

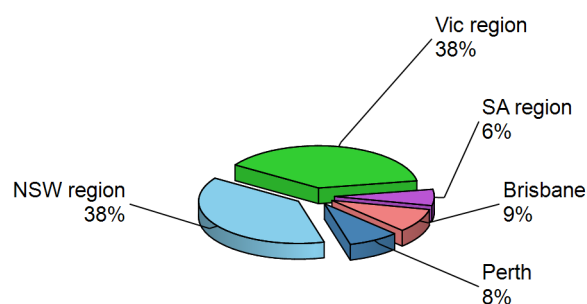
# Administrative Appeals Tribunal Migration and Refugee Division Caseload Report Financial year to 31 August 2020

## Summary of lodgements, decisions and cases on hand

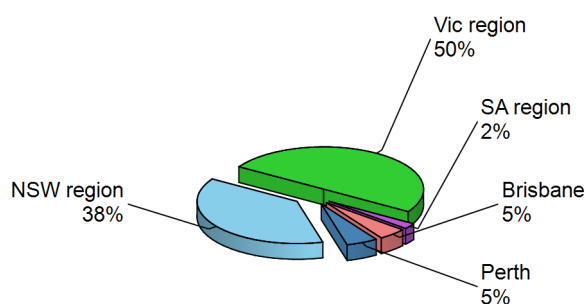
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
<b>Migration</b>													
Lodgements	280	314											594
Decisions	1,401	1,556											2,957
Active	35,085	33,843											33,843
<b>Refugee</b>													
Lodgements	1,065	835											1,900
Decisions	232	307											539
Active	27,927	28,455											28,455
<b>Migration and Refugee</b>													
Lodgements	1,345	1,149											2,494
Decisions	1,633	1,863											3,496
Active	63,012	62,298											62,298

The Migration clearance rate for the year-to-date is 498%. The Refugee clearance rate for the year-to-date is 28%.

**Migration lodgements by region\***



**Refugee lodgements by region\***



\*Region = Member location

NSW region - Reviews for applicants residing in NSW, ACT and Qld (excluding Canberra and Brisbane)

Vic region - Reviews for applicants residing in Vic, Tas and WA (excluding Perth)

SA region - Reviews for applicants residing in SA and NT

Canberra - Reviews for applicants residing within 100km of the city

Brisbane - Reviews for applicants residing within 300km of the city

Perth - Reviews for applicants residing within 300km of the city

Matters where applicants are overseas or the home state of the applicant is yet to be confirmed are counted in the NSW region category.

## Migration lodgements by region and case category

Case category	NSW region	Vic region	SA region	Canberra	Brisbane	Perth	Total	%
Partner	54	52	6	0	6	12	130	22%
Skill linked	19	47	19	0	5	4	94	16%
Visitor	43	26	0	0	11	4	84	14%
Family	26	21	2	0	7	4	60	10%
Bridging	17	23	0	0	6	8	54	9%
Nomination/Sponsor approval	24	15	4	0	6	4	53	9%
Student refusal	9	15	1	0	2	1	28	5%
Temporary work	10	8	2	0	2	5	27	5%
Permanent business	8	8	2	0	4	3	25	4%
Student cancellation	8	4	0	0	0	1	13	2%
Other	10	7	1	0	5	3	26	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b> 38%	<b>226</b> 38%	<b>37</b> 6%	<b>0</b> 0%	<b>54</b> 9%	<b>49</b> 8%	<b>594</b>	

## Top 20 Refugee lodgements by region and country

Country	NSW region	Vic region	SA region	Canberra	Brisbane	Perth	Total	%
Malaysia	176	430	19	0	25	52	702	37%
Vietnam	48	176	7	0	25	16	272	14%
China	101	59	0	0	3	9	172	9%
Fiji	107	11	5	0	4	1	128	7%
Taiwan	56	48	0	0	9	4	117	6%
Indonesia	28	59	2	0	4	2	95	5%
India	52	17	0	0	2	3	74	4%
Thailand	43	24	1	0	3	0	71	4%
Pakistan	4	32	1	0	1	2	40	2%
Bangladesh	23	5	2	0	1	1	32	2%
Philippines	11	16	0	0	1	1	29	2%
Lebanon	11	7	0	0	0	0	18	1%
Nigeria	11	7	0	0	0	0	18	1%
Iran	6	8	0	0	1	0	15	1%
Burma (Myanmar)	4	7	0	0	1	0	12	1%
Sri Lanka	1	10	0	0	0	0	11	1%
Nepal	3	6	0	0	1	0	10	1%
Zimbabwe	3	3	0	0	1	1	8	0%
Sudan	4	2	1	0	0	0	7	0%
Korea, Republic Of	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	0%
Other	28	22	4	0	5	5	64	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>723</b> 38%	<b>951</b> 50%	<b>42</b> 2%	<b>0</b> 0%	<b>87</b> 5%	<b>97</b> 5%	<b>1,900</b>	

Migration lodgements are down 88% this year compared to the same period last year. Refugee lodgements are down 12% this year compared to the same period last year.

## Refugee lodgements by case type and country

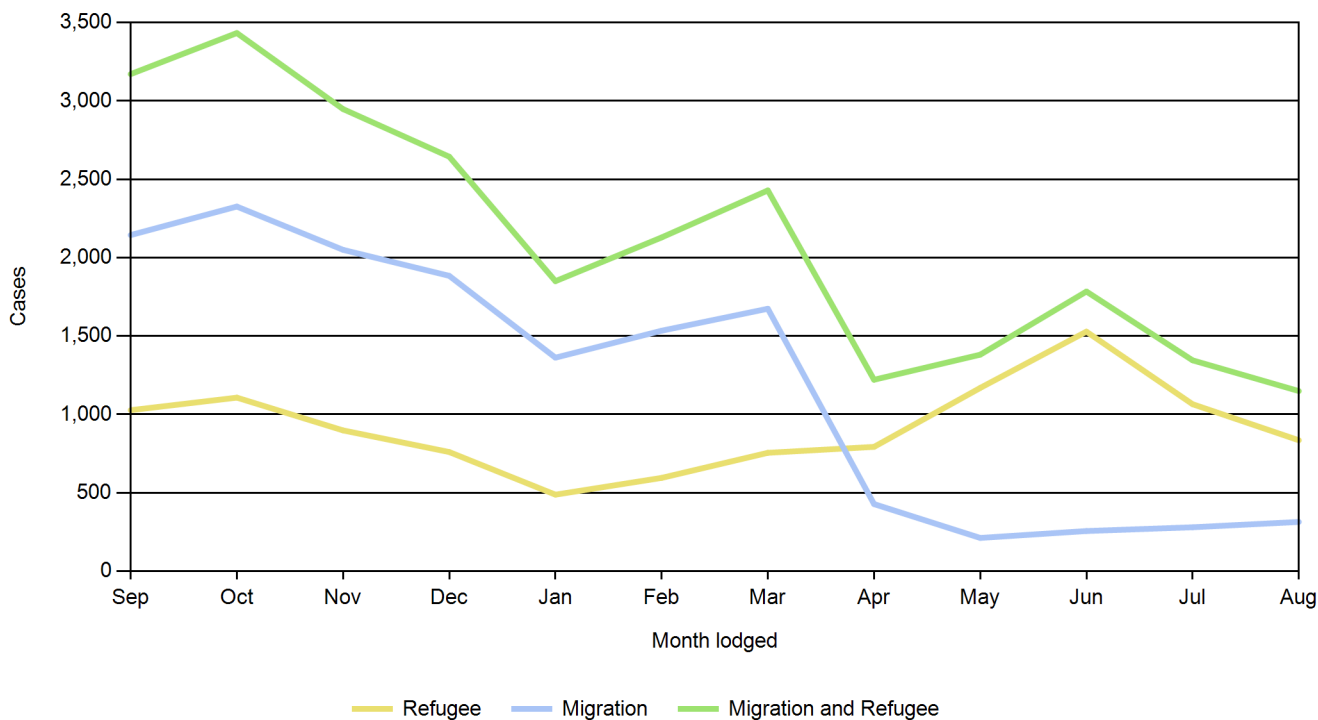
### Top 20 non-UMA lodgements

Country	Total	%
Malaysia	702	37%
Vietnam	270	14%
China	172	9%
Fiji	128	7%
Taiwan	117	6%
Indonesia	95	5%
India	74	4%
Thailand	71	4%
Pakistan	40	2%
Bangladesh	29	2%
Philippines	29	2%
Lebanon	18	1%
Nigeria	18	1%
Burma (Myanmar)	12	1%
Nepal	10	1%
Iran	8	0%
Sri Lanka	8	0%
Zimbabwe	8	0%
Sudan	7	0%
Korea, Republic Of	5	0%
Other	64	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,885</b>	

### UMA lodgements

Country	Total	%
Iran	7	47%
Bangladesh	3	20%
Sri Lanka	3	20%
Vietnam	2	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	

### Migration, Refugee and combined lodgements in the last 12 months



## Detention lodgements

Type	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Migration	16	9											25
Refugee	4	15											19

## Court remittal lodgements

Type	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Migration	21	30											51
Refugee	53	15											68

In the previous financial year (2019/20), Migration received a total of 274 court remittals and Refugee received a total of 388 court remittals.

## Decisions

### Migration decisions by case category

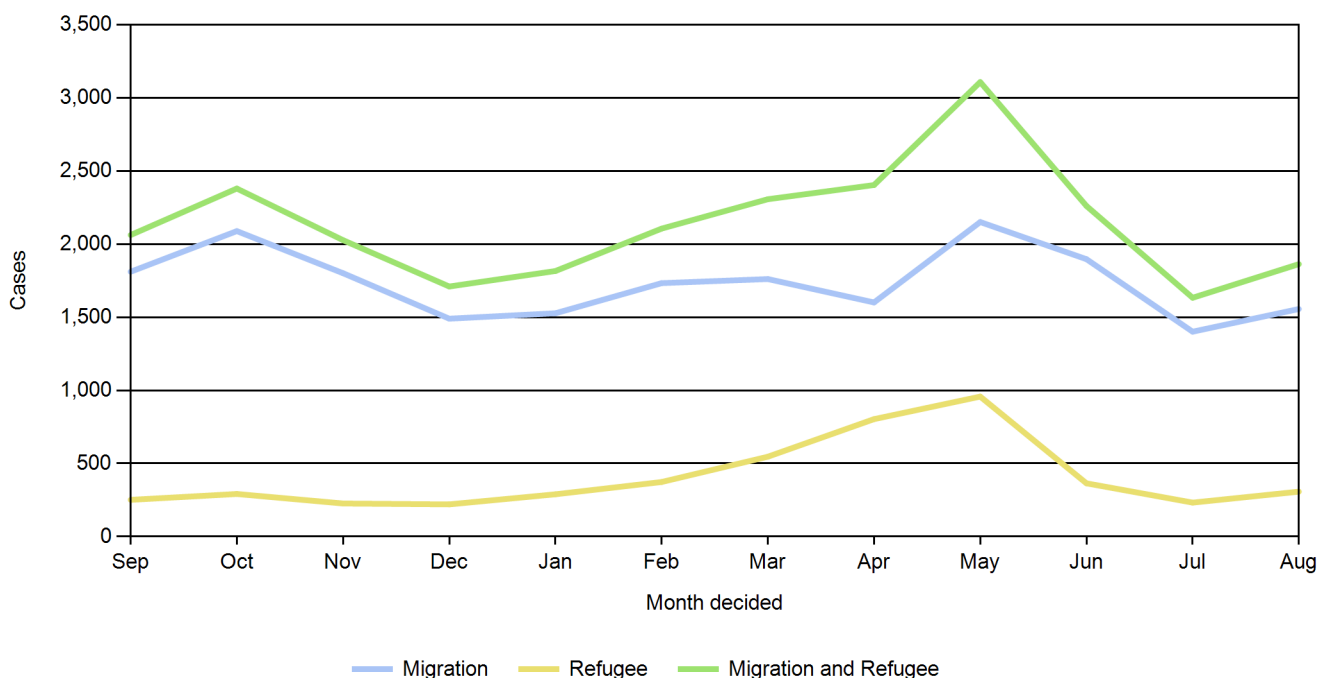
Case category	Total		Set aside	
	Decisions	%	Decisions	%S/A
Student refusal	1,267	43%	378	30%
Nomination/Sponsor approval	361	12%	96	27%
Permanent business	269	9%	101	38%
Partner	232	8%	133	57%
Skill linked	183	6%	86	47%
Visitor	167	6%	56	34%
Temporary work	164	6%	42	26%
Student cancellation	126	4%	34	27%
Family	103	3%	42	41%
Bridging	48	2%	8	17%
Other	37	1%	16	43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,957</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>34%</b>

## Top 20 Refugee decisions by country

Country	UMA	non-UMA	Total		Set aside	
			Decisions	%	Decisions	%S/A
Malaysia	0	257	257	48%	7	3%
China	0	100	100	19%	2	2%
Thailand	0	40	40	7%	0	0%
Taiwan	0	26	26	5%	0	0%
Fiji	0	13	13	2%	0	0%
India	0	12	12	2%	1	8%
Pakistan	1	9	10	2%	1	10%
Vietnam	0	10	10	2%	0	0%
Bangladesh	0	9	9	2%	1	11%
Iraq	0	9	9	2%	2	22%
Indonesia	0	7	7	1%	0	0%
Egypt	0	6	6	1%	1	17%
Nepal	0	5	5	1%	0	0%
Sri Lanka	4	1	5	1%	0	0%
Afghanistan	0	3	3	1%	2	67%
Iran	2	1	3	1%	2	67%
Korea, Republic Of	0	3	3	1%	0	0%
Kenya	0	2	2	0%	2	100%
Lebanon	0	2	2	0%	1	50%
Uganda	0	2	2	0%	1	50%
Other	0	15	15	3%	5	33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5%</b>

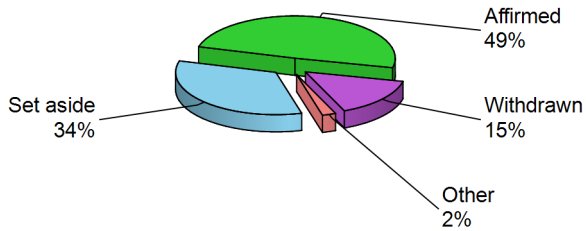
4 cases were remitted on complementary protection grounds.

## Migration, Refugee and combined decisions in the last 12 months

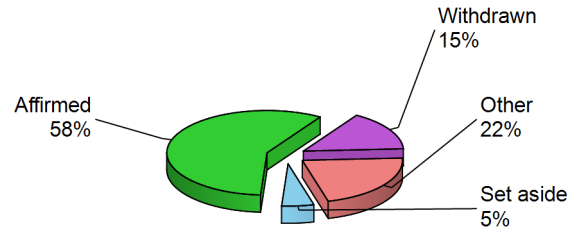


# Decision outcomes

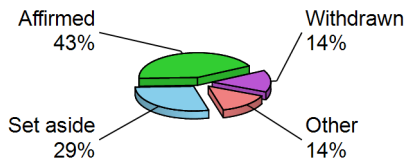
Migration decisions by outcome



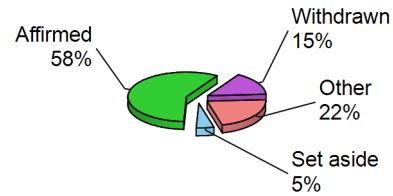
Refugee decisions by outcome



Refugee outcomes - UMA



Refugee outcomes - non-UMA



The set aside rate for cases reconsidered following court remittals so far this financial year is 43% for Migration decisions and 50% for Refugee decisions.

## Timeliness of decisions

### Caseload overview for the period

Caseload	Lodged	Finalised	On hand as at 31/08/20	% Finalised within 12 months	Median to finalised (weeks)
Migration	594	2,957	33,843	22%	84
Refugee	1,900	539	28,455	29%	106
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,494</b>	<b>3,496</b>	<b>62,298</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>87</b>

## Processing times for decisions

Case category	Decisions	Within 365 days	Calendar days from lodgement to decision	
			Average	Median
Bridging	48	90%	107	22
Family	103	30%	617	639
Nomination/Sponsor approval	361	3%	808	867
Partner	232	16%	686	714
Permanent business	269	11%	742	802
Protection	539	29%	691	740
Skill linked	183	40%	493	489
Student cancellation	126	61%	410	317
Student refusal	1,267	21%	536	463
Temporary work	164	14%	719	717
Visitor	167	25%	555	616
Other	37	30%	514	506
<b>By Migration/Refugee case type</b>				
Migration	2,957	22%	599	586
Refugee	539	29%	691	740
Total	3,496	23%	613	612

## Active cases on hand (not yet decided)

### Active Migration cases on hand by region and case category

Case category	NSW region	Vic region	SA region	Canberra	Brisbane	Perth	Total	%
Nomination/Sponsor approval	3,032	1,841	449	0	1,294	1,071	7,687	23%
Student refusal	3,189	2,132	421	1	480	313	6,536	19%
Permanent business	1,853	1,308	434	0	1,086	907	5,588	17%
Partner	2,576	1,947	214	1	482	327	5,547	16%
Temporary work	1,396	788	80	0	398	364	3,026	9%
Visitor	1,245	684	115	0	210	115	2,369	7%
Skill linked	374	579	127	0	210	104	1,394	4%
Family	445	453	71	0	107	103	1,179	3%
Student cancellation	93	45	18	0	15	19	190	1%
Bridging	50	48	4	0	14	6	122	0%
Other	73	75	11	0	27	19	205	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,326</b>	<b>9,900</b>	<b>1,944</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4,323</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>33,843</b>	
	<b>42%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>10%</b>		

## Active top 20 Refugee cases on hand by region and country

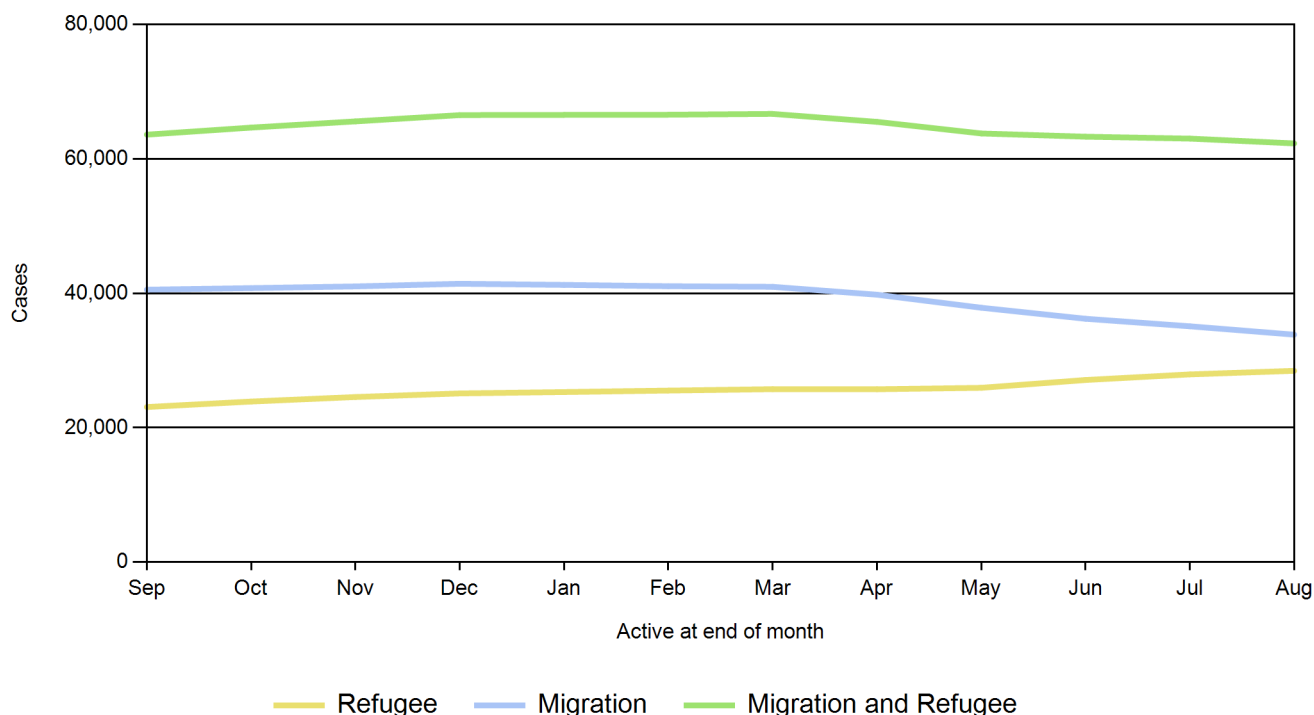
Country	NSW region	Vic region	SA region	Canberra	Brisbane	Perth	Total	%
Malaysia	2,954	7,330	485	0	474	1,598	12,841	45%
China	4,307	644	25	0	80	197	5,253	18%
Vietnam	366	1,039	89	0	170	105	1,769	6%
Thailand	386	1,080	30	0	35	3	1,534	5%
Fiji	787	94	21	0	39	8	949	3%
India	453	169	17	0	57	24	720	3%
Pakistan	286	313	16	0	18	65	698	2%
Taiwan	301	264	1	0	49	32	647	2%
Indonesia	207	261	13	0	21	22	524	2%
Bangladesh	273	56	6	0	13	4	352	1%
Sri Lanka	109	167	6	0	20	16	318	1%
Iran	112	135	12	0	23	19	301	1%
Lebanon	219	65	0	0	0	2	286	1%
Iraq	58	73	3	0	10	21	165	1%
Nigeria	80	42	6	0	14	10	152	1%
Egypt	100	34	5	0	2	5	146	1%
Ghana	103	18	7	0	2	6	136	0%
Papua New Guinea	17	19	1	0	78	8	123	0%
Nepal	77	30	3	0	3	3	116	0%
Sierra Leone	96	9	2	0	6	0	113	0%
Other	506	462	60	0	136	148	1,312	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,797</b>	<b>12,304</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>2,296</b>	<b>28,455</b>	
	<b>41%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>8%</b>		

## Active top 20 Refugee cases on hand by case type and country

Country	UMA		non-UMA		Total	%
	Cases	%	Cases	%		
Malaysia	0	0.0%	12841	46.1%	12,841	45.1%
China	0	0.0%	5253	18.8%	5,253	18.5%
Vietnam	86	15.1%	1683	6.0%	1,769	6.2%
Thailand	0	0.0%	1534	5.5%	1,534	5.4%
Fiji	0	0.0%	949	3.4%	949	3.3%
India	2	0.4%	718	2.6%	720	2.5%
Pakistan	31	5.4%	667	2.4%	698	2.5%
Taiwan	0	0.0%	647	2.3%	647	2.3%
Indonesia	0	0.0%	524	1.9%	524	1.8%
Bangladesh	50	8.8%	302	1.1%	352	1.2%
Sri Lanka	180	31.5%	138	0.5%	318	1.1%
Iran	131	22.9%	170	0.6%	301	1.1%
Lebanon	0	0.0%	286	1.0%	286	1.0%
Iraq	12	2.1%	153	0.5%	165	0.6%
Nigeria	0	0.0%	152	0.5%	152	0.5%
Egypt	0	0.0%	146	0.5%	146	0.5%
Ghana	0	0.0%	136	0.5%	136	0.5%
Papua New Guinea	0	0.0%	123	0.4%	123	0.4%
Nepal	2	0.4%	114	0.4%	116	0.4%
Sierra Leone	0	0.0%	113	0.4%	113	0.4%
Other	77	13.5%	1,235	4.4%	1,312	4.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>571</b>		<b>27,884</b>		<b>28,455</b>	



## Active Migration, Refugee and combined cases on hand over the last 12 months



The active Migration caseload is down 16% compared to the 40,197 cases that were on hand as at the same time last year. The active Refugee caseload is up 28% compared to the 22,294 cases that were on hand as at the same time last year.

## Age of active cases on hand

As at 31 August 2020, 21,850 Migration cases (65%) were over 365 days old and 24,666 Refugee cases (87%) were over 90 days old.

Age	Total	%
<b>Migration</b>		
90 days or less (<=3 months)	800	2%
91 - 183 days (3 to 6 months)	2,037	6%
184 - 274 days (6 to 9 months)	3,984	12%
275 - 365 days (9 to 12 months)	5,172	15%
366 - 547 days (12 to 18 months)	8,437	25%
548 days or more (>18 months)	13,413	40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,843</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Refugee</b>		
30 days or less (<=1 month)	1,066	4%
31 - 60 days (1 to 2 months)	1,283	5%
61 - 90 days (2 to 3 months)	1,440	5%
91 - 183 days (3 to 6 months)	2,584	9%
184 - 274 days (6 to 9 months)	1,570	6%
275 days or more (>9 months)	20,512	72%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,455</b>	<b>100%</b>

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