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Statistics for Victorian health programs: planning service provision for people from refugee backgrounds, including people seeking asylum

Australian Government Refugee and Humanitarian Program statistics

This population group includes people who have received refugee and humanitarian visas prior to travelling to Australia (subclasses 200, 201, 202, 203 & 204).

People who arrived in Australia in the third quarter of 2022 living in Victoria²

The following data is about Refugee and Humanitarian Program entrants who have arrived in Australia between 01/07/2022 and 30/09/2022 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2022. Note that any cells that contain less than five have been suppressed (<5). Values that have not been provided and cannot be calculated are given as 'n.p.' (not provided).

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Table 1: Local Government Areas where people live in Victoria and who arrived in the third quarter of 2022: Top 10

Local Government Area	Visa Numbers				
	200	201	202	203	204
Hume	17	0	142	0	0
Wyndham	50	<5	31	9	<5
Casey	30	0	45	0	<5
Darebin	30	7	14	0	0
Melton	6	0	39	0	<5
Greater Geelong	27	0	9	0	8
Whittlesea	6	0	38	0	0
Greater Bendigo	8	0	25	0	0
Greater Dandenong	11	<5	11	0	8
Greater Shepparton	23	0	0	0	<5
Grand Total	735				

As of 04/10/2022, 735 people on Visa Subclass (200, 201, 202, 203, 204) reside in Victoria and arrived in Australia between the third quarter of 2022 (01/07/2022 and 30/09/2022).

Table 3: Main language spoken for people who arrived in the third quarter of 2022: Top 5*

Reduced listings (top 5 only instead of top 10) due to low numbers of arrivals

Main Language	Visa Numbers				
	200	201	202	203	204
Arabic	58	<5	242	0	<5
Dari	121	<5	18	0	5
Karen	14	0	31	0	0
Pashto	27	7	6	0	0
Hazaragi	7	0	24	0	<5

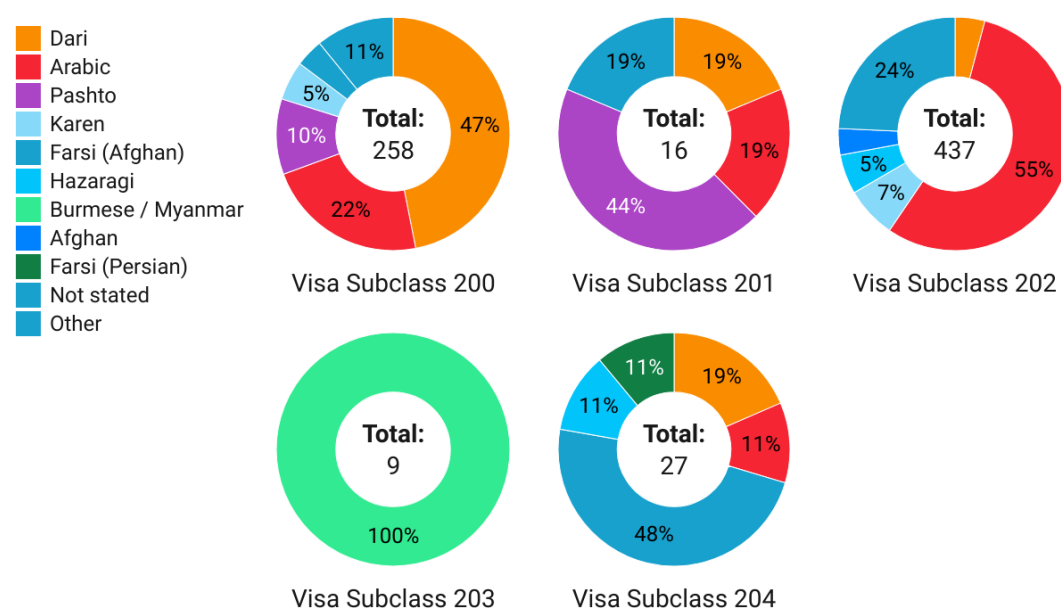
Visa Subclass Information ¹		
Visa subclass number	Visa name	Details
200	Refugee	for people who the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has referred to Australia for assistance
201	In-Country Special Humanitarian	for people who are still living in their country and have been unable to leave
202	Global Special Humanitarian	for people who are outside Australia (offshore), living outside of their home country, subject to substantial discrimination in their home country amounting to a gross violation of their human rights, and proposed by an Australian citizen or Permanent resident, an Eligible New Zealand citizen, or an organisation based in Australia.
203	Emergency Rescue	which gives priority processing for people who are in immediate danger
204	Woman at Risk	for women who do not have the protection of a partner or a relative and are in danger of victimisation
866	Protection	for people who arrived in Australia on a valid visa and want to seek asylum

Table 2: Recorded gender of people living in Victoria who arrived in the third quarter of 2022

Gender	Visa Numbers				
	200	201	202	203	204
Female	93	<5	215	<9	20
Male	162	<10	218	<5	7
Total	255	11	433	9	27
Grand total	735				

Main Language Spoken for those who arrived in the third quarter 2022 (01/07/2022 and 30/09/2022).

People on Visa subclass (200 series & 866) who arrived in Australia between 01/07/2022 and 30/09/2022 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2022



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Chart: Victorian Refugee Health Network • Source: Settlement Data Request- Department of Home Affairs • Created with Datawrapper

Interactive Map available at: <https://datawrapper.dwcdn.net/oawHQ/2/>

¹ <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/what-we-do/refugee-and-humanitarian-program>

² Settlement Database, Australian Government Department of Home Affairs: settlement.data.request@homeaffairs.gov.au

People who arrived in Australia in the past year living in Victoria³

The following data is about Refugee and Humanitarian Program entrants who have arrived in Australia between 01/10/2021 and 30/09/2022 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2022. Note that any cells that contain less than five have been suppressed (<5). Values that have not been provided and cannot be calculated are given as 'n.p.' (not provided). For the full data set please contact our team at Victorian Refugee Health Network (refugeehealth@foundationhouse.org.au).

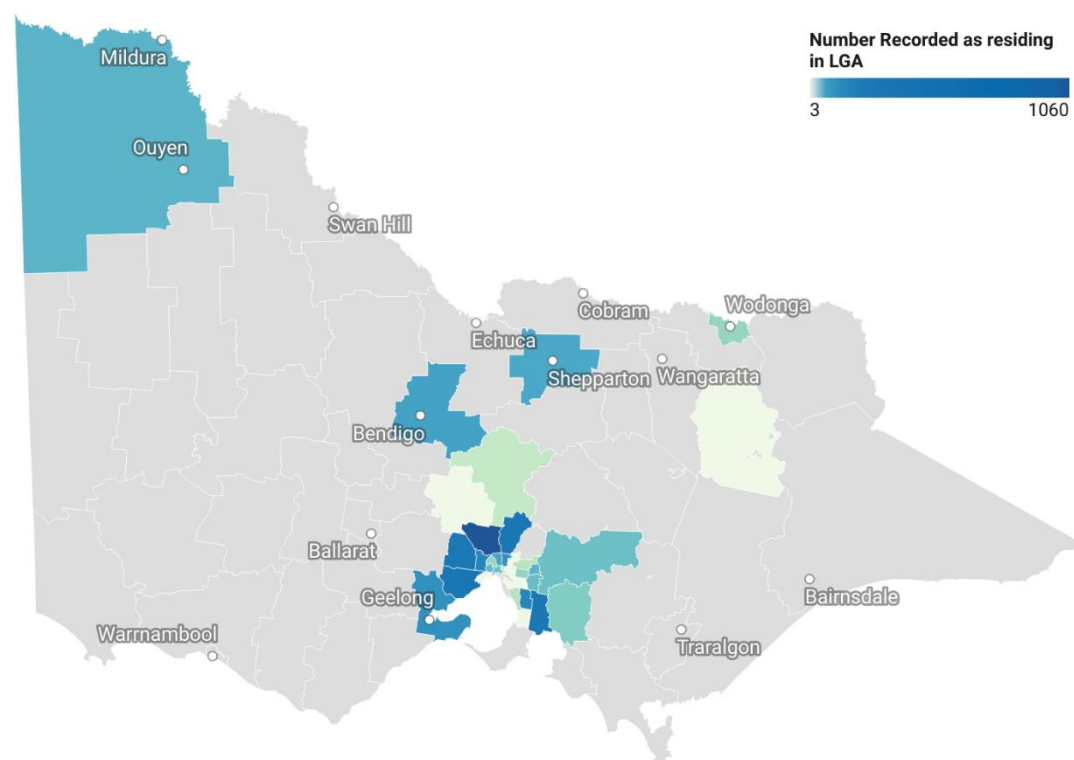
Please note that this data set from DHA only include those who have received refugee and humanitarian visas prior to travelling to Australia (subclasses 200, 201, 202, 203 & 204). This data does not include people who currently reside in Victoria who are on a temporary protection visa (449, 786, 790, 785), bridging visas or without a valid visa.

Table 4: Local Government Areas in Victoria where people live and who arrived in the past year: Top 15*

Local Government Area	Visa Numbers				
	200	201	202	203	204
Hume	72	<5	968	6	11
Wyndham	79	<5	106	90	21
Casey	72	20	146	0	23
Whittlesea	45	22	180	0	8
Melton	30	0	184	0	5
Greater Dandenong	35	33	51	9	29
Brimbank	10	0	131	<5	11
Darebin	54	10	33	0	5
Greater Geelong	52	0	29	0	19
Greater Bendigo	8	0	51	<5	0
Moreland	9	<5	34	<5	6
Greater Shepparton	36	0	9	0	<5
Maroondah	<5	0	27	5	<5
Mildura	32	0	<5	0	<5
Maribyrnong	11	0	18	<5	<5
Grand Total of all recorded LGA's	625	95	2,120	126	156
	3,122				

Humanitarian settlers who reside in Victorian Local Government Areas and arrived in the past year

Visa Subclass (200, 201, 202, 203, 204) with a Date of Arrival between 01/10/2021 and 30/09/2022 are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2022



Map: Victorian Refugee Health Network • Source: Department of Home Affairs - Settlement Data • Map data: ABS • Created with Datawrapper

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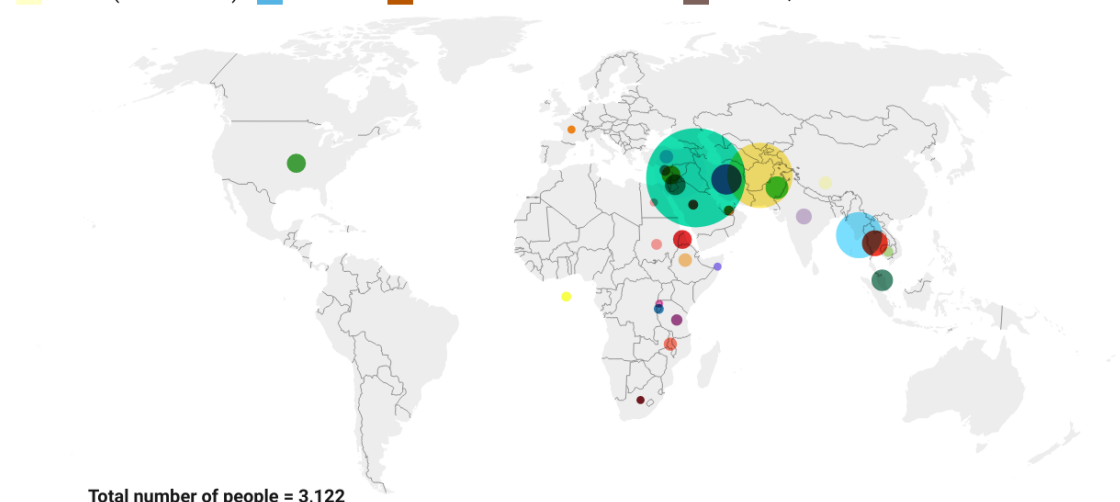
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Country of Birth - Humanitarian Settlers who reside in Victoria and arrived in the past year

People on Refugee Category Visas (200 series) with a Date of Arrival between 01/10/2021 and 30/09/2022 are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2022

Country of Birth

AFGHANISTAN AUSTRALIA BURUNDI CAMBODIA CONGO, DEM REPUBLIC OF THE
EGYPT ERITREA ETHIOPIA FRANCE INDIA IRAN IRAQ JORDAN LEBANON
Libya MALAWI MALAYSIA MYANMAR PAKISTAN RWANDA SAUDI ARABIA
SOMALIA SOUTH AFRICA SUDAN SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC TANZANIA THAILAND
TIBET (SO STATED) TURKEY UNITED ARAB EMIRATES YEMEN, REPUBLIC OF



Total number of people = 3,122

Map: Victorian Refugee Health Network • Source: Department of Home Affairs - Settlement Data • Created with Datawrapper

Interactive Map available at: <https://datawrapper.dwcdn.net/MJqwF/6/>

* These figures are approximations as any cells that have been suppressed (<5) were changed to a numerical value (3) to present data in this map.

There are 3,122 people on Visa Subclass (200, 201, 202, 203, 204 & 866) who have arrived in the past year and recorded as residing in Victoria.

Table 5: Country of birth of people who arrived in the past year and live in Victoria*: Top 15

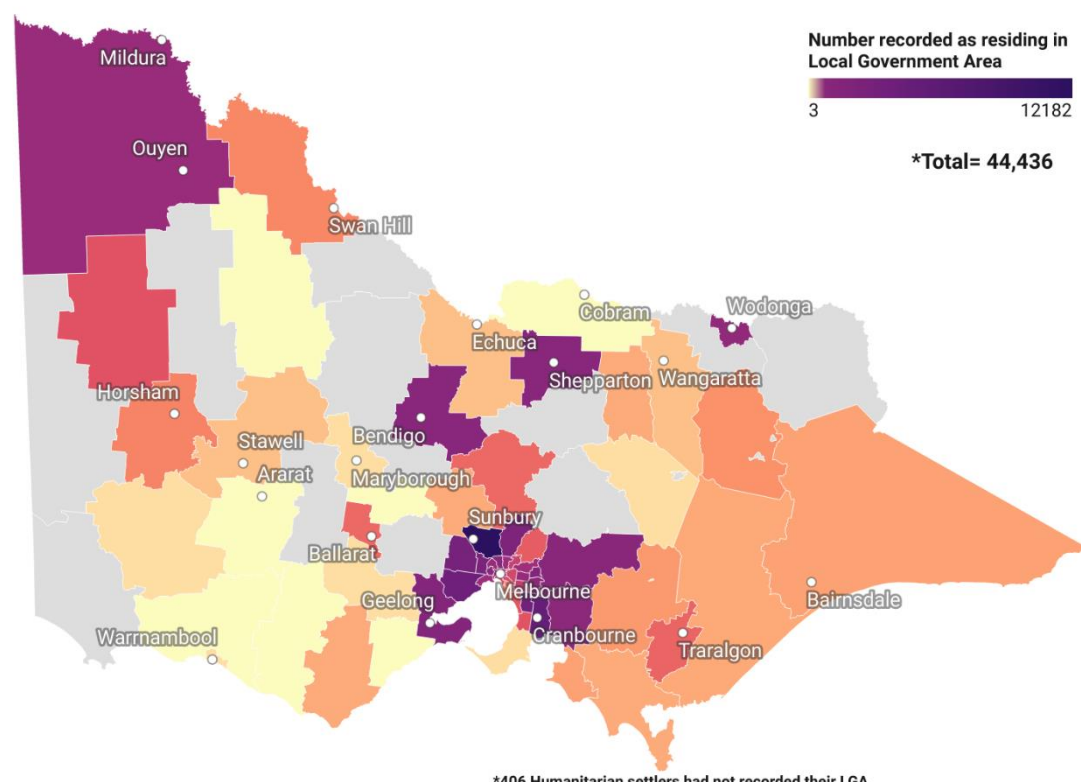
Country of Birth	Visa numbers				
	200	201	202	203	204
IRAQ	130	<30	1,209	0	7
AFGHANISTAN	251	66	188	0	68
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	80	<5	230	0	28
MYANMAR	22	0	123	111	17
IRAN	21	0	79	0	8
THAILAND	11	0	57	<5	<5
PAKISTAN	33	0	19	0	<5
MALAYSIA	7	0	38	0	<5
JORDAN	5	0	36	0	<5
CONGO, DEM REPUBLIC OF THE	23	0	7	0	6
ERITREA	0	0	35	0	0
LEBANON	7	0	25	0	<5
INDIA	0	0	23	0	0
TIBET (SO STATED)	0	0	14	0	0
ETHIOPIA	<5	0	12	0	0

³ Settlement Database, Australian Government Department of Home Affairs: settlement.data.request@homeaffairs.gov.au

People who arrived in Australia in the past 10 years living in Victoria⁴

Humanitarian settlers in Victorian Local Government Areas over the last 10 years

Humanitarian settlers with a Date of Arrival between 01/10/2012 and 30/09/2022 are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2022



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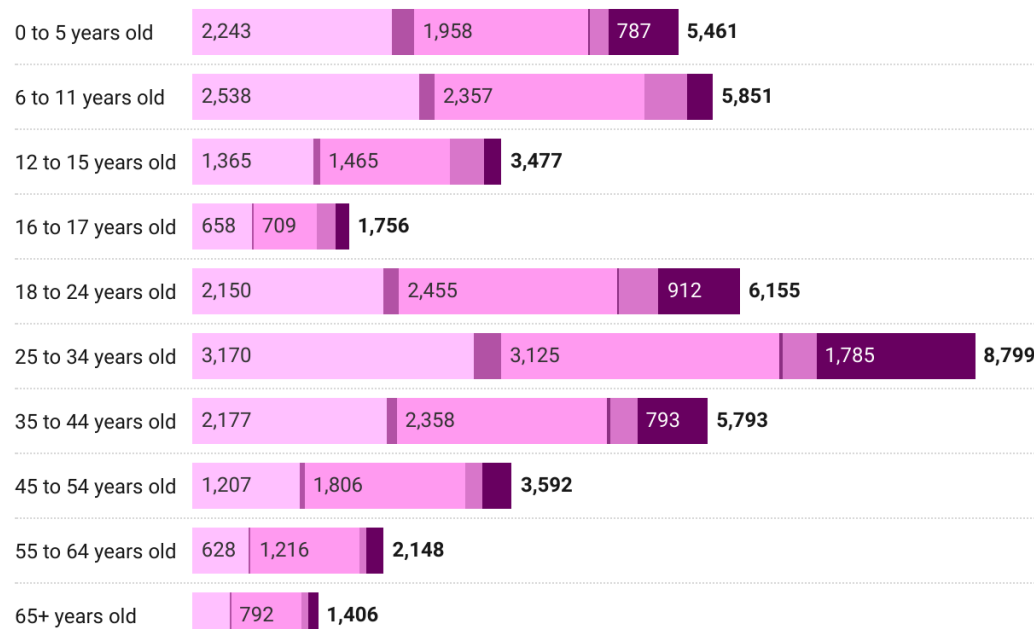
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Table 7: Age Group of people who reside in Victoria according to visa subclass and who have arrived in the past 10 years.

Humanitarian settlers who reside in Victoria and have arrived over the last 10 years according to age group

Visa subclasses (200 series & 866) with a Date of Arrival between 01/10/2012 and 30/09/2022 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2022

200 Visa Subclass 201 Visa Subclass 202 Visa Subclass 203 Visa Subclass 204 Visa Subclass 866 Visa Subclass



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Chart: Victorian Refugee Health Network • Source: Department of Home Affairs Settlement Database • Created with Datawrapper

Interactive Map available at <https://datawrapper.dwcdn.net/cp1nq/2/>

The following data is about Refugee and Humanitarian Program entrants who have arrived in Australia between 01/10/2012 and 30/09/2022 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2022. Note that any cells that contain less than five have been suppressed (<5) and the next cell with the lowest value is also masked as 'n.p.' (not provided) where applicable. 'Total' values provided are the best approximation from available information. This is due to the Department of Home Affairs' privacy policy.

*In the past 10 years, **44,436 people** who arrived through the Refugee and Humanitarian Program or were subsequently granted a permanent protection visa (i.e., 200 series and visa subclass 866) are now recorded as residing in Victoria.*

Please note that these data sets from DHA only include those who have received refugee and humanitarian visas prior to travelling to Australia (subclasses 200, 201, 202, 203 & 204) and people who have been granted a permanent protection visa after arrival in Australia (subclass 866). This data does not include people who currently reside in Victoria who are on a temporary protection visa (449, 786, 790, 785), bridging visas or without a valid visa.

Table 6: Local Government Areas in Victoria where people live and who arrived in the past 10 years: Top 10.

Local Government Area	Visa number					
	200	201	202	203	204	866
Hume	4,141	31	7,207	6	337	460
Casey	2,153	433	1,098	0	474	849
Wyndham	1,559	35	1,480	86	279	416
Greater Dandenong	1,111	445	739	17	381	694
Melton	1,254	51	1,365	5	94	207
Brimbank	898	19	1,103	5	137	202
Whittlesea	595	39	902	0	56	522
Maroondah	625	8	841	7	70	37
Greater Geelong	660	<5	327	0	314	62
Greater Bendigo	381	0	473	<5	45	8
Grand Total of all LGA's	16,546	1,187	18,241	140	2,779	5,543
	44,436					

Table 8: Recoded Gender for people who reside in Victoria and arrived in the past 10 years.

Gender	200	201	202	203	204	866	Total
Female	7,856	561	9,164	70	1,971	2,149	21,771
Male	8,690	626	9,077	70	808	3,393	22,664
Not Stated	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Grand Total	16,546	1,187	18,241	140	2,779	5,543	44,436

⁴ Settlement Database, Australian Government Department of Home Affairs: settlement.data.request@homeaffairs.gov.au

People Seeking Asylum

The date a person arrived, their mode of arrival and if they had valid entry documents determine if they are detained, how they will have their asylum application processed, what means of appeal they will have and whether they may apply for permanent or temporary protection. People often experience a long wait to hear the outcome of their application. You may read more about asylum application pathways here: <https://www.racs.org.au/causes/factsheets/>

Those who do not have a visa granted at primary stage may have their application reviewed. People seeking asylum who are eligible for a Permanent Protection Visa (PPV) have their appeals heard through the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) Migration and Refugee Division. The AAT reported 50% of cases are finalised within 1,293 days from lodgement to finalisation of applications under Protection Case Categories between 1/05/22 and 31/10/22, 95% of lodgements were finalised within 1,924 days⁵.

Chart: Processing status of applications by the Legacy Caseload.
As of 1 October 2022.⁶

Processing status of applications by the Legacy Caseload

As at 1 November 2022

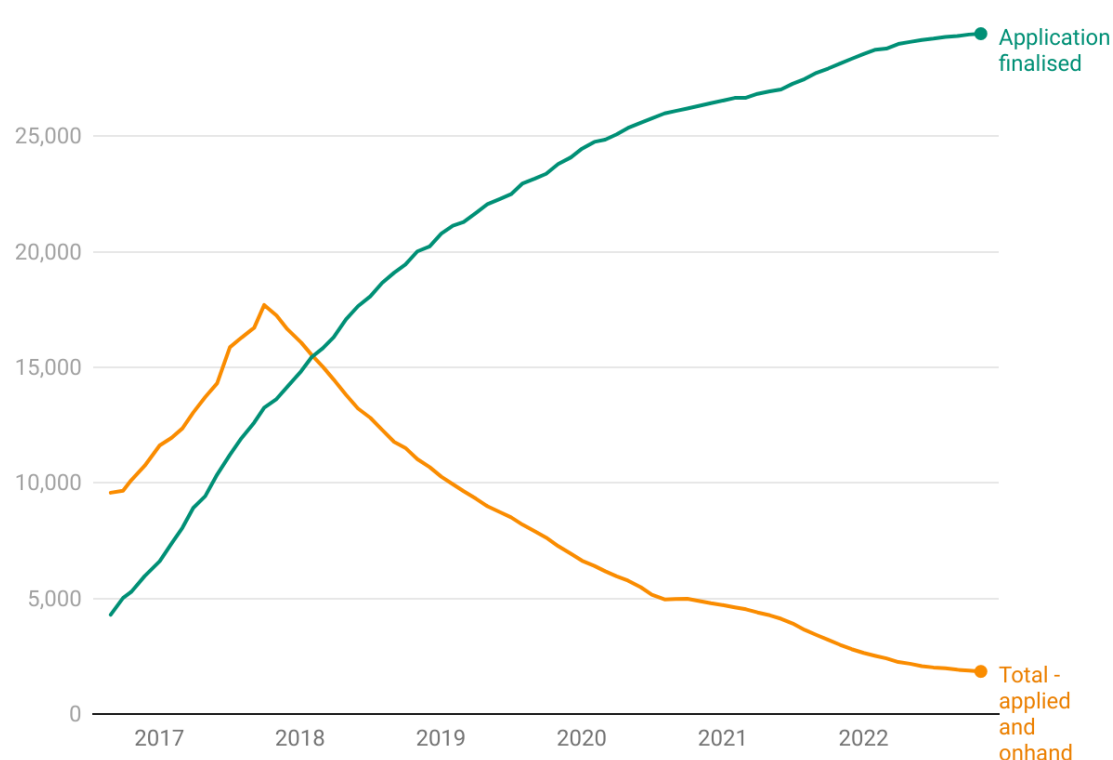


Chart: Refugee Council of Australia • Source: Department of Home Affairs, UMA Legacy Caseload statistics • Created with Datawrapper

Table 9: Number of people in the UMA Legacy Caseload who:

- ✓ have submitted a valid application that is currently being processed; or
- ✓ had their application finalised – either granted or refused

Processing Stage ⁷	2022	
	September	August
Applied and on hand or at review	1,878	1,916
Applications Finalised	29,397	29,331
Total	31,275	31,247

People who arrived by plane

There is little data available about people who arrive by plane and apply for protection. The number of people living in the community who sought asylum after arriving by plane with a valid visa (i.e., tourist, student visa etc), and who are now waiting for their protection claims to be assessed is unknown. Some national data is available about new lodgements, see below. Data collected from the monthly Departmental updates⁸ on the processing of onshore protection claims for the financial year 2022-2023 (July to September 2022) show there has been **3,667 protection visa lodgements** made onshore during the period. This data also shows the number of individuals who have been granted a Final Protection Visa during this period- for example, there have been **46 individuals from Myanmar** over this period and **94 individuals from China**.

Table 10: Protection visa application lodgements and PPV grants, Australia-wide by financial year

Component	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-2021	2021-22	2022-2023*
Permanent Protection Visa (PPV) lodgement	8,587	12,617	18,290	27,931	24,566	23,266	11,684	10,564	3,667
PPV grants	2,750	2,003	1,711	1,425	1,650	1,650	1,389	1,762	443

* Financial year to date (30 September 2022)

⁵ 'Migration and Refugee Division processing times' at <https://www.aat.gov.au/resources/migration-and-refugee-division-processing-times>

⁶ 'Fast tracking and 'Legacy Caseload' statistics' <https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/fast-tracking-statistics/2/>

⁷ UMA Legacy Caseload | Report on the Processing Status and Outcomes: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/uma-legacy-caseload-september-2022.pdf>

⁸ Monthly Update: Onshore Protection (Subclass 866) Visa Processing – July 2022 to September 2022 at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/visa-statistics/live/humanitarian-program>

Appeals heard by the AAT: PPV applications⁹

Most people that apply for a PPV arrived by plane, however a very small number of people who arrived by boat were able to apply for a PPV and have their appeal heard by the AAT. The data below is for financial year 2021/22 (until 31 May 2022) and does not take into account people who received a PPV at the primary decision.

Table 11: Active Refugee cases by country and by Victoria region* as of 31 October 2022: Top 10

Country	Number
Malaysia	8,498
China	1,613
Vietnam	1,374
India	474
Thailand	603
Fiji	127
Indonesia	538
Taiwan	306
Philippines	212
Pakistan	307
Bangladesh	60
Sri Lanka	233

Table 12: PPV decisions by citizenship Australia-wide (Financial year to 31 October 2022): Top 10

Country	Number of decisions		Set aside***
	UMA	non-UMA	
Malaysia	0	760	25
China	0	532	12
Vietnam	1	176	10
Thailand	0	81	1
Fiji	0	77	7
India	0	76	0
Taiwan	0	62	0
Pakistan	1	40	13
Sri Lanka	21	19	21
Indonesia	0	32	0
Bangladesh	3	22	5
Grand total of all decisions by country	40	2,138	166

***set aside means the primary decision has been overturned

People in detention¹⁰

The following data is about people in immigration detention and under residence determination (formerly community detention) as of 30 June 2022.

As of 30 June 2022, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities (including people detained due to S501 visa cancellations and other reasons) in Australia was recorded **as 742 days**. As of 30 June 2022, there were 1,398 people in Immigration Detention Centres (IDCs), Alternative Places of Detention (APODs) and Immigration Transit Accommodation (ITA) in Australia. Of these 1,398 people, 17.9 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 45.1 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less¹¹.

Table 13: People in detention in Victoria

Place of immigration detention	Number of people held in immigration detention
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	200
Alternative Places of Detention (APODs)	18
Total	218

Table 14: People under residence determination in Victoria

	Men	Women	Children	Total
Number	112	79	82	273 (48.2 percent of national total)
National Total	568			

⁹ Administrative Appeals Tribunal Migration and Refugee Division Caseload Report Financial year to 31 October 2022:

<https://www.aat.gov.au/AAT/media/AAT/Files/Statistics/MRD-Detailed-Caseload-Statistics-2022-23.pdf>

¹⁰ Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/immigration-detention-statistics-30-june-2022.pdf>

¹¹ 'Time In Immigration Detention Facilities' at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/immigration-detention-statistics-30-june-2022.pdf> (pg. 12)

Temporary Protection visa and Safe Haven Enterprise visa holders

People seeking asylum who arrived by boat without a valid visa are only allowed to apply for Temporary Protection Visa (subclass 785) (TPV) or a Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (subclass 790) (SHEV), if the Minister has made a decision that it is in the public interest to lift a legislative bar on making a valid visa application in Australia. Where the Minister lifts the bar, the Department will advise the person who is classified as an Unauthorised Maritime Arrival (UMA) that they are eligible to apply for a TPV or a SHEV¹³.

The following data is about people who arrived by boat before 2014 without a valid visa living in Australia as of September 2022¹⁴.

Total data of August 2022 is shown for comparison.

Visa Subclass Information ¹²		
Visa subclass number	Visa name	Details
785	Temporary Protection	Temporary Visa to stay in Australia for 3 years. With access to government services such as Centrelink as well as work and study rights.
790	Safe-Haven Enterprise	Temporary Visa to stay in Australia for 5 years. With access to government services such as Centrelink as well as work and study rights.

As of September 2022, **7,364 temporary protection visas (SHEV and TPV) had been granted to people living in Victoria**, 919 people were awaiting an outcome of their application.

Table 15: Main Citizenships: TPV and SHEV grants, **Australia-wide**

Country of Citizenship	September 2022	August 2022
Iran	6,484	6,476
Afghanistan	4,554	4,539
Stateless	2,347	2,346
Sri Lanka	2,197	2,186
Pakistan	1,275	1,274
Iraq	1,098	1,096
Sudan	387	385
Somalia	282	282
Other	954	952
Total	19,578	19,536

Table 16: TPV and SHEV applications by processing status, Australia-wide

Processing Status	September 2022			August 2022
	TPV	SHEV	Total	
On hand at Primary*	150	813	963	996
Review and other	227	688	915	920
Total	377	1,501	1,878	1,916
Applications Finalised	TPV	SHEV	Total	May 2022
Finalised grants	5,435	14,143	19,578	19,536
Finalised refusals	3,040	6,779	9,818	9,795
Total	8,475	20,922	29,397	29,331

*On hand refers to appeals that are in the process of being reviewed

¹² <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing>

¹³ 'Coverage' <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/uma-legacy-caseload-september-2022.pdf>

¹⁴ 'UMA Legacy Caseload – Processing status' <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/uma-legacy-caseload-september-2022.pdf> (pg. 5)

Caveats to data sources from the Settlement Database (SDB)¹⁵

- The data in your reports are sourced from the Settlement Database (SDB). There are limitations in the data capture and the actual data.
- Where applicable, with regards to Immigration data - as per current privacy guidelines, the Department's policy is to mask numbers which are less than five as <5
and/or if there is only one '<5' in any column, the next lowest value will be masked as less than to its upper limit (ie. if it is 8 then will be masked as '<10' or 88 will be masked as '<90') , noting we are reviewing the confidentiality method for the future.
- The Department of Home Affairs must be consulted regarding any requests to use the data for purposes not originally intended or discussed.

Data Capture

SDB collects data concerning settlers who have been granted a permanent (or provisional) visa.

SDB data is compiled from a number of sources including Department of Home Affairs, other Commonwealth agencies and service providers.

Data Limitations

The Settlement Database has not been adjusted to reflect settlers who:

- are deceased.
- have permanently departed Australia.
- have had their visas cancelled.

The settlement Database includes:

- some duplicate settler records.
- the number of settlers who are currently recorded as residing in a particular location. It cannot provide information on settlement patterns or trends.
- many data items that are not mandatory.
- only the settler's latest known residential (or intended residential) address. Address information is only updated if the Department is notified. Some settlers have no address details recorded.
- only the latest permanent (or provisional) visa for a settler.

The Settlement Database location data is based on the 2011 Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ASGC).

Reporting Limitations

- Reports including numbers of settlers in specified locations may be inaccurate due to limitations in address data.
- Settlers with an existing permanent (or provisional) visa may appear in different reporting categories over time if they are granted a subsequent permanent (or provisional) visa.
- Data suppression rules have been applied for client confidentiality.
- Reports including 'not stated', 'invalid' or 'not recorded' labels indicate that the data is unavailable.

Settlement Date

Settlement Date uses a combination of either arrival date or grant date depending on where the settler was when their current SDB visa was granted.

If a settler was offshore when their current SDB visa was granted then arrival date is used. If a settler was onshore when their current SDB visa was granted then visa grant date is used.

Report Usage

Please attribute Australian Government as the data source.

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¹⁵ For the full data set please contact our team at Victorian Refugee Health Network (refugeehealth@foundationhouse.org.au).
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