

Asylum applications and refugees in the United Arab Emirates

88 asylum applications by refugees were received in 2023 in the United Arab Emirates — according to UNHCR. Most of them came from Syria. A total of 142 decisions have been made on initial applications. Around 100% of them were answered positively. 0 percent of asylum applications have been rejected in the first instance. The most successful have been the applications of refugees from Syria and from Iraq.

In a second table below you can find the refugees who fled from the United Arab Emirates and made their asylum application to other countries.

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Asylum applications from foreign refugees in the United Arab Emirates

The total number of initial and continuing applications refers to the year 2023. Please note that the number of decisions (acceptances or rejections) does not have to add up with the number of applications because there may still have been open cases from previous years. Also, they don't have to be closed within the same calendar year. In addition, asylum procedures can also be closed, if the applicant disappeared or withdrew the application.

New Applications

Origin	Applied	Accepted	Rejected	Acceptance rate
Syria	51	115	0	100.0 %
Iraq	17	17	0	100.0 %
Palestine	14	5	0	100.0 %
Pakistan	6	5	0	100.0 %
Totals	88	142	0	100.0 %

Reviews

Origin	Applied	Accepted	Rejected	Acceptance rate
✓ Totals	0	0	0	

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Asylum applications of refugees from the United Arab Emirates

The United Arab Emirates is one of the countries where refugees are not only coming in. In the year 2023, there have been 29 asylum applications received from citizens from the United Arab Emirates in other countries. The most successful have been the applications in the United Kingdom and in Canada.

New Applications

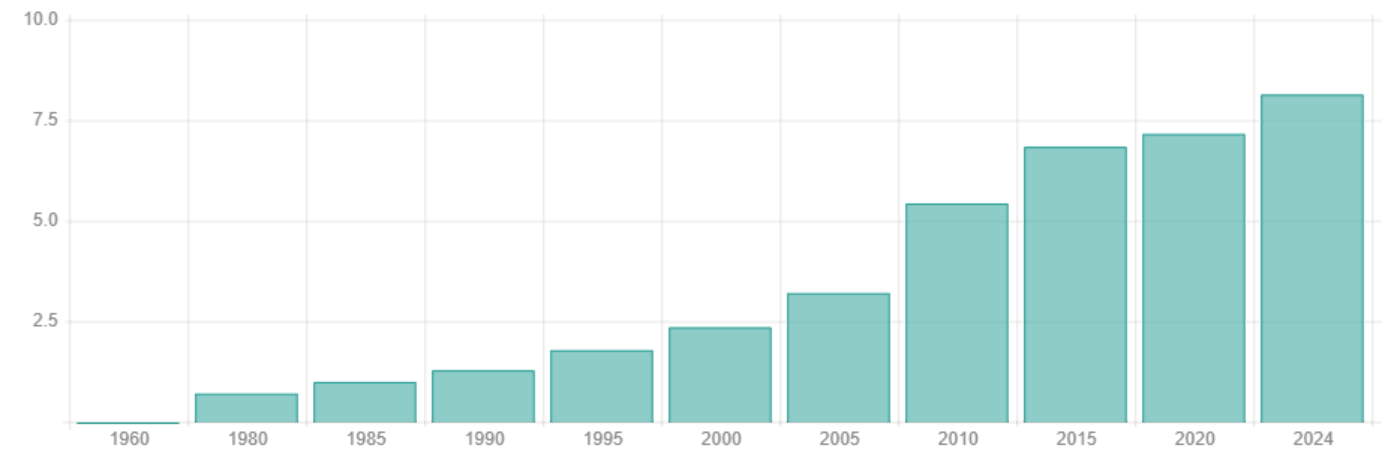
Destination	Applied	Accepted	Rejected	Acceptance rate
Canada	11	10	0	100.0 %
United Kingdom	8	11	0	100.0 %
Australia	5	5	0	100.0 %
Netherlands	5	0	0	
Totals	29	26	0	100.0 %

Reviews

Destination	Applied	Accepted	Rejected	Acceptance rate
United States	7	14	0	100.0 %
Totals	7	14	0	100.0 %

National migrant stock from 1960 to 2024

In 2024 a total of 8,157,000 migrants lived in the United Arab Emirates, representing about 77.8 percent of the total population. These are all residents who live permanently in the country but were born in another country. The numbers includes granted refugees but no asylum seekers. The data are based on the results of censuses, as well as on estimates and projections from the United Nations Population Division. The data is only collected approximately every 5 years.



(Values of the graph in millions of immigrants)



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