U.S. refugee admissions plummet in FY18

Nationwide refugee admissions dropped precipitously in Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) compared to the year prior and historic trends.¹ The Trump administration set the FY18 refugee admissions ceiling at a mere 45,000 refugees – less than half of the 95,000 historic average annually. The fact that only 22,491 refugees were actually admitted is even more shocking.

^{*} NOTE: Days after assuming office, the President Trump issued an executive order lowering the FY17 refugee admissions ceiling to 50,000 refugees.

Refugee admissions decline in every state									
State	FY17	FY18	State	FY17	FY18	State	FY17	FY18	

Refugee admissions from countries requiring additional security clearance slow	v to a trickle
Security Advisory Opinions (SAOs) are an additional security mechanism to screen refugees through a multi-agency process above and beyond the standard security vetting for refugees. ² In October 2017, the Administration expanded automatic SAO clearance	

Arrivals from Iraq, Somalia and Syria plummeted, making up 1% of less of total arrivals each in FY18.

requirements for certain demographic profiles from 11 countries, 9 of which are Muslim majority, plus stateless refugees. Specifically, feetal@hefugees and younger refugees from these countries

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