



Character (s501) and general cancellation statistics

All statistics in this document are for the financial years 2019-20 to 2025-26 (as at 31 December 2025).

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 31 December 2025

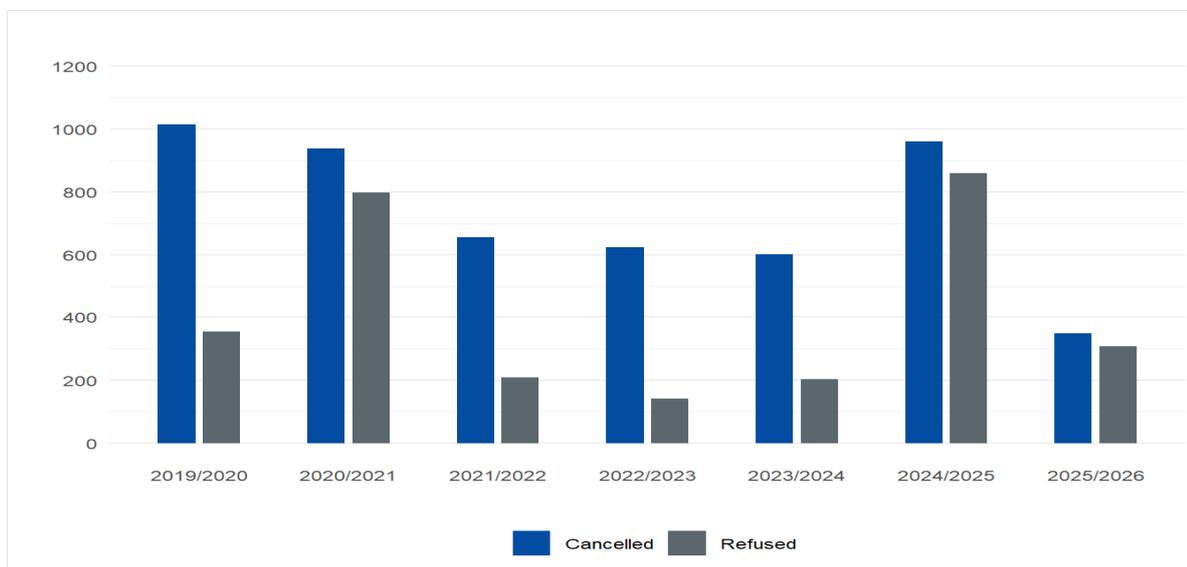


Table 1: s501 cancellations and refusals, 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2025

Decision	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Cancelled	1,015	938	656	625	603	961	348
Refused	355	798	209	141	203	860	307

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 31 December 2025

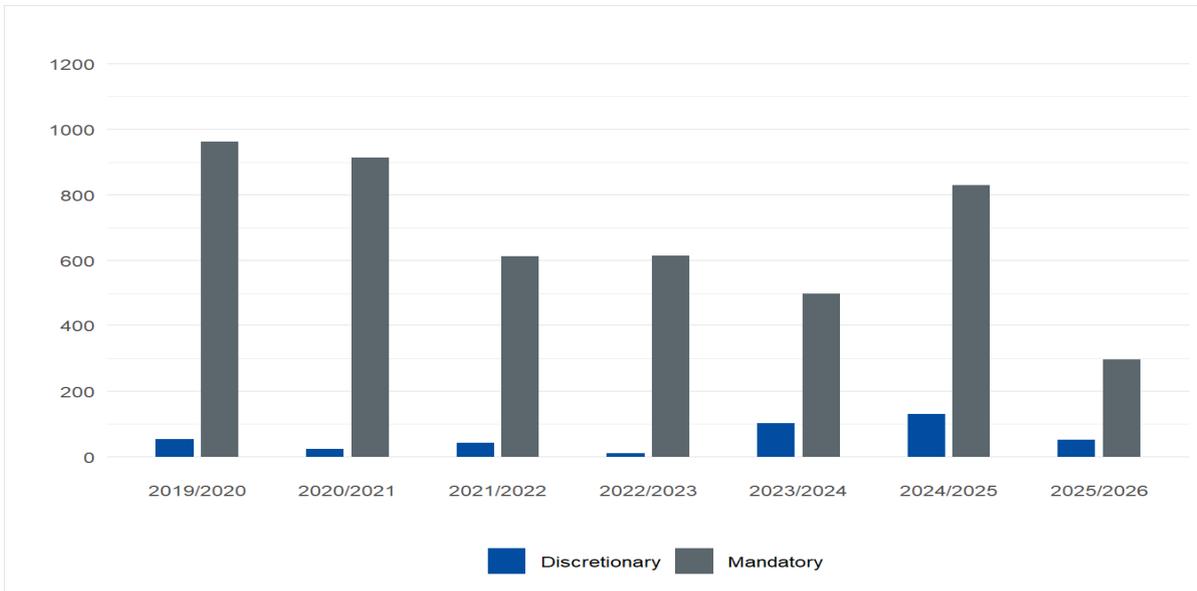


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Power	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Discretionary	53	24	42	10	103	131	52
Mandatory	962	914	614	615	500	830	296
Total	1,015	938	656	625	603	961	348

Character cancellations by citizenship

Figure 3: s501 cancellations with breakdown of the citizenship of the person subject to cancellation, 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2025

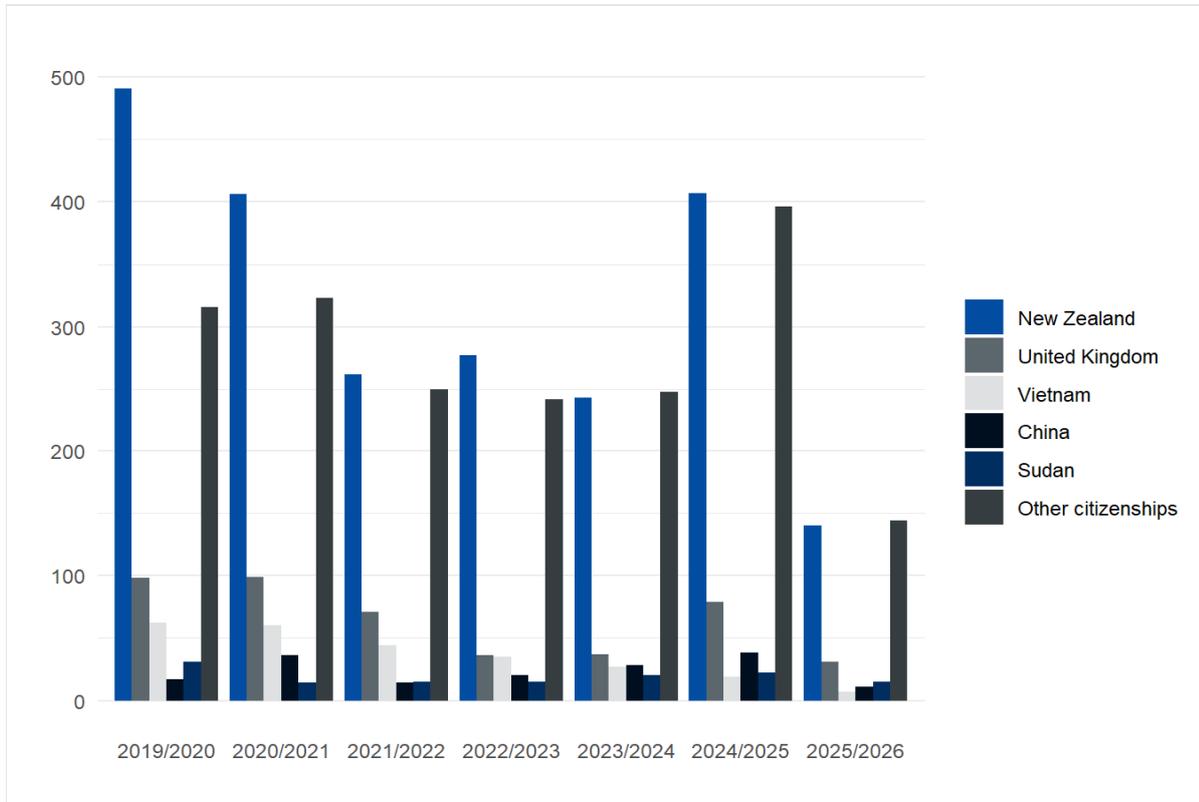


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Citizenship	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
New Zealand	491	406	262	277	243	407	140
United Kingdom	98	99	71	36	37	79	31
Vietnam	62	60	44	35	27	19	7
China	17	36	14	20	28	38	11
Sudan	31	14	15	15	20	22	15
Other citizenships	316	323	250	242	248	396	144
Total	1,015	938	656	625	603	961	348

Character cancellations by offending

Figure 4: s501 cancellations by primary category of offending, 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2025

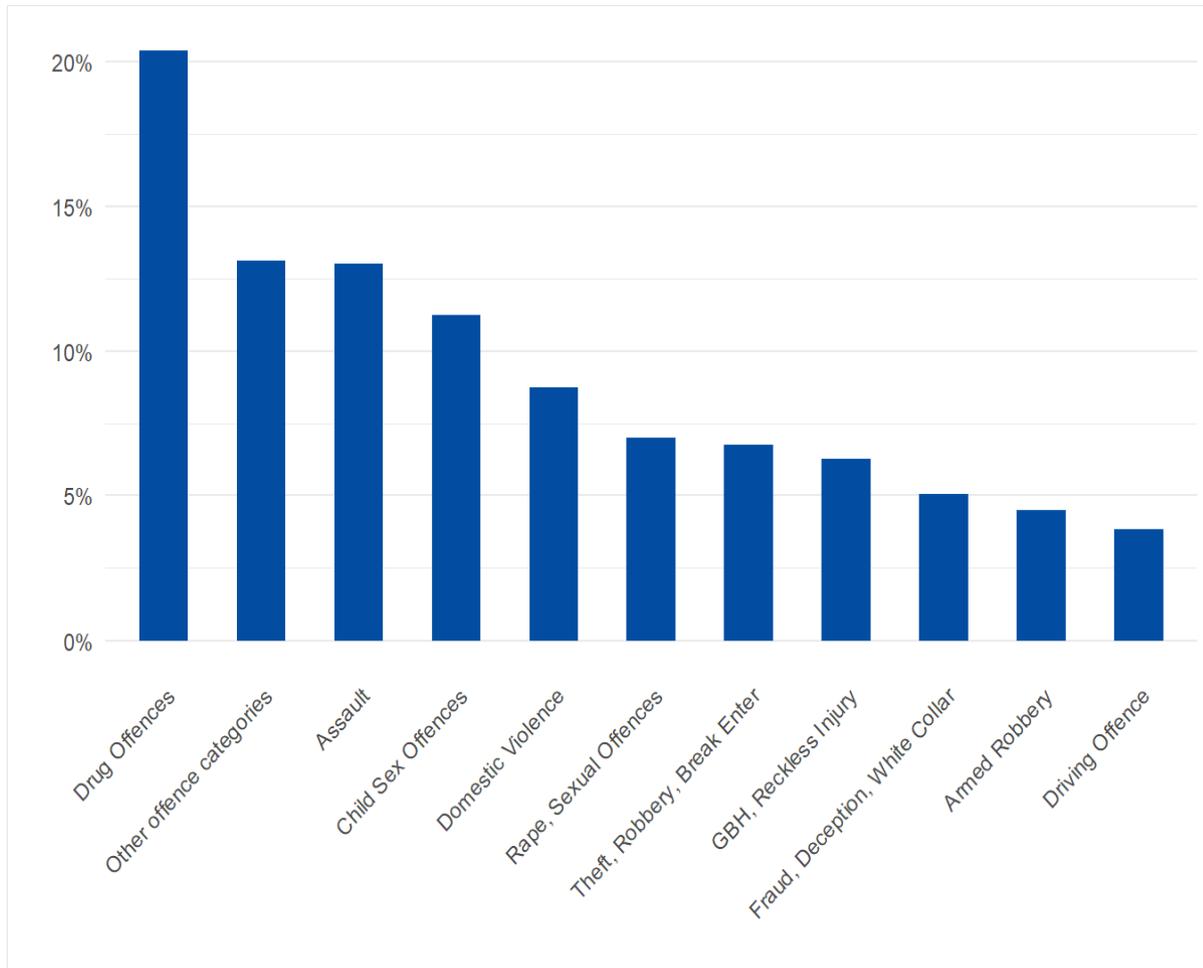


Table 4: s501 cancellations by primary category of offending, 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2025

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	60
Assault	170	105	68	82	97	105	43
Child Sex Offences	100	102	69	54	74	127	53
Domestic Violence	65	81	74	50	57	78	46
Rape, Sexual Offences	58	72	35	46	40	80	30
Theft, Robbery, Break Enter	62	57	37	55	49	65	24
GBH, Reckless Injury	48	44	63	48	40	66	15
Fraud, Deception, White Collar	57	45	29	44	22	55	7
Armed Robbery	72	38	30	11	22	51	8
Driving Offence	36	26	28	38	27	32	10
Other offence categories	115	175	78	49	56	150	52
Total	1,015	938	656	625	603	961	348

Character cancellations by visa subclass

Figure 5: s501 cancellations by subclass of the visa cancelled, 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2025

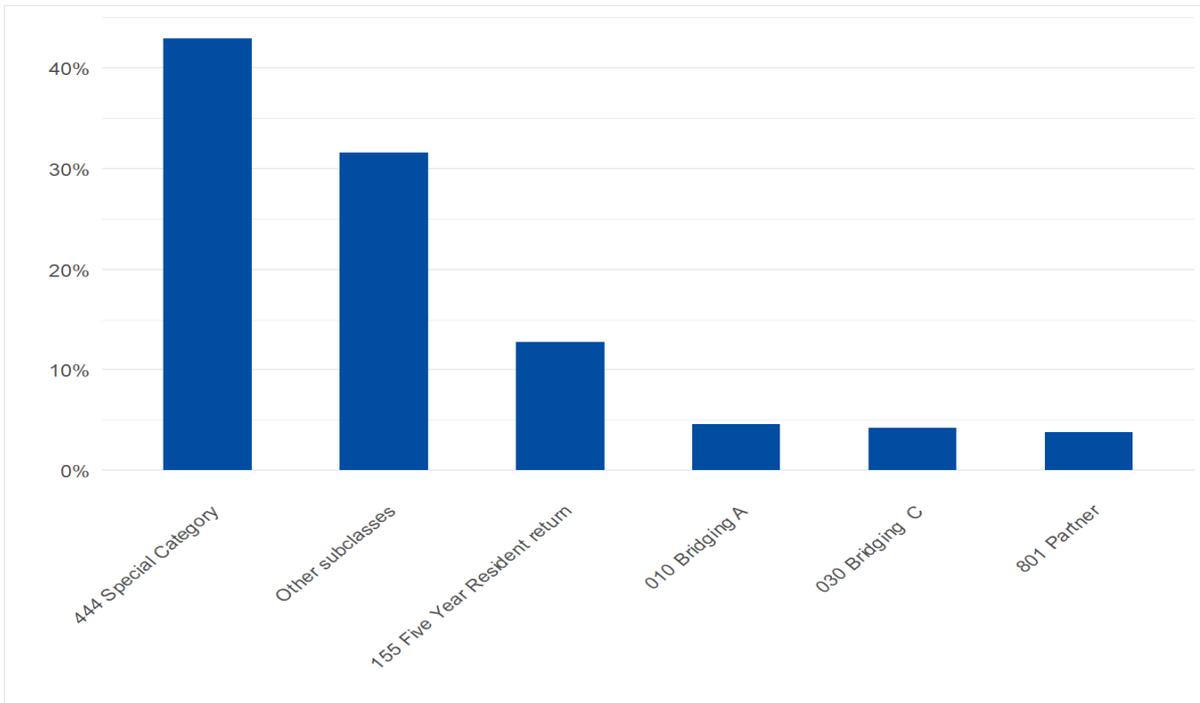


Table 5: s501 cancellations by subclass of the visa cancelled, 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2025

Subclass	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
444 Special Category	486	401	255	283	238	406	141
155 Five Year Resident return	149	121	83	71	71	117	48
010 Bridging A	18	38	34	39	44	50	14
030 Bridging C	60	52	30	12	15	34	13
801 Partner	39	43	22	23	25	30	12
Other subclasses	263	283	232	197	210	324	120
Total	1,015	938	656	625	603	961	348

Revocation decisions following character cancellation

Figure 6: Proportion of revoked and not revoked decisions for revocation requests, 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2025

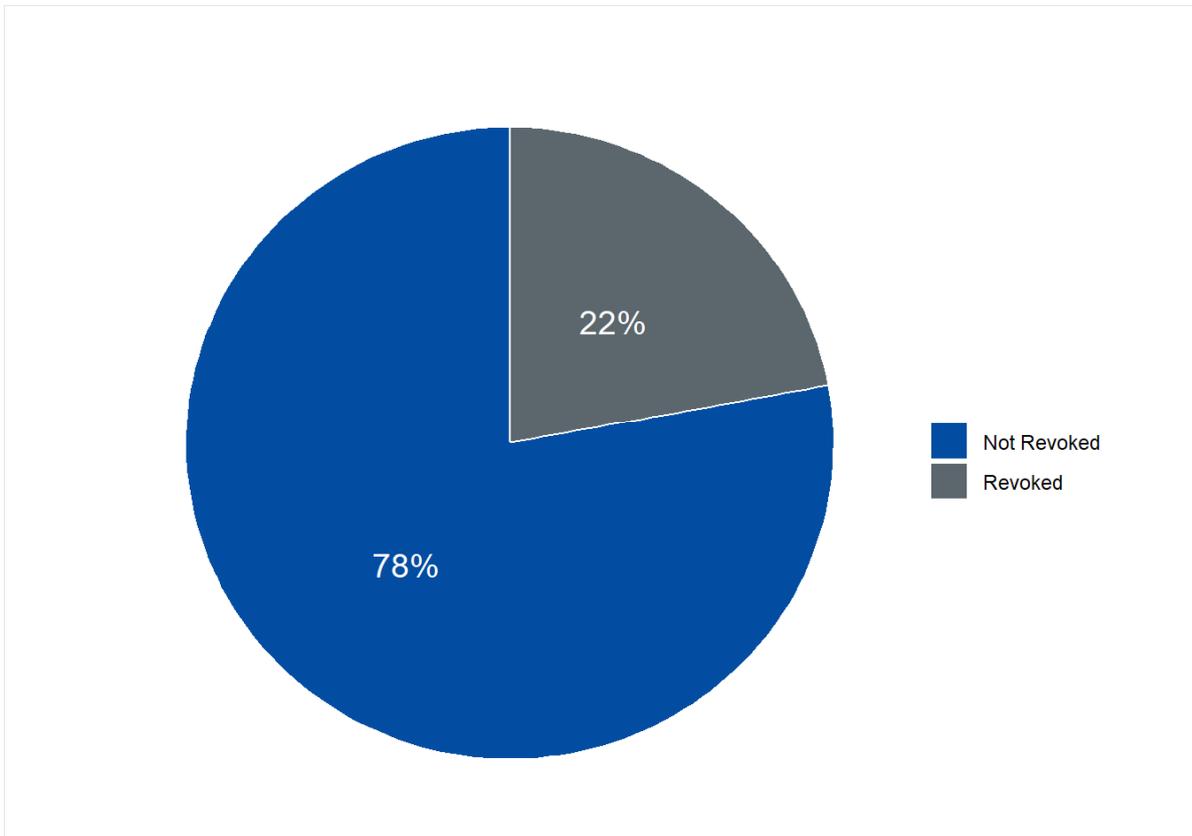
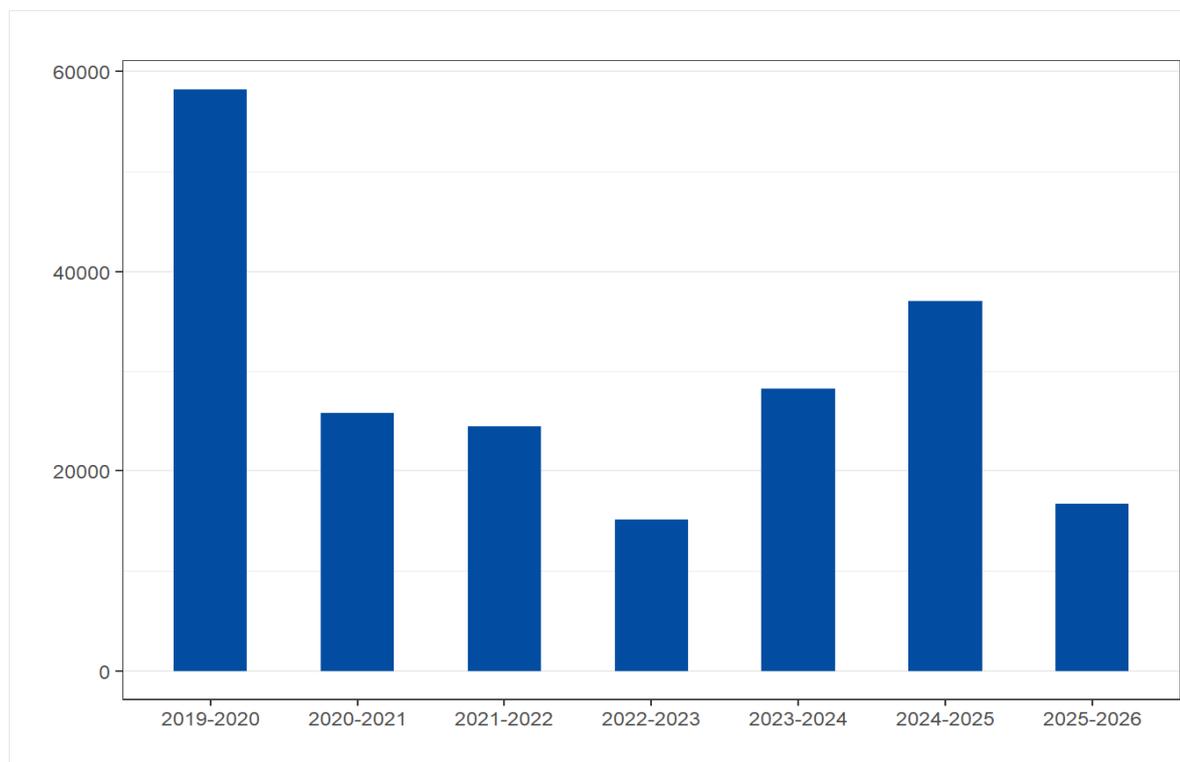


Table 6: Revoked and not revoked decisions for revocation requests, 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2025

Decision	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Not Revoked	449	437	429	368	334	425	265
Revoked	252	143	38	144	137	31	21
Total	701	580	467	512	471	456	286

General cancellations

Figure 7: General cancellations, 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2025*



*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 31 December 2025

Power	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
s128 (Holder Overseas)	46,255	19,374	20,080	10,934	22,834	28,784	13,448
s140 (Consequential)	7,366	4,737	2,716	1,949	2,049	3,441	1,174
s116 (General Power)	4,148	1,197	922	1,884	3,186	4,474	1,809
s109 (Incorrect Info)	216	275	539	144	129	258	196
s134 (Business Visas)	102	72	72	107	6	6	0
Other powers	133	114	83	70	65	70	43
Total	58,220	25,769	24,412	15,088	28,269	37,033	16,670

General cancellations by citizenship

Figure 8: General cancellations with breakdown of the citizenship of the person subject to cancellation, 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2025

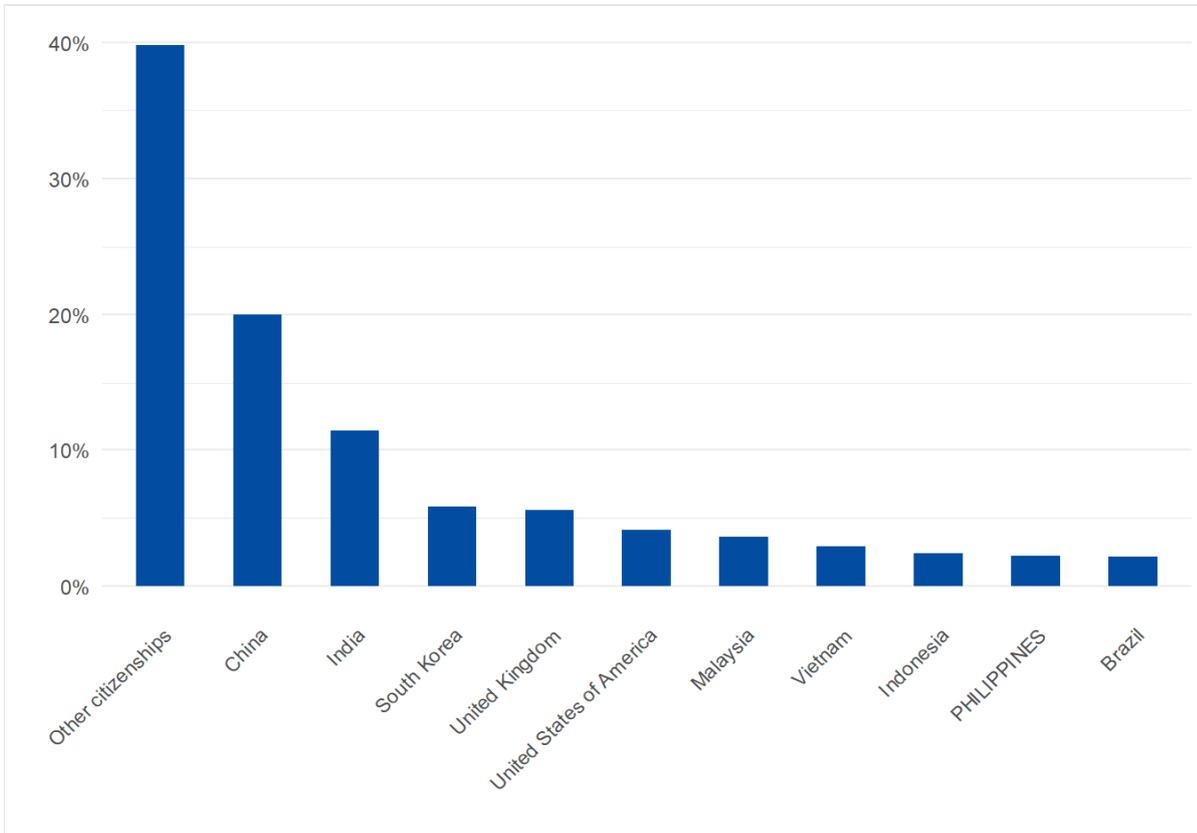


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Citizenship country	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
China	9,106	5,546	6,967	2,029	5,034	8,169	4,224
India	6,554	3,740	2,555	1,685	3,123	4,078	1,809
South Korea	7,279	1,313	1,066	456	790	843	291
United Kingdom	4,367	1,735	1,338	989	1,032	1,333	734
United States of America	2,007	1,116	745	525	2,055	1,308	699
Malaysia	3,048	1,044	628	656	817	852	300
Vietnam	887	539	761	496	1,146	1,635	535
Indonesia	806	451	491	846	871	977	520
Philippines	858	516	407	314	740	1,244	399
Brazil	1,468	694	403	458	493	661	249
Other citizenships	21,840	9,075	9,051	6,634	12,168	15,933	6,910
Total	58,220	25,769	24,412	15,088	28,269	37,033	16,670

General cancellations by visa category

Figure 9: General cancellations by category of the visa cancelled, 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2025

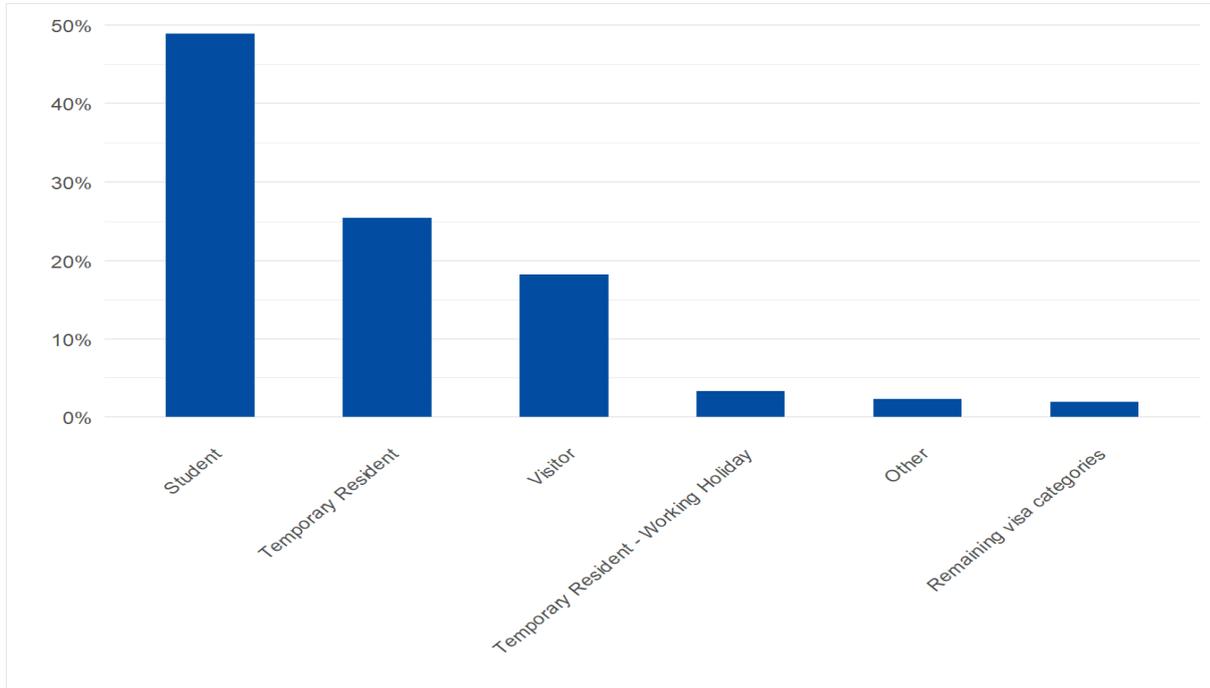


Table 9: General cancellations by category of the visa cancelled, 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2025

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	13,950	21,611	8,340
Temporary Resident	17,775	10,471	5,437	4,716	4,594	6,479	2,888
Visitor	12,240	577	1,507	4,620	8,191	6,678	3,707
Temporary Resident - Working Holiday	4,058	221	452	57	700	648	563
Other	658	476	390	441	485	1,148	997
Remaining visa categories	817	609	870	542	349	469	175
Total	58,220	25,769	24,412	15,088	28,269	37,033	16,670