

Refugee Resettlement in Louisville

FY2025 Q1

Quarterly Community Consultation

December 4, 2024



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Zoom

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NOTE: *This information is collected as part of a requirement from both the Office of Refugee Resettlement and the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration.*

Meeting Agenda

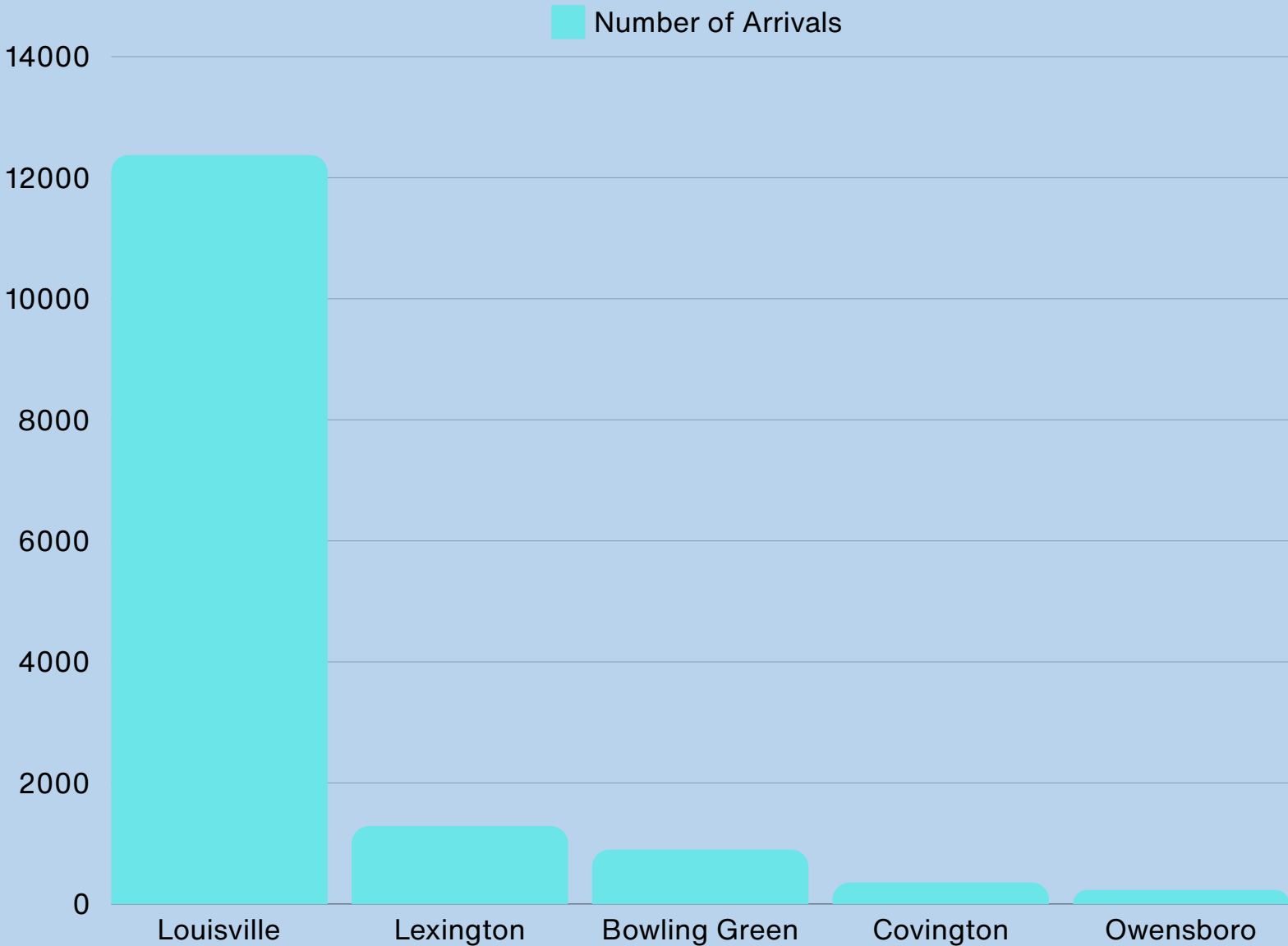
- Refugee Arrival Data (Lauren Goldener, Kentucky Office for Refugees)
 - Year-to-Date (10/1/2023-8/15/2024)
 - FY2025 Q1 (10/1/2024-11/30/2024)
- Election Update: Becky Jordan, State Refugee Coordinator
- Special Presentation - KOR Program Staff
- Refugee Resettlement Program Updates
 - Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM)
 - Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)
 - International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- Partner Announcements/Updates

Kentucky Refugee Resettlement FY24

KY Arrivals by City: FY2024

October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024

City	Number of Arrivals
Louisville	12,374
Lexington	1,286
Bowling Green	898
Covington	355
Owensboro	232
Total	15,145



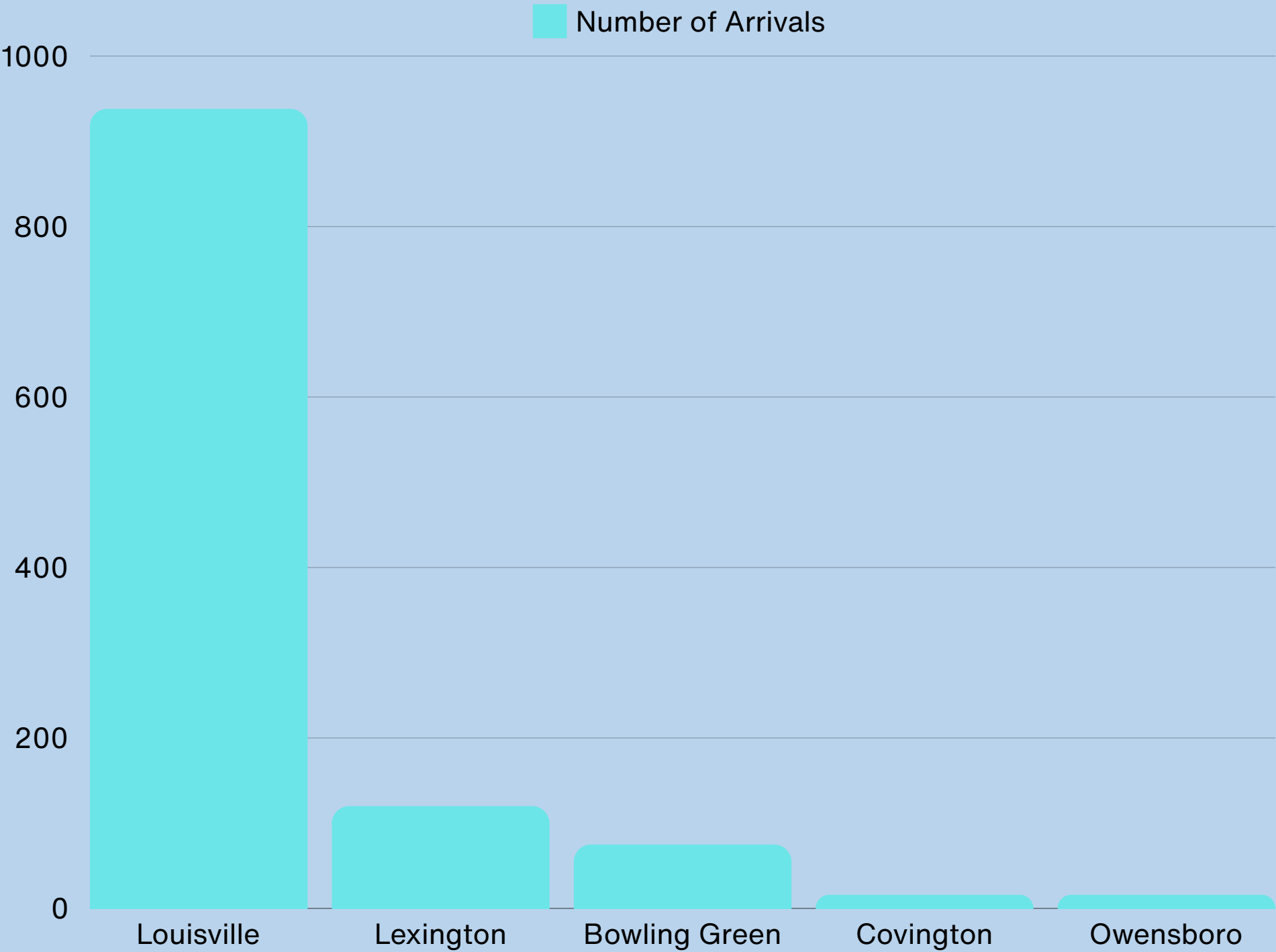
For R&P arrivals (traditional refugee resettlement) in FY24, Kentucky ranked #14 in the country!

Kentucky Refugee Resettlement FY25

KY Arrivals by City: FY2025

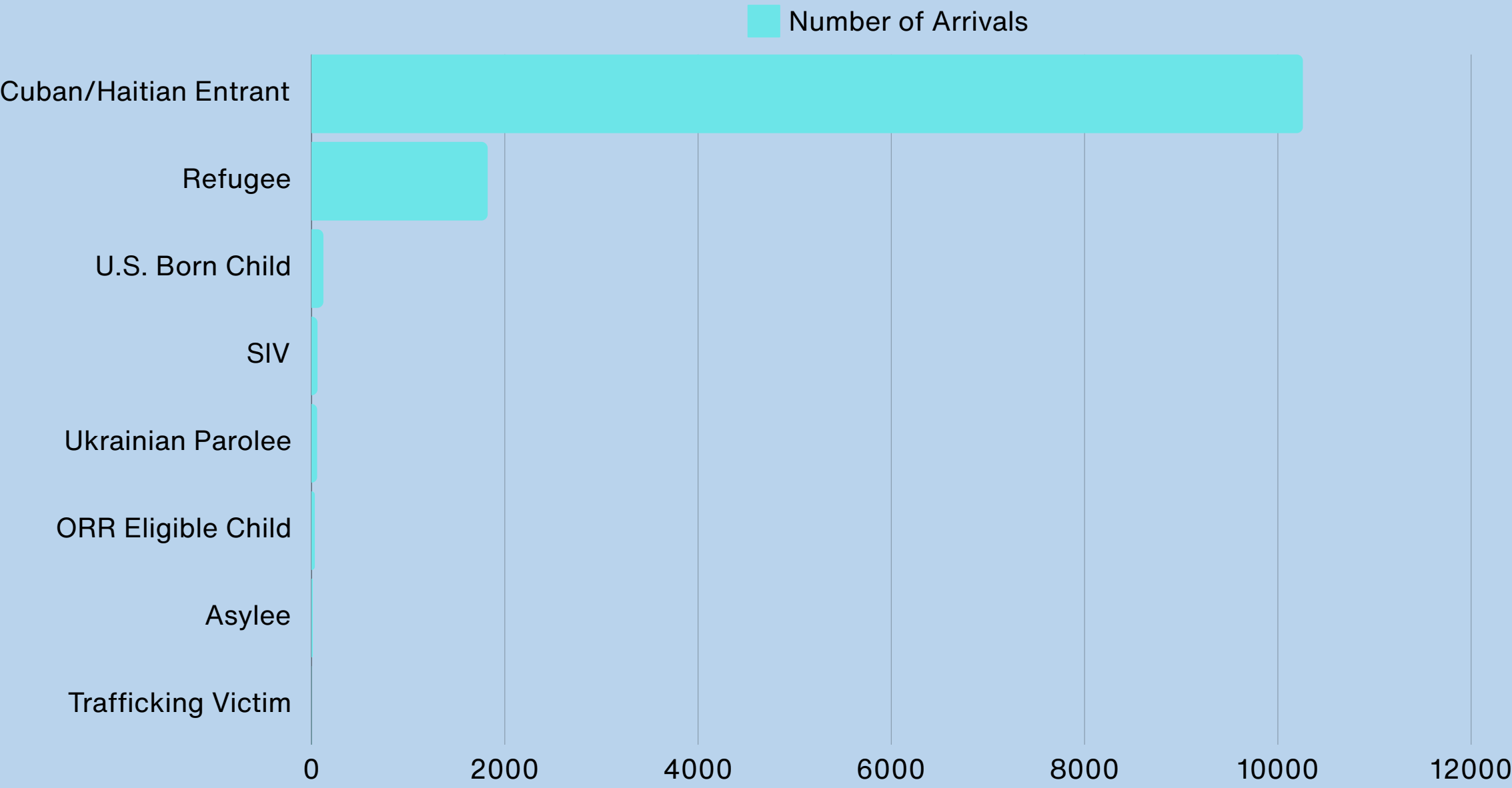
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City	Number of Arrivals
Louisville	938
Lexington	120
Bowling Green	75
Covington	16
Owensboro	16
Total	1,165



Louisville Refugee Resettlement YTD

Louisville Arrivals by Immigration Status
October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024

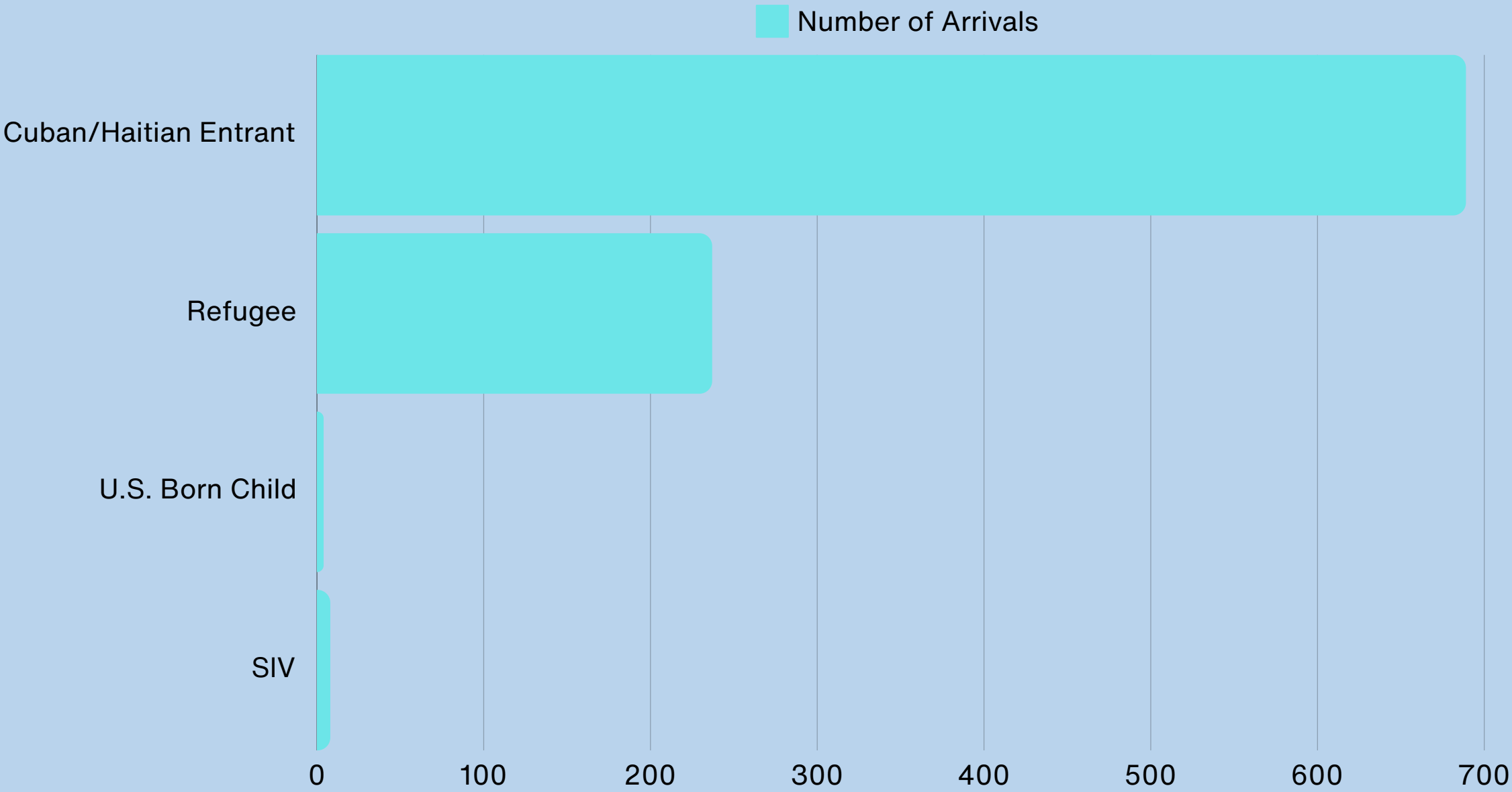


Immigration Status	Number of Arrivals
Cuban/Haitian Entrant	10,259
Refugee	1,823
US Born Child	123
SIV	62
Ukranian Parolee	58
ORR Eligible Child	20
Asylee	13
Other	16
Total	12,374

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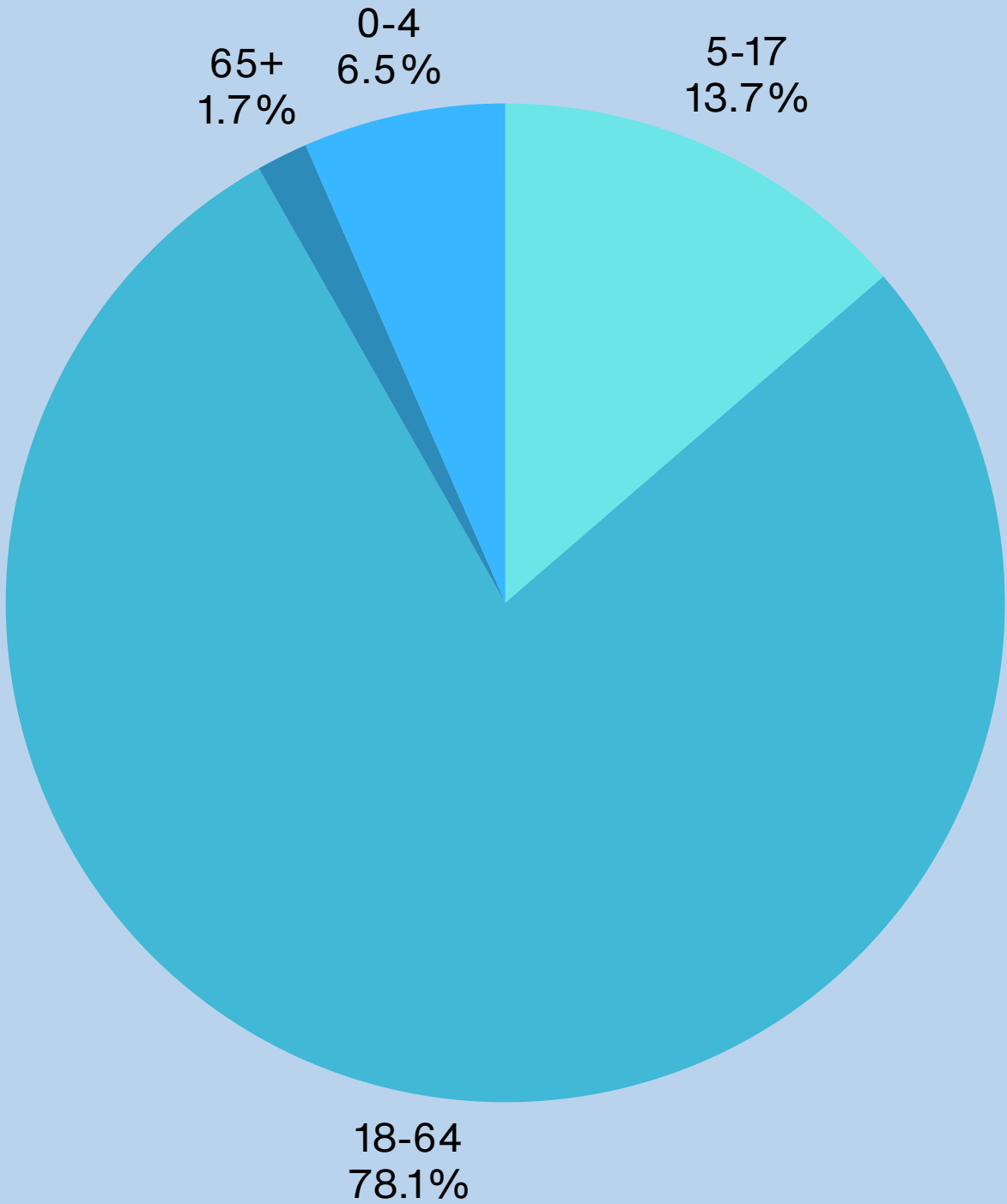
Immigration Status	Number of Arrivals
Cuban/Haitian Entrant	689
Refugee	237
US Born Child	4
SIV	8
Total	938



Louisville Refugee Resettlement FY24

Louisville Arrivals by Age Group
October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024

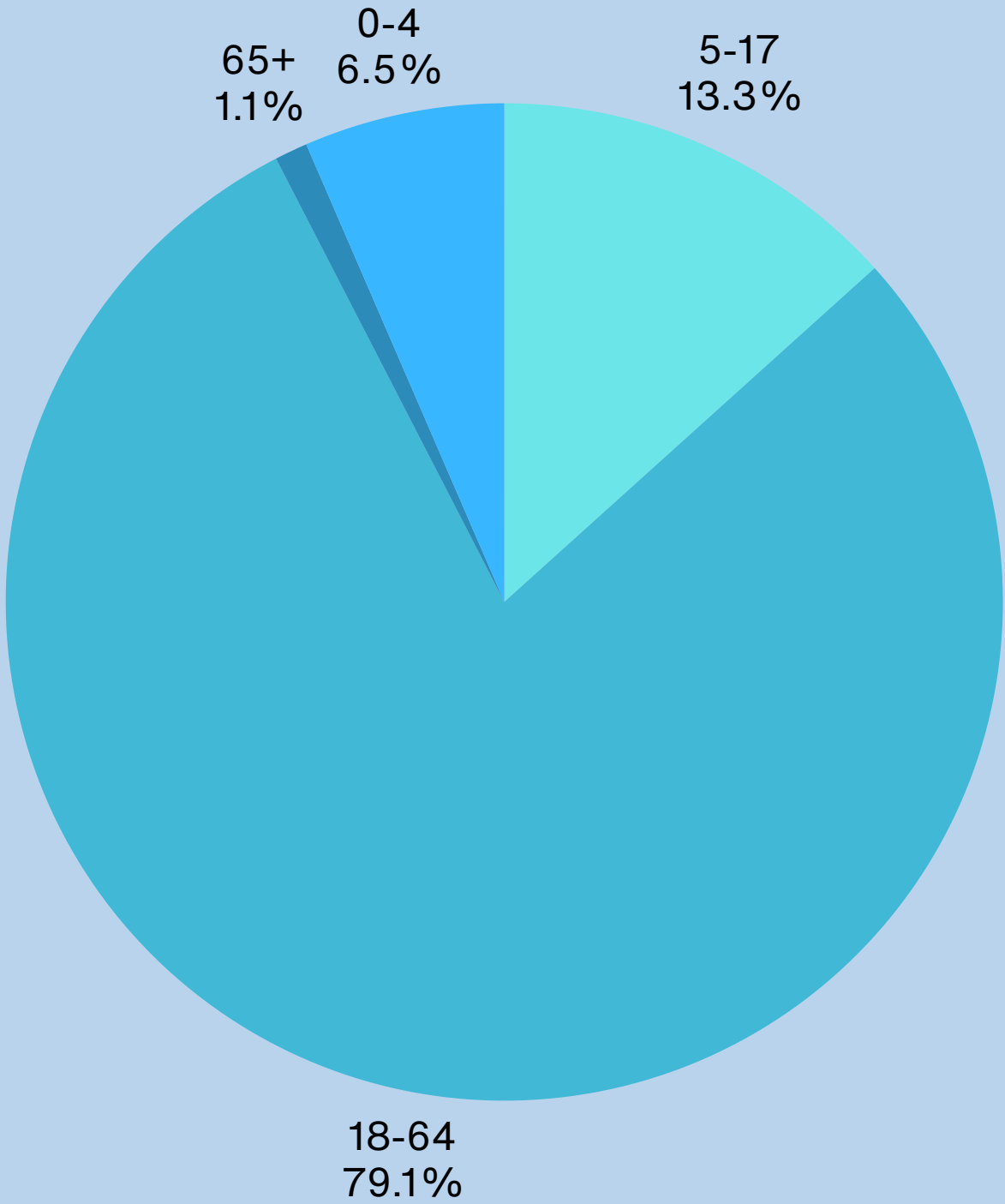
Age Group	Number of Arrivals
0-4	810
5-17	1,691
18-64	9,667
65+	206
Total	12,374



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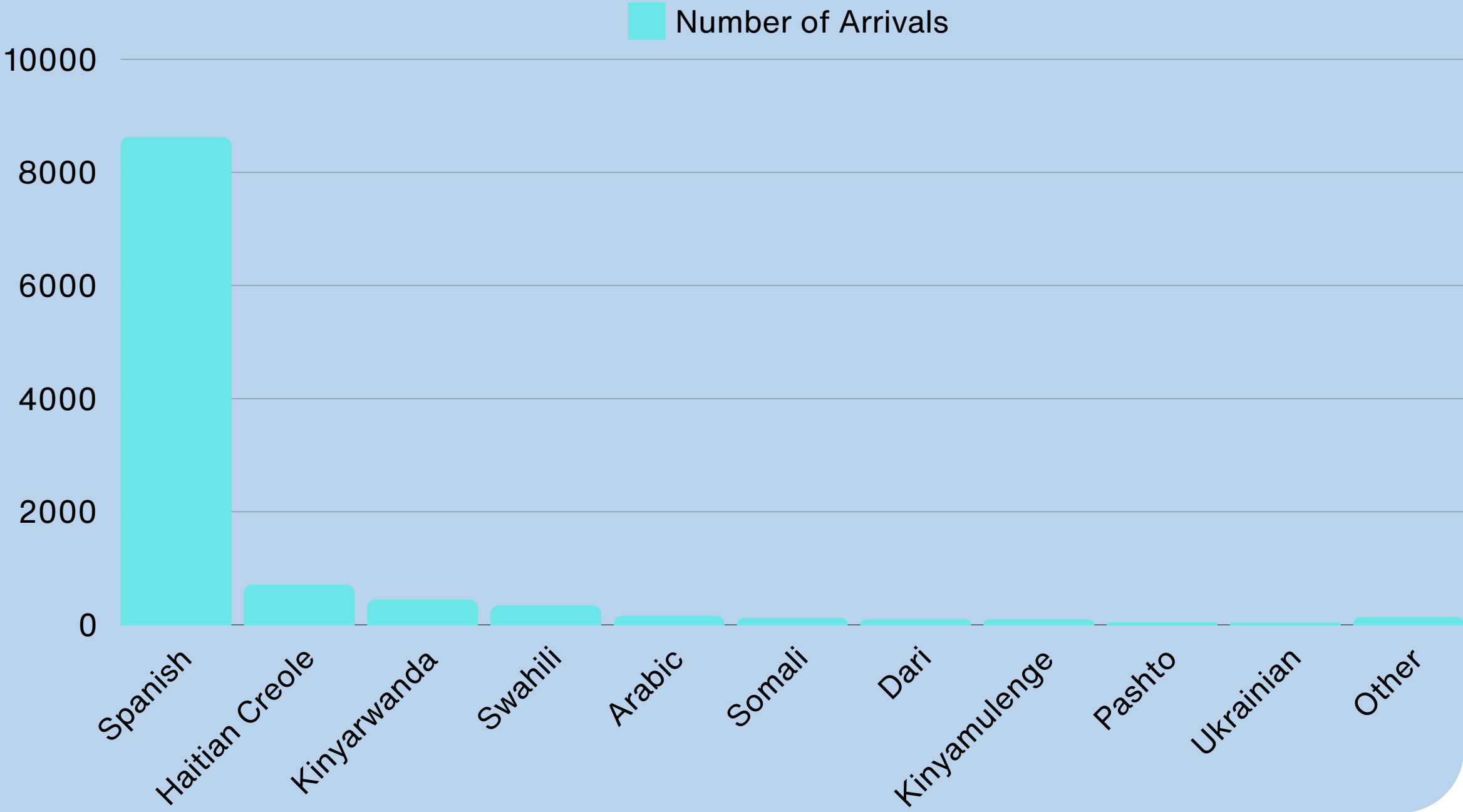
Age Group	Number of Arrivals
0-4	61
5-17	125
18-64	742
65+	10
Total	938



Primary Language	Number of Arrivals
Spanish	8,627
Haitian Creole	711
Kinyarwanda	448
Swahili	346
Arabic	162
Somali	124
Dari	99
Kinyamulenge	96
Pashto	43
Ukrainian	41
Other	139
Total	10,836

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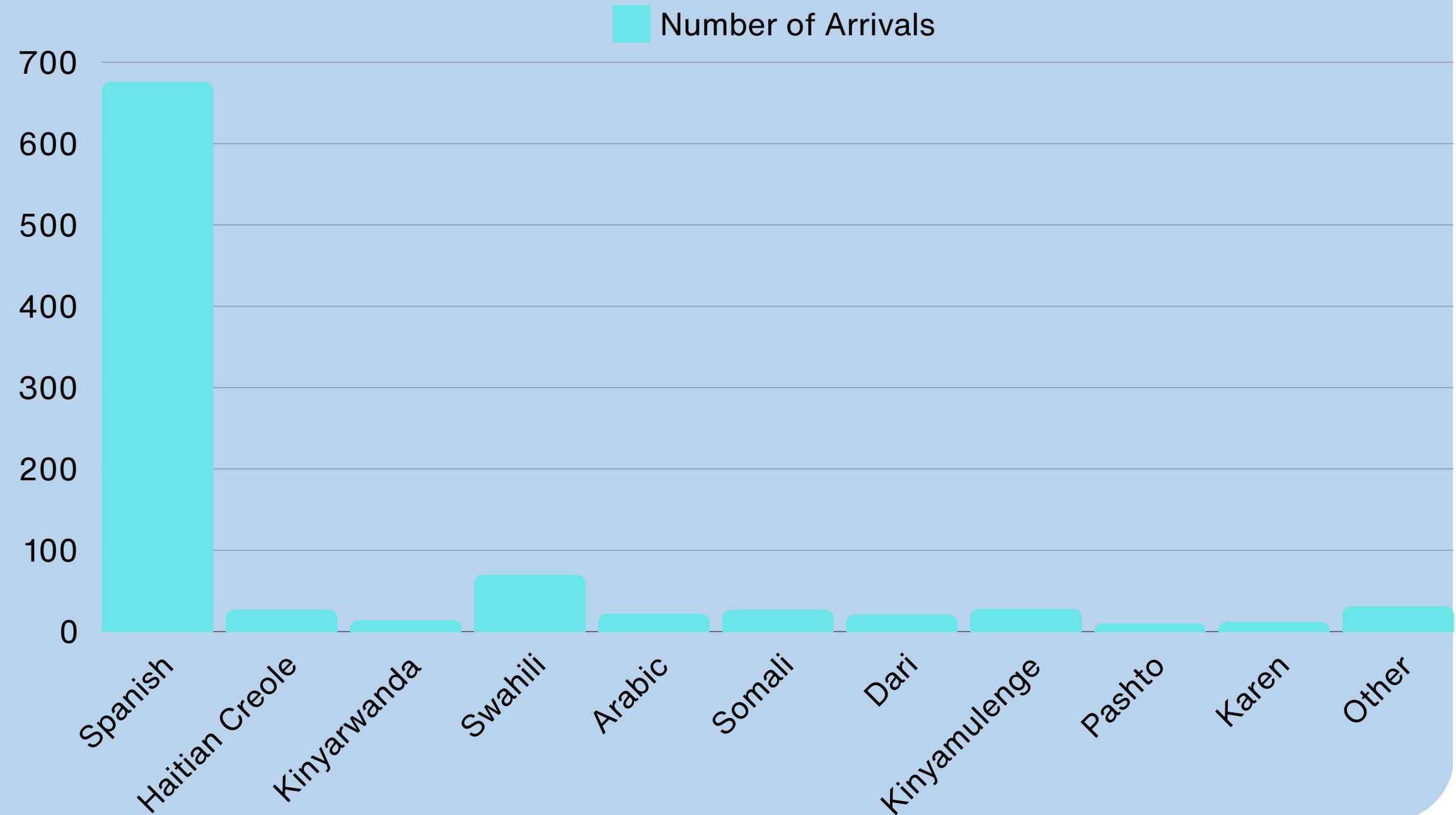
Louisville Arrivals by Primary Language
October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024



Primary Language	Number of Arrivals
Spanish	676
Swahili	70
Kinyamulenge	28
Somali	27
Haitian Creole	27
Arabic	22
Dari	21
Kinyarwanda	14
Pashto	10
Karen	12
Other (Bembe, Farsi, Tigrignia, Kirundi, Burmese, Oromor, Kilfulero)	31
Total	938

Louisville Refugee Resettlement Q1 FY25

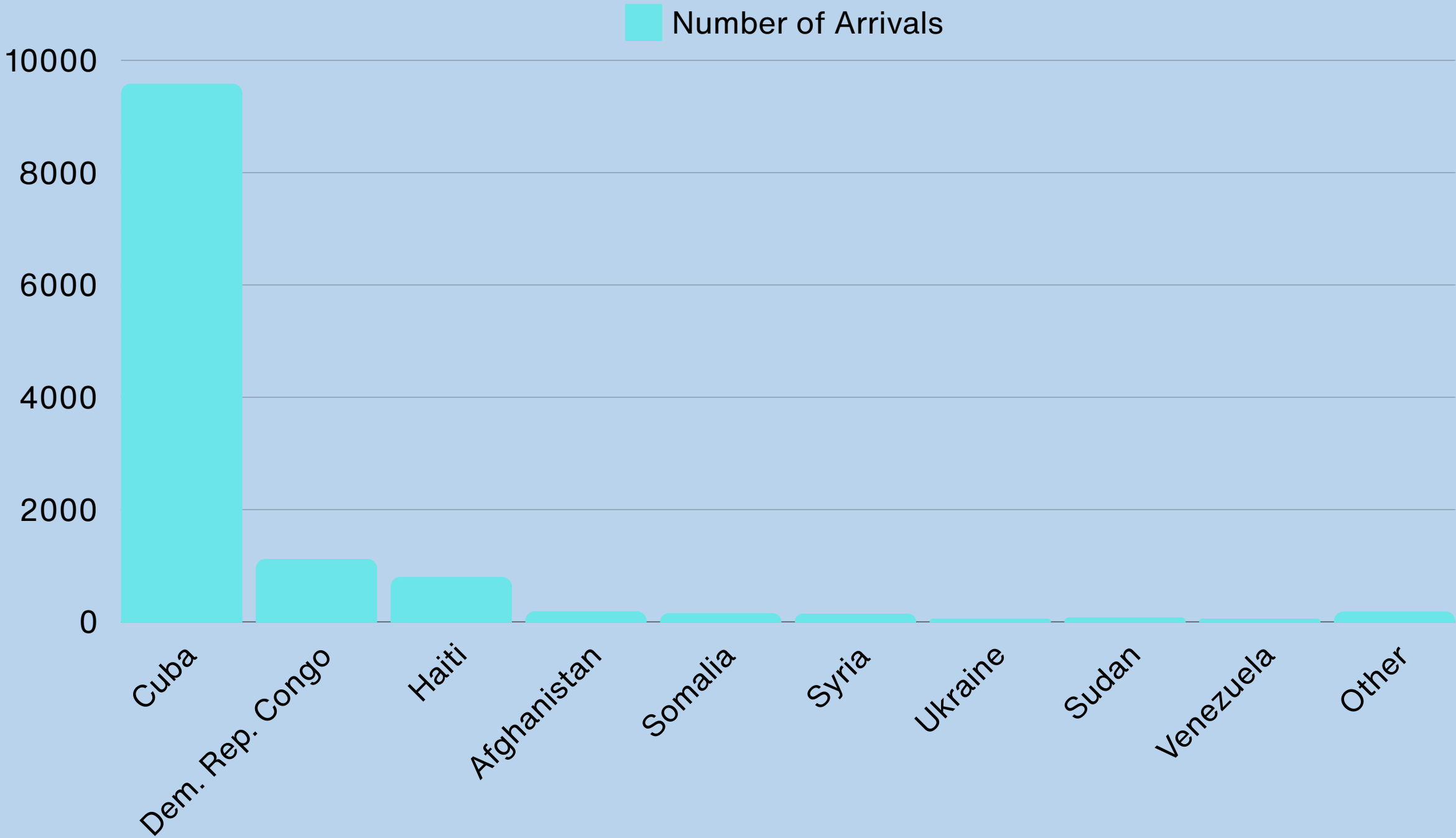
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Nationality	Number of Arrivals
Cuba	9,583
Dem. Rep. of Congo	1,121
Haiti	800
Afghanistan	189
Somalia	155
Syria	147
Ukraine	57
Sudan	79
Venezuela	58
Ukraine	57
Other (Burma, Iraq, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, etc.)	185

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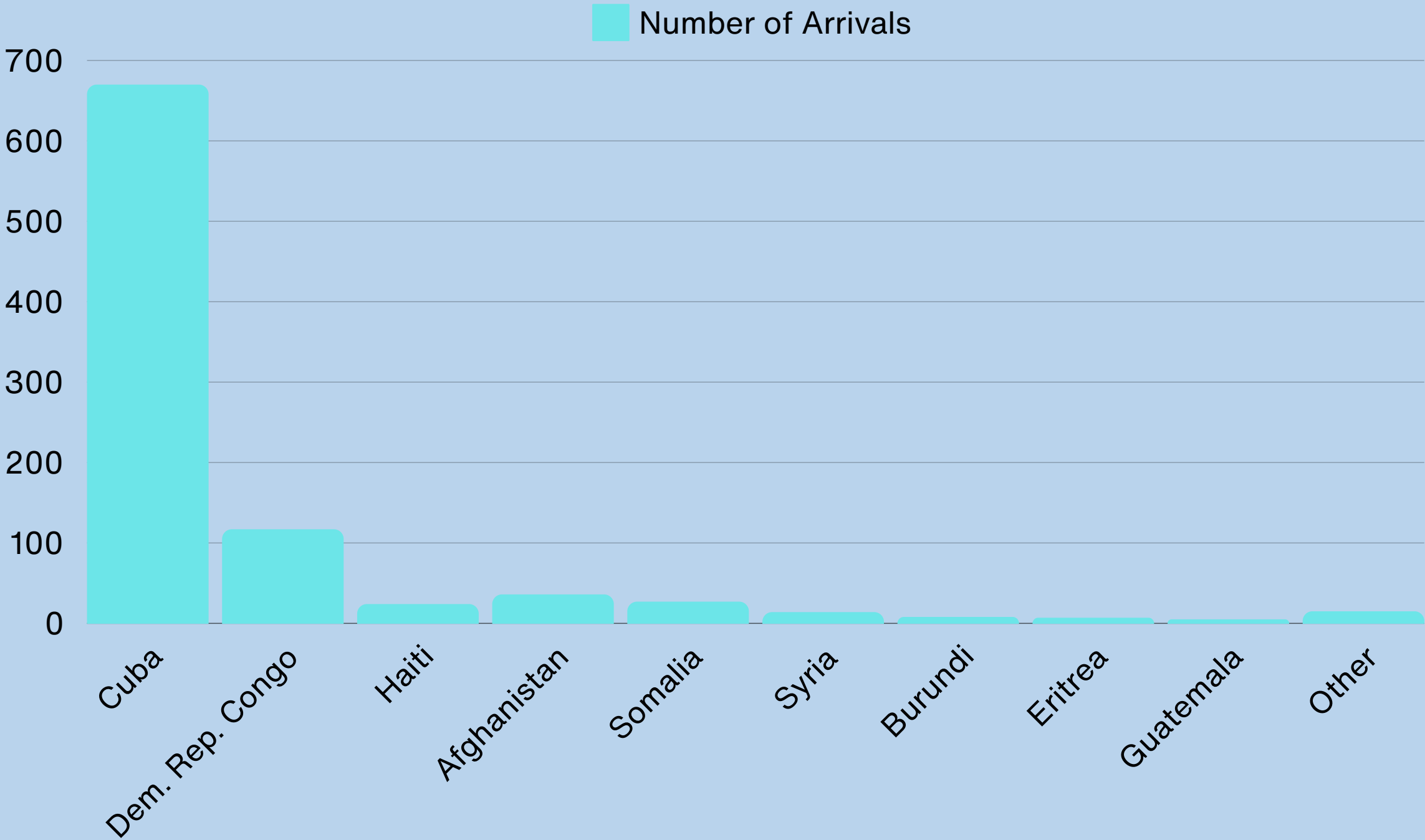
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Nationality	Number of Arrivals
Cuba	670
Dem. Rep. of Congo	117
Afghanistan	36
Somalia	27
Haiti	24
Burma	15
Syria	14
Burundi	8
Eritrea	7
Guatemala	5
Other	15

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Louisville Arrivals by Nationality
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Election Update

Becky Jordan
KY State Refugee Coordinator



Kentucky Office for Refugees Program Staff

- Program Manager: Greer Hannan, ghannan@archlou.org
- Case Management: Vanisha Stewart-Amoah, vstewart-amoah@archlou.org
- Adult Learning and Career Advancement: Irene Yates, iyates@archlou.org
- Housing: Kamal Bista, kbista@archlou.org
- Refugee Health Promotion: Oumie Nyassi, onyassi@archlou.org
- Refugee School Impact: Dahabo Kerow, dkerow@archlou.org
- Employment: Mandela Gapala, mgapala@archlou.org
- Youth and Young Adult Services: Angela Scharfenberger, ascharfenberger@archlou.org

English Language Training

State Adult Learning and Career Advancement Coordinator: Irene Yates

Program
Participants in
Louisville FY2024

4659

Enrolled as of
October 1, 2023

697



Enrolled as of
October 1, 2024

1924

New Partners



Career Advancement

State Adult Learning and Career Advancement Coordinator: Irene Yates

Vocational Training

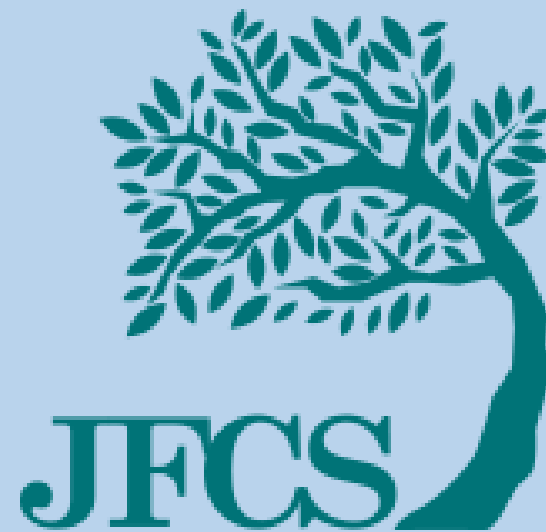
Program Participants in
Louisville FY2024

55

Career Laddering and
Recredentialing

Citizenship Preparation

Extended Cultural
Orientation



Case Management

State Case Management Coordinator: Vanisha Stewart-Amoah

- 3 Programs: RSS Case Management, Wilson Fish Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Services to Older Refugees (SOR).
- Motivational Interviewing (MI) has started workshops at their office; we have about 25 case manager from around the state
- SOR Program providers in Louisville



Housing

State Housing Coordinator: Kamal Bista

- In the fiscal year agencies resettled 1823 refugees in Louisville which means those individuals were welcomed to their new homes.
- KOR reached out to different property management companies and was able to facilitate the agencies with 4 new housing partners.
- We are always looking for new housing partners that provide safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.
- Be proud of providing homes to those who were made homeless in their own home by getting market rent.

Refugee Health Promotion

State Refugee Health Promotion Coordinator: Oumie Nyassi

Louisville:

3 - RAs

4 - SAs

2 - Cs

Bowling Green:

1 - RA

2 - SAs

1 - C

Lexington:

1 - SA

Owensboro:

1 - RA

Covington:

1 - RA

RHP Funding:

- African, Afghan, and Cuban Community Health Workers (CHWs)
- Mental health care coordination
- Health orientations at RAs
- Support group for African women survivors of domestic violence
- Health and nutrition education group for African elders
- Spanish-speaking Refugee Community Liaison
- Wellness groups
- Self-defense classes
- Farming programs
- Multi-media usage (YouTube)

Refugee Mental Health Provider Groups

Refugee Mental Health Alliance (only Louisville-based providers)

- Meets virtually the first Wednesday of every other month at 10:00 AM.
- Collaborate with other providers in the community who work in the mental health and wellness space with refugees.

Refugee Domestic Violence Working Group (state-wide)

- Meets virtually the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM and alternates with the alliance meeting.
- Work to find solutions to challenges related to DV/IPV in refugee communities.

Email me to join either group:

- onyassi@archlou.org

Refugee Health Screenings and Vaccines

State Refugee Health Coordinator: Katie McWhorter Wernert

Provider	Count of Provider
Family Health Centers-Americana	649
Healthy Living Primary Care (HLPC)	599
HMPS	681
Norton Russell	138
Norton-Nulu	397
UofL Health Mary & Elizabeth	982
Grand Total	3446

Refugee School Impact

State Refugee School Impact Coordinator: Dahabo Kerow

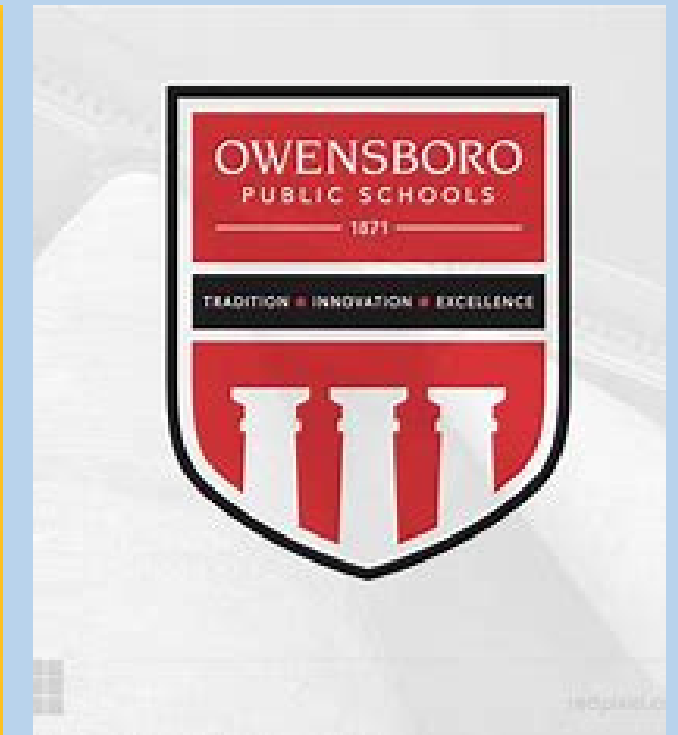
FY24 Impact and Projects

Program Participants Served: 8194

Focus on Childcare and Preschool access -
Partnership with ChildCare Aware of Kentucky, University of Louisville, and new community of practice initiative

RSI partners reached heights in enhancing language access, cultural inclusion and representation, and belonging.

New Funded Partners



Employment

State Employment Coordinator: Mandela Gapala

Louisville Refugee Employment FY24

(10/1/2023-9/30/2024)

Total Employment Services Enrollments: 5523

Total number of Job placement: 2857

Full Time Jobs : 2525

Avg. Starting Wage: \$17.29

2025 outlook: Anticipating 70% of the 2024 employment outcome due to uncertainties in the future of resettlement.

Monthly Employment Meetings: Established meetings with employment teams statewide, and plans to include employers and stakeholders.

Top Lou Employers

GE

UPS

Walmart

Ceva Logistics

Amazon

Employment Services

Upcoming Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO):

Estimated Funding Available: \$2,500,00 Statewide

Goal:

- Connect ORR-eligible clients to sustained employment that meets cost-of-living needs and promotes long-term economic self-sufficiency.
- Aim to connect 3,500 eligible participants to employment across Kentucky within 18 months.

Program Focus:

- Job Placement and Retention
- Address barriers: childcare, transportation, Employment-focused English Training, Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) processing.
- Employer engagement
- Ensuring access for underserved populations such as Cuban/Haitian entrants, women, people with low English fluency

Performance Targets:

- Increased job placements and retention rates
- Higher starting wages
- Increased # of employed clients receiving health benefits
- Increased career advancement opportunities
- Stronger employer partnerships

Join us for Informational Q&A sessions via zoom on December 17, 2024, & January 7, 2025 at 2pm

Young Adult Services

State Youth and Young Adult Services Coordinator: Angela Scharfenberger

Estimated Funding Available: \$400,000

Goal:

- To match eligible youth with mentors who will support successful integration of ORR-eligible youth exclusively between the ages of 15-24 and help youth to thrive

Outcomes:

- Mentorship pairing
- College readiness, Career readiness, Building social and emotional skills

Activities:

- Recruitment and support of mentors for a six month mentor relationship
- Innovative programs to smooth the transition into college, vocational training, and meaningful career opportunities



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2024, & January 16, 2025**

Competitive Awards Logistics

All applicants must apply through our grant management software, Foundant. Instructions posted on website. The Letter of Intent (LOI) serves as the first part of the subaward application. The purpose of the LOI is for applicants to briefly describe their organization and funding proposal and for the Kentucky Office for Refugees to review proposals and confirm eligibility before pushing applicants to the full application.

- Notices of Funding Opportunity and Part 1 of Application (Letter of Intent) Available: December 6, 2024
- Application Opens: January 2, 2025
- LOI Soft Deadline: January 17, 2025
- Applications Due: January 31, 2025
- Awards Announced: March 1, 2025
- Award Cycle: April 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026

kentuckyrefugees.org/notice-of-funding-opportunities/

For any Youth Mentoring questions, please reach out to Angela Scharfenberger at ascharfenberger@archlou.org

For any Employment questions, please reach out to Mandela Gapala at mgapala@archlou.org

For any Foundant questions, please reach out to Hala Shadeh at hshadeh@archlou.org

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