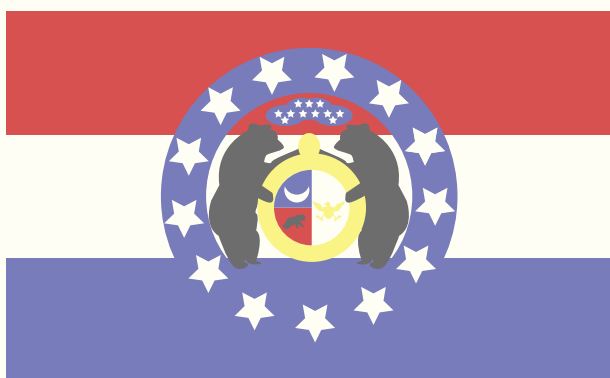


What's Vietnam to a Missourian?

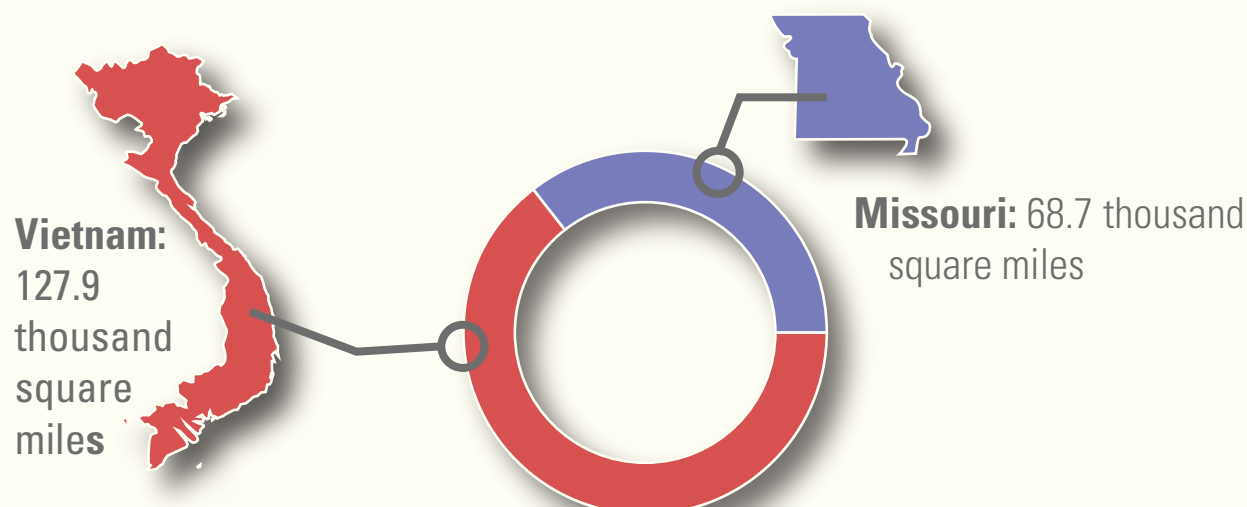


More than eight thousand miles, hours of plane flights, and the expanse of the Pacific Ocean separate the Southeast Asian country of Vietnam from the Midwest state of Missouri, but the two are connected in many ways. This graphic was created to show the ties of two seemingly unrelated counties as part of an project to share non-crisis news to Missouri audiences.

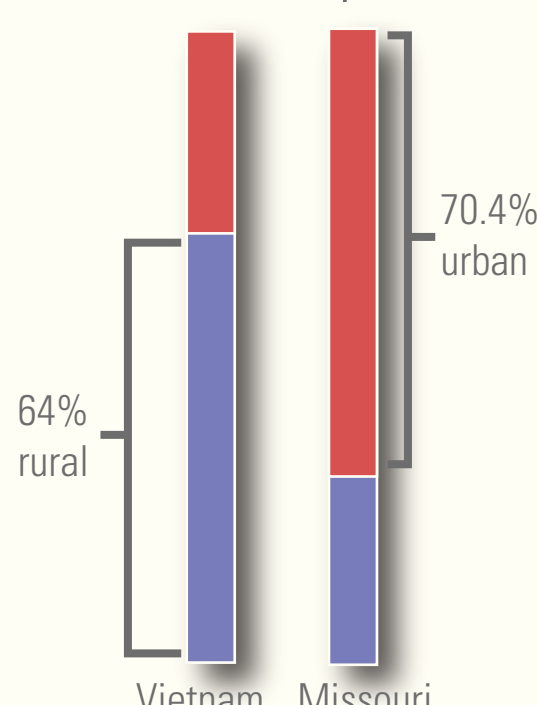
By the Numbers

Vietnam has almost twice the land mass of the state of Missouri, but it has nearly 15 times the population. Despite this, Vietnam is still more than twice as rural as Missouri.

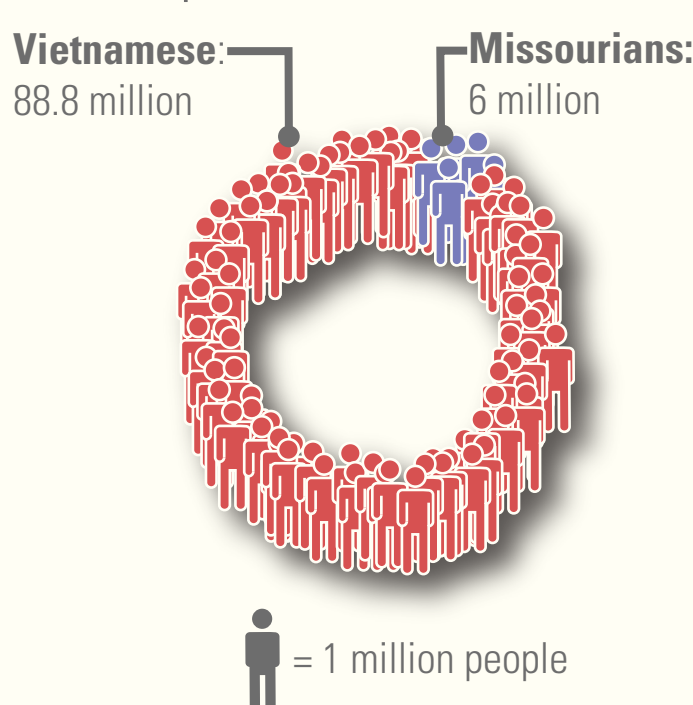
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Urban v Rural Population



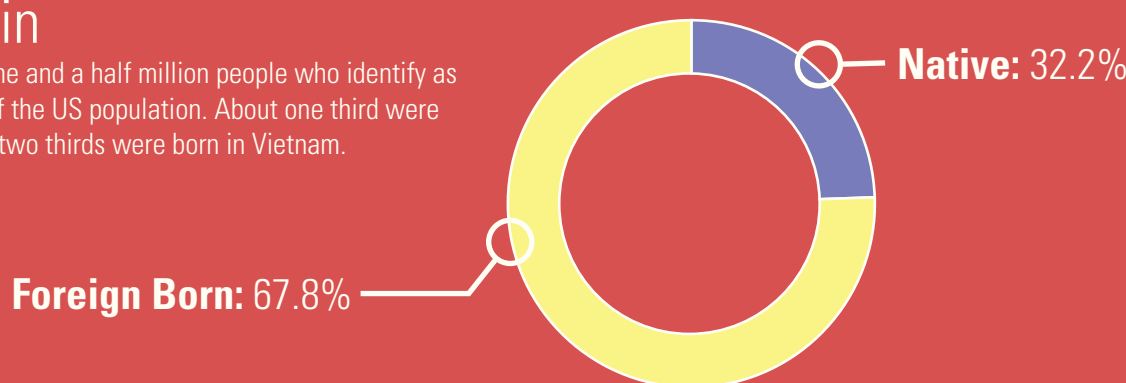
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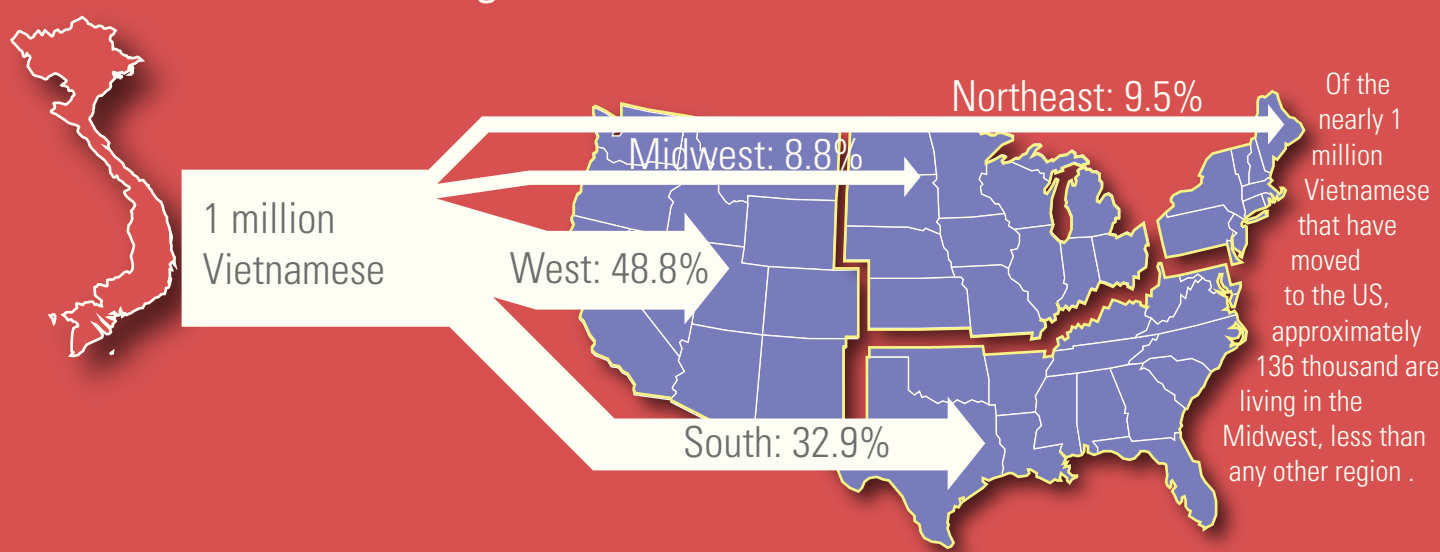
In the US

Country of Origin

The US is home to more than one and a half million people who identify as Vietnamese, about .5 percent of the US population. About one third were born in the US, while the other two thirds were born in Vietnam.



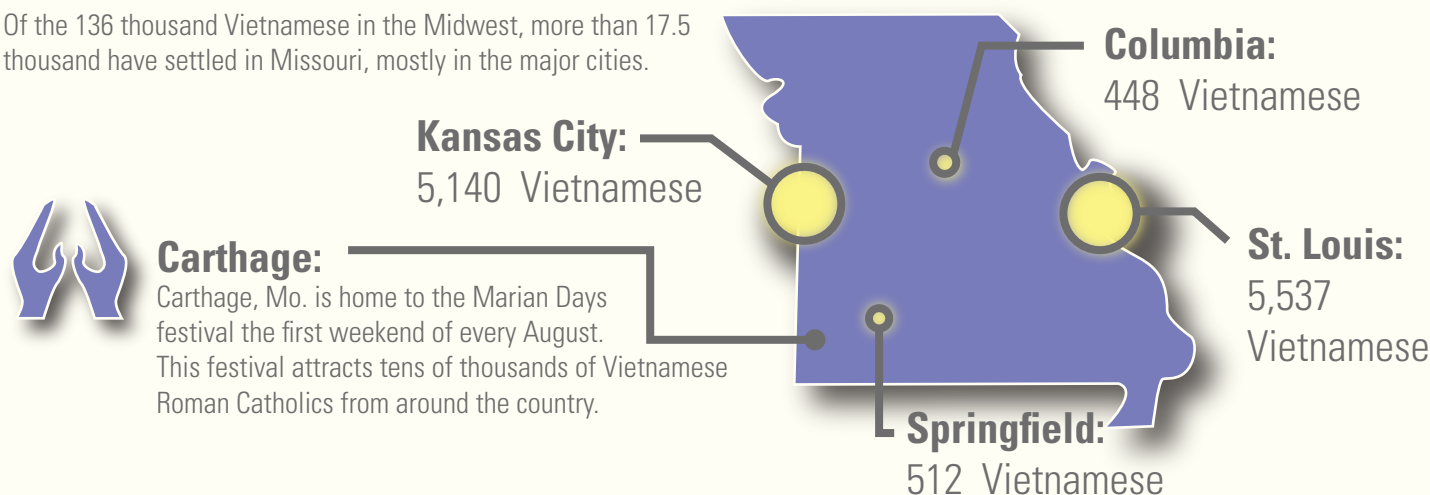
US Vietnamese Immigration



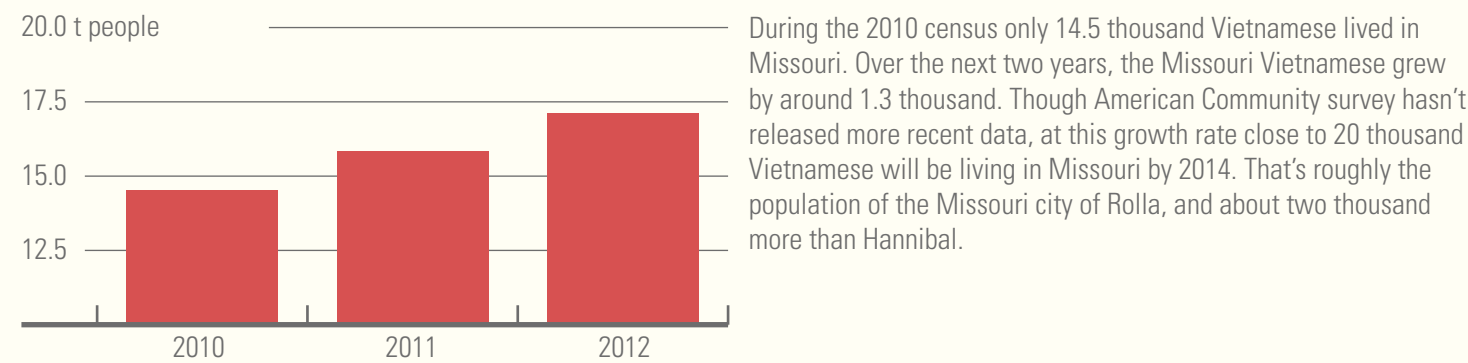
The Heart of the Heartland

Where are Missourian Vietnamese?

Of the 136 thousand Vietnamese in the Midwest, more than 17.5 thousand have settled in Missouri, mostly in the major cities.



Growth in Numbers



This graphic was created as a part of a larger project to connect local audiences with non-crisis international news. For more information, and to see other components of the project, visit www.noncrisisreporting.wordpress.com.

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