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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	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Afghanistan	11		18	18	14	26	7	8	17	37	62
Argentina											
Bahrain								6			
Bangladesh	11	13	17	23	19	14	12	6	6	12	63
Brazil			6			9			7		
Chile						9					
China	27	31	78	69	117	78	66	61	117	489	216
Colombia	12	6	8	11	10	12	11		11	34	19
Czech Republic			5	7							
D.R.of Congo											
Egypt					8		5		5		
Eritrea											
Ethiopia				9		6					5
Fiji	27	28		8	5	14	14	6	15	11	8
Hong Kong									7		
Hungary			16								10
India	15	38	28	41	60	58	89	104	172	1168	688
Indonesia						40	93	5	6	7	13
Iran	16	18	15	15	30	23	9		9	34	42
Iraq	11	25	19	6						8	12
Israel										7	
Japan										5	
Jordan			10							8	8
Kiribati	5										
Libya	14		6								
Lebanon											14
Malaysia	6	9	12	14	20	42	28	6	179	127	55
Mexico									5	5	
Mongolia					8	6					
Myanmar				7	7		10	13	14	21	27
Nepal										57	56
Nigeria				10		5					
Pakistan	25	21	12	24	18	8		5	29	65	97
Palestine										9	32
Philippines			5	9	12	11	8		6	9	5
Russia		5	9	15	15	8	17	10	10	6	11
Samoa	5										
Saudi Arabia		16	16	18	21	6			5	6	
Slovakia											
South Africa		18	16		10	11	8	11		10	8
Sri Lanka	20	19	21	40	38	43	31	25	46	86	183
Stateless	6				8						
Sudan									5	12	11
Syria	12	11	7	6	5					7	8
Thailand								5		8	
Tonga	6								9		6
Turkey	11		34	22	9	13				15	22
Tuvalu			6								6
Uganda		6							12		6
Ukraine				5				6	17	11	
USA							5		6		
Uruguay					6		6				
Venezuela											8
Vietnam	6			5					6		9
Yemen				6							
Zimbabwe	6	6	5		10					7	
Other	76	69	65	50	60	60	75	39	59	64	64
Total	328	339	434	438	510	502	494	316	780	2345	1774

Refugee and Protection Approvals by Nationality

Nationality	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Afghanistan					8	14	16	6	8	13	26
Bahrain									6		
China	17	11	27	45	51	44	24	24	20	35	40
Colombia		11					5				7
Czech Republic					6						
Egypt					8						
Fiji	8								6		
India									15		
Iran	7	5	9	7	11	15	10	6		6	6
Iraq	11	8	20								
Jordan			5								
Libya	11		6								
Malaysia							5			7	
Myanmar					6			7	10	15	14
Pakistan	5	15	5		5					13	11
Palestine											9
Philippines						6					
Russia				14	8		6			11	
Saudi Arabia			10	6	11	5	5				
Sri Lanka					7		5	9			
Sudan										9	5
Syria	6	14	8	7		6					
Turkey			13	13							
Ukraine										6	
Yemen				5							
Zimbabwe		6									
Other	35	41	29	35	32	34	23	43	39	29	24
Total	100	111	132	132	153	124	99	95	104	144	142

Refugee and Protection Claims and Decisions by Financial Year

Overview	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Claims	328	339	434	438	510	502	494	316	780	2345	1774
Decisions	285	314	360	413	437	342	354	424	482	704	728
Declined*	185	203	228	281	284	218	255	329	378	560	586
Approved	100	111	132	132	153	124	99	95	104	144	142
Approval Rate	35.1%	35.4%	36.7%	32.0%	35.0%	36.3%	28.0%	22.4%	21.6%	20.5%	19.5%

* includes withdrawals

Refugee Quota Arrivals by Nationality

Nationality	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Afghanistan	157	143	123	114	105	128	78	107	218	317	209
Bhutan	95	31	61	18							
Burundi								11			
Cambodia								6		5	
China											5
Colombia	76	100	139	159	184	135	33	118	135	64	59
Congo					18						
D.R. of Congo				12	19	47	5	28	165	84	91
Ecuador	12	6	12	20	12			7			
Egypt	6										
Eritrea		7			27	64			121	18	49
Ethiopia				5							5
Iran			19	40	5	5			36	93	57
Iraq	44	19	23	8	9	23		11	31	5	12
Kyrgyzstan									8		
Myanmar	159	217	187	177	240	207	105	126	206	206	142
Nepal	10		5								
Pakistan			39	44	76	33	14	131	140	132	56
Palestine	31	26	59	73	77	36					11
Papua New Guinea									9	13	
Somalia	27	13	12	9	35	13	14	60	123	93	24
South Sudan				9							
Sri Lanka	35	24	27	7	29	11			6	26	8
Sudan									8	11	6
Syria	83	252	302	307	155	81	8	111	257	375	355
Turkey								20	11		
Venezuela										44	5
Vietnam		16								7	15
Yemen									18		
Other	21	22	9	18	16	14	6	18	15	21	23
Total	756	876	1017	1020	1007	797	263	754	1507	1514	1132

Refugee Quota Settlement by Region

Region	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Auckland	234	185	103	86	106	131	55	121	276	310	194
Waikato	116	115	175	165	161	103	31	71	132	133	106
Manawatu	115	113	157	162	143	101	43	64	139	122	115
Hawkes Bay	3										
Masterton								39	38	69	52
Levin									65	55	50
Wellington	212	277	245	243	168	92	27	158	196	194	130
Nelson	75	89	127	127	117	88	23	36	67	60	45
Blenheim						10	14	38	83	81	22
Christchurch	1	3	14	11	47	97	42	48	151	163	119
Ashburton							9	37	65	60	64
Timaru						16	9	31	99	92	110
Dunedin		94	196	182	178	90	10	49	89	109	85
Invercargill				44	87	69		62	107	66	40
Total	756	876	1017	1020	1007	797	263	754	1507	1514	1132

Main Nationalities Settled In Regions In The Last Five Financial Years

Region	First	Second	Third
Auckland	Myanmar	Afghanistan	Syria
Waikato	D.R. of Congo	Syria	Somalia
Manawatu	Myanmar	Afghanistan	
Masterton	Pakistan		
Levin	Colombia	Venezuela	
Wellington	Syria	Pakistan	Myanmar
Nelson	Myanmar	Pakistan	Colombia
Blenheim	Myanmar	Colombia	
Christchurch	Eritrea	Afghanistan	Somalia
Ashburton	Afghanistan		
Timaru	Syria		
Dunedin	Afghanistan	Syria	Iraq
Invercargill	D.R. of Congo	Colombia	

Refugee Family Support Category Invitations to Apply Issued

Tier One	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Registrations	60	96	80	112	99	82	61	69	107	29	132
Persons	201	348	274	424	319	280	178	244	329	78	509
Tier Two	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Registrations	95	71	69	52	142	121	18	1	16	0	0
Persons	364	304	336	246	669	580	73	3	81	0	0
Total	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Registrations	155	167	149	164	241	203	79	70	123	29	132
Persons	565	652	610	670	988	860	251	247	410	78	509

Refugee Family Support Category Residence Visas Granted

Tier One	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Applications	28	34	70	57	60	24	1	10	66	68	86
Persons	109	91	173	150	213	79	6	32	213	224	251
Tier Two	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Applications	54	37	47	39	30	21	2	13	85	79	16
Persons	195	128	199	132	129	90	2	54	404	376	86
Total	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Applications	82	71	117	96	90	45	3	23	151	147	102
Persons	304	219	372	282	342	169	8	86	617	600	337

Refugee Family Support Category Arrivals by Nationality

All Tiers	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Afghanistan	101	42	126	50	117	84	10	75	123	222	150
Bhutan									7		
Burundi									7		
Cambodia			5								
China			12	6	10	9				7	
Colombia				9	8	10			28	5	19
D.R. of Congo		6	5						7		
Eritrea	18	5	12	7	19				13	7	19
Ethiopia	14	20	25	17	40				7	22	49
India									6		
Iran	19	7	37	23	19	7			15	18	10
Iraq	15	14	8	16	18	13				18	
Jordan			7								
Kosovo						5					
Laos	29	14		14	10	15					
Myanmar	15	11	9	5	6	8			80	73	31
Nepal				8							
Pakistan			11		16	9			7	7	6
Palestine						7			6		
Rwanda	11										
Somalia	40	8	17	15	21	18			56	40	54
South Sudan			7								5
Sri Lanka			43	41	27	9			15	11	16
Sudan			8							5	5
Syria									5		22
Turkey		5	6	7	6				5		
Vietnam	22	17	25	23	17	7				9	
Zambia										6	
Other	15	23	20	17	16	16	0	8	19	31	29
Total	299	172	383	258	350	217	10	83	406	481	415

Undecided Refugee Family Support Category Registrations and Residence Visa Applications

Registrations	Registrations	Persons	Residence	Applications	Persons
Tier One	274	1122	Tier One	114	429
Tier Two	951	4190	Tier Two	16	77
Total	1225	5312	Total	130	506

Community Organisation Refugee Sponsorship

Arrivals in New Zealand by Nationality			
Nationality	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Afghanistan		45	30
Burundi		15	10
Democratic Republic of Congo		8	10
Ethiopia			9
Iraq		9	
South Sudan			7
Syria		12	
Other		15	9
Total		104	75

Approved Applications by Nationality			
Nationality	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Afghanistan		61	17
Burundi		22	
Democratic Republic of Congo		11	7
Ethiopia		9	
Iraq		9	
South Sudan		7	
Syria		12	
Other	1	19	9
Total	1	150	33