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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	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Afghanistan	11		18	18	14	26	7	8	17	37	66
Argentina											
Bahrain								6			
Bangladesh	11	13	17	23	19	14	12	6	6	12	82
Brazil			6			9			7		
Chile						9					
China	27	31	78	69	117	78	66	61	117	489	244
Colombia	12	6	8	11	10	12	11		11	34	20
Czech Republic			5	7							
D.R.of Congo											
Egypt					8		5		5		5
Eritrea											
Ethiopia				9		6					5
Fiji	27	28		8	5	14	14	6	15	11	14
Hong Kong									7		
Hungary			16								10
India	15	38	28	41	60	58	89	104	172	1168	831
Indonesia						40	93	5	6	7	15
Iran	16	18	15	15	30	23	9		9	34	54
Iraq	11	25	19	6						8	13
Israel										7	
Japan										5	
Jordan			10							8	9
Kiribati	5										
Libya	14		6								
Lebanon											14
Malaysia	6	9	12	14	20	42	28	6	179	127	70
Mexico									5	5	
Mongolia					8	6					
Myanmar				7	7		10	13	14	21	39
Nepal										57	68
Nigeria				10		5					5
Pakistan	25	21	12	24	18	8		5	29	65	117
Palestine										9	32
Philippines			5	9	12	11	8		6	9	8
Russia		5	9	15	15	8	17	10	10	6	15
Samoa	5										7
Saudi Arabia		16	16	18	21	6			5	6	
Slovakia											
South Africa		18	16		10	11	8	11		10	9
Sri Lanka	20	19	21	40	38	43	31	25	46	86	209
Stateless	6				8						
Sudan									5	12	12
Syria	12	11	7	6	5					7	8
Thailand								5		8	
Tonga	6								9		7
Turkey	11		34	22	9	13				15	25
Tuvalu			6								6
Uganda		6							12		7
Ukraine				5				6	17	11	
USA							5		6		5
Uruguay					6		6				
Venezuela											8
Vietnam	6			5					6		13
Yemen				6							
Zimbabwe	6	6	5		10					7	
Other	76	69	65	50	60	60	75	39	59	64	62
Total	328	339	434	438	510	502	494	316	780	2345	2114

Refugee and Protection Approvals by Nationality

Nationality	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Afghanistan					8	14	16	6	8	13	32
Bahrain									6		
China	17	11	27	45	51	44	24	24	20	35	59
Colombia		11					5				7
Czech Republic					6						
Egypt					8						
Fiji	8								6		
India									15		
Iran	7	5	9	7	11	15	10	6		6	11
Iraq	11	8	20								
Jordan			5								
Libya	11		6								
Malaysia							5			7	
Myanmar					6			7	10	15	14
Pakistan	5	15	5		5					13	22
Palestine											14
Philippines						6					
Russia				14	8		6			11	
Saudi Arabia			10	6	11	5	5				
Sri Lanka					7		5	9			
Sudan										9	6
Syria	6	14	8	7		6					
Turkey			13	13							
Ukraine										6	
Yemen				5							
Zimbabwe		6									
Other	35	41	29	35	32	34	23	43	39	29	31
Total	100	111	132	132	153	124	99	95	104	144	196

Refugee and Protection Claims and Decisions by Financial Year

Overview	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Claims	328	339	434	438	510	502	494	316	780	2345	2114
Decisions	285	314	360	413	437	342	354	424	482	704	914
Declined*	185	203	228	281	284	218	255	329	378	560	718
Approved	100	111	132	132	153	124	99	95	104	144	196
Approval Rate	35.1%	35.4%	36.7%	32.0%	35.0%	36.3%	28.0%	22.4%	21.6%	20.5%	21.4%

* includes withdrawals

Refugee Quota Arrivals by Nationality

Nationality	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Afghanistan	157	143	123	114	105	128	78	107	218	317	229
Bhutan	95	31	61	18							
Burundi								11			
Cambodia								6		5	
China											5
Colombia	76	100	139	159	184	135	33	118	135	64	63
Congo					18						
D.R. of Congo				12	19	47	5	28	165	84	110
Ecuador	12	6	12	20	12			7			
Egypt	6										
Eritrea		7			27	64			121	18	52
Ethiopia				5							10
Iran			19	40	5	5			36	93	87
Iraq	44	19	23	8	9	23		11	31	5	15
Kyrgyzstan									8		
Myanmar	159	217	187	177	240	207	105	126	206	206	173
Nepal	10		5								
Pakistan			39	44	76	33	14	131	140	132	70
Palestine	31	26	59	73	77	36					11
Papua New Guinea									9	13	
Somalia	27	13	12	9	35	13	14	60	123	93	32
South Sudan				9							
Sri Lanka	35	24	27	7	29	11			6	26	9
Sudan									8	11	6
Syria	83	252	302	307	155	81	8	111	257	375	401
Turkey								20	11		
Venezuela										44	19
Vietnam		16								7	15
Yemen									18		
Other	21	22	9	18	16	14	6	18	15	21	26
Total	756	876	1017	1020	1007	797	263	754	1507	1514	1333

Refugee Quota Settlement by Region

Region	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Auckland	234	185	103	86	106	131	55	121	276	310	221
Waikato	116	115	175	165	161	103	31	71	132	133	115
Manawatu	115	113	157	162	143	101	43	64	139	122	140
Hawkes Bay	3										
Masterton								39	38	69	75
Levin									65	55	68
Wellington	212	277	245	243	168	92	27	158	196	194	153
Nelson	75	89	127	127	117	88	23	36	67	60	50
Blenheim						10	14	38	83	81	22
Christchurch	1	3	14	11	47	97	42	48	151	163	154
Ashburton							9	37	65	60	69
Timaru						16	9	31	99	92	129
Dunedin		94	196	182	178	90	10	49	89	109	93
Invercargill				44	87	69		62	107	66	44
Total	756	876	1017	1020	1007	797	263	754	1507	1514	1333

Main Nationalities Settled In Regions In The Last Five Financial Years

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

Refugee Family Support Category Invitations to Apply Issued

Tier One	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Registrations	60	96	80	112	99	82	61	69	107	29	237
Persons	201	348	274	424	319	280	178	244	329	78	913
Tier Two	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Registrations	95	71	69	52	142	121	18	1	16	0	0
Persons	364	304	336	246	669	580	73	3	81	0	0
Total	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Registrations	155	167	149	164	241	203	79	70	123	29	237
Persons	565	652	610	670	988	860	251	247	410	78	913

Refugee Family Support Category Residence Visas Granted

Tier One	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Applications	28	34	70	57	60	24	1	10	66	68	129
Persons	109	91	173	150	213	79	6	32	213	224	407
Tier Two	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Applications	54	37	47	39	30	21	2	13	85	79	19
Persons	195	128	199	132	129	90	2	54	404	376	94
Total	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Applications	82	71	117	96	90	45	3	23	151	147	148
Persons	304	219	372	282	342	169	8	86	617	600	501

Refugee Family Support Category Arrivals by Nationality

All Tiers	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Afghanistan	101	42	126	50	117	84	10	75	123	222	150
Bhutan									7		
Burundi									7		
Cambodia			5								
China			12	6	10	9				7	
Colombia				9	8	10			28	5	25
D.R. of Congo		6	5						7		
Eritrea	18	5	12	7	19				13	7	36
Ethiopia	14	20	25	17	40				7	22	66
India									6		
Iran	19	7	37	23	19	7			15	18	11
Iraq	15	14	8	16	18	13				18	
Jordan			7								
Kosovo						5					
Laos	29	14		14	10	15					
Myanmar	15	11	9	5	6	8			80	73	41
Nepal				8							
Pakistan			11		16	9			7	7	24
Palestine						7			6		
Rwanda	11										
Somalia	40	8	17	15	21	18			56	40	54
South Sudan			7								5
Sri Lanka			43	41	27	9			15	11	16
Sudan			8							5	5
Syria									5		26
Turkey		5	6	7	6				5		
Vietnam	22	17	25	23	17	7				9	
Zambia										6	
Other	15	23	20	17	16	16	0	8	19	31	43
Total	299	172	383	258	350	217	10	83	406	481	502

Undecided Refugee Family Support Category Registrations and Residence Visa Applications

Registrations	Registrations	Persons	Residence	Applications	Persons
Tier One	115	469	Tier One	84	323
Tier Two	951	3737	Tier Two	12	64
Total	1066	4206	Total	96	387

Community Organisation Refugee Sponsorship

	Arrivals in New Zealand by Nationality		
Nationality	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Afghanistan		45	30
Burundi		15	10
Democratic Republic of Congo		8	10
Ethiopia			9
Iraq		9	
South Sudan			8
Syria		12	
Other		15	9
Total		104	76

	Approved Applications by Nationality		
Nationality	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Afghanistan		61	18
Burundi		22	5
Democratic Republic of Congo		11	7
Ethiopia		9	
Iraq		9	
Pakistan			5
South Sudan		7	
Syria		12	
Other	1	19	9
Total	1	150	44