Australian Government
Department of Home Affairs

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

This report covers the period 1 September 2026 to 30 September 2026.

(a)	**the total number of protection visa lodgements made onshore during the period;**	**1,915**
(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)	291
	India	199
	Fiji	115
	Indonesia	101
	Philippines	98
	Vietnam	91
	Pakistan	76
	Bangladesh	63
	Timor-Leste	62
	Iran	50
	Malaysia	45
	Myanmar	45
	Papua New Guinea	43
	Brunei	37
	Nepal	34
	Colombia	33
	Tonga	31
	Sri Lanka	30
	Vanuatu	28
	Kenya	27
	Other	416

(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	95	100	0
15 - 24	80	149	0
25 - 34	218	449	0
35 - 44	173	270	0
45 - 54	114	129	0
55 - 64	57	54	0
65 - 74	12	11	0
75 and over	<5	<5	0

* indeterminate / intersex / unspecified

(e)	**the total number of refugee status determinations made during the period;**	**1,827**
(f)	**the total number of individuals granted a Final Protection Visa during the period;**	706
(g)	the total number of individuals, by country of origin, granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;	

Malaysia	147	81.67%
Iran	124	96.88%
Pakistan	83	74.77%
Myanmar	59	100.00%
China (exc. SAR)	51	23.72%
Afghanistan	33	97.06%
India	28	20.00%
Indonesia	22	29.33%
Hong Kong SAR	18	66.67%
Bangladesh	17	43.59%
Sudan	16	100.00%
Fiji	12	09.92%
Sri Lanka	12	63.16%
Nigeria	11	32.35%
Yemen	11	100.00%
Colombia	<10	33.33%
Papua New Guinea	<10	37.50%
Philippines	<5	06.15%
Solomon Islands	<5	22.22%
Somalia	<5	100.00%
Tonga	<5	10.81%
Türkiye	<5	28.57%
Other	31	-
Total	**706**	**38.64%**

(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	59	45	0	54.17%
15 - 24	29	28	0	33.73%
25 - 34	91	97	0	34.94%
35 - 44	92	81	0	38.62%
45 - 54	51	41	0	33.70%
55 - 64	33	20	0	38.41%
65 - 74	17	8	0	51.02%
75 and over	8	6	0	70.00%

* indeterminate / intersex / unspecified

(i)	the total number of individuals that were not granted a Final Protection Visa during the period, and the grant rate;	1,121	38.64%

(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)	164	23.72%
India	112	20.00%
Fiji	109	09.92%
Brunei	63	00.00%
Philippines	61	06.15%
Indonesia	53	29.33%
Vietnam	53	03.64%
Nepal	35	07.89%
Malaysia	33	81.67%
Tonga	33	10.81%
Pakistan	28	74.77%
Timor-Leste	27	06.90%
Iraq	24	00.00%
Nigeria	23	32.35%
South Africa	23	00.00%
Bangladesh	22	43.59%
South Korea	19	00.00%
Taiwan	18	00.00%
Vanuatu	17	05.56%
Solomon Islands	14	22.22%
Other	190	-
Total	**1,121**	**38.64%**

(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	37	51	0	54.17%
15 - 24	40	72	0	33.73%
25 - 34	104	246	0	34.94%
35 - 44	82	193	0	38.62%
45 - 54	83	98	0	33.70%
55 - 64	46	39	0	38.41%
65 - 74	17	7	0	51.02%
75 and over	<5	<5	0	70.00%

* 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;	29	00.03%
		Involuntary	**Voluntary**
		11	18

(m)	the total number of refugee status determinations awaiting a decision at the end of the period;	20,701
(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.	111,032

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.