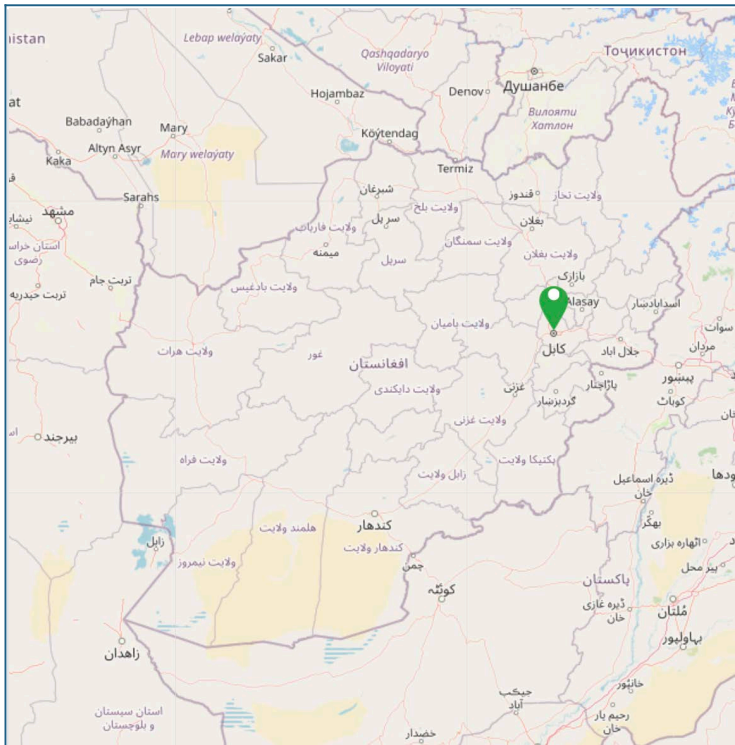


Afghanistan Immigration Detention Data Profile



Quick Facts	
International migrants (2019)	149,762
New asylum applications (2019)	33

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/asia-pacific/afghanistan>
- "Observation Dates" indicate the timeframe statistical data correspond to or other data were last validated. More than one statistical entry for a year indicates contrasting reports.

STATISTICS

Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Total number of immigration detainees by year	Not Available		Total number of detained minors	Not Available	2017
Criminal prison population	26,519	2014	Percentage of foreign prisoners	0,9	2007
Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	74	2014			

Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	38,900,000	2020	International migrants	149,762	2019
	35,530,080	2017		134,000	2017
	32,527,000	2015		382,400	2015
International migrants as a percentage of the population	0.4	2017	Refugees	72,227	2019
	1.2	2015		72,231	2018
				75,298	2017
				59,770	2016
				257,554	2015
				300,423	2014
Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	1.79	2016	Total number of new asylum applications	33	2019
	9.5	2014		55	2016
				34	2014

DOMESTIC LAW

LEGAL TRADITION

Legal tradition	Name	Observation Date
	Muslim law	2017

VULNERABLE PERSONS

Is the detention of vulnerable persons provided in law? Are they detained in practice?	Name	In Law	In Practice	Observation Date
	Women	Not mentioned	Yes	2015
	Unaccompanied minors	Not mentioned	Yes	2015
	Accompanied minors	Not mentioned	Yes	2015

COVID-19 UPDATES

	Update Status	Observation Date
<p>Latest Update</p>	<p>As of 28 May, Afghanistan had reported 13,036 cases of Covid-19 and 235 deaths related to the disease. As previously reported (See the 30 April Sweden update), the Afghan Ministry for Refugees wrote an open letter on 18 March 2020 to European countries requesting that they halt all deportations to Afghanistan due to the Covid-19 threat. On 31 March, the German government announced it would cease deportations to Afghanistan for the time being with the last flight having taken place on 12 March. The request to halt deportations came at a time where IOM reported that approximately 100,000 Afghans were deported or returned voluntarily from Iran. IOM said that 53,069 undocumented Afghans returned from Iran through the Milnak and Herat borders between 8-14 March, representing a 171 percent increase. The organisation added that since 1 January, the total number of undocumented returnees from Iran is of 136,186 persons, including unaccompanied migrant children, single parent families, physically disabled persons and elders. On 6 May, the prison authority announced that 10 prisoners tested positive for Covid-19 out of 600 tested. A prisoner detained in the Pul-e-Charkhi prison stated that three prisoners had died after contracting Covid-19. In addition, on 17 May at least 13 detainees tested positive in a prison in the province of Herat. On 22 April, more than 5,000 prisoners were reportedly freed, mostly women, juveniles and sick prisoners, to reduce the risk of coronavirus spreading. On the same day, Afghanistan's new prison chief, Ahmad Rashid Totakhail, complained to journalists about widespread abuses in the country's prison system. He described problems ranging from the lack of a comprehensive database on the length of detainees' sentences to sexual abuse of underage prisoners and a general lack of access to medical care. Subsequently, on 27 April, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani issued a decree to release over 12,000 inmates and to reform various prisons as part of measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19.</p>	<p>2020</p>

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

	Name	Ratification Year
<p>International treaties</p>	<p>OPCAT, Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment</p>	<p>2018</p>
	<p>CTOCSP, Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime</p>	<p>2017</p>
	<p>CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children</p>	<p>2014</p>
	<p>OPCRPD, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</p>	<p>2012</p>
	<p>CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</p>	<p>2012</p>
	<p>CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees</p>	<p>2005</p>
	<p>PCRSR, Protocol to the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees</p>	<p>2005</p>
	<p>CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women</p>	<p>2003</p>
	<p>CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child</p>	<p>1994</p>
	<p>CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment</p>	<p>1987</p>
	<p>ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination</p>	<p>1983</p>
	<p>ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights</p>	<p>1983</p>
	<p>ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</p>	<p>1983</p>
<p>Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified</p>	<p>13/19</p>	

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification				
Individual complaints procedure	Name			Acceptance Year
	CRPD, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities			2012
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification				
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number		Observation Date	
	1/7		2017	
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification				
Treaty bodies decisions on individual complaints	Name	Case Details	Observation Date	
			2016	
Regional treaties, regulations, and directives				
Recommendations issued by regional human rights mechanisms	Name	Recommendation Excerpt	Recommendation Year	Observation Date
			2016	2016
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms				
Visits by special procedures of the Human Rights Council	Name	Year of Visit	Observation Date	
	None	0	2016	
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms				
Relevant recommendations by UN Special Procedures	Name	Recommendation Excerpt	Recommendation Year	Observation Date
	None			
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms				
Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recommendation Issued		Year Issued	Observation Date
	No		2014	2017
	No		2009	2017
	None		0	

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

Institutions responsible for immigration detention				
Custodial authority	Agency	Ministry	Ministry Typology	Observation Date
	National Directorate of Security	National Directorate of Security	Internal or Public Security	2015
Institutions responsible for immigration detention				
Apprehending authorities	Name	Agency	Ministry	Observation Date
	National Directorate of Security			2015

Institutions responsible for immigration detention															
Detention Facility Management	Entity Name					Entity Type					Observation Date				
		National Directorate of Security					Governmental					2015			
Institutions responsible for immigration detention															
Types of detention facilities used in practice	Immigration detention centre (Administrative)	Immigration field office (Administrative)	Transit centre (Administrative)	Reception centre (Administrative)	Offshore detention centre (Administrative)	Hospital (Administrative)	Border guard (Administrative)	Police station (Criminal)	National penitentiary (Criminal)	Local prison (Criminal)	Juvenile detention centre (Criminal)	Informal camp (Ad hoc)	Immigration detention centre (Ad hoc)	Surge facility (Ad hoc)	Observation Date
															2016
															2015
Detention monitoring institutions															
Does NPM have capacity to receive complaints?	Does NPM have capacity to receive complaints?										Observation Date				
	Yes										2013				
Detention monitoring institutions															
Does NPM publicly release reports on immigration detention?	Does NPM publicly release reports on immigration detention?										Observation Date				
											2013				
Detention monitoring institutions															
NGO capacity to receive complaints?	NGO capacity to receive complaints?										Observation Date				
	No										2013				
Detention monitoring institutions															
Do NGOs publish reports on immigration detention?	Do NGOs publish reports on immigration detention?										Observation Date				
	Yes										2013				
Detention monitoring institutions															
Do parliamentary organs carry out visits?	Do parliamentary organs carry out visits?										Observation Date				
	Yes										2000				
Detention monitoring institutions															
Do parliamentary organs have capacity to receive complaints?	Do parliamentary organs have capacity to receive complaints?										Observation Date				
	Yes										2013				
Detention monitoring institutions															
Do parliamentary organs publicly report on their detention findings?	Do parliamentary organs publicly report on their detention findings?										Observation Date				
	Yes										2013				

Detention monitoring institutions		
Do internal inspection agencies (IIAs) carry out visits?	Do IIAs regularly carry out visits?	Observation Date
	Yes	2013
Detention monitoring institutions		
Do IIAs have capacity to receive complaints?	Do IIAs have capacity to receive complaints?	Observation Date
	Yes	2004
Detention monitoring institutions		
Do IIAs publicly report their findings from detention inspections?	Do IIAs publicly report their findings from detention inspections?	Observation Date
	Yes	2010
Detention monitoring institutions		
Do international and/or regional bodies (IRBs) visit immigration-related detention facilities?	Do international and/or regional bodies (IRB) regularly visit immigration-related detention facilities?	Observation Date
	Yes	2007
Detention monitoring institutions		
Do IRBs publicly report their findings from inspections?	Do IRBs publicly report their findings from detention inspections?	Observation Date
	Yes	2008

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