



FOI Request – FA 19/11/00943

On 19 November 2019, the Department received the following FOI request:

A document providing the number of Iraqi refugees or asylum seekers who made applications for:

- *Refugee Visas*
- *Special Humanitarian Program Visas*
- *Secondary Movement Relocation Visas*
- *Secondary Movement off-shore Entry Visas*
- *Permanent Protection Visas*
- *Temporary Protection Visas*

to Australia, by year from 2000 to 2019 YTD, or whichever of those years are available, broken down by self-identified religion (i.e., "Syriac Catholic" vs. "Chaldean Catholic" or "Shiite", or broader categories if these are unavailable, such as "Christian", or "Muslim").

Humanitarian application lodgements by Iraqis by Religion Group, 2007–08 to 2019–20 (as at 07 January 2019)

Religion Group	2007–08	2008–09	2009–10	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20
Christian	16,497	8,889	4,923	4,473	4,705	8,071	4,293	15,268	22,582	14,880	14,913	14,480	5,901
Other ¹	1,610	1,198	579	596	742	1,439	909	1,445	2,589	3,865	7,881	14,119	6,961
Islam	2,472	1,674	1,560	1,402	1,542	2,380	4,136	3,590	5,800	3,042	1,444	1,195	793
Not Recorded/Not Stated ²	1,714	1,090	812	2,091	1,014	1,151	1,387	2,516	4,288	4,960	2,650	1,997	71
Hindu	101	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Religion ³	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	<5	0	17	7	5	6	5
Judaic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	7	0	0

¹ **Other:** includes religions that do not fit into the main groupings (e.g. Baha'i, Sabian Mandæan, Yazidism)

² **Not Recorded/Not Stated:** Recording of religion is mandatory only for applicants proceeding to visa grant for the offshore component of the program. Recording of religion is not mandatory for the onshore component.

³ **No Religion:** Applicant identifies as non-religious (E.g. Atheist, Agnostic).

Data Notes:

- This information is provided by the Department of Home Affairs and was extracted from departmental systems on 07 January 2019. 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.
- Visas counted include subclass 200 (Refugee), 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Program), 202 (Global Special Humanitarian Program), 203 (Emergency Rescue) 204 (Woman at Risk), 866 (Permanent Protection), 785 (Temporary Protection) and 790 (Safe Haven Enterprise).
- Subclasses 451 (Secondary Movement Relocation Visa) and 447 (Secondary Movement off-shore Entry Visa) were repealed in 2008. Data Division do not hold data indicating any applications since then.
- Statistics for the offshore component up to 2018–19 are based on country of birth. From 2019–20 they are based on citizenship. The Country of Birth or Citizenship of the principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants.
- The onshore component reports on an applicant's citizenship.
- For the offshore component, the religion of principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants. Religion is self-identified and as declared on application and may include generic responses.