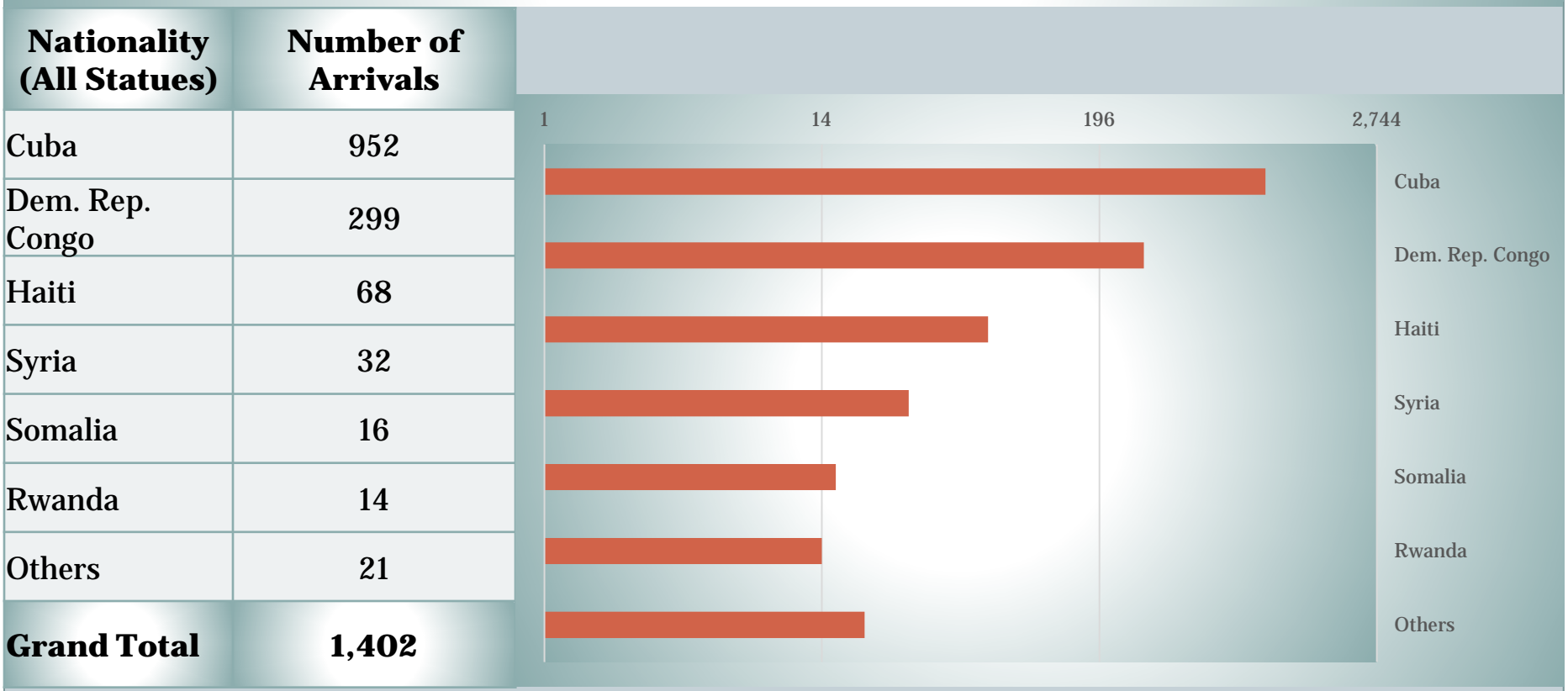
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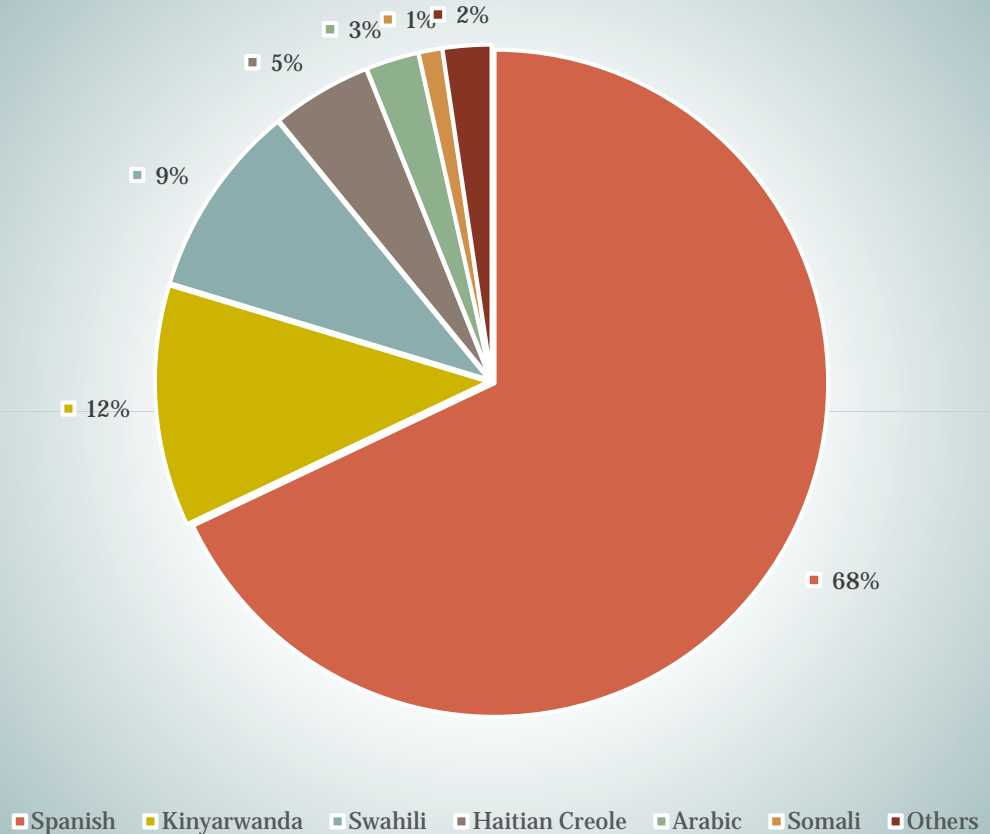
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Arrivals by Primary Language FY 2024 (Quarter 1) 10/01/2023 – 11/30/2023

Primary Language	Number of Arrivals
Spanish	953
Kinyarwanda	164
Swahili	132
Haitian Creole	68
Arabic	36
Somali	16
Others	33
Grand Total	1,402

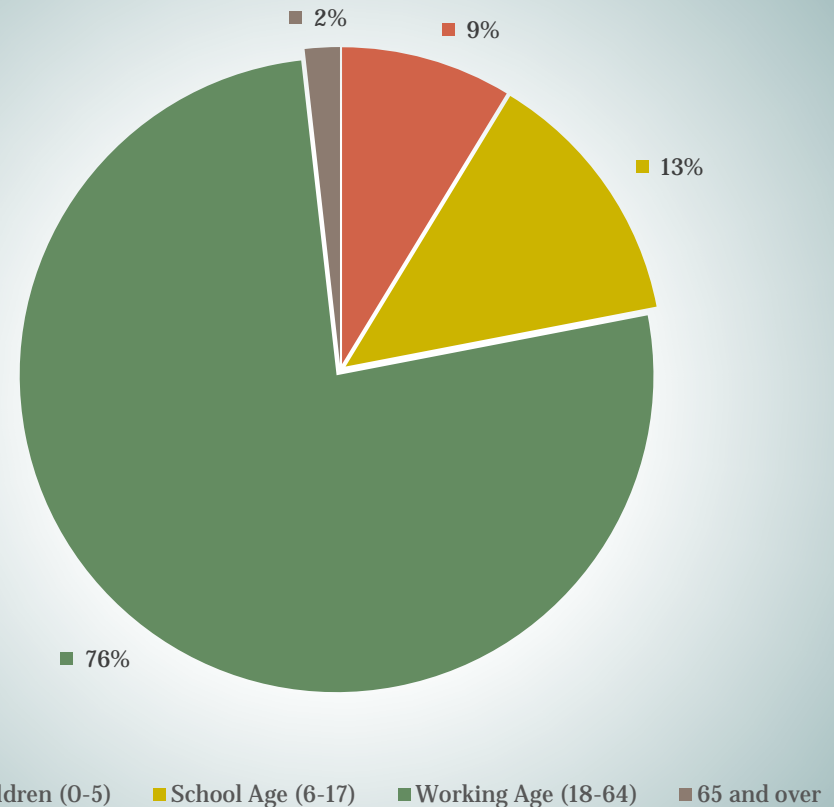


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Arrivals by Age Category FY 2024 (Quarter 1) 10/01/2023 – 11/30/23

Age Category	Number of Arrivals
Young Children (0-5)	122
School Age (6-17)	186
Working Age (18-64)	1,069
65 and over	25
Grand Total	1,402



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○ **Refugee Resettlement Program Updates**

- Charities – Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)
- Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM)
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)

○ **Partner Announcements/Updates**



Thank you for attending!

- **Our next meeting will occur on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at this location (U of L, University Club, 200 E. Brandeis Ave).**
- **Calendar invitations will be sent out.**