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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 fourth quarter of 2022 living in Victoria²

The following data is about Refugee and Humanitarian Program entrants who have arrived in Australia between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2022 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/01/2023. 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: Top 10

Local Government Area	Visa Numbers				
	200	201	202	203	204
Wyndham	72	7	133	<5	<5
Greater Dandenong	46	10	68	0	<5
Casey	41	<5	72	0	12
Hume	40	0	77	0	<5
Greater Geelong	58	0	28	0	0
Greater Bendigo	<5	0	78	0	0
Whittlesea	25	6	26	0	<5
Melton	<5	0	32	0	0
Brimbank	6	0	22	0	<5
Mildura	26	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	1,136				

As of 04/01/2023, 1,136 people on Visa Subclass (200, 201, 202, 203, 204) settled in Victoria. This was an increase from 735 people who settled in the previous quarter.

Table 3: Main language spoken: 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	104	11	154	0	<5
Dari	117	9	65	0	7
Karen S'gaw	0	0	117	0	0
Karen	<5	0	105	0	0
Hazaragi	18	0	48	0	<5

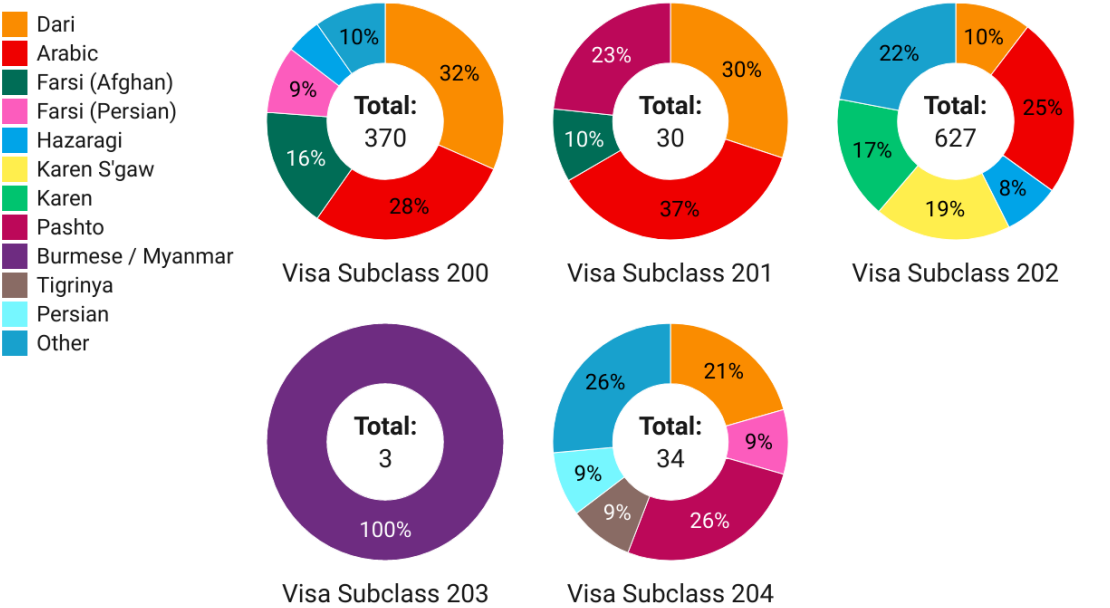
Visa Subclass Information ¹		
Visa subclass number	Visa name	Details
200	Refugee	for people who the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has referred to Australia for assistance
201	In-Country Special Humanitarian	for people who are still living in their country and have been unable 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: Gender of people living in Victoria who arrived in the fourth quarter of 2022

Gender	Visa Numbers				
	200	201	202	203	204
Female	181	12	338	<5	28
Male	213	19	336	<5	6
Total	394	<35	674	<5	34
Grand total	1,136				

Main Language Spoken for those who arrived in the fourth quarter 2022 (01/10/2022 and 31/12/2022).

People on Visa subclass (200 series) who arrived in Australia between 01/10/2022 and 31/12/2022 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/01/2023



* 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.

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

Interactive Map available at: <https://datawrapper.dwcdn.net/zV7Fp/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 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2022 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/01/2023. 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).

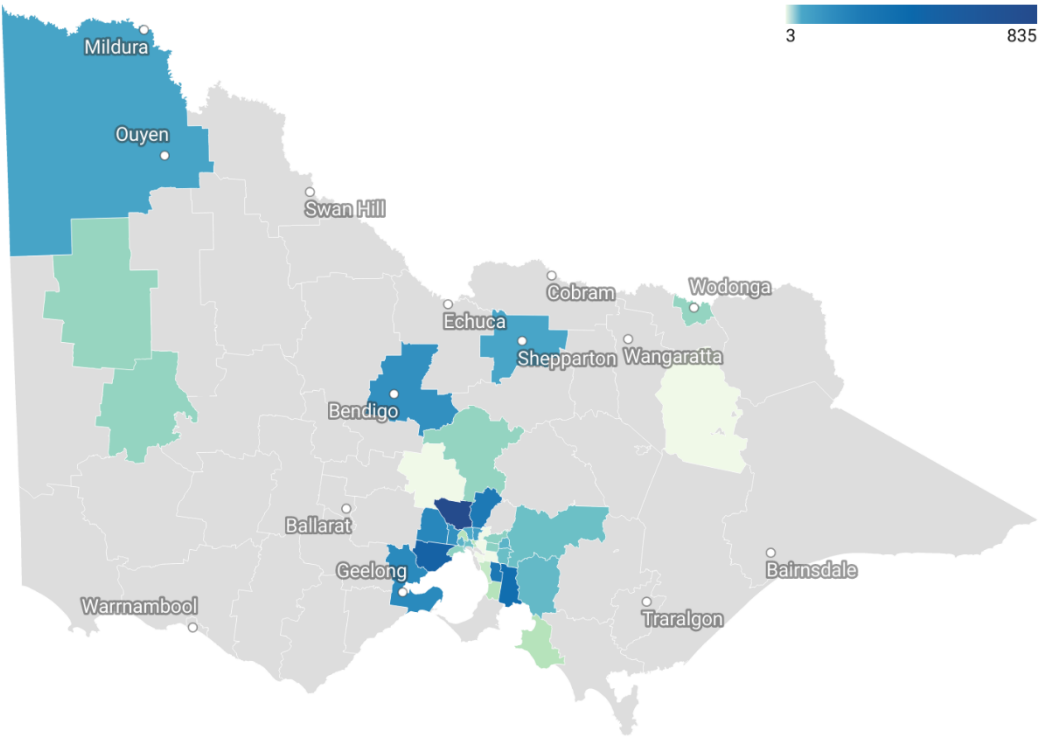
Please note that this data set from DHA only include those who have received refugee and humanitarian visas prior to travelling to Australia (subclasses 200, 201, 202, 203 & 204). This data does not include people who currently reside in Victoria who are on a temporary protection visa (449, 786, 790,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

Table 4: 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
Hume	132	<5	687	0	13
Wyndham	157	8	222	83	22
Casey	136	10	188	0	33
Greater Dandenong	100	17	118	11	25
Whittlesea	79	7	164	0	7
Melton	37	0	145	0	7
Greater Geelong	110	0	50	0	16
Greater Bendigo	12	0	128	<5	0
Brimbank	16	0	114	<5	8
Darebin	60	<5	21	0	<5
Greater Shepparton	54	0	9	0	<5
Mildura	60	0	<5	0	<5
Moreland	11	0	34	<5	6
Maribyrnong	14	0	22	<5	<5
Maroondah	<5	0	29	5	<5
Grand Total of all recorded LGA's	1,046	<55	2,153	115	165
	3,531				

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 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2022 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/01/2023



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

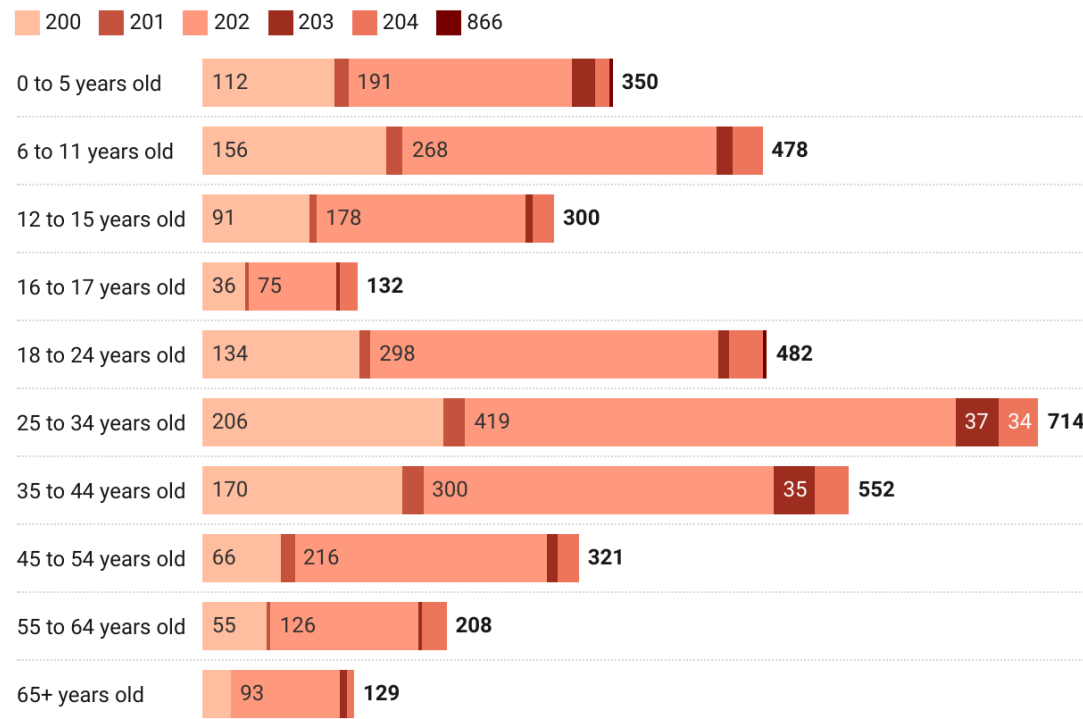
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There are 3,531 people on Visa Subclass (200, 201, 202, 203, 204 & 866) who have arrived in the past year and recorded as residing in Victoria.

Number of people who arrived in Australia in 2022 and currently reside in Victoria according to age group

Visa subclasses (200 series & 866) with a Date of Arrival between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2022 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/01/2023



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

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

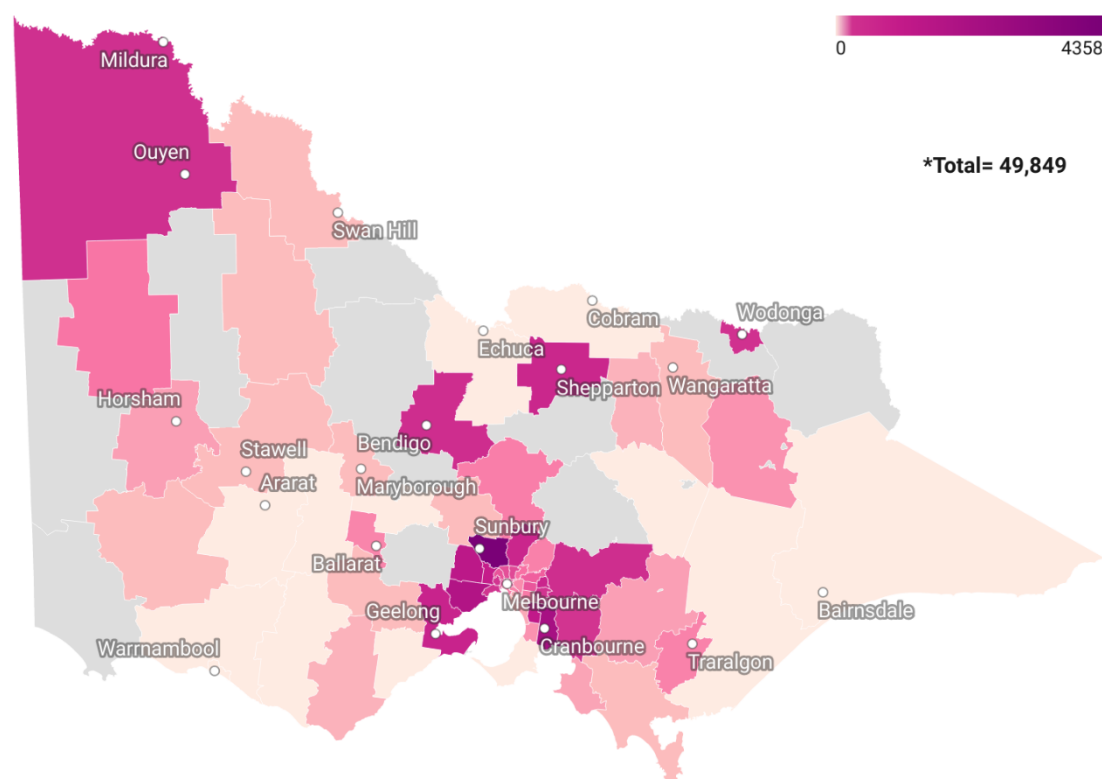
Country of Birth	Visa numbers				
	200	201	202	203	204
IRAQ	145	<15	750	0	9
AFGHANISTAN	488	37	301	0	81
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	168	0	259	0	27
MYANMAR	19	0	275	106	10
THAILAND	17	0	199	<5	<5
IRAN	41	0	87	0	12
PAKISTAN	58	0	29	0	0
MALAYSIA	9	0	54	0	<5
ERITREA	0	0	53	0	<5
LEBANON	17	0	22	0	<5
CONGO, DEM REPUBLIC OF THE	25	0	7	0	6
JORDAN	5	0	22	0	<5
TURKEY	20	0	<5	0	<5
INDIA	0	0	25	0	0
ETHIOPIA	5	0	15	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 01/01/2012 and 31/12/2022 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/01/2023



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

Table 7: Recoded Gender for people who reside in Victoria and arrived in the past 10 years.

Gender	200	201	202	203	204	866	Total
Female	8,572	599	9,765	77	2,110	2,662	23,785
Male	9,599	665	9,678	75	866	5,179	26,062
Not Stated	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5
Grand Total	18,171	1,264	19,443	152	2,976	7,843	49,849

The chart to the right shows the number of people who arrived in Australia over the last 10 years and hold a visa subclass 200, 201, 202, 203 or 204. These numbers are recorded according to the financial year of arrival and who are currently recorded as residing in Victoria. There is 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 people⁵".

From March 2020, Australia closed its borders except for citizens and residents due to the surge in COVID-19 cases. This meant there were no new arrivals during this period up until borders started to reopen in December 2021.

The following data is about Refugee and Humanitarian Program entrants who have arrived in Australia between 01/01/2012 and 31/12/2022 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/01/2023. 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.

*In the past 10 years, **49,849 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.*

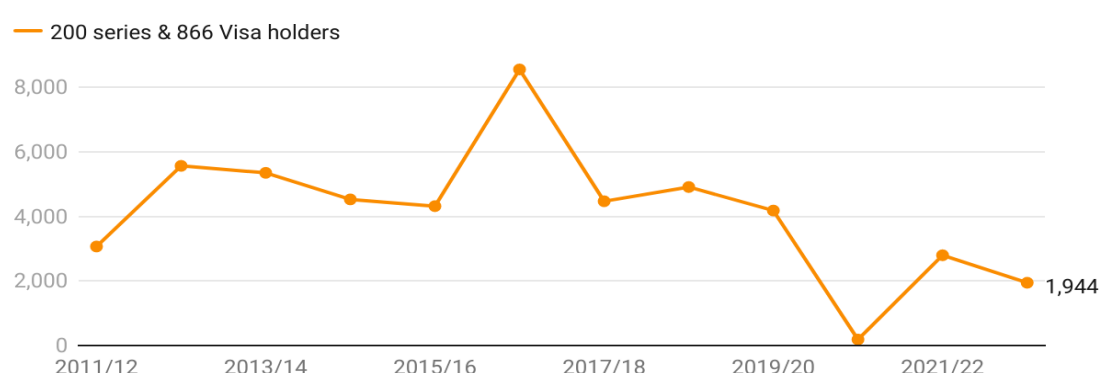
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Table 6: Top 10 Local Government Areas where people are recorded to live who have arrived in the past 10 years.

Local Government Area	Visa number					
	200	201	202	203	204	866
Hume	4,358	36	7,517	6	351	608
Casey	2,318	469	1,237	0	507	1,417
Wyndham	1,820	38	1,646	96	306	568
Greater Dandenong	1,194	463	840	19	397	1,042
Melton	1,375	52	1,445	5	108	305
Brimbank	964	19	1,151	5	138	327
Whittlesea	665	45	944	0	60	723
Maroondah	693	7	856	7	76	54
Greater Geelong	772	<5	364	0	333	91
Hume	4,358	36	7,517	6	351	608
Grand Total of all LGA's	18,171	1,264	19,443	152	2,976	7,843
	49,849					

Number of people who arrived in Australia over the last 10 years according to financial year.

Visa Subclass (200, 201, 202, 203, 204) with a Date of Arrival between 01/01/2012 and 31/12/2022 and are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/01/2023



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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: <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 1,330 days from lodgement to finalisation of applications under Protection Case Categories between 1/08/22 and 31/01/23, 95% of lodgements were finalised within 1,983 days⁶.

Chart: Processing status of applications by the Legacy Caseload.
As of 1st February 2023.⁷

Processing status of applications by the Legacy Caseload

As at 1 February 2023

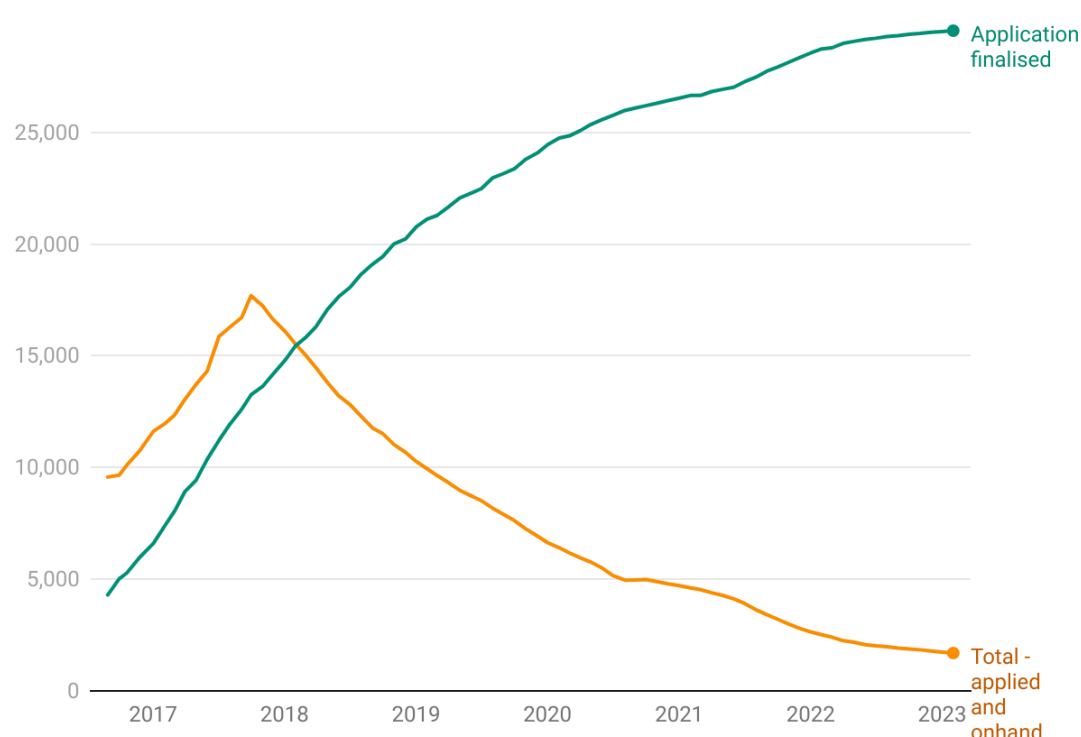


Chart: Refugee Council of Australia • Source: Department of Home Affairs, UMA Legacy Caseload statistics • Created with Datawrapper

Table 8: 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 ⁸	2023	
	December	November
Applied and on hand or at review	1,737	1,787
Applications Finalised	29,519	29,483
Total	31,256	31,270

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 updates⁹ on the processing of onshore protection claims for the financial year 2022-2023 (July to December 2022) show there has been **8,391 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 **204 individuals from Myanmar** over this period and **142 individuals from Iran**.

Table 9: Protection visa application lodgements and PPV grants, Australia-wide by financial year

Component	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-2021	2021-22	2022-2023*
Permanent Protection Visa (PPV) lodgement	12,617	18,290	27,931	24,566	23,266	11,684	10,564	8,391
PPV grants	2,003	1,711	1,425	1,650	1,650	1,389	1,762	995

* Financial year to date (31 December 2022)

⁶ 'Migration and Refugee Division processing times' at <https://www.aat.gov.au/resources/migration-and-refugee-division-processing-times>

⁷ 'Fast tracking and 'Legacy Caseload' statistics' <https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/fast-tracking-statistics/2/>

⁸ UMA Legacy Caseload | Report on the Processing Status and Outcomes: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/uma-legacy-caseload-december-2022.pdf>

⁹ Monthly Update: Onshore Protection (Subclass 866) Visa Processing – July 2022 to December 2022 at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/statistics/visa-statistics/live/humanitarian-program>

Appeals heard by the AAT: PPV applications¹⁰

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 2022/23 (until 31 January 2023) and does not take into account people who received a PPV at the primary decision.

Table 10: Active Refugee cases by country and by Victoria region* as of 31 January 2023: Top 10

Country	Number
Malaysia	8,732
China	1,801
Vietnam	1,455
India	496
Thailand	592
Indonesia	601
Fiji	120
Philippines	226
Taiwan	308
Pakistan	313
Bangladesh	52
Sri Lanka	279

Table 11: PPV decisions by citizenship Australia-wide (Financial year to 31 January 2023): Top 10

Country	Number of decisions		Set aside***
	UMA	non-UMA	
Malaysia	0	1,1102	57
China	0	828	20
Vietnam	15	227	25
Thailand	0	154	1
Fiji	0	134	10
India	1	107	2
Taiwan	0	85	0
Sri Lanka	39	31	35
Pakistan	2	67	26
Bangladesh	13	38	10
Indonesia	0	48	0
Grand total of all decisions by country	97	3,286	341

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

People in detention¹¹

The following data is about people in immigration detention and under residence determination (formerly community detention) as of 31 December 2022.

As of 31 December 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 **803 days**. As of 31 December 2022, there were 1,089 people in Immigration Detention Centres (IDCs), Alternative Places of Detention (APODs) and Immigration Transit Accommodation (ITA) in Australia. Of these 1,089 people, 17.2 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 41.7 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less¹².

Table 12: People in detention in Victoria

Place of immigration detention	Number of people held in immigration detention
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	193
Alternative Places of Detention (APODs)	0
Total	193

Table 13: People under residence determination in Victoria

	Men	Women	Children	Total
Number	105	76	73	254 (47.2 percent of national total)
National Total	538			

¹⁰ Administrative Appeals Tribunal Migration and Refugee Division Caseload Report Financial year to 31 January 2023: <https://www.aat.gov.au/AAT/media/AAT/Files/Statistics/MRD-Detailed-Caseload-Statistics-2022-23.pdf>

¹¹ Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/immigration-detention-statistics-31-december-2022.pdf>

¹² 'Time In Immigration Detention Facilities' at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/immigration-detention-statistics-31-december-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 SHEV¹⁴.

The following data is about people who arrived by boat before 2014 without a valid visa living in Australia as of December 2022¹⁵. Total data as of November 2022 is shown for comparison.

Visa Subclass Information ¹³		
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 December 2022, **7,483 temporary protection visas (SHEV and TPV) had been granted to people living in Victoria**, 823 people were awaiting an outcome of their application.

Table 14: Main Citizenships: TPV and SHEV grants, Australia-wide

Country of Citizenship	December 2022	November 2022
Iran	6,513	6,509
Afghanistan	4,573	4,559
Stateless	2,377	2,368
Sri Lanka	2,211	2,209
Pakistan	1,278	1,279
Iraq	1,099	1,100
Sudan	386	386
Somalia	282	282
Other	964	958
Total	19,683	19,650

Table 15: TPV and SHEV applications by processing status, Australia-wide

Processing Status	December 2022			November 2022
	TPV	SHEV	Total	
On hand at Primary*	147	745	892	921
Review and other	199	646	845	866
Total	346	1,391	1,737	1,787
Applications Finalised	TPV	SHEV	Total	November 2022
Finalised grants	5,389	14,294	19,683	19,650
Finalised refusals	3,049	6,787	9,836	9,833
Total	8,438	21,081	29,519	29,483

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

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/>.

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

¹⁴ 'Coverage' <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/uma-legacy-caseload-december-2022.pdf>

¹⁵ 'UMA Legacy Caseload – Processing status' <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/uma-legacy-caseload-december-2022.pdf> (pg. 5)



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.

Caveats to data sources from the Settlement Database (SDB)¹⁶

- 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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¹⁶ For the full data set please contact our team at the Victorian Refugee Health Network (refugeehealth@foundationhouse.org.au).
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