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About this report

This report provides data about the Visitor visa program administered by the Department of Home Affairs (the Department). The report has been produced to assist tourism industry stakeholders and policymakers.

This report is published every six months. Current and previous versions of the report are available on the department's website at: <a href="https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/visa-stat

Data is sourced from several departmental visa processing and recording systems. Data can be dynamic and there can be delays in transmission of information from the Department's global operations. Variations in figures between this report and previous reports can occur. Due to these issues, figures for the current financial year should always be considered provisional.

For privacy reasons < 5 has been used where a number in a table is between 1 and 4.

Further information about the Visitor visa program is available at: www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Visi

Note 1: Data in years prior to 2017-18 was revised on 1 October 2019, due to better source data becoming available. This may result in minor discrepancies with previously published statistics.

Enquiries

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Definition of terms

Approved Destination Status (ADS):	This scheme facilitates the travel of organised tour groups from the People's Republic of China (PRC) to Australia by approved travel agents.
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.
Decided:	The term used for counts of decisions. See below for definition of 'decisions'.
Decisions:	An outcome where a decision-maker (including system-generated decision-making) grants or refuses a visa or sponsorship application.
ETA:	Electronic Travel Authority. An electronic visa available to citizens from low risk countries. The term 'low risk' applies to countries which issue ETA eligible passports. A list of these can be found on the Department's website.
Granted:	Unless otherwise specified, the number of visas granted includes primary and review grants.
In Australia:	In this report, 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 paper applications receipted in a departmental office or submitted electronically.
On hand:	A visa application, nomination or sponsorship that has not been finalised.
Outside Australia:	In this report, the term refers to the location of the client at the time of lodging the application.
Visa applicant:	Used to refer to clients applying for a visa.
Visa holders in Australia:	The number of visa holders lawfully in Australia. This is not a count of all valid visas, as a number of visa holders may be outside Australia on the snapshot date.

Background to the Visitor visa program

Visa travel purpose and activities

The Visitor visa program allows travellers to enter or remain in Australia for short-term visits. The program can be divided into two main groups by travel purpose: Tourism and Business.

Tourism activities may include a holiday or recreation, taking a cruise, or visiting family and friends.

Business activities may include:

- making general business or employment enquiries
- investigating, negotiating, entering into or reviewing a business contract
- conducting activities as part of an official government visit
- taking part in a conference, trade fair or seminar (but not being paid by the organisers to take part)
- undertaking tourist activities.

Visitor visa holders cannot engage in work in Australia (that is, perform an activity in Australia a person would normally be remunerated for).

Visa subclasses and streams

The Visitor visa program is currently made up of three subclasses, the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) (subclass 601), the eVisitor visa (subclass 651) and the Visitor visa (subclass 600). The Visitor visa (subclass 600) has five streams, the Tourist stream, the Sponsored Family stream, the Business Visitor stream, the Approved Destination Status (ADS) stream and the Frequent Traveller stream.

- Electronic Travel Authority (subclass 601). This visa allows ETA eligible passport holders to visit Australia for tourism or business visitor purposes. Applications can be made through the ETA App for passport holders from Brunei, Canada, Hong Kong (SAR of China), Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and the United States of America, with eligibility continuing to expand to other ETA eligible jurisdictions in the first half of 2022. An ETA holder can visit Australia as often as they wish in a 12 month period, and stay up to 3 months each time they enter Australia. More information is available at: https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visalisting/electronic-travel-authority-601
- 2. eVisitor visa (subclass 651). This visa allows eligible European passport holders to visit Australia for tourism or business visitor purposes. Applications can only be made online. An eVisitor holder can visit Australia as often as they wish in a 12 month period, and stay up to 3 months each time they enter Australia. More information is available at: https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/evisitor-651
- 3. Visitor visa (subclass 600). This visa allows any passport holder to visit Australia for tourism or business visitor purposes, depending on the stream. Visitor visas can be granted with different stay and validity periods, and may allow single or multiple entries to Australia. More information is available at: https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600
 - **Tourist stream.** This stream of the Visitor visa allows people to enter or remain in Australia for tourism purposes. Applications can be made online or by paper.
 - **Business Visitor stream.** This stream allows people to enter Australia for business visitor purposes. Applications can be made online or by paper.
 - **Sponsored Family stream.** This stream allows people who are sponsored, usually by a family member, to enter Australia to visit family. This visa additional sponsorship requirements which are designed to provide assurance that the visa holder will comply with their visa conditions and depart Australia before their visa expires. Applications can be made online or by paper.
 - Approved Destination Status (ADS) stream. This stream allows People's Republic of China (PRC) (excluding SARs) passport holders to visit Australia for tourism part of an organised tour group. Applications can only be made through an approved Chinese travel agent participating in the ADS scheme.
 - **Frequent Traveller stream.** This stream allows eligible passport holders who travel often to Australia to enter Australia for tourism or business visitor purposes. This visa might be granted with a validity period of up to 10 years. Applications can only be made online.

On 23 March 2013, changes were made to Visitor visas as part of the Australian Government's Visa Simplification and Deregulation project. A number of historic Visitor visa subclasses were repealed and replaced with the current subclasses as outlined in the table below. Where relevant, historic data in this report may refer to both current and previous visa subclasses.

Note: A small percentage of clients who lodged these visa subclasses may now be lodging Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) (subclass 400) visa applications, which is not covered in this report.

Background to the Visitor visa program - continued

The below table outlines the current and previous Visitor visa subclasses/streams, travel purpose of each subclass/stream (including how they are referenced in this report) and the location of the client at time of lodgement.

Note: Where a visa subclass/stream allows both tourism and business visitor activities, data in this report will be based on the applicant's declared travel activity for their <u>initial</u> entry to Australia for the purposes of determining Tourism or Business visitor activity.

Current subclass	Previous subclass	Tourism	Business	Client Location
601 - Electronic Travel Authority	 976 – Electronic Travel Authority (Visitor) 977 - Electronic Travel Authority (Business – Short Validity) 956 - Electronic Travel Authority (Business – Long Validity) 	✓ (ETA Tourist)	✓ (ETA Business)	Outside Australia
651 - eVisitor	N/A	✓ (eVisitor Tourist)	✓ (eVisitor Business)	Outside Australia
600 - Tourist stream	676 - Tourist visa	✓ (Tourist Visitor)		In or outside Australia
600 - Business Visitor stream	456 - Business (Short Stay) visa 459 - Sponsored Business visitor (Short Stay) visa 488 – Superyacht	✓ (Business Visitor)	✓ (Business Visitor)	Outside Australia
600 - Sponsored Family stream	679 - Sponsored Family Visitor visa	✓ (Sponsored Tourist)		Outside Australia
600 - Approved Destination Status stream	676 - Tourist visa (ADS subcategory)	✓ (Tourist Visitor)		Outside Australia (must be within PRC)
600 - Frequent Traveller stream	N/A	✓ (Tourist Visitor)	✓ (Business Visitor)	Outside Australia (must be within eligible country)

Family members

All applicants, including dependent family members, must lodge their own separate Visitor visa application.

Visa Requirements

To be eligible for a Visitor visa, the applicant must genuinely intend to stay temporarily in Australia for the purpose for which the visa is granted (for tourism or business visitor purposes). Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they have access to adequate means to support themselves (and their family where relevant) during their stay in Australia, including health insurance where required. Applicants must also meet certain health and character requirements.

Work is not permitted on any Visitor visas. Where a person is found to be working in breach of their visa conditions, they could face visa cancellation and an exclusion period.

Study or training, of up to three months, may be permitted on a Visitor visa. However, if the visa holder's main reason for travelling to Australia is study, a student visa might be more appropriate.

Background to the Visitor visa program - continued

Extending stay

Visitor visas cannot be 'extended'. However, Visitor visa holders may extend their stay in Australia by applying for another visa, which may include a Visitor visa (subclass 600) - Tourist stream before their current visa ceases. This is the only Visitor visa stream that is available to applicants already in Australia seeking to extend their stay.

Visa refusals

A decision to refuse a Visitor visa application is made when a delegate of the Minister is not satisfied that the applicant meets the legal criteria for grant of a visa. When refusing a visa application, the Department provides an applicant a written decision record that sets out the reason for the decision and any review rights.

Processing times

Global Visitor visa application processing times are published on the Department's website at: <u>http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/access-accountability/service-standards/global-visa-citizenship-processing-times</u> The published processing times are updated on a monthly basis to reflect current caseloads and processing pressures. Processing times are impacted each month by changes in application volumes, seasonal peaks, complex cases and incomplete applications.

Key Points

- This executive summary covers the Tourist and Business Visitor visa statistics for the Visitor visa program from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 (the first half of the 2021-22 program year). The terminology used in this executive summary to describe Tourist and Business visas and subclasses are referenced on pages 3-4 of this report. Figures referred to in this report include both applications made in Australia and outside Australia. It should be noted that subclass 600 (Tourist stream) is the only Visitor visa option for applicants already in Australia.
- A general downturn in international travel due to the COVID-19 outbreak and strict border measures in place to protect the health of the Australian community continued to impact the Visitor visa program in the first half of the 2021-22 program year.
- Since the outbreak of COVID-19, the Department's focus in relation to Visitor visas has been to assist visitors in Australia to remain lawful until they are able to depart and to prioritise visa applications for travellers who are exempt from travel restrictions.
- All Visitor visa arrivals over this period have been in an exempt category (such as an immediate family
 member of an Australian citizen or permanent resident), received an individual travel exemption, or travelled
 under International Safe Travel Zone arrangements. International Safe Travel Zones allow all eligible
 travellers (including Visitor visa holders) to undertake two-way quarantine-free travel between Australia and
 safe travel zone countries (Japan, South Korea, New Zealand and Singapore) without the need to apply for a
 travel exemption.
- Government announcements on changes to travel restrictions (for example, the inclusion of parents of adult Australian citizens or permanent residents in the immediate family member exempt traveler category), new Safe Travel Zone arrangements (including Singapore from 21 November 2021, and Japan and South Korea from 15 December 2021), and reduced quarantine requirements in some jurisdictions have increased the demand for Visitor visas.
- This report should be read in conjunction with <u>The Administration of the Immigration and Citizenship</u> <u>Programs</u>.

1 Applications lodged

In the first half of 2021-22, 220,222 Visitor visa (Tourist and Business) applications were lodged; up 120.9 per cent compared to the same period in 2020-21.

India was the largest source country for Visitor visa lodgements during the first half of the 2021-22 program year with 53,864 lodgements (up 153.7 per cent compared to the same period in 2020-21), ahead of the United Kingdom (up 396.1 per cent to 29,734) and China (down 21 per cent to 18,185).

Tourist

Tourist visas accounted for the majority of Visitor visa applications lodged during the first half of the 2021-22 program year, with 195,852 applications.

The top three source countries for Tourist Visitor visa applications were:

- 1. India (up 157 per cent to 52,200)
- 2. UK (up 418.7 per cent to 29,016)
- 3. China (down 18.6 per cent to 14,613).

Business

During the first half of the 2021-22 program year, a total of 24,370 Business Visitor visa applications were lodged, up 19.3 per cent compared to same period in 2020-21. The top three source countries for Business visitor visa applications were:

- 1. China (down 29.3 per cent to 3,572)
- 2. Korea, South (up 99.1 per cent to 2,971)
- 3. Singapore (down 17.3 per cent to 2,571).

Executive Summary - continued

2 Visas granted

Tourist

In the 2020-21 program year, 156,742 Tourist Visitor visas were granted; a 142.4 per cent increase compared to the same period in 2020-21 (64,656).

The majority of Tourist Visitor visa grants were for the subclass 600 (Visitor) visa (78,206). This category includes visa grants to applicants already in Australia.

The top three countries for Tourist visa grants were:

- 1. India (up 146 per cent to 37,126)
- 2. United Kingdom (up 774.9 per cent to 31,349)
- 3. China (down 17.9 per cent to 10,714).

Business

In the first half of the 2021-22 program year, 23,285 Business Visitor visas were granted; a 543.1 per cent increase compared to the same period in 2020-21 (3,621).

The top three countries for Business Visitor visa grants were:

- 1. China (up 5413.8 per cent to 3,584)
- 2. Korea, South (up 13404.5 per cent to 2,971)
- 3. Singapore (up 3322.7 per cent to 2,567).

The increase in Business Visitor visa grants in the first half of the 2021-22 program year was associated with the increase in Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Travel card finalisations.

Sponsored Family Visitor

In the first half of 2021-22, 5,839 Sponsored Family Visitor visas were granted; up by 1,293.6 per cent compared to the same period in 2020-21 (419).

3 Grant rates

Grant rates are provided on a quarterly basis and since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Visitor visa grant rates have fluctuated due to lower visa finalisation rates, higher withdrawal rates and reprioritisation of visa caseloads (when compared to pre-COVID-19 pandemic reporting periods). Due to fluctuating lodgement rates and overall low finalisations in this reporting period, minimal weight should be given to the grant rate as a reflection of the caseload risk.

4 Processing times

Processing times are provided on a quarterly basis and are based on the age of applications finalised in a given period. Many applications finalised recently had been on-hand for some months while borders were closed. As borders reopen, and more people become eligible for travel, these applications are now being finalised.

The Department continues to prioritise finalisation of Visitor visa applications for travellers who are exempt from Australia's travel restrictions.

In the 1 October to 31 December 2021 quarter, Visitor processing times have decreased due to higher finalisation rates when compared to previous reporting periods in 2020 and 2021.

During the 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021 quarter:

- 75 per cent of Tourist Visitor visa applications were processed within 57 calendar days, compared to 149 days for the corresponding quarter in 2020;
- 75 per cent of Business Visitor visa applications were processed within 1 calendar day, compared to 8 days for the corresponding quarter in 2020.

5 Applications on hand

Due to COVID-19 some visa processing times have been affected and applications have taken longer to finalise. At 31 December 2021, both Tourist and Business Visitor visa on hand application figures were higher compared to the same time in 2020. The Department is continuing to prioritise Visitor visa applications for travellers who are exempt from Australia's travel restrictions.

6 Visa holders In Australia

On 31 December 2021, there were 66,582 Visitor (Tourist and Business) visa holders in Australia. This was a 15.3 per cent increase compared to 57,751 Visitor visa holders in Australia on 31 December 2020.

The subclass 600 (Visitor) visa comprised the largest cohort with 47,343 visa holders in Australia, followed by subclass 651 eVisitor with 11,503 visa holders, and subclass 601 ETA with 7,736 visa holders. It should be noted that subclass 600 is the only Visitor visa option for applicants already in Australia wanting to extend their stay.

7 Approved Destination Status (ADS)

Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, there were no Visitor visas lodged under the ADS scheme in the reporting period.

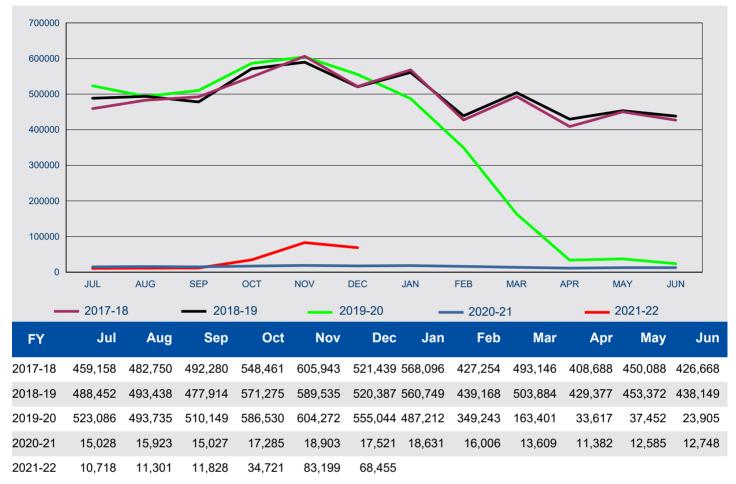
8 Arrivals

During the first half of the 2021-22 program year, there were 60,208 arrivals on Visitor (Tourist and Business) visas; a 317 per cent increase compared to the 2019-20 program year (14,438). Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, all Visitor visa arrivals in the first half of 2021-22 were in an exempt category, received an individual travel exemption, or travelled under the International Safe Travel Zone arrangements.

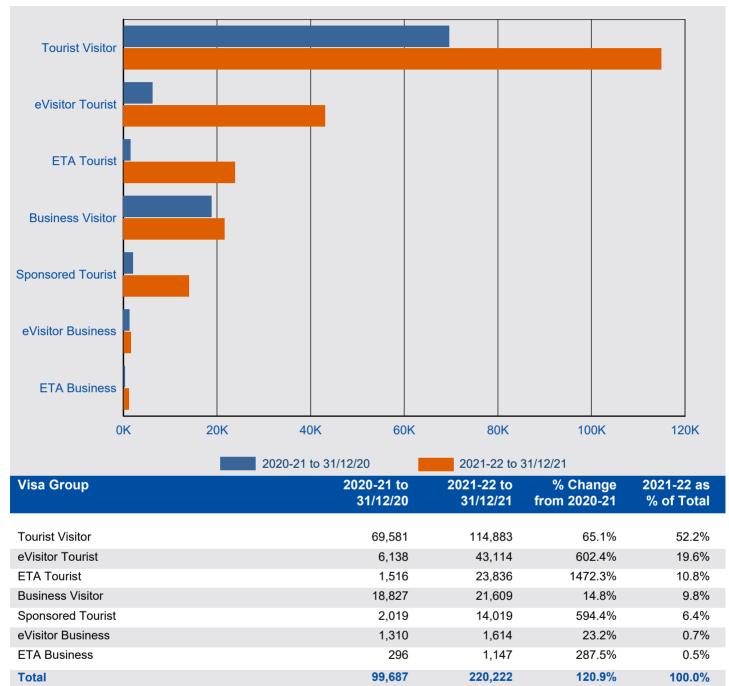
The top three countries for arrivals on Visitor visas were:

- 1. India (up 759.5 per cent to 10,752)
- 2. UK (up 511.9 per cent to 9,509)
- 3. Singapore (up 1233.1 per cent to 5,799

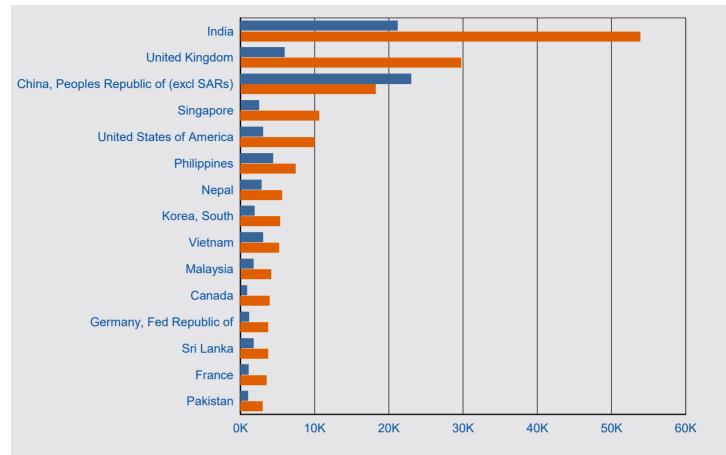
1.01 Number of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



1.02 Number of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year

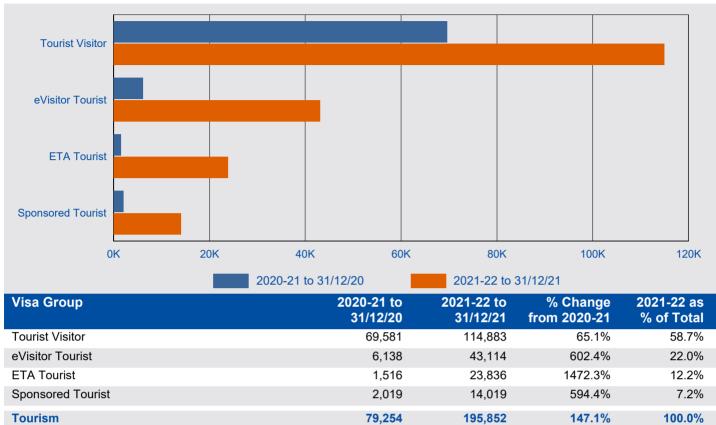


1.03 Number of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

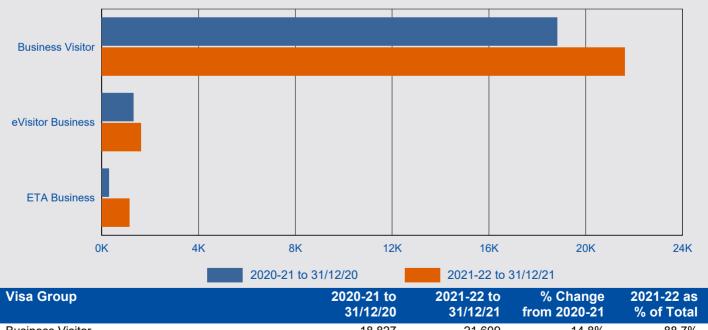


	2020-21 to 31/12/20	2021-22 to	31/12/21	
Citizenship Country	2020-21 to 31/12/20	2021-22 to 31/12/21	% Change from 2020-21	2021-22 as % of Total
India	21,233	53,864	153.7%	24.5%
United Kingdom	5,993	29,734	396.1%	13.5%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	23,011	18,185	-21.0%	8.3%
Singapore	2,511	10,606	322.4%	4.8%
United States of America	3,052	9,997	227.6%	4.5%
Philippines	4,382	7,442	69.8%	3.4%
Nepal	2,864	5,618	96.2%	2.6%
Korea, South	1,918	5,329	177.8%	2.4%
Vietnam	3,092	5,227	69.0%	2.4%
Malaysia	1,793	4,120	129.8%	1.9%
Canada	867	3,915	351.6%	1.8%
Germany, Fed Republic of	1,173	3,747	219.4%	1.7%
Sri Lanka	1,760	3,730	111.9%	1.7%
France	1,136	3,527	210.5%	1.6%
Pakistan	1,057	2,987	182.6%	1.4%
Other countries	23,845	52,194	118.9%	23.7%
Total	99,687	220,222	120.9%	100.0%

1.04 Number of Tourism Visitor visa applications lodged in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year

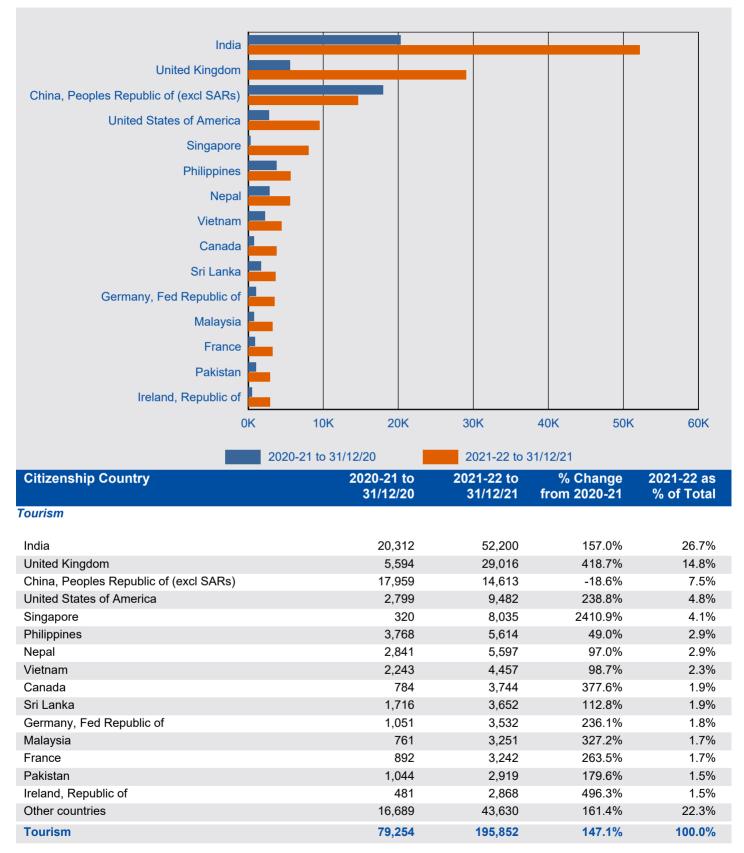


1.05 Number of Business Visitor visa applications lodged in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year

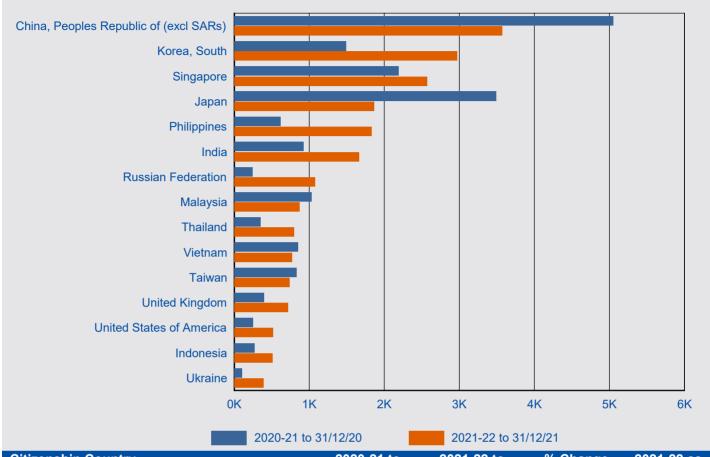


Business Visitor 18,827 21,609 14.8% 88.7% eVisitor Business 23.2% 6.6% 1,310 1,614 **ETA Business** 287.5% 4.7% 296 1,147 **Business** 20,433 24,370 19.3% 100.0%

1.06 Number of Tourism Visitor visa applications lodged in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



1.07 Number of All Business Visitor visa applications lodged in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



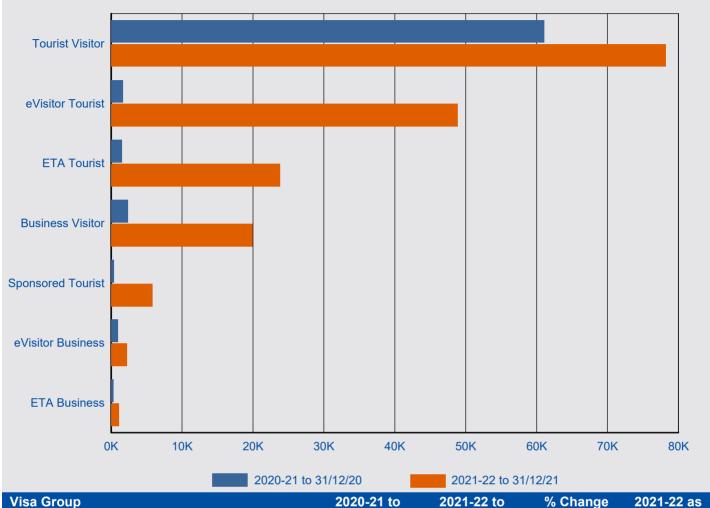
Citizenship Country	2020-21 to 31/12/20	2021-22 to 31/12/21	% Change from 2020-21	2021-22 as % of Total
All Business				
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	5,052	3,572	-29.3%	14.7%
Korea, South	1,492	2,971	99.1%	12.2%
Singapore	2,191	2,571	17.3%	10.5%
Japan	3,491	1,867	-46.5%	7.7%
Philippines	614	1,828	197.7%	7.5%
India	921	1,664	80.7%	6.8%
Russian Federation	248	1,081	335.9%	4.4%
Malaysia	1,032	869	-15.8%	3.6%
Thailand	349	795	127.8%	3.3%
Vietnam	849	770	-9.3%	3.2%
Taiwan	834	734	-12.0%	3.0%
United Kingdom	399	718	79.9%	2.9%
United States of America	253	515	103.6%	2.1%
Indonesia	269	512	90.3%	2.1%
Ukraine	107	389	263.6%	1.6%
Other countries	2,332	3,514	50.7%	14.4%
All Business	20,433	24,370	19.3%	100.0%

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2.01 Number of Visitor visa applications granted in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 by month - comparison with previous four financial years

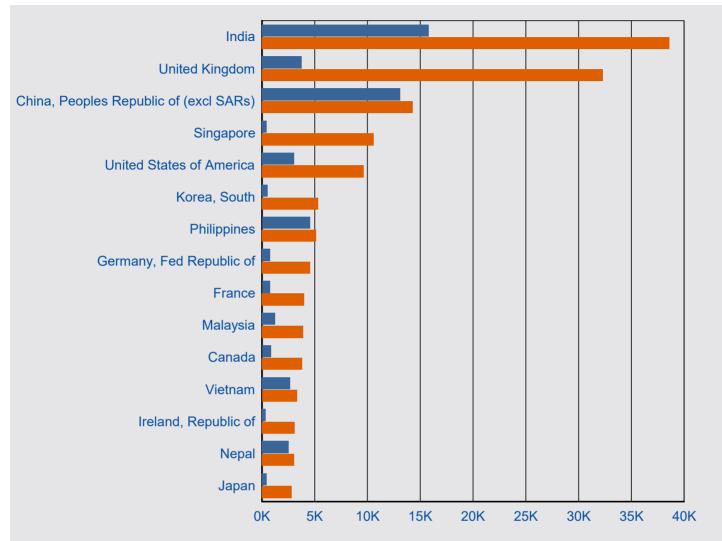


2.02 Number of Visitor visa applications granted in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year



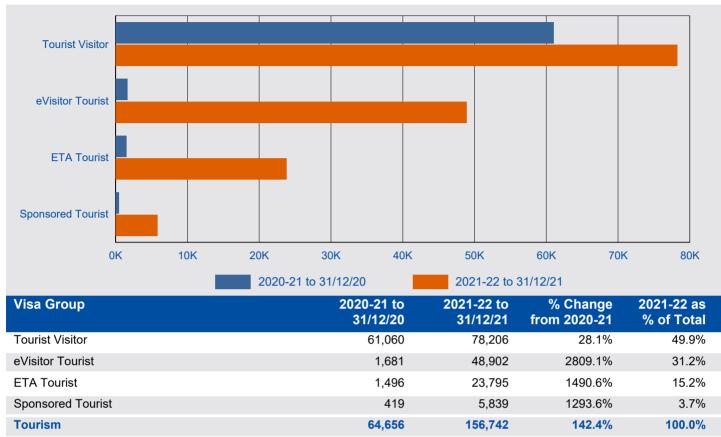
Visa Group	2020-21 to 31/12/20	2021-22 to 31/12/21	% Change from 2020-21	2021-22 as % of Total
Tourist Visitor	61,060	78,206	28.1%	43.4%
eVisitor Tourist	1,681	48,902	2809.1%	27.2%
ETA Tourist	1,496	23,795	1490.6%	13.2%
Business Visitor	2,360	19,928	744.4%	11.1%
Sponsored Tourist	419	5,839	1293.6%	3.2%
eVisitor Business	968	2,217	129.0%	1.2%
ETA Business	293	1,140	289.1%	0.6%
Total	68,277	180,027	163.7%	100.0%

2.03 Number of Visitor visa applications granted in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

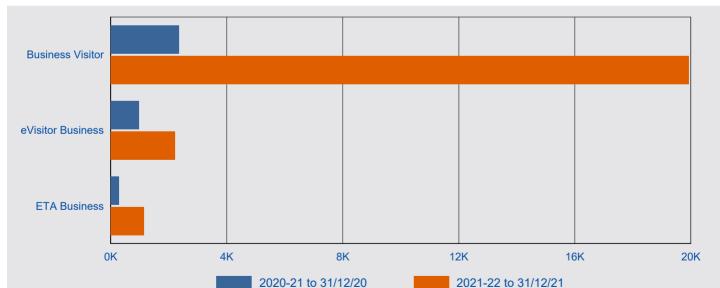


	2020-21 to 31/12/20	2021-22 to 3	31/12/21	
Citizenship Country	2020-21 to 31/12/20	2021-22 to 31/12/21	% Change from 2020-21	2021-22 as % of Total
India	15,814	38,624	144.2%	21.5%
United Kingdom	3,749	32,299	761.5%	17.9%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	13,116	14,298	9.0%	7.9%
Singapore	439	10,583	2310.7%	5.9%
United States of America	3,052	9,651	216.2%	5.4%
Korea, South	556	5,332	859.0%	3.0%
Philippines	4,548	5,150	13.2%	2.9%
Germany, Fed Republic of	778	4,583	489.1%	2.5%
France	756	4,027	432.7%	2.2%
Malaysia	1,257	3,915	211.5%	2.2%
Canada	858	3,809	343.9%	2.1%
Vietnam	2,699	3,310	22.6%	1.8%
Ireland, Republic of	365	3,083	744.7%	1.7%
Nepal	2,528	3,037	20.1%	1.7%
Japan	437	2,811	543.2%	1.6%
Other countries	17,325	35,515	105.0%	19.7%
Total	68,277	180,027	163.7%	100.0%

2.04 Number of Tourism Visitor visa applications granted in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year

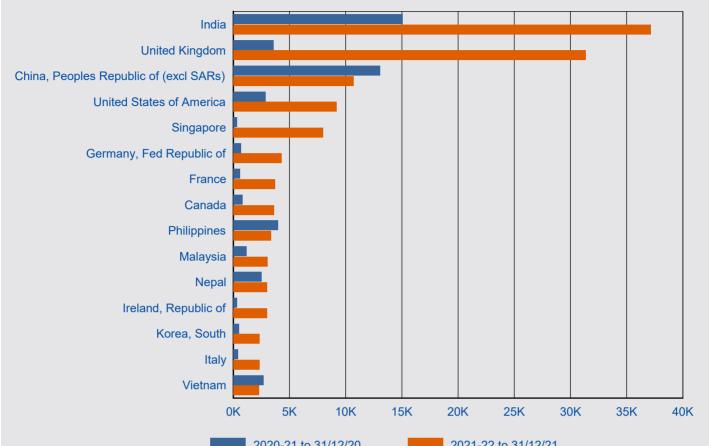


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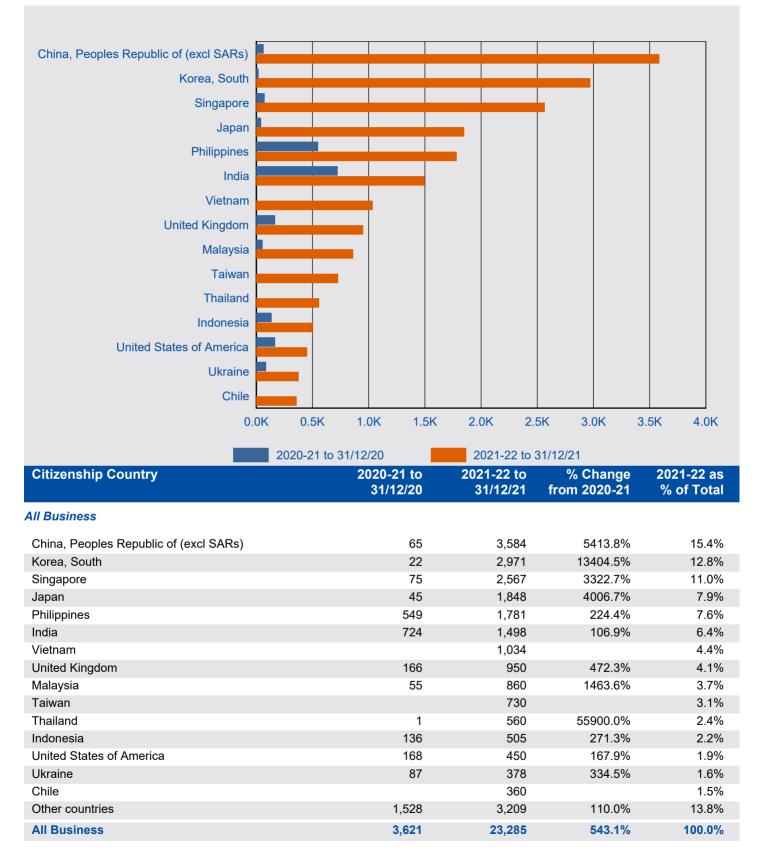
Visa Group 2020-21 to 2021-22 to % Change 2021-22 as from 2020-21 % of Total 31/12/20 31/12/21 **Business Visitor** 19.928 744.4% 85.6% 2,360 eVisitor Business 968 2,217 129.0% 9.5% **ETA Business** 289.1% 293 1,140 4.9% **Business** 3,621 23,285 543.1% 100.0%

2.06 Number of Tourism Visitor visa applications granted in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



	2020-21 to 31/12/20	2021-22 to	31/12/21	
Citizenship Country	2020-21 to 31/12/20	2021-22 to 31/12/21	% Change from 2020-21	2021-22 as % of Total
Tourism				
India	15,090	37,126	146.0%	23.7%
United Kingdom	3,583	31,349	774.9%	20.0%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	13,051	10,714	-17.9%	6.8%
United States of America	2,884	9,201	219.0%	5.9%
Singapore	364	8,016	2102.2%	5.1%
Germany, Fed Republic of	714	4,305	502.9%	2.7%
France	598	3,705	519.6%	2.4%
Canada	817	3,655	347.4%	2.3%
Philippines	3,999	3,369	-15.8%	2.1%
Malaysia	1,202	3,055	154.2%	1.9%
Nepal	2,526	3,027	19.8%	1.9%
Ireland, Republic of	344	3,009	774.7%	1.9%
Korea, South	534	2,361	342.1%	1.5%
Italy	442	2,360	433.9%	1.5%
Vietnam	2,699	2,276	-15.7%	1.5%
Other countries	15,809	29,214	84.8%	18.6%
Tourism	64,656	156,742	142.4%	100.0%

2.07 Number of All Business Visitor visa applications granted in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



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A grant rate is defined as:

Number of grants

— x 100

Number of decisions

where the number of decisions equals the number of grants plus the number of refusals.

A grant rate of 0.00% indicates that no applications were decided during the reporting period.

3.01 Grant rate of Visitor visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2021 and 31 December 2021 by visa group - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Group	01/10/20 to 31/12/20	01/01/21 to 31/03/21	01/04/21 to 30/06/21	01/07/21 to 30/09/21	01/10/21 to 31/12/21
Business					
Business Visitor	95.4%	93.0%	99.7%	95.0%	95.2%
ETA Business	98.0%	100.0%	99.3%	100.0%	99.4%
eVisitor Business	92.8%	81.8%	95.3%	87.1%	97.7%
All Business	95.3%	92.1%	99.6%	94.9%	95.8%
Tourism					
ETA Tourist	99.6%	99.3%	99.3%	97.1%	99.9%
eVisitor Tourist	89.2%	92.9%	96.8%	97.6%	99.4%
Sponsored Tourist	85.4%	94.5%	82.3%	82.3%	98.1%
Tourist Visitor	78.6%	85.9%	92.8%	87.5%	95.2%
All Tourism	80.1%	87.1%	93.7%	88.5%	97.5%
All	81.1%	87.6%	97.2%	90.5%	97.4%

3.02 Grant rate for Tourist Visitor (600, 676) visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2021 and 31 December 2021 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/20 to 31/12/20	01/01/21 to 31/03/21	01/04/21 to 30/06/21	01/07/21 to 30/09/21	01/10/21 to 31/12/21
India	79.5%	81.2%	94.9%	89.9%	97.7%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	92.2%	93.5%	94.1%	82.0%	94.9%
United Kingdom	62.8%	88.3%	88.3%	86.2%	96.7%
Nepal	85.6%	85.3%	93.1%	91.0%	96.1%
Philippines	75.2%	87.6%	96.6%	95.8%	94.7%
United States of America	74.4%	81.8%	85.1%	85.7%	95.6%
Vietnam	86.9%	88.8%	96.0%	93.4%	94.9%
Indonesia	57.6%	88.1%	94.0%	66.8%	93.3%
Sri Lanka	78.5%	67.2%	77.4%	74.9%	96.3%
South Africa	76.6%	89.5%	92.8%	89.4%	98.0%
Brazil	65.9%	78.4%	91.9%	92.9%	99.1%
Bangladesh	79.5%	83.2%	92.2%	86.5%	95.6%
Iran	83.5%	94.1%	94.9%	95.7%	96.1%
Canada	71.0%	91.9%	93.1%	93.8%	97.0%
Pakistan	62.0%	90.0%	91.0%	92.3%	93.8%
Other countries	66.9%	83.1%	89.3%	88.2%	86.6%
All Tourist Visitor (600, 676)	78.6%	85.9%	92.8%	87.5%	95.2%

3.03 Grant rate for Sponsored Tourist (600) visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2021 and 31 December 2021 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/20 to 31/12/20	01/01/21 to 31/03/21	01/04/21 to 30/06/21	01/07/21 to 30/09/21	01/10/21 to 31/12/21
India	92.0%	93.8%	94.6%	95.3%	98.8%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	100.0%	100.0%	90.9%	100.0%	97.4%
Pakistan	63.6%	92.3%	55.6%	73.3%	96.1%
Bangladesh	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	98.1%
Nepal	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	50.0%	99.6%
Vietnam	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	88.9%	99.0%
Sri Lanka	83.3%	100.0%	93.8%	100.0%	98.9%
Iran	66.7%	100.0%	100.0%	87.5%	98.6%
Philippines	88.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.3%
Indonesia	87.5%	88.9%	87.5%	100.0%	98.2%
United Kingdom	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Egypt	25.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	95.5%
Lebanon	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	87.5%	91.3%
Colombia	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
South Africa	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Other countries	83.3%	91.9%	67.8%	61.3%	94.8%
All Sponsored Tourist (600)	85.4%	94.5%	82.3%	82.3%	98.1%

3.04 Grant rate for Business Visitor (600) visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2021 and 31 December 2021 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/20 to 31/12/20	01/01/21 to 31/03/21	01/04/21 to 30/06/21	01/07/21 to 30/09/21	01/10/21 to 31/12/21
Singapore	0.0%	100.0%	99.9%	96.6%	98.4%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	100.0%	95.7%	99.9%	96.2%	90.5%
Korea, South	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.8%	99.4%
Japan	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	98.5%	99.8%
Philippines	97.0%	99.2%	100.0%	99.6%	98.3%
Vietnam	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.6%	94.0%
Malaysia	100.0%	66.7%	99.8%	97.2%	96.8%
India	96.3%	91.8%	99.3%	94.9%	97.7%
Thailand	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	99.0%	97.8%
Taiwan	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	98.2%
Chile	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	98.8%	98.5%
Ukraine	100.0%	99.1%	100.0%	99.4%	99.0%
Indonesia	100.0%	94.9%	99.4%	87.3%	69.1%
United Kingdom	100.0%	100.0%	99.3%	97.6%	94.0%
Peru	100.0%	100.0%	99.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Other countries	91.9%	82.8%	94.1%	75.2%	81.1%
All Business Visitor (600)	95.4%	93.0%	99.7%	95.0%	95.2%

3.05 Grant rate for subclass 651 eVisitor visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2021 and 31 December 2021 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/20 to 31/12/20	01/01/21 to 31/03/21	01/04/21 to 30/06/21	01/07/21 to 30/09/21	01/10/21 to 31/12/21
Andorra	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Austria	80.0%	100.0%	100.0%	90.9%	98.9%
Belgium	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.1%
Bulgaria	91.7%	95.8%	87.5%	97.1%	99.2%
Croatia	92.1%	75.7%	92.5%	88.5%	98.3%
Cyprus	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	96.2%
Czechia	100.0%	91.3%	98.3%	78.6%	99.7%
Denmark	90.9%	63.6%	96.4%	100.0%	99.1%
Estonia	100.0%	100.0%	90.9%	100.0%	100.0%
Finland	77.8%	92.3%	100.0%	93.8%	99.6%
France	97.0%	97.8%	97.5%	96.4%	99.4%
Germany, Fed Republic of	91.6%	93.6%	97.9%	93.1%	99.3%
Greece	88.9%	78.3%	97.9%	80.0%	98.4%
Hungary	77.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Iceland	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Ireland, Republic of	97.1%	90.4%	97.0%	98.4%	99.2%
Italy	93.8%	92.9%	97.0%	95.2%	99.6%
Latvia	100.0%	80.0%	88.9%	100.0%	96.4%
Liechtenstein	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Lithuania	100.0%	91.7%	94.1%	100.0%	100.0%
Luxembourg	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Malta	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	97.9%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	95.3%	96.7%	99.2%	94.8%	99.7%
Norway	92.9%	80.0%	95.8%	100.0%	98.6%
Poland	77.5%	72.0%	92.2%	75.6%	99.3%
Portugal	83.3%	88.2%	100.0%	100.0%	99.4%
Romania	90.5%	91.3%	95.7%	96.3%	96.6%
Slovakia	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Slovenia	100.0%	100.0%	80.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Spain	91.2%	83.3%	94.8%	100.0%	99.3%
Sweden	92.9%	93.8%	100.0%	100.0%	99.6%
Switzerland	93.8%	95.0%	97.4%	93.3%	99.5%
United Kingdom	89.4%	92.0%	96.4%	97.5%	99.5%
Vatican City State Holy See	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
All	90.8%	90.9%	96.7%	95.6%	99.4%

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4 Processing times

This section contains information on 25, 50 and 75 percentile processing times for visitor visa applications.

In general terms:

- 25 percentile means that 25 per cent of applications granted during the period were processed within the number of days shown in the tables. Conversely, 75 per cent took longer than the number of days shown. This measure gives an indication of how long it is taking to process the more straight-forward visitor visa applications.
- 50 percentile more commonly known as the median, it means that 50 per cent of applications granted during the period were processed within the number of days shown in the tables. Conversely, 50 per cent took longer than the number of days shown. This measure gives an indication of how long it is taking to process the typical visitor visa applications.
- 75 percentile means that 75 per cent of applications granted during the period were processed within the number of days shown in the tables. Conversely, 25 per cent took longer than the number of days shown. This measure gives an indication of how long it is taking to process the more complex visitor visa applications.

Note: The calculation of days between lodged and grant date has been adjusted to ensure compatibility with the new database.

4 Processing times

4.01 Processing time (in calendar days) for Tourist Visitor (600, 676) visa applications granted in the 3 month period between

1 October 2021 and 31 D	ecember 2021 by citizensh	ip country - com	parison with	previous four p	periods
Citizenship country	Percentile	1/10/20 to	1/01/21 to	1/04/21 to	1/07/21 to

Citizenship country	Percentile	1/10/20 to 31/12/20	1/01/21 to 31/03/21	1/04/21 to 30/06/21	1/07/21 to 30/09/21	1/10/21 to 31/12/21
India	25th percentile	72	86	89	8	15
	50th percentile	109	96	120	114	25
	75th percentile	154	150	175	195	43
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	25th percentile	63	86	87	8	12
	50th percentile	83	94	108	62	19
	75th percentile	136	128	161	201	41
United Kingdom	25th percentile	32	44	38	13	3
	50th percentile	80	91	96	81	16
	75th percentile	147	139	139	177	50
Nepal	25th percentile	61	85	88	9	21
	50th percentile	82	92	98	60	28
	75th percentile	132	102	129	195	65
Philippines	25th percentile	55	77	19	7	9
	50th percentile	105	95	98	69	24
	75th percentile	160	158	162	203	63
United States of	25th percentile	16	14	13	15	0
America	50th percentile	37	78	93	86	16
	75th percentile	101	102	141	213	189
Vietnam	25th percentile	70	86	89	18	24
	50th percentile	125	97	100	134	35
	75th percentile	167	178	146	206	239
Indonesia	25th percentile	25	55	64	13	3
	50th percentile	88	93	92	59	7
	75th percentile	161	131	114	164	40
Sri Lanka	25th percentile	78	88	93	48	23
	50th percentile	132	120	145	198	40
	75th percentile	170	188	211	268	263
South Africa	25th percentile	26	31	15	19	17
	50th percentile	111	85	21	43	30
	75th percentile	179	142	106	195	162
Other countries	25th percentile	49	67	32	14	10
	50th percentile	81	93	98	105	24
	75th percentile	148	133	146	210	125
All	25th percentile	61	84	80	9	13
	50th percentile	92	94	104	89	24
	75th percentile	149	136	160	201	57

4 Processing times

4.02 Processing time (in calendar days) for Business Visitor (456, 600) visa applications granted in the 3 month period between 1. October 2021 and 31 December 2021 by citizenship country - comparison with providus four periods

1 October 2021 and 31 E	December 2021 by citiz	enship country - co	mparison with p	previous four p	eriods	
Citizenship country	Percentile	1/10/20 to 31/12/20	1/01/21 to 31/03/21	1/04/21 to 30/06/21	1/07/21 to 30/09/21	1/10/21 to 31/12/21
Singapore	25th percentile		305	91	0	0
	50th percentile		309	208	0	0
	75th percentile		314	313	0	0
China, Peoples Republic of (excl	25th percentile	3	5	117	0	0
	50th percentile	3	88	263	0	0
SARs)	75th percentile	7	328	363	0	0
Korea, South	25th percentile		224	70	0	0
	50th percentile		239	231	0	0
	75th percentile		307	373	0	0
Japan	25th percentile	3	40	154	0	0
	50th percentile	4	228	255	0	0
	75th percentile	10	240	309	0	0
Philippines	25th percentile	2	1	1	1	1
	50th percentile	3	3	1	2	1
	75th percentile	7	5	4	4	3
Vietnam	25th percentile		3	111	0	0
	50th percentile		5	244	0	0
	75th percentile		13	325	0	274
Malaysia	25th percentile	2	4	91	0	0
	50th percentile	2	6	209	0	0
	75th percentile	7	8	216	8	0
India	25th percentile	1	1	1	1	1
	50th percentile	3	2	4	2	1
	75th percentile	5	5	106	5	3
Thailand	25th percentile	18		50	0	0
	50th percentile	18		193	0	0
	75th percentile	18		329	0	0
Taiwan	25th percentile		314	171	0	0
	50th percentile		315	322	0	0
	75th percentile		324	377	0	0
Other countries	25th percentile	3	2	8	1	1
	50th percentile	7	8	98	2	1
	75th percentile	214	170	262	6	7
All	25th percentile	2	1	85	0	0
	50th percentile	4	4	230	0	0
	75th percentile	8	9	342	3	1

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5 Applications on hand

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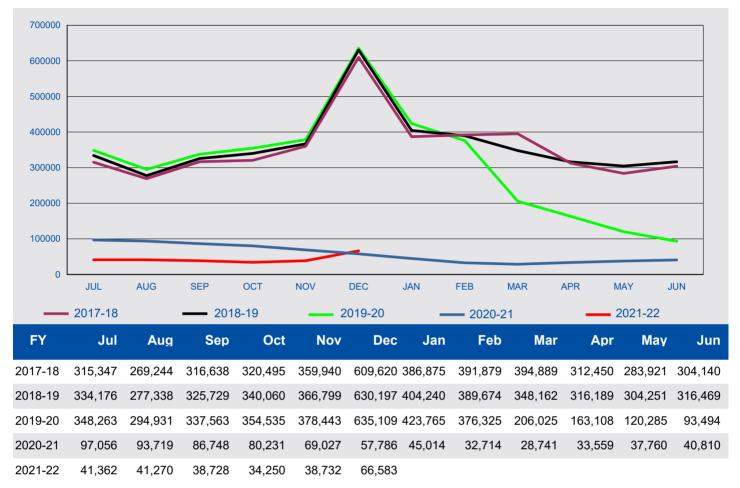
5.01 Number of Visitor visa applications on hand at 31 December 2021 by visa group - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Group	On hand at 31/12/20	On hand at 31/03/21	On hand at 30/06/21	On hand at 30/09/21	On hand at 31/12/21
Tourism					
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Tourist Visitor	90 881	96 238	83 179	78 947	107 793
ETA Tourist	307	317	326	324	336
eVisitor Tourist	8 427	10 234	12 233	13 887	5 924
Sponsored Tourist	7 056	7 592	8 278	9 761	15 518
Tourism	106 671	114 381	104 016	102 919	129 571
Business					
Business Visitor	2 771	2 775	3 003	2 981	3 725
ETA Business	17	17	17	17	19
eVisitor Business	776	876	1 142	1 308	405
Sponsored Business	0	0	0	0	0
Business	3 564	3 668	4 162	4 306	4 149
Total	110 235	118 049	108 178	107 225	133 720

6 Visa holders in Australia

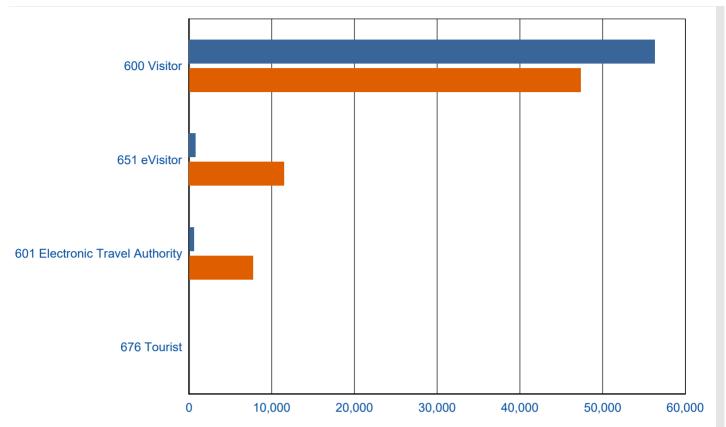
6 Visa holders in Australia

6.01 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia at the end of each month in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



6 Visa holders in Australia

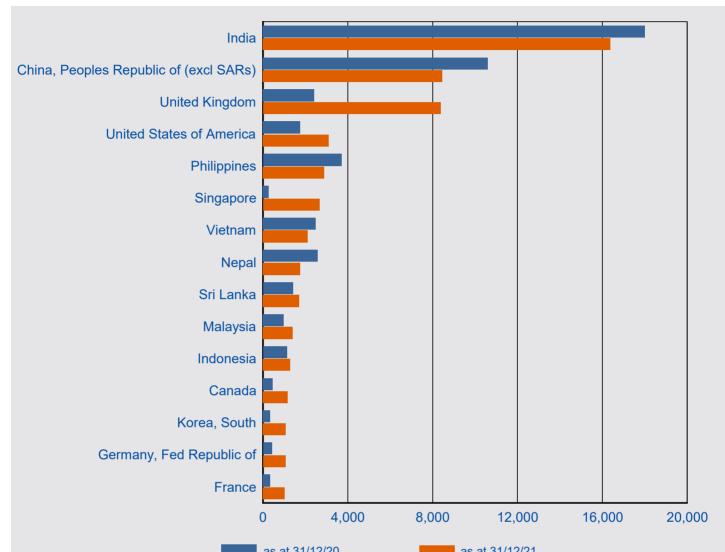
6.02 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia as at 31 December 2021 by visa subclass - comparison with same date in previous year



	as at 31/12/20		as at 31/12/	21	
Visa Subclass	5	as at 31/12/20	as at 31/12/21	% Change from 31/12/20	31/12/21 as % of Total
600 Visitor	5	56,326.00	47,343.00	-15.9%	71.1%
651 eVisitor		816.00	11,503.00	1309.7%	17.3%
601 Electronic Travel Authority		603.00	7,736.00	1182.9%	11.6%
676 Tourist		6.00	0	-100.0%	0.0%
Total		57,751	66,582	15.3%	100.0%

6 Visa holders in Australia

6.03 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia as at 31 December 2021 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

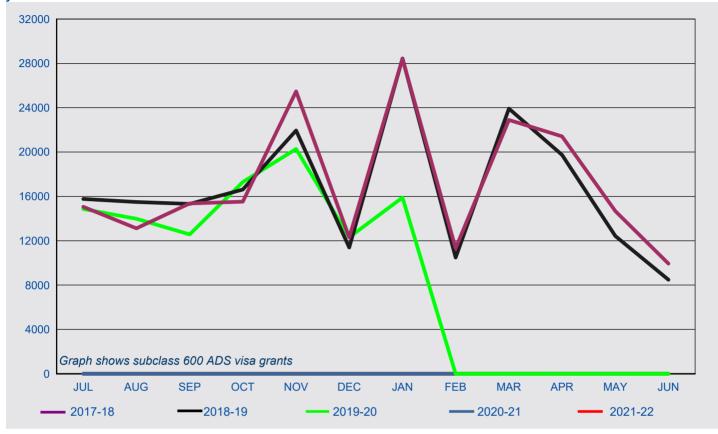


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Citizenship Country	as at 31/12/20	as at 31/12/21	% Change from 31/12/20	31/12/21 as % of Total
India	18,000	16,380	-9.0%	24.6%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	10,604	8,453	-20.3%	12.7%
United Kingdom	2,412	8,369	247.0%	12.6%
United States of America	1,760	3,107	76.5%	4.7%
Philippines	3,701	2,901	-21.6%	4.4%
Singapore	280	2,662	850.7%	4.0%
Vietnam	2,490	2,118	-14.9%	3.2%
Nepal	2,587	1,756	-32.1%	2.6%
Sri Lanka	1,415	1,710	20.8%	2.6%
Malaysia	981	1,399	42.6%	2.1%
Indonesia	1,132	1,278	12.9%	1.9%
Canada	467	1,158	148.0%	1.7%
Korea, South	342	1,067	212.0%	1.6%
Germany, Fed Republic of	420	1,062	152.9%	1.6%
France	348	1,030	196.0%	1.5%
Other countries	10,847	12,133	11.9%	18.2%
Total	57,786	66,583	15.2%	100.0%

7 Approved Destination Status (ADS)

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7.01 Number of subclass 600 visa applications granted in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 under the tourism ADS stream where the citizenship country is Peoples Republic of China (PRC) by visa type - comparison with previous four financial years

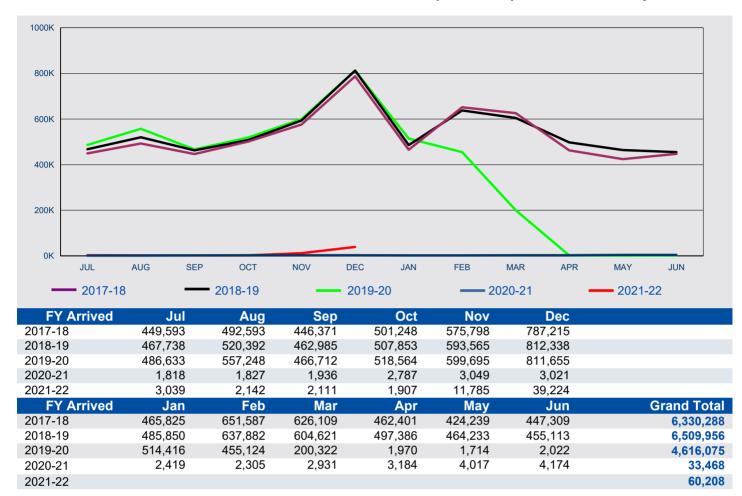


subclass 600 ADS for PRC

FY Granted	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Total
2017-18	15,066	13,124	15,368	15,521	25,480	12,301	28,409	11,323	22,891	21,412	14,679	9,931	205,505
2018-19	15,774	15,489	15,323	16,615	21,940	11,390	28,438	10,480	23,925	19,748	12,432	8,484	200,038
2019-20	14,862	13,988	12,577	17,299	20,276	12,315	15,902	0	0	0	0	0	107,219
2020-21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021-22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



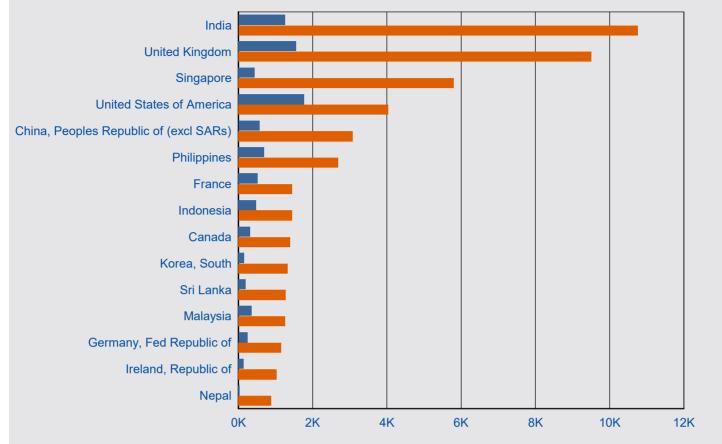
8 Arrivals



8.01 Number of Visitor visa arrivals in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 - comparison with previous four financial years

8 Arrivals

8.02 Number of Visitor visa arrivals in 2021-22 to 31 December 2021 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



2020-21 to 31/12/20

21-22	to 3	51/1	2/21	
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Citizenship Country	2020-21 to 31/12/20	2021-22 to 31/12/21	% Change from 2020-21	2021-22 as % of Total
India	1,251	10,752	759.5%	17.9%
United Kingdom	1,554	9,509	511.9%	15.8%
Singapore	435	5,799	1233.1%	9.6%
United States of America	1,768	4,042	128.6%	6.7%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	566	3,081	444.3%	5.1%
Philippines	690	2,690	289.9%	4.5%
France	521	1,450	178.3%	2.4%
Indonesia	478	1,441	201.5%	2.4%
Canada	317	1,396	340.4%	2.3%
Korea, South	157	1,327	745.2%	2.2%
Sri Lanka	193	1,271	558.5%	2.1%
Malaysia	356	1,264	255.1%	2.1%
Germany, Fed Republic of	241	1,150	377.2%	1.9%
Ireland, Republic of	145	1,032	611.7%	1.7%
Nepal	34	882	2494.1%	1.5%
Other countries	5,732	13,122	128.9%	21.8%
Total	14,438	60,208	317.0%	100.0%