

# Afghan refugees access to the formal labour market in Brazil

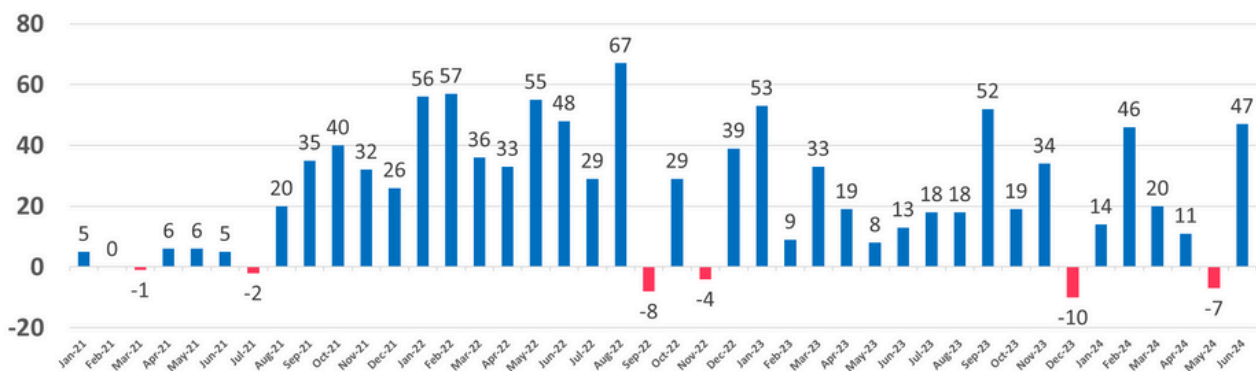
## 2ND QUARTER OF 2024

Data source: CAGED September 2021 to June 2024<sup>1</sup>

### MAIN HIGHLIGHTS

- In the second quarter of 2024, there was a positive balance of 51 Afghan refugees entries in the Brazilian formal labour market, as a result of 290 admissions and 239 exits. In 2024 the balance is 131 Afghans admitted into the formal labour market.
- From September 2021 to June 2024, within the framework of the reception policy, 967 Afghan refugees entered the formal labour market. The cumulative data beyond this reception policy is that there are 1,006 Afghans formally employed in Brazil.
- Most of those entering the formal labour market are young adults aged 18 to 24 years (34.6%) and men (63.5%).
- The educational profile of those entering the formal labour market indicates that 85.4% completed high school, out of which 8.5% had completed higher education.
- The average salary of Afghans hired in June 2024 is USD 335.3 which is 13% lower than the average salary of Brazilians hired in the same period<sup>2</sup>. Also, the overall Afghans average salary tends to increase with a higher educational level.
- The main activities in formal labour market are: (i) restaurants and other food and beverage service establishments, (ii) retail trade of goods in general, with a predominance of food products - minimarkets, grocery stores and warehouses.

### Afghans in the formal labour market, by month



Brazil has welcomed Afghan people through recognition of refugee status and residence authorization for humanitarian purposes. In addition to the protection guaranteed by Law 9.474 of 22 July 1997, since September 2021, different ordinances have been issued specifically aimed at welcoming this population.<sup>1</sup>

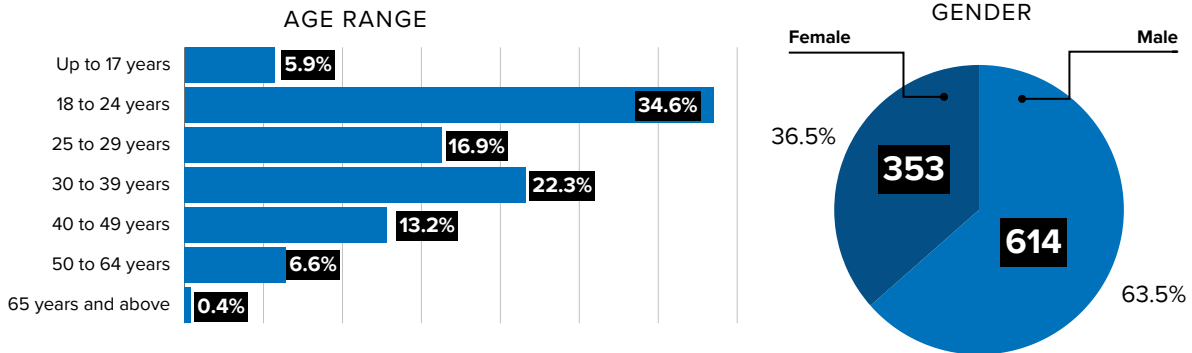
Afghans in Brazil, as well as refugees of other nationalities, have enormous potential to contribute to host communities, in addition to the development and diversification of the local economy.

Since September 2021, data from the **General Register of Employed and Unemployed Persons (CAGED)** of the Ministry of Labour and Employment (MTE), recorded **3,182 admissions and 2,215 dismissals of Afghan people**. Thus, the total balance of Afghan refugees in the Brazilian formal labour market, in this period, is **967 people**.

1. Interministerial Ordinance MJSP/MRE No. 42, of 22 September 2023, is currently in force, which establishes new rules for granting temporary visas and residence permits for the purpose of humanitarian reception for Afghan nationals, stateless persons and people affected by situation of institutional instability and serious human rights violations in Afghanistan.

2. More details can be accessed at: [pdet.mte.gov.br/novo-caged](https://pdet.mte.gov.br/novo-caged)

## Demographic profile for Afghans in formal labour market



## Educational profile and average salary of Afghans, by sex

Profile	Total	Male (USD)	Female (USD)	Total (USD)
No education	16	\$ 305.8	\$ 328.9	\$ 314.0
Incomplete primary education	166	\$ 325.6	\$ 284.7	\$ 315.5
Complete primary education	121	\$ 346.2	\$ 308.0	\$ 336.7
Incomplete high school	160	\$ 301.8	\$ 266.2	\$ 289.6
Complete high school	2,354	\$ 328.3	\$ 294.7	\$ 317.1
Incomplete higher education	95	\$ 378.7	\$ 342.8	\$ 363.1
Complete higher education	270	\$ 541.0	\$ 512.6	\$ 527.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,182</b>	<b>\$ 343.1</b>	<b>\$ 321.3</b>	<b>\$ 335.7</b>



## Afghan in formal labour market by standard classification of occupations

CBO	Classification of Occupations	Male	Female	Total
5211	Trade operators in stores and markets	54	81	135
4110	Agents, assistants and administrative assistants	18	34	52
5134	Service providers in food, beverage and hotel establishments	22	27	49
5143	Workers in building maintenance services	26	22	48
5135	Auxiliary workers in food services	30	17	47
7842	Production line feeders	34	7	41
4211	Cashiers and ticket sellers (except bank tellers)	10	25	35
7825	Drivers of general cargo vehicles	26	0	26
-	Others	394	140	534
<b>Total</b>		<b>614</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>967</b>

## Afghan in formal labour market by National Classification of Economic Activities (CNAE)

CNAE	Total
Restaurants and other food and beverage service establishments	84
Road freight transport	37
Retail trade of general merchandise, with a predominance of food products - minimarkets, grocery stores and warehouses	31
Retail sale of clothing and accessories	23
Retail trade of food products in general or specialized in food products not specified above; tobacco products	21
Retail trade of pharmaceutical products for human and veterinary use	21
Retail trade of other new products not previously specified	21
Building construction	19
Activities of associations defending social rights	19
Others	691
<b>Total</b>	<b>967</b>