

Humanitarian Arrivals in Western Australia for 2008-09



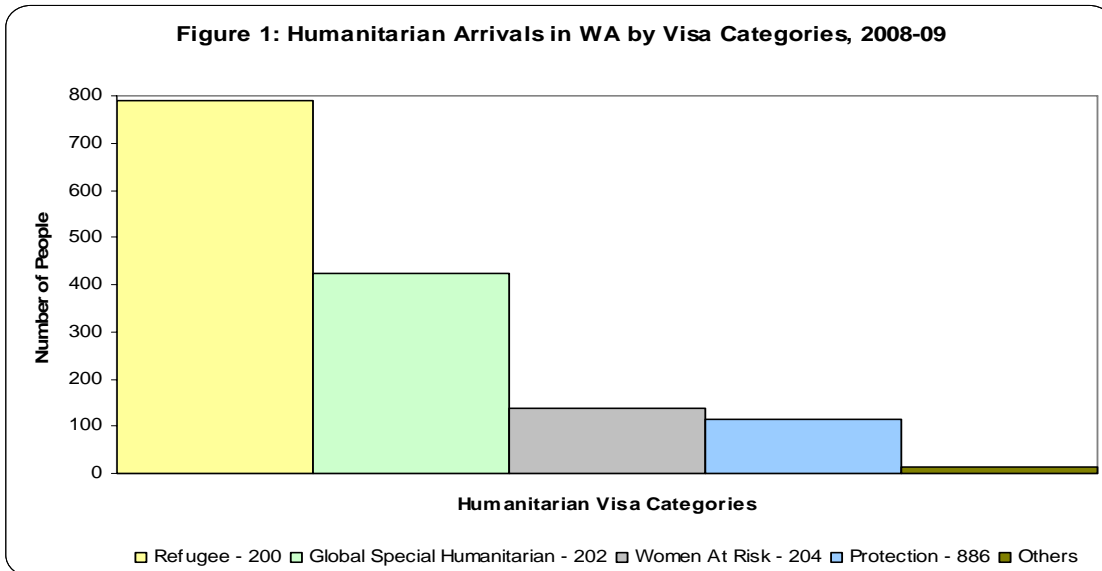
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Overview

This factsheet aims to provide an outline of the demographic and settlement trends for people arriving in Western Australia (WA) under the Humanitarian Program for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. The information presented in this document is based on the statistics collated by the Settlement Database Team, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC)¹.

Humanitarian Arrivals in WA

In 2008-09, a total number of 1,476 humanitarian settlers (0.7% of total migration population²) arrived in WA. Most arrived under Refugee – 200³ (54%), followed by Global Special Humanitarian – 202⁴ (29%) visa categories. Other significant categories included Women At Risk – 204⁵ (9%) and Protection – 886⁶ (8%) visa categories. The remainder ('Others') include a small number of the arrivals of In Country Special Humanitarian – 201⁷ and Resolution of Status – 851⁸ visa categories. WA ranked third among the different states in Australia for the number of humanitarian arrivals during this period. See Table 1 for details.



¹ DIAC's general settlement database can be accessed online at <http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/delivering-assistance/settlement-reporting-facility>, email settle.data-admin@immi.gov.au.

² Total Migrant population in WA for 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 is 20,068 (Skilled Stream – 12,924, Family Stream – 5,668 and Humanitarian Stream – 1,476).

³ Refugee 200 Visa - for people who are subject to persecution in their home country and are in need of resettlement.

⁴ Global Special Humanitarian 202 Visa - for people who, while not being refugees, are subject to substantial discrimination and human rights abuses in their home country.

⁵ Women at Risk 204 Visa – for female applicants and their dependents who are living outside their home country without the protection of a male relative and are in danger of victimisation, harassment or serious abuse because of their gender.

⁶ Protection 886 Visa - for people who are found to be owed Australia's protection under the Convention relating to the status of refugees (1951) and who satisfy DIAC's requirements for this visa.

⁷ In Country Special Humanitarian 201 Visa - This visa allows the Australian Government to provide a response to the circumstances of people who have suffered persecution in their country of nationality or usual residence and who have not been able to leave that country to seek refuge elsewhere.

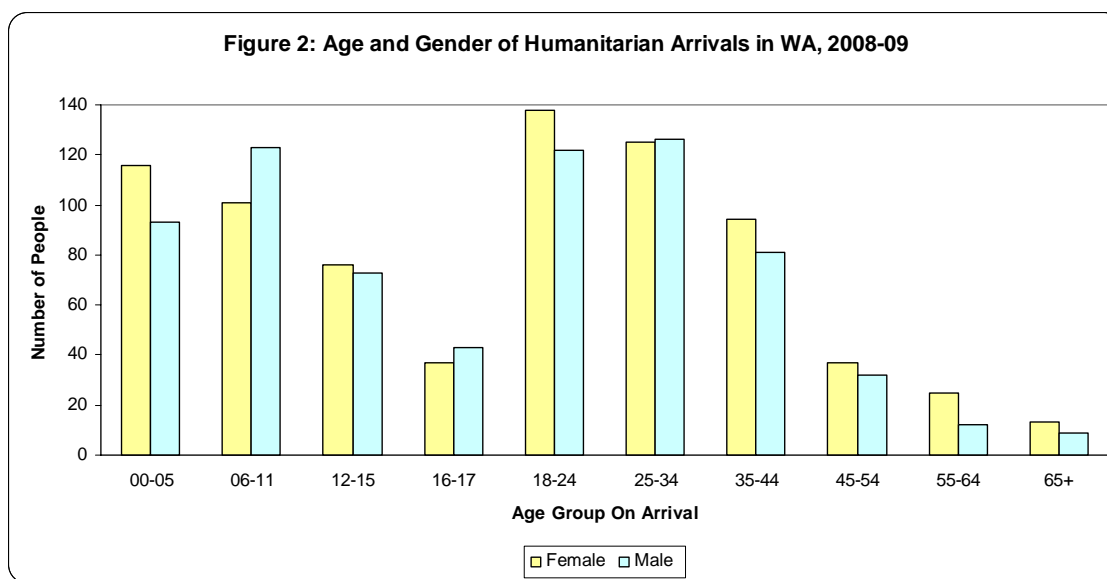
⁸ Resolution of Status 851 Visa - Current and former TPV/THV holders are able to access a permanent visa, with no reassessment of their protection claims. The permanent visa is called the Resolution of Status (RoS) visa, Class CD, subclass 851.

Ranking	State of Residence	Number of People	Percentage
1	New South Wales	4,690	35.1%
2	Victoria	3,564	26.7%
3	Western Australia	1,476	11.1%
4	Queensland	1,437	10.8%
5	South Australia	1,371	10.3%
6	Tasmania	375	2.8%
7	Northern Territory	169	1.3%
8	Australian Capital Territory	164	1.2%
9	Invalid Value (based on DIAC's statistics)	58	0.4%
10	External Territories	41	0.3%
Grand Total		13,345	

Table 1: Humanitarian Arrivals By State of Residence, 2008-09

Age and Gender

The top three age groups for the humanitarian settlers are 18-24 (18%), 25-34 (17%) and 06-11 (15%). The total number of female humanitarian entrants (762) was 4% higher than male humanitarian entrants (714). Female entrants are predominantly younger (age groups of 00-05, 18-24 and 25-34) while male entrants are in the older age category (12-15, 35-44 and 55-64).



Country of Birth

The humanitarian entrants came from 40 different countries (Table 2). The top ten countries (Figure 3) of birth⁹ are: Burma (27%), Thailand (11%), Afghanistan (10%), Iraq (7%), Sudan (6%), Ethiopia (4%), Burundi (4%), Iran (3%), Tanzania (3%) and Liberia (3%).

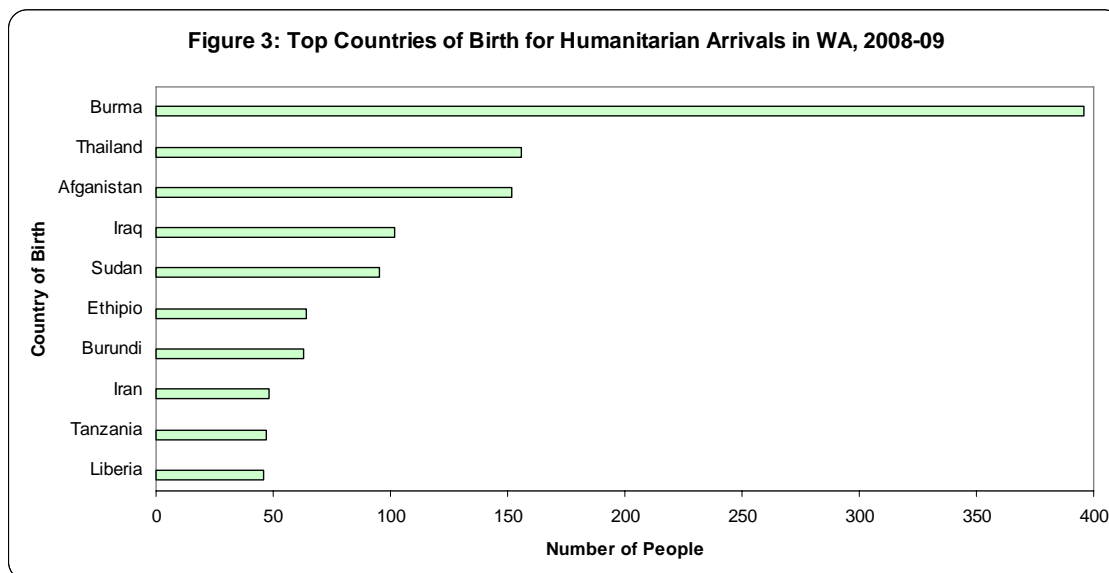
Country of Birth	Number of People	Country of Birth	Number of People
Burma	396	Rwanda	11
Thailand	156	Congo Republic	10
Afghanistan	152	Indonesia	10
Iraq	102	Guinea	9
Sudan	95	Malaysia	9

⁹ Country of Birth does not indicate nationality or ethnicity.

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Ethiopia	64	India	7
Burundi	63	Ivory Coast	7
Iran	48	China	5
Tanzania	47	Ghana	5
Liberia	46	Kuwait	5
Somalia	32	Australia	4
Democratic Republic of the Congo	30	Egypt	3
Zimbabwe	30	Lebanon	3
Kenya	29	Zambia	3
Eritrea	19	Malawi	2
Sri Lanka	18	Bahrain	1
Togo	15	Palestinian Authority	1
Uganda	13	Papua New Guinea	1
Sierra Leone	12	Stateless	1
Pakistan	11	Syria	1
		Total	1,476

Table 2: Humanitarian Arrivals By Country Of Birth, 2008-09



Ethnicity

A total of 68 ethnic groups arrived under the 2008-09 humanitarian program in WA. The top ten ethnic groups for this period are shown in Table 3.

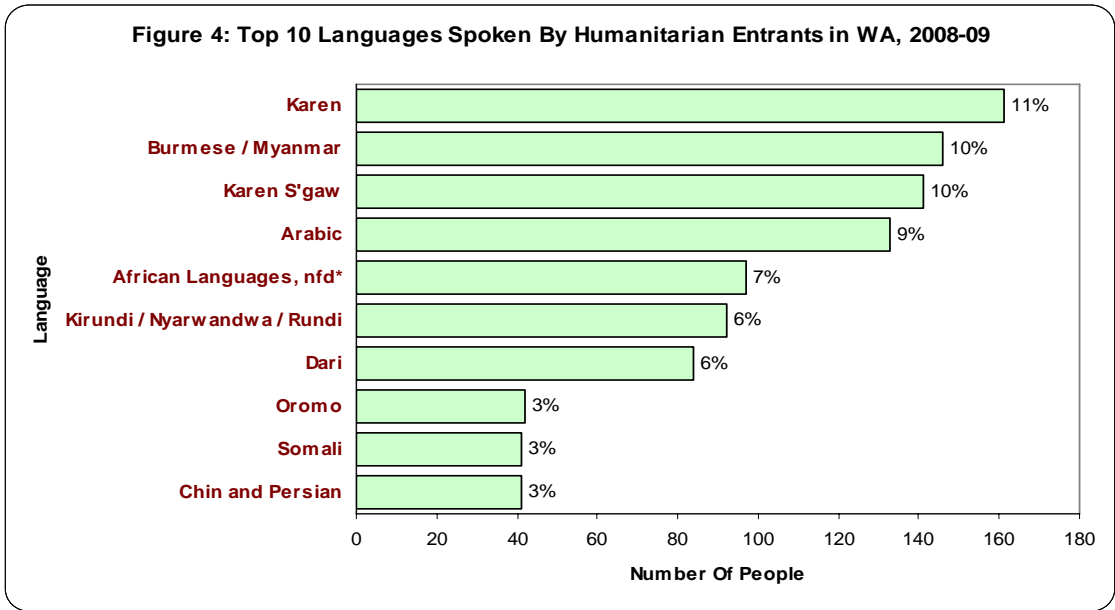
Age Group	Number of People with Prior Schooling	Percentage
Karen (Burma)	370	25%
African (Nfd) ¹⁰	176	12%
Hazara (Afghani)	126	9%
Hutu	81	5%
Dinka (Sudanese)	72	5%
Chin (Burma)	69	5%
Burmese	63	4%
Iraqi	60	4%
Oromo (Ethiopian)	41	3%
Arab (Nfd)	38	3%

Table 3: Humanitarian Arrivals By Ethnicity, 2008-09

¹⁰ Not Further Defined, no further detail is available except for the community language group from DIAC.

Languages

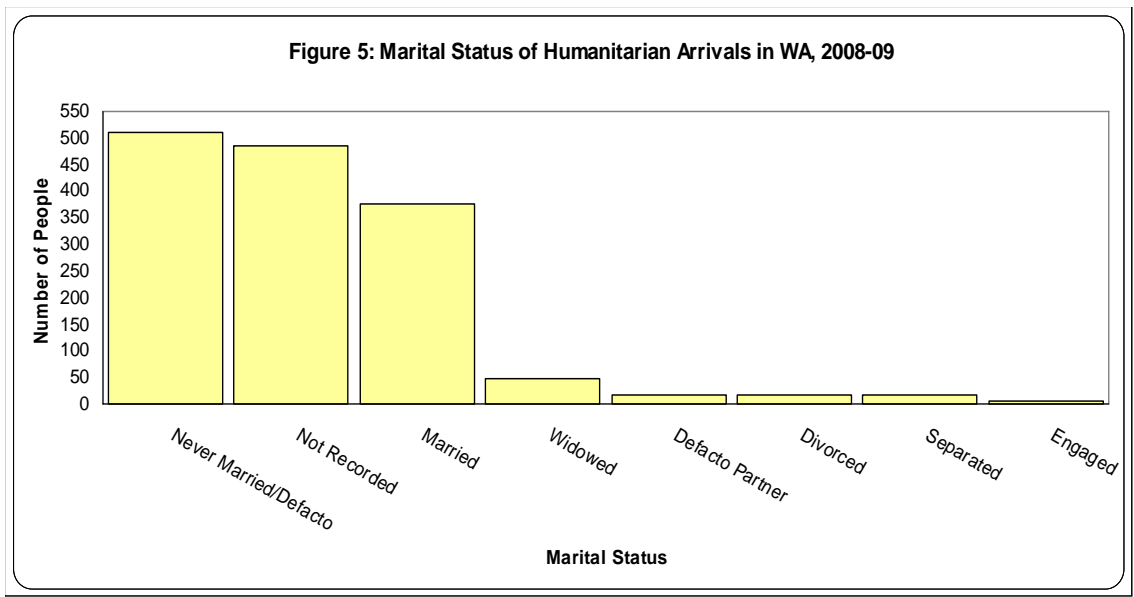
During the period 2008-09 humanitarian entrants came from at least 71 language groups. The top 10 languages spoken by humanitarian entrants are listed in Figure 4.



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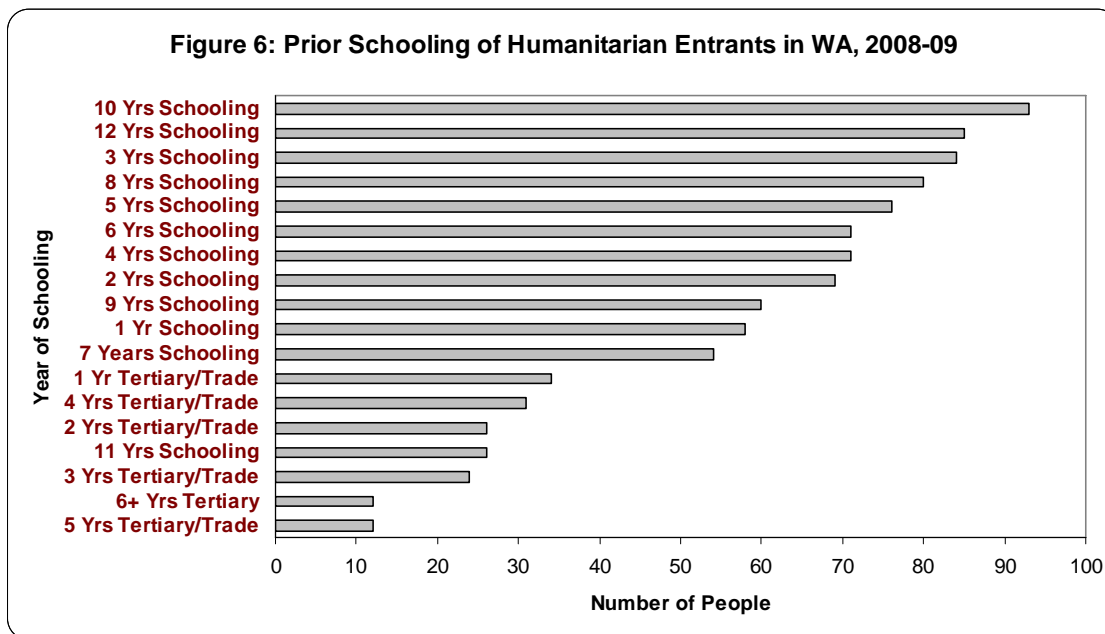
Marital Status

Figure 5 shows the marital status of the humanitarian arrivals; 35% indicated they were never married or in a defacto relationship, 33% did not state any information and 25% indicated they were married.



Prior Schooling

65% of the humanitarian settlers (966 in total) have had some form of prior schooling. The rest did not state their prior schooling information during data collection. For those who stated their prior schooling, the top three prior schooling levels are 10, 12 and 3 years of schooling (Figure 6). Those in the age groups of 18-24, 25-34 and 35-44 ranked top three in relation to their prior schooling (Table 4). The definitions in these charts are based on DIAC's statistics.



Age Group	Number of People with Prior Schooling	Not Stated	Total
18-24	228	32	260
25-34	204	47	251
35-44	140	35	175
12-15	122	27	149
06-11	110	114	224
16-17	63	17	80
45-54	57	12	69
55-64	26	11	37
65+	9	13	22
00-05	7	202	209
Total	966	510	1,476

Table 4: Prior Schooling And Age Groups Of Humanitarian Arrivals In WA, 2008-09

Local Government Areas (LGAs)

In 2008-09, the majority of humanitarian entrants (97%) were living in Perth's South East Metropolitan (33%) and North Metropolitan (31%) areas. The Local Government Areas (LGAs) of residence in Perth and Regional/Rural areas of WA are shown in Table 5 and Table 6 respectively.

LGAs in Perth	Number of People	Location
City of Stirling	403	NOR ¹¹
City Canning	263	SOR ¹²
City of Wanneroo	171	NOR

¹¹ NOR – North of the river

¹² SOR – South of the river

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City of Gosnells	120	SOR
City of Bayswater	107	NOR
City of Belmont	81	SOR
Town of Victoria Park	43	SOR
City of Swan	38	East
Town of Kwinana	18	SOR
City of Armadale	17	SOR
Town of Cambridge	14	NOR
City of Melville	14	SOR
City of Joondalup	7	NOR
City of Rockingham	5	SOR
City of Cockburn	5	SOR
Town of Vincent	4	NOR
City of Fremantle	4	SOR
City of Perth	3	-
City of South Perth	1	SOR
Perth (Unspecified)	8	-
Not Recorded	106	
Total	1,432	

Table 5: LGAs Of Residence In WA, 2008-09

LGAs in regional or rural areas	Number of People
City of Mandurah	9
City of Bunbury	5
Shire of Busselton	5
Town of Bassendean	6
City of Geraldton	1
Shire of Katanning	11
Shire of Plantagenet	7
Total	44

Table 6: Regional/Rural LGAs Of Residence In WA, 2008-09

Religion

Humanitarian entrants represented at least 26 religions. The top 10 religions are shown in Table 7.

Religious Affiliation	Number of People	Percentage of People
Christian	707	48%
Islam	275	19%
Buddhism	118	8%
Shia	104	7%
Catholic	58	4%
Sunni	34	2%
Anglican	24	2%
Baptist	24	2%
Pentecostal	15	1%
Bahai World Faith	14	1%
Jehovahs Witnesses	14	1%
Sabeian Mandeian/Sabian	14	1%

Table 7: Religion Of Humanitarian Arrivals, 2008-09