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Department of Home Affairs

Monthly Update: Onshore Protection (Subclass 866) Visa Processing - October 2026

This report covers the period 1 October 2026 to 31 October 2026.

(a)	**the total number of protection visa lodgements made onshore during the period;**	**1,832**
(b)	the total number of protection visa lodgements made onshore at airports, by airport and state, during the period;	0
(c)	the total number of individuals, by country of origin, that made a lodgement for a protection visa onshore during the period;	
	China (exc. SAR)	249
	India	180
	Indonesia	166
	Fiji	108
	Nepal	96
	Philippines	94
	Pakistan	93
	Bangladesh	61
	Vietnam	48
	Sri Lanka	46
	Malaysia	40
	Tonga	40
	Timor-Leste	37
	Kenya	36
	Iran	33
	Taiwan	30
	Myanmar	28
	Türkiye	25
	Vanuatu	23
	Mongolia	22
	Thailand	22
	Other	355

(d)	the total number of individuals, by age and gender, that made a lodgement for a protection visa onshore during the period;

Age Group	F	M	U*
0 - 14	83	75	0
15 - 24	96	140	0
25 - 34	232	481	0
35 - 44	129	252	0
45 - 54	98	103	0
55 - 64	55	51	0
65 - 74	21	11	0
75 and over	<5	<5	0

* indeterminate / intersex / unspecified

(e)	the total number of refugee status determinations made during the period;	**1,264**
(f)	the total number of individuals granted a Final Protection Visa during the period;	703
(g)	the total number of individuals, by country of origin, granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;	

Malaysia	84	85.71%
China (exc. SAR)	77	44.00%
Iran	69	100.00%
Pakistan	69	88.46%
Indonesia	57	66.28%
Türkiye	46	83.64%
India	42	52.50%
Myanmar	35	100.00%
Colombia	33	68.75%
Afghanistan	23	67.65%
Bangladesh	17	51.52%
Fiji	13	28.89%
Cambodia	11	73.33%
Lebanon	10	55.56%
Sudan	9	100.00%
Hong Kong SAR	8	88.89%
Nigeria	8	80.00%
Vietnam	8	29.63%
Philippines	7	50.00%
Tonga	7	36.84%
Yemen	7	100.00%
Other	63	-
Total	**703**	**55.62%**

(h) the total number of individuals, by age and gender, granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;

Age Group	F	M	U*	Grant Rate
0 - 14	64	49	0	66.86%
15 - 24	27	30	0	52.78%
25 - 34	84	113	0	52.67%
35 - 44	82	93	0	54.52%
45 - 54	42	48	0	50.56%
55 - 64	24	13	0	52.11%
65 - 74	10	14	0	80.00%
75 and over	<5	<10	0	76.92%

* indeterminate / intersex / unspecified

(i)	the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;	561	55.62%

(j) the total number of individuals, by country of origin, that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;

Country of origin	Not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period	Grant rate
China (exc. SAR)	98	44.00%
Brunei	47	00.00%
India	38	52.50%
Fiji	32	28.89%
Indonesia	29	66.28%
Iraq	22	18.52%
Timor-Leste	22	12.00%
Vietnam	19	29.63%
Vanuatu	18	14.29%
Bangladesh	16	51.52%
Colombia	15	68.75%
Egypt	15	06.25%
Malaysia	14	85.71%
South Korea	12	00.00%
Tonga	12	36.84%
Afghanistan	11	67.65%
United Kingdom	11	00.00%
Nepal	10	09.09%
Pakistan	9	88.46%
Türkiye	9	83.64%
Other	102	-
Total	**561**	**55.62%**

(k)	the total number of individuals, by age and gender, that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;

Age Group	F	M	U*	Grant Rate
0 - 14	25	31	0	66.86%
15 - 24	16	35	0	52.78%
25 - 34	38	139	0	52.67%
35 - 44	58	88	0	54.52%
45 - 54	37	51	0	50.56%
55 - 64	16	18	0	52.11%
65 - 74	<5	<5	0	80.00%
75 and over	<5	<5	0	76.92%

* indeterminate / intersex / unspecified

(l)	the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa that were deported during the period, and the deportation rate;	26	00.02%
		Involuntary	**Voluntary**
		7	19

(m)	the total number of refugee status determinations awaiting a decision at the end of the period;	21,512
(n)	the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa that have yet to be deported at the end of the period.	110,662

Explanatory Notes

This report is produced in accordance with the Senate Order for the Production of Documents – Airplane People (Your Right to Know). The report relates to clients who are applicants of a subclass 866 Protection visa and does not include applicants for temporary protection or safe haven enterprise visas.

Lodgements has been interpreted as all lodgements in the previous month regardless of whether a lodgement is later found to be invalid, or withdrawn. Should a person lodge multiple applications over a period, they will be counted twice as reporting is event based.

Refugee status determinations has been interpreted as all departmental subclass 866 visa decisions made either before or after merits review.

The total number of refugee status determinations awaiting a decision at the end of the period has been interpreted to include any application that has not been finalised, invalidated, withdrawn, refused or granted since lodgement.

Grant of a final protection visa has been interpreted as grant of a protection visa either at primary stage or following remittal from merits review or judicial review.

Deported has been interpreted as removals under the Migration Act 1958.

The total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa that have yet to be deported at the end of the period includes all people who have applied for a protection visa in Australia since 1994 who, at the end of the period, were in Australia and had: not been granted a protection visa, not been removed under the Migration Act, and were either an unlawful non-citizen or held a bridging visa. The figure includes persons who were seeking merits review of their protection visa refusal at the Administrative Review Tribunal or were seeking judicial review.

Where citizenship or age is reported as not recorded, this reflects that data is not yet recorded in departmental systems in a reportable field. This could include circumstances where detail on the application is incomplete.