

Refugee and Protection

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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 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Afghanistan | 7 | 11 | | 18 | 18 | 14 | 26 | 7 | 8 | 17 | 22 |
| Bahrain | 6 | | | | | | | | 6 | | |
| Bangladesh | | 11 | 13 | 17 | 23 | 19 | 14 | 12 | 6 | 6 | |
| Brazil | | | | 6 | | | 9 | | | 7 | |
| Chile | | | | | | | 9 | | | | |
| China | 26 | 27 | 31 | 78 | 69 | 117 | 78 | 66 | 61 | 117 | 349 |
| Colombia | | 12 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 11 | | 11 | 24 |
| Czech Republic | 5 | | | 5 | 7 | | | | | | |
| Egypt | 7 | | | | | 8 | | 5 | | 5 | |
| Ethiopia | | | | | 9 | | 6 | | | | |
| Fiji | 25 | 27 | 28 | | 8 | 5 | 14 | 14 | 6 | 15 | 5 |
| Hong Kong | | | | | | | | | | 7 | |
| Hungary | | | | 16 | | | | | | | |
| India | 14 | 15 | 38 | 28 | 41 | 60 | 58 | 89 | 104 | 172 | 637 |
| Indonesia | | | | | | | 40 | 93 | 5 | 6 | |
| Iran | 6 | 16 | 18 | 15 | 15 | 30 | 23 | 9 | | 9 | 9 |
| Iraq | 11 | 11 | 25 | 19 | 6 | | | | | | 5 |
| Israel | | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Jordan | | | | 10 | | | | | | | |
| Kiribati | | 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| Libya | | 14 | | 6 | | | | | | | |
| Malaysia | | 6 | 9 | 12 | 14 | 20 | 42 | 28 | 6 | 179 | 87 |
| Mexico | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 5 |
| Mongolia | | | | | | 8 | 6 | | | | |
| Myanmar | | | | | 7 | 7 | | 10 | 13 | 14 | 14 |
| Nepal | | | | | | | | | | | 12 |
| Nigeria | | | | | 10 | | 5 | | | | |
| Pakistan | 19 | 25 | 21 | 12 | 24 | 18 | 8 | | 5 | 29 | 27 |
| Palestine | 7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Philippines | | | | 5 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 8 | | 6 | 5 |
| Russia | | | 5 | 9 | 15 | 15 | 8 | 17 | 10 | 10 | |
| Samoa | | 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| Saudi Arabia | | | 16 | 16 | 18 | 21 | 6 | | | 5 | |
| Slovakia | 5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Somalia | | | | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | 7 | | 18 | 16 | | 10 | 11 | 8 | 11 | | 6 |
| Sri Lanka | 41 | 20 | 19 | 21 | 40 | 38 | 43 | 31 | 25 | 46 | 29 |
| Stateless | 8 | 6 | | | | 8 | | | | | |
| Sudan | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 10 |
| Syria | 11 | 12 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | | | | 5 |
| Thailand | | | | | | | | | 5 | | 8 |
| Tonga | | 6 | | | | | | | | 9 | |
| Turkey | 15 | 11 | | 34 | 22 | 9 | 13 | | | | 13 |
| Tuvalu | | | | 6 | | | | | | | |
| Uganda | | | 6 | | | | | | | 12 | |
| Ukraine | 6 | | | | 5 | | | | 6 | 17 | 9 |
| USA | | | | | | | | 5 | | 6 | |
| Uruguay | | | | | | 6 | | 6 | | | |
| Vietnam | | 6 | | | 5 | | | | | 6 | |
| Yemen | | | | | 6 | | | | | | |
| Zimbabwe | | 6 | 6 | 5 | | 10 | | | | | |
| Other | 61 | 76 | 69 | 65 | 50 | 60 | 60 | 75 | 39 | 59 | 49 |
| Total | 287 | 328 | 339 | 434 | 438 | 510 | 502 | 494 | 316 | 780 | 1336 |

Refugee and Protection Approvals by Nationality

| Nationality | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|----------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Afghanistan | | | | | | 8 | 14 | 16 | 6 | 8 | 7 |
| Bahrain | | | | | | | | | | 6 | |
| China | 7 | 17 | 11 | 27 | 45 | 51 | 44 | 24 | 24 | 20 | 15 |
| Colombia | | | 11 | | | | | 5 | | | |
| Czech Republic | | | | | | 6 | | | | | |
| Egypt | | | | | | 8 | | | | | |
| Fiji | | 8 | | | | | | | | 6 | |
| India | | | | | | | | | | 15 | |
| Iran | | 7 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 15 | 10 | 6 | | 5 |
| Iraq | | 11 | 8 | 20 | | | | | | | |
| Jordan | | | | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Libya | | 11 | | 6 | | | | | | | |
| Malaysia | | | | | | | | 5 | | | |
| Myanmar | | | | | | 6 | | | 7 | 10 | 7 |
| Pakistan | | 5 | 15 | 5 | | 5 | | | | | 7 |
| Philippines | | | | | | | 6 | | | | |
| Russia | | | | | 14 | 8 | | 6 | | | 7 |
| Saudi Arabia | | | | 10 | 6 | 11 | 5 | 5 | | | |
| Somalia | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sri Lanka | 7 | | | | | 7 | | 5 | 9 | | |
| Syria | 12 | 6 | 14 | 8 | 7 | | 6 | | | | |
| Turkey | 7 | | | 13 | 13 | | | | | | |
| Yemen | | | | | 5 | | | | | | |
| Zimbabwe | | | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| Other | 36 | 35 | 41 | 29 | 35 | 32 | 34 | 23 | 43 | 39 | 19 |
| Total | 69 | 100 | 111 | 132 | 132 | 153 | 124 | 99 | 95 | 104 | 67 |

Refugee and Protection Claims and Decisions by Financial Year

| Overview | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Claims | 287 | 328 | 339 | 434 | 438 | 510 | 502 | 494 | 316 | 780 | 1336 |
| Decisions | 287 | 285 | 314 | 360 | 413 | 437 | 342 | 354 | 424 | 482 | 301 |
| Declined* | 218 | 185 | 203 | 228 | 281 | 284 | 218 | 255 | 329 | 378 | 234 |
| Approved | 69 | 100 | 111 | 132 | 132 | 153 | 124 | 99 | 95 | 104 | 67 |
| Approval Rate | 24.0% | 35.1% | 35.4% | 36.7% | 32.0% | 35.0% | 36.3% | 28.0% | 22.4% | 21.6% | 22.3% |

* includes withdrawals

Refugee Quota Arrivals by Nationality

| Nationality | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Afghanistan | 40 | 157 | 143 | 123 | 114 | 105 | 128 | 78 | 107 | 218 | 99 |
| Bhutan | 91 | 95 | 31 | 61 | 18 | | | | | | |
| Burundi | | | | | | | | | 11 | | |
| Cambodia | | | | | | | | | 6 | | |
| Colombia | 124 | 76 | 100 | 139 | 159 | 184 | 135 | 33 | 118 | 135 | 61 |
| Congo | | | | | | 18 | | | | | |
| D.R. of Congo | 9 | | | | 12 | 19 | 47 | 5 | 28 | 165 | 38 |
| Ecuador | 23 | 12 | 6 | 12 | 20 | 12 | | | 7 | | |
| Egypt | | 6 | | | | | | | | | |
| Eritrea | 33 | | 7 | | | 27 | 64 | | | 121 | 14 |
| Ethiopia | | | | | 5 | | | | | | |
| Iran | 6 | | | 19 | 40 | 5 | 5 | | | 36 | 63 |
| Iraq | 71 | 44 | 19 | 23 | 8 | 9 | 23 | | 11 | 31 | 5 |
| Kyrgyzstan | | | | | | | | | | 8 | |
| Myanmar | 222 | 159 | 217 | 187 | 177 | 240 | 207 | 105 | 126 | 206 | 63 |
| Nepal | | 10 | | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Pakistan | | | | 39 | 44 | 76 | 33 | 14 | 131 | 140 | 68 |
| Palestine | 25 | 31 | 26 | 59 | 73 | 77 | 36 | | | | |
| Papua New Guinea | | | | | | | | | | 9 | 7 |
| Somalia | 12 | 27 | 13 | 12 | 9 | 35 | 13 | 14 | 60 | 123 | 58 |
| South Sudan | | | | | 9 | | | | | | |
| Sri Lanka | 75 | 35 | 24 | 27 | 7 | 29 | 11 | | | 6 | 24 |
| Sudan | | | | | | | | | | 8 | |
| Syria | | 83 | 252 | 302 | 307 | 155 | 81 | 8 | 111 | 257 | 193 |
| Turkey | | | | | | | | | 20 | 11 | |
| Venezuela | | | | | | | | | | | 16 |
| Vietnam | | | 16 | | | | | | | | 7 |
| Yemen | | | | | | | | | | 18 | |
| Other | 19 | 21 | 22 | 9 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 6 | 18 | 15 | 7 |
| Total | 750 | 756 | 876 | 1017 | 1020 | 1007 | 797 | 263 | 754 | 1507 | 723 |

Refugee Quota Settlement by Region

| Region | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Auckland | 238 | 234 | 185 | 103 | 86 | 106 | 131 | 55 | 121 | 268 | 139 |
| Waikato | 84 | 116 | 115 | 175 | 165 | 161 | 103 | 31 | 71 | 132 | 77 |
| Manawatu | 112 | 115 | 113 | 157 | 162 | 143 | 101 | 43 | 64 | 113 | 63 |
| Hawkes Bay | | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Masterton | | | | | | | | | 39 | 38 | 30 |
| Levin | | | | | | | | | | 66 | 24 |
| Wellington | 246 | 212 | 277 | 245 | 243 | 168 | 92 | 27 | 158 | 194 | 113 |
| Nelson | 65 | 75 | 89 | 127 | 127 | 117 | 88 | 23 | 36 | 67 | 36 |
| Blenheim | | | | | | | 10 | 14 | 38 | 106 | 36 |
| Christchurch | 5 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 11 | 47 | 97 | 42 | 48 | 144 | 65 |
| Ashburton | | | | | | | | 9 | 37 | 71 | 14 |
| Timaru | | | | | | | 16 | 9 | 31 | 102 | 55 |
| Dunedin | | | 94 | 196 | 182 | 178 | 90 | 10 | 49 | 99 | 42 |
| Invercargill | | | | | 44 | 87 | 69 | | 62 | 107 | 29 |
| Total | 750 | 756 | 876 | 1017 | 1020 | 1007 | 797 | 263 | 754 | 1507 | 723 |

Main Nationalities Settled In Regions In The Last Five Financial Years

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

Refugee Family Support Category Invitations to Apply Issued

| Tier One | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Registrations | 41 | 60 | 96 | 80 | 112 | 99 | 82 | 61 | 69 | 107 | 25 |
| Persons | 157 | 201 | 348 | 274 | 424 | 319 | 280 | 178 | 244 | 329 | 65 |
| Tier Two | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
| Registrations | 73 | 95 | 71 | 69 | 52 | 142 | 121 | 18 | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| Persons | 302 | 364 | 304 | 336 | 246 | 669 | 580 | 73 | 3 | 81 | 0 |
| Total | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
| Registrations | 114 | 155 | 167 | 149 | 164 | 241 | 203 | 79 | 70 | 123 | 25 |
| Persons | 459 | 565 | 652 | 610 | 670 | 988 | 860 | 251 | 247 | 410 | 65 |

Refugee Family Support Category Residence Visas Granted

| Tier One | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Applications | 38 | 28 | 34 | 70 | 57 | 60 | 24 | 1 | 10 | 66 | 31 |
| Persons | 155 | 109 | 91 | 173 | 150 | 213 | 79 | 6 | 32 | 213 | 94 |
| Tier Two | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
| Applications | 65 | 54 | 37 | 47 | 39 | 30 | 21 | 2 | 13 | 85 | 39 |
| Persons | 266 | 195 | 128 | 199 | 132 | 129 | 90 | 2 | 54 | 404 | 168 |
| Total | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
| Applications | 103 | 82 | 71 | 117 | 96 | 90 | 45 | 3 | 23 | 151 | 70 |
| Persons | 421 | 304 | 219 | 372 | 282 | 342 | 169 | 8 | 86 | 617 | 262 |

Refugee Family Support Category Arrivals by Nationality

| All Tiers | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Afghanistan | 134 | 101 | 42 | 126 | 50 | 117 | 84 | 10 | 75 | 123 | 156 |
| Bhutan | | | | | | | | | | 7 | |
| Burundi | | | | | | | | | | 7 | |
| Cambodia | | | | 5 | | | | | | | |
| China | | | | 12 | 6 | 10 | 9 | | | | 7 |
| Colombia | 7 | | | | 9 | 8 | 10 | | | 28 | |
| D.R. of Congo | 6 | | 6 | 5 | | | | | | 7 | |
| Eritrea | 12 | 18 | 5 | 12 | 7 | 19 | | | | 13 | |
| Ethiopia | 31 | 14 | 20 | 25 | 17 | 40 | | | | 7 | 15 |
| India | | | | | | | | | | 6 | |
| Iran | 18 | 19 | 7 | 37 | 23 | 19 | 7 | | | 15 | 14 |
| Iraq | 36 | 15 | 14 | 8 | 16 | 18 | 13 | | | | 18 |
| Jordan | | | | 7 | | | | | | | |
| Kosovo | | | | | | | 5 | | | | |
| Laos | 28 | 29 | 14 | | 14 | 10 | 15 | | | | |
| Myanmar | 22 | 15 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 8 | | | 80 | 18 |
| Nepal | 8 | | | | 8 | | | | | | |
| Pakistan | | | | 11 | | 16 | 9 | | | 7 | |
| Palestine | | | | | | | 7 | | | 6 | |
| Rwanda | | 11 | | | | | | | | | |
| Somalia | 41 | 40 | 8 | 17 | 15 | 21 | 18 | | | 56 | 33 |
| South Sudan | | | | 7 | | | | | | | |
| Sri Lanka | 31 | | | 43 | 41 | 27 | 9 | | | 15 | |
| Sudan | | | | 8 | | | | | | | |
| Syria | | | | | | | | | | 5 | |
| Turkey | | | 5 | 6 | 7 | 6 | | | | 5 | |
| Vietnam | 35 | 22 | 17 | 25 | 23 | 17 | 7 | | | | 6 |
| Zambia | | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Other | 14 | 15 | 23 | 20 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 0 | 8 | 19 | 27 |
| Total | 423 | 299 | 172 | 383 | 258 | 350 | 217 | 10 | 83 | 406 | 300 |

Undecided Refugee Family Support Category Registrations and Residence Visa Applications

| Registrations | Registrations | Persons | Residence | Applications | Persons |
|---------------|---------------|---------|-----------|--------------|---------|
| Tier One | 168 | 720 | Tier One | 222 | 725 |
| Tier Two | 954 | 4207 | Tier Two | 77 | 393 |
| Total | 1122 | 4927 | Total | 299 | 1118 |