



Monthly Update: Onshore Protection (Subclass 866) Visa Processing - February 2026

This report covers the period 1 February 2026 to 28 February 2026.

(a)	the total number of protection visa lodgements made onshore during the period;	1,543
(b)	the total number of protection visa lodgements made onshore at airports, by airport and state, during the period;	0
(c)	the total number of individuals, by country of origin, that made a lodgement for a protection visa onshore during the period;	
	India	198
	China (exc. SAR)	188
	Fiji	96
	Indonesia	95
	Malaysia	64
	Philippines	61
	Iran	52
	Vietnam	51
	Timor-Leste	50
	Nepal	45
	Pakistan	44
	Bangladesh	40
	Tonga	34
	Myanmar	33
	Türkiye	32
	Brunei	29
	Ukraine	28
	Vanuatu	22
	Taiwan	21
	Thailand	21
	Other	339

(d)	the total number of individuals, by age and gender, that made a lodgement for a protection visa onshore during the period;		
Age Group	F	M	U*
0 - 14	71	86	0
15 - 24	63	124	0
25 - 34	168	327	0
35 - 44	130	225	0
45 - 54	87	118	0
55 - 64	59	42	0
65 - 74	18	13	0
75 and over	7	5	0
* indeterminate / intersex / unspecified			

(e)	the total number of refugee status determinations made during the period;	2,264
(f)	the total number of individuals granted a Final Protection Visa during the period;	300
(g)	the total number of individuals, by country of origin, granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;	
Pakistan	51	40.48%
Myanmar	31	96.88%
Malaysia	29	34.52%
China (exc. SAR)	25	08.83%
Indonesia	19	11.80%
Türkiye	17	94.44%
Sri Lanka	16	12.12%
Bangladesh	11	08.09%
India	11	04.31%
Iran	8	72.73%
Venezuela	7	100.00%
Cambodia	6	31.58%
Nigeria	6	75.00%
Vietnam	6	06.82%
Papua New Guinea	5	45.45%
Philippines	5	04.42%
Thailand	5	15.15%
Afghanistan	<5	100.00%
Colombia	<5	04.08%
Fiji	<5	05.00%
Russian Federation	<5	100.00%
Other	26	-
Total	300	13.25%

(h)	the total number of individuals, by age and gender, granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;			
Age Group	F	M	U*	Grant Rate
0 - 14	32	30	0	21.23%
15 - 24	9	17	0	12.50%
25 - 34	29	33	0	09.45%
35 - 44	37	41	0	13.85%
45 - 54	20	23	0	12.57%
55 - 64	10	6	0	09.70%
65 - 74	<10	6	0	35.48%
75 and over	<5	0	0	28.57%
* indeterminate / intersex / unspecified				

(i)	the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;	1,964	13.25%
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(j)	the total number of individuals, by country of origin, that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;	
Country of origin	Not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period	Grant rate
China (exc. SAR)	258	08.83%
India	244	04.31%
Indonesia	142	11.80%
Bangladesh	125	08.09%
Sri Lanka	116	12.12%
Philippines	108	04.42%
Colombia	94	04.08%
Vietnam	82	06.82%
Fiji	76	05.00%
Pakistan	75	40.48%
Brazil	67	00.00%
Malaysia	55	34.52%
Nepal	47	02.08%
Timor-Leste	46	00.00%
Mongolia	37	00.00%
Taiwan	29	03.33%
Thailand	28	15.15%
United Kingdom	27	00.00%
Tonga	26	00.00%
Hong Kong SAR	22	04.35%
Other	260	-
Total	1,964	13.25%

(k)	the total number of individuals, by age and gender, that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;			
Age Group	F	M	U*	Grant Rate
0 - 14	122	108	0	21.23%
15 - 24	63	119	0	12.50%
25 - 34	206	388	0	09.45%
35 - 44	165	319	<5	13.85%
45 - 54	140	159	0	12.57%
55 - 64	76	73	0	09.70%
65 - 74	11	9	0	35.48%
75 and over	<10	0	0	28.57%
* indeterminate / intersex / unspecified				

(l)	the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa that were deported during the period, and the deportation rate;	15	00.01%
		Involuntary	Voluntary
		<5	<15

(m)	the total number of refugee status determinations awaiting a decision at the end of the period;	25,035
(n)	the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa that have yet to be deported at the end of the period.	104,612

Explanatory Notes

This report is produced in accordance with the Senate Order for the Production of Documents – Airplane People (Your Right to Know). The report relates to clients who are applicants of a subclass 866 Protection visa and does not include applicants for temporary protection or safe haven enterprise visas.

Lodgements has been interpreted as all lodgements in the previous month regardless of whether a lodgement is later found to be invalid, or withdrawn. Should a person lodge multiple applications over a period, they will be counted twice as reporting is event based.

Refugee status determinations has been interpreted as all departmental subclass 866 visa decisions made either before or after merits review.

The total number of refugee status determinations awaiting a decision at the end of the period has been interpreted to include any application that has not been finalised, invalidated, withdrawn, refused or granted since lodgement.

Grant of a final protection visa has been interpreted as grant of a protection visa either at primary stage or following remittal from merits review or judicial review.

Deported has been interpreted as removals under the Migration Act 1958.

The total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa that have yet to be deported at the end of the period includes all people who have applied for a protection visa in Australia since 1994 who, at the end of the period, were in Australia and had: not been granted a protection visa, not been removed under the Migration Act, and were either an unlawful non-citizen or held a bridging visa. The figure includes persons who were seeking merits review of their protection visa refusal at the Administrative Review Tribunal or were seeking judicial review.

Where citizenship or age is reported as not recorded, this reflects that data is not yet recorded in departmental systems in a reportable field. This could include circumstances where detail on the application is incomplete.