

# Australia vs. the World

## How Australia Compares (Refugees)

### Australia's World Ranking (2012)

- By total number of refugees **49<sup>th</sup>**
- Compared to our population size (per capita) **62<sup>th</sup>**
- Compared to our national wealth GDP (PPP) per capita **87<sup>th</sup>**

### Australia's Ranking of 44 Industrialised Countries (2012)

- By total number of refugees **14<sup>th</sup>**
- Compared to Australia's population size (per capita) **22<sup>nd</sup>**
- Compared to Australia's national wealth GDP (PPP) **17<sup>th</sup>**

Category	Global total	Australia total	Australia's share & rank
Refugees under UNHCR mandate	10,500,241	30,083	0.29% (49 <sup>th</sup> )
Refugees resettled from other countries	88,600	5,900	6.66% (3 <sup>rd</sup> )

## How Australia Compares (Asylum Seekers)

### Australia's World Ranking (2012)

- By total number of asylum claims **20<sup>th</sup>**
- Compared to our population size (per capita) **29<sup>th</sup>**
- Compared to our national wealth GDP (PPP) per capita **52<sup>nd</sup>**

### Australia's Ranking of 44 Industrialised Countries (2012)

- By total number of asylum claims **12<sup>th</sup>**
- Compared to our population size (per capita) **16<sup>th</sup>**
- Compared to our national wealth GDP (PPP) per capita **14<sup>th</sup>**

Category	Global total	Australia total	Australia's share & rank
Asylum applications received in 2012	2,011,334	29,610	1.47% (20 <sup>th</sup> )
Asylum seekers recognised as refugees in 2012	1,361,816	8,367	0.61% (28 <sup>th</sup> )

## Statistics at a glance

### 45.2 million people displaced, as at 31 December 2012

- **Refugees** **15.4 million**  
(10.5million under UNHCR mandate, 4.9 million Palestinians under UNRWA mandate)
- **Asylum seekers** **893,700**
- **Internally displaced persons** **28.8 million**

## 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 62<sup>nd</sup>.

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> place hosting 15 refugees per 1 USD of GDP.

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

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