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# Refugee and Protection

## Statistics Pack

Refugee and Protection Claims

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Statistics for each category are for ten financial years *plus* this current financial year.

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	31
Bahrain	6								6		
Bangladesh		11	13	17	23	19	14	12	6	6	9
Brazil				6			9			7	
Chile							9				
China	26	27	31	78	69	117	78	66	61	117	427
Colombia		12	6	8	11	10	12	11		11	29
Czech Republic	5			5	7						
Egypt	7					8		5		5	
Ethiopia					9		6				
Fiji	25	27	28		8	5	14	14	6	15	7
Hong Kong										7	
Hungary				16							
India	14	15	38	28	41	60	58	89	104	172	907
Indonesia							40	93	5	6	6
Iran	6	16	18	15	15	30	23	9		9	21
Iraq	11	11	25	19	6						6
Israel											7
Japan											5
Jordan				10							
Kiribati		5									
Libya		14		6							
Malaysia		6	9	12	14	20	42	28	6	179	105
Mexico										5	5
Mongolia						8	6				
Myanmar					7	7		10	13	14	18
Nepal											31
Nigeria					10		5				
Pakistan	19	25	21	12	24	18	8		5	29	35
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										
South Africa	7		18	16		10	11	8	11		8
Sri Lanka	41	20	19	21	40	38	43	31	25	46	50
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	10
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	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>1817</b>

## 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	11
Bahrain										6	
China	7	17	11	27	45	51	44	24	24	20	26
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	8
Pakistan		5	15	5		5					8
Philippines							6				
Russia					14	8		6			7
Saudi Arabia				10	6	11	5	5			
Somalia											
Sri Lanka	7					7		5	9		
Sudan											6
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	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>96</b>

## 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	1817
Decisions	287	285	314	360	413	437	342	354	424	482	413
Declined*	218	185	203	228	281	284	218	255	329	378	317
Approved	69	100	111	132	132	153	124	99	95	104	96
Approval Rate	24.0%	35.1%	35.4%	36.7%	32.0%	35.0%	36.3%	28.0%	22.4%	21.6%	23.2%

\* 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	208
Bhutan	91	95	31	61	18						
Burundi									11		
Cambodia									6		5
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	63
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	74
Iraq	71	44	19	23	8	9	23		11	31	5
Kyrgyzstan										8	
Myanmar	222	159	217	187	177	240	207	105	126	206	97
Nepal		10		5							
Pakistan				39	44	76	33	14	131	140	88
Palestine	25	31	26	59	73	77	36				
Papua New Guinea										9	9
Somalia	12	27	13	12	9	35	13	14	60	123	64
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	260
Turkey									20	11	
Venezuela											18
Vietnam			16								7
Yemen										18	
Other	19	21	22	9	18	16	14	6	18	15	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>1017</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>1507</b>	<b>1013</b>

## 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	276	189
Waikato	84	116	115	175	165	161	103	31	71	132	108
Manawatu	112	115	113	157	162	143	101	43	64	139	75
Hawkes Bay		3									
Masterton									39	38	43
Levin										65	26
Wellington	246	212	277	245	243	168	92	27	158	196	150
Nelson	65	75	89	127	127	117	88	23	36	67	45
Blenheim							10	14	38	83	55
Christchurch	5	1	3	14	11	47	97	42	48	151	80
Ashburton								9	37	65	30
Timaru							16	9	31	99	87
Dunedin			94	196	182	178	90	10	49	89	78
Invercargill					44	87	69		62	107	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>1017</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>1507</b>	<b>1013</b>

## 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	28
Persons	157	201	348	274	424	319	280	178	244	329	77
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	28
Persons	459	565	652	610	670	988	860	251	247	410	77

### 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	35
Persons	155	109	91	173	150	213	79	6	32	213	101
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	49
Persons	266	195	128	199	132	129	90	2	54	404	214
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	84
Persons	421	304	219	372	282	342	169	8	86	617	315

### 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	186
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	18
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	46
Nepal	8				8						
Pakistan				11		16	9			7	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	8
Sudan				8							
Syria										5	
Turkey			5	6	7	6				5	
Vietnam	35	22	17	25	23	17	7				9
Zambia											6
Other	14	15	23	20	17	16	16	0	8	19	31
Total	423	299	172	383	258	350	217	10	83	406	384

### Undecided Refugee Family Support Category Registrations and Residence Visa Applications

Registrations	Registrations	Persons	Residence	Applications	Persons
Tier One	199	854	Tier One	225	729
Tier Two	953	4201	Tier Two	69	352
Total	1152	5055	Total	294	1081