



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

This report covers the period 1 March 2026 to 31 March 2026.

(a)	the total number of protection visa lodgements made onshore during the period;	2,041
(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;	
	China (exc. SAR)	252
	India	219
	Fiji	130
	Indonesia	107
	Iran	96
	Vietnam	86
	Philippines	85
	Pakistan	84
	Bangladesh	77
	Malaysia	59
	Nepal	55
	Papua New Guinea	48
	United Kingdom	41
	Türkiye	39
	Thailand	36
	Colombia	32
	Myanmar	29
	Tonga	29
	Nigeria	28
	Taiwan	27
	Other	482

(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	111	116	0
15 - 24	100	193	0
25 - 34	241	431	0
35 - 44	176	252	0
45 - 54	108	144	0
55 - 64	65	51	0
65 - 74	21	20	0
75 and over	<10	<5	0
* indeterminate / intersex / unspecified			

(e)	the total number of refugee status determinations made during the period;	2,551
(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	61	44.85%
China (exc. SAR)	34	11.26%
Malaysia	33	43.42%
Myanmar	21	95.45%
Bangladesh	12	06.00%
Papua New Guinea	10	45.45%
Yemen	10	100.00%
India	9	03.02%
Indonesia	9	06.34%
Fiji	8	06.90%
Lebanon	8	80.00%
Vietnam	8	08.89%
Colombia	7	05.69%
Hong Kong SAR	6	25.00%
Syria	6	100.00%
Afghanistan	5	83.33%
France	5	100.00%
Georgia	5	100.00%
Sri Lanka	5	03.36%
Philippines	<5	04.26%
Thailand	<5	12.12%
Tonga	<5	09.52%
Other	26	-
Total	300	11.76%

(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	26	29	0	15.76%
15 - 24	15	17	0	14.35%
25 - 34	29	32	0	08.97%
35 - 44	30	32	0	09.04%
45 - 54	22	17	0	11.37%
55 - 64	18	7	0	12.08%
65 - 74	11	9	0	40.00%
75 and over	<5	<5	0	46.15%
* indeterminate / intersex / unspecified				

(i)	the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;	2,251	11.76%
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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
India		289	03.02%
China (exc. SAR)		268	11.26%
Bangladesh		188	06.00%
Sri Lanka		144	03.36%
Indonesia		133	06.34%
Colombia		116	05.69%
Fiji		108	06.90%
Philippines		90	04.26%
Vietnam		82	08.89%
Pakistan		75	44.85%
Mongolia		72	00.00%
Nepal		71	01.39%
Brazil		55	00.00%
Timor-Leste		54	01.82%
Malaysia		43	43.42%
South Africa		43	00.00%
Taiwan		40	02.44%
Tonga		38	09.52%
Thailand		29	12.12%
Vanuatu		27	06.90%
Other		286	-
Total		2,251	11.76%

(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	134	160	0	15.76%
15 - 24	72	119	0	14.35%
25 - 34	195	424	0	08.97%
35 - 44	245	379	0	09.04%
45 - 54	118	186	0	11.37%
55 - 64	106	76	0	12.08%
65 - 74	14	16	0	40.00%
75 and over	<5	<5	0	46.15%
* 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;	20	00.02%
		Involuntary	Voluntary
		9	11

(m)	the total number of refugee status determinations awaiting a decision at the end of the period;	24,195
(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.	105,978

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.