



# Refugee Health in Minnesota *Update*

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# Main Countries of Refugee Resettlement - 2007

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1. United States	48,281	1:6,200
2. Australia	10,722	1:2,000
3. Canada	11,079	1:3,000
4. Sweden	1,848	1:4,900
5. Norway	1,397	1:3,400
6. Finland	724	1:7,300
7. New Zealand	697	1:6,000
8. Netherlands	518	1:31,700
9. UK	498	1:122,500
10. Denmark	472	1:11,700

**N=76,700**

# Primary Refugee Arrivals By State, FY2007

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1. CALIFORNIA	6,706
2. TEXAS	4,401
<b>3. MINNESOTA</b>	<b>3,198</b>
4. NEW YORK	2,978
5. FLORIDA	2,691
6. WASHINGTON	2,216
7. ARIZONA	1,992
8. ILLINOIS	1,872
9. NORTH CAROLINA	1,810
10. GEORGIA	1,617
<b><i>Total Admitted</i></b>	<b><i>48,281</i></b>

Notifications to Minnesota: 3182 Primary Refugees, 259 Asylees, 6 Parolees and 4 Victims of Trafficking

Source: Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), U.S. DHHS

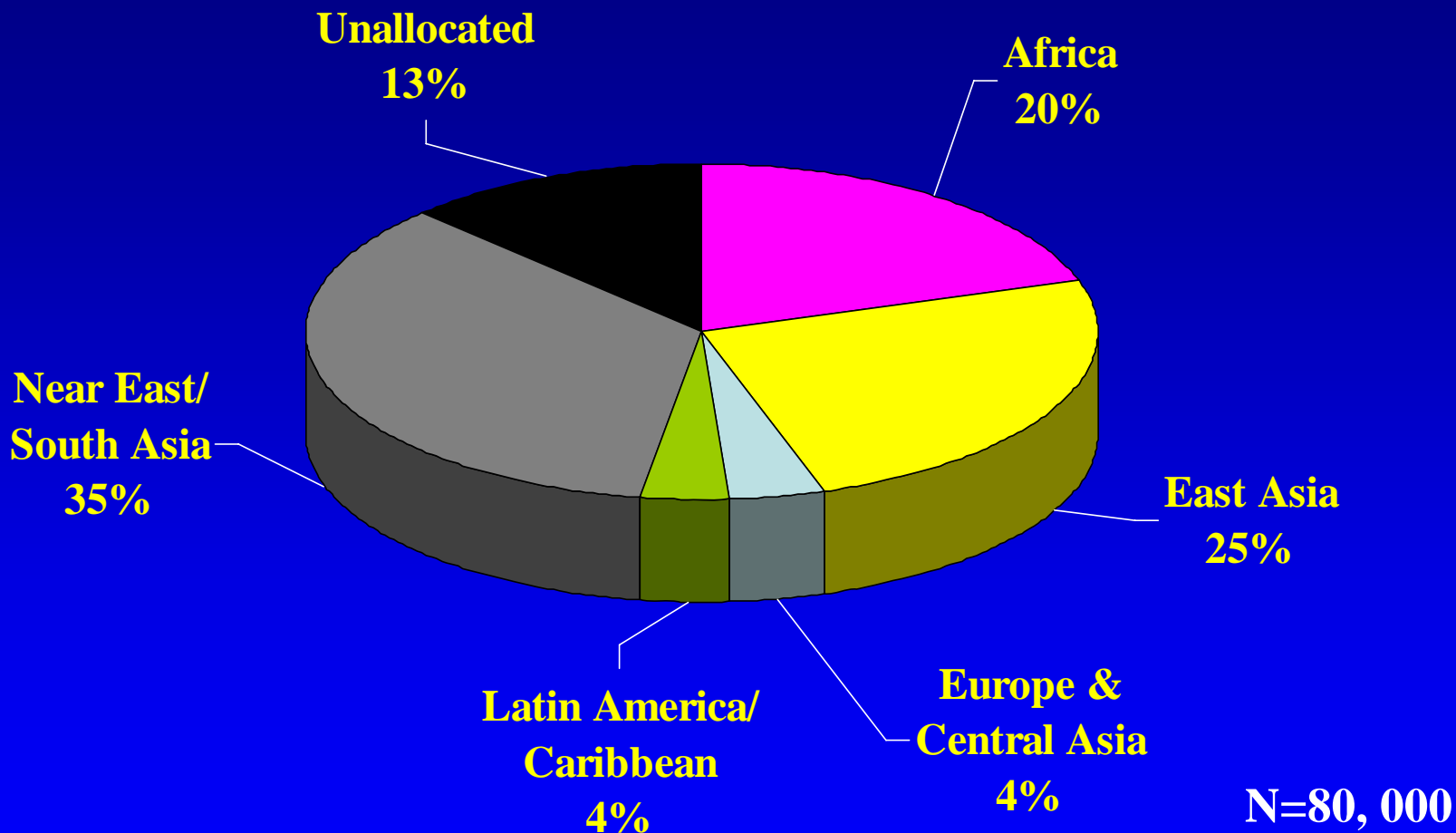
# Top US States for Resettlement FY 07

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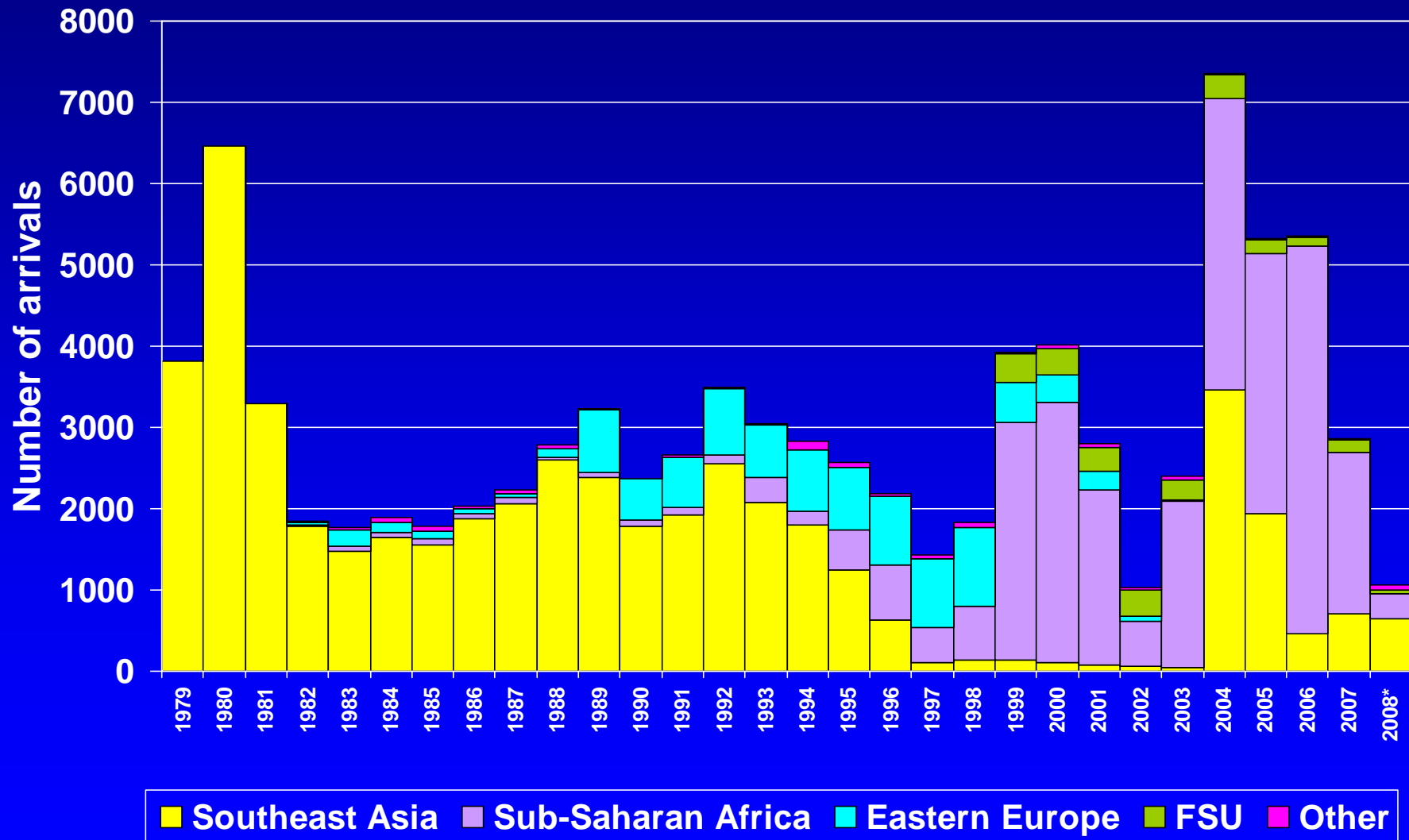
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\* Numbers include Amerasian, Asylees (Derivatives), Entrants/Parolees and Primary Refugee arrivals

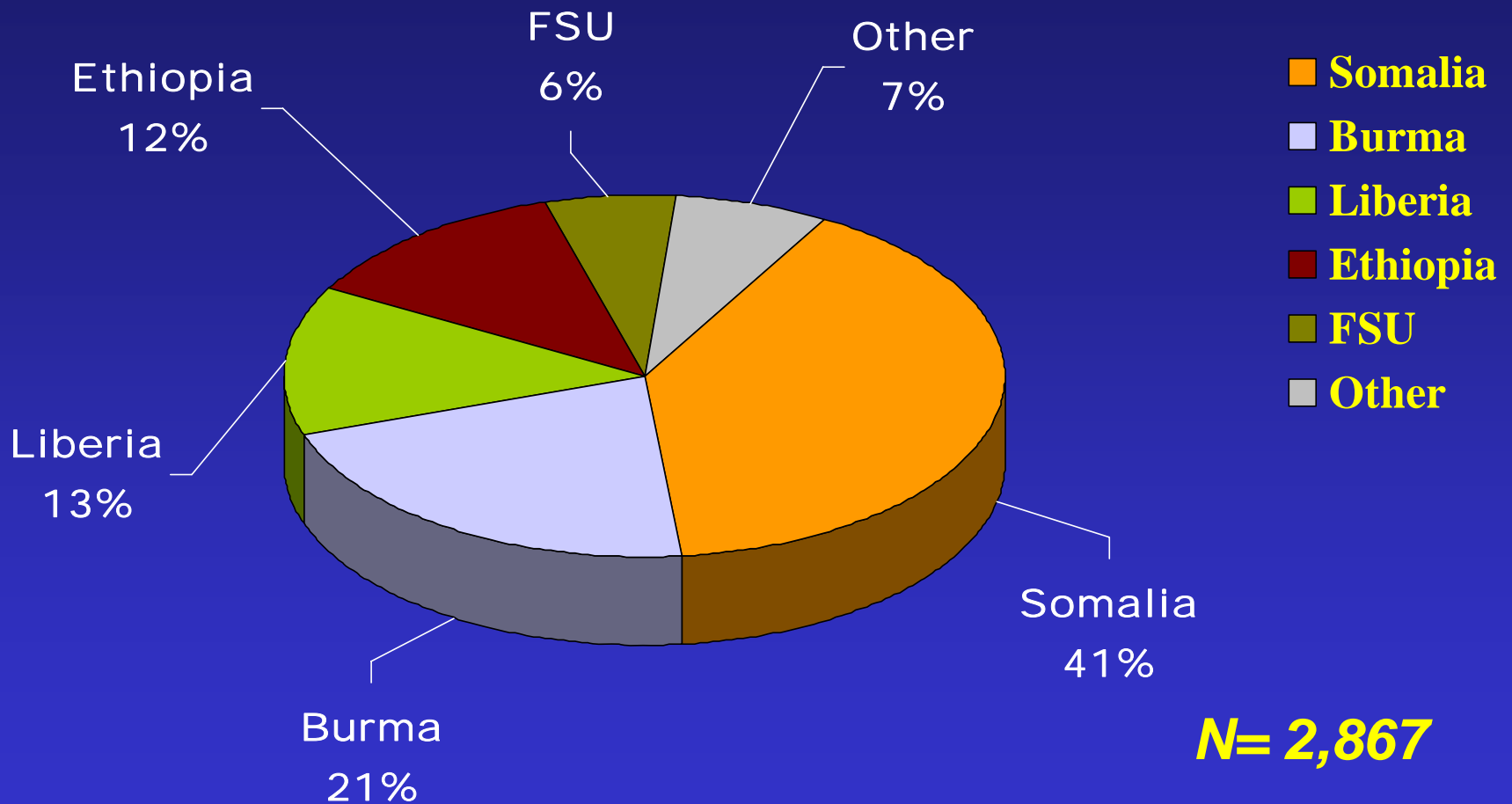
# Refugee Admissions Ceilings for FY2008



# Refugee Arrivals to MN by Region of World 1979-2007

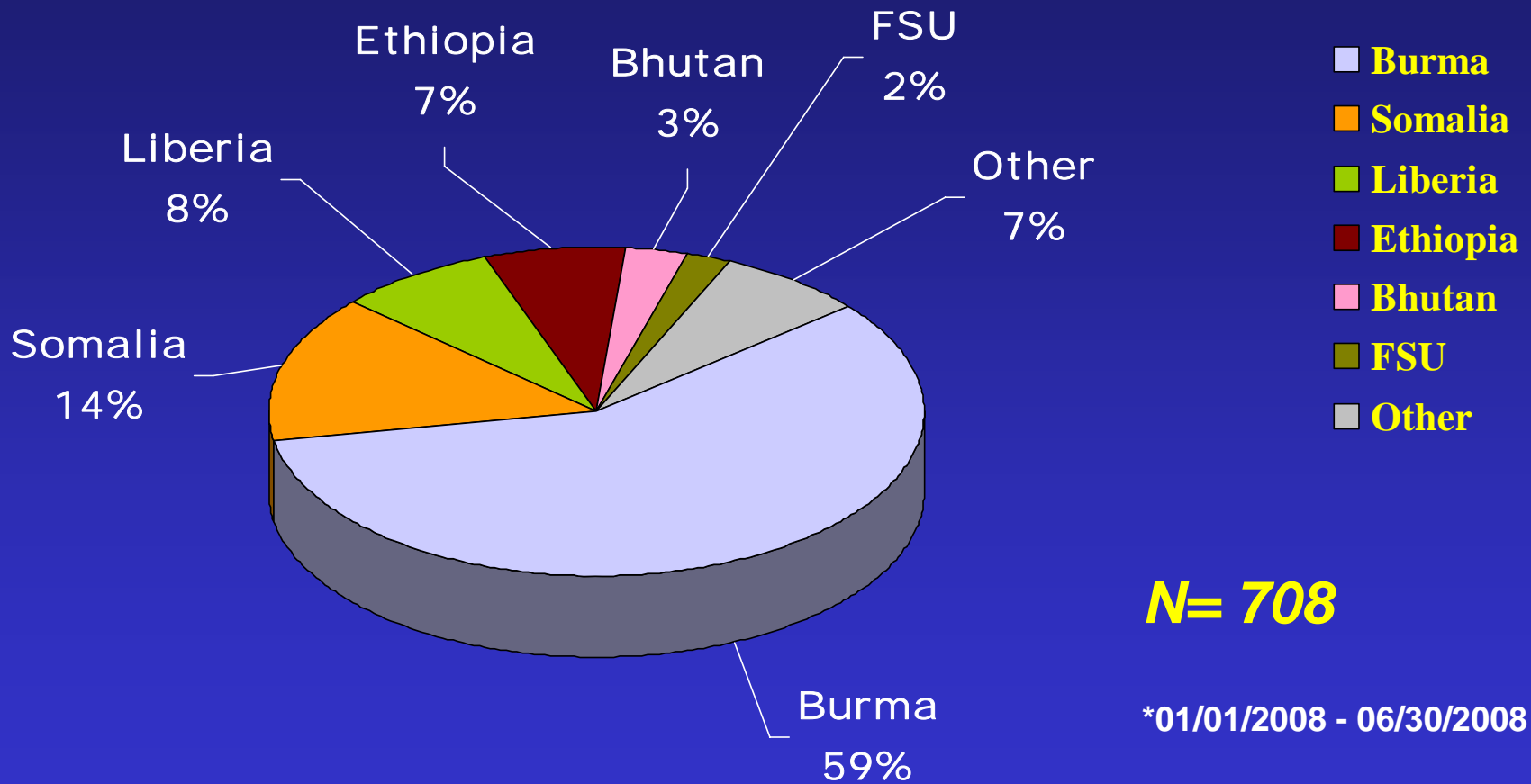


# Primary Refugee Arrivals Minnesota, 2007



“Other” includes Afghanistan, Cameroon, Chad, China (incl. Tibet), DR Congo, Cuba, Eritrea, France, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Laos (Hmong), Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Uganda and Vietnam.

# Primary Refugee Arrivals Minnesota, 2008\*



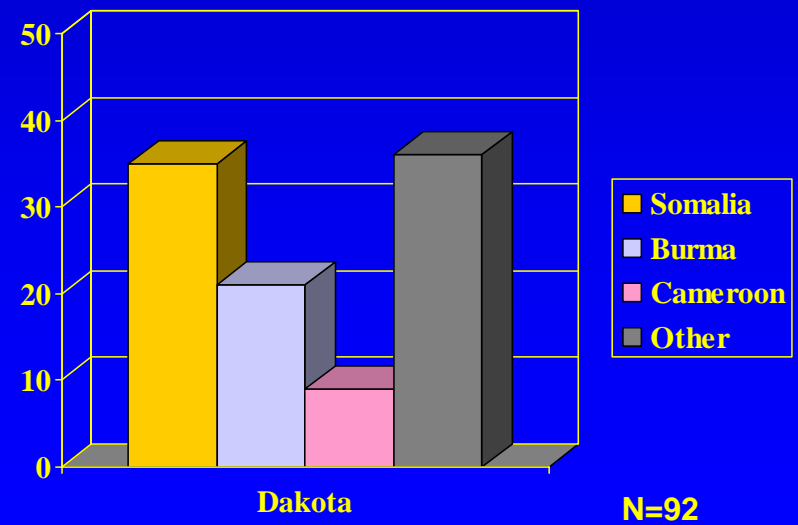
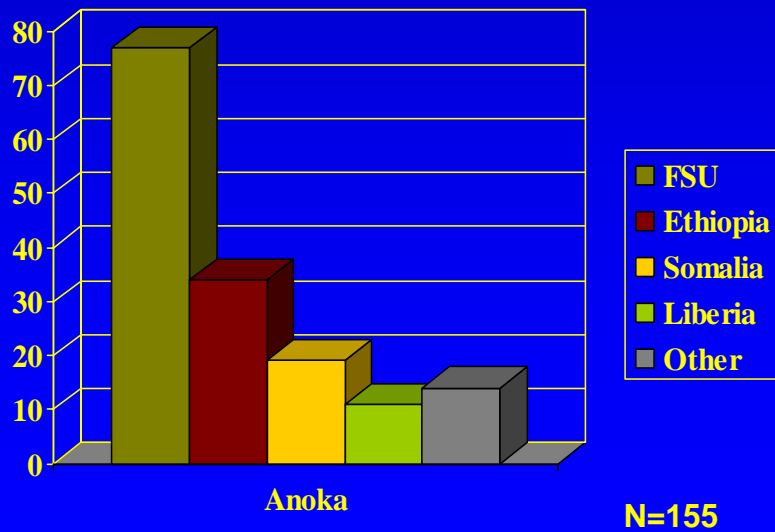
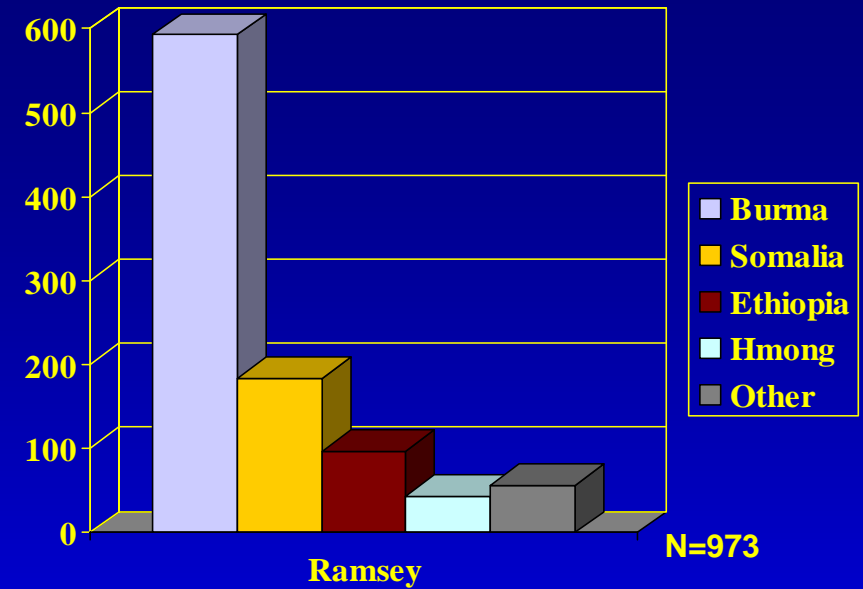
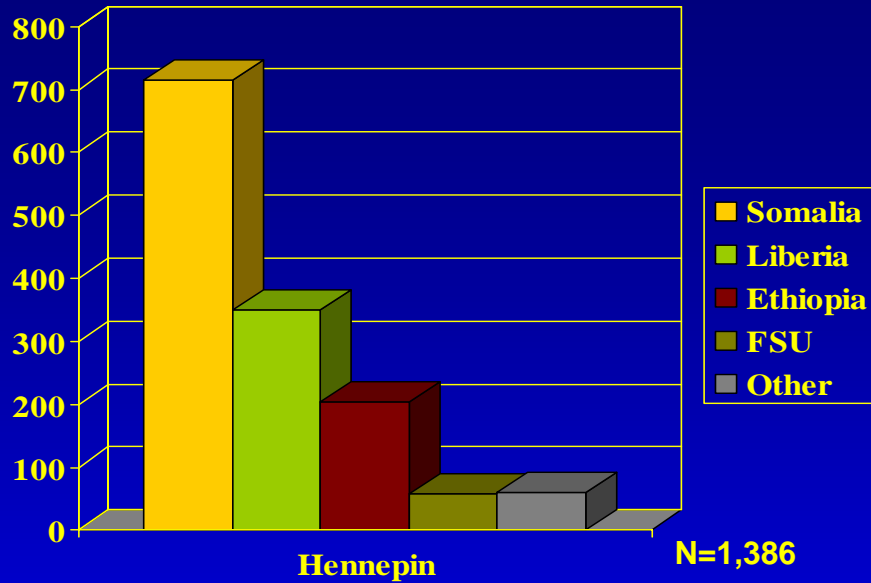
**N= 708**

**\*01/01/2008 - 06/30/2008**

“Other” includes Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Gambia, Guinea, Iraq, Kenya, Laos/Hmong, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo and Vietnam.



# Country of Origin by County of Resettlement, 2007



# Health Status of New Refugees, Minnesota, 2007

Health status upon arrival	No of refugees screened	No(%) with infection among screened
TB infection*	2,643 (98%)	1,176 (44%)
Hep B infection**	2,652 (99%)	206 (8%)
Parasitic Infection***	2,516 (93%)	382 (15%)
Sexually Transmitted Infections(STIs)****	2,066 (77%)	29 (1%)
Malaria Infection	34 (1%)	1 (3%)
Lead*****	205 (92%)	8 (4%)
Hemoglobin	2,662 (99%)	388 (15%)

Total screened: **N=2,691** (98% of the 2,740 eligible refugees)

\* Persons with LTBI (>= 10mm induration/normal CXR) or suspect/active TB disease

\*\* Positive for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAG)

\*\*\* Positive for at least one pathogenic intestinal parasite infection

\*\*\*\* Positive for at least one STI

\*\*\*\*\*Children <6 years old with RHAS (N=223)

# New Federal Policies

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- Halt of P-3 Program
- Expanded Overseas exclusionary screening protocol
- USCIS policy for required immunizations for refugees as they adjust their status

# Communicable Diseases of Public Health Significance

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- ❖ Infectious tuberculosis
- ❖ Hepatitis B
- ❖ Human Immunodeficiency Viral infection (HIV)
- ❖ Syphilis
- ❖ Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)  
e.g. chancroid, gonorrhoea, granuloma inguinale, lymphogranuloma venereum
- ❖ Hansen's disease (leprosy)

# Quarantinable Diseases designated by Presidential Executive Order

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- ❖ Cholera
- ❖ diphtheria
- ❖ infectious tuberculosis
- ❖ plague
- ❖ smallpox
- ❖ yellow fever
- ❖ viral hemorrhagic fevers
- ❖ SARS
- ❖ pandemic flu

# Events that are reportable as a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) to WHO

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- ❖ Polio
- ❖ Smallpox
- ❖ SARS
- ❖ Influenza
- ❖ Other public health emergencies of international concern

# Immunizations

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- NEW POLICY

All vaccinations recommended by the ACIP are required for all refugees applying to adjust their status.

# MN Refugee Health Program

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