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Asylum Seeker and Refugee Policies Around the World

REFUGEE POLICIES AROUND THE WORLD

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COUNTRY	REFUGEES/ASYLUM SEEKERS IN COUNTRY	TOTAL POPULATION OF COUNTRY	\$GDP PER PERSON	KEY FEATURES OF REFUGEE POLICY
GERMANY				
FINLAND				
FRANCE				
SWITZERLAND				
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1. Calculate each country's total refugee and asylum seeker population as a percentage of the total population of the country. For example: Switzerland – 113,481 (total asylum seeker/refugee population) divided by 8,500,000 (total population) multiplied by 100 = 1.33%
2. Which country had the highest percentage of asylum seekers/refugees in its population? Which country had the lowest?
3. Out of the five countries analysed in the table, which one do you believe has the best policies regarding acceptance and treatment of asylum seekers and refugees? Why?
4. Which one do you believe has the worst policies regarding acceptance and treatment of asylum seekers and refugees? Why?



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ACTIVITY 1

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GERMANY	Refugees: 42,188 Asylum Seekers: 29,590 Total: 1,256,828	82.3 million	\$45,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People entitled to asylum can access labour market without limit. • Govt. facilitated local integration. • Residence permits granted to long term migrants, asylum seekers and refugees with no prospect of returning home.
FINLAND	Refugees: 42,188 Asylum Seekers: 29,590 Total: 24,001	5.54 million	\$40,300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual quota decided by govt. • Asylum seekers can begin work after 3 months. • Asylum seekers receive cash benefits, schooling and health care provided by govt. Once given refugee status, social services received from municipal govt.
FRANCE	Refugees: 42,188 Asylum Seekers: 29,590 Total: 367,317	65.2 million	\$39,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum application processing time is 9 months. • Directed housing system so asylum seekers are spread in different communities and live in better conditions. • Local integration and naturalization of refugees. • Similar access to social benefits as French citizens.
SWITZERLAND	Refugees: 42,188 Asylum Seekers: 29,590 Total: 113,481	8.54 million	\$57,100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law change in progress to set maximum processing time at 140 days and increase financial aid for asylum seekers. • Asylum seekers can gain employment after 3 months. • Access to basic medical care and schooling. • Once granted refugee status, access to social security.
AUSTRALIA	Refugees: 42,188 Asylum Seekers: 29,590 Total: 71,438	24.8 million	\$45,800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory detention for anyone arriving by boat – average time in detention is 416 days (14 months). • Resettlement in a different country is the main goal of Australian govt. • Those with refugee status have access to govt. benefits.

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Switzerland = 1.33%

Germany = 1.53%

Finland = 0.43%

France = 0.56%

Australia = 0.29%

2. Which country had the highest percentage of asylum seekers/refugees in its population? Which country had the lowest?

Germany had the highest with 1.53% of its population made up of asylum seekers and refugees.

Australia had the lowest with 0.29% of its population made up of asylum seekers and refugees.

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