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Overview (Non-IMA and IMA combined)

About these statistics

The tables in this publication present statistics about people in refugee status/protection obligations determination processes. Unless otherwise indicated the tables do not contain cohort information. All figures relate to the number of events (such as the making of an application, a decision to grant a visa or a refusal) that occurred in a given time period.

For this reason, the grant rates set out in the tables are not recognition rates since the actual determination that a person is a refugee or is owed protection may have occurred during an earlier period. The effect of this is strongest for the irregular maritime arrival (IMA) caseload which has a more uneven profile compared with the non-IMA caseload, which means the effects of delays in health, security or character checks are exacerbated.

Table 1: Number of people seeking Australia's protection

Program Year	Quarter	Non-IMA[1] Protection visa applications[2] lodged	IMA refugee status determinations commenced[3]	Total
2010-11		**6337**	**5174**	**11511**
2011-12		**7036**	**7379**	**14415**
	Dec Qtr	*1764*	*2012*	*3776*
	Mar Qtr	*1713*	*1629*	*3342*
	Jun Qtr	*1680*	*2857*	*4537*
2012-13				
	Sep Qtr	*1896*	*2511*	*4407*
	Dec Qtr	*1996*	*1504*	*3500*

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 1 shows the number of people who sought protection by non-IMA and IMA asylum seekers. Non-IMA Protection visa applications are typically lodged by air arrivals (but may include very small numbers of ship stowaways or maritime crew). IMA figures include all people who arrived on an irregular vessel.

[1] Non irregular maritime arrivals (non-IMA) generally refers to Protection visa applicants who arrived by air.

[2] Number of Protection visa applications lodged refers to the number of people (including family members) who made a valid application claiming protection in Australia.

[3] Refugee status determinations commenced is a count of IMAs who entered either a statutory or a non-statutory process.

Table 2: Number of final Protection visa (PV) grants

Program Year	Quarter	PV grants to non-IMA	PV grants to IMA	Total
2010-11		**2101**	**2719**	**4820**
2011-12		**2272**	**4766**	**7038**
	Dec Qtr	*633*	*1120*	*1753*
	Mar Qtr	*523*	*745*	*1268*
	Jun Qtr	*339*	*1171*	*1510*
2012-13				
	Sep Qtr	*1073*	*2612*	*3685*
	Dec Qtr	*726*	*865*	*1591*

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 3: Number of final Protection visa (PV) grants by top 10 countries of citizenship[4]

			2011-12			*2012-13*	
Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*	*Dec Qtr*
Afghanistan	1394	2020	*549*	*262*	*459*	*1309*	*451*
Iran	702	1623	*329*	*355*	*411*	*687*	*305*
Stateless	498	653	*134*	*97*	*170*	*276*	*80*
Iraq	370	494	*142*	*69*	*94*	*217*	*113*
Sri Lanka	359	424	*125*	*74*	*94*	*75*	*66*
Pakistan	222	403	*103*	*113*	*82*	*449*	*210*
China (PRC)	315	264	*68*	*48*	*25*	*88*	*69*
Egypt	143	204	*64*	*47*	*40*	*139*	*67*
Myanmar	75	101	*11*	*15*	*13*	*44*	*9*
Zimbabwe	172	101	*23*	*20*	*11*	*24*	*15*
Other	570	751	*205*	*168*	*111*	*377*	*206*
Total	**4820**	**7038**	***1753***	***1268***	***1510***	***3685***	***1591***

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 3 shows final visa grants by citizenship for all applications (IMA and non-IMA). Tables 10 and 19 later in this publication show disaggregated figures for non-IMA and IMA final grants.

[4] Top 10 countries of citizenship are based on 2011-12 program year total grants.

Section 1
Non irregular maritime arrivals

Non irregular maritime arrivals (Non-IMA)

Table 4: Number of Protection visa (PV) applications[52] lodged

Program Year	Quarter	Principal applicants	Dependants	Total
2010-11		**4755**	**1582**	**6337**
2011-12		**5250**	**1786**	**7036**
	Dec Qtr	*1329*	*435*	*1764*
	Mar Qtr	*1249*	*464*	*1713*
	Jun Qtr	*1268*	*412*	*1680*
2012-13				
	Sep Qtr	*1355*	*541*	*1896*
	Dec Qtr	*1356*	*640*	*1996*

Source: ICSE

Table 4 shows the breakdown between principal applicants and dependants among non-IMA Protection visa applicants. Dependants may also apply in their own right.

Table 5: Number of Protection visa applications[2] lodged by top 20 countries of citizenship[5]

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12			*2012-13*	
			Dec Qtr	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*	*Dec Qtr*
China (PRC)	1124	1216	*339*	*318*	*249*	*314*	*248*
India	556	906	*219*	*206*	*259*	*251*	*226*
Pakistan	549	667	*177*	*161*	*165*	*197*	*206*
Iran	386	462	*89*	*122*	*125*	*155*	*128*
Egypt	427	357	*110*	*104*	*59*	*75*	*139*
Iraq	221	297	*56*	*84*	*65*	*79*	*93*
Fiji	331	271	*80*	*86*	*56*	*40*	*54*
Nepal	229	241	*55*	*45*	*56*	*47*	*38*
Malaysia	212	196	*53*	*30*	*71*	*47*	*23*
Lebanon	174	182	*53*	*27*	*64*	*129*	*107*
Libya	66	164	*25*	*18*	*<5*[7]	*26*	*126*
Zimbabwe	195	147	*27*	*42*	*33*	*29*	*20*
Afghanistan	98	138	*24*	*31*	*40*	*37*	*30*
Sri Lanka	160	137	*29*	*36*	*30*	*32*	*34*
Indonesia	196	133	*37*	*27*	*28*	*26*	*37*
Syria	31	128	*31*	*47*	*25*	*27*	*32*
Bangladesh	104	118	*42*	*26*	*21*	*39*	*50*
Turkey	118	77	*15*	*23*	*18*	*35*	*32*
Nigeria	28	70	*25*	*19*	*8*	*25*	*11*
South Korea	90	70	*17*	*13*	*13*	*20*	*22*
Other	1042	1059	*261*	*248*	*<300*	*266*	*340*
Total	**6337**	**7036**	***1764***	***1713***	**1680**	***1896***	***1996***

[2] Number of PV applications refers to the number of people (including family members) who made a valid application claiming protection in Australia.
[5] Top 10 countries of citizenship are based on 2011-12 program year lodgements.

Table 6: Number of primary Protection visa decisions[8] and primary grant rates[9]

Decision	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12			2012-13	
			Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr
Grants	1389	1467	*440*	*292*	*215*	*671*	*503*
Refusals	4105	4325	*1055*	*1126*	*1066*	*1228*	*1177*
Total	**5494**	**5792**	***1495***	***1418***	***1281***	***1899***	***1680***
Primary grant rate	25.3%	25.3%	*29.4%*	*20.6%*	*16.8%*	*35.3%*	*29.9%*

Source: ICSE

Table 7: Number of primary Protection visa grants by top 20 countries of citizenship[10]

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12			2012-13	
			Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr
Iran	313	291	*94*	*71*	*40*	*90*	*86*
Pakistan	170	259	*80*	*70*	*44*	*154*	*93*
Iraq	97	128	*48*	*16*	*26*	*50*	*69*
China (PRC)	121	98	*33*	*<5*[7]	*9*	*37*	*16*
Sri Lanka	97	89	*28*	*24*	*7*	*18*	*17*
Egypt	101	72	*21*	*<5*[7]	*23*	*70*	*42*
Zimbabwe	120	60	*17*	*<5*[7]	*6*	*8*	*10*
Afghanistan	53	42	*5*	*15*	*6*	*8*	*30*
Bahrain	<5	42	*11*	*<5*[7]	*<5*[7]	*<5*[7]	*0*
Papua New Guinea	20	40	*8*	*5*	*5*	*17*	*<5*[7]
Turkey	32	40	*14*	*13*	*5*	*9*	*9*
Syria	*<5*[7]	38	*12*	*14*	*6*	*38*	*45*
Fiji	23	30	*11*	*7*	*5*	*12*	*5*
Stateless	14	25	*<5*[7]	*7*	*10*	*16*	*5*
Eritrea	12	21	*11*	*<5*[7]	*<5*[7]	*0*	*0*
Myanmar	36	19	*7*	*<5*[7]	*<5*[7]	*<5*[7]	*<5*[7]
Lebanon	25	18	*9*	*<5*[7]	*<5*[7]	*11*	*<5*[7]
Bangladesh	16	16	*<5*[7]	*<5*[7]	*<5*[7]	*12*	*10*
Libya	*<5*[7]	13	*<5*[7]	*<5*[7]	*<5*[7]	*64*	*17*
Nepal	16	13	*<5*[7]	*<5*[7]	*<5*[7]	*<5*[7]	*0*
Other	118	113	*26*	*27*	*16*	*46*	*40*
Total	**1389**	**1467**	***440***	***292***	***215***	***671***	***503***

Source: ICSE

[7] The department has a policy of not publishing asylum figures (non-IMA) that total less than five. This is done to protect the privacy of applicants.
[8] A decision made at the end of initial processing by the departmental delegate.
[9] Primary Protection visa grant rates are an expression of visa grants at the initial processing stage as a percentage of all primary decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.
[10] Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2011-12 program year primary grants.

Table 8: Primary Protection visa grant rates[9] by top 20 countries of citizenship[10]

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12			2012-13	
			Dec Qtr	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*	*Dec Qtr*
Iran	78.4%	70.1%	*68.6%*	*70.3%*	*62.5%*	*67.2%*	*71.1%*
Pakistan	54.0%	40.3%	*40.8%*	*33.8%*	*43.1%*	*75.5%*	*51.1%*
Iraq	66.9%	77.6%	*76.2%*	*64.0%*	*70.3%*	*83.3%*	*90.8%*
China (PRC)	10.6%	9.7%	*15.8%*	*1.8%*	*3.4%*	*11.5%*	*6.2%*
Sri Lanka	45.5%	52.4%	*68.3%*	*54.5%*	*25.0%*	*39.1%*	*45.9%*
Egypt	28.5%	23.4%	*33.3%*	*7.7%*	*21.5%*	*47.9%*	*75.0%*
Zimbabwe	50.4%	35.5%	*51.5%*	*12.5%*	*19.4%*	*28.6%*	*37.0%*
Afghanistan	67.9%	72.4%	*83.3%*	*68.2%*	*60.0%*	*72.7%*	*85.7%*
Bahrain	50.0%	82.4%	*78.6%*	*66.7%*	*0.0%*	*75.0%*	*0.0%*
Papua New Guinea	42.6%	60.6%	*36.4%*	*55.6%*	*100.0%*	*73.9%*	*33.3%*
Turkey	32.0%	37.0%	*43.8%*	*48.1%*	*27.8%*	*45.0%*	*36.0%*
Syria	18.8%	71.7%	*63.2%*	*77.8%*	*100.0%*	*92.7%*	*95.7%*
Fiji	5.8%	12.6%	*28.9%*	*9.3%*	*8.6%*	*16.0%*	*10.9%*
Stateless	43.8%	71.4%	*25.0%*	*87.5%*	*83.3%*	*72.7%*	*62.5%*
Eritrea	100.0%	100.0%	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*na*	*0.0%*	*na*
Myanmar	61.0%	55.9%	*70.0%*	*57.1%*	*66.7%*	*100.0%*	*20.0%*
Lebanon	13.2%	14.2%	*22.5%*	*7.7%*	*3.7%*	*15.7%*	*3.9%*
Bangladesh	16.7%	19.3%	*4.8%*	*11.1%*	*9.7%*	*31.6%*	*19.2%*
Libya	0.0%	27.7%	*na*	*na*	*0.0%*	*69.6%*	*43.6%*
Nepal	10.5%	5.2%	*3.5%*	*1.8%*	*2.6%*	*5.9%*	*0.0%*
Total	**25.3%**	**25.3%**	***29.4%***	***20.6%***	***16.8%***	***35.3%***	***29.9%***

[9] Primary Protection visa grant rates are an expression of visa grants at the initial processing stage as a percentage of all primary decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

[10] Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2011-12 program year primary grants.

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Table 9: Number of final Protection visa decisions and finally determined grant rates[11] (primary and review processes completed)

Decision	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12			2012-13	
			Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr
Grants	2101	2272	633	523	339	1073	726
Refusals	2739	2887	600	896	685	737	724
Total	**4840**	**5159**	**1233**	**1419**	**1024**	**1810**	**1450**
Finally determined grant rate	43.4%	44.0%	51.3%	36.9%	33.1%	59.3%	50.1%

Source: ICSE

Table 10: Number of final Protection visa grants by top 20 countries of citizenship[12] (primary and review processes completed)

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12			2012-13	
			Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr
Iran	368	351	101	91	57	117	100
Pakistan	208	309	89	86	59	221	126
China (PRC)	315	264	68	48	25	88	69
Egypt	143	204	64	47	40	138	67
Iraq	114	146	51	20	27	65	77
Sri Lanka	118	125	38	33	15	28	29
Zimbabwe	172	101	23	20	11	24	15
Turkey	55	70	18	25	9	28	15
Fiji	88	68	20	19	8	32	22
Lebanon	64	54	18	10	9	19	5
Afghanistan	59	48	7	15	8	9	33
Syria	5	46	14	16	8	44	46
Bahrain	<5[7]	45	11	5	<5[7]	<5[7]	<5[7]
Papua New Guinea	22	41	9	5	5	19	10
India	22	34	9	<5[7]	5	8	9
Bangladesh	30	30	8	<5[7]	6	17	10
Myanmar	50	30	9	5	<5[7]	11	<5[7]
Stateless	19	29	<5[7]	11	10	21	9
Nepal	32	27	<5[7]	9	<5[7]	12	<5[7]
Eritrea	12	21	11	<5[7]	<5[7]	0	0
Other	<210	229	65	58	37	<175	77
Total (All Citizenships)	**2101**	**2272**	**633**	**523**	**339**	**1073**	**726**

Source: ICSE

[7] The department has a policy of not publishing asylum figures (non-IMA) that total less than five. This is done to protect the privacy of applicants.

[11] Finally determined grant rates are an expression of visa grants at the final processing stage as a percentage of all decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

[12] Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2011-12 program year final grants.

Table 11: Finally determined grant rates[11] by top 20 countries of citizenship[12] (primary and review processes completed)

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12			*2012-13*	
			Dec Qtr	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*	*Dec Qtr*
Iran	96.1%	94.1%	*96.2%*	*93.8%*	*93.4%*	*92.9%*	*93.5%*
Pakistan	80.3%	74.1%	*84.0%*	*71.7%*	*67.8%*	*87.0%*	*82.4%*
China (PRC)	29.8%	26.9%	*33.5%*	*18.9%*	*13.6%*	*30.7%*	*27.9%*
Egypt	66.5%	66.4%	*65.3%*	*58.0%*	*70.2%*	*83.6%*	*81.7%*
Iraq	95.0%	96.1%	*98.1%*	*90.9%*	*100.0%*	*92.9%*	*93.9%*
Sri Lanka	77.6%	64.4%	*67.9%*	*68.8%*	*46.9%*	*71.8%*	*64.4%*
Zimbabwe	76.8%	66.0%	*71.9%*	*43.5%*	*61.1%*	*88.9%*	*51.7%*
Turkey	80.9%	70.0%	*81.8%*	*61.0%*	*90.0%*	*77.8%*	*62.5%*
Fiji	18.3%	27.9%	*23.3%*	*35.2%*	*27.6%*	*49.2%*	*45.8%*
Lebanon	41.6%	43.2%	*64.3%*	*30.3%*	*36.0%*	*48.7%*	*20.0%*
Afghanistan	78.7%	92.3%	*100.0%*	*93.8%*	*80.0%*	*69.2%*	*97.1%*
Syria	35.7%	92.0%	*100.0%*	*94.1%*	*80.0%*	*95.7%*	*100.0%*
Bahrain	80.0%	97.8%	*100.0%*	*83.3%*	*na*	*100.0%*	*33.3%*
Papua New Guinea	62.9%	65.1%	*40.9%*	*50.0%*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*
India	7.5%	6.8%	*9.8%*	*1.9%*	*3.1%*	*5.6%*	*6.0%*
Bangladesh	47.6%	29.4%	*20.5%*	*5.3%*	*42.9%*	*54.8%*	*50.0%*
Myanmar	87.7%	83.3%	*90.0%*	*62.5%*	*80.0%*	*100.0%*	*80.0%*
Stateless	76.0%	90.6%	*100.0%*	*91.7%*	*90.9%*	*95.5%*	*90.0%*
Nepal	31.4%	13.9%	*10.7%*	*13.6%*	*3.3%*	*15.8%*	*5.1%*
Eritrea	100.0%	100.0%	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*na*	*na*	*na*
Total	**43.4%**	**44.0%**	***51.3%***	***36.9%***	***33.1%***	***59.3%***	***50.1%***

Tables 10 to 11 show the number of finalised cases during the period in absolute terms and as a percentage. Since the cohorts differ there is not an exact correspondence to the primary outcomes shown in tables 6 to 8.

[11] Finally determined grant rates are an expression of visa grants at the final processing stage as a percentage of all decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

[12] Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2011-12 program year final grants.

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Section 2
Irregular maritime arrivals

Irregular maritime arrivals (IMA)

Important Note: Please refer to “About these statistics” in the overview section of this publication which explains the effect on review information of a new departmental reporting system for the IMA caseload.

Table 12: Number of refugee status determinations commenced[3]

Program Year	Quarter	Refugee status determinations commenced
2010-11		**5174**
2011-12		**7379**
	Dec Qtr	*2012*
	Mar Qtr	*1629*
	Jun Qtr	*2857*
2012-13		
	Sep Qtr	*2511*
	Dec Qtr	*1504*

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 12 shows the number of people screened into a refugee status determination process for irregular maritime arrivals.

Table 13: Number of refugee status determinations commenced[3] by key countries of citizenship[13]

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12			*2012-13*	
			Dec Qtr	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*	*Dec Qtr*
Afghanistan	1621	3179	*856*	*807*	*1248*	*510*	*376*
Iran	1563	1553	*627*	*191*	*352*	*400*	*366*
Iraq	566	368	*100*	*129*	*105*	*103*	*102*
Pakistan	70	618	*110*	*221*	*266*	*238*	*58*
Sri Lanka	359	825	*113*	*111*	*600*	*1056*	*446*
Stateless	854	576	*166*	*78*	*223*	*115*	*73*
Other	141	260	*40*	*92*	*63*	*89*	*83*
Total	**5174**	**7379**	***2012***	***1629***	***2857***	***2511***	***1504***

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 13 shows by key citizenships the number of people who entered either a statutory or a non-statutory assessment process.

[3] Refugee status determinations commenced is a count of IMAs who entered either a statutory or a non-statutory process.
[13] Key countries of citizenship are based on 2011-12 program year refugee status determinations commenced.

Table 14: Number of primary Protection visa grants[14] to IMAs by key countries of citizenship[15]

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12			2012-13	
			Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr
Afghanistan	865	955	119	179	283	1098	255
Iran	277	854	127	156	212	285	83
Iraq	190	203	34	28	40	95	18
Pakistan	9	73	7	22	21	214	51
Sri Lanka	233	192	57	26	29	24	21
Stateless	371	304	30	45	72	147	47
Other	56	140	21	30	31	46	6
Total	**2001**	**2721**	***395***	***486***	***688***	***1909***	***481***

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 15: Number of primary refusals

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12			2012-13	
			Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr
Afghanistan	1413	181	22	62	43	171	201
Iran	705	544	111	220	28	54	53
Iraq	279	65	6	24	13	25	19
Pakistan	30	34	3	13	9	43	45
Sri Lanka	263	83	0	33	6	122	240
Stateless	494	116	20	51	21	15	10
Other	33	81	21	21	2	4	5
Total	**3217**	**1104**	***183***	***424***	***122***	***434***	***573***

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 16: Primary Protection visa grant rates[16] to IMAs

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12			2012-13	
			Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr
Afghanistan	38.0%	84.1%	84.4%	74.3%	86.8%	86.5%	55.9%
Iran	28.2%	61.1%	53.4%	41.5%	88.3%	84.1%	61.0%
Iraq	40.5%	75.7%	85.0%	53.8%	75.5%	79.2%	48.6%
Pakistan	23.1%	68.2%	70.0%	62.9%	70.0%	83.3%	53.1%
Sri Lanka	47.0%	69.8%	100.0%	44.1%	82.9%	16.4%	8.0%
Stateless	42.9%	72.4%	60.0%	46.9%	77.4%	90.7%	82.5%
Total	**38.3%**	**71.1%**	***68.3%***	***53.4%***	***84.9%***	***81.5%***	***45.6%***

Tables 14 to 16 show primary Protection visa grants, refusals and visa grant rates for key countries of origin and in total. For the IMA caseload, the number of visa grants and the associated visa grant rates in the tables do not necessarily reflect underlying recognition rates. This is because of the uneven time profile of the caseload, including the passage of time following a finding that a person is a refugee while awaiting health, security or character checks.

[14] A primary Protection visa grant to an IMA is a Protection visa granted to an irregular maritime arrival following a positive refugee status determination made by a departmental delegate.

[15] Key countries of citizenship are based on 2011-12 program year Protection visa grants to IMAs.

[16] The percentage of IMAs who were found to be a refugee and granted a Protection visa expressed as a proportion of all primary decisions (grants and refusals) in a given period.

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Table 17: Review outcomes by countries of citizenship

Citizenship	2010-11		2011-12		2011-12						2012-13			
					Dec Qtr		Mar Qtr		Jun Qtr		Sep Qtr		Dec Qtr	
	Refugees	Not refugees	Refugees	Not refugees	*Refugees*	*Not refugees*	*Refugees*	*Not refugees*	*Refugees*	*Not refugees*	*Refugees*	*Not refugees*	*Refugees*	*Not refugees*
Afghanistan	594	88	782	86	*194*	*30*	*162*	*13*	*111*	*16*	*127*	*16*	*157*	*29*
Iran	70	19	685	180	*190*	*47*	*211*	*55*	*196*	*50*	*151*	*53*	*66*	*65*
Iraq	69	23	172	56	*31*	*13*	*50*	*10*	*28*	*17*	*27*	*16*	*30*	*16*
Pakistan	10	2	18	7	*5*	*1*	*5*	*4*	*7*	*2*	*14*	*2*	*44*	*6*
Sri Lanka	62	27	199	45	*34*	*3*	*48*	*14*	*49*	*19*	*24*	*13*	*43*	*31*
Stateless	121	23	335	72	*76*	*22*	*108*	*17*	*57*	*13*	*51*	*9*	*13*	*20*
Other	3	8	33	28	*7*	*0*	*7*	*6*	*13*	*14*	*14*	*21*	*7*	*13*
Total	**929**	**190**	**2224**	**474**	***537***	***116***	***591***	***119***	***461***	***131***	***408***	***130***	***360***	***180***

Source: DIAC Systems

Note: The review outcomes for the September and December quarters combine information available in DIAC systems on both non-statutory and statutory review processes and are based on counts of persons rather than cases. The methodologies employed are different from those used in official Refugee Review Tribunal statistics where cases are counted.

Table 18: Overturn rate[17] by countries of citizenship

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12			2012-13	
			Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr
Afghanistan	87.1%	90.1%	*86.6%*	*92.6%*	*87.4%*	*88.8%*	*84.4%*
Iran	78.7%	79.2%	*80.2%*	*79.3%*	*79.7%*	*74.0%*	*50.4%*
Iraq	75.0%	75.4%	*70.5%*	*83.3%*	*69.2%*	*62.8%*	*65.2%*
Pakistan	83.3%	72.0%	*83.3%*	*55.6%*	*77.8%*	*87.5%*	*88.0%*
Sri Lanka	69.7%	81.6%	*91.9%*	*77.4%*	*72.1%*	*64.9%*	*58.1%*
Stateless	84.0%	82.3%	*77.6%*	*86.4%*	*81.4%*	*85.0%*	*39.4%*
Total	**83.0%**	**82.4%**	***82.2%***	***83.2%***	***77.9%***	***75.8%***	***66.7%***

Source: DIAC Systems – see note under table 17.

Table 19: Number of final Protection visa grants[18] to IMAs by key countries of citizenship[19] (primary and review processes completed)

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12			2012-13	
			Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr
Afghanistan	1335	1972	*542*	*247*	*451*	*1300*	*418*
Iran	334	1272	*228*	*264*	*354*	*570*	*205*
Iraq	256	348	*91*	*49*	*67*	*152*	*36*
Pakistan	14	94	*14*	*27*	*23*	*228*	*84*
Sri Lanka	241	299	*87*	*41*	*79*	*47*	*37*
Stateless	479	624	*132*	*86*	*160*	*255*	*71*
Other	60	157	*26*	*31*	*37*	*60*	*14*
Total	**2719**	**4766**	***1120***	***745***	***1171***	***2612***	***865***

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 20: Number of final refusals (primary and review processes completed)

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12			2012-13	
			Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Sep Qtr
Afghanistan	88	86	*30*	*13*	*16*	*16*	*29*
Iran	19	180	*47*	*55*	*50*	*50*	*65*
Iraq	23	56	*13*	*10*	*17*	*16*	*16*
Pakistan	2	7	*1*	*4*	*2*	*2*	*6*
Sri Lanka	27	45	*3*	*14*	*19*	*13*	*31*
Stateless	23	72	*22*	*17*	*13*	*9*	*20*
Other	8	28	*0*	*6*	*14*	*21*	*13*
Total	**190**	**474**	***116***	***119***	***131***	***127***	***180***

Source: DIAC Systems

[17] The overturn rate is the number of final determinations to consider as refugees expressed as a percentage of the total number of review outcomes during the period.
[18] A final Protection visa grant to an IMA is a grant following a positive refugee status determination made by a departmental delegate or following merits review.
[19] Key countries of citizenship are based on 2011-12 program year Protection visa grants to IMAs.

Table 21: Finally determined grant rates[11]

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12			*2012-13*	
			Dec Qtr	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*	*Dec Qtr*
Afghanistan	93.8%	95.8%	*94.8%*	*95.0%*	*96.6%*	*98.8%*	*93.5%*
Iran	94.6%	87.6%	*82.9%*	*82.8%*	*87.6%*	*91.5%*	*75.9%*
Iraq	91.8%	86.1%	*87.5%*	*83.1%*	*79.8%*	*90.5%*	*69.2%*
Pakistan	87.5%	93.1%	*93.3%*	*87.1%*	*92.0%*	*99.1%*	*93.3%*
Sri Lanka	89.9%	86.9%	*96.7%*	*74.5%*	*80.6%*	*78.3%*	*54.4%*
Stateless	95.4%	89.7%	*85.7%*	*83.5%*	*92.5%*	*96.6%*	*78.0%*
Total	**93.5%**	**91.0%**	***90.6%***	***86.2%***	***89.9%***	***95.3%***	***82.8%***

Source: DIAC Systems

Cohort of IMAs who arrived in 2009-10

Important Note: The following tables present information about outcomes for IMA cohorts by year of arrival rather than year of the particular events as in other tables in this publication.

Tables 22 to 24 show the outcomes as at end December 2012 for people who arrived in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively.

Table 22: Status of IMAs who arrived in 2009-10 as at end December 2012

Citizenship	Number of IMAs[20]	Primary grants	Primary refusals	Primary grant rate	Final grants	Final refusals	Finally determined grant rate[11]	% of IMAs finalised
Afghanistan	2990	1618	1364	54.3%	2836	153	94.9%	100.0%
Iran	356	160	189	45.8%	290	48	85.8%	94.9%
Iraq	368	188	182	50.8%	316	47	87.1%	98.6%
Pakistan	22	3	19	13.6%	17	4	81.0%	95.5%
Sri Lanka	841	519	288	64.3%	656	76	89.6%	87.0%
Stateless	503	274	241	53.2%	481	24	95.2%	100.4%
Other	254	113	46	71.1%	133	24	84.7%	61.8%
Total	**5334**	**2875**	**2329**	**55.2%**	**4729**	**376**	**92.6%**	**95.7%**

Source: DIAC Systems

[11] Finally determined grant rates are an expression of visa grants at the final processing stage as a percentage of all decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

[20] Number of IMAs is based on people who arrived in the period and who entered a refugee status determination process.

Cohort of IMAs who arrived in 2010-11

Table 23: Status of IMAs who arrived in 2010-11 as at end December 2012

Citizenship	Number of IMAs[20]	Primary grants	Primary refusals	Primary grant rate	Final grants	Final refusals	Finally determined grant rate	% of IMAs finalised
Afghanistan	1260	745	509	59.4%	1194	30	97.5%	97.1%
Iran	1649	759	873	46.5%	1346	184	88.0%	92.8%
Iraq	489	255	220	53.7%	404	48	89.4%	92.4%
Pakistan	59	32	27	54.2%	49	5	90.7%	91.5%
Sri Lanka	243	42	123	25.5%	62	26	70.5%	36.2%
Stateless	698	354	356	49.9%	612	60	91.1%	96.3%
Other	372	111	92	54.7%	138	46	75.0%	49.5%
Total	**4770**	**2298**	**2200**	**51.1%**	**3805**	**399**	**90.5%**	**88.1%**

Source: DIAC Systems

Cohort of IMAs who arrived in 2011-12

Table 24: Status of IMAs who arrived in 2011-12 as at end December 2012

Citizenship	Number of IMAs[20]	Primary grants	Primary refusals	Primary grant rate	Final grants	Final refusals	Finally determined grant rate	% of IMAs finalised
Afghanistan	3,342	1824	527	77.6%	1992	38	98.1%	60.7%
Iran	1,331	646	405	61.5%	826	94	89.8%	69.1%
Iraq	363	163	88	64.9%	189	19	90.9%	57.3%
Pakistan	723	305	122	71.4%	339	7	98.0%	47.9%
Sri Lanka	1,355	15	391	3.7%	15	31	32.6%	3.4%
Stateless	604	267	110	70.8%	332	19	94.6%	58.1%
Other	212	83	11	88.3%	88	2	97.8%	42.5%
Total	**7930**	**3303**	**1654**	**66.6%**	**3781**	**210**	**94.7%**	**50.3%**

Source: DIAC Systems

[20] Number of IMAs is based on people who arrived in the period and who entered a refugee status determination process.

Glossary

Asylum seeker

A person who has left their country of origin, has applied for recognition as a refugee or sought protection on Complementary Protection grounds and is awaiting a decision on their application.

Citizenship

Citizenship is based on passports/travel documents at the time of application for protection. If the applicant has no travel documents, citizenship determination is based on information supplied in the application. A formal process is then undertaken to verify information supplied.

Complementary Protection

Complementary protection is the term used to describe a category of protection for people who are not refugees but cannot be returned to their home country, in line with Australia's international obligations, because there is a real risk that the person will suffer certain types of harm.

Departmental delegate

An employee of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship who is a delegate of the Minister for the purposes of the Migration Act 1958.

Dependant

Member of the same family unit who is included in the application of the principal applicant.

DIAC

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

Final decision

A decision by a departmental delegate to grant a visa or refuse a claim for protection made at the end of primary processing where no review has been sought or after the conclusion of all review processes.

Final grant

A Protection visa grant made after the conclusion of all review processes.

Finally determined grant rate

Final grants expressed as a percentage of all final decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

IMA

Irregular Maritime Arrival.

Lodgement

The receipt of a Protection visa application.

Primary decision

A decision made at the end of initial processing by the departmental delegate to grant a visa or refuse a claim for protection.

Primary grant

A visa granted by the departmental delegate at the primary stage of processing.

Primary grant rate

Primary grants expressed as a percentage of all primary decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

Principal applicant

The main applicant for a Protection visa with specific asylum claims.

Program Year

The period from 1 July to 30 June in the following calendar year.

Protection visa

A visa issued to a non-citizen in Australia to whom the Minister is satisfied Australia has protection obligations under the Refugees Convention or otherwise owed protection, as defined in s36 of the Migration Act.

Refugee

A person who has been found to be a 'refugee' as defined in the Refugees Convention (i.e. a person who is unable to return to their home country owing to a well-founded fear of persecution for one of the Convention grounds).

Refusal

A decision that an applicant does not meet the legal criteria for the grant of a visa.

Stateless

A stateless person is an individual who self identifies as stateless, who lacks identity as a national of a state for the purpose of law and is not entitled to the rights, benefits, or protection ordinarily available to a country's nationals.

Valid application

A valid application is one that meets the validity criteria specified in the Migration Act and Regulations.