

Annual boat arrivals¹ in Australian waters 2009

number	date	nationality	pass	crew	location
1 / 31	Jan 17	Afghanistan	17	3	Ashmore Islands
	Jan 17	2 Burmese (fishermen in ESKY)	2	0	Rescued at sea in Torres Strait
2 / 32	Mar 14	Afghanistan (45), Iran (7)	52	2	Cobourg Peninsula
3 / 33	Apr 2	Sri Lanka	50	0	Torres Strait
4 / 34	Apr 2	Afghanistan (45), Iraq (14)	59	4	31nm south-west of Ashmore Islands
5 / 35	Apr 8	Iraq (34), 2 stateless (2), unknown (2)	38	1	Christmas Island
6 / 36	Apr 15	Afghanistan (46*), Iran (1) (*incl. 5 deceased at sea)	47	2	2nm west of Ashmore Islands
7 / 37	Apr 22	Sri Lanka	32	0	47nm south-west of Barrow Island
8 / 38	Apr 25	Afghanistan	22	2	90nm SW of Ashmore Islands
	Apr 28	Afghanistan (2), Sri Lanka (1), India (1)	4	0	Deliverance Island, Torres Strait (not intercepted)
9 / 39	Apr 29	Afghanistan	69	3	West of Bathurst Island
10 / 40	Apr 29	Afghanistan	39	3	1 nm north of Ashmore Islands
11 / 41	May 5	Afghanistan (48), Iraq (3)	51	2	370 nm north-west of Broome
	May 7	Sri Lanka	1	0	(not intercepted) Saibai Island, Torres Strait
12 / 42	May 10	Afghanistan	31	3	Vicinity of Tiwi Islands
13 / 43	May 25	Afghanistan (65), Iraq (6), stateless Kuwait Bedouin (2), Palestine (1)	74	4	Ashmore Islands
14 / 44	Jun 6	Somalia	2	0	1 NM north of Ashmore Island
15 / 45	Jun 23	Afghanistan (43), Iran (7)	50	4	3 NM south east of Ashmore Island
16 / 46	Jun 28	Sri Lanka	193	0	236 NM from Christmas Island
17 / 47	11 July	Sri Lanka	72	0	19 NM north west of Christmas Island
18 / 48	Aug 13	Sri Lanka	77	0	21 NM north of Christmas Island
19 / 49	29 Aug	Afghanistan (50), Iran (2)	52	3	at Ashmore Island
20 / 50	7 Sept	Burma (Rohingya)	7	1	at Ashmore Island
21 / 51	Sept 12	Afghanistan (36), Iraq (31), Iran (7), Kuwait (7), unconfirmed (2)	83	4	82 NM south of Ashmore Island
22 / 52	Sept 12	Afghanistan	66	4	3 NM north west of Ashmore Island
23 / 53	Sept 15	Indonesia	58	4	230 NM north of Broome
24 / 54	Sept 17	Afghanistan	51	4	78 NM west of Darwin
25 / 55	Sept 20	Sri Lanka	54	4	SaR: 550 NM north Cocos-Keeling Island
26 / 56	Sept 23	Sri Lanka	100	0	Contiguous zone north-west Christmas Island
27 / 57	Sept 27	Afghanistan (4), Vietnam (8)	12	0	93 NM north west of Darwin
28 / 58	Sept 27	Iran	28	0	7 NM north of Ashmore Island
29 / 59	Sept 29	Sri Lanka (43 incl. 4 crew) ²	39	4	SaR: 250 NM north of Cocos-Keeling Islands
30 / 60	1 Oct	Afghanistan (63), Iraq (5) Kuwait (1)	69	3	23 NM north-north west of Browse Island
31 / 61	9 Oct	Afghanistan	52	3	18 NM north of Ashmore Island
32 / 62	13 Oct	Afghanistan (43), Iraq (8), Iran (5), Syria (2)	58	2	north-west of Ashmore Island
63		SIEV number 63 allocated by Australian Customs and Border Protection Service to the vessel that was rescued in the Indonesian search and rescue zone ³	0	0	
33 / 64	18 Oct	Afghanistan	39	4	24 NM north-west of Ashmore Island
34 / 65	21 Oct	Afghanistan	22	2	10 NM north-north west of Ashmore Island
35 / 66	22 Oct	Sri Lanka	32	0	7 NM west of Christmas Island
36 / 67	23 Oct	Kurdistan	29	4	at Ashmore Island

¹ Zero crew in this table means "no crew mentioned in ministerial press release".

² This curious comment was copied from the Committee Hansard October 20, 2008. It may includes 'surprise' that Sri Lankans have 'crew' (i.e. those who are eligible for prosecution as 'smugglers' under Australia's strange laws that criminalise the organisers). The 4 crew are listed, but in square brackets. From May 2010 people smuggling laws are capable to criminalise any organiser of a vessel: the laws manipulate the UN Smuggling Protocol for that purpose

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37 / 68	29 Oct	Kurdistan	34	4	at Ashmore Island
SaR 69	1 Nov	Sri Lanka (39*) (*incl. 12 deceased at sea)	27	0	Search and Rescue 350 NM n-w of Cocos Isl
39 / 70	4 Nov	Burma (11), 2 Bangladesh (2)	13	3	35 NM north of Cape Van Diemen, Tiwi Islands
40 / 71	14 Nov	Iran (31), Iraq (18)	49	3	10 NM south west of Ashmore Island
41 / 72	15 Nov	Afghanistan	27	4	18 NM north east of Ashmore Island
42 / 73	16 Nov	Afghanistan	10	1	7 NM north east of Ashmore Island
43 / 74	17 Nov	Afghanistan	41	2	90 NM south east of Ashmore Island
44 / XX	20 Nov		53	2	south west of Ashmore Island
45 / XX	23 Nov		56	2	100 NM north-west of Derby
46 / XX	26 Nov		49	3	6 NM north of Christmas Island
47 / XX	27 Nov		29	2	150 NM south west of Ashmore Island
48 / XX	27 Nov		22	4	near West Islet, Ashmore Island
49 / XX	3 Dec		53	4	22 NM north of West Islet, Ashmore Island
50 / XX	4 Dec		15	2	150 NM north west of Darwin
51 / XX	6-7 Dec		38	2	31 NM northwest of Scott Reef
52 / XX	10 Dec		53	0	20 NM Northwest of Christmas Island
53 / XX	11 Dec		60	3	Flying Fish Cove, Christmas Island
54 / XX	16 Dec		51	4	30 NM north east of Ashmore Island
55 / XX	18 Dec		55	4	8 NM north west of Ashmore Island
56 / XX	26 Dec		6	3	8 NM north of Ashmore Island
57 / XX	28 Dec		11	0	22 NM north west of Ashmore Island
58 / XX	29 Dec		30	3	140 NM north east of Gove
59 / XX	30 Dec		48	4	west of Ashmore Island
totals			2663	138	

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Sources:

Figures are based on the following source documents:

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