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## Overview (Non-IMA and IMA combined)

### About these statistics

The tables in this publication present statistics about people in refugee status determination processes. Unless otherwise indicated all figures relate to the number of events (such as a visa grant or a refusal) in a given time period.

Outcomes reflect the grant of a Protection visa or a refusal decision rather than a finding that a person is or is not a refugee.

For the irregular maritime arrival (IMA) caseload, the number of visa grants and the associated percentages in the tables do not necessarily reflect underlying recognition rates. This is because of the passage of time following a finding that a person is a refugee while awaiting health, security or character checks. To provide a fuller picture this publication now includes tables about outcomes during the twelve months to the end of each quarter and for IMA cohorts by year of arrival.

**Table 1: Number of people seeking Australia's protection**

Program Year	Quarter	Non-IMA <sup>1</sup> Protection visa applications <sup>2</sup> lodged	IMA refugee status determination requests received <sup>3</sup>	Total
<b>2008-09</b>		<b>5072</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>5760</b>
<b>2009-10</b>		<b>5987</b>	<b>4591</b>	<b>10578</b>
<b>2010-11</b>		<b>6316</b>	<b>5175</b>	<b>11491</b>
	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	1533	1741	3274
	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	1537	1725	3262
	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	1688	935	2623
	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	1558	774	2332

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 1 shows the number of requests for protection by non-IMA and IMA asylum seekers. Non-IMA Protection visa applications are typically lodged by air arrivals (but may include very small numbers of ship stowaways or maritime crew). Among non-IMA applicants, arrival in Australia may have occurred in a period prior to that of application.

<sup>1</sup> Non irregular maritime arrivals. Non-IMA generally refers to Protection visa applicants who arrived by air and are already in Australia's migration zone.

<sup>2</sup> Number of PV applications refers to the number of people (including family members) who made a valid application claiming protection in Australia.

<sup>3</sup> Refugee status determination requests counted by people screened into a determination process for IMAs.

**Table 2: Number of final Protection visa (PV) grants<sup>4</sup>**

Program Year	Quarter	PV grants to non-IMA <sup>1</sup>	PV grants to IMA <sup>5</sup>	Adjustment <sup>6</sup>	Total
<b>2008-09</b>		<b>2173</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2382</b>
<b>2009-10</b>		<b>2367</b>	<b>2119</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4516</b>
<b>2010-11</b>		<b>2101</b>	<b>2696</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4818</b>
	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	460	454	7	921
	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	449	307	6	762
	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	739	425	4	1168
	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	453	1510	4	1967

Source: DIAC Systems

**Table 3: Number of final Protection visa (PV) grants by top 10 countries of citizenship<sup>7</sup>**

Citizenship	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11			
				<i>Sep Qtr</i>	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<i>Jun Qtr</i>
Afghanistan	224	1514	1395	178	234	308	675
Iran	146	279	702	74	26	257	345
Stateless	19	190	501	58	41	61	341
Iraq	172	323	365	82	23	70	190
Sri Lanka	364	505	358	181	51	63	62
China (PRC)	426	494	315	102	81	70	62
Pakistan	158	218	222	36	41	66	79
Zimbabwe	215	255	172	59	70	26	17
Egypt	45	79	142	16	27	46	53
Fiji	27	38	87	29	29	20	9
Other	586	621	559	106	139	181	134
<b>Total</b>	<b>2382</b>	<b>4516</b>	<b>4818</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>1168</b>	<b>1967</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 3 shows final visa grants by citizenship for all applications (IMA and non-IMA). Tables 10 and 19 later in this publication show disaggregated figures for non-IMA and IMA final grants. However, due to different methodologies, the sum of IMA and non-IMA final grant figures for certain countries of citizenship may vary from the official final grant figures published in table 3.

<sup>4</sup> Total PV grants may vary slightly from official program year figures published elsewhere because the data for grants to IMAs has been extracted from departmental systems on a different date employing different methodologies.

<sup>5</sup> In general, only those irregular maritime arrivals who have been found to be refugees are allowed to apply for a Protection visa

<sup>6</sup> Statistical adjustments introduced in this table reconcile the component grant figures with the official program year total.

<sup>7</sup> Top 10 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year total grants.



Section 1  
Non irregular maritime arrivals



## Non irregular maritime arrivals (Non-IMA)

Table 4: Number of Protection visa (PV) applications<sup>2</sup> lodged

Program Year	Quarter	Principal applicants	Dependants	Total
<b>2008-09</b>		<b>3908</b>	<b>1164</b>	<b>5072</b>
<b>2009-10</b>		<b>4579</b>	<b>1408</b>	<b>5987</b>
<b>2010-11</b>		<b>4750</b>	<b>1566</b>	<b>6316</b>
	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	1166	367	1533
	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	1138	399	1537
	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	1289	399	1688
	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	1157	401	1558

Source: ICSE

Table 4 shows the breakdown between principal applicants and dependants among non-IMA Protection visa applicants. Dependants may also apply in their own right.

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<sup>2</sup> Number of PV applications refers to the number of people (including family members) who made a valid application claiming protection in Australia.

Table 5: Number of Protection visa applications<sup>2</sup> lodged by top 20 countries of citizenship<sup>8</sup>

Citizenship	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11			
				Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr
China (PRC)	1186	1293	1122	293	293	300	236
India	353	301	555	122	107	132	194
Pakistan	221	349	547	111	129	139	168
Egypt	113	207	427	88	116	144	79
Iran	203	378	384	88	89	110	97
Fiji	116	563	329	97	84	106	42
Nepal	42	93	226	40	55	73	58
Iraq	233	223	220	60	61	49	50
Malaysia	207	257	212	78	47	48	39
Indonesia	211	178	195	61	38	48	48
Zimbabwe	317	378	190	53	30	71	36
Lebanon	102	157	175	47	61	37	30
Sri Lanka	478	327	158	45	28	40	45
Vietnam	34	44	133	11	56	36	30
Turkey	49	76	118	33	33	28	24
Bangladesh	116	86	106	24	29	34	19
Afghanistan	71	113	97	21	31	14	31
Papua New Guinea	24	42	76	23	14	19	20
Korea, South	153	86	70	21	16	14	19
Libya	7	6	66	0	6	10	50
Other	836	830	910	217	214	236	243
<b>Total</b>	<b>5072</b>	<b>5987</b>	<b>6316</b>	<b>1533</b>	<b>1537</b>	<b>1688</b>	<b>1558</b>

Source: ICSE

<sup>2</sup> Number of PV applications refers to the number of people (including family members) who made a valid application claiming protection in Australia.

<sup>8</sup> Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year lodgements.

**Table 6: Number of primary Protection visa decisions<sup>9</sup> and primary grant rates<sup>10</sup>**

Decision	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11			
				Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr
Grants	1597	1710	1389	276	295	504	314
Refusals	2982	3040	4107	1027	935	952	1193
<b>Total</b>	<b>4579</b>	<b>4750</b>	<b>5496</b>	<b>1303</b>	<b>1230</b>	<b>1456</b>	<b>1507</b>
Primary grant rate	34.9%	36.0%	25.3%	21.2%	24.0%	34.6%	20.8%

Source: ICSE

**Table 7: Number of primary Protection visa grants by top 20 countries of citizenship<sup>11</sup>**

Citizenship	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11			
				Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr
Iran	132	199	314	37	13	203	61
Pakistan	138	183	170	28	29	51	62
China (PRC)	175	229	121	40	36	24	21
Zimbabwe	191	225	120	44	51	13	12
Egypt	38	62	100	11	18	32	39
Iraq	153	175	97	20	10	47	20
Sri Lanka	335	165	96	46	9	22	19
Afghanistan	47	75	53	..	21	15	13
Myanmar	70	61	36	10	7	11	8
Turkey	14	23	32	..	12	7	11
Lebanon	20	9	25	0	..	20	..
Fiji	10	14	22	..	11	..	6
Papua New Guinea	18	17	20	0	12	5	..
Bangladesh	38	21	16	7	..	..	..
Nepal	12	16	16	..	5	5	..
Stateless	12	14	15	..	5	..	5
Ethiopia	26	11	14	..	..	..	..
Eritrea	..	8	12	..	..	..	..
Nigeria	5	17	11	5	..	..	..
Indonesia	9	22	10	..	..	6	..
Other	150	164	89	7	37	26	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>1597</b>	<b>1710</b>	<b>1389</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>314</b>

Source: ICSE

<sup>9</sup> A decision made at the end of initial processing by the departmental delegate.

<sup>10</sup> Primary Protection visa grant rates measure the visa grants at the initial processing stage in the Protection visa process as a proportion of total primary decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

<sup>11</sup> Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year primary grants.

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**Table 8: Primary Protection visa grant rates<sup>10</sup> by top 20 countries of citizenship<sup>11</sup>**

Citizenship	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11			
				Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr
Iran	83.5%	88.1%	78.5%	63.8%	29.5%	94.9%	72.6%
Pakistan	65.7%	71.8%	54.0%	43.8%	54.7%	60.7%	54.4%
China (PRC)	14.5%	19.9%	10.6%	13.0%	12.5%	8.2%	8.1%
Zimbabwe	75.8%	74.3%	50.2%	50.0%	69.9%	31.7%	32.4%
Egypt	41.8%	45.9%	28.2%	40.7%	23.7%	31.4%	26.0%
Iraq	88.4%	91.1%	66.9%	76.9%	52.6%	66.2%	69.0%
Sri Lanka	80.3%	67.9%	45.3%	61.3%	32.1%	51.2%	28.8%
Afghanistan	92.2%	86.2%	68.8%	26.7%	84.0%	78.9%	72.2%
Myanmar	76.1%	80.3%	61.0%	45.5%	77.8%	57.9%	88.9%
Turkey	37.8%	51.1%	32.0%	16.7%	41.4%	38.9%	26.8%
Lebanon	21.1%	9.7%	13.2%	0.0%	11.8%	42.6%	1.6%
Fiji	9.6%	3.3%	5.6%	1.4%	16.9%	3.8%	5.8%
Papua New Guinea	72.0%	70.8%	42.6%	0.0%	85.7%	41.7%	16.7%
Bangladesh	35.2%	30.4%	16.7%	50.0%	11.5%	10.0%	11.1%
Nepal	41.4%	24.6%	10.5%	20.0%	12.5%	15.6%	3.3%
Stateless	66.7%	73.7%	45.5%	40.0%	55.6%	37.5%	45.5%
Ethiopia	63.4%	57.9%	53.8%	57.1%	44.4%	42.9%	100.0%
Eritrea	80.0%	88.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Nigeria	15.2%	56.7%	32.4%	50.0%	37.5%	33.3%	10.0%
Indonesia	5.1%	12.0%	5.0%	1.9%	3.5%	14.0%	2.1%
Other	11.9%	14.8%	7.0%	2.3%	11.6%	8.8%	5.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>34.9%</b>	<b>36.0%</b>	<b>25.3%</b>	<b>21.2%</b>	<b>24.0%</b>	<b>34.6%</b>	<b>20.8%</b>

Tables 6 to 8 show non-IMA primary Protection visa grants and grant rates for key countries of origin and in total.

<sup>10</sup> Primary Protection visa grant rates measure the visa grants at the initial processing stage in the Protection visa process as a proportion of total primary decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

<sup>11</sup> Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year primary grants.

**Table 9: Number of final Protection visa decisions and final grant rates<sup>12</sup> (primary and review processes completed)**

Decision	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11			
				Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr
Grants	2173	2367	2101	460	449	739	453
Refusals	2611	2275	2709	680	750	649	630
<b>Total</b>	<b>4784</b>	<b>4642</b>	<b>4810</b>	<b>1140</b>	<b>1199</b>	<b>1388</b>	<b>1083</b>
Final grant rate	45.4%	51.0%	43.7%	40.4%	37.4%	53.2%	41.8%

Source: ICSE

**Table 10: Number of final Protection visa grants by top 20 countries of citizenship<sup>13</sup> (primary and review processes completed)**

Citizenship	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11			
				Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr
Iran	142	210	369	45	21	231	72
China (PRC)	426	494	315	102	81	70	62
Pakistan	158	212	208	35	37	66	70
Zimbabwe	215	255	172	59	70	26	17
Egypt	45	79	142	16	27	46	53
Sri Lanka	359	190	117	52	14	30	21
Iraq	157	183	113	22	10	57	24
Fiji	27	38	87	29	29	20	9
Lebanon	36	33	64	6	10	43	5
Afghanistan	48	75	59	6	23	16	14
Turkey	25	31	55	7	15	15	18
Myanmar	78	79	50	15	11	16	8
Nepal	26	22	32	13	6	8	5
Bangladesh	49	37	30	9	..	9	9
Indonesia	17	32	24	..	..	11	6
India	23	34	23	8	5	8	..
Papua New Guinea	22	17	22	0	12	7	..
Stateless	14	17	20	..	8	..	6
Ethiopia	32	25	17	5	6	..	..
Nigeria	11	27	17	6	..	..	..
Other	263	277	165	20	53	49	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>2173</b>	<b>2367</b>	<b>2101</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>453</b>

Source: ICSE

<sup>12</sup> Final grant rates measure the visa grants at the final processing stage in the Protection visa process as a proportion of total decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

<sup>13</sup> Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year final grants.

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**Table 11: Final Protection visa grant rates<sup>12</sup> by top 20 countries of citizenship<sup>13</sup> (primary and review processes completed)**

Citizenship	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11			
				Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr
Iran	88.8%	98.1%	96.1%	95.7%	80.8%	97.9%	96.0%
China (PRC)	31.5%	42.2%	29.9%	34.9%	25.8%	31.3%	27.8%
Pakistan	76.7%	84.8%	79.1%	83.3%	74.0%	79.5%	79.5%
Zimbabwe	90.3%	85.9%	77.1%	76.6%	86.4%	63.4%	70.8%
Egypt	56.3%	71.8%	66.4%	69.6%	77.1%	64.8%	62.4%
Sri Lanka	90.0%	76.3%	79.1%	89.7%	73.7%	65.2%	84.0%
Iraq	95.7%	96.3%	93.4%	91.7%	83.3%	98.3%	88.9%
Fiji	30.0%	16.1%	18.0%	15.3%	20.4%	23.8%	13.4%
Lebanon	37.5%	35.9%	43.8%	30.0%	31.3%	60.6%	21.7%
Afghanistan	94.1%	94.9%	79.7%	85.7%	71.9%	80.0%	93.3%
Turkey	64.1%	70.5%	80.9%	58.3%	83.3%	88.2%	85.7%
Myanmar	94.0%	95.2%	87.7%	93.8%	73.3%	88.9%	100.0%
Nepal	53.1%	44.9%	31.7%	50.0%	23.1%	27.6%	25.0%
Bangladesh	33.3%	43.5%	47.6%	75.0%	33.3%	60.0%	33.3%
Indonesia	8.2%	16.4%	13.2%	9.1%	9.5%	19.3%	12.0%
India	6.3%	13.2%	7.9%	11.0%	7.4%	11.0%	2.6%
Papua New Guinea	75.9%	73.9%	62.9%	0.0%	85.7%	63.6%	33.3%
Stateless	82.4%	85.0%	76.9%	66.7%	72.7%	100.0%	75.0%
Ethiopia	88.9%	86.2%	81.0%	83.3%	100.0%	60.0%	75.0%
Nigeria	47.8%	67.5%	65.4%	75.0%	66.7%	66.7%	50.0%
Other	27.6%	29.9%	19.9%	11.7%	22.0%	22.4%	21.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>45.4%</b>	<b>51.0%</b>	<b>43.7%</b>	<b>40.4%</b>	<b>37.4%</b>	<b>53.2%</b>	<b>41.8%</b>

Tables 10 to 11 show non-IMA final Protection visa grants and grant rates for key countries of origin and in total.

These tables show the number of finalised cases during the period and there is not an exact correspondence to the primary outcomes shown in tables 6-8.

<sup>12</sup> Final grant rates measure the visa grants at the final processing stage in the Protection visa process as a proportion of total decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

<sup>13</sup> Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year final grants.



## Section 2

### Irregular maritime arrivals



## Irregular maritime arrivals (IMA)

Important Note: Please refer to “About these statistics” in the overview section of this publication.

**Table 12: Number of refugee status determination requests from IMAs received<sup>4</sup>**

Program Year	Quarter	Requests received
<b>2008-09</b>		<b>690</b>
<b>2009-10</b>		<b>4591</b>
<b>2010-11</b>		<b>5175</b>
	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	1741
	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	1725
	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	935
	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	774

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 12 shows the number of people screened into a refugee status determination process for irregular maritime arrivals.

The time taken for a screening decision means these figures may be slightly different to those recorded for maritime arrivals in each quarter or year.

**Table 13: Number of refugee status determination requests from IMAs received<sup>3</sup> by top 5 countries of citizenship<sup>14</sup>**

Citizenship	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11			
				<i>Sep Qtr</i>	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<i>Jun Qtr</i>
Afghanistan	506	2650	1612	772	357	201	282
Iran	9	197	1549	305	533	429	282
Stateless	25	460	895	297	391	190	17
Iraq	59	248	542	172	256	74	40
Sri Lanka	78	919	362	120	142	19	81
Other	13	117	215	75	46	22	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>4591</b>	<b>5175</b>	<b>1741</b>	<b>1725</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>774</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 13 shows by key citizenships the number of people screened into one of the refugee status determination processes.

<sup>3</sup> Refugee status determination requests counted by people screened into a determination process.

<sup>14</sup> Top 5 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year refugee status determination requests from IMAs received.

**Table 14: Number of primary Protection visa grants<sup>15</sup> to IMAs by top 5 countries of citizenship<sup>16</sup>**

Citizenship	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	In the 12 months period to the end of:			
				Sep Qtr 2010-11	Dec Qtr 2010-11	Mar Qtr 2010-11	Jun Qtr 2010-11
Afghanistan	166	1417	862	1168	955	569	862
Sri Lanka	4	313	228	421	366	293	228
Stateless	5	169	371	184	187	115	371
Iraq	13	129	176	118	103	84	176
Iran	1	49	275	65	48	39	275
Other	0	13	63	19	23	28	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>2090</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1682</b>	<b>1128</b>	<b>1975</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

**Table 15: Number of primary refusals**

Citizenship	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	In the 12 months period to the end of:			
				Sep Qtr 2010-11	Dec Qtr 2010-11	Mar Qtr 2010-11	Jun Qtr 2010-11
Afghanistan	0	403	1425	753	1006	1646	1425
Sri Lanka	0	95	263	199	231	228	263
Stateless	0	82	513	196	300	400	513
Iraq	0	85	268	122	179	205	268
Iran	0	45	693	119	221	399	693
Other	0	26	69	42	53	53	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>3231</b>	<b>1431</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2931</b>	<b>3231</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

**Table 16: Primary Protection visa grant rates<sup>17</sup> to IMAs**

Citizenship	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	In the 12 months period to the end of:			
				Sep Qtr 2010-11	Dec Qtr 2010-11	Mar Qtr 2010-11	Jun Qtr 2010-11
Afghanistan	100.0%	77.9%	37.7%	60.8%	48.7%	25.7%	37.7%
Sri Lanka	100.0%	76.7%	46.4%	67.9%	61.3%	56.2%	46.4%
Stateless	100.0%	67.3%	42.0%	48.4%	38.4%	22.3%	42.0%
Iraq	100.0%	60.3%	39.6%	49.2%	36.5%	29.1%	39.6%
Iran	100.0%	52.1%	28.4%	35.3%	17.8%	8.9%	28.4%
Other	n.a.	33.3%	47.7%	31.1%	30.3%	34.6%	48.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>74.0%</b>	<b>37.9%</b>	<b>58.0%</b>	<b>45.8%</b>	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>37.9%</b>

<sup>15</sup> A primary Protection visa grant to an IMA is a Protection visa granted to an irregular maritime arrival following a positive refugee status determination made by a departmental delegate. Protection visa grants reported here may vary slightly from figures for grants to IMAs provided elsewhere because the data has been extracted from departmental systems on a different date employing different methodologies.

<sup>16</sup> Top 5 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year Protection visa grants to IMAs.

<sup>17</sup> The percentage of IMAs who were found to be a refugee and granted a Protection visa expressed as a proportion of all primary decisions (grants and refusals) in a given period.

n.a. Not applicable

Tables 14 to 16 above show primary Protection visa grants, refusals and visa grant rates for key countries of origin and in total.

For the irregular maritime arrival (IMA) caseload, the number of visa grants and the associated visa grant rates in the tables do not necessarily reflect underlying recognition rates. This is because of the passage of time following a finding that a person is a refugee while awaiting health, security or character checks.

**Table 17: Review recommendations by countries of citizenship**

Citizenship	2009-10		2010-11	
	Refugees	Not refugees	Refugees	Not refugees
Afghanistan	6	2	605	164
Sri Lanka	16	70	59	54
Stateless	15	2	120	44
Iraq	19	9	69	30
Iran	21	3	74	21
Other	4	6	14	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>330</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

**Table 18: Overturn rate<sup>18</sup> by countries of citizenship**

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11
Afghanistan	75.0%	78.7%
Sri Lanka	18.6%	52.2%
Stateless	88.2%	73.2%
Iraq	67.9%	69.7%
Iran	87.5%	77.9%
Other	40.0%	45.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>46.8%</b>	<b>74.0%</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

<sup>18</sup> Overturn rate is a percentage of recommendations to consider as refugees compared to the total number of review recommendations during the period.

**Table 19: Number of final Protection visa grants<sup>19</sup> to IMAs by top 5 countries of citizenship<sup>20</sup> (primary and review processes completed)**

Citizenship	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	<i>In the 12 months period to the end of:</i>			
				Sep Qtr 2010-11	Dec Qtr 2010-11	Mar Qtr 2010-11	Jun Qtr 2010-11
Afghanistan	166	1419	1335	1248	1148	892	1335
Sri Lanka	4	315	236	425	370	298	236
Stateless	5	172	481	208	221	166	481
Iraq	13	137	239	149	146	131	239
Iran	1	63	333	84	70	74	333
Other	0	13	72	22	30	35	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>2119</b>	<b>2696</b>	<b>2136</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>2696</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

**Table 20: Number of final refusals (primary and review processes completed)**

Citizenship	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	<i>In the 12 months period to the end of:</i>			
				Sep Qtr 2010-11	Dec Qtr 2010-11	Mar Qtr 2010-11	Jun Qtr 2010-11
Afghanistan	0	2	160	31	53	110	160
Sri Lanka	0	34	50	36	44	43	50
Stateless	0	0	40	16	16	30	40
Iraq	0	8	28	17	25	26	28
Iran	0	2	22	8	12	13	22
Other	0	4	13	7	16	15	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>313</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

**Table 21: Number of cases seeking review at the end of each period**

Citizenship	As at 30 June			As at 30 Sep 2010	As at 31 Dec 2010	As at 31 Mar 2011	As at 30 Jun 2011
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11				
Afghanistan	0	251	1055	557	594	976	1055
Sri Lanka	11	72	254	150	217	237	254
Stateless	0	52	414	95	185	256	414
Iraq	4	56	231	48	77	143	231
Iran	0	34	611	56	122	261	611
Other	0	18	63	19	28	46	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>2628</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>1223</b>	<b>1919</b>	<b>2628</b>

<sup>19</sup> A final Protection visa grant to an IMA is a Protection visa granted to an irregular maritime arrival following a positive refugee status determination made by a departmental delegate or following merits review. Protection visa grants to IMAs reported here may vary slightly from figures for grants to IMAs provided elsewhere because the data has been extracted from departmental systems on a different date employing different methodologies.

<sup>20</sup> Top 5 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year refugee status determination Protection visa grants to IMAs.

**Table 22: Percentage of post-primary caseload granted visas**

Citizenship	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	In the 12 months period to the end of:			
				Sep Qtr 2010-11	Dec Qtr 2010-11	Mar Qtr 2010-11	Jun Qtr 2010-11
Afghanistan	100.0%	84.9%	52.4%	68.0%	64.0%	45.1%	52.4%
Sri Lanka	26.7%	74.8%	43.7%	69.6%	58.6%	51.6%	43.7%
Stateless	100.0%	76.8%	51.4%	65.2%	52.4%	36.7%	51.4%
Iraq	76.5%	68.2%	48.0%	69.6%	58.9%	43.7%	48.0%
Iran	100.0%	63.6%	34.5%	56.8%	34.3%	21.3%	34.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>92.6%</b>	<b>79.9%</b>	<b>47.8%</b>	<b>67.3%</b>	<b>58.8%</b>	<b>42.5%</b>	<b>47.8%</b>

The post primary caseload refers to IMAs who have received at least a primary decision. This incorporates: all persons granted a visa; persons whose primary refusal was affirmed at review; and persons who, at the end of the relevant period, were seeking review of a negative primary decision.

### Cohort of IMAs who arrived in 2009-10

Important Note: The following tables present information about outcomes for IMA cohorts by year of arrival rather than year of events as in other tables in this publication.

Tables 23-24 show the outcomes as at 30 June 2011 for people who arrived in 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively.

**Table 23: Status of IMAs who arrived in 2009-10 as at the end of the June quarter in 2011**

Citizenship	Number of IMAs	Primary grants	Primary refusals	Primary grant rate	Final grants	Final refusals (post review outcome)	% of post primary caseload granted visas	On hand or otherwise finalised <sup>21</sup>
Afghanistan	2971	1578	1360	53.7%	2049	161	73.1%	623
Sri Lanka	836	331	280	54.2%	340	84	62.4%	346
Stateless	609	315	258	55.0%	428	39	77.3%	119
Iraq	343	164	165	49.8%	232	36	73.4%	61
Iran	332	120	183	39.6%	184	24	65.2%	102
Other	148	54	57	48.6%	63	16	60.6%	62
<b>Total</b>	<b>5239</b>	<b>2562</b>	<b>2303</b>	<b>52.7%</b>	<b>3296</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>71.6%</b>	<b>1313</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

<sup>21</sup> Otherwise finalised includes people screened into a refugee status determination process who are no longer in Australia.

## Cohort of IMAs who arrived in 2010-11

Table 24: Status of IMAs who arrived in 2010-11 as at the end of the June quarter in 2011

Citizenship	Number of IMAs	Primary grants	Primary refusals	Primary grant rate	Final grants	Final refusals (post review outcome)	% of post primary caseload granted visas	On hand or otherwise finalised <sup>22</sup>
Afghanistan	1244	321	467	40.7%	321	1	41.6%	906
Sri Lanka	243	2	78	2.5%	2	0	2.5%	241
Stateless	743	205	337	37.8%	205	1	38.8%	521
Iraq	448	98	188	34.3%	98	0	35.8%	337
Iran	1414	196	558	26.0%	198	0	27.2%	1188
Other	183	16	37	30.2%	16	0	31.4%	165
<b>Total</b>	<b>4275</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>1665</b>	<b>33.5%</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34.5%</b>	<b>3358</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

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<sup>22</sup> Otherwise finalised includes people screened into a refugee status determination process who are no longer in Australia.

## Glossary

### Asylum seeker

A person who has left their country of origin, has applied for recognition as a refugee in another country and awaiting a decision on their application.

### Citizenship

Citizenship is based on passports/travel documents at the time of application for protection. If the applicant has no travel documents, citizenship determination is based on information supplied in the application. A formal process is then undertaken to verify information supplied.

### Departmental delegate

An employee of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship who is a delegate of the Minister for the purposes of the Migration Act 1958.

### Dependant applicant

Member of the same family unit who is included in the application of the principal applicant.

### DIAC

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

### Final decision

A decision made at the end of initial processing or after the conclusion of all review processes by a departmental delegate to grant a visa or refuse a claim for protection.

### Final grant

A Protection visa grant made after the conclusion of all review processes.

### Final grant rate

The rate of visa grants at the final processing stage in the Protection visa process as a proportion of total decisions made in a given period.

### IMA

Irregular Maritime Arrival.

### Lodgement

The receipt of a Protection visa application.

### Post-primary Caseload

The post primary caseload refers to IMAs who have received at least a primary decision. This incorporates: all persons granted a visa; persons whose primary refusal was affirmed at review; and persons who, at the end of the relevant period, were seeking review of a negative primary decision.

### Primary decision

A decision made at the end of initial processing by the departmental delegate to grant a visa or refuse a claim for protection.

### Primary grant

A visa granted by the departmental delegate at the primary stage of processing.

### Primary grant rate

The ratio of visa grants at the initial processing stage in the Protection visa process as a proportion of total decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

### Principal applicant

The main applicant for a Protection visa.

**Program Year**

The period beginning from 1 July to 30 June of the following year.

**Protection visa**

A visa issued to a non-citizen in Australia to whom the Minister is satisfied Australia has protection obligations under the Refugees Convention.

**Refugee**

A person who has been found to be a 'refugee' as defined in the Refugees Convention (i.e. a person who is unable to return to their home country owing to a well-founded fear of persecution).

**Refusal**

A decision that an applicant does not meet the legal criteria for the grant of a visa.

**Stateless**

A stateless person is an individual who self identifies as stateless, who lacks identity as a national of a state for the purpose of law and is not entitled to the rights, benefits, or protection ordinarily available to a country's nationals.

**Valid application**

A valid application is one that meets the validity criteria specified in the Migration Act and Regulations.