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***Reaching Recent Arrivers with Special Short Term  
Legal Status to meet TB Screening Requirements  
including individuals from Afghanistan, Ukraine,  
Venezuela, Haiti, and Nicaragua***

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# Humanitarian Parole

*Humanitarian Parole is granted to a foreign national (who is otherwise inadmissible) to temporarily enter the United States due to an emergency and urgent humanitarian reason or significant public benefit.*

*USCIS provides a number of humanitarian programs and protection to assist individuals in need of shelter or aid from disasters, oppression, emergency medical issues and other urgent circumstances.*

- *Have a supporter in the United States;*
- *Undergo and clear robust security vetting;*
- *Meet other eligibility criteria; and*
- *Warrant a favorable exercise of discretion.*



U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection

Carrier Liaison Program

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## **Cuban, Haitian, Nicaraguan, and Venezuelan Nationals Traveling to the United States with Advance Travel Authorization**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is expanding its parole process for certain nationals of Venezuela to now include certain nationals of Cuba, Haiti, and Nicaragua and their qualifying immediate family members, the opportunity to request advance authorization to travel to the U.S. to seek parole.

# Humanitarian Parole Arrivals To California

Country	Parolees in CA
Afghanistan	9,880 (9.2021 to 10.2022)
Ukrainian	17,709 (2.2022 to 9.14.23)

Country of Origin	Parolee Arrivals to US Jan 2023 to Aug 2023
Venezuelan	61000 (CY 2023)
Haitian	71000 CY 2023
Nicaraguan	32000 CY 2023
Cuban	45,000 CY 2023

- Under the humanitarian parole program, up to 30,000 people are being allowed each month to enter the U.S. from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela
- Nearly 211,000 Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans had arrived lawfully under the parole processes CY 2023 to August 2023

# Ukrainian Arrivals through Uniting for Ukraine (top 10 counties): 2.2022 to 9.2023

County	# of Supporter Applications*	% CA	Estimated Arrivals, n (%)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	34056	100	<b>17709</b>	
Los Angeles	10760	31.6%	5595	31.6%
Sacramento	8473	24.9%	4406	30.6%
San Diego	2177	6.4%	1132	6.4%
Santa Clara	1837	5.4%	955	5.4%
Orange	1768	5.2%	919	5.2%
Placer	1706	5.0%	887	5.0%
San Francisco	1064	3.1%	553	6.3%
Contra Costa	954	2.8%	496	2.8%
Alameda	881	2.6%	458	2.6%
San Mateo	841	2.5%	437	2.5%

# Requirements of Parole

## Pre-arrival

- Before traveling to the United States, you must attest that you have completed vaccine requirements or are eligible for an exception to vaccine requirements for
  - Measles
  - Polio
  - First dose of COVID-19 vaccine approved or authorized by the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#) or [Emergency Use Listed \(EUL\) by the World Health Organization](#).

## Post Arrival Attestation (within 90 days of arrival)

- TB Screening
- Polio vaccine if did not complete
- COVID-19 vaccination if not approved/licensed for age group or was only partially vaccinated prior to arrival in the U.S.

# Summary of Public Benefits Eligibility

IMMIGRATION CATEGORY	PUBLIC BENEFIT				
	CALFRESH	REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE (RCA)	CALWORKS	SSI	MEDI-CAL
Refugees (all Countries)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Afghan Parolees	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ukrainian Parolees	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cuban Parolees	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Haitian Parolees	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nicaraguan Parolees	— <i>May qualify for CFAP</i>	—	✓	— <i>May qualify for CAPI</i>	✓
Venezuelan Parolees	— <i>May qualify for CFAP</i>	—	✓	— <i>May qualify for CAPI</i>	✓

✓ YES  
— NO

# Medi-Cal

## Qualifying for Medi-Cal. Income, age, immigration

Income qualified persons are eligible for Medi-Cal, *regardless of immigration status* in the following categories:

- Pregnant women
- Ages 0-26
- Ages 50+
- Ages 27-49 coming in January 2024!

For adults ages 27-49 who are eligible under PRUCOL, include: [Statement of Citizenship, Alienage and Immigration Status \(ca.gov\)](#)

For those ineligible for Medi-Cal under PRUCOL, then counties have a coverage option for adults to use specific clinic sites along with an affiliated county hospital. To find and enroll for care in a federally qualified health center use:

[Find a Health Center \(hrs.gov\)](#)

# Linking New Arrivals to Healthcare

ORR Eligible Humanitarian Parolee Populations	ORR funded Programs in CA
Afghan	RHAP, RHPP
Ukrainian	RHAP, RHPP
Cuban	RHAP, RHPP
Haitian	RHAP, RHPP

Not ORR Eligible	
Venezuelan	FQHC, County
Nicaraguan	FQHC, County

Refugee Health Assessment Program (RHAP): Medical screening

Refugee Health Promotion Program (RHPP): Health navigation, health education, Resettlement Agencies; Continuity of care, county RHAP programs



# Outreach and Case Management for ORR Eligible populations

- Sponsor Orientations are held virtually each month by the CA Office of Refugee Health
- The ORR Preferred Community program funds resettlement agencies to provide outreach and case management to Ukrainians
- Afghan parolee, SIV and refugee arrivals are managed through the US DoS resettlement and placement program and facilitated through local resettlement agencies
- CA-ORH funds resettlement agency health navigation, peer mental health services and clinical mental healthcare
- TB Screening and vaccinations are also a part of the RHAP comprehensive health assessment

# Challenges Reaching HPs

- No overseas panel screening
- Overseas medical records through CDC Electronic Disease Notification system (EDN) is not available
- Sponsor information and beneficiary contract information is not provided with the exception of Afghans sponsored through resettlement agencies

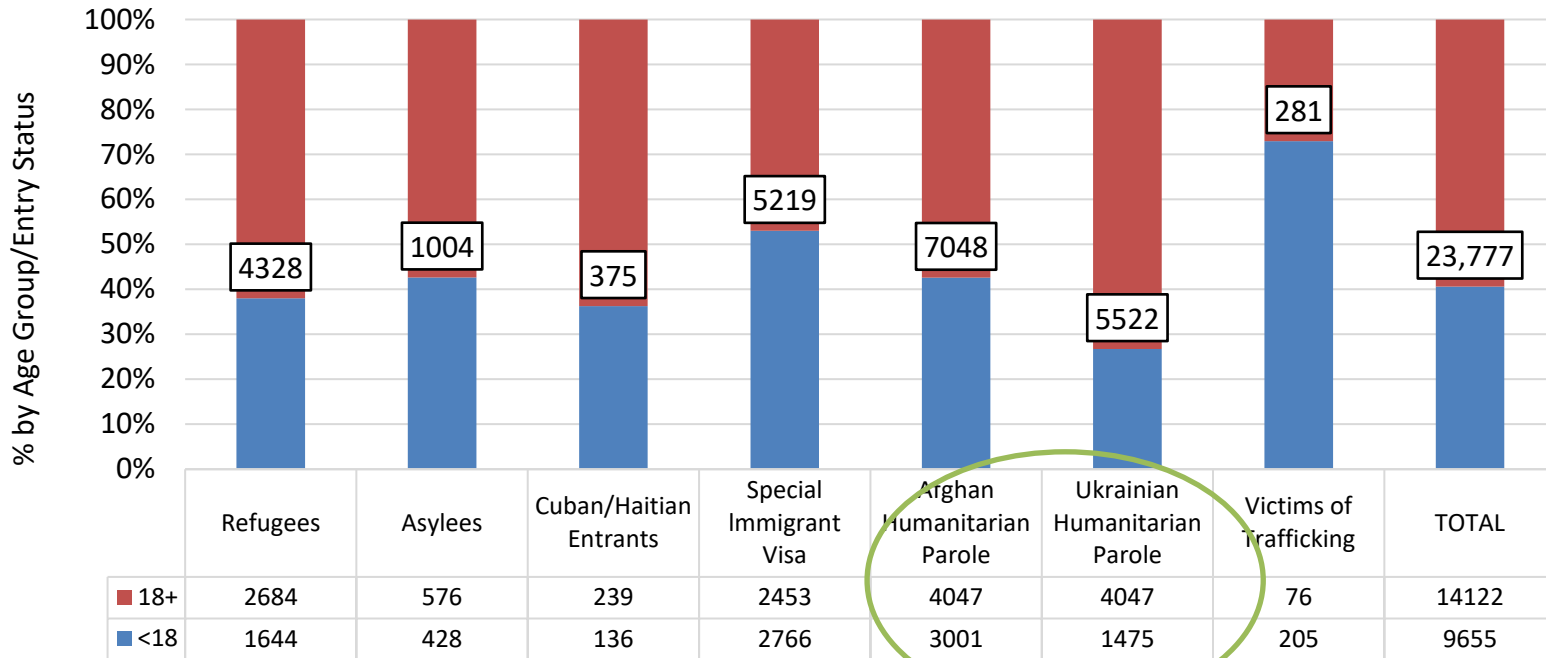
# Refugee Health Assessment Program (RHAP)

- Eligible populations:
  - Refugees, Asylees, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV), Victims of Trafficking, Cuban/Haitian entrants, and Afghan Humanitarian Parolees (AHP)
- To improve the health status of refugees to include
  - Follow-up with medical issues identified overseas
  - Health assessment within 90 days of arrival to the US
  - Early identification and/or referral for treatment
  - Referral to primary care providers for ongoing care

# Refugee Health Programs in California



# Arrivals Served by RHAP, Entry Status, 2021-2023\*



← Total Arrivals

\*Health assessments conducted between 8/1/2021-9/18/23

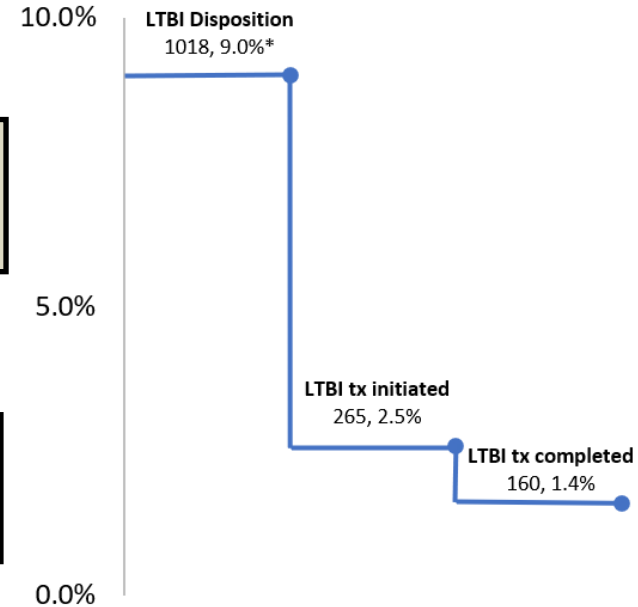
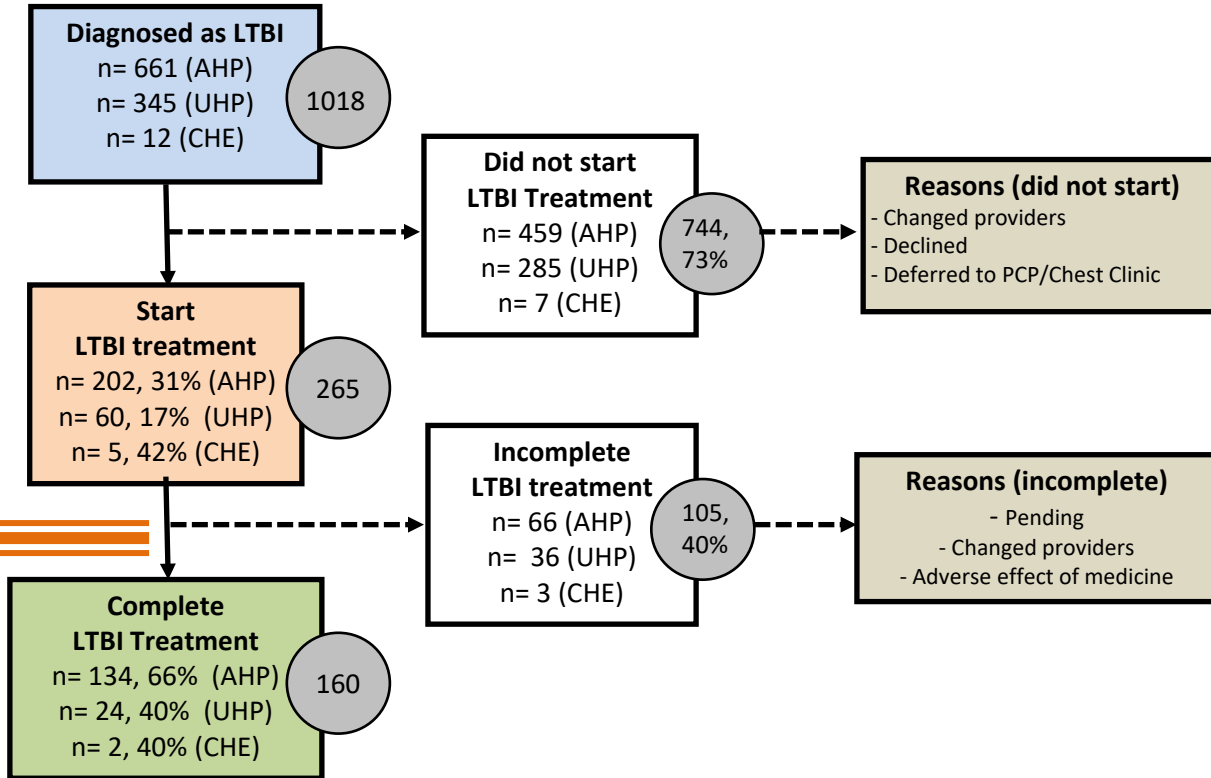
# Tuberculosis Disposition by Parole Status, 2021-2023

TB Classification		AHP	CHE	UHP	Total
TB Class 0 (No TB Exposure, not infected)	n	5434	202	4489	10125
	%	86.5	93.95	92.39	89.16
TB Class 1 (TB Exposure, no infection)	n	142	0	6	148
	%	2.26	0	0.12	1.3
TB Class 2 (TB Infection, no disease): Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI)	n	661	12	345	1018
	%	10.52	5.58	7.1	8.96
TB Class 3 (TB, clinically active)	n	2	0	0	2
	%	0.03	0	0	0.02
TB Class 4 (TB, not clinically active)	n	6	0	5	11
	%	0.1	0	0.1	0.1
TB Class 5 (TB suspected, pending)	n	37	1	14	52
	%	0.59	0.47	0.29	0.46
Total Completed Health Assessments	n	6282	215	4859	11356
	%	55.32	1.89	42.79	100

5 TB cases identified in CalREDIE 1 Ukrainian and 4 Afghan parolees

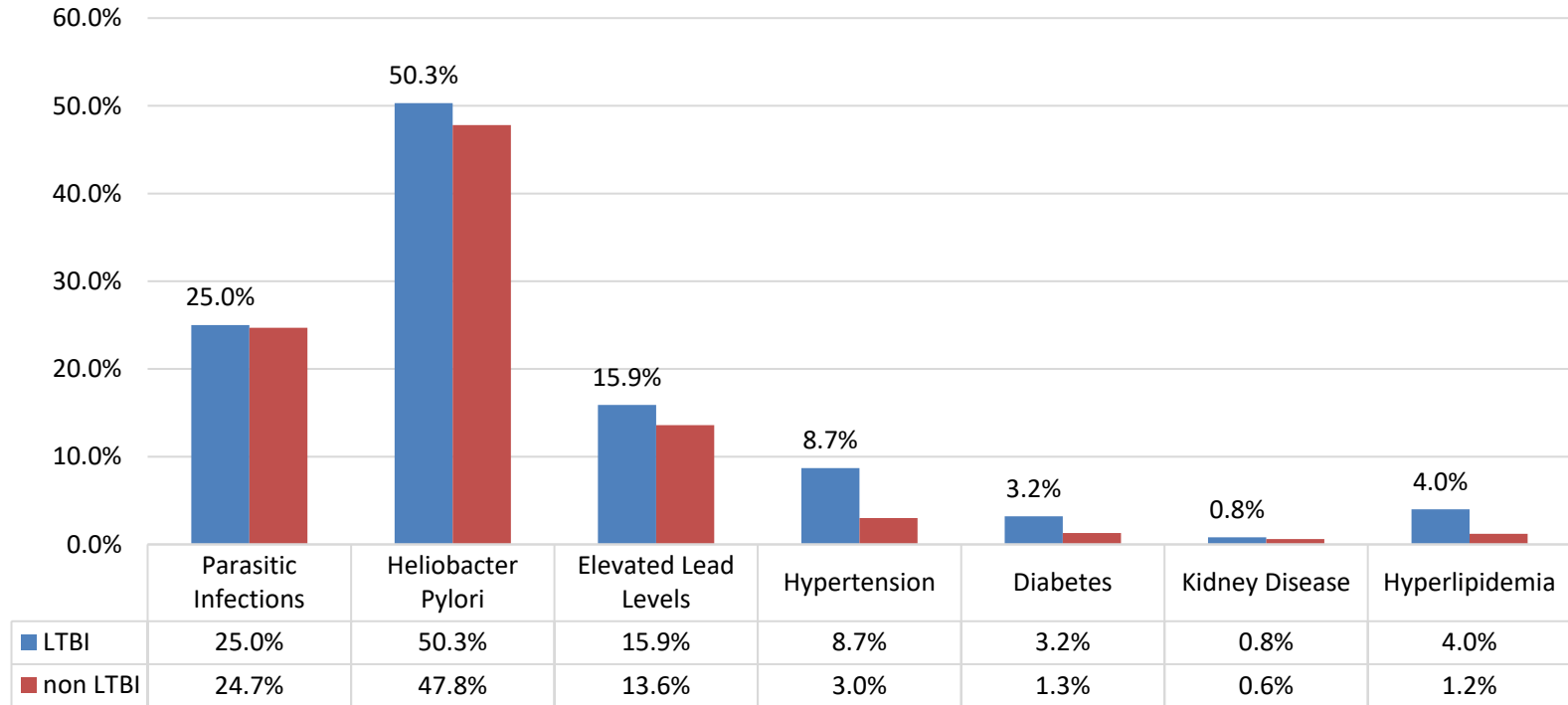
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# LTBI Cascade of Care



\* percentage of all TB disposition

# LTBI vs non-LTBI Comorbidities of Parole Arrivals




\* Health assessments completed by Refugee Health Program for reported time period



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The Office of Refugee Health works with impacted local health jurisdictions, health providers, and voluntary resettlement agencies to provide culturally and linguistically-appropriate comprehensive health assessments, and other health services, to newly arrived refugees, asylees, victims of severe forms of human trafficking (federally-certified), and other eligible entrants to assist them in achieving self-sufficiency by becoming and staying healthy.