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AN ANALYSIS OF UNHCR'S 2018 GLOBAL REFUGEE STATISTICS

HOW GENEROUS IS AUSTRALIA'S REFUGEE PROGRAM COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTRIES?

Australian political leaders regularly claim that Australia has one of the most generous refugee responses in the world. But what do UNHCR's official statistics for 2018 tell us?

In its [2018 Global Trends report](#), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reported that the world's refugee population had reached 25.9 million by the end of December 2018 and that another 3.5 million were seeking asylum. Of these, 5.5 million refugees are Palestinians recognised under the mandate of the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and 20.4 million are refugees under UNHCR's mandate.

Source countries for refugees

The largest numbers of refugees are from Syria (6.65 million), Afghanistan (2.68 million), South Sudan (2.29 million), Myanmar (1.15 million) and Somalia (950,000). In 2018, the largest increases in refugee populations were from Syria (343,850), Democratic Republic of Congo (99,500), Afghanistan (57,230), Central African Republic (45,350) and Nigeria (37,850). The number of people seeking asylum globally grew by 412,400, with much of this increase resulting from the crisis in Venezuela. In just 12 months, the number of Venezuelans seeking asylum grew by 316,250 to 464,230.

Official refugee population

The five countries hosting the largest number of refugees as at 31 December 2018, according to UNHCR, were Turkey (3.68 million), Pakistan (1.40 million), Uganda (1.17 million), Sudan (1.08 million) and Germany (1.07 million). By comparison, Australia's official refugee population was 56,933 – 45th overall, 50th per capita and 88th relative to national Gross Domestic Product (GDP). These refugee population figures tell only part of the story. They exclude refugees who have been resettled but, in Australia's case, they include those who have been given permanent protection onshore over the past 10 years and refugees on temporary protection visas. As UNHCR statistics focus on identifying people for whom the agency has a particular responsibility under its mandate, these refugee population figures favour nations in which large numbers of refugees remain in unresolved and protracted situations and give less weight to the contribution of nations offering permanent protection and resettlement.

Refugee resettlement

Many of the outlandish political claims within Australia focus solely on refugee resettlement, despite the fact that so few refugees get access to resettlement. In 2018, just 92,424 refugees were resettled from one country to another, less than 0.4% of the total refugee population. Australia's resettlement of 12,706 refugees during the 2018 calendar year saw the country ranked third overall for

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resettlement (behind Canada and USA) – second per capita and relative to national GDP (behind Canada).

Recognition of refugees through asylum processes

During 2018, 1.56 million people who sought asylum were recognised as refugees, through group recognition of refugees arriving in larger numbers, individual assessment of asylum claims or through granting temporary protection. The nations in which the largest numbers of refugees were newly recognised in 2018 were Turkey (402,550), Sudan (190,290), Uganda (180,660), Germany (105,540) and Cameroon (55,320). Australia recognised 10,300 refugees in 2018, most of them given temporary protection visas. In global terms, Australia was ranked 29th for recognition of refugees in 2018 – 30th per capita and 60th relative to GDP.

Australia's contribution through asylum and resettlement processes

The most accurate reflection of Australia's contribution can be found by combining the numbers of given protection for the first time through an asylum or recognition process or given further protection through resettlement. In 2018, 1.65 million people had their refugee status recognised or were resettled. By this measure, Australia recognised or resettled 23,002 refugees in 2018 (1.39% of the global total), being ranked 14th overall, 20th per capita and 60th relative to national GDP.

As numbers vary considerably across different countries from year to year, it is more useful to look at these statistics over a 10-year period. Between January 2009 and December 2018, Australia recognised or resettled 180,790 refugees. This represented 0.89% of the 20.3 million refugees recognised globally over that period. Australia's total contribution for the decade is ranked 25th overall, 29th per capita and 54th relative to national GDP.

Table 1: Australia in global refugee statistics, 2018

	Global total	Australian total	Australia's share	Overall rank	Per capita	To total GDP
Asylum seekers recognised as refugees, 2018	1,560,689	10,926	0.70%	29	30	60
Refugees resettled from other countries, 2018	92,424	12,706	13.75%	3	2	2
Refugees recognised or resettled, 2018	1,653,113	23,002	1.39%	14	20	60
Refugees recognised or resettled, 2009 to 2018	20,301,094	180,788	0.89%	25	29	54
Asylum applications received in 2018	1,680,628	28,839	1.72%	18	36	77
Asylum applications pending, 31 December 2018	3,503,284	60,645	1.73%	13	21	61
Refugees under UNHCR mandate	20,360,562	56,933	0.28%	45	50	88

Table 1 has been drawn from the [spreadsheets published by UNHCR](#) with its 2018 Global Trends report, with the figures since 2009 drawn from previous years' reports. The key statistics – refugees recognised and resettled over the past decade – are highlighted in bold.

The tables which follow provide more detail about refugee numbers by countries of origin and asylum, changes in refugee populations, numbers of asylum claims and some key resettlement statistics.

Table 2: Refugees recognised in 2018, by country of asylum

Country of asylum	Group recognition	Granted temporary protection	Individual recognition	Total recognised as refugees	Rank	Per 1000 popn	Rank	Per \$b GDP	Rank
Turkey	-	397,611	4,941	402,552	1	4.914	1	524.84	13
Sudan	186,536	-	3,754	190,290	2	4.585	2	5613.27	2
Uganda	160,646	-	20,013	180,659	3	4.081	4	6429.15	1
Germany	-	-	105,544	105,544	4	1.283	14	26.79	37
Cameroon	52,766	-	2,552	55,318	5	2.241	5	1436.83	7
Greece	-	31,600	15,460	47,060	6	4.227	3	214.40	21
France	-	-	46,952	46,952	7	0.720	19	16.57	42
Ethiopia	42,129	-	5	42,134	8	0.392	34	524.71	14
United States	-	-	35,198	35,198	9	0.108	52	2.25	90
Nigeria	32,601	-	223	32,824	10	0.170	44	85.04	24
Italy	-	-	30,660	30,660	11	0.517	24	14.58	46
Kenya	7,276	-	16,579	23,855	12	0.468	26	267.43	20
Chad	22,049	-	397	22,446	13	1.462	12	2059.27	5
Malaysia	-	-	21,124	21,124	14	0.660	21	59.20	28
South Sudan	19,581	-	61	19,642	15	1.520	10	5036.41	3
Austria	-	-	18,887	18,887	16	2.158	6	41.07	35
Canada	-	-	16,875	16,875	17	0.457	28	10.35	51
Bangladesh	-	16,252	-	16,252	18	0.098	54	56.47	30
DR Congo	15,968	-	73	16,041	19	0.191	42	376.55	16
Iraq	15,609	-	36	15,645	20	0.397	32	69.10	26
Jordan	13,323	-	1,616	14,939	21	1.509	11	352.33	17
Switzerland	-	-	14,926	14,926	22	1.747	8	21.52	40
United Kingdom	-	-	14,478	14,478	23	0.217	40	4.57	67
Egypt	5	5,288	8,880	14,173	24	0.142	48	56.87	29
Niger	2,924	8,838	1,587	13,349	25	0.598	23	1450.98	6
Zambia	-	-	12,385	12,385	26	0.703	20	491.47	15
Sweden	-	-	11,355	11,355	27	1.138	15	20.59	41
Burundi	-	-	10,697	10,697	28	0.954	18	3146.18	4
Australia	-	-	10,296	10,296	29	0.416	30	7.23	60
Mali	-	-	9,481	9,481	30	0.497	25	551.22	12
Rwanda	8,157	-	39	8,196	31	0.656	22	862.74	10
Mauritania	5,900	-	153	6,053	32	1.333	13	1164.04	8
Russian Federation	-	-	6,043	6,043	33	0.042	72	3.90	72
Mexico	-	-	5,921	5,921	34	0.047	71	3.58	75
Yemen	4,873	153	255	5,281	35	0.183	43	196.32	23
Belgium	-	-	5,045	5,045	36	0.439	29	9.57	54
Malawi	-	-	4,795	4,795	37	0.250	38	694.93	11
Ecuador	-	-	4,757	4,757	38	0.282	36	44.05	33
Afghanistan	3,937	-	2	3,939	39	0.109	51	200.97	22
Netherlands	-	-	3,653	3,653	40	0.214	41	3.95	71
Spain	-	-	3,173	3,173	41	0.068	61	1.55	95
Somalia	2,034	-	459	2,493	42	0.164	45	332.40	18
Finland	-	-	2,282	2,282	43	0.411	31	8.19	58
Djibouti	1,903	-	-	1,903	44	1.958	7	865.00	9
India	-	-	1,728	1,728	45	0.001	132	0.62	113
Denmark	-	-	1,621	1,621	46	0.282	37	4.43	68
Norway	-	-	1,522	1,522	47	0.284	35	3.47	78
Indonesia	-	-	1,508	1,508	48	0.006	115	1.40	97
Morocco	-	1,084	401	1,485	49	0.040	73	12.50	47
Cyprus	-	-	1,214	1,214	50	1.021	17	49.55	31
Other countries (100)	1,110	388	20,542	22,040					
Total	599,327	461,214	500,148	1,560,689					

Source: UNHCR 2018 Global Trends, data table 3

Table 3: Refugees resettled in 2018, by receiving country

Country of resettlement	Resettlement arrivals	Rank	Per 1000 popn	Rank	Per \$b GDP	Rank
Canada	28,076	1	0.760	1	17.22	1
United States of America	22,938	2	0.070	14	1.46	14
Australia	12,706	3	0.513	2	8.93	2
United Kingdom	5,806	4	0.087	9	1.83	9
France	5,560	5	0.085	10	1.96	10
Sweden	4,935	6	0.494	3	8.95	3
Germany	3,217	7	0.039	15	0.82	15
Norway	2,484	8	0.464	4	5.66	4
Netherlands	1,227	9	0.072	12	1.33	12
Switzerland	1,079	10	0.126	7	1.56	7
New Zealand	1,004	11	0.212	5	6.42	5
Belgium	880	12	0.077	11	1.67	11
Spain	830	13	0.018	17	0.41	17
Finland	606	14	0.109	8	2.17	8
Italy	400	15	0.007	20	0.19	20
Ireland	338	16	0.071	13	1.12	13
Croatia	110	17	0.027	16	1.40	16
Iceland	53	18	0.157	6	1.85	6
Portugal	35	19	0.003	22	0.16	22
Slovenia	34	20	0.016	18	0.45	18
Korea, South	26	21	0.001	24		
Japan	22	22	0.000	25		
Lithuania	20	23	0.007	21	0.35	21
Bulgaria	20	24	0.003	23	0.31	23
Estonia	18	25	0.014	19	0.55	19
Total	92,424					

Source: UNHCR 2018 Global Trends, data table 25

Table 4: Recognition and resettlement of refugees 2018, by receiving country

Country of asylum or resettlement	Refugees recognised, 2018	Rank	Refugees resettled, 2018	Rank	Refugee recognition and resettlement	Rank	Per 1000 popn	Rank	Per \$b GDP	Rank
Turkey	402,552	1			402,552	1	4.91	1	524.84	13
Sudan	190,290	2			190,290	2	4.58	2	5613.27	2
Uganda	180,659	3			180,659	3	4.08	4	6429.15	1
Germany	105,544	4	3,217	7	108,761	4	1.32	15	26.79	37
United States	35,198	9	22,938	2	58,136	5	0.18	44	2.25	90
Cameroon	55,318	5			55,318	6	2.24	5	1436.83	7
France	46,952	7	5,560	5	52,512	7	0.81	21	16.57	42
Greece	47,060	6			47,060	8	4.23	3	214.40	21
Canada	16,875	17	28,076	1	44,951	9	1.22	16	10.35	51
Ethiopia	42,134	8			42,134	10	0.39	34	524.71	14
Nigeria	32,824	10			32,824	11	0.17	46	85.04	24
Italy	30,660	11	400	15	31,060	12	0.52	28	14.58	46
Kenya	23,855	12			23,855	13	0.47	32	267.43	20
Australia	10,296	29	12,706	3	23,002	14	0.93	20	7.23	60
Chad	22,446	13			22,446	15	1.46	13	2059.27	5
Malaysia	21,124	14			21,124	16	0.66	24	59.20	28
United Kingdom	14,478	23	5,806	4	20,284	17	0.30	37	4.57	67
South Sudan	19,642	15			19,642	18	1.52	10	5036.41	3
Austria	18,887	16			18,887	19	2.16	6	41.07	35
Sweden	11,355	27	4,935	6	16,290	20	1.63	9	20.59	41
Bangladesh	16,252	18			16,252	21	0.10	55	56.47	30
DR Congo	16,041	19			16,041	22	0.19	43	376.55	16
Switzerland	14,926	22	1,079	10	16,005	23	1.87	8	21.52	40
Iraq	15,645	20			15,645	24	0.40	33	69.10	26
Jordan	14,939	21			14,939	25	1.51	12	352.33	17
Egypt	14,173	24			14,173	26	0.14	49	56.87	29
Niger	13,349	25			13,349	27	0.60	27	1450.98	6
Zambia	12,385	26			12,385	28	0.70	23	491.47	15
Burundi	10,697	28			10,697	29	0.95	19	3146.18	4
Mali	9,481	30			9,481	30	0.50	31	551.22	12
Rwanda	8,196	31			8,196	31	0.66	25	862.74	10
Mauritania	6,053	32			6,053	32	1.33	14	1164.04	8
Russian Federation	6,043	33			6,043	33	0.04	72	3.90	72
Belgium	5,045	36	880	12	5,925	34	0.52	29	9.57	54
Mexico	5,921	34			5,921	35	0.05	69	3.58	75
Yemen	5,281	35			5,281	36	0.18	45	196.32	23
Netherlands	3,653	40	1,227	9	4,880	37	0.29	38	3.95	71
Malawi	4,795	37			4,795	38	0.25	42	694.93	11
Ecuador	4,757	38			4,757	39	0.28	39	44.05	33
Norway	1,522	47	2,484	8	4,006	40	0.75	22	3.47	78
Spain	3,173	41	830	13	4,003	41	0.09	56	1.55	95
Afghanistan	3,939	39			3,939	42	0.11	53	200.97	22
Finland	2,282	43	606	14	2,888	43	0.52	30	8.19	58
Somalia	2,493	42			2,493	44	0.16	47	332.40	18
Djibouti	1,903	44			1,903	45	1.96	7	865.00	9
India	1,728	45			1,728	46	0.00	120	0.62	113
Denmark	1,621	46			1,621	47	0.28	40	4.43	68
Indonesia	1,508	48			1,508	48	0.01	94	1.40	97
Ireland	1,158	51	338	16	1,496	49	0.31	36	3.83	73
Morocco	1,485	49			1,485	50	0.04	73	12.50	47
Other countries (100)	22,096		1,342		23,438					
Total	1,560,689		92,424		1,653,113					

Source: UNHCR 2018 Global Trends, calculated from data tables 3 and 25

Table 5: Refugees recognised and resettled, January 2009 to December 2018

Country of asylum or resettlement	Refugees recognised, 2009-18	Refugees resettled, 2009-18	Recognised and resettled, 2009-18	Rank	Per 1000 popn	Rank	Per \$b GDP	Rank
Turkey	4,267,951	-	4,267,951	1	52.10	3	5,564.47	20
Uganda	1,614,726	-	1,614,726	2	36.47	5	57,463.56	3
Lebanon	1,331,215	-	1,331,215	3	218.48	1	23,603.10	6
Germany	1,094,057	11,433	1,105,490	4	13.44	16	280.57	43
Jordan	1,082,227	-	1,082,227	5	109.28	2	25,524.22	5
Sudan	1,057,580	-	1,057,580	6	25.48	10	31,197.05	4
Ethiopia	908,655	-	908,655	7	8.45	24	11,315.75	16
United States	238,002	628,003	866,005	8	2.65	51	55.29	74
Bangladesh	671,817	-	671,817	9	4.04	41	2,334.32	26
Kenya	532,131	-	532,131	10	10.45	21	5,965.59	19
Russian Federation	445,309	-	445,309	11	3.11	47	287.69	42
Cameroon	396,875	-	396,875	12	16.08	13	10,308.44	17
DR Congo	344,486	-	344,486	13	4.10	39	8,086.53	18
Iraq	321,314	-	321,314	14	8.16	27	1,419.23	30
Canada	113,889	192,946	306,835	15	8.31	26	188.23	47
Afghanistan	302,782	-	302,782	16	8.34	25	15,448.06	10
South Sudan	277,027	-	277,027	17	21.44	12	71,032.56	2
Sweden	243,291	23,502	266,793	18	26.73	9	483.67	37
Egypt	244,762	-	244,762	19	2.46	53	982.19	31
Liberia	230,206	-	230,206	20	47.45	4	71,939.38	1
France	216,815	10,284	227,099	21	3.48	43	80.15	66
Tanzania	219,535	-	219,535	22	3.72	42	3,791.62	24
Niger	193,689	-	193,689	23	8.68	23	21,053.15	7
Italy	189,773	2,018	191,791	24	3.23	46	91.21	62
Australia	56,444	124,344	180,788	25	7.30	29	127.02	54
Malaysia	177,505	-	177,505	26	5.55	35	497.49	36
Chad	161,877	-	161,877	27	10.54	20	14,851.10	13
Tunisia	156,044	-	156,044	28	13.17	17	4,395.61	22
United Kingdom	126,376	23,979	150,355	29	2.25	54	47.46	75
Congo, Republic of	147,311	-	147,311	30	27.26	8	13,152.77	14
Yemen	145,741	-	145,741	31	5.04	38	5,417.88	21
Rwanda	142,168	-	142,168	32	11.37	19	14,965.05	12
Austria	117,418	1,728	119,146	33	13.61	15	259.07	45
Netherlands	101,837	7,061	108,898	34	6.37	34	117.63	56
Switzerland	101,831	3,156	104,987	35	12.29	18	151.37	51
Mauritania	103,809	-	103,809	36	22.86	11	19,963.27	8
Greece	101,663	-	101,663	37	9.13	22	463.16	38
Belgium	76,774	3,127	79,901	38	6.95	30	151.59	50
Norway	57,028	18,202	75,230	39	14.05	14	171.48	49
Syria	74,357	-	74,357	40	4.07	40	-	-
Burkina Faso	59,940	-	59,940	41	3.03	48	4,221.13	23
Burundi	58,309	-	58,309	42	5.20	37	17,149.71	9
South Africa	54,706	-	54,706	43	0.96	61	147.06	52
Ecuador	44,315	-	44,315	44	2.63	52	410.32	39
Denmark	36,215	3,685	39,900	45	6.94	31	108.93	57
Zambia	36,426	-	36,426	46	2.07	56	1,445.48	29
Nigeria	34,528	-	34,528	47	0.18	95	89.45	64
India	34,467	-	34,467	48	0.02	129	12.32	100
Angola	34,423	-	34,423	49	-	143	-	125
Central African Rep.	32,932	-	32,932	50	6.93	32	14,969.09	11
Other countries (132)	413,398	21,670	435,068					
Total	19,225,956	1,075,138	20,301,094					

Source: Calculated by RCOA from UNHCR Global Trends data tables for 2009 to 2018

Table 6: Refugees and asylum seekers 2018, by country of asylum

Country of asylum	Refugees	People in refugee-like situations	Total	Rank	Total per 1000 popn	Rank	Total per \$b GDP	Rank	Asylum seekers	Rank
Turkey	3,681,685	-	3,681,685	1	44.94	4	4,800.11	18	311,719	3
Pakistan	1,404,019	-	1,404,019	2	6.99	26	4,489.99	20	5,181	58
Uganda	1,165,653	-	1,165,653	3	26.33	6	41,482.31	2	25,269	26
Sudan	1,078,287	-	1,078,287	4	25.98	7	31,807.88	4	17,622	33
Germany	1,063,837	-	1,063,837	5	12.93	15	270.00	58	369,284	2
Iran	979,435	-	979,435	6	11.94	17	2,169.77	30	33	145
Lebanon	949,666	-	949,666	7	155.86	1	16,838.05	8	16,423	35
Bangladesh	906,645	-	906,645	8	5.45	36	3,150.26	24	45	140
Ethiopia	903,226	-	903,226	9	8.40	22	11,248.14	12	2,153	71
Jordan	715,312	-	715,312	10	72.23	3	16,870.57	7	52,562	14
DR Congo	529,061	-	529,061	11	6.30	30	12,419.27	11	5,767	56
Chad	451,210	-	451,210	12	29.39	5	41,395.41	3	3,472	60
Kenya	421,248	-	421,248	13	8.27	23	4,722.51	19	50,476	15
Cameroon	380,329	-	380,329	14	15.41	13	9,878.68	13	8,117	50
France	368,352	-	368,352	15	5.65	34	130.00	69	89,074	8
China	321,756	-	321,756	16	0.23	103	20.00	104	603	93
United States	313,241	-	313,241	17	0.96	73	20.00	101	718,994	1
South Sudan	291,842	-	291,842	18	22.59	9	74,831.28	1	2,541	68
Iraq	283,022	-	283,022	19	7.19	25	1,250.10	36	14,015	38
Tanzania	278,322	-	278,322	20	4.71	37	4,806.94	17	39,659	19
Yemen	264,369	-	264,369	21	9.14	21	9,827.84	14	8,814	49
Sweden	248,226	-	248,226	22	24.87	8	450.01	46	37,942	20
Egypt	246,749	-	246,749	23	2.48	49	990.16	37	68,184	12
India	195,891	-	195,891	24	0.14	116	70.00	82	11,957	42
Italy	189,243	-	189,243	25	3.19	44	90.00	76	105,624	7
Niger	175,418	-	175,418	26	7.86	24	19,067.17	6	3,555	59
Rwanda	141,617	3,743	145,360	27	11.63	18	15,301.05	10	420	96
Austria	128,769	-	128,769	28	14.71	14	279.99	57	37,364	21
United Kingdom	126,720	-	126,720	29	1.90	55	40.00	89	45,244	17
Malaysia	120,235	1,067	121,302	30	3.79	40	339.97	53	41,809	18
Canada	114,109	-	114,109	31	3.09	45	70.00	81	78,806	9
Switzerland	104,037	-	104,037	32	12.18	16	150.00	67	14,797	37
Thailand	53,328	48,917	102,245	33	1.48	62	209.99	61	944	86
Netherlands	101,837	-	101,837	34	5.96	33	110.00	73	12,303	40
Ecuador	51,614	49,950	101,564	35	6.02	32	940.41	38	17,050	34
Algeria	94,350	-	94,350	36	2.25	51	520.12	44	8,926	48
South Africa	89,285	-	89,285	37	1.56	59	240.01	60	184,203	5
Mauritania	57,191	26,000	83,191	38	18.32	12	15,998.27	9	1,131	83
Russian Federation	77,397	-	77,397	39	0.54	88	50.00	84	1,381	81
Afghanistan	72,231	-	72,231	40	1.99	54	3,685.26	21	285	106
Burundi	71,507	-	71,507	41	6.38	28	21,031.47	5	5,670	57
Venezuela	8,463	58,826	67,289	42	2.08	53	679.69	40	142	124
Greece	48,026	13,434	61,460	43	5.52	35	280.00	56	76,099	11
Norway	57,026	-	57,026	44	10.65	19	129.99	70	2,292	69
Australia	56,933	-	56,933	45	2.30	50	40.00	88	60,645	13
Zambia	49,879	-	49,879	46	2.83	46	1,979.33	32	3,306	62
Belgium	42,168	-	42,168	47	3.67	41	80.00	80	19,550	31
Angola	39,865	-	39,865	48	1.30	66	370.15	49	30,140	24
Congo, Republic of	37,494	-	37,494	49	6.94	27	3,347.68	22	9,180	47
Denmark	36,631	-	36,631	50	6.37	29	100.00	75	2,719	67
Other countries (126)	530,785	41,084	571,869						879,793	
Total	20,117,541	243,021	20,360,562						3,503,284	

Source: UNHCR 2018 Global Trends, data table 1

Table 7: Applications for asylum received in 2018

Country of asylum	Individual asylum applications	Group recognition	Temporary protection applications	Total asylum applications	Rank	Total applications per 1000 popn	Rank	Total applications per \$b GDP	Rank
Turkey	83,818	-	397,611	481,429	1	5.877	5	627.68	13
Peru	192,501	-	-	192,501	2	6.089	4	761.17	12
Sudan	1,904	186,536	-	188,440	3	4.540	9	5,558.70	2
Uganda	19,667	160,646	-	180,313	4	4.073	12	6,416.83	1
Germany	161,931	-	-	161,931	5	1.968	19	41.10	56
United States	144,954	-	-	144,954	6	0.444	53	9.26	97
France	114,519	-	-	114,519	7	1.757	23	40.42	58
Greece	64,985	-	31,600	96,585	8	8.675	1	440.02	23
Brazil	79,997	-	-	79,997	9	0.353	60	70.63	45
Cameroon	4,979	52,766	-	57,745	10	2.340	18	1,499.87	8
Spain	55,667	-	-	55,667	11	1.197	35	27.21	70
Canada	55,385	-	-	55,385	12	1.500	30	33.98	62
Italy	48,451	-	-	48,451	13	0.817	39	23.04	71
Ethiopia	378	42,129	-	42,507	14	0.395	56	529.35	18
United Kingdom	37,453	-	-	37,453	15	0.562	48	11.82	89
Nigeria	552	32,601	-	33,153	16	0.172	76	85.89	42
Mexico	29,623	-	-	29,623	17	0.233	71	17.90	81
Australia	28,839	-	-	28,839	18	1.165	36	20.26	77
Egypt	22,963	5	5,288	28,256	19	0.284	65	113.39	40
Costa Rica	27,993	-	-	27,993	20	5.664	6	492.83	20
Kenya	19,397	7,276	-	26,673	21	0.524	49	299.02	27
Chad	3,296	22,049	-	25,345	22	1.651	24	2,325.23	5
Malaysia	23,782	-	-	23,782	23	0.743	43	66.65	47
Jordan	10,438	13,323	-	23,761	24	2.399	16	560.40	15
DR Congo	5,117	15,968	-	21,085	25	0.251	69	494.95	19
Netherlands	20,501	-	-	20,501	26	1.200	34	22.14	73
South Sudan	707	19,581	-	20,288	27	1.570	27	5,202.05	3
Belgium	18,145	-	-	18,145	28	1.579	26	34.42	61
Sweden	17,983	-	-	17,983	29	1.802	22	32.60	63
Niger	5,788	2,924	8,838	17,550	30	0.786	40	1,907.61	6
Iraq	1,530	15,609	-	17,139	31	0.435	54	75.70	44
Ecuador	17,031	-	-	17,031	32	1.009	37	157.69	36
Bangladesh	33	-	16,252	16,285	33	0.098	91	56.58	51
Israel	16,263	-	-	16,263	34	1.927	20	43.79	53
Libya	16,260	-	-	16,260	35	2.515	15	369.55	24
Korea, South	16,147	-	-	16,147	36	0.334	61		
Burundi	13,910	-	-	13,910	37	1.241	33	4,091.18	4
Austria	13,746	-	-	13,746	38	1.570	28	29.89	67
Switzerland	13,536	-	-	13,536	39	1.585	25	19.52	78
Zambia	11,306	-	-	11,306	40	0.641	45	448.65	21
Panama	10,778	-	-	10,778	41	2.568	14	171.08	35
Japan	10,493	-	-	10,493	42	0.055	108		
Mali	9,937	-	-	9,937	43	0.520	50	577.73	14
Trinidad and Tobago	8,637	-	-	8,637	44	6.272	3	440.66	22
South Africa	8,397	-	-	8,397	45	0.147	80	22.57	72
Rwanda	217	8,157	-	8,374	46	0.670	44	881.47	10
Russian Federation	7,875	-	-	7,875	47	0.055	109	5.09	113
Cyprus	7,713	-	-	7,713	48	6.487	2	314.82	26
United Arab Emrts	7,483	-	-	7,483	49	0.771	41		
India	7,229	-	-	7,229	50	0.005	137	2.58	119
Other nations (107)	119,853	19,757	1,625	141,235					
Total	1,620,087	599,327	461,214	2,680,628					

Source: UNHCR 2018 Global Trends, data tables 3 and 10 (excluding administrative and judicial review applications)

Table 8: Asylum cases pending, 31 December 2018

Country of asylum	Cases pending, 31 Dec 2018	Rank	Cases pending per 1000 popn	Rank	Cases pending per \$b GDP	Rank
United States of America	718,994	1	2.204	22	45.91	59
Germany	369,284	2	4.488	11	93.72	46
Turkey	311,719	3	3.805	15	406.41	21
Peru	230,871	4	7.303	6	912.89	10
South Africa	184,203	5	3.218	18	495.17	19
Brazil	152,690	6	0.674	46	134.80	39
Italy	105,624	7	1.780	27	50.23	54
France	89,074	8	1.366	34	31.44	66
Canada	78,806	9	2.134	24	48.34	58
Spain	78,685	10	1.692	31	38.46	64
Greece	76,099	11	6.835	8	346.69	24
Egypt	68,184	12	0.685	44	273.61	29
Australia	60,645	13	2.450	21	42.61	61
Jordan	52,562	14	5.308	10	1239.67	7
Kenya	50,476	15	0.991	40	565.87	16
Libya	47,414	16	7.333	5	1077.59	9
United Kingdom	45,244	17	0.678	45	14.28	83
Malaysia	41,809	18	1.306	35	117.18	43
Tanzania	39,659	19	0.671	47	684.96	13
Sweden	37,942	20	3.801	16	68.79	49
Austria	37,364	21	4.268	13	81.24	47
Israel	35,570	22	4.214	14	95.77	45
Costa Rica	32,618	23	6.600	9	574.26	15
Angola	30,140	24	0.983	41	279.85	28
Japan	29,040	25	0.153	78		
Uganda	25,269	26	0.571	53	899.25	11
Mexico	23,847	27	0.187	73	14.41	81
Malawi	23,141	28	1.209	36	3353.77	3
Mozambique	21,139	29	0.689	43	1467.99	6
Korea, South	19,836	30	0.410	59		
Belgium	19,550	31	1.701	29	37.09	65
Syria	18,654	32	1.021	38		
Sudan	17,622	33	0.425	58	519.82	17
Ecuador	17,050	34	1.011	39	157.87	36
Lebanon	16,423	35	2.695	19	291.19	27
Somalia	16,361	36	1.075	37	2181.47	4
Switzerland	14,797	37	1.732	28	21.33	73
Iraq	14,015	38	0.356	62	61.90	50
Panama	13,616	39	3.244	17	216.13	32
Netherlands	12,303	40	0.720	42	13.29	84
Chile	12,012	41	0.650	49	59.09	51
India	11,957	42	0.009	135	4.27	107
Djibouti	10,483	43	10.785	2	4765.00	1
Cyprus	10,307	44	8.669	3	420.69	20
Zimbabwe	10,210	45	0.602	50	392.69	22
Trinidad and Tobago	9,948	46	7.224	7	507.55	18
Congo, Republic of	9,180	47	1.699	30	819.64	12
Algeria	8,926	48	0.213	70	49.21	56
Yemen	8,814	49	0.305	63	327.66	25
Cambodia	8,117	50				
Other countries (114)	124,991					
Total	3,503,284					

Source: UNHCR 2018 Global Trends, data table 1

Table 9: Refugees and asylum seekers 2018, by country of origin

Country or territory of origin	Refugees	People in refugee-like situations	Total	Rank	Asylum seekers	Rank
Syrian Arab Rep.	6,632,451	21,935	6,654,386	1	139,585	4
Afghanistan	2,676,619	4,650	2,681,269	2	310,120	2
South Sudan	2,285,257	59	2,285,316	3	12,717	46
Myanmar	1,096,213	48,941	1,145,154	4	30,464	29
Somalia	949,487	165	949,652	5	55,864	18
Sudan	722,469	2,322	724,791	6	67,437	16
DR Congo	716,355	3,952	720,307	7	133,441	5
Central African Rep.	590,874	-	590,874	8	17,296	37
Eritrea	492,776	14,491	507,267	9	78,607	13
Burundi	387,862	-	387,862	10	53,377	19
Iraq	369,444	2,898	372,342	11	256,725	3
Vietnam	334,473	2	334,475	12	5,579	65
Nigeria	276,853	-	276,853	13	84,645	12
Rwanda	247,481	-	247,481	14	13,776	43
China	212,050	-	212,050	15	94,364	8
Mali	158,275	-	158,275	16	10,907	50
Colombia	79,760	58,826	138,586	17	45,681	21
Pakistan	131,653	606	132,259	18	75,360	15
Iran	128,715	1,225	129,940	19	87,379	10
Western Sahara	90,791	26,000	116,791	20	1,805	90
Sri Lanka	113,963	-	113,963	21	14,526	41
Palestinian	100,742	-	100,742	22	13,481	45
Ukraine	92,991	272	93,263	23	31,973	28
Ethiopia	92,234	-	92,234	24	133,283	6
Turkey	68,903	-	68,903	25	42,925	23
Russian Federation	61,463	-	61,463	26	43,283	22
Cameroon	45,139	-	45,139	27	18,665	34
Côte d'Ivoire	38,323	-	38,323	28	22,881	31
Mauritania	37,059	-	37,059	29	8,136	58
El Salvador	32,564	-	32,564	30	119,271	7
Serbia and Kosovo	32,253	117	32,370	31	9,714	51
Yemen	31,154	-	31,154	32	35,892	25
Haiti	27,531	-	27,531	33	40,980	24
Egypt	24,864	-	24,864	34	16,776	39
Croatia	24,107	-	24,107	35	81	151
Guinea	23,493	-	23,493	36	33,066	26
Venezuela	21,046	-	21,046	37	464,229	1
Bangladesh	20,888	148	21,036	38	58,856	17
Guatemala	19,132	-	19,132	39	86,874	11
Honduras	18,860	-	18,860	40	76,532	14
Senegal	18,222	-	18,222	41	17,438	36
Ghana	18,086	-	18,086	42	12,557	47
Gambia	17,251	-	17,251	43	14,035	42
Bosnia and Herzegovina	16,927	37	16,964	44	1,622	92
Zimbabwe	15,629	-	15,629	45	17,134	38
Libya	13,874	-	13,874	46	6,794	63
Tibetan	13,530	-	13,530	47	-	-
Albania	13,518	-	13,518	48	21,083	32
Congo, Republic of	13,352	-	13,352	49	11,780	48
Mexico	12,870	-	12,870	50	89,796	9
Other countries (159)	235,600	6,177	241,777		391,823	
Stateless	55,772	-	55,772		7,107	
Various/unknown	166,343	50,198	216,541		65,562	
Total	20,117,541	243,021	20,360,562		3,503,284	

Source: UNHCR 2018 Global Trends, data table 2

Table 10: Increases in refugee population in 2018, by country of origin

Country or territory of origin	Population, 1 Jan 2018	Group recognition	Temporary protection	Individual recognition	Total recognised	Rank	Population, 31 Dec 2018
Syria	6,310,540	110,634	415,894	78,978	605,506	1	6,654,386
South Sudan	2,439,908	179,099	135	2,491	181,725	2	2,285,316
DR Congo	620,804	123,364	-	51,316	174,680	3	720,307
Afghanistan	2,624,036	3	10,512	51,953	62,468	4	2,681,269
Central African Rep.	545,525	53,071	-	4,656	57,727	5	590,874
Nigeria	239,007	32,140	8,838	9,323	50,301	6	276,853
Eritrea	486,220	14,629	272	24,176	39,077	7	507,267
Myanmar	1,156,724	-	16,252	21,361	37,613	8	1,145,154
Iraq	362,538	233	8,192	28,217	36,642	9	372,342
Cameroon	11,030	32,601	-	2,289	34,890	10	45,139
Sudan	694,567	19,653	-	11,127	30,780	11	724,791
Somalia	986,395	5,902	816	18,307	25,025	12	949,652
Burundi	439,329	10,062	-	7,749	17,811	13	387,862
Iran	118,645	-	-	14,854	14,854	14	129,940
Pakistan	129,688	3,939	-	8,206	12,145	15	132,259
Mali	150,326	9,381	-	2,552	11,933	16	158,275
Venezuela	9,650	-	-	10,026	10,026	17	21,046
Turkey	61,403	-	-	9,627	9,627	18	68,903
China	207,722	-	-	9,481	9,481	19	212,050
Burkina Faso	2,703	-	-	8,890	8,890	20	11,460
Ukraine	139,595	-	-	8,628	8,628	21	93,263
Ethiopia	87,452	380	-	7,936	8,316	22	92,234
Yemen	23,555	4,178	245	3,458	7,881	23	31,154
Colombia	191,667	-	-	6,322	6,322	24	138,586
El Salvador	26,494	-	-	5,752	5,752	25	32,564
Bangladesh	16,849	-	-	4,807	4,807	26	21,036
Guinea	20,340	1	-	4,288	4,289	27	23,493
Russian Federation	61,591	-	-	3,821	3,821	28	61,463
Honduras	15,030	-	-	3,365	3,365	29	18,860
Côte d'Ivoire	40,002	-	-	3,039	3,039	30	38,323
Libya	11,215	-	-	2,978	2,978	31	13,874
Gambia	14,578	-	-	2,872	2,872	32	17,251
Egypt	22,127	-	-	2,768	2,768	33	24,864
Sri Lanka	115,628	-	-	2,746	2,746	34	113,963
Guatemala	16,401	-	-	2,560	2,560	35	19,132
Palestinian	99,640	4	38	2,096	2,138	36	100,742
India	7,937	-	-	2,138	2,138	37	9,602
Albania	12,176	-	-	2,055	2,055	38	13,518
Senegal	26,596	-	-	1,952	1,952	39	18,222
Mexico	11,677	-	-	1,555	1,555	40	12,870
Niger	1,368	33	-	1,255	1,288	41	2,725
Ghana	16,973	-	-	1,254	1,254	42	18,086
Serbia and Kosovo	33,249	-	-	1,116	1,116	43	32,370
Haiti	28,447	-	-	999	999	44	27,531
Rwanda	258,997	-	-	976	976	45	247,481
Uganda	6,415	1	-	871	872	46	7,035
Armenia	10,798	-	-	864	864	47	11,047
Morocco	3,098	-	-	864	864	48	3,888
Georgia	6,526	-	-	837	837	49	6,975
Vietnam	334,039	-	-	835	835	50	334,475
Other countries (154)	431,225	19	2	15,376	15,397		426,477
Stateless	53,336	-	18	4,420	4,438		55,772
Various/unknown	201,763	-	-	19,766	19,766		216,541
Total	19,943,544	599,327	461,214	500,148	1,560,689		20,360,562

Source: UNHCR 2018 Global Trends, data table 4

Table 11: Decreases in refugee populations 2018, by country of origin

Country or territory of origin	Population, 1 Jan 2018	Voluntary repatriation	Resettlement departures	Cessation	Naturalisation	Total decreases	Rank	Population, 31 Dec 2018
Syria	6,310,540	210,947	23,514	14	30,277	264,752	1	6,654,386
South Sudan	2,439,908	136,155	246	-	14	136,415	2	2,285,316
Somalia	986,395	87,544	839	1	2,354	90,738	3	949,652
Burundi	439,329	45,536	589	-	259	46,384	4	387,862
Central African Rep.	545,525	35,182	568	3	35	35,788	5	590,874
Colombia	191,667	23,897	485	9	868	25,259	6	138,586
DR Congo	620,804	6,628	12,719	21	972	20,340	7	720,307
Afghanistan	2,624,036	16,220	1,543	7	1,662	19,432	8	2,681,269
Rwanda	258,997	3,077	189	8,254	288	11,808	9	247,481
Mozambique	50	8,845	-	-	4	8,849	10	58
Mali	150,326	6,677	140	-	94	6,911	11	158,275
Chad	16,342	6,351	12	2	63	6,428	12	10,898
Iraq	362,538	63	2,056	83	3,757	5,959	13	372,342
Myanmar	1,156,724	95	5,235	-	220	5,550	14	1,145,154
Eritrea	486,220	297	2,451	-	837	3,585	15	507,267
Senegal	26,596	-	28	1	3,536	3,565	16	18,222
Sudan	694,567	1,805	1,139	3	402	3,349	17	724,791
Côte d'Ivoire	40,002	2,839	52	7	162	3,060	18	38,323
Sri Lanka	115,628	1,421	39	28	751	2,239	19	113,963
Pakistan	129,688	12	659	1	937	1,609	20	132,259
Iran	118,645	8	265	7	1,290	1,570	21	129,940
Ethiopia	87,452	16	742	1	771	1,530	22	92,234
Bhutan	7,952	-	920	-	301	1,221	23	7,104
Haiti	28,447	-	-	10	790	800	24	27,531
Nigeria	239,007	2	113	4	586	705	25	276,853
China	207,722	-	7	2	596	605	26	212,050
Russian Federation	61,591	32	1	232	311	576	27	61,463
Mexico	11,677	-	-	-	410	410	28	12,870
Palestinian	99,640	1	305	-	66	372	29	100,742
Nepal	8,425	-	-	1	318	319	30	8,594
India	7,937	-	1	-	292	293	31	9,602
Serbia and Kosovo	33,249	6	-	47	225	278	32	32,370
Guinea	20,340	-	14	3	252	269	33	23,493
Turkey	61,403	1	-	18	245	264	34	68,903
United States of America ⁶	322	-	-	-	258	258	35	342
Uganda	6,415	1	75	-	173	249	36	7,035
Egypt	22,127	-	7	-	237	244	37	24,864
Kenya	7,574	-	-	-	243	243	38	7,489
Cameroon	11,030	-	26	-	186	212	39	45,139
Bangladesh	16,849	-	2	2	196	200	40	21,036
Azerbaijan	10,893	-	-	2	189	191	41	11,246
Zimbabwe	17,434	21	9	-	150	180	42	15,629
El Salvador	26,494	-	-	-	165	165	43	32,564
Armenia	10,798	-	-	3	157	160	44	11,047
Liberia	6,061	-	40	55	62	157	45	5,525
Namibia	1,372	106	-	-	50	156	46	1,336
Cuba	5,379	-	2	1	149	152	47	5,488
Congo, Republic of	13,291	2	13	2	127	144	48	13,352
Ukraine	139,595	6	-	46	88	140	49	93,263
Jamaica	2,238	-	13	-	110	123	50	2,453
Other countries (155)	801,204	21	138	89	3,011	3,259		849,407
Stateless	53,336	-	27	-	2,169	2,196		55,772
Various/unknown	201,763	-	4	-	934	938		216,541
Total	19,943,544	593,814	55,227	8,959	62,599	720,599		20,360,562

Table 12: Resettlement departures, 2018

Country of asylum	Resettlement departures
Lebanon	9,805
Turkey	9,547
Jordan	5,106
Uganda	3,999
Tanzania	3,421
Thailand	2,583
Burundi	2,476
Malaysia	2,402
Egypt	1,986
Kenya	1,641
Rwanda	1,346
Niger	1,248
India	1,133
Nepal	920
Chad	760
Malawi	634
Sudan	631
Iraq	579
Indonesia	508
Ecuador	492
Pakistan	441
Ethiopia	437
Sri Lanka	302
Zambia	298
Iran	263
Libya	245
Syria	213
Zimbabwe	194
Namibia	188
Israel	183
Cameroon	153
Somalia	126
Congo, Republic of	114
Mozambique	108
Yemen	102
Morocco	89
Malta	79
Ghana	72
South Africa	66
Algeria	38
Portugal	35
Botswana	29
DR Congo	27
Trinidad and Tobago	24
Ukraine	23
United Arab Emirates	21
Djibouti	19
Mauritania	19
Senegal	13
Cuba	12
Other countries (21)	77
Total	55,227

Source: UNHCR 2018 Global Trends, data table 3.