



Australian Government

Department of Home Affairs

Freedom of Information request: FA 21/06/01323

Question:

Three documents, one focused on Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon each. Each document should describe, for as many years as possible, the number of visa applications made of any kind to Australia from nationals of the three above countries broken down by self-identified religion.

Further information from applicant:

All relocation visas. In other words, all visas excluding those specified as "Visitor visas" [here](#).

Data and date range, you are requesting access to documents for. For as many years as are available. If you absolutely need a date range: let's say 1/1/2000 to 24/6/2021.

Response:

Humanitarian caveats:

1. This information is provided by the Department of Home Affairs. 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. For privacy reasons <5 has been used where a number in a table is between 1 and 4.
3. 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 Visa) and 790 (Safe Haven Enterprise Visa).
4. Religion is self-identified and as declared on application and may include generic responses.
5. Data is extracted from a number of visa processing systems with differing religion reference tables. The religions included in the below tables are as they are recorded in departmental systems.
6. For the offshore component, the religion of principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants.
7. Where an individual has lodged multiple applications during the specified reporting period, each application is included in the numbers provided.

Humanitarian lodgements by Iraqi nationals, 2010–11 to 2020–21 (to 31 May 2021)

Religion case	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21
Agnosticism	0	0	0	<5	0	<5	8	<5	<5	0	<5
Ahmadi	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Ancient Church of the East	0	125	95	18	0	0	5	0	0	<5	0
Anglican	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Apostolic Church so described	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	5	27	<5	0
Armenian Apostolic Church	52	22	64	71	300	234	152	41	10	42	5
Assemblies of God	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assyrian Apostolic	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	5	10	<5
Assyrian Apostolic (NEC)	0	0	0	0	8	<5	0	7	0	0	0
Assyrian Catholic	0	0	0	12	134	1,286	539	174	96	133	65
Assyrian Christian Church	0	0	0	0	24	59	246	63	12	7	36
Assyrian Church	0	0	0	<5	24	40	<5	12	<5	19	6
Assyrian Church of the East	977	642	1,218	514	2,484	1,865	1,229	63	47	12	0
Assyrian Evangelical Church	0	0	0	0	0	5	8	0	0	0	0
Assyrian Orthodox	0	0	0	0	15	39	16	17	6	25	<5
Atheism	<5	0	0	0	0	16	<5	5	<5	<5	<5
Atheist Or No Religion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Baha I World Faith	0	24	5	<5	<5	<5	9	13	<5	5	<5
Baptist	0	0	0	0	<5	7	0	0	0	0	0
Born Again Christian	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catholic(NEC)	123	106	533	236	224	542	323	548	573	237	61
Chaldean Catholic	2,468	2,151	3,569	1,557	4,831	5,817	3,015	824	1,059	617	128
Chinese Religions (NFD)	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Christadelphians	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christian	0	<5	5	<5	<5	<5	5	0	0	<5	0
Christian & Missionary Alliance	0	0	<5	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Christian (NFD)	706	1,454	2,159	1,569	6,293	7,965	5,887	10,390	9,359	7,951	1,030
Christian City Church	0	0	27	<5	<5	0	<5	8	0	<5	0
Churches of Christ (NFD)	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	29	0	0
Coptic Orthodox Church	0	0	<5	5	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5	0
Druse/Druze	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Greek Orthodox	0	0	0	0	12	23	606	12	0	6	0
Humanism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	<5
Inadequately Described	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	8	9	<5
Inadequately Dscbd	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Independent Evangelical Churches	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0
International Church of Christ	<5	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Islam	901	881	1,167	1,642	1,961	3,477	1,803	881	789	964	190
Judaism	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	0
Molokan	0	0	<5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Muslim	7	17	23	20	20	11	8	27	12	15	0
No Religion (NFD)	<5	<5	0	0	13	<5	<5	21	<5	18	<5
Not Recorded*	190	267	419	733	633	215	175	73	14	0	0
Not Recorded in Departmental systems**	1,934	643	706	1,106	1,795	3,374	4,075	2,349	2,037	1,295	8,629
Not Stated	45	91	48	63	124	95	35	44	52	98	19
Oriental Christian (NEC)	0	0	0	0	83	62	14	13	0	0	0
Orthodox (NEC)	17	28	36	8	10	44	11	22	6	0	<5
Orthodox (NFD)	24	19	30	10	28	197	54	54	72	54	28
Other Christian (NEC)	52	136	180	144	12	19	231	52	9	0	0
Other Non Christian	13	5	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Protestant (NEC)	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Protestant (NFD)	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	6	<5	0
Religious Groups (NEC)	0	8	9	8	0	9	0	<5	0	5	<5
Romanian Orthodox	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russian Orthodox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Sabean Mande'ean/Sabian	578	703	1,414	881	1,322	1,639	1,464	1,497	942	966	166
Salvation Army	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	<5	0
Serbian Orthodox	0	0	11	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seventh-Day Adventist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Shia	223	367	240	516	461	684	409	148	114	236	82
Sunni	276	251	947	1,923	1,107	1,637	759	287	198	220	77
Syriac Catholic	0	0	0	6	61	182	62	19	11	25	<5
Syriac Orthodox Church	0	0	0	0	122	732	495	580	425	258	50
Syrian (Jacobite) Church	36	12	109	32	56	83	0	0	0	0	0
Syrian Catholic	0	0	0	8	190	2,377	1,616	1,403	1,100	772	243
Syrian Orthodox	0	0	0	9	49	464	310	168	100	68	28
Syrian Orthodox Church	0	0	0	0	57	9	15	8	0	0	<5
Western Catholic/Catholic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Yazidism	0	0	0	0	5	49	400	1,996	6,154	12,048	9,404
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Total	8,633	7,957	13,041	11,137	22,528	33,897	25,412	25,965	29,188	23,531	11,331

*Recorded in Departmental systems as 'Not Recorded'

**Recording of an applicant's religion is not mandatory at time of lodgement.

Humanitarian lodgements by Syrian nationals, 2010–11 to 2020–21 (to 31 May 2021)

Religion case	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21
Aboriginal Evangelical Missions	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Agnosticism	0	0	0	<5	0	<5	0	0	<5	<5	0
Albanian Orthodox	0	0	0	<5	0	13	19	0	0	0	0
Alevite/Alawi/Alawit	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Alevite/Alawi/Alawites	0	50	<5	7	24	54	138	38	12	12	5
Ancient Church of the East	0	0	12	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anglican	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	9	<5	0
Antiochian Orthodox	0	0	0	10	0	<5	47	41	0	7	5
Apostolic Church (Australia)	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Apostolic Church so described	0	0	<5	0	<5	<5	0	5	6	0	0
Armenian Apostolic Church	0	0	35	143	279	1,528	1,656	150	33	26	<5
Assemblies of God	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Assyrian Apostolic	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	<5	<5	0	<5
Assyrian Apostolic (NEC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	<5	0	0
Assyrian Catholic	0	0	0	8	9	235	505	16	<5	9	5
Assyrian Christian Church	0	0	0	22	52	249	97	13	<5	10	0
Assyrian Church	0	0	0	32	26	90	19	<5	6	<5	0
Assyrian Church of the East	<5	20	250	1,590	1,297	2,866	1,758	15	34	0	0
Assyrian Evangelical Church	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assyrian Orthodox	0	0	0	0	19	39	18	11	10	8	0
Atheism	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	5	10	5	<5	0
Baptist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Born Again Christian	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catholic(NEC)	0	0	56	74	60	297	405	356	130	101	43
Chaldean Catholic	0	0	18	21	44	120	104	19	<5	7	<5
Chinese Religions (NFD)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Christadelphians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5
Christian	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0
Christian (NFD)	<5	6	611	1,296	869	2,411	10,378	5,077	2,710	2,603	366
Christian City Church	0	0	10	13	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Church of Christ (Nondenom)	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Church of the Nazarene	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Churches of Christ (NFD)	0	0	0	<5	0	0	<5	0	5	0	0
Coptic Orthodox Church	0	0	0	9	0	5	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Druidism	0	0	<5	0	<5	0	9	<5	0	16	<5
Druse/Druze	0	0	5	26	36	151	212	94	57	98	16
Ethnic Evangelical Churches	0	0	0	0	0	13	6	<5	0	0	<5
Gnostic Christians	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	<5	0
Greek Orthodox	0	0	15	141	319	3,088	11,782	926	519	438	77
Inadequately Described	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Independent Evangelical Churches	0	0	0	0	0	9	18	0	0	0	0
International Church of Christ	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Islam	19	127	756	1,256	1,630	3,469	4,192	1,944	1,118	1,110	303
Isma'ilis (Iran)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Jehovah's Witnesses	0	0	0	0	<5	9	0	0	0	0	0
Maronite Catholic	0	0	0	19	24	125	309	44	15	17	7
Melkite Catholic	0	0	<5	32	37	214	667	28	8	<5	<5
Muslim	0	<5	0	<5	0	0	<5	8	30	9	0
No Religion (NFD)	0	0	0	6	<5	<5	5	25	0	<5	0
Not Recorded*	64	50	65	67	57	30	29	23	5	0	0
Not Recorded in Departmental systems**	8	111	4,319	12,471	8,743	2,140	1,949	8,347	4,122	5,072	5,400
Not Stated	<5	34	70	53	96	71	123	49	22	22	10
Oriental Christian (NEC)	0	0	0	0	0	19	17	7	5	0	0
Oriental Christian (NFD)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Orthodox (NEC)	0	7	16	31	53	80	188	86	49	46	11
Orthodox (NFD)	<5	6	23	95	38	301	893	350	123	140	51
Other Christian (NEC)	0	11	112	97	13	8	146	248	14	0	0
Other Non Christian	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Protestant (NEC)	0	0	0	0	<5	18	26	<5	<5	<5	0
Other Protestant (NFD)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	5	<5
Presbyterian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Romanian Orthodox	0	0	<5	5	0	60	241	405	171	127	35
Russian Orthodox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Sabean Mandaean/Sabian	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Shia	0	6	38	16	40	140	109	26	8	7	<5
Sunni	<5	49	451	1,143	1,489	6,096	3,420	550	185	387	111
Syriac Catholic	0	0	0	11	13	57	42	9	15	6	<5
Syriac Orthodox Church	0	0	0	29	24	413	537	76	45	59	7
Syrian (Jacobite) Church	0	6	83	27	7	7	6	0	0	0	0
Syrian Catholic	0	0	0	17	13	180	280	29	53	20	6
Syrian Orthodox	0	0	0	17	17	162	414	75	31	43	7
Syrian Orthodox Church	0	0	0	0	0	21	48	0	0	12	0
Western Catholic/Catholic	0	0	0	0	<5	9	5	0	0	0	0
Yazidism	0	0	0	0	12	39	386	49	157	276	<5
Zoroastrianism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	5	0
Total	105	494	6,983	18,841	15,356	24,867	41,244	19,186	9,751	10,725	6,487

Iraq Citizenship Visa lodgements - historic data from 2001-02 to 2020-21 as at 31 May 2021

Source: ADD2020/4586502 BP0001 Global Permanent and Temporary visa activity FY2002 to FY2020 v100

Source: ADD2021/3236618 BP0001 Global Permanent and Temporary visa activity report at 2021-05-31 v200

NOTE 1: Excluding Visitors

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Sum of Lodged			Financial Year																					
Citizenship Country	Visa Program	Visa Category	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	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	2020-21 to 31/05/2021		
Iraq	Child Program	Child	5	8	<5	8	15	13	7	6	20	8	16	14	14	14	16	10	16	12	17	13		
	Migration Program	Family	903	633	705	911	1,302	1,315	1,114	1,317	1,197	1,269	1,183	1,834	1,289	1,184	1,026	862	931	906	752	397		
		Skilled	100	53	52	86	87	188	127	166	106	83	95	112	95	123	118	163	114	125	115	150		
		Other Permanent	<5	<5						300	7													
		Special Eligibility							<5			<5	<5		<5									
	Resident Return and ADV	Resident Return/ADV	7	6	13	16	8	13	9	17	27	46	51	89	124	136	238	365	394	493	312	100		
	Temporary Visa Program	Crew and Transit	46	128	90	152	49	64	46	46	49	83	87	136	120	116	61	36	33	16	20	17		
		Other Temporary	13	3	6	6	27	33	36	28	8	21	22	21	33	21	51	24	37	30	17	10		
		Student	18	22	23	88	132	147	320	465	338	262	458	995	991	945	308	204	183	213	187	122		
		Temporary Resident (O her Employment)	51	31	78	119	60	96	95	101	99	36	68	191	131	214	150	229	171	140	151	107		
	Temporary Resident (Skilled Employment)	10	27	<5	6	26	108	119	66	62	51	51	90	36	45	63	74	58	60	40	21			

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Syrian Arab Republic Citizenship Visa lodgements - historic data from 2001-02 to 2020-21 as at 31 May 2021

Source: ADD2020/4586502 BP0001 Global Permanent and Temporary visa activity FY2002 to FY2020 v100

Source: ADD2021/3236618 BP0001 Global Permanent and Temporary visa activity report at 2021-05-31 v200

NOTE 1: Excluding Visitors

Sum of Lodged			Financial Year																			2020-21 to 31/05/2021
Citizenship Country	Visa Program	Visa Category	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	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	2020-21 to 31/05/2021
Syrian Arab Republic	Child Program	Child	<5	10	14	<5		<5	6	11	6	7	<5	21	<5	9	<5	14	12	11	<5	8
	Migration Program	Family	432	352	414	412	377	387	525	434	493	447	488	433	432	421	404	384	426	539	388	204
		Skilled	34	43	48	35	75	71	40	53	61	37	62	73	141	203	250	131	115	67	57	48
		Other Permanent					<5				<5			<5								
		Special Eligibility												<5	<5			<5	<5			
	Resident Return and ADV Temporary Visa Program	Resident Return/ADV	7	<5	<5	5	5	15	15	10	22	15	25	19	15	26	39	55	66	133	141	61
		Crew and Transit	10	25	16	14	14	15	30	46	24	47	34	67	97	50	60	27	29	12	20	43
		Other Temporary	<5	<5	<5	<5	8	7	7	11	11	5	6	13	<5	13	8	5	8	8	5	
		Student	44	36	27	48	69	70	86	84	104	102	92	87	61	46	46	29	25	33	15	12
		Temporary Resident (Other Employment)	15	40	198	43	36	59	68	91	55	73	65	50	67	81	50	46	111	140	72	34
Temporary Resident (Skilled Employment)		46	36	27	49	51	58	37	46	33	11	39	94	34	40	37	57	43	20	42	8	

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Lebanon Citizenship Visa lodgements - historic data from 2001-02 to 2020-21 as at 31 May 2021

Source: ADD2020/4586502 BP0001 Global Permanent and Temporary visa activity FY2002 to FY2020 v100

Source: ADD2021/3236618 BP0001 Global Permanent and Temporary visa activity report at 2021-05-31 v200

NOTE 1: Excluding Visitors

Sum of Lodged			Financial Year																				2020-21 to 31/05/2021
Citizenship Country	Visa Program	Visa Category	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	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		
Lebanon	Child Program	Child	23	33	29	16	17	26	17	55	34	40	31	28	20	40	41	26	21	24	23	22	
	Migration Program	Family	2,871	2,796	2,905	3,398	2,957	2,941	2,810	2,793	2,616	2,747	2,464	2,310	2,174	2,278	1,793	1,776	1,907	2,030	1,676	1,209	
		Skilled	195	262	296	199	340	340	358	354	362	184	213	198	192	286	362	334	202	171	170	127	
		Other Permanent	12	<5	<5	5					<5												
		Special Eligibility				<5					8	6	12	31	16	<5	12	15	11	<5	<5		
	Resident Return and ADV	Resident Return/ADV	38	68	74	64	85	56	81	125	164	164	183	286	373	485	559	688	756	713	451	222	
	Temporary Visa Program	Crew and Transit	28	36	27	34	29	42	30	35	42	36	42	61	57	69	42	33	30	41	23	8	
		Other Temporary	17	22	24	36	28	17	24	35	25	40	52	54	63	83	98	100	124	97	64	24	
		Student	324	328	323	399	455	572	784	648	565	561	529	523	570	501	482	408	483	442	399	313	
		Temporary Resident (Other Employment)	85	111	286	204	159	170	178	88	98	129	126	120	192	228	218	227	267	342	347	267	
	Temporary Resident (Skilled Employment)	318	223	321	265	317	500	308	265	101	149	177	539	173	325	235	289	115	98	93	78		

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