

Measuring Refugee Integration – The International Context

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Indicators	The USCCB Migration and Refugee Services	The U.S. Resettlement System	United States – RISE STUDY ¹ & ORR Integration Working Group ²	Germany’s National Action Plan on Immigrant Integration ³	Australia – Refugees, Housing and Social Inclusion Survey ⁴	New Zealand Resettlement Strategy ⁵	Canada’s Approach to Refugee Integration ⁶
Definition	Integration is a two-way process in which newcomers and receiving communities work together, creating a world where migrants are treated with dignity, respect, welcome and belonging.	In the U.S., refugee integration is primarily measured as <i>economic integration</i> . Resettlement program goals are to “assist refugees in achieving economic self-sufficiency” (PRM) ⁷ or “become economically self-sufficient” (ORR). ⁸	The RISE study analyzed 10 different integration pathways, measuring integration within each pathway and assigning an individual integration score.	Germany considers integration as a long-term process with the aim of including every-one, enabling immigrants to participate fully in all aspects of social, political and economic life. They are expected to learn German and to abide by the constitution.	The Refugees, Housing and Social Inclusion Survey focuses on the housing, homelessness, neighborhood and broader social inclusion experiences of refugees in Perth and Melbourne.	Refugees are participating fully and integrated socially and economically as soon as possible so that they are living independently, undertaking the same responsibilities and exercising the same rights as other New Zealanders and have a strong sense of belonging to their own community and to NZ.	Canada’s approach to integration encourages adjustment by both newcomers and the larger society. Newcomers’ under-standing of and respect for basic Canadian values, coupled with Canadians’ under-standing of the cultural diversity that newcomers bring to Canada.
Environment	Family Self-Sufficiency	Self-Sufficiency	Economic Sufficiency	Labor Market Outcomes	Labor Force Participation	Self-Sufficiency	Economic Outcomes
				Vocational Training	Job Satisfaction		
	Cultural Orientation	Cultural Orientation	Education & Training	Education	Education	Education	Education
				Income & Social Integration	Income		
	Housing	Housing	Housing		Home Ownership	Housing	Housing
			Children’s Education	Early Childhood Education			2nd Generation & Schools
	Ongoing Social Services	Ongoing Social Services	Health & Wellbeing	Health	Physical Wellbeing	Health and Wellbeing	Health and Mental Health
Networks	Ethnic Community Support		Social Bonding	Sport	Neighborhood Connections		Social Connections
	Parish Support		Social Bridging	Media			Age, Gender, Diversity
	Community Consultations	Community Consultations		Intercultural Openness			Refugees’ Satisfaction
Facilitators			Language & Cult. Knowledge	Language	Language	Language	Languages
			Safety & Stability	Crime/Violence/Discrimin.	Discrimination		
			Civic Engagement	Civic & Polit. Participation Equal Opportunities	Citizenship	Participation	Citizenship

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⁴ Paul Flatau, Val Colic-Peisker, Alicia Bauskis, Paul Maginn, and Petra Buergelt: *Refugees, Housing and Social Inclusion Survey*. The University of Western Australia, 2014.

⁵ Immigration New Zealand: *Refugee Resettlement: New Zealand Resettlement Strategy*. Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, 2012.

⁶ Jennifer Hyndman, *Research Summary on Resettled Refugee Integration in Canada*, Centre for Refugee Studies at York University, 2011.

⁷ The U.S. Department of State, *FY 2017 Notice of Funding Opportunity for Reception and Placement Program*, 2016.

⁸ The U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement, *Voluntary Agencies Matching Grant Program – FY 2014 Program Guidelines*.