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*small actions, big outcomes***

*Update: information on asylum seekers and refugees (update to WB21-7).*

*The refugee situation for which Australia is responsible has by no means been resolved.*

There are 5000 refugees from Afghanistan here in Australia without permanent visas.

There are 30,000 refugees (from various countries) in Australia on Temporary Protection Visas.

There are still 109 refugees on Nauru and 130 in PNG.

 The recent announcement of 15,000 additional places over 4 years for Afghani nationals to settle in Australia is misleading. These are not extra places but part of our current annual allocation on 13,750 places under Australia’s Refugee and Humanitarian program. It is in stark contrast to the 40,000 places for Afghan nationals promised by the Canadian government.

The Australian Department of Home Affairs reported that **1,459 people** are currently in immigration detention facilities in Australia (reported this month by Human Rights Watch).

Further information:

Visas for refugees and asylum seekers: Temporary protection visas: <https://asrc.org.au/resources/fact-sheet/temporary-protection-visas/>

General information from the government: <https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/BN/1011/SeekingAsylum#_Toc279664513>

A good article on Australia’s arbitrary and indefinite system for refugees and asylum seekers: <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2022/feb/16/australia-holding-people-in-immigration-detention-for-record-689-days-on-average-report-finds>

The Refugee Council provides regular updates at <https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/detention-australia-statistics/>

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