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This population group includes people who have received refugee and humanitarian visas prior to travelling to Australia (subclasses 200, 201, 202, 203 & 204) and people who have been granted a permanent protection visa after arrival in Australia (subclass 866).

People who arrived in Australia in the first quarter of 2022 living in Victoria²

The following data is about Refugee and Humanitarian Program entrants who have arrived in Australia between 01/01/2022 and 31/03/2022 and are recorded as residing in Victoria. Note that any cells that contain less than five have been suppressed (<5). Values that have not been provided and cannot be calculated are given as 'n.p.' (not provided).

Whilst 2021 had a smaller number of arrivals through the Humanitarian program due to COVID-19, growth in these areas is also consistent with settlement data trends reported by DHA.

Table 1: Local Government Areas where people live: Top 10

Local Government Area	Visa Numbers				
	200	201	202	203	204
Hume	14	0	195	0	0
Casey	12	0	41	0	0
Whittlesea	0	0	48	0	0
Brimbank	<5	0	32	0	0
Wyndham	0	0	16	10	5
Melton	0	0	27	0	0
Greater Dandenong	6	0	16	<5	0
Melbourne	0	6	11	0	7
Darebin	<5	0	20	0	0
Knox	0	0	20	0	0
Grand Total	604				

As of 04/04/2022, **604 people on Visa Subclass (200, 201, 202, 203, 204 & 866) settled in Victoria.**

Table 2: Main language spoken: Top 5*

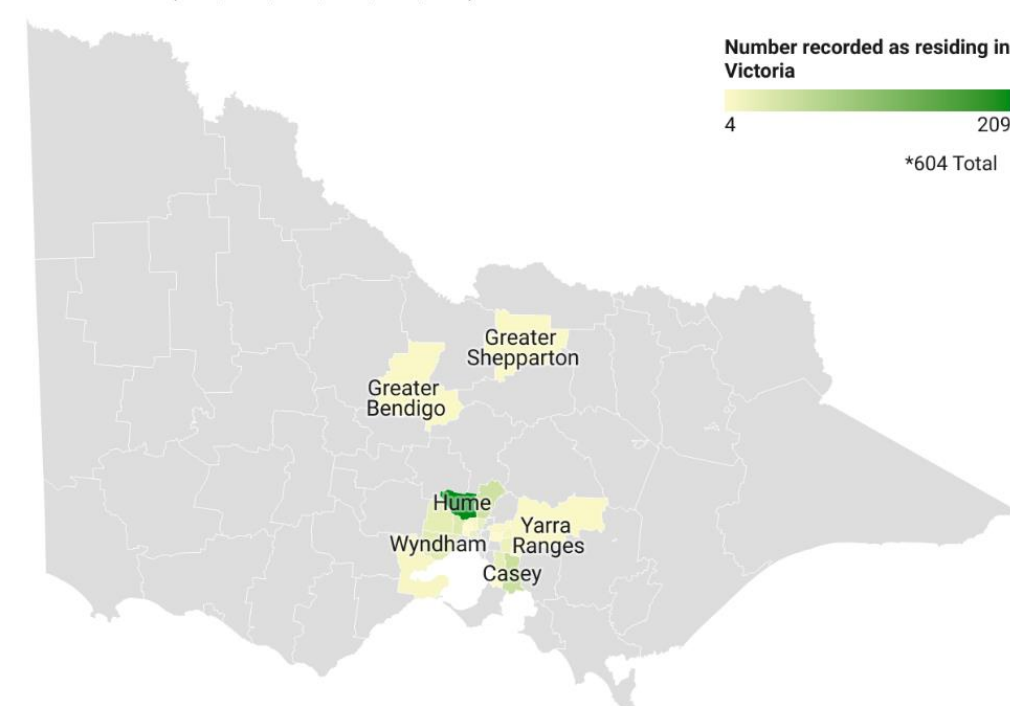
Reduced listings (top 5 only instead of top 10) due to low numbers of arrivals

Main Language	Visa Numbers				
	200	201	202	203	204
Arabic	27	0	313	0	<5
Farsi (Persian)	<5	0	51	0	0
Dari	<10	6	32	0	<5
Burmese / Myanmar	0	0	0	29	0
Tibetan	0	0	24	0	0

Visa Subclass Information ¹		
Visa subclass number	Visa name	Details
200	Refugee	for people who the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has referred to Australia for assistance
201	In-Country Special Humanitarian	for people who are still living in their country and have been unable to leave
202	Global Special Humanitarian	for people who are outside Australia (offshore), living outside of their home country, subject to substantial discrimination in their home country amounting to a gross violation of their human rights, and proposed by an Australian citizen or Permanent resident, an Eligible New Zealand citizen, or an organisation based in Australia.
203	Emergency Rescue	which gives priority processing for people who are in immediate danger
204	Woman at Risk	for women who do not have the protection of a partner or a relative and are in danger of victimisation
866	Protection	for people who arrived in Australia on a valid visa and want to seek asylum

Humanitarian settlers in Victorian Local Government Areas over the last quarter

Visa Subclass (200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 866)



Date of Arrival between 01/01/2022 and 31/03/2022

*44 Humanitarian settlers had not recorded their LGA

Map: Victorian Refugee Health Network • Source: Department of Home Affairs - Settlement Data • Map data: ABS • Created with Datawrapper

Interactive Map available at <https://datawrapper.dwcdn.net/1V3t7/9/>

Table 3: Gender

Gender	Visa Numbers				
	200	201	202	203	204
Female	25	<5	248	17	13
Male	25	<5	247	18	5
Total	50	6	495	35	18
Grand total	604				

¹ <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/what-we-do/refugee-and-humanitarian-program>

² Settlement Database, Australian Government Department of Home Affairs: settlement.data.request@homeaffairs.gov.au

People who arrived in Australia in the past year living in Victoria³

The following data is about Refugee and Humanitarian Program entrants who have arrived in Australia between 01/04/2021 and 31/03/2022 and are recorded as residing in Victoria. Note that any cells that contain less than five have been suppressed (<5). Values that have not been provided and cannot be calculated are given as 'n.p.' (not provided). For the full data set please contact our team at Victorian Refugee Health Network (refugeehealth@foundationhouse.org.au).

Table 4: Local Government Areas where people live: Top 15*

Local Government Area	Visa Numbers					
	200	201	202	203	204	866
Hume	34	5	583	6	11	0
Casey	18	146	92	0	<5	0
Greater Dandenong	7	191	33	<5	7	<5
Whittlesea	8	19	79	0	6	0
Wyndham	<5	35	28	24	13	0
Melton	0	0	90	0	<5	0
Brimbank	14	<5	63	0	9	0
Melbourne	<5	18	35	<5	8	0
Darebin	<5	21	20	0	<5	0
Greater Geelong	7	0	16	0	<5	0
Knox	<5	0	20	0	0	0
Maroondah	0	0	18	<5	<5	0
Mildura	11	0	<5	0	<5	0
Moreland	0	0	11	0	0	0
Moonee Valley	5	0	5	0	0	0
Grand Total	1,891					

In the past year, 1,891 people on Visa Subclass (200, 201, 202, 203, 204 & 866) settled in Victoria.

Table 5: Age Brackets*

*These figures are approximations as any cells that have been suppressed (<5) were changed to a numerical value (4) to present data in this table

Humanitarian settlers in Victoria over the last year according to age

Visa subclasses (200 series & 866) with a Date of Arrival between 01/04/2021 & 31/03/2022

Number of Humanitarian Arrivals

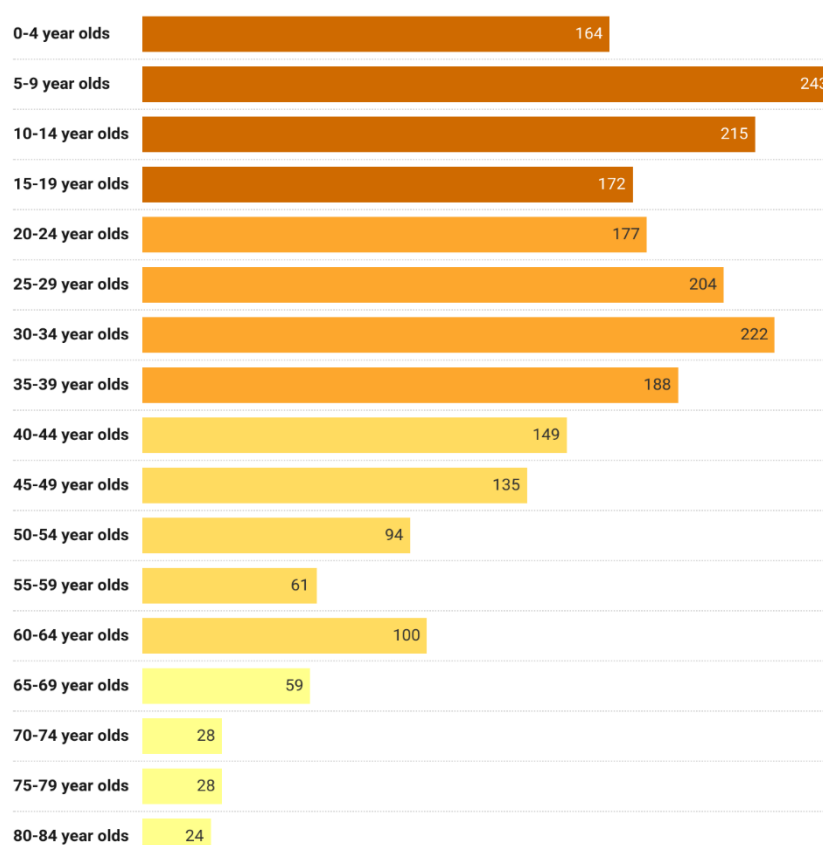
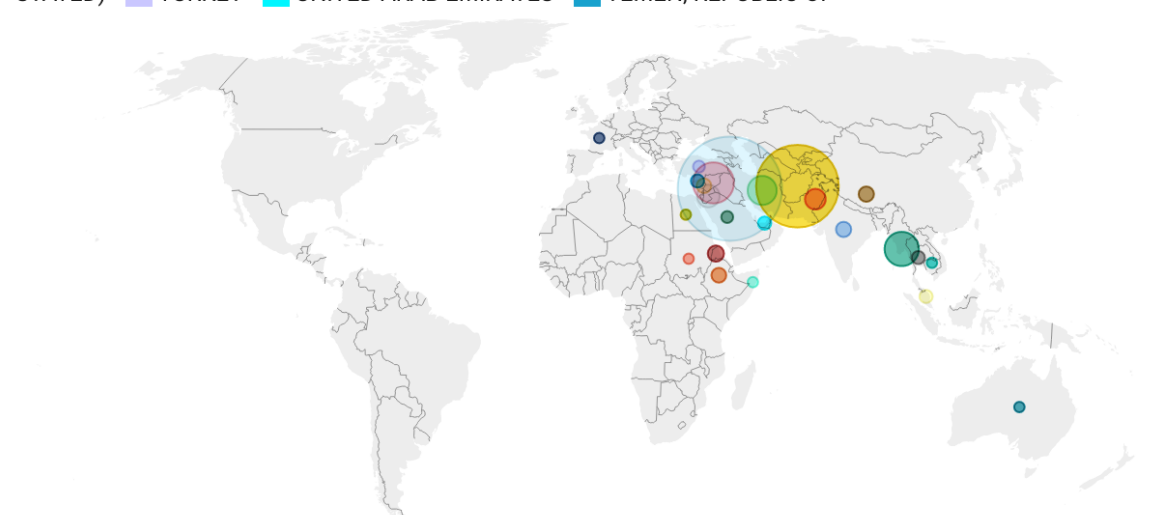


Chart: Victorian Refugee Health Network • Source: Department of Home Affairs • Created with Datawrapper

Country of Birth - Humanitarian Settlers in Victoria over the past year

Visa Subclasses (200 series & 866)

AFGHANISTAN AUSTRALIA CAMBODIA EGYPT ERITREA ETHIOPIA FRANCE
 INDIA IRAN IRAQ JORDAN LEBANON MALAYSIA MYANMAR PAKISTAN
 SAUDI ARABIA SOMALIA SUDAN SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC THAILAND TIBET (SO STATED)
 TURKEY UNITED ARAB EMIRATES YEMEN, REPUBLIC OF



Date of Arrival between 01/04/2021 and 31/03/2022

Map: Victorian Refugee Health Network • Source: Department of Home Affairs • Created with Datawrapper

Interactive Map available at <https://datawrapper.dwcdn.net/tzEaF/5/>

Table 6: Country of birth*: Top 15

If an individual's Country of Birth is recorded as 'Australia', it indicates that the individual was born in Australia from parents who arrived in Australia prior to the birth while they were not permanent residents

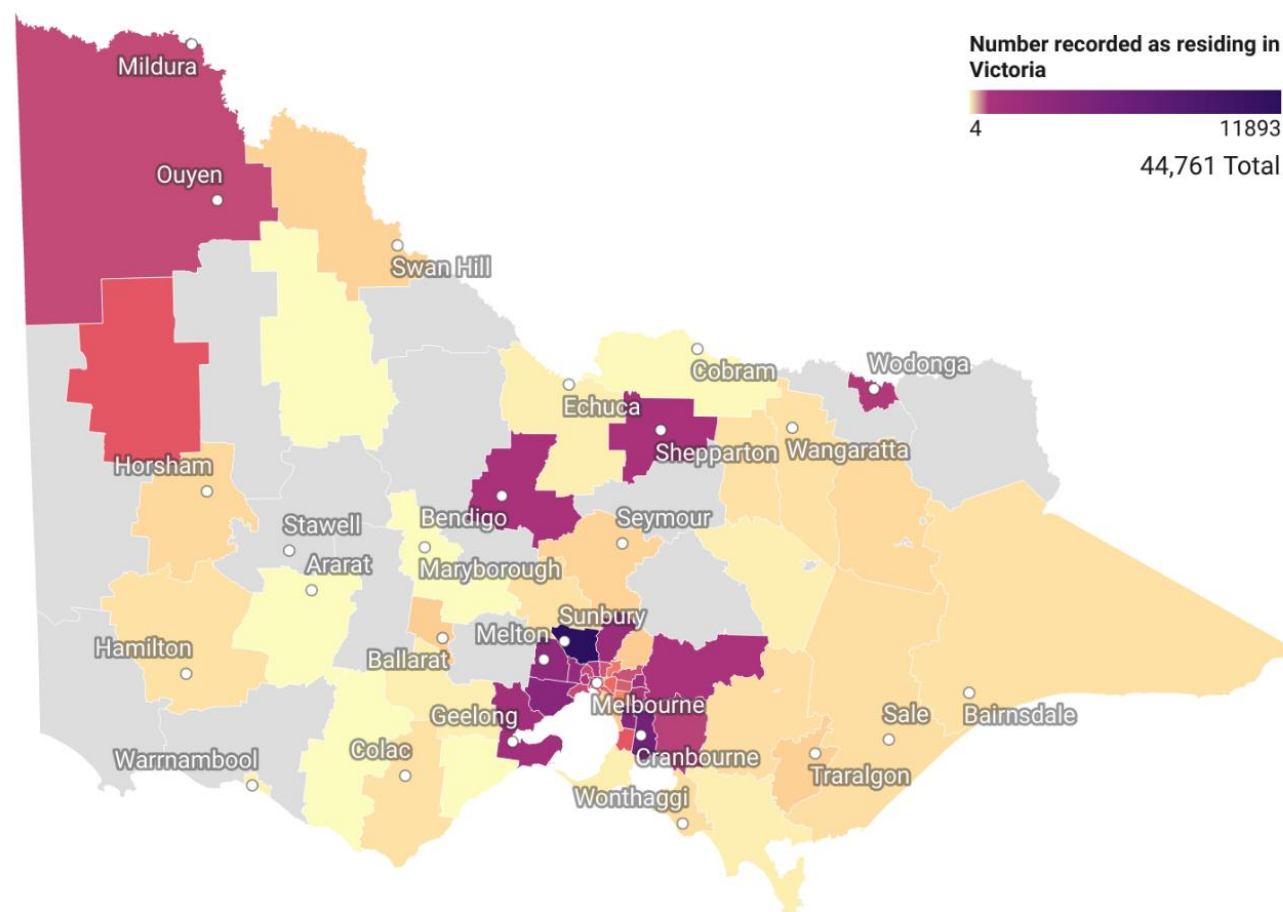
Country of Birth	Visa numbers					
	200	201	202	203	204	866
IRAQ	51	<35	818	0	11	0
AFGHANISTAN	32	419	89	0	23	0
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	27	<5	83	0	12	0
MYANMAR	7	0	14	47	16	0
IRAN	<5	0	58	0	<5	0
JORDAN	<5	0	24	0	<5	0
PAKISTAN	<5	0	18	0	<5	0
ERITREA	0	0	14	0	0	0
INDIA	0	0	12	0	0	0
TIBET (SO STATED)	0	0	12	0	0	0
LEBANON	0	0	11	0	0	0
ETHIOPIA	<5	0	7	0	0	0
TURKEY	<5	0	0	6	0	0
SAUDI ARABIA	0	0	6	0	0	0
THAILAND	<5	0	<5	0	0	0

³ Settlement Database, Australian Government Department of Home Affairs: settlement.data.request@homeaffairs.gov.au

People who arrived in Australia in the past 10 years living in Victoria⁴

Humanitarian settlers in Victorian Local Government Areas over the last 10 years

Visa Subclass (200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 866)



The following data is about Refugee and Humanitarian Program entrants who have arrived in Australia between 31/03/2012 and 31/03/2022 are currently recorded as residing in Victoria as at 04/04/2022. Note that any cells that contain less than five have been suppressed (<5) and the next cell with the lowest value is also masked as 'n.p.' (not provided) where applicable. 'Total' values provided are the best approximation from available information. This is due to the Department of Home Affairs' privacy policy.

In the past 10 years, 44,761 people who arrived through the Refugee and Humanitarian Program or were subsequently granted a permanent protection visa (i.e., visa subclass 866) settled and stayed in Victoria.

Please note that these data sets from DHA only include those who have received refugee and humanitarian visas prior to travelling to Australia (subclasses 200, 201, 202, 203 & 204) and people who have been granted a permanent protection visa after arrival in Australia (subclass 866).

Date of Arrival between 31/03/2012 and 31/03/2022

*355 Humanitarian settlers had not recorded their LGA

Map: Victorian Refugee Health Network • Source: Department of Home Affairs - Settlement Data • Map data: ABS • Created with Datawrapper

Interactive Map available at https://www.datawrapper.de/_P1W6w/

Table 7: Main language spoken: Top 15

Main Language Spoken for those residing in Victoria

According to Visa Subclass

	200	201	202	203	204	866	Total
Arabic	5,286	278	8,460	6	327	990	15,347
Dari	1,568	432	531	0	618	365	3,514
Hazaragi	940	17	374	0	119	1,218	2,668
Assyrian	519	0	1,278	0	49	29	1,875
Karen	638	0	881	0	64	5	1,583
Chin Haka	668	0	679	0	60	5	1,407
Burmese / Myanmar	501	0	709	44	76	29	1,359
Farsi (Persian)	503	5	213	0	99	474	1,289
Swahili	928	0	90	0	238	7	1,263
Karen S'gaw	601	0	567	0	56	0	1,224
Farsi (Afghan)	631	5	99	0	277	23	1,030
Pashto	94	431	77	0	47	209	858
Chin	467	0	287	0	28	5	782
Oromo	326	0	266	7	133	24	756
Persian	237	7	100	0	30	356	730

Date of Arrival between 31/03/2012 and 31/03/2022

Chart: Victorian Re • Source: Settlement Data Request- Department of Home Affairs • Created with Datawrapper

Table 8: Top 10 Local Government Areas where people now live

Local Government Area	Visa number						Total
	200	201	202	203	204	866	
Hume	4,100	33	6,920	6	325	509	11,893
Casey	2,115	422	1,060	0	461	1,174	5,232
Wyndham	1,520	43	1,427	24	255	409	3,678
Greater Dandenong	1,147	433	741	11	381	937	3,650
Melton	1,236	54	1,289	4	84	265	2,932
Brimbank	1,013	18	1,089	0	131	277	2,528
Whittlesea	554	33	844	4	44	623	2,102
Maroondah	681	8	863	4	76	49	1,681
Greater Geelong	681	0	326	0	339	76	1,422
Greater Bendigo	376	4	446	0	46	20	892
Total	13,423	1,048	15,005	53	2,142	4,339	36,010

Table 9: Gender

Gender	200	201	202	203	204	866	Total
Female	7,837	569	8,880	34	1,917	2,174	21,411
Male	8,693	626	8,815	38	811	4,366	23,349
Not Stated	0	0	0	0	0	<5	n.p.
Grand Total	16,530	1,195	17,695	72	2,728	6,541	44,761

⁴ Settlement Database, Australian Government Department of Home Affairs: settlement.data.request@homeaffairs.gov.au

People Seeking Asylum

The date a person arrived, their mode of arrival and if they had valid entry documents determine if they are detained, how they will have their asylum application processed, what means of appeal they will have and whether they may apply for permanent or temporary protection. People often experience a long wait to hear the outcome of their application. You may read more about asylum application pathways here:

<https://www.racs.org.au/causes/factsheets/>

Those who do not have a visa granted at primary stage may have their application reviewed. People seeking asylum who are eligible for a PPV have their appeals heard through the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) Migration and Refugee Division. The AAT reported an average wait of 804 days from lodgement to finalisation of PPV applications in the 2021/2022 financial year, 25% of lodgements were finalised within 365 days⁵.

Table 10: Total number of people seeking asylum in Australia (plane and boat arrivals) by the state or territory they are living in.⁶

People seeking asylum onshore, by state or territory

As at 31 August 2021. Includes people seeking asylum applying for a temporary or permanent protection visa

	Minor	Adult	Grand Total
Grand Total	4,452	34,061	38,513
NSW	1,837	15,605	17,442
VIC	1,589	12,076	13,665
QLD	455	2,699	3,154
WA	246	1,722	1,968
SA	176	1,092	1,268
Other/ Not yet recorded	77	340	417
ACT	42	323	365
NT	25	122	147
TAS	5	82	87

Includes people in held and community detention

Chart: Refugee Council of Australia • Source: [Answer to question on notice SE21-171](#) • [Get the data](#) • Created with [Datawrapper](#)

People who arrived by boat

The following data is about people seeking asylum who arrived by boat prior to 2014, without valid entry documents and who are living in the community in **Victoria** as of December 2021.⁷

Table 11: Local Government Areas where people now live Irregular Maritime Arrivals on Bridging E Visa

Local Government Area	Number	Percent
Greater Dandenong	975	21.2
Brimbank	944	19.6
Whittlesea	643	14.8
Casey	400	10.0
Hume	327	7.5
Wyndham	229	4.6
Moreland	171	4.1
Greater Geelong	122	2.6
Maribyrnong	100	2.4
Darebin	99	2.2
Melton	95	2.1
Manningham	89	2.0
Moonee Valley	63	1.2
Monash	49	0.9
Hobsons Bay	37	0.8
Whitehorse	31	0.7
Banyule	28	0.5
Cardinia	27	0.4
Mildura	25	0.4
Wellington	21	0.4
Kingston	20	0.4
Greater Shepparton	20	0.4
Melbourne	13	0.3
Port Phillip	11	0.3
Frankston	7	0.3
Total municipality defined	4,546	100
Includes only those persons to whom postcodes are supplied, permitting municipalities to be inferred. 141 postcodes with <10 people, numbering 486, are omitted here		

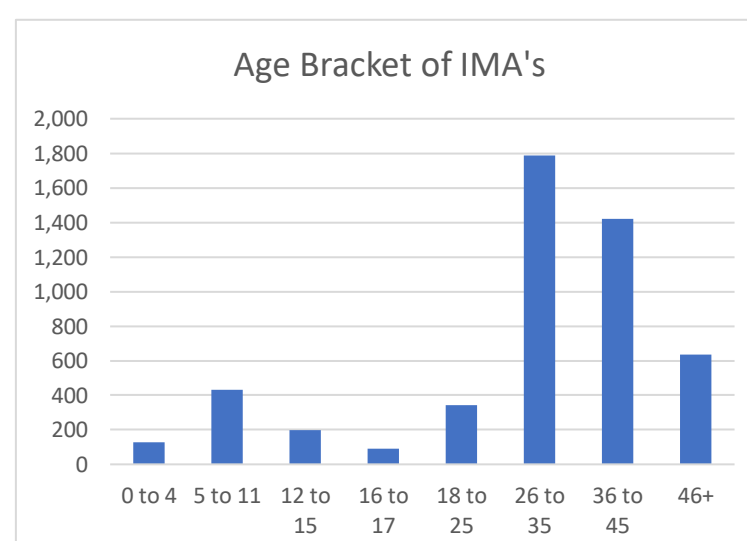
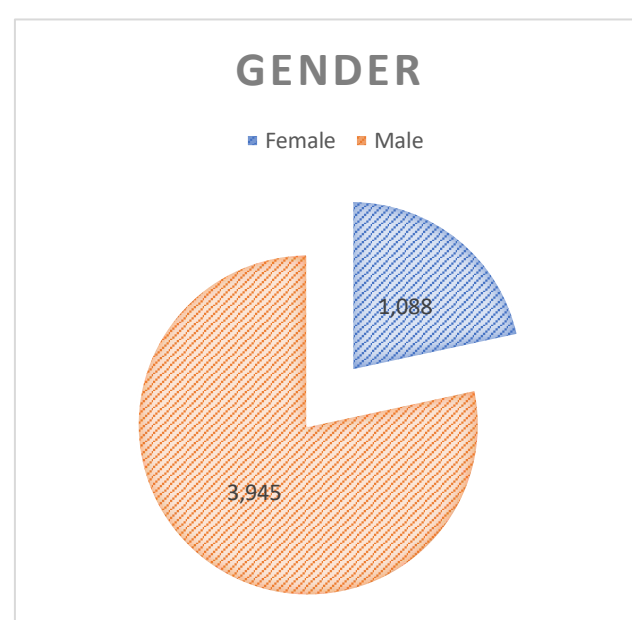


Table 12: Citizenships of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMA) on Bridging E Visa

Citizenship	Visa number	
	200	201
Sri Lanka	1,514	30.1
Iran	1,504	29.9
Pakistan	512	10.2
Stateless	493	9.8
Afghanistan	335	6.7
Iraq	157	3.1
Vietnam	151	3.0
Lebanon	118	2.3
Bangladesh	70	1.4
Burma	67	1.3
18 citizenships with <10	44	0.9
India	30	0.6
not recorded	22	0.4
Sudan	16	0.3
Total	5,033	100

Table 13: Number of people in the IMA Legacy Caseload who:

- ✓ have submitted a valid application that is currently being processed; or
- ✓ had their application finalised – either granted or refused

Processing Stage	2022	
	February	January
Applied and on hand or at review	2,409	2,515
Applications Finalised	28,788	28,741
Total	31,197	31,256 ⁸

⁵ 'Processing times for decisions' <https://www.aat.gov.au/AAT/media/AAT/Files/Statistics/MRD-detailed-caseload-statistics-2021-22.pdf> (pg. 7)

⁶ 'Statistics on people seeking asylum in the community' <https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/asylum-community/>

⁷ Social Statistics for Victorian Communities: Asylum-seekers by Gender, Age and Birthplace <http://www.socialstats.com.au/>

⁸ IMA Legacy Caseload | Report on the Processing Status and Outcomes: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/ima-legacy-caseload-february-2022.pdf>

People who arrived by plane

There is little data available about people who arrive by plane and apply for protection. The number of people living in the community who sought asylum after arriving by plane with a valid visa (i.e. tourist, student visa etc), and who are now waiting for their protection claims to be assessed is unknown. Some national data is available about new lodgements, see below. Data collected from the monthly Departmental updates⁹ on the processing of onshore protection claims for the financial year 2021/22 (until 31 March 2022) show there has been **7,793 protection visa lodgements** made onshore during the period. This data also shows the number of individuals who have lodged a protection visa onshore for example, there have been **91 lodgements from individuals from Ukraine** over this period and **362 lodgements from individuals from Myanmar**.

Table 14: Nationalities: protection visa application lodgements, Australia-wide: Top 10

2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia	Malaysia
China	China	China	China	China	China	China	China
Pakistan	India	India	India	India	India	India	Vietnam
India	Iraq	Vietnam	Vietnam	Thailand	Vietnam	Vietnam	Thailand
Iraq	Pakistan	Pakistan	Pakistan	Fiji	Fiji	Thailand	India
Libya	Fiji	Iraq	Iraq	Vietnam	Thailand	Indonesia	Indonesia
Fiji	Vietnam	Indonesia	Indonesia	Indonesia	Indonesia	Tonga	Taiwan
Iran	Indonesia	Fiji	Fiji	Pakistan	Philippines	Fiji	Philippines
Lebanon	Iran	Taiwan	Bangladesh	Philippines	Pakistan	Myanmar	Fiji
Bangladesh	Bangladesh	Thailand	Iran	Taiwan	Taiwan	Timor Leste	East Timor

Appeals heard by the AAT: PPV applications¹⁰

Most people that apply for a PPV arrived by plane, however a very small number of people who arrived by boat were able to apply for a PPV and have their appeal heard by the AAT. The data below is for financial year 2021/22 (until 31 March 2022) and does not take into account people who received a PPV at the primary decision.

Table 16: **Active appeals** applications by citizenship Victoria region* as of 31 March 2022: Top 10

Country	Number
Malaysia	8,512
China	1,359
Vietnam	1,513
India	436
Fiji	119
Indonesia	520
Thailand	538
Taiwan	275
Pakistan	309
Bangladesh	60
Philippines	128
Iran	190

Table 17: **PPV decisions** by citizenship Australia-wide (Financial year to 31 March 2022): Top 10¹¹

Country	Number of decisions		Set aside***
	UMA	non-UMA	
China	0	1,553	16
Malaysia	0	955	19
Thailand	0	798	0
Vietnam	10	299	8
India	0	112	5
Taiwan	0	112	0
Pakistan	4	105	35
Iran	22	54	28
Indonesia	0	30	0
Iraq	1	38	16
Bangladesh	4	26	3
Total	41	4082	130

***set aside means the primary decision has been overturned

People in detention¹²

The following data is about people in immigration detention and under residence determination (formerly community detention) as of 31st January 2022. As of 31st January 2022, the average length of time spent in held detention (including people detained due to S501 visa cancellations and other reasons) was 687 days (nationally). As of 31st January 2022, there were 1,554 people in immigration detention facilities (nationally). Of these 1,554 people, 17.8% had been detained for 91 days or less and 47.8% had been detained for 365 days or less¹³.

Table 18: People in detention in Victoria

Place of immigration detention	Number of people held in immigration detention
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	267
Alternative Places of Detention (APODs)	35
Total	302

Table 19: People under residence determination in Victoria

	Men	Women	Children	Total
Number	109	78	84	271
National Total	571			

⁹ Monthly Updates: July 2021-March 2022 at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/statistics/visa-statistics/live/humanitarian-program>

¹⁰ Administrative Appeals Tribunal Migration and Refugee Division Caseload Report Financial year to 31 March 2022:

<https://www.aat.gov.au/AAT/media/AAT/Files/Statistics/MRD-detailed-caseload-statistics-2021-22.pdf>

¹¹ 'Top 20 Refugee decisions by country' <https://www.aat.gov.au/AAT/media/AAT/Files/Statistics/MRD-detailed-caseload-statistics-2021-22.pdf>

¹² <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/immigration-detention-statistics-31-january-2022.pdf>

¹³ 'Time In Immigration Detention Facilities' at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-stats/files/immigration-detention-statistics-31-january-2022.pdf>

Temporary Protection visa and Safe Haven Enterprise visa holders

As of February 2022, 7,022 **temporary protection visas (SHEV and TPV)** had been granted to people living in **Victoria**, 1,222 people were awaiting an outcome of their application.

People seeking asylum who arrived without a valid visa are only allowed to apply for TPVs or SHEVs. The following data is about people who arrived by boat before 2014 without a valid visa living in Australia as of February 2022¹⁴. Total data as of January 2022 is shown for comparison.

Table 20: Nationalities: TPV and SHEV grants, **Australia-wide**

Country of Citizenship	Number
Iran	6,329
Afghanistan	4,437
Stateless	2,298
Sri Lanka	2,167
Pakistan	1,264
Iraq	1,084
Sudan	385
Somalia	274
Other	917
Total	19,155

Table 21: TPV and SHEV application status, Australia-wide

Processing Status	February 2022			January 2022
	TPV	SHEV	Total	
On hand at Primary*	183	1,201	1,384	1,490
Review and other	263	762	1,025	1,025
Total	446	1,963	2,409	2,515
Applications Finalised	TPV	SHEV	Total	January 2022
Finalised grants	5,559	13,596	19,155	19,079
Finalised refusals	3,009	6,624	9,633	9,662
Total	8,568	20,220	28,788	28,741

*On hand refers to appeals that are in the process of being reviewed

If you would like to get in touch with the Victorian Refugee Health Network regarding this Data Bulletin, please contact our team at refugeehealth@foundationhouse.org.au. If you would also like to receive more specific information and access to any of the datasets included in this report, please contact us.