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# **2018 – 19 Migration Program Report**

**Program year to 30 June 2019**

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## About this report

This report provides data about the permanent migration program administered by the Department of Home Affairs (the Department). This report does not include data on the permanent humanitarian program.

This report is published annually.

Data is sourced from several departmental visa processing and recording systems.

For privacy reasons, <5 has been used where a number in a table is between 1 and 4.

This report does not include data on the state / territory of intended residence. The Department is undertaking further validation of this data and will update this report when available.

Further information about the migration program is available on the Department of Home Affairs website (<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/statistics/visa-statistics/live> )

## Enquiries

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## Definition of terms

Activity:	In migration program reporting, this term refers to visa processing activity status and can include counts of lodgements, finalisation types (grant, refusal, withdrawal) and applications onhand. Activity data may also include second stage permanent applications that do not count toward the Migration Program ceiling.
Citizenship country:	The country of citizenship of the visa applicant or visa holder. Where a visa applicant or visa holder has more than one citizenship country, either the citizenship of the travel document or the citizenship nominated by the visa applicant is used.
Decisions:	A visa processing activity outcome where a decision-maker (including system-generated decision-making) grants or refuses a visa application.
Finalisations:	A visa processing activity outcome where a decision-maker grants or refuses a visa application, or the application is otherwise finalised by client withdrawal.
In Australia:	In this report, refers to the location of the client at the time the application was lodged. An applicant in Australia may already hold a visa of the same kind or may be applying for another type of visa.
Lodged:	Lodged is the count of applications receipted in a departmental office or submitted electronically.
Onhand:	A visa application that has been lodged but has not been finalised at a point in time. An application that is onhand may also be referred to as 'in the pipeline'.
Outside Australia:	In this report, the term refers to the location of the client at the time of lodging the application.
Outcome:	In reference to the Migration Program, outcome refers to the number of places that count toward the Migration Program ceiling, eg visas granted that count toward the program. The outcome includes primary applicants as well as secondary/dependant applicants.

Where a visa has a permanent residence pathway, eg from a provisional or 'first stage' visa to a permanent or 'second stage' visa, the applicant is counted to the Migration Program at grant of the provisional visa.

Some visas granted during a program year may not count toward the Migration Program ceiling.

- If a person has been previously granted a visa which counted toward the Migration Program, that person will not be counted again.
- Similarly, when a visa is granted and subsequently cancelled in the same program year, the grant is considered as not having occurred (for the purposes of Migration Program outcome reporting) and is excluded.
- When a Partner visa applicant does not progress to the second stage (permanent) visa, a place is returned to the program. Similarly, if a Business Innovation and Investment visa (granted in an earlier year) is cancelled under certain powers, a place is returned to the program in the year of cancellation.
- When these types of visa exclusions occur, this means that another person is then able to take that place within the Migration Program.

Places:	In this report, each grant that is countable to the Migration Program outcome is a place delivered against the ceiling of Migration Program places for the year. Where referring to Migration Program <b>outcome</b> within the report, the terms 'grant' and 'place' may be used interchangeably.
Primary applicant:	The primary applicant is the person who must satisfy the primary criteria for the grant of a visa under the Migration Regulations. Also known as the principal applicant.
Secondary applicant:	Secondary applicants must satisfy the secondary criteria for the grant of a visa under the Migration Regulations. In this case, a secondary applicant is generally a dependant of the primary applicant.
Region (major):	The major geographical region in which the country of citizenship of the applicant is located. Region groupings are determined based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standard Classification of Countries (SACC), 2016.
Region (minor):	The minor geographical region in which the country of citizenship of the applicant is located. Region groupings are determined based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standard Classification of Countries (SACC), 2016.

# Background to the Migration Program

Australia's Migration Program is set annually, and runs from 1 July to 30 June of each year, similarly to the Australian financial year. The size and composition of the program is set each year through the Australian Government's Budget process.

Australia's Migration Program ensures we attract highly skilled migrants who support Australian values, do not displace Australian workers and support development in regional and low growth metropolitan areas. The program balances the needs of the Australian economy with pressures on our major cities, infrastructure and the environment, and ensures it will continue to support Australia's security, economic and social cohesion objectives now and into the future.

There are four streams in the Migration Program:

- The Skill stream is designed to improve the productive capacity of the economy and fill skill shortages in the labour market, including those in regional Australia.
- The Family stream is predominately made up of Partner category visas, enabling Australian citizens and permanent residents to reunite with family members from overseas and provide them with pathways to citizenship.
- The Special Eligibility stream covers visas for those in special circumstances that do not fit into the other streams. This can include permanent residents returning to the country after a period away.
- The Child program is demand driven and does not have a ceiling.

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Where a visa has a permanent residence pathway, eg from a provisional or 'first stage' visa to a permanent or 'second stage' visa, the applicant is counted to the Migration Program at grant of the provisional visa.



# Executive Summary

The total permanent Migration Program outcome for 2018-19 was **160,323** places.

The overall program includes a set of streams managed within a ceiling, as well as the Child program, which is demand driven and does not have a ceiling.

The breakdown for those streams within the Migration Program, under the ceiling, was as follows:

- **109,713** places were delivered in the Skill stream;
- **47,247** places were delivered in the Family stream; and
- **115** places were delivered in the Special Eligibility stream.

The outcome of Child visas for the year was **3,248** places.

This outcome is within the planning ceiling of 190,000 places set through the Government's budget process.

Outcome levels vary due to a number of factors, with the Department of Home Affairs committed to delivering the best possible migration outcome for the Australian community.

In this program year, a slightly lower number of applications were finalised (269,162) when compared with 2017-18 (272,988). Shifting risks and an increased focus on older, more complex cases were key contributing factors. The outcome of 160,323 places was slightly lower than the 162,417 places delivered in 2017-18.

There are now a high proportion of high risk cases across our programs, with applications lodged by individuals with complex immigration histories, including extensive travel histories, unsuccessful visa applications and/or periods of being unlawful in Australia. These require increased scrutiny, including more character and bona-fides checks to ensure that the Australian community is protected, which requires more work effort. The number of visa applications refused in 2018-19 (25,739) was similar to the number refused in 2017-18 (25,920).

Of note, 8987 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) places were delivered in 2018-19, up by 44.5 per cent from 6221 places in 2017-18. 33,025 Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) places were delivered in 2018-19, up by 12.7 per cent from 29,307 places in 2017-18.

## Skill Stream

The Skill stream outcome was 109,713 places, which accounted for 69.8 per cent of the total 2018-19 Migration Program outcome (excluding Child stream).

Within the Skill stream:

- The Permanent Employer Sponsored Entry (PESE) category had an outcome of 42,012 places. It comprised 38.3 per cent of the Skill stream outcome, with 33,025 places (78.6 per cent) under the Employer Nomination Scheme (ENS) and 8987 places (21.4 per cent) under the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS);
- General Skilled Migration (GSM) had an outcome of 60,240 places. GSM comprised 54.9 per cent of Skill stream outcome. GSM includes the following categories:
  - Skilled Independent
  - Skilled Regional
  - State / Territory Nominated;

- The Business Innovation and Investment Program (BIIP) had an outcome of 7261 places (6.6 per cent); and
- The Distinguished Talent category had an outcome of 200 places (0.2 per cent).

Demand for places in the Skill stream has decreased by 11.8 per cent in the 2018-19 program year compared with 2017-18. There were 118,076 first stage applications received in the Skill stream in 2018-19 compared to 133,856 first stage applications in 2017-18. This decline was mainly attributed to the Employer Sponsored category.

As at 30 June 2019, there were 89,732 first stage Skill applicants in the pipeline, a decrease of 14.5 per cent compared to the pipeline as at 30 June 2018.

The outcome for ENS was 33,025 places in 2018-19, including 1195 grants made under Labour Agreements.

In the Skilled Independent category, applicants located outside Australia accounted for 57.9 per cent of the outcome in 2018-19. In the Skilled Independent category, there were 36,206 applications compared to 35,107 applications in 2017-18.

Within the State/Territory Nominated and Regional category, the State/Territory Nominated visas delivered an outcome of 25,346 places (23.1 per cent of the Skill stream), a decrease of 2054 on 2017-18 outcome.

The Business Innovation and Investment program (BIIP) delivered all places available under the ceiling for this category. Demand for this category increased by 4.6 per cent in 2018-19, with 14,922 first stage applications made compared to 14,259 first stage applications made in 2017-18. The BIIP pipeline increased over the 2018-19 program year by 21.7 per cent, from 18,897 applicants as at 30 June 2018 compared to 23,002 applicants at 30 June 2019.

## Family Stream

The Family stream (excluding Child) delivered 47,247 places, which accounted for 30.1 per cent of the total 2018-19 Migration Program outcome (excluding Child stream). Within the Family stream:

- The Partner category had an outcome of 39,918 places. It comprised 84.5 per cent of the 2018-19 Family stream outcome;
- The outcome of the Contributory Parent and Non-Contributory Parent categories were 5587 and 1218 places, respectively; and
- The outcome of the Other Family category was 524 places.

Demand for places in the Family stream in 2018-19 was 5.1 per cent higher than in 2017-18. The pipeline at 30 June 2019 was 200,779 first stage applications, an increase of 6.4 per cent compared to the pipeline of 188,633 first stage applications as at 30 June 2018. The Partner category accounted for 44.2 per cent of the Family stream pipeline. Contributory Parent and Non-Contributory Parent categories accounted for 26.3 per cent and 24.9 per cent of the total Family stream pipeline, respectively.

## Child Stream

Child stream delivered 3248 places.

## Special Eligibility

The Special Eligibility stream outcome was 115 places, which accounted for 0.1 per cent of the total 2018-19 Migration Program outcome.

## Migration Program Outcome - Further Information

### Source countries

The largest source countries of migrants in 2018-19 were:

- India with 33,611 places
- China with 24,282 places
- United Kingdom with 13,689 places
- Philippines with 9159 places
- New Zealand with 6209 places
- Vietnam with 5532 places
- Pakistan with 4739 places
- Nepal with 4096 places
- South Africa with 3861 places
- United States of America with 3812 places

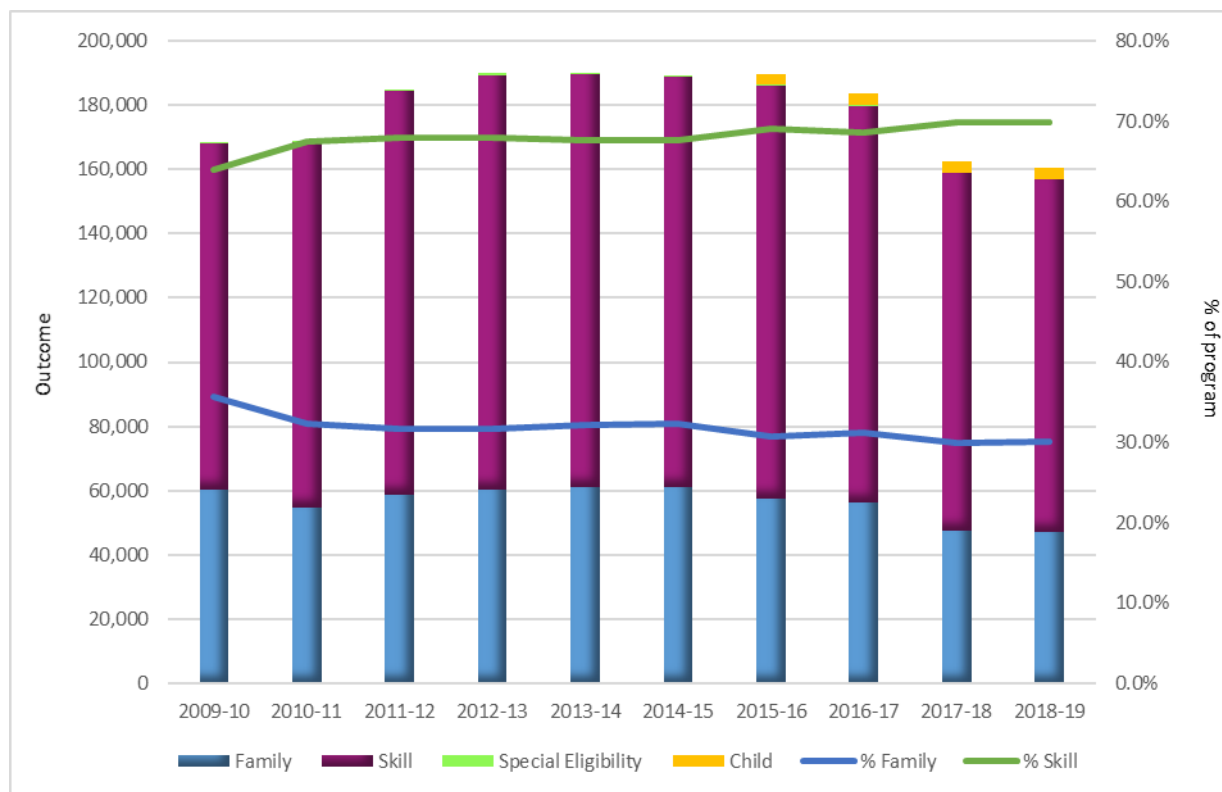
### Occupations of primary applicant in the Skill stream

At the major group level of the *Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO)*, the top three occupation groups represented in the Skill stream (primary applicants only) were:

- Professionals (63.3 per cent);
- Technicians and Trade Workers (15.2 per cent); and
- Managers (8.4 per cent).

# 1. Migration Program Outcome 2018-19

## 1.1. Migration Program Outcome by stream



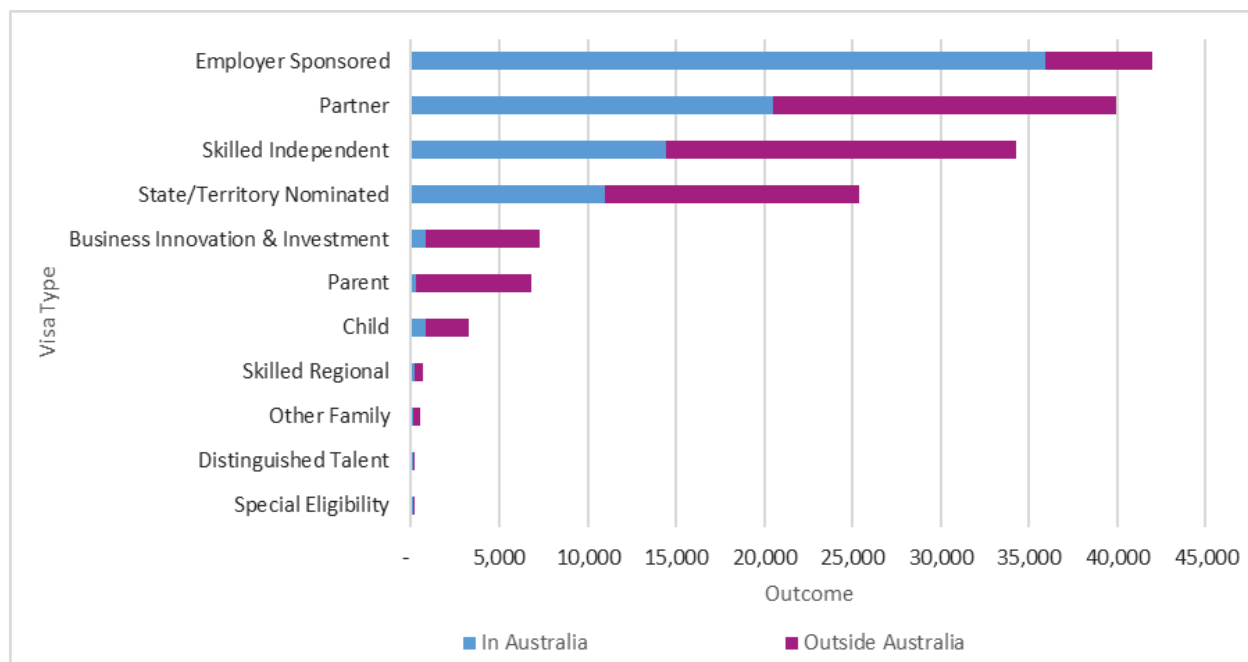
Outcome Year	Stream				Total	% Skill	% Family
	Skill	Family	Special Eligibility	Child			
2009-10	107,868	60,254	501		168,623	64.0%	35.7%
2010-11	113,725	54,543	417		168,685	67.4%	32.3%
2011-12	125,755	58,604	639		184,998	68.0%	31.7%
2012-13	128,973	60,185	842		190,000	67.9%	31.7%
2013-14	128,550	61,112	338		190,000	67.7%	32.2%
2014-15	127,774	61,085	238		189,097	67.6%	32.3%
2015-16	128,550	57,400	308	3,512	189,770	69.0%	30.8%
2016-17	123,567	56,220	421	3,400	183,608	68.6%	31.2%
2017-18	111,099	47,732	236	3,350	162,417	69.8%	30.0%
2018-19	109,713	47,247	115	3,248	160,323	69.8%	30.1%

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Child visa stream is excluded when calculating Skill/Family percentage of program.

## 1.2. Migration Program Outcome by client location at time of application

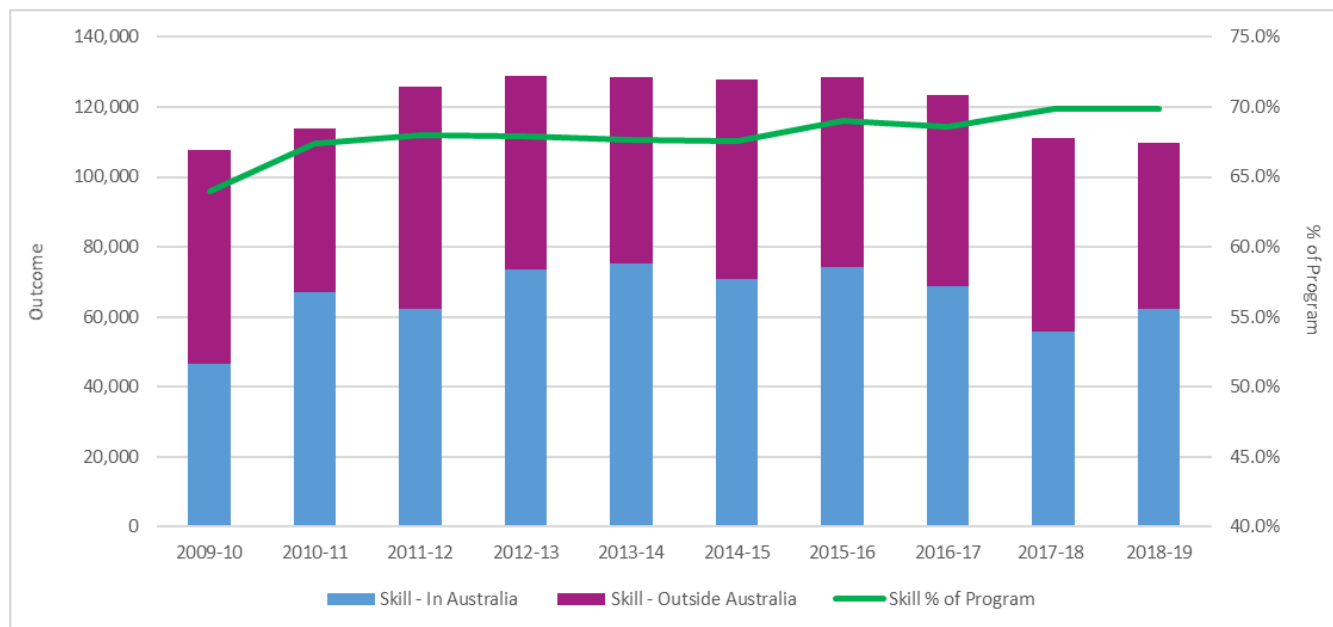
### 1.2.1. 2018-19 Migration Program Outcome by visa type and location of client at time of application



Outcome		Client Location		
Visa Category	Visa Type	In Australia	Outside Australia	Total
<b>Skill</b>	Business Innovation & Investment	796	6,465	<b>7,261</b>
	Distinguished Talent	136	64	<b>200</b>
	Employer Sponsored	35,879	6,133	<b>42,012</b>
	Skilled Independent	14,403	19,844	<b>34,247</b>
	Skilled Regional	193	454	<b>647</b>
	State/Territory Nominated	10,959	14,387	<b>25,346</b>
<b>Skill Total</b>		<b>62,366</b>	<b>47,347</b>	<b>109,713</b>
<b>Family</b>	Parent	311	6,494	<b>6,805</b>
	Partner	20,490	19,428	<b>39,918</b>
	Other Family	157	367	<b>524</b>
<b>Family Total</b>		<b>20,958</b>	<b>26,289</b>	<b>47,247</b>
<b>Special Eligibility</b>	Special Eligibility	108	7	<b>115</b>
<b>Special Eligibility Total</b>		<b>108</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Child</b>	Child	828	2,420	<b>3,248</b>
<b>Child Total</b>		<b>828</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>3,248</b>
<b>Migration Program Total</b>		<b>84,260</b>	<b>76,063</b>	<b>160,323</b>

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

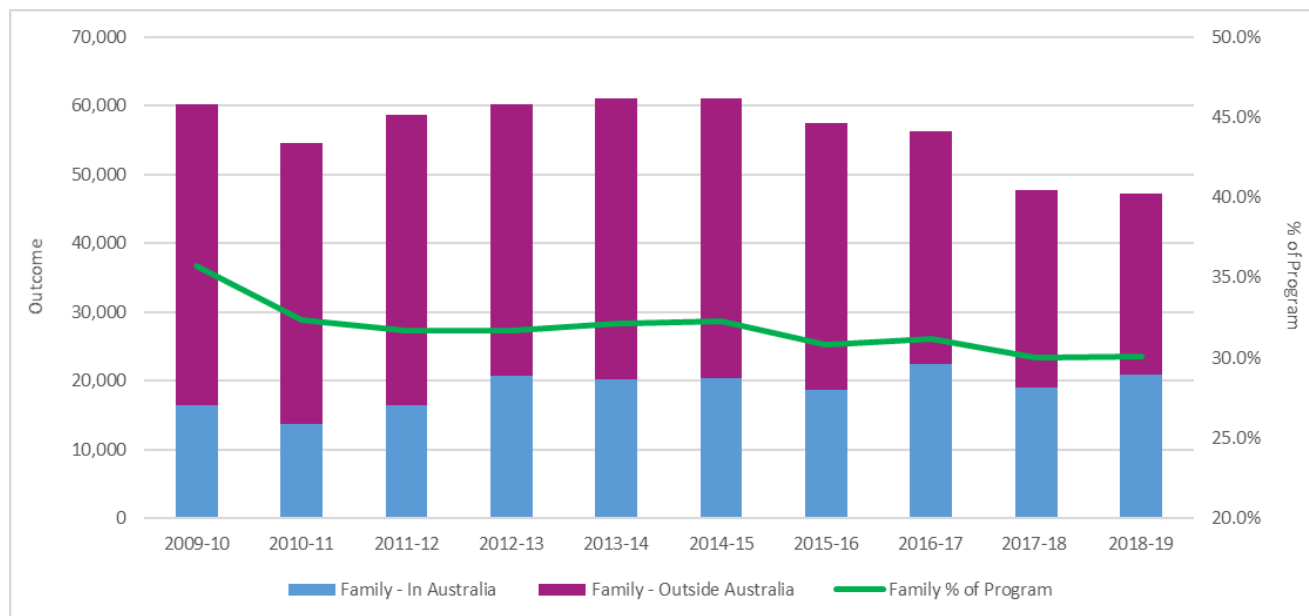
1.2.2. Migration Program Outcome (Skill stream): Location of client at time of application – comparison with previous years



Outcome Client location at application	Program Year									
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
In Australia	46,672	67,109	62,374	73,368	75,221	70,751	74,126	68,869	55,853	62,366
Outside Australia	61,196	46,616	63,381	55,605	53,329	57,023	54,424	54,698	55,246	47,347
Skill % of Program	64.0%	67.4%	68.0%	67.9%	67.7%	67.6%	69.0%	68.6%	69.8%	69.8%

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

### 1.2.3. Migration Program Outcome (Family stream): Location of client at time of applications – comparison with previous years

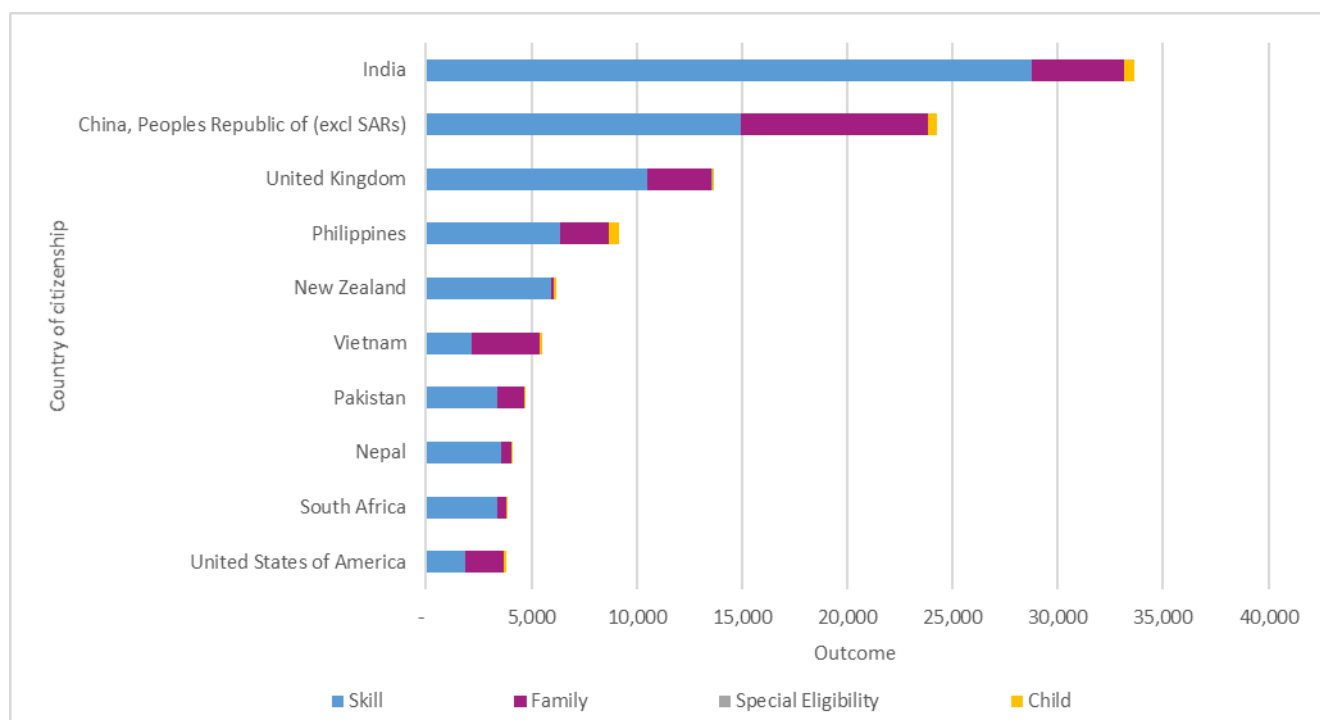


Outcome Client location at application	Program Year									
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
In Australia	16,458	13,624	16,371	20,708	20,180	20,446	18,639	22,406	18,918	20,958
Outside Australia	43,796	40,919	42,233	39,477	40,932	40,639	38,761	33,814	28,814	26,289
Family % of Program	35.7%	32.3%	31.7%	31.7%	32.2%	32.3%	30.8%	31.2%	30.0%	30.1%

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

### 1.3. Migration Program Outcome by country and region of citizenship

#### 1.3.1. 2018-19 Migration Program Outcome: top ten countries of citizenship by stream

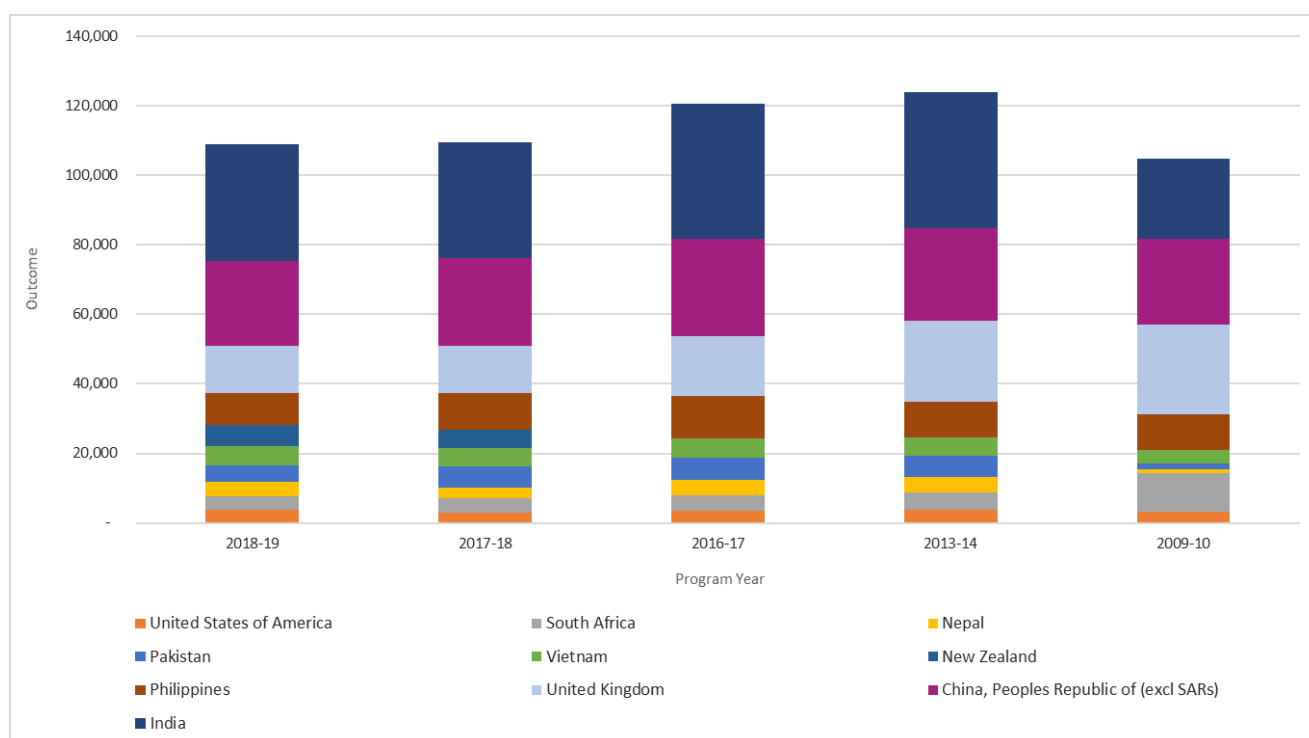


Outcome	Stream				Total	
	Citizenship Country	Skill	Family	Special Eligibility		Child
India		28,743	4,421	<5	443	33,611
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)		14,964	8,882	<5	433	24,282
United Kingdom		10,534	3,038	13	104	13,689
Philippines		6,363	2,304	<5	491	9,159
New Zealand		5,944	144		121	6,209
Vietnam		2,192	3,187	5	148	5,532
Pakistan		3,371	1,269		99	4,739
Nepal		3,539	539		18	4,096
South Africa		3,387	420	12	42	3,861
United States of America		1,888	1,829	<5	93	3,812
Other		28,788	21,214	75	1,256	51,333
<b>Total</b>		<b>109,713</b>	<b>47,247</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>3,248</b>	<b>160,323</b>

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.



### 1.3.2. 2018-19 Migration Program Outcome: Top ten countries of citizenship - comparison with previous years (selected)



Outcome Citizenship Country	Program Year				
	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2013-14	2009-10
India	33,611	33,310	38,854	39,026	23,164
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	24,282	25,145	28,293	26,776	24,768
United Kingdom	13,689	13,654	17,038	23,220	25,738
Philippines	9,159	10,610	12,209	10,379	10,160
New Zealand	6,209	5,295	-	-	-
Vietnam	5,532	5,124	5,493	5,199	3,950
Pakistan	4,739	6,235	6,556	6,275	1,603
Nepal	4,096	3,067	4,290	4,364	1,248
South Africa	3,861	4,235	4,589	4,908	11,081
United States of America	3,812	2,782	3,448	3,843	3,222
Other	51,333	52,960	62,838	66,010	63,689
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,323</b>	<b>162,417</b>	<b>183,608</b>	<b>190,000</b>	<b>168,623</b>

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: New Zealand grants were not counted toward the migration program outcome prior to 2017-18.

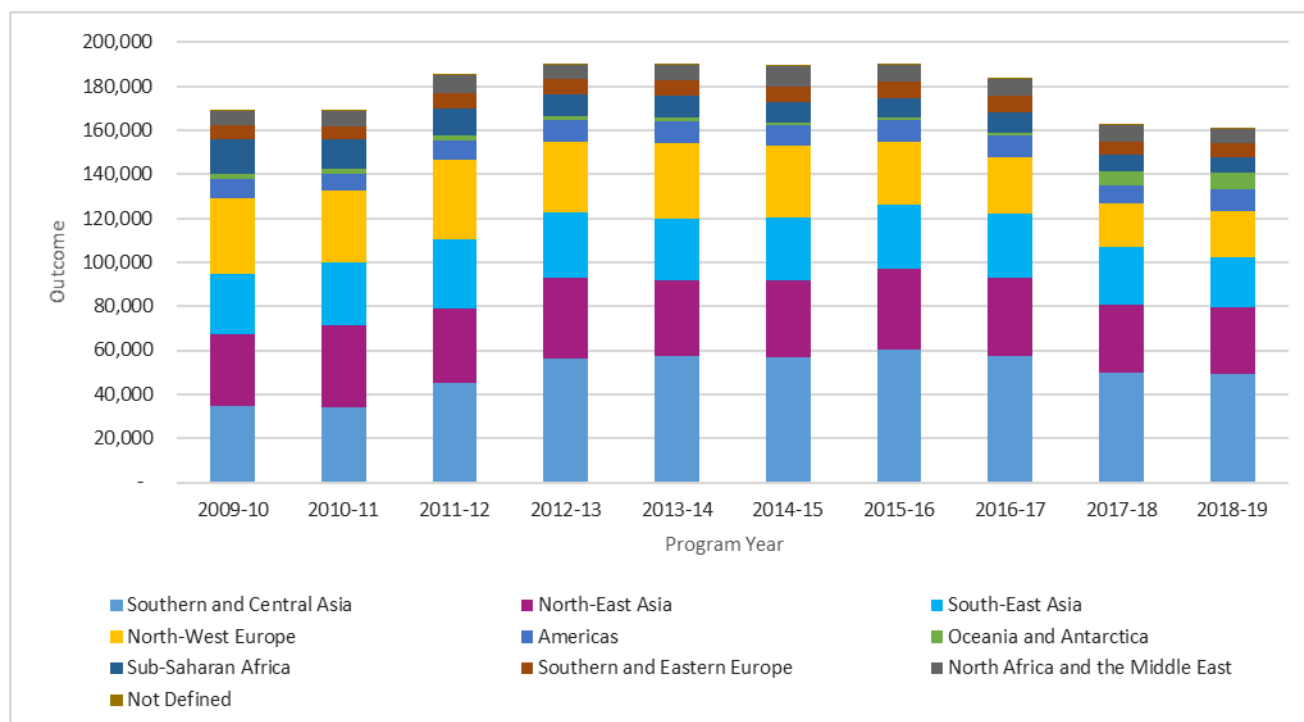
1.3.3. 2018-19 Migration Program Outcome: Top ten countries of citizenship – rank comparison with previous years (selected)

Outcome Citizenship Country	2018-19 Total	Rank 2018-19	Rank 2017-18	Rank 2016-17	Rank 2013-14	Rank 2009-10
India	33,611	1	1	1	1	3
China, Peoples Republic of (excluding SARs)	24,282	2	2	2	2	2
United Kingdom	13,689	3	3	3	3	1
Philippines	9,159	4	4	4	4	5
New Zealand	6,209	5	6	-	-	-
Vietnam	5,532	6	7	6	7	9
Pakistan	4,739	7	5	5	5	20
Nepal	4,096	8	10	8	9	23
South Africa	3,861	9	8	7	8	4
United States of America	3,812	10	11	11	12	10

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### 1.3.4. Migration Program Outcome 2009-10 to 2018-19 – by Region (Major)

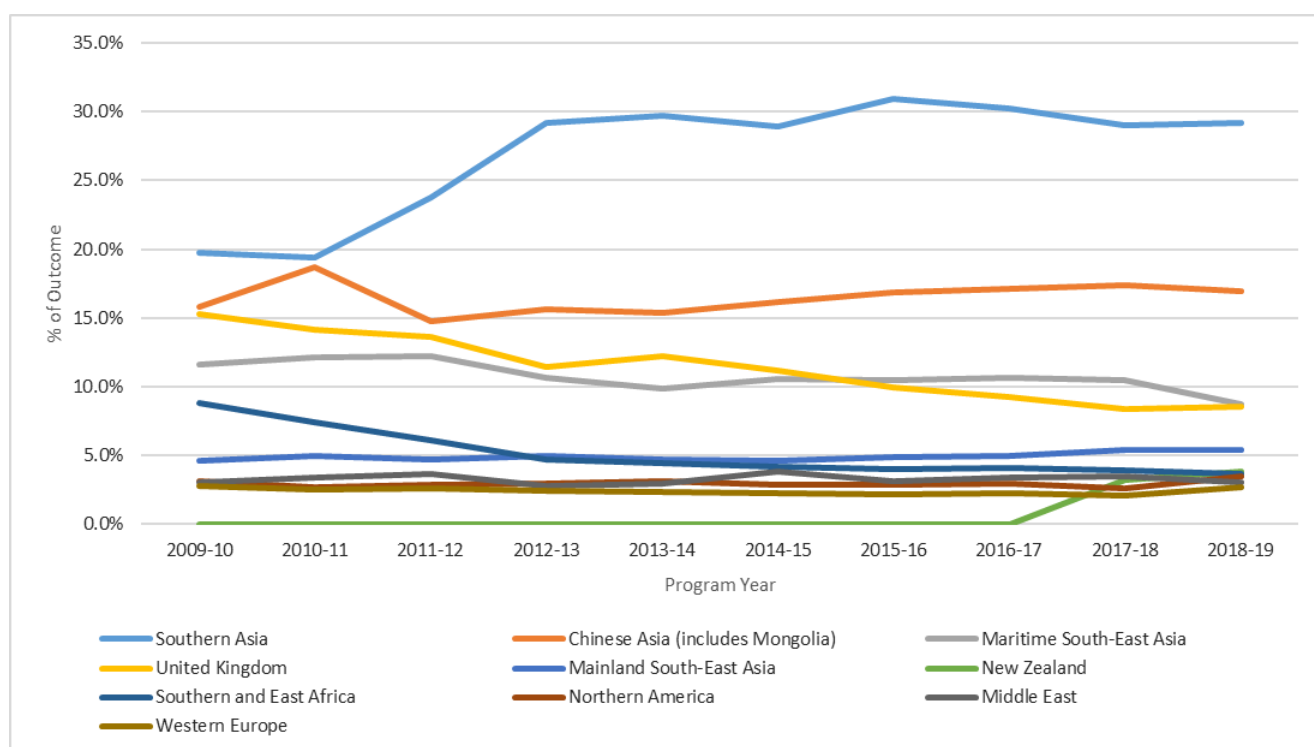


Outcome	Program Year									
Region (Major)	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Southern and Central Asia	34,402	33,914	45,017	56,098	57,384	56,914	60,433	57,472	49,682	49,067
North-East Asia	32,674	37,347	33,910	36,698	34,321	34,983	36,525	35,759	31,315	30,601
South-East Asia	27,423	28,797	31,483	29,662	27,808	28,576	29,206	28,822	25,791	22,586
North-West Europe	34,325	32,690	35,896	32,494	34,817	32,461	28,801	25,943	20,004	21,056
Americas	9,035	7,674	9,157	9,549	9,910	9,096	9,437	9,681	8,095	10,099
Oceania and Antarctica	2,438	2,288	2,275	1,848	1,771	1,570	1,442	1,343	6,275	7,194
Sub-Saharan Africa	15,844	13,393	12,309	9,937	9,442	8,939	8,755	8,795	7,529	7,012
Southern and Eastern Europe	5,865	5,457	6,563	6,764	7,088	7,476	7,314	7,689	6,251	6,386
North Africa and the Middle East	6,539	7,031	8,273	6,860	7,293	8,970	7,767	7,974	7,418	6,243
Not Defined	78	94	115	90	166	112	90	130	57	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>168,623</b>	<b>168,685</b>	<b>184,998</b>	<b>190,000</b>	<b>190,000</b>	<b>189,097</b>	<b>189,770</b>	<b>183,608</b>	<b>162,417</b>	<b>160,323</b>

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Region is determined based on the country of citizenship of the applicant, and grouped according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) 2016.

### 1.3.5. Migration Program Outcome 20109-10 to 2018-19 – by Top Ten Region (Minor) and Percentage of Total



Outcome Region Minor	Program Year									
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Southern Asia	19.7%	19.4%	23.7%	29.2%	29.7%	28.9%	31.0%	30.2%	29.0%	29.2%
Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia)	15.8%	18.7%	14.8%	15.7%	15.4%	16.1%	16.9%	17.1%	17.4%	17.0%
Maritime South-East Asia	11.6%	12.1%	12.3%	10.7%	9.9%	10.5%	10.5%	10.7%	10.5%	8.7%
United Kingdom	15.3%	14.2%	13.7%	11.4%	12.2%	11.1%	10.0%	9.3%	8.4%	8.5%
Mainland South-East Asia	4.6%	4.9%	4.7%	5.0%	4.8%	4.6%	4.9%	5.0%	5.4%	5.4%
New Zealand	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	3.9%
Southern and East Africa	8.8%	7.4%	6.1%	4.7%	4.4%	4.2%	4.0%	4.1%	3.9%	3.7%
Northern America	3.1%	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.6%	3.5%
Middle East	3.0%	3.4%	3.6%	2.8%	3.0%	3.8%	3.1%	3.4%	3.5%	3.0%
Western Europe	2.8%	2.5%	2.6%	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%	2.2%	2.3%	2.1%	2.7%

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Region is determined based on the country of citizenship of the applicant, and grouped according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) 2016.

### 1.3.6. Migration Program Outcome 20109-10 to 2018-19 – by Top Ten Region (Minor)

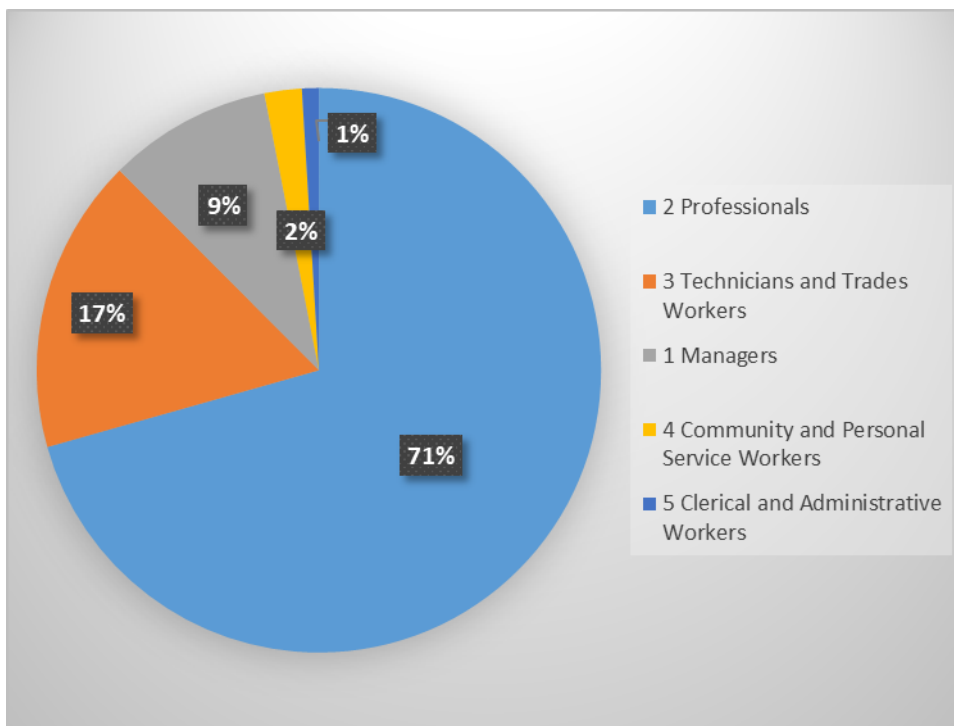
Outcome Region (Major)	Program Year									
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Southern Asia	33,266	32,770	43,935	55,527	56,432	54,642	58,740	55,515	47,181	46,781
Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia)	26,712	31,539	27,372	29,746	29,260	30,506	32,057	31,433	28,272	27,208
Maritime South- East Asia	19,587	20,467	22,700	20,247	18,783	19,901	19,915	19,635	16,987	13,975
United Kingdom	25,738	23,931	25,274	21,711	23,220	21,078	18,950	17,038	13,654	13,689
Mainland South- East Asia	7,836	8,330	8,783	9,415	9,025	8,675	9,291	9,187	8,804	8,611
New Zealand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,295	6,209
Southern and East Africa	14,861	12,561	11,343	9,011	8,419	7,937	7,599	7,451	6,373	5,854
Northern America	5,240	4,598	5,364	5,656	5,893	5,441	5,458	5,381	4,298	5,566
Middle East	5,077	5,681	6,710	5,238	5,684	7,186	5,900	6,195	5,613	4,836
Western Europe	4,718	4,269	4,805	4,675	4,529	4,321	4,157	4,207	3,368	4,282
Other	25,588	24,539	28,712	28,774	28,755	29,410	27,703	27,566	22,572	23,312
<b>Total</b>	<b>168,623</b>	<b>168,685</b>	<b>184,998</b>	<b>190,000</b>	<b>190,000</b>	<b>189,097</b>	<b>189,770</b>	<b>183,608</b>	<b>162,417</b>	<b>160,323</b>

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

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## 2. Skill stream

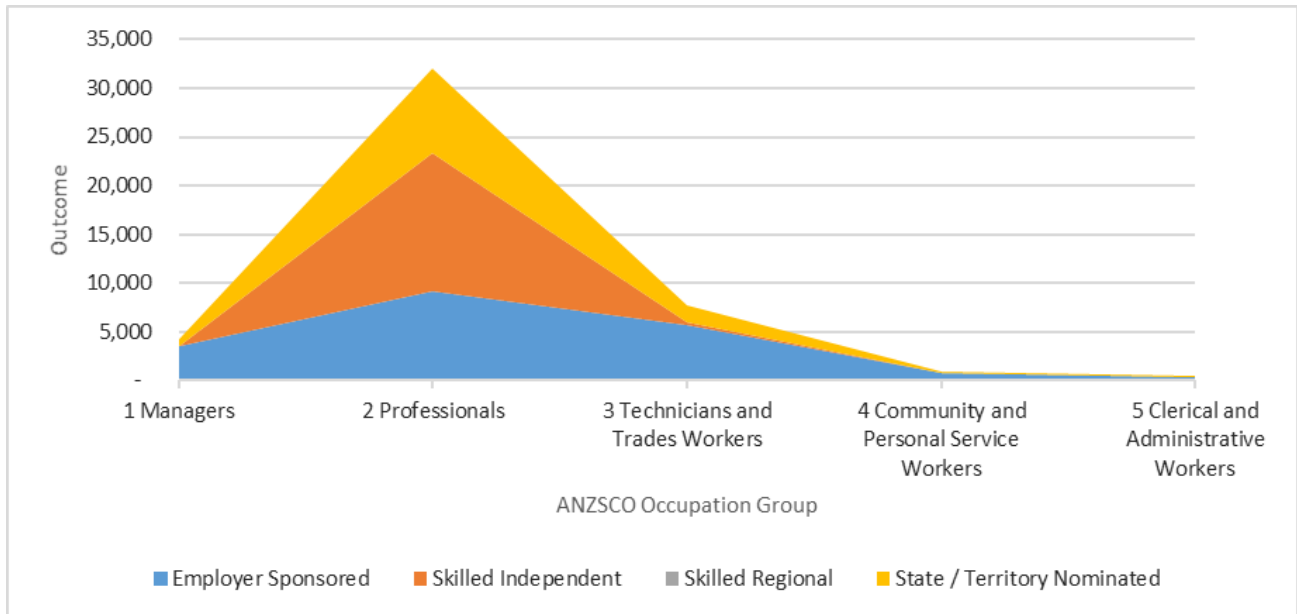
### 2.1. Migration Program Outcome by occupation (Skill stream – primary applicants)



Outcome Occupation Major Group	Total	% of Total
2 Professionals	32,080	63.3%
3 Technicians and Trades Workers	7,680	15.2%
1 Managers	4,260	8.4%
4 Community and Personal Service Workers	973	1.9%
5 Clerical and Administrative Workers	438	0.9%
6 Sales Workers	170	0.3%
7 Machinery Operators and Drivers	20	0.0%
8 Labourers	17	0.0%
Skilled Meat Worker	15	0.0%
Not Specified	5,022	9.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,675</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Note: Includes primary applicants only.

2.1.1. Migration Program Outcome: Top five major occupation groups – by visa category (primary applicants)



Outcome	Visa Category				Total
	Employer Sponsored	Skilled Independent	Skilled Regional	State / Territory Nominated	
Occupation Major Group					
1 Managers	3,510	40	<5	707	4,260
2 Professionals	9,186	14,134	80	8,680	32,080
3 Technicians and Trades Workers	5,698	224	25	1,733	7,680
4 Community and Personal Service Workers	790	<5		182	973
5 Clerical and Administrative Workers	378			60	438
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,562</b>	<b>14,399</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>11,362</b>	<b>45,431</b>

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Occupation information grouped according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

## 2.2. Migration Program Outcome: Permanent Employer Sponsored Entry (PESE) – by visa pathway

Visa Subcategory	Visa pathway	2018-19 Outcome
<b>PESE - Employer Nomination Scheme</b>	Agreement Pathway	1,195
	Direct Entry Pathway	8,398
	Transition Pathway	23,426
	Not Specified	6
<b>PESE - Employer Nomination Scheme Total</b>		<b>33,025</b>
<b>PESE - Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme</b>	Direct Entry Pathway	7,330
	Transition Pathway	1,657
<b>PESE - Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme Total</b>		<b>8,987</b>
<b>PESE Total</b>		<b>42,012</b>

*Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.*

*Note:*

*Agreement Pathway – employers must be a party to a labour agreement.*

*Direct Entry Pathway – an applicant must be nominated by an Australian employer and have an occupation on the relevant list of eligible skilled occupations.*

*Transition Pathway – an applicant must hold a subclass 457, TSS or related Bridging visa A, B or C. Usually, an applicant must have worked for their employer full-time for at least three years and they must be nominated by their employer.*



## 2.3. Permanent Employer Sponsored Entry (PESE): comparison of processing activity and program outcome



Visa Category	Activity Type	Program Year		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Permanent Employer Sponsored Entry	Lodgements	71,327	51,969	32,385
	Program Outcome	48,250	35,528	42,012
	Onhand at 30 June	53,100	54,673	29,513
	Grant Rate	94.2%	79.7%	83.4%
	Refusal Rate	5.8%	20.3%	16.6%

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

### 2.3.1. PESE – Employer Nomination Scheme: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

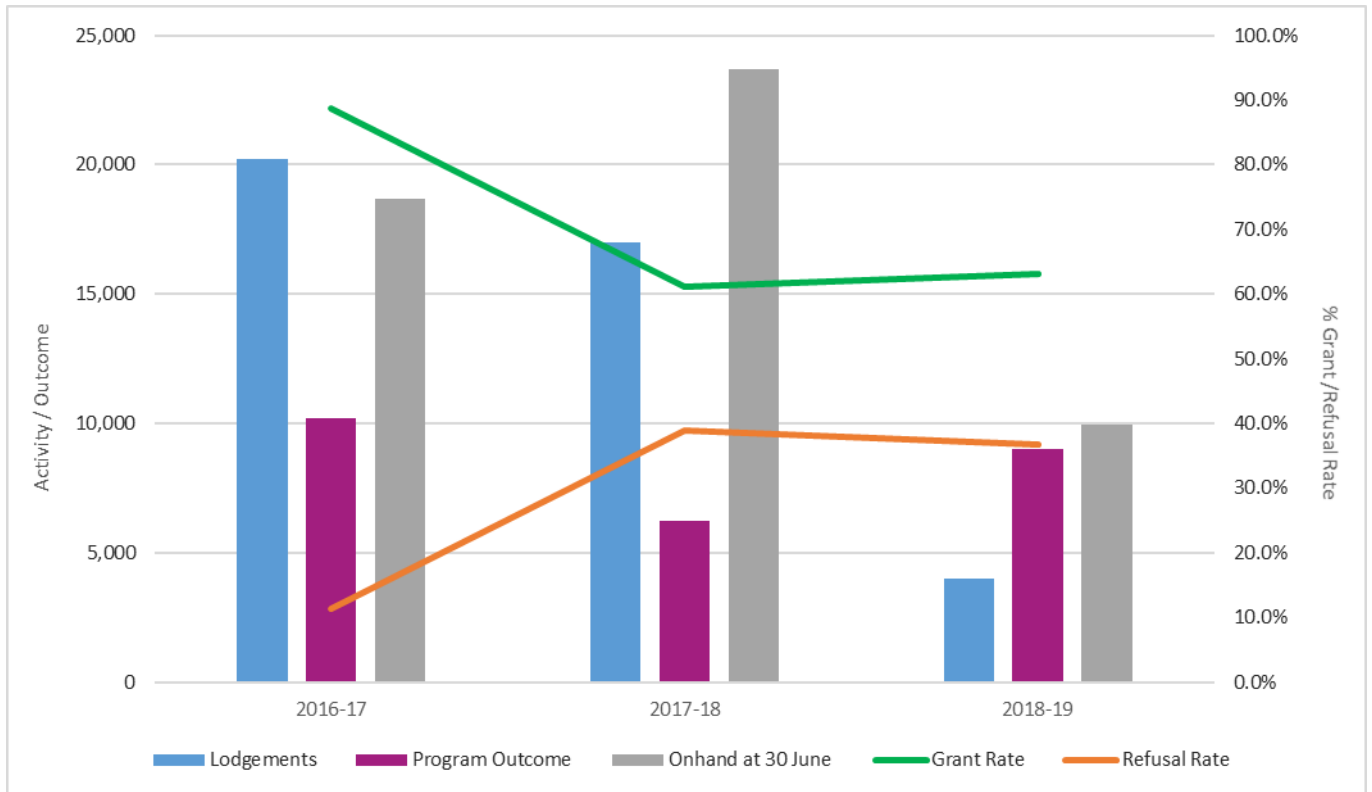


Visa subcategory	Activity Type	Program Year		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
<b>PESE - Employer Nomination Scheme</b>	Lodgements	51,091	34,966	28,370
	Program Outcome	35,870	35,981	38,052
	Onhand at 30 June	38,052	29,307	33,025
	Grant Rate	95.8%	85.1%	91.3%
	Refusal Rate	4.2%	14.9%	8.7%

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2.3.2. PESE – Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

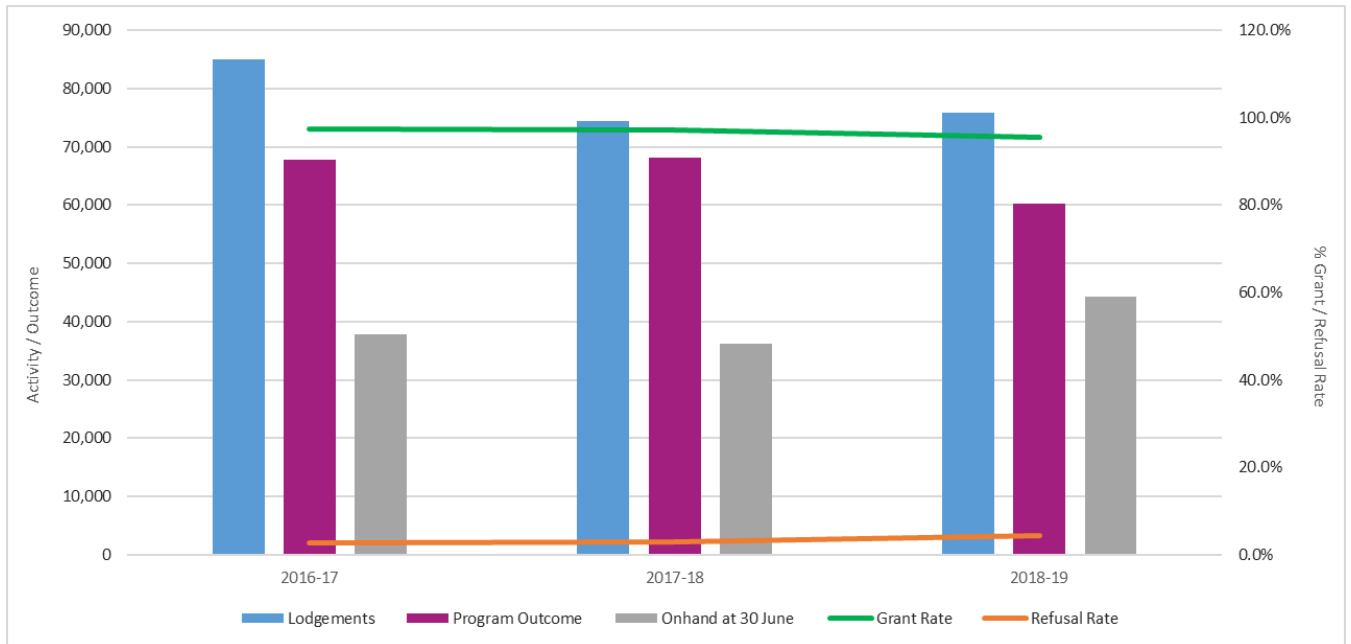


Visa Subcategory	Activity Type	Program Year		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
<b>PESE - Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme</b>	Lodgements	20,236	17,003	4,015
	Program Outcome	10,198	6,221	8,987
	Onhand at 30 June	18,700	23,698	9,932
	Grant Rate	88.7%	61.2%	63.2%
	Refusal Rate	11.3%	38.8%	36.8%

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## 2.4. General Skilled Migration: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

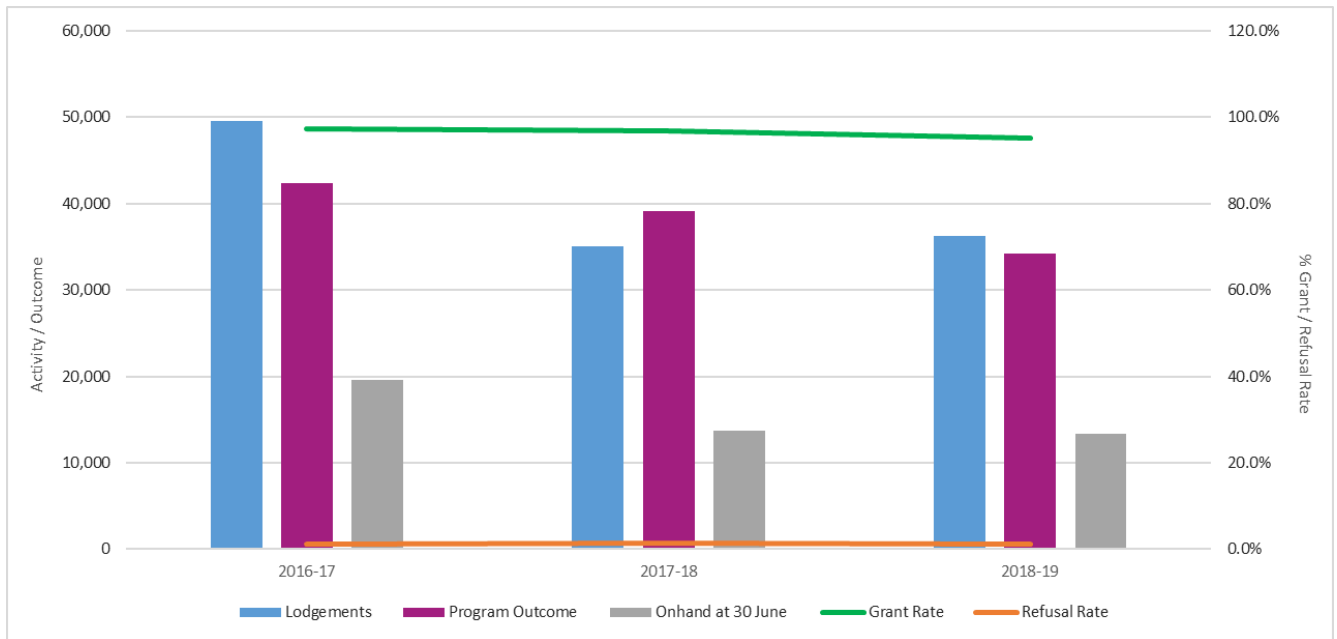


Visa Category	Activity Type	Program Year		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
General Skilled Migration	Lodgements	79,250	67,261	70,447
	Program Outcome	67,857	68,111	60,240
	Onhand at 30 June	34,776	31,067	36,805
	Grant Rate	97.3%	97.0%	95.5%
	Refusal Rate	2.7%	3.0%	4.5%

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

### 2.4.1. Skilled Independent: comparison of processing activity and program outcome



Visa Category	Activity Type	Program Year		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Skilled Independent	Lodgements	49,613	35,107	36,206
	Program Outcome	42,422	39,137	34,247
	Onhand at 30 June	19,603	13,769	13,322
	Grant Rate	97.4%	96.9%	95.2%
	Refusal Rate	1.2%	1.5%	1.2%

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Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

## 2.4.2. State / Territory Nominated: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

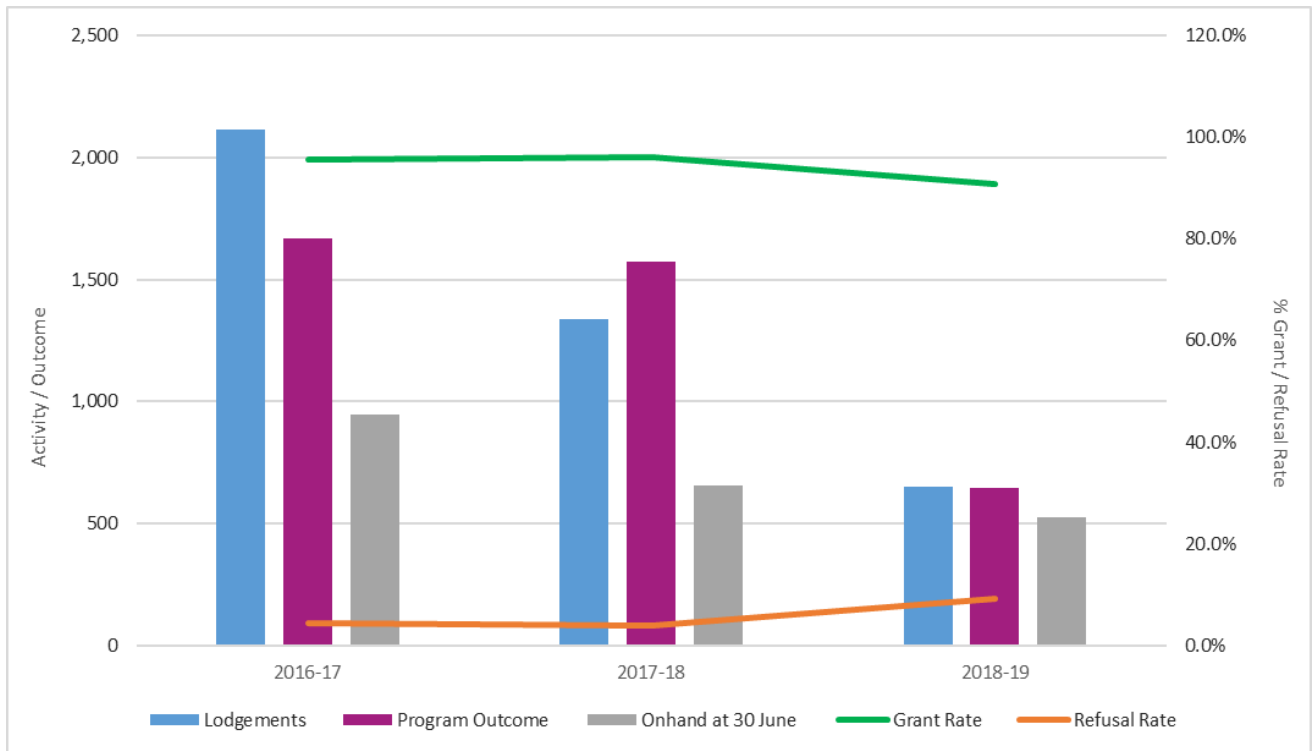


Visa Category	Activity Type	Program Year		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
State / Territory Nominated	Lodgements	27,523	30,816	33,590
	Program Outcome	23,765	27,400	25,346
	Onhand at 30 June	14,146	16,643	22,958
	Grant Rate	97.4%	97.2%	95.9%
	Refusal Rate	1.4%	1.7%	2.0%

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Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

### 2.4.3. Skilled Regional: comparison of processing activity and program outcome



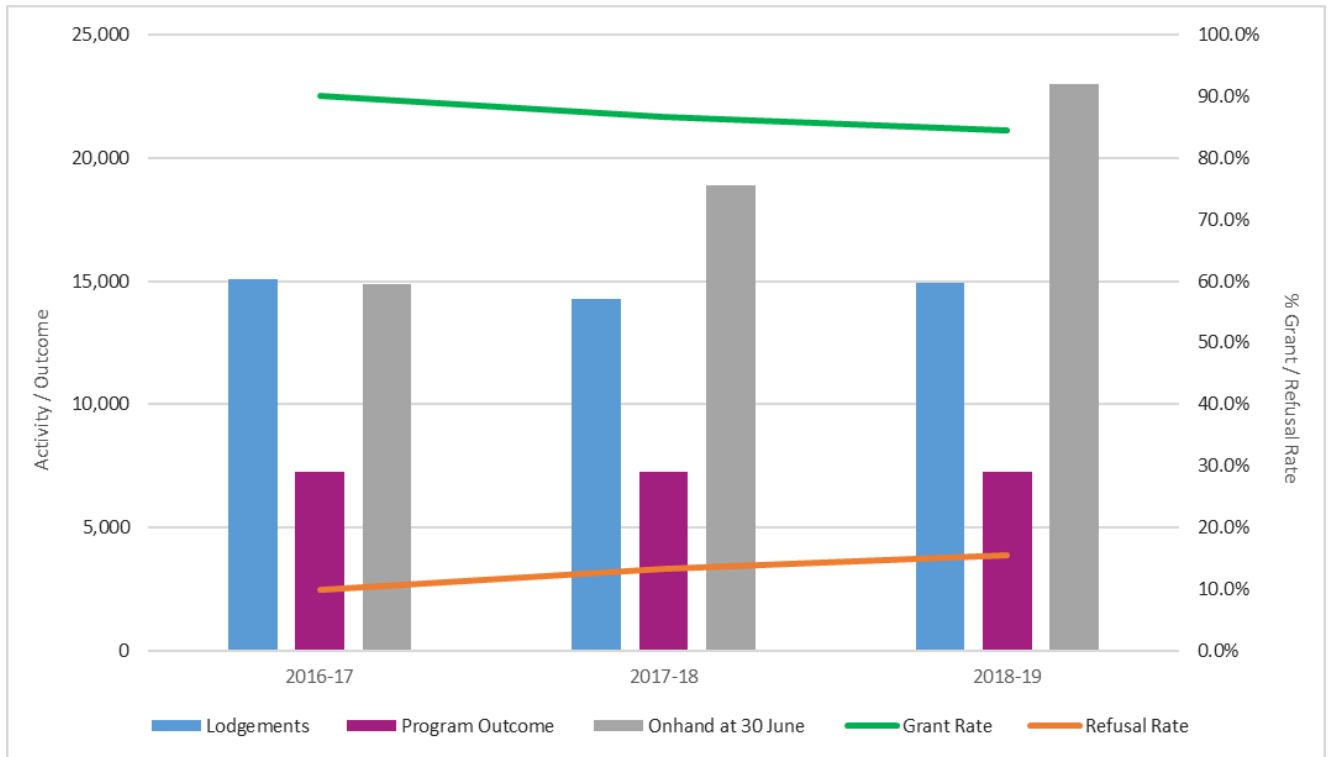
Visa Category	Activity Type	Program Year		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Skilled Regional	Lodgements	2,114	1,338	651
	Program Outcome	1,670	1,574	647
	Onhand at 30 June	949	655	525
	Grant Rate	95.6%	96.1%	90.9%
	Refusal Rate	4.4%	3.9%	9.1%

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Activity includes provisional (first stage) permanent migration applications only.

Note 3: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

## 2.5. Business Innovation and Investment Program (BIIP) : comparison of processing activity and program outcome



Visa Category	Activity Type	Program Year		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Business Innovation and Investment Program	Lodgements	15,076	14,259	14,922
	Program Outcome	7,260	7,260	7,261
	Onhand at 30 June	14,882	18,897	23,002
	Grant Rate	90.2%	86.6%	84.5%
	Refusal Rate	9.8%	13.4%	15.5%

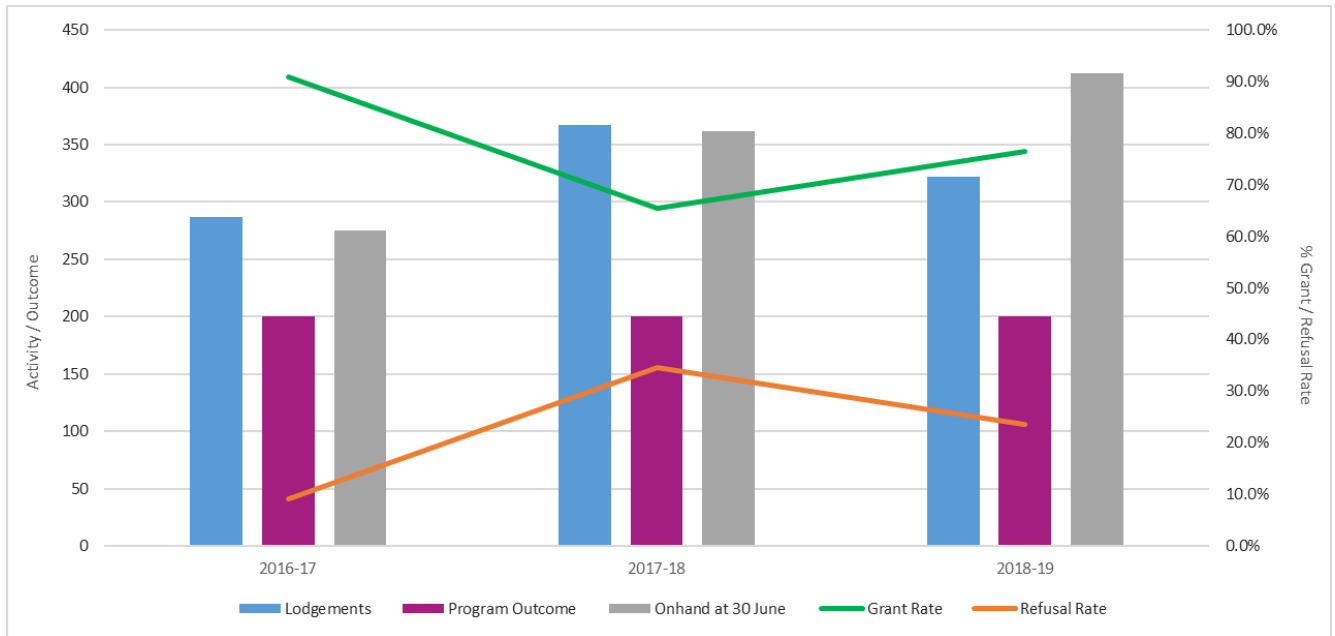
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Note 3: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.



## 2.6. Distinguished Talent: comparison of processing activity and program outcome



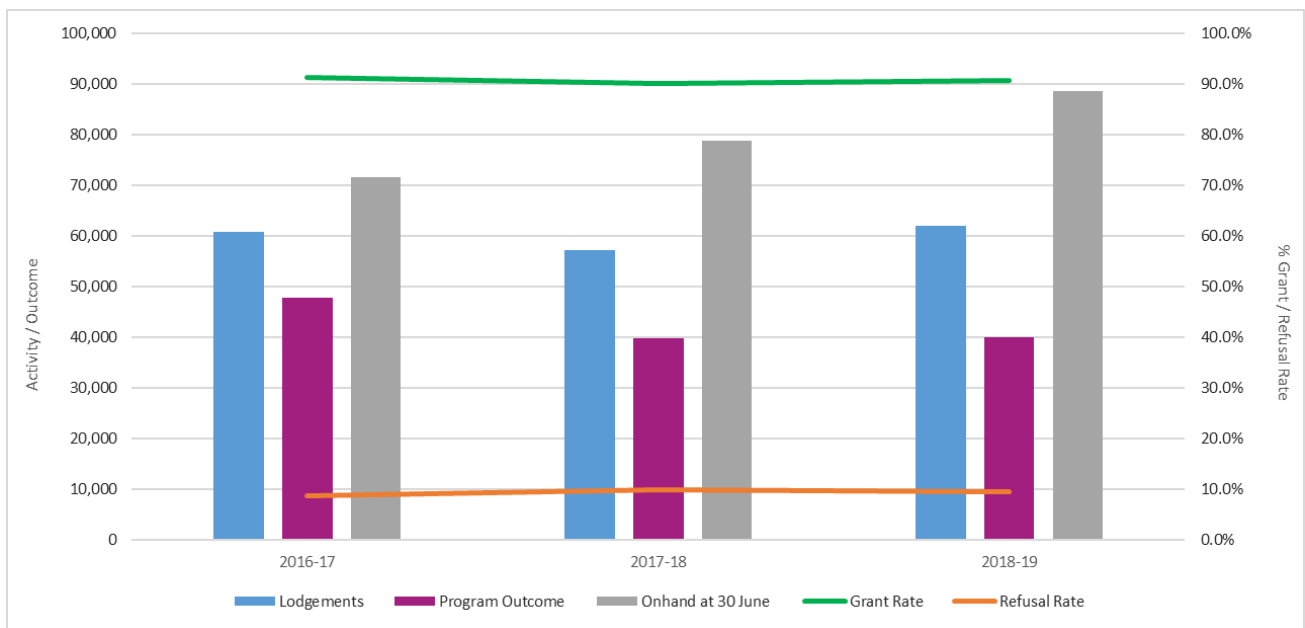
Visa Category	Activity Type	Program Year		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Distinguished Talent	Lodgements	287	367	322
	Program Outcome	200	200	200
	Onhand at 30 June	275	362	412
	Grant Rate	90.8%	65.4%	76.5%
	Refusal Rate	9.2%	34.6%	23.5%

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

### 3. Family stream

#### 3.1. Partner: comparison of processing activity and program outcome



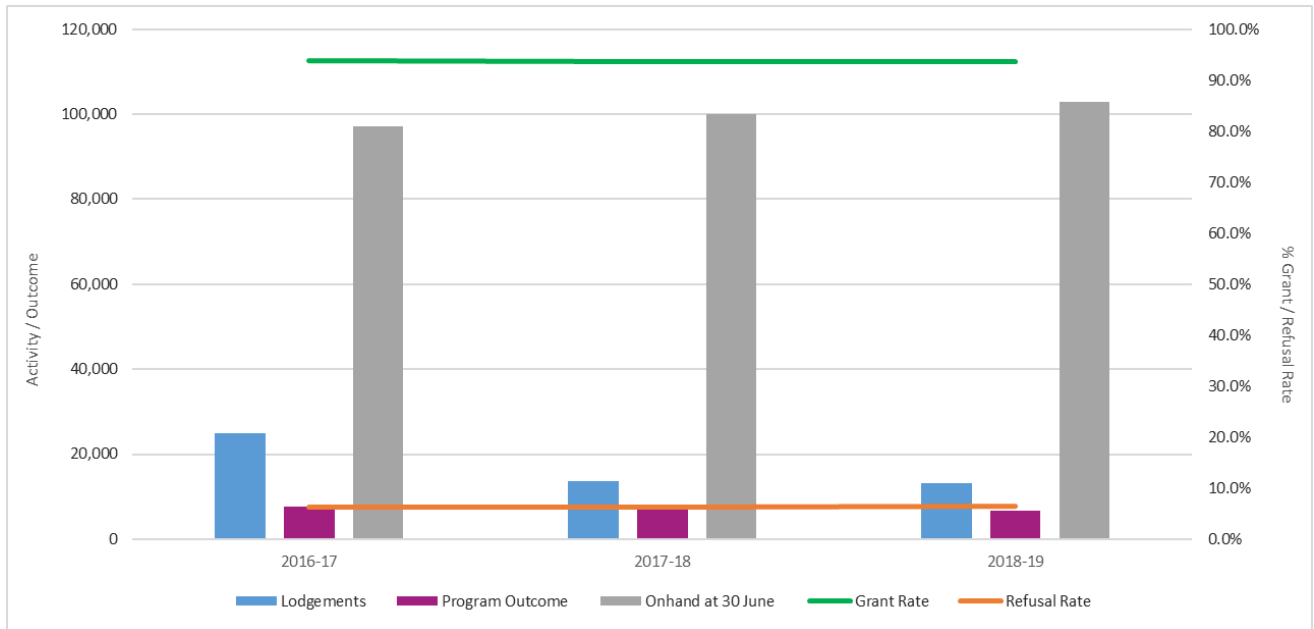
Visa Category	Activity Type	Program Year		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Partner	Lodgements	60,751	57,144	61,884
	Program Outcome	47,825	39,799	39,918
	Onhand at 30 June	71,497	78,730	88,648
	Grant Rate	91.4%	90.0%	90.6%
	Refusal Rate	8.6%	10.0%	9.4%

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Activity includes provisional (first stage) permanent migration applications only.

Note 3: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

### 3.2. Parent: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

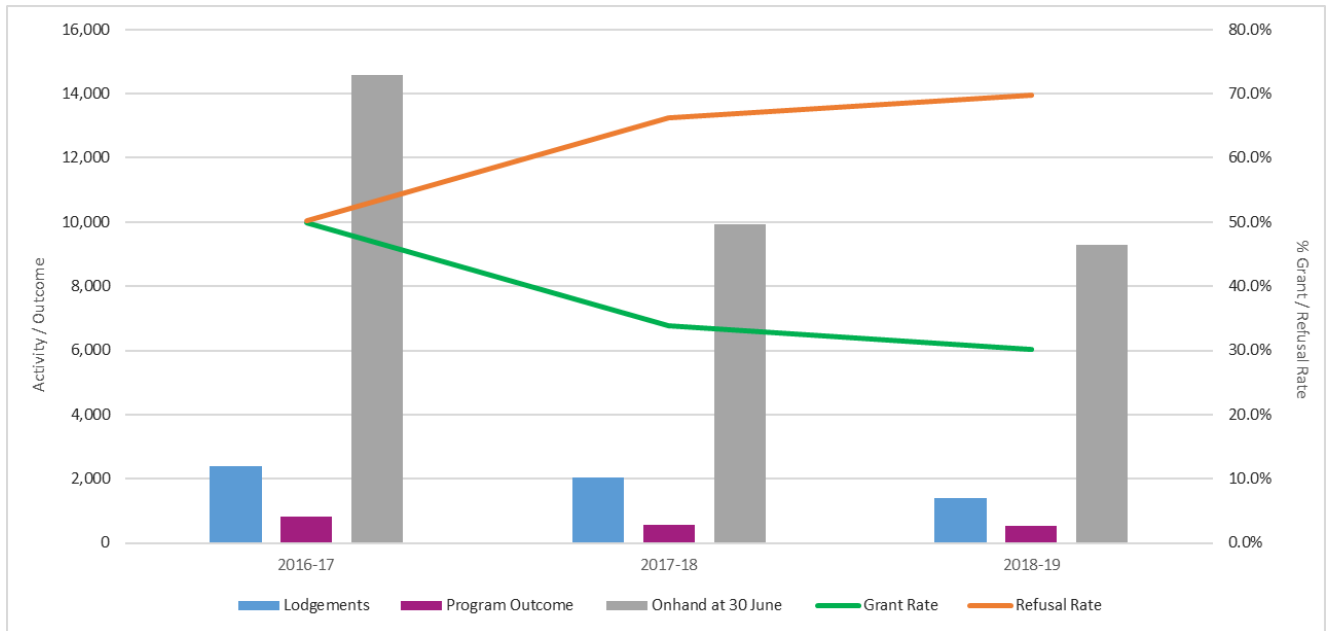


Visa Category	Activity Type	Program Year		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Parent	Lodgements	25,000	13,590	13,246
	Program Outcome	7,563	7,371	6,805
	Onhand at 30 June	97,065	99,965	102,854
	Grant Rate	93.8%	93.7%	93.6%
	Refusal Rate	6.2%	6.3%	6.4%

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### 3.3. Other Family: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

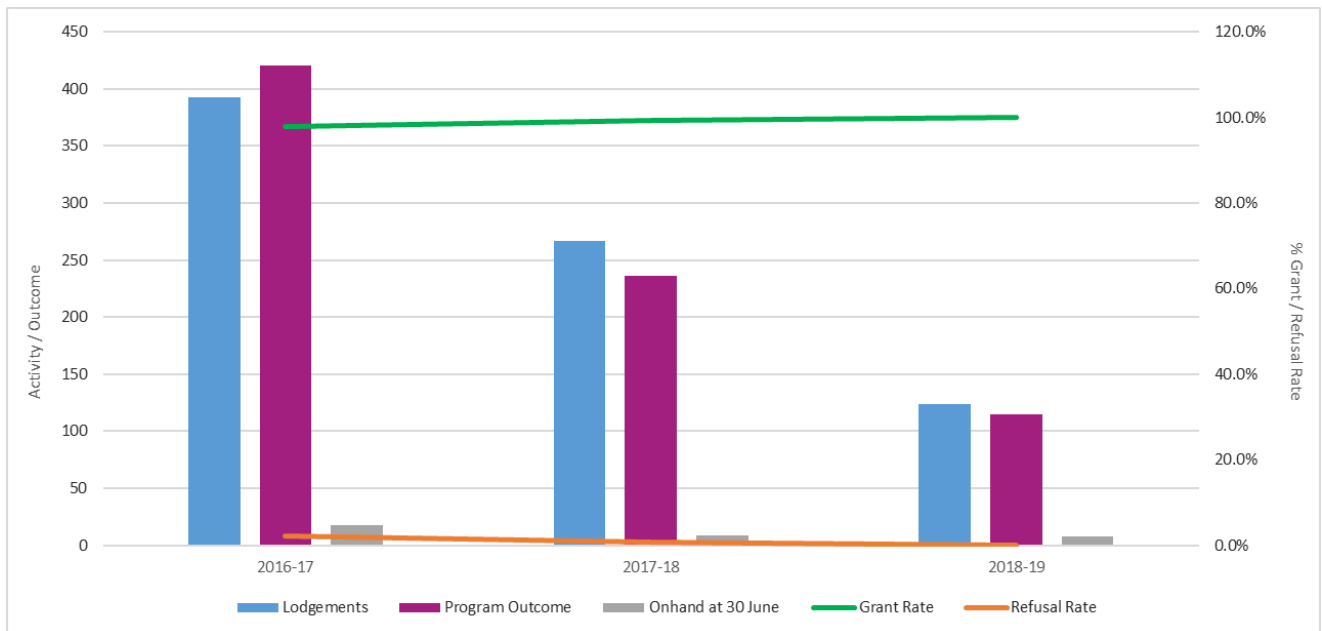


Visa Category	Activity Type	Program Year		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Other Family	Lodgements	2,393	2,051	1,391
	Program Outcome	832	562	524
	Onhand at 30 June	14,573	9,938	9,277
	Grant Rate	49.8%	33.8%	30.2%
	Refusal Rate	50.2%	66.2%	69.8%

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Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

## 4. Special Eligibility stream: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

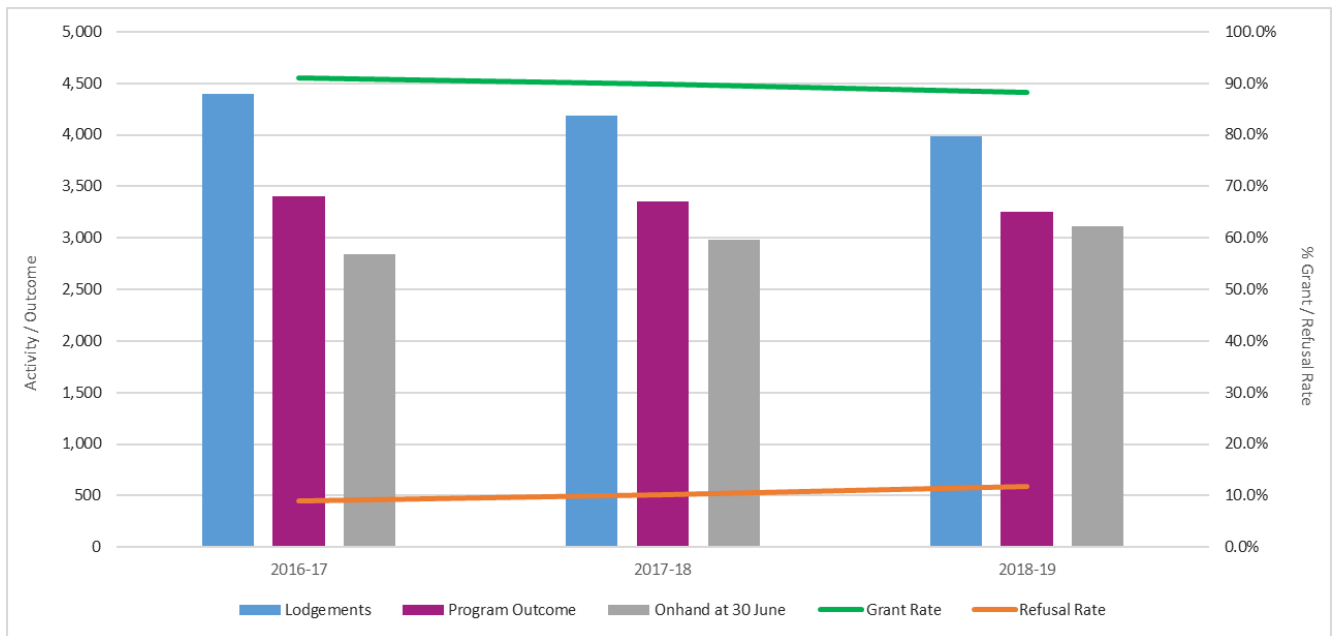


Visa Category	Activity Type	Program Year		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Special Eligibility	Lodgements	393	267	124
	Program Outcome	421	236	115
	Onhand at 30 June	18	9	8
	Grant Rate	97.9%	99.3%	100.0%
	Refusal Rate	2.1%	0.7%	0.0%

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

## 5. Child visas: comparison of processing activity and program outcome



Visa Category	Activity Type	Program Year		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Child	Lodgements	4,398	4,186	3,989
	Program Outcome	3,400	3,350	3,248
	Onhand at 30 June	2,840	2,980	3,112
	Grant Rate	91.0%	89.9%	88.2%
	Refusal Rate	9.0%	10.1%	11.8%

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.