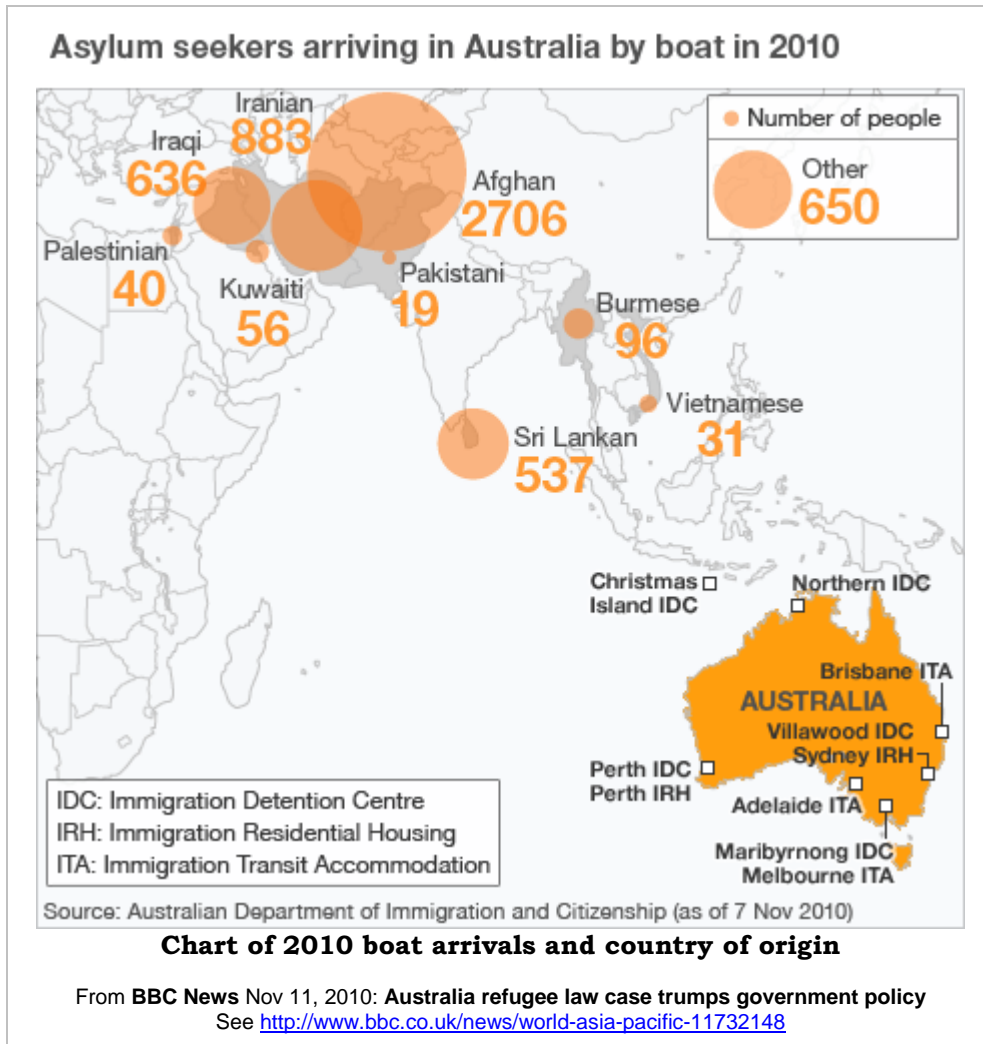


# Annual boat arrivals in Australian waters 2010

Below is the table of asylum boat arrivals in Australian waters during the year 2010. The table was compiled by Project SafeCom Inc.<sup>1</sup> from web-based media statements by the Federal Minister for Home Affairs. Some additional details have been provided from media reports.



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	press release date <sup>2</sup>	passengers	crew <sup>3</sup>	location
1	January 1	58	4	22 NM north of Ashmore Island
2	January 3	76	4	3 NM north of Christmas Island
3	January 4	30	2	29 NM south of Cartier Island
4	January 8	27	3	12 NM north west of Ashmore Island
5	January 23	29	4	near West Island, Ashmore Reef
6	January 23	38	2	1 NM north of Christmas Island
7	January 27	48	3	12 NM north east of Ashmore Island
8	February 1	181	4	(Afghans) near Christmas Island
9	February 4	89	4	11 NM north of Christmas Island
10	February 7	45	0	91 NM south - south west of Christmas Island
11	February 12	48	2	25 NM south of West Island, Ashmore Reef
12	February 18	41	4	22 NM north of Ashmore Island
13	February 20	10	3	16 NM north of Ashmore Island

<sup>1</sup> Homepage for this document is <http://www.safecom.org.au/ref-documents.htm#boats>

<sup>2</sup> Hon Brendan O'Connor, Minister for Home Affairs,  
Media Releases: <http://www.ministerhomeaffairs.gov.au/>

<sup>3</sup> Zero crew in this table means "no crew mentioned in ministerial press release".

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14	February 24	43	4	near West Island, Ashmore Reef
15	February 26	45	2	5 NM west of Christmas Island
16	March 1	57	0	13 NM south west of Christmas Island
17	March 3	47	0	north of Ashmore Island
18	March 6	80	3	east of Christmas Island
19	March 7	28	2	north west of Adele Island
20	March 10	46	3	north of Ashmore Island
21	March 11	24	3	118 NM north west of Tiwi Island
22	March 12	8	4	200 NM west of Tiwi Island
23	March 14	35	2	north west of Christmas Island
24	March 20	92	0	north west of Christmas Island
25	March 22	18	4	11 NM north of Browse Island contiguous zone
26	March 23	19	3	west of Ashmore Island
27	March 23	55	2	inside contiguous zone north of Adele Island
28	March 25	94	3	west of the Ashmore Island
29	March 27	7	1	south east of Ashmore Island
30	March 27	37	4	south west of Ashmore Island
31	March 27	41	3	near Christmas Island
32	April 1	64	3	near Christmas Island
33	April 2	79	4	north-north east of West Island at Ashmore Reef
34	April 4	50	4	east of Ashmore Island
35	April 6	22	1	near West Island at Ashmore Reef
36	April 7	99	4	southwest of Cape Leveque near Broome
37	April 8	70	0	<i>Rescued</i> 73 NM east-south-east of Christmas Island
38	April 10	8	2	near Ashmore islands
39	April 10	36	4	near Ashmore islands
40	April 11	25	2	north northwest of Browse Island
41	April 11	30	4	north west of West Island
42	April 16	82	0	north east of Christmas Island
43	April 21	46	2	west of Cape Leveque
44	April 23	9	3	near Ashmore Islands
45	April 26	49	2	north-west of Ashmore Islands
46	April 27	41	4	north of West Islet near Ashmore Island
47	April 28	50	4	north of West Islet near Ashmore Island
48	April 29	24	3	west of West Islet near Ashmore Islands
49	May 4	36	1	west of Ashmore Islands
50	SAR May 6	59	0	<i>(SAR) Rescued</i> near Cocos Islands
51	May 7	26	2	south west of Browse Island
52	May 10	36	3	north of the Ashmore Islands
53	May 10	86	0	off Christmas Island
54	May 12	48	0	54 nautical miles south south west of Scott Reef
55	May 12	21	4	off Australia's north-west coast
56	May 13	53	2	off Christmas Island
57	May 16	92	0	near Scott Reef nor-west of Western Australia
58	May 17	43	4	off Ashmore Islands
59	May 19	39	2	southwest of Ashmore Islands
60	May 29	53	2	Flying Fish Cove, Christmas Island
61	June 4	54	3	outside Australia's Cont. Zone <sup>4</sup> , inside SAR zone
62	June 4	28	2	SOLAS rescue outside Australia's Contiguous Zone, inside SAR zone
63	June 5	39	5	north west of Ashmore Islands
64	June 5	46	3	SOLAS rescue outside Australia's Contiguous Zone, inside SAR zone - north of Scott Reef
65	June 8	35	2	SOLAS south west of Scott Reef
66	June 12	59	5	north west of Ashmore Islands
67	June 12	51	4	north of Christmas Island

<sup>4</sup> Initially spotted in this area, presumably coached to Ashmore Reef before boarding took place.

See *Asylum seekers rescued from stricken boat* - <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/06/04/2918743.htm>

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68	June 15	33	3	south west of Ashmore Islands
69	June 18	26	0	<b>(Vietnamese)</b> west of Lacedpede Islands
70	June 18	48	0	north-west of Christmas Island
71	June 23	51	2	northwest of Flying Fish Cove
72	June 26	96	3	east of Christmas Island
73	July 2	73	4	(triple-0 call by <b>Afghan</b> passengers) 11 kms north off Christmas Island
74	July 3	34	2	<b>(Afghans, no intercept)</b> near Christmas Island
75	July 7	43	3	west of Ashmore Islands
76	July 12	37	2	SOLAS rescue 230 nautical miles west of Darwin
77	July 13	71	3	north west of Ashmore Islands
78	July 14	84	3	north west of Browse Island
79	July 21	40	3	north of Flying Fish Cove, Christmas Island
80	July 21	43	2	north of Flying Fish Cove, Christmas Island
81	July 29	81	4	<b>(Afghans)</b> rescue 85 nm n-w of Christmas Island
82	August 10	57	2	north-east of Christmas Island
83	August 14	17	4	<b>(Iraq, Kurdistan, Kuwait, Palestine, Iran)</b> off Christmas Island
84	August 18	50	2	<b>(incl. Iranian families)</b> north-west of Christmas Island
85	August 19	31	3	north of Christmas Island
86	August 21	23	2	north of Ashmore Islands
87	August 22	20	1	north-east of Scott Reef
88	August 27	36	2	near Scott Reef in the Timor Sea
89	August 28	37	2	<b>(Iranians, Iraqis, Afghans)</b> nth of Christmas Island
90	August 31	33	2	north of Christmas Island
91	Sept 1	84	3	off Christmas Island
92	Sept 3	59	2	north of Christmas Island
93	Sept 6	60	2	north of Ashmore Islands
94	Sept 14	89	2	north of Christmas Island
95	Sept 20	49	2	northwest of Christmas Island
96	Sept 29	18	2	north of Ashmore Islands
97	October 1	23	4	north of Ashmore Islands
98	October 2	37	4	north of Ashmore Islands
99	October 4	71	2	north west of Christmas Island
100	October 8	56	2	north of Scott Reef
101	October 8	74	3	north of Christmas Island <b>(two boats, one towing the other)</b>
102	October 9	66	3	off Flying Fish Cove at Christmas Island
103	October 11	10	2	north of Christmas Island
104	October 13	57	2	north of Christmas Island
105	October 21	88	2	north of Christmas Island
106	October 22	79	3	north-west of Ashmore Islands
107	October 23	26	1	220 nautical miles east of Ashmore Islands
108	October 24	62	2	northwest of Christmas Island
109	October 26	44	3	north-west of Christmas Island
110	October 28	25	4	north-west of Ashmore Islands
111	November 2	80	2	east of Christmas Island <b>(towing next vessel?)</b>
112	November 2	60	---	south east of Christmas Island
113	November 3	11	1	north of Christmas Island, <b>towing next vessel</b>
114	November 3	71	1	north of Christmas Island
115	November 5	23	2	at Browse Island off the Kimberley coast
116	November 7	81	0	north-west of Christmas Island <b>"no crew found on asylum boat"</b>
117	November 8	2	1	northwest of Middle Osborn Island
118	November 12	39	3	north of Ashmore Islands
119	November 17	116	2	north of Christmas Island
120	November 19	53	4	north west of Ashmore Island
121	November 25	29	4	south of Ashmore Island
122	November 26	39	2	south east of Ashmore Islands

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123	November 27	37	3	north of Ashmore Island
124	November 30	63	2	north of Christmas Island
125	December 2	97	3	near Christmas Island
126	December 11	62	3	north west of Ashmore Island
127	December 11	40	4	south west of Ashmore Islands
128	December 15	39	3	vessel crashed at Christmas Island Rocky Point, 42 Iraqis, Kurds, Iranians (and crew) rescued, 30 bodies recovered <sup>5</sup>
129	December 16	54	2	north-north-west of Ashmore Island
130	December 20	56	4	south-east of Ashmore Island
131	December 21	68	2	<i>(Iranians, Iraqis)</i> north east of Christmas Island
132	December 25	57	3	north-east of Ashmore Island
<b>totals</b>		<b>6,502</b>	<b>329</b>	

<sup>5</sup> See *27 confirmed dead after asylum boat sinking*, ABC News, Dec 15, 2010, at <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/12/15/3094257.htm>

and *Weather hampers search for wreck victims*, ABC News, Dec 16, 2010, at <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/12/16/3094467.htm>