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Bosnian Migration to St. Louis and Their Imprint on the Cultural Landscape

With an estimated 70,000 people, St. Louis is home to the largest Bosnian population in the U.S. Refugees displaced by the Bosnian War began arriving in the city in 1993, followed by family reunification and secondary migration from other U.S. cities. These newcomers settled in the Bevo Mill neighborhood. Bosnian national identity is visible along Gravois Road with the words "Bosna" or "Bosnian," the national flag and colors, and the Bosnian language proudly displayed on storefront windows. Nearby are the Bosnian Islamic Center and the Islamic Community Center, the latter of which is identified by its 107-foot Ottoman-style minaret.