

### Asylum statistics relating to Albania as a safe third country

The grant rate for initial decisions on asylum applications in 2022 was 60% for all Albanians<sup>1</sup>. During the years 2020-2022 the grant rate on initial decisions for Albanian asylum applications was 51%, with this rate increasing across the three years.

#### Initial asylum decisions

See below for a breakdown by age and gender for initial asylum decisions for the years 2020-2022<sup>2</sup>:

**Of all Albanians who had their claim decided by the Home Office (not broken down by age or gender):**

	Grant of refugee status/humanitarian protection	Grant of other leave	Refused	% Granted refugee status/humanitarian protection
<b>2022</b>	658	14	424	60%
<b>2021</b>	421	22	337	54%
<b>2020</b>	399	35	581	39%
<b>2020-2022</b>	<b>1478</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1342</b>	<b>51%</b>

**Of all Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) who had their claim decided by the Home Office:**

	Grant of refugee status/humanitarian protection	Grant of other leave	Refused	% Granted refugee status/humanitarian protection
<b>2022</b>	60	3	143	29%
<b>2021</b>	39	2	58	39%
<b>2020</b>	30	6	86	25%
<b>2020-2022</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>30%</b>

**Of all Albanian females who had their claim decided by the Home Office (not broken down by age):**

	Grant of refugee status/humanitarian protection	Grant of other leave	Refused	% Granted refugee status/humanitarian protection
<b>2022</b>	442	9	64	86%
<b>2021</b>	264	15	70	76%
<b>2020</b>	279	22	221	53%
<b>2020-2022</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>71%</b>

<sup>1</sup> This compares with an overall grant rate of 80% across all nationalities of asylum seekers.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Home Office Immigration Statistics - Asylum and Resettlement - Applications, Initial decisions, and Resettlement <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/asylum-and-resettlement-datasets> updated March 2023. Includes main applicants and dependants. Excludes withdrawn applications and “unknown” gender category where relevant.

Of all Albanian males who had their claim decided by the Home Office (not broken down by age):

	Grant of refugee status/humanitarian protection	Grant of other leave	Refused	% Granted refugee status/humanitarian protection
<b>2022</b>	212	5	360	37%
<b>2021</b>	157	7	265	37%
<b>2020</b>	119	13	360	24%
<b>2020-2022</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>33%</b>

### Asylum appeals:

In 2022 there was a 57% success rate on appeal to the First-Tier tribunal for asylum applications that were made by Albanians, and there has been a 50% success rate on appeal to the First-Tier tribunal for asylum applications made by Albanians during the last five years.

Appeals decided during the years 2020-2022 for Albanian asylum applicants<sup>3</sup>:

	Appeal allowed	Appeal dismissed	Appeal determinations	% Successful appeals
<b>2022</b>	95	71	166	57%
<b>2021</b>	120	90	210	57%
<b>2020</b>	129	87	216	60%
<b>2020-2022</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>58%</b>

Looking at appeals made according to the date of application, so far 1,395 first-tier tribunal appeal determinations have been made (at the point that government statistics released in March 2023 were collated) in relation to asylum applications that were made by Albanians from 2016 until 2021.

Of those 1,395 appeal cases<sup>4</sup>:

- 695 (50%) were allowed
- 700 (50%) were refused

### Comparison with safe third country states

A comparison of asylum grant rates for Albanians with the grant rates for nationals on the current list of white countries during 2021-2022<sup>5</sup> (excluding women for countries where the white list is only

<sup>3</sup> Home Office Immigration Statistics - Asylum and Resettlement - Asylum appeals lodged and determined - <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-system-statistics-year-ending-december-2022>. Data excludes dependants and withdrawn appeals.

<sup>4</sup> Source: Home Office Immigration Statistics - Asylum and Resettlement - Outcome analysis of asylum applications <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/asylum-and-resettlement-datasets> updated March 2023. Data excludes dependants and withdrawn appeals. It is important to note that the statistics available do not take into account further onward appeals, fresh claims and judicial reviews that may have been undertaken.

<sup>5</sup> Source: Home Office Immigration Statistics - Asylum and Resettlement - Applications, Initial decisions, and Resettlement <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-system-statistics-year-ending-december-2022>. Data includes main applicants and dependants, excludes

in respect of men). It can be seen that, of the countries of origin with more than 15 nationals making asylum applications in the UK over the two years, Albania has substantially the highest asylum grant rate.

This is displayed in two graphs below the data table, comparing the percentage of asylum applicants from each country granted asylum, separately, the total numbers of asylum applicants from each country granted asylum.

The final graph compares the grant rates for asylum among the countries listed in Clause 57 of the Illegal Migration Bill during the same time period.<sup>6</sup>

White list country/cohort	Total number of asylum decisions	Total granted refugee status or HP	Total granted other leave	Total certified	Total refused (including certified)	Percentage granted refugee status or HP
Albania	1876	1079	36	281	761	58%
India	406	12	17	220	573	2%
Nigeria (in respect of men)	374	127	42	35	205	34%
Brazil	105	8	3	72	94	8%
Ghana (in respect of men)	80	16	8	17	56	20%
Jamaica	66	13	5	7	48	20%
Sierra Leone (in respect of men)	52	17	1	0	34	33%
Kenya (in respect of men)	51	22	0	4	29	43%
South Africa	41	1	7	7	33	2%
Mauritius	32	10	1	7	21	41%
Gambia (in respect of men)	29	9	0	4	20	31%
Mongolia	17	0	5	0	12	0%
Bolivia	15	5	0	3	10	33%
Kosovo	14	3	2	7	9	21%
Mali (in respect of men)	14	8	0	0	6	57%
Malawi (in respect of men)	9	2	4	1	3	22%
Liberia (in respect of men)	5	0	0	0	5	0%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	3	0	0	0	100%
Ecuador	3	0	0	0	3	0%
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Moldova	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Montenegro	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Peru	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Serbia	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
South Korea	0	0	0	0	0	N/A

“unknown” where relevant to gender, excludes resettlement applications, and excludes withdrawn applications.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.



