



Character (s501) and general cancellation statistics

All statistics in this document are for the financial years 2018-19 to 2024-25 (as at 31 December 2024).

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 2018 to 31 December 2024

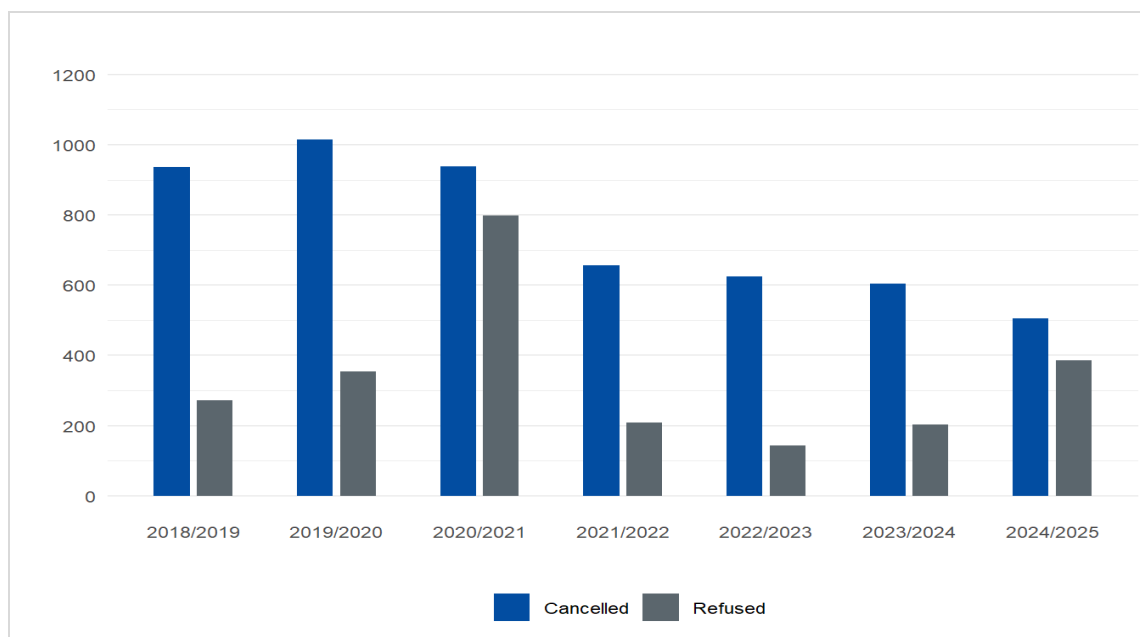


Table 1: s501 cancellations and refusals, 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2024

Decision	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Cancelled	937	1,015	938	656	625	604	506
Refused	272	355	799	209	143	203	385

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 2018 to 31 December 2024

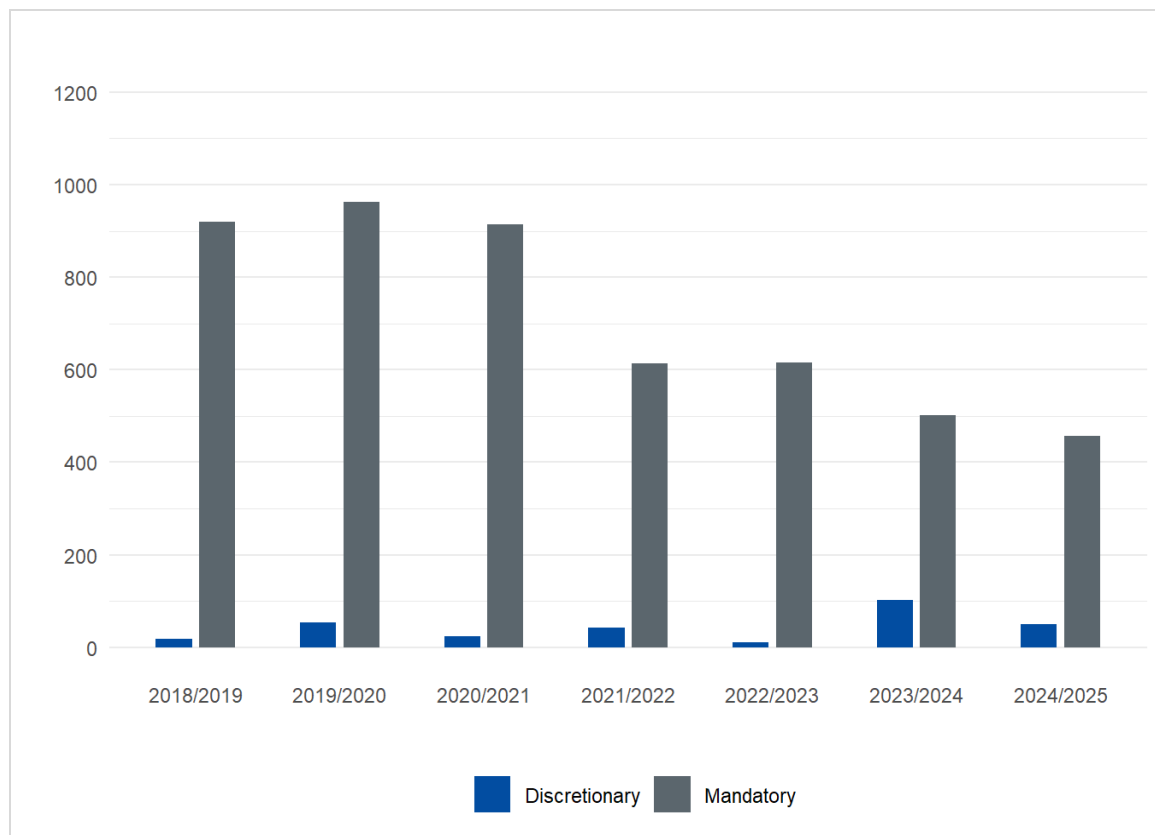


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Power	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Discretionary	18	53	24	42	10	103	50
Mandatory	919	962	914	614	615	501	456
Total	937	1,015	938	656	625	604	506

Character cancellations by citizenship

Figure 3: s501 cancellations with breakdown of the citizenship of the person subject to cancellation, 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2024

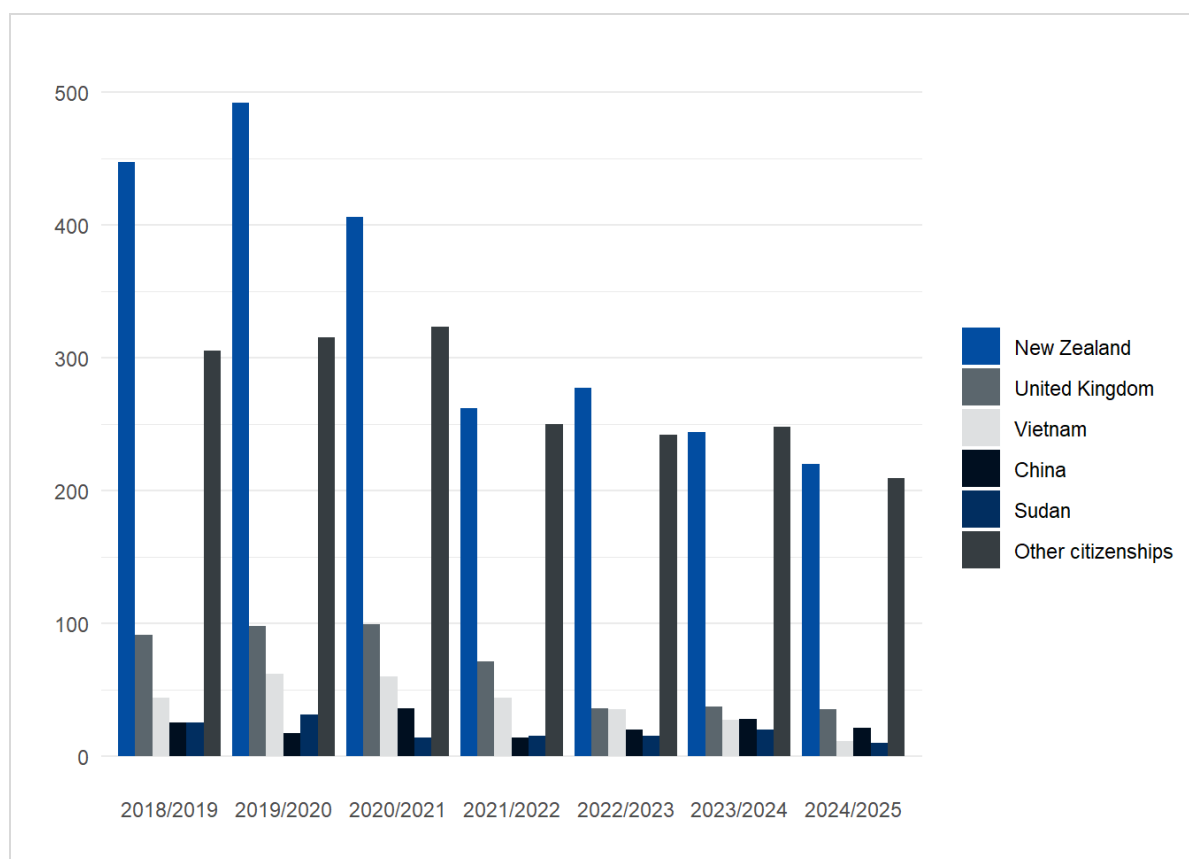


Table 3: s501 cancellations with breakdown of the citizenship of the person subject to cancellation, 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2024

Citizenship	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
New Zealand	447	492	406	262	277	244	220
United Kingdom	91	98	99	71	36	37	35
Vietnam	44	62	60	44	35	27	11
China	25	17	36	14	20	28	21
Sudan	25	31	14	15	15	20	10
Other citizenships	305	315	323	250	242	248	209
Total	937	1,015	938	656	625	604	506

Character cancellations by offending

Figure 4: s501 cancellations by primary category of offending, 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2024

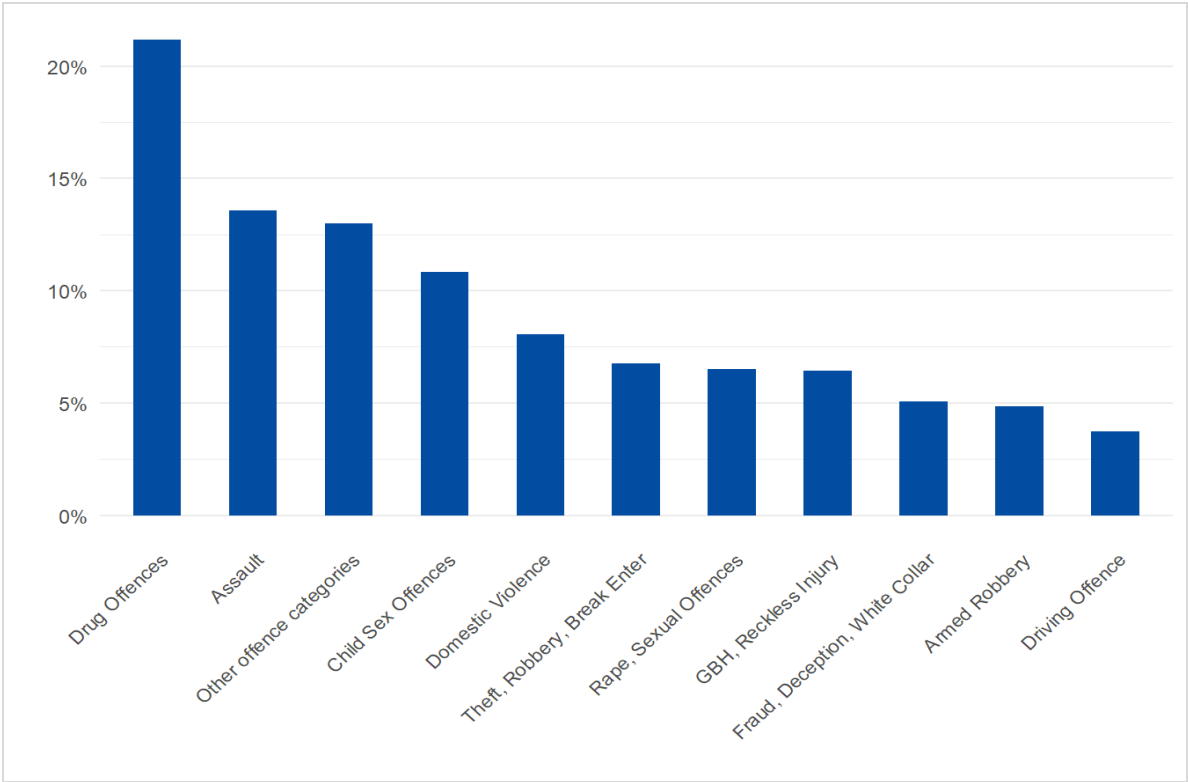


Table 4: s501 cancellations by primary category of offending, 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2024

Primary offence category	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Drug Offences	197	232	193	145	148	119	85
Assault	138	170	105	68	82	97	57
Child Sex Offences	104	100	102	69	54	74	69
Domestic Violence	67	65	81	74	50	58	31
Theft, Robbery, Break Enter	58	62	57	37	55	49	38
Rape, Sexual Offences	50	58	72	35	46	40	43
GBH, Reckless Injury	60	48	44	63	48	40	36
Fraud, Deception, White Collar	44	57	45	29	44	22	26
Armed Robbery	55	72	38	30	11	22	29
Driving Offence	26	36	26	28	38	27	16
Other offence categories	138	115	175	78	49	56	76
Total	937	1,015	938	656	625	604	506

Character cancellations by visa subclass

Figure 5: s501 cancellations by subclass of the visa cancelled, 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2024

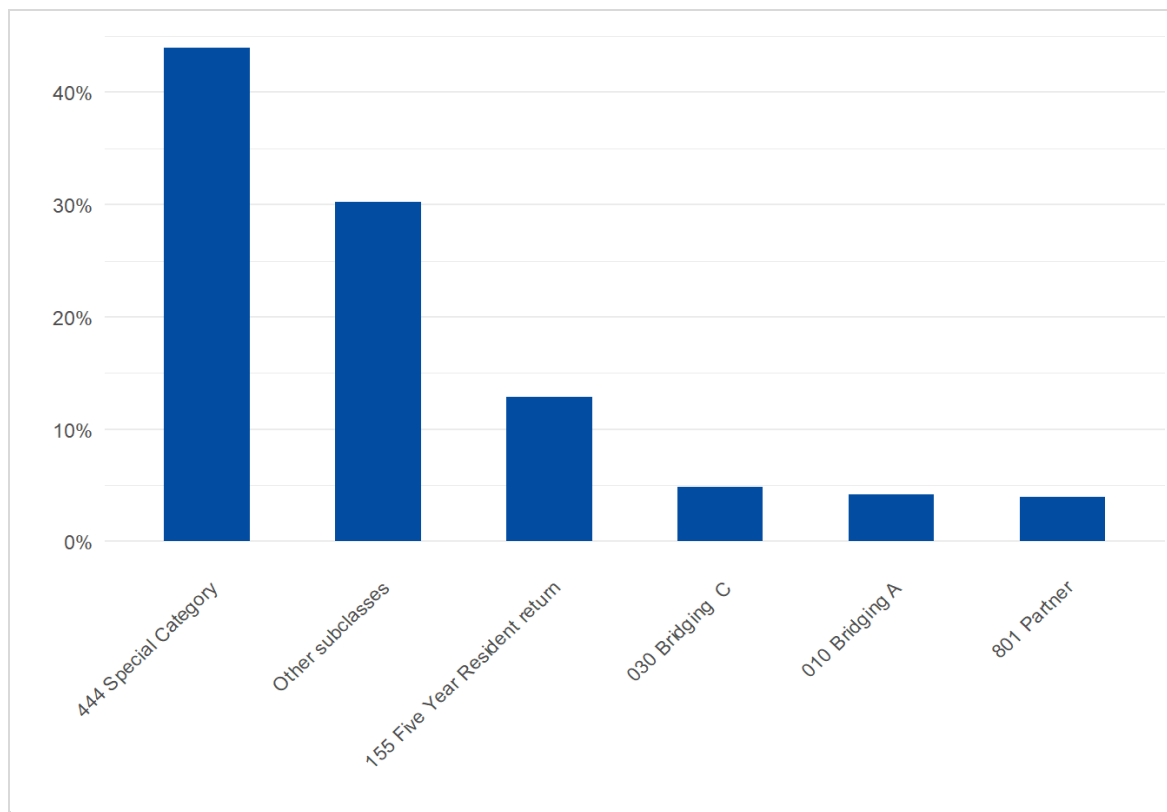


Table 5: s501 cancellations by subclass of the visa cancelled, 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2024

Subclass	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
444 Special Category	442	486	401	254	282	239	219
155 Five Year Resident return	123	149	121	83	71	71	63
030 Bridging C	67	60	52	30	12	15	18
010 Bridging A	17	18	38	35	39	44	28
801 Partner	41	39	43	22	23	25	16
Other subclasses	247	263	283	232	198	210	162
Total	937	1,015	938	656	625	604	506

Revocation decisions following character cancellation

Figure 6: Proportion of revoked and not revoked decisions for revocation requests, 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2024

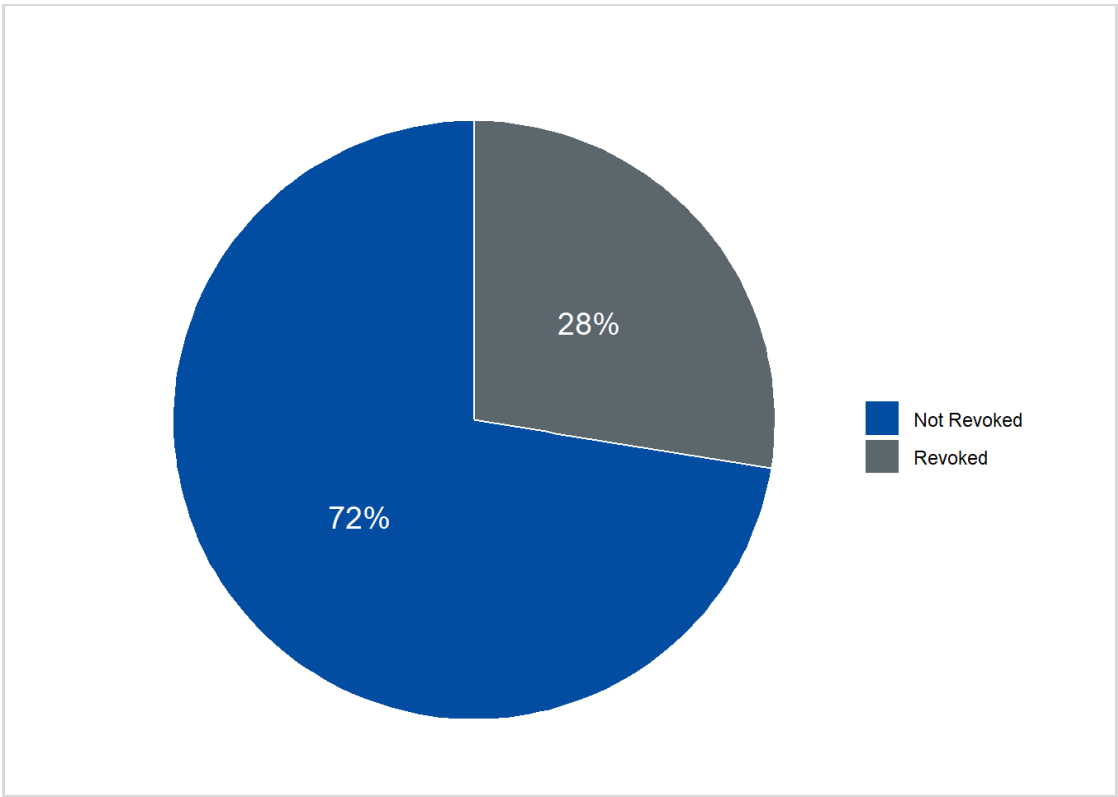
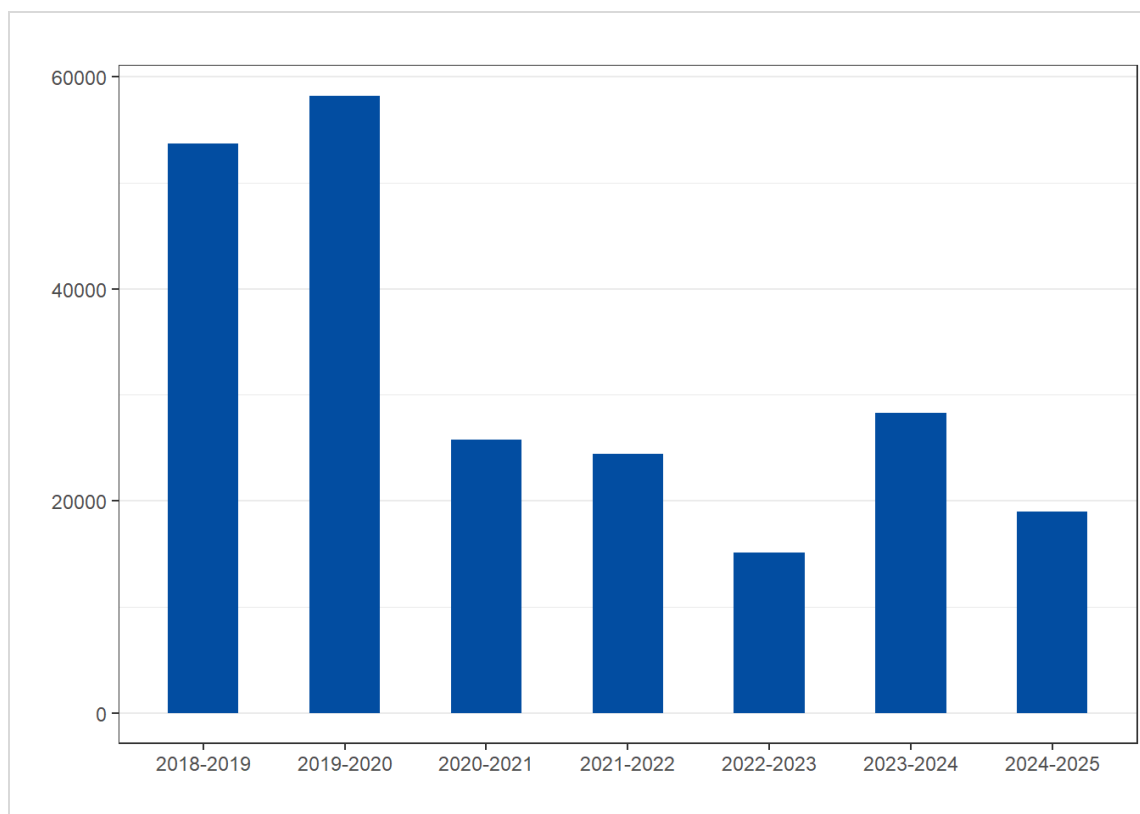


Table 6: Revoked and not revoked decisions for revocation requests, 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2024

Decision	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Not Revoked	333	450	437	429	368	335	180
Revoked	235	252	143	38	144	137	15
Total	568	702	580	467	512	472	195

General cancellations

Figure 7: General cancellations, 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2024*



*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 2018 to 31 December 2024

Power	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
s128 (Holder Overseas)	38,820	46,254	19,374	20,080	10,934	22,822	14,754
s140 (Consequential)	7,267	7,366	4,733	2,716	1,949	2,048	1,890
s116 (General Power)	6,752	4,149	1,197	924	1,884	3,189	2,224
s109 (Incorrect Info)	703	216	275	539	145	129	114
s134 (Business Visas)	51	102	72	72	112	8	<5
Other powers	131	133	114	86	67	64	<30
Total	53,724	58,220	25,765	24,417	15,091	28,260	19,012

General cancellations by citizenship

Figure 8: General cancellations with breakdown of the citizenship of the person subject to cancellation, 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2024

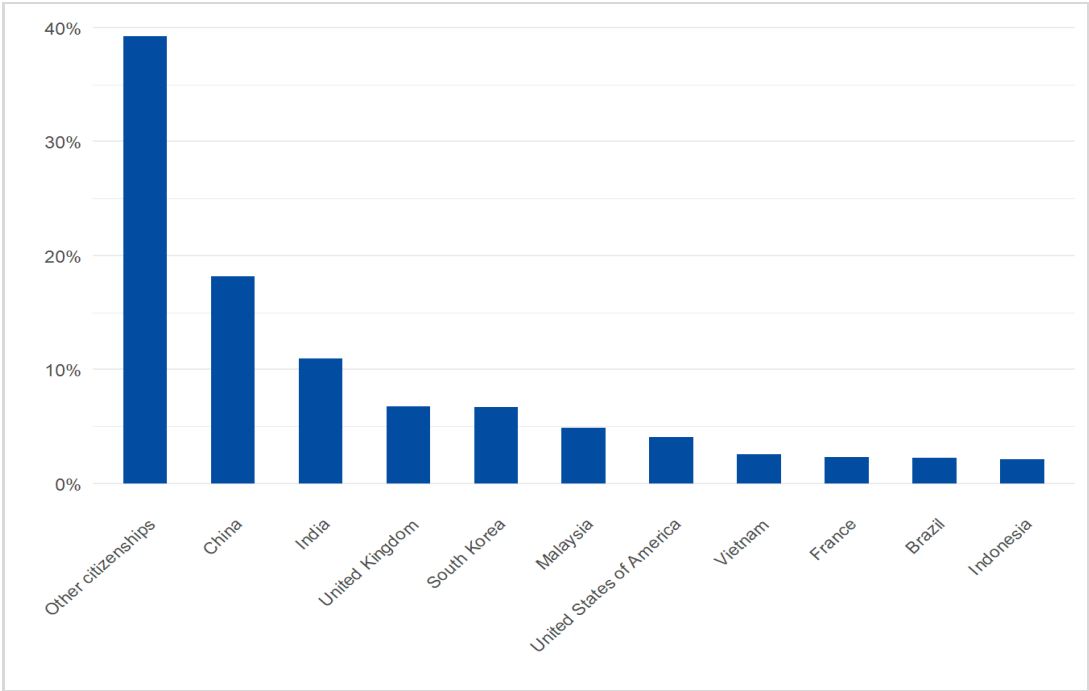


Table 8: General cancellations with breakdown of the citizenship of the person subject to cancellation, 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2024

Citizenship country	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
China	8,308	9,104	5,544	6,966	2,029	5,032	3,801
India	4,829	6,554	3,740	2,556	1,687	3,123	2,170
United Kingdom	5,129	4,342	1,730	1,324	980	1,024	682
South Korea	3,682	7,276	1,313	1,065	455	790	446
Malaysia	4,306	3,047	1,044	628	655	817	478
United States of America	2,034	2,007	1,116	745	525	2,056	642
Vietnam	1,019	887	539	763	496	1,147	814
France	1,819	1,593	597	376	250	355	160
Brazil	1,195	1,468	694	403	458	493	350
Indonesia	787	806	451	491	846	871	534
Other citizenships	20,616	21,136	8,997	9,100	6,710	12,552	8,935
Total	53,724	58,220	25,765	24,417	15,091	28,260	19,012

General cancellations by visa category

Figure 9: General cancellations by category of the visa cancelled, 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2024

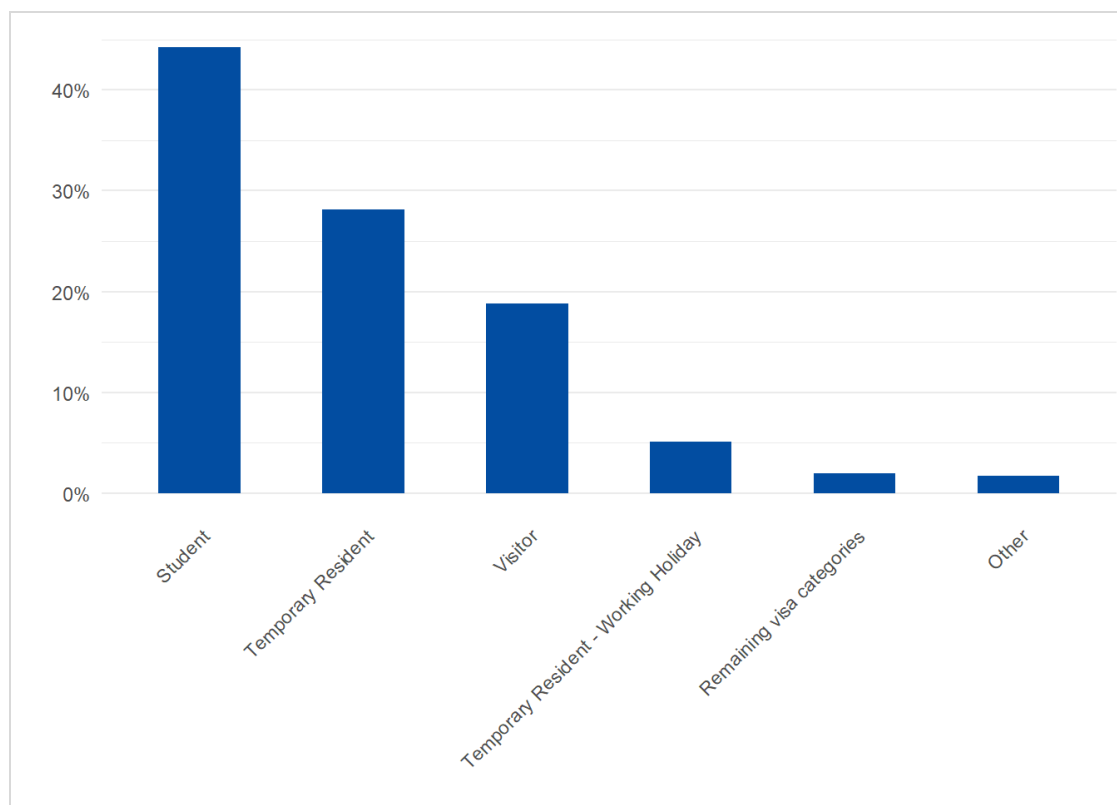


Table 9: General cancellations by category of the visa cancelled, 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2024

Visa Category	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Student	17,803	22,672	13,415	15,756	4,711	13,935	11,022
Temporary Resident	16,725	17,775	10,466	5,438	4,714	4,596	3,472
Visitor	11,600	12,240	577	1,507	4,620	8,192	3,537
Temporary Resident - Working Holiday	5,650	4,058	221	452	57	700	287
Other	890	658	476	390	442	485	480
Remaining visa categories	1,056	817	610	874	547	352	214
Total	53,724	58,220	25,765	24,417	15,091	28,260	19,012