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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: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/statistics/visa-statistics/visit>

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: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing>

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

Enquiries

Any comments or enquiries concerning this report should be sent to statistical.coordination@homeaffairs.gov.au quoting Report Id BR0112.

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.

1. **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 Australian ETAapp. 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/visa-listing/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>
 - o **Tourist stream.** This stream of the Visitor visa allows people to enter or remain in Australia for tourism purposes. Applications can be made online.
 - o **Business Visitor stream.** This stream allows people to enter Australia for business visitor purposes. Applications can be made online.
 - o **Sponsored Family stream.** This stream allows people who are sponsored, usually by a family member, to enter Australia to visit family. This stream has 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.
 - o **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.
 - o **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 initial 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:

<http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/access-accountability/service-standards/global-visa-citizenship-processing-times>

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.

Executive Summary

Key Points

- This executive summary covers the Tourism and Business group¹ Visitor visa statistics for the Visitor visa program for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022. The terminology used in this executive summary to describe Tourism and Business stream visas and subclasses are referenced on pages 3-4 of this report. Figures referred to in this report include applications made in and outside of Australia. It should be noted that subclass 600 (Tourist stream) is the only Visitor visa option for applicants already in Australia.
- Since the initial re-opening of Australia's borders in October 2021, and subsequent changes, the demand for Visitor visas continues to increase and impact the Visitor visa program in the 2022-23 program year. The Department has been prioritising the processing of Visitor visa applications lodged outside Australia to ensure the Visitor program is able to respond to the increasing Visitor visa application lodgement rate.
- From 6 July 2022, all Australian border restrictions were lifted to allow international travellers to Australia regardless of vaccination status. Despite the increasing demand on Visitor visas, remaining travel restrictions by a number of source countries impacted the timeframe for the Visitor visa application lodgement rate to return to pre-pandemic levels.
- Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and international travel restrictions, China was Australia's largest source country for visitors. Although China announced the re-opening of its borders from January 2023, flights to Australia remain at lower levels than prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, travel costs are higher, timeframes for issuance of Chinese passports are extended and Australia has not yet regained an Approved Destination Status (ADS). The Department anticipates that it will take some time before Chinese visitor visa lodgements return to pre-pandemic levels.
- The processing of on-hand visa applications is a government priority to clear visa backlogs and reduce processing times.
- This report should be read in conjunction with [The Administration of the Immigration and Citizenship Programs](#).

1 Applications lodged

In the first half of 2022-23 program year, 1,940,208 Visitor visa (Tourism and Business group) applications were lodged; up 782.0 per cent compared to the same period in 2021-22 program year.

The United Kingdom was the largest source country for Visitor visa lodgments during the first half of 2022-23 program year with 261,886 lodgments (up 777.5 per cent compared to the same period in 2021-22), ahead of India (up 355.8 per cent to 245,193) and the United States of America (up 2091.7 per cent to 221,186).

Tourism

The Tourism group accounted for the majority of Visitor visa applications lodged during the first half of the 2022-23 program year, with 689,194 applications. This was an increase of 782 per cent compared to the same period in the 2021-22 program year.

The top three source countries for Visitor visa applications in the Tourism group were:

1. UK (up 754.3 per cent to 248,783)
2. India (up 334.9 per cent to 226,724)
3. USA (up 1989.2 per cent to 199,850).

Business

During the first half of 2022-23 program year, a total of 195,924 Visitor visa applications in the Business Group were lodged; up 705.0 per cent compared to the same period in 2021-22.

The top three source countries for Visitor visa applications in the Business Group were:

1. USA (up 3958.3 per cent to 21,336)
2. India (up 1011.3 per cent to 18,469)
3. Singapore (up 511.2 per cent to 15,769).

¹ Tourism group and Business group refers to statistical reporting terminology only and is not reflective of visa terminology in the *Migration Regulations 1994*.

Executive Summary - continued

2 Visas granted

Tourism

In the first half of 2022-23 program year, 1,657,213 Visitor visas in the Tourism group were granted; an increase of 956.0 per cent compared to the same period in 2021-22 program year (156,930).

The top three countries for Visitor visa grants in the Tourism group were:

1. UK (up 688.7 per cent to 247,272)
2. USA (up 2050.5 per cent to 198,882)
3. India (up 388.6 per cent to 181,383).

Business

In the first half of 2022-23 program year, 184,510 Visitor visas in the Business group were granted; an increase by 691.0 per cent compared to the same period in 2021-22 program year (23,325).

The top three countries for Visitor visa grants in the Business group were:

1. USA (up 4505.7 per cent to 21,186)
2. India (up 1017.5 per cent to 16,740)
3. Singapore (up 500.0 per cent to 15,456).

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.

With lodgement rates and overall finalisations remaining lower for the 2022-23 program year, when compared to pre-pandemic reporting periods, 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 specific time period.

Visa processing times can vary due to individual circumstances, the quality and completeness of applications and whether further information is required.

Focus on clearing the visa backlog, and finalising older applications, has temporarily impacted processing times.

Visitor visa processing times have continued to trend down as the visa backlog is cleared and more recent visa applications are finalised.

During the 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022 quarter:

- 75 per cent of Visitor visa applications in the Tourism group were processed within 27 calendar days, compared to 57 days for the corresponding quarter in 2021;
- 75 per cent of Visitor visa applications in the Business group were processed within 8 calendar days, compared to 1 day for the corresponding quarter in 2021.

5 Applications on hand

Since the remaining border restrictions were lifted from 6 July 2022, demand for Visitor visas has continued to increase and the Department has been prioritising the processing of on hand Visitor visa applications. As at 31 December 2022:

- 79,057 Visitor visa applications in the Tourism group were on hand, compared to 131,869 at 31 December 2021;
- 8,172 Visitor visa applications in the Business group were on hand, compared to 5,414 at 31 December 2021.

6 Visa holders in Australia

On 31 December 2022, there were 530,283 Visitor (Tourism and Business group) visa holders in Australia. This was a 696.4 per cent increase compared to 66,582 Visitor visa holders in Australia on 31 December 2021.

The Visitor (subclass 600) visa comprised the largest cohort with 300,310 visa holders in Australia, followed by the eVisitor (subclass 651) visa with 139,586 visa holders, and the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) (subclass 601) with 90,387 visa holders. The subclass 600 visa is the only Visitor visa option for applicants already in Australia wanting to extend their stay.

7 Approved Destination Status (ADS)

The ADS scheme has not re-commenced following the lifting of international travel restrictions. Consequently, there were no Visitor visas lodged under the ADS scheme in the reporting period.

8 Arrivals

During the first half of 2022-23 program year, there were 1,664,174 arrivals on Visitor (Tourism and Business group) visas; a 2658.1 per cent increase compared to the same period of the 2021-22 program year (60,338).

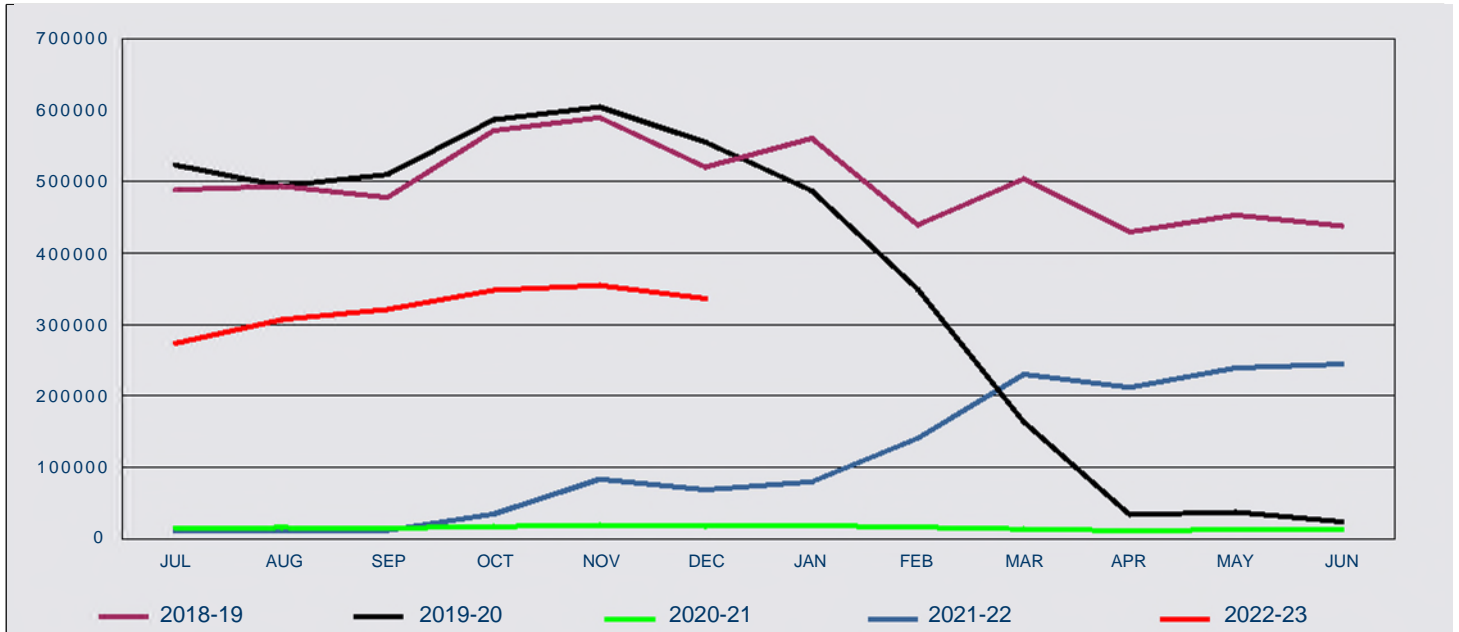
The top three countries for arrivals on Visitor visas were:

1. UK (up 2428.0 per cent to 240,588)
2. USA (up 4685.3 per cent to 193,852)
3. India (up 1471.5 per cent to 169,185)

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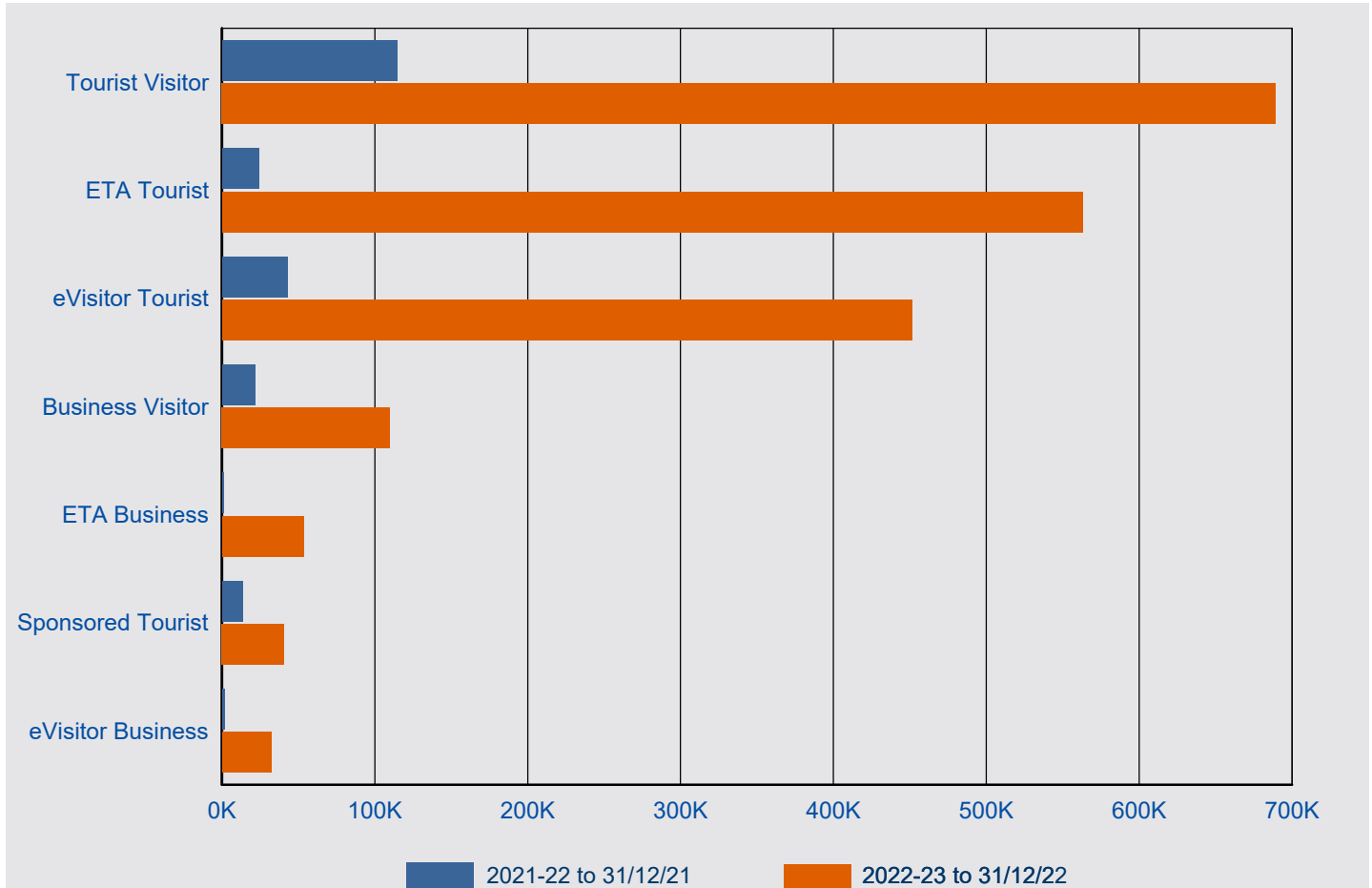
1.01 Number of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2022-23 to 31 December 2022 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2018-19	488,452	493,438	477,914	571,275	589,535	520,387	560,749	439,168	503,884	429,377	453,372	438,149
2019-20	523,086	493,735	510,149	586,530	604,272	555,044	487,212	349,243	163,401	33,617	37,452	23,905
2020-21	15,028	15,923	15,027	17,285	18,903	17,521	18,631	16,006	13,609	11,382	12,585	12,748
2021-22	10,718	11,021	11,808	34,707	83,189	68,525	79,773	140,517	230,250	211,630	239,276	244,437
2022-23	273,630	306,702	320,884	347,734	354,840	336,418						

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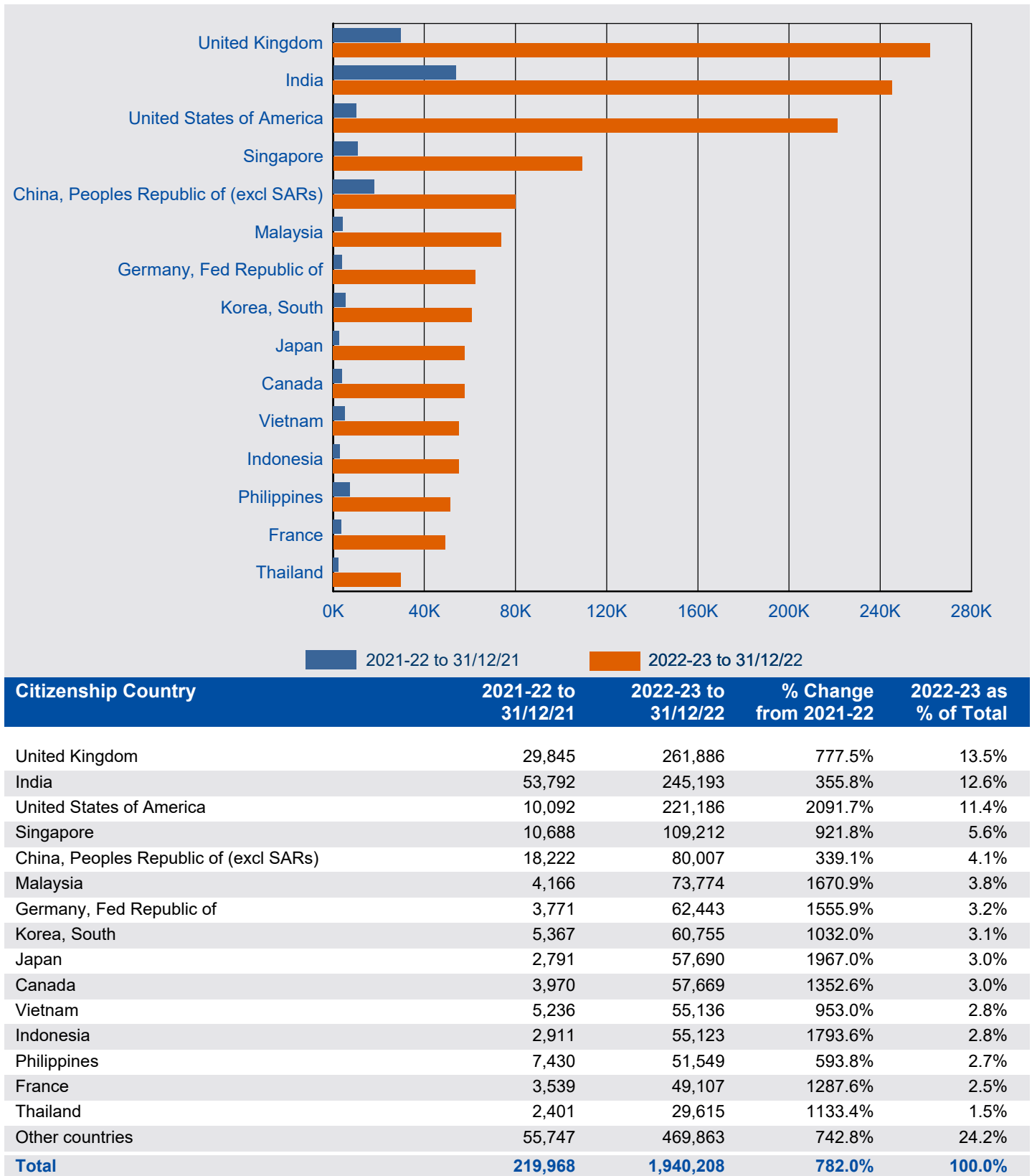
1.02 Number of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2022-23 to 31 December 2022 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year



Visa Group	2021-22 to 31/12/21	2022-23 to 31/12/22	% Change from 2021-22	2022-23 as % of Total
Tourist Visitor	114,832	689,194	500.2%	35.5%
ETA Tourist	24,086	563,053	2237.7%	29.0%
eVisitor Tourist	43,077	451,188	947.4%	23.3%
Business Visitor	21,535	110,054	411.0%	5.7%
ETA Business	1,191	53,575	4398.3%	2.8%
Sponsored Tourist	13,635	40,849	199.6%	2.1%
eVisitor Business	1,612	32,295	1903.4%	1.7%
Total	219,968	1,940,208	782.0%	100.0%

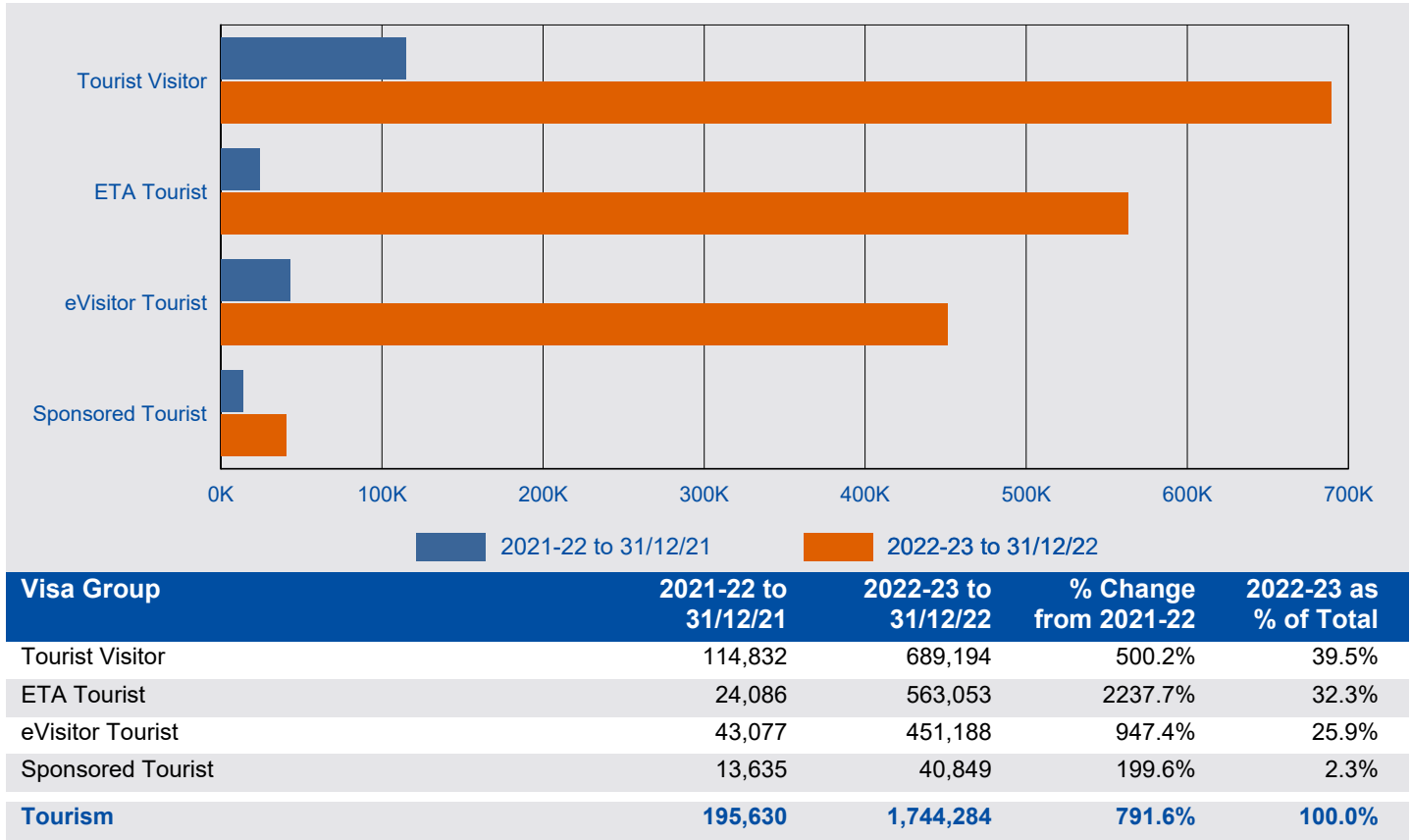
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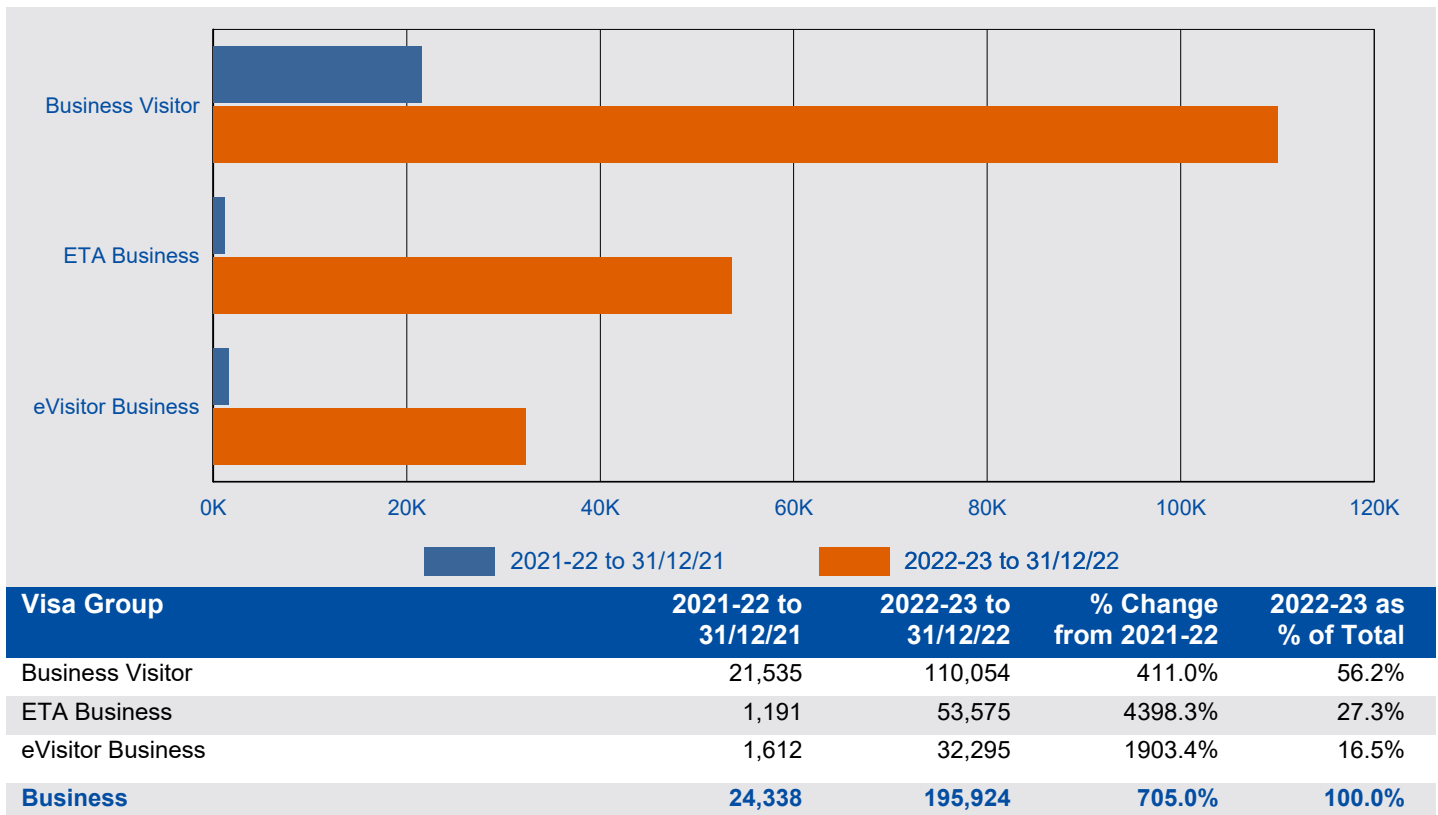


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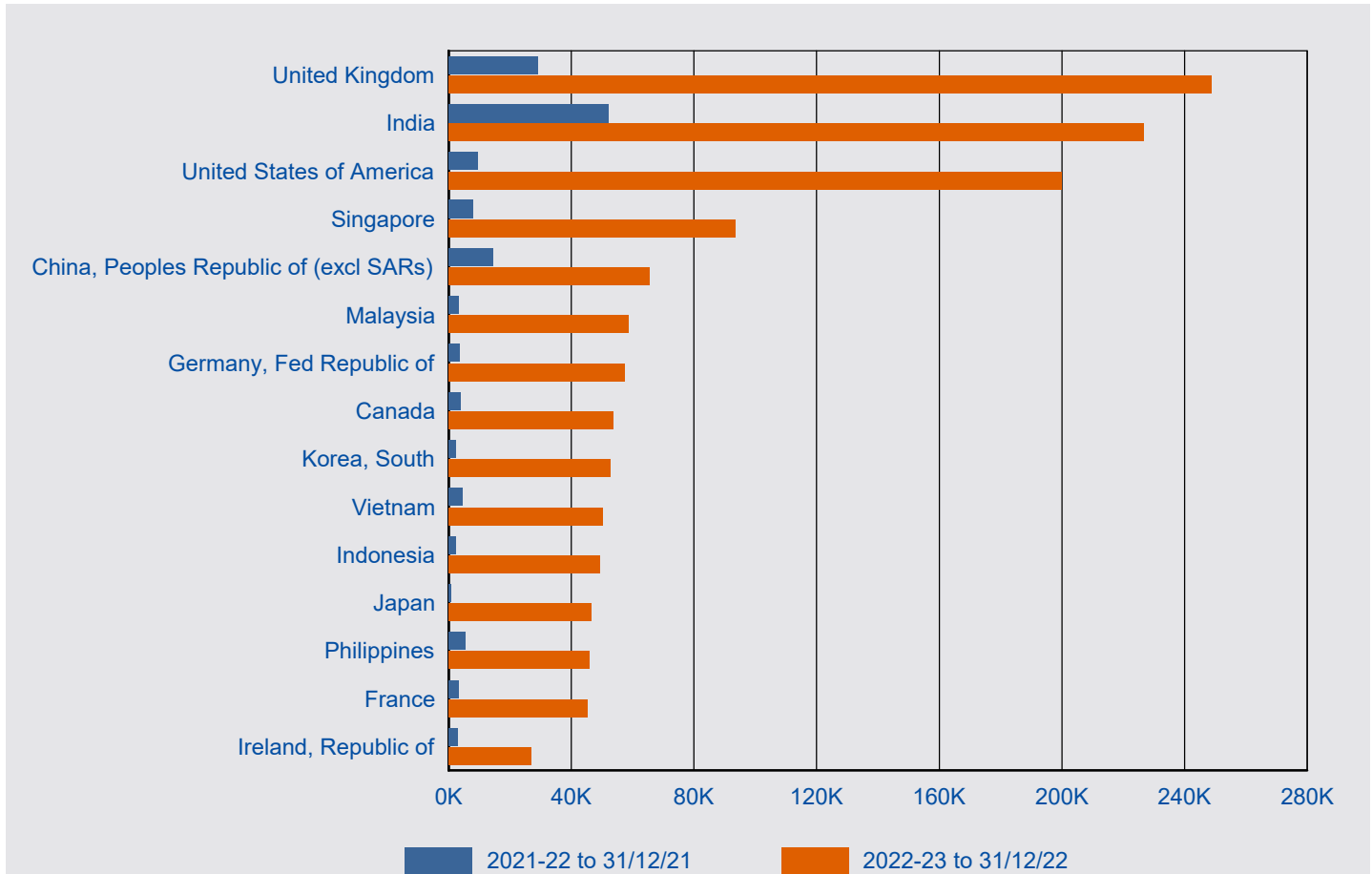


1.05 Number of Business Visitor visa applications lodged in 2022-23 to 31 December 2022 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year



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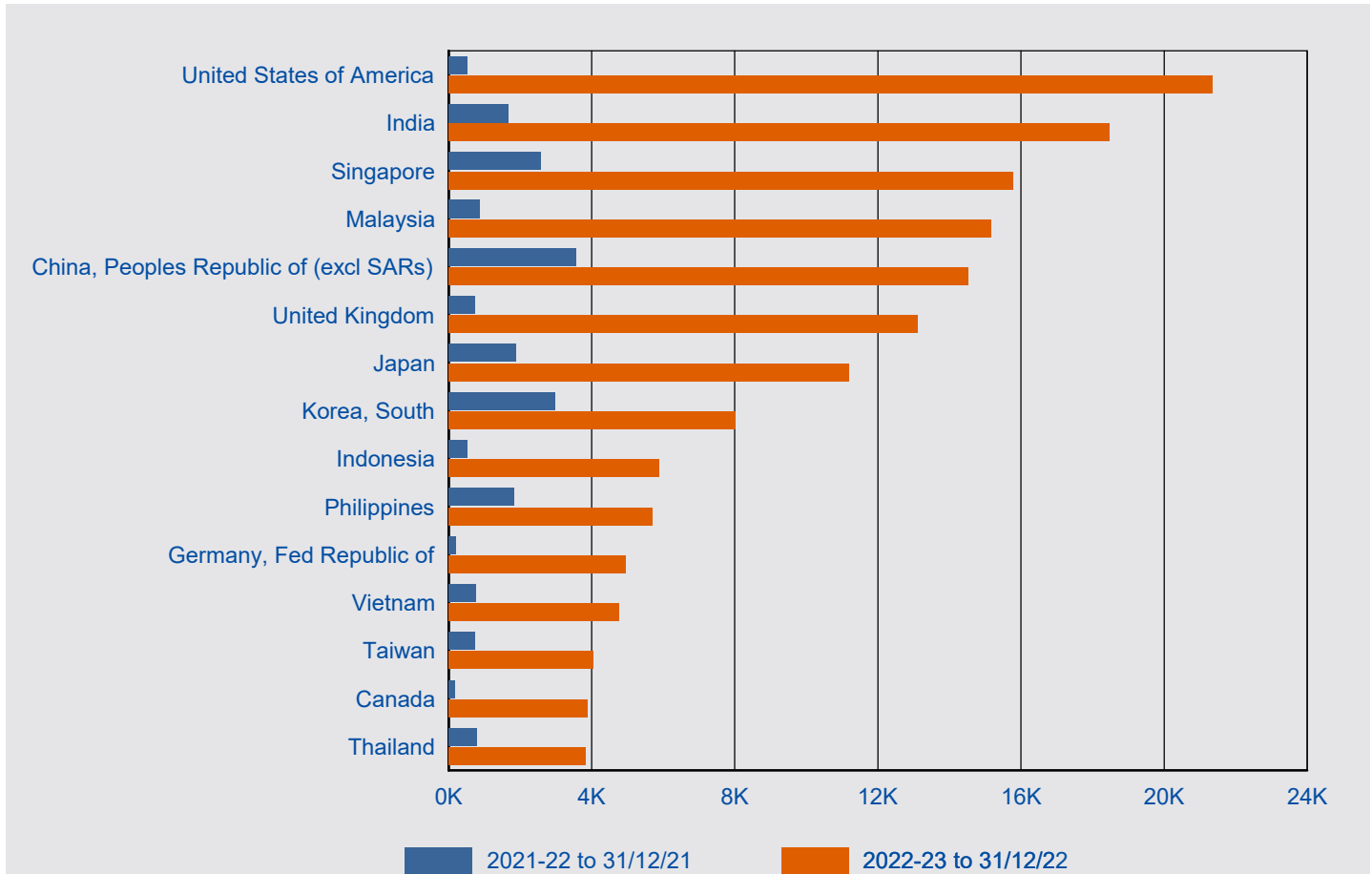
1.06 Number of Tourism Visitor visa applications lodged in 2022-23 to 31 December 2022 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



Citizenship Country	2021-22 to 31/12/21	2022-23 to 31/12/22	% Change from 2021-22	2022-23 as % of Total
Tourism				
United Kingdom	29,122	248,783	754.3%	14.3%
India	52,130	226,724	334.9%	13.0%
United States of America	9,566	199,850	1989.2%	11.5%
Singapore	8,108	93,443	1052.5%	5.4%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	14,651	65,468	346.9%	3.8%
Malaysia	3,284	58,618	1685.0%	3.4%
Germany, Fed Republic of	3,557	57,479	1515.9%	3.3%
Canada	3,792	53,791	1318.5%	3.1%
Korea, South	2,392	52,741	2104.9%	3.0%
Vietnam	4,466	50,373	1027.9%	2.9%
Indonesia	2,399	49,252	1953.0%	2.8%
Japan	917	46,488	4969.6%	2.7%
Philippines	5,603	45,861	718.5%	2.6%
France	3,252	45,297	1292.9%	2.6%
Ireland, Republic of	2,884	26,873	831.8%	1.5%
Other countries	49,507	423,243	754.9%	24.3%
Tourism	195,630	1,744,284	791.6%	100.0%

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1.07 Number of All Business Visitor visa applications lodged in 2022-23 to 31 December 2022 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



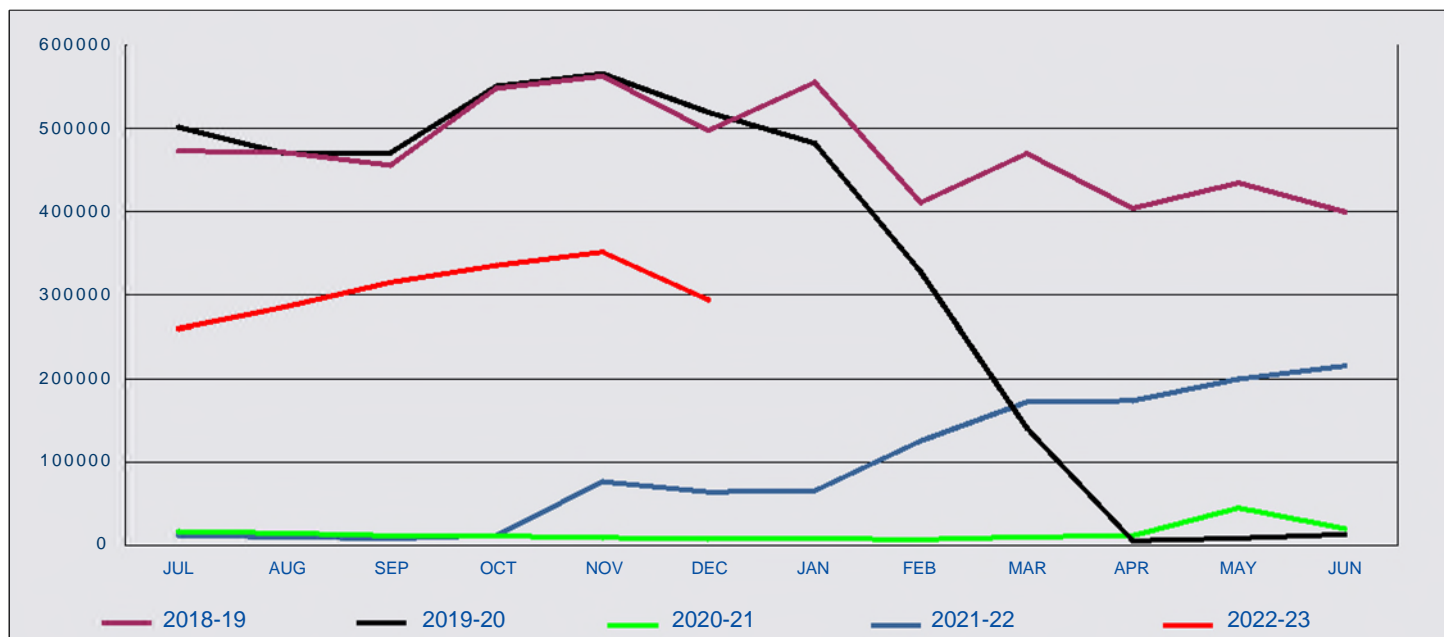
Citizenship Country	2021-22 to 31/12/21	2022-23 to 31/12/22	% Change from 2021-22	2022-23 as % of Total
All Business				
United States of America	526	21,336	3956.3%	10.9%
India	1,662	18,469	1011.3%	9.4%
Singapore	2,580	15,769	511.2%	8.0%
Malaysia	882	15,156	1618.4%	7.7%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	3,571	14,539	307.1%	7.4%
United Kingdom	723	13,103	1712.3%	6.7%
Japan	1,874	11,202	497.8%	5.7%
Korea, South	2,975	8,014	169.4%	4.1%
Indonesia	512	5,871	1046.7%	3.0%
Philippines	1,827	5,688	211.3%	2.9%
Germany, Fed Republic of	214	4,964	2219.6%	2.5%
Vietnam	770	4,763	518.6%	2.4%
Taiwan	734	4,038	450.1%	2.1%
Canada	178	3,878	2078.7%	2.0%
Thailand	802	3,833	377.9%	2.0%
Other countries	4,508	45,301	904.9%	23.1%
All Business	24,338	195,924	705.0%	100.0%

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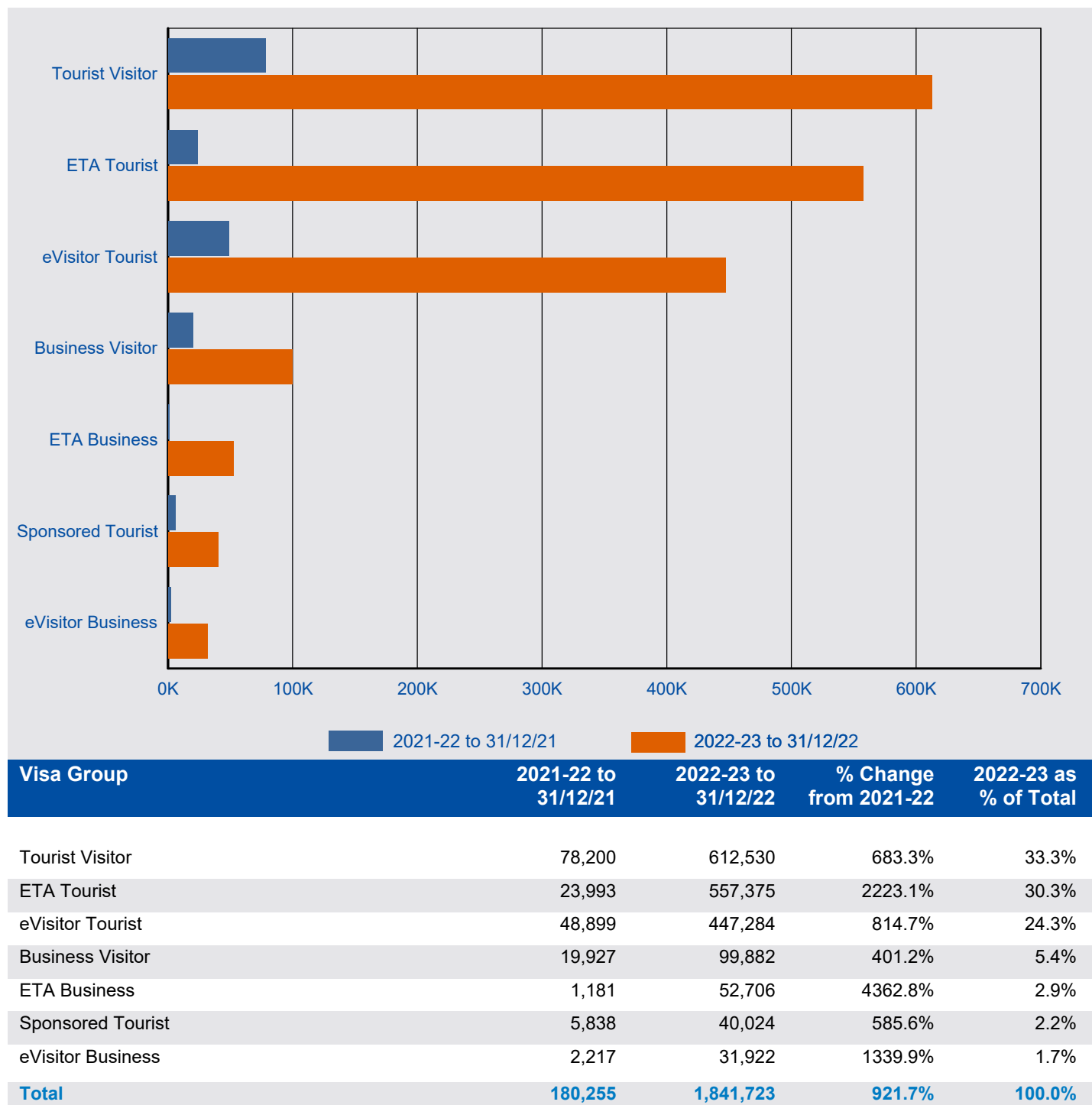
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2018-19	473,142	471,565	455,904	548,459	563,251	497,931	555,701	411,269	470,047	404,359	434,845	399,845
2019-20	501,759	470,244	471,133	551,230	566,201	519,586	482,568	327,733	140,482	4,897	8,139	12,631
2020-21	16,190	14,225	11,188	10,612	8,862	7,200	7,545	6,721	9,802	11,159	44,392	19,680
2021-22	11,279	9,740	7,707	11,682	75,986	63,861	65,442	125,326	172,136	173,638	199,689	215,404
2022-23	259,786	285,536	314,973	335,630	351,691	294,107						

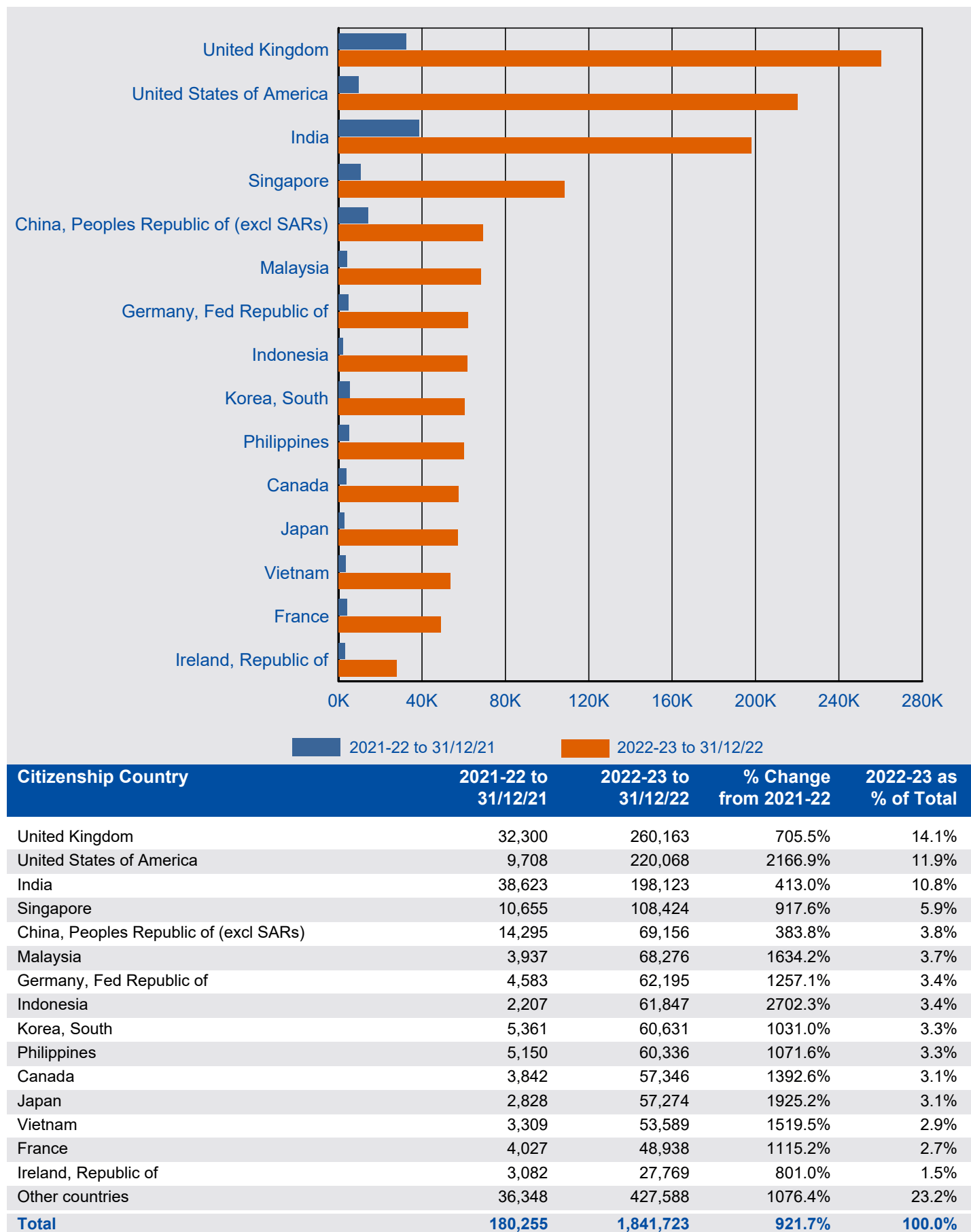
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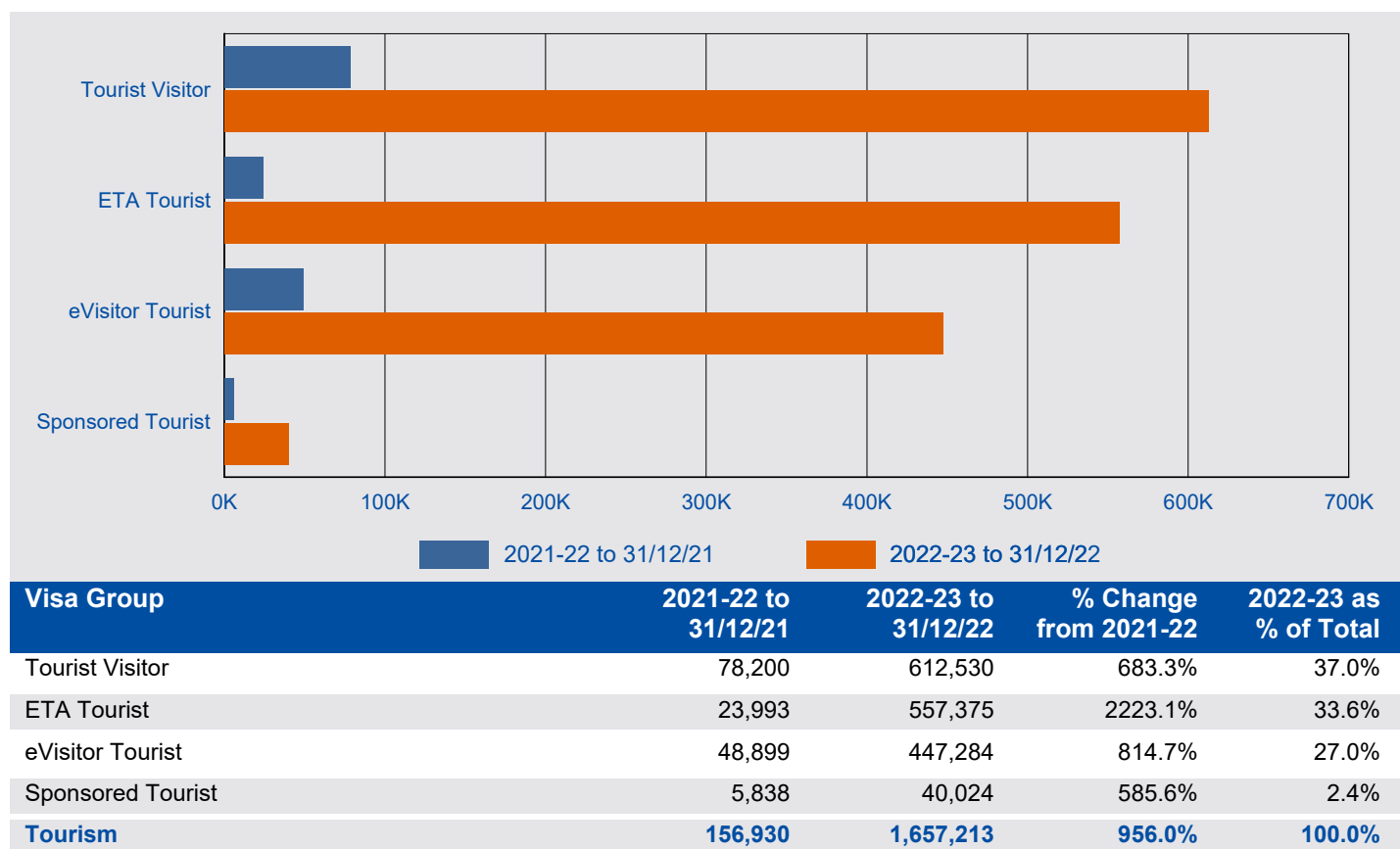
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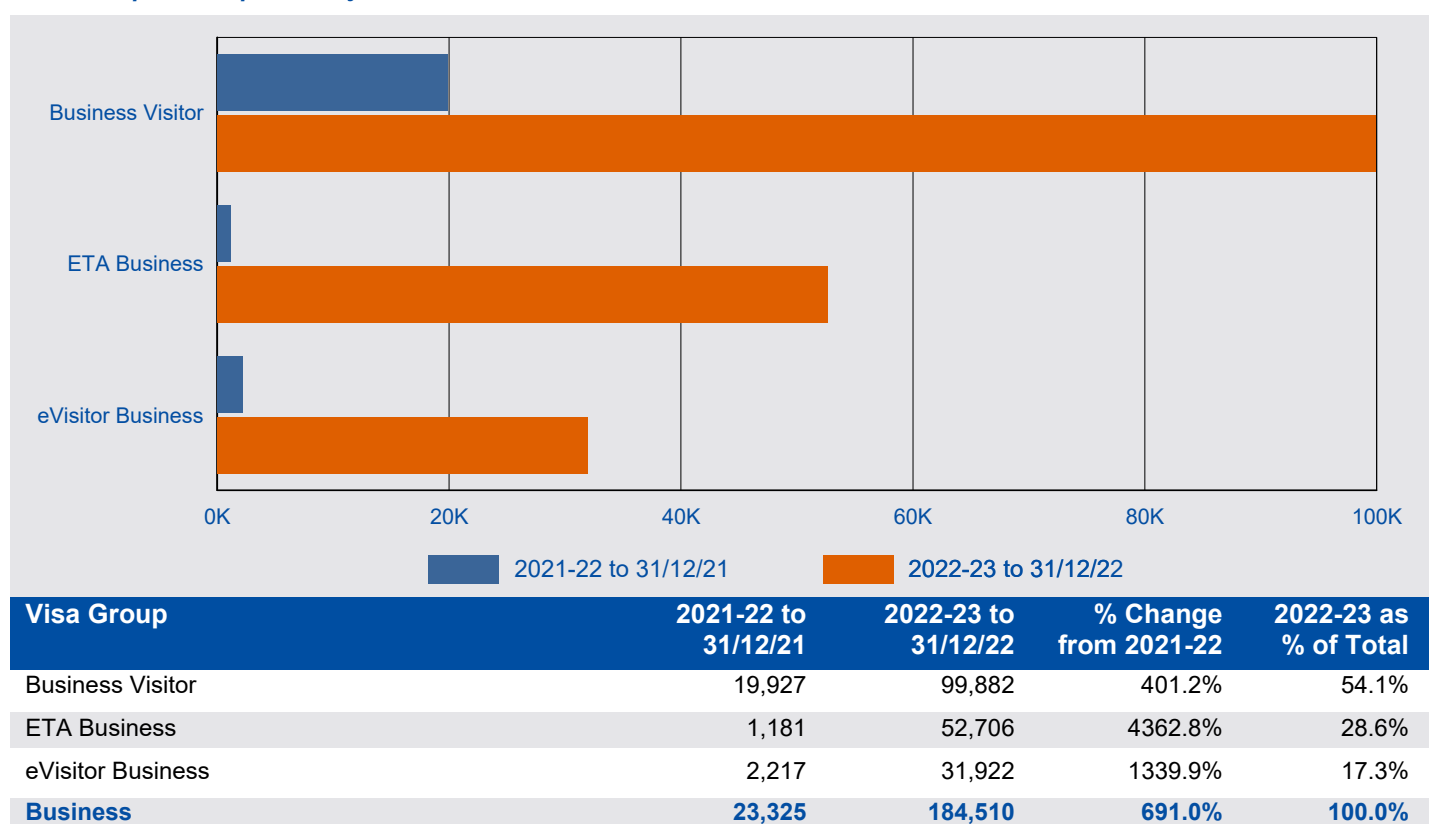


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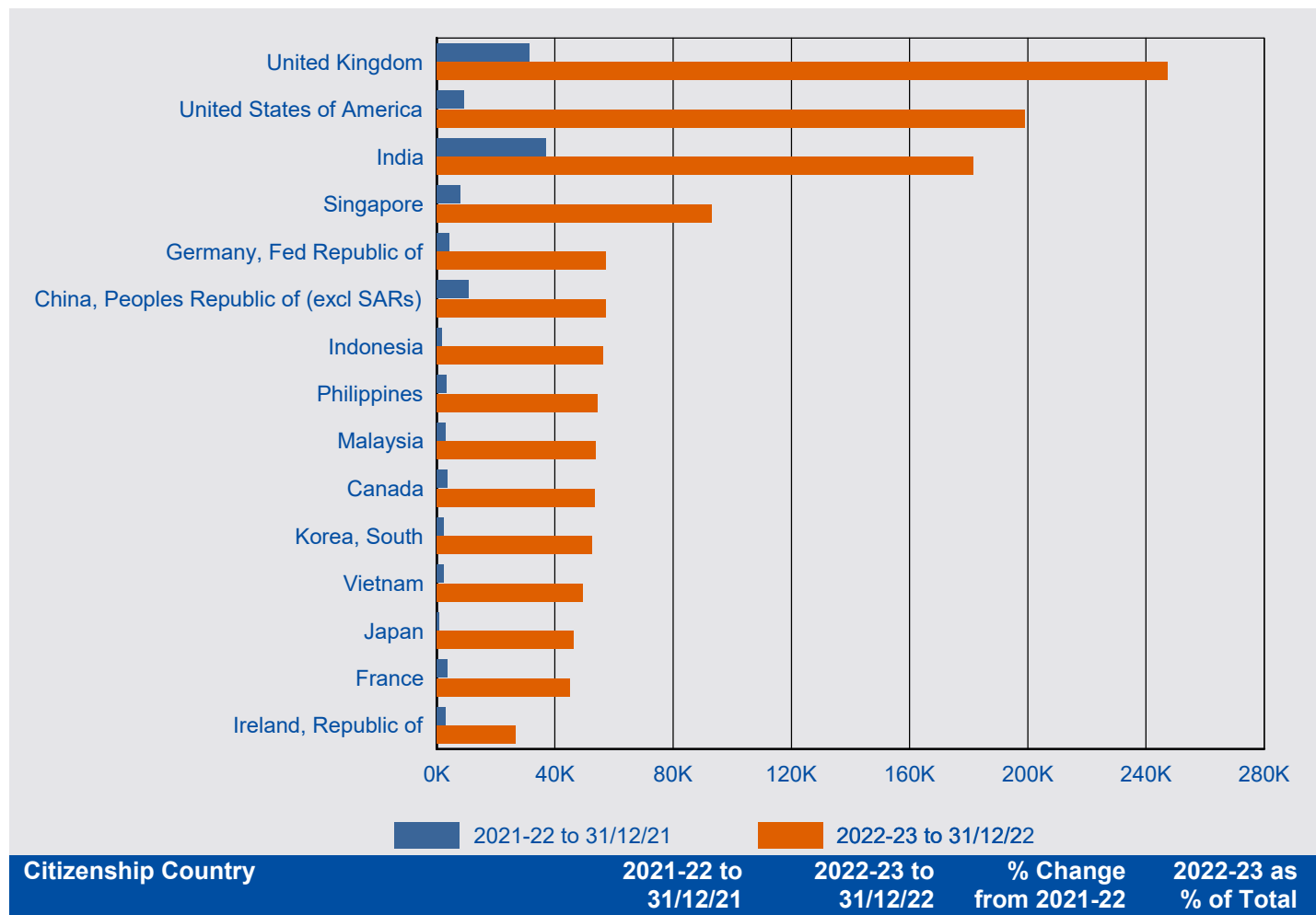


2.05 Number of Business Visitor visa applications granted in 2022-23 to 31 December 2022 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year



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2.06 Number of Tourism Visitor visa applications granted in 2022-23 to 31 December 2022 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

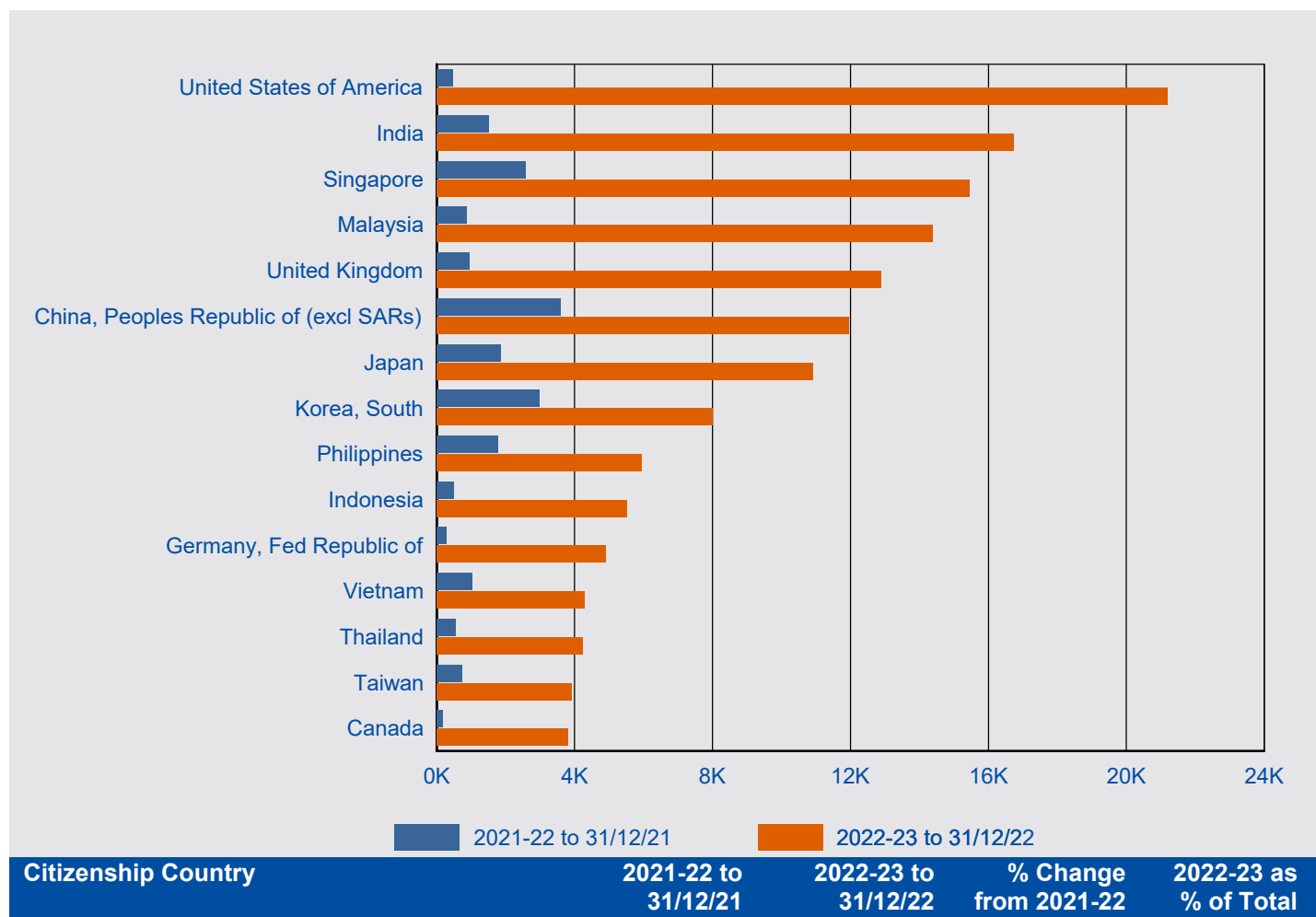


Tourism

United Kingdom	31,350	247,272	688.7%	14.9%
United States of America	9,248	198,882	2050.5%	12.0%
India	37,125	181,383	388.6%	10.9%
Singapore	8,079	92,968	1050.7%	5.6%
Germany, Fed Republic of	4,305	57,277	1230.5%	3.5%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	10,711	57,211	434.1%	3.5%
Indonesia	1,702	56,314	3208.7%	3.4%
Philippines	3,369	54,392	1514.5%	3.3%
Malaysia	3,073	53,896	1653.9%	3.3%
Canada	3,681	53,528	1354.2%	3.2%
Korea, South	2,386	52,641	2106.2%	3.2%
Vietnam	2,275	49,296	2066.9%	3.0%
Japan	973	46,366	4665.3%	2.8%
France	3,705	45,154	1118.7%	2.7%
Ireland, Republic of	3,008	26,742	789.0%	1.6%
Other countries	31,940	383,891	1101.9%	23.2%
Tourism	156,930	1,657,213	956.0%	100.0%

2 Granted

2.07 Number of All Business Visitor visa applications granted in 2022-23 to 31 December 2022 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



All Business

United States of America	460	21,186	4505.7%	11.5%
India	1,498	16,740	1017.5%	9.1%
Singapore	2,576	15,456	500.0%	8.4%
Malaysia	864	14,380	1564.4%	7.8%
United Kingdom	950	12,891	1256.9%	7.0%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	3,584	11,945	233.3%	6.5%
Japan	1,855	10,908	488.0%	5.9%
Korea, South	2,975	7,990	168.6%	4.3%
Philippines	1,781	5,944	233.7%	3.2%
Indonesia	505	5,533	995.6%	3.0%
Germany, Fed Republic of	278	4,918	1669.1%	2.7%
Vietnam	1,034	4,293	315.2%	2.3%
Thailand	560	4,245	658.0%	2.3%
Taiwan	730	3,909	435.5%	2.1%
Canada	161	3,818	2271.4%	2.1%
Other countries	3,514	40,354	1048.4%	21.9%
All Business	23,325	184,510	691.0%	100.0%

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3 Grant rate

For this section:

A grant rate is defined as:

$$\frac{\text{Number of grants}}{\text{Number of decisions}} \times 100$$

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 Grant rate

3.01 Grant rate of Visitor visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2022 and 31 December 2022 by visa group - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Group	01/10/21 to 31/12/21	01/01/22 to 31/03/22	01/04/22 to 30/06/22	01/07/22 to 30/09/22	01/10/22 to 31/12/22
Business					
Business Visitor	95.2%	93.7%	91.2%	91.1%	91.8%
ETA Business	99.5%	99.8%	99.3%	98.6%	98.6%
eVisitor Business	97.7%	99.3%	98.7%	98.3%	98.7%
All Business	95.8%	96.6%	94.8%	94.3%	94.9%
Tourism					
ETA Tourist	99.9%	99.4%	97.0%	96.4%	98.0%
eVisitor Tourist	99.4%	99.5%	98.5%	98.8%	99.1%
Sponsored Tourist	98.2%	95.8%	88.1%	73.2%	77.4%
Tourist Visitor	95.3%	91.4%	85.3%	76.0%	76.6%
All Tourism	97.6%	95.8%	91.6%	86.3%	89.7%
All	97.4%	95.9%	91.9%	87.1%	90.1%

3 Grant rate

3.02 Grant rate for Tourist Visitor (600, 676) visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2022 and 31 December 2022 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/21 to 31/12/21	01/01/22 to 31/03/22	01/04/22 to 30/06/22	01/07/22 to 30/09/22	01/10/22 to 31/12/22
India	97.8%	95.0%	86.5%	66.4%	74.2%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	95.2%	83.6%	81.1%	73.2%	85.6%
Vietnam	95.2%	94.6%	89.8%	87.7%	81.6%
Indonesia	93.4%	94.9%	93.4%	94.5%	83.3%
Philippines	95.6%	93.8%	87.3%	88.0%	82.8%
Nepal	96.3%	91.0%	83.3%	67.2%	73.9%
Thailand	37.2%	52.7%	65.7%	67.4%	56.8%
United States of America	95.7%	94.9%	95.4%	90.5%	93.0%
South Africa	97.9%	94.7%	92.0%	95.2%	91.0%
Sri Lanka	96.3%	91.5%	77.3%	71.4%	84.2%
Brazil	99.1%	97.2%	94.1%	88.2%	86.4%
Fiji	85.6%	63.9%	83.1%	76.2%	58.3%
Pakistan	93.8%	82.5%	57.9%	56.4%	46.7%
Cambodia	92.4%	92.6%	84.9%	86.2%	80.8%
Bangladesh	95.6%	93.1%	88.5%	61.1%	54.8%
Other countries	94.1%	91.9%	82.8%	78.9%	76.0%
All Tourist Visitor (600, 676)	95.3%	91.4%	85.3%	76.0%	76.6%

3.03 Grant rate for Sponsored Tourist (600) visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2022 and 31 December 2022 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/21 to 31/12/21	01/01/22 to 31/03/22	01/04/22 to 30/06/22	01/07/22 to 30/09/22	01/10/22 to 31/12/22
India	98.8%	97.6%	90.8%	75.6%	89.3%
Vietnam	99.0%	96.3%	91.0%	72.9%	75.9%
Philippines	99.3%	96.0%	85.2%	72.3%	72.3%
Pakistan	96.1%	95.0%	76.4%	77.2%	76.7%
Bangladesh	98.1%	97.5%	93.4%	84.6%	90.9%
Sri Lanka	98.9%	97.9%	87.5%	79.7%	78.6%
Nepal	99.6%	98.4%	92.1%	85.1%	87.3%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	97.4%	94.4%	86.3%	83.9%	86.1%
Iran	98.6%	94.1%	82.2%	78.0%	78.8%
Lebanon	91.3%	84.8%	70.5%	43.9%	57.4%
Cambodia	100.0%	98.6%	92.2%	81.5%	79.9%
Fiji	87.5%	94.5%	90.2%	60.8%	65.9%
Indonesia	98.2%	100.0%	94.4%	70.8%	74.5%
Thailand	96.6%	94.2%	79.1%	54.1%	57.0%
Zimbabwe	100.0%	100.0%	81.6%	68.8%	67.3%
Other countries	96.0%	91.1%	75.1%	62.1%	63.1%
All Sponsored Tourist (600)	98.2%	95.8%	88.1%	73.2%	77.4%

3.04 Grant rate for Business Visitor (600) visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2022 and 31 December 2022 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/21 to 31/12/21	01/01/22 to 31/03/22	01/04/22 to 30/06/22	01/07/22 to 30/09/22	01/10/22 to 31/12/22
Singapore	98.4%	99.7%	99.9%	99.8%	100.0%
India	97.7%	88.1%	91.0%	91.1%	89.9%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	90.5%	87.5%	82.9%	86.9%	87.5%
Indonesia	69.1%	96.5%	96.5%	95.9%	96.8%
Japan	99.8%	99.6%	99.7%	99.7%	99.8%
Korea, South	99.4%	99.7%	99.7%	99.9%	100.0%
Philippines	98.3%	98.9%	97.6%	88.7%	91.2%
Vietnam	94.1%	95.2%	88.0%	92.6%	91.8%
Malaysia	96.8%	94.9%	96.2%	97.5%	96.3%
Taiwan	98.2%	99.6%	99.7%	99.4%	99.8%
Thailand	97.8%	98.9%	95.5%	98.2%	98.8%
Papua New Guinea	94.1%	89.1%	95.6%	86.1%	92.0%
United States of America	95.5%	93.9%	97.2%	96.4%	94.7%
South Africa	77.8%	89.2%	97.2%	96.2%	91.6%
Fiji	100.0%	96.9%	92.9%	87.5%	82.3%
Other countries	88.6%	87.5%	79.1%	81.5%	82.4%
All Business Visitor (600)	95.2%	93.7%	91.2%	91.1%	91.8%

3 Grant rate

3.05 Grant rate for subclass 651 eVisitor visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2022 and 31 December 2022 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/21 to 31/12/21	01/01/22 to 31/03/22	01/04/22 to 30/06/22	01/07/22 to 30/09/22	01/10/22 to 31/12/22
Andorra	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Austria	98.9%	99.3%	98.3%	99.4%	99.2%
Belgium	99.1%	99.4%	99.0%	99.4%	99.4%
Bulgaria	99.2%	96.1%	82.0%	80.5%	78.9%
Croatia	98.3%	98.1%	86.1%	81.8%	85.6%
Cyprus	97.4%	98.5%	96.3%	95.5%	99.3%
Czechia	99.7%	99.6%	98.8%	99.4%	99.5%
Denmark	99.1%	99.7%	98.9%	99.5%	98.2%
Estonia	100.0%	99.4%	97.5%	97.9%	98.8%
Finland	99.6%	99.4%	99.1%	99.7%	99.4%
France	99.4%	99.7%	99.5%	99.5%	99.6%
Germany, Fed Republic of	99.3%	99.6%	99.5%	99.5%	99.7%
Greece	98.4%	99.3%	98.3%	96.7%	98.6%
Hungary	100.0%	99.2%	98.0%	97.9%	97.9%
Iceland	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	98.5%	98.6%
Ireland, Republic of	99.2%	99.5%	99.2%	99.2%	99.5%
Italy	99.6%	99.7%	98.8%	98.8%	99.2%
Latvia	96.4%	99.2%	90.0%	83.0%	88.9%
Liechtenstein	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Lithuania	100.0%	99.0%	86.5%	87.7%	87.1%
Luxembourg	100.0%	94.8%	99.1%	100.0%	100.0%
Malta	97.9%	99.0%	98.2%	97.9%	100.0%
Monaco	0.0%	100.0%	80.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	99.7%	99.6%	99.4%	99.7%	99.6%
Norway	98.6%	99.4%	97.2%	99.2%	99.4%
Poland	99.1%	99.7%	98.5%	98.9%	99.4%
Portugal	99.4%	99.7%	99.2%	99.3%	99.4%
Romania	96.6%	95.1%	75.2%	68.3%	75.4%
San Marino	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Slovakia	100.0%	100.0%	98.3%	99.5%	99.5%
Slovenia	100.0%	100.0%	99.3%	98.0%	98.8%
Spain	99.3%	99.3%	99.5%	99.3%	99.4%
Sweden	99.6%	99.3%	98.1%	99.2%	99.6%
Switzerland	99.5%	99.9%	99.4%	99.8%	99.7%
United Kingdom	99.5%	99.6%	98.9%	99.3%	99.4%
Vatican City State Holy See	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	66.7%
All	99.4%	99.5%	98.7%	98.9%	99.1%

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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 2022 and 31 December 2022 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship country	Percentile	1/10/21 to 31/12/21	1/01/22 to 31/03/22	1/04/22 to 30/06/22	1/07/22 to 30/09/22	1/10/22 to 31/12/22
India	25th percentile	15	16	11	7	6
	50th percentile	25	29	27	18	12
	75th percentile	43	47	41	37	21
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	25th percentile	12	14	21	10	4
	50th percentile	19	50	49	23	12
	75th percentile	41	240	120	50	27
Vietnam	25th percentile	24	28	24	19	8
	50th percentile	35	66	35	34	14
	75th percentile	239	241	57	65	23
Indonesia	25th percentile	3	19	44	20	1
	50th percentile	7	29	59	38	9
	75th percentile	40	495	61	54	20
Philippines	25th percentile	9	11	18	24	8
	50th percentile	24	38	48	55	15
	75th percentile	63	135	87	90	33
Nepal	25th percentile	21	27	32	20	11
	50th percentile	28	38	44	42	17
	75th percentile	65	62	64	57	26
Thailand	25th percentile	19	24	32	34	12
	50th percentile	36	45	36	55	21
	75th percentile	195	102	40	63	31
United States of America	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	16	16	0	1	0
	75th percentile	189	60	40	25	2
South Africa	25th percentile	17	36	28	15	6
	50th percentile	30	202	38	26	13
	75th percentile	162	736	58	35	23
Sri Lanka	25th percentile	23	39	44	30	22
	50th percentile	40	76	56	40	31
	75th percentile	263	148	70	56	36
Other countries	25th percentile	8	1	2	6	3
	50th percentile	22	19	34	31	15
	75th percentile	99	63	70	68	40
All	25th percentile	13	12	17	10	5
	50th percentile	24	30	35	29	14
	75th percentile	57	70	59	56	27

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 2022 and 31 December 2022 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship country	Percentile	1/10/21 to 31/12/21	1/01/22 to 31/03/22	1/04/22 to 30/06/22	1/07/22 to 30/09/22	1/10/22 to 31/12/22
Singapore	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
India	25th percentile	1	2	4	8	3
	50th percentile	1	6	11	14	7
	75th percentile	3	14	19	21	18
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	1	1	0	0
	75th percentile	0	6	16	5	5
Indonesia	25th percentile	1	2	3	2	0
	50th percentile	5	5	5	4	1
	75th percentile	11	11	9	6	4
Japan	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
Korea, South	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
Philippines	25th percentile	1	2	4	7	4
	50th percentile	1	4	8	14	6
	75th percentile	3	9	18	23	11
Vietnam	25th percentile	0	0	0	1	0
	50th percentile	0	0	9	10	2
	75th percentile	274	7	22	18	9
Malaysia	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	4	1	18	22
Taiwan	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
Other countries	25th percentile	0	1	1	1	1
	50th percentile	1	7	7	7	6
	75th percentile	5	18	21	17	14
All	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	1	4	4	1
	75th percentile	1	9	15	15	8

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5 Applications on hand

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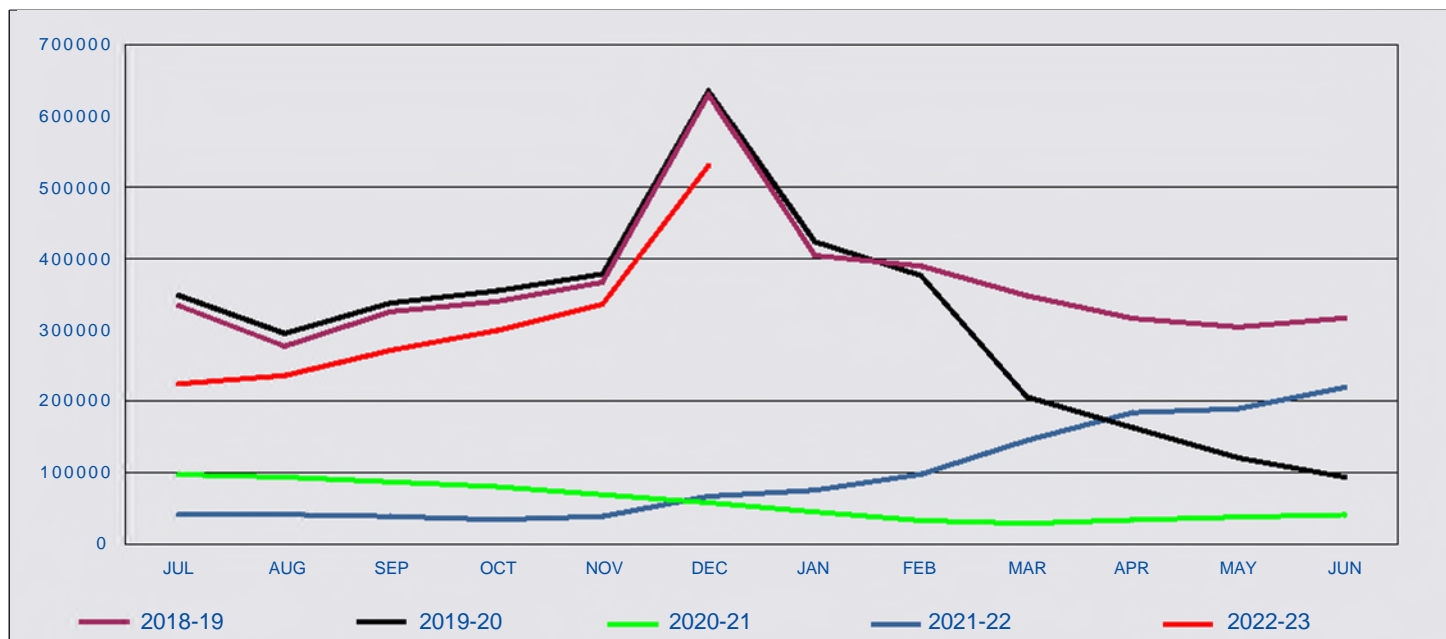
5.01 Number of Visitor visa applications on hand at 31 December 2022 by visa group - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Group	On hand at 31/12/21		On hand at 31/03/22		On hand at 30/06/22		On hand at 30/09/22		On hand at 31/12/22	
<i>Tourism</i>										
Tourist Visitor	109	699	160		300	198	013	121	679	778
ETA Tourist		882	7		191	12	975	2	818	285
eVisitor Tourist	5	933	5		290	2	712	426		994
Sponsored Tourist	15	355	20		564	20	730	8	573	000
Tourism	131	869	193	345	234	430	134	496	79	057
<i>Business</i>										
Business Visitor	4	980	6		806	8	553	8	999	027
ETA Business		33		387		109		595		80
eVisitor Business		401		512		337		133		65
Sponsored Business		0		0		0		0		0
Business	5	414	7	705	8	999	9	727	8	172
Total	137	283	201	050	243	429	144	223	87	229

6 Visa holders in Australia

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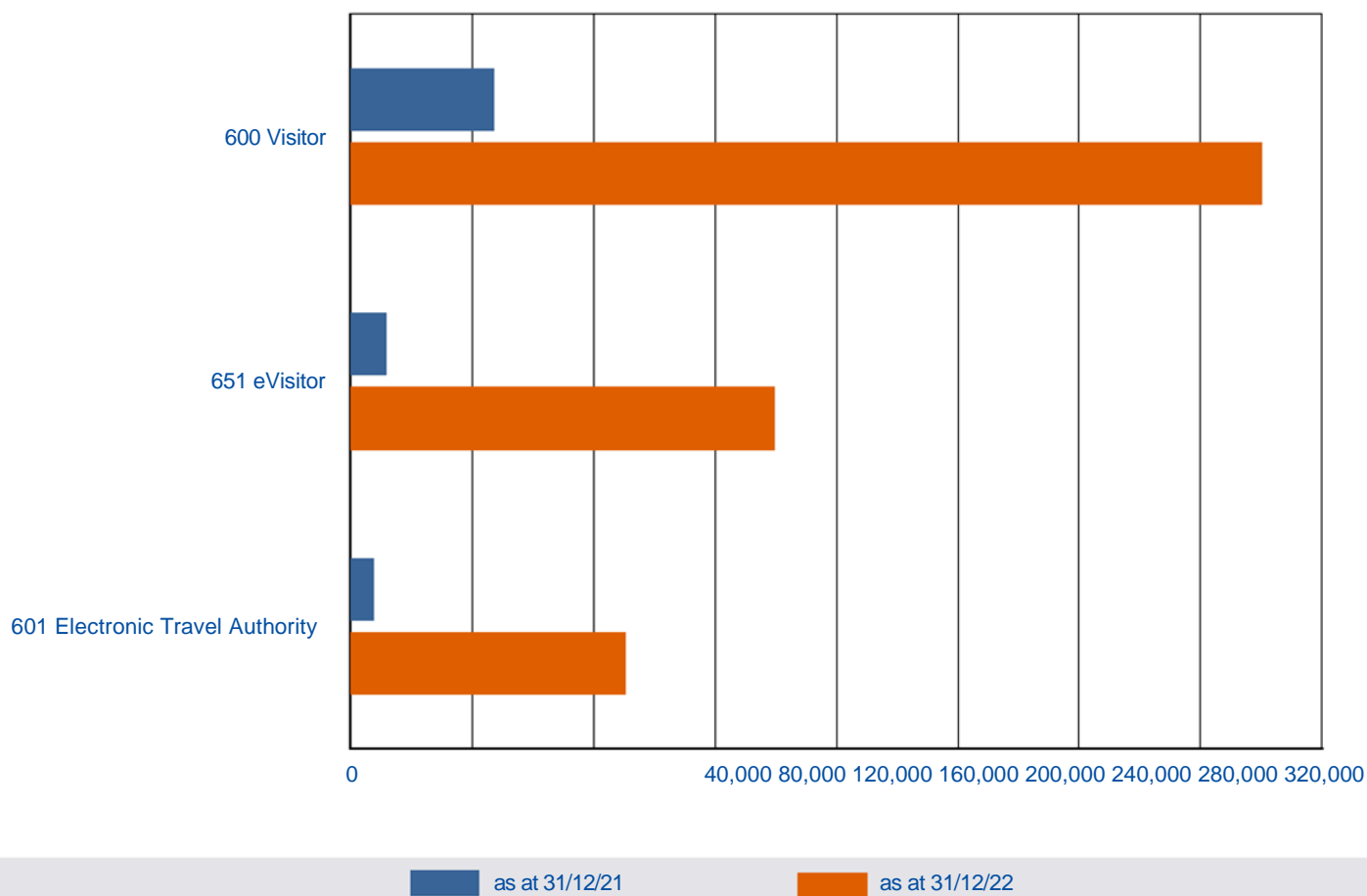
6.01 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia at the end of each month in 2022-23 to 31 December 2022 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2018-19	334,176	277,338	325,729	340,060	366,799	630,197	404,240	389,674	348,162	316,189	304,251	316,469
2019-20	348,263	294,931	337,563	354,535	378,443	635,109	423,765	376,325	206,025	163,108	120,285	93,494
2020-21	97,056	93,719	86,748	80,231	69,027	57,786	45,014	32,714	28,741	33,559	37,760	40,810
2021-22	41,362	41,270	38,728	34,250	38,732	66,583	75,262	97,458	144,982	183,975	189,348	219,607
2022-23	224,366	236,109	271,301	299,344	335,920	530,283						

6 Visa holders in Australia

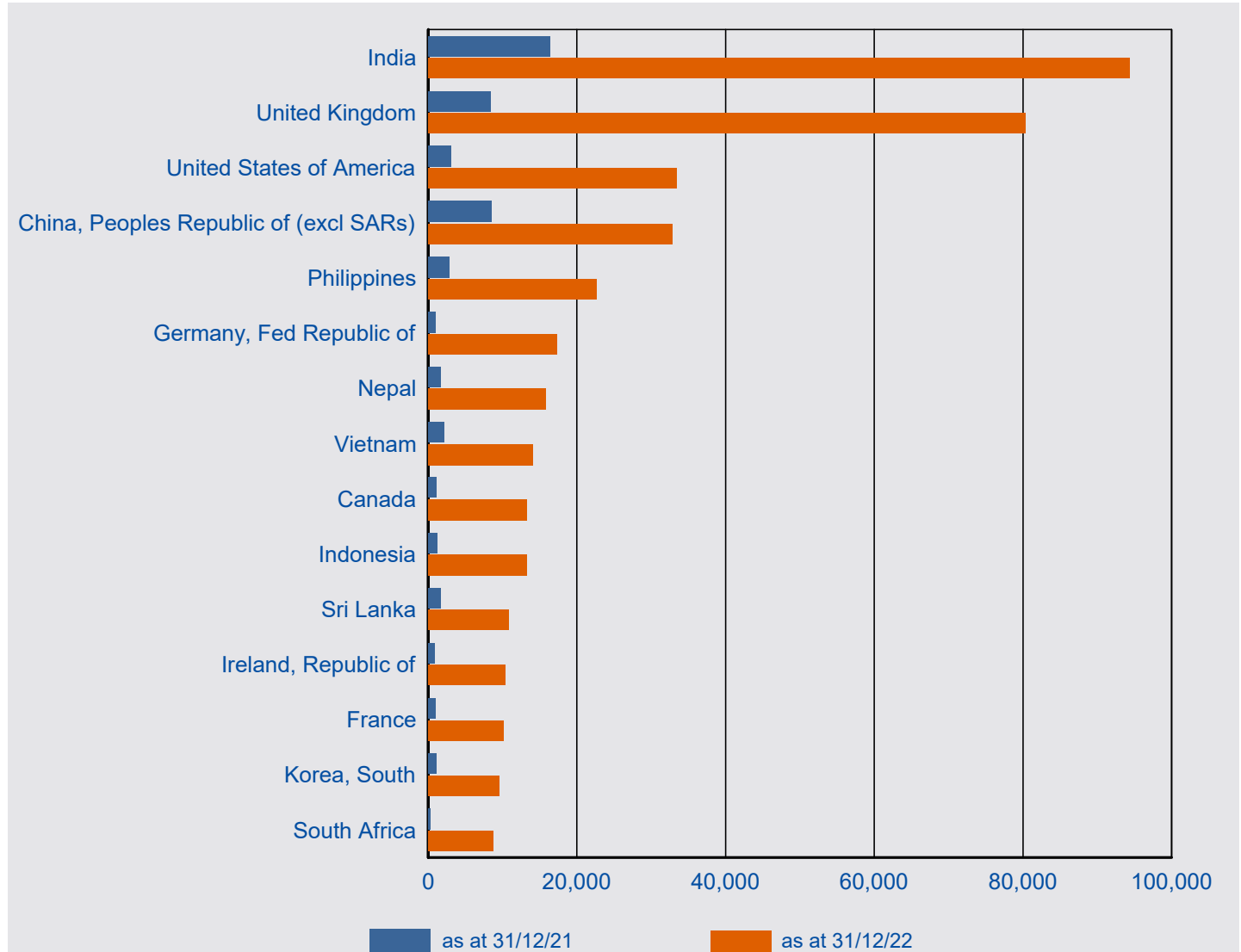
6.02 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia as at 31 December 2022 by visa subclass - comparison with same date in previous year



Visa Subclass	as at 31/12/21	as at 31/12/22	% Change from 31/12/21	31/12/22 as % of Total
600 Visitor	47,343.00	300,310.00	534.3%	56.6%
651 eVisitor	11,503.00	139,586.00	1113.5%	26.3%
601 Electronic Travel Authority	7,736.00	90,387.00	1068.4%	17.0%
Total	66,582	530,283	696.4%	100.0%

6 Visa holders in Australia

6.03 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia as at 31 December 2022 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

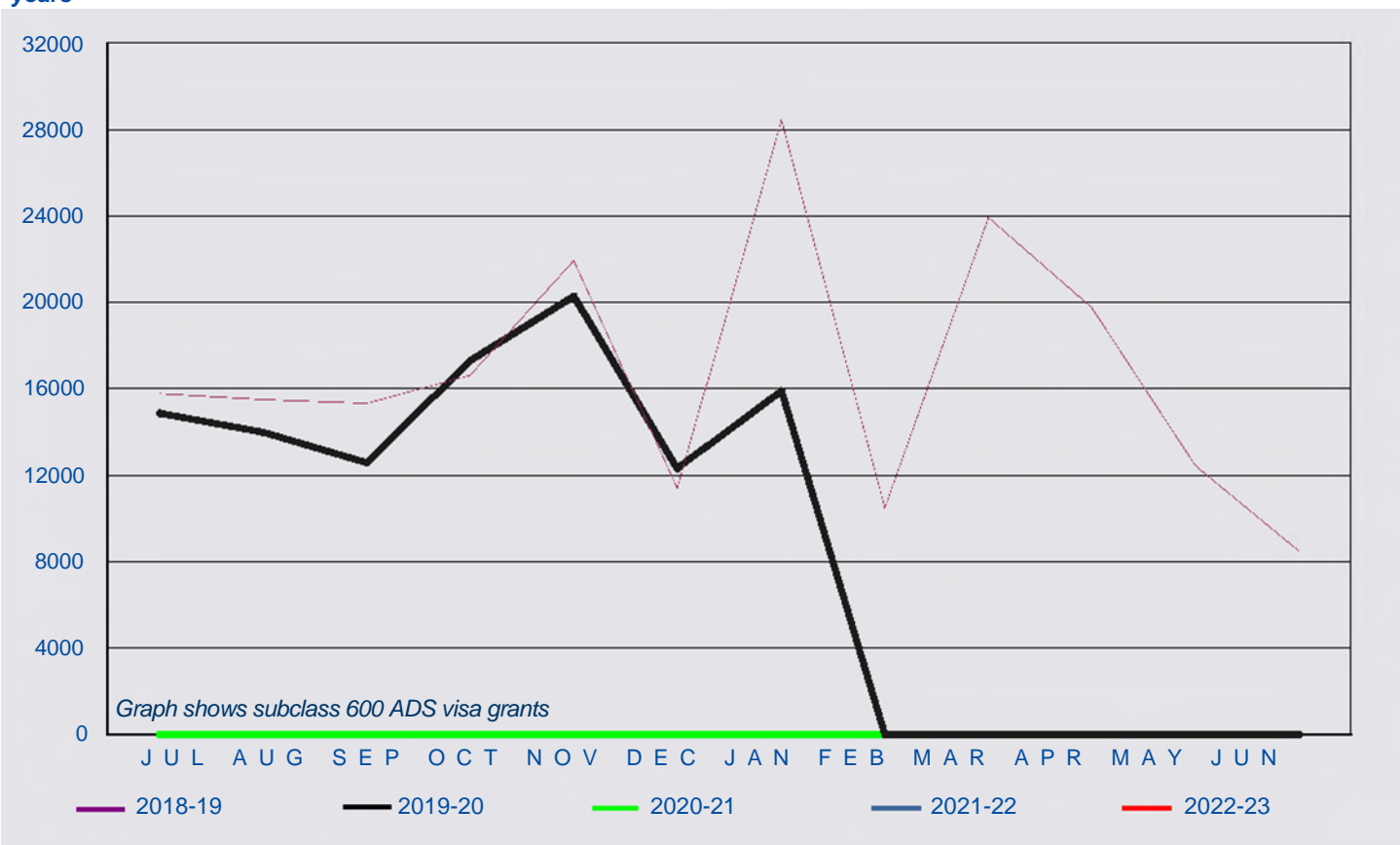


Citizenship Country	as at 31/12/21	as at 31/12/22	% Change from 31/12/21	31/12/22 as % of Total
India	16,380	94,292	475.7%	17.8%
United Kingdom	8,369	80,338	859.9%	15.2%
United States of America	3,107	33,460	976.9%	6.3%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	8,453	32,870	288.9%	6.2%
Philippines	2,901	22,645	680.6%	4.3%
Germany, Fed Republic of	1,062	17,302	1529.2%	3.3%
Nepal	1,756	15,798	799.7%	3.0%
Vietnam	2,118	14,126	566.9%	2.7%
Canada	1,158	13,244	1043.7%	2.5%
Indonesia	1,278	13,215	934.0%	2.5%
Sri Lanka	1,710	10,850	534.5%	2.0%
Ireland, Republic of	849	10,367	1121.1%	2.0%
France	1,030	10,126	883.1%	1.9%
Korea, South	1,067	9,541	794.2%	1.8%
South Africa	295	8,723	2856.9%	1.6%
Other countries	15,050	143,386	852.7%	27.0%
Total	66,583	530,283	696.4%	100.0%

7 Approved Destination Status (ADS)

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7.01 Number of subclass 600 visa applications granted in 2022-23 to 31 December 2022 under the tourism ADS stream where the citizenship country is Peoples Republic of China (PRC) by visa type - comparison with previous four financial years



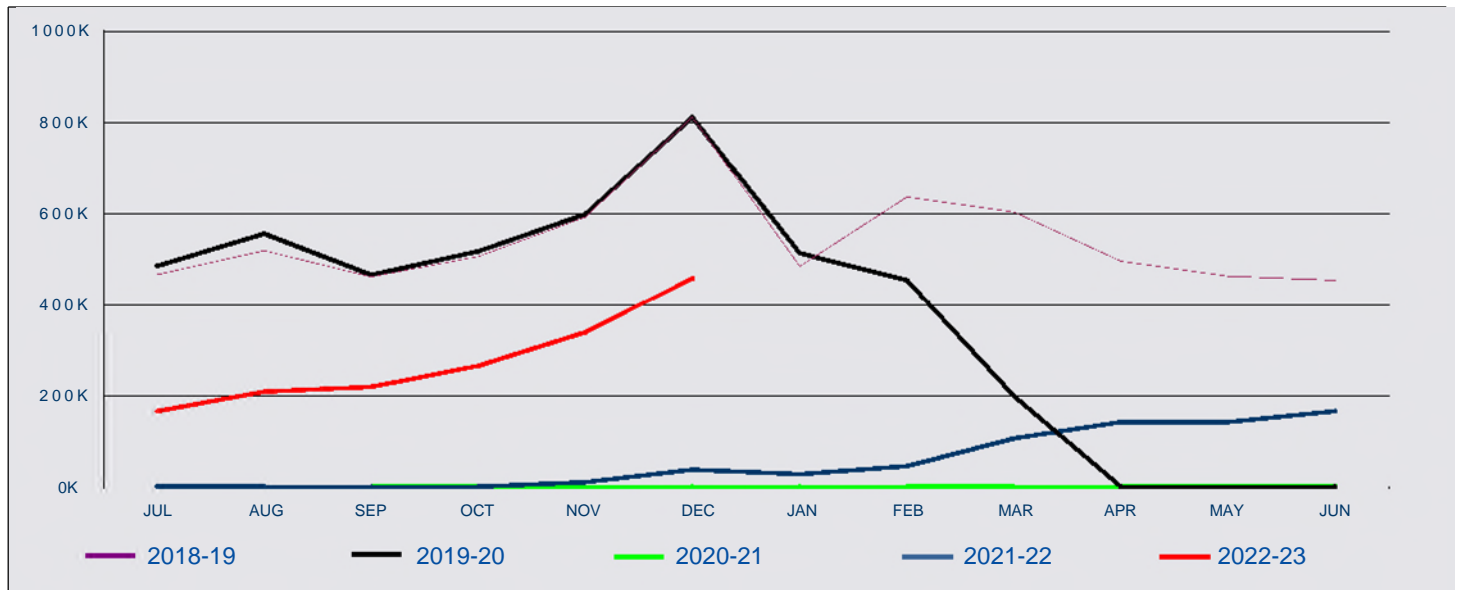
subclass 600 ADS for PRC

FY Granted	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
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
2022-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

8 Arrivals

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8.01 Number of Visitor visa arrivals ('000) in 2022-23 to 31 December 2022 - comparison with previous four financial years



FY Arrived	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2018-19	467,738	520,392	462,985	507,853	593,565	812,338	
2019-20	486,633	557,248	466,712	518,564	599,695	811,655	
2020-21	1,818	1,827	1,936	2,787	3,049	3,021	
2021-22	3,044	2,145	2,116	1,920	11,814	39,299	
2022-23	167,732	210,098	220,329	266,480	340,600	458,935	

FY Arrived	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Grand Total
2018-19	485,850	637,882	604,621	497,386	464,233	455,113	6,509,956
2019-20	514,416	455,124	200,322	1,970	1,714	2,022	4,616,075
2020-21	2,419	2,305	2,931	3,184	4,017	4,174	33,468
2021-22	29,840	46,983	108,042	143,588	143,532	167,402	699,725
2022-23							1,664,174

8 Arrivals

8.02 Number of Visitor visa arrivals in 2022-23 to 31 December 2022 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

