

Australia vs the World

How Australia Compares (Refugees)

Australia's World Ranking

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

Compared to other "advanced economies" (32 in total)¹

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

"More than 80 percent of the world's refugees are in developing nations"

Category	Global total	Australia total	Australia's share & rank
Refugees under UNHCR mandate	10,549,686	21,805	0.21% (46 th)
Refugees resettled from other countries	98,761	8,516	8.62% (3 rd)
Refugees recognised or resettled	539,170	12,375	2.30% (10 th)

World's Refugee Burden Explained

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 for nearly half (48 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 69th.

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 79th in the world.

¹ IMF declared "advanced economies" excluding San Marino and Taiwan for which there is no UN data.

How Australia Compares (Asylum Seekers)

Australia's World Ranking (2010)

- By total number of asylum claims **25th**
- Compared to our population size (per capita) **51st**
- % of total world applications **1.04%**

Australia's Ranking of 44 Industrialised Countries (first half 2011)

- By total number of asylum claims **32nd**
- % of total applications **2.5%**

Category	Global total	Australia total	Australia's share & rank
Asylum applications pending, 31 December 2010	837,478	3,760	0.45% (34 th)
Asylum applications received in 2010	1,058,318	10,955	1.04% (25 th)
Asylum seekers recognised as refugees in 2010	440,409	3,859	0.88% (27 th)

World's Asylum Seeker Burden Explained

World Asylum Applications in 2010

South Africa received the highest number of asylum applications in 2010: 180,637.

Other leading countries for asylum applications were Kenya (93,839), France (80,207), Germany (48,589), Ethiopia (47,190), Sweden (45,114) and United States (42,971).

Together, the top five receiving countries accounted for 43 per cent of all asylum claims.

In comparison, Australia received 10,955 asylum claims or 1.04% out of a total of 1,058,318 in 2010.

Asylum Applications in 44 Industrialised Countries in 2011 (first half)

The United States received the highest number of asylum applications in the first half of 2011: 36,400.

France ranked second with (26,100), followed by Germany (20,100), Sweden (12,600), United Kingdom (12,200), Belgium (12,000), Canada (11,500), Italy (10,900), Switzerland (8,500) and Austria (5,800).

Together, the top five receiving countries accounted for more than half (54%) of all asylum claims.

In comparison, Australia received 4,955 asylum claims of 198,300 in the first half of 2011. A decrease of 19% from the same period in 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**



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