USA IMMIGRATION STUDENT ACTIVITY

Most common country of origin of Legal Permanent Immigrants



The countries that supply the most immigrants to each state

States with the Highest Immigrant Populations

- 1. California (10.3mn)
- 2. New York (4.4mn)
- Texas (4.4mn)
- 4. Florida (3.8mn)

MAP OF THE USA HIDDEN



Excludes Mexico

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IMMIGRANT GROUPS ON THE
PREVIOUS MAP.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR
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EXAMPLE ARTICLES

Basu: New challenges are now facing Burma's refugees living in Iowa

On the Monday after standard time went into effect, Lee Mo's children missed school. The Burmese refugee family knew the American ritual of moving clocks forward and back, but they didn't know on which dates that happened, so the school bus left without them.

Even if she had known the date, Mo couldn't read a calendar. For much of her five years here, she has had to estimate time based on the position of the sun. She doesn't know her age. She can't make a phone call. Like about half of the people in Iowa who speak her native Karenni, she can't read in any language. Neither she nor her husband went to school.

The civil war that has plagued their homeland, now called Myanmar, is the world's longest-running, spanning nearly 66 years. Many from her ethnic group fled to Thai refugee camps and stayed there for 16 years on average. Since 2006, refugees from Burma have been turning up in Iowa, becoming its largest incoming refugee group.

There are an estimated 6,000 refugees from Burma who are here, divided about evenly between three main language groups (though there are dozens of less-spoken languages), according to Henny Ohr, executive director of EMBARC, a new Des Moines nonprofit to help them. The Iowa Bureau of Refugee Services counts 1,667 refugees from Burma in Iowa, but that doesn't include secondary migration from other cities. Yet Ohr says no Karenni speaker in Iowa is fluent in English.

For all of the deprivations in the refugee camps — houses of bamboo and leaves, lit only by candlelight; dug pits for toilets; no electricity or running water; no health care or police to fight crime — Mo says that life was easier. At least she knew how to navigate it.

This world is one of flushing toilets and telephones, packaged pasta and canned

Fargo and West Fargo could see 350 refugees move to cities by the end of September

Fargo, ND (WDAY TV) - Local aid organizations and schools say they're going to be very busy the next couple of months. More refugees than usual are expected to be coming.

As of July, 215 refugees had been resettled in Fargo-West Fargo and Jamestown, 21 in Moorhead and 64 in Grand Forks.

By September 30th, Fargo and West Fargo could increase to 350 new residents and the number in Grand Forks could be bumped to 100.

Jessica Thomasson/CEO, Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, "In an ideal world, it would be spread evenly over the 12 months of that year, but we know that in a lot of years you'll have ups and downs."

Jessica Thomasson, the CEO of Lutheran Social Services, says the projections the next couple months are 10 to 20 percent higher than usual in North Dakota. The whole year is about 10 percent higher. She says their organization usually gets about two weeks notice of new arrivals during which they have to set up housing, furnishing and other things to prepare for a new life in a new place.

Thomasson, "A little higher than usual but it's not uncommon this time of year, so we'll make sure we're as organized and working together as a team as we can be because we want those families and their kids to feel welcome and successful."

Such an increase just before the start of a new school year can also be stressful for school districts. West Fargo School Board member Dave Olson says it can mean a need to hire new staff including language professionals.

Olson, "We'd have to take a look at it. We have a contingency fund that we've had to take a look at personnel if we have a large influx, there's no question."



MAINE CITY RECRUITING SOMALIS AS COPS



Somali community in Lewiston, Maine.

One of smallest cities that has received thousands of Somali refugees over the years is Lewiston, Maine. But, unlike the Minnesota Muslims from Somalia, this group appears to fly under the radar.

Minnesota's U.S. attorney, Andrew Luger, publicly declared in April that the state has a "terror recruitment problem," as hundreds of young Somalis have been investigated for ties to terrorist organizations overseas.

But in Lewiston, there is a recruitment of a different sort going on.

Lewiston's police chief, Michael Bussiere, made news this week when he told Reuters he was focused on recruiting Somalis to work as cops in his department.

It's part of his "diversity" program to make the local police force look more like the community it serves, he said.

Refugees in Fargo face cultural and climate challenges

Story from PRI's The World. Listen to audio for full report.

Fargo police officer Cristie Jacobsen has responded to a lot of 9-11 calls, but few with less urgency than this one. "A teenage girl called the police on her mother because her mother had prepared a very simple ethnic meal for her and she didn't like it," said Jacobsen.

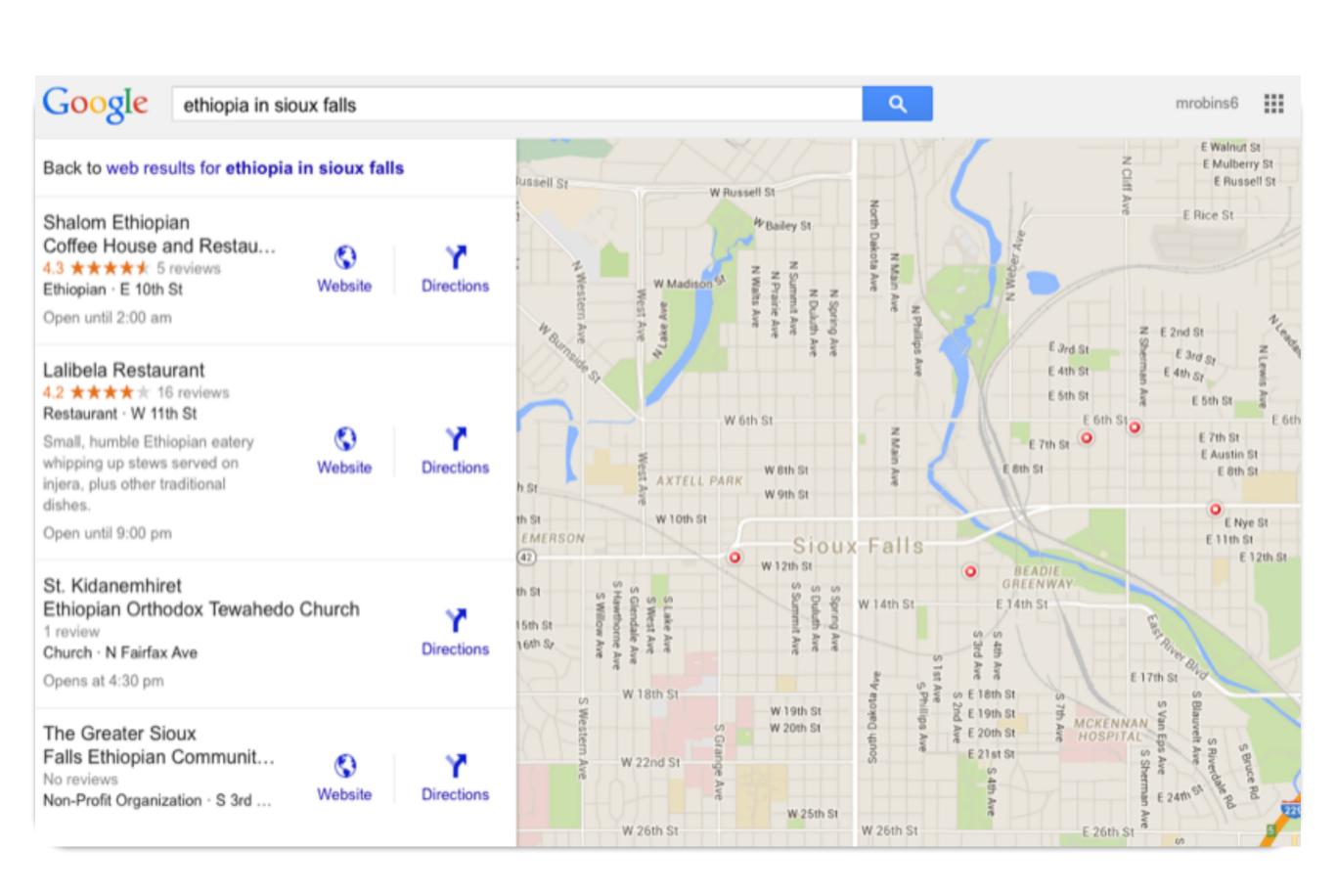
Coming to a new nation as a refugee -- adjusting to a new language, culture, and climate -- is always a struggle. But now in Fargo, North Dakota many refugee parents are being manipulated by their children.

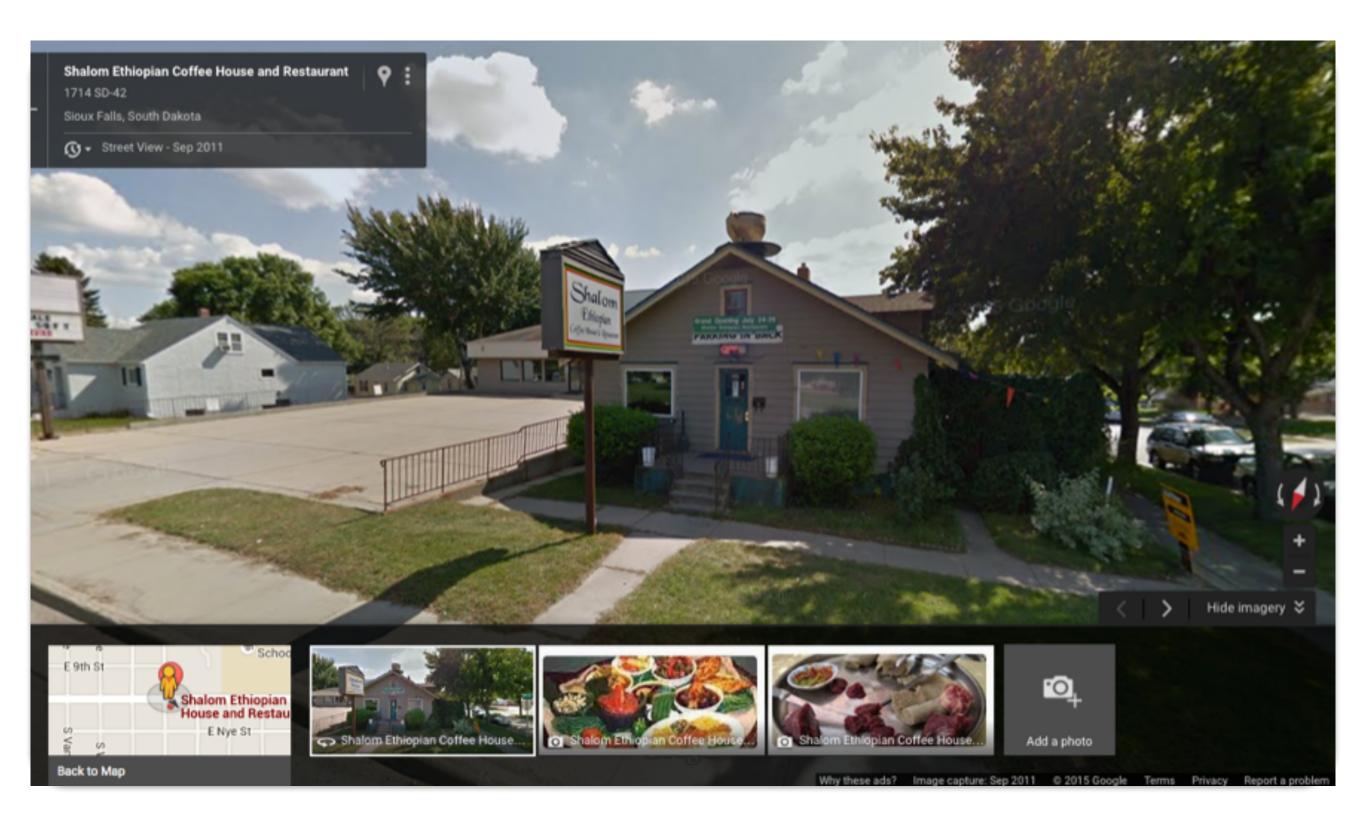
Refugee children have been calling the Fargo Police because they don't want to do the dishes or wear a particular shirt. They've also gotten a lot of calls about this: Parents were taking away their kid's Mountain Dew.

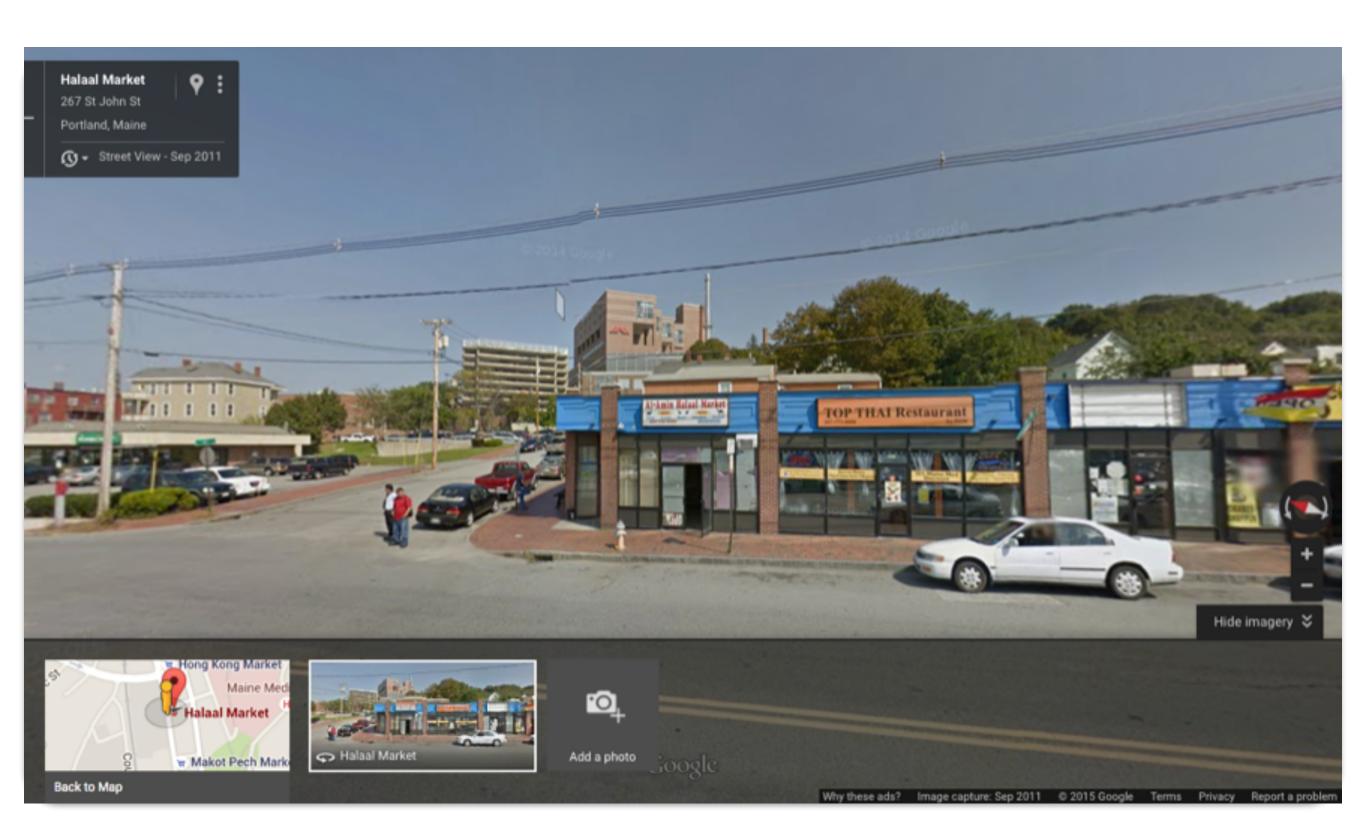
"The children didn't like it," said Jacobsen. "Because they had gotten used to drinking it, they enjoyed the caffeine splurge and things like that and so it became a power struggle."

To help deal with problems like this, and explain to refugee adults and children what the law and police can and cannot do, the Fargo Police assigned Jacobsen to work as a cultural liaison officer with new refugees. She meets regularly with the refugee and immigrant community, holding workshops and visiting their schools and places of business.





















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