

The Refugee and Protection Unit

Refugee Status Branch (RSB) Statistics

This report covers RSB statistics over the last ten years (from 2008-09)

The statistics are in financial and calendar years and include:

- Headline statistics for claims and decisions
- The top ten nationalities that claim refugee status
- The top ten nationalities approved

Statistics to end of September 2018

Refugee Status Branch Claims and Decisions					
Financial Year	Claims	Decisions	Declined	Approved	Percentage
2008-09	246	242	170	72	29.8%
2009-10	382	335	244	91	27.2%
2010-11	333	289	250	39	13.5%
2011-12	303	363	244	119	32.8%
2012-13	306	321	235	86	26.8%
2013-14	287	287	218	69	24.0%
2014-15	328	285	185	100	35.1%
2015-16	339	314	203	111	35.4%
2016-17	434	360	229	131	36.4%
2017-18	438	413	282	131	31.7%
Totals	3396	3209	2260	949	29.6%
Refugee Status Branch Claims and Decisions					
Calendar Year	Claims	Decisions	Declined	Approved	Percentage
2008	254	258	167	91	35.3%
2009	336	285	219	66	23.2%
2010	340	324	252	72	22.2%
2011	305	334	249	85	25.4%
2012	324	326	235	91	27.9%
2013	292	309	230	79	25.6%
2014	288	296	218	78	26.4%
2015	351	288	155	133	46.2%
2016	387	346	236	110	31.8%
2017	449	350	237	113	32.3%
Totals	3326	3116	2198	918	29.5%
Refugee Status Branch Claims and Decisions					
Financial Year	Claims	Decisions	Declined	Approved	Percentage
2018-19	108	64	46	18	28.1%
Calendar Year	Claims	Decisions	Declined	Approved	Percentage
2018	312	320	217	103	32.2%

Top Ten Refugee Status Branch Claims by Nationality (Financial Year)

Nationality	2008-2009	Nationality	2009-2010	Nationality	2010-2011	Nationality	2011-2012	Nationality	2012-2013
Iran	28	Fiji	57	Fiji	50	Iran	35	Sri Lanka	36
Sri Lanka	24	Sri Lanka	34	Iran	44	Fiji	34	Iran	33
China	23	Iran	30	China	20	China	32	Fiji	26
Fiji	23	China	25	Sri Lanka	20	Pakistan	25	Pakistan	20
Iraq	17	India	24	South Africa	17	Egypt	18	Saudi Arabia	20
Czech Republic	14	Iraq	24	Bahrain	16	Sri Lanka	18	China	18
India	12	Czech Republic	22	Pakistan	15	Czech Republic	12	Afghanistan	12
Bangladesh	10	Pakistan	18	Afghanistan	12	Bangladesh	9	Czech Republic	12
Syria	10	South Africa	18	Iraq	12	Syria	9	Bangladesh	11
Malaysia	7	Slovakia	16	Saudi Arabia	11	Turkey	8	Iraq	11
Others	78	Others	114	Others	116	Others	103	Others	107
Total Claims	246	Total Claims	382	Total Claims	333	Total Claims	303	Total Claims	306

Nationality	2013-2014	Nationality	2014-2015	Nationality	2015-2016	Nationality	2016-2017	Nationality	2017-2018
Sri Lanka	41	China	27	India	38	China	78	China	69
China	26	Fiji	27	China	31	Turkey	33	India	41
Fiji	25	Pakistan	25	Fiji	28	India	28	Sri Lanka	40
Pakistan	19	Sri Lanka	20	Iraq	25	Sri Lanka	21	Pakistan	24
Turkey	15	Iran	17	Pakistan	21	Iraq	19	Bangladesh	23
Syria	13	India	15	South Africa	19	Afghanistan	18	Turkey	22
India	11	Libya	14	Sri Lanka	19	Bangladesh	17	Afghanistan	18
Iraq	11	Colombia	12	Iran	18	Hungary	16	Saudi Arabia	18
Afghanistan	10	Syria	12	Saudi Arabia	16	Saudi Arabia	16	Iran	15
Egypt	7	Afghanistan	11	Bangladesh	13	South Africa	16	Russia	15
Others	109	Others	148	Others	111	Others	172	Others	153
Total Claims	287	Total Claims	328	Total Claims	339	Total Claims	434	Total Claims	438

Top Ten Refugee Status Branch Claims by Nationality (Calendar Year)

Nationality	2008	Nationality	2009	Nationality	2010	Nationality	2011	Nationality	2012
Iraq	33	Fiji	45	Fiji	66	Fiji	29	Iran	38
Iran	28	Sri Lanka	30	Iran	43	Iran	29	China	33
Sri Lanka	26	Iraq	26	Sri Lanka	28	Bahrain	22	Sri Lanka	25
China	24	India	24	China	22	Egypt	22	Pakistan	24
India	14	Iran	24	South Africa	21	Pakistan	22	Fiji	21
Czech Republic	10	Czech Republic	23	Saudi Arabia	16	China	20	Saudi Arabia	20
Bangladesh	9	China	20	Czech Republic	14	Sri Lanka	19	Syria	13
Malaysia	8	Pakistan	18	Iraq	12	South Africa	14	Czech Republic	12
Zimbabwe	8	Slovakia	13	Pakistan	8	Afghanistan	11	Afghanistan	10
Fiji	7	Zimbabwe	9	Zimbabwe	8	Iraq	11	India	9
Others	87	Others	104	Others	102	Others	106	Others	119
Total Claims	254	Total Claims	336	Total Claims	340	Total Claims	305	Total Claims	324

Nationality	2013	Nationality	2014	Nationality	2015	Nationality	2016	Nationality	2017
Sri Lanka	41	Fiji	29	Fiji	28	China	64	China	76
Fiji	37	Sri Lanka	29	Pakistan	24	India	31	India	43
Iran	22	Pakistan	24	China	23	Iraq	24	Turkey	34
China	21	China	23	Sri Lanka	23	Saudi Arabia	24	Sri Lanka	30
Pakistan	18	India	18	South Africa	22	Turkey	20	Afghanistan	27
Iraq	15	Syria	12	India	21	Iran	15	Bangladesh	27
Turkey	12	Iran	11	Iran	19	Bangladesh	14	Russia	22
Syria	10	Iraq	11	Bangladesh	17	Pakistan	14	Iran	19
South Africa	9	Afghanistan	9	Colombia	14	South Africa	13	Pakistan	18
Indonesia	8	Turkey	9	Libya	14	Sri Lanka	13	Iraq	17
Others	99	Others	113	Others	147	Others	155	Others	136
Total Claims	292	Total Claims	288	Total Claims	352	Total Claims	387	Total Claims	449
Current Top Ten Claims by Nationality (FY)					Current Top Ten Claims by Nationality (CY)				
Nationality	2018-19					Nationality	2018		
China	20					China	51		
India	13					Sri Lanka	33		
Pakistan	10					India	31		
Sri Lanka	9					Pakistan	24		
Saudi Arabia	8					Saudi Arabia	22		
Bangladesh	5					Malaysia	16		
Uruguay	5					Bangladesh	9		
						Iran	9		
						Nigeria	9		
						Colombia	8		
Others	38					Others	100		
Total Claims	108					Total Claims	312		
Values of 4 or less are not published									

Top Ten Refugee Status Branch Approvals by Nationality (Financial Year)

Nationality	2008-2009	Nationality	2009-2010	Nationality	2010-2011	Nationality	2011-2012	Nationality	2012-2013
Iraq	21	Iraq	16	Afghanistan	5	Bahrain	18	Saudi Arabia	17
China	12	Sri Lanka	13	China	5	Iran	15	Iran	13
Sri Lanka	10	China	12	Iran	5	China	11	China	10
Iran	6	Pakistan	10			Iraq	11	Syria	10
		Iran	7			Egypt	10	Afghanistan	8
		Zimbabwe	7			Sri Lanka	6	Somalia	6
		Palestine	5			Afghanistan	5	Pakistan	5
						Czech Republic	5		
						Syria	5		
Others	23	Others	21	Others	24	Others	33	Others	17
Total Approvals	72	Total Approvals	91	Total Approvals	39	Total Approvals	119	Total Approvals	86
Nationality	2013-2014	Nationality	2014-2015	Nationality	2015-2016	Nationality	2016-2017	Nationality	2017-2018
Syria	12	China	17	Pakistan	15	China	26	China	45
China	7	Iraq	11	Syria	14	Iraq	20	Russia	14
Sri Lanka	7	Libya	11	China	11	Turkey	13	Turkey	13
Turkey	7	Fiji	8	Colombia	11	Saudi Arabia	10	Iran	7
		Iran	7	Iraq	8	Iran	9	Syria	7
		Syria	6	Zimbabwe	6	Syria	8	Saudi Arabia	6
		Pakistan	5	Iran	5	Libya	6	Yemen	5
						Jordan	5		
						Pakistan	5		
Others	36	Others	35	Others	41	Others	29	Others	35
Total Approvals	69	Total Approvals	100	Total Approvals	111	Total Approvals	131	Total Approvals	132

Top Ten Refugee Status Branch Approvals by Nationality (Calendar Year)

Nationality	2008	Nationality	2009	Nationality	2010	Nationality	2011	Nationality	2012
Iraq	37	Iraq	15	Iraq	13	Bahrain	15	Iran	16
Sri Lanka	16	China	14	China	9	China	10	China	10
Zimbabwe	8	Sri Lanka	13	Pakistan	8	Afghanistan	8	Egypt	9
Iran	5	Iran	5	Iran	7	Iran	8	Sri Lanka	9
		Zimbabwe	5	Saudi Arabia	5	Czech Republic	6	Syria	9
						Iraq	6	Afghanistan	7
								Iraq	5
								Pakistan	5
Others	25	Others	14	Others	30	Others	32	Others	21
Total Approvals	91	Total Approvals	66	Total Approvals	72	Total Approvals	85	Total Approvals	91

Nationality	2013	Nationality	2014	Nationality	2015	Nationality	2016	Nationality	2017
Saudi Arabia	16	Syria	12	China	19	Iraq	17	China	35
Iran	11	China	9	Syria	16	China	14	Iraq	10
China	8	Iraq	9	Libya	13	Pakistan	11	Saudi Arabia	10
Somalia	6	Turkey	8	Pakistan	13	Iran	9	Iran	8
Syria	6	Palestine	5	Colombia	12	Turkey	9	Turkey	7
Turkey	6			Fiji	8	Syria	8	Jordan	6
Sri Lanka	5			Iraq	7	Saudi Arabia	5	Libya	6
				Iran	6			Syria	5
				Zimbabwe	5				
Others	21	Others	35	Others	34	Others	37	Others	25
Total Approvals	79	Total Approvals	78	Total Approvals	133	Total Approvals	110	Total Approvals	112
Current Top Ten Approvals by Nationality (FY)					Current Top Ten Approvals by Nationality (CY)				
Nationality	2018-19					Nationality	2018		
China	9					China	36		
						Russia	14		
						Turkey	12		
						Syria	6		
						Afghanistan	5		
						Yemen	5		
Others	9					Others	25		
Total Approvals	18					Total Approvals	103		
Values of 4 or less are not published									