

# Key statistics and trends in the Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (Subclass 457) Program for 2016-17 to 30 June 2017

## The size of the program

During this reporting period, the size of the overall subclass 457 program has decreased when compared with the same period last program year as indicated in the table below.

	2015-16 at 30/06/16	2016-17 at 30/06/17	% difference
Primary applications lodged	53,930	55,790	3.4%
Primary applications granted	45,400	46,480	2.4%
Number of primary visa holders in Australia	94,890	90,590	- 4.8 %

## The composition of the program

The tables below outline the composition of the 457 program for 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 in terms of applications granted as at 30 June 2017.

### PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND STANDARD CLASSIFICATION OF OCCUPATIONS (ANZSCO) OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS

ANZSCO Group	2016-17 to 30/06/17	% difference from last program year as at 30/06/2016
Professionals	28,800	4.8%
Technicians and Trades Workers	13,940	4.5%
Managers	10,110	-1.4%

### PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED - TOP THREE SPONSOR INDUSTRIES

Industry	% of 457 program
Other Services	17.3%
Professional, Scientific and Technical	13.2%
Information Media and Telecommunications	12.9%

### PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE OCCUPATIONS

Nominated Occupation	2016-17 to 30/06/17	% of 457 program	% difference from last program year as at 30/06/2016
Cook	2,170	4.7%	-8.2%
Developer Programmer	2,120	4.6%	-1.0%
ICT Business Analyst	1,640	3.5%	5.8%

### PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE LOCATIONS FOR NOMINATED POSITIONS

Nominated Position Location	% of 457 program
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New South Wales	46.1%
Victoria	25.2%
Western Australia	11.3%

PRIMARY VISAS GRANTED – TOP THREE CITIZENSHIP COUNTRIES

Citizenship countries	% of 457 program
India	22.4%
United Kingdom	17.8%
Philippines	6.2%

## Pathways to permanent residence

In the 2016-17 program year to 30 June 2017:

- 50,420 subclass 457 visa holders were granted permanent residence or a provisional visa, a decrease of 1.4 per cent compared with the same period in the previous program year (51,140);
- the vast majority of permanent visa grants to subclass 457 visa holders were in the economic migration stream (96.5 per cent), with the remaining permanent visa grants in the family stream (3.5 per cent).