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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: 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

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 online or through a travel agent, airline or specialist service provider. 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>
 - **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.

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.

Background to the Visitor visa program - continued

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.

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.

Background to the Visitor visa program - continued

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 report covers Visitor visa statistics for the Visitor visa program for the 2024-25 program year to 31 December 2024 (1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024). Figures referred to in this report include applications made in and outside of Australia.
- Visitor visa application lodgements continued to increase during the 2024-25 program year to 31 December 2024 with a total of 2,821,589 applications in the Visitor visa program (Tourism and Business), up 3.1 per cent compared to the same period in the 2023-24 program year (1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023). The People's Republic of China was the largest source country with 380,513 applications lodged; an increase of 4.4 per cent compared to the same period 2023-24 program year.
- A total of 2,550,260 Visitor visas (Tourism and Business) were granted during 2024-25 to 31 December 2024; up 4.5 per cent compared to the 2023-24 program year to 31 December 2023. Tourism visa grants increased by 6.1 per cent (2,302,369) and Business visa grants decreased by 8.5 per cent (247,891) in the 2024-25 program year to 31 December 2024 when compared to the same period in 2023-24.
- While Visitor visa numbers in Australia continue to trend upwards, they are yet to return to pre-COVID levels. A total of 2,821,589 Visitor visa (Tourism and Business) applications were lodged during the 2024-25 program year to 31 December 2024, which is 13.8 per cent lower than the total Visitor (Tourism and Business) visa lodgements for the corresponding period of the 2019-20 program year (3,272,816). In addition, the number of Visitor visa holder arrivals in Australia from 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 was 16.3 per cent lower than the corresponding period in 2018-19, 2,877,484 arrivals compared to 3,439,000.
- The Visitor visa Frequent Traveller Stream was rolled out to Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member States (excluding Myanmar) and Timor-Leste on 7 December 2024, which provides up to ten years validity for travel to Australia for both business and tourism purposes.

1. Applications lodged

There were 2,821,589 Visitor visa (Tourism and Business) applications lodged during the 2024-25 program year to 31 December 2024; up 3.1 per cent compared to the corresponding period in the 2023-24 program year.

The People's Republic of China was the largest source country for Visitor visa lodgements, with 380,513 applications lodged, ahead of the United States of America (305,522) and the United Kingdom (290,807).

Tourism Visitor visas

Tourism Visitor visas accounted for the majority of Visitor visa applications lodged during the 2024-25 program year to 31 December 2024, with 2,553,769 applications lodged; up 4.3 per cent compared to the same period in the 2023-24 program year.

The top three source countries for Tourism Visitor visa application lodgements were:

1. People's Republic of China (up 5.4 per cent to 323,061)
2. United States of America (up 3.8 per cent to 281,566)
3. United Kingdom (up 8.5 per cent to 277,365).

Business Visitor visas

267,820 Business Visitor visa applications were lodged during the 2024-25 program year to 31 December 2024, down 7.6 per cent compared to the same period in 2023-24. The top three source countries for Business Visitor visa applications were:

1. People's Republic of China (down 0.6 per cent to 57,452)
2. Japan (up 1.8 per cent to 26,797)
3. United States of America (down 3.1 per cent to 23,956).

Executive Summary - continued

2. Visas granted

Tourism Visitor visas

A total of 2,302,369 Tourism Visitor visas were granted during the 2024-25 program year to 31 December 2024; an increase of 6.1 per cent compared to the same period in 2023-24 (2,169,194). Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) (subclass 601) visas represented the largest volume of Tourism Visitor visa grants from 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024, with 1,046,800 visa grants. Followed by Visitor (subclass 600) visas and eVisitor (subclass 651) visas, with 713,884 and 519,186 visa grants respectively. The top three countries for Tourism Visitor visa grants were:

1. United States of America (up 3.9 per cent to 279,195)
2. United Kingdom (up 8.4 per cent to 274,473)
3. People's Republic of China (up 10 per cent to 271,694).

Business Visitor visas

There were 247,891 Business Visitor visa grants during the 2024-25 program year to 31 December 2024; a decrease of 8.5 per cent compared to the same period in 2023-24 program year (270,938).

The top three countries for Business Visitor visa grants were:

1. People's Republic of China (down 0.7 per cent to 50,611)
2. Japan (up 1.9 per cent to 26,779)
3. United States of America (down 3 per cent to 23,720).

3. Grant rates

Grant rates are provided on a quarterly basis. The overall grant rate for all Visitor visas (Tourism and Business) increased slightly to 91.3 per cent for the 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 quarter, compared to 91.2 per cent for the corresponding quarter in 2023-24.

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.

- 75 per cent of Tourism Visitor (subclass 600) visa applications were processed within 15 calendar days, compared to 13 days for the corresponding quarter in 2023-24
- 75 per cent of Business Visitor (subclass 600) visa applications were processed within 5 calendar days, compared to 4 days for the corresponding quarter in 2023-24

5. Applications on hand

As at 31 December 2024:

- 83,837 Tourism Visitor visa applications were on hand, compared to 88,511 at 31 December 2023
- 8,051 Business Visitor visa applications were on hand, compared to 5,243 at 31 December 2023.

6. Visa holders In Australia

On 31 December 2024, there were 629,075 Visitor (Tourism and Business) visa holders in Australia; a 4.7 per cent increase compared to 601,051 Visitor visa holders in Australia on 31 December 2023.

The Visitor (subclass 600) visa comprised the largest cohort with 337,817 visa holders in Australia, followed by the eVisitor (subclass 651) visa with 152,278 visa holders, and the ETA (subclass 601) visa with 138,977 visa holders.

7. Approved Destination Status (ADS)

The ADS scheme re-commenced in September 2023 after being paused by the Chinese government in early 2020 due to border restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since resumption of the scheme until 31 December 2024, 48,012 Visitor (ADS) visas were granted to citizens of the People's Republic of China.

8. Arrivals

There were 2,877,484 arrivals on Visitor (Tourism and Business) visas during the 2024-25 program year to 31 December 2024; an 11.5 per cent increase compared to the corresponding period in the 2023-24 program year (2,581,813).

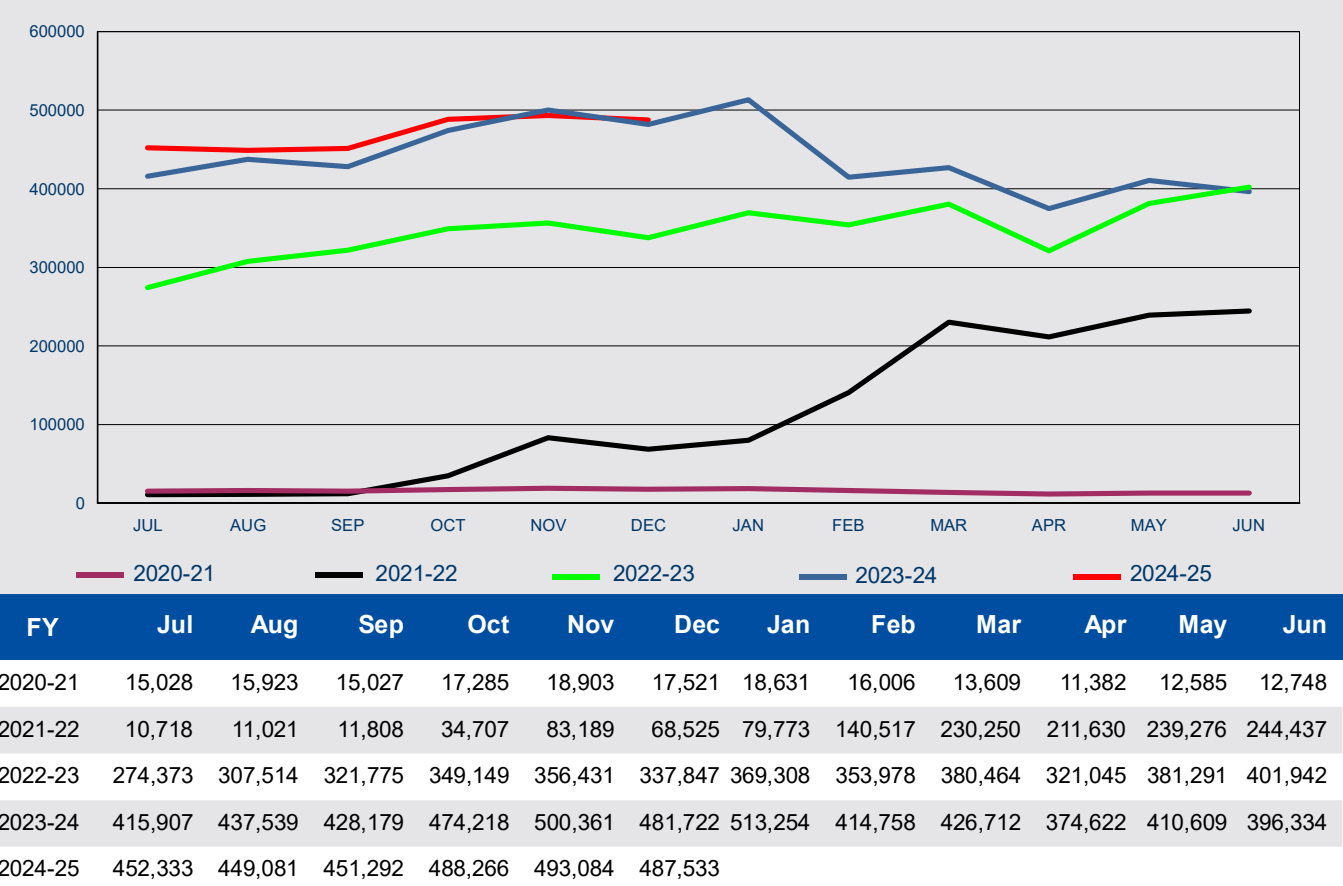
The top three countries for arrivals on Visitor visas from 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 were:

1. People's Republic of China (up 27 per cent to 325,334)
2. United States of America (up 2.3 per cent to 291,767)
3. United Kingdom (up 7.2 per cent to 275,008)

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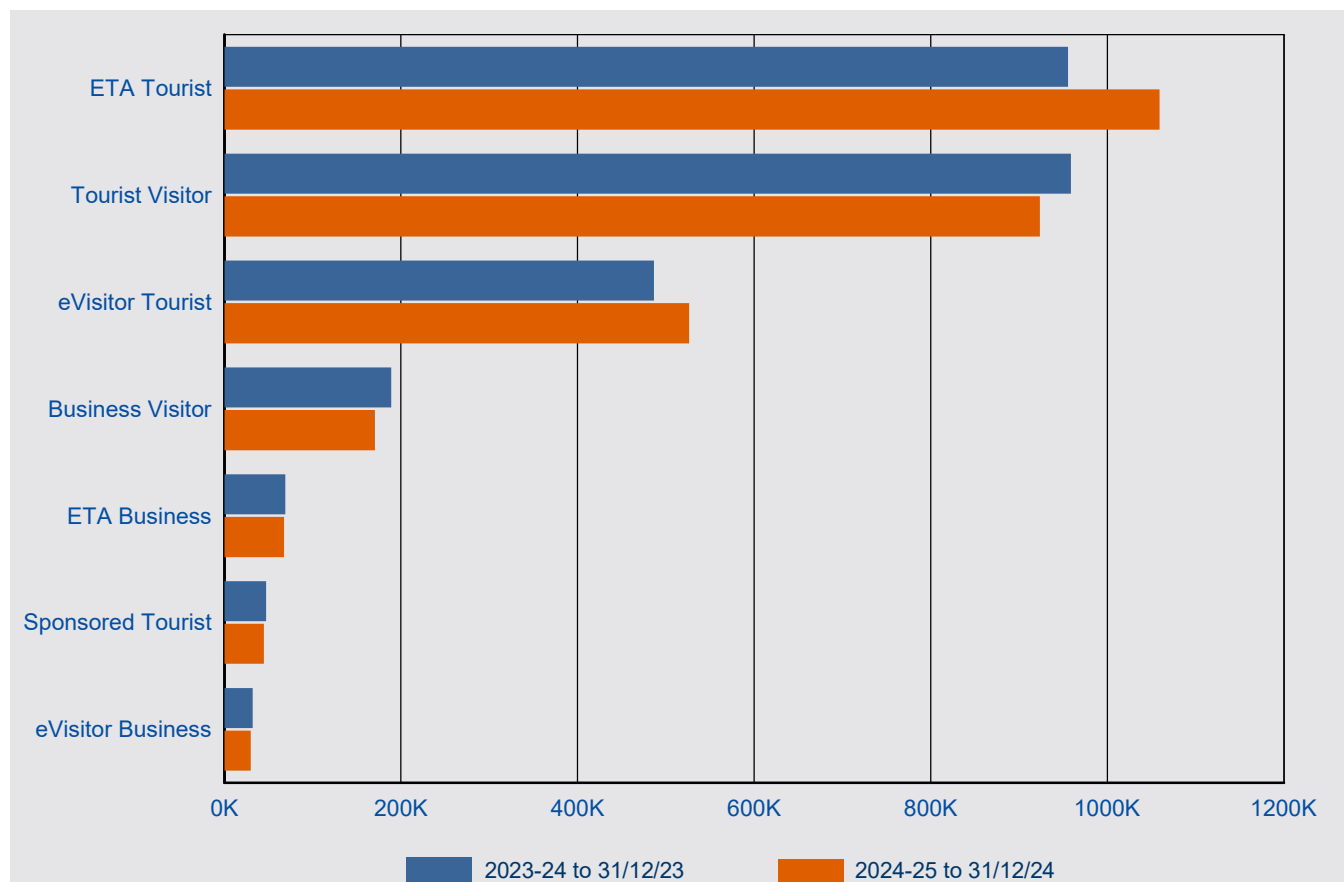
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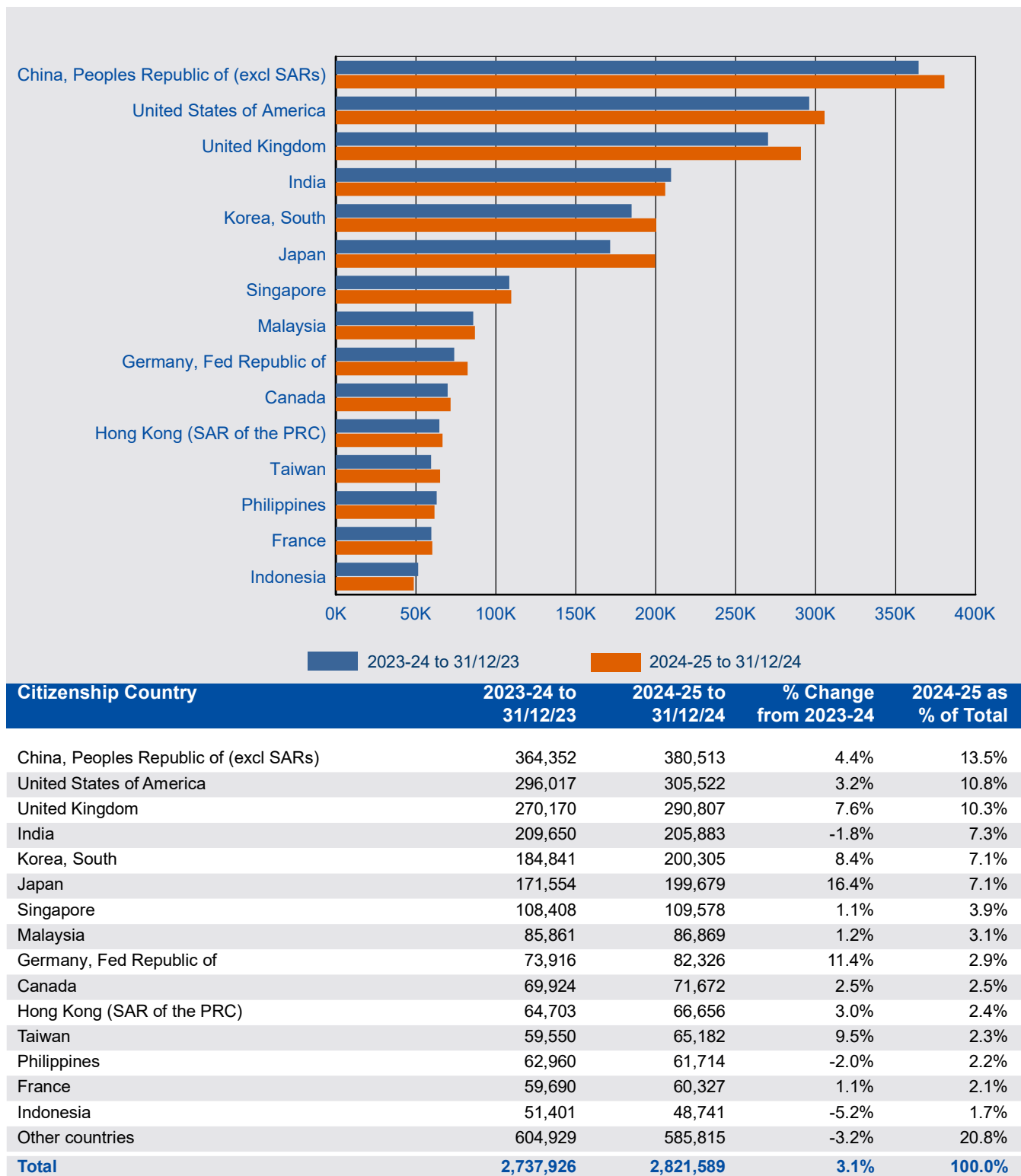
1.02 Number of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2024-25 to 31 December 2024 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year



Visa Group	2023-24 to 31/12/23	2024-25 to 31/12/24	% Change from 2023-24	2024-25 as % of Total
ETA Tourist	955,493	1,059,224	10.9%	37.5%
Tourist Visitor	958,671	923,533	-3.7%	32.7%
eVisitor Tourist	486,572	526,279	8.2%	18.7%
Business Visitor	188,819	170,465	-9.7%	6.0%
ETA Business	68,899	67,424	-2.1%	2.4%
Sponsored Tourist	47,301	44,733	-5.4%	1.6%
eVisitor Business	32,171	29,931	-7.0%	1.1%
Total	2,737,926	2,821,589	3.1%	100.0%

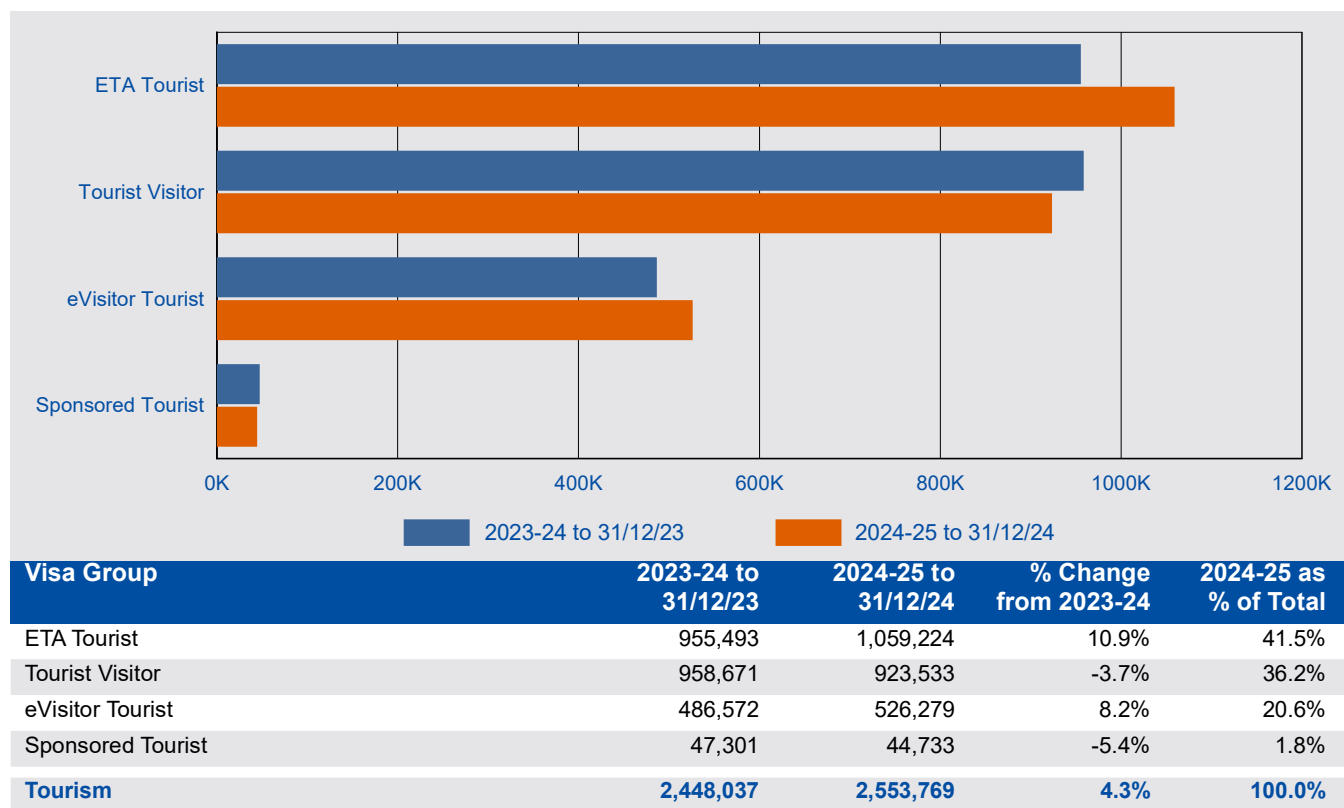
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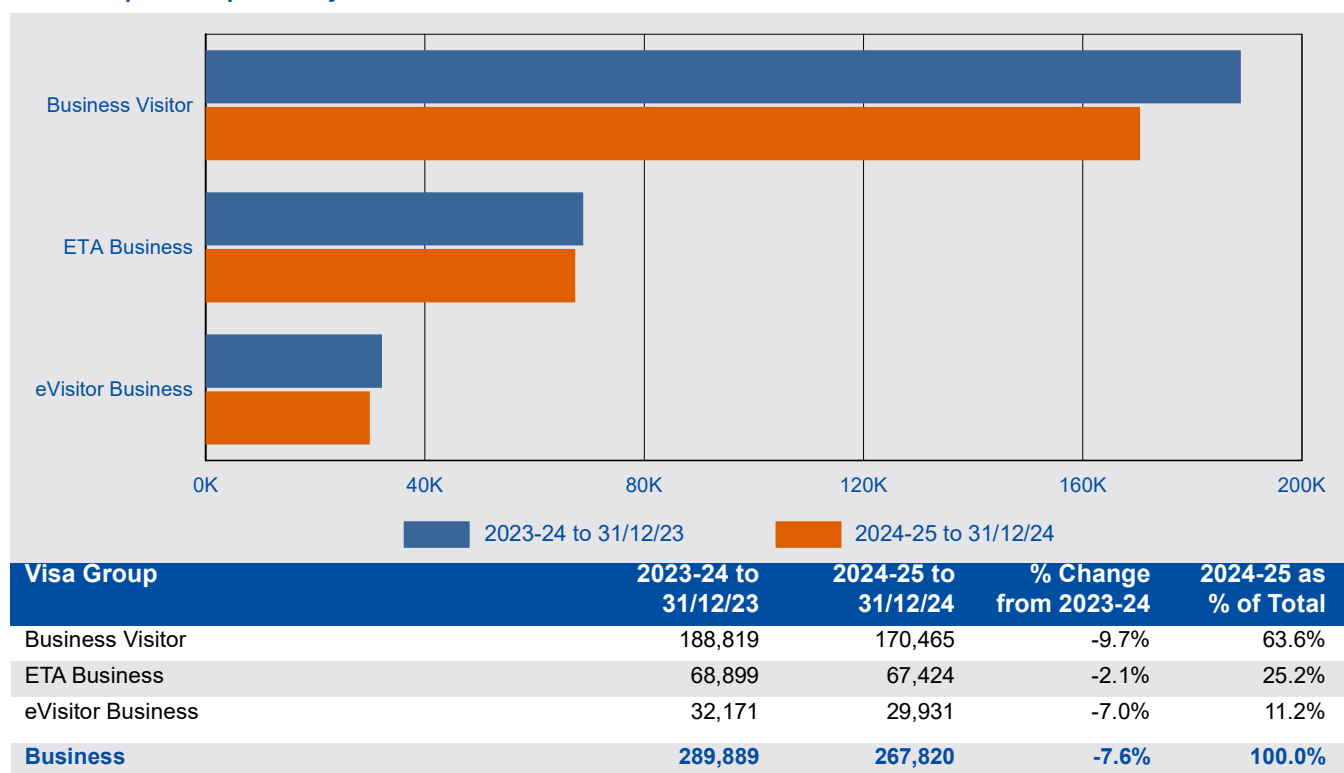


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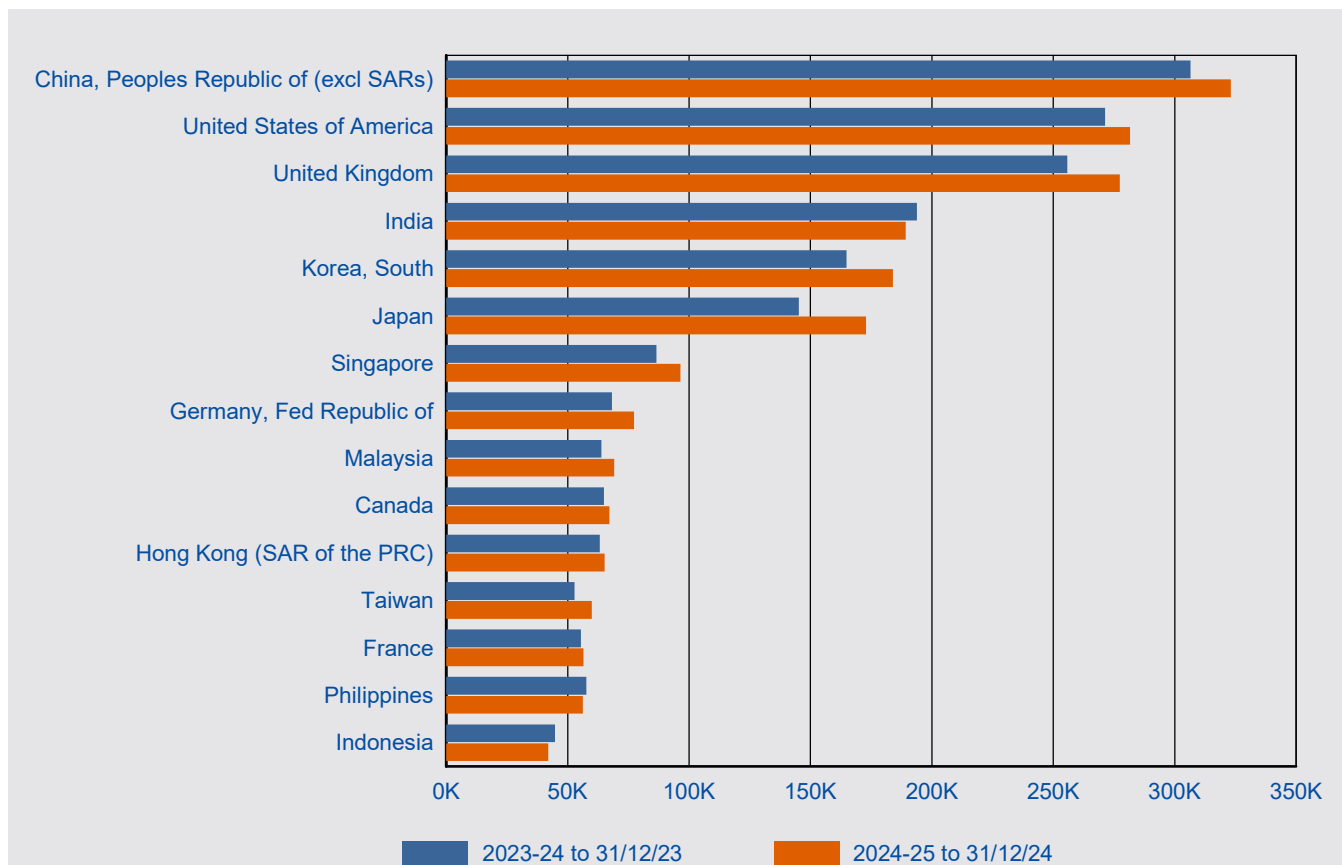


1.05 Number of Business Visitor visa applications lodged in 2024-25 to 31 December 2024 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year



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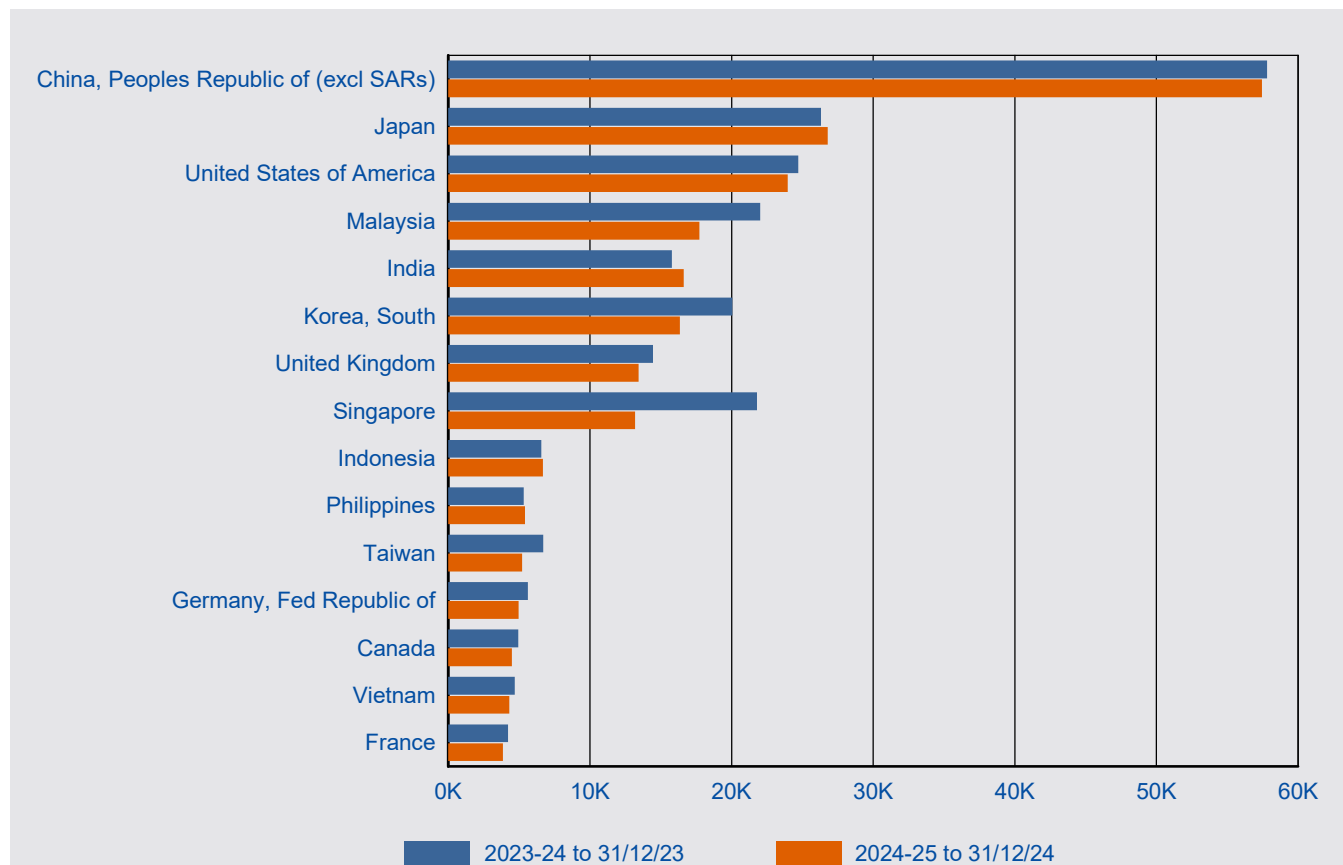
1.06 Number of Tourism Visitor visa applications lodged in 2024-25 to 31 December 2024 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



Citizenship Country	2023-24 to 31/12/23	2024-25 to 31/12/24	% Change from 2023-24	2024-25 as % of Total
Tourism				
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	306,539	323,061	5.4%	12.7%
United States of America	271,300	281,566	3.8%	11.0%
United Kingdom	255,720	277,365	8.5%	10.9%
India	193,873	189,257	-2.4%	7.4%
Korea, South	164,788	183,949	11.6%	7.2%
Japan	145,242	172,882	19.0%	6.8%
Singapore	86,614	96,400	11.3%	3.8%
Germany, Fed Republic of	68,302	77,371	13.3%	3.0%
Malaysia	63,844	69,134	8.3%	2.7%
Canada	64,978	67,173	3.4%	2.6%
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	63,250	65,178	3.0%	2.6%
Taiwan	52,836	59,960	13.5%	2.3%
France	55,479	56,469	1.8%	2.2%
Philippines	57,644	56,289	-2.4%	2.2%
Indonesia	44,823	42,047	-6.2%	1.6%
Other countries	552,805	535,668	-3.1%	21.0%
Tourism	2,448,037	2,553,769	4.3%	100.0%

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1.07 Number of All Business Visitor visa applications lodged in 2024-25 to 31 December 2024 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



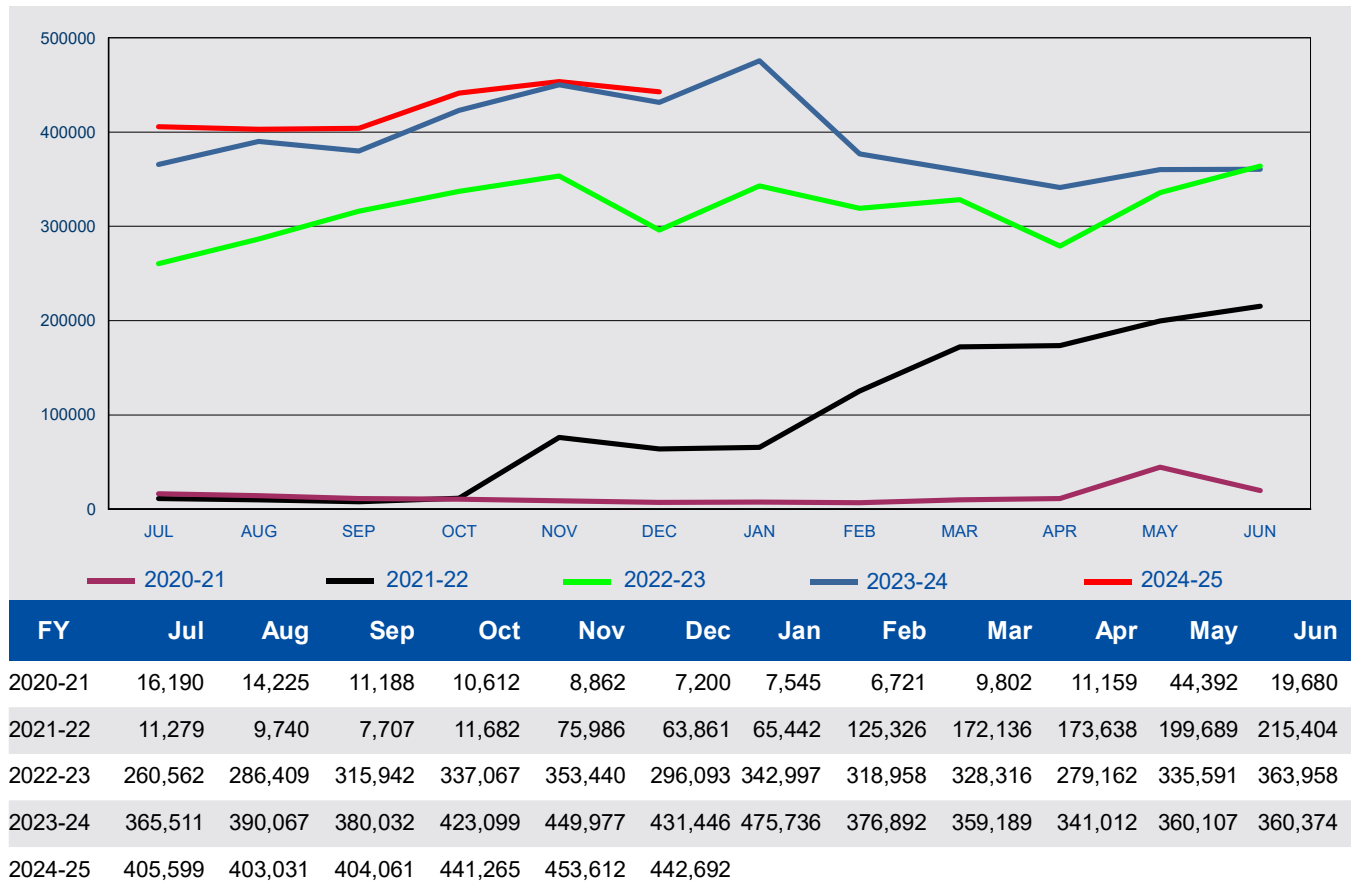
Citizenship Country	2023-24 to 31/12/23	2024-25 to 31/12/24	% Change from 2023-24	2024-25 as % of Total
All Business				
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	57,813	57,452	-0.6%	21.5%
Japan	26,312	26,797	1.8%	10.0%
United States of America	24,717	23,956	-3.1%	8.9%
Malaysia	22,017	17,735	-19.4%	6.6%
India	15,777	16,626	5.4%	6.2%
Korea, South	20,053	16,356	-18.4%	6.1%
United Kingdom	14,450	13,442	-7.0%	5.0%
Singapore	21,794	13,178	-39.5%	4.9%
Indonesia	6,578	6,694	1.8%	2.5%
Philippines	5,316	5,425	2.1%	2.0%
Taiwan	6,714	5,222	-22.2%	1.9%
Germany, Fed Republic of	5,614	4,955	-11.7%	1.9%
Canada	4,946	4,499	-9.0%	1.7%
Vietnam	4,688	4,308	-8.1%	1.6%
France	4,211	3,858	-8.4%	1.4%
Other countries	48,889	47,317	-3.2%	17.7%
All Business	289,889	267,820	-7.6%	100.0%

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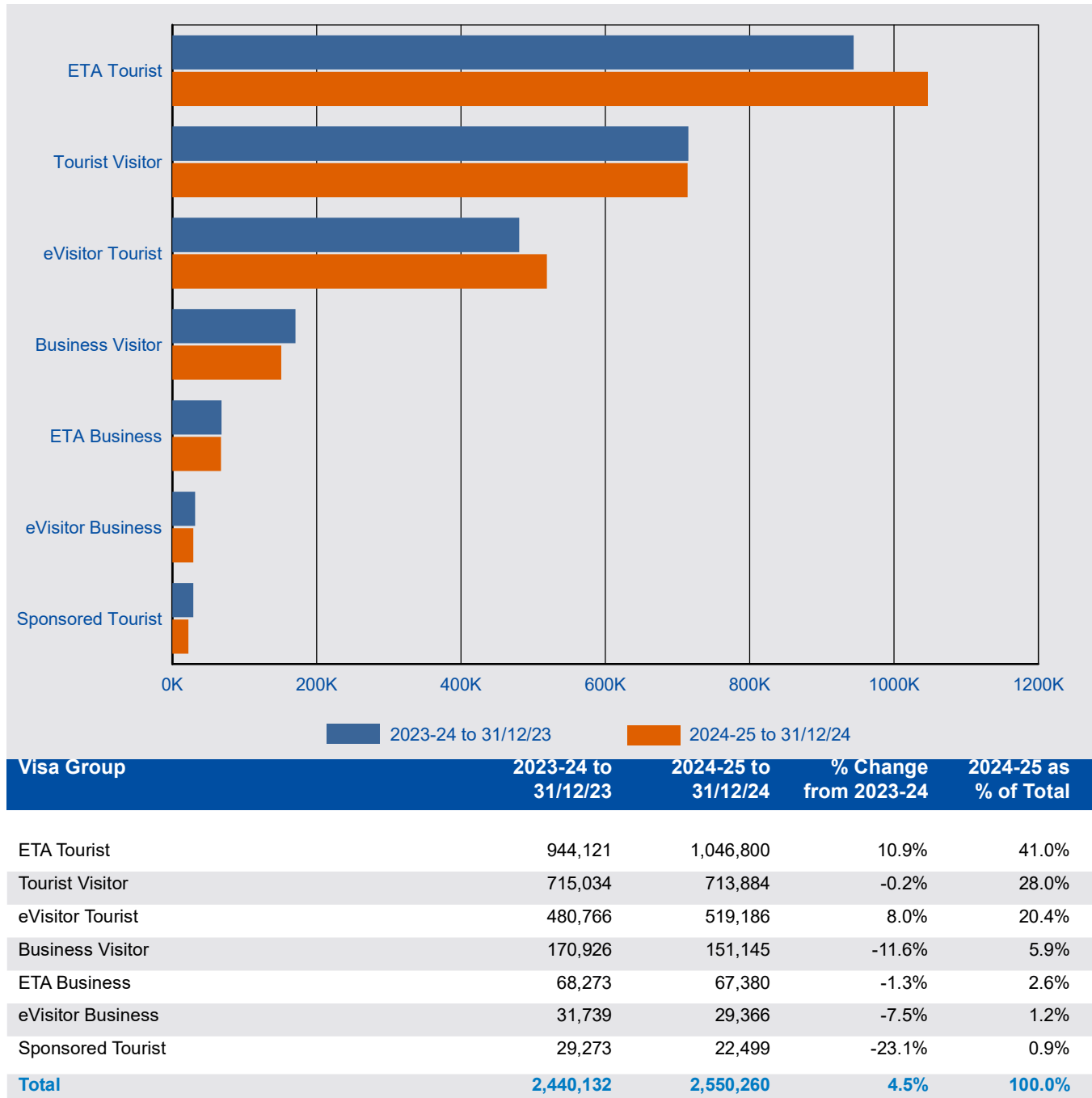
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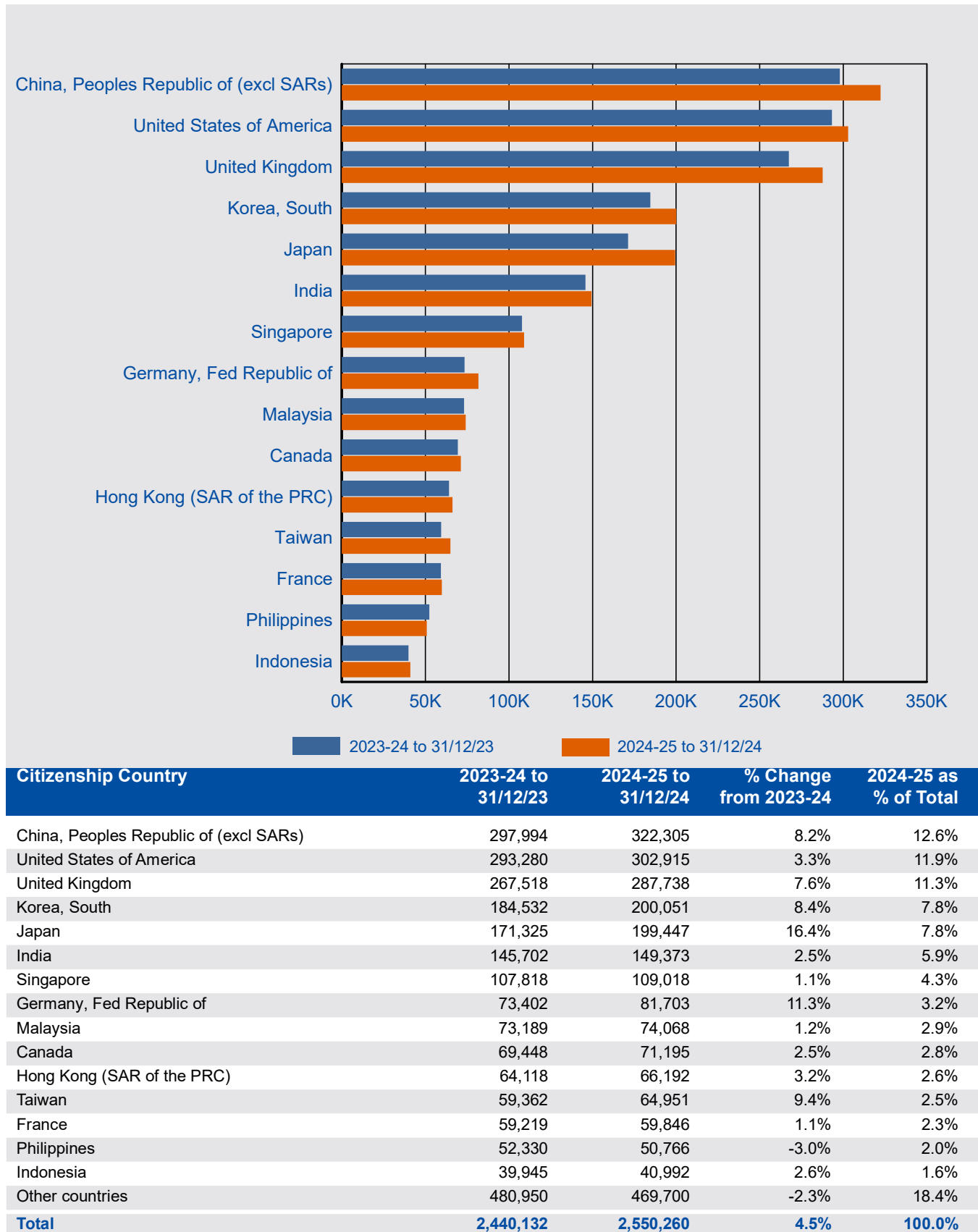
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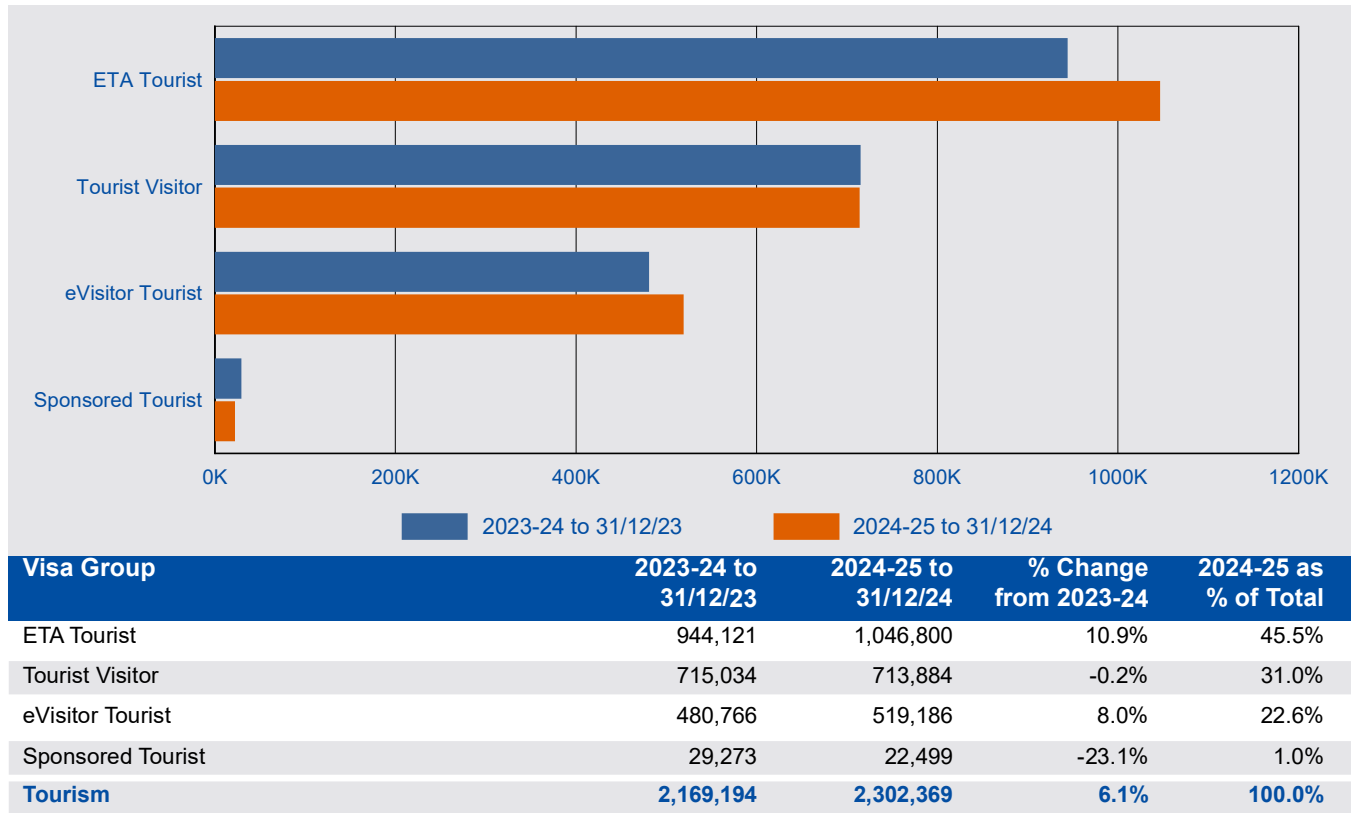
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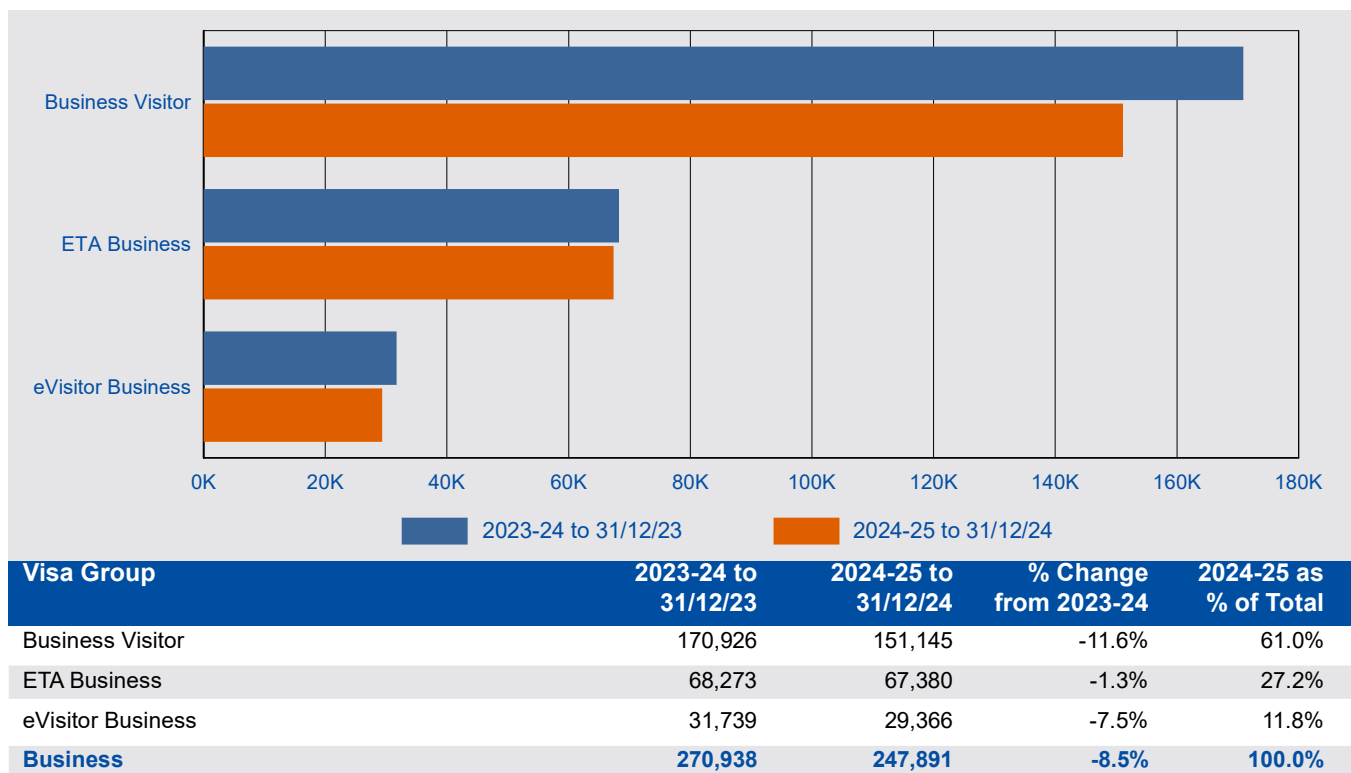


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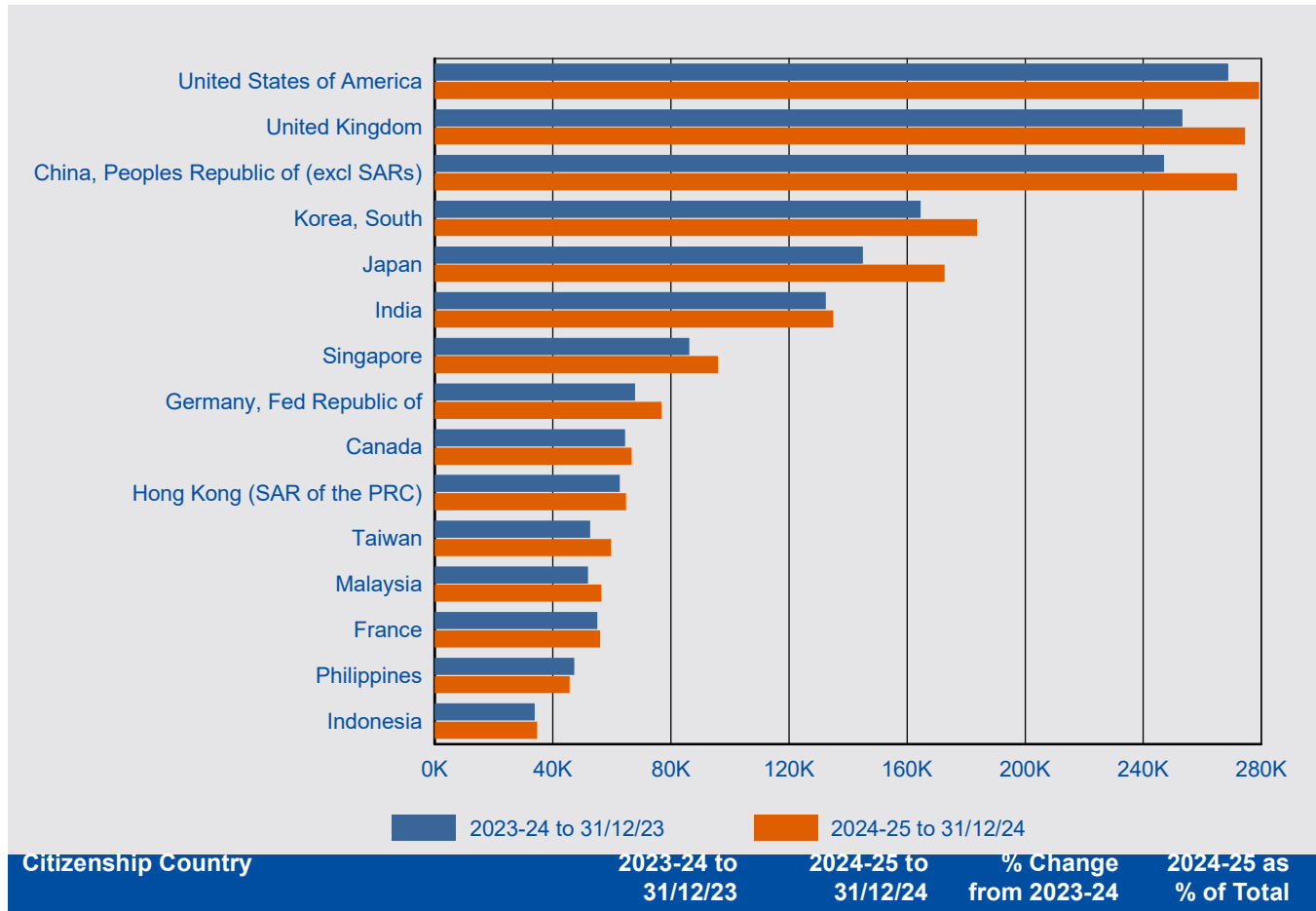


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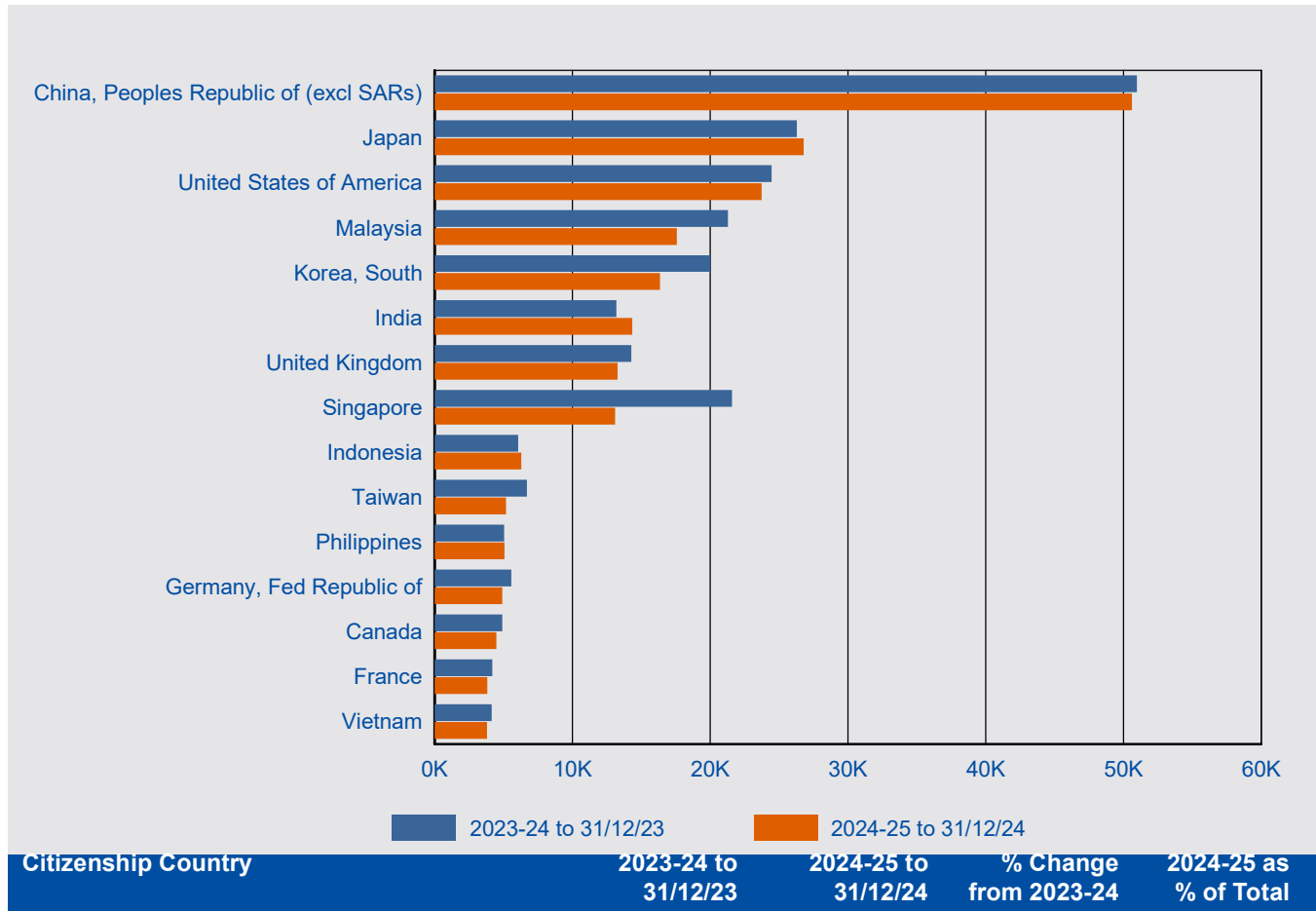


Tourism

Citizenship Country	2023-24 to 31/12/23	2024-25 to 31/12/24	% Change from 2023-24	2024-25 as % of Total
United States of America	268,818	279,195	3.9%	12.1%
United Kingdom	253,238	274,473	8.4%	11.9%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	247,019	271,694	10.0%	11.8%
Korea, South	164,545	183,698	11.6%	8.0%
Japan	145,049	172,668	19.0%	7.5%
India	132,514	135,037	1.9%	5.9%
Singapore	86,233	95,914	11.2%	4.2%
Germany, Fed Republic of	67,833	76,800	13.2%	3.3%
Canada	64,535	66,722	3.4%	2.9%
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	62,706	64,756	3.3%	2.8%
Taiwan	52,679	59,767	13.5%	2.6%
Malaysia	51,895	56,485	8.8%	2.5%
France	55,050	56,019	1.8%	2.4%
Philippines	47,294	45,712	-3.3%	2.0%
Indonesia	33,877	34,711	2.5%	1.5%
Other countries	435,909	428,718	-1.6%	18.6%
Tourism	2,169,194	2,302,369	6.1%	100.0%

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2.07 Number of All Business Visitor visa applications granted in 2024-25 to 31 December 2024 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



All Business

Citizenship Country	2023-24 to 31/12/23	2024-25 to 31/12/24	% Change from 2023-24	2024-25 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	50,975	50,611	-0.7%	20.4%
Japan	26,276	26,779	1.9%	10.8%
United States of America	24,462	23,720	-3.0%	9.6%
Malaysia	21,294	17,583	-17.4%	7.1%
Korea, South	19,987	16,353	-18.2%	6.6%
India	13,188	14,336	8.7%	5.8%
United Kingdom	14,280	13,265	-7.1%	5.4%
Singapore	21,585	13,104	-39.3%	5.3%
Indonesia	6,068	6,281	3.5%	2.5%
Taiwan	6,683	5,184	-22.4%	2.1%
Philippines	5,036	5,054	0.4%	2.0%
Germany, Fed Republic of	5,569	4,903	-12.0%	2.0%
Canada	4,913	4,473	-9.0%	1.8%
France	4,169	3,827	-8.2%	1.5%
Vietnam	4,134	3,790	-8.3%	1.5%
Other countries	42,319	38,628	-8.7%	15.6%
All Business	270,938	247,891	-8.5%	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 2024 and 31 December 2024 by visa group - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Group	01/10/23 to 31/12/23	01/01/24 to 31/03/24	01/04/24 to 30/06/24	01/07/24 to 30/09/24	01/10/24 to 31/12/24
Business					
Business Visitor	90.4%	89.1%	87.8%	89.9%	90.6%
ETA Business	99.4%	99.5%	99.1%	99.2%	99.3%
eVisitor Business	98.6%	98.8%	98.4%	98.5%	98.6%
All Business	93.4%	93.5%	91.8%	93.2%	93.8%
Tourism					
ETA Tourist	99.0%	98.9%	98.3%	98.7%	99.0%
eVisitor Tourist	99.1%	98.8%	98.5%	98.8%	99.1%
Sponsored Tourist	69.2%	57.5%	54.3%	55.1%	54.4%
Tourist Visitor	78.1%	76.7%	76.1%	78.9%	78.2%
All Tourism	91.0%	90.3%	87.8%	90.7%	91.1%
All	91.2%	90.6%	88.2%	90.9%	91.3%

3 Grant rate

3.02 Grant rate for Tourist Visitor (600, 676) visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2024 and 31 December 2024 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/23 to 31/12/23	01/01/24 to 31/03/24	01/04/24 to 30/06/24	01/07/24 to 30/09/24	01/10/24 to 31/12/24
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	83.0%	83.2%	82.6%	82.5%	86.1%
India	71.1%	70.8%	69.7%	75.7%	73.2%
Philippines	87.7%	83.5%	82.5%	82.8%	80.7%
Indonesia	79.7%	82.2%	86.2%	84.4%	82.4%
Vietnam	72.0%	65.6%	66.0%	66.8%	63.8%
Nepal	73.2%	76.9%	77.6%	80.8%	73.6%
South Africa	94.2%	94.8%	93.8%	95.5%	95.3%
United States of America	93.2%	91.3%	91.8%	92.9%	92.6%
Sri Lanka	84.6%	82.6%	78.3%	83.0%	81.0%
Brazil	92.1%	88.5%	88.6%	91.0%	92.8%
Thailand	68.7%	76.8%	71.5%	71.4%	68.2%
Fiji	75.1%	69.1%	67.4%	73.9%	70.2%
Chile	86.3%	83.1%	84.6%	87.6%	91.4%
Russian Federation	78.3%	72.5%	77.4%	82.6%	86.9%
United Kingdom	93.5%	86.0%	85.2%	91.7%	91.0%
Other countries	70.8%	64.7%	63.5%	69.3%	65.7%
All Tourist Visitor (600, 676)	78.1%	76.7%	76.1%	78.9%	78.2%

3 Grant rate

3.03 Grant rate for Sponsored Tourist (600) visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2024 and 31 December 2024 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/23 to 31/12/23	01/01/24 to 31/03/24	01/04/24 to 30/06/24	01/07/24 to 30/09/24	01/10/24 to 31/12/24
India	69.1%	57.4%	52.5%	59.3%	55.9%
Pakistan	58.9%	54.6%	54.9%	58.9%	60.2%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	80.9%	74.6%	65.1%	59.8%	62.4%
Philippines	77.0%	66.4%	63.2%	55.7%	53.5%
Lebanon	42.9%	27.1%	31.8%	29.7%	41.3%
Sri Lanka	82.1%	69.1%	64.5%	57.9%	61.3%
Nepal	75.1%	76.8%	71.3%	65.7%	50.5%
Bangladesh	83.2%	72.9%	67.2%	67.6%	58.1%
Iran	65.6%	47.6%	50.1%	51.2%	71.9%
Vietnam	69.7%	50.6%	46.4%	49.6%	44.1%
Cambodia	85.4%	69.7%	62.7%	45.8%	52.6%
Fiji	63.8%	49.5%	49.5%	47.5%	55.9%
Indonesia	75.4%	60.4%	52.5%	66.9%	67.7%
Russian Federation	84.7%	69.3%	63.2%	90.6%	94.1%
Zimbabwe	59.6%	58.4%	55.0%	55.2%	64.9%
Other countries	57.8%	43.3%	40.9%	43.4%	46.5%
All Sponsored Tourist (600)	69.2%	57.5%	54.3%	55.1%	54.4%

3 Grant rate

3.04 Grant rate for Business Visitor (600) visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2024 and 31 December 2024 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/23 to 31/12/23	01/01/24 to 31/03/24	01/04/24 to 30/06/24	01/07/24 to 30/09/24	01/10/24 to 31/12/24
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	87.1%	89.9%	89.4%	87.6%	90.7%
Japan	99.8%	99.9%	99.7%	99.8%	99.9%
India	84.2%	83.7%	82.7%	88.1%	83.9%
Korea, South	99.7%	100.0%	99.8%	99.8%	99.8%
Singapore	98.8%	99.0%	99.2%	99.1%	99.0%
Indonesia	95.6%	94.6%	94.8%	94.5%	95.3%
Philippines	95.0%	96.6%	90.8%	93.0%	92.6%
Vietnam	84.1%	89.5%	86.7%	89.2%	88.0%
Taiwan	99.6%	99.6%	99.6%	99.3%	99.1%
Thailand	97.3%	98.2%	97.8%	98.2%	97.5%
Malaysia	96.8%	94.6%	94.2%	93.2%	93.6%
Papua New Guinea	84.0%	81.3%	81.5%	86.7%	89.5%
South Africa	93.7%	93.5%	93.6%	95.1%	94.2%
Chile	99.2%	99.3%	99.0%	98.9%	99.7%
United States of America	87.3%	90.0%	87.9%	91.2%	85.4%
Other countries	73.9%	69.0%	63.8%	72.4%	72.6%
All Business Visitor (600)	90.4%	89.1%	87.8%	89.9%	90.6%

3 Grant rate

3.05 Grant rate for subclass 651 eVisitor visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2024 and 31 December 2024 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/23 to 31/12/23	01/01/24 to 31/03/24	01/04/24 to 30/06/24	01/07/24 to 30/09/24	01/10/24 to 31/12/24
Andorra	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Austria	99.9%	99.5%	99.4%	99.7%	99.7%
Belgium	99.7%	99.7%	99.0%	99.4%	99.5%
Bulgaria	80.4%	73.7%	78.1%	85.0%	90.4%
Croatia	83.8%	79.2%	71.5%	75.1%	77.5%
Cyprus	100.0%	98.9%	99.5%	97.8%	99.8%
Czechia	99.7%	99.7%	99.5%	99.5%	99.8%
Denmark	99.8%	99.7%	99.4%	99.7%	99.8%
Estonia	98.7%	98.7%	98.0%	98.3%	99.3%
Finland	99.5%	100.0%	99.3%	99.7%	99.7%
France	99.5%	99.5%	99.6%	99.7%	99.7%
Germany, Fed Republic of	99.7%	99.7%	99.6%	99.7%	99.7%
Greece	98.3%	98.6%	97.9%	98.0%	98.4%
Hungary	97.4%	97.5%	96.6%	98.1%	99.3%
Iceland	99.3%	99.3%	100.0%	99.0%	100.0%
Ireland, Republic of	99.5%	99.4%	99.2%	99.5%	99.5%
Italy	99.5%	99.2%	99.3%	99.6%	99.5%
Latvia	83.6%	80.7%	84.8%	94.5%	96.0%
Liechtenstein	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Lithuania	89.8%	83.4%	82.1%	86.8%	89.4%
Luxembourg	100.0%	99.4%	100.0%	99.5%	100.0%
Malta	98.6%	100.0%	99.6%	99.7%	100.0%
Monaco	100.0%	100.0%	93.1%	63.2%	100.0%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	99.7%	99.6%	99.7%	99.7%	99.6%
Norway	99.6%	99.4%	99.4%	99.3%	99.5%
Poland	99.3%	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%	99.7%
Portugal	99.2%	99.1%	98.7%	99.0%	99.3%
Romania	68.6%	63.7%	62.6%	62.9%	66.5%
San Marino	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Slovakia	99.8%	99.7%	100.0%	99.2%	100.0%
Slovenia	99.6%	98.8%	99.3%	99.1%	99.5%
Spain	99.5%	99.3%	99.5%	99.6%	99.8%
Sweden	99.6%	99.3%	99.3%	99.5%	99.6%
Switzerland	99.8%	99.8%	99.7%	99.7%	99.8%
United Kingdom	99.6%	99.5%	99.2%	99.5%	99.5%
Vatican City State Holy See	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
All	99.2%	99.0%	98.7%	99.0%	99.3%

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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 2024 and 31 December 2024 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship country	Percentile	1/10/23 to 31/12/23	1/01/24 to 31/03/24	1/04/24 to 30/06/24	1/07/24 to 30/09/24	1/10/24 to 31/12/24
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	25th percentile	3	2	3	3	2
	50th percentile	4	5	9	8	5
	75th percentile	7	8	13	13	8
India	25th percentile	4	3	4	4	5
	50th percentile	9	7	9	8	12
	75th percentile	14	13	15	14	21
Philippines	25th percentile	7	6	6	6	6
	50th percentile	11	10	11	12	12
	75th percentile	14	15	20	18	16
Indonesia	25th percentile	5	5	6	2	3
	50th percentile	13	8	8	5	6
	75th percentile	16	12	13	7	9
Vietnam	25th percentile	7	6	14	21	28
	50th percentile	10	12	22	35	38
	75th percentile	18	21	30	47	44
Nepal	25th percentile	9	7	8	7	9
	50th percentile	13	11	12	11	15
	75th percentile	17	16	17	18	24
South Africa	25th percentile	6	6	6	6	6
	50th percentile	12	11	14	12	11
	75th percentile	15	16	19	17	16
United States of America	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	1	2	6	6	4
Sri Lanka	25th percentile	12	9	10	10	12
	50th percentile	17	14	14	15	15
	75th percentile	24	22	19	20	19
Brazil	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	12	10	9	10	10
Other countries	25th percentile	4	4	4	4	4
	50th percentile	10	11	11	11	11
	75th percentile	16	18	20	20	22
All	25th percentile	3	3	4	4	4
	50th percentile	7	7	10	9	7
	75th percentile	13	13	15	14	15

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 2024 and 31 December 2024 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship country	Percentile	1/10/23 to 31/12/23	1/01/24 to 31/03/24	1/04/24 to 30/06/24	1/07/24 to 30/09/24	1/10/24 to 31/12/24
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	1	1
	75th percentile	3	5	6	6	5
Japan	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
India	25th percentile	4	4	3	3	2
	50th percentile	7	7	9	8	7
	75th percentile	11	11	16	14	14
Korea, South	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
Singapore	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
Indonesia	25th percentile	1	1	1	1	1
	50th percentile	2	1	1	1	2
	75th percentile	4	3	3	3	3
Philippines	25th percentile	3	3	3	2	2
	50th percentile	6	5	5	5	4
	75th percentile	10	7	7	7	7
Vietnam	25th percentile	1	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	6	1	5	4	2
	75th percentile	10	6	11	11	11
Taiwan	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
Thailand	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	1	2	4	1
	75th percentile	3	7	6	7	6
Other countries	25th percentile	0	0	1	0	1
	50th percentile	2	3	4	4	4
	75th percentile	8	8	10	9	9
All	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	1	0	0	1
	75th percentile	4	6	6	6	5

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5 Applications on hand

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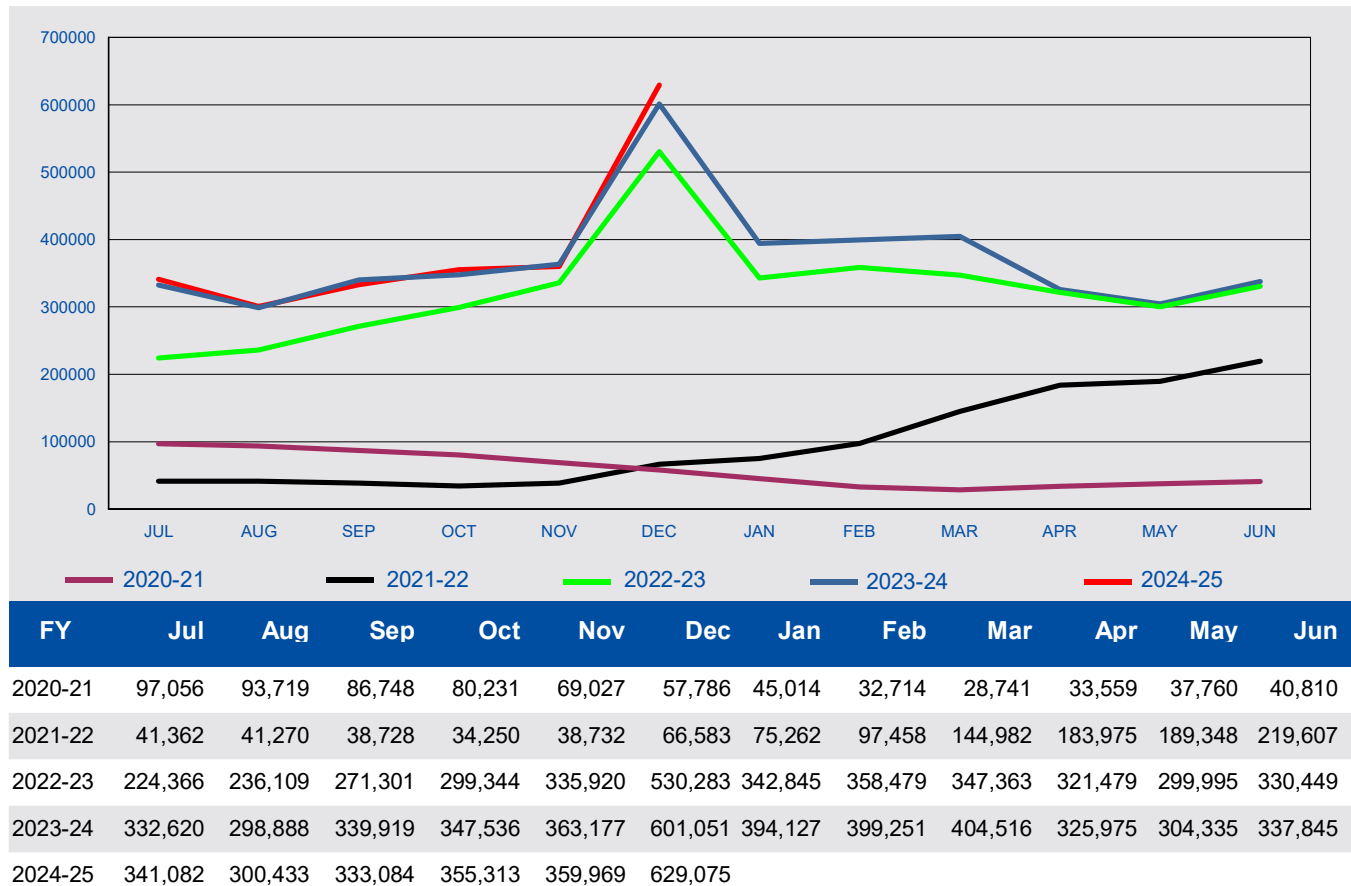
5.01 Number of Visitor visa applications on hand at 31 December 2024 by visa group - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Group	On hand at 31/12/23	On hand at 31/03/24	On hand at 30/06/24	On hand at 30/09/24	On hand at 31/12/24
Tourism					
Tourist Visitor	76 038	84 029	65 369	73 902	72 616
ETA Tourist	1 875	6 387	2 132	1 644	2 268
eVisitor Tourist	1 531	1 309	1 030	1 771	2 143
Sponsored Tourist	9 067	5 805	3 738	7 789	6 810
Tourism	88 511	97 530	72 269	85 106	83 837
Business					
Business Visitor	4 801	6 768	5 933	7 733	7 851
ETA Business	367	1 098	628	395	105
eVisitor Business	75	96	55	107	95
Sponsored Business	0	0	0	0	0
Business	5 243	7 962	6 616	8 235	8 051
Total	93 754	105 492	78 885	93 341	91 888

6 Visa holders in Australia

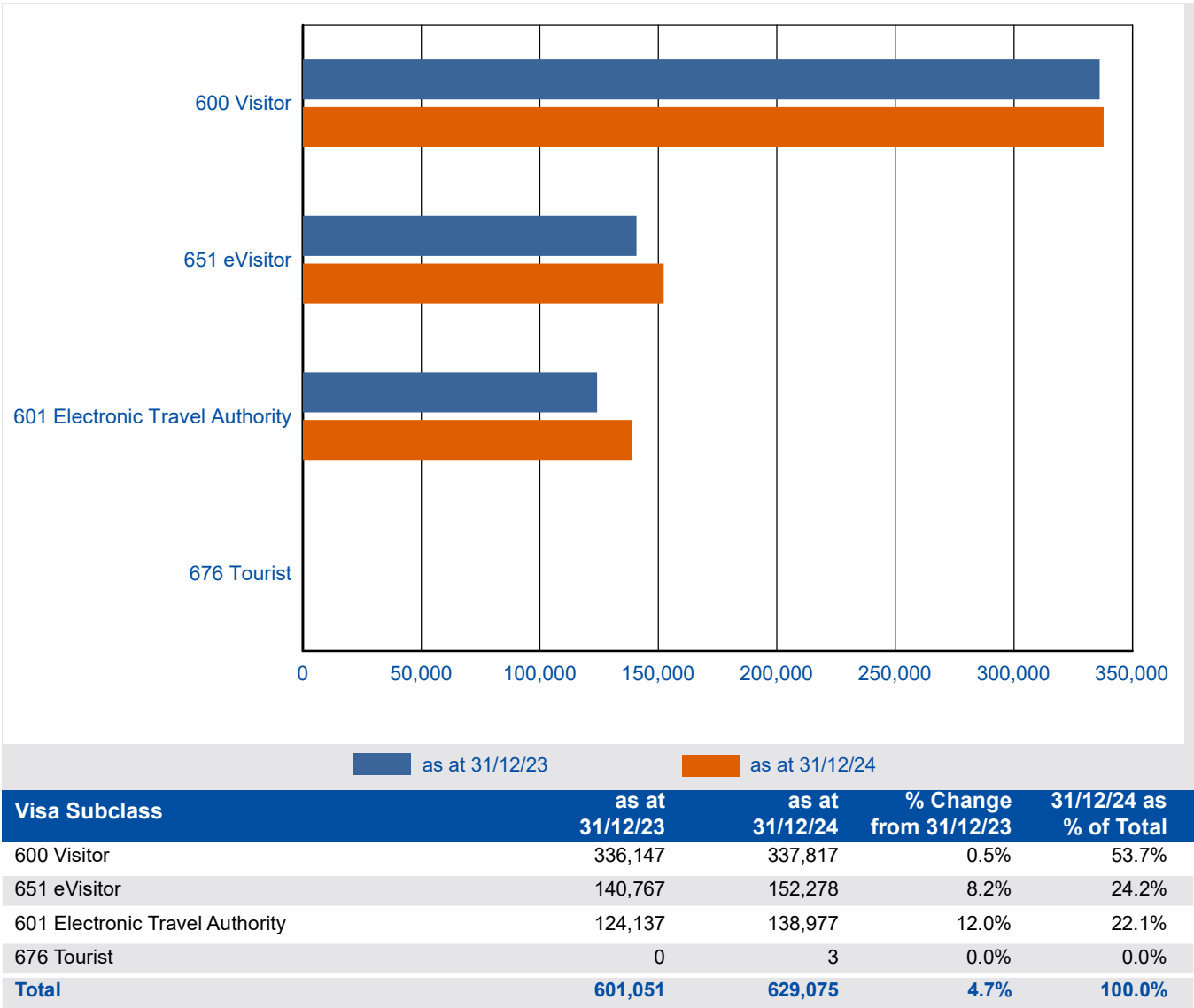
6 Visa holders in Australia

6.01 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia at the end of each month in 2024-25 to 31 December 2024 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



6 Visa holders in Australia

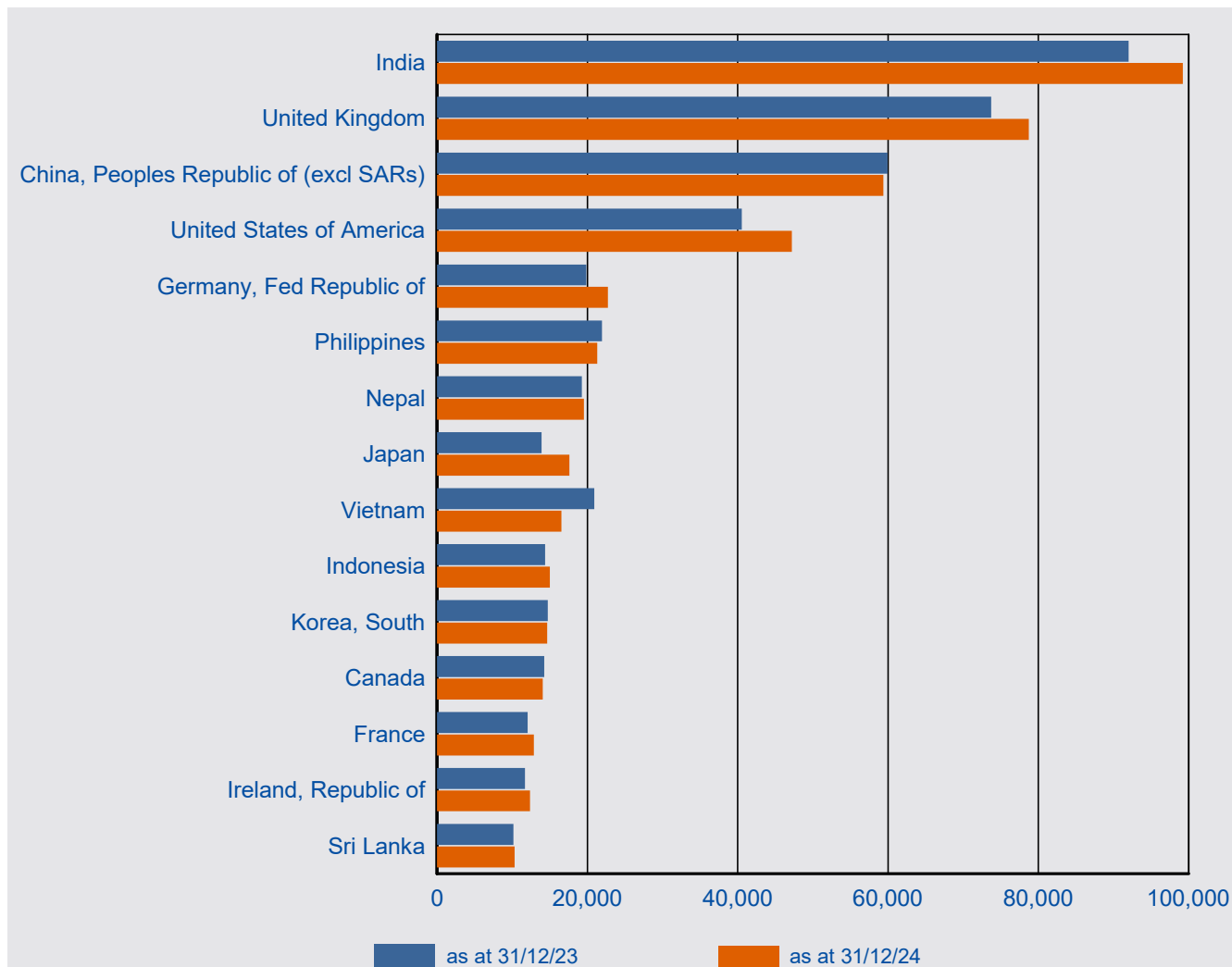
6.02 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia as at 31 December 2024 by visa subclass - comparison with same date in previous year



Note 1: Excludes visa subclasses 456, 459, 679, 956, 976 and 977.

6 Visa holders in Australia

6.03 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia as at 31 December 2024 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

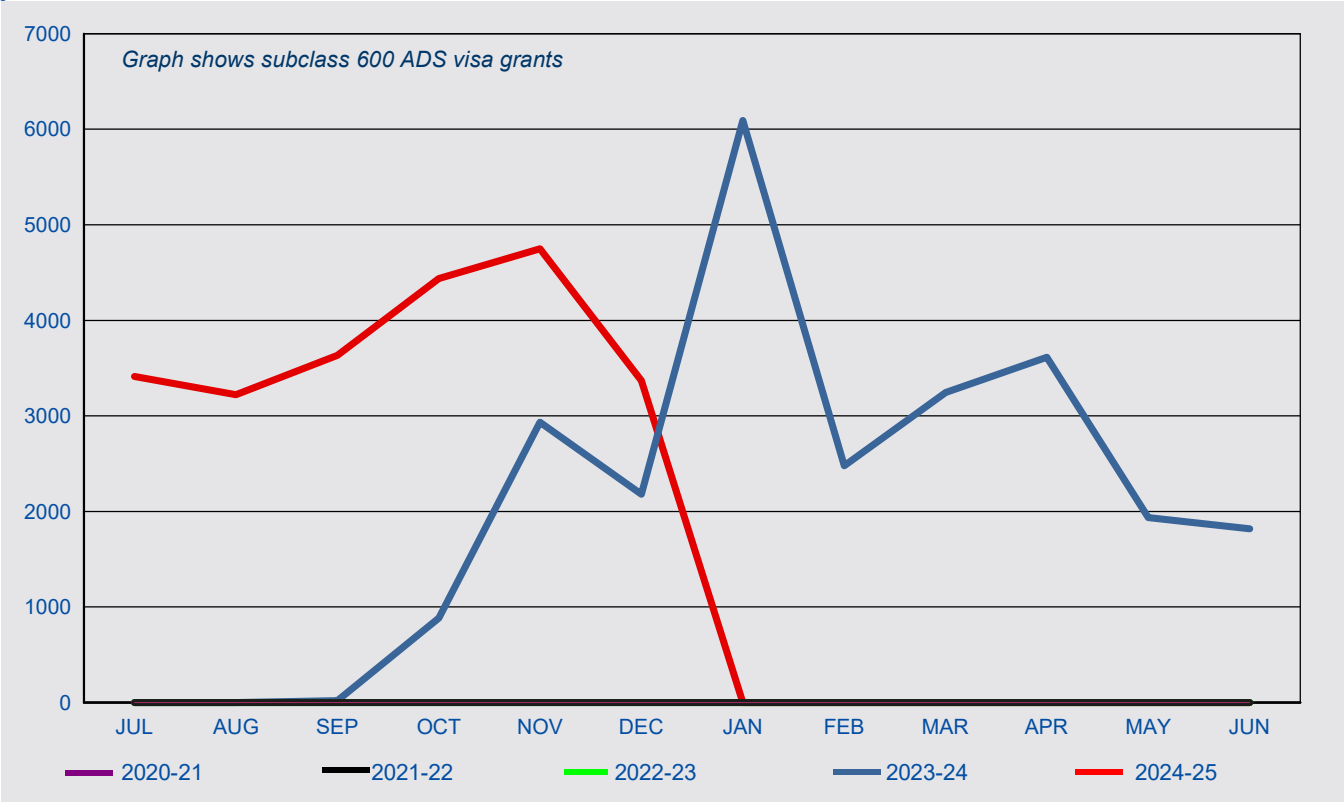


Citizenship Country	as at 31/12/23	as at 31/12/24	% Change from 31/12/23	31/12/24 as % of Total
India	92,003	99,235	7.9%	15.8%
United Kingdom	73,739	78,727	6.8%	12.5%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	59,937	59,374	-0.9%	9.4%
United States of America	40,531	47,192	16.4%	7.5%
Germany, Fed Republic of	19,852	22,712	14.4%	3.6%
Philippines	21,925	21,316	-2.8%	3.4%
Nepal	19,276	19,544	1.4%	3.1%
Japan	13,891	17,605	26.7%	2.8%
Vietnam	20,915	16,521	-21.0%	2.6%
Indonesia	14,368	14,989	4.3%	2.4%
Korea, South	14,739	14,650	-0.6%	2.3%
Canada	14,243	14,049	-1.4%	2.2%
France	12,033	12,867	6.9%	2.0%
Ireland, Republic of	11,701	12,362	5.6%	2.0%
Sri Lanka	10,159	10,312	1.5%	1.6%
Other countries	161,739	167,620	3.6%	26.6%
Total	601,051	629,075	4.7%	100.0%

7 Approved Destination Status (ADS)

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7.01 Number of subclass 600 visa applications granted in 2024-25 to 31 December 2024 under the tourism ADS stream where the citizenship country is Peoples Republic of China (PRC) by visa type - comparison with previous four financial years



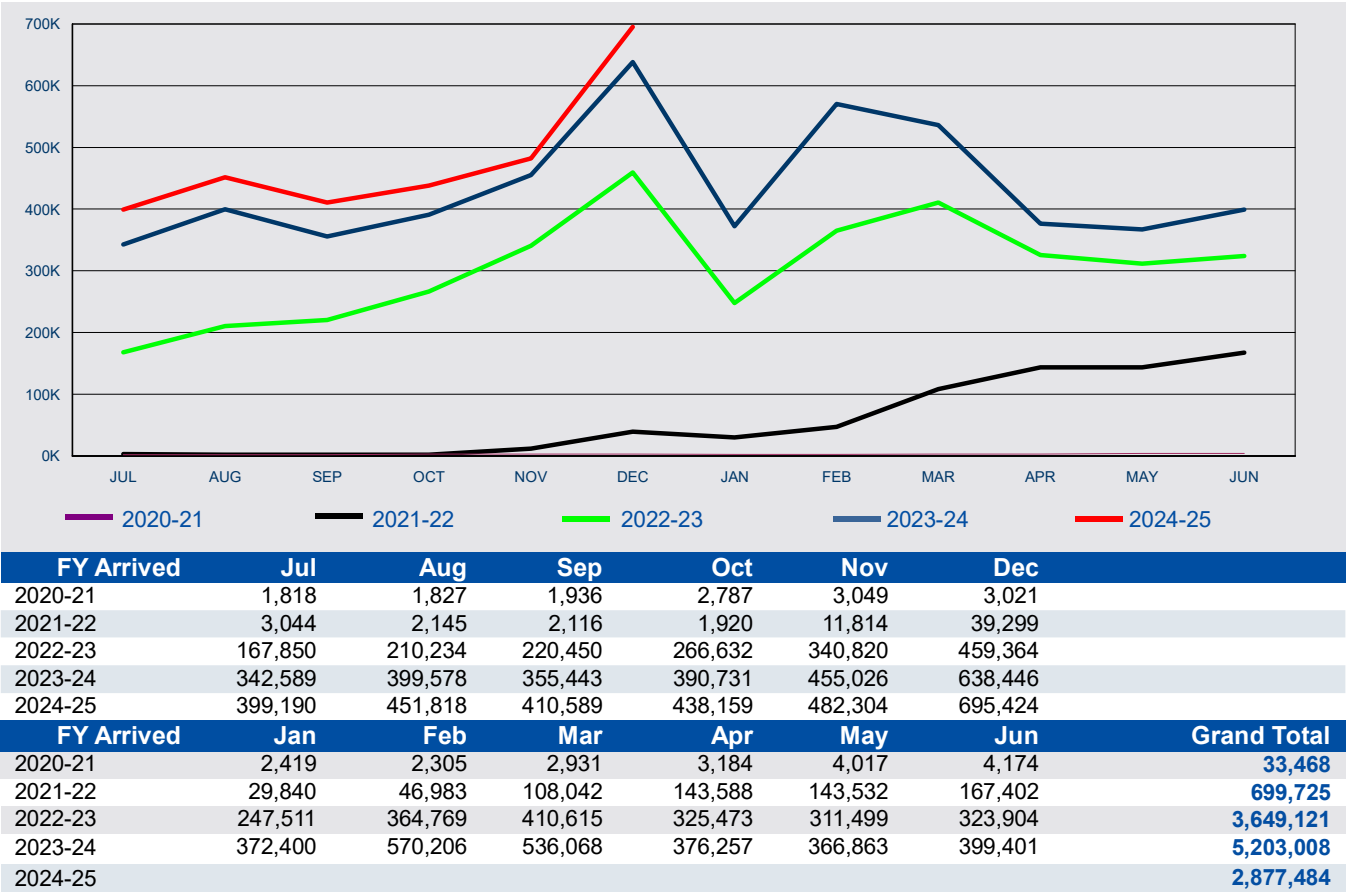
subclass 600 ADS for PRC

FY Granted	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
2022-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023-24	0	0	20	884	2,935	2,179	6,092	2,477	3,244	3,613	1,935	1,817	25,196
2024-25	3,411	3,221	3,632	4,436	4,747	3,369	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,816

8 Arrivals

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8.01 Number of Visitor visa arrivals ('000) in 2024-25 to 31 December 2024 - comparison with previous four financial years



8 Arrivals

8.02 Number of Visitor visa arrivals in 2024-25 to 31 December 2024 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

