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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 determination processes. Unless otherwise indicated all figures relate to the number of events (such as a visa grant or a refusal) in a given time period.

Outcomes reflect the grant of a Protection visa or a refusal decision rather than a finding that a person is or is not a refugee.

For the irregular maritime arrival (IMA) caseload, the number of visa grants and the associated percentages in the tables do not necessarily reflect underlying recognition rates. This is because of the passage of time following a finding that a person is a refugee while awaiting health, security or character checks. To provide a fuller picture this publication now includes tables about outcomes during the twelve months to the end of each quarter and for IMA cohorts by year of arrival.

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
2009-10		**5987**	**4591**	**10578**
2010-11		**6316**	**5175**	**11491**
	Sep Qtr	*1533*	*1741*	*3274*
	Dec Qtr	*1537*	*1725*	*3262*
	Mar Qtr	*1688*	*935*	*2623*
	Jun Qtr	*1558*	*774*	*2332*
2011-12				
	Sep Qtr	*1874*	*881*	*2755*
	Dec Qtr	*1767*	*2022*	*3789*

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). Among non-IMA applicants, arrival in Australia may have occurred in a period prior to that of application.

[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[4]

Program Year	Quarter	PV grants to non-IMA	PV grants to IMA[5]	Adjustment[6]	Total
2009-10		**2367**	**2119**	**30**	**4516**
2010-11		**2101**	**2696**	**21**	**4818**
	Sep Qtr	*460*	*454*	*7*	*921*
	Dec Qtr	*449*	*307*	*6*	*762*
	Mar Qtr	*739*	*425*	*4*	*1168*
	Jun Qtr	*453*	*1510*	*4*	*1967*
2011-12					
	Sep Qtr	*777*	*1725*	*5*	*2507*
	Dec Qtr	*635*	*1120*	*-2*	*1753*

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 3: Number of final Protection visa (PV) grants by top 10 countries of citizenship[7]

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	*2010-11*			*2011-12*	
			Dec Qtr	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*	*Dec Qtr*
Afghanistan	1514	1395	*234*	*308*	*675*	*750*	*549*
Iran	279	702	*26*	*257*	*345*	*531*	*330*
Stateless	190	501	*41*	*61*	*341*	*251*	*133*
Iraq	323	365	*23*	*70*	*190*	*188*	*139*
Sri Lanka	505	358	*51*	*63*	*62*	*131*	*125*
China (PRC)	494	315	*81*	*70*	*62*	*123*	*68*
Pakistan	218	222	*41*	*66*	*79*	*105*	*104*
Zimbabwe	255	172	*70*	*26*	*17*	*47*	*23*
Egypt	79	142	*27*	*46*	*53*	*53*	*64*
Fiji	38	87	*29*	*20*	*9*	*21*	*20*
Other	621	559	*139*	*181*	*134*	*307*	*198*
Total	**4516**	**4818**	***762***	***1168***	***1967***	***2507***	***1753***

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. However, due to different methodologies, the sum of IMA and non-IMA final grant figures for certain countries of citizenship may vary from the official final grant figures published in table 3.

[4] Total PV grants may vary slightly from official program year figures published elsewhere because the data for grants to IMAs has been extracted from departmental systems on a different date employing different methodologies.
[5] In general, only those irregular maritime arrivals who have been found to be refugees are allowed to apply for a Protection visa
[6] Statistical adjustments introduced in this table reconcile the component grant figures with the official program year total.
[7] Top 10 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 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
2009-10		**4579**	**1408**	**5987**
2010-11		**4750**	**1566**	**6316**
	Sep Qtr	*1166*	*367*	*1533*
	Dec Qtr	*1138*	*399*	*1537*
	Mar Qtr	*1289*	*399*	*1688*
	Jun Qtr	*1157*	*401*	*1558*
2011-12				
	Sep Qtr	*1405*	*469*	*1874*
	Dec Qtr	*1332*	*435*	*1767*

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[8]

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	*2010-11*			*2011-12*	
			Dec Qtr	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*	*Dec Qtr*
China (PRC)	1293	1122	*293*	*300*	*236*	*309*	*336*
India	301	555	*107*	*132*	*194*	*222*	*221*
Pakistan	349	547	*129*	*139*	*168*	*163*	*178*
Egypt	207	427	*116*	*144*	*79*	*84*	*107*
Iran	378	384	*89*	*110*	*97*	*126*	*88*
Fiji	563	329	*84*	*106*	*42*	*48*	*81*
Nepal	93	226	*55*	*73*	*58*	*85*	*55*
Iraq	223	220	*61*	*49*	*50*	*92*	*53*
Malaysia	257	212	*47*	*48*	*39*	*42*	*53*
Indonesia	178	195	*38*	*48*	*48*	*40*	*37*
Zimbabwe	378	190	*30*	*71*	*36*	*42*	*26*
Lebanon	157	175	*61*	*37*	*30*	*38*	*53*
Sri Lanka	327	158	*28*	*40*	*45*	*42*	*28*
Vietnam	44	133	*56*	*36*	*30*	*17*	*12*
Turkey	76	118	*33*	*28*	*24*	*21*	*15*
Bangladesh	86	106	*29*	*34*	*19*	*29*	*42*
Afghanistan	113	97	*31*	*14*	*31*	*43*	*22*
Papua New Guinea	42	76	*14*	*19*	*20*	*23*	*16*
South Korea	86	70	*16*	*14*	*19*	*25*	*18*
Libya	6	66	*6*	*10*	*50*	*117*	*23*
Other	830	910	*214*	*236*	*243*	*266*	*303*
Total	**5987**	**6316**	***1537***	***1688***	***1558***	***1874***	***1767***

Source: ICSE

[2] Number of PV applications refers to the number of people (both principal applicants and dependants) who made a valid application claiming protection in Australia.

[8] Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year lodgements.

Table 6: Number of primary Protection visa decisions[9] and primary grant rates[10]

Decision	2009-10	2010-11	*2010-11*			*2011-12*	
			Dec Qtr	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*	*Dec Qtr*
Grants	1710	1389	*295*	*504*	*314*	*520*	*441*
Refusals	3040	4107	*935*	*952*	*1193*	*1078*	*1050*
Total	**4750**	**5496**	***1230***	***1456***	***1507***	***1598***	***1491***
Primary grant rate	36.0%	25.3%	*24.0%*	*34.6%*	*20.8%*	*32.5%*	*29.6%*

Source: ICSE

Table 7: Number of primary Protection visa grants by top 20 countries of citizenship[11]

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	*2010-11*			*2011-12*	
			Dec Qtr	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*	*Dec Qtr*
Iran	199	314	*13*	*203*	*61*	*86*	*94*
Pakistan	183	170	*29*	*51*	*62*	*65*	*80*
China (PRC)	229	121	*36*	*24*	*21*	*52*	*33*
Zimbabwe	225	120	*51*	*13*	*12*	*33*	*17*
Egypt	62	100	*18*	*32*	*39*	*25*	*21*
Iraq	175	97	*10*	*47*	*20*	*38*	*48*
Sri Lanka	165	96	*9*	*22*	*19*	*30*	*28*
Afghanistan	75	53	*21*	*15*	*13*	*16*	*5*
Burma	61	36	*7*	*11*	*8*	*6*	*7*
Turkey	23	32	*12*	*7*	*11*	*8*	*14*
Lebanon	9	25	..	*20*	..	*6*	*9*
Fiji	14	22	*11*	..	*6*	*7*	*11*
Papua New Guinea	17	20	*12*	*5*	..	*22*	*8*
Bangladesh	21	16	..	..	..	*11*	..
Nepal	16	16	*5*	*5*	..	*8*	..
Stateless	14	15	*5*	..	*5*	*6*	..
Ethiopia	11	14	..	..	..	..	*3*
Eritrea	8	12	..	..	..	*9*	*11*
Nigeria	17	11	..	..	..	*0*	*0*
Indonesia	22	10	..	*6*	..	..	..
Other	164	89	*37*	*26*	*19*	*87*	*45*
Total	**1710**	**1389**	***295***	***504***	***314***	***520***	***441***

Source: ICSE

[9] A decision made at the end of initial processing by the departmental delegate.

[10] Primary Protection visa grant rates measure the visa grants at the initial processing stage in the Protection visa process as a proportion of total primary decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

[11] Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year primary grants.

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Table 8: Primary Protection visa grant rates[10] by top 20 countries of citizenship[11]

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	*2010-11*			*2011-12*	
			Dec Qtr	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*	*Dec Qtr*
Iran	88.1%	78.5%	*29.5%*	*94.9%*	*72.6%*	*76.1%*	*68.1%*
Pakistan	71.8%	54.0%	*54.7%*	*60.7%*	*54.4%*	*47.4%*	*41.0%*
China (PRC)	19.9%	10.6%	*12.5%*	*8.2%*	*8.1%*	*17.3%*	*15.9%*
Zimbabwe	74.3%	50.2%	*69.9%*	*31.7%*	*32.4%*	*45.2%*	*51.5%*
Egypt	45.9%	28.2%	*23.7%*	*31.4%*	*26.0%*	*25.3%*	*33.3%*
Iraq	91.1%	66.9%	*52.6%*	*66.2%*	*69.0%*	*95.0%*	*76.2%*
Sri Lanka	67.9%	45.3%	*32.1%*	*51.2%*	*28.8%*	*52.6%*	*68.3%*
Afghanistan	86.2%	68.8%	*84.0%*	*78.9%*	*72.2%*	*80.0%*	*83.3%*
Burma	80.3%	61.0%	*77.8%*	*57.9%*	*88.9%*	*42.9%*	*70.0%*
Turkey	51.1%	32.0%	*41.4%*	*38.9%*	*26.8%*	*25.8%*	*43.8%*
Lebanon	9.7%	13.2%	*11.8%*	*42.6%*	*1.6%*	*17.6%*	*22.5%*
Fiji	3.3%	5.6%	*16.9%*	*3.8%*	*5.8%*	*10.4%*	*28.9%*
Papua New Guinea	70.8%	42.6%	*85.7%*	*41.7%*	*16.7%*	*73.3%*	*36.4%*
Bangladesh	30.4%	16.7%	*11.5%*	*10.0%*	*11.1%*	*50.0%*	*5.0%*
Nepal	24.6%	10.5%	*12.5%*	*15.6%*	*3.3%*	*20.0%*	*3.6%*
Stateless	73.7%	45.5%	*55.6%*	*37.5%*	*45.5%*	*75.0%*	*28.6%*
Ethiopia	57.9%	53.8%	*44.4%*	*42.9%*	*100.0%*	*66.7%*	*18.8%*
Eritrea	88.9%	100.0%	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*
Nigeria	56.7%	32.4%	*37.5%*	*33.3%*	*10.0%*	*0.0%*	*0.0%*
Indonesia	12.0%	5.0%	*3.5%*	*14.0%*	*2.1%*	*2.2%*	*6.7%*
Total	**36.0%**	**25.3%**	***24.0%***	***34.6%***	***20.8%***	***32.5%***	***29.6%***

Tables 6 to 8 show non-IMA primary Protection visa grants and grant rates for key countries of origin and in total.

[10] Primary Protection visa grant rates measure the visa grants at the initial processing stage in the Protection visa process as a proportion of total primary decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

[11] Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year primary grants.

Table 9: Number of final Protection visa decisions and final grant rates[12] (primary and review processes completed)

Decision	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11			2011-12	
			Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr
Grants	2367	2101	*449*	*739*	*453*	*777*	*635*
Refusals	2275	2709	*750*	*649*	*630*	*719*	*556*
Total	**4642**	**4810**	***1199***	***1388***	***1083***	***1496***	***1191***
Final grant rate	51.0%	43.7%	*37.4%*	*53.2%*	*41.8%*	***51.9%***	***53.3%***

Source: ICSE

Table 10: Number of final Protection visa grants by top 20 countries of citizenship[13] (primary and review processes completed)

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11			2011-12	
			Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr
Iran	210	369	*21*	*231*	*72*	*102*	*101*
China (PRC)	494	315	*81*	*70*	*62*	*123*	*68*
Pakistan	212	208	*37*	*66*	*70*	*75*	*90*
Zimbabwe	255	172	*70*	*26*	*17*	*47*	*23*
Egypt	79	142	*27*	*46*	*53*	*53*	*64*
Sri Lanka	190	117	*14*	*30*	*21*	*39*	*38*
Iraq	183	113	*10*	*57*	*24*	*48*	*51*
Fiji	38	87	*29*	*20*	*9*	*21*	*20*
Lebanon	33	64	*10*	*43*	*5*	*17*	*18*
Afghanistan	75	59	*23*	*16*	*14*	*18*	*7*
Turkey	31	55	*15*	*15*	*18*	*18*	*18*
Burma	79	50	*11*	*16*	*8*	*12*	*9*
Nepal	22	32	*6*	*8*	*5*	*13*	..
Bangladesh	37	30	..	*9*	*9*	*15*	*8*
Indonesia	32	24	..	*11*	*6*	..	..
India	34	23	*5*	*8*	..	*17*	*9*
Papua New Guinea	17	22	*12*	*7*	..	*22*	*9*
Stateless	17	20	*8*	..	*6*	*6*	..
Ethiopia	25	17	*6*	..	..	*9*	*5*
Nigeria	27	17	..	..	..	*0*	*0*
Other	277	165	*53*	*49*	*43*	*121*	*90*
Total	**2367**	**2101**	***449***	***739***	***453***	***777***	***635***

Source: ICSE

[12] Final grant rates measure the visa grants at the final processing stage in the Protection visa process as a proportion of total decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

[13] Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year final grants.

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Table 11: Final Protection visa grant rates[12] by top 20 countries of citizenship[13] (primary and review processes completed)

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	*2010-11*			*2011-12*	
			Dec Qtr	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*	*Dec Qtr*
Iran	98.1%	96.1%	*80.8%*	*97.9%*	*96.0%*	*92.7%*	*97.1%*
China (PRC)	42.2%	29.9%	*25.8%*	*31.3%*	*27.8%*	*35.8%*	*35.1%*
Pakistan	84.8%	79.1%	*74.0%*	*79.5%*	*79.5%*	*72.1%*	*88.1%*
Zimbabwe	85.9%	77.1%	*86.4%*	*63.4%*	*70.8%*	*82.5%*	*74.2%*
Egypt	71.8%	66.4%	*77.1%*	*64.8%*	*62.4%*	*73.6%*	*65.3%*
Sri Lanka	76.3%	79.1%	*73.7%*	*65.2%*	*84.0%*	*67.2%*	*63.3%*
Iraq	96.3%	93.4%	*83.3%*	*98.3%*	*88.9%*	*94.1%*	*98.1%*
Fiji	16.1%	18.0%	*20.4%*	*23.8%*	*13.4%*	*27.3%*	*24.1%*
Lebanon	35.9%	43.8%	*31.3%*	*60.6%*	*21.7%*	*43.6%*	*64.3%*
Afghanistan	94.9%	79.7%	*71.9%*	*80.0%*	*93.3%*	*94.7%*	*100.0%*
Turkey	70.5%	80.9%	*83.3%*	*88.2%*	*85.7%*	*66.7%*	*85.7%*
Burma	95.2%	87.7%	*73.3%*	*88.9%*	*100.0%*	*92.3%*	*90.0%*
Nepal	44.9%	31.7%	*23.1%*	*27.6%*	*25.0%*	*31.7%*	*13.0%*
Bangladesh	43.5%	47.6%	*33.3%*	*60.0%*	*33.3%*	*50.0%*	*20.5%*
Indonesia	16.4%	13.2%	*9.5%*	*19.3%*	*12.0%*	*1.9%*	*15.4%*
India	13.2%	7.9%	*7.4%*	*11.0%*	*2.6%*	*19.3%*	*11.4%*
Papua New Guinea	73.9%	62.9%	*85.7%*	*63.6%*	*33.3%*	*84.6%*	*40.9%*
Stateless	85.0%	76.9%	*72.7%*	*100.0%*	*75.0%*	*85.7%*	*100.0%*
Ethiopia	86.2%	81.0%	*100.0%*	*60.0%*	*75.0%*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*
Nigeria	67.5%	65.4%	*66.7%*	*66.7%*	*50.0%*	*0.0%*	*0.0%*
Total	**51.0%**	**43.7%**	***37.4%***	***53.2%***	***41.8%***	***51.9%***	***53.3%***

Tables 10 to 11 show non-IMA final Protection visa grants and grant rates for key countries of origin and in total.

These tables show the number of finalised cases during the period and there is not an exact correspondence to the primary outcomes shown in tables 6-8.

[12] Final grant rates measure the visa grants at the final processing stage in the Protection visa process as a proportion of total decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.
[13] Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 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.

Table 12: Number of refugee status determination requests from IMAs received[3]

Program Year	Quarter	Requests received
2009-10		**4591**
2010-11		**5175**
	Sep Qtr	*1741*
	Dec Qtr	*1725*
	Mar Qtr	*935*
	Jun Qtr	*774*
2011-12		
	Sep Qtr	*881*
	Dec Qtr	*2022*

Source: DIAC Systems

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

The time taken for a screening decision means these figures may be slightly different to those recorded for maritime arrivals in each quarter or year.

Table 13: Number of refugee status determination requests from IMAs received[3] by top 5 countries of citizenship[14]

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	*2010-11*			*2011-12*	
			Dec Qtr	*Mar Qtr*	*Jun Qtr*	*Sep Qtr*	*Dec Qtr*
Afghanistan	2650	1612	*357*	*201*	*282*	*268*	*858*
Sri Lanka	919	362	*142*	*19*	*81*	*0*	*113*
Stateless	460	895	*391*	*190*	*17*	*109*	*169*
Iraq	248	542	*256*	*74*	*40*	*32*	*100*
Iran	197	1549	*533*	*429*	*282*	*384*	*631*
Other	117	215	*46*	*22*	*72*	*88*	*151*
Total	**4591**	**5175**	***1725***	***935***	***774***	***881***	***2022***

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.
[14] Top 5 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year refugee status determination requests from IMAs received.

Table 14: Number of primary Protection visa grants[15] to IMAs by top 5 countries of citizenship[16]

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	*In the 12 months period to the end of:*				
			Dec Qtr 2010-11	*Mar Qtr 2010-11*	*Jun Qtr 2010-11*	*Sep Qtr 2011-12*	*Dec Qtr 2011-12*
Afghanistan	1417	862	*955*	*569*	*862*	*1143*	*1162*
Sri Lanka	313	228	*366*	*293*	*228*	*183*	*207*
Stateless	169	371	*187*	*115*	*371*	*495*	*504*
Iraq	129	176	*103*	*84*	*176*	*245*	*281*
Iran	49	275	*48*	*39*	*275*	*611*	*736*
Other	13	63	*23*	*28*	*63*	*131*	*154*
Total	**2090**	**1975**	***1682***	***1128***	***1975***	***2808***	***3044***

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 15: Number of primary refusals

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	*In the 12 months period to the end of:*				
			Dec Qtr 2010-11	*Mar Qtr 2010-11*	*Jun Qtr 2010-11*	*Sep Qtr 2011-12*	*Dec Qtr 2011-12*
Afghanistan	403	1425	*1006*	*1646*	*1425*	*1131*	*891*
Sri Lanka	95	263	*231*	*228*	*263*	*195*	*150*
Stateless	82	513	*300*	*400*	*513*	*427*	*345*
Iraq	85	268	*179*	*205*	*268*	*248*	*192*
Iran	45	693	*221*	*399*	*693*	*783*	*778*
Other	26	69	*53*	*53*	*69*	*95*	*104*
Total	**736**	**3231**	***1990***	***2931***	***3231***	***2879***	***2460***

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 16: Primary Protection visa grant rates[17] to IMAs

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	*In the 12 months period to the end of:*				
			Dec Qtr 2010-11	*Mar Qtr 2010-11*	*Jun Qtr 2010-11*	*Sep Qtr 2011-12*	*Dec Qtr 2011-12*
Afghanistan	77.9%	37.7%	*48.7%*	*25.7%*	*37.7%*	*50.3%*	*56.6%*
Sri Lanka	76.7%	46.4%	*61.3%*	*56.2%*	*46.4%*	*48.4%*	*58.0%*
Stateless	67.3%	42.0%	*38.4%*	*22.3%*	*42.0%*	*53.7%*	*59.4%*
Iraq	60.3%	39.6%	*36.5%*	*29.1%*	*39.6%*	*49.7%*	*59.4%*
Iran	52.1%	28.4%	*17.8%*	*8.9%*	*28.4%*	*43.8%*	*48.6%*
Total	**74.0%**	**37.9%**	***45.8%***	***27.8%***	***37.9%***	***49.4%***	***55.3%***

[15] 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. Protection visa grants reported here may vary slightly from figures for grants to IMAs provided elsewhere because the data has been extracted from departmental systems on a different date employing different methodologies.

[16] Top 5 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year Protection visa grants to IMAs.

[17] 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.

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 passage of time following a finding that a person is a refugee while awaiting health, security or character checks.

Table 17: Review recommendations by countries of citizenship

Citizenship	2009-10		2010-11		*Sep Qtr 2011-12*		*Dec Qtr 2011-12*	
	Refugees	Not refugees	Refugees	Not refugees	*Refugees*	*Not refugees*	*Refugees*	*Not refugees*
Afghanistan	6	2	605	164	*314*	*45*	*217*	*39*
Sri Lanka	16	70	59	54	*66*	*15*	*44*	*8*
Stateless	15	2	120	44	*96*	*28*	*48*	*11*
Iraq	19	9	69	30	*49*	*28*	*36*	*12*
Iran	21	3	74	21	*100*	*36*	*239*	*83*
Other	4	6	14	17	*15*	*5*	*12*	*3*
Total	**81**	**92**	**941**	**330**	***640***	***157***	***596***	***156***

Source: DIAC Systems

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

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	*Sep Qtr 2011-12*	*Dec Qtr 2011-12*
Afghanistan	75.0%	78.7%	*87.5%*	*84.8%*
Sri Lanka	18.6%	52.2%	*81.5%*	*84.6%*
Stateless	88.2%	73.2%	*77.4%*	*81.4%*
Iraq	67.9%	69.7%	*63.6%*	*75.0%*
Iran	87.5%	77.9%	*73.5%*	*74.2%*
Total	**46.8%**	**74.0%**	***80.3%***	***79.3%***

Source: DIAC Systems

[18] Overturn rate is a percentage of recommendations to consider as refugees compared to the total number of review recommendations during the period.

Table 19: Number of final Protection visa grants[19] to IMAs by top 5 countries of citizenship[20] (primary and review processes completed)

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	*In the 12 months period to the end of:*				
			Dec Qtr 2010-11	*Mar Qtr 2010-11*	*Jun Qtr 2010-11*	*Sep Qtr 2011-12*	*Dec Qtr 2011-12*
Afghanistan	1419	1335	*1148*	*892*	*1335*	*1894*	*2225*
Sri Lanka	315	236	*370*	*298*	*236*	*200*	*252*
Stateless	172	481	*221*	*166*	*481*	*673*	*772*
Iraq	137	239	*146*	*131*	*239*	*322*	*400*
Iran	63	333	*70*	*74*	*333*	*728*	*951*
Other	13	72	*30*	*35*	*72*	*150*	*180*
Total	**2119**	**2696**	***1985***	***1596***	***2696***	***3967***	***4780***

Source: DIAC Systems

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

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	*In the 12 months period to the end of:*				
			Dec Qtr 2010-11	*Mar Qtr 2010-11*	*Jun Qtr 2010-11*	*Sep Qtr 2011-12*	*Dec Qtr 2011-12*
Afghanistan	2	160	*53*	*110*	*160*	*180*	*194*
Sri Lanka	34	50	*44*	*43*	*50*	*64*	*59*
Stateless	0	40	*16*	*30*	*40*	*61*	*95*
Iraq	8	28	*25*	*26*	*28*	*49*	*51*
Iran	2	22	*12*	*13*	*22*	*46*	*93*
Other	4	13	*16*	*15*	*13*	*19*	*13*
Total	**50**	**313**	***166***	***237***	***313***	***419***	***505***

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 21: Number of cases seeking review at the end of each period

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	*As at 31 Dec 2010*	*As at 31 Mar 2011*	*As at 30 Jun 2011*	*As at 30 Sep 2011*	*As at 31 Dec 2011*
Afghanistan	251	1055	*594*	*976*	*1055*	*571*	*287*
Sri Lanka	72	254	*217*	*237*	*254*	*161*	*121*
Stateless	52	414	*185*	*256*	*414*	*301*	*204*
Iraq	56	231	*77*	*143*	231	*161*	*115*
Iran	34	611	*122*	*261*	*611*	*671*	*528*
Other	18	63	*28*	*46*	*63*	*84*	*86*
Total	**483**	**2628**	***1223***	***1919***	***2628***	***1949***	***1341***

Source: DIAC Systems

[19] 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. Protection visa grants to IMAs reported here may vary slightly from figures for grants to IMAs provided elsewhere because the data has been extracted from departmental systems on a different date employing different methodologies.

[20] Top 5 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year refugee status determination Protection visa grants to IMAs.

Table 22: Percentage of post-primary caseload granted visas

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	*In the 12 months period to the end of:*				
			Dec Qtr 2010-11	*Mar Qtr 2010-11*	*Jun Qtr 2010-11*	*Sep Qtr 2011-12*	*Dec Qtr 2011-12*
Afghanistan	84.9%	52.4%	*64.0%*	*45.1%*	*52.4%*	*71.6%*	*82.2%*
Sri Lanka	74.8%	43.7%	*58.6%*	*51.6%*	*43.7%*	*47.1%*	*58.3%*
Stateless	76.8%	51.4%	*52.4%*	*36.7%*	*51.4%*	*65.0%*	*72.1%*
Iraq	68.2%	48.0%	*58.9%*	*43.7%*	*48.0%*	*60.5%*	*70.7%*
Iran	63.6%	34.5%	*34.3%*	*21.3%*	*34.5%*	*50.4%*	*60.5%*
Total	**79.9%**	**47.8%**	***58.8%***	***42.5%***	***47.8%***	***62.6%***	***72.1%***

Source: DIAC Systems

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.

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 events as in other tables in this publication. Figures in these tables are revised as at 31 December 2011.

Tables 23-24 show the outcomes as at 31 December 2011 for people who arrived in 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively.

Table 23: Status of IMAs who arrived in 2009-10 as at the end of the December quarter in 2011

Citizenship	Number of IMAs[21]	Primary grants	Primary refusals	Primary grant rate	Final grants	Final refusals (post review outcome)	Onhand (review)	% of post primary caseload granted visas
Afghanistan	2968	1600	1354	54.2%	2598	220	71	89.9%
Sri Lanka	835	469	278	62.8%	517	91	22	82.1%
Stateless	601	341	256	57.1%	530	52	10	89.5%
Iraq	345	176	168	51.2%	287	53	2	83.9%
Iran	329	132	182	42.0%	254	33	15	84.1%
Other	149	83	58	58.9%	105	24	6	77.8%
Total	**5227**	**2801**	**2296**	**55.0%**	**4291**	**473**	**126**	**87.8%**

Source: DIAC Systems

[21] Number of IMAs is based on people who arrived in the period and were screened into refugee status determination process

Cohort of IMAs who arrived in 2010-11

Table 24: Status of IMAs who arrived in 2010-11 as at the end of the December quarter in 2011

Citizenship	Number of IMAs[21]	Primary grants	Primary refusals	Primary grant rate	Final grants	Final refusals (post review outcome)	Onhand (review)	% of post primary caseload granted visas
Afghanistan	1312	738	526	58.4%	995	14	194	82.7%
Sri Lanka	245	3	105	2.8%	3	2	88	3.2%
Stateless	798	365	368	49.8%	476	56	170	67.8%
Iraq	463	217	203	51.7%	268	21	105	68.0%
Iran	1590	649	749	46.4%	772	68	434	60.6%
Other	257	95	94	50.3%	104	2	74	57.8%
Total	**4665**	**2067**	**2045**	**50.3%**	**2618**	**163**	**1065**	**68.1%**

Source: DIAC Systems

[21] Number of IMAs is based on people who arrived in the period and were screened into refugee status determination process.

Glossary

Asylum seeker

A person who has left their country of origin, has applied for recognition as a refugee in another country and isawaiting 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.

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

Final grant

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

Final grant rate

The rate of visa grants at the final processing stage in the Protection visa process as a proportion of total decisions made in a given period.

ICSE

Integrated Client Services Environment

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

The ratio of visa grants at the initial processing stage in the Protection visa process as a proportion of total 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 beginning from 1 July to 30 June of the following 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, 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.