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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	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Afghanistan	18	18	14	26	7	8	17	37	74	109	24
Bahrain						6					
Bangladesh	17	23	19	14	12	6	6	12	88	85	6
Bhutan											
Brazil	6			9			7			8	5
Chile				9							
China	78	69	117	78	66	61	117	489	256	336	32
Colombia	8	11	10	12	11		11	34	20	5	
Czech Republic	5	7									
Egypt			8		5		5		9	21	6
Eritrea											
Ethiopia		9		6					6	11	
Fiji		8	5	14	14	6	15	11	17	28	
Hong Kong							7				
Hungary	16								10	6	
India	28	41	60	58	89	104	172	1169	887	683	65
Indonesia				40	93	5	6	7	19	28	
Iran	15	15	30	23	9		9	34	56	59	
Iraq	19	6						8	13	6	
Israel								7		5	
Ireland										6	
Japan								5			
Jordan	10							8	13	6	
Kuwait										5	
Libya	6										
Lebanon									14		
Malaysia	12	14	20	42	28	6	179	127	72	62	6
Mauritius											
Mexico							5	5		8	
Mongolia			8	6							
Morocco										5	
Myanmar		7	7		10	13	14	21	43	30	
Nepal								57	81	45	
Nigeria		10		5					5		
Pakistan	12	24	18	8		5	29	65	129	90	10
Palestine								9	32	5	
Philippines	5	9	12	11	8		6	9	10	11	
Russia	9	15	15	8	17	10	10	6	18	11	
Samoa									7		
Saudi Arabia	16	18	21	6			5	6			
Slovakia											
South Africa	16		10	11	8	11		10	11	33	
Sri Lanka	21	40	38	43	31	25	46	86	220	201	16
Stateless			8								
Sudan							5	12	12	20	
Syria	7	6	5					7	8		
Taiwan										6	
Thailand						5		8			
Tonga							9		7		
Turkey	34	22	9	13				15	25	21	
Tuvalu	6								6		
Uganda							12		7	10	
Ukraine		5				6	17	11			
USA					5		6		5	6	
Uruguay			6		6						
Venezuela									8		
Vietnam		5					6		13	70	19
Yemen		6								5	
Zimbabwe	5		10					7		6	
Other	65	50	60	60	75	39	59	64	68	71	28
Total	434	438	510	502	494	316	780	2346	2269	2123	217

Refugee and Protection Approvals by Nationality

Nationality	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Afghanistan			8	14	16	6	8	13	33	44	
Bahrain							6				
China	27	45	51	44	24	24	20	35	89	179	
Colombia					5				7		
Czech Republic			6								
Egypt			8								
Fiji							6				
India							15			8	
Iran	9	7	11	15	10	6		6	15	31	
Iraq	20										
Jordan	5										
Libya	6										
Malaysia					5			7		6	
Myanmar			6			7	10	15	18	36	
Pakistan	5		5					13	23	25	
Palestine									26	16	
Philippines				6							
Russia		14	8		6			11			
Saudi Arabia	10	6	11	5	5						
Sri Lanka			7		5	9			5	11	
Sudan								9	8		
Syria	8	7		6							
Turkey	13	13									
Ukraine								6			
Yemen		5									
Zimbabwe											
Other	29	35	32	34	23	43	39	29	29	36	10
Total	132	132	153	124	99	95	104	144	253	392	10

Refugee and Protection Claims and Decisions by Financial Year

Overview	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Claims	434	438	510	502	494	316	780	2346	2269	2123	217
Decisions	360	413	437	342	354	424	482	704	1084	1655	126
Declined*	228	281	284	218	255	329	378	560	831	1263	116
Approved	132	132	153	124	99	95	104	144	253	392	10
Approval Rate	36.7%	32.0%	35.0%	36.3%	28.0%	22.4%	21.6%	20.5%	23.3%	23.7%	7.9%

* includes withdrawals

Refugee Quota Arrivals by Nationality

Nationality	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Afghanistan	123	114	105	128	78	107	218	317	249	279	26
Bhutan	61	18									
Burundi						11				5	
Cambodia						6		5			
China									5		
Colombia	139	159	184	135	33	118	135	64	74	91	5
Congo			18								
D.R. of Congo		12	19	47	5	28	165	84	133	254	21
Ecuador	12	20	12			7					
Egypt											
Eritrea			27	64			121	18	56	5	
Ethiopia		5							10	23	17
Haiti										7	
Iran	19	40	5	5			36	93	99	58	
Iraq	23	8	9	23		11	31	5	19	16	
Kyrgyzstan							8				
Myanmar	187	177	240	207	105	126	206	206	199	346	50
Nepal	5										
Pakistan	39	44	76	33	14	131	140	132	81	69	8
Palestine	59	73	77	36					11		
Papua New Guinea							9	13			
Somalia	12	9	35	13	14	60	123	93	47	27	8
South Sudan		9							6	12	
Sri Lanka	27	7	29	11			6	26	11	13	
Sudan							8	11	6	17	18
Syria	302	307	155	81	8	111	257	375	439	204	28
Turkey						20	11				
Venezuela								44	20	57	6
Vietnam								7	15		
Yemen							18			11	
Other	9	18	16	14	6	18	15	21	27	19	7
Total	1017	1020	1007	797	263	754	1507	1514	1507	1513	194

Refugee Quota Settlement by Region

Region	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Auckland	103	86	106	131	55	121	276	310	246	308	28
Waikato	175	165	161	103	31	71	132	133	135	131	17
Manawatu	157	162	143	101	43	64	139	122	141	135	11
Masterton						39	38	69	89	78	15
Levin							65	55	80	81	6
Wellington	245	243	168	92	27	158	196	194	183	175	25
Nelson	127	127	117	88	23	36	67	60	50	101	5
Blenheim				10	14	38	83	81	49	76	12
Christchurch	14	11	47	97	42	48	151	163	162	137	31
Ashburton					9	37	65	60	68	54	9
Timaru				16	9	31	99	92	142	73	15
Dunedin	196	182	178	90	10	49	89	109	107	73	11
Invercargill		44	87	69		62	107	66	56	91	8
Total	1017	1020	1007	797	263	754	1507	1514	1508	1513	193

Main Nationalities Settled In Regions In The Last Five Financial Years

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

Refugee Family Support Category Invitations to Apply Issued

Tier One	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Registrations	80	112	99	82	61	69	107	29	310	182	21
Persons	274	424	319	280	178	244	329	78	1197	688	93
Tier Two	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Registrations	69	52	142	121	18	1	16	0	0	411	13
Persons	336	246	669	580	73	3	81	0	0	1743	53
Total	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Registrations	149	164	241	203	79	70	123	29	310	593	34
Persons	610	670	988	860	251	247	410	78	1197	2431	146

Refugee Family Support Category Residence Visas Granted

Tier One	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Applications	70	57	60	24	1	10	66	68	154	148	23
Persons	173	150	213	79	6	32	213	224	506	535	81
Tier Two	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Applications	47	39	30	21	2	13	85	79	19	17	7
Persons	199	132	129	90	2	54	404	376	94	68	23
Total	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Applications	117	96	90	45	3	23	151	147	173	165	30
Persons	372	282	342	169	8	86	617	600	600	603	104

Refugee Family Support Category Arrivals by Nationality

All Tiers	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Afghanistan	126	50	117	84	10	75	123	222	162	209	35
Bangladesh									7		
Bhutan							7				
Burundi							7			16	
Cambodia	5										
China	12	6	10	9				7	5		
Colombia		9	8	10			28	5	28	43	
Congo									7		
D.R. of Congo	5						7			6	9
Ecuador										8	
Eritrea	12	7	19				13	7	36	34	
Ethiopia	25	17	40				7	22	66	30	
India							6				
Iran	37	23	19	7			15	18	11	29	
Iraq	8	16	18	13				18		8	
Jordan	7										
Kosovo				5							
Laos		14	10	15							
Myanmar	9	5	6	8			80	73	49	54	8
Nepal		8									
Pakistan	11		16	9			7	7	34	31	
Palestine				7			6				
Somalia	17	15	21	18			56	40	54	66	10
South Sudan	7								5	9	
Sri Lanka	43	41	27	9			15	11	16	12	
Sudan	8							5	5		
Syria							5		26	56	14
Turkey	6	7	6				5				
Vietnam	25	23	17	7				9			
Yemen										10	
Zambia								6		6	
Other	20	17	16	16	0	8	19	31	37	13	6
Total	383	258	350	217	10	83	406	481	548	640	82

Undecided Refugee Family Support Category Registrations and Residence Visa Applications

Registrations	Registrations	Persons	Residence	Applications	Persons
Tier One	16	57	Tier One	153	546
Tier Two	311	1388	Tier Two	71	289
Total	327	1445	Total	224	835

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	
Total	0	104	87	6

	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	
Total	1	150	50	0