

## FOI Request – FA 21/02/00877

On 16 February 2021, the Department received the following FOI request:

1. *Holders of Refugee or Humanitarian visas (subclass 200,201,202,203,204) granted in 2019/2020 who have been unable to enter because of border closures broken down into:*
  - a. *Number of visa holders*
  - b. *Country of origin of visa holder*
  - c. *Country of residence at time of grant of visa holder*
  - d. *Visa Subclass*
2. *Holders of Refugee or Humanitarian visas (subclass 200,201,202,203,204) granted in 2020/21 who have been unable to enter because of border closures broken down into:*
  - a. *Number of visa holders*
  - b. *Country of origin of visa holder*
  - c. *Country of residence at time of grant of visa holder*
  - d. *Visa Subclass*
3. *Holders of Refugee or Humanitarian visas (subclass 200,201,202,203,204) granted in the 2019/2020 and 2020/21 program years who have been able to enter Australia since February 2020, broken down into:*
  - a. *Number of visa holders*
  - b. *Country of origin of visa holder*
  - c. *Country of residence at time of grant of visa holder*
  - d. *Visa Subclass*

All applicants granted visas in 2019–20 and 2020–21 are included in the tables below.

Australia has strict border measures in place to protect the health of the Australian community. Visa holders cannot travel to Australia unless they are in an exempt category or have been granted an individual exemption to the current travel restrictions. Even with an exemption, there are very limited flights currently available and visa holders may not be able to travel at this time.

Visa holders may also delay their travel or not travel at all because of illness, pregnancy and other life events, the time taken to obtain exit permission, inability to obtain exit permission, change of circumstances, change of conditions in their home or host country, or change of mind.

Applicants granted a visa in one program year might not travel in the same program year they are granted.

**1. a.** Holders of Refugee or Humanitarian visas (subclass 200, 201, 202, 203, 204) granted in 2019–20 who have been unable to enter because of border closures

**2. a.** Holders of Refugee or Humanitarian visas (subclass 200, 201, 202, 203, 204) granted in 2020–21 who have been unable to enter because of border closures

**3. a.** Holders of Refugee or Humanitarian visas (subclass 200, 201, 202, 203, 204) granted in the 2019–20 and 2020/21 program years who have been able to enter Australia since February 2020

	Program year of visa grant	
	2019–20	2020–21 (to 12 February 2021)
Not entered Australia	4,029	2,066
Entered Australia (before February 2020)	4,964	
Entered Australia (since February 2020)	2,528	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,521</b>	<b>2,115</b>

**1.** Holders of Refugee or Humanitarian visas (subclass 200, 201, 202, 203, 204) granted in 2019–20 who have been unable to enter because of border closures broken down into:

**b.** Country of origin of visa holder

Citizenship	Total
Afghanistan	216
Bhutan	23
Burundi	30
Central African Republic	218
Democratic Republic of the Congo	601
Egypt	11
Eritrea	164
Ethiopia	145
Iran	30
Iraq	1,711
Jordan	<5
Myanmar	242
Pakistan	41
Palestinian Authority	19
Somalia	5
South Sudan	7
Stateless	117
Syria	442
Uganda	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,029</b>

**c.** Country of residence at time of grant of visa holder

Person Location	Total
Afghanistan	15
Burundi	205
Cameroon	25
Chad	174
Egypt	47
Eritrea	<5
Ethiopia	7
India	247
Indonesia	42
Iran	11
Iraq	1,074
Jordan	393
Kenya	431
Lebanon	606
Malawi	91
Malaysia	89
Myanmar	55
Pakistan	69
Rwanda	55
Sri Lanka	45
Sudan	187
Syria	118
Tanzania	28
Thailand	76
Turkey	184
Uganda	28
United Arab Emirates	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,029</b>

d. Visa Subclass

Subclass	Total
Subclass 200 (Refugee)	1,565
Subclass 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian)	854
Subclass 202 (Special Humanitarian)	1,183
Subclass 203 (Emergency Rescue)	7
Subclass 204 (Woman at Risk)	420
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,029</b>

2. Holders of Refugee or Humanitarian visas (subclass 200, 201, 202, 203, 204) granted in 2020–21 who have been unable to enter because of border closures broken down into:

b. Country of origin of visa holder

Citizenship	Total
Afghanistan	131
Burundi	<5
Colombia	9
Cuba	21
Democratic Republic of the Congo	25
Egypt	<5
Eritrea	121
Ethiopia	26
Guatemala	<5
Haiti	<5
Honduras	15
Iran	17
Iraq	931
Myanmar	348
Nigeria	<5
Pakistan	12
Palestinian Authority	<5
Somalia	<5
Syria	288
Turkey	12
Uganda	<5
Venezuela	91
Yemen	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,066</b>

c. Country of residence at time of grant of visa holder

Person Location	Total
Ecuador	8
Egypt	36
Ethiopia	5
Honduras	<5
India	23
Indonesia	<5
Iraq	274
Israel	<5
Jordan	474
Kenya	14
Lebanon	429
Malawi	16
Malaysia	70
Myanmar	6
Pakistan	45
South Africa	<5
Sudan	98
Syria	12
Thailand	307
Turkey	67
United Arab Emirates	50
United States	132
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,066</b>

d. Visa Subclass

Subclass	Total
Subclass 200 (Refugee)	516
Subclass 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian)	192
Subclass 202 (Special Humanitarian)	1,180
Subclass 203 (Emergency Rescue)	6
Subclass 204 (Woman at Risk)	172
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,066</b>

3. Holders of Refugee of Humanitarian visas (subclass 200, 201, 202, 203, 204) granted in the 2019–20 and 2020–21 program years who have been able to enter Australia since February 2020, broken down into:
- b. Country of origin of visa holder

Citizenship	Program Year of Visa Grant		
	2019–20		2020–21 (to 12 February 2021)
	Entered Australia (before February 2020)	Entered Australia (since February 2020)	Entered Australia (since February 2020)
Afghanistan	186	217	19
Bhutan	41	8	0
Burundi	61	0	0
Central African Republic	58	57	0
Colombia	0	0	7
Cuba	5	0	0
Democratic Republic of the Congo	458	106	0
Egypt	17	30	0
El Salvador	0	16	<5
Eritrea	104	166	0
Ethiopia	136	79	0
Guatemala	0	16	<5
Honduras	0	21	0
Iran	227	60	0
Iraq	2,869	1,205	0
Jamaica	<5	0	<5
Laos	0	<5	<5
Myanmar	323	231	<5
Pakistan	20	50	0
Palestinian Authority	43	5	0
Rwanda	13	0	0
Sierra Leone	0	<5	0
Somalia	25	<5	0
Sri Lanka	<5	<5	0
Stateless	60	27	0
Sudan	<5	<5	0
Syria	294	211	5
Turkey	0	7	12
Uganda	0	0	0
Venezuela	18	7	0
Yemen	<5	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,964</b>	<b>2,528</b>	<b>49</b>

c. Country of residence at time of grant of visa holder

Person Location	Program Year of Visa Grant		
	2019–20		2020–21 (to 12 February 2021)
	Entered Australia (before February 2020)	Entered Australia (since February 2020)	Entered Australia (since February 2020)
Afghanistan	11	0	0
Brazil	<5	0	0
Burundi	58	36	0
Cameroon	0	14	0
Chad	42	30	0
Democratic Republic of the Congo	7	0	0
Egypt	134	98	0
Ethiopia	<5	10	0
Germany	0	<5	0
India	138	80	<5
Indonesia	43	<5	0
Iran	<5	0	0
Iraq	153	130	0
Jordan	1,149	538	0
Kenya	341	70	0
Lebanon	1,435	532	0
Malawi	11	8	0
Malaysia	212	184	17
Myanmar	6	<5	0
Nepal	<5	<5	0
Pakistan	62	61	0
Rwanda	<5	<5	0
Sri Lanka	<5	25	0
Sudan	54	140	0
Syria	16	5	0
Tanzania	118	5	0
Thailand	132	127	5
Turkey	653	256	13
Uganda	76	18	5
United Arab Emirates	76	80	13
United States	26	61	13
Uzbekistan	0	8	5
Zambia	0	<5	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,964</b>	<b>2,528</b>	<b>132</b>

**d. Visa Subclass**

Subclass	Program Year of Visa Grant		
	2019–20		2020–21 (to 12 February 2021)
	Entered Australia (before February 2020)	Entered Australia (since February 2020)	Entered Australia (since February 2020)
Subclass 200 (Refugee)	1,887	874	32
Subclass 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian)	163	178	<5
Subclass 202 (Special Humanitarian)	2,643	1,273	<5
Subclass 203 (Emergency Rescue)	0	13	6
Subclass 204 (Woman at Risk)	271	190	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,964</b>	<b>2,528</b>	<b>49</b>

**Data Notes:**

1. This information is provided by the Department of Home Affairs and was extracted from departmental systems on the dates outlined below. 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. Grants data for 2019-20 was extracted on 06 July 2020
3. Grants data for 2020-21 was extracted on 15 February 2021
4. Arrival status was extracted on 19 February 2021.
5. The citizenship of principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants.
6. Person location refers to the country in which the applicant was residing during the processing of their application. The location of principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants.
7. Cells with values of less than 5 are masked in accordance with Departmental data release protocols.