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Humanitarian settlement data for Victoria

The Following report provides data on people from refugee backgrounds, including people seeking asylum settling in Victoria.

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 2023 living in Victoria²

The following data is about Refugee and Humanitarian Program entrants who have arrived in Australia between 01/07/2023 and 30/09/2023 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2023. 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).

Please note that data sets from Department of Home Affairs (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 1: Local Government Areas where people live who arrived in the third quarter of 2023: Top 10

Local Government Area	Visa Numbers				
	200	201	202	203	204
Casey	33	27	165	0	15
Wyndham	67	<5	107	<8	30
Hume	21	<5	90	0	0
Not Recorded	0	7	84	0	0
Greater Dandenong	9	17	43	<5	6
Darebin	28	0	28	0	18
Moreland	30	0	12	0	12
Whittlesea	23	<5	25	0	0
Greater Shepparton	33	0	<5	0	13
Maribyrnong	39	0	<5	0	0
Grand Total	1,302 people				

As of 04/10/2023, over 70% of people on Visa Subclass (200, 201, 202, 203, 204) who settled in Victoria in the third quarter of 2023 were under 35 years of age.

Table 3: Main language spoken for those who arrived in the third quarter of 2023: Top 5

Main Language	Visa Numbers				
	200	201	202	203	204
Dari	62	37	224	0	24
Arabic	75	0	102	0	6
Hazaragi	14	<5	124	0	5
Farsi (Afghan)	68	<5	11	0	45
Burmese / Myanmar	41	0	38	<8	<5

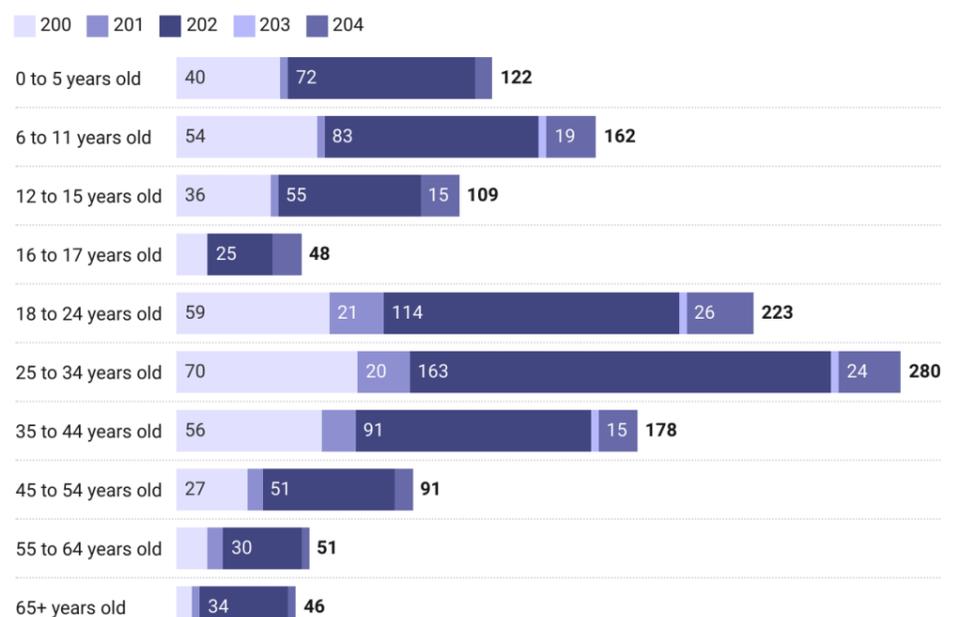
Visa Subclass Information ¹		
Visa subclass number	Visa name	Details
200	Refugee	for people who the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has referred to Australia for assistance
201	In-Country Special Humanitarian	for people who are still living in their country and have been unable 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 2023

Gender	Visa Numbers				
	200	201	202	203	204
Female	162	43	352	<5	98
Male	210	30	366	<8	33
Total	372	73	718	8	131
Grand total	1,302 people				

Number of people who arrived in Australia in the third quarter of 2023 and currently reside in Victoria according to age group.

Visa subclasses (200 series) with a Date of Arrival between 01/07/2023 and 30/09/2023 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2023



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

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

Interactive Map available at: <https://datawrapper.dwcdn.net/cRooH/1/>

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 01/10/2022 and 30/09/2023 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2023. 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: 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
Afghanistan	685	158	1,198	0	165
Iraq	223	41	333	0	11
Myanmar	61	0	400	57	13
Syrian Arab Republic	336	0	100	0	21
Thailand	12	0	302	0	0
Iran	67	0	56	0	70
Pakistan	85	0	67	0	<5
Congo, Dem Republic Of The	49	0	0	0	29
Ethiopia	22	0	43	0	<5
Malaysia	<5	0	65	0	0
Eritrea	12	0	42	0	12
Lebanon	35	0	7	0	0
Turkey	32	0	<5	<5	<5
India	6	0	29	0	0
Kenya	25	0	7	0	0
Grand Total of all recorded LGA's	1,701	218	2,732	63	358
	5,072 people				

Country of Birth (Top 15) 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 01/10/2022 and 30/09/2023 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2023



Grand total number of people = 5,072

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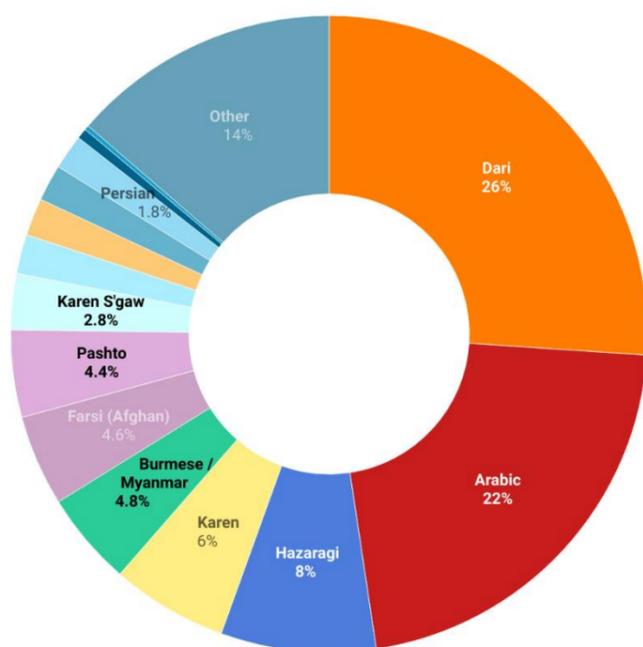
Map: Victorian Refugee Health Network • Source: Department of Home Affairs- Settlement Data • Created with Datawrapper

Interactive Map available at: <https://datawrapper.dwcdn.net/CcZ6I/3/>

There are **5,072 people on Visa Subclass (200, 201, 202, 203, 204)** who have arrived in the past year and recorded as residing in Victoria.

Main Language Spoken for those who arrived in the past year

People on Visa subclass (200 series) who arrived in Australia between 01/10/2022 and 30/09/2023 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2023



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

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Table 5: Local Government Areas in Victoria where people live who arrived in the past year: Top 15

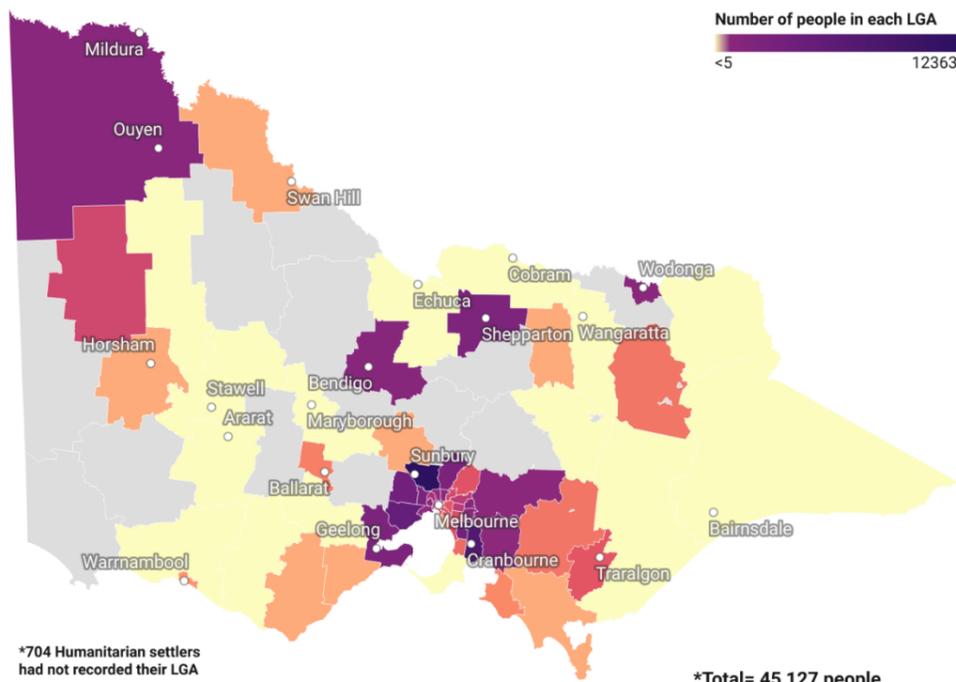
Local Government Area	Visa numbers				
	200	201	202	203	204
Casey	265	49	681	0	77
Hume	293	8	328	<5	12
Wyndham	166	13	339	43	54
Greater Dandenong	184	47	301	<5	34
Whittlesea	156	34	103	0	9
Greater Geelong	114	0	93	0	22
Melton	53	7	110	6	12
Greater Bendigo	16	0	162	0	<5
Brimbank	70	7	64	5	20
Darebin	70	<5	49	0	24
Greater Shepparton	85	0	18	0	30
Mildura	47	<5	14	0	20
Maribyrnong	47	0	28	0	0
Cardinia	8	0	66	0	0
Moreland	41	<5	15	0	12
Grand Total of all recorded LGA's	1,701	218	2,732	63	358
	5,072 people				

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 01/10/2013 and 30/09/2023 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2023



*704 Humanitarian settlers had not recorded their LGA

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Map: Victorian Refugee Health Network • Source: Australian Government- Settlement Database • Map data: ABS • Created with Datawrapper

Interactive Map available at: <https://datawrapper.dwcdn.net/Eel8v/2/>

Table 6: Recorded Gender for people who reside in Victoria and arrived in the past 10 years.

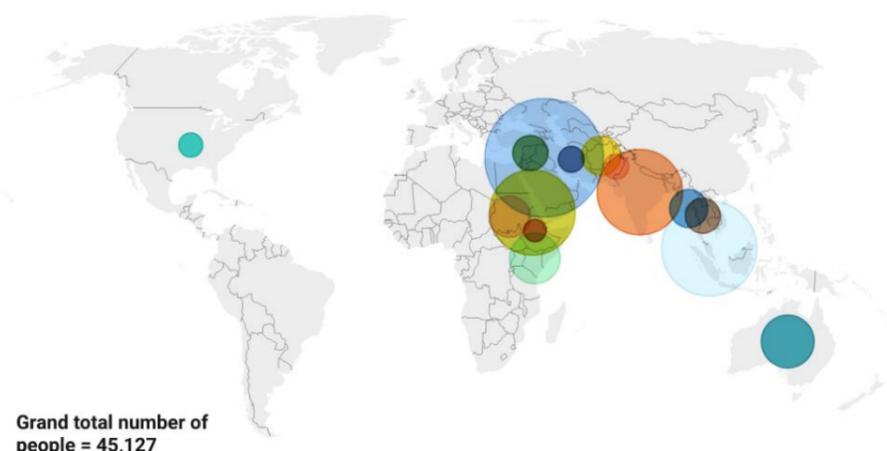
Gender	200	201	202	203	204	866	Total
Female	7,390	679	10,748	104	1,911	1,907	22,739
Male	7,966	731	10,688	100	762	2,140	22,387
Not Stated	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Grand Total	15,356	1,410	21,436	204	2,673	4,048	45,127

Country of Birth (Top 15) Humanitarian Settlers who reside in Victoria and arrived in the past 10 years

People on Refugee Category Visas (200 series & 866) with a date of arrival between 01/10/2013 and 30/09/2023 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2023.

Country of birth:

■ AFGHANISTAN ■ AUSTRALIA ■ CONGO, DEM REPUBLIC OF THE ■ ERITREA ■ ETHIOPIA ■ INDIA
■ IRAN ■ IRAQ ■ KENYA ■ MALAYSIA ■ MYANMAR ■ PAKISTAN ■ SUDAN ■ SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC ■ THAILAND



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

Interactive Map available at: <https://datawrapper.dwcdn.net/5sLGR/2/>

The following data is about Refugee and Humanitarian Program entrants who have arrived in Australia between 01/10/2013 and 30/09/2023 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/10/2023. 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.

There are **45,127 people** who arrived through the Refugee and Humanitarian Program or were granted a permanent protection visa (i.e., 200 series and visa subclass 866) in the past 10 years and 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 7: Top 10 Local Government Areas where people are recorded to live who have arrived in the past 10 years.

Local Government Area	Visa number					
	200	201	202	203	204	866
Hume	3,608	34	7,833	10	278	314
Casey	2,263	556	1,757	0	455	382
Wyndham	1,495	45	1,902	136	302	460
Greater Dandenong	1,063	477	1,069	15	365	338
Melton	1,072	45	1,504	7	103	139
Brimbank	756	21	1,117	12	137	182
Whittlesea	732	76	1,005	0	66	324
Greater Geelong	681	<5	426	0	229	36
Maroondah	360	6	867	7	38	66
Greater Bendigo	337	0	662	<5	42	7
Grand Total of all LGA's	15,356	1,410	21,436	204	2,673	4,048
	45,127 people					

The map to the left shows the number of people who arrived in Australia over the last 10 years and hold a visa subclass 200, 201, 202, 203, 204 or 866 according to country of birth. It shows the top 15 countries where people were born and arrived in Australia between 01/10/2013 and 30/09/2023 and are now recorded as residing in Victoria. You can find the interactive map available [here](#). Iraq, Afghanistan, Myanmar, and Syria are the countries with the largest number of people who arrived in Australia over this period and live in Victoria. This has been attributable to a sharp peak in arrivals during 2015/2016 due to Australia's response to the conflict in the Middle East. "Australia made a special pledge to resettle 12,000 extra refugees from Syria and Iraq. As a result, in 2016-17, Australia granted its highest ever number of refugee visas to more than 24,000 people". In 2022, the Australian government pledged a "special allocation of 16,500 visas for Afghan refugees over four years"⁵.

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

⁵ 'Get the facts: How many refugees make Australia their home each year?' <https://asylumseekerscentre.org.au/australia-refugee-intake/#:~:text=As%20a%20result%2C%20in%202016,the%20cap%20increased%20to%2018%2C750>

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](#).

Depending on the year a person arrived, many people seeking asylum by boat have been living in the community on a visa called a bridging visa E (BVE).

*As of 30 June 2023, 37,923 people who came by boat to Australia were given a bridging visa E, of which 10,788 people still live in the Australian community. There are 4,669 people who live in Victoria who hold a bridging visa E.*⁶

“Bridging visas may expire while a person is waiting for a grant of another bridging visa. People in the community who are waiting for the grant of further Bridging Visa E do not have rights to work, study or access Medicare, because they do not hold a valid visa. This often happens because of delays in renewing a visa. In some cases, their visas can only be renewed after the Minister personally allows for the grant of a further visa.”⁷

People in detention⁸

The following data is about people in immigration detention and under residence determination (formerly community detention) as of 31 August 2023. Values that have not been provided and cannot be calculated are given as ‘N.P.’ (not provided). As of 31 August 2023, 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 **708 days**.

As of 31 August 2023, there were **1,056 people** in Immigration Detention Centres (IDCs) and Alternative Places of Detention (APODs) across Australia. Of these 1,056 people, 21.2 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 52.1 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less⁹.

Table 9: People in detention in Victoria

Place of immigration detention	Number of people held in immigration detention
Melbourne Immigration Detention Centres	206
Alternative Places of Detention (APODs)	<5
Total	N.P.*

Table 10: People under residence determination in Victoria

	Men	Women	Children	Total
Number	70	43	37	150 (53.2 percent of national total)
National Total	288			

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 updates¹⁰ on the processing of onshore protection claims for the financial year 2023-2024 (up until August 2023) show there has been **2,164 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 approximately **70 PPV grants for people from Myanmar** over this period.

Table 11: Protection visa application lodgements and PPV grants, Australia-wide by financial year

Component	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-2021	2021-22	2022-2023	2023-2024*
Permanent Protection Visa (PPV) lodgement	18,290	27,931	24,566	23,266	11,684	10,564	18,738	2,164
PPV grants	1,711	1,425	1,650	1,650	1,389	1,762	2,000	1,507

⁶ ‘How many people are on bridging visas E?’ <https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/asylum-community/6/>

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/immigration-detention-statistics-31-august-2023.pdf>

⁹ ‘Time In Immigration Detention Facilities’ at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/immigration-detention-statistics-31-august-2023.pdf> (pg. 12)

¹⁰ Monthly Update: Onshore Protection (Subclass 866) Visa Processing – July 2023 to August 2023 at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/statistics/visa-statistics/live/humanitarian-program>

Appeals heard by the AAT: PPV applications¹¹

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. 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 1,641 days from lodgement to finalisation of applications made under Protection Case Categories between 1/04/23 and 30/09/23, 95% of lodgements were finalised within 2,171 days¹².

The data below is from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Migration and Refugee Division Caseload Report for financial year 2023/24 (until 30 September 23) and does not take into account people who received a PPV at the primary decision.

Table 12: Active Refugee cases (not yet decided) by country and Victoria region* as of 30 September 2023: Top 10

Country	Number
Malaysia	8,401
China	2,051
Vietnam	1,627
India	589
Thailand	832
Indonesia	650
Fiji	101
Philippines	211
East Timor	384
Taiwan	266
Pakistan	298
Tonga	80
Grand Total in Victoria	17,054

Table 13: Refugee decisions by country Australia-wide (Financial year to 30 September 2023): Top 10

Country	Number of decisions		Set aside***
	UMA	non-UMA	
Malaysia	0	413	19
China	0	315	6
Thailand	0	85	1
Vietnam	25	57	20
India	2	76	6
Fiji	0	55	2
Pakistan	9	46	26
Iran	25	17	25
Indonesia	0	32	1
Taiwan	0	28	0
Sri Lanka	12	14	11
Grand total of all decisions by country	93	1,403	205

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

UMA Legacy Caseload

According to the department, an Unauthorised Maritime Arrival (UMA) is a person who entered Australia by sea without authority and became an unlawful non-citizen upon entry. All babies born to UMA parents are also classified as UMAs.

The two main groups in the 'Legacy Caseload' included:

- people who came by boat before 13 August 2012, but whose applications for a protection visa (the visa given to refugees who apply in Australia) had not been finalised by 18 September 2013, when the Liberal and Nationals came into power.
- people who came by boat on or after 13 August 2012, whose visa applications were processed in Australia (and not in Papua New Guinea or Nauru)¹⁴.

Visa Subclass Information ¹³		
Visa subclass number	Visa name	Details
785	Temporary Protection (TPV)	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 (SHEV)	Temporary Visa to stay in Australia for 5 years. With access to government services such as Centrelink as well as work and study rights.
851	Resolution of Status Visa (RoS)	Permanent visa for holders of a TPV or SHEV who first arrived in Australia before 14 February 2023 and are not subject to an application bar (46a bar for Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals). The RoS visa allows the person to live, work and study in Australia permanently.

¹¹ Administrative Appeals Tribunal Migration and Refugee Division Caseload Report Financial year to 30 September 2023:

<https://www.aat.gov.au/AAT/media/AAT/Files/Statistics/MRD-detailed-caseload-statistics-2023-24.pdf>

¹² 'Migration and Refugee Division processing times' at <https://www.aat.gov.au/resources/migration-and-refugee-division-processing-times>

¹³ Visa Subclass Information <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing>

¹⁴ Who was included in the 'Legacy Caseload'? <https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/fast-tracking-statistics/>

UMA Legacy Caseload

Temporary Protection Visa and Safe Haven Enterprise Visa Holders

People seeking asylum who arrived by boat without a valid visa, until recently, have only been 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 UMA that they are eligible to apply for a TPV or a SHEV¹⁵.

As of 30th September 2023, **721 applications are on hand (initial TPV and SHEV) or at merits review for people living in Victoria**,¹⁶

Resolution of Status Visa Holders

UMAs who applied for or held a TPV or SHEV before 14 February 2023 are eligible to apply for a permanent Resolution of Status (subclass 851) (RoS) visa. Anyone who had a TPV or SHEV application already on-hand with the Department, including subsequent TPV/SHEV applications, did not need to apply for a RoS visa (their application was/will automatically be converted to a RoS visa application). Anyone that enters Australia irregularly on or after 14 February 2023 is not eligible for a RoS visa.

The following data sources for this report are based on a range of departmental systems. As data has been drawn from a dynamic system environment, the information is correct at the time of publication and figures may differ slightly from previous or future reporting. As an end of month report, the data date used is the closest to the end of the calendar month¹⁷.

As of 30th September 2023, **7,690 Resolution of Status (RoS) Visas had been granted to people across Australia, 2,995 people were granted to people living in Victoria**.

Table 14: Main Citizenships: Visa Holders, Australia-wide¹⁸

Country of Citizenship	TPV/SHEV	RoS Visa
Iran	2,951	3,656
Afghanistan	3,649	864
Stateless	2,154	149
Sri Lanka	890	1,340
Pakistan	622	640
Iraq	572	506
Sudan	261	117
Somalia	210	83
Palestinian Authority	97	116
Myanmar	143	22
Other	446	197
Total	11,995	7,690

* Most RoS visa applicants are also TPV/SHEV holders so are not counted twice in the grand total

Table 15: Number of people in the UMA Legacy Caseload who:

- ✓ have submitted a valid visa application that is currently being processed;
- ✓ had their visa application finalised – either granted (including expired or cancelled) or refused; and
- ✓ are considered otherwise resolved (for example, have become Australian citizens or departed Australia).

Processing Stage ¹⁹	TOTAL
Applied for initial TPV and on-hand with the Department	175
Applied for initial SHEV and on-hand with the Department ¹	1,161
Applied for/converted to RoS visa and on-hand with the Department ¹	12,386
Total applications on hand	12,722
TPV Holder	2,580
SHEV Holder*	9,415
RoS visa holder	7,690
Total Visa Holders	19,685*
Refused TPV/SHEV/RoS visa by the Department and at merits review	305
Refused TPV/SHEV/RoS visa and at judicial review	4,836
TPV/SHEV/RoS visa cancelled or expired (onshore)	279
Refused TPV/SHEV/RoS visa no immigration matters ongoing	2,584
Total refused, cancelled, or expired onshore	8,004
Otherwise resolved	2,909
Total	31,934

¹⁵ 'Coverage' <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/unauthorised-maritime-arrivals-bve-30-sept-2023.pdf>

¹⁶ UMA Legacy Caseload | Report on the Processing Status and Outcomes: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/unauthorised-maritime-arrivals-bve-30-sept-2023.pdf>

¹⁷ 'Data sources and currency' <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/unauthorised-maritime-arrivals-bve-30-sept-2023.pdf>

¹⁸ UMA Legacy Caseload | Report on the Processing Status and Outcomes: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/unauthorised-maritime-arrivals-bve-30-sept-2023.pdf>

¹⁹ Ibid.

Important Information: Conversion Of TPVs/SHEVs To A Permanent Visa

The Federal Government has announced that from 14 February 2023 people who currently hold, previously held or have applied for a Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) or Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV) may be eligible for a permanent Resolution of Status Visa (RoS visa). People granted a permanent RoS visa will have the same rights and benefits as all permanent residents, including access to family reunion.

It is essential that people seek legal assistance in relation to their rights to the RoS visa.

For free legal help in Victoria and South Australia, contact Refugee Legal at:

- Refugee Legal TPV/SHEV Conversion Hotline - Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm on (03) 9413 0133
- Email: RoSVisa@refugeelegal.org.au
- Website: www.refugeelegal.org.au

For further information on the policy change please refer to the Refugee Council of Australia site at: <https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/information-about-end-of-tpvs-shevs/>

Translated copies of the information sheet can be found here: <https://refugeelegal.org.au/get-help/tpvs-shevs-conversion-to-a-permanent-visa/>

Who is the legal service provider in your state or territory?

Service Provider	State	Website
Refugee Legal	VIC	www.refugeelegal.org.au
Refugee and Casework Support (RACS)	NSW	www.racs.org.au
Immigration Advice and Rights Centre (IARC)- cases referred by RACS NSW	NSW	www.iarc.org.au
Legal Aid	ACT	www.legalaidact.org.au
Refugee and Immigration Legal Service (RAILS)	QLD	www.rails.org.au
Circle Green	WA	www.circlegreen.org.au
Legal Services Commission	SA	www.lsc.sa.gov.au
Tasmanian Refugee Legal Service	TAS	www.trls.org.au
Legal Aid	NT	www.legalaid.nt.au

Source: Department of Home Affairs

Caveats to data sources from the Settlement Database (SDB)²⁰

The Refugee Health Network obtains the data for this report from the DHA Settlement unit. Please see below an outline of the caveats provided by the DHA on the settlement data provided.

- 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.

Updated by DHA on 15 August 2019

²⁰ For the full data set please contact our team at the Victorian Refugee Health Network (refugeehealth@foundationhouse.org.au).