Australia vs. the World

How Australia Compares (Refugees)

Australia’s World Ranking (2012)
- By total number of refugees: 49th
- Compared to our population size (per capita): 62th
- Compared to our national wealth GDP (PPP) per capita: 87th

Australia’s Ranking of 44 Industrialised Countries (2012)
- By total number of refugees: 14th
- Compared to Australia’s population size (per capita): 22nd
- Compared to Australia’s national wealth GDP (PPP): 17th

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<td>Refugees under UNHCR mandate</td>
<td>10,500,241</td>
<td>30,083</td>
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<td>Refugees resettled from other countries</td>
<td>88,600</td>
<td>5,900</td>
<td>6.66% (3rd)</td>
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How Australia Compares (Asylum Seekers)

Australia’s World Ranking (2012)
- By total number of asylum claims: 20th
- Compared to our population size (per capita): 29th
- Compared to our national wealth GDP (PPP) per capita: 52nd

Australia’s Ranking of 44 Industrialised Countries (2012)
- By total number of asylum claims: 12th
- Compared to our population size (per capita): 16th
- Compared to our national wealth GDP (PPP) per capita: 14th

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<td>Asylum applications received in 2012</td>
<td>2,011,334</td>
<td>29,610</td>
<td>1.47% (20th)</td>
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<td>Asylum seekers recognised as refugees in 2012</td>
<td>1,361,816</td>
<td>8,367</td>
<td>0.61% (28th)</td>
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Statistics at a glance

45.2 million people displaced, as at 31 December 2012
- Refugees: 15.4 million (10.5 million under UNHCR mandate, 4.9 million Palestinians under UNRWA mandate)
- Asylum seekers: 893,700
- Internally displaced persons: 28.8 million

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World’s Refugee Burden Explained

“23,000 persons per day leave their homes and seek protection elsewhere – more than the total number of asylum seekers arriving in Australia in a year”

Refugees under UNHCR mandate

Of the 10.5 million refugees under UNHCR’s mandate as of 2012, the largest numbers were being hosted by Pakistan (1,638,500), Iran (868,200), Germany (589,700), Kenya (564,900), Syria (476,500) and Ethiopia (376,400).

Developing countries hosted over 80% of the world’s refugees, compared to 70% ten years ago.

Australia was ranked 49th, hosting 30,083 refugees, or 0.3 per cent of the global total. Taking into account relative population size, that rank drops to 62nd.

Capacity vs. Contribution

Pakistan hosted the highest number of refugees - mainly from Afghanistan - compared to its national economy. It hosted 552 refugees per 1 USD of GDP.

Ethiopia was second hosting 303 refugees per 1 USD, followed by Kenya (301), South Sudan (209), Chad (200) and The Democratic Republic of Congo (153).

The first developed country was Germany at 31st place hosting 15 refugees per 1 USD of GDP.

Australia hosted 0.7 refugees per 1 USD of GDP per capita, ranking it 77th in the world.

REFERENCES

