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About this report

This report provides data about the permanent Migration Program administered by the Department of Home Affairs (the Department). This report does not include data on the permanent Humanitarian Program.

This report is published annually.

Data is sourced from several departmental visa processing and recording systems.

For privacy reasons, <5 has been used where a number in a table is between 1 and 4. In instances where this figure is deducible from a provided total, the next lowest number is masked accordingly to maintain privacy.

Historical Migration Program reports are available on the Department of Home Affairs website (https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/statistics/visa-statistics/live/migration-program).

Enquiries

Any comments or enquiries concerning this report should be sent to statistical.coordination@homeaffairs.gov.au.

Definition of terms

Activity:	For the purposes of Migration Program reporting, this refers to visa processing activity status and includes counts of lodgements, finalisation types (grant, refusal, withdrawal) and applications onhand. Activity data may also include second stage permanent applications that do not count toward the Migration Program.
ANZSCO:	Occupation data in this report utilises the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO). ANZSCO is a standardised classification framework for collection, publication and analysis of occupation data. Further information on ANZSCO is available on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website (https://www.abs.gov.au).
Citizenship country:	The country of citizenship of the visa applicant or visa holder. Where a visa applicant or visa holder has more than one citizenship country, either the citizenship of the travel document or the citizenship nominated by the visa applicant is used.
Decisions:	A visa processing activity outcome where a decision-maker (including system-generated decision-making) grants or refuses a visa application.
Finalisations:	A visa processing activity outcome where a decision-maker grants or refuses a visa application, or the application is otherwise finalised by client withdrawal.
In Australia:	In this report, this term refers to the location of the client at the time the application was lodged. An applicant in Australia may already hold a visa of the same kind or may be applying for another type of visa.
Lodged:	Lodged is the count of applications receipted in a departmental office or submitted electronically.
Onhand:	A visa application that has been lodged but has not been finalised at a point in time. An application that is onhand may also be referred to as ‘in the pipeline’.
Outside Australia:	In this report, this term refers to the location of the client at the time of lodging the application.
Outcome:	For the purposes of Migration Program reporting, outcome refers to the number of visas granted that count toward the Migration Program. Outcome includes primary applicants as well as secondary/dependant applicants. Where a visa has a permanent residence pathway, e.g. from a provisional or ‘first stage’ visa to a permanent or ‘second stage’ visa, the applicant is counted to the Migration Program at grant of the provisional visa. Some visas granted during a program year may not count toward the Migration Program: • If a person has previously been granted a visa which counted toward the Migration Program, that person will not be counted again. • When a visa is granted and subsequently cancelled in the same program year, the grant is excluded for the purposes of Migration Program outcome reporting. • When a Partner visa applicant does not progress to the second stage (permanent) visa, a place is returned to the program. • If a Business Innovation and Investment visa (granted in an earlier year) is cancelled, a place is returned to the program in the year of cancellation.

Places:	In this report, each grant that counts toward the Migration Program outcome is a place delivered against the Migration Program places for the year. Where referring to Migration Program ***outcomes*** within the report, the terms 'grant' and 'place' may be used interchangeably.
Primary applicant:	The primary applicant is the person who must satisfy the primary criteria for the grant of a visa under the Migration Regulations. Also known as the principal applicant.
Secondary applicant:	Secondary applicants must satisfy the secondary criteria for the grant of a visa under the Migration Regulations. A secondary applicant is generally a dependant of the primary applicant.
Region (major):	The major geographical region in which the country of citizenship of the applicant is located. Region groupings are determined based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standard Classification of Countries (SACC) 2016.
Region (minor):	The minor geographical region in which the country of citizenship of the applicant is located. Region groupings are determined based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standard Classification of Countries (SACC) 2016.

Background to the Migration Program

The Migration Program is set by the Australian Government each year and is designed to meet the nation's ongoing economic, demographic and community needs. For 2025-26, the Migration Program was set at 185,000 places.

There are three streams in the Migration Program:

- The **Skilled stream** is designed to improve the productive capacity of the economy and fill skill shortages in the labour market, including those in regional Australia.
- The **Family stream** enables Australian citizens and permanent residents to reunite with family members from overseas.
- The **Special Eligibility stream** covers visas for those in special circumstances that do not fit into the other streams. This can include permanent residents returning to the country after a period away.

Calculating the Migration Program Outcome

Permanent migration outcomes for primary and secondary applicants are counted against the Migration Program planning levels to effectively manage the number of people granted permanent residence in line with government priorities.

The Skilled and Family streams include 'two-stage' visas, which provide a permanent residence pathway for visa holders from a provisional or 'first stage' visa to a permanent or 'second stage' visa. While such pathways involve the grant of two visas, to avoid double counting the visa holder is counted to the Migration Program at grant of the provisional or 'first stage' visa only.

In addition to 'second stage' visas, some other visas granted may not count toward the Migration Program outcome in the following circumstances:

- if a person has previously been granted a visa which counted toward the Migration Program, that person will not be counted again.
- when a visa is granted and subsequently cancelled in the same program year.
- when a Partner visa applicant does not progress to the second stage (permanent) visa, a place is returned to the program.
- if a Business Innovation and Investment visa (granted in an earlier year) is cancelled, a place is returned to the program in the year of cancellation.

Executive Summary

The Department fully delivered the 2025-26 Migration Program against the overall planning level of **185,000**[1] places.

The breakdown for each of the streams within the Migration Program was as follows:

- **132,222** places were delivered in the Skilled stream;
- **52,522** places were delivered in the Family stream; and
- **256** places were delivered in the Special Eligibility stream.

In 2025-26, 256 Special Eligibility places were delivered, fewer than the 300 places allocated. The remaining 44 places were reallocated equally between the Skilled and Family streams.

Accordingly, 44,022 Employer Sponsored places were delivered against the nominal planning level of 44,000 places; and 3,022 Child places were delivered against the nominal planning level of 3,000 places.

All other visa categories were delivered to planning levels.

[1] Due to the timing in generating the snapshot post-30 June 2026 (required for operational reasons), more detailed breakdowns in this report will account for a visa grant decision recorded on 1 July 2026, which will retrospectively have the effect of increasing the total by one (1) in 2025-26 (and show the result as 185,001). Based on the grant date, this visa decision should be considered attributable to 2026-27.

Skilled Stream

The 2025-26 Skilled stream outcome was 132,222 places, which accounted for 71.5 per cent of the total 2025-26 Migration Program outcome.

Within the Skilled stream:

- The Employer Sponsored category had an outcome of 44,022 places, comprising 33.3 per cent of the Skilled stream outcome;
- The State/Territory Nominated category had an outcome of 33,000 places (25.0 per cent);
- The Regional category had an outcome of 33,000 (25.0 per cent). Of this:
    - 28,007 places were delivered in Skilled Work Regional;
    - 4,000 places in Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional; and
    - 993 places in Skilled Regional.
- The Skilled Independent category had an outcome of 16,900 places (12.8 per cent);
- The Talent and Innovation category – which is the combined National Innovation, Global Talent and Distinguished Talent categories – had an outcome of 4,300 places (3.3 per cent); and
- The Business Innovation and Investment Program (BIIP) had an outcome of 1,000 places (0.8 per cent).

Skilled visa processing priorities

In 2025-26, Ministerial Direction no.105 *Order of Consideration - Certain Skilled Visas* applied. Ministerial Direction no. 105 formalised support for regional Australia through priority visa processing and placed applications for employer sponsored visas in occupations in regional Australia as the highest priority. For the Migration Program this applies to the Employer Nomination Scheme (subclass 186) and Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) (subclass 494) visas.

Ministerial Direction no. 105 also prioritised applications for occupations in the healthcare and teaching sectors.

In2025-26, 14,782 places were delivered to primary applicants in priority healthcare and teaching occupations (compared to 13,270 in 2024-25):

- A total of 11,865 places were delivered to applicants in healthcare occupations, an increase of 13.3 per cent from 2024-25 (10,472 places).
- A total of 2,917 places were delivered to applicants in teaching occupations, an increase of 4.3 per cent from 2024-25 (2,798 places).

Occupations

The largest occupation category by Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) occupation unit group was 2544 Registered Nurses, followed by 3513 Chefs and 2613 Software and Applications Programmers.

The number of places delivered to ANZSCO occupation unit group 2544 Registered Nurses was 5,487.

There were 3,684 places delivered for ANZSCO occupation unit group 3513 Chefs, and 3,498 places delivered for ANZSCO occupation unit group 2613 Software and Applications Programmers.

State and Territory nominated outcomes

State and Territory Governments were able to nominate skilled migration applicants through the following categories in 2025-26:

- State/Territory Nominated Category; and
- Regional Category, through the Skilled Work Regional visa.

Migration Program outcomes that involved a state or territory nomination totalled 59,170 places, or 44.8 per cent of the Skilled stream of the Migration Program, broken down as follows:

- State/Territory Nominated – 33,000 places
- Skilled Work Regional - 26,170 places[2]

Lodgements

The overall number of applications[3] received in the Skilled stream increased by 11.3 per cent, from 141,803 applications in 2024-25 to 157,858 applications in 2025-26.

Employer demand for the Employer Sponsored visa category continued to grow in 2025-26, with lodgements increasing by 32.3 per cent from 65,790 in 2024-25 to 87,055.

Application rates in the permanent Skilled Independent and State and Territory Nominated visa categories are managed through planned invitation rounds (for the Skilled Independent visa) and the distribution of nomination allocations (for State and Territory Nominated visa programs).

In 2025-26, the Department conducted three SkillSelect invitation rounds. A total of 26,887 Skilled Independent visa invitations were issued.

As at 30 June 2026, there were 173,306 Skilled stream applications on hand, an increase of 12.9 per cent from 153,531 as at 30 June 2025.

[2] Only includes the number of places delivered to State and Territory nominated applicants in the Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) (subclass 491) visa. Does not include places delivered to the Family Sponsored Regional (300 places) stream and subsequent entrant (1,537 places) visa applicants.
[3] Excluding second stage applications.

Family Stream

The Family stream delivered 52,522 places against the estimated planning level of 52,500 and accounted for 28.4 per cent of the total 2025-26 Migration Program outcome.

All Family stream programs were fully delivered against the planning level.

Within the Family stream:

- The Partner category had an outcome of 40,500 places against a nominal planning level of 40,500. It comprised 77.1 per cent of the 2025-26 Family stream outcome;
- The Contributory Parent and Non-Contributory Parent categories outcome was 6,800 places and 1,700 places respectively, a total of 8,500 places (16.2 per cent);
- The Child category outcome was 3,022 places (5.8 per cent); and
- The Other Family outcome was 500 places (1.0 per cent).

The Partner and Child categories are demand driven programs but are generally delivered against nominal planning levels. The Department manages the allocation of resources to deliver the Family program in line with the planning levels and priorities, including allocating resources to address complex and older on-hand cases, and permanent stage applications (which do not count toward Migration Program outcomes).

Family visa processing priorities

Introduced on 9 February 2023, *Ministerial Direction No. 102 - Order for considering and disposing of Family visa applications under sections 47 and 51 of the Migration Act 1958* (Ministerial Direction 102), set out the Family Program processing priorities. This Ministerial Direction removed the lowest processing priority imposed under the previous Ministerial Direction (Direction 80) for applications where the sponsor is a permanent visa holder who entered Australia as an unauthorised maritime arrival.

Lodgements

Family visa application lodgements[4] decreased by 5.1 per cent, from 93,241 in 2024-25 to 88,487 in 2025-26. Partner application lodgements decreased by 1.7 per cent in 2025-26, from 68,105 in 2024-25 to 66,916.

As at 30 June 2026, there were 297,292 Family visa applications on hand, an increase of 9.4 per cent compared to the 271,800 applications on hand as at 30 June 2025. On-hand first stage Partner applications increased to 116,917 as at 30 June 2026, up 20.7 per cent compared to 96,839 as at 30 June 2025.

[4] Excludes second stage Sponsored Parent (Temporary) (subclass 870) visa and New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (Temporary) (subclass 461) visa applications.

Special Eligibility Stream

The 2025-26 Special Eligibility Program planning level was 300 places. The bulk of the Special Eligibility Program consists of ministerial intervention cases that result in the grant of a Former Resident (subclass 151) visa. The Minister is not required to strictly adhere to a planning level when exercising their personal power to intervene to grant a visa under this program.

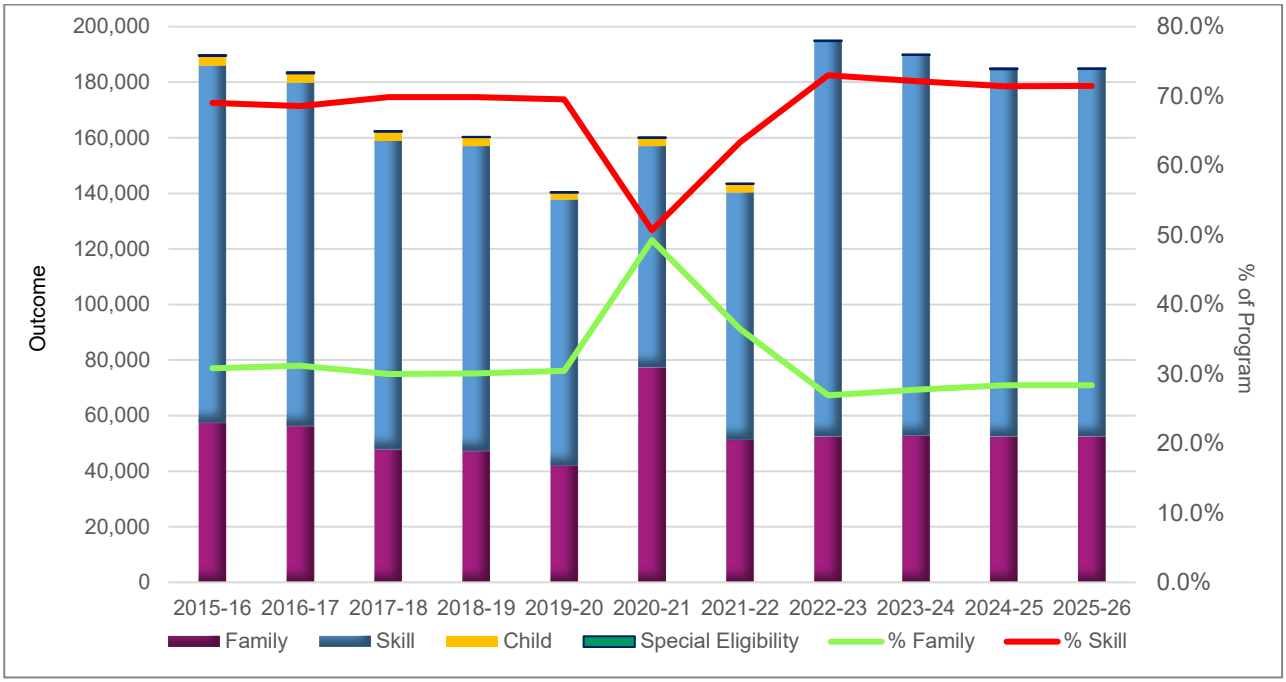
A small number of subclass 151 grants each year are also attributed to former permanent residents who spent a considerable period of time in Australia in their younger years, or who served a period of time in the Australian defence services, and now wish to return to Australia as permanent residents.

There were 256 Special Eligibility places utilised in 2025-26. The Department utilised the unused capacity within the Special Eligibility Program planning level to deliver an additional 44 places between the Employer Sponsored and Child visa programs.

Overall, this program accounted for 0.1 per cent of the total 2025-26 Migration Program outcome.

1. Migration Program Outcome 2025–26

1.1. Migration Program Outcome by stream

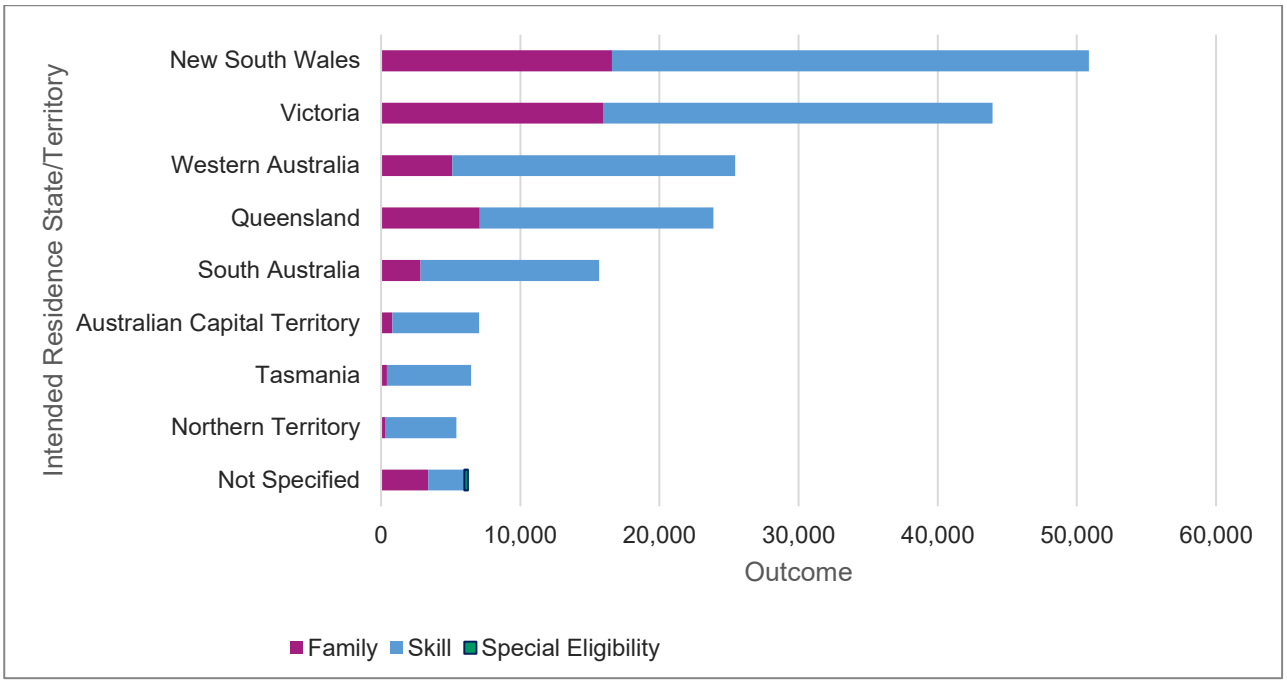


Outcome	Stream						
Year	Skilled	Family	Child	Special Eligibility	Total	% Skilled	% Family
2015-16	128,550	57,400	3,512	308	**189,770**	69.0%	30.8%
2016-17	123,567	56,220	3,400	421	**183,608**	68.6%	31.2%
2017-18	111,099	47,732	3,350	236	**162,417**	69.8%	30.0%
2018-19	109,713	47,247	3,248	115	**160,323**	69.8%	30.1%
2019-20	95,843	41,961	2,481	81	**140,366**	69.5%	30.4%
2020-21	79,620	77,372	3,006	54	**160,052**	50.7%	49.3%
2021-22	89,063	51,288	3,006	199	**143,556**	63.4%	36.5%
2022-23	142,344	52,500	0	160	**195,004**	73.0%	26.9%
2023-24	137,100	52,720	0	180	**190,000**	72.2%	27.7%
2024-25	132,148	52,500	0	353	**185,001**	71.4%	28.4%
2025-26	**132,222**	**52,222**	**0**	**256**	185,000	**71.5%**	**28.4%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: In 2022-23 the Child category was moved to the Family stream.

1.2. Migration Program Outcome by stream and intended residence state/territory



Outcome	Stream					
Intended Residence	**Skilled**	**Family**	**Special Eligibility**	**2025-26 Total**	**2024-25 Total**	**% Variation**
New South Wales	34,263	16,601	0	**50,864**	55,886	**-9.0%**
Victoria	27,986	15,955	0	**43,941**	45,060	**-2.5%**
Western Australia	20,330	5,117	0	**25,447**	22,622	**12.5%**
Queensland	16,795	7,096	0	**23,891**	21,757	**9.8%**
South Australia	12,850	2,825	0	**15,675**	15,720	**-0.3%**
Australian Capital Territory	6,246	802	0	**7,048**	8,215	**-14.2%**
Tasmania	6,062	414	0	**6,476**	5,897	**9.8%**
Northern Territory	5,075	334	0	**5,409**	3,531	**53.2%**
Not Specified	2,615	3,379	256	**6,250**	6,313	**-1.0%**
Total	**132,222**	**52,523**	**256**	**185,001**	**185,001**	**0.0%**

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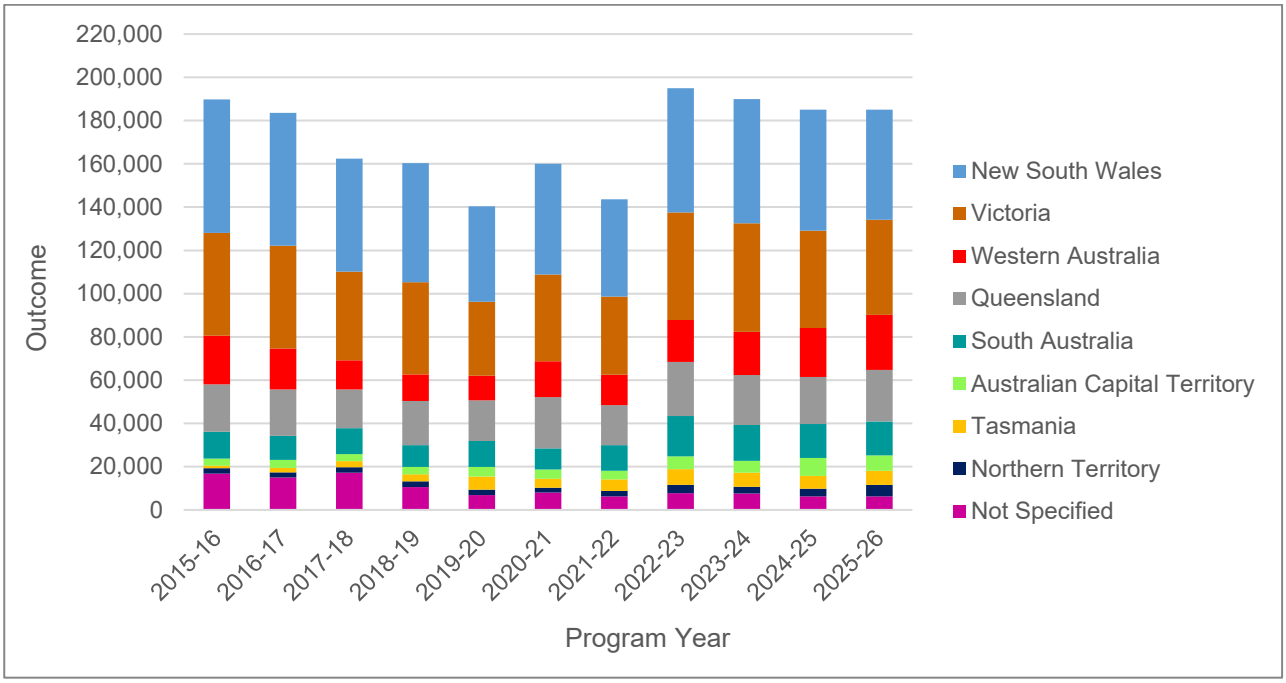
Note 2: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 3: Intended residence state as recorded by applicant, otherwise grouped in 'Not Specified' (noting that not all visa classes require an applicant to declare at time of application where they intend to reside).

1.2.1. Migration Program Outcome by intended residence state – comparison with previous years



Outcome	Program Year										
Intended Residence	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
New South Wales	61,742	61,470	52,251	55,061	44,182	51,279	44,940	57,518	57,458	55,886	**50,864**
Victoria	47,516	47,549	41,005	42,624	34,189	40,114	36,168	49,691	50,146	45,060	**43,941**
Western Australia	22,488	18,908	13,480	12,247	11,377	16,533	13,937	19,387	20,101	22,622	**25,447**
Queensland	21,860	21,519	17,870	20,420	18,743	23,640	18,591	24,927	23,028	21,757	**23,891**
South Australia	12,461	11,062	12,017	10,115	11,996	9,829	11,763	18,648	16,556	15,720	**15,675**
Aust Capital Territory	3,260	3,707	3,277	3,408	4,370	4,202	4,039	5,990	5,440	8,215	**7,048**
Tasmania	1,180	2,004	2,775	3,247	6,152	4,179	5,312	7,235	6,570	5,897	**6,476**
Northern Territory	2,438	2,393	2,483	2,616	2,558	2,261	2,611	3,865	3,174	3,531	**5,409**
Not Specified	16,825	14,996	17,259	10,585	6,799	8,015	6,195	7,743	7,527	6,313	**6,250**
Total	**189,770**	**183,608**	**162,417**	**160,323**	**140,366**	**160,052**	**143,556**	**195,004**	**190,000**	**185,001**	**185,001**

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Note 2: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 3: Intended residence state as recorded by applicant, otherwise grouped in 'Not Specified' (noting that not all visa classes require an applicant to declare at time of application where they intend to reside).

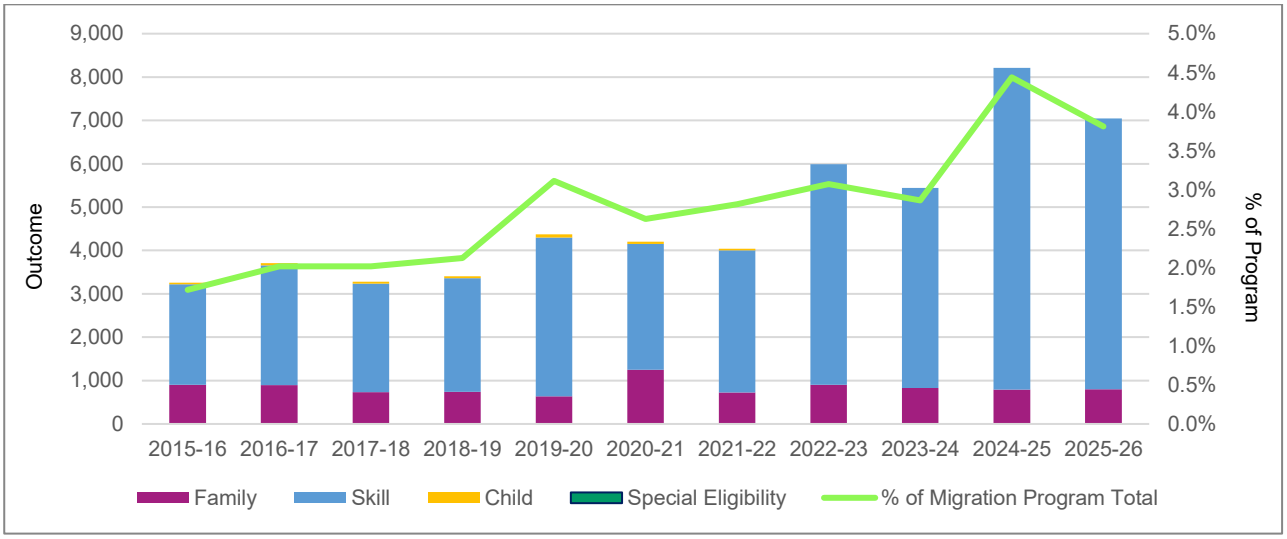
Note 4: Data sorted based on 2025-26 outcome (excluding Not Specified).

1.2.2. Migration Program Outcome: Australian Capital Territory by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2025-26 Total
Australian Capital Territory	**Skilled**	Regional	2,807
		State/Territory Nominated	2,350
		Employer Sponsored	763
		Skilled Independent	247
		Talent and Innovation	49
		Distinguished Talent	19
		Business Innovation & Investment	11
	Skilled Total		**6,246**
	Family	Partner	600
		Parent	161
		Child	35
		Other Family	6
	Family Total		**802**
Australian Capital Territory Total			**7,048**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Australian Capital Territory by stream – comparison with previous years



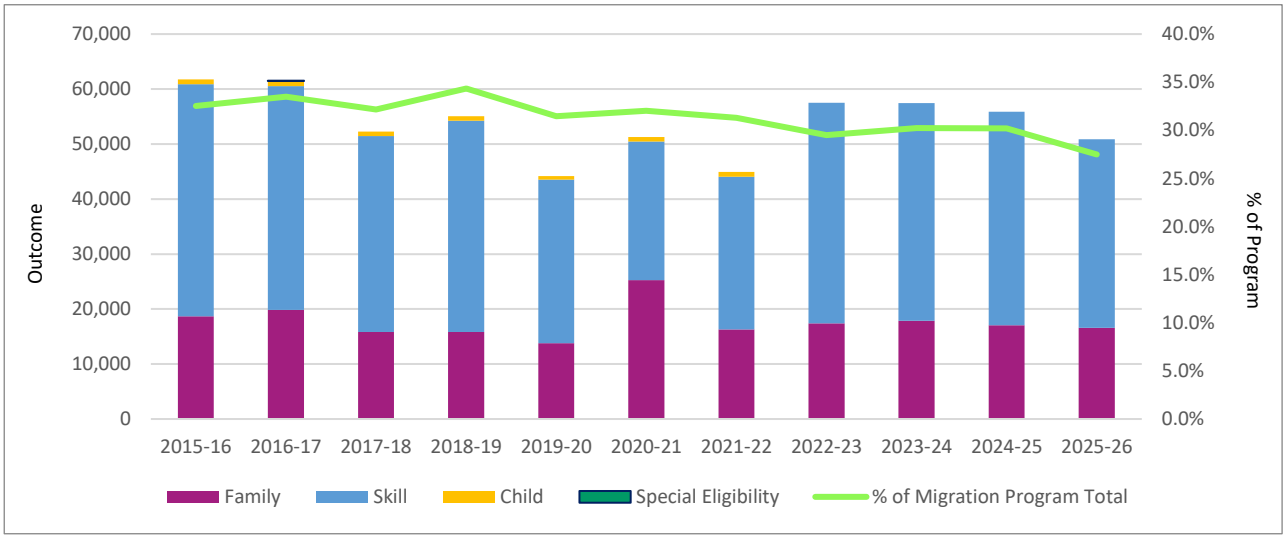
	Program Year										
Stream	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Skilled	2,317	2,755	2,501	2,619	3,664	2,906	3,282	5,085	4,613	7,426	**6,246**
Family	904	898	733	741	638	1,248	722	905	827	789	**802**
Child	39	54	43	48	68	48	35	0	0	0	**0**
Special Eligibility	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
ACT Total	**3,260**	**3,707**	**3,277**	**3,408**	**4,370**	**4,202**	**4,039**	**5,990**	**5,440**	**8,215**	**7,048**
% of Migration Program Total	**1.7%**	**2.0%**	**2.0%**	**2.1%**	**3.1%**	**2.6%**	**2.8%**	**3.1%**	**2.9%**	**4.4%**	**3.8%**

1.2.3. Migration Program Outcome: New South Wales by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2025-26 Total
New South Wales	**Skilled**	Employer Sponsored	14,234
		Regional	7,256
		State/Territory Nominated	6,138
		Skilled Independent	4,692
		Talent and Innovation	1,455
		Distinguished Talent	322
		Business Innovation & Investment	166
	Skilled Total		**34,263**
	Family	Partner	12,088
		Parent	3,432
		Child	862
		Other Family	219
	Family Total		**16,601**
New South Wales Total			**50,864**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

New South Wales by stream – comparison with previous years



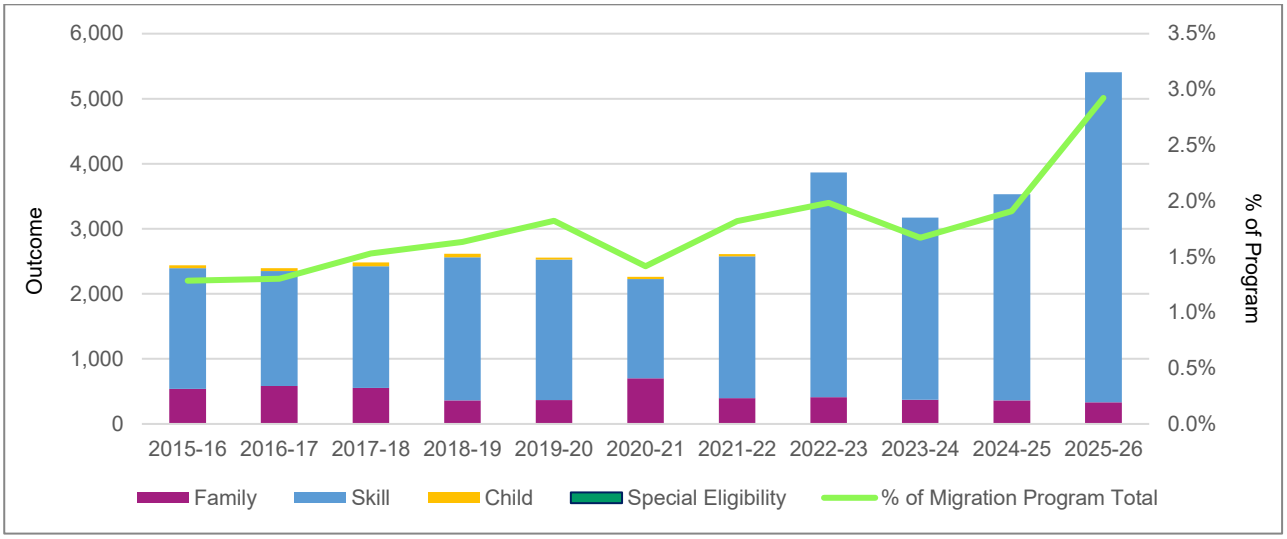
	Program Year										
Stream	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Skilled	42,189	40,704	35,576	38,383	29,776	25,216	27,772	40,093	39,597	38,862	**34,263**
Family	18,669	19,849	15,853	15,847	13,768	25,254	16,287	17,425	17,861	17,024	**16,601**
Child	884	911	822	831	638	809	881	0	0	0	**0**
Special Eligibility	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
NSW Total	**61,742**	**61,470**	**52,251**	**55,061**	**44,182**	**51,279**	**44,940**	**57,518**	**57,458**	**55,886**	**50,864**
% of Migration Program Total	**32.5%**	**33.5%**	**32.2%**	**34.3%**	**31.5%**	**32.0%**	**31.3%**	**29.5%**	**30.2%**	**30.2%**	**27.5%**

1.2.4. Migration Program Outcome: Northern Territory by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2025-26 Total
Northern Territory	**Skilled**	Regional	2,404
		State/Territory Nominated	1,590
		Employer Sponsored	932
		Skilled Independent	125
		Talent and Innovation	<25
		Business Innovation & Investment	<5
	Skilled Total		**5,075**
	Family	Partner	271
		Child	33
		Parent	30
	Family Total		**334**
Northern Territory Total			**5,409**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Northern Territory by stream – comparison with previous years



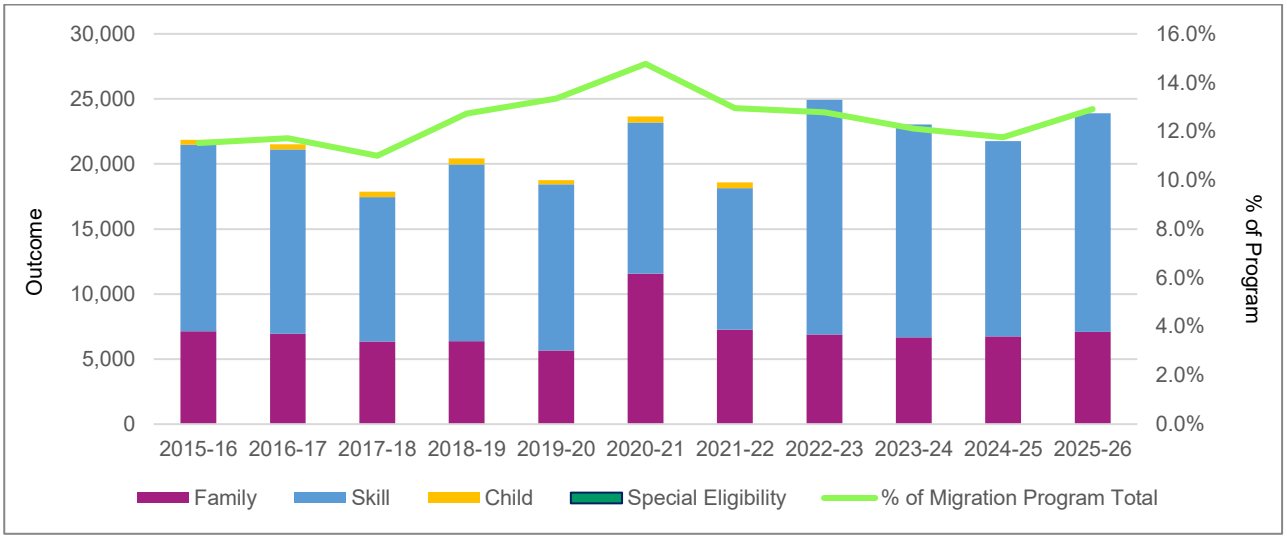
	Program Year										
Stream	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Skilled	1,858	1,769	1,868	2,203	2,162	1,523	2,181	3,453	2,803	3,171	**5,075**
Family	539	583	556	360	365	702	398	412	371	360	**334**
Child	41	41	59	53	31	36	32	0	0	0	**0**
Special Eligibility	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
NT Total	**2,438**	**2,393**	**2,483**	**2,616**	**2,558**	**2,261**	**2,611**	**3,865**	**3,174**	**3,531**	**5,409**
% of Migration Program Total	**1.3%**	**1.3%**	**1.5%**	**1.6%**	**1.8%**	**1.4%**	**1.8%**	**2.0%**	**1.7%**	**1.9%**	**2.9%**

1.2.5. Migration Program Outcome: Queensland by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2025-26 Total
Queensland	**Skilled**	Employer Sponsored	6,829
		Regional	3,406
		State/Territory Nominated	2,852
		Skilled Independent	2,690
		Talent and Innovation	525
		Business Innovation & Investment	334
		Distinguished Talent	159
	Skilled Total		**16,795**
	Family	Partner	5,667
		Parent	949
		Child	413
		Other Family	67
	Family Total		**7,096**
Queensland Total			**23,891**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Queensland by stream – comparison with previous years



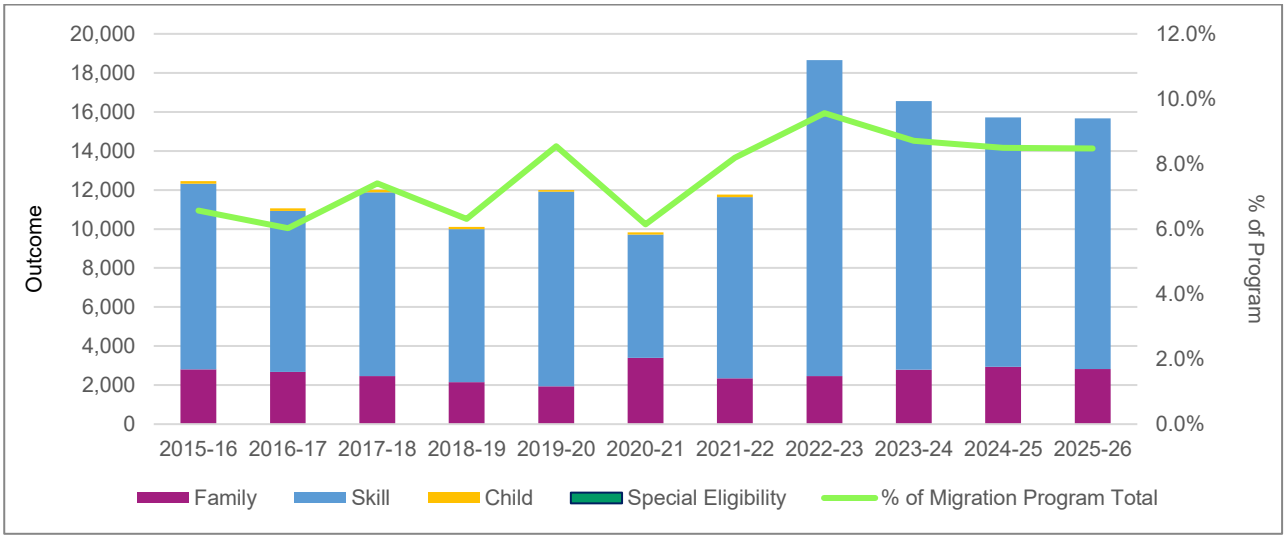
	Program Year										
Stream	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Skilled	14,354	14,175	11,100	13,588	12,763	11,613	10,877	18,039	16,344	15,000	**16,795**
Family	7,134	6,936	6,359	6,374	5,671	11,575	7,261	6,888	6,684	6,757	**7,096**
Child	372	408	411	458	309	452	453	0	0	0	**0**
Special Eligibility	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
QLD Total	**21,860**	**21,519**	**17,870**	**20,420**	**18,743**	**23,640**	**18,591**	**24,927**	**23,028**	**21,757**	**23,891**
% of Migration Program Total	**11.5%**	**11.7%**	**11.0%**	**12.7%**	**13.4%**	**14.8%**	**13.0%**	**12.8%**	**12.1%**	**11.8%**	**12.9%**

1.2.6. Migration Program Outcome: South Australia by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2025-26 Total
South Australia	**Skilled**	State/Territory Nominated	4,879
		Regional	4,297
		Employer Sponsored	2,071
		Skilled Independent	1,141
		Business Innovation & Investment	301
		Talent and Innovation	106
		Distinguished Talent	55
	Skilled Total		**12,850**
	Family	Partner	2,296
		Parent	388
		Child	118
		Other Family	23
	Family Total		**2,825**
South Australia Total			**15,675**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

South Australia by stream – comparison with previous years



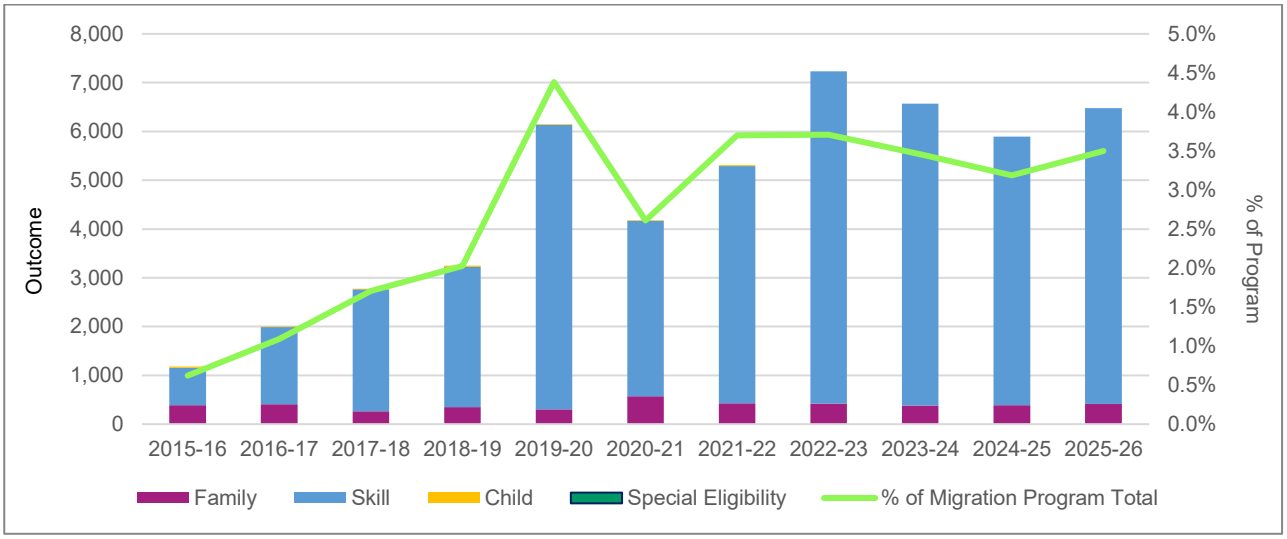
	Program Year										
Stream	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Skilled	9,504	8,238	9,422	7,840	9,969	6,320	9,287	16,177	13,767	12,780	**12,850**
Family	2,812	2,683	2,460	2,159	1,937	3,402	2,347	2,471	2,789	2,940	**2,825**
Child	145	141	135	116	90	107	129	0	0	0	**0**
Special Eligibility	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
SA Total	**12,461**	**11,062**	**12,017**	**10,115**	**11,996**	**9,829**	**11,763**	**18,648**	**16,556**	**15,720**	**15,675**
% of Migration Program Total	**6.6%**	**6.0%**	**7.4%**	**6.3%**	**8.5%**	**6.1%**	**8.2%**	**9.6%**	**8.7%**	**8.5%**	**8.5%**

1.2.7. Migration Program Outcome: Tasmania by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2025-26 Total
Tasmania	**Skilled**	State/Territory Nominated	3,031
		Regional	2,368
		Employer Sponsored	554
		Skilled Independent	79
		Distinguished Talent	17
		Talent and Innovation	7
		Business Innovation & Investment	6
	Skilled Total		**6,062**
	Family	Partner	347
		Parent	46
		Child	<20
		Other Family	<5
	Family Total		**414**
Tasmania Total			**6,476**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Tasmania by stream – comparison with previous years



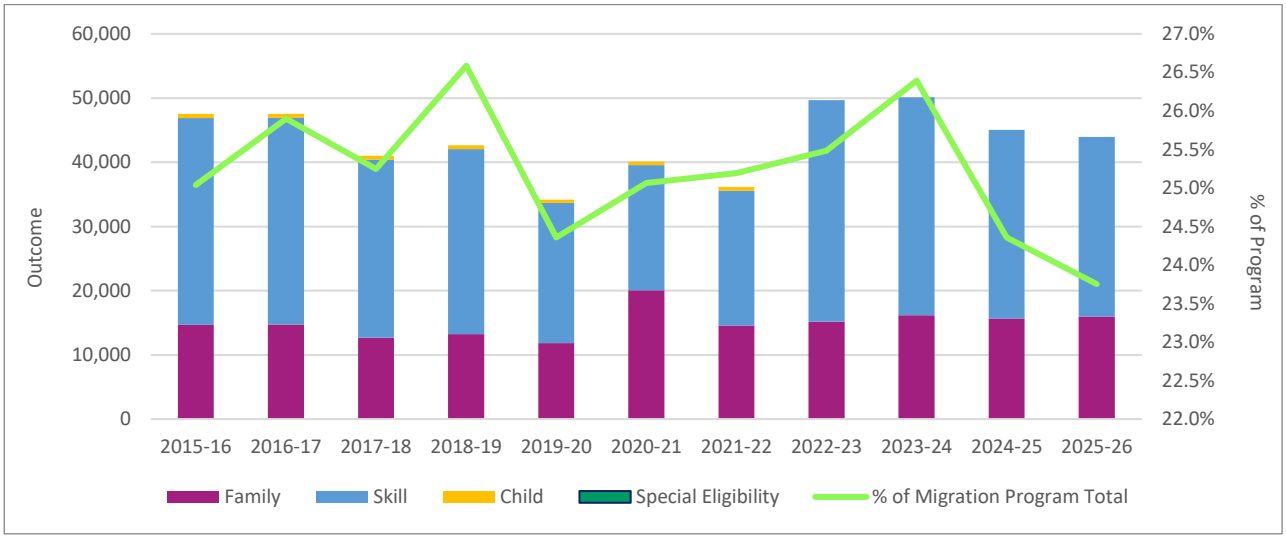
	Program Year										
Stream	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Skilled	772	1,582	2,498	2,873	5,835	3,592	4,862	6,816	6,191	5,509	**6,062**
Family	386	405	265	348	302	574	430	419	379	388	**414**
Child	22	17	12	26	15	13	20	0	0	0	**0**
Special Eligibility	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
TAS Total	**1,180**	**2,004**	**2,775**	**3,247**	**6,152**	**4,179**	**5,312**	**7,235**	**6,570**	**5,897**	**6,476**
% of Migration Program Total	**0.6%**	**1.1%**	**1.7%**	**2.0%**	**4.4%**	**2.6%**	**3.7%**	**3.7%**	**3.5%**	**3.2%**	**3.5%**

1.2.8. Migration Program Outcome: Victoria by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2025-26 Total
Victoria	**Skilled**	Employer Sponsored	10,576
		State/Territory Nominated	6,452
		Skilled Independent	5,188
		Regional	4,516
		Talent and Innovation	941
		Distinguished Talent	205
		Business Innovation & Investment	108
	Skilled Total		**27,986**
	Family	Partner	12,146
		Parent	2,836
		Child	822
		Other Family	151
	Family Total		**15,955**
Victoria Total			**43,941**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Victoria by stream – comparison with previous years



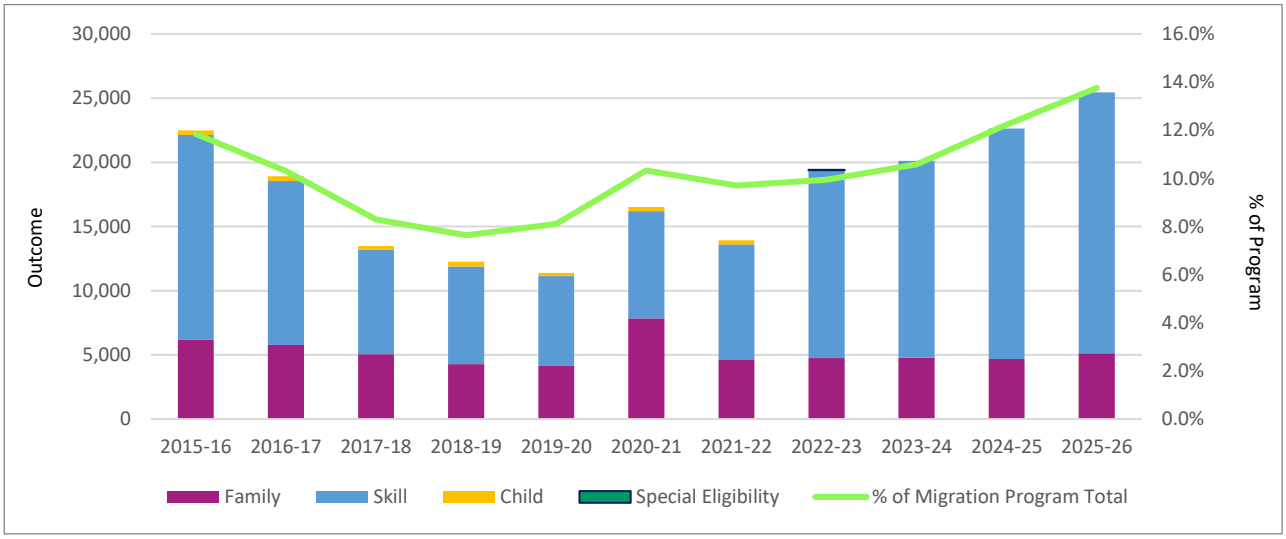
	Program Year										
Stream	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Skilled	32,206	32,197	27,685	28,828	21,850	19,469	21,009	34,515	33,994	29,395	**27,986**
Family	14,689	14,741	12,703	13,235	11,841	20,064	14,553	15,176	16,152	15,665	**15,955**
Child	621	611	617	561	498	581	606	0	0	0	**0**
Special Eligibility	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
VIC Total	**47,516**	**47,549**	**41,005**	**42,624**	**34,189**	**40,114**	**36,168**	**49,691**	**50,146**	**45,060**	**43,941**
% of Migration Program Total	**25.0%**	**25.9%**	**25.2%**	**26.6%**	**24.4%**	**25.1%**	**25.2%**	**25.5%**	**26.4%**	**24.4%**	**23.8%**

1.2.9. Migration Program Outcome: Western Australia by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2025-26 Total
Western Australia	**Skilled**	Employer Sponsored	8,046
		State/Territory Nominated	5,698
		Regional	4,475
		Skilled Independent	1,773
		Talent and Innovation	183
		Distinguished Talent	84
		Business Innovation & Investment	71
	Skilled Total		**20,330**
	Family	Partner	4,189
		Parent	576
		Child	320
		Other Family	32
	Family Total		**5,117**
Western Australia Total			**25,447**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Western Australia by stream – comparison with previous years



	Program Year										
Stream	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Skilled	15,914	12,765	8,140	7,607	6,948	8,361	9,010	14,640	15,314	17,936	**20,330**
Family	6,206	5,770	5,048	4,283	4,184	7,844	4,603	<4,745	4,787	4,686	**5,117**
Child	368	373	292	357	245	328	324	0	0	0	**0**
Special Eligibility	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	**0**
WA Total	**22,488**	**18,908**	**13,480**	**12,247**	**11,377**	**16,533**	**13,937**	**19,387**	**20,101**	**22,622**	**25,447**
% of Migration Program Total	**11.9%**	**10.3%**	**8.3%**	**7.6%**	**8.1%**	**10.3%**	**9.7%**	**9.9%**	**10.6%**	**12.2%**	**13.8%**

1.2.10. Migration Program Outcome: State not specified by stream and visa category

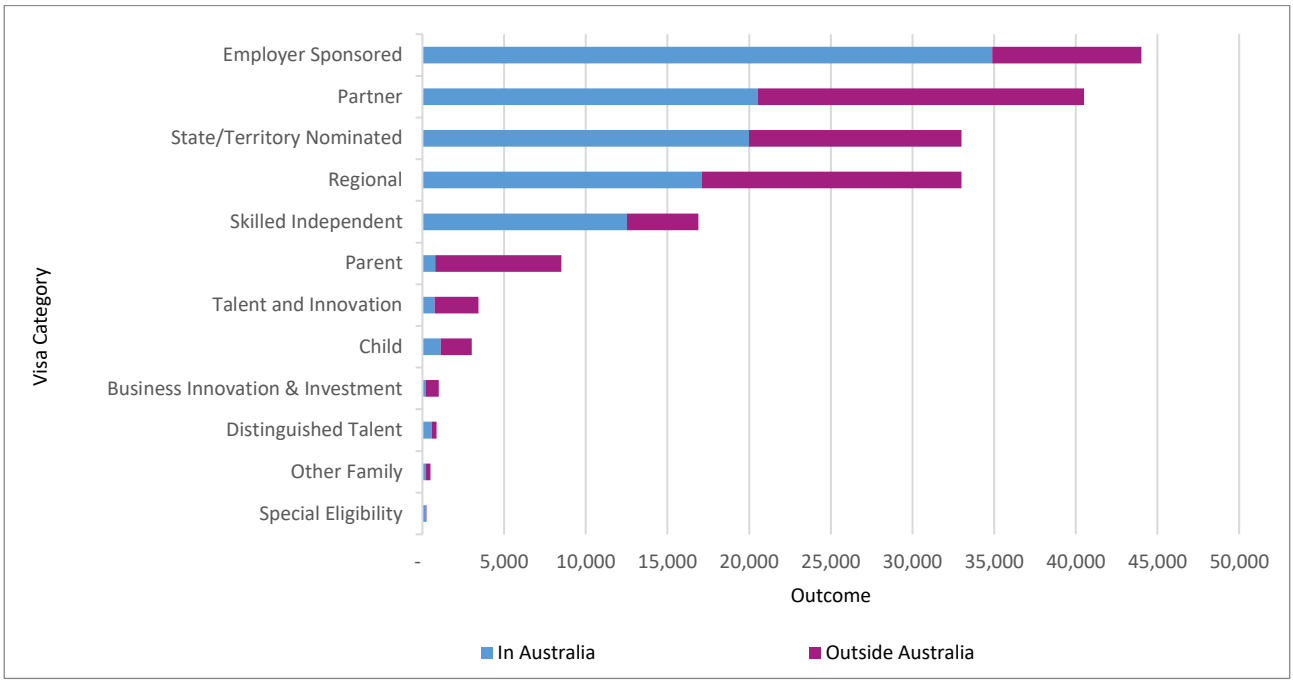
Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2025-26 Total
Not Specified	**Skilled**	Regional	1,471
		Skilled Independent	965
		Talent and Innovation	144
		Employer Sponsored	17
		State/Territory Nominated	10
		Distinguished Talent	8
	Skilled Total		**2,615**
	Family	Partner	2,897
		Child	400
		Parent	82
	Family Total		**3,379**
	Special Eligibility Total		**256**
Not Specified Total			**6,250**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Intended residence state as recorded by applicant, otherwise grouped in 'Not Specified'.

1.3. Migration Program Outcome by client location at time of application

1.3.1. 2025–26 Migration Program Outcome by visa type and location of client at time of application

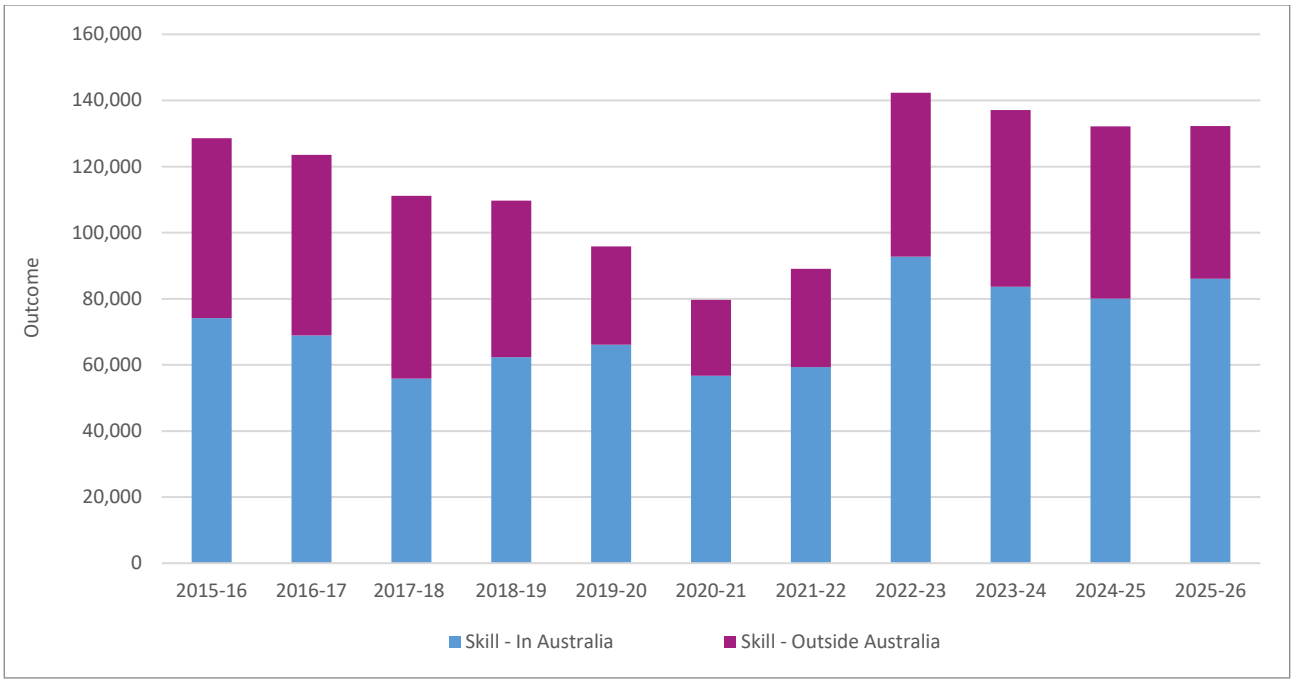


Outcome		Client Location		
Visa Stream	**Visa Category**	**In Australia**	**Outside Australia**	**Total**
Skilled	Employer Sponsored	34,889	9,133	44,022
	Skilled Independent	12,513	4,387	16,900
	Regional	17,110	15,890	33,000
	State/Territory Nominated	19,996	13,004	33,000
	Business Innovation & Investment	208	792	1,000
	Talent and Innovation	748	2,683	3,431
	Distinguished Talent	561	308	869
Skilled Total		**86,025**	**46,197**	**132,222**
Family	Partner	20,533	19,968	40,501
	Parent	791	7,709	8,500
	Other Family	191	309	500
	Child	1,114	1,908	3,022
Family Total		**22,629**	**29,894**	**52,523**
Special Eligibility Total		**243**	**13**	**256**
Migration Program Total		**108,897**	**76,104**	**185,001**

Note 1: Due to the timing in generating the snapshot post-30 June 2026 (required for operational reasons), this table accounts for a visa grant decision recorded on 1 July 2026, which retrospectively had the effect of increasing the total by one (1) in 2025-26 (and shows the result as 185,001). Based on the grant date, this visa decision should be considered attributable to 2026-27.

Note 2: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

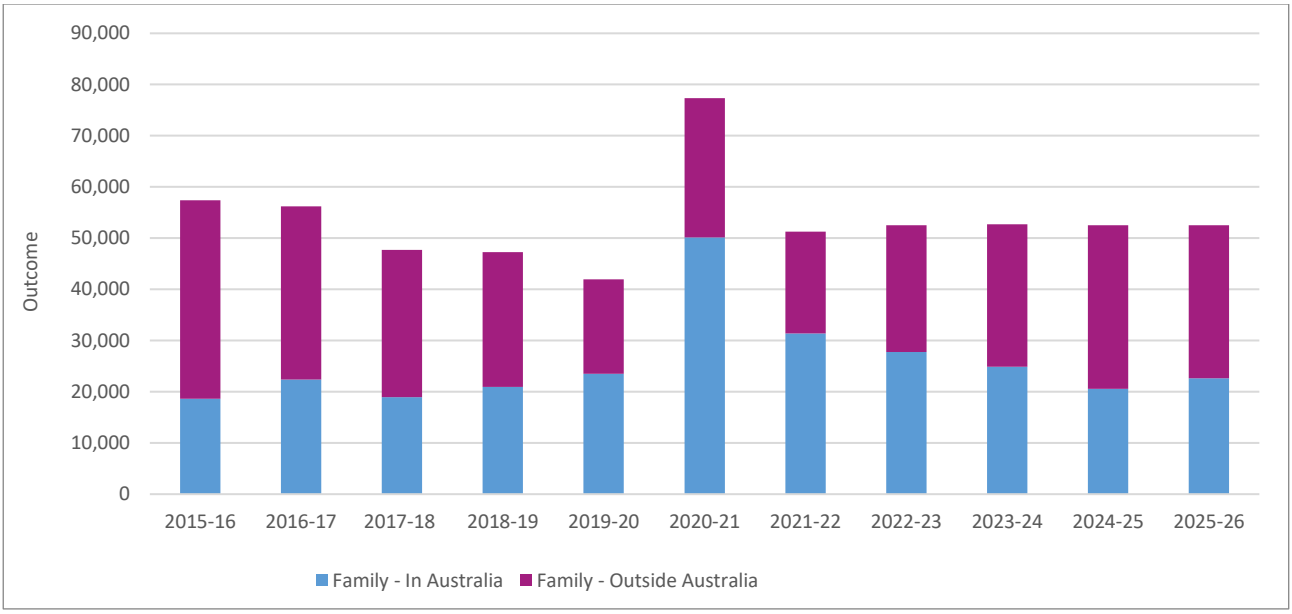
1.3.2. Migration Program Outcome (Skilled stream): Location of client at time of application – comparison with previous years



Outcome	Program Year										
Client location at application	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
In Australia	74,126	68,869	55,853	62,366	66,133	56,687	59,355	92,694	83,663	80,095	**86,025**
% In Australia	58%	56%	50%	57%	69%	71%	67%	65%	61%	61%	**65%**
Outside Australia	54,424	54,698	55,246	47,347	29,710	22,933	29,708	49,650	53,437	52,053	**46,197**
% Outside Australia	42%	44%	50%	43%	31%	29%	33%	35%	39%	39%	**35%**
Skilled Stream Total	**128,550**	**123,567**	**111,099**	**109,713**	**95,843**	**79,620**	**89,063**	**142,344**	**137,100**	**132,148**	**132,222**

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

1.3.3. Migration Program Outcome (Family stream): Location of client at time of application – comparison with previous years



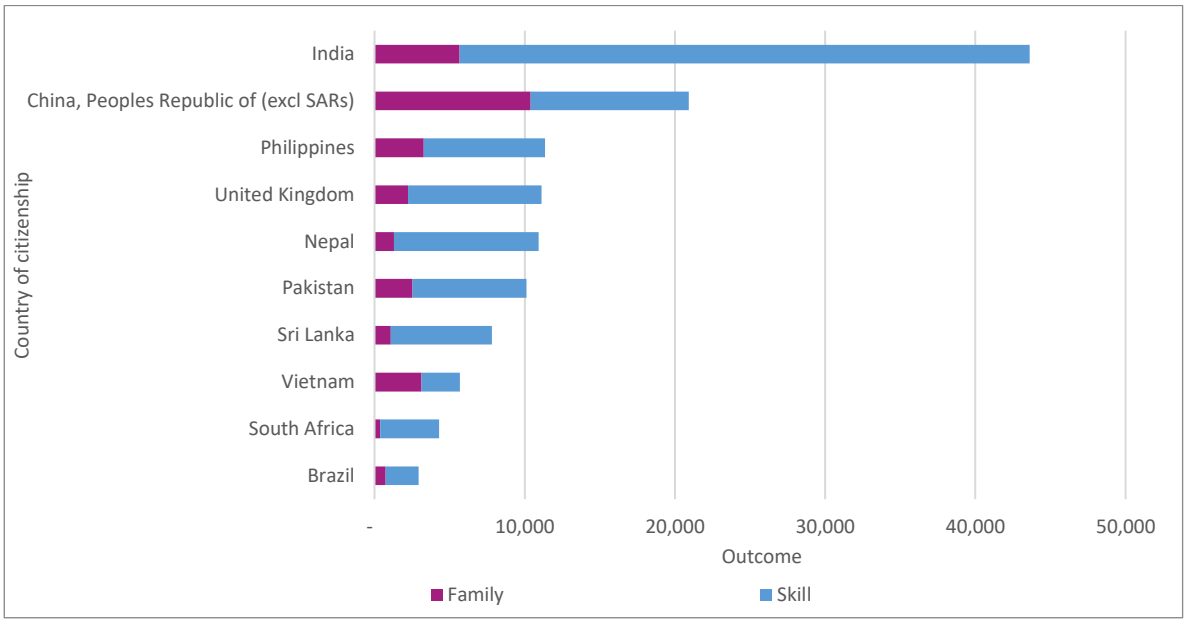
Outcome	Program Year										
Client location at application	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
In Australia	18,639	22,406	18,918	20,958	23,515	50,131	31,378	27,753	24,896	20,587	**22,629**
% In Australia	32%	40%	40%	44%	56%	65%	61%	53%	47%	39%	**43%**
Outside Australia	38,761	33,814	28,814	26,289	18,446	27,241	19,910	24,747	27,824	31,913	**29,894**
% Outside Australia	68%	60%	60%	56%	44%	35%	39%	47%	53%	61%	**57%**
Family Stream Total	**57,400**	**56,220**	**47,732**	**47,247**	**41,961**	**77,372**	**51,288**	**52,500**	**52,720**	**52,500**	**52,523**

Note 1: Due to the timing in generating the snapshot post-30 June 2026 (required for operational reasons), this table accounts for a visa grant decision recorded on 1 July 2026, which retrospectively had the effect of increasing the total by one (1) in 2025-26 (and shows the result as 185,001). Based on the grant date, this visa decision should be considered attributable to 2026-27.

Note 2: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

1.4. Migration Program Outcome by country and region of citizenship

1.4.1. 2025–26 Migration Program Outcome: top 10 countries of citizenship by Skilled and Family streams

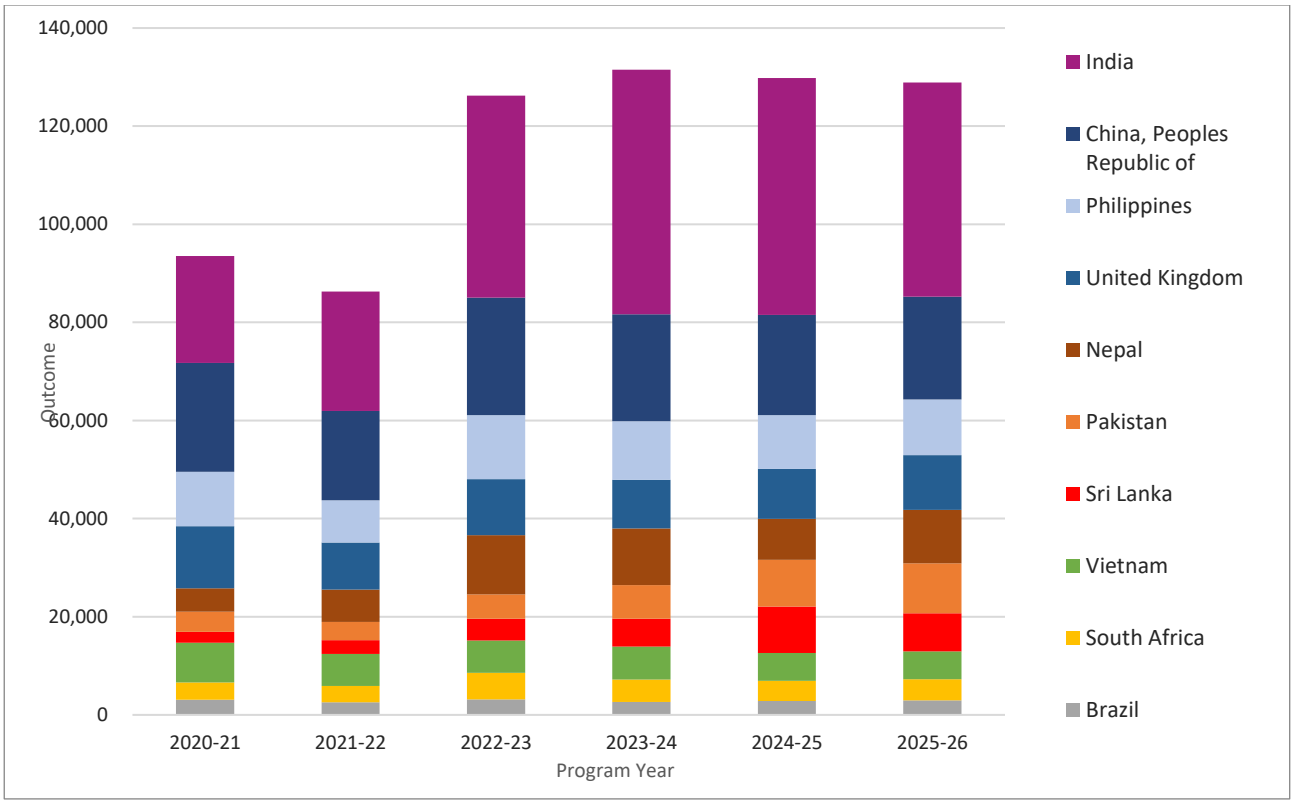


Outcome	Stream	
Citizenship Country	**Skilled**	**Family**
India	37,948	5,662
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	10,525	10,399
Philippines	8,071	3,283
United Kingdom	8,885	2,229
Nepal	9,648	1,284
Pakistan	7,584	2,532
Sri Lanka	6,727	1,079
Vietnam	2,541	3,133
South Africa	3,908	385
Brazil	2,195	747
Other	34,190	21,790
Total	**132,222**	**52,523**

Note 1: Due to the timing in generating the snapshot post-30 June 2026 (required for operational reasons), this table accounts for a visa grant decision recorded on 1 July 2026, which retrospectively had the effect of increasing the total by one (1) in 2025-26 (and shows the result as 185,001). Based on the grant date, this visa decision should be considered attributable to 2026-27.

Note 2: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

1.4.2. 2025–26 Migration Program Outcome: Top 10 countries of citizenship - comparison with previous years



Outcome	Program Year					
Citizenship Country	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
India	21,791	24,324	41,145	49,848	48,326	**43,633**
China, Peoples Republic of	22,207	18,240	23,936	21,806	20,405	**20,931**
Philippines	11,058	8,591	13,085	11,942	10,972	**11,379**
United Kingdom	12,703	9,584	11,439	9,916	10,205	**11,127**
Nepal	4,714	6,628	12,041	11,506	8,319	**10,945**
Pakistan	4,121	3,734	4,927	6,877	9,557	**10,129**
Sri Lanka	2,237	2,801	4,482	5,672	9,444	**7,812**
Vietnam	8,120	6,492	6,571	6,698	5,665	**5,676**
South Africa	3,523	3,305	5,434	4,620	4,137	**4,302**
Brazil	3,062	2,600	3,145	2,603	2,812	**2,943**
Other	66,516	57,257	68,799	58,512	55,159	**56,124**
Total	**160,052**	**143,556**	**195,004**	**190,000**	**185,001**	**185,001**

Note 1: Due to the timing in generating the snapshot post-30 June 2026 (required for operational reasons), this table accounts for a visa grant decision recorded on 1 July 2026, which retrospectively had the effect of increasing the total by one (1) in 2025-26 (and shows the result as 185,001). Based on the grant date, this visa decision should be considered attributable to 2026-27.

Note 2: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 3: Top 10 grouping based on 2025–26 outcome.

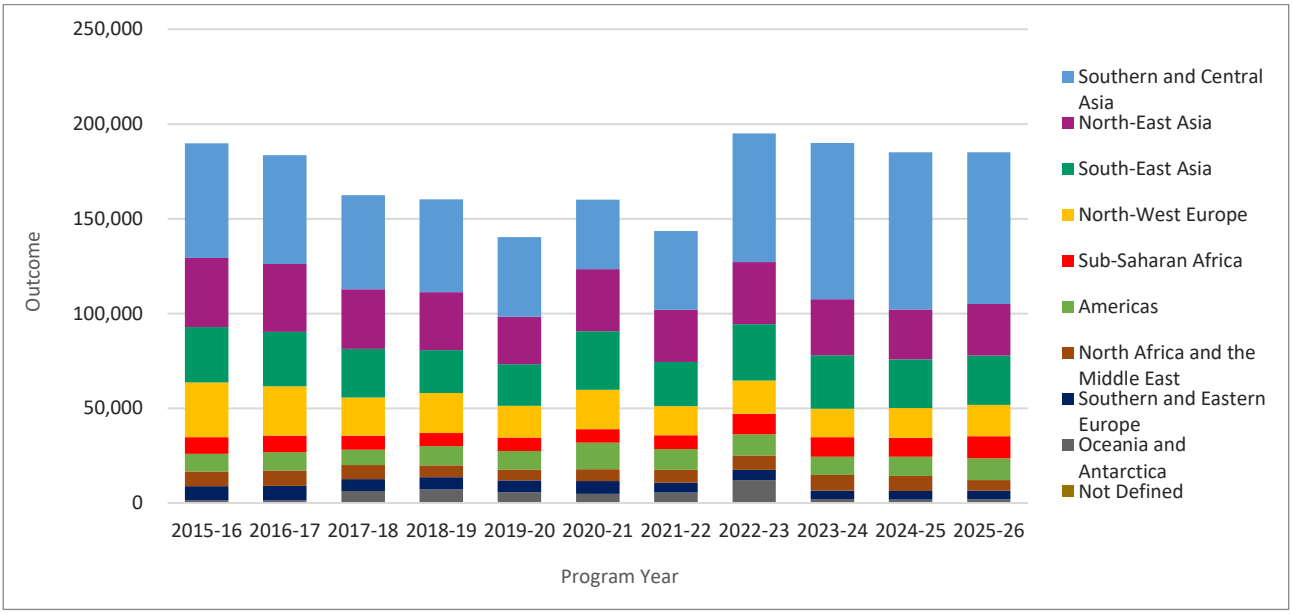
1.4.3. 2025–26 Migration Program Outcome: Top 10 countries of citizenship – rank comparison with previous years

Outcome						Total
Citizenship Country	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
India	2	1	1	1	1	43,633
China, Peoples Republic of	1	2	2	2	2	20,931
Philippines	4	4	3	3	3	11,379
United Kingdom	3	3	5	5	4	11,127
Nepal	7	5	4	4	7	10,945
Pakistan	9	9	9	6	5	10,129
Sri Lanka	18	13	10	8	6	7,812
Vietnam	5	6	7	7	8	5,676
South Africa	12	10	8	10	9	4,302
Brazil	13	14	14	14	11	2,943

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Top 10 grouping based on 2025–26 outcome.

1.4.4. Migration Program Outcome 2015–16 to 2025–26 – by Region (Major)



Outcome	Year										
Region (Major)	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Southern and Central Asia	60,433	57,472	49,682	49,067	42,104	36,662	41,510	67,922	82,489	82,874	**80,026**
North-East Asia	36,525	35,759	31,315	30,601	24,941	32,707	27,530	32,786	29,540	26,407	**27,110**
South-East Asia	29,206	28,822	25,791	22,586	21,971	30,899	23,376	29,642	28,138	25,586	**26,008**
North-West Europe	28,801	25,943	20,005	21,056	16,844	20,764	15,386	17,509	15,137	15,733	**16,598**
Sub-Saharan Africa	8,755	8,795	7,528	7,012	7,056	7,199	7,321	10,880	10,198	10,025	**11,678**
Americas	9,437	9,681	8,095	10,099	9,708	14,008	10,989	11,094	9,626	10,078	**11,413**
North Africa and the Middle East	7,767	7,974	7,418	6,243	5,794	6,133	6,711	7,577	8,327	7,956	**5,586**
Southern and Eastern Europe	7,314	7,689	6,251	6,386	6,214	6,777	5,222	5,423	4,431	4,514	**4,635**
Oceania and Antarctica	1,442	1,343	6,275	7,194	5,680	4,811	5,389	12,057	1,836	1,488	**1,658**
Not Defined	90	130	57	79	54	92	122	114	278	340	**289**
Total	**189,770**	**183,608**	**162,417**	**160,323**	**140,366**	**160,052**	**143,556**	**195,004**	**190,000**	**185,001**	**185,001**

Note 1: Due to the timing in generating the snapshot post-30 June 2026 (required for operational reasons), this table accounts for a visa grant decision recorded on 1 July 2026, which retrospectively had the effect of increasing the total by one (1) in 2025-26 (and shows the result as 185,001). Based on the grant date, this visa decision should be considered attributable to 2026-27.

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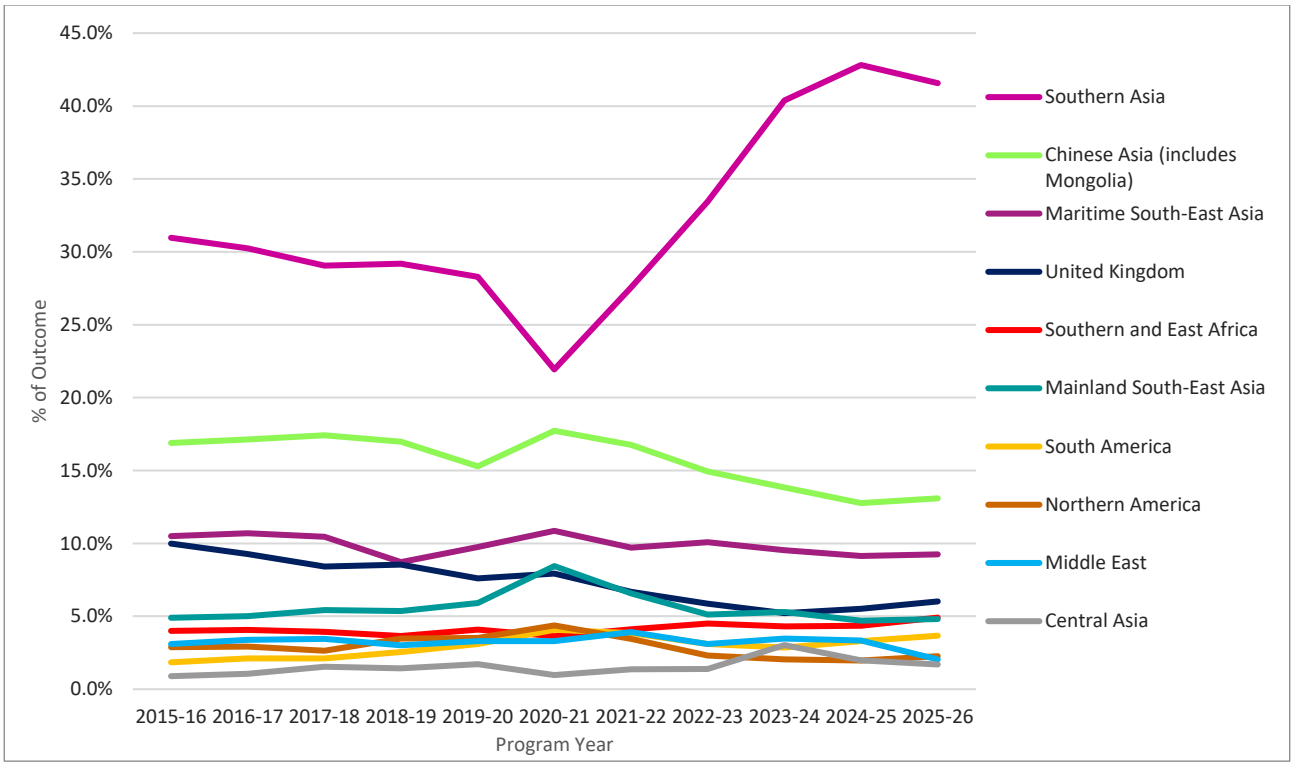
Note 3: Region is determined based on the country of citizenship of the applicant and grouped according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) 2016.

1.4.5. Migration Program Outcome 2015–16 to 2025–26 – by Top 10 Region (Minor) and Percentage of Total



Outcome	Year										
Region (Minor)	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Southern Asia	31.0%	30.2%	29.0%	29.2%	28.3%	21.9%	27.6%	33.4%	40.4%	42.8%	**41.6%**
Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia)	16.9%	17.1%	17.4%	17.0%	15.3%	17.7%	16.8%	14.9%	13.8%	12.8%	**13.1%**
Maritime South-East Asia	10.5%	10.7%	10.5%	8.7%	9.7%	10.9%	9.7%	10.1%	9.5%	9.1%	**9.3%**
United Kingdom	10.0%	9.3%	8.4%	8.5%	7.6%	7.9%	6.7%	5.9%	5.2%	5.5%	**6.0%**
Southern and East Africa	4.0%	4.1%	3.9%	3.7%	4.1%	3.6%	4.1%	4.5%	4.3%	4.3%	**4.9%**
Mainland South-East Asia	4.9%	5.0%	5.4%	5.4%	5.9%	8.4%	6.6%	5.1%	5.3%	4.7%	**4.8%**
South America	1.8%	2.1%	2.1%	2.6%	3.1%	4.1%	3.8%	3.1%	2.9%	3.3%	**3.7%**
Northern America	2.9%	2.9%	2.6%	3.5%	3.5%	4.4%	3.5%	2.3%	2.0%	2.0%	**2.3%**
Middle East	3.1%	3.4%	3.5%	3.0%	3.3%	3.3%	3.9%	3.1%	3.5%	3.3%	**2.0%**
Central Asia	0.9%	1.1%	1.5%	1.4%	1.7%	1.0%	1.4%	1.4%	3.0%	2.0%	**1.7%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Region is determined based on the country of citizenship of the applicant. Terminology and grouping is according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) 2016.

1.4.6. Migration Program Outcome 2015–16 to 2025–26 – by Top 10 Region (Minor)

Outcome	Year										
Region (Minor)	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Southern Asia	58,740	55,515	47,181	46,781	39,696	35,102	39,550	65,204	76,745	79,208	**76,906**
Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia)	32,057	31,433	28,272	27,208	21,446	28,369	24,062	29,104	26,304	23,616	**24,224**
Maritime South-East Asia	19,915	19,635	16,987	13,975	13,679	17,385	13,948	19,664	18,093	16,892	**17,116**
United Kingdom	18,950	17,038	13,654	13,689	10,681	12,703	9,584	11,439	9,916	10,205	**11,127**
Mainland South-East Asia	7,599	7,451	6,372	5,854	5,732	5,817	5,911	8,766	8,165	8,043	**9,086**
Southern and East Africa	9,291	9,187	8,804	8,611	8,292	13,514	9,428	9,978	10,045	8,694	**8,892**
Middle East	3,500	3,863	3,411	4,094	4,361	6,522	5,509	6,041	5,420	6,081	**6,785**
South America	5,458	5,381	4,298	5,566	4,938	7,000	4,965	4,517	3,877	3,637	**4,201**
Central Asia	5,900	6,195	5,613	4,836	4,641	5,285	5,624	6,045	6,584	6,165	**3,778**
Northern America	1,693	1,957	2,501	2,286	2,408	1,560	1,960	2,718	5,744	3,666	**3,120**
Other	26,667	25,953	25,324	27,423	24,492	26,795	23,015	31,528	19,107	18,794	**19,766**
Total	**189,770**	**183,608**	**162,417**	**160,323**	**140,366**	**160,052**	**143,556**	**195,004**	**190,000**	**185,001**	**185,001**

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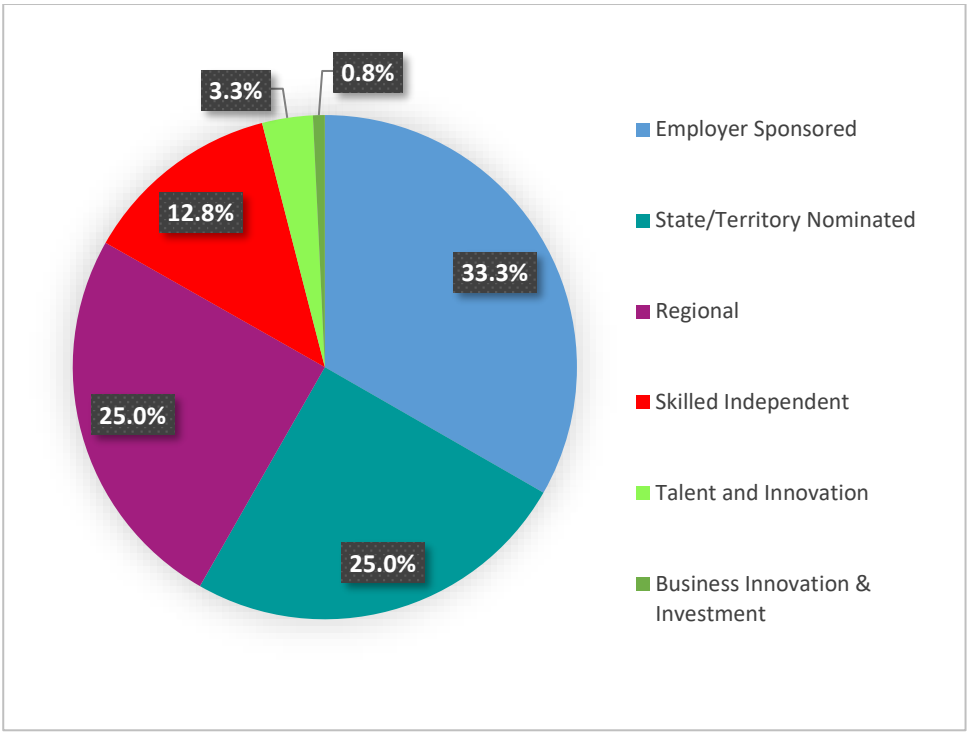
2. Skilled stream

2.1. Composition of Migration Program Outcome 2025-26 Skilled Stream

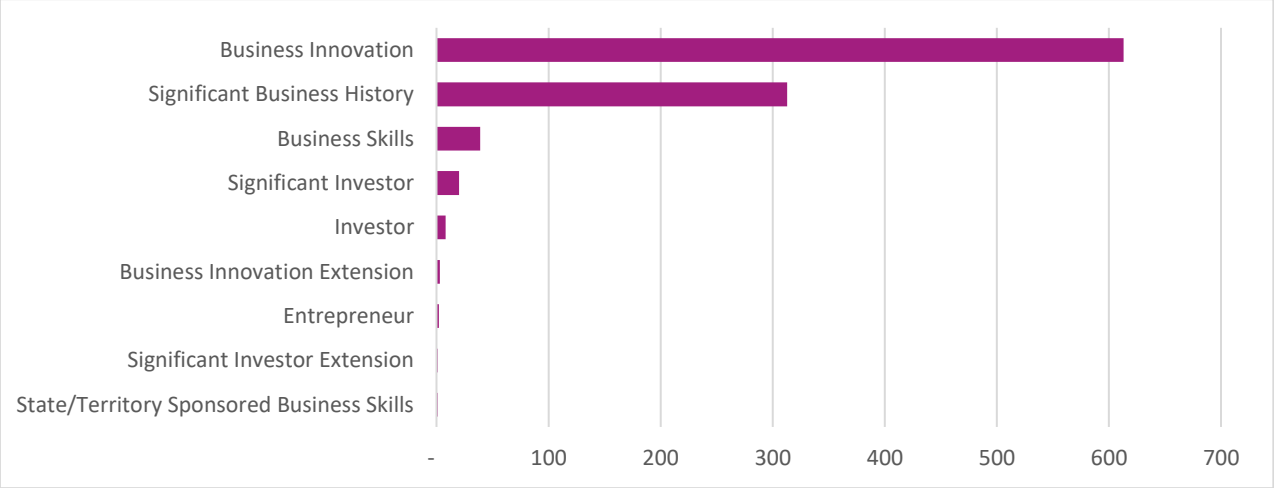


Visa Category	Total
Employer Sponsored	44,022
State/Territory Nominated	33,000
Regional	33,000
Skilled Independent	16,900
Talent and Innovation	4,300
Business Innovation & Investment	1,000
Total	**132,222**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: The Talent and Innovation category includes the combined outcomes from the Distinguished Talent, Global Talent and National Innovation visa, which replaced the Global Talent visa and came into effect on 6 December 2024.

2.2. Migration Program Outcome: Business Innovation and Investment Program (BIIP) Category – by stream



Business Innovation and Investment Program (BIIP)	
Visa Stream	**2025-26**
Business Innovation	613
Significant Business History	313
Business Skills	39
Significant Investor	20
Investor	8
Business Innovation Extension	<5
Entrepreneur	<5
Significant Investor Extension	<5
State/Territory Sponsored Business Skills	<5
Total	**1,000**

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

2.3. Migration Program Outcome: Talent and Innovation Category – by growth and priority sectors

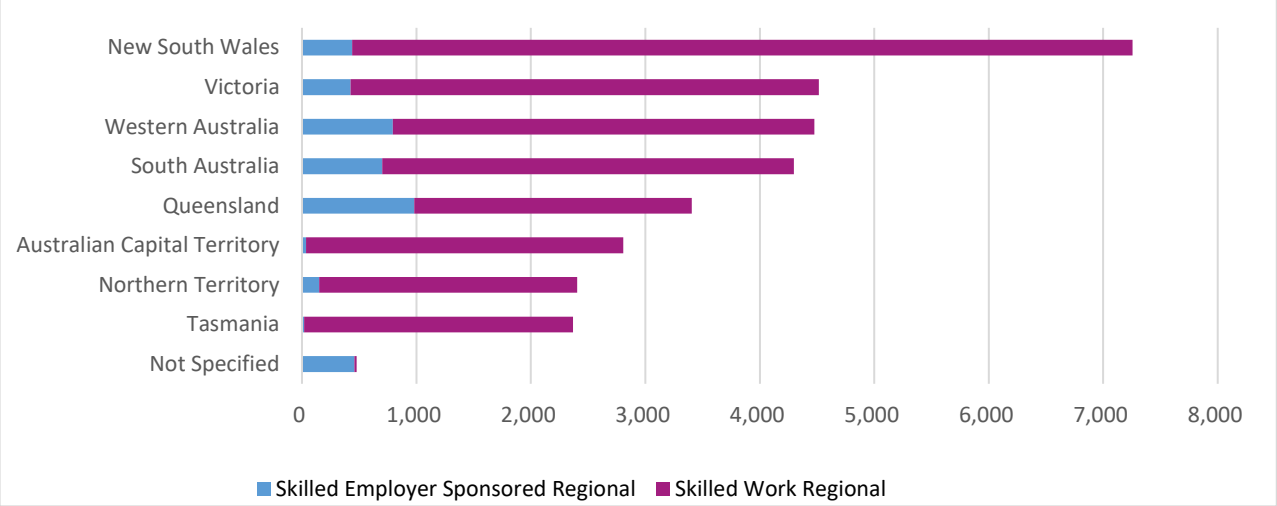
Global Talent	
Growth Sector	**% of Total**
DigiTech	36.7%
Financial Services and FinTech	28.7%
Health industries	14.1%
Energy	4.7%
Defence, Advanced Manufacturing and Space	4.0%
Agri-food and AgTech	3.3%
Education	3.1%
Infrastructure and Tourism	2.3%
Resources	1.7%
Circular Economy	1.3%
Total	**100%**

Note: The above is a breakdown of Global Talent visas granted and does not include National Innovation visas, which replaced the Global Talent visa and came into effect on 6 December 2024.

National Innovation	
Priority Sector	**% of Total**
Critical Technologies	40.3%
Health industries	25.8%
Renewables And Low Emission Technologies	14.4%
Financial Services and FinTech	8.0%
Agri-food and AgTech	3.3%
Defence Capabilities And Space	3.1%
Education	2.6%
Resources	2.0%
Infrastructure And Transport	0.5%
Total	**100%**

Note: The above is a breakdown of National Innovation visas granted, which replaced the Global Talent visa and came into effect on 6 December 2024.

2.4. Migration Program Outcome: Regional Category – by Subcategory and State/Territory of Intended Residence



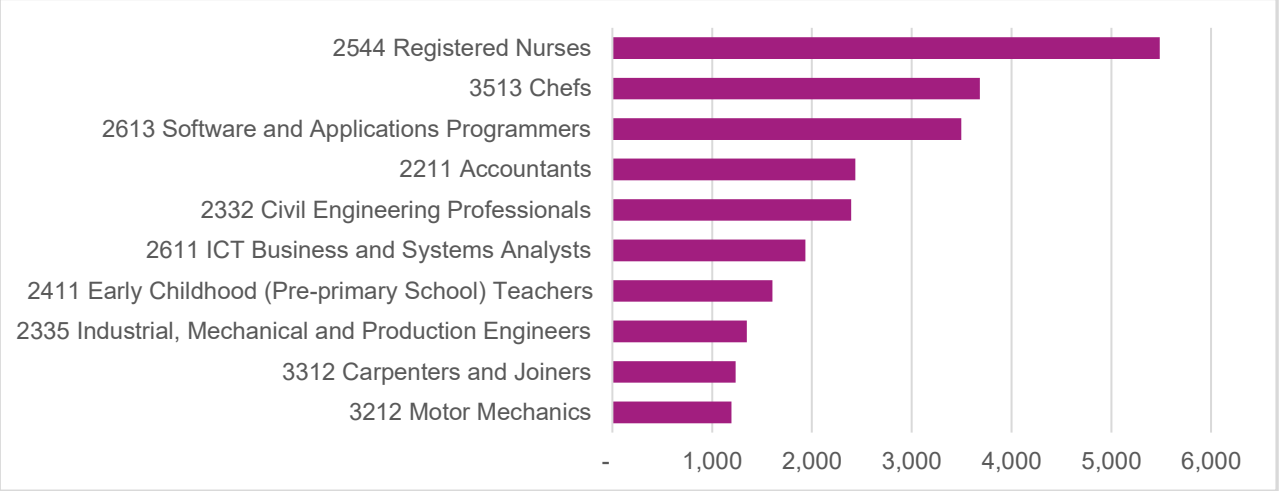
Outcome	Subcategory		
Intended Residence	**Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional**	**Skilled Work Regional**	**Total**
New South Wales	438	6,818	**7,256**
Victoria	424	4,092	**4,516**
Western Australia	794	3,681	**4,475**
South Australia	701	3,596	**4,297**
Queensland	982	2,424	**3,406**
Australian Capital Territory	35	2,772	**2,807**
Northern Territory	149	2,255	**2,404**
Tasmania	20	2,348	**2,368**
Not Specified	457	21	**478**
Total	**4,000**	**28,007**	**32,007**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Includes both legacy and new regional visa subclasses.

Note 3: Outcomes from the Hong Kong stream in the Permanent Residence (Skilled Regional) (subclass 191) visa has not been included in this report.

2.5. Migration Program Outcome: Top 10 ANZSCO Occupation Unit Groups (Skilled stream - primary applicants)



Outcome	
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Group	**Total**
2544 Registered Nurses	**5,487**
3513 Chefs	**3,684**
2613 Software and Applications Programmers	**3,498**
2211 Accountants	**2,436**
2332 Civil Engineering Professionals	**2,393**
2611 ICT Business and Systems Analysts	**1,935**
2411 Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teachers	**1,605**
2335 Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers	**1,347**
3312 Carpenters and Joiners	**1,236**
3212 Motor Mechanics	**1,192**

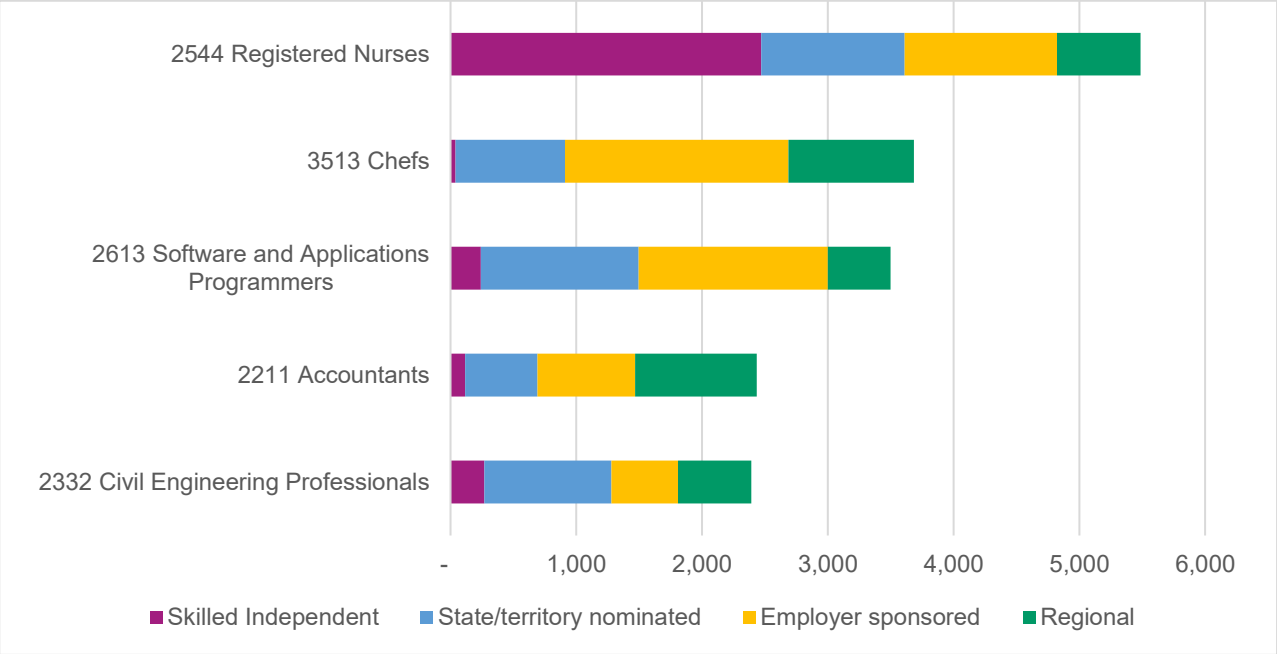
Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

Note 3: Talent and Innovation category is not included in this table. Global Talent and National Innovation applicants are grouped by growth sector (see tables at 2.3); occupation is not recorded for all applicants.

Note 4: Occupations that were not specified have been excluded.

2.6. Migration Program Outcome: Top five ANZSCO Occupation Unit Groups – by visa category (Skilled stream – primary applicants)



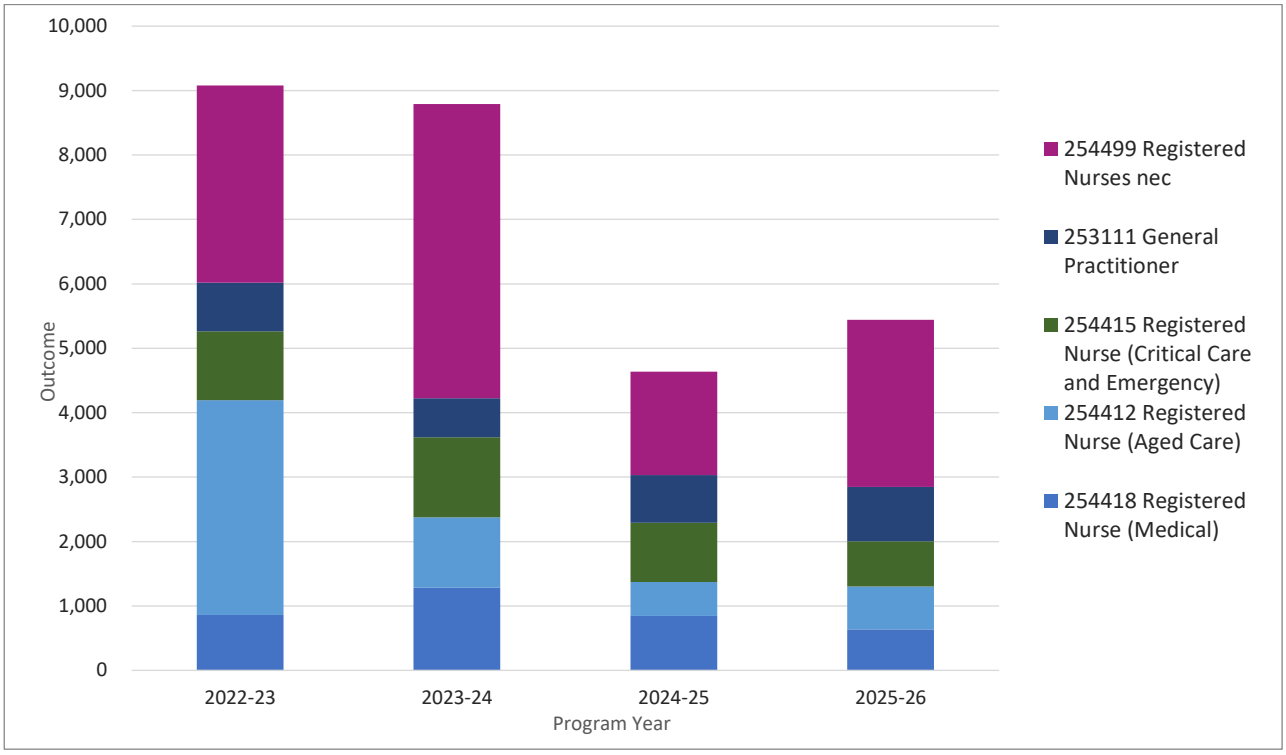
Outcome				
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Group	Skilled Independent	State/territory nominated	Employer sponsored	Regional
2544 Registered Nurses	2,471	1,140	1,211	665
3513 Chefs	39	871	1,776	998
2613 Software and Applications Programmers	240	1,257	1,503	498
2211 Accountants	117	574	777	968
2332 Civil Engineering Professionals	268	1,012	529	584

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

Note 3: Occupations that were not specified have been excluded.

2.7. Migration Program Outcome 2022-23 to 2025-26: Top 5 Ministerial Direction no. 105 priority healthcare occupations



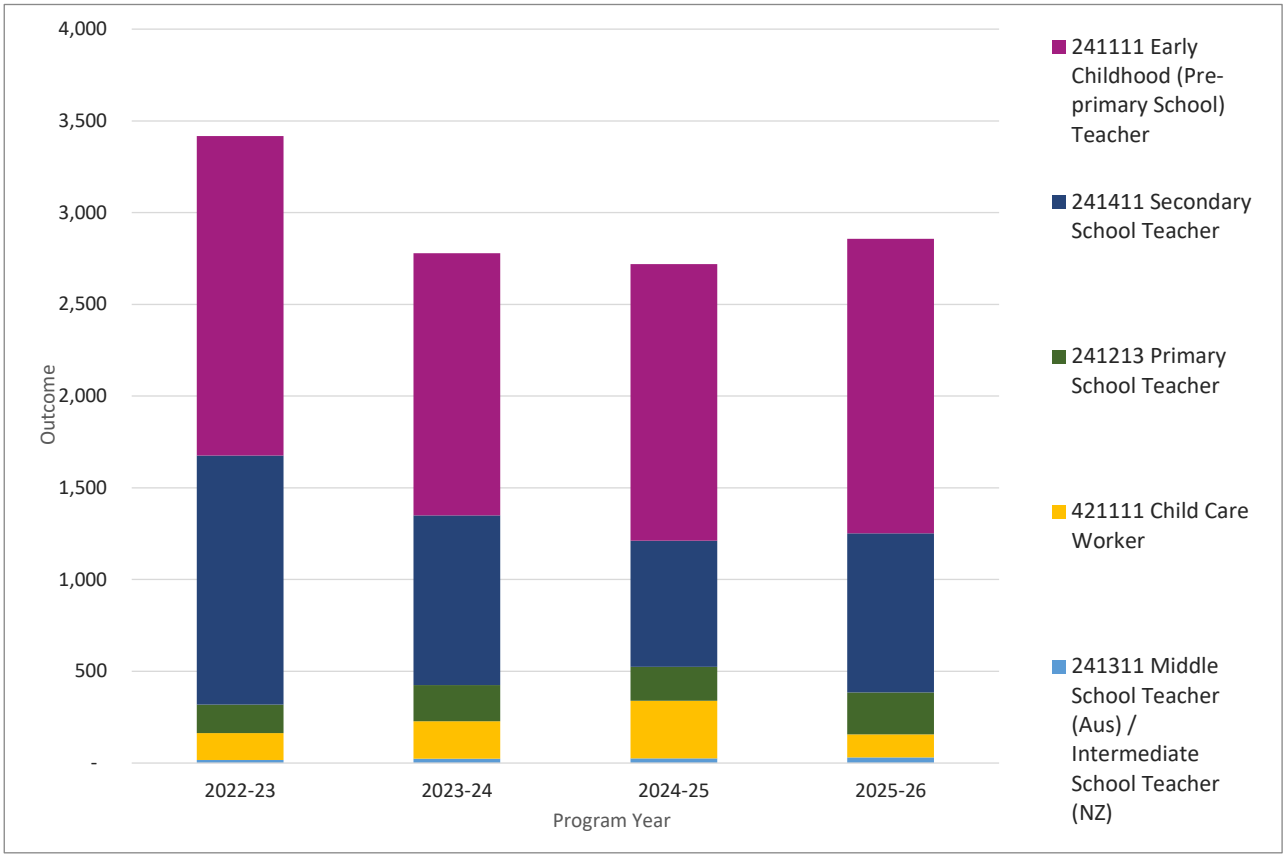
Outcome				
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Description	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
254499 Registered Nurses nec	3,058	4,566	1,605	**2,591**
253111 General Practitioner	755	603	739	**845**
254415 Registered Nurse (Critical Care and Emergency)	1,068	1,245	919	**700**
254412 Registered Nurse (Aged Care)	3,338	1,092	528	**670**
254418 Registered Nurse (Medical)	858	1,282	845	**634**
Other	7,984	7,784	5,836	**6,425**
Total	**17,061**	**16,572**	**10,472**	**11,865**

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

Note 3: Top 5 sorted based on 2025-26 outcomes.

2.8. Migration Program Outcome 2022-23 to 2025-26: Top 5 Ministerial Direction no. 105 priority teaching occupations



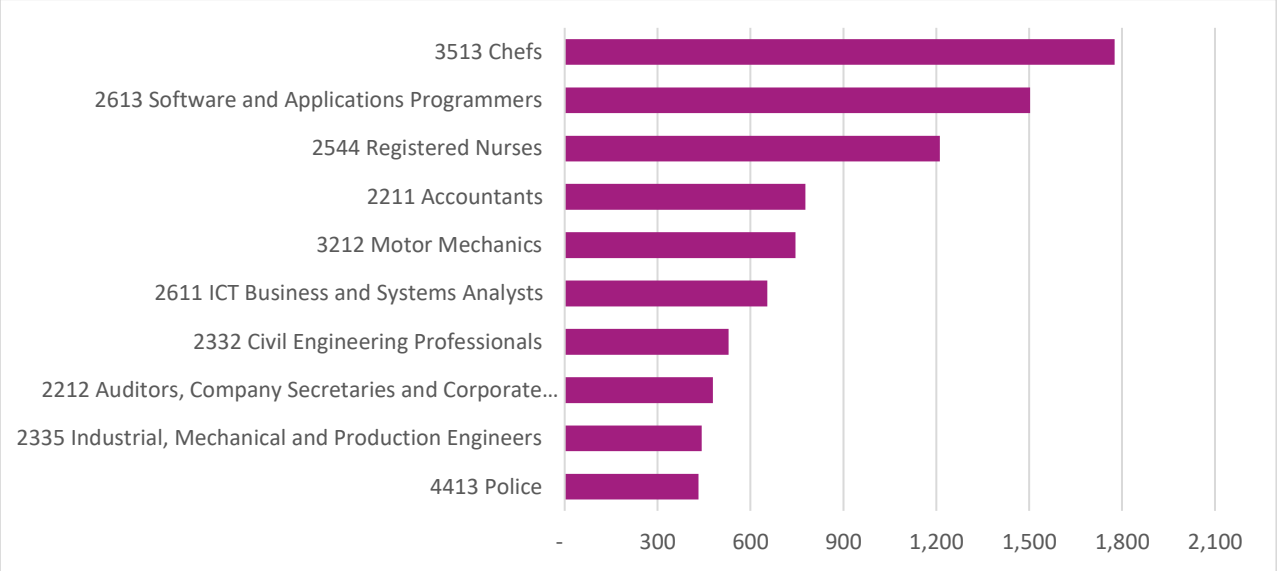
Outcome				
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Description	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
241111 Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teacher	1,741	1,429	1,507	**1,605**
241411 Secondary School Teacher	1,358	925	687	**868**
421111 Child Care Worker	155	197	185	**228**
241213 Primary School Teacher	147	205	315	**126**
134111 Child Care Centre Manager	16	23	25	**30**
Other	155	98	79	**60**
Total	**3,572**	**2,877**	**2,798**	**2,917**

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

Note 3: Top 5 sorted based on 2025-26 outcomes.

2.9. Migration Program Outcome: Employer Sponsored Category – by Occupation Unit Group



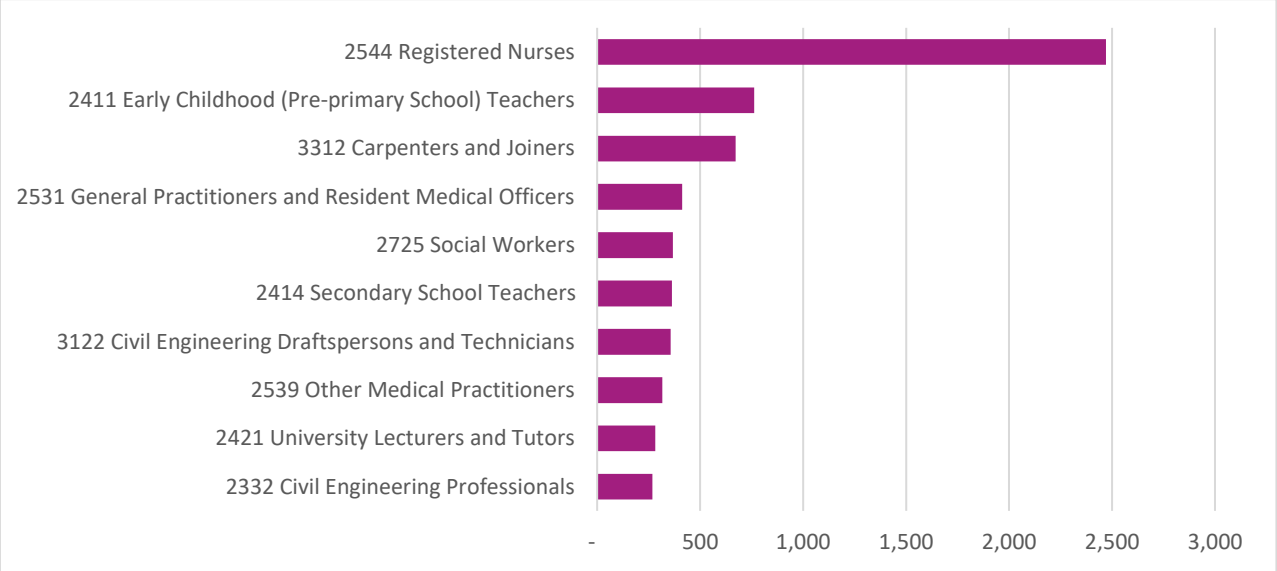
Outcome	
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Description	**Total**
3513 Chefs	**1,776**
2613 Software and Applications Programmers	**1,503**
2544 Registered Nurses	**1,211**
2211 Accountants	**777**
3212 Motor Mechanics	**745**
2611 ICT Business and Systems Analysts	**654**
2332 Civil Engineering Professionals	**529**
2212 Auditors, Company Secretaries and Corporate Treasurers	**479**
2335 Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers	**442**
4413 Police	**432**

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

Note 3: Occupations that were not specified have been excluded.

2.10. Migration Program Outcome: Skilled Independent Category – by Occupation Unit Group



Outcome	
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Description	**Total**
2544 Registered Nurses	**2,471**
2411 Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teachers	**762**
3312 Carpenters and Joiners	**673**
2531 General Practitioners and Resident Medical Officers	**413**
2725 Social Workers	**367**
2414 Secondary School Teachers	**363**
3122 Civil Engineering Draftspersons and Technicians	**357**
2539 Other Medical Practitioners	**317**
2421 University Lecturers and Tutors	**282**
2332 Civil Engineering Professionals	**268**

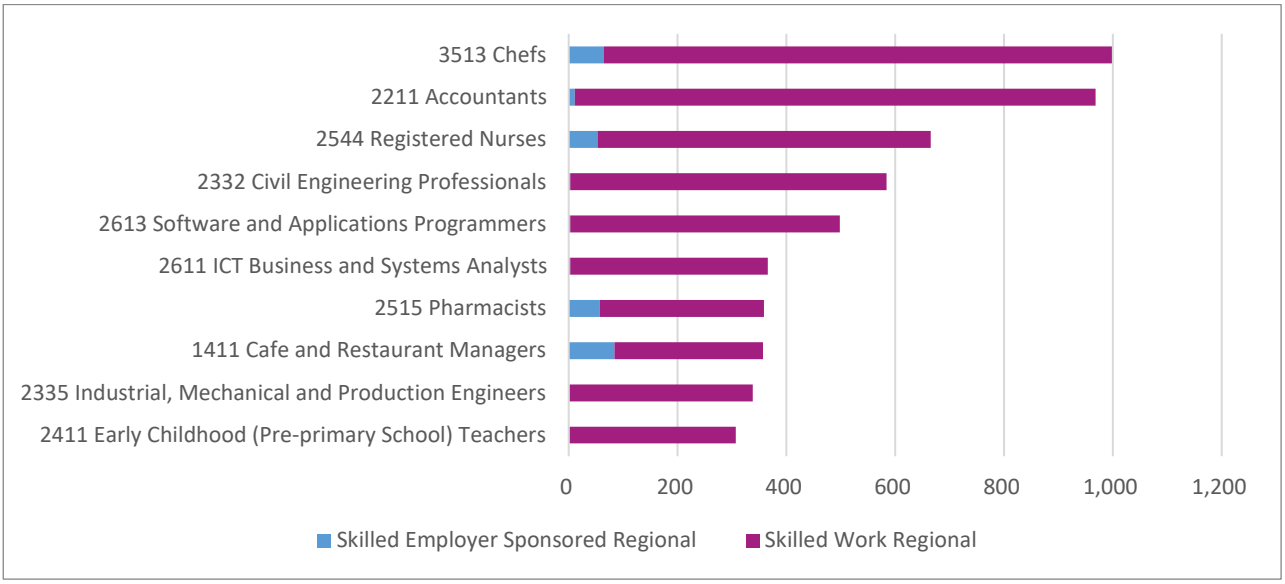
Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

Note 3: Occupations that were not specified have been excluded.

2.11. Migration Program Outcome: Regional Category – by Occupation Unit Group

2.11.1. Regional Category by Top 10 ANZSCO Occupation Unit Groups (primary applicants)



Outcome	
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Description	**Total**
3513 Chefs	**998**
2211 Accountants	**968**
2544 Registered Nurses	**665**
2332 Civil Engineering Professionals	**584**
2613 Software and Applications Programmers	**498**
2611 ICT Business and Systems Analysts	**366**
2515 Pharmacists	**359**
1411 Cafe and Restaurant Managers	**357**
2335 Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers	**338**
2411 Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teachers	**307**

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Includes both legacy and new regional visa subclasses.

Note 3: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

2.11.2. Regional Subcategories by Top 10 ANZSCO Occupation Unit Groups (primary applicants)

Skilled Employer Sponsored

Outcome	
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Description	**Total**
4231 Aged and Disabled Carers	**170**
1411 Cafe and Restaurant Managers	**84**
3514 Cooks	**71**
3513 Chefs	**64**
2515 Pharmacists	**57**
4211 Child Carers	**54**
4233 Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers	**53**
2544 Registered Nurses	**53**
1421 Retail Managers	**52**
7331 Truck Drivers	**36**
3212 Motor Mechanics	**36**
8422 Crop Farm Workers	**32**

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Includes both legacy and new regional visa subclasses.

Note 3: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

Skilled Work Regional

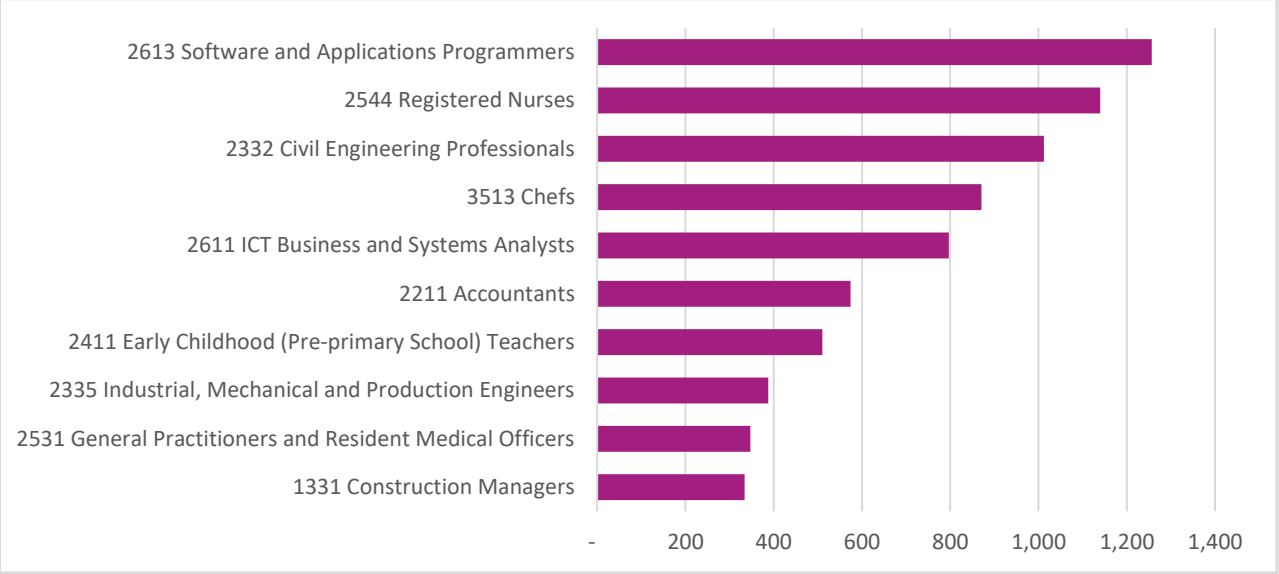
Outcome	
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Description	**Total**
2211 Accountants	**957**
3513 Chefs	**934**
2544 Registered Nurses	**612**
2332 Civil Engineering Professionals	**581**
2613 Software and Applications Programmers	**495**
2611 ICT Business and Systems Analysts	**363**
2335 Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers	**336**
2411 Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teachers	**305**
2515 Pharmacists	**302**
1411 Cafe and Restaurant Managers	**273**

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Includes both legacy and new regional visa subclasses.

Note 3: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

2.12. Migration Program Outcome: State/Territory Nominated Category – by Occupation Unit Group



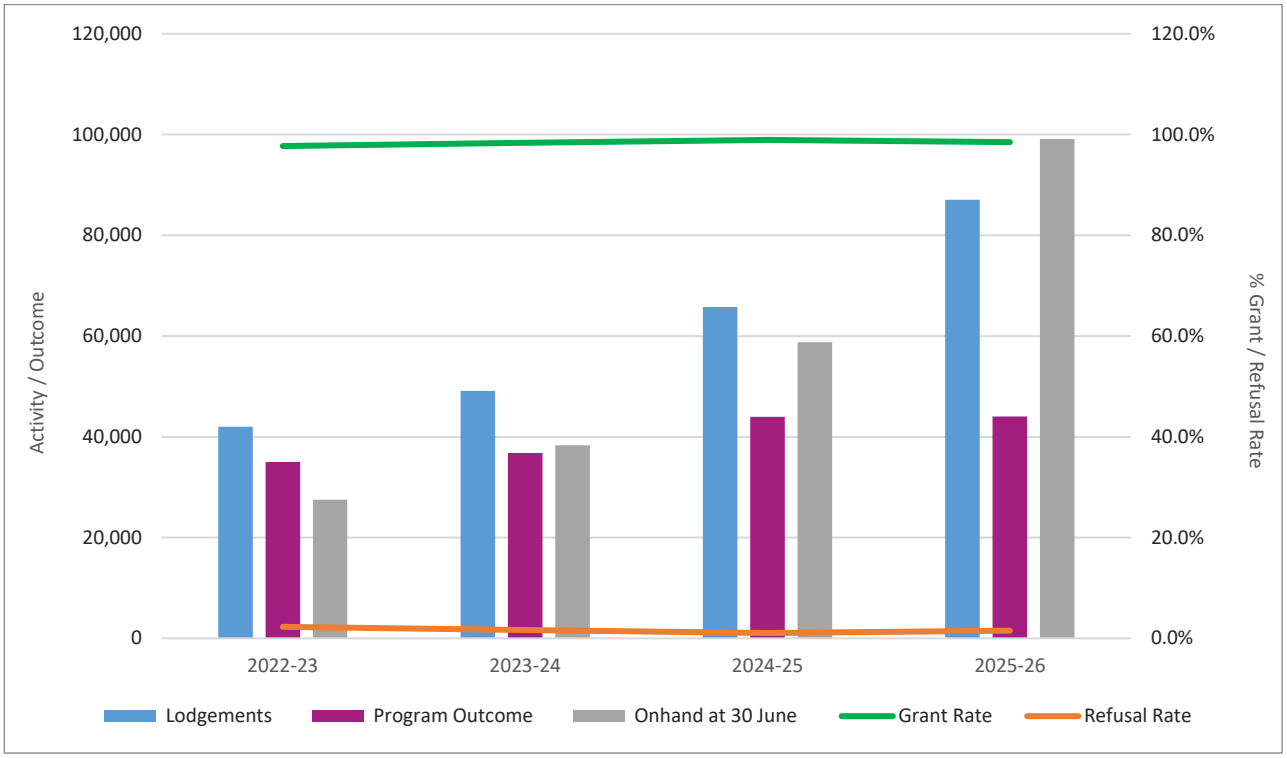
Outcome	
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Description	**Total**
2613 Software and Applications Programmers	**1,257**
2544 Registered Nurses	**1,140**
2332 Civil Engineering Professionals	**1,012**
3513 Chefs	**871**
2611 ICT Business and Systems Analysts	**797**
2211 Accountants	**574**
2411 Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teachers	**510**
2335 Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers	**388**
2531 General Practitioners and Resident Medical Officers	**347**
1331 Construction Managers	**334**

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

Note 3: Occupations that were not specified have been excluded.

2.13. Employer Sponsored Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

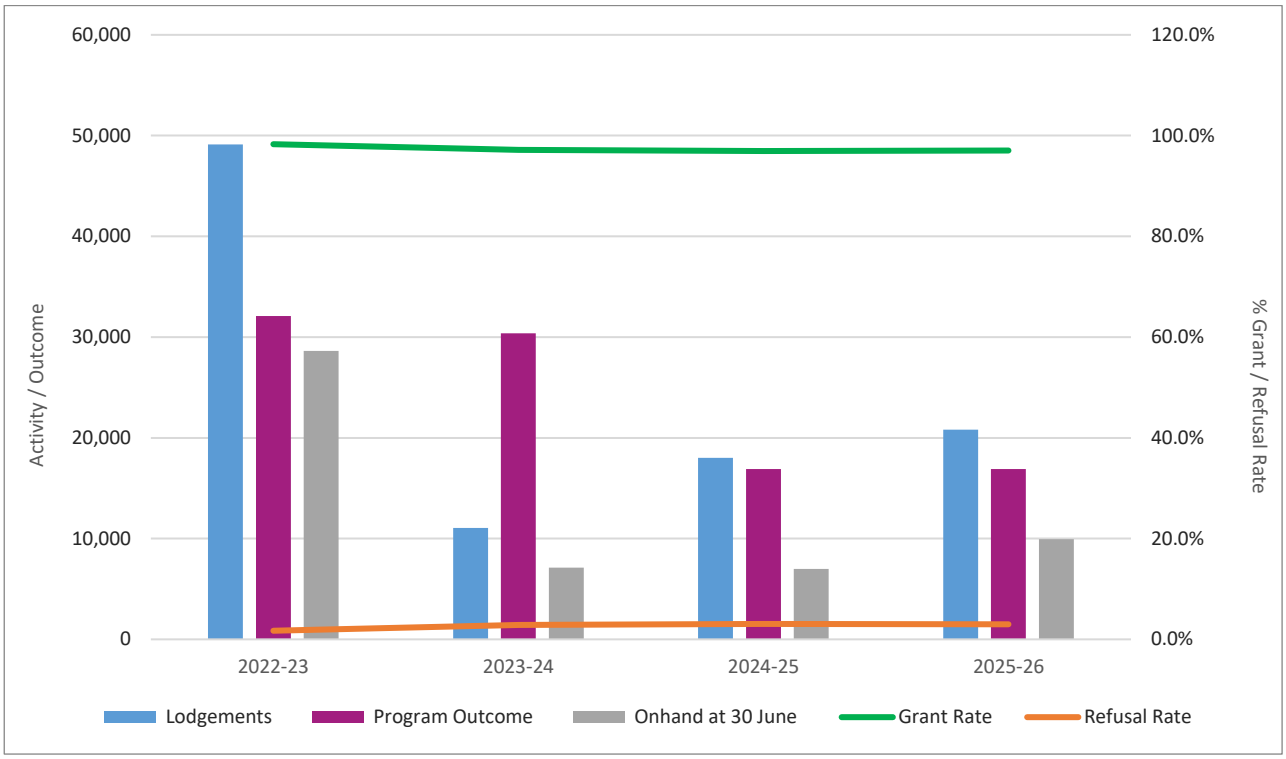


		Program Year			
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Employer Sponsored	Lodgements	41,992	49,094	65,790	87,055
	Program Outcome	35,000	36,825	44,000	44,022
	Onhand at 30 June	27,523	38,292	58,788	99,144
	Grant Rate	97.7%	98.4%	98.9%	98.5%
	Refusal Rate	2.3%	1.6%	1.1%	1.5%

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

2.14. Skilled Independent Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

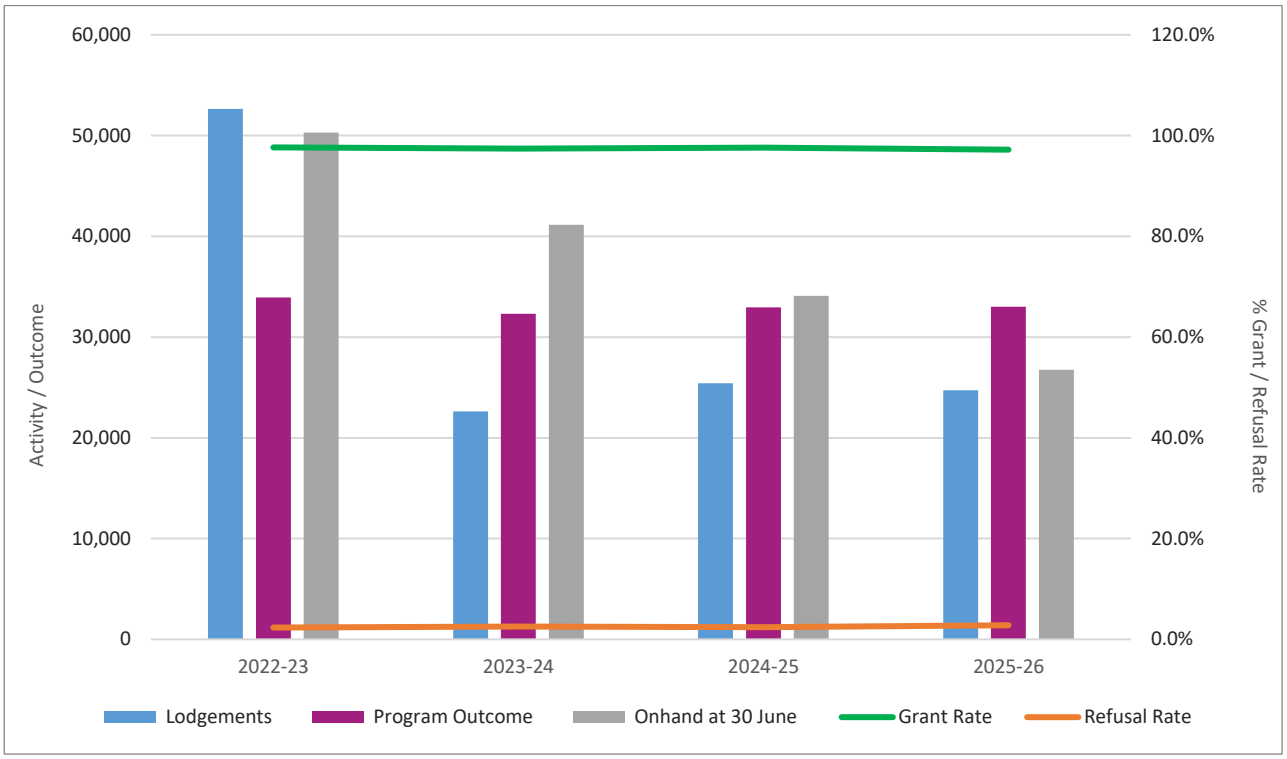


		Program Year			
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Skilled Independent	Lodgements	49,109	11,063	18,022	**20,814**
	Program Outcome	32,100	30,375	16,900	**16,900**
	Onhand at 30 June	28,625	7,116	6,985	**9,959**
	Grant Rate	98.3%	97.2%	96.9%	**97.0%**
	Refusal Rate	1.7%	2.8%	3.1%	**3.0%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

2.15. Regional Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome



		Program Year			
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Regional	Lodgements	52,660	22,607	25,404	**24,718**
	Program Outcome	33,944	32,300	32,948	**33,000**
	Onhand at 30 June	50,304	41,147	34,087	**26,766**
	Grant Rate	97.7%	97.4%	97.6%	**97.2%**
	Refusal Rate	2.3%	2.6%	2.4%	**2.8%**

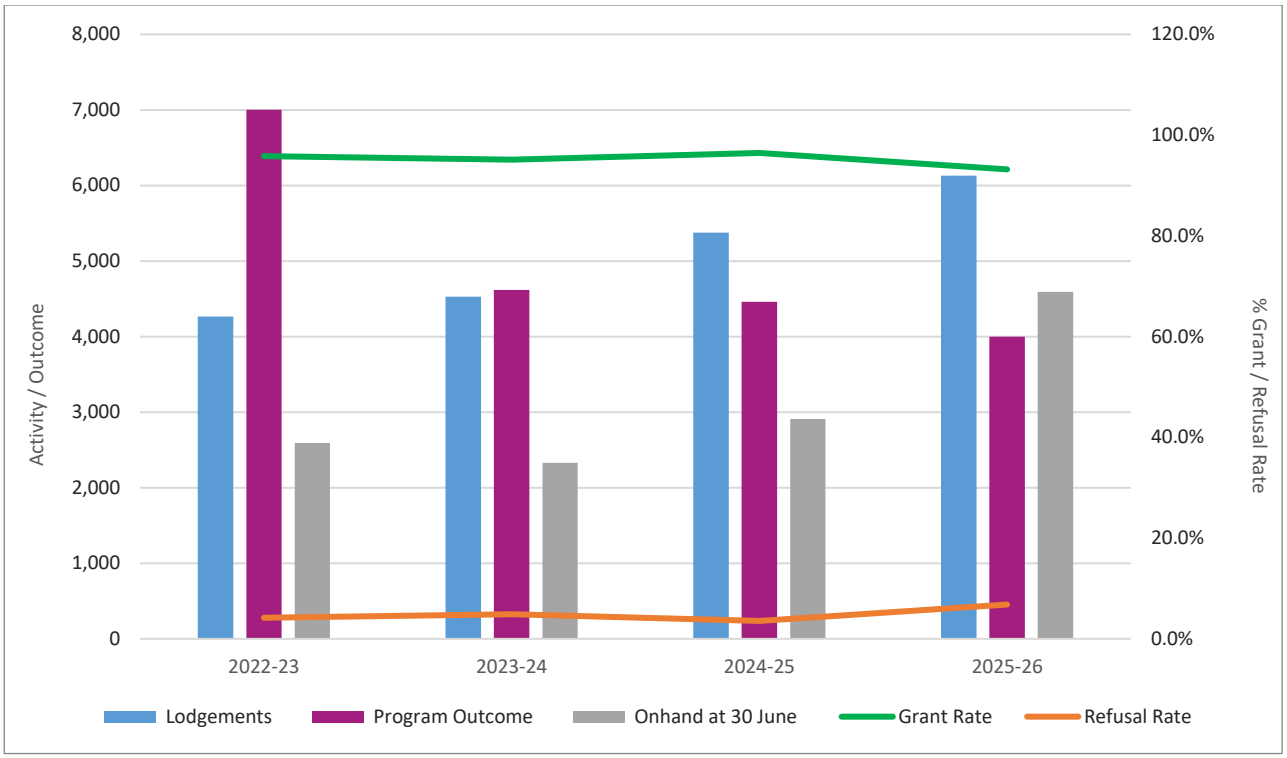
Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Activity includes provisional (first stage) permanent migration applications only.

Note 3: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

Note 4: Includes both legacy and new regional visa subclasses.

2.15.1. Regional – Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional subcategory: comparison of processing activity and program outcome



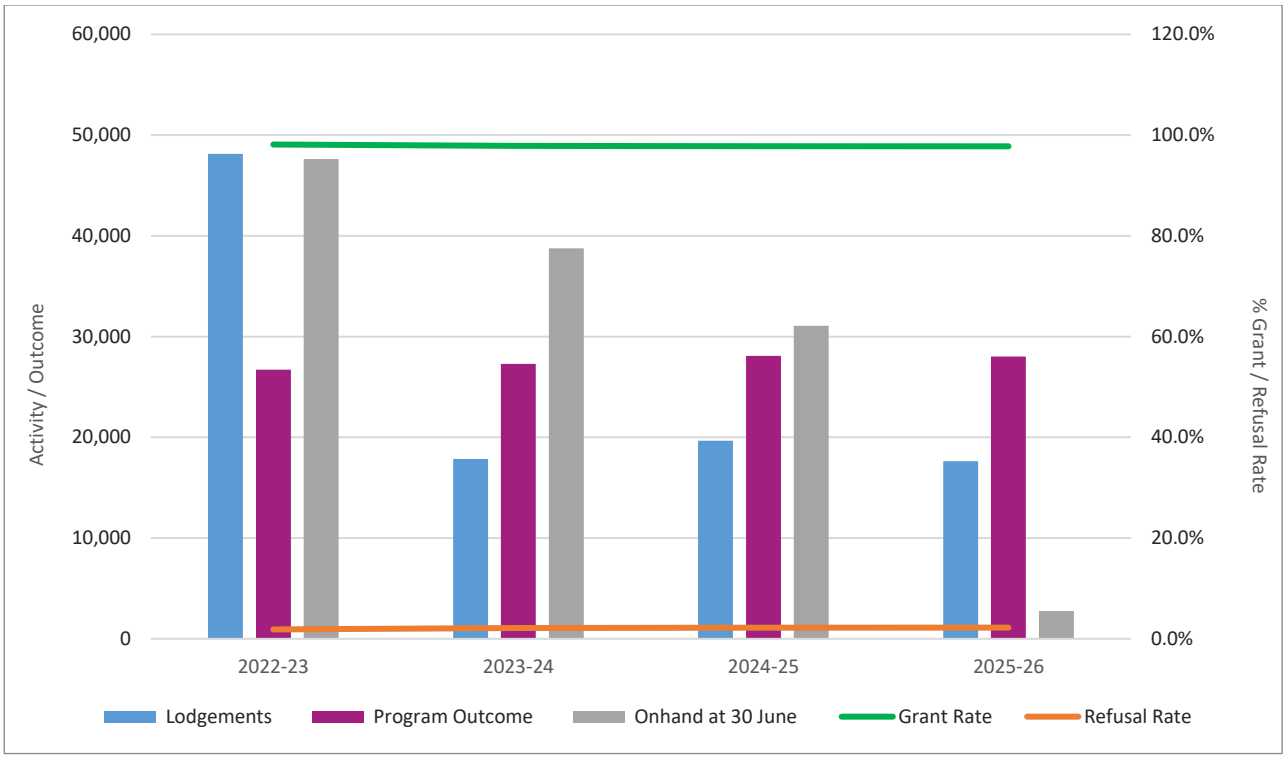
		Program Year			
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Regional - Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional	Lodgements	4,266	4,529	5,376	**6,131**
	Program Outcome	7,004	4,618	4,461	**4,000**
	Onhand at 30 June	2,590	2,330	2,908	**4,590**
	Grant Rate	95.8%	95.1%	96.4%	**93.2%**
	Refusal Rate	4.2%	4.9%	3.6%	**6.8%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

Note 3: Includes both legacy and new regional visa subclasses.

2.15.2. Regional – Skilled Work Regional subcategory: comparison of processing activity and program outcome



		Program Year			
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Regional - Skilled Work Regional	Lodgements	48,147	17,859	19,673	**17,620**
	Program Outcome	26,707	27,300	28,069	**28,007**
	Onhand at 30 June	47,614	38,755	31,054	**24,431**
	Grant Rate	98.1%	97.8%	97.8%	**97.8%**
	Refusal Rate	1.9%	2.2%	2.2%	**2.2%**

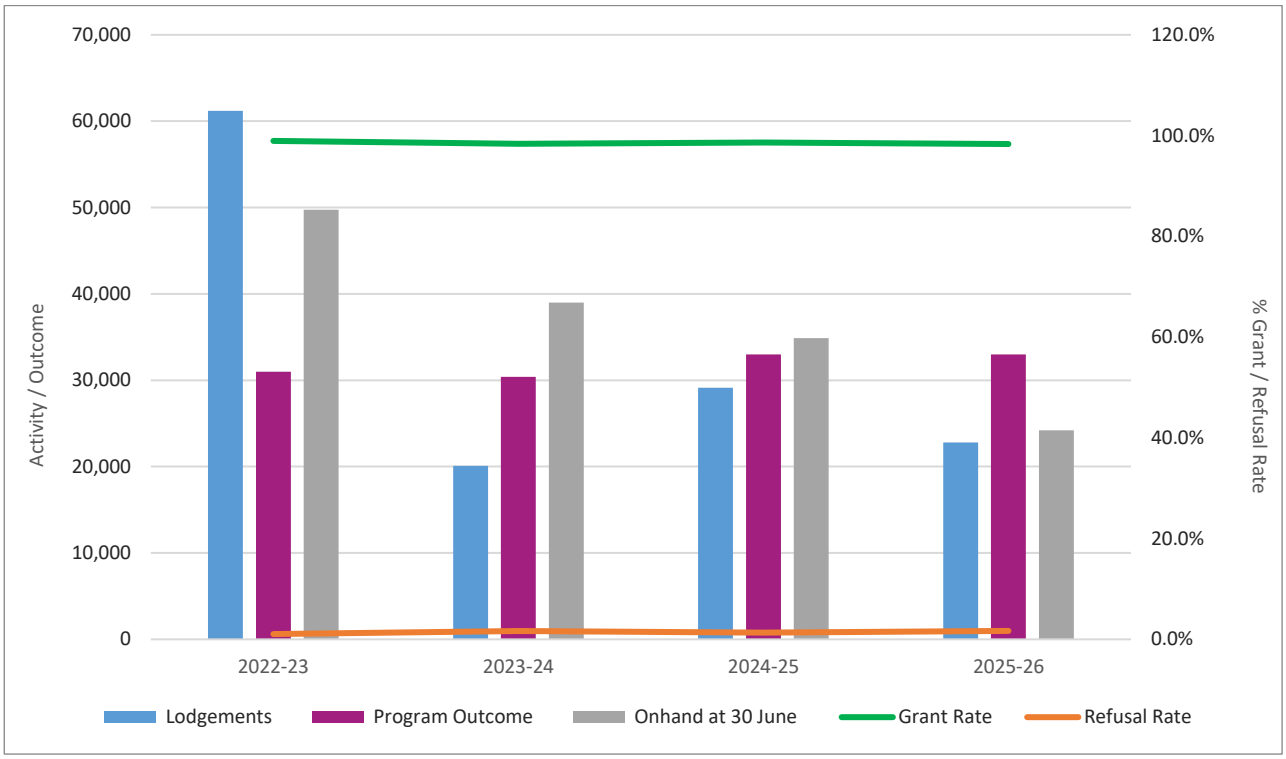
Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Activity includes provisional (first stage) permanent migration applications only.

Note 3: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

Note 4: Includes both legacy and new regional visa subclasses.

2.16. State / Territory Nominated Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome



		Program Year			
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
State/Territory Nominated	Lodgements	61,186	20,097	29,118	**22,815**
	Program Outcome	31,000	30,400	33,000	**33,000**
	Onhand at 30 June	49,735	38,999	34,874	**24,197**
	Grant Rate	98.9%	98.4%	98.7%	**98.3%**
	Refusal Rate	1.1%	1.6%	1.3%	**1.7%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

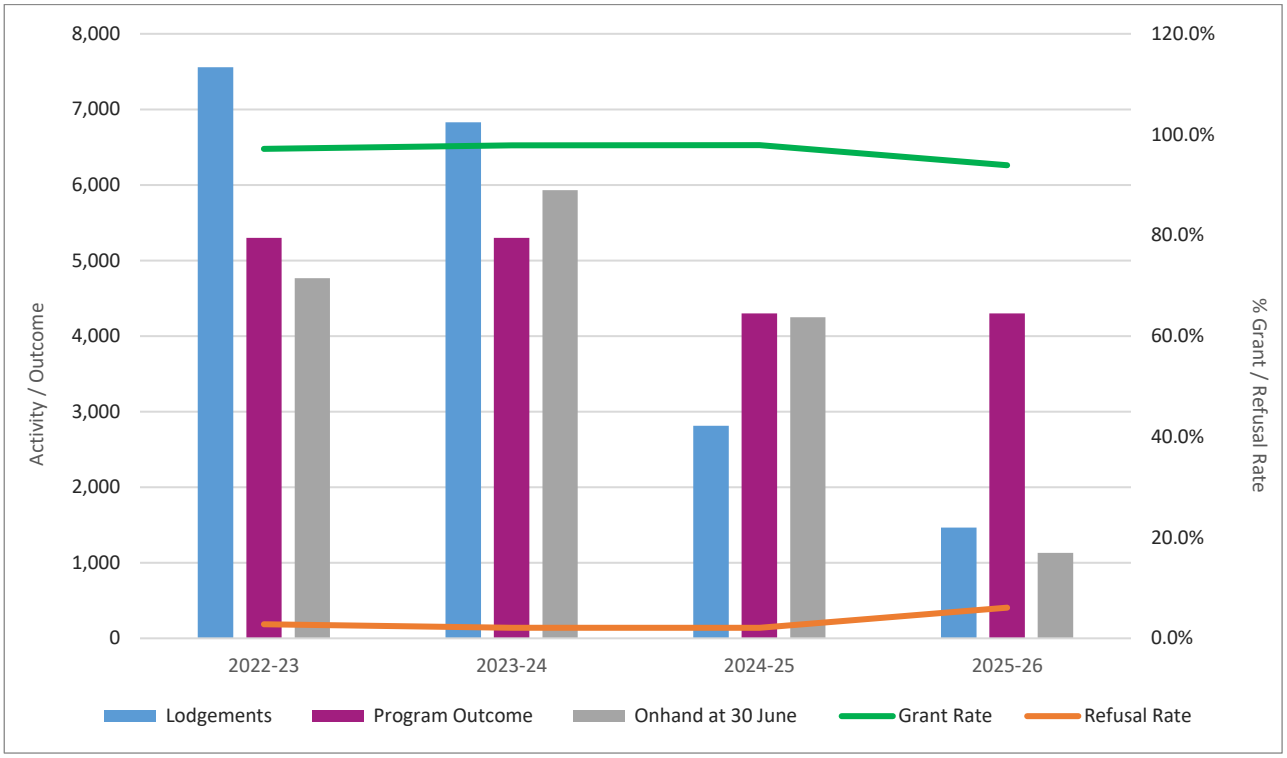
2.17. Business Innovation and Investment Program (BIIP): comparison of processing activity and program outcome

		Program Year			
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Business Innovation and Investment Program	Lodgements	5,061	609	654	**991**
	Program Outcome	5,000	1,900	1,000	**1,000**
	Onhand at 30 June	23,924	20,269	14,549	**12,103**
	Grant Rate	70.2%	46.5%	27.7%	**39.0%**
	Refusal Rate	12.8%	42.3%	8.8%	**10.2%**
	Withdrawal Rate	17.0%	11.2%	63.5%	**50.8%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Activity includes provisional (first stage) permanent migration applications only.

2.18. Talent and Innovation Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome



		Program Year			
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Talent and Innovation	Lodgements	7,559	6,830	2,815	**1,465**
	Program Outcome	5,300	5,300	4,300	**4,300**
	Onhand at 30 June	4,768	5,933	4,248	**1,131**
	Grant Rate	97.2%	97.9%	97.9%	**93.9%**
	Refusal Rate	2.8%	2.1%	2.1%	**6.1%**

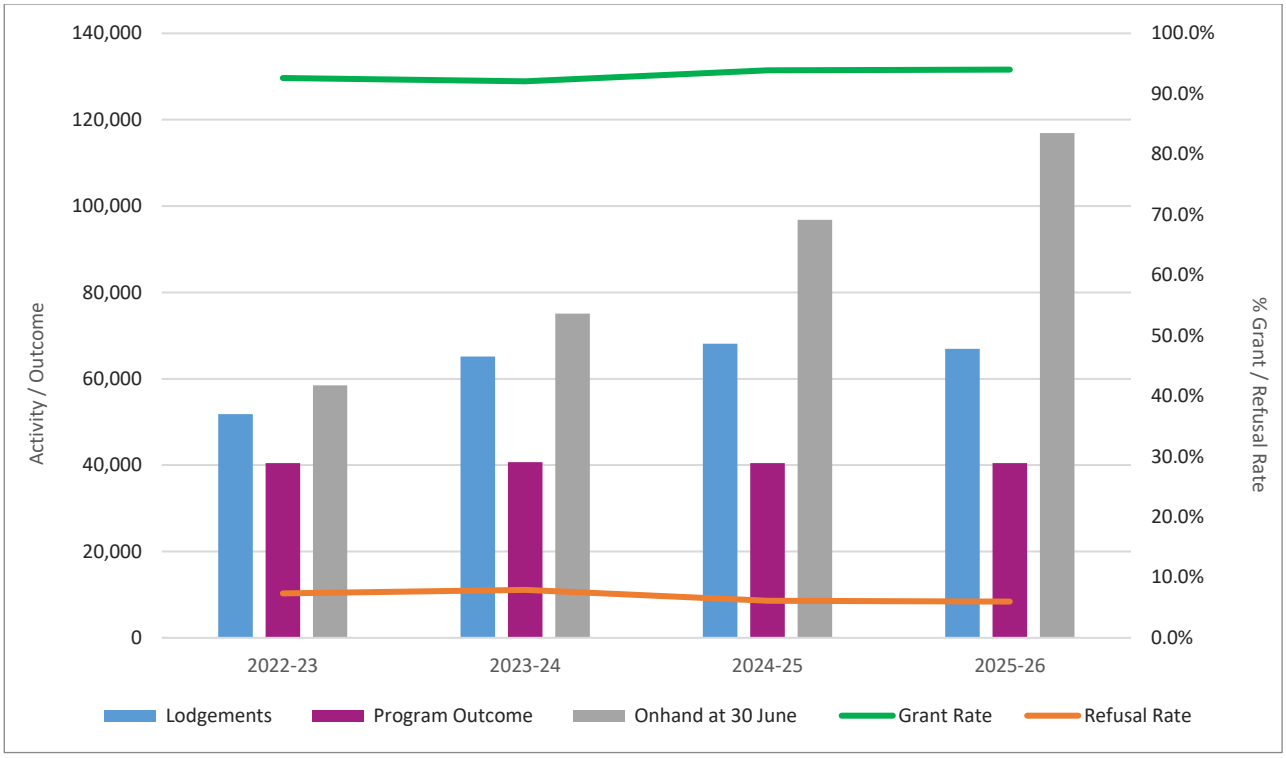
Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Includes combined visa activity and outcomes from Distinguished Talent, Global Talent and National Innovation visas. The National Innovation visa replaced the Global Talent visa on 6 December 2024.

Note 3: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

3. Family stream

3.1. Partner Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome



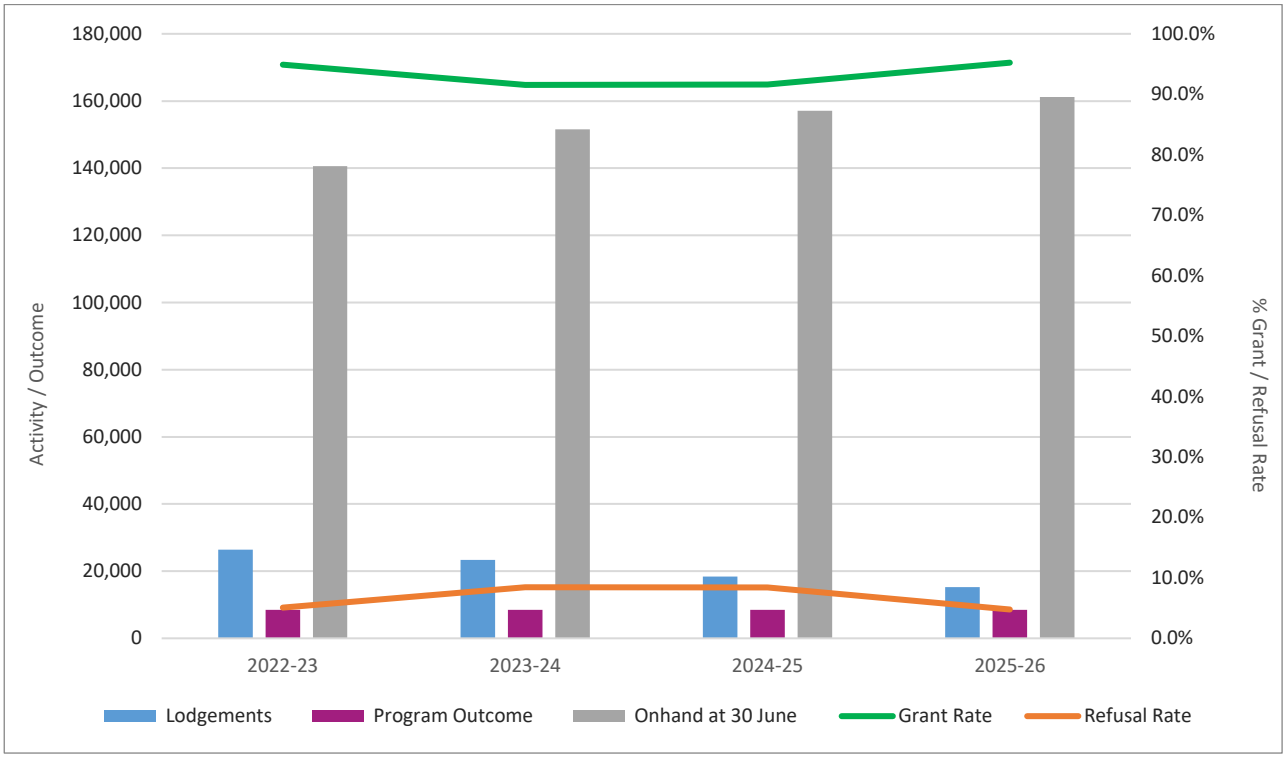
		Program Year			
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Partner	Lodgements	51,800	65,160	68,105	**66,916**
	Program Outcome	40,500	40,720	40,500	**40,500**
	Onhand at 30 June	58,515	75,060	96,839	**116,917**
	Grant Rate	92.6%	92.1%	93.9%	**94.0%**
	Refusal Rate	7.4%	7.9%	6.1%	**6.0%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Activity includes temporary/provisional permanent migration applications only.

Note 3: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

3.2. Parent Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

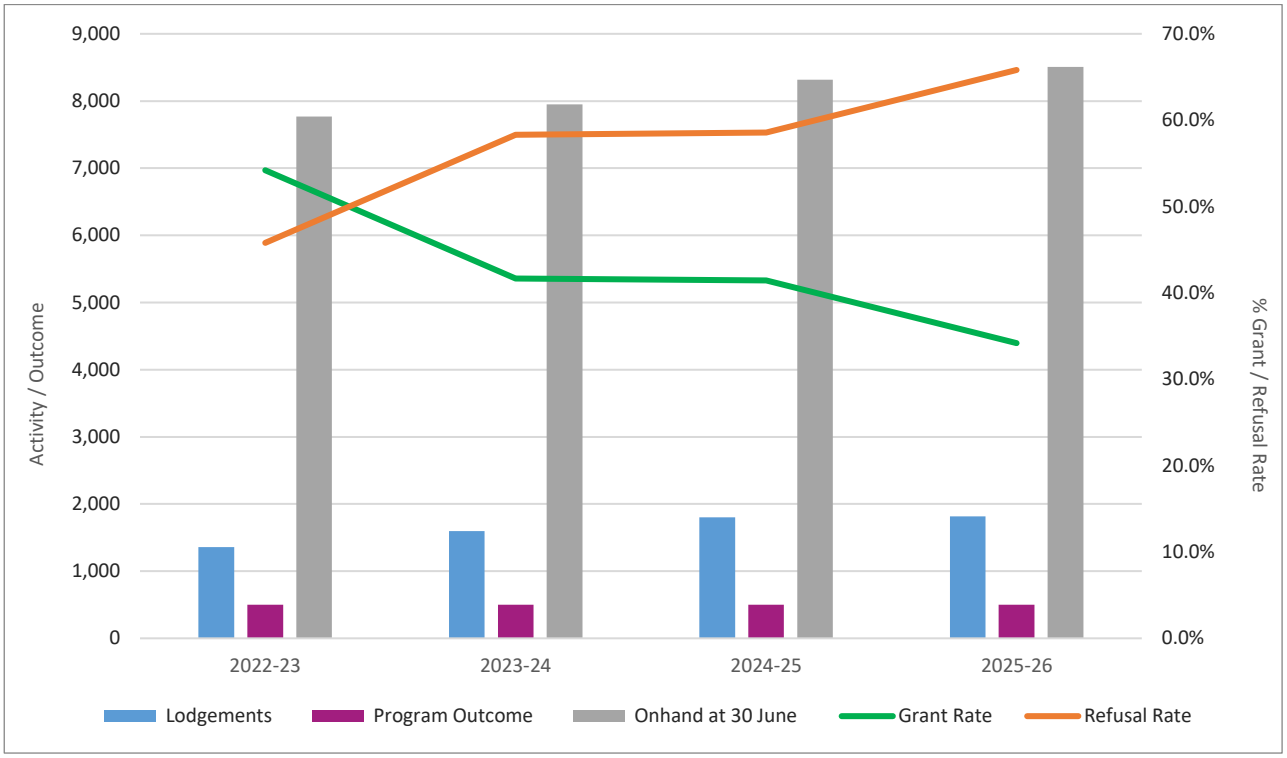


		Program Year			
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Parent	Lodgements	26,433	23,345	18,434	**15,295**
	Program Outcome	8,500	8,500	8,500	**8,500**
	Onhand at 30 June	140,615	151,596	157,084	**161,240**
	Grant Rate	94.9%	91.6%	91.6%	**95.2%**
	Refusal Rate	5.1%	8.4%	8.4%	**4.8%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

3.3. Other Family Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome



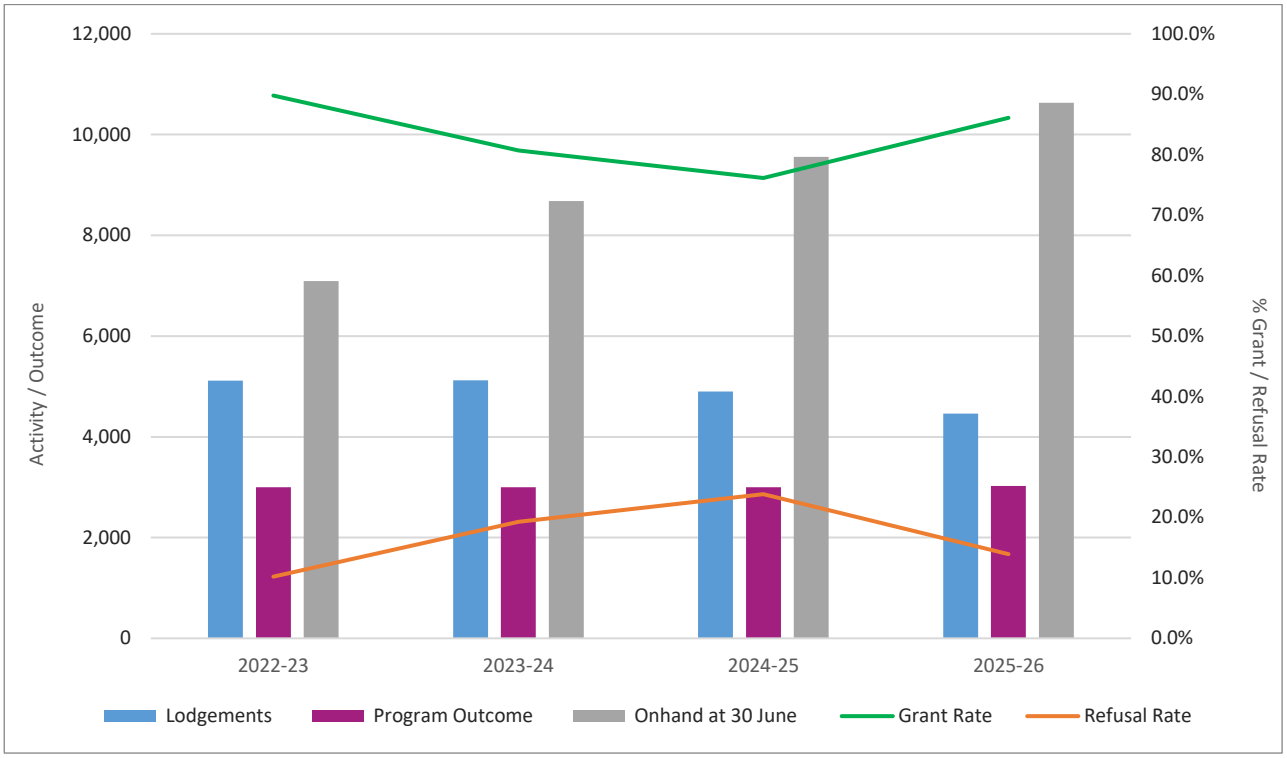
		Program Year			
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Other Family	Lodgements	1,356	1,595	1,803	**1,815**
	Program Outcome	500	500	500	**500**
	Onhand at 30 June	7,770	7,948	8,317	**8,506**
	Grant Rate	54.2%	41.7%	41.4%	**34.2%**
	Refusal Rate	45.8%	58.3%	58.6%	**65.8%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

Note 3: The Orphan Relative subclasses (117 and 837) were moved to the Child Category in 2022-23. The above data reflects this change.

3.4. Child Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome



		Program Year			
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Child	Lodgements	5,115	5,123	4,899	**4,461**
	Program Outcome	3,000	3,000	3,000	**3,022**
	Onhand at 30 June	7,093	8,680	9,560	**10,629**
	Grant Rate	89.8%	80.7%	76.2%	**86.1%**
	Refusal Rate	10.2%	19.3%	23.8%	**13.9%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

Note 3: The Orphan Relative subclasses (117 and 837) were moved to the Child Category in 2022-23. The above data reflects this change from 2022-23.

4. Special Eligibility stream

4.1. Special Eligibility Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

Program Year					
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**
Special Eligibility	Lodgements	163	195	389	**282**
	Program Outcome	160	180	353	**256**
	Onhand at 30 June	13	0	<5	**7**
	Grant Rate	99.4%	95.7%	99.5%	**99.6%**
	Refusal Rate	0.6%	4.3%	0.5%	**0.4%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

Note 3: Lodgements include those commenced in systems to facilitate the recording of visa grant under Ministerial intervention.