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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	64
Algeria											
Argentina											
Bahrain							6				
Bangladesh	13	17	23	19	14	12	6	6	12	88	69
Brazil		6			9			7			5
Chile					9						
China	31	78	69	117	78	66	61	117	489	256	264
Colombia	6	8	11	10	12	11		11	34	20	
Czech Republic		5	7								
Egypt				8		5		5		9	7
Eritrea											
Ethiopia			9		6					6	7
Fiji	28		8	5	14	14	6	15	11	17	22
Hong Kong								7			
Hungary		16								10	6
India	38	28	41	60	58	89	104	172	1169	887	486
Indonesia					40	93	5	6	7	19	18
Iran	18	15	15	30	23	9		9	34	56	37
Iraq	25	19	6						8	13	6
Israel									7		5
Ireland											6
Japan									5		
Jordan		10							8	13	
Libya		6									
Lebanon										14	
Malaysia	9	12	14	20	42	28	6	179	127	72	51
Mauritius											
Mexico								5	5		6
Mongolia				8	6						
Myanmar			7	7		10	13	14	21	43	19
Nepal									57	81	34
Nigeria			10		5					5	
Pakistan	21	12	24	18	8		5	29	65	129	77
Palestine									9	32	5
Philippines		5	9	12	11	8		6	9	10	10
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	20
Sri Lanka	19	21	40	38	43	31	25	46	86	220	152
Stateless				8							
Sudan								5	12	12	16
Syria	11	7	6	5					7	8	
Thailand							5		8		
Tonga								9		7	
Turkey		34	22	9	13				15	25	16
Tuvalu		6								6	
Uganda	6							12		7	10
Ukraine			5				6	17	11		
USA						5		6		5	6
Uruguay				6		6					
Venezuela										8	
Vietnam			5					6		13	16
Yemen			6								5
Zimbabwe	6	5		10					7		6
Other	69	65	50	60	60	75	39	59	64	68	63
Total	339	434	438	510	502	494	316	780	2346	2269	1522

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	34
Bahrain								6			
China	11	27	45	51	44	24	24	20	35	89	107
Colombia	11					5				7	
Czech Republic				6							
Egypt				8							
Fiji								6			
India								15			8
Iran	5	9	7	11	15	10	6		6	15	17
Iraq	8	20									
Jordan		5									
Libya		6									
Malaysia						5			7		
Myanmar				6			7	10	15	18	26
Pakistan	15	5		5					13	23	14
Palestine										26	15
Philippines					6						
Russia			14	8		6			11		
Saudi Arabia		10	6	11	5	5					
Sri Lanka				7		5	9			5	7
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	33
Total	111	132	132	153	124	99	95	104	144	253	261

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	1522
Decisions	314	360	413	437	342	354	424	482	704	1084	1030
Declined*	203	228	281	284	218	255	329	378	560	831	769
Approved	111	132	132	153	124	99	95	104	144	253	261
Approval Rate	35.4%	36.7%	32.0%	35.0%	36.3%	28.0%	22.4%	21.6%	20.5%	23.3%	25.3%

* 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	216
Bhutan	31	61	18								
Burundi							11				5
Cambodia							6		5		
China										5	
Colombia	100	139	159	184	135	33	118	135	64	74	59
Congo				18							
D.R. of Congo			12	19	47	5	28	165	84	133	183
Ecuador	6	12	20	12			7				
Egypt											
Eritrea	7			27	64			121	18	56	
Ethiopia			5							10	10
Haiti											7
Iran		19	40	5	5			36	93	99	40
Iraq	19	23	8	9	23		11	31	5	19	11
Kyrgyzstan								8			
Myanmar	217	187	177	240	207	105	126	206	206	199	248
Nepal		5									
Pakistan		39	44	76	33	14	131	140	132	81	57
Palestine	26	59	73	77	36					11	
Papua New Guinea								9	13		
Somalia	13	12	9	35	13	14	60	123	93	47	21
South Sudan			9							6	12
Sri Lanka	24	27	7	29	11			6	26	11	5
Sudan								8	11	6	16
Syria	252	302	307	155	81	8	111	257	375	439	139
Turkey							20	11			
Venezuela									44	20	30
Vietnam	16								7	15	
Yemen								18			
Other	22	9	18	16	14	6	18	15	21	27	17
Total	876	1017	1020	1007	797	263	754	1507	1514	1507	1076

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	224
Waikato	115	175	165	161	103	31	71	132	133	135	87
Manawatu	113	157	162	143	101	43	64	139	122	141	97
Masterton							39	38	69	89	71
Levin								65	55	80	53
Wellington	277	245	243	168	92	27	158	196	194	183	125
Nelson	89	127	127	117	88	23	36	67	60	50	74
Blenheim					10	14	38	83	81	49	49
Christchurch	3	14	11	47	97	42	48	151	163	162	101
Ashburton						9	37	65	60	68	35
Timaru					16	9	31	99	92	142	70
Dunedin	94	196	182	178	90	10	49	89	109	107	35
Invercargill			44	87	69		62	107	66	56	55
Total	876	1017	1020	1007	797	263	754	1507	1514	1508	1076

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	142
Persons	348	274	424	319	280	178	244	329	78	1197	521
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	143
Persons	304	336	246	669	580	73	3	81	0	0	596
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	285
Persons	652	610	670	988	860	251	247	410	78	1197	1117

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	86
Persons	91	173	150	213	79	6	32	213	224	506	284
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	8
Persons	128	199	132	129	90	2	54	404	376	94	31
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	94
Persons	219	372	282	342	169	8	86	617	600	600	315

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	128
Bangladesh										7	
Bhutan								7			
Burundi								7			7
Cambodia		5									
China		12	6	10	9				7	5	
Colombia			9	8	10			28	5	28	43
Congo										7	
D.R. of Congo	6	5						7			
Ecuador											8
Eritrea	5	12	7	19				13	7	36	23
Ethiopia	20	25	17	40				7	22	66	20
India								6			
Iran	7	37	23	19	7			15	18	11	28
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	46
Nepal			8								
Pakistan		11		16	9			7	7	34	12
Palestine					7			6			
Rwanda											
Somalia	8	17	15	21	18			56	40	54	62
South Sudan		7								5	9
Sri Lanka		43	41	27	9			15	11	16	10
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		6
Other	23	20	17	16	16	0	8	19	31	38	18
Total	172	383	258	350	217	10	83	406	481	549	460

Undecided Refugee Family Support Category Registrations and Residence Visa Applications

Registrations	Registrations	Persons	Residence	Applications	Persons
Tier One	12	45	Tier One	174	606
Tier Two	739	3289	Tier Two	21	88
Total	751	3334	Total	195	694

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		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