



Data Access Request - DA25/03/00123

Total number of subclass 491 visa applications lodged from 01/01/2023 to 31/03/2025 by month

Visa Subclass	Activity Month	Lodged
491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)	31/01/2023	2,831
	28/02/2023	2,950
	31/03/2023	5,137
	30/04/2023	5,072
	31/05/2023	7,158
	30/06/2023	9,641
	31/07/2023	2,761
	31/08/2023	1,140
	30/09/2023	936
	31/10/2023	1,258
	30/11/2023	1,173
	31/12/2023	1,402
	31/01/2024	1,610
	29/02/2024	1,939
	31/03/2024	2,013
	30/04/2024	1,084
	31/05/2024	1,347
	30/06/2024	1,022
	31/07/2024	569
	31/08/2024	436
	30/09/2024	721
	31/10/2024	1,014
	30/11/2024	1,497
	31/12/2024	1,793
	31/01/2025	1,600
	28/02/2025	1,763
	31/03/2025	2,582

See Note 3

Total number of subclass 491 visa applications on hand, as at specified date below

Visa Subclass	As at 31/03/2025
491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)	26,757

See Notes 4 and 5

Total number of subclass 491 visa applications granted and refused
from 01/01/2023 to 31/03/2025 by month

Visa Subclass	Activity Month	Granted	Refused
491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional)	31/01/2023	2,642	41
	28/02/2023	3,422	28
	31/03/2023	4,106	40
	30/04/2023	2,391	16
	31/05/2023	1,356	54
	30/06/2023	450	55
	31/07/2023	7,115	46
	31/08/2023	870	30
	30/09/2023	2,248	32
	31/10/2023	2,309	28
	30/11/2023	2,550	15
	31/12/2023	1,857	13
	31/01/2024	2,630	15
	29/02/2024	3,703	32
	31/03/2024	1,713	33
	30/04/2024	803	58
	31/05/2024	405	89
	30/06/2024	109	76
	31/07/2024	4,582	39
	31/08/2024	3,910	30
	30/09/2024	3,939	46
	31/10/2024	2,187	58
	30/11/2024	2,390	79
	31/12/2024	1,513	57
	31/01/2025	1,954	62
	28/02/2025	2,005	52
	31/03/2025	2,170	57

Notes:

1. Source: Department of Home Affairs
2. Includes both primary and secondary applicants.
3. Data provided in the response is the most up-to-date available up to and including 31/03/2025.
4. The data represents the number of application on hand at point in time.
5. On hand visa applications are reported by end-of-month figures. The number of on hand visa applications are reported at 31/03/2025 in this response as the closest date with data available.

Caveats:

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- *With regards to Immigration data, the Department's current policy is to mask numbers which are less than five as <5, noting we are reviewing the confidentiality method for the future.*
- *Current program year figures are subject to variation. The data is sourced from our global Departmental systems. There can be delays in transmission of information, therefore data for current program year should always be considered provisional.*