



Freedom of Information Request - FA 24/10/00754

Protection (subclass 866) visa application lodgements by month

Table 1: Lodgements by citizenship of applicant (top 10 citizenships for lodgements)

Country of citizenship	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Vietnam	227	310	352	484	444	371	233	151	240	191	182	204	134	148	161
China (excluding SARs)	165	215	233	255	230	203	173	182	269	254	314	267	261	224	180
India	261	214	168	179	121	157	152	147	206	163	148	144	162	161	145
Philippines	36	40	49	104	87	82	129	120	83	100	129	119	81	114	113
Indonesia	84	78	71	60	73	62	70	80	87	81	114	78	96	88	98
Colombia	28	16	<35	43	31	39	22	49	87	70	152	186	150	135	126
Malaysia	94	67	76	88	59	71	90	70	83	46	82	80	85	74	83
Vanuatu	97	87	94	143	129	86	82	91	73	33	31	31	35	50	35
Palestinian Authority	0	0	<5	12	15	21	33	88	110	66	119	157	176	166	118
Tonga	66	122	70	102	91	59	39	52	91	74	64	54	44	50	46
Other	882	1015	856	852	916	791	746	762	1023	941	1045	1009	1012	1045	897
Total	1940	2164	2005	2322	2196	1942	1769	1792	2352	2019	2380	2329	2236	2255	2002

Table 2: Lodgements by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	328	415	394	454	397	272	270	293	382	341	326	353	333	381	335
Subclass 500 series	265	265	276	283	314	313	231	275	420	395	508	527	524	610	481
Subclass 600 series	1227	1357	1219	1457	1364	1245	1171	1129	1434	1171	1430	1361	1278	1173	1112
Other subclass series	120	127	116	128	121	112	97	95	116	112	116	88	101	91	74
Total	1940	2164	2005	2322	2196	1942	1769	1792	2352	2019	2380	2329	2236	2255	2002

Table 3.1: Lodgements from citizens of Vietnam by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	<5	5	<5	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10
Subclass 500 series	10	11	<5	<5	16	12	6	8	<20	11	11	16	13	10	17
Subclass 600 series	214	287	345	468	418	354	222	136	221	173	166	180	111	130	133
Other subclass series	<5	7	<5	10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Total	227	310	352	484	444	371	233	151	240	191	182	204	134	148	161

Table 3.2: Lodgements from citizens of China (excluding SARs) by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	<5	15	7	12	10	7	<5	<5	<5	11	<10	9	7	6	15
Subclass 500 series	38	48	60	58	75	71	44	42	49	45	58	38	43	46	42
Subclass 600 series	113	144	161	174	137	117	120	131	209	192	244	210	203	162	115
Other subclass series	<15	8	5	11	8	8	<10	<10	<10	6	<5	10	8	10	8
Total	165	215	233	255	230	203	173	182	269	254	314	267	261	224	180

Table 3.3: Lodgements from citizens of India by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	6	8	<5	<5	<5	<5	5	11	15	16	6	9	5	13	9
Subclass 500 series	39	39	39	43	33	41	30	32	56	49	48	32	46	49	58
Subclass 600 series	193	141	103	110	69	96	98	82	124	85	87	89	100	93	73
Other subclass series	23	26	<25	<25	<20	<20	<20	22	11	13	7	14	11	6	5
Total	261	214	168	179	121	157	152	147	206	163	148	144	162	161	145

Table 3.1: Lodgements from citizens of Vietnam by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	<5	5	<5	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<10	<10	<10
Subclass 500 series	10	11	<5	<5	16	12	6	8	<20	11	11	16	13	10	17
Subclass 600 series	214	287	345	468	418	354	222	136	221	173	166	180	111	130	133
Other subclass series	<5	7	<5	10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Total	227	310	352	484	444	371	233	151	240	191	182	204	134	148	161

Table 3.2: Lodgements from citizens of China (excluding SARs) by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	<5	15	7	12	10	7	<5	<5	<5	11	<10	9	7	6	15
Subclass 500 series	38	48	60	58	75	71	44	42	49	45	58	38	43	46	42
Subclass 600 series	113	144	161	174	137	117	120	131	209	192	244	210	203	162	115
Other subclass series	<15	8	5	11	8	8	<10	<10	<10	6	<5	10	8	10	8
Total	165	215	233	255	230	203	173	182	269	254	314	267	261	224	180

Table 3.3: Lodgements from citizens of India by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	6	8	<5	<5	<5	<5	5	11	15	16	6	9	5	13	9
Subclass 500 series	39	39	39	43	33	41	30	32	56	49	48	32	46	49	58
Subclass 600 series	193	141	103	110	69	96	98	82	124	85	87	89	100	93	73
Other subclass series	23	26	<25	<25	<20	<20	<20	22	11	13	7	14	11	6	5
Total	261	214	168	179	121	157	152	147	206	163	148	144	162	161	145

Table 3.4: Lodgements from citizens of Philippines by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<10	0	6	5	<5	<5	<10	<5
Subclass 500 series	0	<10	0	10	6	<5	5	7	15	10	10	12	9	8	16
Subclass 600 series	<40	33	<50	87	78	76	119	106	68	78	111	103	66	96	91
Other subclass series	0	<5	0	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	0	6	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Total	36	40	49	104	87	82	129	120	83	100	129	119	81	114	113

Table 3.5: Lodgements from citizens of Indonesia by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	5	<10	15	16	22	17
Subclass 500 series	<5	5	5	<5	10	<5	<5	<5	5	<5	14	<10	<10	<10	<15
Subclass 600 series	73	69	60	49	57	52	62	74	77	70	90	50	68	57	68
Other subclass series	9	<5	<10	7	<10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Total	84	78	71	60	73	62	70	80	87	81	114	78	96	88	98

Table 3.6: Lodgements from citizens of Colombia by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<10	0	5	10	<5	5	8
Subclass 500 series	<25	10	<25	24	21	34	14	31	54	61	106	151	114	108	86
Subclass 600 series	<5	6	<15	19	10	5	8	18	27	9	41	25	31	22	32
Other subclass series	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Total	28	16	<35	43	31	39	22	49	87	70	152	186	150	135	126

Table 3.7: Lodgements from citizens of Malaysia by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	<5	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	0	<5	<5
Subclass 500 series	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	6	<10	5	<5	<5
Subclass 600 series	75	51	59	79	49	57	78	55	70	35	71	66	70	58	71
Other subclass series	17	<20	<20	9	<10	<15	<15	12	10	9	5	7	10	12	8
Total	94	67	76	88	59	71	90	70	83	46	82	80	85	74	83

Table 3.8: Lodgements from citizens of Vanuatu by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	93	84	88	133	119	81	75	86	67	30	28	23	28	42	29
Subclass 500 series	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	<5	0	0
Subclass 600 series	<5	<5	<5	5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Other subclass series	<5	<5	<5	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	5	<5	<5
Total	97	87	94	143	129	86	82	91	73	33	31	31	35	50	35

Table 3.9: Lodgements from citizens of Palestinian Authority by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	0	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	<5
Subclass 500 series	0	0	<5	8	0	<5	5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5	<5
Subclass 600 series	0	0	0	<5	<15	16	28	85	104	64	119	157	<175	<170	116
Other subclass series	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0
Total	0	0	<5	12	15	21	33	88	110	66	119	157	176	166	118

Table 3.10: Lodgements from citizens of Tonga by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	45	85	54	75	67	44	28	36	54	48	45	38	37	36	36
Subclass 500 series	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	<5	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5
Subclass 600 series	18	33	<15	<30	20	<15	7	<15	<40	22	14	<15	7	14	<10
Other subclass series	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
Total	66	122	70	102	91	59	39	52	91	74	64	54	44	50	46

Table 3.11: Lodgements from citizens of other countries (not included in Tables 3.1 to 3.10) by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	175	216	236	222	188	128	151	146	230	222	218	242	227	242	208
Subclass 500 series	151	143	145	134	151	145	123	149	221	211	253	260	284	379	246
Subclass 600 series	500	591	417	439	509	457	425	426	497	443	485	465	447	372	400
Other subclass series	56	65	58	57	68	61	47	41	75	65	89	42	54	52	43
Total	882	1015	856	852	916	791	746	762	1023	941	1045	1009	1012	1045	897

Protection (subclass 866) visa grants by month

Table 4: Grants by citizenship of applicant (top 10 citizenships for grants)

Country of citizenship	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Myanmar	126	70	104	44	123	52	86	53	67	64	85	26	63	61	62
Malaysia	11	27	19	8	28	13	17	<10	20	53	39	13	55	108	70
China (excluding SARs)	9	8	<5	24	54	30	45	23	30	31	32	16	31	49	24
Pakistan	15	20	6	33	28	14	31	14	28	27	17	<5	22	19	13
Iran	<5	<5	<5	13	15	10	10	<10	5	<15	26	<10	19	24	13
Afghanistan	13	15	5	<5	<5	<5	<10	13	13	20	7	12	11	8	5
Papua New Guinea	7	7	<5	10	9	19	<5	<10	17	<15	14	<10	<10	<5	11
Iraq	6	29	0	5	6	12	10	18	13	<15	0	0	<10	6	<5
Yemen	0	0	0	<5	5	<5	23	15	28	<15	6	0	<5	<5	<5
Fiji	<5	<5	<5	5	<5	10	<10	<5	12	<5	5	<10	<10	12	5
Other	39	140	43	85	126	107	79	61	87	89	78	22	58	85	47
Total	230	320	185	232	399	271	316	220	320	336	309	112	286	379	253

Table 5: Grants by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	20	28	13	15	40	19	31	12	36	33	30	7	27	33	14
Subclass 500 series	119	115	82	68	137	88	126	83	103	101	87	31	68	78	77
Subclass 600 series	64	120	71	108	185	129	113	79	142	144	152	60	142	217	127
Other subclass series	27	57	19	41	37	35	46	46	39	58	40	14	49	51	35
Total	230	320	185	232	399	271	316	220	320	336	309	112	286	379	253

Table 6.1: Grants to citizens of Myanmar by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	<10	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
Subclass 500 series	100	<35	71	36	69	28	54	24	33	38	45	13	<30	41	46
Subclass 600 series	20	34	31	8	<55	24	29	29	30	20	33	13	31	20	<20
Other subclass series	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	0	<5	0	<5	<10	<5	0	<5	0	<5
Total	126	70	104	44	123	52	86	53	67	64	85	26	63	61	62

Table 6.2: Grants to citizens of Malaysia by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subclass 500 series	0	0	<5	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	<5	<5	0
Subclass 600 series	11	<30	14	<10	20	<15	9	<10	20	48	<40	13	42	99	54
Other subclass series	0	<5	<5	<5	<10	<5	8	<5	0	<5	<5	0	<15	<10	16
Total	11	27	19	8	28	13	17	<10	20	53	39	13	55	108	70

Table 6.3: Grants to citizens of China (excluding SARs) by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	0	<5	0	<5	6	<5	<5	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	8	<5
Subclass 500 series	<5	<5	<5	<5	17	9	18	<10	<5	<15	9	8	5	17	<5
Subclass 600 series	<5	<5	<5	17	26	16	20	10	16	15	17	<10	20	12	12
Other subclass series	<5	<5	0	<5	5	<5	<10	<5	6	<5	6	<5	<5	12	<5
Total	9	8	<5	24	54	30	45	23	30	31	32	16	31	49	24

Table 6.4: Grants to citizens of Pakistan by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	<5	5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	0
Subclass 500 series	<5	<5	<5	13	15	<5	15	6	10	8	9	0	<5	0	<5
Subclass 600 series	8	7	<5	9	8	8	7	<5	12	11	<10	<5	11	15	8
Other subclass series	<5	<5	<5	<10	<5	<5	9	<5	<10	<5	<5	<5	8	<5	<5
Total	15	20	6	33	28	14	31	14	28	27	17	<5	22	19	13

Table 6.5: Grants to citizens of Iran by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	<5	0	0
Subclass 500 series	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	9	<15
Subclass 600 series	0	<5	0	<10	9	<5	<5	<10	<5	<5	14	<10	<5	9	<5
Other subclass series	0	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	5	<5	<5	8	5	0	7	6	0
Total	<5	<5	<5	13	15	10	10	<10	5	<15	26	<10	19	24	13

Table 6.6: Grants to citizens of Afghanistan by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	8	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Subclass 500 series	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5
Subclass 600 series	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5	<5	9	8	0	6	<5	0	0
Other subclass series	13	<15	5	<5	0	<5	<5	<15	<5	<5	<5	<5	8	<10	<5
Total	13	15	5	<5	<5	<5	<10	13	13	20	7	12	11	8	5

Table 6.7: Grants to citizens of Papua New Guinea by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	7	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0	<5	<5	0
Subclass 500 series	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	<5	0	0
Subclass 600 series	0	<10	<5	<10	<10	14	<5	<5	17	5	9	<5	<5	<5	<10
Other subclass series	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Total	7	7	<5	10	9	19	<5	<10	17	<15	14	<10	<10	<5	11

Table 6.8: Grants to citizens of Iraq by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	0	0	0	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Subclass 500 series	<5	25	0	<5	<5	7	7	9	<15	5	0	0	<10	0	0
Subclass 600 series	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	6	<5
Other subclass series	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<10	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	29	0	5	6	12	10	18	13	<15	0	0	<10	6	<5

Table 6.9: Grants to citizens of Yemen by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	0	0	0	0	<5	0	15	<5	13	0	6	0	0	<5	<5
Subclass 500 series	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	10	11	<5	0	0	<5	0	0
Subclass 600 series	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5	7	0	0	0	0	0
Other subclass series	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5	0
Total	0	0	0	<5	5	<5	23	15	28	<15	6	0	<5	<5	<5

Table 6.10: Grants to citizens of Fiji by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	0	0	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	0	<5	0	<5	0	0	0	<5
Subclass 500 series	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subclass 600 series	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	9	5	<5	9	<5	<5	5	8	12	<5
Other subclass series	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	<5	<5	<5	5	<5	10	<10	<5	12	<5	5	<10	<10	12	5

Table 6.11: Grants to citizens of other countries (not included in Tables 6.1 to 6.10) by first visa subclass granted

First visa subclass granted	2023						2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Subclass 400 series	6	22	10	7	26	9	10	6	15	15	13	<10	14	21	7
Subclass 500 series	8	50	<10	14	30	40	22	25	33	27	18	7	17	9	12
Subclass 600 series	19	41	23	44	55	40	32	15	23	23	33	8	19	42	22
Other subclass series	6	27	<5	20	15	18	15	15	16	24	14	<5	8	13	6
Total	39	140	43	85	126	107	79	61	87	89	78	22	58	85	47

Table 7: Grant rate by program year by citizenship of applicant

Country of citizenship	2023-2024 grant rate	2024-2025 year to date grant rate (Jul-Sep 2024)
Myanmar	99%	99%
Malaysia	23%	54%
China (excluding SARs)	10%	8%
Pakistan	52%	52%
Iran	75%	72%
Afghanistan	94%	96%
Papua New Guinea	40%	43%
Iraq	83%	68%
Yemen	100%	17%
Fiji	8%	13%
Other	7%	4%
Total	16%	12%

Notes:

1. Source: Department of Home Affairs (internal documents)
2. This information is provided by the Department of Home Affairs and was extracted from departmental systems. As data has been drawn from a dynamic system environment, the information is correct at the time of extraction and figures may differ slightly from previous or future reporting. This data was extracted on 17 October 2024.

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- *Current program year figures are subject to variation. The data is sourced from our global Departmental systems. There can be delays in transmission of information, therefore data for current program year should always be considered provisional.*