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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.

IMAs who arrived and were interviewed prior to 24 March 2012 have had their claims considered under a non-statutory refugee status determination process. IMAs who had not been interviewed prior to 24 March 2012 and who arrived before 13 August 2012 have had their claims considered through the statutory protection visa application process that is also standard for all non-IMAs. Complementary protection issues were also considered as part of the formal statutory protection visa process after 24 March 2012. IMAs who have arrived after 13 August 2012 are subject to regional processing arrangements unless specifically exempted.

A new departmental reporting system for the IMA caseload came into operation at the end of 2011-12. Apart from some revisions to historical data, the most significant change is that review outcomes rather than recommendations are now reported in line with practice for the non-IMA caseload.

Table 1: Number of people seeking Australia's protection

Program Year	Quarter	Non-IMA[1] Protection visa applications[2] lodged	IMA refugee status determination requests received[3]	Total
2010-11		**6337**	**5174**	**11511**
2011-12		**7036**	**7379**	**14415**
	Sep Qtr	*1879*	*881*	*2760*
	Dec Qtr	*1764*	*2012*	*3776*
	Mar Qtr	*1713*	*1629*	*3342*
	June Qtr	*1680*	*2857*	*4537*
2012-13		**1988**	**2516**	**4504**
	Sep Qtr	*1988*	*2516*	*4504*

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 1 shows the number of requests for 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 and are already in Australia's migration zone.
[2] Number of PV applications refers to the number of people (including family members) who made a valid application claiming protection in Australia.
[3] Refugee status determination requests counted by people screened into a determination process for IMAs.

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**
	Sep Qtr	*777*	*1730*	*2507*
	Dec Qtr	*633*	*1120*	*1753*
	Mar Qtr	*523*	*745*	*1268*
	June Qtr	*339*	*1171*	*1510*
2012-13		**1129**	**2614**	**3743**
	Sep Qtr	*1129*	*2614*	*3743*

Source: DIAC Systems

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

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12				*2012-13*
			Sep Qtr	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*
Afghanistan	1394	2020	*750*	*549*	*262*	*459*	*1314*
Iran	702	1623	*528*	*329*	*355*	*411*	*702*
Stateless	498	653	*252*	*134*	*97*	*170*	*279*
Iraq	370	494	*189*	*142*	*69*	*94*	*218*
Sri Lanka	359	424	*131*	*125*	*74*	*94*	*78*
Pakistan	222	403	*105*	*103*	*113*	*82*	*457*
China (PRC)	315	264	*123*	*68*	*48*	*25*	*94*
Egypt	143	204	*53*	*64*	*47*	*40*	*140*
Burma	75	101	*62*	*11*	*15*	*13*	*44*
Zimbabwe	172	101	*47*	*23*	*20*	*11*	*25*
Other	570	751	*267*	*205*	*168*	*111*	*392*
Total	**4820**	**7038**	***2507***	***1753***	***1268***	***1510***	***3743***

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[2] lodged

Program Year	Quarter	Principal applicants	Dependants	Total
2010-11		**4755**	**1582**	**6337**
2011-12		**5250**	**1786**	**7036**
	Sep Qtr	*1404*	*475*	*1879*
	Dec Qtr	*1329*	*435*	*1764*
	Mar Qtr	*1249*	*464*	*1713*
	Jun Qtr	*1268*	*412*	*1680*
2012-13		**1433**	**555**	**1988**
	Sep Qtr	*1433*	*555*	*1988*

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[6]

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12				*2012-13*
			Sep Qtr	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*
China (PRC)	1124	1216	*310*	*339*	*318*	*249*	*327*
India	556	906	*222*	*219*	*206*	*259*	*273*
Pakistan	549	667	*164*	*177*	*161*	*165*	*203*
Iran	386	462	*126*	*89*	*122*	*125*	*155*
Egypt	427	357	*84*	*110*	*104*	*59*	*79*
Iraq	221	297	*92*	*56*	*84*	*65*	*76*
Fiji	331	271	*49*	*80*	*86*	*56*	*51*
Nepal	229	241	*85*	*55*	*45*	*56*	*45*
Malaysia	212	196	*42*	*53*	*30*	*71*	*50*
Lebanon	174	182	*38*	*53*	*27*	*64*	*133*
Libya	66	164	*117*	*25*	*18*	*<5*[7]	*25*
Zimbabwe	195	147	*45*	*27*	*42*	*33*	*29*
Afghanistan	98	138	*43*	*24*	*31*	*40*	*37*
Sri Lanka	160	137	*42*	*29*	*36*	*30*	*33*
Indonesia	196	133	*41*	*37*	*27*	*28*	*25*
Syria	31	128	*25*	*31*	*47*	*25*	*31*
Bangladesh	104	118	*29*	*42*	*26*	*21*	*41*
Turkey	118	77	*21*	*15*	*23*	*18*	*34*
Nigeria	28	70	*18*	*25*	*19*	*8*	*28*
South Korea	90	70	*27*	*17*	*13*	*13*	*20*
Other	1042	1059	*259*	*261*	*248*	*291*	*293*
Total	**6337**	**7036**	***1879***	***1764***	***1713***	**1680**	***1988***

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

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

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

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

Decision	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12				2012-13
			Sep Qtr	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*
Grants	1389	1467	*520*	*440*	*292*	*215*	*702*
Refusals	4105	4325	*1078*	*1055*	*1126*	*1066*	*1294*
Total	**5494**	**5792**	***1598***	***1495***	***1418***	***1281***	***1996***
Primary grant rate	25.3%	25.3%	*32.5%*	*29.4%*	*20.6%*	*16.8%*	*35.2%*

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
			Sep Qtr	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*
Iran	313	291	*86*	*94*	*71*	*40*	*102*
Pakistan	170	259	*65*	*80*	*70*	*44*	*161*
Iraq	97	128	*38*	*48*	*16*	*26*	*51*
China (PRC)	121	98	*52*	*33*	*<5*	*9*	*38*
Sri Lanka	97	89	*30*	*28*	*24*	*7*	*18*
Egypt	101	72	*25*	*21*	*<5*	*23*	*70*
Zimbabwe	120	60	*33*	*17*	*<5*	*6*	*9*
Afghanistan	53	42	*16*	*5*	*15*	*6*	*8*
Bahrain	<5	42	*29*	*11*	*<5*	*<5*	*<5*
Papua New Guinea	20	40	*22*	*8*	*5*	*5*	*17*
Turkey	32	40	*8*	*14*	*13*	*5*	*9*
Syria	<5	38	*6*	*12*	*14*	*6*	*46*
Fiji	23	30	*7*	*11*	*7*	*5*	*12*
Stateless	14	25	*6*	*<5*	*7*	*10*	*16*
Eritrea	12	21	*9*	*11*	*<5*	*<5*	*0*
Burma	36	19	*6*	*7*	*<5*	*<5*	*<5*
Lebanon	25	18	*6*	*9*	*<5*	*<5*	*11*
Bangladesh	16	16	*11*	*<5*	*<5*	*<5*	*13*
Libya	<5	13	*13*	*<5*	*<5*	*<5*	*64*
Nepal	16	13	*8*	*<5*	*<5*	*<5*	*<5*
Other	118	113	*44*	*26*	*27*	*16*	*46*
Total	**1389**	**1467**	***520***	***440***	***292***	***215***	***702***

Source: ICSE

[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*
			Sep Qtr	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*
Iran	78.4%	70.1%	*76.1%*	*68.6%*	*70.3%*	*62.5%*	*69.9%*
Pakistan	54.0%	40.3%	*47.4%*	*40.8%*	*33.8%*	*43.1%*	*76.3%*
Iraq	66.9%	77.6%	*95.0%*	*76.2%*	*64.0%*	*70.3%*	*83.6%*
China (PRC)	10.6%	9.7%	*17.2%*	*15.8%*	*1.8%*	*3.4%*	*11.3%*
Sri Lanka	45.5%	52.4%	*52.6%*	*68.3%*	*54.5%*	*25.0%*	*38.3%*
Egypt	28.5%	23.4%	*25.3%*	*33.3%*	*7.7%*	*21.5%*	*47.6%*
Zimbabwe	50.4%	35.5%	*45.2%*	*51.5%*	*12.5%*	*19.4%*	*31.0%*
Afghanistan	67.9%	72.4%	*80.0%*	*83.3%*	*68.2%*	*60.0%*	*72.7%*
Bahrain	50.0%	82.4%	*87.9%*	*78.6%*	*66.7%*	*0.0%*	*75.0%*
Papua New Guinea	42.6%	60.6%	*73.3%*	*36.4%*	*55.6%*	*100.0%*	*73.9%*
Turkey	32.0%	37.0%	*25.8%*	*43.8%*	*48.1%*	*27.8%*	*40.9%*
Syria	18.8%	71.7%	*60.0%*	*63.2%*	*77.8%*	*100.0%*	*92.0%*
Fiji	5.8%	12.6%	*10.4%*	*28.9%*	*9.3%*	*8.6%*	*15.4%*
Stateless	43.8%	71.4%	*85.7%*	*25.0%*	*87.5%*	*83.3%*	*72.7%*
Eritrea	100.0%	100.0%	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*na*	*na*
Burma	61.0%	55.9%	*42.9%*	*70.0%*	*57.1%*	*66.7%*	*100.0%*
Lebanon	13.2%	14.2%	*17.6%*	*22.5%*	*7.7%*	*3.7%*	*14.7%*
Bangladesh	16.7%	19.3%	*50.0%*	*4.8%*	*11.1%*	*9.7%*	*31.7%*
Libya	0.0%	27.7%	*76.5%*	*na*	*na*	*0.0%*	*66.7%*
Nepal	10.5%	5.2%	*19.5%*	*3.5%*	*1.8%*	*2.6%*	*5.4%*
Total	**25.3%**	**25.3%**	***32.5%***	***29.4%***	***20.6%***	***16.8%***	***35.2%***

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

Decision	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12				2012-13
			Sep Qtr	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*
Grants	2101	2272	*777*	*633*	*523*	*339*	*1129*
Refusals	2739	2887	*706*	*600*	*896*	*685*	*747*
Total	**4840**	**5159**	***1483***	***1233***	***1419***	***1024***	***1876***
Final grant rate	43.4%	44.0%	*52.4%*	*51.3%*	*36.9%*	*33.1%*	*60.2%*

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
			Sep Qtr	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*
Iran	368	351	*102*	*101*	*91*	*57*	*132*
Pakistan	208	309	*75*	*89*	*86*	*59*	*232*
China (PRC)	315	264	*123*	*68*	*48*	*25*	*94*
Egypt	143	204	*53*	*64*	*47*	*40*	*139*
Iraq	114	146	*48*	*51*	*20*	*27*	*66*
Sri Lanka	118	125	*39*	*38*	*33*	*15*	*29*
Zimbabwe	172	101	*47*	*23*	*20*	*11*	*25*
Turkey	55	70	*18*	*18*	*25*	*9*	*29*
Fiji	88	68	*21*	*20*	*19*	*8*	*32*
Lebanon	64	54	*17*	*18*	*10*	*9*	*19*
Afghanistan	59	48	*18*	*7*	*15*	*8*	*9*
Syria	5	46	*8*	*14*	*16*	*8*	*52*
Bahrain	*<5*	45	*29*	*11*	*5*	*<5*	*<5*
Papua New Guinea	22	41	*22*	*9*	*5*	*5*	*24*
India	22	34	*17*	*9*	*<5*	*5*	*8*
Bangladesh	30	30	*15*	*8*	*<5*	*6*	*18*
Burma	50	30	*12*	*9*	*5*	*<5*	*11*
Stateless	19	29	*6*	*<5*	*11*	*10*	*22*
Nepal	32	27	*13*	*<5*	*9*	*<5*	*12*
Eritrea	12	21	*9*	*11*	*<5*	*<5*	*0*
Other	205	229	*85*	*65*	*58*	*37*	*172*
Total (All Citizenships)	**2101**	**2272**	***777***	***633***	***523***	***339***	***1129***

Source: ICSE

[11] Final 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: Final Protection visa grant rates[11] by top 20 countries of citizenship[12] (primary and review processes completed)

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12				*2012-13*
			Sep Qtr	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*
Iran	96.1%	94.1%	*92.7%*	*96.2%*	*93.8%*	*93.4%*	*95.7%*
Pakistan	80.3%	74.1%	*72.1%*	*84.0%*	*71.7%*	*67.8%*	*87.2%*
China (PRC)	29.8%	26.9%	*36.2%*	*33.5%*	*18.9%*	*13.6%*	*31.8%*
Egypt	66.5%	66.4%	*74.6%*	*65.3%*	*58.0%*	*70.2%*	*83.7%*
Iraq	95.0%	96.1%	*94.1%*	*98.1%*	*90.9%*	*100.0%*	*93.0%*
Sri Lanka	77.6%	64.4%	*67.2%*	*67.9%*	*68.8%*	*46.9%*	*76.3%*
Zimbabwe	76.8%	66.0%	*82.5%*	*71.9%*	*43.5%*	*61.1%*	*89.3%*
Turkey	80.9%	70.0%	*66.7%*	*81.8%*	*61.0%*	*90.0%*	*76.3%*
Fiji	18.3%	27.9%	*28.0%*	*23.3%*	*35.2%*	*27.6%*	*49.2%*
Lebanon	41.6%	43.2%	*43.6%*	*64.3%*	*30.3%*	*36.0%*	*48.7%*
Afghanistan	78.7%	92.3%	*94.7%*	*100.0%*	*93.8%*	*80.0%*	*69.2%*
Syria	35.7%	92.0%	*88.9%*	*100.0%*	*94.1%*	*80.0%*	*96.3%*
Bahrain	80.0%	97.8%	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*83.3%*	*na*	*100.0%*
Papua New Guinea	62.9%	65.1%	*84.6%*	*40.9%*	*50.0%*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*
India	7.5%	6.8%	*19.8%*	*9.8%*	*1.9%*	*3.1%*	*5.7%*
Bangladesh	47.6%	29.4%	*50.0%*	*20.5%*	*5.3%*	*42.9%*	*54.5%*
Burma	87.7%	83.3%	*92.3%*	*90.0%*	*62.5%*	*80.0%*	*100.0%*
Stateless	76.0%	90.6%	*85.7%*	*100.0%*	*91.7%*	*90.9%*	*91.7%*
Nepal	31.4%	13.9%	*33.3%*	*10.7%*	*13.6%*	*3.3%*	*15.6%*
Eritrea	100.0%	100.0%	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*na*	*na*
Total	**43.4%**	**44.0%**	***52.4%***	***51.3%***	***36.9%***	***33.1%***	***60.2%***

Tables 10 to 11 show the number of finalised cases during the period and, since the cohorts differ, there is not an exact correspondence to the primary outcomes shown in tables 6 to 8.

[11] Final 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.

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 determination requests from IMAs received[3]

Program Year	Quarter	Requests received
2010-11		**5174**
2011-12		**7379**
	Sep Qtr	*881*
	Dec Qtr	*2012*
	Mar Qtr	*1629*
	Jun Qtr	*2857*
2012-13		**2516**
	Sep Qtr	*2516*

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 determination requests from IMAs received[3] by key countries of citizenship[13]

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12				*2012-13*
			Sep Qtr	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*
Afghanistan	1621	3179	*268*	*856*	*807*	*1248*	*514*
Iran	1563	1553	*383*	*627*	*191*	*352*	*402*
Iraq	566	368	*34*	*100*	*129*	*105*	*103*
Pakistan	70	618	*21*	*110*	*221*	*266*	*238*
Sri Lanka	359	825	*1*	*113*	*111*	*600*	*1055*
Stateless	854	576	*109*	*166*	*78*	*223*	*114*
Other	141	260	*65*	*40*	*92*	*63*	*90*
Total	**5174**	**7379**	***881***	***2012***	***1629***	***2857***	***2516***

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 13 shows by key citizenships the number of people screened into one of the refugee status determination processes.

[3] Refugee status determination requests counted by people screened into a determination process for IMAs.
[13] Key countries of citizenship are based on 2011-12 program year refugee status determination requests from IMAs received.

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
			Sep Qtr	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*
Afghanistan	865	955	*374*	*119*	*179*	*283*	*1110*
Iran	277	854	*359*	*127*	*156*	*212*	*288*
Iraq	190	203	*101*	*34*	*28*	*40*	*95*
Pakistan	9	73	*23*	*7*	*22*	*21*	*208*
Sri Lanka	233	192	*80*	*57*	*26*	*29*	*24*
Stateless	371	304	*157*	*30*	*45*	*72*	*138*
Other	56	140	*58*	*21*	*30*	*31*	*51*
Total	**2001**	**2721**	***1152***	***395***	***486***	***688***	***1914***

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 15: Number of primary refusals

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12				2012-13
			Sep Qtr	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*
Afghanistan	1413	181	*54*	*22*	*62*	*43*	*172*
Iran	705	544	*185*	*111*	*220*	*28*	*54*
Iraq	279	65	*22*	*6*	*24*	*13*	*25*
Pakistan	30	34	*9*	*3*	*13*	*9*	*42*
Sri Lanka	263	83	*44*	*0*	*33*	*6*	*150*
Stateless	494	116	*24*	*20*	*51*	*21*	*15*
Other	33	81	*37*	*21*	*21*	*2*	*4*
Total	**3217**	**1104**	***375***	***183***	***424***	***122***	***462***

Source: DIAC Systems

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

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12				2012-13
			Sep Qtr	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*
Afghanistan	38.0%	84.1%	*87.4%*	*84.4%*	*74.3%*	*86.8%*	*86.6%*
Iran	28.2%	61.1%	*66.0%*	*53.4%*	*41.5%*	*88.3%*	*84.2%*
Iraq	40.5%	75.7%	*82.1%*	*85.0%*	*53.8%*	*75.5%*	*79.2%*
Pakistan	*23.1%*	*68.2%*	*71.9%*	*70.0%*	*62.9%*	*70.0%*	*83.2%*
Sri Lanka	47.0%	69.8%	*64.5%*	*100.0%*	*44.1%*	*82.9%*	*13.8%*
Stateless	42.9%	72.4%	*86.7%*	*60.0%*	*46.9%*	*77.4%*	*90.2%*
Total	**38.3%**	**71.1%**	***75.4%***	***68.3%***	***53.4%***	***84.9%***	***80.6%***

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.

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[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*	
					Sep Qtr		Dec Qtr		Mar Qtr		Jun Qtr		*Sep 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	315	27	194	30	162	13	111	16	*128*	*16*
Iran	70	19	685	180	88	28	190	47	211	55	196	50	*153*	*53*
Iraq	69	23	172	56	63	16	31	13	50	10	28	17	*26*	*16*
Pakistan	10	2	18	7	1	0	5	1	5	4	7	2	*14*	*2*
Sri Lanka	62	27	199	45	68	9	34	3	48	14	49	19	*24*	*13*
Stateless	121	23	335	72	94	20	76	22	108	17	57	13	*53*	*9*
Other	3	8	33	28	6	8	7	0	7	6	13	14	*11*	*21*
Total	**929**	**190**	**2224**	**474**	**635**	**108**	**537**	**116**	**591**	**119**	**461**	**131**	***409***	***130***

Source: DIAC Systems

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

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12				2012-13
			Sep Qtr	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*
Afghanistan	87.1%	90.1%	*92.1%*	*86.6%*	*92.6%*	*87.4%*	*88.9%*
Iran	78.7%	79.2%	*75.9%*	*80.2%*	*79.3%*	*79.7%*	*74.3%*
Iraq	75.0%	75.4%	*79.7%*	*70.5%*	*83.3%*	*69.2%*	*61.9%*
Pakistan	83.3%	72.0%	*100.0%*	*83.3%*	*55.6%*	*77.8%*	*87.5%*
Sri Lanka	69.7%	81.6%	*88.3%*	*91.9%*	*77.4%*	*72.1%*	*64.9%*
Stateless	84.0%	82.3%	*82.5%*	*77.6%*	*86.4%*	*81.4%*	*85.5%*
Total	**83.0%**	**82.4%**	***85.5%***	***82.2%***	***83.2%***	***77.9%***	***75.9%***

Source: DIAC Systems

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
			Sep Qtr	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*
Afghanistan	1335	1972	*732*	*542*	*247*	*451*	*1305*
Iran	334	1272	*426*	*228*	*264*	*354*	*570*
Iraq	256	348	*141*	*91*	*49*	*67*	*152*
Pakistan	14	94	*30*	*14*	*27*	*23*	*225*
Sri Lanka	241	299	*92*	*87*	*41*	*79*	*49*
Stateless	479	624	*246*	*132*	*86*	*160*	*257*
Other	60	157	*63*	*26*	*31*	*37*	*56*
Total	**2719**	**4766**	***1730***	***1120***	***745***	***1171***	***2614***

Source: DIAC Systems

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

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12				2012-13
			Sep Qtr	*Dec Qtr*	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*
Afghanistan	88	86	*27*	*30*	*13*	*16*	*16*
Iran	19	180	*28*	*47*	*55*	*50*	*53*
Iraq	23	56	*16*	*13*	*10*	*17*	*16*
Pakistan	2	7	*0*	*1*	*4*	*2*	*2*
Sri Lanka	27	45	*9*	*3*	*14*	*19*	*13*
Stateless	23	72	*20*	*22*	*17*	*13*	*9*
Other	8	28	*8*	*0*	*6*	*14*	21
Total	**190**	**474**	***108***	***116***	***119***	***131***	***130***

Source: DIAC Systems

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[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: Percentage of post-primary caseload granted visas

Citizenship	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12				*2012-13*
			Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	*Sep Qtr*
Afghanistan	47.1%	88.1%	90.0%	91.2%	76.7%	88.4%	*87.4%*
Iran	31.6%	63.7%	66.7%	59.1%	49.0%	81.9%	*84.2%*
Iraq	45.9%	74.2%	78.8%	82.7%	59.0%	69.1%	*78.8%*
Pakistan	30.4%	69.6%	76.9%	77.8%	61.4%	67.6%	*83.6%*
Sri Lanka	45.4%	70.0%	63.4%	96.7%	46.6%	76.0%	*23.1%*
Stateless	48.1%	76.8%	84.8%	75.9%	55.8%	82.5%	*91.5%*
Total	**44.4%**	**75.1%**	**78.2%**	**78.9%**	**57.8%**	**82.2%**	***81.5%***

Source: DIAC Systems

The post primary caseload refers to IMAs who, during the relevant quarter, received a primary refusal or a review refusal or were granted a Protection visa following either a primary or review decision.

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 23 show the outcomes as at 26 November 2012 (the date of changes to DIAC systems for reporting) for people who arrived in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively.

The progressive grant rate relates to IMAs who have received a primary refusal or a review refusal or have been granted a Protection visa following either a primary or review decision.

Table 22: Status of IMAs who arrived in 2009-10 as at 26 November 2012

Citizenship	Number of IMAs[20]	Primary grants	Primary refusals	Primary grant rate	Final grants	Final refusals	Progressive grant rate	% of IMAs finalised
Afghanistan	2999	1626	1371	54.3%	2847	152	95.0%	100.0%
Iran	367	166	196	45.9%	304	45	84.0%	95.1%
Iraq	386	198	192	50.8%	335	47	85.9%	99.0%
Pakistan	19	2	17	10.5%	15	3	78.9%	94.7%
Sri Lanka	842	519	289	64.2%	654	77	80.9%	86.8%
Stateless	472	253	229	52.5%	449	23	93.2%	100.0%
Other	248	114	39	74.5%	128	28	83.7%	62.9%
Total	**5333**	**2878**	**2333**	**55.2%**	**4732**	**375**	**90.8%**	**95.8%**

Source: DIAC Systems

[20] Number of IMAs is based on people who arrived in the period and who were screened into 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 26 November 2012

Citizenship	Number of IMAs[20]	Primary grants	Primary refusals	Primary grant rate	Final grants	Final refusals	Progressive grant rate	% of IMAs finalised
Afghanistan	1261	745	511	59.3%	1190	28	94.7%	96.6%
Iran	1657	767	872	46.8%	1348	179	82.2%	92.2%
Iraq	498	262	223	54.0%	411	48	84.7%	92.2%
Pakistan	59	32	27	54.2%	50	5	84.7%	93.2%
Sri Lanka	243	36	123	22.6%	52	26	32.7%	32.1%
Stateless	678	338	353	48.9%	593	59	85.8%	96.2%
Other	375	113	92	55.1%	140	45	68.3%	49.3%
Total	**4771**	**2293**	**2201**	**51.0%**	**3784**	**390**	**84.2%**	**87.5%**

Source: DIAC Systems

Cohort of IMAs who arrived in 2011-12

Table 24: Status of IMAs who arrived in 2011-12 as at 26 November 2012

Citizenship	Number of IMAs[20]	Primary grants	Primary refusals	Primary grant rate	Final grants	Final refusals	Progressive grant rate	% of IMAs finalised
Afghanistan	3359	1770	469	79.1%	1872	26	83.6%	56.5%
Iran	1342	624	396	61.2%	778	86	76.3%	64.4%
Iraq	363	160	85	65.3%	180	14	73.5%	53.4%
Pakistan	712	284	109	72.3%	301	4	76.6%	42.8%
Sri Lanka	1356	12	347	3.3%	12	21	3.3%	2.4%
Stateless	581	246	105	70.1%	306	14	87.2%	55.1%
Other	217	85	7	92.4%	87	2	94.6%	41.0%
Total	**7930**	**3181**	**1518**	**67.7%**	**3536**	**167**	**75.3%**	**46.7%**

Source: DIAC Systems

[20] Number of IMAs is based on people who arrived in the period and who were screened into 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.

Dependent applicant

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.

Final 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.

Post-primary caseload

The post primary caseload refers to IMAs who have received at least a primary decision. This incorporates: all people granted a visa; people whose primary refusal was affirmed at review; and people who, at the end of the relevant period, were seeking review of a negative primary decision.

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.