



**Offshore Humanitarian Refugee visa stream grants by Country of Birth
(01 January 2015 to 28 October 2016)**

Country of Birth Case	Total
Iraq	4,070
Syria	3,023
Afghanistan	2,536
Myanmar	2,275
Democratic Republic of the Congo	877
Somalia	555
Iran	452
Ethiopia	428
Eritrea	304
Bhutan	234
Other	648
Total	15,402

**Offshore Humanitarian Refugee visa stream by Religion
(01 January 2015 to 28 October 2016)**

Religion	Total
Christian (NFD)	3,487
Shia	2,184
Sunni	2,070
Islam	1,895
Chaldean Catholic	859
Sabeen Mandaean/Sabian	443
Syrian Catholic	408
Buddhism	372
Greek Orthodox	355
Assyrian Church of the East	338
Other	2,991
Total	15,402

Each applicant is assessed against the four factors contained in the compelling reasons criteria contained in the visa criteria. The department does not keep statistics on which factor is the reason for the visa grant as it is a balance of the four factors that determine the outcome.

It is not mandatory for Refugee and Humanitarian visa applicants to be mandated by UNHCR however, the Department works cooperatively with UNCHR and priority is given to those that are formally referred by the UNCHR to Australia for resettlement. Between 1 January 2016 and 28 October 63 per cent of applicants granted an offshore Refugee and Humanitarian visa were referred to the department by the UNHCR.

Offshore Data Notes:

1. This information is provided by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection was extracted from DIBP systems as at 31 October 2016.
2. As data has been drawn from a dynamic system environment, the information is correct at the time of publication and figures may differ slightly from previous or future reporting. The information in this email has been verified and is provided for the purpose as stated in the original request.
3. Refugee visas include subclass 200 (Refugee), 201 (In-Country Special Humanitarian Programme), 203 (Emergency Rescue) and 204 (Woman at Risk).
4. The country of birth of principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants.
5. The religion of principal visa applicants is applied to secondary visa applicants. Religion is self-identified and as declared on application and may include generic responses.
6. These tables include visas granted towards the annual offshore resettlement component of the Humanitarian Programme, and the additional 12,000 places for people displaced by conflict in Syria and Iraq.