



## Freedom of Information Request – FA 20/01/00995

On 24 January 2020, the Department received the following FOI request:

*I am looking to see how many of the people were given protection visa by faith/religion from each country (India, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan) under Offshore Humanitarian program and Onshore Humanitarian program for 2017-18 and 2018-2019 FY. Actually this data is available at <<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/statistics/visa-statistics/live/humanitarian-program>> but I need it by faith/religion (e.g. Hindu, Christian, Muslim (Shia), Muslim (Sunni), Muslim Ahmadiyya, Zoroastrian and Jews or in whatever form the data is available) for the people who received the visa. Is it also possible to get the reason for protection visa (e.g. religious persecution, civil war, etc.)*

**Humanitarian visa grants by Religion, 2017–18 and 2018–19**

Nationality	Religion Group	2017–18	2018–19	Total
Afghanistan	Christian	5	<5	7
	Islam	1,138	1,350	2,488
	Not stated/unknown <sup>2</sup>	0	12	12
	Other <sup>1</sup>	6	7	13
Bangladesh	Buddhist	<5	0	<5
	Christian	9	5	14
	Hindu	<5	0	<5
	Islam	25	12	37
	No religion <sup>3</sup>	<5	0	<5
	Not stated/unknown <sup>2</sup>	<5	0	<5
India	Buddhist	43	62	105
	Christian	5	8	13
	Hindu	10	<5	14
	Islam	5	<5	6
	Not stated/unknown <sup>2</sup>	7	0	7
	Other <sup>1</sup>	<5	25	29
Pakistan	Christian	14	14	28
	Islam	196	204	400
	No religion <sup>3</sup>	<5	0	<5
	Not stated/unknown <sup>2</sup>	<5	11	15
	Other <sup>1</sup>	<5	<5	<5
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,486</b>	<b>1,719</b>	<b>3,205</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> **Not stated/unknown:** Religion is self-identified and as declared on application and may include generic responses.

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

**Data Notes:**

1. This information is provided by the Department of Home Affairs and was extracted from departmental systems on 08 July 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.
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. Statistics for the offshore component are based on Country of Birth. The Country of Birth of the principal visa applicant is applied to secondary visa applicants.
4. Statistics for the onshore component are based on Citizenship.
5. For the offshore component, the religion of principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants.
6. Religion is self-identified and as declared on application and may include generic responses.
7. Cells with values of less than 5 are masked in accordance with departmental data release protocols.