

Question on notice no. 645

Portfolio question number: BE23-645

2023-24 Budget estimates

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 16 June 2023—

Please provide the number of humanitarian visa grants by subclass, country of origin and country of residence for the 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 program year.

a. Please indicate how many of these were referred by UNHCR.

Answer —

Please see the attached answer

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Department of Home Affairs**

Program 2.3: Refugee Humanitarian, Settlement and Migrant Services

**BE23-645 - Offshore Humanitarian Program - number of granted visas by
subclass, country of origin and residence**

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Answer:

Humanitarian Program Grants by Subclass, 2020–21 to 2022–23 (as at 31 March 2023)

Subclass	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23 (to 31 March 2023)
Subclass 200 (Refugee)	1,157	2,946	2,905
Subclass 201 (In-country Special Humanitarian)	518	3,549	2,785
Subclass 202 (Special Humanitarian Program)	2,505	4,312	3,801
Subclass 203 (Emergency Rescue)	29	246	37
Subclass 204 (Woman at Risk)	349	492	957
Subclass 866 (Permanent Protection)	1,389	1,762	1,570
Total	5,947	13,307	12,055

Humanitarian Grants by Citizenship, 2020–21

Citizenship	Total
Iraq	1,666
Myanmar	663
Afghanistan	641
Syria	468
Iran	390
Pakistan	364
Eritrea	246
Stateless	156
Venezuela	155
Democratic Republic of the Congo	154
Turkey	127
China (exc. SAR)	90
Ethiopia	81
Yemen	80
Malaysia	57
Nigeria	51
Libya	50
Lebanon	33
Guatemala	32
Honduras	30
Egypt	26
Zimbabwe	26
Papua New Guinea	24
Colombia	22
Cuba	21
Bangladesh	21
Burundi	19
India	19
Somalia	17
Congo	14
Rwanda	13
Sri Lanka	13
Sudan	12
Fiji	11
Kenya	11
Uganda	9
Cambodia	8
Jordan	8
Nepal	8

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Citizenship	Total
South Sudan	7
Ghana	7
El Salvador	6
Vietnam	6
Russian Federation	6
Nauru	5
Thailand	5
Indonesia	5
Mauritius	5
Zambia	5
Albania	<5
Azerbaijan	<5
Bahrain	<5
Botswana	<5
Brazil	<5
Bulgaria	<5
Cameroon	<5
Djibouti	<5
Gambia	<5
Haiti	<5
Hong Kong	<5
Jamaica	<5
Japan	<5
Laos	<5
Mongolia	<5
New Zealand	<5
Not Yet Recorded	<5
Palestinian Authority	<5
Philippines	<5
Poland	<5
Saudi Arabia	<5
Sierra Leone	<5
Solomon Islands	<5
South Africa	<5
Tibet (So Stated)	<5
Tonga	<5
Trinidad & Tobago	<5
Ukraine	<5
United Arab Emirates	<5
Total	5,947

Humanitarian Grants by Citizenship, 2021–22

Citizenship	Total
Afghanistan	5,436
Iraq	2,148
Myanmar	1,678
Syria	1,305
Democratic Republic of the Congo	455
Iran	288
Pakistan	274
Ethiopia	165
China (Exc. SAR)	149
Venezuela	112
Turkey	106
Eritrea	105
Central African Republic	84
Yemen	84
Papua New Guinea	84
Egypt	62
Malaysia	59
Burundi	58
Stateless	53
Lebanon	47
Somalia	43
Bangladesh	38
Nigeria	33
Congo	31
Sudan	30
Bhutan	29
Colombia	22
Saudi Arabia	19
India	19
Uganda	17
Jordan	16
Kenya	16
Zimbabwe	16
Libya	15
Indonesia	15
Cambodia	14
Sri Lanka	12
Honduras	11
Solomon Islands	10
Russian Federation	10
Palestinian Authority	9
New Zealand	9

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Citizenship	Total
Fiji	9
Peru	8
Tonga	8
Maldives	7
El Salvador	6
Rwanda	5
Ghana	5
Not Yet Recorded	5
Nepal	5
Vietnam	5
Ukraine	<5
Cameroon	<5
Samoa	<5
Philippines	<5
Guatemala	<5
Uzbekistan	<5
Gambia	<5
Sierra Leone	<5
Brazil	<5
Bahrain	<5
Korea (Sth)	<5
South Sudan	<5
Hong Kong	<5
Mongolia	<5
Mauritius	<5
Haiti	<5
Cuba	<5
United Kingdom	<5
Albania	<5
Belarus	<5
Kazakhstan	<5
Mali	<5
Ecuador	<5
Norway	<5
Chile	<5
Oman	<5
Zambia	<5
Niger	<5
Czech Republic	<5
Azerbaijan	<5
Total	13,307

**Humanitarian Grants by Citizenship, 2022–23
(to 31 March 2023)**

Citizenship	Total
Afghanistan	5,596
Iraq	1,455
Myanmar	1,033
Syria	871
Democratic Republic of the Congo	568
Ethiopia	387
Iran	243
Pakistan	228
China (Exc. SAR)	228
Venezuela	170
Eritrea	102
Central African Republic	99
Papua New Guinea	88
Guatemala	64
Stateless	63
Colombia	63
Turkiye	58
Honduras	54
El Salvador	53
Somalia	48
Cambodia	41
Burundi	36
Egypt	32
Nigeria	32
Jordan	31
Malaysia	29
Sri Lanka	29
Bangladesh	27
Lebanon	20
Kenya	19
Palestinian Authority	17
Saudi Arabia	16
Yemen	15
Congo	14
India	14
South Sudan	13
Sudan	12
Vietnam	12
Ghana	12
Mexico	11
Uganda	10
Chile	10
Cuba	9
Rwanda	9

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Citizenship	Total
Russian Federation	9
Tonga	6
Tunisia	6
St Vincent & The Grenadines	5
Cameroon	5
Libya	5
Morocco	5
Not Yet Recorded	5
Zimbabwe	5
Bhutan	<5
New Zealand	<5
Sierra Leone	<5
United States Of America	<5
Mauritius	<5
Haiti	<5
Nicaragua	<5
Tanzania	<5
Zambia	<5
Solomon Islands	<5
Fiji	<5
Nepal	<5
United Arab Emirates	<5
Ukraine	<5
Liberia	<5
Korea (Sth)	<5
Dominican Republic	<5
Trinidad And Tobago	<5
Mongolia	<5
Jamaica	<5
Brunei	<5
Gambia	<5
Philippines	<5
Kazakhstan	<5
Indonesia	<5
Georgia	<5
South Africa	<5
Fyr Macedonia	<5
Kuwait	<5
Samoa	<5
Guinea	<5
Total	12,055

Humanitarian Grants by Country of Residence, 2020–21

Country of Residence	Total
Australia*	1,389
Jordan	981
Lebanon	534
Thailand	499
Malaysia	415
Iraq	411
Afghanistan	284
Turkey	274
India	205
Sudan	179
Pakistan	151
Malawi	126
Egypt	114
Trinidad & Tobago	107
Sri Lanka	62
Guatemala	34
Kenya	28
Ecuador	25
Honduras	18
Burundi	17
Rwanda	16
Indonesia	13
Mexico	10
Dominican Republic	8
Costa Rica	7
Ethiopia	6
Syria	5
Myanmar	5
Libya	5
South Africa	<5
El Salvador	<5
Zambia	<5
United Arab Emirates	<5
Israel	<5
Cuba	<5
Total	5,947

*Subclass 866 applicants were onshore at the time of visa grant.

Humanitarian Grants by Country of Residence, 2021–22

Country of Residence	Total
Australia*	4,382
Jordan	1,318
Lebanon	1,226
Thailand	881
Iraq	750
Turkey	712
Pakistan	688
Malaysia	682
Afghanistan	616
India	475
Kenya	224
Austria	207
Indonesia	157
Malawi	129
Burundi	121
Sri Lanka	117
Tanzania	85
Cambodia	84
Iran	76
Cameroon	57
Ethiopia	48
Sudan	45
Chad	32
Nepal	29
Curacao	21
Rwanda	20
Uganda	17
Dominica	15
Egypt	14
Kyrgyzstan	13
Honduras	11
Dominican Republic	9
Syria	8
United Arab Emirates	8
Saudi Arabia	7
El Salvador	5
Venezuela	<5
Trinidad & Tobago	<5
Myanmar	<5
Guatemala	<5
Oman	<5
Germany	<5
Total	13,307

*includes subclass 866 applicants, and Afghan applicants granted a class XB who arrived in Australia on a subclass 449 visa.

**Humanitarian Grants by Country of Residence,
2022–23 (to 31 March 2023)**

Country of Residence	Total
Australia*	4,057
Pakistan	1,273
Turkiye	831
Lebanon	698
Malaysia	689
Iraq	595
Kenya	571
India	566
Jordan	479
Iran	466
Thailand	395
Malawi	268
Indonesia	205
Chad	95
Ecuador	87
Burundi	79
Sudan	75
United Arab Emirates	74
Afghanistan	67
Honduras	54
Guatemala	52
El Salvador	42
Not recorded	34
Trinidad & Tobago	28
Myanmar	28
Sri Lanka	25
Egypt	24
Ethiopia	23
Albania	22
Dominica	19
Cambodia	17
Dominican Republic	14
Uganda	10
Cameroon	10
Austria	9
Argentina	7
United States	6
Kyrgyzstan	6
Syria	6
Tanzania	6
Zambia	5
Peru	5
Cuba	<5
Curacao	<5
Fiji	<5

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Country of Residence	Total
Trinidad And Tobago	<5
Israel	<5
Colombia	<5
Venezuela	<5
Palestinian Authority	<5
Tajikistan	<5
Qatar	<5
Switzerland	<5
South Sudan	<5
Costa Rica	<5
Russian Federation	<5
Jamaica	<5
Chile	<5
Rwanda	<5
Total	12,055

*includes subclass 866 applicants, and Afghan applicants granted a Class XB visa who arrived in Australia on a subclass 449 visa.

a. *Please indicate how many of these were referred by UNHCR.*

- 1,049 Class XB (offshore) Humanitarian applicants granted visas in 2020–21 were referred by UNHCR.
- 2,673 Class XB (offshore) Humanitarian applicants granted visas in 2021–22 were referred by UNHCR.
- 2,937 Class XB (offshore) Humanitarian applicants granted visas in 2022–23 (to 31 March 2023) were referred by UNHCR.

Notes:

1. This information is provided by the Department of Home Affairs and was extracted from departmental systems on 03 April 2023. 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.
2. Visas counted include subclass 200 (Refugee), 201 (In–Country Special Humanitarian Program), 202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program), 203 (Emergency Rescue), 204 (Woman at Risk) and 866 (Permanent Protection).
3. Cells with values of less than 5 are masked in accordance with Departmental data release protocols.
4. For the offshore component, the citizenship of principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants.
5. Country of residence refers to the country in which the applicant was residing during the processing of their application.
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