



Character (s501) and general cancellation statistics

All statistics in this document are for the financial years 2019-20 to 2025-26 (as at 30 June 2026).

As data has been drawn from a dynamic system environment, the information is correct at the time of publication and figures may differ slightly from previous or future reporting.

Character cancellations and refusals

Figure 1: s501 cancellations and refusals, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

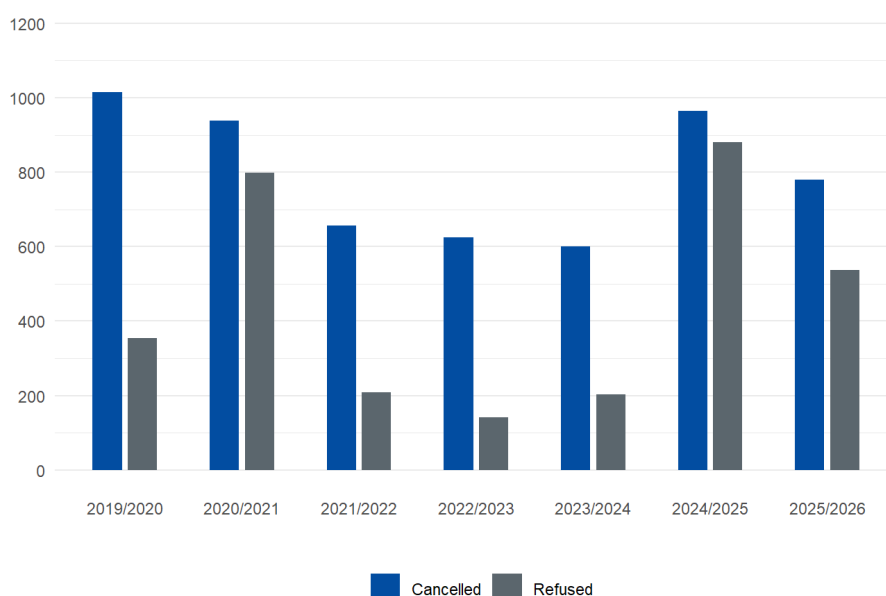


Table 1: s501 cancellations and refusals, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

Decision	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Cancelled	1,015	938	656	625	601	964	779
Refused	355	799	209	141	203	880	537

Data does not include 19 ministerial cancellations made for non-citizens subsequently released from detention with a reinstated visa following the Full Federal Court judgment in *Pearson v Minister for Home Affairs* [2022] FCAFC 203 on 22 December 2022. On 13 February 2023, the Migration Amendment (Aggregate Sentences) Act 2023 validated the first cancellation decisions made for this cohort, resulting in the subsequent ministerial cancellations decisions now considered a nullity at law.

Character cancellations by power

Figure 2: s501 cancellations under s501(3A) (mandatory cancellations) and other s501 powers (discretionary cancellations), 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

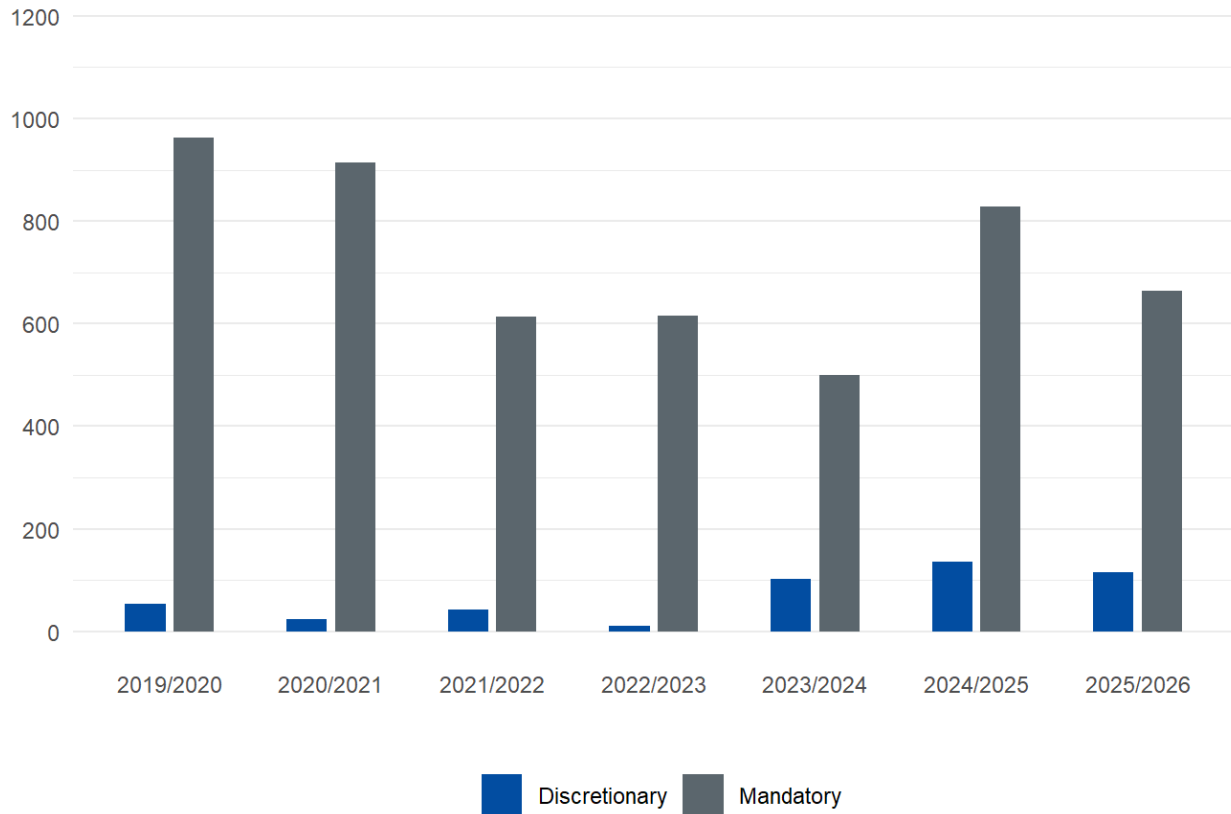


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Power	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Discretionary	53	24	42	10	102	135	115
Mandatory	962	914	614	615	499	829	664
Total	1,015	938	656	625	601	964	779

Character cancellations by citizenship

Figure 3: s501 cancellations with breakdown of the citizenship of the person subject to cancellation, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

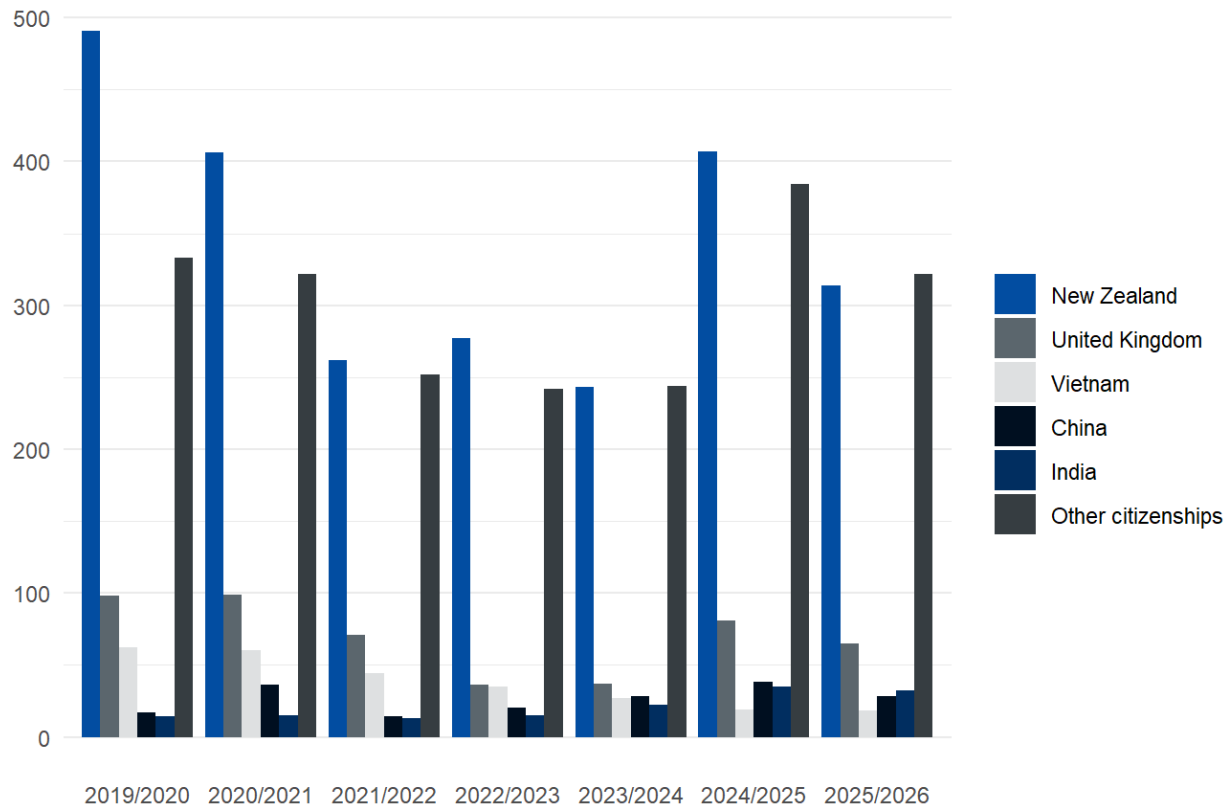


Table 3: s501 cancellations with breakdown of the citizenship of the person subject to cancellation, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

Citizenship	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
New Zealand	491	406	262	277	243	407	314
United Kingdom	98	99	71	36	37	81	65
Vietnam	62	60	44	35	27	19	18
China	17	36	14	20	28	38	28
India	14	15	13	15	22	35	32
Other citizenships	333	322	252	242	244	384	322
Total	1,015	938	656	625	601	964	779

Character cancellations by offending

Figure 4: s501 cancellations by primary category of offending, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

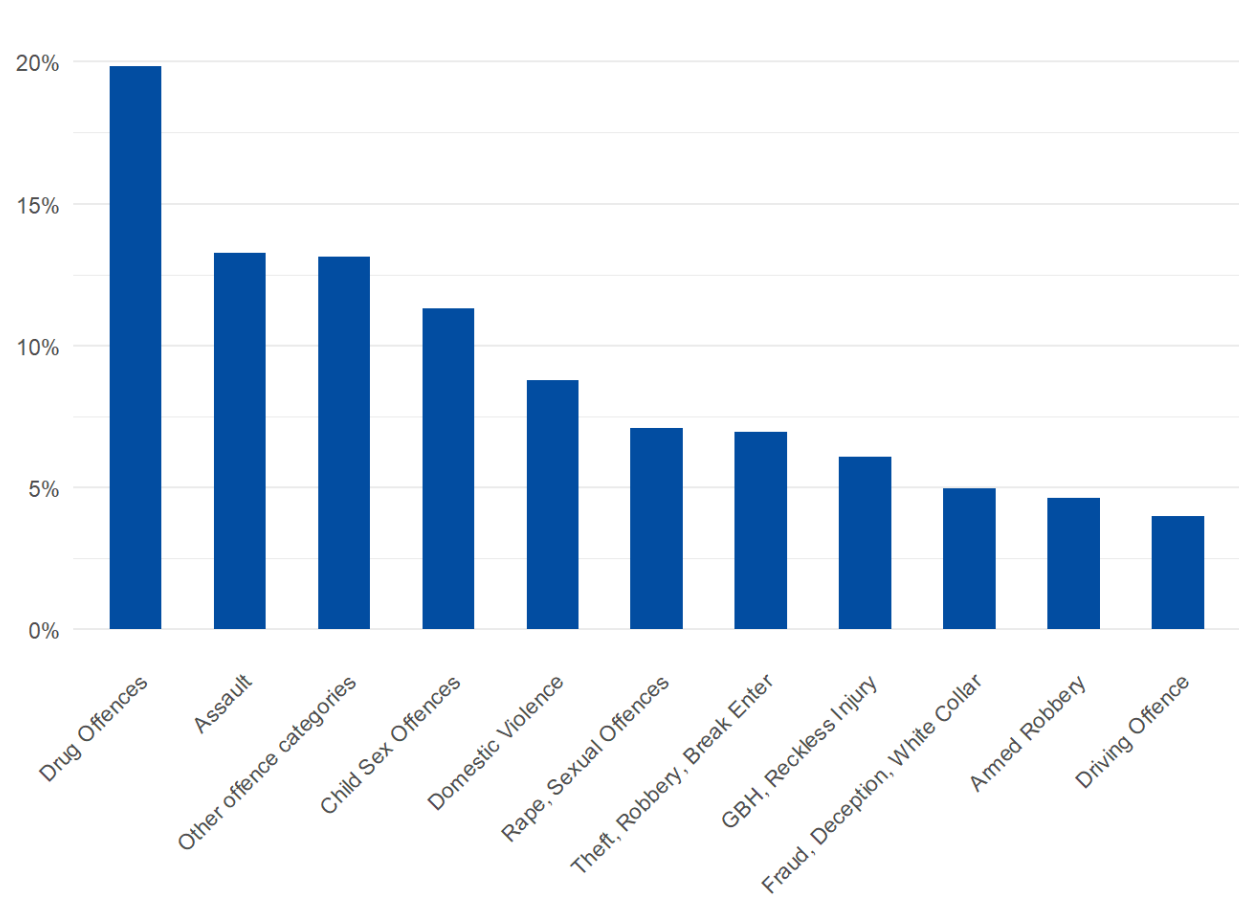


Table 4: s501 cancellations by primary category of offending, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

Primary offence category	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Drug Offences	232	193	145	148	119	152	119
Assault	170	105	68	82	97	105	113
Child Sex Offences	100	102	69	54	73	127	106
Domestic Violence	65	81	74	50	57	79	84
Rape, Sexual Offences	58	72	35	46	40	81	62
Theft, Robbery, Break Enter	62	57	37	55	49	65	63
GBH, Reckless Injury	48	44	63	48	39	65	32
Fraud, Deception, White Collar	57	45	29	44	22	55	25
Armed Robbery	72	38	30	11	22	52	33
Driving Offence	36	26	28	38	27	32	34
Other offence categories	115	175	78	49	56	151	108
Total	1,015	938	656	625	601	964	779

Character cancellations by visa subclass

Figure 5: s501 cancellations by subclass of the visa cancelled, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

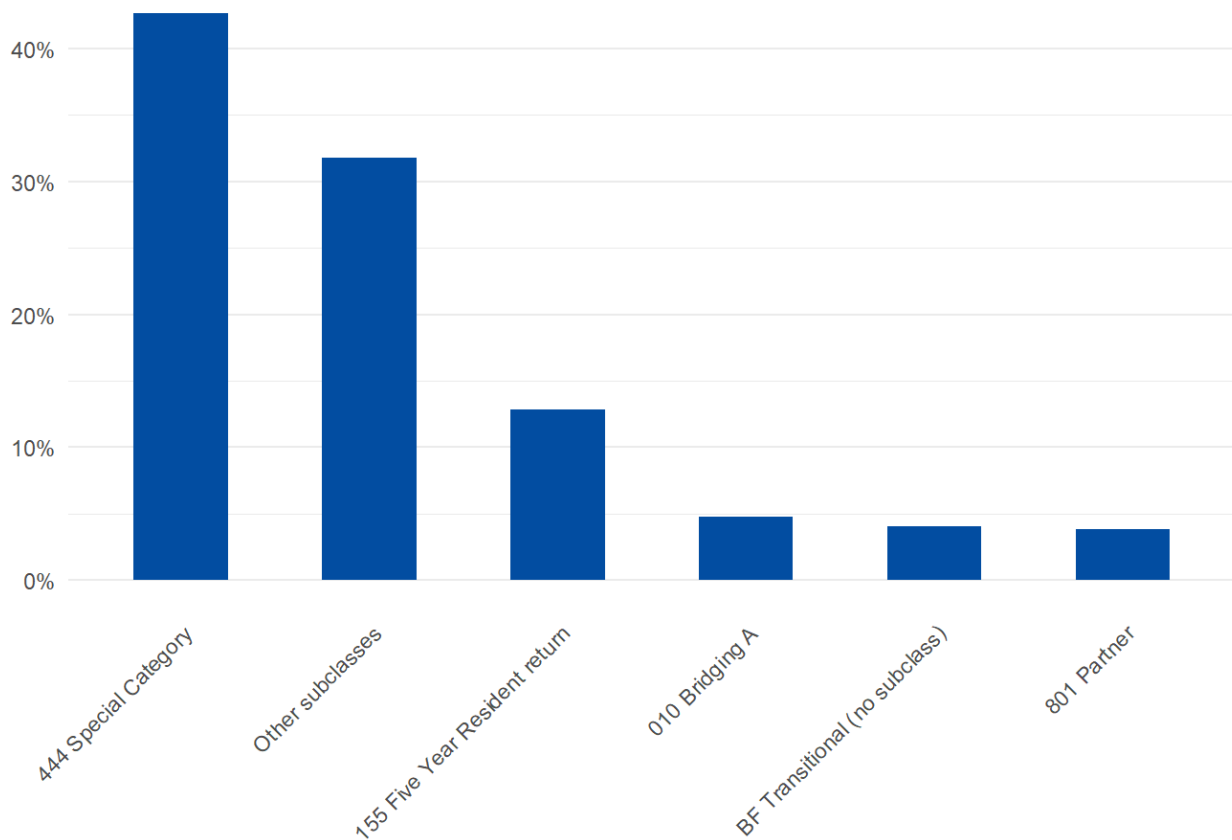


Table 5: s501 cancellations by subclass of the visa cancelled, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

Subclass	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
444 Special Category	486	401	255	283	238	405	313
155 Five Year Resident return	149	121	83	71	71	118	103
010 Bridging A	18	38	35	39	43	50	44
BF Transitional (no subclass)	60	52	30	12	15	35	22
801 Partner	39	43	22	23	25	31	30
Other subclasses	263	283	231	197	209	325	267
Total	1,015	938	656	625	601	964	779

Revocation decisions following character cancellation

Figure 6: Proportion of revoked and not revoked decisions for revocation requests, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

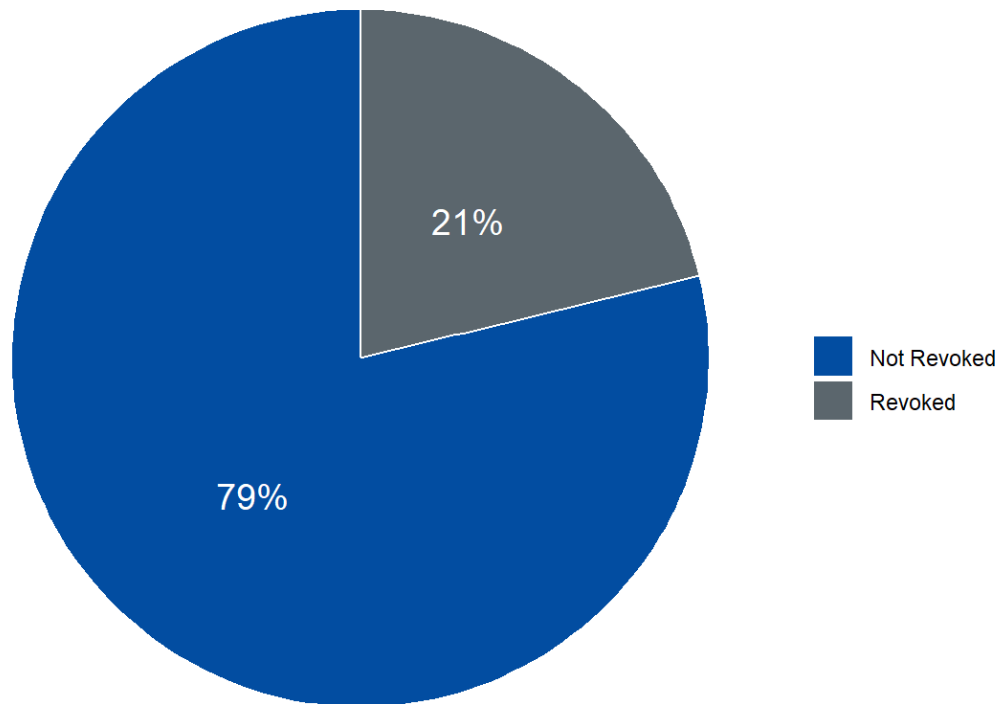
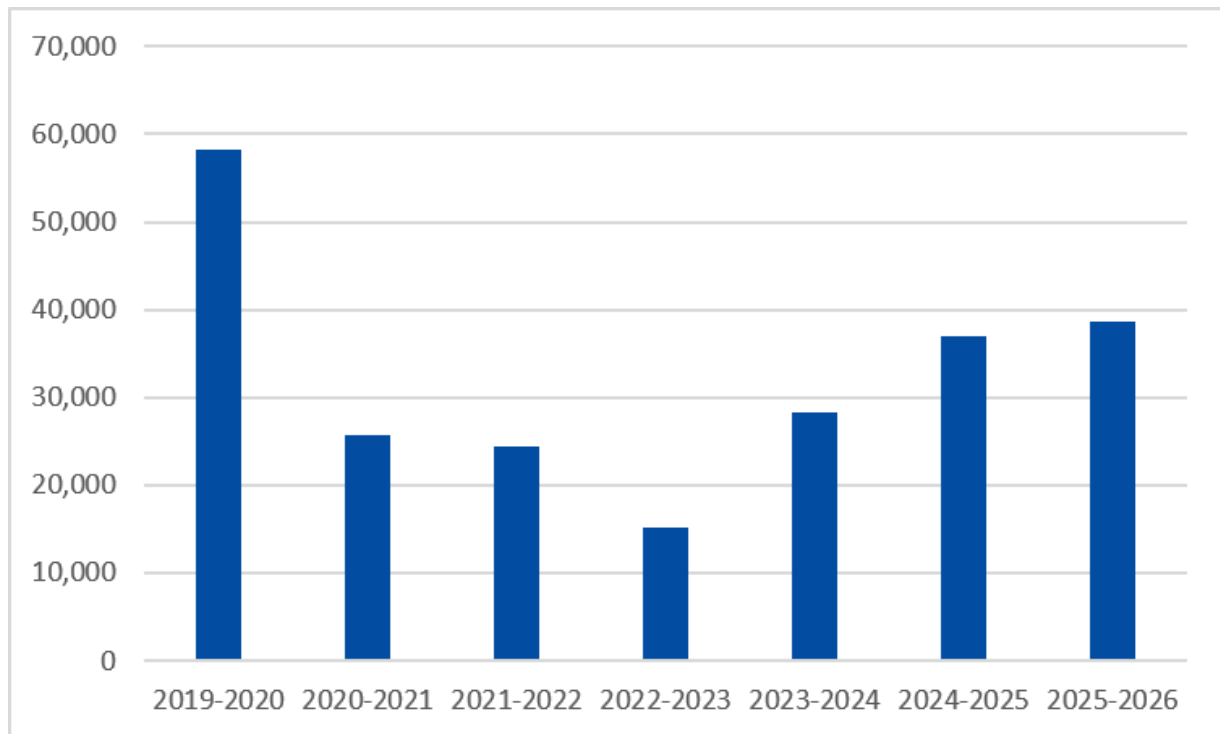


Table 6: Revoked and not revoked decisions for revocation requests, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

Decision	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Not Revoked	449	437	429	368	333	425	529
Revoked	252	144	38	144	137	31	53
Total	701	581	467	512	470	456	582

General cancellations

Figure 7: General cancellations, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026*



*General cancellations are visa cancellations under powers other than the s501 (character) powers of the Migration Act 1958.

Table 7: General cancellations by power, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

Power	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
s128 (Holder Overseas)	46,255	19,374	20,080	10,933	22,833	28,781	31,959
s140 (Consequential)	7,366	4,737	2,716	1,949	2,049	3,444	2,923
s116 (General Power)	4,148	1,197	922	1,883	3,185	4,471	3,323
s109 (Incorrect Info)	216	275	539	144	129	258	391
ICSE POWER ONLY: s164: Criminal Justice Visa	83	58	50	37	39	47	56
Other powers	152	128	106	140	32	32	28
Total	58,220	25,769	24,413	15,086	28,267	37,033	38,680

General cancellations by citizenship

Figure 8: General cancellations with breakdown of the citizenship of the person subject to cancellation, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

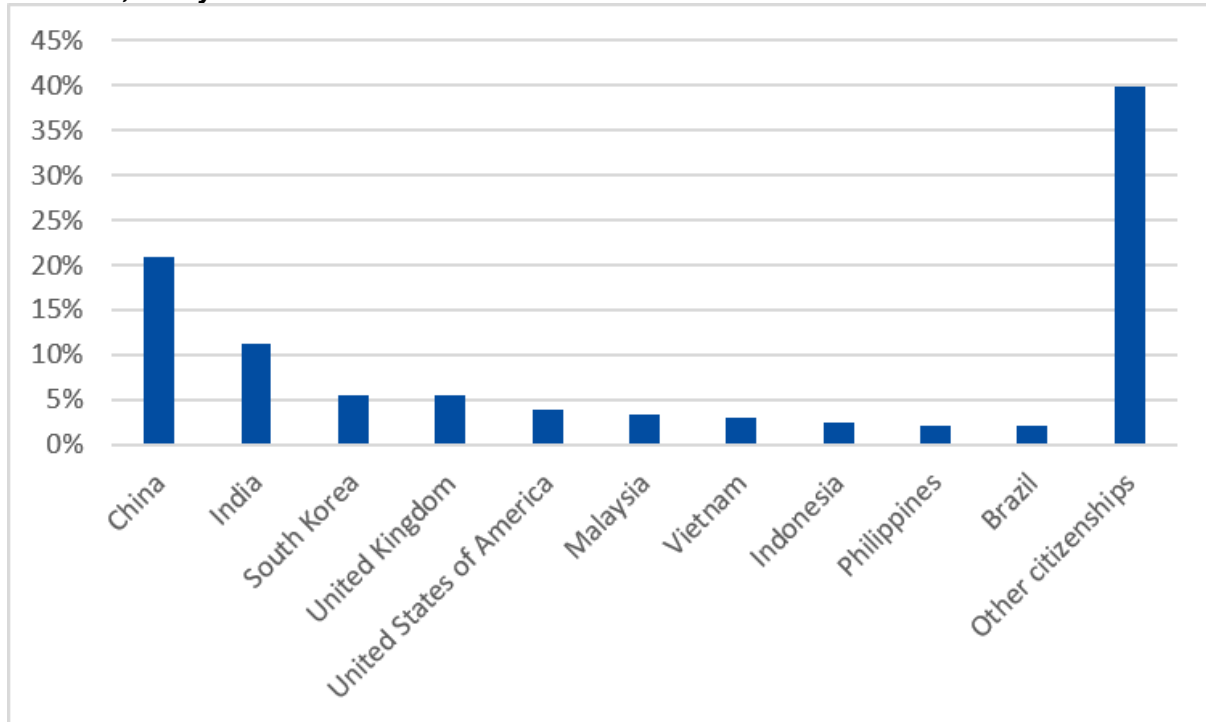


Table 8: General cancellations with breakdown of the citizenship of the person subject to cancellation, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

Citizenship country	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
China	9,106	5,546	6,967	2,029	5,034	8,168	10,702
India	6,554	3,740	2,555	1,685	3,123	4,077	3,666
South Korea	7,279	1,313	1,066	456	790	843	959
United Kingdom	4,367	1,735	1,338	989	1,032	1,334	1,618
United States of America	2,007	1,116	745	525	2,055	1,308	1,225
Malaysia	3,048	1,044	628	655	817	852	687
Vietnam	887	539	761	496	1,146	1,639	1,336
Indonesia	806	451	491	846	870	976	1,078
Philippines	858	516	407	313	740	1,243	775
Brazil	1,468	694	403	458	493	661	483
Other citizenships	21,840	9,075	9,052	6,634	12,167	15,932	16,151
Total	58,220	25,769	24,413	15,086	28,267	37,033	38,680

General cancellations by visa category

Figure 9: General cancellations by category of the visa cancelled, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

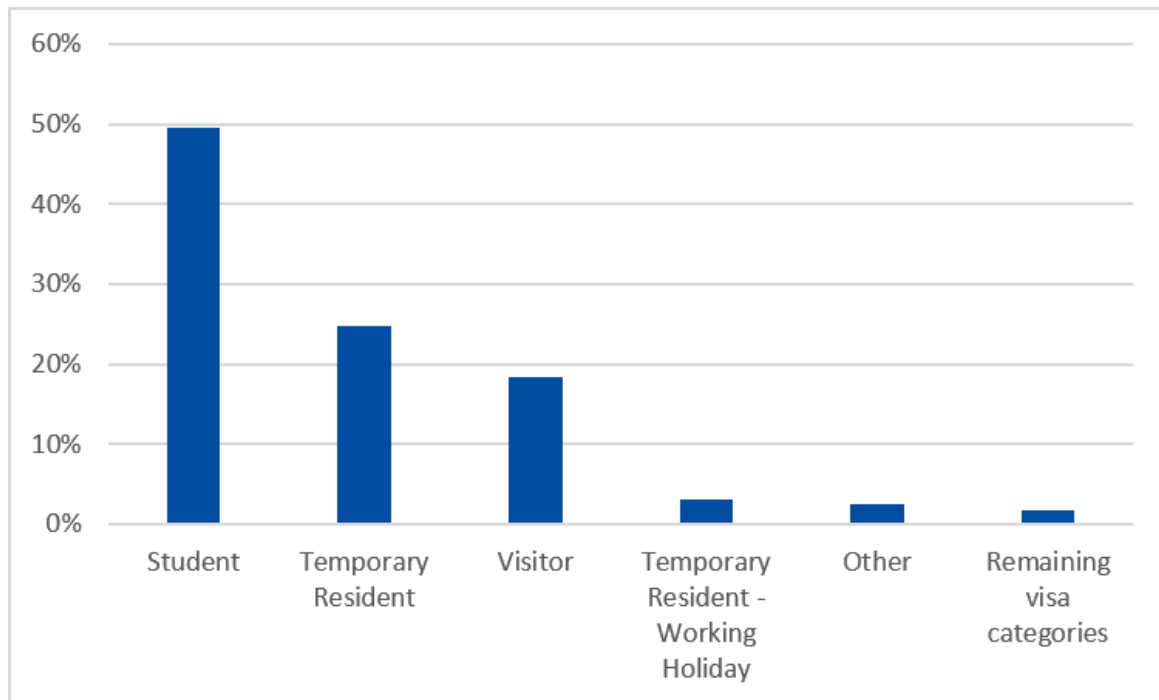


Table 9: General cancellations by category of the visa cancelled, 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2026

Visa Category	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Student	22,672	13,415	15,756	4,712	13,949	21,604	20,649
Temporary Resident	17,775	10,471	5,438	4,715	4,594	6,479	6,734
Visitor	12,240	577	1,507	4,620	8,191	6,676	7,814
Temporary Resident - Working Holiday	4,058	221	452	57	700	648	973
Other	658	476	390	441	484	1,148	2,150
Remaining visa categories	817	609	870	541	349	478	360
Total	58,220	25,769	24,413	15,086	28,267	37,033	38,680