





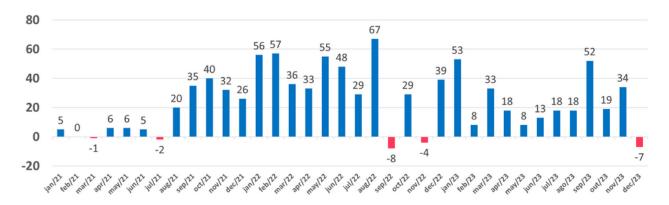
Afghan refugees access to the formal labor market in Brazil

Data source: CAGED September 2021 to December 2023¹

MAIN RESULTS

- From September 2021 to December 2023, 837 Afghan refugees entered the formal labor market in Brazil. During this period, there were 2,588 entries and 1,751 exits.
- Most of those entering the formal labor market are young adults aged 18 to 24 years (35.5%) and men (66.9%).
- The educational profile of those entering the formal labor market indicates that 86% completed high school, out of which 8.1% had completed higher education.
- The average income for Afghans in the formal labor market is BRL 1,794.2 and tends to increase with a higher educational level. Even so, this is lower than the average salary in the country's last month admissions (BRL 2,026.33)².
- The main occupational categories in the formal labor market are: (i) trade operators in stores and markets, (ii) agents, assistants and administrative assistants, and (iii) auxiliary workers in food services.

Afghans in the formal labor 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 22nd July 1997, since September 2021, different ordinances have been issued specifically aimed at welcoming this population.¹

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 Labor and Employment (MTE), recorded 2,403 admissions and 1,592 dismissals of Afghan people. Thus, the total balance of Afghan refugees in the Brazilian formal labor market, in this period, is 811 people.

^{1.} Interministerial Ordinance MJSP/MRE No. 42, of 22nd 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.

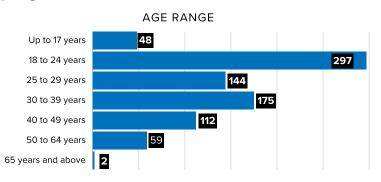
^{2.} More details can be accessed at: pdet.mte.gov.br/novo-caged

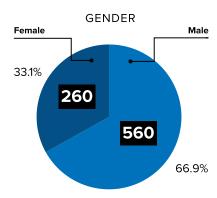






Demographic profile for Afghans in formal labor market





Educational profile and average salary of Afghans, by sex

Profile	Total	Male	Female	Total
No education	11	BRL 1,651.6	BRL 1,544.4	BRL 1,627.8
Incomplete primary education	120	BRL 1,762.2	BRL 1,507.9	BRL 1,693.6
Complete primary education	97	BRL 1,808.4	BRL 1,607.0	BRL 1,757.5
Incomplete high school	135	BRL 1,619.0	BRL 1,409.0	BRL 1,543.5
Complete high school	1,934	BRL 1,748.9	BRL 1,561.4	BRL 1,688.5
Incomplete higher education	82	BRL 1,987.0	BRL 1,824.7	BRL 1,922.1
Complete higher education	209	BRL 3,001.8	BRL 2,862.6	BRL 2,939.0
Total	2,588	BRL 1,837.2	BRL 1,707.4	BRL 1,794.2









Afghan in formal labor market by standard classification of occupations

СВО	Classification of Occupations	Male	Female	Total
5211	Trade operators in stores and markets	53	62	115
4110	Agents, assistants and administrative assistants	13	36	49
5135	Auxiliary workers in food services	29	18	47
5143	Workers in building maintenance services	25	18	43
5134	Service providers in food, beverage and hotel establishments	18	22	40
4211	Tellers and ticket agents (except bank tellers)	10	19	29
7825	Truck drivers in general	27	0	27
8485	Scavengers and similars	26	0	26
-	Others	359	102	461
	Total	560	277	837

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

CNAE	Total
Restaurants and other food and beverage service establishments	
Road freight transport	37
Retail trade of clothing and accessories	22
Retail trade of general merchandise, with a predominance of food products - minimarkets, grocery stores and warehouses	21
Retail trade of hardware, wood and construction materials	17
Retail trade of pharmaceutical products for human and veterinary use	17
Retail trade of other new products not previously specified	17
Building construction	16
Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	16
Others	597
Total	837