

# Refugee and Protection

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Current to 31 January 2026

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Statistics for each category are for ten financial years *plus* this current financial year.

Nationality statistics are not published where a value is less than five.

All values less than five are included under "Other".

## Refugee and Protection Claims by Nationality

Nationality	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Afghanistan		18	18	14	26	7	8	17	37	74	44
Algeria											
Argentina											
Bahrain							6				
Bangladesh	13	17	23	19	14	12	6	6	12	88	65
Brazil		6			9			7			
Chile					9						
China	31	78	69	117	78	66	61	117	489	256	214
Colombia	6	8	11	10	12	11		11	34	20	
Czech Republic		5	7								
Egypt				8		5		5		9	6
Eritrea											
Ethiopia			9		6					6	6
Fiji	28		8	5	14	14	6	15	11	17	21
Hong Kong								7			
Hungary		16								10	6
India	38	28	41	60	58	89	104	172	1169	887	357
Indonesia					40	93	5	6	7	19	11
Iran	18	15	15	30	23	9		9	34	56	24
Iraq	25	19	6						8	13	
Israel									7		
Ireland											6
Japan									5		
Jordan		10							8	13	
Libya		6									
Lebanon										14	
Malaysia	9	12	14	20	42	28	6	179	127	72	45
Mauritius											
Mexico								5	5		
Mongolia				8	6						
Myanmar			7	7		10	13	14	21	43	12
Nepal									57	81	19
Nigeria			10		5					5	
Pakistan	21	12	24	18	8		5	29	65	129	65
Palestine									9	32	
Philippines		5	9	12	11	8		6	9	10	8
Russia	5	9	15	15	8	17	10	10	6	18	8
Samoa										7	
Saudi Arabia	16	16	18	21	6			5	6		
Slovakia											
South Africa	18	16		10	11	8	11		10	11	12
Sri Lanka	19	21	40	38	43	31	25	46	86	220	127
Stateless				8							
Sudan								5	12	12	
Syria	11	7	6	5					7	8	
Thailand							5		8		
Tonga								9		7	
Turkey		34	22	9	13				15	25	8
Tuvalu		6								6	
Uganda	6							12		7	9
Ukraine			5				6	17	11		
USA						5		6		5	6
Uruguay				6		6					
Venezuela										8	
Vietnam			5					6		13	7
Yemen			6								
Zimbabwe	6	5		10					7		
Other	69	65	50	60	60	75	39	59	64	68	81
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>2346</b>	<b>2269</b>	<b>1167</b>

## Refugee and Protection Approvals by Nationality

Nationality	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Afghanistan				8	14	16	6	8	13	33	29
Bahrain								6			
China	11	27	45	51	44	24	24	20	35	89	81
Colombia	11					5				7	
Czech Republic				6							
Egypt				8							
Fiji								6			
India								15			
Iran	5	9	7	11	15	10	6		6	15	11
Iraq	8	20									
Jordan		5									
Libya		6									
Malaysia						5			7		
Myanmar				6			7	10	15	18	22
Pakistan	15	5		5					13	23	13
Palestine										26	15
Philippines					6						
Russia			14	8		6			11		
Saudi Arabia		10	6	11	5	5					
Sri Lanka				7		5	9			5	5
Sudan									9	8	
Syria	14	8	7		6						
Turkey		13	13								
Ukraine									6		
Yemen			5								
Zimbabwe	6										
Other	41	29	35	32	34	23	43	39	29	29	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>204</b>

## Refugee and Protection Claims and Decisions by Financial Year

Overview	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Claims	339	434	438	510	502	494	316	780	2346	2269	1167
Decisions	314	360	413	437	342	354	424	482	704	1084	798
Declined*	203	228	281	284	218	255	329	378	560	831	594
Approved	111	132	132	153	124	99	95	104	144	253	204
Approval Rate	35.4%	36.7%	32.0%	35.0%	36.3%	28.0%	22.4%	21.6%	20.5%	23.3%	25.6%

\* includes withdrawals

## Refugee Quota Arrivals by Nationality

Nationality	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Afghanistan	143	123	114	105	128	78	107	218	317	249	180
Bhutan	31	61	18								
Burundi							11				5
Cambodia							6		5		
China										5	
Colombia	100	139	159	184	135	33	118	135	64	74	38
Congo				18							
D.R. of Congo			12	19	47	5	28	165	84	133	151
Ecuador	6	12	20	12			7				
Egypt											
Eritrea	7			27	64			121	18	56	
Ethiopia			5							10	10
Iran		19	40	5	5			36	93	99	36
Iraq	19	23	8	9	23		11	31	5	19	10
Kyrgyzstan								8			
Myanmar	217	187	177	240	207	105	126	206	206	199	186
Nepal		5									
Pakistan		39	44	76	33	14	131	140	132	81	43
Palestine	26	59	73	77	36					11	
Papua New Guinea								9	13		
Somalia	13	12	9	35	13	14	60	123	93	47	20
South Sudan			9							6	12
Sri Lanka	24	27	7	29	11			6	26	11	
Sudan								8	11	6	8
Syria	252	302	307	155	81	8	111	257	375	439	117
Turkey							20	11			
Venezuela									44	20	30
Vietnam	16								7	15	
Yemen								18			
Other	22	9	18	16	14	6	18	15	21	27	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>1017</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>1507</b>	<b>1514</b>	<b>1507</b>	<b>868</b>

## Refugee Quota Settlement by Region

Region	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Auckland	185	103	86	106	131	55	121	276	310	246	118
Waikato	115	175	165	161	103	31	71	132	133	135	53
Manawatu	113	157	162	143	101	43	64	139	122	141	70
Masterton							39	38	69	89	70
Levin								65	55	80	39
Wellington	277	245	243	168	92	27	158	196	194	183	116
Nelson	89	127	127	117	88	23	36	67	60	50	64
Blenheim					10	14	38	83	81	49	44
Christchurch	3	14	11	47	97	42	48	151	163	162	81
Ashburton						9	37	65	60	68	48
Timaru					16	9	31	99	92	142	63
Dunedin	94	196	182	178	90	10	49	89	109	107	57
Invercargill			44	87	69		62	107	66	56	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>1017</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>1507</b>	<b>1514</b>	<b>1508</b>	<b>868</b>

## Main Nationalities Settled In Regions In The Last Five Financial Years

Region	First	Second	Third
Auckland	Syria	Myanmar	Afghanistan
Waikato	Syria	D.R. of Congo	Somalia
Manawatu	Myanmar	Afghanistan	
Masterton	Pakistan	D.R. of Congo	
Levin	Colombia	Venezuela	
Wellington	Syria	Pakistan	Afghanistan
Nelson	Myanmar	Pakistan	Colombia
Blenheim	Myanmar	Colombia	
Christchurch	Somalia	Afghanistan	Eritrea
Ashburton	Afghanistan		
Timaru	Syria		
Dunedin	Syria	Afghanistan	Yemen
Invercargill	D.R. of Congo	Colombia	

## Refugee Family Support Category Invitations to Apply Issued

Tier One	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Registrations	96	80	112	99	82	61	69	107	29	310	113
Persons	348	274	424	319	280	178	244	329	78	1197	387
Tier Two	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Registrations	71	69	52	142	121	18	1	16	0	0	64
Persons	304	336	246	669	580	73	3	81	0	0	228
Total	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Registrations	167	149	164	241	203	79	70	123	29	310	177
Persons	652	610	670	988	860	251	247	410	78	1197	615

## Refugee Family Support Category Residence Visas Granted

Tier One	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Applications	34	70	57	60	24	1	10	66	68	154	53
Persons	91	173	150	213	79	6	32	213	224	506	173
Tier Two	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Applications	37	47	39	30	21	2	13	85	79	19	4
Persons	128	199	132	129	90	2	54	404	376	94	23
Total	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Applications	71	117	96	90	45	3	23	151	147	173	57
Persons	219	372	282	342	169	8	86	617	600	600	196

## Refugee Family Support Category Arrivals by Nationality

All Tiers	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Afghanistan	42	126	50	117	84	10	75	123	222	162	91
Bangladesh										7	
Bhutan								7			
Burundi								7			
Cambodia		5									
China		12	6	10	9				7	5	
Colombia			9	8	10			28	5	28	36
Congo										7	
D.R. of Congo	6	5						7			
Ecuador											8
Eritrea	5	12	7	19				13	7	36	19
Ethiopia	20	25	17	40				7	22	66	18
India								6			
Iran	7	37	23	19	7			15	18	11	18
Iraq	14	8	16	18	13				18		6
Jordan		7									
Kosovo					5						
Laos	14		14	10	15						
Myanmar	11	9	5	6	8			80	73	49	36
Nepal			8								
Pakistan		11		16	9			7	7	34	12
Palestine					7			6			
Rwanda											
Somalia	8	17	15	21	18			56	40	54	54
South Sudan		7								5	9
Sri Lanka		43	41	27	9			15	11	16	
Sudan		8							5	5	
Syria								5		26	25
Turkey	5	6	7	6				5			
Vietnam	17	25	23	17	7				9		
Yemen											9
Zambia									6		
Other	23	20	17	16	16	0	8	19	31	37	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>363</b>

## Undecided Refugee Family Support Category Registrations and Residence Visa Applications

Registrations	Registrations	Persons	Residence	Applications	Persons
Tier One	14	54	Tier One	171	630
Tier Two	848	3779	Tier Two	21	81
<b>Total</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>3833</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>711</b>

## Community Organisation Refugee Sponsorship

	Arrivals in New Zealand by Nationality			
Nationality	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Afghanistan		45	31	
Burundi		15	12	6
Democratic Republic of Congo		8	10	
Ethiopia			9	
Iraq		9		
Pakistan			5	
South Sudan			8	
Syria		12		
Other		15	12	
<b>Total</b>		<b>104</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>6</b>

	Approved Applications by Nationality			
Nationality	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Afghanistan		61	18	
Burundi		22	11	
Democratic Republic of Congo		11	7	
Ethiopia		9		
Iraq		9		
Pakistan			5	
South Sudan		7		
Syria		12		
Other	1	19	9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>