

Hmong Resettlement

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<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lrb/pubs/tapthepower.htm>

Since the late 1970s, over 130,000 Hmong have been resettled to the United States. Hmong first resettled in Wisconsin in 1975-76; the state now ranks third in the nation for Hmong population. In a family reunification project beginning July 2004, Wisconsin may receive nearly 3,000 refugees from Wat Tham Krabok (WTK), Thailand. This list contains historical print as well as newer electronic resources.

Citizenship Questions: 100 Questions Commonly Asked on the U.S. Citizenship Test. Hmong National Development, Inc., last updated February 24, 2003. Q & A in English and Hmong. www.hndlink.org/Citizenship%20Questions.Hmong.pdf

The Educational Performance of Hmong Students in Wisconsin. Wisconsin Policy Research Institute, Incorporated, 1997. (373.6/W751f) Compares educational performance of Asian and Hmong students in six Wisconsin school districts. www.wpri.org/Reports/Volume10/Vol10no8.pdf

"For Hmong, a New Home." Brenda Ingersoll, Wisconsin State Journal, May 18, 2004. www.madison.com/wisconsinstatejournal/local/74542.php

Hmong-English Dictionary. Saturn School of St. Paul, Minnesota. Includes a variety of language helps. Also available in print and on CD. ww2.saturn.stpaul.k12.mn.us/Hmong/sathmong.html

The Hmong in Wisconsin: On the Road to Self-Sufficiency. Wisconsin Policy Research Institute, Incorporated, 1991. (326.3/W75) A study of the Hmong as a welfare-leaving population and a good history of resettlement.

"Hmong Migration Was Breakthrough." Todd Nelson, St. Paul Pioneer Press, February 8, 2004. Discusses the late-2003 announcement that any of the 15,000 qualified Hmong at WTK will be allowed to reunite with their families in the United States. <http://laoveterans.com/feb8q.html>

"Hmong Refugee Policy Seems to be Softening." Keith Uhlig, Wausau Daily Herald, May 1, 2004. "The official stance of the State Department hasn't changed – it isn't looking at refugees beyond Wat Tham Krabok – but the language used by officials there has softened because they aren't dismissing out of hand that the policy could change in the future." www.wausaudailyherald.com/wdhlocal/280720283009848.shtml

Impact of Welfare Reform on Wisconsin's Hmong Aid Recipients. Institute for Wisconsin's Future, 1999. (361.4/In7c) "This report documents the continuing obstacles to employment and self-sufficiency facing Hmong W-2 participants."—p.ii. Executive summary: www.wisconsinfuture.org/reports/6Hmongstudy.pdf

Language Access: Helping Non-English Speakers Navigate Health and Human Services. National Conference of State Legislatures, 2003. (326.5/N21) "The Hmong language has no word for cancer, or even the concept of the disease. 'We're going to put a fire in you,' is how one inexperienced interpreter tried to explain radiation treatment to the patient, who, as a result, refused treatment. ... Language barriers are a contributing factor in health care disparities ... and in a lack of health insurance ..."—p.1. www.futureofchildren.org/usr_doc/nsl_lang-access.pdf

Limited English Proficiency Students in Wisconsin: Cultural Background and Educational Needs – Indochinese Students (Hmong and Vietnamese). Wisconsin Division for Instructional Services, 1982. (PubI Ins/I pt.2) (noncirculating) Pages 23-38: "Cultural Background and Educational Needs of Hmong Students." Also contains lists of selected readings and videotapes.

Linguistically Culturally Diverse Populations: African American and Hmong. Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, 1997. (373.6/W7b7/pt.1) A guide to help educators monitor assessment and evaluation as well as intervention strategies in general and special education.

"The Ordeal of Immigration in Wausau." Roy Beck, The Atlantic Monthly, April 1994, v.273, no.4. (326.3/B38) www.theatlantic.com/politics/immigrat/beckf.htm

"Resettlement Processing Begins for the Hmong Refugees at Wat Tham Krabok, Thailand." Refugees International, March 10, 2004. www.refugeesinternational.org/cgi-bin/ri/other?occ=00826

"3,000 Hmong Expected to Settle in Wisconsin." Georgia Pabst, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, May 22, 2004. www.jsonline.com/news/state/may04/231514.asp

"Trials of Transition: Wisconsin's 31,000 Hmong Reinterpret the American Dream." Jo Sandin, Milwaukee Journal, October 23, 1994, p.6-9+. (326.3/Sa5)

Wisconsin's Hmong Population: Census 2000 Population and Trends Report. University of Wisconsin Extension and Applied Population Laboratory, November 11, 2002. www.uwex.edu/ces/hmong/pdffiles/HmongChartbook.pdf

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Related Web Sites

www.appleton.org/departments/recreation/hmong – Appleton, Wisconsin, Hmong Community Information page.

www.uwex.edu/ces/hmong – Hmong Educational Needs Assessment Project, University of Wisconsin-Extension. Detailed project summaries, along with focus insights for 10 Wisconsin counties. Includes streaming video by Katherine Bowie, Director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies: “Integration of Culture,” “Hmong in Laos,” and “Hmong in Wisconsin and the U.S.”

www.hmonghealth.org – Hmong Health Information Project. “The project is funded by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and managed by the Northern Wisconsin Area Health Education Center (NAHEC).”—*Web page.*

www.hmongihrw.org/main.html – Hmong International Human Rights Watch. Links to “Processing Procedures” and “F.A.Q.s” as well as press releases relating to Hmong human rights.

www.ncela.gwu.edu/resabout/culture/7_languages/hmong.html – Hmong Language and Culture, National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition & Language Instruction Educational Programs. Last updated March 26, 2004.

www.hndlink.org – Hmong National Development, Inc. A site rich with resources whose main focus is “... to ensure the full participation of Hmong in society.”—*Web page.*

www.hndlink.org/org-wisc.htm – Hmong Organizations, Hmong National Development, Inc. Statewide list and contact information for organizations in Wisconsin.

www.hmongstudies.org – Hmong Studies Internet Resource Center. A “... source of comprehensive information about studies of Hmong history, culture, and adaptation in diasporic communities around the world. The site also includes ... census data from the U.S. Census as well as bibliographies.”—*Web page.*

www.laohumrights.org/indexnew.html – Lao Human Rights Council, Inc., Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/civilrights/LEP%20Resources.HTM> – LEP (Limited English Proficiency) Resources, Wisconsin Department of Health & Family Services.

www.dwd.state.wi.us/dws/programs/refugees – Migrant, Refugee, and Labor Services, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. A link-filled “... focal point to coordinate services to: all foreign born and their families ...”—*Web page.*

www.dpi.state.wi.us/dlcl/bbfcsp/echmaa.html – Mutual Assistance Associations, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Bright Beginnings & Family-Community-School Partnership.

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/international/refugee> – Refugee information, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. Site under construction as of May 31, 2004; activation projected for June 2004.

www.refugeesinternational.org – Refugees International. Features recent information on resettlement.

www.co.ramsey.mn.us/thailand – St. Paul Delegation in Thailand; Ramsey County (MN). In March 2004, a delegation from St. Paul, Minnesota, traveled to WTK. Information was collected for resettlements in Minnesota, but it is useful for any location.

www.dwd.state.wi.us/wtw/state_plan/WTWREFUG.htm Southeast Asian Project, Wisconsin Welfare to Work (WtW), Wisconsin Division of Workforce Solutions, December 12, 2003. “Wisconsin’s refugee program ... focuses on family self-sufficiency ... This approach has substantially reduced the refugee welfare dependency rate from 73% in 1987 to less than 12% currently.”—*Web page.*

www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlsea/een/hmresources.html – Special Education Training and Resources, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Resources include “An Introduction to Special Education” and “Special Education Rights for Parents and Children” in Spanish and Hmong.

www.unhcr.ch/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/home – United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Leads international action to protect refugees and solve problems.

www.ursw.org/home.cfm – United Refugee Services of Wisconsin. Aims to help refugees become self-sustaining while retaining their cultural heritage.

www.wicourts.gov/services/interpreter – Wisconsin Court System Interpreter Program, Wisconsin Director of State Courts. To improve interpreter services and create a system for certification. “Interpreter Committee Report 2003”:
www.wicourts.gov/services/interpreter/docs/newsreport03.pdf

www.dwd.state.wi.us/dws/programs/refugees/Excel_Documents/agencyprograms_2003.xls – Wisconsin nonprofit and voluntary agency service providers, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlcl/bbfcsp/echcr.html – Wisconsin Resources for Working Within the Hmong Community, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Bright Beginnings & Family-Community-School Partnership.

www.hmongnet.org – WWW Hmong Homepage. Since March 1994, this “...is a volunteer effort bringing together a collection [of] the Internet-based resources related to Hmong news and current-events, issues, history, publications, and culture.”—*Web page.*

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