

Analysis of U.S. Refugee Data

The refugee data in this notebook comes from the [Department of State's Refugee Processing Center](https://www.wrapsnet.org/) (<https://www.wrapsnet.org/>)'s [data portal](http://www.wrapsnet.org/Reports/InteractiveReporting/tabid/393/Default.aspx) (<http://www.wrapsnet.org/Reports/InteractiveReporting/tabid/393/Default.aspx>). It was retrieved on November 18, 2015.

Load the data

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In [1]: import pandas as pd
import matplotlib as mpl
import seaborn as sb
import itertools
%matplotlib inline
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In [2]: by_destination = pd.read_csv("../data/WRAPS-arrivals-by-destination-2005-2015-clean.csv")
by_religion = pd.read_csv("../data/WRAPS-arrivals-by-religion-2005-2015-clean.csv")
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In [3]: # The totals for the two data-reports are off by just four arrivals.
print(by_destination["arrivals"].sum())
print(by_religion["arrivals"].sum())
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672518
672522
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In [4]: state_populations = pd.read_csv("../data/census-state-populations.csv").set_index("state")
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In [5]: colors = itertools.cycle([ "#3498db", "#2ecc71", "#9b59b6" ])
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Set up a few data-processing and chart-making functions

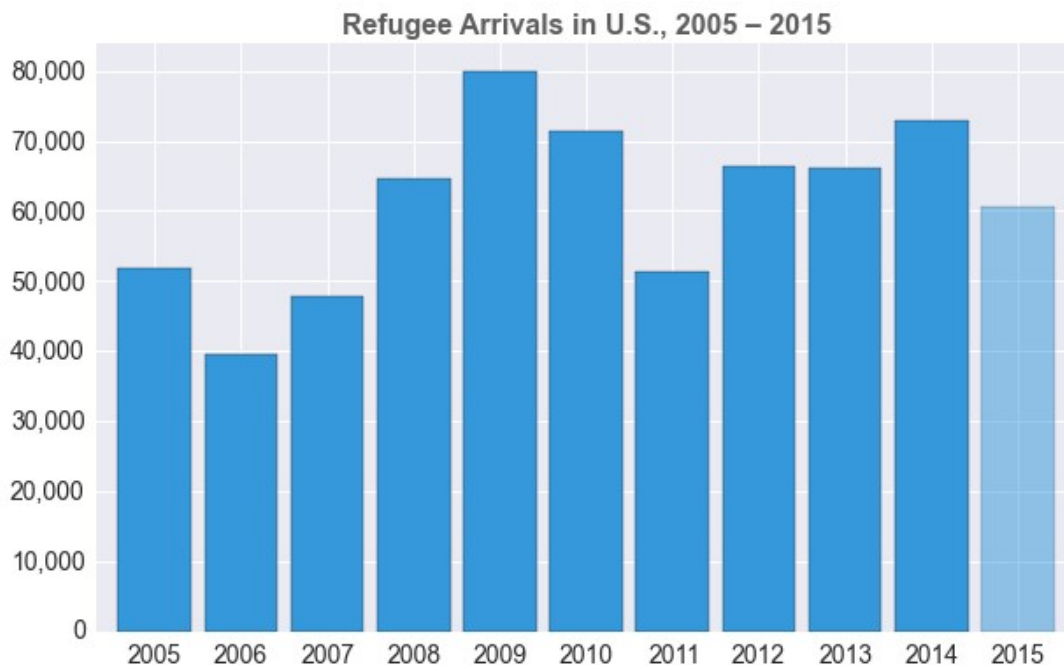
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In [6]: def arrivals_by_year(origin=None, dest_state=None, dest_city=None):
    return by_destination[
        (by_destination["origin"] == (origin if origin else by_destination["origin"])) &
        (by_destination["dest_state"] == (dest_state if dest_state else by_destination["dest_state"])) &
        (by_destination["dest_city"] == (dest_city if dest_city else by_destination["dest_city"]))
    ].groupby("year")["arrivals"].sum()
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In [7]: def make_vbar(series, title):
        ax = series.plot(kind="bar", width=0.85,
                          figsize=(10, 6),
                          fontsize=14,
                          color=next(colors))
        ax.figure.set_facecolor("white")
        ax.set_ylim(0, series.max() * 1.05)
        ax.set_yticklabels([ "{0:,.0f}".format(y) for y in ax.get_yticks() ])
        mpl.pyplot.setp(ax.get_children()[len(series) + 1], alpha=0.5)
        mpl.pyplot.setp(ax.get_xticklabels(), rotation=0)
        ax.set_xlabel("")
        ax.set_title(title, fontsize=16, fontweight="bold", alpha=0.75)
        return ax
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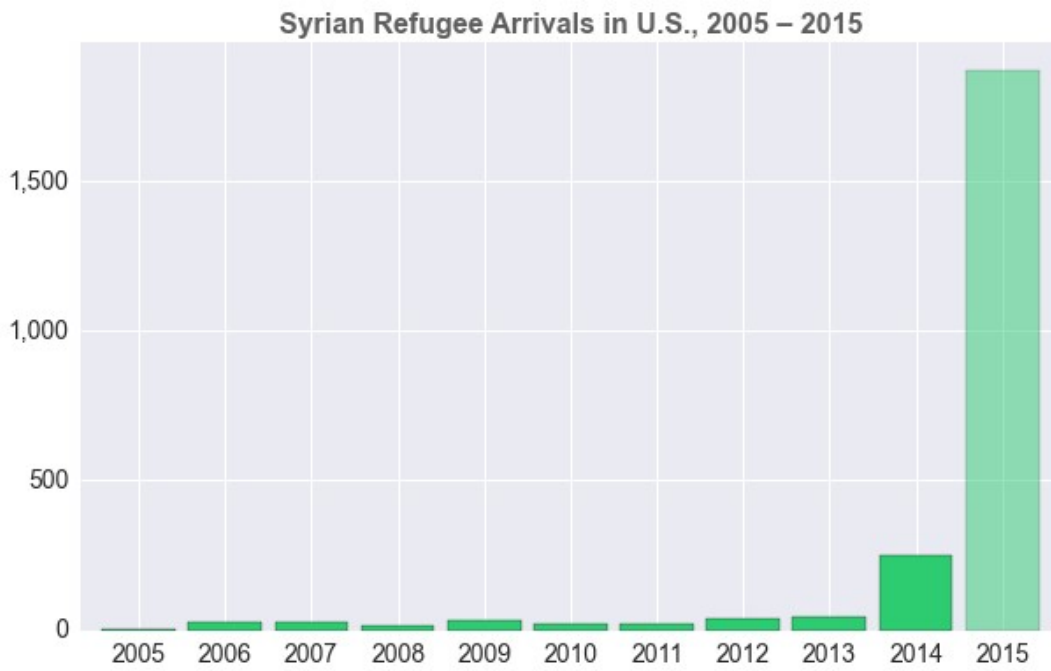
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In [8]: def make_hbar(series, title, width=9, height=20):
        ax = series.plot(kind="barh", width=0.75,
                          figsize=(width, height),
                          fontsize=14,
                          color=next(colors))
        ax.figure.set_facecolor("white")
        ax.set_xlim(0, series.max() * 1.05)
        ax.set_xticklabels([ "{0:,.0f}".format(x) for x in ax.get_xticks() ])
        ax.invert_yaxis()
        ax.set_ylabel("")
        ax.set_title(title, fontsize=16, fontweight="bold", alpha=0.75)
        return ax
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Refugee arrivals by year

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In [9]: ax = make_vbar(arrivals_by_year(), "Refugee Arrivals in U.S., 2005 - 2015")
        pass
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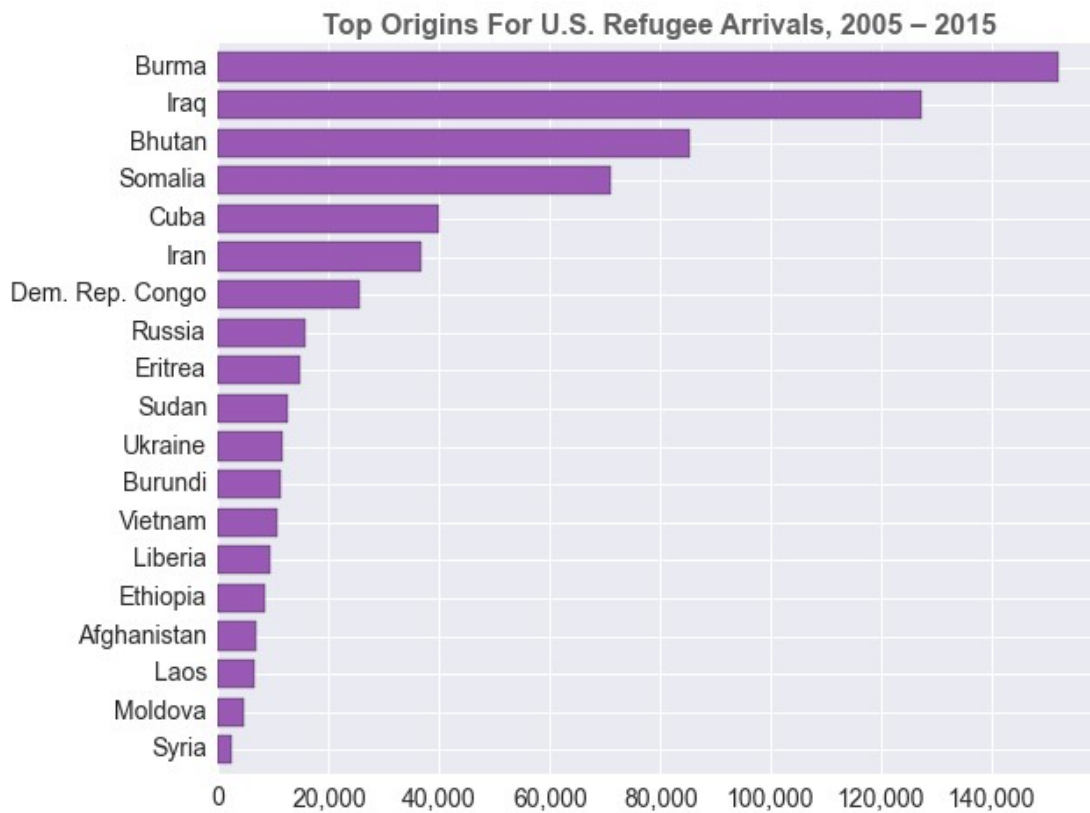


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In [10]: ax = make_vbar(arrivals_by_year(origin="Syria"), "Syrian Refugee Arrivals in U.S.,  
2005 - 2015")  
pass
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Refugee arrivals by origin

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In [11]: origin_counts = by_destination.groupby("origin")["arrivals"].sum()
ax = make_hbar(origin_counts.sort_values(ascending=False).head(19),
               "Top Origins For U.S. Refugee Arrivals, 2005 - 2015",
               height=(20 * 19 / 51))
pass
```



Refugee arrivals by religion

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In [12]: by_religion.groupby("religion")["arrivals"].sum().sort_values(ascending=False)
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Out[12]: religion
Christian          166421
Moslem             117270
Moslem Suni        56752
Hindu              52266
Catholic           51353
Buddhist           44522
Moslem Shiite      35131
Pentecostalist     23412
Baptist            16606
No Religion        15072
Orthodox           14486
Protestant         12864
Jehovah Witness   10009
Bahai              8569
Kirat              7413
Seventh Day Adventist 6901
Ancestral Worship  6773
Sabeans-Mandean    5424
Animist            4910
Jewish             3854
Methodist          2821
Zoroastrian        2275
Evangelical Christian 2140
Other Religion     1094
Unknown            913
Yazidi             726
Lutheran           543
Ahmadiyya          488
Chaldean           389
Uniate            330
Atheist            220
Cao Dai            211
Moslem Ismaici     99
Kaaka'i            96
Hoa Hao            87
Russian Orthodox   23
Ukr Orthodox       20
Coptic             18
Greek Orthodox     8
Old Believer       5
Mennonite          5
Hare Krishna       3
Name: arrivals, dtype: int64
```

Note: The code below groups four separate designations — "Moslem," "Moslem Suni," "Moslem Shiite," and "Moslem Ismaici" (likely a typo for "Moslem Ismaili") — into a single "Muslim" grouping.

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In [13]: muslim_arrivals = by_religion[
    by_religion["religion"].str.contains("Moslem")
]
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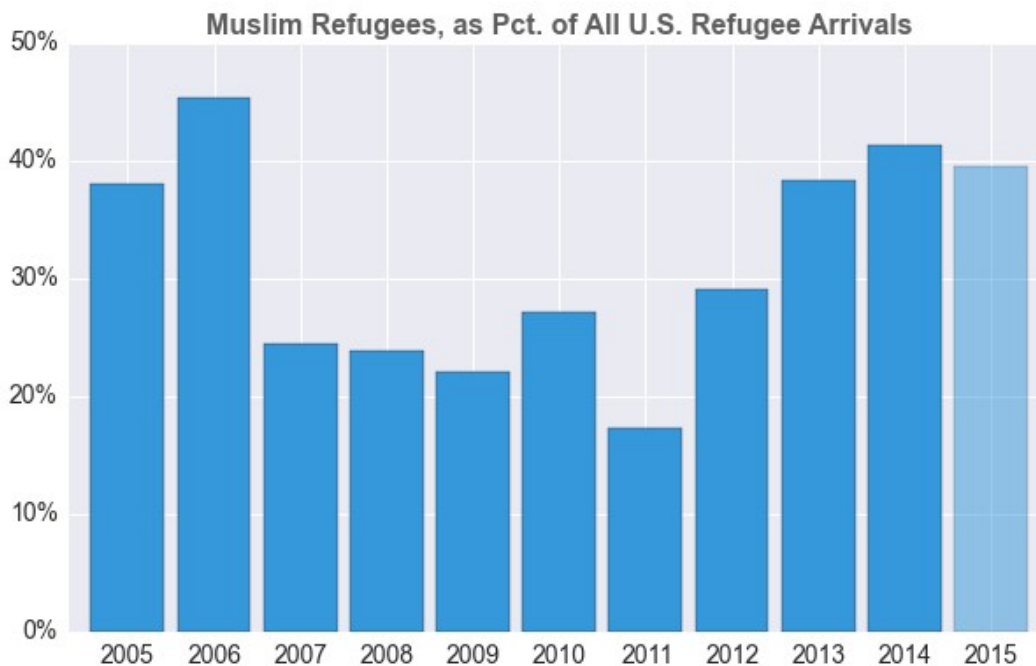
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In [14]: muslim_arrivals_by_year = muslim_arrivals.groupby("year")["arrivals"].sum()
         muslim_arrivals_by_year
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Out[14]: year
         2005      19768
         2006      17928
         2007      11706
         2008      15421
         2009      17598
         2010      19331
         2011       8871
         2012      19271
         2013      25291
         2014      30113
         2015      23954
         Name: arrivals, dtype: int64
```

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In [15]: print("Since 2005, about {0:.0f}% of arriving refugees have been Muslim.".format(
         muslim_arrivals["arrivals"].sum() * 100.0 / by_religion["arrivals"].sum())
         )
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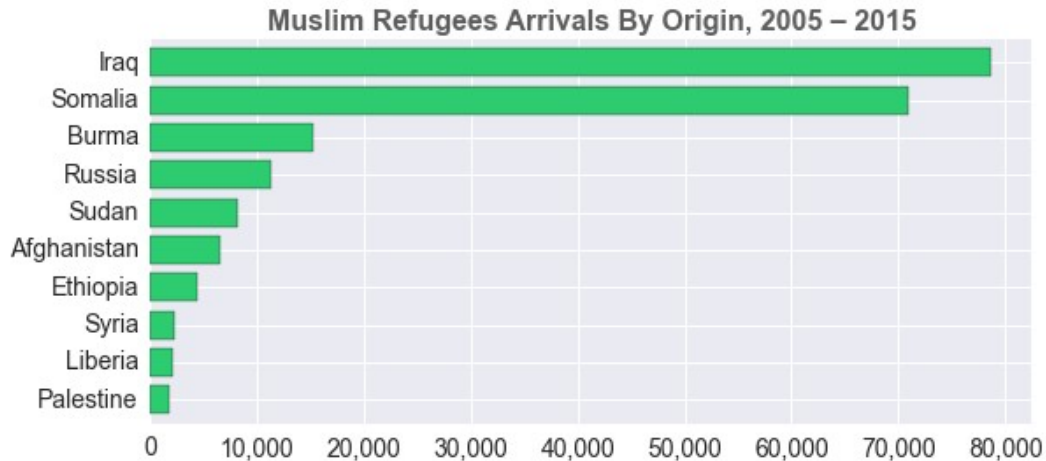
Since 2005, about 31% of arriving refugees have been Muslim.

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In [16]: muslim_ratio = muslim_arrivals_by_year / by_religion.groupby("year")["arrivals"].sum()
         ax = make_vbar(muslim_ratio, "Muslim Refugees, as Pct. of All U.S. Refugee Arrivals")
         ax.set_yticklabels([ "{0:.0f}%".format(y * 100) for y in ax.get_yticks() ])
         ax.set_ylim(0, 0.5)
         pass
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In [17]: muslim_origins = muslim_arrivals.groupby("origin")["arrivals"].sum()
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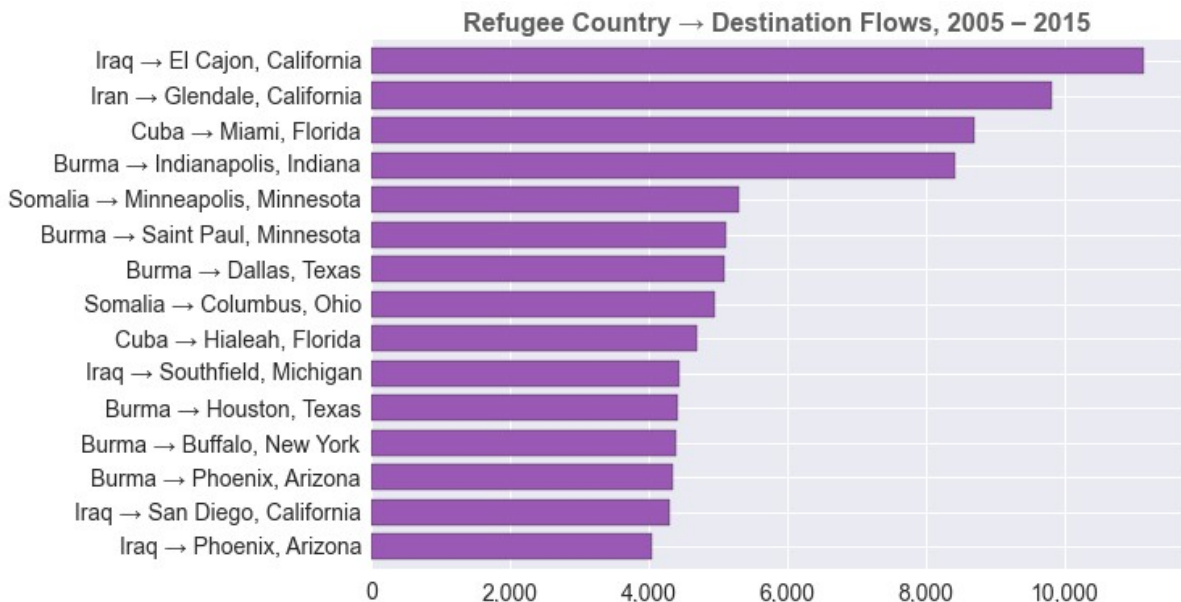
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In [18]: ax = make_hbar(muslim_origins.sort_values(ascending=False).head(10),
    "Muslim Refugees Arrivals By Origin, 2005 - 2015", height=10*20/51)
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Refugees by U.S. destination

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In [19]: large_single_populations = by_destination.groupby([ "origin", "dest_state", "dest_c
ity" ])[ "arrivals" ].sum() \
    .sort_values(ascending=False).head(15)
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In [20]: ax = make_hbar(large_single_populations, "Refugee Country → Destination Flows, 2005
- 2015", height=15*20/51)
ax.set_yticklabels([ "{0} → {2}, {1}".format(*y) for y in large_single_populations.
index ])
pass
```



Note: State population data comes from the [Census Bureau's 2014 estimates \(http://www.census.gov/popest/data/state/asrh/2014/index.html\)](http://www.census.gov/popest/data/state/asrh/2014/index.html).

```
In [21]: all_by_state = pd.DataFrame(state_populations["pop_est_2014"]).join(pd.DataFrame({
    "arrivals": by_destination.groupby("dest_state")["arrivals"].sum(),
})).fillna(0)
all_by_state["per_1k_residents"] = all_by_state["arrivals"] * 1000.0 / all_by_state["pop_est_2014"]
all_by_state.sort_values("per_1k_residents", ascending=False)
```


Out[21]:

	pop_est_2014	arrivals	per_1k_residents
state			
North Dakota	739482	4457	6.027192
Idaho	1634464	9527	5.828822
South Dakota	853175	4703	5.512351
Minnesota	5457173	27259	4.995077
Vermont	626562	3110	4.963595
Arizona	6731484	29825	4.430672
Nebraska	1881503	8123	4.317293
Washington	7061530	27009	3.824809
Utah	2942902	10758	3.655575
Kentucky	4413457	15695	3.556169
New Hampshire	1326813	4423	3.333552
Michigan	9909877	30772	3.105185
Colorado	5355866	16034	2.993727
Georgia	10097343	27252	2.698928
Texas	26956958	65537	2.431172
Massachusetts	6745408	16214	2.403709
Oregon	3970239	9404	2.368623
North Carolina	9943964	22787	2.291541
Indiana	6596855	13697	2.076292
Tennessee	6549352	13576	2.072877
New York	19746227	39359	1.993242
Missouri	6063589	11974	1.974738
California	38802500	76114	1.961575
Ohio	11594163	22652	1.953742
Maine	1330089	2587	1.944983
Maryland	5976407	11438	1.913859
Pennsylvania	12787209	24389	1.907297
Iowa	3107126	5901	1.899183
Illinois	12880580	23826	1.849761
Florida	19893297	36568	1.838207
Virginia	8326289	14994	1.800802
Nevada	2839099	5065	1.784017
Rhode Island	1055173	1868	1.770326
Wisconsin	5757564	8778	1.524603
Connecticut	3596677	5065	1.408244
Alaska	736732	989	1.342415
Kansas	2904021	3894	1.340899
New Mexico	2085572	1854	0.888965
Oklahoma	3878051	2732	0.704478
New Jersey	8938175	6210	0.694773

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In [22]: ax = make_hbar(all_by_state["per_1k_residents"].sort_values(ascending=False),  
    "Refugee Arrivals Per 1,000 Residents, 2005 - 2015")  
pass
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