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“Statistical data on numbers of formally (and if possible those not formally) identified victims of human trafficking to Australia since 2003. If source country and type of exploitation is recorded I would like that data too please. I would also like statistics on numbers of victims successful in attaining visas to remain in Australia, versus those that returned to their country of origin.”

Publications

- Information on human trafficking statistics are available in *Trafficking in Persons: The Australian Government Response* publications available on the Department of Home Affairs Website:
 - *January 2004 – April 2009 (see page 28) at www.homeaffairs.gov.au/criminal-justice/files/report-anti-people-trafficking-interdepartmental-committee-jan-2004-apr-2009.pdf* for further details.
 - *1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016 (see page 41) at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/criminal-justice/files/report-anti-people-trafficking-interdepartmental-committee-july-2015-june-2016.pdf>*
- Human trafficking statistics are also available in Australia’s National Action Plan to Combat Modern Slavery published on the Department of Home Affairs Website at: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about-us/our-portfolios/criminal-justice/people-smuggling-human-trafficking/human-trafficking#content-index-3>

Background

- From January 2004, two temporary visas were available to victims of human trafficking. Victims could be granted a Bridging Visa F (Subclass 060) or a Criminal Justice Stay visa depending on the length of stay in Australia.
- From June 2009 a permanent visa option was available to victims of human trafficking using the Referred Stay (Subclass 852) (Permanent) visa.

Statistics

- Between 1 January 2004 and 31 March 2021:
 - 267 victims were granted a Bridging Visa F (Subclass 060).
 - 93 of these 267 victims were granted a permanent visa.
 - The top five nationalities for clients granted a Bridging Visa F (Subclass 060) were Thai (76), Malaysian (30), Fijian (27), South Korean (23) and Indian (21).
- Between 1 June 2009 to 31 March 2021:
 - 160 clients overall were granted a Referred Stay (Subclass 852) (Permanent) visa.
 - The top six nationalities for clients granted a Referred Stay (Subclass 852) (Permanent) visa were Thai (71), Malaysian (22), Filipino (18), Indian (13), Nigerian (7) and South Korean (7).
- Currently, there are 48 clients on a Bridging Visa F on the Support for Trafficked People Program.