



# Australia vs the World

## Refugees under UNHCR mandate (10.55 million)

### Australia's World Ranking

- By total number of refugees **46<sup>th</sup>**
- Compared to our population size (per capita) **69<sup>th</sup>**
- Compared to our national wealth GDP (PPP) per capita **79<sup>th</sup>**

### Compared to other "advanced economies" (of 32 in total) <sup>i</sup>

- Compared to Australia's population size (per capita) **18<sup>th</sup>**
- Compared to Australia's national wealth GDP (PPP) **13<sup>th</sup>**

## How Australia compares

### Refugees under UNHCR mandate

Of the 10.55 million refugees under UNHCR's mandate as of 2010, the largest numbers were being hosted by Pakistan (1,900,621), Iran (1,073,366), Syria (1,005,472), Germany (594,269), Jordan (450,915).

The five major refugee-hosting countries accounted half (50.5 per cent) of people deemed refugees by UNHCR.

They were followed by Kenya (402,905), Chad (347,939), China (300,986), United states (264,574), United Kingdom (238,150) and Bangladesh (229,253)

Australia was ranked 46th, hosting 21,805 refugees, or 0.2 per cent of the global total. Taking into account relative population size, that rank drops to 69<sup>th</sup>.

### Capacity vs Contribution

Pakistan hosted the highest number of refugees - mainly from Afghanistan - compared to its national economy. It hosted 710 refugees per 1 USD.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo was second hosting 475 refugees per 1 USD, followed by Kenya (247), Chad (225) the Syrian Arab Republic (191), and Ethiopia (149).

The first developed country was Germany at 25th place hosting 17 refugees per 1 USD.

Australia hosted 0.6 refugees per 1 USD, ranking it 79<sup>th</sup> in the world.

## Asylum seeker applications in 2010

South Africa received the highest number of asylum applications in 2010: 171,702.

Other leading countries for asylum applications were Canada (51,025), Ecuador (49,889), Greece (47,099), France (29,776), Germany (28,702), and Kenya (26,539).

The industrialised countries with the largest number of asylum applications in 2010 were the United States (55,500), France (47,800), Germany (41,300), Sweden (31,800) and Canada (23,200).

Together, the top five receiving countries accounted for nearly half of all asylum seeker claims.

### Australia's rank

- Total asylum seeker applications **10,955 of 1,058,318 = (1.04%)**
- World Rank (by total numbers) **25<sup>th</sup>**
- World Rank (per capita) **51<sup>st</sup>**

## 2010 statistics at a glance

### 43.7 million people displaced, as at 31 December 2010

- **Refugees** **15.37 million**  
(10.55 million under UNHCR mandate, 4,820,229 million Palestinians under UNRWA mandate)
- **Asylum seekers** **837,500**
- **Internally displaced persons** **27.5 million**

**“More than 80 percent of the world's refugees are in developing nations”**

Category	Global total	Australian total	Australia's share
Refugees under UNHCR mandate	10,549,412	21,805	0.21%
Asylum applications	1,058,318	10,955	1.04%
Asylum seekers recognised as refugees	440,409	3,859	0.88%
Refugees resettled from other countries	98,761	8,516	8.62%
Refugees recognised or resettled	539,170	12,375	2.30%

*Note: Country comparisons by GDP are measured using Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) per capita. That is, by how much relative wealth each country has to spend on each person.*

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<sup>i</sup> IMF declared “advanced economies” excluding San Marino and Taiwan for which there is no UN data.