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## Overview (Non-IMA and IMA combined)

### About these statistics

The tables in this publication present statistics about people in refugee status/protection obligations determination processes. Unless otherwise indicated the tables do not contain cohort information. All figures relate to the number of events (such as the making of an application, a decision to grant a visa or a refusal) that occurred in a given time period.

For this reason, the grant rates set out in the tables are not recognition rates since the actual determination that a person is a refugee or is owed protection may have occurred during an earlier period. The effect of this is strongest for the irregular maritime arrival (IMA) caseload which has a more uneven profile compared with the non-IMA caseload, which means the effects of delays in health, security or character checks are exacerbated.

This publication previously included twelve month moving averages to assist interpretation. Individual quarterly figures now have been substituted to enable a clearer view of what occurred during a given quarter. Hence, fluctuations and movements between any two quarters should not necessarily be interpreted as a trend.

**Table 1: Number of people seeking Australia's protection**

Program Year	Quarter	Non-IMA <sup>1</sup> Protection visa applications <sup>2</sup> lodged	IMA refugee status determination requests received <sup>3</sup>	Total
<b>2009-10</b>		<b>5987</b>	<b>4591</b>	<b>10578</b>
<b>2010-11</b>		<b>6316</b>	<b>5175</b>	<b>11491</b>
	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	1533	1741	3274
	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	1537	1725	3262
	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	1688	935	2623
	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	1558	774	2332
<b>2011-12</b>				
	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	1879	877	2756
	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	1766	2024	3790
	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	1698	1602	3300

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 1 shows the number of requests for protection by non-IMA and IMA asylum seekers. Non-IMA Protection visa applications are typically lodged by air arrivals (but may include very small numbers of ship stowaways or maritime crew).

<sup>1</sup> Non irregular maritime arrivals. Non-IMA generally refers to Protection visa applicants who arrived by air and are already in Australia's migration zone.

<sup>2</sup> Number of PV applications refers to the number of people (including family members) who made a valid application claiming protection in Australia.

<sup>3</sup> Refugee status determination requests counted by people screened into a determination process for IMAs.

**Table 2: Number of final Protection visa (PV) grants<sup>4</sup>**

Program Year	Quarter	PV grants to non-IMA	PV grants to IMA <sup>5</sup>	Adjustment <sup>6</sup>	Total
<b>2009-10</b>		<b>2367</b>	<b>2119</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4516</b>
<b>2010-11</b>		<b>2101</b>	<b>2696</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4818</b>
	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	460	454	7	921
	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	449	307	6	762
	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	739	425	4	1168
	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	453	1510	4	1967
<b>2011-12</b>					
	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	777	1701	29	2507
	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	634	1097	22	1753
	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	523	701	44	1268

Source: DIAC Systems

As explained in Footnote 6 below, the statistical adjustments in Table 2 reconciles grant figures from various DIAC systems. Much of the variation relates to grants to IMAs, particularly to children of IMAs born after arrival.

**Table 3: Number of final Protection visa (PV) grants by top 10 countries of citizenship<sup>7</sup>**

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11		2011-12		
			<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>Mar Qtr</i>
Afghanistan	1514	1395	308	675	750	549	262
Iran	279	702	257	345	529	329	354
Stateless	190	501	61	341	253	135	98
Iraq	323	365	70	190	188	141	67
Sri Lanka	505	358	63	62	131	125	74
China (PRC)	494	315	70	62	123	68	48
Pakistan	218	222	66	79	105	103	113
Zimbabwe	255	172	26	17	47	23	20
Egypt	79	142	46	53	53	64	47
Fiji	38	87	20	9	21	20	19
Other	621	559	181	134	307	196	166
<b>Total</b>	<b>4516</b>	<b>4818</b>	<b>1168</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>2507</b>	<b>1753</b>	<b>1268</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 3 shows final visa grants by citizenship for all applications (IMA and non-IMA). Tables 10 and 19 later in this publication show disaggregated figures for non-IMA and IMA final grants. However, due to different methodologies, the sum of IMA and non-IMA final grant figures for certain countries of citizenship may vary from the official final grant figures published in table 3.

<sup>4</sup> Total PV grants may vary slightly from official program year figures published elsewhere because the data for grants to IMAs has been extracted from departmental systems on a different date employing different methodologies.

<sup>5</sup> Prior to the introduction on 24 March 2012 of a single statutory process for both boat and air arrivals, in general, only those irregular maritime arrivals who have been found to be refugees were allowed to apply for a Protection visa

<sup>6</sup> Statistical adjustments introduced in this table reconcile the component grant figures with the official program year total.

<sup>7</sup> Top 10 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year total grants.



Section 1  
Non irregular maritime arrivals



## Non irregular maritime arrivals (Non-IMA)

Table 4: Number of Protection visa (PV) applications<sup>2</sup> lodged

Program Year	Quarter	Principal applicants	Dependants	Total
<b>2009-10</b>		<b>4579</b>	<b>1408</b>	<b>5987</b>
<b>2010-11</b>		<b>4750</b>	<b>1566</b>	<b>6316</b>
	Sep Qtr	1166	367	1533
	Dec Qtr	1138	399	1537
	Mar Qtr	1289	399	1688
	Jun Qtr	1157	401	1558
<b>2011-12</b>				
	Sep Qtr	1404	475	1879
	Dec Qtr	1332	434	1766
	Mar Qtr	1244	454	1698

Source: ICSE

Table 4 shows the breakdown between principal applicants and dependants among non-IMA Protection visa applicants. Dependants may also apply in their own right.

Table 5: Number of Protection visa applications<sup>2</sup> lodged by top 20 countries of citizenship<sup>8</sup>

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11		2011-12		
			Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr
China (PRC)	1293	1122	300	236	310	338	316
India	301	555	132	194	222	219	203
Pakistan	349	547	139	168	163	176	159
Egypt	207	427	144	79	84	109	103
Iran	378	384	110	97	126	89	119
Fiji	563	329	106	42	49	80	84
Nepal	93	226	73	58	85	55	45
Iraq	223	220	49	50	92	55	81
Malaysia	257	212	48	39	42	53	30
Indonesia	178	195	48	48	40	38	27
Zimbabwe	378	190	71	36	45	27	39
Lebanon	157	175	37	30	38	53	27
Sri Lanka	327	158	40	45	42	29	35
Vietnam	44	133	36	30	17	12	12
Turkey	76	118	28	24	21	15	23
Bangladesh	86	106	34	19	29	42	26
Afghanistan	113	97	14	31	43	24	30
Papua New Guinea	42	76	19	20	23	17	16
South Korea	86	70	14	19	26	17	13
Libya	6	66	10	50	117	25	17
Other	830	910	236	243	265	293	293
<b>Total</b>	<b>5987</b>	<b>6316</b>	<b>1688</b>	<b>1558</b>	<b>1879</b>	<b>1766</b>	<b>1698</b>

Source: ICSE

<sup>2</sup> Number of PV applications refers to the number of people (including family members) who made a valid application claiming protection in Australia.

<sup>8</sup> Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year lodgements.

**Table 6: Number of primary Protection visa decisions<sup>9</sup> and primary grant rates<sup>10</sup>**

Decision	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11		2011-12		
			Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr
Grants	1710	1389	504	314	520	441	292
Refusals	3040	4107	952	1193	1078	1053	1124
<b>Total</b>	<b>4750</b>	<b>5496</b>	<b>1456</b>	<b>1507</b>	<b>1598</b>	<b>1494</b>	<b>1416</b>
Primary grant rate	36.0%	25.3%	34.6%	20.8%	32.5%	29.5%	20.6%

Source: ICSE

**Table 7: Number of primary Protection visa grants by top 20 countries of citizenship<sup>11</sup>**

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11		2011-12		
			Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr
Iran	199	314	203	61	86	94	71
Pakistan	183	170	51	62	65	80	70
China (PRC)	229	121	24	21	52	33	<5
Zimbabwe	225	120	13	12	33	17	<5
Egypt	62	100	32	39	25	21	<5
Iraq	175	97	47	20	38	48	16
Sri Lanka	165	96	22	19	30	28	24
Afghanistan	75	53	15	13	16	5	15
Burma	61	36	11	8	6	7	<5
Turkey	23	32	7	11	8	14	13
Lebanon	9	25	20	<5	6	9	<5
Fiji	14	22	<5	6	7	11	7
Papua New Guinea	17	20	5	<5	22	8	5
Bangladesh	21	16	<5	<5	11	<5	<5
Nepal	16	16	5	<5	8	<5	<5
Stateless	14	15	<5	5	6	<5	7
Ethiopia	11	14	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Eritrea	8	12	<5	<5	9	11	<5
Nigeria	17	11	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Indonesia	22	10	6	<5	<5	<5	<5
Other	164	89	26	19	87	45	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>1710</b>	<b>1389</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>292</b>

Source: ICSE

<sup>9</sup> A decision made at the end of initial processing by the departmental delegate.

<sup>10</sup> Primary Protection visa grant rates are an expression of visa grants at the initial processing stage as a percentage of all primary decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

<sup>11</sup> Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year primary grants.

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Table 8: Primary Protection visa grant rates<sup>10</sup> by top 20 countries of citizenship<sup>11</sup>

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11		2011-12		
			Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr
Iran	88.1%	78.5%	94.9%	72.6%	76.1%	68.6%	70.3%
Pakistan	71.8%	54.0%	60.7%	54.4%	47.4%	40.8%	33.8%
China (PRC)	19.9%	10.6%	8.2%	8.1%	17.2%	15.8%	1.8%
Zimbabwe	74.3%	50.2%	31.7%	32.4%	45.2%	51.5%	12.5%
Egypt	45.9%	28.2%	31.4%	26.0%	25.3%	33.3%	7.7%
Iraq	91.1%	66.9%	66.2%	69.0%	95.0%	76.2%	64.0%
Sri Lanka	67.9%	45.3%	51.2%	28.8%	52.6%	68.3%	54.5%
Afghanistan	86.2%	68.8%	78.9%	72.2%	80.0%	83.3%	68.2%
Burma	80.3%	61.0%	57.9%	88.9%	42.9%	70.0%	57.1%
Turkey	51.1%	32.0%	38.9%	26.8%	25.8%	43.8%	48.1%
Lebanon	9.7%	13.2%	42.6%	1.6%	17.6%	22.5%	7.7%
Fiji	3.3%	5.6%	3.8%	5.8%	10.4%	28.9%	9.3%
Papua New Guinea	70.8%	42.6%	41.7%	16.7%	73.3%	36.4%	55.6%
Bangladesh	30.4%	16.7%	10.0%	11.1%	50.0%	5.0%	11.1%
Nepal	24.6%	10.5%	15.6%	3.3%	20.0%	3.5%	1.8%
Stateless	73.7%	45.5%	37.5%	45.5%	85.7%	25.0%	87.5%
Ethiopia	57.9%	53.8%	42.9%	100.0%	66.7%	18.8%	50.0%
Eritrea	88.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Nigeria	56.7%	32.4%	33.3%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%
Indonesia	12.0%	5.0%	14.0%	2.1%	2.2%	6.7%	3.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36.0%</b>	<b>25.3%</b>	<b>34.6%</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>32.5%</b>	<b>29.5%</b>	<b>20.6%</b>

<sup>10</sup> Primary Protection visa grant rates are an expression of visa grants at the initial processing stage as a percentage of all primary decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

<sup>11</sup> Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year primary grants.

**Table 9: Number of final Protection visa decisions and final grant rates<sup>12</sup> (primary and review processes completed)**

Decision	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11		2011-12		
			Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr
Grants	2367	2101	739	453	777	634	523
Refusals	2275	2709	649	630	713	606	841
<b>Total</b>	<b>4642</b>	<b>4810</b>	<b>1388</b>	<b>1083</b>	<b>1490</b>	<b>1240</b>	<b>1364</b>
Final grant rate	51.0%	43.7%	53.2%	41.8%	52.1%	51.1%	38.3%

Source: ICSE

**Table 10: Number of final Protection visa grants by top 20 countries of citizenship<sup>13</sup> (primary and review processes completed)**

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11		2011-12		
			Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr
Iran	210	369	231	72	102	101	91
China (PRC)	494	315	70	62	123	68	48
Pakistan	212	208	66	70	75	89	86
Zimbabwe	255	172	26	17	47	23	20
Egypt	79	142	46	53	53	64	47
Sri Lanka	190	117	30	21	39	38	33
Iraq	183	113	57	24	48	51	20
Fiji	38	87	20	9	21	20	19
Lebanon	33	64	43	5	17	18	10
Afghanistan	75	59	16	14	18	7	15
Turkey	31	55	15	18	18	18	25
Burma	79	50	16	8	12	9	5
Nepal	22	32	8	5	13	<5	9
Bangladesh	37	30	9	9	15	8	<5
Indonesia	32	24	11	6	<5	<5	<5
India	34	23	8	<5	17	9	<5
Papua New Guinea	17	22	7	<5	22	9	5
Stateless	17	20	<5	6	6	<5	11
Ethiopia	25	17	<5	<5	9	5	<5
Nigeria	27	17	<5	<5	<5	<5	6
Other	277	165	49	43	121	90	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>2367</b>	<b>2101</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>523</b>

Source: ICSE

<sup>12</sup> Final grant rates are an expression of visa grants at the final processing stage as a percentage of all decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

<sup>13</sup> Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year final grants.

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**Table 11: Final Protection visa grant rates<sup>12</sup> by top 20 countries of citizenship<sup>13</sup> (primary and review processes completed)**

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11		2011-12		
			Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr
Iran	98.1%	96.1%	97.9%	96.0%	92.7%	96.2%	93.8%
China (PRC)	42.2%	29.9%	31.3%	27.8%	36.0%	33.5%	19.9%
Pakistan	84.8%	79.1%	79.5%	79.5%	72.1%	83.8%	71.1%
Zimbabwe	85.9%	77.1%	63.4%	70.8%	82.5%	71.9%	45.5%
Egypt	71.8%	66.4%	64.8%	62.4%	74.6%	65.3%	58.0%
Sri Lanka	76.3%	79.1%	65.2%	84.0%	67.2%	63.3%	73.3%
Iraq	96.3%	93.4%	98.3%	88.9%	94.1%	98.1%	90.9%
Fiji	16.1%	18.0%	23.8%	13.4%	27.6%	23.3%	43.2%
Lebanon	35.9%	43.8%	60.6%	21.7%	43.6%	64.3%	30.3%
Afghanistan	94.9%	79.7%	80.0%	93.3%	94.7%	100.0%	93.8%
Turkey	70.5%	80.9%	88.2%	85.7%	66.7%	81.8%	61.0%
Burma	95.2%	87.7%	88.9%	100.0%	92.3%	90.0%	71.4%
Nepal	44.9%	31.7%	27.6%	25.0%	31.7%	10.7%	15.0%
Bangladesh	43.5%	47.6%	60.0%	33.3%	50.0%	20.5%	5.6%
Indonesia	16.4%	13.2%	19.3%	12.0%	1.9%	13.3%	3.8%
India	13.2%	7.9%	11.0%	2.6%	19.8%	9.8%	2.0%
Papua New Guinea	73.9%	62.9%	63.6%	33.3%	84.6%	40.9%	71.4%
Stateless	85.0%	76.9%	100.0%	75.0%	85.7%	100.0%	91.7%
Ethiopia	86.2%	81.0%	60.0%	75.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Nigeria	67.5%	65.4%	66.7%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	46.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51.0%</b>	<b>43.7%</b>	<b>53.2%</b>	<b>41.8%</b>	<b>52.1%</b>	<b>51.1%</b>	<b>38.3%</b>

Tables 10 to 11 show the number of finalised cases during the period and, since the cohorts differ, there is not an exact correspondence to the primary outcomes shown in tables 6 to 8.

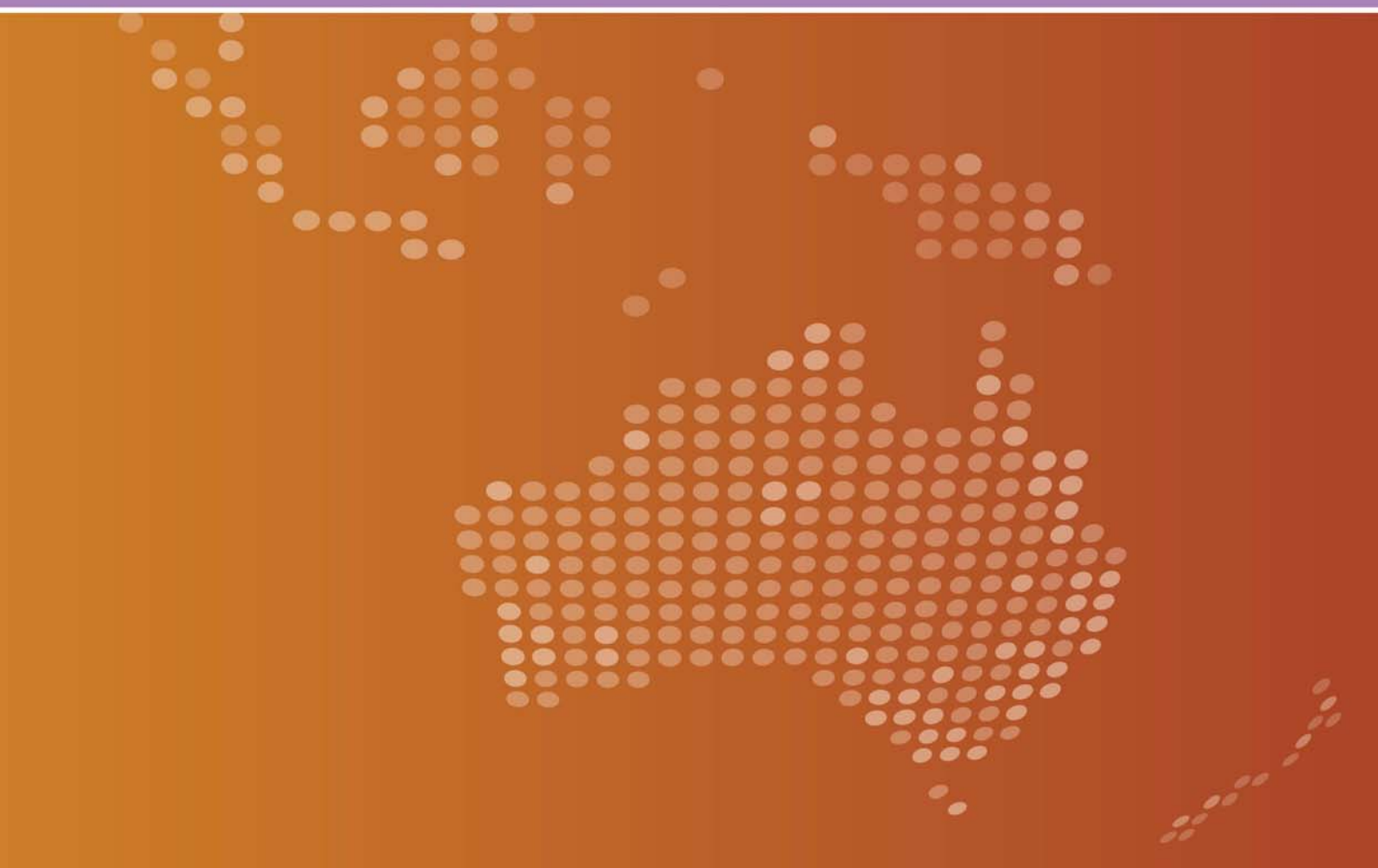
<sup>12</sup> Final grant rates are an expression of visa grants at the final processing stage as a percentage of all decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

<sup>13</sup> Top 20 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year final grants.



## Section 2

### Irregular maritime arrivals



## Irregular maritime arrivals (IMA)

Important Note: Please refer to “About these statistics” in the overview section of this publication which explains the change in this edition to individual quarterly figures rather than twelve month moving averages.

**Table 12: Number of refugee status determination requests from IMAs received<sup>3</sup>**

Program Year	Quarter	Requests received
<b>2009-10</b>		<b>4591</b>
<b>2010-11</b>		<b>5175</b>
	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	<i>1741</i>
	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>1725</i>
	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<i>935</i>
	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	<i>774</i>
<b>2011-12</b>		
	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	<i>877</i>
	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>2024</i>
	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<i>1602</i>

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 12 shows the number of people screened into a refugee status determination process for irregular maritime arrivals.

**Table 13: Number of refugee status determination requests from IMAs received<sup>3</sup> by top 5 countries of citizenship<sup>14</sup>**

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	2010-11		2011-12		
			<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>Mar Qtr</i>
Afghanistan	2650	1612	201	282	268	856	797
Iran	197	1549	429	282	383	633	182
Iraq	248	542	74	40	31	100	131
Sri Lanka	919	362	19	81	0	113	111
Stateless	460	895	190	17	110	168	76
Other	117	215	22	72	85	154	305
<b>Total</b>	<b>4591</b>	<b>5175</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>1602</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

Table 13 shows by key citizenships the number of people screened into one of the refugee status determination processes.

<sup>3</sup> Refugee status determination requests counted by people screened into a determination process for IMAs.

<sup>14</sup> Top 5 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year refugee status determination requests from IMAs received.

**Table 14: Number of primary Protection visa grants<sup>15</sup> to IMAs by top 5 countries of citizenship<sup>16</sup>**

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	Mar Qtr 2010-11	Jun Qtr 2010-11	Sep Qtr 2011-12	Dec Qtr 2011-12	Mar Qtr 2011-12
Afghanistan	1417	862	160	512	372	110	170
Iran	49	275	8	246	352	126	143
Iraq	129	176	6	138	95	34	23
Sri Lanka	313	228	32	37	80	58	25
Stateless	169	371	40	273	152	27	33
Other	13	63	8	38	80	28	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>2090</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>1244</b>	<b>1131</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>444</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

**Table 15: Number of primary refusals**

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	Mar Qtr 2010-11	Jun Qtr 2010-11	Sep Qtr 2011-12	Dec Qtr 2011-12	Mar Qtr 2011-12
Afghanistan	403	1425	654	168	54	22	62
Iran	45	693	195	315	183	111	216
Iraq	85	268	73	99	17	5	20
Sri Lanka	95	263	39	75	45	0	32
Stateless	82	513	128	167	30	23	51
Other	26	69	19	21	44	24	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>3231</b>	<b>1108</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>411</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

**Table 16: Primary Protection visa grant rates<sup>17</sup> to IMAs**

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	Mar Qtr 2010-11	Jun Qtr 2010-11	Sep Qtr 2011-12	Dec Qtr 2011-12	Mar Qtr 2011-12
Afghanistan	77.9%	37.7%	19.7%	75.3%	87.3%	83.3%	73.3%
Iran	52.1%	28.4%	3.9%	43.9%	65.8%	53.2%	39.8%
Iraq	60.3%	39.6%	7.6%	58.2%	84.8%	87.2%	53.5%
Sri Lanka	76.7%	46.4%	45.1%	33.0%	64.0%	100.0%	43.9%
Stateless	67.3%	42.0%	23.8%	62.0%	83.5%	54.0%	39.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>74.0%</b>	<b>37.9%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>59.6%</b>	<b>75.2%</b>	<b>67.4%</b>	<b>51.9%</b>

<sup>15</sup> A primary Protection visa grant to an IMA is a Protection visa granted to an irregular maritime arrival following a positive refugee status determination made by a departmental delegate. Protection visa grants reported here may vary slightly from figures for grants to IMAs provided elsewhere because the data has been extracted from departmental systems on a different date employing different methodologies.

<sup>16</sup> Top 5 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year Protection visa grants to IMAs.

<sup>17</sup> The percentage of IMAs who were found to be a refugee and granted a Protection visa expressed as a proportion of all primary decisions (grants and refusals) in a given period.

Tables 14 to 16 show primary Protection visa grants, refusals and visa grant rates for key countries of origin and in total.

For the IMA caseload, the number of visa grants and the associated visa grant rates in the tables do not necessarily reflect underlying recognition rates. This is because of the uneven time profile of the caseload, including the passage of time following a finding that a person is a refugee while awaiting health, security or character checks.

**Table 17: Review recommendations by countries of citizenship**

Citizenship	2010-11		Sep Qtr 2011-12		Dec Qtr 2011-12		Mar Qtr 2011-12	
	Refugees	Not refugees	Refugees	Not refugees	Refugees	Not refugees	Refugees	Not refugees
Afghanistan	629	184	315	47	215	37	162	21
Iran	79	26	94	31	200	64	223	72
Iraq	76	42	56	29	44	12	49	19
Sri Lanka	77	65	66	15	44	8	50	20
Stateless	133	48	101	30	82	30	103	20
Other	17	31	8	5	10	5	13	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>1011</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>171</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

**Table 18: Overturn rate<sup>18</sup> by countries of citizenship**

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	Sep Qtr 2011-12	Dec Qtr 2011-12	Mar Qtr 2011-12
Afghanistan	75.0%	77.4%	87.0%	85.3%	88.5%
Iran	87.5%	75.2%	75.2%	75.8%	75.6%
Iraq	67.9%	64.4%	65.9%	78.6%	72.1%
Sri Lanka	18.6%	54.2%	81.5%	84.6%	71.4%
Stateless	88.2%	73.5%	77.1%	73.2%	83.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>46.8%</b>	<b>71.9%</b>	<b>80.3%</b>	<b>79.2%</b>	<b>77.8%</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

<sup>18</sup> The overturn rate is the number of recommendations to consider as refugees expressed as a percentage of the total number of review recommendations during the period.

**Table 19: Number of final Protection visa grants<sup>19</sup> to IMAs by top 5 countries of citizenship<sup>20</sup> (primary and review processes completed)**

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	Mar Qtr 2010-11	Jun Qtr 2010-11	Sep Qtr 2011-12	Dec Qtr 2011-12	Mar Qtr 2011-12
Afghanistan	1419	1335	291	662	727	528	231
Iran	63	333	26	273	420	226	253
Iraq	137	239	10	159	135	89	44
Sri Lanka	315	236	33	41	91	86	39
Stateless	172	481	57	335	236	128	78
Other	13	72	8	40	92	40	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>2119</b>	<b>2696</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>1510</b>	<b>1701</b>	<b>1097</b>	<b>701</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

**Table 20: Number of final refusals (primary and review processes completed)**

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	Mar Qtr 2010-11	Jun Qtr 2010-11	Sep Qtr 2011-12	Dec Qtr 2011-12	Mar Qtr 2011-12
Afghanistan	2	184	80	46	47	37	21
Iran	2	26	9	8	31	64	72
Iraq	8	42	6	18	29	12	19
Sri Lanka	34	65	20	34	15	8	20
Stateless	0	48	13	19	30	30	20
Other	4	31	3	15	5	5	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>171</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

**Table 21: Number of cases seeking review at the end of each period**

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	As at 31 Mar 2011	As at 30 Jun 2011	As at 30 Sep 2011	As at 31 Dec 2011	As at 31 Mar 2012
Afghanistan	251	1055	976	1055	571	287	182
Iran	34	611	261	611	671	528	394
Iraq	56	231	143	231	161	115	71
Sri Lanka	72	254	237	254	161	121	97
Stateless	52	414	256	414	301	204	120
Other	18	63	46	63	84	86	86
<b>Total</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>2628</b>	<b>1919</b>	<b>2628</b>	<b>1949</b>	<b>1341</b>	<b>950</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

<sup>19</sup> A final Protection visa grant to an IMA is a grant following a positive refugee status determination made by a departmental delegate or following merits review. Protection visa grants to IMAs reported here may vary slightly from figures for grants to IMAs provided elsewhere because the data has been extracted from departmental systems on a different date employing different methodologies.

<sup>20</sup> Top 5 countries of citizenship are based on 2010-11 program year Protection visa grants to IMAs.

**Table 22: Percentage of post-primary caseload granted visas**

Citizenship	2009-10	2010-11	Mar Qtr 2010-11	Jun Qtr 2010-11	Sep Qtr 2011-12	Dec Qtr 2011-12	Mar Qtr 2011-12
Afghanistan	77.8%	45.3%	28.4%	75.6%	87.8%	89.9%	73.6%
Iran	57.3%	31.7%	11.3%	45.8%	66.2%	56.4%	46.8%
Iraq	59.6%	43.5%	11.2%	57.6%	74.6%	84.0%	53.0%
Sri Lanka	70.9%	41.8%	35.9%	27.3%	60.3%	91.5%	42.9%
Stateless	67.7%	46.2%	28.8%	64.3%	79.7%	70.7%	52.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>72.9%</b>	<b>42.6%</b>	<b>25.5%</b>	<b>60.5%</b>	<b>76.2%</b>	<b>76.3%</b>	<b>54.6%</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

The post primary caseload refers to IMAs who, during the relevant quarter, received a primary refusal or a review refusal or were granted a Protection visa following either a primary or review decision.

### Cohort of IMAs who arrived in 2009-10

Important Note: The following tables present information about outcomes for IMA cohorts by year of arrival rather than year of the particular events as in other tables in this publication. Figures in these tables are revised as at 31 March 2012.

Tables 23 to 24 show the outcomes as at 31 March 2012 for people who arrived in 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively.

**Table 23: Status of IMAs who arrived in 2009-10 as at the end of the March quarter in 2012**

Citizenship	Number of IMAs <sup>21</sup>	Primary grants	Primary refusals	Primary grant rate	Final grants	% of IMAs granted visas
Afghanistan	2966	1599	1350	54.2%	2618	88.3%
Iran	327	133	181	42.4%	256	78.3%
Iraq	347	173	170	50.4%	286	82.4%
Sri Lanka	837	486	278	63.6%	548	65.5%
Stateless	602	340	257	57.0%	543	90.2%
Other	153	85	60	58.6%	108	70.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5232</b>	<b>2816</b>	<b>2296</b>	<b>55.1%</b>	<b>4359</b>	<b>83.3%</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

<sup>21</sup> Number of IMAs is based on people who arrived in the period and were screened into a refugee status determination process

## Cohort of IMAs who arrived in 2010-11

Table 24: Status of IMAs who arrived in 2010-11 as at the end of the March quarter in 2012

Citizenship	Number of IMAs <sup>21</sup>	Primary grants	Primary refusals	Primary grant rate	Final grants	% of IMAs granted visas
Afghanistan	1310	780	533	59.4%	1039	79.3%
Iran	1599	729	817	47.2%	930	58.2%
Iraq	467	238	212	52.9%	300	64.2%
Sri Lanka	245	4	124	3.1%	4	1.6%
Stateless	791	388	376	50.8%	522	66.0%
Other	257	126	115	52.3%	137	53.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4669</b>	<b>2265</b>	<b>2177</b>	<b>51.0%</b>	<b>2932</b>	<b>62.8%</b>

Source: DIAC Systems

<sup>21</sup> Number of IMAs is based on people who arrived in the period and were screened into a refugee status determination process

## Glossary

### Asylum seeker

A person who has left their country of origin, has applied for recognition as a refugee or sought protection on Complementary Protection grounds and is awaiting a decision on their application.

### Citizenship

Citizenship is based on passports/travel documents at the time of application for protection. If the applicant has no travel documents, citizenship determination is based on information supplied in the application. A formal process is then undertaken to verify information supplied.

### Complementary Protection

Complementary protection is the term used to describe a category of protection for people who are not refugees but cannot be returned to their home country, in line with Australia's international obligations, because there is a real risk that the person will suffer certain types of harm.

### Departmental delegate

An employee of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship who is a delegate of the Minister for the purposes of the Migration Act 1958.

### Dependent applicant

Member of the same family unit who is included in the application of the principal applicant.

### DIAC

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

### Final decision

A decision by a departmental delegate to grant a visa or refuse a claim for protection made at the end of primary processing where no review has been sought or after the conclusion of all review processes.

### Final grant

A Protection visa grant made after the conclusion of all review processes.

### Final grant rate

Final grants expressed as a percentage of all final decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

### IMA

Irregular Maritime Arrival.

### Lodgement

The receipt of a Protection visa application.

### Post-primary caseload

The post primary caseload refers to IMAs who have received at least a primary decision. This incorporates: all people granted a visa; people whose primary refusal was affirmed at review; and people who, at the end of the relevant period, were seeking review of a negative primary decision.

### Primary decision

A decision made at the end of initial processing by the departmental delegate to grant a visa or refuse a claim for protection.

### Primary grant

A visa granted by the departmental delegate at the primary stage of processing.

**Primary grant rate**

Primary grants expressed as a percentage of all primary decisions (grants and refusals) made in a given period.

**Principal applicant**

The main applicant for a Protection visa with specific asylum claims.

**Program Year**

The period from 1 July to 30 June in the following calendar year.

**Protection visa**

A visa issued to a non-citizen in Australia to whom the Minister is satisfied Australia has protection obligations under the Refugees Convention or otherwise owed protection, as defined in s36 of the Migration Act.

**Refugee**

A person who has been found to be a 'refugee' as defined in the Refugees Convention (i.e. a person who is unable to return to their home country owing to a well-founded fear of persecution for one of the Convention grounds).

**Refusal**

A decision that an applicant does not meet the legal criteria for the grant of a visa.

**Stateless**

A stateless person is an individual who self identifies as stateless, who lacks identity as a national of a state for the purpose of law and is not entitled to the rights, benefits, or protection ordinarily available to a country's nationals.

**Valid application**

A valid application is one that meets the validity criteria specified in the Migration Act and Regulations.