



Australian Government  
Department of Home Affairs

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For Financial Years 2014-2019 - Primary Visa Applicant and Primary Grants only

1. Number of applications by country of citizenship under visa streams (subclass 888 visas Business Innovation Stream, Investor Stream, Significant Investor Stream, Premium Investor Stream and Entrepreneur Stream)

Primary visa applications lodged from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019.

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2020.

| Lodged<br>Visa Subclass                              | Visa Stream                  | Financial<br>Year |         |         |         |         |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  |                              | 2014-15           | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| 132 Business Talent                                  | Significant Business History | 847               | 1,205   | 2,517   | 2,906   | 3,100   |
|  | Venture Capital              |                   |         |         |         |         |
|  | Entrepreneur                 | 60                | 39      | 83      | 60      | 87      |
| 132 Business Talent Total                            |                              | 907               | 1,244   | 2,600   | 2,966   | 3,187   |
| 188 Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) | Business Innovation          | 5,185             | 5,296   | 8,615   | 7,322   | 6,899   |
|  | Entrepreneur                 |                   |         |         | 7       | 28      |
|  | Investor                     | 892               | 1,533   | 2,210   | 2,263   | 2,752   |
|  | Premium Investor             |                   |         |         |         | <5      |
|  | Significant Investor         | 5,057             | 691     | 1,439   | 1,185   | 1,330   |
|  |                              | 11,134            | 7,520   | 12,264  | 10,777  | 11,010  |
|  |                              | 12,041            | 8,764   | 14,864  | 13,743  | 14,197  |

2. Number of finalisation (approved, withdrawn and refused) by countries of citizenship (top 10 countries) under the visa streams.

Primary visa applications granted by nominating agencies from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019.

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2020.

| Granted  |                                    |                              | Financial Year |         |         |         |         |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Visa Subclass  | Visa Stream                        | Government Sponsor           | 2014-15        | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| 132 Business Talent                                  | Significant Business History       | Australian Capital Territory | <5             | 5       | <5      | <5      |         |
|  |                                    | New South Wales              | 7              | 9       | 15      | 32      | 34      |
|  |                                    | Northern Territory           |                |         | <5      |         | <5      |
|  |                                    | Not Specified                |                | <5      |         |         |         |
|  |                                    | Queensland                   | 7              | <5      | 19      | 47      | 80      |
|  |                                    | South Australia              | 21             | 35      | 136     | 159     | 245     |
|  |                                    | Tasmania                     | <5             | <5      | <5      | <5      | 5       |
|  |                                    | Victoria                     | 59             | 47      | 33      | 28      | 22      |
|  |                                    | Western Australia            | 84             | 73      | 64      | 47      | 39      |
|  | Significant Business History Total |                              | 183            | 176     | 272     | 320     | 426     |
|  | Venture Capital Entrepreneur       | New South Wales              |                |         | <5      | <5      | <5      |
|  |                                    | South Australia              |                |         |         |         | <5      |
|  |                                    | Victoria                     |                |         | <5      |         | <5      |
| Venture Capital Entrepreneur Total                   |                                    |                              |                | <5      | <5      | <5      |         |
| 132 Business Talent Total                            |                                    |                              | 183            | 176     | 275     | 322     | 430     |
| 188 Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) | Business Innovation                | Australian Capital Territory |                | <5      | <5      | <5      | <5      |
|  |                                    | New South Wales              | 37             | 66      | 104     | 165     | 146     |
|  |                                    | Northern Territory           | <5             |         |         | <5      |         |
|  |                                    | Not Specified                | <5             | <5      |         |         |         |
|  |                                    | Queensland                   | 27             | 55      | 69      | 124     | 100     |
|  |                                    | South Australia              | 38             | 38      | 50      | 60      | 53      |
|  |                                    | Tasmania                     | <5             | <5      | <5      | 5       | <5      |
|  |                                    | Victoria                     | 646            | 979     | 921     | 902     | 780     |
|  |                                    | Western Australia            | 55             | 73      | 60      | 47      | 41      |
|  | Business Innovation Total          |                              | 807            | 1,218   | 1,207   | 1,307   | 1,124   |
|  | Entrepreneur                       | New South Wales              |                |         |         | <5      | <5      |
|  |                                    | Queensland                   |                |         |         |         | <5      |
|  |                                    | Victoria                     |                |         |         |         | <5      |
| Entrepreneur Total                                   |                                    |                              |                |         | <5      | 8       |         |

|  |                            |                              |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | Investor                   | New South Wales              | 11    | 18    | 43    | 53    | 60    |
|  |                            | Queensland                   | 13    | 28    | 32    | 33    | 55    |
|  |                            | South Australia              | <5    | 11    | 6     | 8     | 10    |
|  |                            | Tasmania                     | <5    |       |       |       |       |
|  |                            | Victoria                     | 39    | 58    | 113   | 170   | 198   |
|  |                            | Western Australia            | 9     | 15    | 14    | 14    | 18    |
|  | Investor Total             |                              | 76    | 130   | 208   | 278   | 341   |
|  | Premium Investor           | AusTrade                     |       |       |       |       | <5    |
|  | Premium Investor Total     |                              |       |       |       |       | <5    |
|  | Significant Investor       | AusTrade                     |       | <5    | <5    | <5    | <5    |
|  |                            | Australian Capital Territory |       | <5    |       |       | <5    |
|  |                            | New South Wales              | 181   | 164   | 117   | 78    | 76    |
|  |                            | Queensland                   | 25    | 27    | 9     | 10    | 13    |
|  |                            | South Australia              | 9     | 8     | 12    | <5    | <5    |
|  |                            | Tasmania                     |       | <5    |       |       | <5    |
|  |                            | Victoria                     | 362   | 338   | 258   | 87    | 89    |
|  |                            | Western Australia            | 15    | 11    | 5     | 5     | 9     |
|  | Significant Investor Total |                              | 592   | 552   | 404   | 183   | 192   |
| 188 Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) Total |                            |                              | 1,475 | 1,900 | 1,819 | 1,769 | 1,666 |
| Grand Total  |                            |                              | 1,658 | 2,076 | 2,094 | 2,091 | 2,096 |

3. Number of approvals by nominating agencies (state, territory or Austrade) under the visa streams.

Top Ten Citizenships Primary Visa Applications Granted from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2020.

Data based on primary applicants only.

Top citizenship ranking based on 2018-19 Program Year.

| Granted Visa Subclass                                | Visa Stream                  | Top 10 Citizenship Country             | Financial Year |         |         |         |         |
|--|------------------------------|--|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  |                              |  | 2014-15        | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| 132 Business Talent                                  | Significant Business History | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) | 167            | 142     | 198     | 260     | 336     |
|  |                              | Vietnam                                | <5             | <5      | 10      | 10      | 30      |
|  |                              | Malaysia                               | 7              | 19      | 36      | 30      | 21      |
|  |                              | South Africa                           | <5             | <5      | <5      | <5      | 5       |
|  |                              | Singapore                              | <5             |         | <5      | <5      | <5      |
|  |                              | Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)             |                |         | <5      | <5      | <5      |
|  |                              | Iran                                   | <5             | <5      | <5      | <5      | <5      |
|  |                              | Taiwan                                 | <5             |         |         | <5      | <5      |
|  |                              | Indonesia                              |                |         |         |         | <5      |
|  |                              | Macau (SAR of the PRC)                 |                |         |         | <5      | <5      |
|  | Venture Capital Entrepreneur | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) |                |         | <5      | <5      | <5      |
|  |                              | Turkey                                 |                |         |         |         | <5      |
|  |                              | Malaysia                               |                |         | <5      |         |         |
| 188 Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) | Business Innovation          | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) | 592            | 908     | 923     | 994     | 890     |
|  |                              | Iran                                   | 79             | 88      | 88      | 97      | 69      |
|  |                              | Vietnam                                | 25             | 35      | 26      | 59      | 40      |
|  |                              | India                                  | 9              | 14      | 9       | 17      | 19      |
|  |                              | Malaysia                               | 24             | 47      | 49      | 36      | 15      |
|  |                              | Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)             | <5             | 10      | 9       | 17      | 14      |
|  |                              | Bangladesh                             | 6              | 21      | 21      | 11      | 14      |
|  |                              | Pakistan                               | 11             | 6       | 10      | 13      | 11      |
|  |                              | United Kingdom                         | 8              | 12      | 10      | 9       | <5      |
|  |                              | South Africa                           | 7              | 8       | 7       | 6       | <5      |

|                             |  |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| <b>Entrepreneur</b>         | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) |     |     |     |     | <5  |
|                             | Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)             |     |     |     |     | <5  |
|                             | United Kingdom                         |     |     |     |     | <5  |
|                             | Vietnam                                |     |     |     |     | <5  |
|                             | Ukraine                                |     |     |     | <5  |     |
| <b>Investor</b>             | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) | 20  | 44  | 94  | 157 | 224 |
|                             | Vietnam                                | 8   | 16  | 30  | 30  | 39  |
|                             | Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)             | <5  | 7   | 9   | 36  | 26  |
|                             | Taiwan                                 | 7   | <5  | 8   | 11  | 11  |
|                             | South Africa                           | <5  | 6   | 6   | <5  | 10  |
|                             | Malaysia                               | 16  | 25  | 28  | 15  | 10  |
|                             | United Kingdom                         | <5  | 7   | <5  | <5  | <5  |
|                             | Indonesia                              | <5  |     | <5  | <5  | <5  |
|                             | Singapore                              | 5   | 5   | <5  | <5  | <5  |
|                             | Afghanistan                            |     |     | <5  |     | <5  |
| <b>Premium Investor</b>     | Canada                                 |     |     |     |     | <5  |
| <b>Significant Investor</b> | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) | 534 | 482 | 353 | 139 | 144 |
|                             | Vietnam                                | <5  | 8   | <5  | <5  | 9   |
|                             | Malaysia                               | 12  | 8   | <5  | <5  | 8   |
|                             | Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)             | 16  | 10  | 18  | 11  | 7   |
|                             | United Kingdom                         | <5  | <5  | <5  | <5  | 5   |
|                             | South Africa                           | 5   | 7   | <5  | 5   | <5  |
|                             | Macau (SAR of the PRC)                 | <5  | <5  | <5  | <5  | <5  |
|                             | Japan                                  |     | 6   | <5  | <5  | <5  |
|                             | Singapore                              |     | <5  |     | <5  | <5  |
|                             | Korea, South                           |     | <5  |     |     | <5  |

**Top Ten Citizenships Primary Visa Applications Refused from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019**

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2020.

Data based on primary applicants only.

Top citizenship ranking based on 2018-19 Program Year.

| Refused<br>Visa Subclass                                    | Visa Stream                         | Top 10 Citizenship Country             | Financial Year |         |         |         |         |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|   |                                     |  | 2014-15        | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| <b>132 Business Talent</b>                                  | <b>Significant Business History</b> | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) | 11             | 6       | 16      | 29      | 52      |
|   |                                     | South Africa                           |                |         |         |         | 6       |
|   |                                     | Vietnam                                |                |         |         | <5      | <5      |
|   |                                     | Singapore                              |                |         | <5      | <5      | <5      |
|   |                                     | Iran                                   |                |         | <5      |         | <5      |
|   |                                     | India                                  |                |         |         | <5      | <5      |
|   |                                     | Bangladesh                             |                |         |         |         | <5      |
|   |                                     | Pakistan                               |                |         |         | <5      | <5      |
|   |                                     | United Kingdom                         |                |         |         | <5      | <5      |
|   |                                     | Ukraine                                |                |         |         |         | <5      |
|   | <b>Venture Capital Entrepreneur</b> | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) | <5             | <5      |         | 5       | <5      |
|   |                                     | Malaysia                               |                | 6       |         | <5      |         |
|   |                                     | Vietnam                                |                |         |         | <5      |         |
|   |                                     | Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)             |                | <5      |         | <5      |         |
| <b>188 Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional)</b> | <b>Business Innovation</b>          | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) | 35             | 55      | 65      | 71      | 89      |
|   |                                     | Iran                                   | 18             | 12      | 16      | 18      | 35      |
|   |                                     | Bangladesh                             | <5             | 5       | 10      | 20      | 16      |
|   |                                     | India                                  | <5             | <5      | 6       | 11      | 12      |
|   |                                     | Pakistan                               | 5              | 12      | 5       | 11      | 10      |
|   |                                     | Malaysia                               | 9              | <5      |         | 5       | 7       |
|   |                                     | Vietnam                                | 5              | <5      | <5      | <5      | 6       |
|   |                                     | Afghanistan                            | <5             |         | <5      | <5      | <5      |
|   |                                     | Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)             | <5             |         |         | 7       | <5      |
|   |                                     | Singapore                              | <5             | <5      |         | <5      | <5      |
|   | <b>Investor</b>                     | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) | 12             | 19      | 44      | 42      | 55      |
|   |                                     | Malaysia                               | <5             | <5      | <5      | <5      | 6       |
|   |                                     | Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)             |                | <5      | <5      | <5      | <5      |
|   |                                     | Vietnam                                |                | <5      | <5      | 7       | <5      |

|                      |  |     |     |    |    |    |
|----------------------|--|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Significant Investor | South Africa                           |     |     | <5 | <5 | <5 |
|                      | Bangladesh                             | <5  | <5  |    | <5 | <5 |
|                      | Afghanistan                            |     |     |    |    | <5 |
|                      | Taiwan                                 |     |     |    |    | <5 |
|                      | Brunei Darussalam                      |     |     |    |    | <5 |
|                      | Singapore                              |     | <5  |    |    | <5 |
|                      | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) | 153 | 143 | 30 | 23 | 19 |
|                      | Vietnam                                |     |     |    |    | <5 |
|                      | Macau (SAR of the PRC)                 |     | <5  | <5 |    | <5 |
|                      | Taiwan                                 | <5  |     |    |    |    |
|                      | Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)             | 6   | 6   | <5 | <5 |    |
|                      | India                                  |     | <5  |    |    |    |
|                      | Malaysia                               |     | <5  |    |    |    |
|                      | South Africa                           |     |     |    | <5 |    |

#### Top Ten Citizenships Primary Visa Applications Withdrawn from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2020.

Data based on primary applicants only.

Top citizenship ranking based on 2018-19 Program Year.

| Withdrawn<br>Visa Subclass | Visa Stream                  | Top 10 Citizenship Country             | Financial Year (Primary Applicant) |         |         |         |         |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                            |                              |  | 2014-15                            | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| 132 Business Talent        | Significant Business History | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) | 48                                 | 29      | 24      | 32      | 59      |
|                            |                              | Vietnam                                |                                    | <5      |         |         | <5      |
|                            |                              | Portugal                               |                                    |         |         |         | <5      |
|                            |                              | Korea, South                           |                                    |         |         |         | <5      |
|                            |                              | Sri Lanka                              |                                    |         |         |         | <5      |
|                            |                              | Indonesia                              |                                    |         |         |         | <5      |
|                            |                              | Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)             |                                    |         |         | <5      | <5      |
|                            |                              | South Africa                           |                                    |         | <5      |         |         |
|                            |                              | India                                  |                                    |         |         | <5      |         |
|                            |                              | St Kitts and Nevis                     |                                    |         |         | <5      |         |
|                            | Venture Capital Entrepreneur | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) |                                    | <5      | <5      | <5      | <5      |
|                            |                              | United Kingdom                         |                                    |         |         |         | <5      |

|  |                      |  |     |     |     |     |
|--|----------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 188 Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) | Business Innovation  | Cambodia                               |     |     |     | <5  |
|  |                      | Malaysia                               |     | <5  | <5  | <5  |
|  |                      | Vietnam                                |     |     |     | <5  |
|  |                      | Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)             |     | <5  |     | <5  |
|  |                      | India                                  |     |     | <5  |     |
|  |                      | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) | 103 | 110 | 117 | 137 |
|  |                      | Vietnam                                |     | <5  | <5  | 7   |
|  |                      | Iran                                   | <5  | <5  | <5  | <5  |
|  |                      | Bangladesh                             |     | <5  | <5  | 12  |
|  |                      | Malaysia                               | <5  | <5  | <5  | <5  |
|  |                      | India                                  |     | <5  | <5  | <5  |
|  |                      | Pakistan                               | <5  | <5  | <5  | <5  |
|  |                      | Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)             | <5  | <5  | <5  | <5  |
|  |                      | Taiwan                                 |     | <5  |     | <5  |
|  |                      | South Africa                           |     |     |     | <5  |
|  | Investor             | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) | 22  | 18  | 43  | 79  |
|  |                      | Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)             |     | <5  | <5  | 7   |
|  |                      | Vietnam                                | <5  | <5  | <5  | 6   |
|  |                      | Malaysia                               | <5  | 5   | 5   | <5  |
|  |                      | Taiwan                                 |     | <5  |     | <5  |
|  |                      | Singapore                              | <5  |     | <5  | <5  |
|  |                      | Turkey                                 |     |     |     | <5  |
|  |                      | Russian Federation                     |     |     | <5  | <5  |
|  |                      | Indonesia                              |     |     |     | <5  |
|  |                      | Japan                                  |     | <5  |     | <5  |
|  | Significant Investor | China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs) | 118 | 166 | 173 | 82  |
|  |                      | Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)             | 6   | <5  | 7   | <5  |
|  |                      | Philippines                            |     |     |     | <5  |
|  |                      | Korea, South                           |     |     |     | <5  |
|  |                      | South Africa                           |     | <5  |     | <5  |
|  |                      | Germany, Fed Republic of               |     |     |     | <5  |
|  |                      | Singapore                              |     |     |     | <5  |
|  |                      | United Kingdom                         |     | <5  |     | <5  |
|  |                      | Cyprus                                 |     |     | <5  | <5  |
|  |                      | Indonesia                              |     | <5  |     | <5  |



4) Number of cancellations under s134 by visa subclasses/streams, by state, by source countries.

Visa cancellations - cancelled under power s134 (business visa) by visa subclass, state, citizenship\*

| Visa cancellations under power s134 (business visa) by subclass* |           |          |          |              |          |           |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Visa subclass  | 2013-14   | 2014-15  | 2015-16  | 2016-17      | 2017-18  | 2018-19   |
| 132  | 7         | 0        | 0        | <5           | 7        | 15        |
| 165  | <5        | 0        | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>10</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>&lt;5</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>15</b> |

| Visa cancellations under power s134 (business visa) by state* |           |          |          |              |          |           |
|---|-----------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| State   | 2013-14   | 2014-15  | 2015-16  | 2016-17      | 2017-18  | 2018-19   |
| SA  | 10        | 0        | 0        | <5           | 7        | 15        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>&lt;5</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>15</b> |

| Visa cancellations under power s134 (business visa) by citizenship* |           |          |          |              |          |           |
|---|-----------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Citizenship   | 2013-14   | 2014-15  | 2015-16  | 2016-17      | 2017-18  | 2018-19   |
| China   | 5         | 0        | 0        | 0            | 7        | 15        |
| South Africa  | <5        | 0        | 0        | <5           | 0        | 0         |
| Japan   | <5        | 0        | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0         |
| United Kingdom  | <5        | 0        | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0         |
| Indonesia   | <5        | 0        | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0         |
| Netherlands   | <5        | 0        | 0        | 0            | 0        | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>&lt;5</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>15</b> |

\*A visa may be recorded as cancelled more than once. An example of a visa being recorded as cancelled more than once is if the visa is cancelled, the cancellation is subsequently revoked or set aside, and then the visa is cancelled again.

- A cancellation may be revoked or set aside for a number of reasons, including further legal proceedings, and administrative or jurisdictional errors, etc. Duplicates may exist.

- Figures were extracted from Departmental systems on 9 July 2019. As data has been drawn from a live systems environment, the figures provided may differ slightly in previous or future reporting.

Includes main applicants only.

**Note: does not include s134B - Emergency cancellation and dependants.**

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2019 (RFI 23463)

Caveats:

- The attached information is provided by the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) and is provided in accordance with the ABF Act, Australian Privacy Principles or other relevant legislation.
- Where applicable, with regards to Immigration-specific data and as per current privacy guidelines, the Department's policy is to mask numbers which are less than five as <5.
- Where SkillSelect data is provided in relation to EOIs, the numbers do not reflect individuals, as a person may enter multiple EOIs.
- SkillSelect data (EOIs and/or invitations) has been sourced from outside the Department and therefore is subject to change outside the Department's control.