

1. Humanitarian Youth Arrivals to Victoria

1. Overview: How Many Young People?

The information presented below is derived from statistics collated by the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) based on the data records of Humanitarian entrants. This information is useful in providing a general overview of the primary source countries for young people from refugee backgrounds currently residing in Australia.

It should be noted that as the information was collected directly from Humanitarian entrants at the time visas were granted, some anomalies and issues around accuracy may arise. Also, country of birth data does not necessarily reflect nationality. For example, children of parents seeking asylum will remain stateless until parents receive citizenship from a specific nation

Table 1: Humanitarian Youth Entrants in Victoria (Aged 12-24) – Onshore & Offshore Arrivals By Country of Birth (1996 to 2002)

AUSTRALIA	2	EL SALVADOR	10	KOREA	4	SOMALIA	482	
AFGHANISTAN	351	ETHIOPIA	163	KUWAIT	61	SRI LANKA	162	
ALBANIA	3	EAST TIMOR	3	LEBANON	7	SUDAN	322	
ALGERIA	5	GERMANY	5	LIBERIA	2	SYRIA	3	
ANGOLA	1	FIJI	8	LITHUANIA	1	TAIWAN	1	
BANGLADESH	1	FRANCE	2	MALAYSIA	3	TANZANIA	2	
BOSNIA-HERZ.	622	FED. REP. YUGOS.	20	MACEDONIA	1	THAILAND	2	
BURMA	44	FRM. YUGOS.*	808	MYANMAR	3	TIBET	1	
BELARUS	2	GEORGIA	2	NEW GUINEA	1	TONGA	2	
CAMBODIA	60	GERMANY	4	NICARAGUA	2	TURKEY	25	
CHINA	10	GREECE	1	PAKISTAN	30	UGANDA	1	
COLOMBIA	4	HONG KONG	4	PHILIPPINES	3	UKRAINE	11	
CONGO REPUB.	1	INDIA	4	PORTUGAL	2	U.S.A.	1	
CROATIA	309	INDONESIA	11	RUSSIAN FED	4	FORMER U.S.S.R.	25	
DJIBOUTI	7	IRAN	135	ROMANIA	3	VIETNAM	119	
EGYPT	10	IRAQ	656	SAUDI ARABIA	10	YEMEN	8	
ENGLAND	3	KAZAKHSTAN	3	SLOVENIA	2	ZAIRE	1	
ERITREA	105	KENYA	1	SOLOMON IS.	1	N/S & UNKNOWN	10	
* Former Yugoslavia indicates Serbia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia and Macedonia. ** Refugee young people on Temporary Protection Visas (TPV's) are not included in this data.							TOTAL	4703

2. Who are the Young People?

In the mid 1990's, young people from Bosnia Herzegovina and other states of the Former Yugoslavia represented a significant component of Australia's Humanitarian intake (as may be seen from the data presented in *Table 1* above).

As a result, young people from Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and the Horn of Africa (Ethiopia, Eritrea and Somalia) represent a far higher component of the intake. Young people originally from Sudan are also increasingly settling in Victoria.

More recently, the intake has altered to reflect changes in the composition and origin of global refugee movements.

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3. Where are the Young People?

The data presented in *Table 2* below confirms the trends of recent years for newly arrived young people and their families to live in particular Local Government Areas (LGA's) of Victoria in the initial period of settlement. These include the Cities of Greater Dandenong (26% of total humanitarian youth arrivals in 2001-2002), Hume (10%), Brimbank (9%), Maribyrnong (7%), Monash (5%) and Moonee Valley (4.5%). While

the table does not indicate Greater Shepparton (n = 5) as a significant settlement point, this rural region has in the past settled large numbers of refugee young people, particularly Iraqi Kurds and Afghani young people. This region is also targeted as a source of employment in the fruit picking and packing industries and is therefore subject to inflows of refugee youth moving outwards from metropolitan LGA's.

Table 2: Humanitarian Youth Entrants in Victoria (Aged 12-24) – Onshore & Offshore Arrivals By Local Government Area (July 2001 to July 2002)

BANYULE	**	GR. DANDENONG	163	MAROONDAH	25	NILLUMBIK	**	
BAYSIDE	6	GR. GEELONG	24	MELBOURNE	7	PORT PHILLIP	10	
BOROONDARA	5	GR. SHEPPARTON	5	MELTON	**	WHITEHORSE	15	
BRIMBANK	55	HOBSONS BAY	9	MILDURA	**	WHITTLESEA	**	
CASEY	18	HUME	61	MOIRA	21	WODONGA	5	
DAREBIN	27	KINGSTON	**	MONASH	32	WYNDHAM	6	
FRANKSTON	9	MANNINGHAM	4	MOONEE VALLEY	28	NOT STATED	21	
GLEN EIRA	8	MARIBYRNONG	42	MORELAND	**			
* Refugee young people on TPV's are not included in this data. ** Indicates less than three persons. *** These statistics reflect the place of settlement at the time visas were granted.							TOTAL	625

4. Young people and Temporary Protection Visas (TPV's)

Temporary Protection Visas (TPV's) are a three year visa granted to those who have made successful on-shore applications for refugee status. Introduced in 1999, they are intended as a deterrent to asylum seeker flows through restrictions such as the lack of family reunion rights, limited access to income support and no access to English language tuition. Young unaccompanied males from Afghanistan and more recently, Iraq Kurds are the primary recipients of TPV's (see *Table 3* below).

Table 3: TPV's Granted to People Aged 12-26 by Country of Birth (1999-2002)

TPV Grants 1999-00	TPV Grants 2000-01	TPV Grants 2001-02
AFGHANISTAN 257	AFGHANISTAN 879	AFGHANISTAN 832
IRAQ 48	IRAQ 572	IRAQ 461
SRI LANKA 20	IRAN 54	IRAN 48
OTHER 11	SRI LANKA 18	SRI LANKA 31
* Source: Prod by ORS – ICSE Data at Sept 2002	PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY 13	PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY 15
	OTHER 37	OTHER 27
TOTAL 336	TOTAL 1573	TOTAL 1414

The number of TPV's granted to young people whose stated destination was Victoria is represented in *Table 4* below.

Table 4: TPV's Granted to People Aged 12-26 in Victoria (1999-2002) *Prod by ORS – ICSE Data at Sept 2002

Grant Year	No.	Grant Year	No.	Grant Year	No.
1999-2000	1	2000-2001	314	2001-2002	286

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