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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	47
Bahrain						6					
Bangladesh	17	23	19	14	12	6	6	12	88	85	22
Bhutan											
Brazil	6			9			7			8	6
Chile				9							
China	78	69	117	78	66	61	117	489	256	336	73
Colombia	8	11	10	12	11		11	34	20	5	6
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	205
Indonesia				40	93	5	6	7	19	28	13
Iran	15	15	30	23	9		9	34	56	59	9
Iraq	19	6						8	13	6	
Israel								7		5	
Ireland										6	
Japan								5			
Jordan	10							8	13	6	
Kuwait										5	7
Libya	6										
Lebanon									14		5
Malaysia	12	14	20	42	28	6	179	127	72	62	32
Mauritius											
Mexico							5	5		8	
Mongolia			8	6							
Morocco										5	
Myanmar		7	7		10	13	14	21	43	30	17
Nepal								57	81	45	16
Nigeria		10		5					5		
Pakistan	12	24	18	8		5	29	65	129	90	31
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	5
Samoa									7		
Saudi Arabia	16	18	21	6			5	6			
Slovakia											
South Africa	16		10	11	8	11		10	11	33	8
Sri Lanka	21	40	38	43	31	25	46	86	220	201	39
Stateless			8								
Sudan							5	12	12	20	
Syria	7	6	5					7	8		
Taiwan										6	
Thailand						5		8			
Tonga							9		7		5
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	52
Yemen		6								5	
Zimbabwe	5		10					7		6	
Other	65	50	60	60	75	39	59	64	68	71	32
Total	**434**	**438**	**510**	**502**	**494**	**316**	**780**	**2346**	**2269**	**2123**	**636**

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	31
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										6
Libya	6										
Malaysia					5			7		6	
Myanmar			6			7	10	15	18	36	
Pakistan	5		5					13	23	25	5
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	22
Total	**132**	**132**	**153**	**124**	**99**	**95**	**104**	**144**	**253**	**392**	**64**

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	636
Decisions	360	413	437	342	354	424	482	704	1084	1655	404
Declined*	228	281	284	218	255	329	378	560	831	1263	340
Approved	132	132	153	124	99	95	104	144	253	392	64
Approval Rate	36.7%	32.0%	35.0%	36.3%	28.0%	22.4%	21.6%	20.5%	23.3%	23.7%	15.8%

* 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	43
Bhutan	61	18									
Burundi						11				5	
Cambodia						6		5			
China									5		
Colombia	139	159	184	135	33	118	135	64	74	91	19
Congo			18								
D.R. of Congo		12	19	47	5	28	165	84	133	254	60
Ecuador	12	20	12			7					
Egypt											
Eritrea			27	64			121	18	56	5	
Ethiopia		5							10	23	18
Haiti										7	
Iran	19	40	5	5			36	93	99	58	5
Iraq	23	8	9	23		11	31	5	19	16	
Kyrgyzstan							8				
Myanmar	187	177	240	207	105	126	206	206	199	346	113
Nepal	5										
Pakistan	39	44	76	33	14	131	140	132	81	69	13
Palestine	59	73	77	36					11		
Papua New Guinea							9	13			
Somalia	12	9	35	13	14	60	123	93	47	27	11
South Sudan		9							6	12	
Sri Lanka	27	7	29	11			6	26	11	13	
Sudan							8	11	6	17	20
Syria	302	307	155	81	8	111	257	375	439	204	95
Turkey						20	11				
Venezuela								44	20	57	11
Vietnam								7	15		6
Yemen							18			11	
Other	9	18	16	14	6	18	15	21	27	19	12
Total	**1017**	**1020**	**1007**	**797**	**263**	**754**	**1507**	**1514**	**1507**	**1513**	**426**

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	57
Waikato	175	165	161	103	31	71	132	133	135	131	35
Manawatu	157	162	143	101	43	64	139	122	141	135	28
Masterton						39	38	69	89	78	20
Levin							65	55	80	81	17
Wellington	245	243	168	92	27	158	196	194	183	175	50
Nelson	127	127	117	88	23	36	67	60	50	101	38
Blenheim				10	14	38	83	81	49	76	26
Christchurch	14	11	47	97	42	48	151	163	162	137	53
Ashburton					9	37	65	60	68	54	12
Timaru				16	9	31	99	92	142	73	31
Dunedin	196	182	178	90	10	49	89	109	107	73	35
Invercargill		44	87	69		62	107	66	56	91	24
Total	**1017**	**1020**	**1007**	**797**	**263**	**754**	**1507**	**1514**	**1508**	**1513**	**426**

Main Nationalities Settled In Regions In The Last Five Financial Years

Region	First	Second	Third
Auckland	Afghanistan	Syria	Iran
Wellington	Syria	Pakistan	Afghanistan
Christchurch	Afghanistan	Somalia	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	50
Persons	274	424	319	280	178	244	329	78	1197	688	210
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**	**63**
Persons	**610**	**670**	**988**	**860**	**251**	**247**	**410**	**78**	**1197**	**2431**	**263**

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	51
Persons	173	150	213	79	6	32	213	224	506	535	175
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	14
Persons	199	132	129	90	2	54	404	376	94	68	46
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**	**65**
Persons	**372**	**282**	**342**	**169**	**8**	**86**	**617**	**600**	**600**	**603**	**221**

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	85
Bangladesh									7		
Bhutan							7				
Burundi							7			16	
Cambodia	5										
China	12	6	10	9				7	5		
Colombia		9	8	10			28	5	28	43	9
Congo									7		
D.R. of Congo	5						7			6	9
Ecuador										8	
Eritrea	12	7	19				13	7	36	34	5
Ethiopia	25	17	40				7	22	66	30	
India							6				
Iran	37	23	19	7			15	18	11	29	7
Iraq	8	16	18	13				18		8	
Jordan	7										
Kosovo				5							
Laos		14	10	15							
Myanmar	9	5	6	8			80	73	49	54	15
Nepal		8									
Pakistan	11		16	9			7	7	34	31	
Palestine				7			6				
Somalia	17	15	21	18			56	40	54	66	13
South Sudan	7								5	9	
Sri Lanka	43	41	27	9			15	11	16	12	
Sudan	8							5	5		
Syria							5		26	56	15
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	14
Total	**383**	**258**	**350**	**217**	**10**	**83**	**406**	**481**	**548**	**640**	**172**

Undecided Refugee Family Support Category Registrations and Residence Visa Applications

Registrations	Registrations	Persons	Residence	Applications	Persons
Tier One	38	139	Tier One	143	521
Tier Two	311	1388	Tier Two	101	442
Total	**349**	**1527**	**Total**	**244**	**963**

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**