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Preferred Communities

The Preferred Communities Program supports the resettlement of newly arriving refugees into communities that provide the best opportunities for integration.

Preferred Communities are localities where refugees have excellent opportunities to achieve early employment and sustained economic independence without having to utilize public assistance. These localities also have low welfare utilization by refugees. The Preferred Communities Program also meets the needs of special populations through intensive case management. Preferred Community sites are in 35 states funded at approximately \$5.2 million.

Preferred Communities

States	Cities
Arizona	Phoenix and Tucson
Florida	Jacksonville and St. Augustine
California	Los Angeles and San Diego
Colorado	Denver
Georgia	Atlanta
Idaho	Boise, Treasure Valley, and Twin Falls
Illinois	Aurora, Chicago, and DuPage
Iowa	Des Moines
Kansas	Kansas City
Kentucky	Bowling Green
Maryland	Baltimore, Silver Spring, and Takoma Park
Massachusetts	West Springfield
Michigan	Dearborn and Grand Rapids
Minnesota	Minneapolis
Nebraska	Omaha
New Jersey	Camden
New Mexico	Albuquerque
New York	Albany, Buffalo, and Syracuse
North Carolina	New Bern and Raleigh
Ohio	Akron and Columbus
Pennsylvania	Erie, Lancaster, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh
South Dakota	Sioux Falls
Tennessee	Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Nashville
Texas	Abilene, Amarillo, Dallas, Ft. Worth, and Houston
Vermont	Barre and Colchester
Virginia	Richmond
Washington	Spokane
Wisconsin	Milwaukee

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